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Recent talk about Federal Judge I. M. Meekins' resignation and the

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DOWN EAST

I. M. Meekins' resignation and the appointment of a successor brought to mind some of the ocurrences in his court when I used to do a job on a New Bern paper.

One of the stories concerned a New Bern man of Assyrian descent who was applying for naturalization papers. Judge Meekins asked the routine questions finally arriv-

who was applying for naturalization papers. Judge Meekins asked the routine questions, finally arriving at this one:

"Do you know what kind of government we live under?" And the fellow shook his head and tried to think, but the judge interrupted his thoughts, "Do you know who's at the head of our government."

"Yes. sir." the fellow replied, "Senator Simmons."

The judge always conducted his court with appropriate dignity but not without permitting his keen sense of humor to creep into the proceedings at times. On one occasion Attorney Larry I. Moore, Sr., of New Bern, was pleading with his honor in behalf of a client who had been up twice before in liquor cases. If the court would put the defendant on probation, Mr. Moore was certain he would reform. He just knew it, and conscientiously pleaded with Judge Meekins.

The jurist, however, held that twice before the defendant had opportunity to reform, but apparently preferred to deal in liquor than go straight. Not this time, he was through, Mr. Moore argued, prefacing each statement with the apology that it was not his intent to "burden the court, but—"

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To low the queen City Coach company has made application to the State Utilities Commission to operate bus service between to think but the main gate at Camp Lejeune, together with off-route service to Camp Lejeune, together with off-route service to Montford Point and to Tent Camp.

It is the second application for service to Camp Lejeune made in recent weeks, the other having been made by the Carolina Coach company. Both Carolina and Qucen City maintain service in and out of Jacksonville, but only the Seashore Transportation company now has a franchise to operate to the gates of the base or thereon.

A public hearing on the proposal of the Queen City company will be held before the State Utilities Commission at Raleigh at 10 a.m. on March 27.

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Meekins stated.
"But," Sam said in effect, "he didn't believe he'd be convicted."
"What made him think so?" inquired Judge Meekins.
"I told him."
"Well. don't tell your clients that," the judge cautioned. "Tell them you'll do the best you can for them but to come prepared to

back in those days for the court attaches to have a supper during the term, and on those occasions there would be a lot of story telling. They were cordial enough to invite me once, and it was an opportunity to hear Judge Meekins relate this story about the gate between Heaven and hell breaking down.

St. Peter appeared at the broken part of the gate and called out to the devil:

"Hey, Satan! It's your time to fix the gate."

"Nope." Satan replied. "We're too busy down here to bother about fixing a gate."

"Well, then." St. Peter said. "if you don't keep our agreement and said shared a nine-mile bridgehead across the Moselle, gravely threatening besieged Cobleacy.

First Army infantrymen edging into the heavily wooded hills east of the expanding Remagen bridgehead were within a half mile of superhighway at 9:35 a.m. yester-day and an unconfirmed Brussel from three day and an unconfirmed Brussel from the points, Theodore S. Johnson, Raleigh District OPA director anounced recently.

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Ration Value of Lard

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"Well, then," St. Peter said, "if you don't keep our agreement and fix it, I'll have to sue you."

"Oh, yeah!" Satan called out derisively. "Where're you gonnaget a lawyer?"

NO VACATION GAS

Those who hoped for easing of gasoline restrictions in time of vacation are doomed to definite disappointment. OPA District Director Theodore S. Johnson said this week.

With military demands stepping up as Allied forces hammer home repeated blows at the enemy, there can be no lessening of gasoline regulations, he emphasized. Supplemental gas rations are being gissued with the utmost care, he idded, and every applicant for additional gasoline must present is mileage rationing record at the time his application is made.

Gasoline coupons now valid, he explained, are A-14, RB, B, B, B, P, C, C, C, E, Z, E3, R1, R2 and R3.

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Queen City Coach Co. Seeks Permission To Operate To Camp Lejeune At Chamber Banquet



Dr. C. Sylvester Green, Durham Editor, Will Speak Beulaville, Wounded



"Well, don't tell your clients that," the judge cautioned. "Tell them you'll do the best you can for them but to come prepared to take a long trip."

Stockholm—(AP)—An unofficial British statement yesterday confirmed reports that a German approach to Allied representatives was attempted here a few days ago with a view to possible Armistice. but said it was immediately rejected. "an apporach was attempted a few days ago through a third party to a junior member of Legation have opened court by the slow one and closed it by the fast one.

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Pvt. Earl E. Bell. In European Action

Mrs. Mabel L. Bell of Route 2, Beulaville has been notified by the War Department that her husband, Ptv. Earl E. Bell,

cently.

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Pfc. Vassie Shepard Of Jacksonville Is Fighting In Philippines

• Private First Class Vassie Shepard, brother of Miss Bell Shepard, Route 3, Jacksonville, landed in the Phillipines with the XIV Army Corps, This Corps, commanded by Major General O. W. Griswold, di-C. Sylvester Green

The Jacksonville Chamber of commerce has announced that Dr. C. Sylvester Green, editor of the Durham Morning Herald, will be of an Engineer Combat Battaffon.

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At Camp Lejeune

Camp Lejeune—Colonel Ruth Cheney Streeter, director of the Marine Corps Women's Reserve, last Saturday, made the main ad-dress of the commissioning exer-cises here of the 20th Officer Can-didates' Class of the women Ma-rines

Gen. George L. Usher Will Assume Command At Camp Davis

Command of the Army Air Forces Personnel Distribution command's new installation at Camp Davis, which was designated recently as a Redistribution station and a Convalescent hospital for AAF returnees, was assumed Monday by Brig. Gen. George L. Usher, command pilot and veteran of two world wars.

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two world wars.

The general succeeded Maj. Donald S. Joyce, who has held the position of commading officer since the Army Air Corps took possession February 1 of the former Antiaireraft Artillery base.

Before taking over his new assignment at Camp Davis, General Usher, for a short time, was commanding general of the Personnel Distribution Command with headquarters in Atlantic City. N. J. Prior to that duty he served in the South Pacific theater and was commanding general of the 13th Air Force.

Four Candidates File For Town Commissioner

Germans Seeks Food

Ilarough Red Cross

Pvt. Horace R. Mozingo, Onslowan Held by Richlands, Reported Wounded In Germany

Pvt. Horace Ross Mozingo. Richlands, has been reported by the War Department to have been wounded in action. February 23 according to word received by his wife, Mrs. Christine Huffman Mozingo of the same address.

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Pvt. Mozingo was serving with the 10th Inf. Div. of the 1st Army in Germany at the time he was wounded. He was inducted in the army in July of 1944 and received his training at Camp Croft. S. C., and left for overseas duty the first of January this year.

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● C. F. Rawls, town clerk, announced yesterday that four candidates for the office of Town Commissioner have filed their intentions with him for the Town Primary which will be held on April third. They are: First Ward: H. Leslie Cowell, Second Ward: Jim C. Collins, Third W. dt. W. C. (Bill) Capps, Fourth Ward: J. Hedrick Aman.

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As of noon yesterday, no candidates for the office of Alderman of Mayor had filed.

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In the past, elections in the town of Jacksonville have been held by the convention system and the coming Primary, the first in Jacksonville's history, has attracted much interest.

In dividing the town of Jacksonville into four wards, the Board of Commissioners has announced that Ward one will include the Cheney Heights Development, Ward Two

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