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DOWN EAST WITH BILLY ARTHUR

Someone inquired the other day what one usually finds when he enters homes of local residents, as many of us did in the past two weeks.

Well, actually visiting a number of homes a night meant a galaxy of occurrences, the variety and enjoyment of which depending upon the conditions of the home when it was entered, whether occupants were friends and it might have meant one headache per home, all rolled into one big one. A lot depends on when the visiting was done, because there are some inopportune times that may cause some embarrassment.

Visiting people and discovering how they really live make realities of disconcertions. I've heard a bridge game speak:

"Oh, honey, was that your ace I trumped? I'm sorry."

"That's all right. We all make mistakes."

Then in the automobile going home:

"You're the biggest fool I ever saw. I led an ace. And you trumped. You blind truck horse."

"Don't talk to me. You brute. I'm going right home to mother."

But it all works out that mother has brought her belongings over to spend just a few days and hasn't gone home in two years.

I think the only trouble with mothers-in-law is some of the sons and daughters they raise—or fail to raise properly.

It is estimated that the average family is composed of five members. The parents are well-known. Of moderate means they live in an appropriate residential section in a house which dad gave for a wedding present and furnished by the two love birds. The house is in a beautiful setting, is surrounded by trees. Soft lights glow through the windows.

Shortly after supper before the family gets settled down and arranged to receive visitors, you walk up to the door noticing the comfortable, welcome and happy appearance of the home, ring the bell and get no answer. You stick your head inside the door to holler, and there's the average family of five, including three unruly children who are studying their lessons while mother and father in the kitchen are loving with sharp words, a rolling pin, and a butcher knife.

Visiting other homes, you will find that the baby has been put to bed, and you can't talk above whisper; brother has just come from Virginia and brought three a box of tax-paid, and everybody dribbling a bridge game is in progress, and you are asked to prepare the refreshments; and only the wife home, and she and yours go in another room and talk for two hours leaving you with three fashion magazines, two dress patterns, and some embroidery.

It is estimated that if you visit it and spend 15 minutes with 50 such families, you will wake up some morning headed for Dix Hill.

After having read Maximum Price Regulation No. 589 which was explained to merchants last week, permit me to state that the News and Views has an adequate supply and is ready to sell all the materials necessary in computing the ceiling prices and filling out the forms; namely, pencils, work sheets, erasers, head scratchers and toilet paper.

Jack Peck thought surely someone had stolen his car from behind the cafe Saturday night, but Clayton Petteway had driven it home by mistake. In the dark of the alley, Clayton climbed aboard what he thought was his own car, put the switch key in, started the motor and drove on home. A coincidence, yes, but we later discovered that even the key to the boot of Jim McCulloch's car also fits Peck's ignition switch.

The Wall Street Journal says: If they lived today

Nero would learn the cornet instead of the fiddle. And he'd have his own orchestra.

Billy the Kid would join the Coast Guard.

Horatius would become a traffic cop and hold up traffic on a bridge with a red light instead of a sword and shield.

John Hancock would be a fountain salesman.

Cesar would be writing his commentaries for the newspapers. Diogenes would be a flashlight manufacturer.

Damon and Pythias would be doing their act every night on the radio.

Portia would be taking cases involving racketeers.

Cleopatra would be a Night Club Queen.

Henry Clay wouldn't rather be right than President. He'd rather be President and then appoint a commission to find out whether he was or not.

75 William C. Reece Returns from Pacific After 42 Months

75 William C. Reece, son of W. C. Reece of Jacksonville, route one, has arrived at Fort Bragg on a rotation furlough after having been 42 months in the South Pacific. The technician fifth grade is a member of the coast artillery corps of the U. S. Army.

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Allied Armies Approach Bremen And Hannover

Paris—AP—American and British armies fought to within sight of the great north German cities of Bremen and Hannover Monday and sent tank forces crashing between the two centers toward the Elbe river.

The Ninth Army was within five miles of Hannover, and was expected to enter the city of 472,527 during the day, front-line dispatches said.

The British second army was last reported to be the same distance from the great naval base and shipbuilding center of Bremen and to be sending shells into the city.

The British menaced Hamburg, 54 miles from their vanguards.

Near Heart of Vienna

London—AP—Red Army tommygunners hammered within a mile of the heart of Vienna Monday, while other Russian forces far to the north were credited with capturing 15,000 prisoners in a final drive to mop-up the East Prussian capital of Koenigsberg.

The German radio declared the Russians may already have started their long-expected offensive against Berlin. The fall of the East Prussian fortress city would release thousands of additional Soviet troops for a push on the German capital.

Chamber to Meet Thursday Night at Tallman Street USO

Forced to postpone its regular April meeting because of a conflicting OPA session, the Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce will meet at the Tallman Street USO Thursday night at 8:30 o'clock, it was announced yesterday by President E. J. Petteway.

The regular April session was scheduled to have been held last Thursday night, but a quorum was not present. Conflicting with the meeting, was an explanatory session about new price ceiling regulations, in which every merchant of Jacksonville was interested.

Waste Fat Collection To Be Emphasized by Demonstration Clubs

Onslow County Home Demonstration clubs will make a special effort to save and collect waste fats during the month of April, Miss Laura Beatty, home agent, disclosed yesterday.

For once, Miss Beatty said, an outlet for the waste fats has been found. The A. & B. Grocerette in Jacksonville. That store, she said, will accept the waste, which will be turned over to the government, indirectly, for the manufacture of materials of war.

An effort also will be made this month, Miss Beatty added, to collect old clothing to be sent to war devastated areas of Europe. Four II clubs will join with home demonstration clubs in the project.

Mrs. Alice Koonce, 84, Passes at Stella; Funeral Is Today

Mrs. Alice Erwin Koonce died at her home near Stella Sunday after an extended illness. She was 84 years of age.

Funeral services will be held from the graveside in the family cemetery near Stella today afternoon at 3 o'clock, conducted by Rev. Charles Mercer, Methodist minister of Swansboro, assisted by Rev. A. L. Benton, Swansboro Baptist minister.

Mrs. Koonce is survived by one brother, T. C. Erwin, of the home place; and several nieces and nephews.

CLOSED FISHING SEASON

Fishing in inland waters of Onslow County is now illegal until May 20. The season closed Friday. Fishing is permitted below the Atlantic Coast Line bridge, which is considered commercial water.

Chaplain Markle Accepts Invitation To Deliver Baccalaureate Sermon

Jacksonville high school's commencement exercises will begin May 6 and close on Saturday night, May 12, it was announced yesterday by Principal A. B. Johnson.

The finals program will start on Sunday, May 6, when Capt. F. L. Markle, Camp Lejeune chaplain, delivers the baccalaureate sermon in the high school auditorium at 11 a. m.

The class night exercises will be held on Friday night, May 11, and the diplomas will be awarded on

Japanese Bitterly Resist on Okinawa; Philippine Cities Taken

Guam—AP—Savage pillbox to pillbox fighting and round-the-clock bombardment duels raged in Southern Okinawa Monday as desperately resisting Japanese began their expected bitter defense of Ryukyu Island, only 325 miles from their homeland. Ground resistance was about all Japan had to offer in way of defense.

Jap Casualties High

Manila—AP—A count of Japanese killed and captured in the Philippines reached 314,854 Monday, as Gen. Douglas MacArthur added 6,495 dead and 179 prisoners to the official total of a week ago.

Ground fighting in the Philippines, which MacArthur announced Sunday, had virtually completed the liberation of Southern Mindanao, continued particularly bitter in the Balete Pass sector of Northern Luzon.

In Southern Luzon, the 14th corps troops cut last land escape route for the Japanese in Bicol Peninsula as they captured the towns of Tayabas and Lucban.

A. N. Wentz, Roper, Succumbs to Long Illness at Home

Plymouth—Funeral services for A. N. Wentz, of Roper, RFD, who died at his home on Thursday after an illness of several years, and after being confined to bed for a month, were held at 3:30 o'clock Friday afternoon at the home, with the Rev. W. B. Daniels, Jr., of Plymouth in charge of the rites, assisted by the Rev. Sidney Matthews of Washington and the Rev. G. C. Wood, pastor of the Roper Methodist Church. Interment was in the family cemetery near the home.

The son of the late A. C. Wentz and Jane Ballard Wentz of Onslow County, he had lived in Washington County all his life. He was a member of the Roper Episcopal Church and was a prominent farmer. In 1869 he was married to Lee Ainsley of Roper. Surviving are his wife; a son, Bernard Wentz of Raleigh, and a brother, B. F. Wentz of Norfolk, Va.

Too Good

London—(AP)—Britons generally agree that "shooting is too good" for Hitler, according to a sampling by the London Evening Standard, and more than one-third want him exhibited in zoos and in devastated countries, with receipts going to charity.

The newspaper today summarized its findings from thousands of letters received in its cash prize contest on "What Should We Do With Hitler?"

"There is a deep feeling about the Fuehrer's fate," the Standard found. "In London especially bitter hatred has been created by flying bombs. Women feel stronger about Hitler than men do. Fifty-four per cent of the letters came from women. But strong as the feeling is for punishment, 19 per cent emphasized that nothing must be done that would make Hitler a martyr in the eyes of the German people."

Thirty-six per cent voted for an exhibition tour, 22 per cent "believe no end can be painful enough" and made various suggestions, 10 per cent would give Hitler "a genuine trial," six per cent would kill him without trial, four per cent favor solitary confinement—but with the additional punishment of requiring him to listen in on recordings of his own speeches.

PURCHASES RESIDENCE

J. C. Thompson has purchased a residence on Westminister Drive in Bgysboro Estates.

Mindoro, seventh in size of the Philippine islands, has remained one of the least developed of the larger islands of the group.

EPISCOPAL SERVICE

Service next Sunday, April 16th, being the second Sunday after Easter, church school at 9:45 a. m., choir rehearsal, 10:30, and morning prayer and sermon at 11 o'clock. This service will be in recognition and appreciation of the men and women of the Marine Corps.

FREE MOVIE THURSDAY

"Gulliver's Travels," a movie in technicolor, will be shown at Jacksonville high school auditorium Thursday night at 8 o'clock. Principal A. B. Johnson said the picture had been rented for exhibition to pupils during the day and that it would be offered free to the public during the evening.

Merchants Receive Instructions About New Price Regulations

Approximately 75 merchants of Jacksonville and vicinity Thursday night heard an explanation of new maximum price regulations governing clothing and home furnishings, which will go into effect on April 20.

The new regulations take the place of GMPR and other freeze regulations for retail sales and substitutes for most of the items mark-up control.

Here are some of the highlights of the regulations as they apply to merchants:

It applies to all who sell at retail men's women's children's or infants' wearing apparel, apparel accessories, or shoes, or household textile items like blankets, towels, or sheets, furniture, floor coverings, lamps, or bedding, and other specified articles.

It requires the merchant to prepare a "base date pricing chart." This chart consists of a list of costs and prices for the items covered by the regulation which were being sold on the "base date."

The chart must be prepared and filed with the OPA District Office by April 10, 1945.

After April 20, 1945, ceiling prices are determined from the chart under the pricing rules of the regulation.

After April 20, 1945, ceiling prices must be shown so that customers can find out the ceiling prices for all the merchandise which the regulation covers.

After May 4, 1945, merchandise must not be sold unless a chart has been filed and acknowledged.

Richlands Groups Sponsor Clothing Drive April 23-28

The Richlands Lions club and the Missionary Societies of the Richlands churches are sponsoring the national clothing campaign in that community. Disarded adults' and children's clothing will be collected and sent to war devastated areas of the world.

Donors are requested to bring their contribution of clothing to the Community House in Richlands during the week of April 23-28.

Pfc. David A. Willis Home on Furlough; Sister Is Promoted

Pfc. David A. Willis, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Willis of Jacksonville, route two, is spending an extended furlough at home after having served three years with the Army in the Southwest Pacific.

Almost simultaneously with his arrival home came the news that his sister, Miss Helena Willis, had been promoted to second lieutenant in the Navy Nurses Corps. She is now stationed at the Naval Hospital at Bainbridge, Md.

Pfc. Willis will be at home about two weeks more before returning to duty. He has seen service in New Guinea and in the Philippines during his tour of duty in the Pacific.

Lieutenant Willis is a graduate of Jacksonville high school and the James Walker School of Nursing at Wilmington. She was employed by the Onslow and Pender District Health Department before entering service.

Plan Registration For Canning Sugar In Onslow County

A registration of all persons desiring canning sugar will be held throughout Onslow County in the immediate future, the Office of Price Administration disclosed Friday.

The place of registration, which will be located in each of the county's five townships, had not been designated, but adequate notice will be given, it was said.

According to present plans, there will be two registrations—one for early and one for late canning. Applicants for canning sugar will register, and their applications will be handled by the sugar panel of the Onslow OPA. Approved or adjusted applications will be returned to the registrant by mail.

Cpl. Arthur G. Hollis Receives Decoration For Fighting in Italy

With the Fifth Army, Italy—Corporal Arthur G. Hollis, son of Mrs. Holland P. Hollis, Holly Ridge, N. C., has been cited by the 338th Infantry Regiment of the 85th "Custer" Division and awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge for actual participation in combat against the enemy on the Fifth Army front in Italy.

Standards for the badge are high. The decoration is awarded to the infantry soldier who has proved his fighting ability in combat.

The handsome badge consists of a silver rifle set against a background of infantry blue, enclosed in a silver wreath.

FERGUSON RESIGNS

Lions Will Have Charter Night at USO on April 26th

April 26 and the Tallman Street USO have been set as the date and place for the Charter Night program of the Jacksonville Lions club, it was announced yesterday.

Although a principal speaker for the occasion had not been secured during the week end, District Governor Jesse Jones of Kingston and other Lion notables will be present.

The 24 charter members of the new club, which concerns itself mostly with one mammoth and worthy project—aid to the blind, are as follows:

J. Hedrick Aman, W. A. S. Aman, W. D. Aman, W. C. Carps, Herbert Eastwood, Frank Fields, G. E. Gardner, R. E. Holt, Carl Harris, H. C. Johnson, W. B. Quinby, Cy Rawls, H. W. Sewell, S. M. Starling, C. L. Sabiston, H. L. Cowell, A. G. Walton, Jr., Thomas Marshall, Kirby Thompson, R. F. Brendle, A. T. Griffin, Jr., W. H. Cannon, B. B. C. Kesler and Charles Duffy Koonce. Johnson is president of the club.

President of PTA At Dixon Issues Statement on Year

Mrs. Heyward Campbell, president of the Dixon school Parent Teacher association, has issued the following statement with reference to the work and activity of 1944 and 45 term.

"As president of Dixon P. T. A. I wish to take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation principal, and the various chairmen for the loyal support of our school men and committees, in carrying on our work. I desire to pay special tribute to Mrs. Stafford, our program chairman, and the teachers and students who have taken part on the various programs from time to time, a summary of which appear elsewhere in this issue.

"While our accomplishments may seem unimportant, we trust that the work done this year may help pave the way for an organization for the coming year of which we may all be justly proud.

"I am anxious that each parent and teacher in Dixon school district feel that this is YOUR organization, and that each of you will feel free to make any suggestion, or express any idea that you may have, that will make our work more effective."

Cox To Be Ordained Episcopal Minister Tomorrow Morning

The Holy Order of the Diaconate of the Episcopal church will be conferred upon F. N. Cox, assistant minister-in-charge, at St. Anne's Episcopal church here tomorrow morning, beginning at 11 o'clock.

Mr. Cox has been assistant here since the church was organized. Bishop Thomas C. Darst of the Episcopal Diocese of East Carolina will be present for conferring the Holy Order of the Diaconate, and the ordination sermon will be preached by Rev. Charles E. Williams, rector of Christ Episcopal church in New Bern, and president of the standing committee of the diocese.

Mr. Cox will be presented as a candidate by Rev. Alexander Miller, rector of St. Paul's church in Wilmington, and Rev. Thomas P. Nee, retired priest, chairman and member respectively of the Board of Examining Chaplains. The Litany will be read by Rev. E. W. Halleck, rector of St. John's church in Wilmington and the Epistle will be read by Rev. Walter R. Nee, executive secretary of the diocese and minister-in-charge of St. Anne's church.

Holy Communion will be celebrated and Bishop Darst will also administer the Apostolic Rite of the Laying on of Hands.

Handicap Winner

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Kinston Fat Stock Show To Be Held On April 18 and 19

By Charles C. Clark, Jr. Onslow Farm Agent

The Fifth Annual Coastal Plain Fat Stock Show and Sale for fat steers and hogs will be held in Kinston April 18 and 19. Any farmer or 4-H Club member or Future Farmer in Onslow County can enter hogs in this show and sale.

Hogs to be eligible must be bar-bred or gilt weighing 160 lbs. to not over 300 lbs. Hogs not within these limits will be disqualified. Each exhibitor can have two entries in each class. There is a separate class for 4-H Club members and Vocational Agricultural students. From the adult class hogs will have to be shown in pens of 3 or pens of 5 hogs. 4-H Club members or F. F. A. members show individual hogs or pen of 3 hogs.

There is a total of \$226.00 offered as prizes in the hog department. Hogs are divided for the show from 160 to 225 lbs. for 1 class and 226 to 300 lbs. for the other class. Any farmer, 4-H Club member or F. F. A. student having hogs that are within these limits and would like to enter them in this show or sale should get in touch with the County Agent by April 14.

Infants' Leather Shoes Soon to Go On Rationed Lists

To meet critical needs shoe rationing will soon include the entire size range of infants' leather shoes, the Onslow OPA said yesterday.

They pointed out that infants' shoes, sizes 0 to 4, which are not rationed, may not be returned to a dealer after May 1 in exchange for other shoes without surrendering a shoe rationing stamp, and that a dealer may not give a special shoe stamp for the return of shoes which were purchased prior to May 1 as unrationed merchandise. The new items go under rationing control on May 1.

Gas Prospect

Washington—(AP)—Basic "A" card gasoline rations will be increased 50 per cent after V-E Day if the "more optimistic" predictions of government officials materialize, the OPA has said.

Assuming that the supply is increased by 200,000 barrels daily, "A" motorists can expect enough gasoline for about six miles of driving a day, instead of four miles as at present, the agency said.

It added that part of any additional supplies will go to "B" drivers.

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Hospital Auxiliary To Hold Tag Day On May Twelfth

Tag Day will be observed by the Onslow County Hospital Auxiliary on May 12, it was decided Thursday afternoon at the April meeting of the Auxiliary.

Proceeds to be raised from the intensified campaign will be used to purchase needed supplies for the hospital.

Thirty seven members were present at the meeting which was presided over by Mrs. W. T. Turlington, president. Mrs. Ralph Caldwell conducted the devotional, and the minutes were read by Mrs. G. E. Gurganus.

Two new members, Mrs. B. C. Sherman and Mrs. Gus Crist, were taken into the auxiliary, giving it a total membership of 171 women of the county.

Mrs. John Andrews' third grade pupils, composing a rhythm band, presented the delightful program, one of the best that the auxiliary has witnessed.

The following committees for the year were announced by Mrs. Turlington, the first named person being chairman of each group:

Finance—Mrs. M. A. Cowell, Mrs. James A. Odum, Mrs. L. P. Matthews, and Mrs. Allen Glezit.

Sewing—Mrs. J. P. Henderson, Mrs. J. W. Burton, Mrs. W. L. Ketchum, Mrs. Adrian Aman, Mrs. A. H. Hatsell, and Mrs. Sadie Starling.

Library—Mrs. Hedrick Aman, Mrs. Dan Bright, Mrs. Nettie Marine, Mrs. C. V. Cheny, and Mrs. Tom Shugart.

Membership—Mrs. Z. E. Murrell Jr., Mrs. G. E. Gurganus, Mrs. K. T. Knight, Jr., Mrs. Deane Taylor, Mrs. G. W. Phillips and Mrs. W. Quinby.

Beautification—Mrs. Walter Sabiston, Mrs. Laura Beatty, Mrs. L. R. Turner, Mrs. G. L. Matlock, Mrs. Z. E. Murrell and Mrs. Ralph Caldwell.

Flowers—Mrs. A. G. Walton, Sr., Mrs. Earl Knauff, Mrs. Dorothy Hill, Mrs. J. C. Thompson, and Mrs. L. Grady Burgess.

Purchasing—Mrs. G. E. Gurganus, Mrs. R. E. Smith, Mrs. J. P. Henderson, and Mrs. O. L. Russ.

Hospitality—Mrs. G. P. Johnson, Mrs. H. W. Stevens, Mrs. E. W. Summersill, Mrs. J. G. Kalantzis and Mrs. B. J. Holleman.

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