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Sport Fishing Possibilities

The fame of the Florida citrus crop extends throughout the United States. Everywhere it is regarded as a wonderful golden harvest, piling up wealth as well as fame.

Very few people realize that Florida has another great source of wealth and attraction. That is sport fishing. Kip Farrington, Wall Street broker and sportsman, is our authority for that statement that sport fishing carries in to the state of Florida more money than the entire citrus crop brings.

And everybody benefits; hotels, boarding houses, moving picture shows, food places, supply houses, all take in their share and it circulates.

Not only Kip Farrington but other nationally known sport fishing authorities have repeatedly said that the Brunswick county, North Carolina, coast has great and undeveloped resources in the way of sport fishing. Southport has access to Fryling Pan Shoals where dolphin, amber jack, barracuda and other medium size fish abound. It also has access to the waters where marlin and sailfish abound for many months each year, if not for the whole year round.

Not just Southport, but the whole of the Brunswick coast offers a wonderful attraction to the sportsman. They were beginning to come when the war started. When the war ends they will come in great numbers. The coast of Brunswick is the halfway point between New York and Florida—halfway in distance and climate but all the way in the sport fishing it can provide.

Before the war started sportsmen from Maryland, Washington, D. C., Virginia, West Virginia, Ohio, Kentucky and other states were just beginning to find Southport and the Brunswick coast. Only a month before Pearl Harbor a large group of sports writers gathered here and were planning to do some plugging for the development of sport fishing. Pearl Harbor knocked out their plans for the time being, but this section of Carolina has always been kept in mind.

Unknown to Brunswick county people, another powerful development agency has been quietly looking over things. New Yorkers, who usually know what is what regarding matters with money making and sport providing potentialities, have been setting themselves up as a post-war planning board.

Sport fishing will draw thousands to the lower North Carolina coast after the war. Not only that, we will soon see the beginning of preparations and plans to look after these thousands.

The friendly co-operative spirit of Brunswick county people has always been recognized. It may mean everything now to extend that spirit to its fullest toward people who come seeking to develop the things to which we have always paid scant attention.

Do The Same Thing Here

Several years ago the State of Louisiana put several boats into service, surveying for new shrimping grounds all along the Louisiana coast. As one result of that survey more than ten of the largest shrimp trawlers in North Carolina left Southport and have since been engaged in fishing in the new waters off Louisiana. They have been there eight years and will stay there.

The coast of Brunswick on the lower North Carolina coast is, apparently, the only commercial fishing grounds for shrimp in North Carolina. All of the fishing is done one to three miles off shore and the season is noticeably short because of the fact that the shrimp move further offshore at times. Just how far they go and in what grounds they congregate is a matter of conjecture, but it is believed that a survey would reveal them as existing in great numbers at points 5 to 25 miles offshore.

Fishermen at Southport and all along the coast of Brunswick to Little River, S. C., are getting bigger and better

boats, craft capable of going a great distance offshore and staying there until they load. Will these boats also have to go to Louisiana because of the fact that the State of North Carolina has never done anything to develop commercial fishing on the lower coast? A request is now being made of the North Carolina Department of Conservation and Development to assign a good sized boat or boats at Southport to make a survey of the offshore waters along the coast of Brunswick and locate new shrimp trawling grounds. This is one thing that the State Planning Board could and should undertake.

We Must Do Something Here

Few Southport or Brunswick county people realize the opportunities we have to gain additional desirable residents. This applies to both town and country as inquiries regarding farms and places for stock raising are numerous. For homes for sale, houses and apartments for rent or lease and for hotel accommodations the inquiries come in every day.

These inquiries are not entirely passed up as an effort is made to supply all requested information.

To give some indication of the nature of the inquiries, two of several letters that have been received during the past week are being used here. Obviously, we cannot publish the names of the writers. The letters are simply printed verbatim, with the names of the writers omitted:

I would like to know about the hotels or boarding house facilities at Southport. I have in mind your locality for a vacation for a person who needs a rest and change from overwork.

I should like to know something about Southport and Smith Island.

The signature to the above was that of a prominent Asheville physician. The letter, as the one below, is on file and may be seen by any one interested.

I am a retired business man of independent financial means and jointly with my wife I would like to locate permanently in a small sea-coast town around Southport. Therefore, I shall be very much obliged if you could give me some idea in this matter as: average rentals of a modest small furnished apartment or house of two or three rooms with kitchenette and bath for year round living in a white-peopled district, also information about climate, rainfall, humidity, and means of transportation.

When this war ends inquiries like the above are going to require a lot of attention or we will be passing up a great deal that would accrue to the benefit of Brunswick county towns, communities and people. In fact, a lot of attention is required now and few are sharing the burden which falls to the local chamber of commerce secretary.

Tokyo Prelude

The giant carrier-borne air blow at the Tokyo area by the American Navy air arm should be evaluated in larger terms than the damage it undoubtedly inflicted on ground targets. It appears to be, without much question, one of the tactical steps in the strategy of an impending amphibious operation, probably the biggest so far in the Pacific.

To make possible such a landing, whether it be on the China Coast, Formosa, Japan itself, or some near island steppingstones, the American forces would first have to secure two objectives: First, unquestioned dominance over Japanese land-based air power in the near vicinity of the planned operation. That dominance has long ago been gained in the Philippine and other island theaters remote from Japan's inner defenses but not around the home islands. Second, the Japanese fleet must be forced to fight and be knocked out as an effective force, or it must be determined that this fleet has already lost its power of defense.

Thus the American Navy strikes at targets which the Japanese must defend and at the same time offers targets to lure the enemy's planes and ships to come out where they can be got at and destroyed. Similar measures were taken by the Allied air forces in Europe before the Normandy landings. Bombers found the targets which the Luftwaffe would defend in strength and kept at them until Germany's fighter strength was whittled down to the point at which Allied planes were supreme in the air over the beaches. The Christian Science Monitor.

WISE AND OTHERWISE

Maxie Cooker, who is T-5 William M. Cooker to the Army, wrote us this week that he gets the Pilot regularly out in the Marianas where he is now stationed. "I read every item in it and it is also read by some of my North Carolina buddies here," wrote Maxie. "When I read of those big fish and shrimp catches it makes me anxious to get back and start fishing again."

Maxie is with an engineer battalion and has been overseas for about a year. He joined the service in October, 1942.

Winnabow News

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Burris, of Newport News, Va., arrived Wednesday morning to visit Mrs. Elizabeth Burris.

Mrs. John Vines and little son, of Wilmington, spent Wednesday here with J. C. Potter and Miss Sallie Potter.

Mrs. and Mrs. A. M. Frazelle and daughter, Mrs. Forest Humphrey, of Richlands, spent Wednesday here with Mrs. Maria Goodman and Miss Lillie Sandlin.

Mrs. Robert McDougall and little daughter, Roberta Sue, spent last week in New Bern with Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Woodbury. Mrs. Woodbury returned with them to spend the week-end here.

Mrs. John Gill of Rose Hill is visiting her sister, Mrs. D. R. Johnson.

Larnell Willetts, who is attending Campbell College, spent the week-end here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Willetts.

Mrs. Ray Stike and little son and Mrs. Margaret Formy Duval and little daughter, of Wilmington, were visitors here Saturday while enroute to Bolivia to spend the week-end with their father, Luther Holden.

George McIlwaine, who been serving overseas and who recently arrived at Pensacola, Fla., arrived Sunday night to spend some time here with his wife.

County Chairman Tells how Our Red Cross Money Goes

(Continued From Page One) them, through the Red Cross, with interest. Volunteer Red Cross workers have given their time to teach First Aid, Nurses Aid, and Home Nursing Classes. Many in the county received great personal benefits from these classes. Other families have come in direct contact with the Red Cross and its work through Mrs. Grace Ruark, the executive secretary, whose office is in Southport. She has travelled all roads and by-roads in this county to obtain, and bring messages of importance to and from individuals concerning their family, whether the soldier was in China, Europe or in the next state.

The Red Cross is the only organization that can contact Prisoners of War. More than ever before we are learning the stories of how the Red Cross actually saved lives by sending P. O. W. packages of food to camps. In the Wilmington Star there appeared an article, "Tar Heel Officer Describes Rescue from Nazi Prison Camp by Russians," on February 22, 1945. In the article the officer from Winston-Salem stated: "Rations they (the Nazis)

provided would have broken us by starvation if it hadn't been for the Red Cross parcels." These parcels were then received weekly and each day it arrived the men called it "Christmas Day."

Getting down to bald statistics, there 727 Red Cross Overseas Clubs. The average number of meals served daily in the four theaters of war is 65,000. This makes an average of 2,000,000 meals served each month.

There were 10,800,000 food parcels packed at Red Cross Centers, 37,500 emergency messages to Prisoners of War handled, and 12,700 medicine kits distributed.

In the Home Service division, there were 3,000.00 servicemen and families assisted and 550,000 families received financial assistance.

The Red Cross' total expenditures for disaster service in the past 64 years has amounted to \$116,293,355.00.

The Volunteer Special Services reported 775,000,000 surgical dressings have been made, 13,000,000 garments made and 3,240,000 kit bags made for servicemen.

The Red Cross has recruited 15,000 nurses for the Army and Navy and now hopes to recruit more to satisfy the needs of the services at present.

A great deal of foreign war relief has been undertaken and the figures which can be quoted as the values of cargoes shipped by and through the Red Cross reached astronomical heights. The total spent for foreign relief is \$102,969,817.42. This was sent to over 25 different countries.

Here then, in part, is how your money is spent. I know your feelings cannot possibly be expressed in dollars and cents, but your generous contribution can help to express that feeling of gratification.

We all have a little "ego,"—a little fellow who lives inside of us and very often throws out his chest when we are complimented with "I've heard a great deal about you" or "You're a great guy" or "My you're a beautiful girl." Yes, we love to have people give us compliments. Its a normal process and part of living. But, just for a change lets transform that personal charm into a real thing to be proud of not because of how we look or what we wear, but because of what we do and how we give. Your ego this time is going to burst forth in full bloom because you "did your best through the Red Cross."

Captured Two Moonshine Stills

Rural Policeman W. D. Evans, of Waccamaw township, captured two whiskey stills during the past week.

The larger of the affairs was in the Grissetown section and was of one hundred gallon capacity. Two Hundred and forty gallons of mash were seized along with this outfit. A smaller, 60 gallon outfit, was seized in Waccamaw township. One hundred and twenty gallons of mash were taken along with it. No operators were captured at either place.

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MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNTS

Table with columns Dr. and Cr. listing various accounts like Babson vs. Gresham, Brown vs. Brown, David Bryant vs. L. B. Clemmons, etc.

TRUST FUNDS

Table with columns Dr. and Cr. listing trust fund items like Arnold, Herman Lee, Burris, Lawrence, et al., Bryant, Ransom, heirs, etc.

S. T. BENNETT, Clerk Superior Court of Brunswick County.