

DOWN EAST

WITH BILLY ARTHUR

Here's how to find a lost Reader's Digest: Search the house high and low. Look in all the table and desk drawers and under everything. Look in the book and magazine rack.

It has been said that the reason some old shacks, which have turned into fire traps because of age, have not been razed, and that the reason wooden structures are still being erected within the fire zone is because the town board of commissioners has not backed up Fire Marshal Charles Duffy Koonce.

I don't know how much truth there is to this, if any, but I'm informed that it's always best to buy the left ham of a pig, instead of the right one.

Writing in the Kiwanis News this week, Editor Sam Sackhoff had this to say about politics: "During an election you don't have to fool all the people all the time and in mentioning sheep we have come to the conclusion that a man counts sheep at night because he counted calves during the day."

Tragedy almost hit Steve Stefanou's cafe this week; the cash register got broken, and Steve wasn't there to fix it.

The boys who have been going over to Burgaw for flying lessons have nicknamed Bob Hartsfield "Tail Wheel Bob." He's taken off two already.

State and Local Beer And Wine Licenses Due During April

State and local licenses for retail sale of beer and wine are payable before the start of the 1945-46 license year on May 1. The license fees for retail outlets are: State \$5; county \$25 for on-premises and \$5 for off-premises and municipal \$15 for on-premises and \$5 for off-premises.

Don't Look Now But Today Is Friday, the 13th

Here's a tip for the superstitious: Today is Friday, the 13th of April. But if you get by this "jinx" day without bad luck, you're half-past trouble for the year.

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Willie E. Morton Is Commissioned Second Lieutenant at New Delhi



WILLIE E. MORTON

New Delhi, India—For his outstanding performance of duty in action in North Burma, Willie E. Morton, 28, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Morton, Jacksonville, N. C., has been awarded a direct commission according to a recent announcement from the headquarters of Lt. Gen. Dan I. Sultan, commanding general of U. S. Forces in the India-Burma theater.

These strong points were captured in a lightning swift pincer attack after foot-slogging over four mountain ranges including the 7,800-foot Loi Lun range.

Yanks Make Big Gains In Push Toward Berlin

Paris—(AP)—American Third Army tanks broke loose in gains up to 46 miles in the past 24 hours on approaches to Leipzig, Czechoslovakia and toward advancing Russian lines but the Ninth Army massed Thursday on Elbe in the Magdeburg area less than 57 miles from Berlin.

Essen Captured—Essen and Bochum, great armament cities in the Ruhr trap, fell to other Ninth Army troops, and the Paris radio said Dortmund also had been cleared in the crumbling pocket.

On the southern end of the front the U. S. Seventh Army lost some 1,000 men but the Sixth Army stormed to a point only 29 miles northwest of the big Nazi convention city of Nuernberg.

British troops in the north punched to within 45 miles of Hamburg, but were still held four miles outside the port of Bremen; to their west the Canadians crossed the Isser River deeper into Holland, where scores of thousands of Germans were trapped.

In making its spectacular dash to Magdeburg, the Second Armored Division by-passed on the south the big aircraft center of Brunswick and plunged eastward on a solid 10-mile front, meeting only scattered opposition throughout the remarkable day.

Farther south the 83rd Division stormed ahead 20 miles and reached Halberstadt, 24 miles southwest of Magdeburg. A huge airplane factory at Halberstadt was overrun.

The Germans lacked the manpower even to slow Gen. Simpson's wave of men and armor. As occasional pockets of resistance were encountered the American avalanche simply built up before them and burst around both sides, leaving the Nazi garrisons to be cleaned out at leisure.

Russians Reach Danube—London—(AP)—Russian tanks, driving swiftly for the Bavarian frontier, were reported to have reached the Danube Bend 42 miles west of Vienna Thursday as other Soviet troops virtually complete occupation of the historic Austrian capital.

Chamber Petitions Board to Provide FSA Office Space

The Onslow County Board of Commissioners, after conferring with Farm Security Administration and farm agent officials Monday, voted to permit the FSA to retain offices in the Agricultural building.

The Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce this week formally petitioned the Onslow County Board of Commissioners to provide adequate office space for the Farm Security Administration in order that every possible assistance can be rendered returning service men.

Hubert M. Jernigan, Beaufort, who is in charge of the FSA office, said that his agency does not have an appropriation with which to pay rent, and that if the county does not provide space, the office will have to be moved to Beaufort.

The request pointed out that the FSA will administer the G. I. Bill of Rights for returning servicemen in addition to its present farm program, and that loss of the office here would "severely handicap" veterans by their having to travel to places where the services can be obtained.

The county was called on to "recognize the debt we owe to those of our boys who come back home, and that it is the duty and responsibility of the county to render every assistance in the rehabilitation of the men who have fought our battles."

Pfc. Herman Rochelle, Home on Furlough, Badly Hurt in Wreck

Pfc. Herman James Rochelle, home on furlough after more than three years overseas, is in the Naval Hospital at Camp Lejeune suffering serious injuries sustained in an automobile accident near his Harris Creek home Friday night.

He suffered a broken left arm, head injuries and lacerations in the accident, details of which could not be learned by the News and Views yesterday.

Pfc. Rochelle, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bert T. Rochelle, arrived in the United States Easter Sunday from overseas, and got home Wednesday a week ago. He was stationed in England two and a half years and had been in France for the past seven months. He had been wounded in the knee.

The soldier has a brother, Charles Rochelle, who is in the Navy in the South Pacific, and a half-brother, Pfc. H. C. Gurganus who is now with the army in Europe.

300 Casualties from Iwo Jima Arrive at Camp Lejeune Hospital

Three hundred of the first casualties from Iwo Jima to reach the United States have arrived at Camp Lejeune where they have been admitted to the Naval Hospital on the Marine Corps reservation.

"Fully ninety per cent of these Marines and Naval hospital corpsmen," according to Captain Alva A. Shadday, (MC) USN, Executive Officer of the hospital, "will recover completely and will be restored to duty."

The casualties, saved through on-the-spot treatments by the Navy Medical Corps, traveled by special train directly from their hospital ship that landed at a California port.

Within thirty minutes of their arrival here they had been bedded within fifteen of the specialized wards of the vast Naval Hospital.

During their journey overland they were attended by a special staff of medical officers and hos-

Collins Wins

J. C. Collins, local fertilizer dealer, defeated G. E. Maultsby, oil distributor, by a vote of 76 to 58 for nomination as member of the Town Board of Commissioners from Ward 2 in a run-off Tuesday.

Collins, a member of the present town board, extended the lead he had at the close of balloting in the first primary on April 3, while Maultsby lost one vote. In the first primary Collins polled 60, Maultsby 59 and J. C. Thompson 13, a total of 132 votes being cast.

Mrs. R. L. Batts Dies At Rocky Point; Funeral Conducted

Mrs. R. L. Batts, mother of Mrs. Arthur Guy Walton, Jr., of Jacksonville, passed away at her home at Rocky Point Sunday night after a two-year illness. She was 81 years old.

Mrs. Batts is also survived by eight children, David Lovett, Albert Lovett, Mrs. Bertie Smith and Mrs. Sally Wiggins, all of Jacksonville; Mrs. Carrie Erxon of Durham, Alex. and Jesse Lovett of Portsmouth, Va., and Eddie Lovett of the armed forces. One sister, Mrs. Ida Rhodes, of Mullins, S. C., also survives.

Superforts Deal Jap Plane Industry Another Deadly Blow

Guam—(AP)—American Superfortresses dealt another punishing blow to Japan's aircraft production at 11 A. M. Thursday (Tokyo Time), as 150 or more Superforts escorted by Mustang Fighter planes, dropped explosives on the two industrial centers.

The B-29's roared over the big Nakajima Musashi Aircraft Engine plant in Tokyo's outskirts, while another force poured bombs on industrial Koriyama, 110 miles north of the capital city.

Artillery Battle Rages

Guam—(AP)—Southern Okinawa's grim, no-quarter artillery battle went into its eighth day Thursday as the Navy announced American casualties of 2,695 for the first nine days of the campaign.

The Japanese in the bitterly-contested southern sector hurled four determined and well-equipped counterattacks against Maj. Gen. John R. Hodge's 24th Corps Doughboys Wednesday after firing 4,000 rounds of mortar and artillery fire.

Severe Luzon Highways

Manila—(AP)—U. S. 15th Corps troops in South Luzon, where Gen. MacArthur announced organized Japanese resistance had been broken, searched road nets south of Tagaban Thursday.

The First Cavalry Division advanced 14 miles from Lucban to occupy Sampaloc and sent advance elements to Mauban on the east coast. Eleventh Air-Borne Division elements occupied the east coast Atoman area in force, while on the Biac Peninsula the 154th regiment combat team continued to advance southwest of Duraga against light opposition.

Scheer Sunk

London—(AP)—The German U-1009 pocket battleship Admiral Scheer, the two most formidable war ships left in the German navy—has been bombed and sunk at the Kiel naval base, the British Air Ministry announced tonight.

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Now Overseas



PETE THOMAS, JR.

Pfc. Pete Thomas, Jr., son of Mrs. Sophia Thomas of Richlands, is with the Army in the South Pacific. He has been in service since October of 1943 and went overseas last November.

William J. Lovett Passes Suddenly; Funeral Conducted

William James Lovett of near Jacksonville died suddenly at 8 o'clock Monday night of a heart attack.

Funeral services were conducted by the Jacksonville Methodist minister, Rev. A. D. Leon Gray, at the home Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

The deceased is survived by eight children, David Lovett, Albert Lovett, Mrs. Bertie Smith and Mrs. Sally Wiggins, all of Jacksonville; Mrs. Carrie Erxon of Durham, Alex. and Jesse Lovett of Portsmouth, Va., and Eddie Lovett of the armed forces. One sister, Mrs. Ida Rhodes, of Mullins, S. C., also survives.

North Carolina Talk And Book Review Is Given at Luncheon

Billy Arthur, editor and publisher of the News and Views, gave a talk on North Carolina and reviewed the book "Carolina Chats" by Carol Georch, at the weekly Military Wives Luncheon at the USO Pine Lodge Wednesday afternoon.

Miss Edna Newby, director, presented an award—a long distance telephone call home—to Mrs. Kay Boles in recognition of her service to the club during the past week.

Mrs. Boles and Mrs. Betty Robinson were presented USO pins for having put in 50 hours of volunteer work at the USO Pine Lodge.

War In Brief

Soviets reported ready to race for Berlin from Oder bridgeheads; other Russian armies being mopping up last Germans in Vienna.

Allies crack German lines along Italy's coast; reach Salerno river line at many points; gains of more than five miles scored.

Great air fleets drop curtain of bombs between retreating Germans and Hitler's redoubt; Nazi arsenals, Berlin bombed.

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Mrs. Merrell Named President Of Auxiliary

John H. Aman Elected to Board Of Trustees of Onslow Hospital

Trustees of the Onslow County hospital Wednesday elected John H. Aman, prominent Jacksonville businessman, to membership on the board to fill out the unexpired term of M. A. Cowell, resigned.

The resignation of Cowell, president of the board, was accepted with regret, and the members were in agreement that Cowell had been a very valuable asset to the institution. His term of office expires in 1951.

Election of a president was deferred until a later meeting, but the board authorized Vice-President John D. Warlick to act as president temporarily.

Cowell resigned from the board on the advice of physicians, it was said. The board also voted to authorize A. D. Leon Gray, acting business manager to employ Mrs. Kathryn Marshall, registered nurse, as superintendent of nurses, to succeed Miss Eugenia Wise, who will leave in July, Mrs. Marshall, a South Carolinian with much nursing experience, is now supervisor of first aid nurses at the Laurinburg-Maxton army air base.

The Jacksonville Ministerial association Monday adopted a formal resolution urging school authorities to "exert every effort" to retain the services of A. B. Johnson, resigned after two terms as principal of Jacksonville high school.

The resolution, signed by Revs. Carl B. Craig, president of the association, A. D. Leon Gray, F. N. Cor and L. Grady Burgess, follows: "We, the undersigned members of the Jacksonville Ministers Association recognizing the unusual executive ability, superlative character, and inestimable value of Principal A. B. Johnson to the Jacksonville schools, and to the whole community, do express our sincere regret to learn of his recent resignation as principal of the Jacksonville schools.

"We sincerely believe that very few school executives of the state could equal Principal Johnson's able administration of the schools under the local difficult conditions, which include rapidly fluctuating population, scarcity of teachers, and scarcity of other school personnel and materials.

"Therefore we urge the School Board, the P.T.A. and other civic bodies, as well as all patrons of the school, to exert every effort to retain the excellent services of Mr. Johnson as principal of our schools, and to assist and lend him unanimous support.

Foster Nugent Cox, assistant to the minister-in-charge of St. Anne's Episcopal church here for the past two years, Wednesday was ordained to the Diaconate by the Rt. Rev. Thomas C. Darst, bishop of the Diocese of East Carolina, in an impressive service.

A number of visiting clergy were present for the occasion, including Revs. W. B. Daniels, Jr., of Plymouth, Sidney E. Matthews of Washington, J. R. Rountree of Kingston, E. F. Moseley of Kingston and Mortimer Glover of Wilmington.

The ordination sermon was delivered by Rev. Charles E. Williams of New Bern, president of the standing committee of the diocese.

Others taking part in the service were Rev. Alexander Miller of Wilmington, Rev. Thomas P. Noel of Wilmington, Rev. W. J. Gordon of Spray, Rev. E. W. Halleck of Wilmington.

The bishop and visiting clergy and other out of town persons were entertained at lunch, following the service in the Parish House by the Woman's Auxiliary of St. Anne's church.

Mrs. William Riggs Dies in Swansboro; Funeral Conducted

Funeral services were held Sunday for Mrs. William Riggs, who died Saturday at her home in Swansboro after an extended illness.

She is survived by her husband, one son, William Paul Riggs, one daughter, Ruby Mae Riggs, all of Swansboro.

The services were conducted by Revs. C. H. Mercer and A. L. Benton, pastors of the Methodist and Baptist churches respectively in Swansboro.

IS FIRST LIEUTENANT—Miss Helena Willis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Willis of near Jacksonville, was recently promoted to first lieutenant in the Navy Nurses corps, instead of second lieutenant, as reported in Tuesday's edition.

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Casualties

Four Onslow County young men were reported wounded in action against the enemy this week. They were: Pfc. Norwood Lanier, son of H. Lanier, wounded while fighting with the army in Europe.

Sgt. William L. Crews, son of George W. Crews of Richlands, route one, wounded in army fighting in the Pacific.

Sgt. Cyrus H. Morton, son of M. H. Morton of Jacksonville, route two, wounded while fighting with the army in the Pacific.

Pvt. Stephen W. Kellum, husband of Mrs. Wanda L. Kellum of Jacksonville, route two, wounded in European fighting.

Junior Red Cross Field Representative To Visit in Onslow

Miss Antoinette Beasley, field representative for American Junior Red Cross, will spend Saturday, April 14th and Monday, April 16th with local Red Cross officials, and will appear before school groups at Jacksonville high school, Newberry Street USO and Camp schools in informal meetings arranged by Mrs. James A. Odum, chairman of Junior Red Cross in cooperation with Mr. A. B. Johnson, of Jacksonville high school, Mr. Newton Kerstetter, H. P. Cotton, Dr. J. P. Henderson, and Harvey J. Boney on a committee of the Kiwanis club to work with M. A. Cowell, who is chairman of the re-employment committee for Onslow County to place returned veterans of World War II in gainful employment.

The first meeting will be held on Saturday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock at Newberry Street USO. The meeting at Jacksonville high school will begin at 3:30 o'clock on Monday afternoon, April 16th.

Miss Beasley, a former staff member of the Education Department of the University of North Carolina is well informed and experienced in all phases of Junior Red Cross service and it is expected that she will give valuable information regarding the work of school girls and boys in the work of Junior Red Cross.

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Stefanou is handling the campaign here for the Kiwanis club, local sponsor. The Holly Ridge Rotary club and the Richlands Lions club are sponsoring the collection in their respective communities.

"Packed away in your closet or attic are used dresses, suits, sweaters, coat, shoes, underwear—gar-

Mrs. R. H. Merrell of Jacksonville was elected president of the new American Legion Auxiliary of the Clarence Meadows Post No. 78 here Wednesday night.

Other officers elected were: Mrs. W. E. Baggs, Swansboro, first vice-president; Mrs. Louise Mason, Swansboro, second vice-president; Mrs. Lucy Warrn of Jacksonville, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. N. E. Day, Jacksonville, historian; Mrs. Julia Mae Odum, Swansboro, chaplain; and Mrs. Z. E. Murrell, Jr., Jacksonville, sergeant-at-arms.

The officers were installed by Mrs. J. W. Hendricks of Raleigh, auxiliary department president, who gave an inspiring talk on the work of the Legion and Auxiliary. Miss Arella Adams, Raleigh, department secretary, also spoke.

Twenty-one members were admitted at the installation meeting, but the charter will be held open for 30 days. The group voted the honor to W. E. Mattocks, Swansboro, 86-year-old father of the charter members upon the charter.

Immediately the new organization began work by naming Mrs. Mason and Mrs. Frank Ward on a committee to gather clothing to be sent to war devastated areas of the world, and getting ready for Poppy Day on May 27 and Memorial Day exercises on May 27.

The group voted to send two girls of Onslow County to Girls State this year.

Two New Members Are Welcomed to Kiwanis Organization

Two new members were officially welcomed into the Jacksonville Kiwanis club at its weekly meeting Tuesday at the USO Pine Lodge. There were George See, of Jacksonville and James A. Odum of Midway Park.

President Ramon Askew named H. P. Cotton, Dr. J. P. Henderson, and Harvey J. Boney on a committee of the Kiwanis club to work with M. A. Cowell, who is chairman of the re-employment committee for Onslow County to place returned veterans of World War II in gainful employment.

The resignation of A. B. Johnson as chairman of the Kiwanis education committee was read, and Program Chairman Z. E. Murrell, Jr., and Mrs. Askew gave a musical quiz as the program for the meeting.

Two guests, Dan James of Wilmington and Dr. W. P. Richardson, Chapel Hill Kiwanian, were present.

C. B. Hunter, II, Wins PTA Baby Contest At Dixon School

Calvin Bruce Hunter, II, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Hunter of Dixon, walked away with the Dixon School Parent-Teacher association baby contest at the finals Monday night. Proclaimed the winner, he was awarded a silver loving cup.

Young Hunter polled 14,680 votes at one cent per vote against 11,655 for Susan Seggerman of Holly Ridge, who was in second place. In third place was Franklin Hollis with 5,963 votes.

The contest netted the Dixon PTA a total of \$825 which will be used by the school for various needed improvements.

Recent Statement of Bank Contains Names Of New Officials

The recent statement of condition of the First-Citizens Bank and Trust company contained the names of the new officers of the institution in Onslow County.

For Jacksonville, R. L. Williams, Jr., and E. M. Canaday, were set forth as assistant vice-presidents of the company, and Miss Kate Bender, assistant cashier.

Warren Taylor was listed as assistant cashier of the unit at Richlands, and J. R. Carroll as cashier of the Camp Lejeune branch.

Jacksonville PTA To Sponsor Dance At Gym Tonight

The Jacksonville Parent-Teacher association will sponsor a gala dance at the school gymnasium tonight from 8 o'clock to 12 midnight. Sgt. Eddie Goulden and his orchestra will furnish the music.