

DOWN EAST
WITH
BILLY ARTHUR

Raleigh—It's safer to leave Cousin Wayland Spruill alone, particularly when you're hitting at something dear to him such as institutions or Walter (Pete) Murphy.

The gentleman from Gates County, Mr. Rountree, now knows better than to take the floor opposing the appointment of "Uncle" Walter as parliamentarian, because he left himself wide open and Cousin Wayland poured in the salt.

"Mr. Murphy could," the man from Gates said, "go home and come back on the last day of the session and still collect his money."

To which Cousin Wayland replied: "If some members of this House would go home and not come back until the last day of the session, this State would be better off."

Henry Henderson took Wednesday afternoon off and attended the session of the finance committee.

Tom Pearsall is pushing the appropriations committee along at a fast pace.

Tom makes the members get to work at 9 a. m. for a session, which is in addition to the customary afternoon meetings. Some of the fellows don't like it, because there are other committee gatherings during the a. m., but they make an effort to catch 'em all. That keeps them busy.

But what I started out to say was that the complexities of the chair in the appropriations room differs this session from 1943.

Two years ago, Clarence Stone was House appropriations chairman and Pat Taylor was the Senate chief.

Clarence is a man of action, believes in being brief and to the point, and tramps on toes. On the other hand, Pat is a chesterfield and as polite and unassuming as anyone you could imagine.

And they say that when the committee used to get out of order, Clarence would yell at the member. "Sit down." And Pat would chime in "Thank you."

T. Roy Burgess of Allegheny County went home to Sparta for the week end and came back with some pipes for his friends. And I cashed in on one of them. It's a fine smoking pipe, too.

Incidentally, Roy is a brother of Jacksonville's new Baptist minister, L. Grady Burgess.

Libby Ward, Tom Pearsall and John Kerr are being mentioned prominently as candidate for governor.

At the present writing, Libby has the inside track. One reason is he doesn't have the support of the Raleigh morning newspaper. Its support is regarded among some of the House members as being the kiss of death.

Tom Bost, the dean of capitol newspapermen, has added another good job to his long list. He is now on the radio, broadcasting from station WRAL nightly.

His wide experience and knowledge of North Carolina politics and history make his coverage of the capitol and its doings very interesting.

Still he's not trying to out-guess Goerch, who's also doing a swell job on the air from WPPT nightly.

But more about Tom—

Gene Bost is a member of the House from Cabarrus, and he and Tom are very good friends. Whenever the clerk calls the roll and reaches the name of Bost, Tom casts the vote for Gene. And he votes right, too.

Senator George Penny of Greensboro, one of the celebrated Penny Brothers whose high top hats are known throughout the state as heralding the approach of a big auction, recalled a good story the other day. I've possibly used it once before, but anyway, let's try it again.

He was telling about the old maid who went to the priest to confess having been kissed.

"And when was this?" she was asked.

"Ten years ago," she replied.

"And you are just now confessing?"

"No, I've confessed it a lot of times. I like to talk about it."

One can imagine just how emphatic Rev. A. D. Leon Gray was when he declared the other morning:

"I'm never leaving town again!"

Out of Jacksonville but one day, he returned to find Mrs. Gray in the hospital, and his house badly damaged by fire.

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1-23-45

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Fire Does Considerable Damage at the Home of Rev. A. D. Leon Gray

● Fire of an undetermined origin broke out in the home of the Rev. A. D. Leon Gray at 302 Stratford Road late Thursday afternoon while no one was at home.

An investigation is underway to determine the cause and also the extent of the damage.

Cousins Home On Furlough



● James Gurganus, left, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ransom Gurganus of near Jacksonville, and Adrian Gurganus, right, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Gurganus, also of near Jacksonville, arrived Friday to spend an extended furlough at home after having been in the Pacific war theater for the past three years.

First cousins, the Gurganus boys entered the navy in 1940 and have been together since—a unique situation. Both wear Pacific theater ribbons and combat stars.

They were aboard the destroyer, Reid, when it was lost in action in the Philippines campaign.

Adrian suffered a sprained ankle and James slight burns when the Reid was lost.

Latest official reports of the Reid's loss showed how fortunate the Gurganus cousins were. In the first place, the Onslowans were one of the 150 survivors of the Jap plane attack on the destroyer.

"She took three direct hits in succession, then blew up and sank in two minutes," Commander Samuel McCormock related in describing the Reid's encounter with Japanese planes.

The second battle of the Philippines Sea was over, but the Japanese still were hitting hard with their planes when the Reid went into her final action while escorting landing boats to Leyte.

Red Army Reported Inside Germany On Wide Front

● Moscow.—(AP)—The Red Army, driving swiftly through heavily fortified areas in Germany have broken through the enemy defense lines east of the Oder river in Silesia. It is reported that Soviet troops have reached positions within fifty miles of Baltic and threaten to cut off that province.

Pushing northward from Tannenberg, Marshall Rokossovsky's tanks have approached to within ten miles of the main trunk railway connecting East Prussia with Berlin.

In the center of the great Soviet winter front in Poland Marshall Zhukova is first White Russian Army is reported getting the upper hand in a big tank battle between the Wartha and Prosna rivers, and have pushed to within two hundred miles of Berlin.

Marshall Konev has achieved great strategic success in breaking through the first line thrown up by the Germans east of the Oder river and is now within fourteen miles of the main railway connecting Silesia with Berlin.

LUXEMBOURG OVERRUN

● Paris.—(AP)—The United States Third Army has crushed the once powerful southern flank of the Nazi Belgian bulge and has gained over five miles since overrunning northern Luxembourg. The enemy is reported retreating rapidly toward the Siegfried Line.

General Patton's forces struck from the west and south and have driven nearly up to one of the main escape roads of the Germans.

First Near St. Vith
● General Hoge's First Army are within two and one-half miles of St. Vith, one of the German's most important railway centers, the loss of which will greatly impair their chances of getting out of the 1,000 mile square Salient.

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Red Cross War Fund Quota Hiked To Meet Increased Demands Abroad

● Father William S. O'Byrne, chairman of the Onslow County Chapter of the American Red Cross, stated yesterday that the minimum War Fund quota for the chapter had been increased from \$23,200 to \$24,000. This increase was made to help meet the increase in the national quota, which was recently raised from \$180,000,000 to \$200,000,000.

This increase was necessitated because of the critical military situation in the European and Pacific theaters of war and the resulting increased demands for Red Cross services and facilities.

From the quota assigned to the local chapter, 24.2 per cent is to be remitted to National Headquarters and 75.8 per cent retained by the local chapter to meet the needs for the coming year.

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Miss Ava Dawson Missing; Possibly Victim of Amnesia

● Miss Ava Dawson, employee of the Jones-Onslow Electric Membership cooperative here for the past three years, was reported by officers yesterday as missing for more than a week. They thought her to be possibly a victim of amnesia.

Miss Dawson, it was said, had been complaining lately of sinus trouble and had planned to leave her work several days for treatment.

However, she worked last week and on the REA accounts and sent the books back to the office Monday morning. She did not advise her employer of her plans, it was said.

A bookkeeper, Miss Dawson was considered very efficient. The REA was said to have checked her cash book accounts and found them in order.

Scrap Paper Drive Nets Approximately One Ton Per Week

● The regular collection of scrap paper which was started in the residential sections of Jacksonville on January 2nd has so far proven a fair success according to Major Hugh Matthews of the Reclamation and Salvage Department at Camp Lejeune, and once the townspeople realize that it is going to be a permanent thing, no doubt there will be even greater cooperation.

Major Matthews estimated that a ton of paper each week was reclaimed from the business district alone in the month of December and that the merchants are really doing a good job in seeing that the paper is ready and waiting when the Marine Corps salvage trucks come around.

Sgt. John Silvi, who is in charge of the paper collection in Jacksonville said that he found many people very cooperative and suggested that others would be also if they knew just when the trucks would make their pick ups. It is impossible for the boys to stop and knock at each door in town so it is urgently requested that every one have the paper ready and tied in bundles if possible.

The Marines pick up the paper each day throughout the business section at one thirty and will tour Onslow Terrace and Overbrook sections each Tuesday afternoon and the Rayburn Estates each Friday afternoon. They begin these tours at approximately one thirty in the afternoon.

It has taken a good deal of time and effort on the part of the Chamber of Commerce of Jacksonville and the Reclamation and Salvage office at Camp Lejeune to make these collections possible and to enable the people of Jacksonville to help in this very worthy drive. Let's all of us get in the swing of this drive and help all we can to give back for re-use every scrap of paper.

● Three Marines, now attached to the Camp Guard Battalion, received Purple Heart medals at a recent ceremony here.

The Marines receiving the awards were Sergeant Bernard J. Somers, son of Andrew Somers of Waterford, Conn., and Corporal Melvin B. Pederson, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Pederson of Winner, South Dakota, for wounds suffered while participating in the Guam campaign; Private First Class Marvin D. Ferguson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer R. Ferguson of Rt. 2, Martinsville, Indiana, wounded on Saipan.

● District Governor Visits Holly Ridge Rotary Club; Praises Program

● Hon. John A. Holmes, of Edenton, District Governor of Rotary International, reviewed the Holly Ridge Club's activities, and outlined the aims and objects of Rotary at the Tuesday meeting.

His talk covered the program of Rotary activity and the four aims of Rotary International as follows:

1. The development of acquaintance as an opportunity of service.
2. High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of a joint meeting of his occupation to help in the ideal of service.
3. The application of the ideal of service by every Rotarian to his personal, business and community life.
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It was brought out that the Holly Ridge Rotary Club has already accomplished or sponsored during the past six months a program embracing the Boy Scout Hut, and the basketball team of Dixon High School; also added athletic equipment; donated or given time to the improvement of the Baptist Church and donated money to the Greek Orthodox Church of Wilmington; donated clothes to the British War Relief Society, the Spanish Magazine of Rotary, "Revisita Rotary" and other things too numerous to mention.

Dealers Can Not Accept Loose Ration Point Coupons

● Raleigh—Sugar retailers were cautioned that acceptance of counterfeit or expired ration coupons may result in their inability to sell sugar for the duration.

Theodore S. Johnson, OPA district director, pointed out that under the agency's new charge-back program, sugar dealers' inventories will be reduced in the amount of the number of invalid coupons they accept. "Dealers who continue to accept illegal coupons will force themselves out of business," he said.

It is not necessary for a merchant to be expert in detecting counterfeit coupons. "All the storekeeper has to do is refuse to accept loose coupons," Johnson declared. "Coupons properly attached in ration books issued by local boards are genuine."

NAME PLATE?

● Chicago.—(AP)—John Lillis got the 1945 Illinois automobile license he wanted. He always applies for, and receives, a plate bearing the number 5 1 7 1 7. When held upside down, according to the way he sees it, it spells out his family name.

FWA Will Discontinue Financial Aid to Hospital on Feb. 28

● M. A. Cowell, president of the Onslow County Hospital Board of Trustees, J. C. Petteway, County Commissioner and Rev. A. D. Leon Gray, secretary and treasurer of the Onslow County Hospital spent several days in Richmond last week conferring with Federal Works Agency authorities relative to the final projects as soon as possible, the new Onslow County hospital. The conference was precipitated by FWA decision to surrender all responsibility for maintenance of the hospital after February 28. It is in line with the government agency's cutting-lose all federally-aided projects as soon as possible, and also in line with its trimming both construction and maintenance costs.

Built by the FWA and opened last spring, the Onslow County Hospital has been subsidized by Federal funds since that time to give it a start.

Because of high operating costs and a comparatively low hospital population in getting established, the institution has been operating in the "red," and having to call upon the FWA for further funds. It had been anticipated that the Federal agency would continue financial support to the institution at least until June 30, but the notice received by M. A. Cowell, hospital board chairman, said the expiration date would be February 28th.

Since the hospital is considered of vital importance to the community, directors voted at a special board meeting last Saturday afternoon to see if some plan for purchase of the institution at a nominal sum could be devised.

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Local Women To Attend Presentation Of B-29

Pvt. Alvin Sandlin, Richlands, Is Reported Wounded in Belgium



Pvt. Alvin Sandlin, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Sandlin of Richlands, Route 1, has been reported seriously wounded in action in Belgium on December 24th according to word received from the War Department by his mother.

Pvt. Sandlin entered the Army in 1942 and saw action in England, France and Germany before being wounded in Belgium.

He has been overseas fourteen months.

J. G. (Slim) Wallace, Popular Jacksonville Man Died Yesterday

● Mr. J. G. (Slim) Wallace, 45, died at his home here yesterday at 1:30 p. m. after an illness of six months.

Originally from Florida, he came to Jacksonville three years ago.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Noza Mach Wallace, one daughter, Sue, and two sons, James and David.

He is also survived by two sisters, Mrs. Jeanne Summerville of Auburn, N. Y., and Mrs. Violet Macdonald of Macon, Ga., and one brother, Richard of Williston, Fla.

Funeral arrangements have not been completed.

North Carolina Fishing Season To Be Extended

● Raleigh, N. C.—As the result of investigations of fishing conditions in TVA's Norris Lake, the North Carolina Department of Conservation and Development will open Hiwassee and Chatuge Lakes in western North Carolina and East and South Lakes in Eastern North Carolina to year-round fishing. The only lake so open now is Mattamuskeet, and this is closed during waterfowl season to protect fishermen from gunfire.

Studies indicate that the abundance of fish in these lakes actually makes for poorer fishing for the sportsman, and that no harm will be done by fishing in the spawning season. Hiwassee and Chatuge both are links in the TVA reservoir system.

The board also approved lengthening of the season in Santeehah and Nantahala lakes as follows:

No fishing will be permitted from December 1 through April 14.

The trout season in these lakes will follow the regular open trout season, April 15 through August 31.

Warm water fishing in these lakes will extend from April 15 through November 30.

At the same time, the board set aside Lake Tillery in Montgomery and Anson Counties as a refuge, primarily for migratory waterfowl. It also recommended to the game commissioner that children under 12 not be required to have a fishing license when an adult member of the family has such a license. Establishment of a bass hatchery in western North Carolina also was approved, subject to state appropriation.

Marine Corps Designates Creeks For Commercial Fishing in County

● Commercial fishermen operating in New River and creeks which are bounded by Camp Lejeune property must be fingerprinted and obtain passes to the Marine Corps property.

The passes are the same as those issued to military and civilian personnel and others who have business on the base, and are issued by the Camp Provost Marshal's office.

At the same time, Camp Lejeune authorities invoked a ban on fishing in Southwest creek and Stone creek, because of security reasons, it was said. However, fishing will be permitted in North East, French's, Duck and Wallace creeks.

Disaster Committee Will Prepare For Any Eventuality

● Roy McFatter, disaster service chairman, of the Onslow County Chapter of the American Red Cross, said yesterday that approximately a thousand North Carolinians in nine counties were left in need by the four disasters that struck during the year just ended and announced that immediate steps are being taken to prepare Onslow County for any eventuality through an American Red Cross disaster preparedness and relief program.

North Carolina's four major disasters in 1944 were caused by two hurricanes, one tornado, and one flood.

Mrs. Grace W. Gawthrop, executive secretary of the chapter, who attended a two-day conference of Red Cross War Fund and Disaster last week in Winston, said there is an urgent need for an organized local group that can administer relief during the emergency period of any disaster that occurs—and, more important, one which will be ready to help rehabilitate stricken families.

Further evidence of the need for such a move was offered in Red Cross statistics which showed 29,414 persons in 51 North Carolina counties required relief as a result of the 31 tornadoes, 5 floods, and 3 hurricanes that struck the state in the 21-year period, 1923 through 1944.

As chairman of the local Red Cross chapter's disaster committee, McFatter said he would complete the organization of 10 subcommittees to effect the preparedness program. The subcommittees are survey, medical and nursing aid, shelter, food, clothing, transportation and communication, fund raising and public information, and purchase and supply.

He stressed the fact that the highly publicized emergency period of an average disaster should not overshadow the importance of the rehabilitation period when suddenly impoverished families must be helped in various ways to reestablish their normal standards of living.

In the latter phase, McFatter explained, Red Cross relief includes maintenance of families, building and repairing homes, supplying household furnishings, hospitalization, nursing, livestock, occupational training, farm equipment, and other needs of these families whose own resources are insufficient to meet their disaster losses.

Fuel Oil Held At Ten Gallons A Unit for This Period

● Raleigh—Rations of fuel oil in the east coast area will be held at ten gallons per unit for Period three, beginning January 15, Theodore S. Johnson, OPA district director said.

The ten-gallon unit is being maintained on the recommendation of the Petroleum Administration for War. Although the unit value will continue to be the same as was for the two preceding periods, PAW and OPA emphasized that users must ration their own daily use of oil very closely, since supplies at this period of the heating season are at the lowest point since rationing began.

Johnson pointed out that in view of the cold weather of the past weeks, maintenance of the 10 gallon unit actually represents a cut in ration holdings in relation to their increased requirements.

DESTROY THESE STAMPS.

● In order to avoid confusion it is urged that the following ration stamps in book form be destroyed as they are no longer valid:

Blue stamps: A8 through Z8 and A5 through W5.

Red stamps: A8 through Z8 and A5 through P5.

Sugar stamps: 23, 30, 31, 32, 33 and 40.

All canning sugar coupons.

Sapre stamps: Nos. 1-2-3-4.

● Raleigh—Gov. R. Gregg Cherry will be the principal speaker here Thursday night, January 25, at the state capitol when the women's division of the war finance committee of North Carolina will present a Boeing B-29 superfortress model to the state for permanent display in the Hall of History.

This model is representative of more than 12 large superfortresses, costing \$600,000 each, which were bought with E. F. and G. War bonds bought or sold by women victory volunteer salesmen in 23 different counties of North Carolina as their bond sale goals during the Sixth War Loan Drive.

The presentation will be by the county or group women's chairman who had charge of the bond campaigns for these goals, led by Mrs. Donald Shoemaker, of Asheville, state vice chairman of the women's division. Certificates of award to the B-29 groups will be by Clarence T. Leinbach, of Winston Salem, state chairman of the war finance committee.

Mrs. Karl Bishopric, of Spray, state chairman of the women's division, will introduce the regional women's chairman, who will then present their county chairmen. Each county chairman in turn will present her Blue Star Brigade General, who sold bonds to the most people in her respective county.

Mrs. David Sabiston and Mrs. C. E. Warn, co-chairmen of Onslow County, will present Mrs. E. W. Clement as the Onslow County Blue Star Brigade General.

The State General of the Blue Star Brigade, sponsored by the women's division will be commissioned by Miss Gertrude Carraway, of New Bern, a regional chairman. She will be decorated with a five-star service ribbon for selling bonds to more people than any other women in the state. Her staff, also to be commissioned, will be selected from the ranking county generals.

Miss Mabelle B. Blake, of Washington, director of the women's section of the war finance division of the treasury department, will be the closing speaker. She will be introduced by Miss Harriet Elliott, of Greensboro, former director of the section. Mrs. Bishopric will preside over the hour program, which will be open to the general public.

John F. Pittman Of Near Richlands Died Friday

● John F. Pittman, 69, died at his home in the Gregory Fork section near Richlands early Friday. He was a retired farmer. Funeral services were held at 2 p. m. Saturday from the home, conducted by the Rev. W. A. Crow, Richlands Methodist minister. Burial was in the James O. Dimes polio cemetery, Richlands. Mr. Pittman was survived by his wife, Mrs. Alice Pittman; three daughters, Mrs. P. L. Pittman, Mrs. Melvin Brown and Mrs. Billy Wiggs; two sons, Troy E. Pittman and Fred Pittman, all of Richlands vicinity.

Cherry Calls On State to Support Polio Campaign

● North Carolinians, having only recently seen the effects of the dread disease at first hand, do not have to be told the reason for the 1945 March of Dimes polio campaign. Governor Cherry said recently in a radio talk formally opening the drive.

"North Carolina parents put a total of 860 cases of infantile paralysis to bed in 1944," said the Governor. "The mysterious and terrifying disease had never stalked the State to such an extent before."

"To meet the monster, five million dimes that had been given against this or some similar emergency, were brought to North Carolina to be thrown into the battle. These five million dimes served to provide treatment for a large number of the 860 cases, a majority of them assembled in the emergency hospital at Hickory, or in similar places at Gastonia and Charlotte.