

DOWN EAST
WITH
BILLY ARTHUR

Raleigh—Thursday was a big day here, my birthday. The House of Representatives and the Senate met in joint session, there was a parade, folks were making pictures, bands played, lots of people were in town, and the streets were bedecked with bunting. But, Lester Rose, an enterprising chamber of commerce secretary, decided he'd make some-thing of it and tied in some sort of an occasion with my celebration with the result that a man named Cherry stole the show. I didn't even get a look-in, and from now on I'm not going to tell a chamber of commerce secretary anything.

Commissioner of Agriculture W. Kerr Scott disclosed the other night that he once had experience with Onslow County's celebrated sulphur water. "Back in 1922," he related, "I sold a carload of cows to Frederick W. Hargett, and went down to Jacksonville to see about it. I got a look-in at the hotel there, and made out all right with one exception—the water. I just couldn't drink the water that came out of the overflow, and I was there four days. Do you know how I made out? I'll tell you. Watermelons were in season about that time, and I ate a watermelon every time I wanted some water."

Old timers around Raleigh still inquire about Horace Grant, who was up here in 1923. "Cousin" Wayland Spruill was talking the other day about the State having had a write-up about the late Dr. Cyrus Thompson of Onslow County, and recalled a story which he said Dr. Hubert Royster of Raleigh once related of a meeting in which Dr. Thompson made an address.

According to "Cousin" Wayland, who was repeating the story, Dr. Thompson was assigned some learning subject to discuss at a medical meeting, and did a splendid job of it. But not to the liking of a member who hailed from one of the larger towns and who was jealous of his knowledge of the same subject. So, he arose in protest: "Dr. Thompson is a wonderful practitioner," he began. "In his realm, he does marvelous works, but he works among the country people, the people in the sticks, and hasn't had the experience with the subject that he professed to have had. Now, if he had been assigned a subject such as horses and pigs and cattle, he could have spoken from first hand experience."

About that time, Dr. Thompson is said to have asked the speaker to yield, which he did. And, the Onslowan said: "My critic is correct, had I been assigned some topic to do with horses, pigs and cattle, I could have spoken with first hand experience. However, in all my life I've never carried a jackass, but I'm going to do it now." With that, according to the story, Dr. Thompson lashed into his critic with his voluminous vocabulary and gave the jackass a currying, so to speak, that made everyone in the audience cringe and the critic wish he had never gotten to his feet in the first place.

They were telling a story in the lobby of the Sir Walter hotel the other night about how politicians try to get close to the people, particularly around campaigning time. They don't want the people to think they are big dogs. This one campaigner, so the story went, was trying to emphasize that he was a man of the soil, a man who had come up the hard way. "I was raised on a farm," he told his listeners. "I even grew up between two rows of corn."

"Hugh," interrupted a heckler, "a pumpkin!" Lt. Gov. Reg Harris, who retired from office this week, said a retiring lieutenant governor has a unique feeling—different from anything else. "I feel just as useless as a last year's almanac," he said.

Rep. Ed Tonissen watched me fire up my pipe the other night, and blurted out: "You're burning soft coal now, are you?" As the inaugural parade near the place I was standing the other day, I kept telling the fellows I was to wait for the Women's Reserve band from Camp Lejeune if they wanted to hear something good. But the band never showed up. It seems their bus broke down and they didn't get in until late. However, they took up a place near the entrance to the Raleigh auditorium and practically every person had to pass right by them to get in.

So, when the parade started back, I told the gang again to wait 'til they heard "my band." But when the gals passed the place where I was, they didn't play a single lick. And the fellows ribbed me again. Anyhow, they were snappy in appearance and drew a bigger and even silent than did the other bands when they were playing.

Col. Adam Potts, who has made a definite contribution to this section of the state in his official duties, and extra-curricular activities, so to speak, while commanding officer at Camp Davis, fired a parting shot Monday toward a (Continued on Page Six)

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Onslowans Serving In Armed Forces



LEE THOMAS MOBLEY.



JAMES W. JONES.

Lee Thomas Mobley, seaman first class, of Beulaville, is stationed with the Navy in the South Pacific. Seaman Mobley, son of Mrs. Mary Mobley of Beulaville, has been in service since January 30, at which time he was engaged in farming.

Tokyo Insisting Yanks Are Headed For Luzon

The Tokyo radio reported yesterday that more than 450 American troops are "steaming north towards Luzon" island in the Philippines where the Japanese broadcasts said more than 70 warships and swarms of carrier planes bombarded Linayun Gulf, 120 miles north of Manila continuously for two days.

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Pvt. Linell H. Mallard, Maysville, Awarded Purple Heart

Pvt. Linell H. Mallard, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Mallard of Route 1, Maysville, has been awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received in action in Germany, November 21, according to information received by his mother from the War Department. He is now recuperating in an army hospital in England.

Pvt. Mallard entered the army in December, 1943, and received training at Camp Blanding, Florida, before going overseas last June.

Pvt. Mallard, brother of the soldier, also stationed in England was present to witness the decoration.

Thompson Announces Final Figures in 6th War Loan Drive

J. C. Thompson, chairman of the Onslow County Sixth War Loan campaign, today announced the following figures as the final report of the campaign:

Series E bonds, \$173,946.25; overall sale of bonds, \$721,056.25. Thompson pointed out that while Onslow County did not meet the E bond quota of \$303,000, the overall county quota of \$394,000, was nearly doubled.

"That's a mighty fine record," said Thompson, "and each and every person who helped in this campaign did a fine job."

Swansboro Will Have Efficient Fire Department

The citizens of Swansboro held a meeting January 4, and organized a volunteer fire department for the town. The following men will represent the fire department: John Bell, chief; H. J. Webb, assistant chief; Vincent Carney, Harry M. Moore, J. F. Littlejohn, J. A. Littlejohn, R. T. Webb, Leon Sewell, Willie Moore, Elmo Moore, Jodie Moore, H. B. Guin, Alton Knight, Everett Canady, Jim Canady, Jessie Moore, Sr., Thomas Parkins, Thomas Barfield, Hub Ward, Kenneth Twyman, B. P. Davis, Joe Kirkman, Jessie Moore, Jr., Jack Bell, Rob Carney, Sam Alligood and Simmie Phillips.

The fireman ask the cooperation from all the citizens of the town so that they may have a diligent fire department. A siren is located on top of Davis' store. They ask that all citizens respect the signal of the fire which shall be the blowing of the siren—one long and two short blows. The fireman will practice next week and the citizens may expect the siren at any time.

The Board of Commissioners of the Town of Swansboro passed a city ordinance to the effect that blowing the siren at any time except for fire signal or blackout is unlawful. Any person or persons violating this ordinance will be fined not less than twenty five dollars and cost or thirty days on the streets.

Farm and Home Agents Will Hold Joint Meetings in January

Miss Laura Beatty, home agent, and Charles G. Clark, farm agent for Onslow County, have announced that all meetings held by the agents in the month of January are joint meetings and everyone is invited to attend.

This is being done to prepare schedules and discuss the outlook of the farm and the home for 1945, the agents said.

Junius L. Wiggins, Richlands, With Naval Air Force in Pacific

Chief Petty Officer Junius Leonard Wiggins, 25, of Richlands, is serving with the Naval Air Forces in the South Pacific. He has been in service for five years. A brother, Pvt. Alton Earl Wiggins, 18, is in training at Camp Blanding, Fla. They are sons of Mr. and Mrs. Elaster Wiggins of Richlands.

STILL IS DESTROYED

Deputies Sheriff James Likens and Willis Johnson destroyed a 100-gallon still in the Harris Creek section Friday night. The still was in operation but the operators were not present. Seven barrels of mash and eight gallons of whiskey were destroyed and confiscated.

Pvt. Ned B. Taylor, Richlands, Wounded In European Theater

Pvt. Ned B. Taylor, son of Mrs. Lucy B. Taylor of Richlands, route two, has been wounded in action in the European theater of operations.

Killed



LT. (IG) EARL F. HORNE
Lt. (IG) Earl F. Horne, 22, of Richlands, was killed in the crash of a Navy PBX patrol plane in the Mediterranean theater on October 15th.

Onslow Over the Top in Christmas Seal Drive

K. T. Knight, Jr., chairman of the Onslow County Tuberculosis Christmas Seal drive, today announced that Onslow County is over the top again.

The quota this year was set at \$2,000 and the total returns as of this morning was \$2,016.11. Knight said that this was very gratifying and that the Onslow County people had done a wonderful job in this drive. He pointed out that 75 per cent of this amount will be used locally, in carrying on this very important work.

The drive will continue until the first of March and Knight said that he hoped that everyone who has not made his return as yet would find an opportunity to do so in the near future.

SSgt. L. D. Wilkins, Dixon, Wins Third Oak Leaf Cluster

At 12th AAF Fighter-Bomber Base in Italy—SSgt. L. D. Wilkins, son of Mrs. J. D. Wilkins, Dixon, N. C., radar man, can now wear the third Oak Leaf Cluster to the Distinguished Unit Badge, now that his unit, the 27th Fighter Group, a veteran P-40 Thunderbolt air support outfit, has become the first AAF Unit in the Mediterranean Theater to be cited four times in War Department General Orders.

In a "grueling, day-long assault," the General Orders read, "the 27th Fighter Group, coordinated with attacks of other units of the Allied Air Forces, prevented the transfer of overwhelmingly powerful reinforcements, and contributed in great measure to the successful establishment of the Salerno beach-head."

The 27th Fighter Group has previously been cited for its gallantry in action on Bataan and Java and in the skies over Australia in the early days of the war with Japan.

Sgt. Wilkins graduated from Dixon High School. He was employed as a timekeeper with the Marine Barracks, New River, N. C. He attended both the Scott Field Radio school and the Boca Raton Radio school upon his entry into the service.

ON ASSEMBLY SCHEDULE

Raleigh—(AP)—Introduction of the North Carolina finance and appropriations bills and reading of Governor Cherry's message are on schedule for the General Assembly Wednesday.

TO HOLD DINNER

The annual supper meeting of the Jacksonville fire department will be held at Coleman's Restaurant tomorrow night.

HUNTINGSTON GOVERNOR

New Holland, N. C.—One of the last things Governor J. M. Broughton of North Carolina did before retiring from office was to take Governor Colgate L. Darden, Jr., of Virginia on a goosehunt at Lake Mattamuskeet.

Both hunters got their limit of two on the first day. It was Darden's first try at waterfowl shooting. The second day they killed one goose, but quit the hunt early to return to Raleigh.

Governor Broughton was considered the huntingst and fishingst governor this state ever had.

Postal Receipts Show Increase But Carloadings Decline in 1944

Postal receipts for 1944 in Jacksonville amounted to \$59,930.20, a gain of more than \$6,000 over the previous year, but arrivals and departures of carloads of freight showed a decrease, a survey disclosed yesterday.

Assistant Postmaster Frank Smith reported that postal receipts for the year ending December 31 were \$6,087.51 above the \$53,842.69 for 1943. A gain was shown in every quarter during the year, the peak business being recorded during the December quarter when receipts amounted to \$18,356.39. Business for the other three quarters was \$13,604.66 for the March period,

Post Office Here Is Seeking New Quarters

1945 Crop of Babies Off to Start With Birth of Two Girls

Martha Lucille Cole, daughter of Sgt. and Mrs. Morris Cole of Jacksonville was the first baby born in the New Year at the Onslow County Hospital. Martha was born on January 2nd. Sgt. Cole is with the Seventh Army overseas.

The first baby born at the Family Hospital section of the U. S. Naval Hospital at Camp Lejeune, was also a girl.

Jeanne Lois Nickerson was born to Major and Mrs. Norman R. Nickerson whose home is in Niagara Falls, N. Y. Jeanne was also born on January 2nd.

Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors Will Meet Tonight

The Board of Directors of the Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce will meet tonight at the Elm Street USO at 8 p. m.

All members of the board are requested to make every effort to be present as this is an important meeting and plans are to be made for the coming fiscal year.

EPISCOPAL SCHEDULE

Services at St. Anne's Episcopal Church next Sunday, January 14, being the second Sunday after Epiphany, are church school at 9:45 a. m., and morning prayer and sermon at 11 o'clock. Sermon subject: "Making Christ Known Through the Church." Choir practice, Thursday evening at 7:30.

The Rt. Rev. Thomas C. Darst, Bishop of the Diocese of East Carolina, will visit St. Anne's Sunday morning, January 21st, at 11 o'clock, for the administration of the Apostolic Rite of the Laying on of Hands, or Confirmation. The assistant minister in charge will be at the Church each Thursday evening at 7 o'clock for any special preparation by those desiring to be confirmed.

The assistant minister in charge now has a telephone in his residence. The number is 921-8.

SHOE RATIONING

Washington—AP—Price Administrator Chester Bowles has assured the nation that there is "not a chance in a million" that any outstanding shoe ration stamps will be cancelled.

In a succinct statement prompted by "panic buying" of shoes throughout the country, he said:

"Not a chance in a million. We are not going to cancel any outstanding shoe stamps."

Ration stamps now valid for shoe purchases are Airplane Stamps One, Two and Three.

February 1st Is Final Date to Apply for 1945 Grower Tobacco

All eligible producers who are interested in applying for a new grower blue-cured or burley tobacco allotment for 1945 should file their request at the Onslow County AAA Office prior to February 1, 1945, according to Herbert C. Riggs, chairman, Onslow County AAA Committee.

Riggs pointed out that the announcement by the War Food Administration that marketing quotas will apply on these two types of tobacco for the marketing year 1945-46 specified that five per cent of the national marketing quota would be made available for establishing new allotments.

"To be eligible for such an allotment either the farm operator or the person growing the tobacco, shall be living on the farm and largely dependent on the farm for his livelihood," Riggs stated.

TOWN BOARD MEETS

The Jacksonville Town Board of Commissioners will meet at the City Hall tonight at 8 o'clock.

E. J. Petteway Elected President of Chamber Of Commerce

E. J. Petteway was elected president of the Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce at their meeting on last Thursday night at the Elm Street USO. He succeeds J. C. Thompson who served in this capacity in 1944.

Other officers elected were: Deane C. Taylor, vice-president; L. E. Rudisill, secretary and Harvey Boney, treasurer.

To the Board of Directors: John H. Aman, Father W. S. O'Byrne, Wesley Conkling, Raymond Hartfield, G. E. Mauldsby, Carl Hales, James Kalantzis and Ramon Askew, who will serve on the board automatically as president of the Jacksonville Kiwanis club.

This was the first meeting of the Chamber in the Elm Street USO and the members gave Mr. George Sec. Director, a rising vote of thanks as a symbol of their appreciation at having the lounge made available for their meetings.

4 More Men From Onslow County Enlist in Navy

Several young men from this area have recently volunteered for service in the U. S. Navy, according to Navy Recruiter Harry Gaton who visits the Jacksonville Post Office each Friday morning.

They are: Matland H. Marshall and Jack R. Newbold of Route 1, Jacksonville; Matthew H. Monte, Maysville; and Clarence L. Melton, Hubert.

Netherlands Marine Formerly Stationed Here Writes of Holland

Editor's Note: The following is a letter received by L. G. Simpson of 305 Marine Blvd., Jacksonville, recently from Cpl. Theodore van Asten, a native of Holland and a member of the Royal Netherlands Marines who was stationed here at Camp Lejeune for some time last fall.

During the time he was here, Cpl. van Asten and several of his buddies, whom he refers to in his letter, spent considerable time in the Simpson home and in many others in town.

When stationed here, van Asten said that he had not seen his parents for several years and was anxious to find them again. His wife is now living in a neutral country and he has never seen the son he speaks of.

Knowing that many of the Jacksonville people entertained these boys last fall and even helped teach them the English language, we pass his letter along to you.

P.S. The "sigars" are already on their way.

Nov. 21, 1944

Dear Family Simpson:

The first I want to do, to send you the best wishes for the Christmas and a happy New Year. I hope you all will be all right. I'm still all right and I hope to see my parents soon. I'm still in my country but I haven't seen my parents yet. We have been in battle several times but we are on a quiet place now. It is very cold here and wet. I never expected a wet autumn like this is now. We better can use coats instead of trucks. We're still going on forward. It is very hard in Holland now. I never thought it should be so bad. I expected to fight against men, soldiers but we are fighting against animals. It happened in a village in Holland that the Germans blew up a church with 200 civilians in it. 135 were killed, the rest of them were injured. Flying bombs and rockets are falling everywhere. I never thought a war could be so bloody, but I hope the war will soon end. The Germans have stolen everything out of Holland. We can't get food, beer, sigars or cigarettes. Nothing at all. I want to give my father when I see him some sigars. Would you be so kind to send some to me. When you send them, call the price and I'll send you the money right away. I hope you will do it for me. I wanted to send you a Christmas card but can't find them. Everything is gone down here, stolen by Germans.

Martin, Franken, van de Beek and my person are still well. Myward is dead. Killed in action about 5 weeks ago. I should send you the message sooner but I couldn't.

My wife and baby boy are all right and I hope to see them as soon as possible. Does my wife still write to you? I hope she does.

I finish my letter now and I hope to get an answer soon. Many regards from the boys you know, and many wishes for the Christmas days. I hope to see you people soon again.

Cpl. Theodore van Asten. Cpl. Theodore van Asten. Royal Netherlands Brig. "Princess Irene" 2nd Unit B.L.A. Holland

Larger quarters for a Jacksonville post office is in the offing, according to a formal call for bids to furnish suitable space, posted in the lobby last week.

Some 4,000 square feet of floor space would be provided by the successful bidder on a five to ten year lease, the bids point out. They will be received through February 4th.

In explaining the call for bids, Postmaster R. C. Warlick said that bids could be entered for a new or an old building—in any event, one that would meet the specifications which are on file in his office. He will also supply information relative to the manner of bidding.

The need for larger quarters for the post office, which is rated first class, has been acute for some time. Not even the decrease in general delivery mail has had any effect upon the need.

Much larger space than the office now has is one of the requisites the post office must meet before city delivery of mail can be started. While that would sharply curtail the heavy traffic before the general delivery window, space still would be needed for city carriers' racks.

D. L. Phillips, local real estate developer, is almost certain to be one of the bidders, because he has already offered to erect a building on property he owns lying between Court street extension and the bypass highway. While that is not now in the center of the business district, postal inspectors have decided it was the geographical center of the town.

The notice which has been posted reads as follows:

In compliance with instructions from the post office department, Postmaster R. C. Warlick is inviting bids on proposals to lease post-office quarters.

1. Floor space required will be around 4,000 square feet.

2. The period of the lease will be for 5 or 10 years.

3. Bidders are required to state price per year.

4. If interested, see local postmaster for details.

5. No bids will be accepted after Feb. 4, 1945 at 6:00 p. m.

Rev. A. D. Leon Gray Will Head Polio Drive in Onslow

Pointing out that the 1944 epidemic of infantile paralysis was the second worst outbreak of the disease in its history in the United States, Rev. A. D. Leon Gray, chairman of the 1945 polio campaign in this county, issued a statement today in which he emphasized the "need to reinforce our lines of defense against this insidious enemy of childhood."

The annual fund appeal is being conducted this year from January 14-31 in celebration of the President's Birthday, and, as in the past, most of the funds will be to combat polio in this state.

Although North Carolina had one of its worse epidemics of infantile paralysis during the past year, the death rate from the dread disease was the lowest ever recorded, solely because the funds to provide the best possible medical aid and equipment were immediately available, Chairman Gray pointed out.

This record proves again that quick hospitalization of victims is imperative, and the campaign this year will be pointed towards funds to support adequate hospital facilities to serve the growing number of persons stricken each year, the Chairman said.

"Since no one knows where, or how hard, polio may strike in 1945, we must again be ready to meet the attack wherever it may come," Chairman Gray said.

Through November 21 of this past year, 848 cases of infantile paralysis had been reported to the State Board of Health since before the epidemic last summer: Of this number 18 patients have received treatment at the Hickory Polio Emergency Hospital, the Gastonia Orthopaedic Hospital and the Charlotte Memorial Hospital. Four hundred and thirty-five were treated at Hickory.

Only 13 deaths were reported at these three hospitals, making the lowest death rate ever recorded for an infantile paralysis epidemic.

Eighty-three per cent of the hospitalized cases reported will return to normal or near-normal health, as a result of early and modern treatment, while only 17 per cent will retain some paralysis.

Jacksonville Stores Will Close Wednesday P. M. Starting Tomorrow

L. E. Rudisill, chairman of the Jacksonville Business Men's Association, has announced that stores in Jacksonville will close every afternoon at one p. m. starting tomorrow, until the first Wednesday in December.

Holiday closings will be announced in the near future.