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Oil Storage Is Major Problem For This Area

With Use Of Full Facilities At Sunny Point Will Come Need For Storage Tanks Sufficient To Fuel Ships Here

PRIVATE COMPANY MAY BE INTERESTED

This Is Another Phase Of Development That May Have Important Peace-Time Potential

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It may be regarded as a separate installation. Or it may be looked on as something to be created by private enterprise. Whichever it is, it seems definite that the Sunny Point ammunition depot plans are leading to huge fuel oil storing facilities in the immediate Southport area. It has been said that the installations will be on or very near deep water. This means the area between Orton Plantation and the sea, all of which area is to be formed of basin and channel 35-foot deep in the Sunny Point depot plans.

Several high-up officials of various oil companies have been looking around or making inquiries during recent weeks and months. They have little to say, but one such visitor was recently asked if the oil installations would be built by the government or by private industry. His reply was inconclusive, indicating that the matter of construction and ownership has not been decided upon. He said: "It looks like we may build them."

This information is taken to mean that the fueling facilities may be outside and separate from the Sunny Point project. There is a pretty good chance that an oil company, or several different companies are considering storing and fueling facilities to serve in relation to the government facility.

The need of the oiling facilities is obvious even to the uninformed. Information that has been released indicated that the Sunny Point docking facilities will take care of the loading of 9 big cargo or Navy vessels at a time. A basin that is to be dredged through a Rivers and Harbors project will allow for the mooring of a huge number of additional ships, awaiting cargoes of some sort and in war time forming there for convoy. Fuel and water facilities for these ships will be an absolute necessity.

A guarded inquiry as to the extent of the oil facilities has been met with the equally guarded reply of, "Bigger than you can think."

This information, taken for what it was worth, leads to the (Continued on page four)

Brief News Flashes

POSTAGE GOES UP
If you have a supply of one cent post cards on hand, it will be a good idea to mail them out before Tuesday, January 1. Beginning on that date the new card postal rate of 2 cents goes into effect.

STUDENTS HOME
Among the college boys and girls at home for the Christmas holidays are: Iris Rabon and Sue Williamson, E. C. C.; Catherine and Rebecca McRacken, Meredith; Billy Sanders and Charles Blake, Georgia Military Academy; Frank Plaxco, Harvard; Linda Hickman, business college, Newberry, S. C.; G. Chester Jones, Mars Hill; Herbert Swain, State College; G. W. Fisher, Campbell College.

World's Greatest Story

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flocks by night.

And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

And this shall be a sign unto you: Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.—St. Luke, 2:8-14.

there is a santa claus

editor of the New York Sun: "I am 8 years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says, 'If you see it in The Sun it's so.' Please tell me the truth—is there a Santa Claus?" The editor wrote a newspaper and literary classic in reply to this childish plea. It is reprinted here.)

"Yes, indeed:

"Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age—they do not believe except what they see—they think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds.

"All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little.

"In this great universe of ours, man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of the truth and knowledge.

"Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus!

"He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! How dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

"Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies.

"You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus—the most real things in the world are those neither children nor men can see.

"Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there—nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders that are unseen and unseeable in the world.

"You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, or even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could ear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside the curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond.

"Is it all real?—ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

"No Santa Claus! Thank God!—he lives, and he lives forever—a thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood!"

Choir Presents Christmas Music

"The Child Of Bethlehem" Presented Sunday Night By Choir Of Southport Baptist Church

One of the most impressive programs of the Christmas season was the presentation Sunday evening of "The Child of Bethlehem" by the choir of Southport Baptist church.

The program follows: "The Christmas Bells" by the choir; "On Thee We Wait," a solo by E. J. Prevatt; "The Holy Night," Women's Chorus; "There Were Shepherds," Men's Chorus and choir; "The Glory Song," a soprano and alto duet by Misses Gloria Hewett and Dolores Hewett; "Even Unto (Continued on page four)

Shalotte Home Hit By Death

Infant Son Of Mr. And Mrs. Baily Russ Died Wednesday In Baby's Hospital In Wilmington

The holidays brought sadness to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bailey Russ of Shalotte, when their two-year old son, Luther Bailey Russ, died Wednesday in the Babies Hospital at Wrightsville Sound after being ill for only a short time.

Funeral services were held at the residence in Shalotte Friday at 2 o'clock. Rev. L. J. Bridges, pastor of the Shalotte Methodist Church, officiated. Burial followed in the Brooks cemetery. Active pallbearers were Woodrow Russ, Pearl Russell, Eric Wil-

Lyman Expected To Arrive Here For Operations

Big U. S. Government Hopper Dredge Will Be Engaged In Deepening Bar To 35-Foot Depth

SOUTHPORT MEN COMPRISE CREW

Skipper Is Southport Man Who Had This Ship Under His Command While Serving In Pacific Theatre

The U. S. Engineers huge hopper dredge, Lyman, will leave Buzzard Bay, Mass., for Southport on December 28. With ordinary good weather, she will arrive at noon Monday, December 31. Following the New Year holiday and the taking on of supplies the vessel will begin work on the Cape Fear bar, off Fort Caswell, deepening the bar to 35 feet.

Information is that the vessel will only be able to work at this 35-foot deepening for two months before going to Morehead City to clean out the shoals in that harbor. She will probably then return here to continue 35-foot deepening.

The Lyman has a crew made up largely of Brunswick county men, the largest number being from Southport, with Lockwood Folly and Shalotte townships also largely represented. John Swan of Southport is captain of the vessel and handled it in Pacific waters during the war. As Captain Swan is to start back with the vessel Friday of this week he will be unable to spend Christmas here with his family. Only three of the Southport men on the vessel were able to come home for Christmas and to await the arrival of the vessel here. These were Julian Sutherland, Walter Nichols and Reese Swan.

Schedule For Holiday Plans

County Offices, City Offices, Schools, Banks And Post-Offices Observe Holiday Schedule

Schools of Brunswick county closed at noon last Friday and will reopen Monday, December 31, giving teachers and students a one-week holiday.

All county employees excepting law enforcement officers who are supposed to be on duty at all times, are getting a 3-day holiday. (Continued on page 4)



MERRY CHRISTMAS

May all the joys of Christmas time gladden the hearths and hearts of our good friends and patrons—the gifts may be forgotten, it is our hope that the spirit of our good wishes will linger with you, forever . . .

Waccamaw Pays Fourth Dividend To Stockholders

Distribution Of December Dividend Raises Total For This Year To \$42,000 For Stockholders

Prince O'Brien, Southport and J. E. Cooke, Shalotte, cashiers of the Waccamaw Bank and Trust Company, announced today that checks aggregating \$12,000, covering the fourth-regular quarterly dividend this year, are being mailed out to stockholders of the institution.

The dividend was payable on or before December 15 to stockholders of record as of December 10. (Continued on page four)

Hospital Building Fund Adds \$500

Deputy Receives Christmas Bonus

Opening his mail Sunday morning, Deputy Sheriff H. G. Radcliff found an envelope with the return address of his former employers, the M. M. Smith Furniture Company of Fayetteville.

Inside was a regular printed Christmas card with a few words of appreciation of the fine service that Mr. Radcliff rendered the company as an employee. Attached to the card was considerable emphasis to the wording in the form of a brand new \$100 bill.

His home here in Southport, Mr. Radcliff was employed by the furniture company for about 3 years. He resigned his position there at the urging of Sheriff E. V. Leonard who was in need of a good man, capable of doing the office work, after Chief Deputy Alex Williams resigned to accept a much higher paying job as engineer on a dredge.

Delay In Return Of Pat O'Quinn

Red Tape Involved In Extradition Proceedings Postpones Trip Of Sheriff Leonard For Prisoner

It is still indefinite just when Pat O'Quinn will be returned to the Brunswick jail from which he escaped about six weeks ago. Recaptured in Cuba, he was returned to Miami, Fla., by the F. B. I. and is being held there to await the arrival of Brunswick officers to return him here. (Continued on page four)

Gift From James P. Furlless Of Carolina Rim And Wheel Co. In Raleigh Gives Big Boost To Drive

CAMPAIGN KEEPS MOVING FORWARD

Chairman Prince O'Brien Urges That Donations Be Sent In To Keep Weekly Record Up To \$500.00

The biggest boost to the Building Fund for the Doshier Memorial Hospital came this week from a home town boy who went to Raleigh to make good as head of the Carolina Rim and Wheel Company.

This was in the form of a check for \$250 from James P. Furlless, who previously had contributed \$25 to the fund. This donation made it possible for the fund to add another \$500 since the last issue of The Pilot to keep the movement in progress despite the distracting influence of the Christmas rush.

Already the committee in charge of this fund raising campaign is working towards next week's goal of at least \$500. A program presented on Thursday night by the students of the Tap-Pat School of Dance netted \$100, which has not been deposited; and the Woman's Club has a project underway which promises to net at least that much.

"We may have a hard time meeting our goal of at least \$500 per week during the holiday season," stated Prince O'Brien, chairman of the board of trustees, Monday morning. "Therefore, it is more important than ever that persons wishing to make a donation send in their contribution before next week in order that we do not permit the campaign to slow down." (Continued on page six)

Tax Listing To Begin In January 2nd In County

Persons Who Will Carry On This Work Met Here Last Week With Tax Supervisor And County Agent

FARM CENSUS WILL BE TAKEN THEN

County Agent Knowles Appeared Before Listers To Stress Importance Of This Information

The staff of list takers who will have charge of listing property for taxes during the month of January met here last week with Tax Supervisor W. P. Jorgensen for detailed instruction on their duties. Also attending the meeting was County Agent A. S. Knowles, who instructed them as to their responsibilities for taking the farm census for 1951.

The work of listing taxes will begin on January 2 and will extend through January 31.

The list takers are: Northeast, A. H. Ganey; Town Creek, E. O. Rabon; Smithville, Mrs. Christine Frink; Lockwoods Folly, Bedford Ludlum; Shalotte, R. O. Lewis; Waccamaw, R. S. Milliken.

The importance of accurate farm census information was cited by County Agent A. S. Knowles. (Continued on page 4)

Dancing School Puts On Show

"The Journey Of The Christmas Toys" Presented By Children Of Tap-Pat School Of Dance For Hospital Benefit

One of the most enjoyable events of the holiday season was the presentation on Thursday night in the high school auditorium of "The Journey of the Christmas Toys" in the youngsters in the Tap-Pat School of Dance. Not only was the program well planned and skillfully produced, but the children went about their business of play-acting with poise and with an unbelievable natural air.

This performance was another in a series of benefits for the hospital building fund, and came about at the suggestion of the children themselves, who wanted to do something to help.

Characters in order of appearance:

Baby Dolls, Donna Burr, Mary Pat Burdette, Barbara Maxwell, Nancy Sanders and Dianne Warth; Rag Doll, Patty Jenkins; Mama Doll, Julia Ashburn. Toy Soldiers, Donald Brown, Eddie Howard, Fred Burdette and (Continued on page five)

Tide Table

Following is the tide table for Southport during the next week. These hours are approximately correct and were furnished The State Port Pilot through the courtesy of the Cape Fear Pilot's Association.

High Tide	Low Tide
Thursday, December 27	
6:43 a. m.	0:16 a. m.
6:53 p. m.	1:10 p. m.
Friday, December 28	
7:40 a. m.	1:11 a. m.
7:53 p. m.	2:02 p. m.
Saturday, December 29	
8:36 a. m.	2:05 a. m.
8:51 p. m.	2:54 p. m.
Sunday, December 30	
9:31 a. m.	2:59 a. m.
9:48 p. m.	3:45 p. m.
Monday, December 31	
10:25 a. m.	3:53 a. m.
10:46 p. m.	4:36 p. m.

Hospital Building Fund Now Totals \$7,018.05