

One of the State officials contends that if you let a letter lay around about ten days it will usually answer itself.

The fellows were telling on the corner here during the week end about some school folks down in Carteret County getting up a bazaar, one of the features of which was to be a kissing booth. They wanted an attractive young girl who could wheedle plenty of coins out of the men folks, make them like her kisses and come back for more.

Once upon a time—it's not proper to start a story in that manner, but this is a different story—I was assigned an interview with a very attractive young lady. We got along splendidly, because she had something to talk about and was willing to speak for publication.

When completed, she leaned over and kissed me on one cheek. "That's for the first paper you represent," she explained and then touched her lips to the other cheek. "That's for the second, and here's one for yourself." She out and also kissed me.

Which is not quite as bad as the young girl who didn't know how often she had been kissed, even with things going on right under her nose.

On June 31, 1935 at a charity bazaar kisses were being sold by the charming ladies of the community. Young girls' kisses sold for 25 cents each, married women's for 15 cents each, and old maids' came in bunches of three for a nickel. In a special booth was an attractive young lady about the age of 28, unmarried, who offered kisses for 50 cents higher than any of the other ones.

"Why," I asked, "do you charge more than the others?"

But, she said me, and then I opened up a booth. But I soon lost my health attending to my breed. You know the old adage about "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy."

I remember reading some place long ago that kissing a young lady is hope, a married woman is faith, and an old maid is charity. But the picture today will be on the type practiced by those who know from experience the best. That type is a kiss of long duration.

What few kisses I've had (I have also written another confession that will appear in unexpurgated editions next month) I didn't bother to time.

The only art—and I refuse to reveal that I ever used was to get the first kiss. After that I just held on.

Here's what three prominent Chicago judges think of kisses of long duration:

Judge Joseph Sabath: "If kisses were longer divorces would be fewer."

Judge Joseph B. David: "A four minute kiss? O.K. If you're in a hurry."

Judge Rudolph Desort: "Harmless, charming and pleasant."

An Atlanta jurist ruled that four-minute kisses are too long and 19-21 in duration in the home, but I don't imagine they would breed so much discontent unless the kissing is done in your neighbors' home. In fact, I must be very different from all the other people, kisses of four-minute variety have often left me very contented.

Now comes a frank admission of my loss of pride or power, or whatever you call it. I've lost my "it", that's it.

The other day I was graciously kissing a very attractive young lady, and she broke away suddenly and started laughing. "I was just thinking about deviled crabs," she said.

Thus, my record of no complaints has been broken.

Richlands and Dixon Split Honors in Double Header Games

The Dixon girls won a thriller last Friday night from Richlands girls with a score of 32-24. McCree of Dixon was high scorer for the game with 16 points while Hood followed with a close 13 points for Richlands.

The half time score was 17-7 in favor of Dixon.

The Richlands boys came from behind to beat the Dixon boys 30-17. Dixon got away to a lead of 9-1 in the first five minutes but were unable to keep the pace. The Richlanders took over in the second quarter and from then on they had the game under hand.

The girls starting line up: Dixon: Dickens, McCree, Hines, Padgett, Denitson, Thompson and King.

Richlands: Hood, Newbold, Tarshburn, Tarrion, Frazelle, Mills, Centers, Huffman, Gurganus, Hudson, Rochelle, Frazelle and Farrior.

Boys' line ups: Dixon: Darrah, Faw, Kirkman, Caldwell, Lewis and Sewell.

Richlands: Alley, Hill, R. Sanders, P. Sanders, Frazelle, Brown, and Bell.

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Pfc. Marion Morton, Maysville, Announced Killed In Action

Pfc. Marion M. Morton of Maysville was killed in action in the European Area, according to a message from the War Department received recently by his mother, Mrs. Lillie H. Morton of Route 1, Maysville.

H. C. Riggs, Chairman Onslow County AAA, Announces Meeting Plans

Immediately following the goals and production meeting on January 25, 1945 of the County and Community Committees, County Agent and other agricultural representatives, the community committees will hold meetings with farm operators for the purpose of advising, informing, and guiding them in preparing their individual 1945 farm plans which will contribute to the all-important crop, livestock and poultry goals that have been assigned to this State.

Community Committees will also assist farm operators in planning to build and conserve the fertility of their soil by advising them of the approved conservation practices that they may carry out and receive payments for during the 1945 program year. Mr. Riggs declared.

Strong Russian Armies Smashing Way To Berlin

London—AP—A Moscow dispatch said today that Marshall Ivan Konev's troops are officially reported advancing along the Silesian border and thrusting into Germany.

Three Russian armies estimated at 2,000,000 are smashing forward along main roads leading to Berlin while Moscow wildly celebrates the capture of Warsaw in the recent winter offensive which German radios now declare a "downright decisive" phase of the war in Europe.

Led by powerful Stalin super-tanks, the Soviet spearhead has already reached the immediate vicinity of the border and are sending the Nazis sprawling backwards on a 250 mile front. The Russian drive has also overrun Poland's second largest city of Krakow.

Paris—AP—British troops have invaded Germany at a new point and have advanced two and one half miles in the direction of the Roer river. The enemy is reported reeling back under heavy shellfire and hand to hand fighting.

London—AP—A small force of flying fortresses bombed Kaiserlaut, an important German railroad yard behind the Saar front while RAF bombers again returned to the big industrial center of Magdeburg in a pre-dawn attack.

No allied losses have been reported from either attack.

Lingayen Gulf Beachhead Extended As Sixth Army Strikes Toward Bataan

McArthur's Headquarters, Luzon—AP—The Lingayen Gulf beachhead has been widened and extended to sixty-two miles according to a dispatch received from MacArthur today.

The Sixth Army has advanced seventeen miles to the northwest tip of the gulf and are reported driving down the west coast of Luzon toward historic Bataan.

No progress has been reported in the drive across the central plains to Manila but opposition is reported to be fairly light.

Army and Navy planes which are supporting the ground forces are continuing to take a heavy toll in enemy planes and ships.

CUSTOMER GETS BILLS

Harrisburg, Pa.—AP—Consumers of the Harrisburg Gas Co. are reading their own meters because of the manpower shortage.

Ralph Culbreth of Jacksonville Wins Naval Athletic Award

Ralph Culbreth, AS, of Jacksonville has been presented an athletic award by the Navy for his outstanding record as a boxer at the Naval Training Station at Bainbridge, Md.

Emergency Loans Made Available To Onslow Farmers; Start Monday

Emergency Feed And Crop Loans are now available to the farmers of Onslow County. Applications will be received beginning January 22, by Mrs. Mary Brown in the office of Marion A. Cowell, located in the Marshall Sanders Building.

\$3,000 in Prizes Will Be Awarded In State Cotton Contest

To assist North Carolina growers in working out new methods of increasing cotton yields and lowering the cost of production per unit, the most comprehensive five-acre cotton contest ever held in a Southern State will be inaugurated in North Carolina this year.

Three thousand dollars in prizes will be awarded, \$750 for the top state prize and \$750 for each of three districts, with first, second, third, and fourth place winners in each district. The contest will be sponsored by the State College Extension Service and the N. C. Cottonseed Crushers Association in cooperation with other agencies.

In addition to the State cotton contest, there will be county-wide contests in some counties, with additional prize money being offered on a local basis in these areas.

Pfc. Edward M. Carter Of Beaulville Is Wounded In Action

Beaulville—Pfc. Edward Mike Carter, son of J. B. Carter of Beaulville, was slightly wounded December 16 in Germany and is now receiving treatment in a hospital in France, according to a message received by his wife, Mrs. Myrtle S. Carter of Beaulville. Private Carter entered the Army in January 1944 and has been overseas for six months. He has a brother, Pfc. Willis H. Carter, serving with the Army on Saipan.

Urgent ODT Policy Says War Freight Must Move First

Washington—AP—A policy of discontinuing railroad passenger service wherever necessary to keep war freight rolling was laid down by the Office of Defense Transportation.

Director J. Monroe Johnson said railroads suffering from severe weather conditions should discontinue passenger service and use their "full energies and equipment" to haul desperately-needed freight.

The action particularly affects railroads traversing New York State, Ohio, upper Pennsylvania and Indiana, but an ODT spokesman said it could be regarded as a "practical policy" of giving war freight precedence over passengers.

Johnson's action was not an order to the railroads. Each carrier will act within its own discretion. There was no immediate indication here how many passenger schedules, if any, would be discontinued temporarily.

Johnson wrote J. J. Pelley, president of the Association of American Railroads, that critical congestion has resulted from some of the worst weather in years, and said it might affect railroads for a considerable distance from the storm area through the backing up of freight.

SEAGUARD DOG

New York—AP—Blondie, canine mascot of Ambrose lightship—the vessel that keeps station outside of New York harbor, touched land for the first time in her life when the lightship put into port for overhaul and repainting. She was born at sea a year ago and as far as her shipmates know she had no conception of land or things that man constructed on land until the ship came into port.

Promoted



Edward G. Riggs, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. I. Riggs of the Bear Creek community in Onslow County, has been promoted from the rate of chief machinist mate in the Coast Guard to the warrant rank of machinist.

Tobacco Distributors Plan for Voluntary Rationing of Cigarettes

Chicago.—(AP)—The National Association of Tobacco Distributors has announced that it would make cigarette ration cards available to more than 1,000,000 tobacco outlets within two weeks for dealers to distribute to their regular customers.

The rationing plan, the association said, will be voluntary on the part of the dealers. The numbered cards will be punched for each pack purchased by a customer, and consumers will be required to sign a declaration that they hold only one card.

Joseph Kolodny, executive secretary of the association, told a press conference that his organization, told a press conference that his organization believes the plan will prevent "raids" on dealers' stocks "by hoarders who shop every outlet," and will have the ultimate effect of restricting cigarette smokers to a single source of supply.

American Prisoners Shot by Germans; Claim Food Shortages

By IAL BOYLE. With the United States First Army in Belgium.—(AP)—Nazi officers in several instances recently have ordered American prisoners shot because of food shortages. German captives reported today.

Trailer Truck Units For Fire Fighting Purchased by State

Three trailer-truck transport units, costing about \$4,000 each, were purchased recently by the Forest Fire Control unit of the Forestry Division of the State Department of Conservation and Development. It was announced by Chief W. K. Beichler.

The units will be used for the transportation of heavy fire-fighting equipment to fires in the forests and swamps of Eastern North Carolina.

The purchase of these trailer-truck transport units really represents the initial step in acquiring needed mechanized fire-fighting equipment. Beichler said, "With the units we will be able to take our tractors and fire-line plows swiftly and directly to the scene of a forest fire. And since time is the chief element in fighting fire the use of these units will mean better protection for our forests."

According to Beichler, the department now has eight crawler tractors, 12 fire-line plows, and three new trailer-truck transports. This equipment is housed at Elizabeth City, New Bern, and Lake Waccamaw.

Eventually, Beichler said, the department hopes to acquire a complete mechanized outfit for every two or three counties in Eastern North Carolina.

He said that there is no mechanized fire-fighting equipment suitable for use in fighting fires in mountain forests.

Red Cross Needs Large Number of Men and Women Immediately

A large number of men and women are needed immediately for Red Cross service in this country and overseas, it was announced yesterday by J. K. McCallum of Atlanta, Southeastern Area Red Cross Headquarters personnel service representative from Atlanta.

Applicants must be citizens of the United States, must have good educational background, training and experience in social work or recreation executive or administrative experience, or leadership in community activities of a social welfare nature. Age limits, varying with the type of position, are 25 to 50 years, and all persons accepted must pass physical examinations.

Men must obtain Selective Service permits to leave the United States. Because of recent Selective Service developments, the Red Cross is accepting only men of 31 years of age or over, and those not subject to military draft who are between the ages of 38 and 50.

Pvt. John T. Whaley, Richlands, Wounded In Mediterranean Area

Pvt. John T. Whaley has been wounded in action in the Mediterranean theater according to word received recently by his mother, Mrs. Annie Kinon Whaley of Route 2, Richlands.

Colonel Ruth Streeter, Of Women's Reserve, Visits Camp Lejeune

Colonel Ruth Cheney Streeter, director of the Marine Corps Women's Reserve, visited Camp Lejeune last week end.

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The Red Cross, recruiting agency for the nurse corps, reported the results as representing enlistment committee activities in 35 major cities.

Such a response indicates that the public has been aroused to the critical needs of the wounded on the battlefronts," said Red Cross Chairman Basil O'Connor.

Results Of County-wide Tuberculosis Test Announced By Dr. H. W. Stevens

Skin testing among school children in Onslow County for diagnosis of tuberculosis has been completed. Dr. H. W. Stevens, County Health Officer, has announced.

Over twelve hundred children have been tested and one hundred and thirty have been found positive. Several hundred chest examinations have been made on the children found with positive tests indicating a past exposure to a case of tuberculosis. Many examinations have been made on their parents who were asked to have this important service to insure themselves of being a healthy person.

The school, county-wide tuberculosis program consists of skin testing all first and second grade children in grammar schools and all junior and senior grade children in high schools. This group among children are the most important in relation to tuberculosis.

Junior and senior high school children will soon be working for a living or raising a family of their own, therefore, it is important to notify those children if they have a positive skin test and have their chest examined to insure a perfect bill of health. First and second grade children having a positive reaction indicates they have breathed in the tuberculosis germ in the past few years. Since this age group rarely are away from their families there is a chance that some relative or member of the family group may have a case of unsuspected tuberculosis; therefore, all families of young children with positive reactions to the skin test are asked to come in and have chest examinations.

The Onslow County Chapter of the Christmas Seal Sale Fund for Tuberculosis arranged with Dr. Stevens, health officer, to have all chest examinations made on school children and families every Tuesday and Saturday mornings at nine o'clock in the Onslow County Health Center, Jacksonville, N. C.

The county-wide tuberculosis control and new case program was started November 1, 1944 with the services of Mrs. Bita Byrne, experienced tuberculosis field nurse. Mrs. Byrne has completed over 70 per cent of the schools in the county. Among the reactors fluoroscoped only one child was found that needed any type of care. Over three hundred chest examinations made on family groups of positive reactors have resulted in one suspected case which is still under medical care. Mrs. Byrne has made over one hundred twenty-five visits to different families encouraging chest examinations for everyone. In the schools she gave short lectures of the spread and control of tuberculosis.

Dr. H. W. Stevens stated that only five or six families in the tuberculosis survey work have failed to come in for chest examinations. This causes added effort and extra home visiting on the part of our nurse. In some cases the families failed to come in for examination due entirely to ignorance and their failure to grasp that the examination is an added health insurance measure designed to protect their health and their family.

Cost and financial support of the county-wide school tuberculosis program is borne by the Onslow County Tuberculosis Christmas Seal Sale Fund Association.

Arthur Presents Onslow Hospital Bill To House

March of Dimes Collection Containers Placed Throughout County

The containers for the collection of funds in the current March of Dimes campaign have now been placed in prominent positions throughout Onslow County, Chairman A. D. Leon Gray has announced.

The drive got off to a good start in the past week but no returns have been announced at this early date.

The infantile paralysis epidemic of 1944, the second largest on record in the United States, has made everyone conscious of the grave need for the dimes and dollars that are needed to carry on the important treatment for the victims.

The containers give everyone an opportunity to contribute early and often, said Rev. Gray. The quota of \$3,596 must be met by Onslow County in order to combat the dread disease should another epidemic strike and also to carry on the vital work being done for the victims of the 1944 epidemic.

Inasmuch as it is impossible at this time to anticipate what is in store for Onslow County in the coming year it is hoped that the quota named will be met and even greatly surpassed so that should the county be as hard hit again, every facility can be made available to protect the victims, usually helpless children.

Alternate Saturday Classes Will Start Tomorrow In Onslow Schools

Onslow County Schools will hold their first Saturday class tomorrow. These classes will be held alternate Saturdays until the end of the school year in order that the schools may close on the scheduled time, May 12th.

By holding classes on alternate Saturdays, the time lost in taking a week's vacation at Christmas time will be made up.

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Over-Riding Ceiling Prices on Cattle Effective January 29th

Effective January 29, 1945, the O. A. and the War Food Administration have been directed to establish an "over-riding" ceiling price on cattle and calves of \$18.00 per hundred weight, Chicago basis, according to information received by Herbert C. Riggs, chairman, Onslow County AAA committee.

This ceiling price will remain in effect until July 2, 1945 at which time the ceiling price becomes \$17.50 per hundred weight, Chicago basis," Mr. Riggs stated.

CHRISTMAS SEALED TOTAL

K. T. Knight, chairman of the Onslow County Tuberculosis Christmas Seal Drive, announced today that returns are still slowly coming in to headquarters and the total returns of the drive are now \$2,083.40.

Those who still have to make returns are urged to do so at the earliest possible moment.

Young Brother of Local Woman Is Missing in Action

Sgt. Paisley, young brother of Mrs. Roy McFatter of Jacksonville, has been listed as missing in action in the European theatre.

Mrs. McFatter left Jacksonville last Tuesday to spend some time with her parents in Bolton.

Musical Program Is Presented at Kiwanis Club Meeting

MSgt. and Mrs. K. Wilson of Midway Park delightfully entertained the Kiwanis Club of Jacksonville Tuesday at their regular meeting at the USO Pine Lodge.

Mrs. Wilson, accompanied by Sgt. Wilson, sang three Irish ballads and three Negro spirituals, for an appreciative audience.

Sgt. Wilson was formerly in charge of musical programs in the Boston, Mass. radio station, WJAC, and is well known as the composer of the "New River Suite".

530 German Prisoners Are Doing Essential Work In North Carolina

Wilmington—AP—Approximately 45 additional German prisoners of war are expected to arrive here to help relieve labor shortages in local pulpwood and fertilizer industries. Lt. R. H. Hazel, officer in charge of the prisoners of war camp at the old Marine hospital, said recently.

"We now have 530 prisoners working on farms, sawmills, pulpwood and fertilizer plants, and dairy farms," Lieutenant Hazel said.

"We have demands for at least 300 more prisoners than we are able to obtain because of inadequate housing facilities," he added. To help relieve this condition, two new barracks are expected to be moved from Camp Davis to the prisoner camp within the next few days.

Rumors that four prisoners of war escaped from the camp last Friday are absolutely unfounded, he reported.

Major George E. Preddy, North Carolina Ace, Killed Over Belgium

London—AP—Maj. George E. Preddy, the only American pilot in the European Theater to shoot down six German fighters in one day, crashed to his death Christmas Day when American gunfire struck his plane during a spectacular dogfight over Belgium in which he had bagged two Messerschmitts.

The 25-year-old Mustang fighter ace from Greensboro, N. C., had 32½ enemy planes to his credit. U. S. Eighth Air Force headquarters said the stocky, 5-foot-9-inch flier was killed instantly.

Arthur was authorized to introduce the bill by resolution of the Board of Commissioners, passed at the January meeting, which said that they did not object to such legislation. Every member of the board with the exception of Commissioner H. B. Moore of Swainsboro township signed the resolution.

It was emphasized that the legislation would authorize the use of the funds only if needed and then only up to ten per cent of the net profits. It has been unofficially estimated that the amount could hardly be more than \$800 per month during the present calendar year.

The approval of the Board of Commissioners was sought by the hospital trustees even before they were advised that the Federal Works Agency, which built the hospital and which has been supplying maintenance funds while it was getting on its feet, would not approve any more monies for it after February 22.