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Laboratories Are Winding Up Work At Fort Caswell

Watson Laboratories Now Winding Up Experiments Underway For Past Nine Months
PROPERTY NOT ON SURPLUS LIST
Not Known What Will Be Done With Fort Caswell, Scene Of Recent Radar Experiments

The Watson Laboratories are winding up the experiments that have been underway at Fort Caswell for the past nine months according to Matthew M. Hartigan, chemist in charge of the work. He made no statement as to the success of the experiments or whether they would be continued at some other point.

With Army men on detached duty assisting with some details of the work, it is understood that the laboratories have been engaged in experiments with radar. A large balloon, on a steel tower has been maintained over the fort at a height of 1200 feet. At a time there were reports that the balloon would be released by a steel tower and that the work might go on indefinitely. With the Watson Laboratories winding up the work, it is understood that the entire occupancy of Fort Caswell will revert to the Navy, by whom the place is to be used, including the site and physical property acquired by purchase and rebuilding and repairs, the fort represents something over a million dollars. All of the new buildings are of a permanent type. The place has never been designated as surplus property. Further, than that, repeated reports have been to the effect that the Government would not again sell the Caswell.

Real Estate Office For Real Estate

J. Smith, Durham real estate man, has opened an office in the Frink building, adjoining the tax collector's office. He is understood to be planning to go into the real estate business on an extensive scale. He has recently bought the Flanner residence on Bay Street and will move his family here from Durham early in February.

Brief News Flashes

CHANGE IN DATE
The regular literature meeting of the Woman's Club will be held Wednesday, Jan. 9, at the Community Club. Dwight McCreary will be the speaker and the subject will be the United Nations.

WARD ELECTED
James P. Furless, son of Mrs. Furless and the late Mrs. Furless of Southport, has recently been elected 1946 worshipmaster of William G. Hill church No. 218, AF & AM, in Southport.

ON THE USS BEALE
Raymond D. Gilbert, radio technician, third class, is now serving on the destroyer Beale, which is on duty in the occupation of the Philippines after a distinguished war career. Young Gilbert lives near the Community Club.

VACATION
Mrs. W. G. McGlammer and Mrs. W. G. McGlammer are spending two week's vacation at Mr. McGlammer's old home in Georgia. During their absence Mack's Cafe is closed.

WINTER BLOOMING
According to reports great quantities of the winter blooming plants at Orton are blooming this week. There has been no damage to any of the flowers by the cold spell since in there has been a steady succession of the plants bloom from now until the end of the spring.

RETURNS HOME
Sgt. and Mrs. D. I. Watson returned home from the Service. Sgt. Watson has been serving in the Army about two years and for the past year was stationed in California. He has received an honorable discharge from the service.

"Seized Cradle Of The People"



ISTANBUL, TURKEY—(Soundphoto.)—Dispatches published by the semi-official Turkish news agency Anatolia, branded as "crazy" Russian Georgian demands that Russia annex a 180-mile stretch of Black Sea coast, and said Turkey would fight to prevent the loss of a single inch of Turkish territory. The Georgian demands, in form of a letter referred to the "seized cradle of the people" and demanded that Turkey turn over to the Georgians eight administrative districts, of which the picturesque Black Sea city of Trabzon, of 30,000 population, pictured here, is the chief city and port. The incident is no help to already strained Russo-Turkish relations which have been deteriorating since last March when the Soviet denounced a 20-year-old treaty of friendship and non-aggression.

Make A Return Visit To Orton

New York Couple Here Six Years Ago Could Not Resist Desire For A Return Visit

Mr. and Mrs. Mooney, enroute from New York to Florida, stopped for a visit to Orton Plantation and Southport this past week. Their trip brought to mind an interesting visit they made here just before Christmas, six years ago.

Six years ago Life Magazine conceived the idea of sending Wallace Kirkland, one of its crack cameramen, down the inland waterway aboard a yacht, the object being to make a picture story, showing yachting travel. As the trip was scheduled to be made from New York to Miami in eight or ten days, it was planned to make only about a dozen stops along the route to take the pictures for the story.

The yacht DoHoo was selected to carry the party, which included Mr. Kirkland and Miss Mary Joyce Walsh, a Florida girl who was later described in the picture magazine "Click" as being the most shapely woman in the world. Miss Walsh was to model for the pictures made by Kirkland. To give the necessary respectability to the party, Mr. and Mrs. Mooney were sent along as chaperones for Miss Walsh.

Mrs. M.A. Doshier Burial Monday

Aged Southport Lady Passes After Long Illness At The Home Of Daughter

Mrs. Margaret Ann Doshier of Southport died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. T. J. Peadrick, Saturday night. Mrs. Doshier was 84 years old and had been in ill health for a long time. She was the widow of the late W. J. Doshier, well known in Brunswick county.

Funeral services were conducted Monday afternoon from the Southport Baptist church at 2:30 o'clock with Rev. A. L. Brown officiating. Burial was in the old Southport cemetery.

Mrs. Doshier is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Peadrick; four sons, Charlie, Southport; Arthur J., Philadelphia; William J., New Orleans, and Elmer, Morehead City. One brother, S. W. Smith, Wilmington and 15 grandchildren and five great grandchildren also survive.

Auto Licenses Good Until January 31

Motor Vehicle Commissioner T. Boddie Ward reminded motorists yesterday that their 1945 automobile license plates are valid until midnight January 31 under an amended State law.

Ward urged owners to purchase new plates as early as possible before the deadline to avoid the rush during the few days before the expiration date.

Federation To Continue Drive Through Jan.

Brunswick Will Continue Its Efforts For Increased Membership In Farm Federation

PLEASED WITH CHICAGO MEETING

Delegate From Brunswick Was Impressed With Attitude Shown At National Meeting

The drive for members of the Farm Bureau in Brunswick county will continue through the month of January, according to County Agent J. E. Dodson, who is greatly interested in the organization and who returned home at Christmas from the national meeting of the Farm Federation in Chicago. Mr. Dodson was one of two hundred North Carolina delegates who attended the Chicago meeting. In all, some 10,000 delegates attended.

Describing his trip, Mr. Dodson says that it was eight degrees below zero in Chicago while he was there. This in itself would not have been so bad had it not been for the accompanying wind. Chicago is known as "The Windy City" and it lived up to this name during the meeting of the Federation.

Leaving Mount Airy, the North Carolina delegates saw no real stands of timber for the entire distance to Chicago. Mr. Dodson said that he returned to Brunswick county thinking more than ever of her pine tree forests.

Dodson was very much impressed at the attitude shown at the Federation meeting. He believes more than ever that now is a propitious time for Brunswick farmers to line themselves up with the great national Farm Federation.

To Organize Wildlife Club

Sportsmen Plan To Form Organization At Meeting Here On Tuesday Night, January 8th

With L. T. Yaskell acting as temporary chairman, Brunswick county sportsmen, who are interested in hunting and fishing, are to meet at the court house in Southport Tuesday night, January 8, for the purpose of organizing a wildlife club and seeking affiliations with the State Wildlife Federation.

The meeting is called for 7:30 o'clock and all sportsmen in the county are invited to be present and hear the fish and game situation discussed.

Ross O. Stevens, secretary-treasurer of the State Wildlife Federation, will be present. He will make an address and will assist in the forming of the local organization. Mr. Stevens assisted in the organization of the New Hanover Wildlife Club three (Continued on page Two)

Will Be Back In The Spring

Merritt Moore, who with his brother, Boyd Moore, and their families, have been spending the holidays here with relatives, have returned to their home at Morgan City, La.

Mr. Moore stated Saturday that he intends to bring his big shrimp trawler back to Southport early this summer. He has been fishing there nine or ten years and has done well.

Our ROVING Reporter

Miss Kate M. Johnson, of Winabow, sets the paper to rights regarding the date of the Charleston earthquake. In a recent story relative to geologists being around making inquiries regarding the dead fish that drifted ashore on this coast, following the earthquake, it was stated that the quake happened in 1888. Mrs. Johnson says that the correct date is August 31, 1886.

The question has been coming up as to whether the four men adrift in a small boat above the Frink Pan, last week, were aboard a dory or a dingy. Newspaper stories credited them with being in a dory. All yachts that pass through here carry dingy's. Both boats are tops in small craft but the dingy's are usually much smaller and lighter than the dory's. Reading the newspaper accounts of the recent saga, Captain J. B. Church said that if the men were in a dory they were in no danger, provided they were anything at all about such boats. The dory's are used by the New England and Nova Scotia fishermen, working with a parent ship off the banks of New Foundland. With these boats frequently spread over areas of several miles and the sudden storms and fogs that beset that area, boats and fishermen are frequently lost. In such cases there is nothing to do except to see that the stern of the craft is weighted down. If this is done the dory will take care of itself in any kind of weather. Captain Church says that the New England fishermen are frequently lost for weeks in their dory's in the dead of winter and that they always show up.

With a decided improvement in the labor situation, Brunswick farmers are starting out the year 1946 with a much more cheerful view of things. This week, while discussing the outlook, County Agent Dodson said the outlook was good. If a stretch of favorable weather comes along at any time in the

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Findlay Writes About Fishing In Fresh Waters

State Fish And Game Commissioner Gives Some Timely Information To Fishermen

WILL OPEN PONDS ON OWNERS REQUEST

Owners Of Impounded Waters May Fish At Any Time Without Regard To Closed Season

In a letter, replying to a recent editorial in this paper concerning fresh water fishing, Commissioner John D. Findlay gives information that will be of interest to fresh water fishermen.

Among other things it has been generally supposed locally that not even owners of ponds or impounded waters could fish in them during the closed season, beginning in April.

Mr. Findlay's letter also indicates that upon request from the owners, any ponds or impounded waters will be opened to year round fishing. His letter was as follows:

"In the same regulation providing for fishing in the thirty three lakes the Board of Conservation and Development gave the Commissioner of Game and Inland Fisheries, which is my present position, the authority to open any other lakes in the State to year round fishing upon the application of the owners of or those persons having controlling (Continued on Page 2)

Nice Sum From License Sales

Proceeds From Sales Of Sportsmen's Licenses Exceeded That Of Previous Seasons By Good Sum

This year, with several weeks of the hunting season yet to go, County Game Protector H. T. Bowmer, has turned in \$2,226.00, up to January 1st. According to all available information the largest sum ever taken in during a single previous season was \$1,700.00.

This was for the sale of hunting and trapping licenses only. It did not include fishing licenses, which are usually sold during the spring and summer. The \$1,700.00 taken in during previous seasons represented the whole of the collections for the year, while the current report is for only a part of the hunting and trapping season.

Mr. Bowmer has been game protector for about a year. He has a capable assistant in Charles Skipper, of Leland. The hunting, trapping and fishing licenses are sold through these officials and by various agencies at convenient points in the county.

Southport Man Given Air Medal

Lieutenant Richmond R. Lewis Given Decoration For Service With Air Transport Command

First Lt. Richmond R. (Teddy) Lewis, son of Mrs. Brady Lewis, of Southport, has been awarded his eighth Oak Leaf Cluster to his Air Medal by Brig. General Charles W. Lawrence, commanding general of the India-China Division of the Air Transport Command. He was awarded the Air Medal in North Africa in 1943.

Lieutenant Lewis is the only following his graduation from the Southport school he entered a school for training as an aircraft mechanic. Finishing at that he enlisted in the service before the outbreak of the war. After service as a trainee and an instructor he was sent overseas for several months and then returned to the States and assigned to the Air Transport Command.

He has been flying steadily as a pilot for about four years. On a recent visit home he expressed his intention of remaining in the service.

Good Food Supply Is Seen For 1946

Reduced Military Needs Will Help Fill Nation's Larder, Hartford Predicts

NEW YORK—The food industry must maintain its war-accelerated pace in 1946 in order to meet increased domestic demands and fill its export obligations, John A. Hartford, president of the Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company, declared here today.

"With adequate production of most foods indicated for the new year," Hartford said, "industry-wide teamwork is needed to improve the quality and freshness of agricultural products and to reduce to a minimum the waste and spoilage involved in moving these products from farm to kitchen."

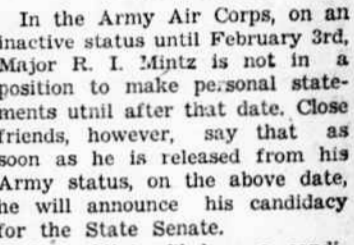
A hopeful development in recent years, he said, has been the (Continued on Page Four)

Major Mintz To Run For State Senate

Veteran Still Technically In Service Until February 3rd Of This Year

WITHDREW IN 1940 BECAUSE OF THE WAR

Southport Lawyer And Former Register Of Deeds Will Resume His Former Plans



In the Army Air Corps, on an inactive status until February 3rd, Major R. I. Mintz is not in a position to make personal statements until after that date. Close friends, however, say that as soon as he is released from his Army status, on the above date, he will announce his candidacy for the State Senate.

Major Mintz filed as a candidate for the State Senate early in 1940. This was done after he had obtained permission from the Secretary of War. At that time he was a Lieutenant in the Army Reserve. Right after he filed as a candidate his group was alerted for service and he promptly withdrew as a candidate, without being able to give his real reason for withdrawing. The fact that he was being alerted for service constituted a military secret at the time.

He is the eldest son of Mrs. H. L. Mintz and the late Mr. Mintz, of Shallotte. Graduating from the Southport high school at the time when Southport had the only high school in Brunswick, he entered State College at Raleigh, graduating from there with his B. S. degree in 1929. Following his graduating he entered the service of the Bell Telephone (Continued on page Two)

Dredging Work Now Underway

One Dredge At Work And Another To Start Up Shortly On Big Brunswick County Ship Basin

Work on the big ship lay-in basin on the Brunswick River is now in progress, with one dredge in operation and another to arrive and start work shortly. Information is to the effect that the basin is not expected to be completed for nine or ten months. Original plans, however, called for the construction work to be carried on in such a manner that ships could use the basin before it is entirely finished.

Over nine million cubic yards of earth will have to be removed by the dredging operations. The basin, when completed, will accommodate 500 of the big surplus ships. They will be serviced and kept in repair, for use in short order when the need arises.

Travelers on Routes 17 and 74 through this county will pass within two or three hundred feet of the upper end of the basin. The River Road between Southport and the Brunswick River Bridge, runs parallel with the basin for about three miles.

Tobacco Growers Getting Ready

Some Few Starting Plant Tobacco Seed Beds And Many Others Are Getting Ready

A good number of Brunswick county tobacco planters are this week making preparations to sow their plant seed beds. With the weather at all favorable, a few of them will get around to sowing their seed during this week.

This first of January crop work is nothing unusual for tobacco planters in lower coastal North Carolina and South Carolina. It is regarded by many that the sooner the plants get started the more stocky and desirable they will be. The majority of the growers wait until after the middle of January, many of them until late in February, to plant.

Using Lifeboat To Go Fishing

Southport Fisherman Acquires Interesting Piece Of Surplus Government Property

A big, late model, unsinkable, self-bailing lifeboat, the type used by the Coast Guard during storms, has been purchased by James Arnold, who brought it home from Atlantic City, N. J., this week. Captain Arnold found the boat among government surplus crates. He thought it would be very distinctive to have such a vessel for fishing off Southport.

This new type fishing craft will enable Skipper Arnold to go out on the tip of Frying Pan Shoals with a commercial crew or a sport fishing party that can leave its storm worries behind. Once in a while in seas like those produced by a hurricane, such a boat as he has will turn over, but it bobs right up again, topside up and with the inside dry. You can't get water into them as fast as it will run out.

For the winter life plans to engage in sea bass fishing out on the shoals, without regard to stormy weather. If they want to come home, all the crew will have to do will be to stick with the boat.

Nice Luck On Hunting Trip

Hunting near Southport with four of his friends from Mt. Airy, on Friday, Bill Eadons came to town and reported nice luck by the party. They shot 25 large ducks and two nice buck deer, beside smaller game. Those in the party beside Eadons were O. E. Wilson, Ed Herring and R. W. and V. E. Stanley.