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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 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, 1912, and arrived overseas in December, 1914.

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 Total \$22,925.15

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. While the Third Army mopped up the enemy in chemical center of Ludwigshafen and fought hard for Mainz, Seventh Army elements broke loose in advance of 23 miles from their last reported positions to points many miles north of areas captured earlier by Third Army. The prison bag alone for the campaign is estimated at 83,333 tired, dirty and thoroughly beaten Germans.

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. In the spreading air war, Mitchell Bombers caught a six-ship enemy convoy off Amoy, China and attacked it with 16 tons of explosives. The harbor at Iloilo was captured Tuesday with docks intact, permitting immediate use. American troops, aided by Guerrillas, seized the Santa Barbara Airfield.

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. Mr. Blake attended State College at Raleigh, for four years, graduating with honors. He then served for seven years as County Agricultural Agent in McDowell and Hertford counties, thus getting experience in both the eastern and western parts of the state. He then served with the Farm Security Administration at the Roanoke Farms near Enfield, where he served as agricultural advisor to the project, which was a similar project to Penderlee. Returning to the county agent work, Mr. Blake served as Assistant County Agent for Onslow and Jones counties for a while and then went to the Department of Agriculture as a specialist in the Division of Markets, where he was working in connection with the development of freezer locker business for frozen foods when offered the appointment at the Coastal Plains Station. In his work with the Department of Agriculture Mr. Blake traveled over the entire state and contacted both agricultural and business interests.

120 Planes Bomb Taiwan

London—(AP)—The Tokyo radio said yesterday that 120 American planes had bombed Taiwan (Formosa) yesterday. The broadcast, recorded by the Associated Press, said the raiders included B-29 Superfortresses, B-23 Liberators and P-38 Lightnings.

Defense Garden Chair? In 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.

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. Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Ella Burton of Jacksonville, Mrs. Genevieve Smith and Mrs. Cammie Beaman of Portsmouth, Va.; four sons, T. R. Jack Moore of New Bern, Johnnie Moore and Walter H. Moore of Greenville and Tom R. Moore, Army Air Corps, stationed at Fresno, Calif.; four sisters, Mrs. Ervin Austin of Aurora, Mrs. W. H. Laughlin of Cox's Mill, Mrs. F. O. Taylor of Greenville, and Mrs. Rufus Dudley of near Greenville; two brothers, Ashley Tripp of Greenville and Henry Tripp of near Greenville; 23 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

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 1914. 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. Importance of America's victory gardens is shown by this allowing of additional gasoline where necessary, Johnson pointed out, adding that gardeners are expected to surpass last year's record of 8,000,000 tons of food—a vital part of our nation's food supply picture.

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. Pvt. White was also awarded the Bronze Star on Dec. 16 for meritorious achievement in aerial combat toward the enemy in Italy. Pvt. White is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Z. C. White. He had been in service over 25 months and been overseas for 15 months. A brother, Pfc. Otis C. White, is serving with the Army Air Force in India.

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, 1915, 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, 1862, and was the mother of Mrs. Eva Spiker Crandall, of Jacksonville, with whom the deceased made her home.

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.

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.

Third in Nation

By receiving \$504,044.00 for their crops during 1914, North Carolina farmers ranked third in the nation in total crop receipts. It was announced yesterday by J. J. Morgan, statistician with the State Department of Agriculture. A total of \$334,250,000, or two-thirds of this amount was realized from tobacco. Cotton accounted for \$80,590,000; peanuts and soybeans, \$27,919,000.

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. In announcing his withdrawal from the race, Capps said he had purchased a residence in another ward and was planning to move as soon as possible. "Therefore," he stated, "I do not think it would be fair to me to continue as a candidate from Ward Three. I am, however, grateful for the encouragement that was accorded me while a candidate."

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. 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. 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. 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. Pfc. Charles W. Dwyer, the first witness called, told of the four boys coming into town around four thirty in the afternoon of March 17. He and Ta Fu Chin, Chinese-born Marine, went first to have Chin's shoes repaired while the other two, Cpl. Shaw and Pfc. James Huxford, went to the Double Eagle Grill to have a glass of beer. According to Dwyer's story they eventually met up with the other boys and after each having a bottle of beer, they went to the Victoria Cafe and ate dinner. From there, all four of the Marines went back to the Double Eagle Grill and had some more beer. 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 were 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. 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. 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. 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. 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. 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. 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. 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.

\$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. Although the blaze was brought under control on March 14, the area was constantly patrolled until this week. The supervisor said that

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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. Speaking to approximately 100 members of the chamber and commanding staff officers from Camp Lejeune and Camp Davis, Dr. Green declared that with those bases would eventually come the triumph of right over the forces of evil. E. J. Petteway, chamber president presided and the address was followed by the reading of a letter of welcome in which he declared that the Marines had aided in the solution of problems confronting Jacksonville in the past four years and that the people take great pride in their presence at Camp Lejeune. Responding to the address of welcome, Maj. Gen. John Marston, who with the staffs of Lejeune were honored guests, complimented the community and the chamber for the magnificent job it had done and pledged the cooperation of the marine corps in assisting Jacksonville to meet whatever situations may confront it. General Marston introduced members of his staff as follows: Col. R. H. Pepper, chief of staff, Col. Raymond Anderson, Capt. John White USN, Capt. G. L. Markle, USN, Lt. Col. W. B. Harden, Lt. Col. Abner J. Beall and Capt. Al Lloyd. General Alfred Noble, commanding officer of the training command, presented members of his staff: Col. W. H. McHenry, chief-of-staff, Colonel M. E. Fuller, Maj. Henry Applington and Capt. Victor H. Flatch. Lt. Col. H. A. Kreitzer, director of activities and operations at Camp Davis, presented the guests who accompanied him: Maj. H. A. Carver, Maj. D. Joyce, Chaplain Potter, Maj. W. C. Bauer, Jr., Maj. Guy C. Richardson, Capt. L. R. Bishop and Lt. R. J. Mack. It was the first birthday celebration of the chamber of commerce, and it therefore attracted a number of out-of-town guests, among them being Charles L. McChesney, secretary of the New Bern Chamber of Commerce; Walter Carlier, secretary of the organization at Wilmington; L. Raney of Wilmington; C. L. Carter of New Bern; Heyward Campbell and C. C. Hines of Holly Ridge; Edwin Steed and B. W. Brock of Richlands. Also presented to the group were H. C. Johnson and Ramon Askew, presidents of the Jacksonville Lions and Kiwanis clubs. Presented by Rep. Billy Arthur as a "newspaperman's newspaper," Dr. Green explained that he meant by an intellectual patriotism a knowledge of the history of one's own country, that of his allies and his enemies. Had we heeded the history of the Japanese monarchists that fateful day of December 7, 1941, may never have come. A conservative optimism, he declared, is faith in our abilities and energies to build a world in which intelligent spirituality is "putting first things first" and an appraisal of things to the extent of knowing what's right and what's wrong. A gifted speaker—surely one of the finest to grace a platform here in years, Dr. Green kept the audience at rapt attention by his intelligent argument and persuasive speech. His smooth flow of words and delivery was that of the expert that he actually is. Music for the occasion was furnished by a sextet of musicians of the Camp Lejeune Women's Reserve band under the direction of Sgt. Charlotte Plummer, and (Continued on Page Six)

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



TOMMIE F. CARROLL

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. Since the first of the year, there have been 45 additions to the membership rolls of the Baptist church. For the morning service, Rev. Burgess will speak on "Believers' Baptism" and at the evening service he will preach on the subject "Grace."

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. Before going to France he served in Italy. He entered into service in February 19, 1944 and received his training at Camp Blanding, Fla. and arrived overseas last July. Another son, Pfc. Wayne M. Brinson, is serving with the 5th Army in Germany. He is with the 558th field artillery and has served in France, Belgium and Germany. Pfc. Brinson entered service in June of 1941, and trained at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, Fort Bragg and Camp Roberts, California before going overseas last June.

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