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DOWN EAST WITH BILLY ARTHUR

● We persuaded two girls to stay with the children (not mine, not the other night while we were busy) to dinner, and were explicit that we would be back in an hour or just as soon as we finished. "Take your time," one of them spoke up. "We're in no hurry. They're all playing bridge over at my house and get mad if we make any noise. So we'd rather be over here."

● And Bill Bondenhamer tells about the girl who said she charged 30c an hour to mind the baby before 12 midnight and 50c an hour after midnight.

When he inquired why the difference, she explained, "Anyone's foolish enough to stay out after midnight is crazy enough to pay 50 an hour for minding the baby."

● Buck Warren says the lower end of town ought to be pretty clean, because all the sand and dirt blows out of that section right by the post office and on up to the bus station and News and Views building.

● Meri Ferguson refers to Ed Smith's shiner as his "Christmas eye."

● Might as well repeat that any shade window two inches up from the bottom is an invitation for a he-man to look into. Folks whose windows have the shades tightly drawn have no trouble at all from peepers.

● Sorry to have missed Hammond Koonce's party Tuesday night. They say everything was fine, particularly Mrs. Koonce's pickles—and that's what I go for.

● The Camp Lejeune Globe offers this one this week:

Old Time Mosquito (to young mosquito): "And to think that when I was your age I could bite the girls only on the face and hands."

● During the recent campaigning for town offices, Mayor Clyde Sabiston sent back from Washington a telegram. It was really funny and a lot of us wondered where in the world he got the idea for it. Well, it's finally leaked out:

It came off the stage of the Gayety Burlesque theatre which the mayor was attending.

Vernon T. Thompson Of Richlands Passes Goldsboro Hospital

Vernon T. Thompson, 35, Goldsboro insurance agent, died at 11:55 Tuesday night in the Goldsboro Hospital following a short illness with rheumatic fever. He was assistant district superintendent of the Gate City Life Insurance Co. Surviving are his wife; three children, Kenneth, Roger, and Mary Thompson; his father, L. A. Thompson of Richlands; two brothers, H. A. Thompson of Deep Run and K. D. Thompson of Jacksonville, and one sister, Mrs. A. B. Ervin of Richlands.

Funeral services for the native of Richlands were conducted from Richlands Christian church yesterday afternoon by Dr. H. S. Hille, president of Atlantic Christian College at Wilson. Burial was in the family cemetery at the Thompson homeplace.

The deceased was a graduate of Richlands high school and a secretarial school in Goldsboro. He had been associated with the Gate City company for the past 12 years.

School Authorities Confer in Raleigh About Principals

● County and Jacksonville district school officials conferred Wednesday afternoon with state officials in Raleigh relative to securing a principal for local schools.

Making the trip to Raleigh were A. H. Hattell, superintendent of schools, G. W. Phillips and P. V. Capps. The conference was necessitated by the resignation of A. B. Johnson, principal for the past two terms.

The board was to have met again last night to consider applications for principal and teachers for the 1945-46 term.

Sgt. Ralph Brinson Of Near Beulaville Is Killed In Action

● Sgt. Ralph Brinson, son of Mrs. G. T. Brinson of Beulaville, route 2, has been killed in action against the enemy in Europe, the War Department has announced.

Sgt. Brinson had been in Italy. He entered the Army last August.

After receiving basic training at Fort Benning, Ga., Mr. and Mrs. Brinson have another son, Wayne Brinson, who is serving with the army in the Pacific.

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Three Morton Brothers in Service



GEORGE A. MORTON. LESLIE MORTON. EMMITT H. MORTON.
Three sons of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Morton of Jacksonville, Route 2, are serving in the armed forces. Pfc. George A. Morton has been a prisoner of war in Germany since Dec. 17. Seaman Second Class Leslie Morton is receiving training at Bainbridge, Md. Pfc. Emmitt H. Morton is with the First Army in Germany.

Radio Station Head Sees No Reason FCC Should Turn Down Application

● Louis N. Howard, one of the owners of the proposed broadcasting station for Jacksonville, told the News and Views Tuesday that he saw no reason why the Federal Communications Commission should not approve the application for a transmitter here.

The application of the Jacksonville Broadcasting company for permission to construct a new 250-watt standard broadcasting station here was filed with the FCC in Washington Monday, according to Associated Press reports to the News and Views.

The company is owned by L. N. and Ellis Howard, both of New Bern, each of whom owns one-quarter interest in station WHTT there.

Here on business, Howard said an option already had been taken by the firm on a building and adjacent property for the studios and the transmission plant. The building is the new brick structure owned by George Howard on N. C. 24 and the property is owned by the E. L. Cox heirs in rear of that location.

He added that he thought the commission would hand down a decision at least within 60 days.

The Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce endorsed the efforts to locate a station here. It would be comparable to those in New Bern and in Kinston, Howard said.

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7,988 Casualties on Okinawa Reported; Mop-Up Continues

● Guam—(AP)—American Naval, Army and Marine casualties of 7,988 in the Okinawa fight were reported by Admiral Chester W. Nimitz Thursday, as U. S. Marines overran the northern end of that strategic island and Doughboys, virtually ended the conquest of little Ie Islet offshore.

The Yanks had a firm grasp on the 10-square-mile islet and were eradicating the Japanese from dug-in positions and pillboxes. In three days 388 Japanese were killed on Ie.

Tired and dirty-faced Doughboys on Southern Okinawa still were trying to crack the tough "Little Seigfried Line", four miles north of the capital city of Maha, amid a bitter artillery exchange.

Land on Mindanao
● Manila—(AP)—A second American landing on Mindanao focused new attention Thursday on that second most important Philippine island.

The Yanks drove ashore Tuesday at Malabang and Parang on the east shore of Illana Bay, against light initial opposition, and grabbed 35 miles of the coast line.

On Luzon, American troops continued a clean-up on the outskirts of Baguio.

LIBRARY OPENED
● A library was opened Monday at the Community Center of Pine Grove Trailer Park's "B" Village.

The motion was made by Rev. Carl B. Craig and seconded by Rev. F. N. Cox. Action on the motion was opposed by Billy Arthur who contended that it was not in the Kiwanis club's authority to dictate to the committee and that such action would be embarrassing to the club. The motion was passed by a few scattered votes.

Twenty-four Kiwanians responded to Reese B. Walter's invitation to attend the charter night program of the recently organized club in Kinston tonight, and it was announced that the Kiwanians would attend services at the Presbyterian church Sunday morning as a part of the club's support of the churches in their spiritual aims.

K. T. Knight, Jr., county chairman of the cancer control drive, asked all-out Kiwanian support in the campaign to meet Onslow's quota of \$450, and President Raymond Askew appointed Rev. Craig as chairman of Kiwanis education and G. E. Mualtsby as chairman of inter-club relations committees.

Guests at the meeting were W. C. Bryan of Jacksonville, M. Matfus of New York and Reese Walter of Kinston.

J. J. Hudiburg Named Holly Ridge Rotary Club's President

● J. J. Hudiburg Tuesday was elected president of the Holly Ridge Rotary club for the 1945-46 year. He will succeed Heyward Campbell, who is now president.

Other officers elected were Julius Segerman, vice-president; John D. Jenkins, treasurer; Leon Sessoms, secretary; Joe E. Tucker, sergeant-at-arms; and C. C. Hines and Heyward Campbell, directors. The elective officers also serve as directors.

One new member, D. D. Darrah, was taken into the club, which had as its program movies of St. Petersburg, Fla., supplied by the club in that city.

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Edward Lee North And Jack North Are Injured in Wreck

● A truck loaded with ice driven by Edward Lee North of Richlands ran off the highway, down an embankment in the Woodington section on the Richlands-highway Monday afternoon, injuring a brother, Jake North, who was with him.

Both men received treatment at a Kinston hospital. Edward Lee, who suffered a broken leg and lacerations, remained in the hospital. The steering gear was thought to have given way and caused the accident.

Assistance Arranged In Onslow County For Returning Veterans

● An agricultural advisory committee has been organized in Onslow County to give assistance to returning veterans who are interested in obtaining aid in agricultural problems, said R. W. Shoffner, in charge of Extension farm management at State College.

So far, however, the Onslow committee has not been called on for assistance, it was said yesterday.

The Onslow committee was formed last October, composed of Fountain Taylor, Richlands, route two; A. H. Batchelor, Richlands, route one; G. R. McGowan, Jacksonville, route one; H. C. Riggs, Hubert; Archie D. Horne, Beulaville, route two; A. T. Redd, Jr., Maysville; G. A. Walton, Jacksonville, route one; D. C. Holland, Silverdale; M. F. Duff, Folkstone; O. G. Richardson, Richlands; and Hugh Overstreet farm agent.

An executive committee composed of Taylor, Walton, Duff, Richardson and Overstreet were named.

Since that time Overstreet has been succeeded by Charles C. Clark, Jr., as county agent and as a member of the committee.

"These committees are composed of progressive farmers representing all sections of each county," he explains. "Their function is to advise with veterans who come to them for assistance in selecting farms, getting started in farming, and choosing the best type of farming suited to the locality, and in becoming established in farming as a vocation."

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Joe Bynum Has Narrow Escape When Shell Fails to Explode

● Army Air Forces, Pacific Headquarters—Thanks to the failure of a Jap anti-aircraft shell to explode and the failure of one of the plane's bombs which it struck to detonate, Technical Sergeant Lynn Bynum, Maysville, North Carolina, left waist-gunner-engineer of the 7th AAF Liberator bomber, Miss Traveller, has completed 40 combat missions in the Central and Western Pacific.

Miss Traveller was making a bomb run over an Iwo Jima target when a 20 millimeter Jap shell shot up through the plane's open bomb bay, ricocheted off a bomb, ripping off the fin, bounced off a bulkhead and emerged from the side of the craft.

"Those were the most anxious moments we spent during our 40 missions," said Sgt. Bynum. "Although the bombs were of the delayed action fuse type, we weren't sure but the one the shell hit wouldn't explode any instant. It was a mighty jittery situation until bombs were released."

Sergeant Bynum also described as the "prettiest sight he ever saw" the destruction of a Jap fighter plane by 7th AAF P-38 Lightning fighters which was escorting Liberators on a mission to Iwo Jima.

"A Jap fighter, a Zeke, was preparing to make a pass at our formation when it was jumped by two Lightnings. Gunfire from one P-38 started the Jap plane smoking, bursts from the second Lightning set it afire. Phosphorous bombs it was carrying exploded, a wing dropped off and the plane crashed into the ocean."

Sergeant Bynum flew his first combat mission against Iwo Jima in August last year, and has also hit such targets as Yap, Haha Jima, Chichi Jima and Iwo Jima. Miss Traveller has been credited with sinking a Jap cargo ship off Chichi Jima. He flew the majority of his missions over Iwo Jima during the pre-invasion pounding to which the 7th AAF subjected the island.

Sergeant Bynum's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Bynum, live in Maysville. He attended Maysville high school prior to entering the armed service.

\$510,000 Is Onslow's Quota In Bond Drive

Baptist Congregation to Consider Erection of New Building Sunday

● The congregation of First Baptist church Sunday will consider the need and feasibility of erecting a new church edifice, it was disclosed yesterday by Rev. L. Grady Burgess, pastor.

Reverend Burgess said that the congregation feel that the town and church membership have grown to such an extent to justify erecting a new edifice.

Baptism will be conducted at both the morning and evening services, the sermon topics for which will be "The Glory of the Church" and "Triumphs of the Cross" in the morning and evening respectively.

The appointment of a new social committee composed of Mrs. Guy Lockamy, chairman, Mrs. John Hill, Miss Betty Johnson and Miss Helen Hill also was announced. The group will be in charge of the recreation period Saturday evenings and the Fellowship Hour on Sunday evenings.

Equalization Board Will Sit on May 8 At Courthouse Here

● The Onslow County Board of Commissioners will sit as a Board of Equalization and Review at the Onslow County courthouse on May 8, it was announced yesterday by J. J. Cole, auditor.

As a board of equalization and review, the group will go over any current year tax assessment that is requested.

Cole said he did not believe much time would be required of the board this year since there had been only a few minor changes in the assessments.

Hospital Auxiliary Has Done Much In Past 12 Months

● Considerable work and contributions to the Onslow County Hospital and Nurses Home have been effected by the Hospital Auxiliary, it was disclosed yesterday.

In preparation for the annual tag day to be held May 12, the auxiliary issued a statement showing that approximately \$1,000 had been raised and expended by it on improving the appearance, comfort and services of the institutions.

Among the items purchased and services performed for the hospital without any expense to the institution are:

shoas tops for dressers in the hospital and nurses quarters; two baby cribs for nursery; glasses and electric hot plate for hospital and nurses home; 49 baby shirts; table linen for dining room; large mirror for nurses home mantle; deck chairs for nurses quarters; shrubbery around both buildings; piano tuned; Christmas decorations in patients' rooms; refrigeration unit for keeping frozen items; and bed trays.

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Hunter Re-Elected School Principal by Dixon Committee

● C. Bruce Hunter Tuesday was elected principal of Dixon school by the district committee at its organization meeting. The 1945-46 term will be Hunter's tenth consecutive year at Dixon.

Luther Ennett of Sneads Ferry was elected chairman of the district committee, other members of which are W. M. Harrison of Holly Ridge, Alton Capps of Sneads Ferry, J. G. Parker of Jacksonville, route three, and Capus Hobbs of Folkstone.

The committee will consider the election of teachers at a subsequent meeting.

Second Nurses' Aid Class Will Start Here This Afternoon

● The second Nurses Aid course, sponsored by the Onslow County Chapter of the American Red Cross and the Onslow County Hospital Auxiliary, will start at the hospital this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Mrs. Clifton Weaver, a registered nurse, will be the instructor for the course.

Mrs. George Gurganus, auxiliary nurses' aid chairman, said all applicants are supposed to be at the hospital this afternoon to begin work. There are said to be 15 registered for the class.

Town Has Applied For Police Radio; To Increase Patrol

● The Town of Jacksonville has applied for permission to install a police radio, and the 1945-46 budget will carry an appropriation for increasing the police force by at least one person, Mayor Clyde Sabiston disclosed at a special meeting of the town commissioners Monday night.

Called ostensibly to hear a mass protest against what was described as a "crime wave" now underway here, the board heard only one person—E. B. Smith, one of the victims in a last week altercation with a serviceman. Only about a half dozen curious persons, other than members of the press and town board, attended the session.

Although he did not make any specific request of the board, Smith recounted what took place last Thursday night when he and Hubert Thompson, a Tide Water Power company employee, were struck down by a serviceman whom they found on the roof of the Smith residence. Their gun was taken away from them, and the assailant fled.

Smith said he thought the town ought to provide better street lighting in the residential districts and close up wine and beer places before 11. He said also that he experienced "a serious delay in getting officer to the scene" and added that the city hall telephone was not answered.

Mayor Sabiston pointed out that the War Production Board already had the town's application for additional street lights, but would not release them until the town could not legally close wine and beer retail shops before 11 p.m.

It was then that he disclosed the town's plans for a radio and additional protection.

"It's been remarkable," he added, "that our police department, organized for a town of 870 people, has been able to grow as fast as the community and stay on friendly terms with 60,000 or more service people with no more trouble than we have had."

"People as far back as 1906 had folks breaking into their homes around here, and no one man and no one organization has been or will be able to prevent it entirely," he said.

Mayor Sabiston stated that Camp Lejeune authorities already had in process a plan to increase its patrols of the residential districts of the town.

Speaking as a member of the board of trustees of the Onslow County Hospital, Billy Arthur pointed out recent disturbances in rear of and around the hospital. He said he would recommend to the hospital board the installation of flood lights to light up the rear of the institution and asked the board to consider allotting at least one or two street lights to College street in front of the building. The mayor said it was impossible for the town to undertake lighting up the swamp in back of the hospital, but that a special application to the WPB for lights on College street would be made.