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Carolínians Meet in South Pacific



South Pacific—Fifty-five soldiers, sailors and marines met here recently in an all-North and South Carolina get-together, sponsored by the American Red Cross. Pictured here are twelve of the twenty-three North Carolina boys. They are: front row, left to right: MM1c J. O. Arney, Navy, Morganton; Cpl. George W. Myers, Army, North Wilkesboro; Pvt. T. A. Morrison, Navy, Hickory; PHM3c Stacey T. Hines, Navy, Holly Ridge. Second row: Cpl. J. A. McKenzie, Army, Rockingham; SSMB3c Meredith E. Edmondson, Navy, Bath; Sgt. Jesse E. Wilcox, Army, New Berlin; Cpl. Ellis B. Mills, Army, Asheville. Third row: CV S. D. Wentz, Jr., USN, Charlotte; MMM2c W. H. Sitton, USN, Charlotte; Pfc. Dennis F. Mitchen, USMC, Gastonia; Pvt. Charles G. Byers, USMC, Gastonia.

Pfc. James D. Strange, Jacksonville, Reported Wounded in Europe

Pfc. James D. Strange, son of Mrs. Caroline H. Strange of Jacksonville, has been wounded in action in the European theater according to a message received from the War Department recently.

Cpl. Milton Jarman Wounded in Action On European Front

Cpl. Milton E. Jarman, son of Mrs. W. L. P. Jarman of Richlands, was wounded recently in action in France, according to news received by his mother. Corporal Jarman entered the Army in December, 1942, and arrived overseas in December, 1944.

Red Cross Collections Reach \$22,925.15; Goal in Sight

The Onslow County Red Cross campaign collections stood at \$22,925.15 as of noon yesterday with the Onslow County quota of \$24,000 in sight with the drive continuing for nine more days. A breakdown of participation by townships discloses the following: Camp Lejeune \$13,500.00 Jacksonville 7,061.85 Folkstone 50.75 Verona 71.20 Sneads Ferry 305.50 Moyville 40.30 Midway Park 30.69 Swansboro 213.00 Silverdale 44.40 Holly Ridge 459.50 Hubert 100.95 White Oak 47.00 Richlands 850.00

Colonel L. B. Puller, Camp Lejeune, Speaks To Jacksonville Kiwanians

Colonel L. B. Puller, infantry training regiment commander, Camp Lejeune, was the guest speaker Tuesday at the regular luncheon meeting of the Jacksonville Kiwanis Club at the USO Pine Lodge.

American Third and Seventh Armies Rout Out All But Few Germans West of Rhine

Paris—(AP)—American Third and Seventh Armies stamped out all but a few bewildered pockets of Germans west of the Rhine today and formed numerous junctions in Saarland and Palatinate in a mighty conquest probably costing the Germans well over 100,000 men and two complete armies.

Jap Resistance Crushed On 4,448 Square Miles Of Panay Island

Manila—(AP)—Virtually all organized Japanese resistance has been crushed on 4,448 square miles of Panay, Central Philippines Island invaded Sunday, and the enemy's cave-studded Shimbu Line east of Manila on Luzon has collapsed, yielding a mass of war booty, headquarters reported today.

Gordon Blake, Former Onslow Agent, Named New Assistant at Test Farms

Raleigh—Gordon Blake, specialist in the North Carolina Department of Agriculture's Division of Markets, Raleigh, was recently appointed by Commissioner Kerr Scott as Assistant Superintendent of the Coastal Plain Station, at Willard, to succeed the late D. P. Southland.

Defense Garden Chairmen Lists Plans for A Long Season Garden

Miss Laura Beatty, chairman of the Onslow County Defense Garden Committee, has listed the following plans to help victory gardeners: 1. Plan your garden for a long season—something fresh coming up from early until late in fall. 2. Home canning plans should be included in garden plans. 3. Succession crops and intensive gardening are the answers if your plot is small. 4. Vacant lots may be obtained for neighborhood and community gardens. 5. Fruit growing has great possibilities along with vegetables. 6. School gardens are particularly desirable in connection with school lunch programs. 7. Industrial gardens sponsored by workers and management are excellent to build morale and boost production through better diets.

Extra Gasoline Rations Will Be Issued for Victory Gardeners

Raleigh—Extra gasoline rations for victory gardeners will be issued again this year, on practically the same basis as in 1944. Theodore S. Johnson, OPA District Director said this week. Applications for the extra gas will be accepted by the local Board beginning next Monday, March 26th.

Richlands Recital

Miss Fannie Lewis will present her music class in a recital at the Richlands high school Monday afternoon, March 26th at 3:00 o'clock. The public is invited to attend.

Pvt. Herbert I. White, Jacksonville, Awarded Third Oak Leaf Cluster

Pvt. Herbert I. White of the 12th Army Air Force has been awarded the Third Oak Leaf Cluster along with the distinguished service cross for extraordinary heroism in connection with the military operations against the enemy in France.

Pressure Cooker Clinic

A special pressure cooker clinic will be held in New Bern on April 5th. Those desiring to have their pressure cookers repaired must bring them in to the Home Demonstration Market not later than the morning of April 3.

Mrs. Robert L. Moore Mother of Local Woman Passes in Greenville

Mrs. Melisse Tripp Moore, 78, died at her home in Greenville Monday afternoon after a lingering illness.

Mrs. Rose Dunmoyer, Mother of Jacksonville Woman, Passes Here

Funeral rites for Mrs. Rose Adine Dunmoyer, age 53, who passed away at the Onslow County Hospital on Tuesday, March 20, 1945, were held at the Jones Funeral Home, Wednesday afternoon, at 2 o'clock by the Rev. F. N. Cox, assistant minister in charge of St. Anne's Episcopal Church. Interment followed in the Jacksonville cemetery. Mrs. Dunmoyer was born at Pocahontas, Pa., Jan. 12, 1892, and was the mother of Mrs. Eva Spiker Crandall, of Jacksonville, with whom the deceased made her home.

John Meadows Released Under Bond Of \$2,500

One Hundred Persons Attend First Anniversary Celebration of Chamber

An intellectual patriotism, a conservative optimism and a vivacious spirituality are three bases for personal living in wartime, Dr. Sylvester Green, editor of the Durham, N. C. Herald, told the Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce at its first annual banquet here Wednesday night.

Sgt. Tommie F. Carroll Beulaville, Serving With Army in England

Sgt. Tommie F. Carroll, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Carroll of Beulaville, is with a field artillery unit of the Army in England. He entered service in March of 1941 and went overseas in November.

Baptismal Services To Be Held Sunday At Baptist Church

Baptismal services will be held at First Baptist church here both morning and evening on Sunday. It was announced yesterday by Rev. L. Grady Burgess, pastor. Sixteen candidates are awaiting baptism.

Pfc. Ralph W. Brinson Beulaville, Receives Promotion in Europe

Pfc. Ralph W. Brinson, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Brinson of Beulaville, has been promoted to sergeant on the Seventh Army front in France. Sgt. Brinson is now serving with the 142nd infantry. He was slightly wounded in action in December of last year and was awarded the Purple Heart.

John Meadows Released Under Bond Of \$2,500

A coroner's inquest, following the death of Cpl. James Thomas Shaw, 24-year-old Marine of Brooklyn, N. Y., stationed at Camp Lejeune was held Monday afternoon at three o'clock.

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The jury returned the verdict that "Shaw came to his death from gunshot wounds fired by a gun in the hands of one John A. Meadows of Jacksonville." They recommended that Meadows be held for grand jury investigation and tried at the next term of Superior Court which will be held in Onslow County on May 28th.

John Meadows Released Under Bond Of \$2,500

Coroner Jones fixed Meadows' bond at \$2,500.00 pending the grand jury investigation. Coroner Timmons Jones was in charge of the inquest with Rivers Johnson, Warsaw attorney representing the defendant and J. Abner Barker, Solicitor of this district, examining the witnesses.

John Meadows Released Under Bond Of \$2,500

Meadows did not make a statement, and no witnesses were presented by the defense at the hearing. Three Marines who testified that they were with Shaw at the time of the shooting each took the stand and told the same story of having taken a short cut through the yard of Meadows while making their way to the Jacksonville bus station.

John Meadows Released Under Bond Of \$2,500

After this, they all went to the Onslow Billiard Parlor where they purchased four glasses and eight twelve-ounce bottles of beer which they took with them on leaving. From there, they said they went to the Jacksonville Photo Shop to have pictures taken where they had to wait some time as they had been others before them. After having the pictures made they went outside and finished drinking the beer, leaving the bottles and a cardboard box they had been carrying it in, in the rear of the photo shop. Dwyer said that at this point two of the glasses were accidentally broken when dropped on the cement.

John Meadows Released Under Bond Of \$2,500

Each of the witnesses told the same story and were emphatic in their denials of being intoxicated or creating any nuisance at the Meadows' home. All of them admitted to having gone to the rear of the house to relieve themselves and stated that when they discovered that it was nearing eleven o'clock, the time they had to be back on the base, they decided to cut through the yard as a means of a short cut.

John Meadows Released Under Bond Of \$2,500

According to the stories of the three witnesses, they were walking through the back yard when someone stepped on the back porch and shone a flashlight upon them, demanding that they leave at once. Cpl. Shaw, it is said, replied, "Okay, Pop, we're going," just as Meadows shot twice hitting Cpl. Shaw in the lower abdomen. He died twenty minutes.

John Meadows Released Under Bond Of \$2,500

While Chin and Dwyer dragged Shaw out of the line of fire, Pfc. Huxford raced to the City Hall to locate the Military Police. When he returned with them, Shaw was dead.

John Meadows Released Under Bond Of \$2,500

All three witnesses swore that at no time did they attempt to enter upon the porch and were never closer to the house than three yards, which was the distance at which Cpl. Shaw was shot according to the testimony.

John Meadows Released Under Bond Of \$2,500

The report of an autopsy, held at the Naval Hospital, Camp Lejeune, showed that Shaw died as a result of a gunshot wound in the lower abdomen. Numerous pieces of what appeared to be number four, high velocity shot were removed from the wound.

John Meadows Released Under Bond Of \$2,500

Coroner Jones said that there were no discernible powder marks on Cpl. Shaw's clothing. He also stated that there was a hole through the Meadows' screen door and another in the yard near where Shaw fell, from which several pieces of shot were removed.

John Meadows Released Under Bond Of \$2,500

The coroner's jury was made up of Meri Ferguson, R. R. Tallman, W. A. S. Aman, E. W. Provost, W. E. Sabiston and W. C. Smith.

John Meadows Released Under Bond Of \$2,500

Cpl. Cyrus Swinson, Richlands, Reported Liberated in Europe

Cpl. Cyrus Swinson of Richlands, who has been held as a prisoner of war in Europe was reported Wednesday to have been liberated by the advance of the Soviet Armies.

John Meadows Released Under Bond Of \$2,500

Cpl. Swinson is the son of Monte G. Swinson, Route 1, Richlands.

Saturday Last Day To Register

One new name was added to and one subtracted from the list of candidates for the Town Board of Commissioners this week, as the date for filing for office and the deadline for registering to be eligible to vote was fast approaching.

The new candidate for the board was G. E. Jim Maultsby, who filed from Ward Two in opposition to the incumbent, and the candidate to come down was W. C. (Bill) Capps, who expects to move in the near future from Ward Three to Ward One.

The time for registering will close on Saturday evening, and there was considerable work being done to get people's names on the books. The Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce and Kiwanis Club were taking the lead in making certain that all residents of the town were fully apprised of the election information.

To be eligible to register and vote a person must have resided in North Carolina one year, Onslow County six months and within the town limits of Jacksonville for four months. Registration and voting will be in the ward in which the citizen is now residing.

As of noon yesterday the list of candidates for the board were: Ward One—H. L. Cowell and Coleman Bynum; Ward Two—J. C. Collins and G. E. Maultsby; Ward Three—B. J. Holman; and Ward Four—J. Hedrick Aman and Maurice Margolis.

\$62,000 Estimated Damage Done in Nine Day Hofmann Forest Fire

J. M. Stingley, supervisor of Hofmann Forest, announced yesterday that the nine-day raging fire that started in the Jones County section of the forest was declared under control after 21,120 acres of valuable timberland had been destroyed.

The fire which started on March 6 continued to spread despite the efforts of the N. C. Forest Service tractors and plows and all of the Hofmann forest equipment.

Stingley spoke highly of the work done by the men brought in to fight the fire.

John Meadows Released Under Bond Of \$2,500

Although the blaze was brought under control on March 14, the area was constantly patrolled until this week. The supervisor said that an investigation was underway to determine the origin of the fire.

In tallying the amount of damage done, Stingley said that 14,000 acres of valuable mercantile timber was destroyed with an additional 6,000 acres of second growth timber while 1,000 acres only was in open land. The estimated damage amounted to \$62,000.

There was no tally on the amount of game and wild life lost through the blaze but supervisor Stingley said that it would no doubt seriously curtail the hunting in the forest for the next few years. He announced that hunting regulations will be announced as the results of the investigation into the fire are disclosed.