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Gathering For The Kill

Something over three years ago a great deal of the American might in fighting ships lay on the bottom at Pearl Harbor. Still others, battered and bruised, slipped away to have their wounds healed. The treacherous Japanese were proudly announcing that the power of the American Navy was gone.

The fleet that they claimed destroyed has risen again and grown into the greatest Navy in the world. Time and again the Imperial Japanese fleet has had good cause to avoid meetings with the Navy that they held in scorn after Pearl Harbor.

Not only the Japanese Navy, but Japanese held islands and the Japanese home land have felt the power of the American fleet. Our navy has been steadily and surely gathering for the kill since that December day when the world heard that war had been brought to the United States at Pearl Harbor.

Along with our own ships some of the greatest of Britain now ride the Pacific. Just a few days ago the British parliament was told that the mighty battleships, King George V, the Queen Elizabeth, the Howe, and the Valiant are all in the Pacific. With them is the French Battleship, Richelieu and the battle cruiser Renown. They are all getting ready for the great and final push in the Pacific.

Will Ask For Boat

As he is going to Greensboro next week to attend the meeting of the directors of the North Carolina Wildlife Federation, W. B. Keziah plans to utilize the same trip to go to Raleigh and ask the State Board of Conservation and Development to place one of the boats of the North Carolina Fisheries Commission at Southport.

The State owns six or seven good boats, all based at Morehead City on the upper coast and used for several purposes. The purpose for which one or more of the craft are desired at Southport is to search for new shrimp trawling grounds at a considerable distance off-shore.

Some years ago the State of Louisiana engaged in such work with overwhelming profit to the state. New grounds were discovered and the production of shrimp there around skyward. As a result of the pioneering done by the State of Louisiana the lower North Carolina coast lost some sixteen families, those of expert fishermen and fish dealers who were attracted by the greater returns from fishing efforts in that state.

Cooperation Sought

Cooperation between Wilmington and Southport interests has always been somewhat lacking. With the end of the war approaching and much post war work in sight, calculated to react to the mutual interest of both places, it is time for the two places to try and get together on every undertaking in which one can aid the other.

Walter Cartier, secretary of the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce, made a fine gesture in this direction last week by coming to Southport and seeking cooperation between Wilmington and Southport in promoting outings for Air Corps men at Camp Davis. These outings are the idea of some of the commanding officers at Davis and would mean bringing down squads of men, many of them convalescing from injuries received overseas. They would be brought to Orton, thence on to Southport and taken on boat trips. Some of these boat trips would be to the quiet and seclusion of Bald Head Island. Others would be fishing expeditions.

Should Use Ft. Caswell

It has been stated that the Government would never again sell Fort Cas-

well! that the fort, complete as a little town in itself, with waterworks, power and sewerage, would be put to some use. This intention on the part of the government seems to be borne out by the keeping of about 30 men at the task of looking after the buildings and grounds. The fort is understood to be kept in readiness for occupancy within 24 hours.

It would seem to the layman that Caswell presents admirable possibilities for the use of "Ducks" and the training of crews. Landing places of almost every conceivable sort, with and without the obstacles that are needed in training could be found on Bald Head Island, the Cape Fear River banks and along the ocean in short and long distances from the Fort.

If the Amphibious forces do not need the place it still presents a wonderful possibility as a hospital or great rest camp. It has its own hot salt mineral water baths with waters that contain very potent medical properties. Then there is the ocean with its ever cool summertime breezes, the freedom from mosquitoes and other insect pests and the unsurpassed sport fishing that can be found just a short distance at sea, as well as shore fishing.

Some use should be made of the costly facilities that the government has at Fort Caswell.

Should Clean Up

The storm last fall acted as the agent for the removal of several old unused and worthless docks on the Southport water front. This act of nature has resulted in one very undesirable aftermath.

The wreckage of the docks and with it much refuse from the river in the shape of drift wood, logs and planking, all piled up on the river front, just beyond the reach of the normal high tides that might have reclaimed it had it been a little nearer. The refuse is still where the storm left it with the exception of a little that has been carried or hauled away.

At the pace at which the wreckage has been removed it will take years to clean up the water front. This is easily understood when a little consideration is given to the act that additional wreckage occasionally piles up.

With spring here and this wreckage presenting the most unsightly appearance of any thing in town, to say nothing of its unsanitary aspects, it seems in order for the city and citizens jointly to undertake a vigorous and thorough clean-up on the water front. This should be done before the advancing busy fishing season makes the present labor scarcity worse than it is now. If the present supply of labor is not sufficient for the removal of the wreckage and salvaging of it for some use, it can and should be burned where it is. In any case it should be disposed of in a quick and thorough manner and without further delay.

Busy Farm Season

The same war-time inspired pace with which farmers carried on their work last year is going again full blast. Throughout the farming sections of the county, men, machinery and work stock are busy from dawn to dusk. Many garden and farm crops have already been planted, especially corn. A goodly acreage has already been put in and in some fields the plants are already out of the ground and growing.

It was necessary last year to defer the planting of corn until the tobacco plants could be gotten into the fields. This circumstance arose because of the prolonged rainy season and the fact that the tobacco plants attained such a stage of development that they had to be placed in the fields the first thing after the land became dry enough to work.

This year, with less rain, the farmers have been able to get much of their corn lands planted before the rush of tobacco transplanting.

"The little towns are still our strongholds. There we find devotion and affection for community life. Folks may be complacent at times, but they feel they are a part of their environment, not little saplings in a dense woodland. It is comforting to know that their institutions are still rooted, that they are weathering one of the great crises of history and will live to carry on a great heritage."

WISE AND Otherwise

Mrs. J. W. Ruark, Mrs. M. M. Rosenbaum, and Mrs. J. Arthur Doshier were in Raleigh last week when Mrs. Roosevelt addressed the General Assembly. A Mr. Joe is a Representative they had what they called "ringside seats" for the occasion. Naturally they enjoyed hearing and seeing the First Lady.

Mrs. Davis Herring (Lois Jane Bussels) and her daughter, Mary Louise, went as far as Fayetteville with them and stopped there to see her husband's folks. It was there that Lois Jane learned that her naval lieutenant husband has orders to come back to the states. He has been stationed in England for around 15 months and so has never seen the young daughter, who arrived after he left.

Several months ago Billy Wells acquired a small fox squirrel whose mother had been killed. As soon as it was able to fend for itself Billy let it out of the cage, which had been his home and let it go its chosen way.

The squirrel apparently chose to stay around because since then he has lived in the immediate neighborhood, going from yard to yard. The squirrel by that time was so tame that Billy continued to feed him when he ventured down from the tall trees which were his home.

On Saturday the pet squirrel decided to investigate the town a little further and about ten in the morning he was happily cavorting in the middle of the street on the main corner of town, merrily waving his long tail as he dashed back and forth.

There was no danger to the little squirrel, however, because he was being carefully looked after by Mr. Clarence Crapon, James Carr, and Red Fullwood who stood ready to go out and stop traffic if necessary, to protect the small creature.

Apparently the squirrel decided home was the best place after all because soon he tired of romping on the pavement and went back to his trees, happy, perhaps, that he doesn't have to live like those queer humans he met up street.

The Rev. Theo Jones, who performed the marriage of Annie Russ and Ed Weeks on Friday night, is a nephew of Mrs. John Caison, of Southport. Another fact, which made it a very natural thing for the couple to decide to be married in Myrtle Beach, is that Mrs. Jones was formerly a teacher at Shallotte, where both Annie and her attendant, Miss Bridie Holden teach at present.

The Rovin' Reporter

(Continued from page one) as a means of drawing attention to and developing Brunswick county. And we are not thinking of this sport fishing as applying simply to the Southport section, it will extend along our whole coast.

Kirby's at Supply, The Shallotte Trading Company to you, has been advertising farm and garden seed last week and this. Saturday morning we wandered into the warehouse and looked around on our own hook for a minute while the "Reverend" Stanley was busy making door deliveries. Found what we were looking for, there was about half a ton of lespedeza seed, all neatly sacked and tagged. We would be able to get what we wanted later in the day when it was time to think of returning home and folks were not so busy. Back to the warehouse at 4:00 P. M., there were no lespedeza seed sacks in evidence anywhere. This entailed our interrupting the Reverend in his chores and asking him what had become of all that lespedeza seed? "We done sold it all this morning", said he.

With all the personal mess ups we have been getting into as a result of this war, it may be added that we have unconsciously and unintentionally been getting ourself in bad with a lot of fine folks that we often think of. By way of illustration and since what she writes will be of more interest to more people than anything we could think up, we are finishing out this week's column with a letter from Mrs. F. W. Smith, formerly Miss Helen Dean Sutton, of Southport. Her father was for many years the business manager of the J. Arthur Doshier Memorial hospital.

It may interest Mrs. Smith to know that instead of forgetting all of our folks who have moved to Louisiana and taken advantage of what Louisiana has done to improve and develop the shrimp fishing industry, we get so darned mad about it that before receiving her letter we already had our shoes polished to go to Raleigh and ask our State Department of Conservation and Development to do some of the same sort of development work on the lower Brunswick Coast. Her letter is being printed in full,

below:

Dear Mr. Keziah: Remember us. We were the Sutton family who lived in Southport 22 years and then left to do some prospecting of our own.

Well, we are now in Patterson, exactly seven miles from Morgan City, Louisiana, go over there at least once every day on business or otherwise. After reading your editorial in the paper dated March 7th, 1945, we wonder if maybe our subscription is due or something, seems that we never get mentioned in any of your write-ups about the shrimp business and Louisiana.

We have been here three years now, at Patterson. Daddy is the bookkeeper for this firm, John Santos (and if you read the Southern Fisherman you will see that it is some firm). I am at present employed as stenographer and if you think we don't see Jumbo shrimp, just as big and just as many as they have in Morgan City, you are badly fooled. Last October, one of our boats came in with a catch of 156 3-5 barrels, in one trip. This happens to be the all time high record in this section. So, please, Mr. K., take note and we would appreciate seeing our name in print once in a while instead of the snub we've been getting from our hometown paper. I think we've been sending in our \$1.50 in time. We have at least been getting the paper, but after spending 22 years in a place, you would think we would be mentioned once in a while.

No kidding, we are planning to come up that way this summer for a couple of weeks and I certainly hope you won't snub us on the streets as you have in the Pilot.

I was telling Harry Peace about you the other day and what a lot you have done to put Southport in the news. He tells me you send him the fishing news from Southport for his "Southern Fisherman." It is a small world isn't it?

My husband is with the Airborne Army in France now, and he so often asks about news from Southport. I usually send him clip files of interest. We have a fine daughter now, something Southport hasn't seen and, we think, will be quite an addition to the younger set. She is two years old now and is little "cajun" daughter.

My Brother, Dudley, (he was just a little fellow when he left Southport) is now overseas with the Engineer Corps, and is with Patton's Third Army.

Well, Mr. K., I won't detain you any longer, and I'm sure you will take this letter in the true "Southport spirit." We always were plainspoken folks, weren't we. In the future please, when you talk about Louisiana and shrimp, remember we are here too.

Hope to see you all this summer. Sincerely, HELEN DEAN SUTTON SMITH

Jimmie Hawes, secretary at the AAA office at Supply, invariably rides a bicycle. Last week he experienced a feeling of mild amazement while reading in this paper the report of the Recorder's Court doings. His amazement arose from seeing where James Hawes was fined \$10.00 and costs for speeding. Nothing amazes us. It was not our baby when two Brunswick families with the same family names decided to name their kids Jimmie.

The McRackan and Moore pear trees along the river road and everybody else's pear, plum, peach and other trees went in for their spring blooming this week. During the usual year the blooming of fruit trees may be looked forward to as being a bit irregular. This year, influenced by the mild weather the paper, plum and peach have all bloomed together, starting the end of February.

At Shallotte, Saturday, we found that Everett Holden and Bob White were the only bum friends of ours in town at the moment. Thomas Russ and Herman Stanaland had gone off fishing.

Even Frank O. Sherrill, owner of Bald Head Island at Southport and the S. & W. chain of cafeterias in various cities, is becoming interested in sport fishing off the Brunswick coast. Had a letter from him last week advising he would be down Easter Week and wanted to talk over things.

Must be plenty of menhaden off the coast, even if boats are not operating now. A Shallotte fisherman was showing us some large ones Saturday. He took them in the Seine he was operating for edible fish.

CHAIRMAN URGES COOPERATION IN RED CROSS DRIVE

(Continued from Page 1) steady stream of Prisoner of War Food Parcels for shipment to Germany and to the Far East. Neither has the Red Cross relaxed in its traditional service to humanity in time of disaster. More than 200 domestic disasters have found Red Cross workers on the job to relieve stricken families and to aid in the rebuilding of communities. Hundreds of thousands of dollars have been poured out to rebuild homes destroyed by

floods, high winds and fires.

Meanwhile Red Cross production workers in hundreds of communities have continued the never ceasing program of making warm garments for destitute civilians in war torn countries overseas, and in those countries the Red Cross has assisted the Army in caring for refugees and homeless people.

MONDAY EASY DAY FOR DEFENDANTS IN COUNTY COURT

(Continued from page One) fine of \$10.00 and costs.

D. C. Atkinson, abandonment, nol pros with leave, defendant to pay costs.

Elsworth Rabon, speeding, continued to March 26th.

Glyn Delmire Brown, speeding, judgment suspended on payment of a fine of \$15.00 and costs.

Harlee Harrison, no chauffeurs license, judgment suspended on payment of a fine of \$10.00 and costs.

John David Stevens, speeding, judgment suspended on payment of a fine of \$15.00 and costs, fine remitted.

Rob Holden, public drunkenness, judgment suspended on payment of costs.

E. W. Coleman, possession for purpose of sale, judgment suspended on payment of a fine of \$25.00 and costs, whiskey confiscated.

James M. Melette, reckless operation, motion for non suit allowed.

W. H. Best, speeding, failing to stop for stop sign, judgment suspended on payment of a fine of \$5.00 and costs.

Carlos F. Yarbboro, drunken driving, not guilty.

READY FOR ORDERS AT AAA OFFICE

(Continued from page one) AAA also announces that Cotton Crop Insurance will be available to farmers in a few days.

W.B.&S. PLANNING SERVICE TO ORTON

(Continued from Page One) service this week.

The move for temporary service is a result of the many calls being received for transportation to Orton from people who wish to visit the gardens during the flower season. With both azaleas and camellias now in full bloom, widespread attention is now being attracted to the gardens.

Mr. Livingston stated today that he hoped to be able to put on temporary service by Friday or Saturday. As it now is, hundreds of service men in or passing through Wilmington are anxious to visit the gardens. The general public is also keenly interested in some means of transportation.

LELAND SOLDIER GETS PASS HOME

(Continued from Page One) pital unit. They are Ira S. and James R. Flowers, both privates first class.

SOUTHPORT SCHOOL SUPPORTING DRIVE

(Continued from Page One) ning second at this counting with \$81.01.

The various grades in the school have raised money as follows: 1st grade—\$21.86. 2nd grade—\$38.75. 3rd grade—\$16.87. 4th grade—\$19.47. 5th grade—\$17.59. 6th grade—\$10.64. 7th grade—\$97.11. 8th grade—\$81.01. 9th grade—\$8.80. 10th grade—\$21.10. 11th grade—\$7.40.

CHARLEY'S HOUSE RAIDED SUNDAY

(Continued from page One) ing. Judge John B. Ward, after hearing the evidence, found the

AMUZU THEATRE SOUTHPORT, N. C.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21—"CAROLINA BLUES" Kay Kyser and Ann Miller ALSO—FOX NEWS

THURS. - FRI. MARCH 22-23—"DOUGHGIRLS" Ann Sheridan, Alexis Smith and Jane Wyman ALSO—Harry Owens Royal Hawaiians.

SATURDAY, MARCH 24—"SECRET COMMAND" Pat O'Brien, Carole Landis And Chester Morris ALSO—CARTOON

MON., - TUES., MAR. 26 - 27—"THE VERY THOUGHT OF YOU" Dennis Morgan, Eleanor Parker ALSO—Sunny Durham and Orchestra.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28—"SAN DIEGO I LOVE YOU" Jon Hall and Louise Allbritton ALSO—FOX NEWS.

COMING:—"I LOVE A SOLDIER"

defendant guilty and fined him \$25.00 and costs.

BOLIVIA NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Wingate, formerly of Jacksonville, Fla., have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Knox and Mrs. A. H. Evans.

RETURNS FROM HOSPITAL

Mrs. J. A. Russ, of Shallotte, returned home last week after three weeks as a patient in the James Memorial hospital in Wilmington. Her daughter, Miss Agnes Russ, has also been seriously ill in the same hospital.

RETURNS FROM SPRING LAKE

Mrs. Nellie Sellers has returned to her home at Winnabow after a three week visit with her sister, Mrs. Grace Holden, at Spring Lake. Mrs. Sellers' husband, F. L. c Harlie Sellers, has been serving in the Pacific with the Coast Guard for the past 18 months.

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Monday - Saturday

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