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Flying Saucers

If some friend or neighbor tells you that he has seen a strange object flying through space don't be too hasty to class him as crazy.

On two occasions during the past week we have received reports from reliable individuals, persons who are not given to hysteria.

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.

Our own guess is that we are getting occasional glimpses of advanced experiments being carried on by our government with jet-propelled guided missiles.

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.

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.

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.

Maybe it is time for a change to take place in Brunswick county political activities, which long have been in a class to themselves.

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.

smoking ranks annually, we do not begin to realize the possible end result of this new habit which has laid hold upon an entire people, Riis states.

The Digest article, one of the series of "Reports to Consumers," appraises the effects, harmful and otherwise, of this "nationwide cloud of cigarette smoke" upon American health.

Two chemicals in cigarette smoke—benzo-pyrene and nicotine—are under grave suspicion, though medical science "has so far not proved a case" against them.

Though benzo-pyrene is an irritant rather than a poison, it is a greater threat to heavy smokers than is nicotine, according to many physicians.

Medical opinion differs on smoke-induced damage to the lungs. Cancer of the lungs has shown a marked increase in recent years, and some authorities attribute this higher incidence to a parallel increase in cigarette smoking.

It is generally agreed, however, that cancer of the mouth, tongue and lips, is "unduly prevalent among smokers."

Cigarettes retard hunger, the author states, by suppressing stomach-wall contractions which produce the hunger sensation.

Heartburn and gastritis may be caused by excessive smoking. The article gives no evidence that stomach ulcers are so caused, but states that excess acidity of the stomach, produced by smoking,

On the effect of tobacco on pregnancy, doctors have concluded that "smoking does not do pregnant women any more harm, or any different harm, than it does anyone else."

The article reports evidence that smoking impairs athletic prowess and stards the growth and chest development of college-age men.

Heart disease is more prevalent among smokers than non-smokers, and smoking may intensify existing heart disease, Riis states.

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.

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 . . .

Roving Reporter

(Continued from page one) these fish awaiting the taking, as long as cold weather holds out and the fish remain on the bottom.

This matter of building new homes and repairing old ones now going on all over Brunswick county is not in the catalogue of bad ideas. It is the most timely work that could be done.

Applying his remarks chiefly to the coastal area of the county, where the soil is mostly too light for the regular heavy crops, Bill Hyatt, horticulturist at Orton Plantation, said this week: "I believe the State Port Pilot is on the right track in encouraging special crops such as plants, blueberries, livestock, etc."

Mayor Roney W. Cheers, Jr. of Shallotte, tells us that the new prison camp construction at Shallotte is proceeding well. This construction is of brick to house the 70 or more prisoners usually confined there.

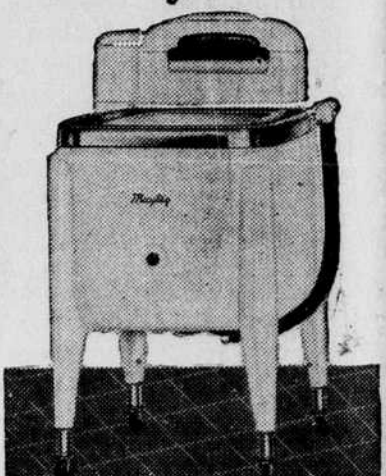
According to E. J. Prevatte, local lawyer, the woods seem to be plentiful with quail than have been in years. Offsetting this, there seems to be only a very few bird dogs worthy of the name in town.

With the project only a four-mile one from the Shallotte Village Point road to Gause Landing, Mrs. R. L. Pigott of Gause Landing and a lot of other people in that section are wondering why it was necessary to build only two miles of the stretch now, leaving the other two miles for some time in the future.

The Fergus children who moved to California three years ago have grown so much that local residents who received pictures during the holidays, can hardly recognize them.

Early in the year as it is, Long Beach property owners from up the state are coming in to see how things are and make plans for the current year.

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Major Don N. Carpenter, of the U. S. Marines and Outdoor Editor of the Washington Daily News, is rather much concerned at what he terms the disappearance of channel bass from the one-time favored grounds in the eastern part of the state.

Tex Collector Edward Redwine reminds us that beginning January 17, we are expected to go with him on his tax collecting trips. Five days will be required for all of the appointments.

A few more consistent builders like Otto Hart would rebound greatly to the general benefit of Southport folks. Mr. Hart is not exactly a carpenter but during the past two years he has been putting in the money and full days work with carpenters in the task of building homes.

Turning carpenters in the last three years or so, Dearmond and Roy Swain, like other builders in the Southport area, are now having their hands full of all sorts of construction.

More interested in what he was catching with the big converted mine sweeper, Brunswick, it was overlooked that Captain John Potter had also constructed a very attractive brick home in Southport during the past fall.

His boys not having lost a game this season, Coach Johnson of the Brunswick County Training School is anticipating they will have a fairly easy victory here Thursday night when the Mt. Olive school at Whiteville comes a-visiting.

Every year for a dozen years an annual spring ritual has been to describe the Orton flower prospects as the best ever. So far no slip up has been made in such predictions, except for the fact that late cold spells have unexpectedly damaged things once or twice.

Editorially this paper pointed

Not Exactly News

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" . . .

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 . . .

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 gun . . .

Our guess is that this month will reveal something really surprising regarding the planned development at Long Beach. Some big things are on foot but at the present stage of affairs the only thing we can say is that a huge sum will shortly be made available for development.

A few days ago Dan Shannon, store keeper at Orton, was telling us that when Southport got the rush of Orton visitors as a result of the building of the new road, thousands of tourists would come here.

Having had a day or two of advance notice and a request from the Bell Telephone Company to be at home, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Hubbard of Southport were not surprised when he answered the phone on New Years Eve and his family wished to talk to them.

Miss Marion Frink, writing us from some place in Germany,

Several Brunswick county sport fans saw a part of the first annual Dixie Classic, three-day cage extravaganza, in the coliseum in Raleigh during the past week-end and all of them believe this will soon be recognized as an outstanding sports attraction.

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 . . .

He survived his wounds but was held prisoner for two years. Escaping, he went to England and enlisted in the Royal Canadian air force, fighting with them through the war.

He stated that Franco is now well liked by the people, but that Spain is economically and otherwise ruined.

A wealthy Venezuelan doctor interested him in buying the P. T. boat, converting it and taking it to Venezuela for the passenger carrying business.

The Captain, member of one of Spain's oldest and wealthiest families before Franco's regime, is a graduate of the Spanish Naval Academy.

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