

DOWN EAST

WITH BILLY ARTHUR

Carl Goerch, who edits and publishes that fine magazine of North Carolina, The State, came through Jacksonville the other day and proceeded to give Mrs. Jane Dean a big story.

Mrs. Dean didn't know Carl, and didn't know him as a practical joker, and she was in the midst of taking down a big story for the News and Views that he was dictating. He was telling her how he and his companion, Bob Shepard, also of Raleigh, were going to drill for oil right here in Jacksonville.

Fortunately, I walked in. That is, fortunately for Jane because it saved her a lot of unnecessary work, and the too, it saved me a few cuss words. 'Cause had I come to the office and seen where he'd been around here taking up the time of my folks with some of his jukes, I surely would have put a cussin' on Carl.

The AP has a story about the third anniversary of Shot 'n' Shell, Camp San Luis Obispo's post newspaper, which features a very index in a presentation of five-column headlines that have appeared every week on the front page.

Here's the war in headlines: April, 1942: Doolittle Bombs Japan; Message To Tokyo—"Get The Idea?"

July, 1942: Big Tank Convoy Hits England; Pup Tents All Over Cliffs Of Dover!

June, 1943: Mussolini out; Duce In Sewer—One Fuehrer Fewer!

March, 1944: Japanese Troop Convoy Vanishes off Wewak; Confidentially—They Sink!

July, 1944: Tojo Ousted as Japanese Army Head; Hon. Premier Gets Hon. Discharge!

January, 1945: Nazis Smeel Dorn as Russ Advance; Something Rotten Mit Der Oder!

February, 1945: Allied Pincer Now Closing; Hun Theme Song—"Don't Fence Me In!"

March, 1945: Victory Blitz Dooms Nazism; "Der Sad Shack"—Berchtsgaden!

I almost had to go to the kitchen and wash dishes to get out of Coleman's the other day.

While I can't blame the entire occurrence on Mrs. Leon Gray or Dr. H. W. Stevens, they could have pulled me out of a deep hole. But Mrs. Gray had declared at the outset—before I made my tragic discovery—that she wasn't buying anyone lunch, and departed forthwith.

It was then that I discovered I didn't have a penny, and was half-way through the meal. Dr. Stevens 'd he'd take care of it, but he never mentioned it again until I'd borrowed some money from Buck Warren. Buck wanted to send me to the kitchen to wash the dishes, but finally condescended to take the risk.

Then, Dr. Stevens made a loan offer, but I didn't take it. I can't afford to be obligated to a public official in the first place.

Staff Sgt. Joe Bynum, who's now in the Philippines, recently wrote that he had from a lady a lengthy first-hand account of what the Japs did in three years to Manila. "It was really a pleasure to talk to her," Joe wrote, and then admitted that her subject was not all in which he was interested: "I guess the big reason was because she was a beautiful lady and only 20 years old."

County Auditor Joe Cole was called from his other duties Saturday to take a delinquent tax listing, and he wanted to know why the fellow didn't list during the regular period. The fellow said he was out of town.

"You know," Brother Cole observed, "more people get the flu and pneumonia, go to New York or go out of town to work during tax listing time than at any other time of the year."

L. E. Rudisill called out to Jack Peck the other morning: "Listen, Jerk."

"Who you talking to?" Marion Cowell asked. "Billy!"

No, that jerk over there," Rudy replied, still in the inference that I was a jerk also.

Sam Zahran wants me to tell the folks that one fellow around here has been getting some rummy lessons lately—and they're costly. He says he can't find that hole in the backyard where the student digs up all that money from.

Sgt. Island B. Brown Of Chinquapin Now Prisoner of War

Sgt. Island B. Brown, 22-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Brown of Chinquapin, who recently was reported missing in action, is a prisoner of war in Germany. It was disclosed last week.

He wrote his parents that he was in good health and that "so far things have been O.K."

And, as an afterthought—maybe not that, after all—he added: "I would enjoy one of Aunt May's 'tuddings'."

Sergeant Brown was a ball turret gunner on a B-17 Flying Fortress of the 398th Heavy Bombardment group with the 8th Air Force. He received his training at Las Vegas, Nev., and Avon Park, Fla. He was employed in Charlotte before entering the service.

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Allied Junction Near; Sixth Of Berlin Falls

Paris—(AP)—Lt. Gen. George Patton's Third Army veered sharply southeastward for 28-mile gains in a new full-grown offensive Monday, shearing most of the routes between the Pilsen-Prague munitions area and Adolf Hitler's national redoubt in the Bavarian Alps.

The Luxembourg radio asserted that the First Army had joined the Russians near Torgau, 31 miles northeast of Leipzig, finally splitting the Germans' redoubt from the mountain fastness in the south. Supreme headquarters had no confirmation of the meeting and said that the junction would be announced by Washington, London and Moscow.

At last reports, the Allies and Russians were 15 to 20 miles apart. British opened final assault on Bremen and besieged Hamburg.

Russians in Berlin

London—(AP)—Red Army shock troops were reported ripping at the very heart of doomed Berlin Monday.

To the south other Russian forces were within 20 miles or less of a junction with their American Allies.

Berlin was being transformed into a ghastly monument to senseless Nazi resistance as Soviet shells and bombs tumbled buildings into the streets, heaping new ruin on that accomplished by past Allied aerial blows.

By an official Moscow account, 21 of Berlin's districts, or one-sixth of its total area were already in Russian hands.

Mrs. Roosevelt Leaves White House; To Live At Hyde Park Home

Washington—(AP)—Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt and her family bade goodbye to the White House late Friday after 12 years' residence.

The former First Lady motored to the Union Station, where she took the 6 p.m. train for New York. Accompanying her in two black limousines were Lt. Col. James Roosevelt and his wife, Brig. Gen. Elliott Roosevelt and his wife, Anna Roosevelt Boettiger, Mrs. John Roosevelt and Miss Melvina Thompson, secretary to the late President's widow.

A station wagon filled with luggage and paper briefcases followed the procession.

Mrs. Roosevelt and her children shook hands with Howell Crim, head usher, and assisting ushers, and waved goodbye to members of the press and White House police.

President Truman, Mrs. Truman and their daughter, Mary Margaret, are not expected to move into the executive mansion for several days because there will have to be some redecorating of the family apartments on the second floor.

This morning 20 Army trucks loaded with personal belongings of the Roosevelt family rolled out of the gates. As a White House guard put it, "there wasn't enough room left in any of them for even a teaspoon."

KIWANIANS ARE GUESTS

Members of the Jacksonville Kiwanis club attended First Presbyterian church in a body Sunday, as a part of the club's support of the churches in their spiritual aims.

SGT. FOUNTAIN TRANSFERRED

Staff Sgt. Billy Fountain, son of Mrs. Annie Fountain of near Richlands, has been transferred from Burma to Kunning, China.

Give Clothing

Get out those old clothes and shoes, and have them ready to be picked up by house-to-house canvassers tomorrow. They will be sent to war devastated areas of the world—to people less fortunate than you. They can use them; see if you can't part with them. And, if you can't wait for the canvasser, take them to the Onslow County hospital or the City Hall.

Expect 125 Persons to Attend Lions Charter Night Here Thursday

The recently organized Jacksonville Lions club will have its Charter Night program at the Federal USO here Thursday night with approximately 125 persons in attendance.

Representatives from Lions clubs in Kinston, Richlands, Wilmington, Wrightsville Beach and other surrounding communities will send delegates to the meeting at which Rev. John R. Poe, Methodist minister of Trenton, will make the principal address. District Governor Jesse Jones of

Hope He Rots There!

London—(AP)—Adolf Hitler is in Berlin and has decided to remain there, the Hamburg radio said Monday in a broadcast directed at Berlin residents in an attempt to convince them that the invaded capital would not fall.

Both the tone and wording of the announcement made it clear that rumors were sweeping the Reich that the fuhrer was in flight. Propaganda minister Goebbels is also in the capital, the broadcast said.

Americans Set Back Slightly on Okinawa; Honshu Raided Again

Guam—(AP)—Japanese troops Monday morning recaptured the Kakazu town on Western Okinawa, but Admiral Nimitz reported no substantial changes had been made in the lines.

He also reported a Marine invasion of two small islets off Okinawa. Another heavy Japanese air raid against American ground positions and shipping at Okinawa in which "one light unit" of the U. S. fleet was sunk, an effective two Jima-based Mustang sweep of the enemy's main island of Honshu and a carrier-plane attack on the Northern Ryukyus.

Softening Up Borneo

Manila—(AP)—Twenty-fourth Division Yanks have captured Pikit, 32 miles inland from the Mindanao Island beachhead.

This put them 42 miles from the city of Davao, a major port of the Philippines.

A possible invasion continued with 130 tons of bombs being dropped by heavy, medium and fighter bombers.

Lions at Richlands Observe Anniversary; Dr. Crossfield Speaks

The Richlands Lions club, chartered three years ago under auspices of the Kinston club, Tuesday night celebrated its third anniversary with a banquet at the community building, which was featured by talks by District Governor J. A. Jones and Dr. R. H. Crossfield, interim pastor of the Gordon Church of Christ, both of Kinston.

Large delegations of guests attended from Kinston and Jacksonville. J. E. Steed, president, presided and welcomed the group. W. Roy Poole of Kinston responded. Kinston President J. D. Paschall and Jacksonville President "Ike" Johnson spoke briefly and introduced their delegations.

Governor Jones said Lionism's rapid growth can be traced to its firm foundation on unselfish service, and predicted it would become a strong influence for peace in aiding the development of a family of peace-loving nations.

Dr. Crossfield, world traveler and evangelist, spoke on "Stalin's Russia." He traced the history of Russia from the time of the Czars, dwelt at length on the war against religion under Stalin and expressed the hope that free worship would return to Russia after the war. He described Stalin as "the world's most powerful man."

Capt. George Sexton Completes Course in Quartermaster School

Marine Captain George E. Sexton, whose wife, Mrs. G. E. Sexton, lives at 116 Circle Drive, has graduated from the Quartermaster School at Camp Lejeune.

The eight weeks school of intensive study included courses on supplies and service, public property, transportation, subsistence transport loading, table of allowances and duties of a supply section officer.

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Pfc. Cyrus Swinson, Recently Liberated, Home on Furlough

Pfc. Cyrus Swinson, son of Montie Swinson of Richlands, route one, has arrived home on a furlough after having been liberated from a German prison by fast advancing Allied forces in the Reich.

Young Swinson was reported last September to be missing in action. Then, a later report said he was a prisoner of war. Now, he's coming home on a furlough from Camp Mackall, N. C., where he will be stationed temporarily.

Mrs. Clayton Taylor, Native of Onslow, Passes at Rhem

Rhem—Mrs. Irene Freeman Taylor, 44, wife of Clayton S. Taylor, died early Sunday morning at her home. The funeral was held at 3 o'clock Monday afternoon from the Rhem Methodist church by the Rev. W. A. Tew, followed by interment in the church cemetery.

A native of Onslow County, Mrs. Taylor was daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. William N. Kellum of that county.

She is survived by her husband; one daughter, Mrs. Elinor Grace Higgins; two sisters, Mrs. M. E. Smith and Mrs. L. E. Sanders of Newport; and three brothers, Wilbur Kellum of Newport, J. R. Kellum of Trenton and B. F. Kellum of Grifton.

Vet's Administration Reported Swamped By Work Now

(Second of two articles on the Veterans' Administration)

Washington—(AP)—About a 11 Congress could do at the moment to help straighten out the confusion extending among discharged veterans (and in which thousands more will flounder after V-E Day) would be to reorganize the Veterans' Administration.

VA always has been more or less a Congressional favorite. The reasons aren't hard to dig out. Among the more powerful lobbies in Washington since World War I have been the national veterans' organizations. These lobbies were backed by votes at home—and votes at home always carry more weight than any other factor. For a good many years, the veterans of the first World War have been pretty well satisfied with VA.

Then what happened? The veterans of World War II began to pour out of the armed forces in numbers that no one could have dreamed of. New laws were passed, with scores of interpretations for every clause. These laws and these veterans were dumped into the lap of an agency which had been rocking peacefully along. Nothing was done to expand and improve VA to the point where it could cope with the new situation, though its work increased more than three-fold in two years while its personnel expansion was about 15 per cent.

In a little more than two years, VA has adjudicated three-quarters of a million claims. Soon half a million veterans of this war will be receiving pensions.

No life insurance company in the world can compare its activities to those under direction of VA. Approvals of loans to individuals are increasing at such a rate that VA soon may dwarf the chain of individual loan agencies.

So many charges of inefficiency at VA hospitals have poured in that VA Chief Brig. Gen. Frank T. Hines appealed to the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and Disabled American Veterans to make a thorough investigation.

No public report has come out yet, but already some members of Congress are complaining that veterans of this war were not adequately represented in the investigation.

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Now Overseas



RALPH G. HUFFMAN.

Ralph G. Huffman of Richlands is with Army in Italy. He entered service in April of last year and has been overseas since January. Private Huffman is the son of Mrs. A. J. Huffman of Richlands. His wife, the former Julia Grace Cox, and their two children live in Richlands.

Cpl. Alan Gawthrop, Wounded in Europe, Is Back In States

Cpl. Alan Gawthrop, husband of Mrs. Grace Gawthrop, executive secretary of the Onslow County Chapter, American Red Cross, has been returned to the United States after having been wounded in Europe on January 23rd. He returned to Onslow County on April 13th and will spend a twenty-one day furlough with Mrs. Gawthrop at their home in Midway Park before returning to the Woodrow Wilson Hospital in Staunton, Va. for further treatment. Cpl. Gawthrop has been awarded the Purple Heart for his wounds.

Broad Post-War Fish, Game Program Now Being Mapped

Raleigh—\$4,424,400 post-war program of game and fish conservation and propagation is being mapped by the N. C. Game and Inland Fisheries Division of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. The plan, blueprint and ready for execution, it was announced today by Commissioner Hinton James.

James pointed out that execution of all or parts of the program is contingent upon many factors, including availability of state funds, financial participation by the federal government through the Pittman-Robertson act, and developments in post war unemployment.

The program envisions the establishment of seven large new game management areas, expansion and improvement of another, establishment of two new fish hatcheries and expansion of two existing ones. It also includes a research center, and other projects, including stream pollution studies and a state-wide game survey.

Funds for one hatchery have already been appropriated and construction awaits available manpower and materials. It is also proposed to start the state-wide game survey this year.

When completed, the program would add to the facilities already existing, will make North Carolina one of the leading states in game areas and management facilities.

"All of us are thinking of the time when young men now in service will find relaxation in outdoor sports," James said, "if the prospects are not almost 100 per cent wrong, there is going to be a great strain put upon our wildlife resources by the increased demand for hunting areas. The program we are preparing, therefore, should be put into operation just as fast as it is possible to do so. Anticipating the day when we can employ manpower for such projects, we are busy now blue-printing—often down to the details—these projects."

James said the program would require nearly a million man days, and pointed out that it would be an ideal work-program to help stabilize post-war employment.

While it is impossible to predict which projects can be realized, or in what order, James pointed out that some parts of the program are more urgent than others, and that the order in which they would be pushed would depend upon many factors, including availability of land and federal approval and co-operation.

KIWANIANS IN KINSTON

Jacksonville Kiwanians attended the Charter Night celebration of the Kinston club at the Hotel Kinston Friday night. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Gautier Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Sullivan, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Conkling, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Maultsby, Maurice Margolis, L. E. Rudisill, Sam Leder, George Buchanan, Rev. and Mrs. Carl B. Craig, Jack Koonee and Harvey Boney.

ABC SALES REPORT

The Onslow County ABC store reported gross sales amounting to \$62,614.55 during March.

First Baptists Vote To Build New Church

Day of Prayer for Divine Guidance At San Francisco Meeting Called

Mayor Clyde L. Sabiston yesterday proclaimed Wednesday, April 25, as a Day of Prayer in "our homes and churches" for Divine guidance of our leaders at the San Francisco convention for world peace and security, opening tomorrow.

A union prayer service will be held tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock at First Baptist church with all protestant churches of the community participating. The public is invited. Special music by a choir from all the local churches is under the direction of Mrs. Carl Craig, Mrs. Ramon Askew and Mrs. George Phillips.

All churches will be open throughout the day for meditation and prayer.

Rev. L. Grady Burgess is pastor of the host church but all the ministers of the community will take part.

Mayor Sabiston's proclamation follows: "Whereas, April 25, 1945 is the opening day of the San Francisco Convention which may effect the whole world for centuries, and

"Whereas, our leaders, civil and religious, have called on all peoples to pray for Divine guidance of our leaders for the peace and security of the world, therefore I, Clyde Sabiston, Mayor of the Town of Jacksonville, do call upon all our citizens, white and colored, to observe Wednesday, April 25, 1945 as a day of prayer in our homes and churches for this purpose."

New Water Tank Probably to Get In Use This Week

Water will be turned into the Town of Jacksonville's new 100,000 gallon water tank this week. Erection of the tank and painting of it were completed last week. Tests will be taken on it before it is put in use, but that probably will be this week, too.

Sugar Registration To Be Three Days Each Week Here

Registration will also be held at Dixson school on Wednesday, and at Richlands school on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Applications will also be taken by Mrs. Ed Whaley and Mrs. A. W. Bell, Richlands section residents, whose names were added to the list announced last week for other sections of the county. Applications may be made at anytime with persons whose names were contained on the list.

B. A. Morris, White Oak Resident, Shows Steers at Kinston

Two of the best pens of adult steers ever exhibited at the Kinston Fat Stock Show last week were those of B. A. Morris of White Oak, Farm Agent Charles C. Cox, Jr., disclosed yesterday.

They would have captured all honors had they been exhibited by a 4-H club member, Clark added. He said Morris sold the two pens of three steers each for the top price of \$18.00 per hundred, the ceiling for prime grade steers.

The steers were Aberdeen Angus, and market officials said they were six of the finest steers ever exhibited in the show.

Local Colored Girl Is Drowned; White Marine Rescues 3 Others

Daisy Green, 15-year-old Jacksonville colored girl was drowned in New River here Sunday afternoon while a heroic unidentified white marine was rescuing three other colored girls whose boat had overturned in 16 feet of water.

About 5 p.m. the four youths were in a boat about 30 yards off shore, and, according to Sheriff B. Frank Morton, the craft overturned while they were playing or walking around in it.

The marine whose name was not learned by officers leaped into the water and brought ashore three of

G. W. Harriet Choice Of School Committee For Principal Post

G. W. Harriet, principal at Penderlea school in Pender County, is the choice of the local committee for principal of Jacksonville schools, it was learned yesterday.

Harriet is expected to notify the committee today of his decision.

When the school committee met during the week end to consider applications, one of the leading applicants for the job, Pat Harmon of Warsaw, withdrew his request.

Harriet was teacher and principal at Atkinson school for seven years prior to going to Penderlea where he has been for the 1944-45 year. He began his teaching career at Elizabeth City, and is highly recommended as a capable school man.

Sheriff's Officers Destroy Big Still; Negro Is Arrested

A 100-gallon copper still and 23 barrels of mash were destroyed by sheriff's officers in the Half Moon section of Onslow County Saturday afternoon.

Taking part in the raid were Sheriff B. F. Morton and Deputies James Likens and Willis Johnson. The still was thought to have been in operation the night before. One gallon of whiskey also was destroyed.

Sunday afternoon Sheriff Morton and Deputy Johnson arrested Ernest Ennett, Sneads Ferry Negro, dispensing drinks in bushes close to his home. He gave bond for appearance in county court here today.

Edwin Steed, III, Is Rated "Excellent" In Piano Contest

Edwin Steed, III, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Steed, Jr., of Richlands, rated "excellent" in piano at Virginia state-wide contests held in Richmond recently under the auspices of the National Federation of Music Clubs. He is a student at Front Royal, Va.

Young Steed is the second Richlands person to achieve the high rating within a week, the other being Miss Alice Green Sylvester, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Sylvester, who was awarded a scholarship as a result of her rating in the North Carolina contest at Winston-Salem.

SSgt. Harry Venters Is Awarded Fifth Oak Leaf Cluster

New Bern—Veteran of more than 30 of the Eighth Air Force's large scale bombing attacks on vital military and industrial targets in Nazi Germany, SSgt. Christopher Harry Venters, 18, of New Bern, tail gunner on a B-17 Flying Fortress, has been awarded the fifth Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal for meritorious achievement.

The New Bernian, grandson of Mrs. Lucy T. Cox of New Bern, resided here with her before joining the AAF in June, 1943.

Pvt. Macon M. Canady Now at Convalescent Hospital in Colorado

Camp Carson, Colo.—Pvt. Macon M. Canady, husband of Mrs. Macon Canady, Richlands, N. C., is now at the U. S. Army General and Convalescent Hospital, Camp Carson. He fought with a Combat Engineer Battalion. He wears an European Theater ribbon.

The Convalescent hospital is situated in an ideal spot for outdoor recreation activities. Sightseeing trips to the various scenic places in and near Colorado Springs are arranged for patients.

Emphasis is placed on pre-occupational training so that convalescents can find what skills they have and thus discover what type of occupational training they may want in the veterans' administration program after returning to civilian life. Practical arts are some of the most popular subjects taught.

Pvt. Canady has three brothers, Sgt. H. Canady and Cpl. Lou E. Canady, in the Army, and Wayne B. Canady in the Navy.

Promotion Recommended

Brig. Gen. William P. T. Hill, USMC, now quartermaster of the Marine Corps in Washington, who was the first Marine officer to be on duty at Camp Lejeune, has been nominated for promotion to the rank of major general, effective April 1. The nomination has been approved by the Senate Committee on Naval Affairs.