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WITH BILLY ARTHUR

Nothing to that pity the poor working girl business. It should be sympathy for the poor working man.

The other morning I got up and started dressing. The socks were too small, but the only ones I had; so, I tugged and struggled until they were finally on.

Then, to don an undershirt and get it on backward and wrong side out, to boot.

Then, for the shorts—and they were ripped all the way down to the seam and, finally, a shirt. Nothing there but my best. Having found a sport shirt half soiled in the closet, I donned it, and that darned thing didn't have all its buttons.

Would television would soon come! It seems that everytime I get in the shower, the telephone rings. The other evening I hopped out to answer it, thinking the caller a loved one. But 'twasn't.

Not that I'm anxious to embarrass anyone by hopping out of the shower to answer a television telephone. I'm merely hopeful for the day that the caller can dial the number, get the connection, see that bathroom door's closed, and hang up to call later when it's open.

Some of the local playboys have not yet been able to figure out just who did steal their outboard motor Sunday afternoon. They thought they had it hid in a place where you could even go swimming in your birthday suit.

Tip on when that last cold spell before summer comes: When the Marines, after sweating in greens, change over to summer wear all together.

And, some of the fellows would give a pretty dollar to know what the fortune teller told Les Cowell, Jim Collins and Clayton Petteway when they had their fortunes told the other night.

Each of them tried to listen in on the other, but to no success. The disclosures must have been something terrific, because none of them would reveal his fortune or misfortune.

Jim Lynch says he wants me to change the name of that barber shop from the "Whack and Credit" shop to anything I want to call it.

Lee Phillips called up the other morning to inquire where Dunbar Oaks was located—the place the first meeting, I think, of the allied powers was held.

"In Canada, I think," I told him. "Why?"

"Well, Dwight (Phillips) says it was in Virginia, another fellow said it was in Canada, and I said Dunbar Oaks is somewhere down in South Carolina, or Georgia. We thought you ought to know."

I had to confess I didn't know exactly; so inquired of my manager, Mrs. Jean Crankshaw, where was that Oaks business and she settled it.

Every magazine dated March and April, every newspaper, and every radio station this month—even as late as Wednesday night when Mrs. Wendell Wilkie appeared on one program and every program had some reference at least—have been urging citizens of the United States to participate in the National Clothing Campaign.

Citizens have been urged to donate or assist in collecting clothes to be sent to less fortunate people in war-torn countries.

In Jacksonville, the Kiwanis club has undertaken the effort, and Steve Stefanel is in charge.

Yet, on Wednesday afternoon only one Kiwanian—Jack Koonce—turned out to assist Steve. Wesley Conkling, another Kiwanian, and Rodney Hamby of Midway Park, a volunteer, and one or two other volunteers helped in their respective communities. The Boy Scouts turned out in force.

Brig. Gen. Noble Gets Gold Star For Second Merit Award

In lieu of a second Legion of Merit decoration, Brig. Gen. Alfred H. Noble, Commanding General of the Marine Training Command, last Thursday morning was presented a Gold Star by Maj. Gen. John Marston, Camp Lejeune Commanding General.

Adding to an already impressive string of decorations for services in World War I and II and various Marine campaigns in the interim, this gold star represented the second Legion of Merit Gen. Noble earned in World War II. His first was received for services during the Bougainville campaign.

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Judge Henry Stevens Will Deliver Commencement Address May 12th

Judge Henry L. Stevens of Warsaw will make the commencement address at Jacksonville high school on Saturday night, May 12, it was announced yesterday by Principal A. B. Johnson.

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

Class Night exercises will be held May 11. Elementary school exercises will be held May 4, Johnson announced.

Some Army veterans are due to be discharged soon, it was learned today, and a curb on the use of 18-year-olds in combat appears headed for the statute books.

Military officials said plans are being laid to release, beginning about mid-year, a number of soldiers who are rounding out four to five years of service.

They cautioned, however, that it will not be possible to release all of these long-term veterans.

Some of the men who would be entitled to release but who could not be spared, an official said.

The new policy will bring the discharge of some of these men who enlisted in the Army as the military defense program gained momentum beginning in May, 1940.

It also will apply to veterans who were among the first to be drafted in November of that year.

London—(P)—Victorious Red Army troops, driving from all sides, battled the Germans at the center of flaming Berlin Thursday, Soviet front dispatches said.

Men of the Red Army are fighting in the heart of the German capital, said a Tass news agency story published in Berlin.

Earlier Nazi broadcasts said the Russians were storming the Alexander Platz police and Gestapo headquarters.

The Moscow radio observed that German reports of Hitler's presence in Berlin "are lies and have been invented to stimulate a fierce defense of the capital."

Triset German Army Paris—(P)—Third Army tanks rolled down the Danube Valley Thursday on a front of Adolf Hitler's Alpine redeoubt to within 11 miles of Austria and 100 miles of a junction with the Russians west of St. Polten, which would triset the German armies and encircle Czechoslovakia.

A massive three-army assault in the south carried to within 45 miles of Munich, which was threatened with wide encirclement, and to within 72 miles of the Fuhrer's ruined roost at Berchtesgaden.

The French First and American Seventh armies had crossed the Danube on a wide front.

The meeting was presided over by Mrs. G. E. Gardner in the absence of President B. J. Holleman who is out of the city.

Pvt. Marshall Harris Reported Missing in Action in Germany

Pvt. Marshall Harris, son of Mrs. Sallie Harris of Jacksonville, has been reported by the War Department as missing in action in Germany.

Young Harris entered the army late last fall and had been overseas only a short time.

S. F. Milstead, owner and operator of the Swansboro ice plant which was destroyed by fire early Sunday morning, said yesterday that he would rebuild it and when the War Production Board grants priorities, for which he will apply.

The fire, starting from what was reported to have been defective operation of the diesel engine, caused a loss of approximately \$15,000 to the ice plant and an adjacent storage building belonging to J. F. Foster.

The ice plant is the only one which has been serving that important fishing village and summer resort center, and its loss will be keenly felt this summer, it was said. Ice plants here and in nearby New Bern and Morehead City already are running at capacity and are expected to be unable to stretch their allotments to meet the needs of that community.

Warlick St. Paving Project Scheduled To Start Next Week

Blythe Brothers company is scheduled to start paving Warlick street from U. S. 31 to N. C. 24 next week, Mayor Clyde Sabiston disclosed yesterday.

The mayor said that a representative of the company was in Jacksonville Tuesday and discussed preparations for surfacing the street, the paving of which has been in the town mill for almost a year.

Surfacing of Ward-Darst Plaza to the end of the Episcopal church property line, which was slated to begin this week, more than likely will be started next week also by the West Construction company.

Tuberculosis Movie Shown Kiwanians At Weekly Session

A movie on the effective work that is done with the sale of Christmas Seals for the cure of tuberculosis was shown at the regular meeting of the Jacksonville Kiwanis club at the USO Pine Lodge Tuesday afternoon.

The movie was exhibited by Mrs. J. B. Pretlow of Raleigh, secretary of the State Tuberculosis Association, who spent three days in the county this week. Detection, cure, and rehabilitation of TB patients were three parts of the program.

She was presented by Dr. H. W. Stevens, Onslow-Pender District Health officer.

The club voted to increase the dues from \$12.50 to \$15 per quarter beginning July 1 to take care of increased costs of meals.

Guests present were E. T. McLain of Raleigh, S. W. Walters of the Standard Oil Company, B. B. Owen, regional boy director, and W. E. Baggs, P. S. White and Rev. Charles Mercer, all of Swansboro.

Officers Purchase Extra War Bonds To Launch Campaign

Camp Davis—Bo officially start the ball rolling toward Camp Davis' quota in the present 7th War Loan drive, Brig. Gen. George L. Usher, Commanding General, and Colonel Tremtholm J. Meyer, Chief of Staff, each bought an extra \$100 bond today.

Lt. Richard S. Boynton, base war bond officer, has announced that a quota of \$30,000 has been set for the field as its contribution toward the nation's \$14,000,000 goal in the 7th War Loan.

To stimulate bond sales and pledges numerous rallies will be held at the base and thermometer type signs will be erected at prominent points on the field to record the progress of the drive.

During the 7th War Loan, principal emphasis will be placed upon obtaining new and increased Class "A" or civilian pay reservations and Class "B" military allotments.

The civilian goal for Class "A" pay reservation is 95% participation with 12% reservation. For military personnel, every officer is urged to purchase a \$25 bond each month and enlisted men, \$10 bond.

Bonds may be purchased at the base financial office, and the bank or post office in Holly Ridge.

Swansboro Champion Girl Cagers Honored; Letters Presented

The Swansboro High School girls' championship basketball team was honored at a dinner sponsored by the Athletic Association Friday evening in the Swansboro USO.

The rooms were decorated with the colors, blue and gold. The color scheme was carried out in the floral decorations.

Members of both the boys and girls teams were awarded their school letters. Speeches and singing followed the chicken dinner.

Also attending were members of the School Committee and the four basketball coaches, Sgt. Harold Blakelock, Sgt. Arthur L. Foree, both of Camp Lejeune, D. W. Maddox, and Mrs. Louise Lisk.

Bryan Hargett Wins Prize for Best Steer At Kinston Exhibition

Bryan Hargett, 11-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Hargett of near Richlands, won first prize in the Kinston Fat Stock show last week for the best steer. He was the first 4-H club boy from Jones county ever to exhibit a steer in the show.

Dr. J. E. Foster of State College, judge of the show, publicly commended the feeding work of Hargett, whose entry topped 800 pounds, most of which were prime.

His work was complimented also by the Kinston Free Press in an editorial.

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USS Roosevelt

Washington—(P)—A giant aircraft carrier to be launched at the New York Navy Yard Sunday has been re-named the "Franklin Delano Roosevelt."

The 45,000-ton vessel, sister ship of the Midway launched last month at Newport News, Va., will be sponsored by Mrs. Roosevelt.

In an unprecedented move, the Navy assigned the name of the late President to the carrier as a token of honor for his long and intimate association with the naval service. It will be the first carrier to bear the name of an individual.

The vessel originally was assigned the name of "Coral Sea" in recognition of the battle which occurred in that area in May 1942.

Sizeable Amount Of Used Clothing Contributed Here

A sizeable amount of clothing to be sent to war devastated nations of the world was gathered Wednesday afternoon by Boy Scouts and members of the Jacksonville Kiwanis club, it was announced yesterday by Steve Stefanou, chairman.

Some 3,000 pounds were collected during the first week, and almost an equal amount was picked up this week; but Stefanou said a more creditable showing could have been made. For that reason, the drive will be continued another week.

Persons may make contributions to the fire station or to the Onslow County Hospital, or get in touch with Stefanou who will send for them.

He did not have complete reports from Midway Park where Rodney Hamby had furnished a truck and was making pick-ups, or from Trailer Park where C. W. Conkling was assisting.

Discard wearing apparel of all sorts and kinds and for all ages are acceptable.

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Other officers nominated were: J. C. Petteway, vice-commander; A. J. Mason, second vice-commander; Z. E. Murrell, Jr., adjutant; and finance officer; W. E. Baggs, service officer; John Bell, guardship officer; H. Ward, sergeant at arms; A. L. Benton, child welfare officer; H. A. Tolson, historian; N. E. Day, Americanism officer; Raymond Marshall, Graves registration officer; G. W. Phillips, employment officer; H. C. Riggs, membership chairman; and A. H. Hatsell, oratorical contest chairman.

The nominees will be voted on and installed at Memorial Day exercises to be held at Swansboro Baptist church on May 27 at 11 a. m. Following the exercises, dinner will be served at the USO building by the recently organized Auxiliary, and at that event a program, including an out-of-town speaker, will be presented.

Airport Here Sought; Cadet Patrol Proposed

Russia Demands Sovereign Equality For All Nations at 'Frisco Parley

San Francisco—(P)—Russia's bid for a World Assembly based "sovereign equality" among nations Thursday went before the first business session of the United Nations Conference.

Word of this plan ended hopes of some United States Delegates that Russia might not raise the troublesome three-vote issue.

Foreign Commissar Molotov notified chief delegates of the 46 other United Nations here, after Wednesday's first meeting, that the proposal would be presented.

The specific proposal is that Ukrainian and White Russian Soviet Republics should get conference seats and become thereby charter members of the assembly of the proposed world organization.

Truman Opens Meeting Washington—(P)—Standout sentences in the address of President Truman, opening the United Nations conference in San Francisco Wednesday.

In the name of a great humanitarian—one who surely is with us today in spirit—I earnestly appeal to each and every one of you to rise above personal interests, and adhere to those lofty principles which benefit all mankind.

You members of this conference are to be the architects of the better world. In your hands rests our future.

We still have a choice between the alternatives: The continuation of international chaos—or the establishment of a world organization for the enforcement of peace.

None of us doubt that with divine guidance, friendly cooperation, and hard work, we shall find an adequate answer to the problem history has put before us.

As we are about to undertake our heavy duties, we beseech Almighty God to guide us in building a permanent monument to those who gave their lives that this moment might come.

Cancer Control Drive In Onslow County Reaches New Total of \$735.00

The Cancer Control drive in Onslow County, reached a new total of \$755.00 as of noon, yesterday as announced by the E. T. Knight, chairman of the drive.

While no quota has been established for this county, Knight had declared that he felt that at least \$1000 would have been reached by Monday, April 30 when the drive is officially closed.

Knight has expressed his appreciation of the fine work being done by the various volunteer committees throughout the county, and Mrs. G. B. Moser, county commander has also commended the workers for the fine job they have been doing.

A substantial donation was made this week by the Woman's club of Midway Park following the benefit staged in the community building there last Friday night. \$180.00 was taken in and the entire amount was given over to the drive. A bridge-luncheon, under the same sponsorship, netted \$75.00 which was also donated.

Prisoner of War

Pfc. Major Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Jones of Maysville, has written his wife, the former Ruth Todd, that he is a prisoner of war in Germany. His letter preceded official notification from the War Department, his wife stated.

He had been reported missing since Dec. 29, 1944. His wife and child live at Maysville.

Cadet Civil Air Patrol units already are functioning at Beaufort and at Burgaw. Its members are entitled to wear uniforms, and when in uniform they are under the supervision and direction of the U. S. Army Air Forces.

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Jacksonville formally became an air-minded community this week; with efforts being launched to secure an airport and organization of a Cadet Air Patrol being proposed.

A group of men interested in air traffic, formed a committee composed of W. A. S. Aman, Ramon Askew and Robert Cravens to seek an airport site, to be either municipally or privately owned, and named Cravens to solicit the support of the Kiwanis and Lions clubs and the Chamber of Commerce in the important and far-reaching project.

The purpose of the organization is primarily to teach flying and to provide facilities for air traffic, generally known to the mode of traffic in the post-war and future times. It was pointed out that Jacksonville could be made an air-stop for passenger and freight traffic much quicker should it provide now suitable facilities.

Bill Johnson, a Civil Air Patrol cadet of Beaufort, who is now employed in Jacksonville, this week started organization of a CAP cadet unit here, with James A. Odom of Midway Park and B. S. Pinkston of Jacksonville as adult supervisors.

Johnson called a meeting of prospective members at the Jacksonville high school auditorium tonight at 8:30 o'clock.

The cadets are composed of youths 15 to 18 years of age who do not fly but make up an auxiliary of the U. S. Army Air Forces. According to Gen. H. A. Arnold, commanding the Army Air Forces, the purpose of the cadet units is to interest young people in aviation so as to assure this nation a place of leadership in that field.

Among them are those who will design, build and fly bigger, faster and more powerful airplanes than we now know. The cadet CAP will receive a foundation of aviation knowledge which will give him an advantage when he becomes of age and eligible for flying training.

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War In Brief

Soviet troops encircle crumbling Berlin; Nazis battle in subway. Patton's tanks sweep to within 15 miles of Austria, set Regenbunrg aflame.

British bombers smash Hitler's mountain hideout at Berchtesgaden with six-ton "earthquake" bombs; Americans hit vital targets.

Two Allied armies in Italy swarm toward Verona, gateway to Brenner Pass.

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