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Year-Round Fishing

John D. Findley, State Commissioner of Inland Fishing, has announced that thirty-three North Carolina lakes are now open to year-round fishing. None of the year-round open places are in Brunswick. Local sportsmen who like to engage in freshwater fishing will have to lay off next April for 40 days, a time when freshwater fishing is at its best.

Quoting Mr. Findley: "Research indicates that year-round hook and line fishing cannot harm the fish supply in most impounded waters. Due to the rapid rate of growth of fish in southern waters many bass reach maturity and die without being caught. Bass are inclined to take a plug best during the spawning season, although the fish actually spawning will not bite at all. Sportsmen miss their best fishing during the closed season."

The above being true, no reason is seen by this paper for most of the lakes throughout the state being closed for 40 days, while others are open to hook and line fishing. Here in Brunswick the fishing is just getting good when the closed season comes on. When the 40 days closed period is over there is little worthwhile fishing because of the fact that the waters are full of young spawn upon which the adult fish feed. In addition, the spring season is so far advanced that mosquitoes and other insect pests make it an ordeal to venture on any of the streams or lakes.

If one wished to be fair to the sportsmen throughout the state it would not be out of place to declare an open season for fishing with hook and line in all lakes of the state.

Our Brunswick Coast

After the war ended it was not expected that the full tide of tourist travel southward would get underway for a year or two.

All the same, they say that everywhere in Florida tourists who traveled by car and trailer and by yacht are gathered by the thousands. They are paying unheard of prices for any sort of accommodations and for many of them accommodations are out of the question. Florida is already about as congested as Washington was during war times.

Next year hundreds of northern and eastern yacht owners will eagerly welcome any opportunity that presents itself, permitting them to go to southern waters without running into congested centers.

The coast of Brunswick county, from Little River to Southport will be missing out on a big bet if it does not immediately begin to work on the idea of safe winter dockage for yachts and hotel accommodations for the waterway travelers. Calabash, Seaside, ShallotteInlet, Lockwoods Folly Inlet and Southport all have possibilities. If any of these places find it absolutely impossible to do anything of a physically constructive nature at this time they can still do constructive work by showing the waterway travelers hospitality and friendliness at every possible opportunity.

Compulsory Attendance

During the war welfare officials, upon whom rests the burden of seeing that compulsory school attendance laws are enforced, had to be lax in seeing that many young boys and girls were kept in school. The plea that they were needed to work was listened to, and rightly during the all-out-to-win days.

The war has now been won. Sensibly minded young men and women are turning eagerly back to the books and gaining an education while they still have time. Many others, not so sensibly minded, are now neither attending school nor engaged in any worthwhile effort.

It is becoming increasingly evident that enforcing the compulsory school attendance law will again become an active duty of the welfare officials. Apparently, the sooner such actions begin the better it will be for all concerned. There seem to be a great many young people of this county who have not been in school this fall and who should be found there when school re-opens after Christmas.

Returned Servicemen

Since the day the war in the Pacific ended some one has bobbed up daily with the inquiry: "What will our boys do when they get back?"

Up to the present time over 275 men in this county have had their discharges recorded at the office of the Register of Deeds. Since this is purely a safety measure and there are no orders and no law requiring such recording, it is safe to say that between 50 and 100 more men than those shown by the recorded papers are also at home.

From the beginning the only possible answer to the question was to wait and see. The final answer had to come from the boys.

Enough are back home now and have been out of their G. I. clothing long enough to show what they will do. Most of them are right back where they left off, on farms, in stores, garages, and what have you. A goodly number of them are entering business for themselves or getting better jobs than they formerly held, where such is possible. A number are in college, finishing the education that was interrupted. Another group is doing nothing much, just looking around in an effort to determine what is best for them to do.

One thing is certain, very few of them are not losing any time in getting back to normal living.

Time For A Show-Down

In a recent letter to Representative Gore, Democrat, of Tennessee, Bernard M. Baruch gave the people of the United States sound advice and warned labor and management to settle their differences or face government intervention. He recommended an inventory of the resources of our nation so we might have "an over-all picture of the balance sheet of the country."

He also urged an examination of our productive capacity "to see that enough of what is produced remains in the United States to avoid disastrous inflation, and then how much to allocate for the rehabilitation of Europe, China, the Philippines.

"Unless this dividings done wisely, we will sink and the whole world will go down with us. We should direct our aid to foreign countries by giving priority to those who need the most and who will use it to help set themselves on their feet.

"If we promise loans to foreigners, the money will be useless if they cannot buy the goods from our production here.

"Such demands will further inflation temporarily because they aggravate demands here. There is no use giving foreigners credit (or our citizens greater buying power through increased wages and decreased taxes) unless we are willing to establish priorities which will ration our production where we want it to go until production increases.

"We must be careful when we give aid to other countries, that this aid is not used to nationalize their industries against us, to destroy our own competitive system which, I think, should be preserved. England, Czechoslovakia, France and other countries are nationalizing or about to nationalize their industries. Russia has totalized herself—one buyer and one seller—and is totalizing all countries coming under her aegis."

This week, at Mitchel Field, N. Y., General H. H. Arnold, General Carl Spaatz, and Lt. General James Doolittle of the Air Forces went to bat for the young officers and men who are being demobilized—in an effort to sell them back into private life under the most favorable conditions.

It has been the contention of the Air Forces that, up to now, fewer than 5 percent of all veterans get adequate counselling on their return to civilian life. The Mitchel Field conference was an effort to get more intelligent handling of veterans in every American community, and particularly to get across the point that a man who can run an office should not be used to sweep the floor, or to run errands.

WILLIAM KNOX DIES IN TEXAS

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Knox, of Leland; Mrs. E. F. Goldston, of Balm, N. C.; four brothers, Dr. J. C. and J. L. Knox, of Wilmington; Carl Knox, of Atlanta, Ga., and George Knox of Washington, D. C.

Canadian Skipper Deplores Lack of Yacht Facilities

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his boat was about to leave and he had little time, to write Mr. Keziah a letter relative to the trip and conditions. This the Captain, who is a Canadian, readily agreed to do, mailing his letter at Georgetown when the Jomar II docked there. The letter was as follows:
"Dear Bill:
"As I promised you, here is a small item, relative to our trip and the views of a seafarer. If you think it worthy of printing in the paper you are quite welcome to make any use you like of it.
"As I told you, we are one ship of a convoy of 19 ships that left Elizabeth City on Saturday, December 1st. Previous to that time six others had been in company with us and they fell behind. The Jomar II, on which I am, sailed from Niagara Falls, Ontario, a little over three weeks ago and joined the convoy at New York.
"All the way down the coast we were treated very kindly and it seemed that the further south we got the greater the hospitality. At every place we stopped we found adequate supplies of fuel, oil, gas, groceries, etc. There was one place that was an exception. Before we reached Southport we were warned that owing to the limited docking facilities and the great number of shrimp boats it would be almost impossible for us to tie up at Southport. A number of the boats in the convoy heeded this warning and stopped at Wrightsville, while others came on. On our arrival here we found the warnings were true. Other yachts ahead of us and not a part of our convoy had taken up every available mooring and there was nothing for us to do but go out in the canal and anchor for the night.
"Now, to my mind, the absence of dockage at Southport results in a great loss to your community. It is very bad advertising in addition to taking money away from your merchants. When you consider that the average touring yacht spends about \$15.00 or more at each stopping place for supplies, not including oil and gas, then multiply this by the number of yachts and you have a transient trade possibly greater in one day than all of the local trade for a week.
"Something ought to be done about the present conditions right now. Since travel restrictions are lifted this inland waterway will be filled with people going up and down the coast. We will certainly get a large party to come down from our own yacht club in Toronto, Canada, next year and I guess that hundreds of other boats will come from other portions of Canada. They tell us that the yachts are already tied up 10 deep in the slips at Miami and if you had basin and docking facilities here there is no reason why many boats from the north should not stop here for the entire winter, instead of going on to Florida, where the worst

congestion is bound to be. "I wish you and the paper the best of luck, also wishing you a Merry Christmas, or as we say in Canada—Bon Noel."
H. M. WEBB

WILLIAM B. MOORE DIED YESTERDAY

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ters, Mrs. Kate Dean and Mrs. E. J. Flemming, both of Alabama.

Following the first world war Mr. Moore engaged in commercial fishing, leaving that employment to become Chief of Police at Southport. He served in this capacity for several years until he suffered a stroke of paralysis, about ten years ago. Since that time he has been a semi-invalid. He was known to Southport people as "Hook" Moore.
Tentative plans are to hold the funeral Thursday from the Southport Presbyterian church with Rev. J. R. Potts of Wallace conducting the funeral service. The burial will be in the old Southport cemetery. The hour had not been determined at the time the Pilot went to press.

ORTON GARDENS GET RENOVATION

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ton workers, a good number of employees of the Wilmington Terminal Warehouse have been putting in many man hours in work at the plantation this year.

Not a part of the Garden, but essential in keeping up the supply of plants for garden replacements and the huge nursery, are two acres of new trellised plant beds for the development of young plants. To prepare these beds much grading had to be done and the use of such expensive machinery as a drag line was employed to cut canals to insure complete drainage. In addition to the big canal uniform drainage is assured by an elaborate system of tile drainage. Many hundreds of yards of water piping and an overhead sprinkler system insure the plants being kept well watered during dry seasons.

Probably in excess of fifty thousand feet of heart pine lumber went into the construction of the trellis work of this new nursery ground.

ENRAGED NEGRO KILLS HIS WIFE

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next morning. The shooting followed immediately.

Grissett, according to Policeman Evans, was in the kitchen, building a fire in the stove. McDaniel came in from the woods and blazed away at him with a 12 gauge shotgun, the lead striking Grissett in the arm and shoulder. The wounded man rushed from the house and to a neighbor's, who carried him to the hospital.

Following the shooting of Grissett, McDaniel rushed into another room where his wife was. He is alleged to have shot her twice, afterwards clubbing her with the shotgun, breaking the barrel from the stock.
When officers reached the Grissett home early Sunday morning they found the woman lying on the floor in a pool of blood. One of her small children had climbed upon her body and had gone to sleep. It was at first thought that both woman and child were dead.

The latest report made by Policeman Evans on McDaniel is that he was seen alighting from a bus a few miles this side of Conway, early Monday morning.

The South Carolina officials have joined in the search and Evans said he had no doubt of his being captured. Evans swore out a warrant for McDaniel before Clerk of Court Sam T. Bennett, Monday morning.

SHALLOTTE HAS A ROUGH WEEK

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from loss of sleep. Near the Tatum home he apparently dozed off, at the same time stepping on the gas. The car swerved, left the highway and struck the Tatum house. The structure was knocked completely off the two foot high foundation pilings on which it stood. Stanley and Simmons contributed \$100.00 toward getting the Tatum home back on its foundation, replacing broken dishes, etc. The floor is said to have been piled two feet deep with various household furniture, Mr. and Mrs. Tatum and their two small children after the car struck.

Saturday morning a car with a Maine tag was approaching Shallotte and on the curve near the high school the driver lost control. The car turned over several times and the top and body were demolished. Two of the four men in the machine were carried to the hospital and the other two are understood to have been treated by Dr. Rosenbaum.

OLDEST CITIZEN DIED YESTERDAY

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lotte and Village Point this summer, it was to find him busily engaged in some work about the house.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter, C. C. Andrews of Old Dock in Columbus county, W. M. Andrews of Shallotte, and Miss Maggie Andrews, who made her home with him.

Funeral services and burial were to be held at 11:00 o'clock Wednesday at the Gurganus cemetery. The names of the officiating minister and the pall bearers were not available this morning.

ELECT OFFICERS FOR AAA FOR 1946

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elected vice-chairman; J. B. Potter, of Winnabow, was elected regular member, succeeding H. O. Peterson, of Leland, who served very acceptably during the past year; Earl Earp, of Winnabow, was elected first alternate and J. M. Roach of Supply was elected second alternate. These officers have already begun their duties.

SHALLOTTE WANTS NEW P. O. BUILDING

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her own.
The Shallotte postoffice patrons apparently understood the situation and made little or no complaint over the temporary unsuitable quarters. It was assumed that a postmaster or postmistress would be appointed in short order and that whoever was given the position would obtain or construct a building.

Now, with several months having gone by and the old building still being used with no immediate prospect of getting something better, various patrons are beginning to complain. E. Holden, Jr., stated to this paper Saturday that the post office building was a disgrace to Shallotte and the whole community. Mr. Holden was of the opinion that steps of some sort should be taken to immediately secure a better building.

Despite the growing irritation of various patrons of the office there still seems to be difficulties about getting a new building. Until a permanent postmaster or postmistress is appointed no one expects Mrs. Frink to construct a building that she may not get

to use. There is no building for rent good enough for the needs. Since the office is one where the postmaster or postmistress must furnish quarters, it seems that the only solution to the problem is for the Post Office Department to appoint a regular official. It is understood that seven or eight eligible persons took the examination for the office early in the summer.

Roving Reporter

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brought out an elephant good made of ivory from the tusks of Jumbo, P. T. Barnum's famous elephant, which has long been acclaimed the largest elephant in captivity. Jumbo was killed by a train in 1886 while trying to save a smaller elephant from the same train. In fact the smaller elephant was saved as Jumbo hurled her from the track as instant before she was herself struck. The bringing out of the story of Jumbo and Barnum reminded us that we came into this world during the greatest story of Barnum as a showman. The middle letter in W. B. Keziah stands for Barnum and our birthday came on Monday of this week, four days after friend Raftrey brought our namesake to mind.

In prewar days when many yachts used the waterways it was our custom to meet all of the boats when they stopped here. We would get acquainted with the ships owners and crews and in this manner we picked up a nodding acquaintance with many nationally known people. Some mighty well known people travel our waterways in boats. It often happened that on such visits we would pick up and take with us on these visits, as an added token of friendliness towards the visitors to town, one or more of the most attractive and friendly girls who happened to be available at the moment. It is quite likely that a number of Southport girls and also others who happened to be in town, can recall having been taken down to see the yachts of some nabob and to have received an invitation for all to come aboard. It looks like this practice will have to be revived, provided nice girls with a friendly, hospitable spirit are available.

With the war over and travel restrictions lifted the reopening of the schools of Brunswick county, after Christmas, should see the resumption of basket ball playing among the students. In past years the friendly rivalry of our schools on the basket ball courts did much to stimulate continued attendance on the part of the advanced students. Few of the young folks on either the boys

or girls basket ball teams stopped school before they graduated. There is no reason why the competitive contests should not be resumed.

The folks around the Brunswick River Bridge and the communities of Woodburn and Leland seem to be sold 100 percent on the need of having a road paved. It would be an unusual thing to visit in either of those communities without hearing the subject of paving a road brought up. As Jim Raftrey said to us this week "The road has tremendous possibilities and in addition will bring about an industrial and farming development that will be of real taxable value to Brunswick county."

Something in the growing season last year resulted in a small grain yield being much lighter than usual in Brunswick county. Whether this is reasonable or it can be laid to some other cause, this winter seems to be smaller than usual acreage. So far the best grain fields we have seen are at Garrard chain farms in North West township. The Garrard people, with farms all over the United States, have made much the way of tests of varieties and fertilization to determine the grain crops for the soil and climate of Brunswick. The suits of these experiments have been of general benefit to farmers.

Bee keepers all over the state and that includes a great many in Brunswick county, say the honey crop this year is about a third of what it has been during previous years. Excessive rains that prevented the workers from going about their summertime business is credited with responsibility for the small crop. There are quite a number of small bee keepers in the county and several large ones. Among the largest is the Whiskey Creek Apiary in North West township. J. E. Dodson and some of Lutz boys in Waccamaw; Mintz Holden and his son, Supply.

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