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DOWN EAST WITH BILLY ARTHUR

ran into John B. Hill, insurance salesman in Raleigh, last week, and he was very anxious to send his regards to all the folks he used to hunt with down in Onslow, and to Mrs. Estelle Summersall.

Making time, that's what I'm doing. The cashier in the coffee shop invited me to sit with her behind the cash register the other morning, but the only reason for that was that Roland Mumford's joined the Navy and is no longer manager of the hotel.

Senator Curly Sanders avows he is not sent up to Raleigh to get anything done; that he's sent up to see that nothing happens.

Rep. Thomas Turner of Guilford endeavored to make an issue of his amendment that would exempt restaurant meals from the sales tax.

In finance committee meeting, he declared that "this amendment's defeat will give an issue to a candidate who is not in this room." While he spoke, he looked directly at Sen. R. Gregg Cherry of Gaston, who will be a senatorial candidate in 1944.

"How much the amendment will cost the State," Sen. Hugh Horton asked.

"About a million dollars a year," Turner replied.

"Well, that state might be justified in paying away about \$100,000 to keep a candidate from running for governor, but I don't think it's worth a million dollars."

Rep. L. L. Burgin declared that removal of the sales tax had been in the democratic platform for years, and that he thought the committee should adopt Turner's amendment to uphold the integrity of the party.

Then came the loudest laugh, which went to Rep. A. I. Ferree, of Randolph, who said:

"I have always wanted to do something for the Democratic party, and this is the first chance I ever had. I'm going to vote for your amendment," he told Turner.

President Roosevelt's recent increase in hours of the work week, which, it was said, will lower the standard of living, won't affect me. I just bring the other folks down to my level of living, thank goodness.

Last week I offered three bills at one time in the House, and after the reading clerk had finished reading all about them, House Speaker John Kerr remarked: "Jacksonville's going places."

In tense sessions of committees and the House a little levity serves a good purpose. For instance, the other afternoon the joint finance committee was all embroiled over taxes and amendments to be permanent revenue act when Chairman Tom O'Berry read an amendment that was sent up by one of the members.

Accompanied by four little yellow tickets, the amendment read: "Amend the rules of the ABC board to reinstate the attached coupons, numbers 7-8-13-14, so that they shall be subject to use from February 8, 1943, to March 1, 1943."

The members enjoyed a good laugh that broke the tenseness, and from then on put in an hour's good work.

A lot of times one thinks of something, but is just not spurred to action, or merely puts off saying something until a later date.

Sam Blount and I ran into June Rose, Greenville, State defense council leader and former American Legion commander, in the hotel coffee shop the other morning, and June got to telling Sam about Camp Lejeune and Jacksonville.

"I know all about them," Sam replied. "I've been down there numbers of times."

"But," June continued, "I want you to know that that Marine base is going to be the show place of North Carolina, of the South."

I had thought that all along, but never got around to barking about it.

"And," June went on, "the people of Jacksonville have an opportunity now to build a grand town, beautiful town, that will blend with the Marine base. Jacksonville should start now—now, I say—looking 25 years ahead. They should start now planting trees, paving streets and sidewalks, growing grass, laying out their town, districting it, eliminating all unsightly places."

"Jacksonville has a chance of being a beautiful town and a good town near a beautiful place, or it can be an unsightly place near a beautiful site. And that would be tragic. Jacksonville has much to gain and to lose by its very attitude now."

To that I heartily subscribe.

Kirby Thompson was all set to give Albert Ellis a sound thrashing (See DOWN EAST, Page 2)

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Ration Information

This is the only consumer declaration any person in Onslow County will receive for the points rationing program soon to go into effect. Registration will begin February 22. You are to clip the form printed below, fill it in according to the directions on it, and take it to the place of registration, which will be announced by the Onslow ration board. Follow directions carefully.

Form Approved. Budget Bureau No. 58-1126-47. OPA Form No. R-1981. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. OFFICE OF PRICE ADMINISTRATION. CONSUMER DECLARATION Processed Foods and Coffee. I HEREBY CERTIFY that I am authorized to apply for and receive a War Ration Book Two for each person listed below who is a member of my family unit, or the other person or persons for whom I am acting as agent...

Pennsylvania Marine Relates Experiences On Guadalcanal

San Francisco, Calif.—Private First Class Frank Sukernick, U. S. M. C., 26, of Philadelphia, Penn., had many a thrill in the Solomons but none greater than on one Sunday afternoon when a two-engine Jap bomber came over for reconnaissance. It was up about 1,000 to 2,000 feet when he got him with anti-aircraft fire, he says. "When it started coming down, I thought it was heading straight for my foxhole. Some of the officers were nearby. 'A lucky gust of wind threw it off, and it crashed in flames just about 75 yards from us.' Private First Class Sukernick recounts the incident that made him a casualty. 'The Japs had been pounding us all night with mortars and machine guns. We had work they were coming, and we were ready. But greatly outnumbered, we had to establish a new line. 'They broke through it in one place, so we reformed and that's when I got hit. But we got a lot of Japs. 'Two Navy corpsmen picked me up. They were little guys, but they had lots of guts, and they carried me two miles to a field hospital. The Japs, Private First Class Sukernick said, performed almost unbelievable feats in their desperate effort to hold Guadalcanal. 'They even managed to get one eight-inch gun, piece by piece, through the jungle,' he says. 'Our planes finally destroyed the gun.' 'Washing-machine Charlie' was the Jap whose plane would glide silently down upon the field at night and strafe the Marines. Private First Class Sukernick, the son of Conrad Sukernick, of Philadelphia, enlisted September, 1940. A tire inspector for seven years before, he was a radio operator with an infantry unit in the Solomons.

All To Get Same Meal Ration In The Latest Plan

WASHINGTON — Babies, children, and adults all will get the same meat allowance when the rationing plan goes into operation, now expected about March 28. Officials of the Office of Price Administration said that they had failed to find any sensible or workable plan of graduating meat rations according to age, and are making final plans on the basis of everyone getting the same amount. This will, in effect, give an extra allotment of meat to parents of babies. OPA wanted to avoid that, but the only alternative was not to allow any meat at all for very small children. Since teething babies consume at least a small amount of meat, especially bacon, the rejected plan would have forced parents to divide their meager ration with small children. The mechanics of coupon rationing did not seem to permit any sliding scale. March 28 is the date for OPA is shooting at in its planning on meat. Delaying the program possibly beyond March 28 are a thousand details, especially evaluation of meats in terms of points. As in the case of canned goods, which will be rationed with the same coupon book, meat rations will be so many points per month, or week, the points will be scaled so that the average ration will be perhaps a little under two pounds a week, but more if consumers buy hamburger or liver and less if they buy steaks. Jacksonvillians At Bomb Reconnaissance School In Kinston Four members of the Jacksonville civilian defense corps attended a bomb reconnaissance school at Kinston last week. They were E. J. Hollamen, P. H. Squires, W. B. Hurst and C. G. Carlshead.

Recapping Certificates Will Not Be Required After March 1st

On or about March 1 auto owners will not be required to go to local rationing boards for permits for recapping tires. State OPA headquarters announced here today. Until that time, however, auto owners must have recapping certificates. The actual date of the change will be announced soon. OPA pointed out that—now and even after the change becomes effective—no recap tire or tires may be obtained except upon presentation of reports by official tire inspectors showing necessity for such recaps. At present, this report must be taken to the local rationing board to accompany the request for a purchase certificate. When the change becomes effective, the report merely will have to be presented to a recap dealer.

Nine REA Engineers Shown Camp Lejeune, All Latin-Americans

BY CORP. E. J. REILLY, USMC. "Marines certainly must be rugged," was the unanimous verdict of nine South American engineers who were guests of the United States Marines on a tour of vast Camp Lejeune.

The nine engineers are in the United States to study the rural electrification methods employed here, and return to their respective countries and install the methods observed. They were particularly impressed in the Jones-Onslow Rural Electrification Authority which supplies the electric power for the Marine Base, and a number of the communities in the section. Their visit was under the aegis of the REA, Rural Electrification Authority, of the United States Department of Agriculture, and through a fund provided by Nelson Rockefeller for the purpose of solidifying Pan-American relations. Nick U. Martinez, REA representative from St. Louis, Mo., was in charge of the group. The other men in the party included Jorge Aris, Guatemala; Alfredo Gebin, Peru; Manuel Dapelo, Peru; Mario Gil, Uruguay; Roberto Ladd, Mexico; Jose Ordonez, Ecuador; Jose Rivas, Panama; Jose Vilela, Brazil. All the men are graduate electrical engineers and several are contemplating the study of advanced courses of engineering at United States universities.

Most thrilling demonstration was the show the paratroopers put on at the parachute towers. They went through the work of jumping from the tower, pulling the rip-cord 60 feet from the ground to the "Oohs" and "Ahs" of the visitors. Not only were the visitors given this "inside show," but a parachute was rigged up with a seat for two men and straps to hold them secure while they rode to the top of the tower and assimilated a "parachute jump" without the danger of having to break an ankle or sprain a leg.

During these demonstrations and the trip around the base which followed, Mr. Martinez acted as interpreter since few of the men understood English well enough to follow the conversation fluently. After the paratroopers, the visitors were taken over to Tent City to see a regimental review put on by the 23rd Marines. It was noted that each of the South Americans removed his hat and stood at attention when the band played the Star Spangled Banner.

The tour then passed the Tank Park and out around Verona to the Rifle Range. Along the route the men noted the electric wires strung and the power service rendered along the way.

At Courthouse Bay, the engineers viewed the obstacle course and were amazed at the difficult obstacles that the Marines had to conquer with full pack and rifle. A short trip over to the mock-up area, where Marines practice boarding transports, an amphibious tank was seen in action, both on land and in the water.

The visitors got quite a kick out of trying to translate some of the picturesque Marine lingo into their native tongue, the translations were priceless. "Tengamos un buen tiempo, y nos gustamos mucho a los Marines"—which in English means that everything they saw looked good to them.

American farmers in 1942 produced 20 per cent more food than in 1939, but 13 per cent of it went to the United States armed forces and to our allies.

Two Of The Three Jones Boys Enter Service Of Nation

Two of the Jones' boys made it. All three sons of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Jones were scheduled to go to Fort Bragg recently for induction in the Army. They were Timmons and the twins, Talbert and Thompson.

General Assembly Facing One Of Its Busiest Weeks

This probably will be the busiest week of the legislative session, and maybe the most important. It will be the time for decisions on the proposed nine-month school, increase in pay for teachers and other State employees, whether there will be a prohibition referendum, and whether to extend war powers to the Governor. Innumerable local bills also must be acted upon.

The joint spending committees of the Assembly, which have completed public hearings and are awaiting a report from their subcommittee, must decide whether to recommend the expenditure of about \$14,000,000 for the raises and the extended, optional school term. The findings of that joint group will be placed before the legislature for floor debate, which some members have indicated will be extensive.

Already reported out is the tax bill, estimated to raise at least \$104,000,000 for the next biennium. But passage of the spending measure, including the raise and nine-month provisions, will throw the money bills out of line and the State possibly will have to dip into the surplus, which authorities say might be as much as \$18,000,000 by the end of this fiscal year—exclusive of the \$20,000,000 set aside for post-war use.

The Price bill to order a referendum next November on whether the State is to return to the bone-dry laws of a decade ago will be up for another public hearing tomorrow or Wednesday. "Drys" had their day last week, when about 200 of them appeared before the House committee on propositions and grievances, presided over by Rep. S. C. Crawley of Durham. But whether the "wets" will present much speech-making is problematical. They have not in past years.

The war powers bill, asked in Governor Broughton's biennial message to the Assembly, is merely a request that he, with approval of the Council of State, be authorized to control the various agencies of society if such acts are dictated by the public welfare and safety. He would be instructed to work in close harmony and cooperation with the armed forces and civilian defense authorities. His emergency powers would cease automatically six months after the war or upon withdrawal by the Assembly.

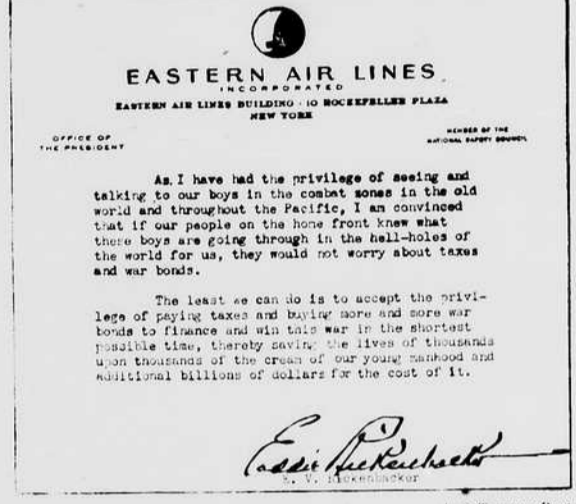
Those matters seem to be in the fore in legislators' minds. There are, of course, such questions as "wine control," a \$15,000,000 highway allocation for postwar use, a unified board of control for the State's mental institutions, and ways of putting the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad on an even financial basis.

Fire Does Damage In Overbrook Sunday Afternoon

Fire did considerable damage at 216 Overbrook Sunday afternoon about 5 o'clock but Jacksonville firemen prevented the blaze from spreading to adjoining dwellings. Starting from a log rolling from an open hearth, the fire had gained considerable headway when it was discovered and by the time firemen arrived. If it had broken through the roof, it was said, the strong wind surely would have carried it to adjacent houses. Residents were not at home when the fire was discovered.

American Red Cross Drive Here Is Planned

A MESSAGE FROM EDDIE RICKENBACKER



A Tribute

BY CARL GOERCH, Publisher of The State.

Permit me to say at the outset that Billy Arthur knows nothing about this article. I have sent it down to his office and have requested the acting editor to publish it without making any mention of it to Billy. I thought you people of Onslow might like to know something about what kind of record Billy is making up here in the General Assembly. That can be answered very quickly: he is making a fine record and is proving to be one of the most popular members of the legislature. Everybody likes him. He has sense enough to keep his mouth shut and he speaks only when he feels that it is necessary for him to make a statement in connection with some particular piece of legislation. And that is seldom. All of which means that when he does say something, he is given respectful attention.

In this week's issue of The State I am publishing an editorial concerning him. My reason for doing this is two-fold. First, I know he deserves it. Second, I have been fond of Billy for many years and admire him for his ability, for his alertness, for his geniality and for his sincerity. Here is the editorial: OUR HAT'S OFF TO HIM. To our way of thinking, Billy Arthur, of Jacksonville, N. C., is one of the most deserving young men that we have in North Carolina.

In case you don't know Billy, we'll tell you at the outset that he has the physical disadvantage of being only about three feet tall. Naturally, that fact makes an impression when you first see him, but it is surprising how quickly you forget all about it. Billy wanted a good education. He went to the University of North Carolina and got it. He had a hankering to get into the newspaper business, so he went down to New Bern and did an excellent job as city editor for Nat Gooding. Three or four years ago he decided to try it on his own, so he went to Jacksonville, down in Onslow County, and started a newspaper all by himself.

He made good; not only as a newspaperman, but as a citizen. So far as he is concerned, Onslow County is the greatest section of North Carolina. He has been zealously active in promoting its welfare and its interests. He has made himself popular with the entire citizenship of the county. So much do the people down there think of him that they elected him to represent them in the legislature during this session. They have had no occasion thus far to regret their decision, and we are confident that they won't.

Many people, who suffer some physical handicap, allow it to act as a deterrent to their activities. Others, like the famous Steinmetz, pay no attention to it. Billy Arthur belongs in this latter class. He amply merits the respect and esteem in which he is held by all who know him.

630 Farm Youths In County Mobilized For Victory Projects

As a result of a recent drive to mobilize Onslow farm youth, 359 boys and 275 girls were registered, according to Miss Laura Beatty, county club agent. Of this grand total of 630 youths, 505 are 4-H club members. The plans for this organization for 1943 call for classes in and intensive study of nutrition, health and household management, garden and canning projects, and increased production of pigs, chickens, and calves, said Miss Beatty. The group elected 72 men and women from their respective communities to help them organize and carry out their proposed projects. Theirs will be an all-out contribution to the nation in feeding the people at home and the forces abroad and hastening victory for the United Nations. After training at Parris Island, S. C., Privates First Class Amiraull and Morris went to the New River, N. C. base and ran into Major Hanley. He helped them join an amphibious tractor outfit, with which they landed on Guadalcanal. They were under fire 121 days.

Marine Dined With Native King On Guadalcanal

U. S. Naval Hospital, San Diego, California, Feb. 16.—Staff Sergeant Raymond J. Knight, U. S. M. C., 26, of Jacksonville Beach, Florida, had Christmas dinner with a native king on Guadalcanal while native girls fanned the food and guests with huge palm leaves.

Recovering here from serapnel wounds in his left thigh, he said, the royal menu included barbecue pig, chicken, breadfruit and vegetables served on a mat spread on the ground.

Staff Sergeant Knight was a member of an engineering detail that built bridges, repaired airport runways and blew up Jap emplacements.

"On one occasion," the Florida Marine said, "eight Marines went out to get a Jap machine gun nest. When two hidden guns opened up, a withdrawal was ordered until reinforcements could be brought up. During the reverse movement, a Marine found that he was too close to the Jap machine gun to leave his foxhole. He wouldn't move, but he also made it impossible for any Japs to change positions. Six hours later the extra men cleared out all three nests."

A humorous sidelight occurred one night when a Marine, hearing rustling in the bushes, thought it was his buddy and whispered, "Chutey, Chutey?" Captain Walter R. Lytz, U. S. M. C., of Mobile, Alabama, who was the noise maker, knew from the direction of the sound that the speaker was a Marine but was puzzled at the baby talk. He replied in a strong voice: "Don't shooty, this is Captain Lytz."

Staff Sergeant Knight's wife, Ada S. Knight lives in Jacksonville Beach. Pvt. 1st Class Pambrum U. S. Marine Corps.

Major Pat Hanley And Boston Marines Swap Experiences

Somewhere In The South Pacific, Jan. 27—(Delayed)—Four ex-Boston University men, now Marines, ran into each other here recently and forgetting the war for a couple of hours, chewed the fat about football and the old alma mater.

They were Major LeRoy "Pat" Hanley, of 56 Washington Street, Newton, Massachusetts, Boston University football coach until his return to active service with the Marines in January, 1942; Privates First Class George Morris, ex-Scarlett and White tackle and Al Amirsult, 22, former Terrier end, who played for Major Hanley for two years, and this Marine combat correspondent, who formerly described the up-and-down fortunes of the Boston eleven for a Boston newspaper.

Private First Class Amiraull's home address is, 17 Bartlett Street, North Weymouth, Massachusetts, and Private First Class Morris, 32 Williams Avenue, New Hyde, Massachusetts.

Inevitably the conversation swung back to the war, particularly the situation in the jungles at Guadalcanal. Major Hanley had been up on the front lines for months; Privates First Class Morris and Amiraull had landed with the first wave and were under fire more than four months.

"This war, said Major Hanley, "is like football in, of course, a more sinister aspect. The breaks count, sure. But most important are the kids, the training, the organization, the leadership, the strategy. That's why we're licking the Japs."

Major Hanley was reluctant to talk about his experiences. He served as a line officer with a unit known as the "Butcher Battalion" because of its bloody engagements. He said his own closest call was a stray bullet that whistled by his thinning hair.

He was anxious as to the whereabouts of his younger brother, First Lieutenant Leland Hanley, 2008 McDaniel Avenue, Evanston, Ill., a Marine flier. His older brother, Dick, one-time Northwestern University football coach, is also a Marine major, acting as a physical conditioner.

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Promoted to Sergeant. Hiram H. Leonard, well-known in Jacksonville, has been promoted to Sergeant in the U. S. Army. He is now stationed at Leesburg Service Center, Florida.