gun . . . Before the war we always thought

that Madeline Carroll was one of the most

beautiful women in the world. We will have our

first post-war look at our fomer favorite Thurs-

day night when she plays in "Don't Trust Your

Several Brunswick county soprt fans saw a

part of the first annual Dixie Classic, three-day

cage extravaganza, in the colliseum in Raleigh

during the past week-end and all of them be-

lieve this will soon be recognized as an out-

standing sports attraction. This year's games drew over fifty thousand spectators in three

days . . . Rice Gwynn is among the quail hunters

The Lion's New Years dance was a success,

which leads to the prediction that there will be

more of the same kind of entertainment during

the next few months . . . Canine notes: Dark

brown should be the predominating color this

year, with long hair, mostly curley. This as a

result of all eleven of the Paul Mason retri-

ever pups being scattered about the community

as Christmas gifts . . . And that's all there is

who is having bird dog trouble this year.

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Flying Saucers

If some friend or neighbor tells you that he has seen a stronge object flying through space don't be too hasty to class him as crazy. Too many people have made too many reports lately for all of them to be without foundation in fact.

On two occasions during the past week we have received reports from reliable individuals, persons who are not given to hysteria. We have asked questions, not in an effort to discredit what they reported but trying to piece together all available information to see if there was any clue to what really is going on.

We are not ready to accept the theory that flying saucers are attempts being made by inhabitants of other planets to either wage warfare nor to make peaceful contact with the earth. And we do not believe that all of these reported objects are meteorites or other natural heavenly phenomena.

Our own guess is that we are getting occasional glimpses of advanced experiments being carried on by our government with jet-propelled guided missles; and that were it not for security measures we would be informed of what new step is being attempted in the matter of travel by air.

Francis London Lewis

Fifteen years ago when we first became associated with this newspaper one prominent citizen made it plain that he wanted no part of the State Port Pilot nor anyone who was connected with this publication. That was former Sheriff London Lewis, and he was mad because of what he had decided was unfair political advertising.

It always has been a source of satisfaction to us that within a few years Sheriff Lewis forgot all of his grievances and became not only our warm personal friend, but a regular reader and booster for the Pilot as well.

Although it was general knowledge that his health has steadily declined in recent months, news of his death on Sunday in a Wilmington hospital came as a shock. In his passing Brunswick county has lost a man who in his own way contributed much to its life and habits.

It may well be that with the passing of Sheriff Lewis there will be a complete change in the political methods employed by rival Democrats and Republicans. For years he served his beloved Republican party as its chairman, and whether his own name was on the ticket or whether he was out fighting the election battle for his friends and fellow party members, he fought to the last ditch. As long as he lived and was active there was no such thing as waging political warfare on broad principles nor shadowy generalities. To him politics was a personal thing, and for a campaign to be waged effectively meant that house to house visitation was in order; and the fight was not over until he had made a complete coverage of the county.

Maybe it is time for a change to take place in Brunswick county political activities, which long have been in a class to themselves. But if in the years to come these matters are settled in a little more orthodox manner, oldtimers will remember the good old days and the hand-tohand fighting led so effectively by London Lewis.

How Harmful Are Fags?

The tidal-wave in cigarette smoking in the United States, in a single generation, stands as one of the most remarkable mass changes of human habit in all history, declares Roger William Riis in The Reader's Digest for January. With 400 billion cigarettes consumed last year, and 800,000 non-smokers joining the smoking ranks annually, we do not begin to realize the possible end result of this new habit which has laid hold upon an these fish awaiting the taking, as entire people, Riis states.

The Digest article, one of the series of tom. "Reports to Consumers," appraises the effects, harmful and otherwise, of this homes and repairing old ones now he having been here many times "nationwide cloud of cigarette smoke" going on all over Brunswick coun-on fshing trips. This is to advise upon American health, as shown by med- ty is not in the catalogue of bad ical findings to date.

Two chemicals in cigarette smoke— Southport by way of illustration do nothing but advise him to benzo-pyrene and nicotine—are under around a half-dozen new homes are being built at the present grave suspicion, though medical science time. This work is coming in at erel season. "has so far not proved a case" against what might otherwise be a bit of them. Nicotine, in pure form, is so violent a poison that the amount contained in of the county has a great many of the county has a great many of the county has a great many uary 17, we are expected to go two cigarettes would kill a smoker quick- more carpenters and contractors with him on his tax colecting ly if injected into the bloodstream. But than there was just a few years trips. Five days will be required ly if injected into the bloodstream. But ago. Even with the increased for all of the appointments. In-in smoking, most of the nicotine escapes number of workers, it may be stead of going out on alternate into the air; only a slight percentage is hard to get anything done in the days it is planned to keep going absorbed by the mouth and lungs.

rather than a poison, it is a greater carpenters will have to be turn- like Otto Hart would rebound threat to heavy smokers than is nicotine, ing their attention to construction greatly to the general benefit of according to many physicians. Throat irsent local building program is a exactly a carpenter but during last year. ritation, the most common charge very timely one. against smoking, is blamed by doctors on incompletely burned tar products, of the coastal area of the county, task of building homes. Just now which benzo-pyrene is the chief ingre- where the soil is mostly too light completing a nice 3-room garage to five things last week, all indi- care of the Army Recreational war before the ouebreak of World

Medical opinion differs on smoke-in- Plantation, said this week:" I be- a 6-room duplex just in the rear Plantation, said this week:" I be- of McNeils Esso Station, When duced damage to the lungs. Cancer of lieve The State Port Pilot is on of McNeils Esso Station. When the lungs has shown a marked increase the right track in encouraging that home is completed he will in recent years, and some authorities attribute this higher incidence to a parallel increase in cigarette smoking. Others do Mayor Roney W. Cheers, Jr., of not. The American Cancer Society for- Shallotte, tells us that the new prison camp construction at Shalmally states that no answer can yet be lotte is proceeding well. This Roy Swain, like other builders accepted as scientifically valid.

It is generally agreed, however, that the 70 or more prisoners usually cancer of the mouth, tongue and lips, is confined there. Heretofore the "unduly prevalent among smokers." Rewooden buildings scattred about the pretty home of Mr. and Mrs.
J. J. Ramsauer on Moore street searchers in Michigan, Illinois and Penn- the camp. sylvania have come independently to the According to E. J. Prevatte, conclusion that the majority of victims local lawyer, the woods seem to of cancer of the tongue are excessive be plentiful with quail than they have been in years. Offsetting user of tobacco.

states, by suppressing stomach-wall contractions which produce the hunger sensation. Hence smoking interferes with appetite and thereby with good nutrition. ers and thereby get an invitation during 1949 than in any previous to go along. The birds should be storted four years. And 1949 was just a storted for what will be done in A gain in weight is commonly experien- well pleased with the local situa- starter for what will be done in ced by persons who have forsworn the tion. smoking habit.

Heartburn and gastritis may be caused mile one from the Shallotte Vil- game this season, Coach Johnson by excessive smoking. The article gives lage Point road to Gause Landing, of the Brunswick County Training evidence that stomach places are all lage Point road to Gause Landing, of the Brunswick County Training School is anticipating they no evidence that stomach ulcers are so ing and a lot of other people will have a fairly easy victory caused, but states that excess acidity of the stomach, produced by smoking, only two miles of the stretch only two miles on th "provides the kind of climate ulcers now, leaving the other two miles with no wins yet this year, is not is in the position of needing to like." Ulcer patients who smake have for some time in the future. For so enthusistic over their coming provide accommodations for many such short stretches of road it encounter with the Columbus of the Orton visitors, in addition more relapses than those who do not.

On the effect of tobacco on pregnancy, been more advantageous for the get underway at 7:30 o'clock. doctors have concluded that "smoking does not do pregnant women any more does not do pregnant women any more road had been let at once. Howharm, or any different harm, than it does ever, Mrs. Pigott agrees that half to describe the Orton flower pro- the Bell Telephone Company to anyone else." Mothers' milk has been a road is better than none at spects as the best ever. So far be at home, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. found to analyze 1.4 parts nicotine in ten million, among moderate smokers; 4.7 parts among heavy smokers. But no have grown so much that local or twice. The point is that every family wished to talk to them. effect on babies has been detected.

The article reports evidence that during the holidays, can hardly county plantation, gardens and bard, Jr., is stationed in Germany. The article reports evidence that recognize them. Likewise, development of the block on which Dr. While plant growing is not rechildren are there with him. By etards the growth and chest develop- and Mrs. Fergus and the children garded as an industry by some pre-arrangement all five got to ment of college-age men. Coaches are lived in Southport has progressed people, we look upon Orton as say a few words to grandpa and almost unanimous that muscular power so much that they would hardly being one of the biggest industries grandma back home recognize their old home in its in Brunswick. is lowered and that fatigue begins earlier present setting. in smokers.

Heart disease is more prevalent among Beach property owners from up smokers than non-smokers, and smoking the state are coming in to see may intensify existing heart disease, how things are and make plans for the current year. Mr. and Riis states. Smoking speeds the pulse by Mrs. R. M. Taylor of Greensboro as much as 28 beats per minute, and rais- were at their summer home there es blood pressure "markedly and quick- this week. Charles Trott and ly." As yet, however, no proof exists that beach say that the number of smoking causes heart disease or high winter visitors is surprisingly blood pressure.

Studying the life spans and smoking habits of more than 6,000 white American males, a physician at Johns Hopkins concluded that 66 per cent of non-smokers at the age of 30 will reach 60, but that only 61 percent of light smokers and a mere 46 percent of heavy smokers will double their age at 30. Other doctors disagree, holding that heavy smokers are temperamentally the kind of people who do many things to excess and thus are more likely to die early.

RALEIGH ROUNDUP

By Eula Nixon Greenwood

NOTES . . . Approximately 13,000 autos owned by the State and various cities will have "lightnin' bug" license plates during the coming year . . . They reflect lights shining on them . . . This is being done on an experimental basis, and all tags may be of the reflector type if the test works out . . . You can readily see the big help which reflector plates might be to law enforcement officers . . .

Incidentally, the patrol has orders to step down on cars on the highway without new tags . . . time was when you could run over to Uncle Jim's or Aunt Susie's with last year's plates . . . or none at all. Advice: beter not take a chance on it this time . . .

Edwin Gill returned to Raleigh and Laurinburg for the Christmas holidays .

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long as cold weather holds out he terms the disappearance of and the fish remain on the bot- channel bass from the one-time

ideas. It is the most timely work eastern coast want to kill out that could be done. Here in their channel bass fishing we can especially during the king mackway of regular building, just a daily until the job is finished. Though benzo-pyrene is an irritant few weeks from now. Before January is over, most of the local

for the regular heavy crops, Bill apartment on the railroad pro-Hyatt, horticulturist at Orton perty, he is ready to start on

construction is of brick to house

With the project only a four-

residents who received pictures year has seen this big Brunswick The son, Sgt. George Egan Hub-

Early in the year as it is, Long other year-round residents of the



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U. S. Marines and Outdoor Editor of the Washington Daily News, is rather much concerned at what favored grounds in the eastern part of the state. The Major is him that if the folks on the come to Southport for his sport,

A few more consistent builders the past two years he has been putting in the money and full Applying his remarks chiefly to days work with carpenters in the switch back to the old railroad property and build a nice home n the water front corner.

> Turning carpenters in the last three years or so, Dearmond and in the Southport area, are now sorts of construction. At present plant growing and actual growthey are building what will be near the Dr. Burdette residence.

More interested in what he was thousands of flower plants annualcatching with the big converted ly, and sees no prospects of ever mine sweeper, Brunswick, it was cutting down in production. Cigarettes retard hunger, the author tates, by suppressing stomach-wall conduring 1949 than in any previous

> His boys not having lost a does seem that it would have county girls. The girls game will to its own. Southport now needs

no slip up has been made in such Hubbard of Sou The Fergus children who moved that late cold spells have un-

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Not Exactly News

Husband".

About the time we were thinking we were getting to be fairly well known around town, we had to identify ourself to Willie McKenzie Sunday night. "Do you live here in Southport," he asked? "For almost fifteen years," we replied. "I've heard of you," he conceded, "but this is the first time I ever saw you" . . . The E-L-M Gift Shop and the Art Newton Studios will continue to get along nicely if they keep up their practice of maintaining attractive window display. Incidentally, those kid pictures in the studio show windows are among the cutest

In reviewing events of the past year we would say that Bill Styron's successful battle with a 121-lb tarpon was easily the most significant development of the season in connection with sport and recreation in this area . . . As teams settle down to play out the Brunswick county basketball league schedule there is evidence that Southport boys and Leland girls will have plenty of trouble defending the titles they won

We know of one Southport bird hunter who shot ten times, killed one quail then went to town the next day and bought himself a new

for tomato farmers in half a

A few days ago Dan Shannon,

store keeper at Orton, was tell-

road, thousands of tourists would

be a lot of jamming and traffic

snarls in Southport. Maybe so.

Our own guess is that the Orton

and Southport visitors will be

coming to see Orton and South-

port, not just whizzing through

by the shortest route between

two points. They will be of the

a hotel more than it ever did.

for this week important item was left out. This columns of The State Port Pilot. same is to be said with respect of the place is Weihnachtspost to the growing of tomato plants beizeiten aufgeben.

dozen eastern states. Bell pepper Our guess is that this month ing of such crops is just start- prising regarding the planned de- enlisted in the Royal Canadian ing up. The blueberry farm is expanding to ultimately have 200 velopment at Long Beach. Some big things are on foot but at the through the war. He has a beautipresent stage of affairs the only ful gold wrist watch, engraved acres. Orton is now at the stage thing we can say is that a huge and presented to him by the Cawhere it produces hundreds of may come from any of three specific sources, all of which are

> VENEZUELIANS STOP (Continued From Page One)

result of the building of the new Coast Guard and payment was tain Cortes does not know if he made there to the U. S. Marshall will ever return to his home land. come here. He thinks there will who boarded the craft. The re- He stated that Franco is now pair shop had requested this, re- well liked by the people, but fusing to take the matter up that Spain is econor with the agents. To a visiting newsman on the

the boat.

Mussolini fostered Spain's civil undergoing repairs or painting.

cating fine economic development Division, says that the only fish- War II, Captain Cortes became in the Southport area this year, ing she has had this year (mean- one of the best known combat As we see it, a sixth and most ing last year) was through the pilots in the Loyalist Air Forces. Fighting against the Franco was the assured expansion of the According to pictures which Miss Forces, he was shot down by the plant growing industry in this Frink sent, she is at a very pretty enemy. Parachuting from his section. Continued expansion of place. But personally we would flaming plane, he was machine plants for Long Island, N. Y., never be able to tell anyone about gunned as he came down, reearly truck crops is assured. The it if we lived there. The name ceiving numerous wounds, the scars of which he still carries,

> He survived his wounds but will reveal something really sur- Escaping, he went to England and sum will shortly be made avail- nndian air fores in recognition able for development. This money of his flying jet planes in the closing days of the war.

> His mother, the only survivor of his family, still lives in Spain. Uncertain of his own status there because of his war record with the losing faction, and his escape was stopped at Morehead by the from the war prison camp, Capotherwise ruined.

> A wealthy Venezuelian doctor boat Mate Parlser remarked that interested him in buying the P. T. there was a bigger story in Cap- boat, converting it and taking it tain Cortes than anything about to Venezuela for the passenger carrying business. They plan to The Captain, member of one of get two other similar craft and Spain's oldest and wealthiest carry on with daily round trips families before Franco's regime, from both points, keeping one of a graduate of the Spanish the boats in reserve for use when Naval Academy. When Hitler and either of the other two may be

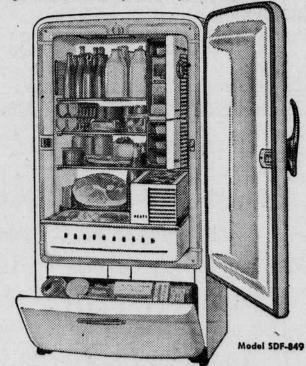
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