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The New Year

As we stand on the threshold of a new year we find ourselves wondering what the next twelve months will bring, particularly as it affects our own community and our own interests. And even as we wonder, we find ourselves convinced that if much is to happen, we must abandon our position of waiting and wishing and take some positive action of our own.

For instance, if we are to have a modern hotel in Southport this time next year, some of us should start now to make arrangements to build it.

If we really are concerned with what happens to Ft. Caswell, then the thing to do is to replace our local curiosity with genuine local interest and see what can be done about acquiring the property and putting it to its best possible use.

And this goes for whatever else we have been complaining about or dreaming of. There are three-hundred-sixty-five days of opportunity ahead for those who will use them.

Happy Holiday

Perhaps it is a mistake for one to start out to enumerate the things which made this Christmas one of the happiest occasions ever celebrated in this community, because to overlook one event or one program is to fail to give credit where it is due.

We will just settle by passing along two remarks heard by two new citizens of our community.

One said, "I have spent my first Christmas in Southport, and I do not believe that there is any town of comparable size in North Carolina where everything was done as completely and with as much good taste as it was right here."

Another said, "I see in some of the newspapers where a list of the outstanding this and the tops of that are being compiled. Well, when we make up our list for Southport I don't want anybody to overlook our churches. This was a fine Christmas and we had many things to enjoy, but none of these was more enjoyable than the programs and special events that were staged by our various church organizations."

Verily, it was a fine Christmas in which everyone seemed to cooperate except the weather man—and even he conspired to make it a quiet day at home.

A Lot Depends

We were at one of the seafood houses the other day and were surprised to see that much of the day's operation had to do with making new nets.

"These will be used for trawling for fish offshore after Christmas," someone explained. "You will be surprised at the difference it will make in business in Southport throughout the remainder of the winter if these operations are successful. It is going to mean the difference between a weekly payroll in which everyone will share and just another cold, hard period during which there is little or no work."

That is one reason why we have written so much about the prospects for this fishing; that is one reason why we shall be anxiously awaiting news from these first fishing trips.

No doubt you have heard of the girl who dated the soldier and found he was A. W. O. L. F.

Pray every night for help to keep your nose out of other people's business.

The man who thinks he knows it all rarely has a big idea.

Don't feel sorry for yourself. Feel sorry for the people who have to live with you.

Warn Russia

"In wisdom, as well as in humanity, the United States should warn the Russian rulers:

"That we now have enough improved atomic weapons to immobilize Russia;

"That we can deliver those weapons in sufficient quantity to kill or maim, in the first raids, a staggering proportion of the people of Russia's key cities;

"That the target have been selected, our planes readied, our crews alerted;

"And that this terrible retaliation will come if Russia attacks us or another free nation."

So declares William Bradford Huie, student of air power and confidant of U. S. Air Force generals, in an exclusive article in The Reader's Digest for January.

"These facts are published," Huie states, "in the hope of averting aggression based on misunderstanding. The aggressors in World Wars I and II were misinformed as to American capabilities and intentions. The Russian rulers must be convinced that, if they grab for Western Europe, the American retaliation will be immediate, atomic and decisive."

Huie sees danger of war in the "curtained minds" of a handful of Soviet officials, who may rely too strongly on their enormous ground armies while measuring the extent of American retaliation by the small number of Allied troops in Europe. Danger lies, too, in widespread propaganda that the atom bomb is "overrated", that its advocates are "visionaries," and that wars will still be decided by old-fashioned armies and navies.

While some of this propaganda stems from Communist sources and some from uninformed U. S. citizens, most of it comes, Huie charges, from "battleship admirals and the Maginot minds in the Army."

Denying the validity of arguments belittling American atomic power, the author declares that our bombers could deliver atomic loads upon any city in Russia within a few hours of the issuance of orders. The amount of explosive force we could pour upon Russian cities in one raid would be comparable, he states, to that released by all the powder and TNT exploded by the combined armies, navies and air forces in the last war.

Since Hiroshima, the world's greatest nuclear scientists have been working night and day, with the world's finest equipment, to improve America's atomic weapons. "Does anyone imagine that all these mountains have labored to produce mice?" Huie asks. "Anyone familiar with American zeal and ingenuity cannot doubt that the 1949-model bomb is several times as destructive as the 1945 model."

The 50,000 Americans and 360 first-line bombers of the Strategic Air Command compose the most destructive fighting force in history, Huie states. It is the first organization ever possessed by any nation which, within hours after the outbreak of war, can assault the heart of any enemy on earth. The men of this force talk as easily of Moscow and Magnitogorsk and Sverdlovsk as they do of Pittsburgh and Detroit and Seattle; they know exactly the route to their own assigned target if they are suddenly ordered to attack.

And despite Russia's possession of radar, our bomber planes and crews are so efficient that our losses in men should be light. Air Force generals believe that 95 per cent of our bomber personnel over Russia would return safely from atomic raids.

The people of the United States and of Europe should take heart in American atomic power, Huie states, provided America does not dissipate her resources on massive armies and navies which Russia need not fear. "We must enter and win the fratricidal war between the armed service in Washington," he urges. "For the threat to our air-atomic superiority comes not from Russia but from our old entrenched bureaucracies, the Army and the Navy, whose spokesmen dispute the air-atomic claims. . . . The American people must choose the one arm most certain to keep the peace—or win a war. We play into Russia's hands if we pursue the futile and economically disastrous policy of providing more warships for the Navy and more divisions for the Army."

The boss was sore. "You've already had leave," he shouted, "to see your wife off on a trip, for your mother-in-law's funeral, for your daughter's measles and your son's christening. What is the excuse for time off this time?" He replied, "I want to get married, sir."

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A visitor with us this week was interested in the shrimping and fishing industry and will likely return soon. Pending some business matters, he prefers that his name and business connections be not revealed until he returns here shortly. Among other things this visitor told us that his father was one of the very first men to engage in shrimping at Southport. This was in 1913 and 1914. In those days very small boats were used, most of them sail powered. The average length of the craft was about 20 feet. As this visitor put it, "They used wooden boats and iron men in those days."

A bright spot or being in the hospital for two weeks last August were the nightly visits of Dr. Thor Johnson, conductor of the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra. A note from Dr. Johnson this week said he had been thinking over the many pleasant memories of last summer at Southport. He takes the State Port Pilot.

Among our personal Christmas things Mr. and Mrs. Alex Fox wrote from Lexington, sending in a year's subscription for The Pilot to be sent to Mrs. Fox's uncle, M. W. Brinkman in New York. She said for us to tell him the paper was from her and Alex. She also said that Christmas this year was not like it has always been. It was the first Christmas in 21 years she had spent away from Southport. Mrs. Fox is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Loughlin of Southport and the family moved back here from Wilmington 21 years ago. We hope that from this Mr. Brinkman will know how come he is getting the home town paper.

New Year's day will bring one regret to us. On that day County Agent J. E. Dodson will step out after being in the service of the farmers of Brunswick county since 1921. He tells us that when he quits the agents office he times to just up and be a farmer in his own right. He coupled up this information with an invitation for us to visit him after the New Year starts. Mr. Dodson has performed a distinctive service to the farmers of Brunswick county, a greater service than anyone can realize. He has been our farming people step right up into better homes, better living and better farming.

Dredging operations on the Cape Fear bar at this season of the year is welcomed a great deal more than it would be in the spring, summer and fall. At such times millions of shrimp are dragged up with the hundreds of cubic yards of mud. The mud taken out on the flats and dumped kills millions more shrimp. At this time of the year only a comparatively few shrimp are killed by the operations. It would be a nice thing towards preserving the local fishing industry if the Army Engineers would make it a practice to carry on local dredging only during winter months.

Going through a lot of pre-

Christmas mail this week we found a mid-December letter from Memory Ward of Freeland. The letter had somehow got buried under a lot of other stuff. This late it may not be exactly news, but Mr. Ward told of how he had taken his faithful dogs, Bill and Rock, out hunting. In a very few minutes they treed a coon, which he shot. Immediately following this the dogs jumped a fine 4-slug buck, which Mr. Ward also shot. Between the coon and the buck and his gun, he had quite a load to carry out of the woods and to his home. However, when he was at the Makotoka Lake bridge two of his good neighbors, J. B. Gray and Melton Little, came along in Mr. Gray's car and hauled him and his game home.

Talking with Glenn Tucker, Carolina Beach real estate man, one night this past week, he thinks that the year now approaching will be an unusually good one. "The year 1948 was good for beach development," he said, "1947 was not so good and 1948 started out with indications of being good, but the polio scare came along and knocked out expectations." We are not a beach property developer like Mr. Tucker, but our observation has been that 1947 was the best year we have had locally. We are inclined to agree with him that 1949 should be good. The polio epidemic hurt things everywhere this past summer. At the same time a lot of people found out that our beaches were the safest places to stay during polio epidemics. So far we have been able to learn there was not a single case of polio within 20 miles of any of the Brunswick beaches during the past year.

DREDGE LYMAN
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these employees came directly to their homes when the Lyman arrived at Jacksonville. They will return to work this week.

Now working on the Southport bar and with a three months job ahead of her is the Hyde, sister ship to the Lyman. The Hyde is commanded by Captain Fred Tarbor. The ship had been working at Morehead City before coming here.

Pumping Station May Solve

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is as complete and modern as that to be found in any small town. The tank for the water is at the Fort and water is pumped in it from the wells two miles away. The water mains, fire hydrants and everything about the Fort and in the buildings provide as good or better service than that of the average town of a thousand or more people.

Located only a few hundred yards from the Long Beach property and with its mains already traversing Caswell Beach, the Fort Caswell wells and water system offer possibilities for unlimited expansion. Long Beach wants water. The place will likely be incorporated during the coming year with a modern water system one of the main ideas back of the move.

Far less expensive than drilling wells, buying pumping machinery, tanks and constructing buildings

would be for Long Beach to make arrangements for getting water from the Fort Caswell system. The construction of a few hundred yards of water mains would bring the water to the Long Beach property. Filling these mains could be done with a turn of a value as soon as they are laid.

It would appear to be advantageous for both the Long Beach and Caswell Beach people to interest themselves in the pending disposal of Fort Caswell, this with a view of seeing if they can come in for securing water from a modern water system that is already at their doors.

At the very last it appears that both of these growing beach resorts should be able to get an abundance of pure water for all purposes at little if any more expense than that of building mains and seeing that pumping is done for themselves and for the Fort Caswell property.

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tentative arrangements to procure a large housing section for other members of the group and members of their families.

He says that not only will he provide jobs and housing, but that he is ready to guarantee a living to each of these men who accept employment with him.

"I understand that President Truman has become interested in the case of these people," Wells said, "and that special Congressional action will be introduced to legalize their entry to the United States. If the President feels that he can vouch for them, I certainly do not hesitate to do what I can to make it possible for them to make a living in the town which they chose as the termination of their dangerous voyage."

VERNON WESCOTT
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that he wanted his wife let out of jail, that "the shooting was just an accident". A telephone call to Solicitor Clifton L. Moore resulted in directions to Deputy Robinson to release Mrs. Wescott under \$1,000.00 bond, with the provision that she be locked up again in the event that her husband's injuries prove fatal.

Mrs. Wescott was freed Monday morning, and visited her husband in his hospital room several times during the day and until the end of visiting hours Monday evening.

The warrant sworn out against her charges assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill, and a preliminary hearing has been set for Wednesday, January 5, before Judge W. J. McLamb in Brunswick county Recorder's court.

BALD EAGLES ALREADY

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rush of air as an angry bird sweeps by him, or as it hovers directly over him, beating the air and screaming.

The nest on Beaver Dam is about ten feet tall and six feet

or more in thickness. It is supposed to be about 10 or 12 years old and to have been in constant use all that time. Eagles rear their young in the same nest year after year. They may start out with a comparatively small nest and this is added to each year. The nest becomes taller, thicker and stronger, before each nesting season.

A very old nest may be a tremendous affair. Many of the sticks that go into the building may be two or three inches thick and as many feet in length. This heavy construction is chiefly on the outside. The inside is lined with moss and other soft materials, all woven into the heavier substantial outside and holding everything firmly together.

It is illegal to kill an eagle in any manner at any season of the year. The penalty is a \$500.00 fine. Contrary to some popular impressions the birds are not vicious, except when their nests are being molested. They are not destructive in their feeding or damaging to the interests of mankind.

BAPTISTS ENJOY
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Carson led the Christmas games. The prizes for the game "Christmas Wrappings" was won by Mrs. W. G. Butler. After the games the guests drew gifts from a large basket in the center of the room, followed by the serving of the refreshments of ambrosia and pound cake.

Those attending the party were: Mrs. M. T. McRackan, Mrs. Ivan Ludlum, Mrs. G. D. Robinson, Mrs. Vera McKeithan, Mrs. J. W. Hewett, Mrs. D. B. Garrish, Mrs. E. C. Blake, Mrs. Mrs. James

Johnson, Mrs. Bessie R. Callahan, Mrs. W. F. Jones, Mrs. Clifton Arnold, Mrs. Homer McKeithan, Mrs. Lee Hewett, Mrs. D. F. Danford, Mrs. Alta W. Doherty, Mrs. J. S. Oliver, Mrs. H. M. Beker, Mrs. Lewis J. Hardee, Mrs. Dolores Hewett, Mrs. H. A. Livingston, Miss Lucy Sellers, Mrs. Minnie F. Smith, Mrs. Maxine C. Fulcher, Miss Louise Rees, Mrs. George Gregory, Mrs. James Arnold, Mrs. Lizzie Southerland, Mrs. Laney Southerland, Mrs. Louise S. Williamson, Miss Gertrude Loughlin, Mrs. Ruth E. Gay, Mrs. Brady Lewis, Mrs. W. G. Butler, Miss Annie May Woodside, Mrs. G. C. Kilpatrick, Mrs. R. C. Daniel, Mrs. Robert Carson.

WACCAMAW BANK
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Trust Company was organized in Whiteville in the spring of 1926 with capital funds of \$25,000. The bank now has a capital structure in excess of \$1,000,000.00 and total resources of about \$23,000,000.00. It operates commercial banking offices in Whiteville, Chadbourn, Tabor City, Clarkston, Southport, Shallotte, Fairmont, Kenansville and Rose Hill.

SEEKING REPORT
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funds derived from this source play a major role in the fight against tuberculosis. A large part of the money remains here at home, and is used in health work in Brunswick county, particularly to help in x-ray and other efforts at early diagnosis.

The swastika, used by the Nazis, was an ancient Jewish religious symbol.

SCHEDULE
W. B. & B. BUS LINE
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EFFECTIVE TUES., JAN. 20, 1949
WEEK-DAY SCHEDULE

LEAVES SOUTHPORT	LEAVES WILMINGTON
**	7:00 A. M.
7:00 A. M.	*9:30 A. M.
9:30 A. M.	1:35 P. M.
*1:30 P. M.	4:00 P. M.
4:00 P. M.	6:10 P. M.
6:00 P. M.	10:20 P. M.

*—These Trips on Saturday Only.
**—This Bus Leaves Winnabow at 6:10 Daily.

— SUNDAY ONLY —

LEAVES SOUTHPORT	LEAVES WILMINGTON
7:30 A. M.	9:00 A. M.
10:50 A. M.	1:35 P. M.
4:00 P. M.	6:10 P. M.
6:00 P. M.	10:20 P. M.

1949 Tax Listing
NOTICE

LIST YOUR REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY
DURING THE MONTH OF JANUARY

All property owners and tax payers are required by law to return to the List Takers for Taxation for the year 1949, all the Real Estate, Personal Property, Etc., which they own on the first day of January.

All male persons between the ages of 21 and 50 years must list for Poll Tax during the same time, except those exempt by law for physical disability.

All persons to whom the foregoing applies who fail to list their Real and Personal Property, and/or Poll Tax will be guilty of a Misdemeanor and subject to a fine or imprisonment upon conviction.

LOCAL LIST TAKERS WILL POST NOTICE OF APPOINTMENTS IN PUBLIC PLACES—WATCH FOR SAME !!

The Board of Equalization and Review will meet at the Tax Office at Southport on March 14, 1949. Any complaint about valuation should be taken before the Board at that time.

PLEASE LIST YOUR PROPERTY WITH THE LIST TAKER
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W. P. Jorgensen
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