

DOWN EAST  
WITH  
BILLY ARTHUR

I got mine Tuesday night. For years, I've been going down to the Courthouse lawn on the day following the primaries to see whom the "boys" had buried. And on Tuesday night they had placed a little grave and a big grave side by side on the lawn—one for me and one for Marion Cowell, so they said. A sign on the large grave read: "Big Boy Blue, who lost his sheep." And a sign on the little grave read: "Little Boy Blue." Then followed this: "Honorable political dictators conduct scientific experiment to see if you tell people what they want to hear, will they line up like sheep. Scientific experiment successful. Find out sheep don't vote." Frankly, I don't get the last part, Sheep, as far back as the Biblical days, have been considered pure in heart and mind; and surely those who composed that ditty were not admitting anything. Or, were they?

In any event, it was a good scrap, and I repeat that I thoroughly enjoyed every minute of it.

People who had never participated in a primary, particularly a local affair, went to work, and fellows who heretofore had stayed behind the scenes and pulled the strings also had to get active because a bunch of peanut politicians, so to speak—the merchants of the town who were backing me—were about to upset the applecart. Even Mayor Clyde Sabiston and John D. Warlick themselves were checking the names of people who hadn't even voted, hauling them to the polls, and even getting some folks out of the theatre to go vote.

Never before have so many people in Jacksonville been civic minded and conscious of the needs of the community and their respective localities. And, after having heard the pleas of people for community improvements in the past week, I'm glad I didn't get the job. But the fact remains: something's got to be done in this town, and now is the time to get it accomplished.

People in Bayshore Estates want street lights, people in other sections want surfaced streets or improved thoroughfares, the merchants want the downtown streets clean, the women want the town cleaned up, practically everyone want better relations with Camp Lejeune, and a lot of other things. Even most of the 281 persons who voted for the mayor-nominatee feel that way, not just the 245 persons who dropped in a ticket for me. A total of 526 persons showed that they were interested in the growth and development of the community by going to the polls and voting. The town is awake now!

Mayor-nominatee Ramon Askew dropped a hint the other day that he was thinking of calling a mass meeting for a public discussion of the town's immediate needs, and setting them down for accomplishment in one-two-three order. That's a darn good idea, but I don't think we should wait until late to do it. The time is now while the people are enthused.

Ed (Jottem Down) Smith matches some of the boys for cokes practically every day, but they say that he never loses. It seems, according to the reports that when one of the fellows beats him, he merely drinks from an already opened bottle, and they say that a Pepsi will last him three days.

Lindsay Winstead was trying to get out of town and back to Richlands the other morning. "Let's go," he told Woodrow. "You've kept me down here until I've spent \$1.25; so let's get on home."

Swansboro Brothers Meet on Frontlines After Year Apart

With The 106th Infantry Division on The Western Front—Private First Class Paul A. Murphy, of Company F, 424th Infantry Regiment, was busy making himself comfortable in his front line fox-hole. He was only mildly interested when a reconnaissance patrol from the 99th Infantry Division passed through the area. Mildly interested, that is, until he spotted his brother, Private First Class Vance P. Murphy, of the 99th Reconnaissance Troop, in the patrol.

Their last reunion had been nearly a year ago, in the United States. They are from Swansboro, N. C., and are the sons of Mrs. Letha B. Murphy, Swansboro, N. C. Both have fought in Germany and Belgium, and had taken part in the Battle of the Bulge. Paul has received the Combat Infantryman's Badge, and Vance has the Purple Heart for wounds received during action in Germany.

ARRIVES IN FRANCE

Cpl. Horace Dawson of Jacksonville has notified relatives here of his safe arrival in France. He had been stationed in Alaska and Texas before going to Europe.

Brothers Serving in Armed Forces



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Russians Reach Vienna; Yanks Near Hannover

Paris—(AP)—How American and British divisions smashed up to the Weser River to within 23 miles of Hannover Thursday on a solid 40-mile front from north of Minden to the Pied Piper town of Hamelin. Armored spearheads of American Third Army, well out of the Napoleonic battlefield of the Thuringian plain, moved 55 miles toward the Smoky Rail Center of Plauen, near Czechoslovakia, in a drive to bisect Germany and join the Russian Army.

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War In Brief

4 Onslowns Wounded, One Is Prisoner, War Department Reports

Four Onslow County young men were reported wounded and one other a prisoner of war by the War Department this week.

They were: Sgt. Cecil A. Riggs, son of Mrs. Margaret Freshwater Riggs, of Hubert, wounded in European fighting.

Pfc. James D. Strange, son of Mrs. Carolina Strange, of Jacksonville, wounded in European fighting.

Pfc. Osborne C. Turner, son of Mrs. Nannie Turner, Beaulieu, route two, wounded in European fighting.

Pvt. George A. Morton, son of Mrs. Dolly Morton, Jacksonville, route two, prisoner of war.

Pfc. Francis F. Dixon, husband of Louise H. Dixon of Maysville, wounded in Europe.

Mrs. Milton E. Jarman, son of Mrs. Ida S. Jarman of Richlands, wounded in Europe.

Cpl. Eugene Simpson Writes of Fright on German Battlefield

Cpl. Eugene T. Simpson, son of A. F. Simpson of Maysville, recently wrote of a harrowing experience while fighting with the army in Germany.

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Enoch Howard Named Mayor of Richlands; Succeeds Rhem Taylor

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Members of the town board elected were: Edwin Steed, Warren Taylor, Ray Brown, W. B. Ferrell and T. F. Sanders.

The board elected Nat Sylvester as town constable.

Registration Books At Holly Ridge to Be Open Saturday

Registration books for Town of Holly Ridge balloting on May 1 will be opened Saturday, April 7, it was announced yesterday.

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PVT. STACY RIGGS

Pvt. Stacy Riggs has notified his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Riggs of Maysville, of his arrival with the Army in France. He entered service last July and went overseas in January.

G. B. Cooper, 65, Succumbs To Heart Attack; Rites Today

Gordon Bennett Cooper, 65, of Jacksonville, died at the Onslow County hospital here at 1 a.m. yesterday following a heart attack on Monday. He had been in ill health for the past three months.

A native of Sampson county, Mr. Cooper was a civil engineer and for years worked with the State Highway and Public Works Commission. During that time he was in charge of construction of U. S. 17 through this section of North Carolina.

Mr. Cooper returned to Onslow County in 1941 when the Navy Department began acquiring land for Camp Lejeune and had resided here since as a civil engineer in private practice. Prior to his coming here he was in charge of malaria control in Pitt and Edgecombe counties.

Funeral services will be held at the Crumpler-Honeycutt Funeral chapel at Clinton this afternoon at 4 o'clock with burial following in the Clinton cemetery.

Mr. Cooper is survived by his widow, Mrs. Mary Sutton Cooper; three daughters, Mrs. James A. Pittman of Midway Park, Mrs. Eugene Southern and Miss Annie Cooper of Jacksonville; two sons, Gordon Fleet Cooper of Jacksonville and Sgt. O. F. Cooper, stationer at Blumenthal Field, Wilmington; three brothers, Dr. G. M. Cooper of the State Board of Health in Raleigh, O. F. Cooper of Wilmington, and Thomas N. Cooper of Petersburg, Va.; and one sister, Mrs. B. F. Fitzgerald of Gretna, Va.

Three Local Firms Alleged to Have Violated Ceiling Prices

Temporary restraining orders, issued in Federal Court, have been served on three Jacksonville firms in connection with alleged violation of Office of Price Administration ceiling prices.

The orders were issued against H. M. Loy, A. & B. Groceteria and J. B. Petteway and Son store.

Returnable before Federal Judge Johnson Hayes in New Bern Tuesday, April 10, the restraining orders allege that the firms have made overcharges on some items on their shelves and restrain further sales as the alleged higher-than-ceiling prices.

COMPLETING TRAINING

Flight Officer Nicholas J. Kalantzis, son of Mr. and Mrs. James G. Kalantzis of Jacksonville, now completing training as a B-24 Liberator navigator at Walla Walla Army Air Field.

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G. E. (Jimmy) Maultsby yesterday gave notice that he has called for a run-off between him and J. C. Collins to select a nominee for commissioner from Ward 2 on the town board.

In announcing that he would seek a run-off, because Collins did not obtain a majority of the votes cast in the first primary Tuesday, Maultsby pointed out that Collins polled only one more vote than he in taking the lead, 60 to 59. J. C. Thompson received a total of 13 votes.

Because of the extremely close vote and because it is understood the validity of at least one vote for my opponent could have been challenged, my supporters have urged me to call for a run-off," Maultsby said. "Therefore, I have to accede to their wishes."

The run-off will be held on next Tuesday in Ward 2 only, and the polls will be open from 6:30 a. m. to 6:30 p. m. There will be no further registration.

Ramon Askew, owner and manager of the Jacksonville Auto Sales, Tuesday was nominated mayor of the Town of Jacksonville in a primary which brought out a total of 526 voters—largest in history of the town's municipal elections.

Askew defeated Rep. Billy Arthur, editor and publisher of the News and Views, by a small margin of 36 votes—281 to 245.

Three persons—H. L. Cowell in Ward 1, B. J. Holleman in Ward 3 and J. H. Aman in Ward 4—were nominated to the Town Board of Commissioners, but a run-off in Ward 2 between J. C. Collins, the high man, and G. E. Maultsby, runner-up by one vote, appeared a likely result of a three-man race in that part of town.

The size of the vote, coming from a list of approximately 650 registered voters, indicated the interest in the primary. It had been heightened by successful efforts of the Chamber of Commerce and Kiwanis club to get the people registered and to vote, thereby making them civic conscious.

In the race for mayor, Askew and Arthur carried two wards each, and Askew carried the ward in which Arthur resides but lost his.

The vote by wards follows:

Table with 3 columns: Ward, Askew, Arthur. Row 1: Ward 1, 84, 87. Row 2: Ward 2, 60, 71. Row 3: Ward 3, 56, 38. Row 4: Ward 4, 81, 49. Total: 281, 245.

The results of the balloting for members of the town board were even closer in two wards, and these were the returns:

Ward 1—H. L. Cowell, 116, and Coleman Baynham, 58.

Ward 2—J. C. Collins, 60; G. E. Maultsby, 59; and J. C. Thompson, 13.

Ward 3—B. J. Holleman, 48 and Woodrum Aman, 47.

Ward 4—J. Hedrick Aman, 90, and Maurice Margolis, 38.

The general election, in which it is safe to predict that the Republicans will offer no opposing candidates, will be held in May, and Askew will go into office in June.

Voting by wards in a primary this year was the first time in history that residents of the municipality enthusiastically expressed by the ballot their choice as governing heads of the town for two years. In the past, the candidates have been nominated by convention, which attracted only a few residents.

Cowell, who was nominated to the board from ward one, is proprietor of Cowell Service station, and Aman, who will represent ward four, is a member of the firm of J. H. Aman and Sons. He is a member of the board at the present time.

Holleman is owner and manager of the Riverview Hotel annex and also is engaged in the oil business.