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DOWN EAST WITH BILLY ARTHUR

This week this community has had the privilege of hearing two fine speakers who were just as entertaining as was important the message they were bringing.

One was Lt. John V. Loughlin, USNR, chaplain at Tent Camp and a veteran of Tarawa and Tinian; and the other was Capt. John Patrick, a member of the American Field Service just back from overseas to do a Broadway success, "The Hasty Heart," based on people and incidents he has met in recent years overseas.

Lieutenant Loughlin—and this is on the lighter side of both men's talks—told about Marines going into combat, particularly at Tarawa, when they were informed that there were no Japs left on the island.

They went over the side of the ships in a light spirit, singing "Ta-Ra-Boom-De-Ay," and although they wondered who in the dicken's were on that island throwing shells at them, if the Japs were not, the marines continued to sing all the way up on the beach.

And, because of that, when they got back to Hawaii, the paper Chaplain Loughlin edited was called the "Tarawa-Boom-De-Ay." It was published daily, and had the distinction of having one edition which none of the marines read.

Because some of the Japs in Hawaii still were supplying information to Tokyo about troop movements, the marines carried the copy for a week's edition down to the printers and left it to be printed on schedule. The day the edition came out, the outfit hit Tinian, catching the Japs completely by surprise.

The people back in the states, he said knew more about what was going on than that the fellows in action. And whenever a plane would come in with latest editions of Hawaiian newspapers and Time and Newsweek, there would be a rush to the airstrip for copies and information.

"We often had to get hold of a copy of a newspaper or Time or Newsweek," he said, "to find out just what island we were on."

Chaplain Loughlin disclosed that Japanese prisoners were fairly treated and were paid at about the rate of 60 cents per day for their labors. Actually, however, they were not paid until they had something to purchase, and when a PX was set up in their stockade, they piled in for their allotments of rationed goods.

"Only three items came in the first day," he said, "and they were cigarettes, cloth and shoe polish. They were allowed one package of cigarettes, so every one of the Japs bought a pack. They were given one yard of cloth, so every one bought a yard. Why, no one knew. And, of all things they were permitted to buy five bottles of shoe polish, and everyone bought five bottles. No one knew why there either, except that they figured probably someday they would have shoes."

Captain Patrick, who has just returned from the Chinese-Burma-India theater of war, was telling the Kiwanis club Tuesday how unselfish were the members of his corps.

When they were surrounded by Japs in Burma on one occasion, the ambulance crew was right next to the first aid transfusion station, and the fellows would go over every now and then and trade a pint of blood for a swig of "tea."

On one occasion the fellows felt the need of some "tea" and started over to donate some blood when they passed a fellow lying under his ambulance and working on it. "Come on," they called, "we're going to trade some blood for some tea."

"Are you crazy?" the man under the car demanded. "I've been over there so much now that everytime they puncture my veins all they get is a hiss."

A man with a flair for expressing things just so, Captain Patrick was telling about a native drink spelled "zoo."

"It is pronounced," said he, "like that very popular place in America where inhibited people go to look at uninhibited monkeys."

A third yarn he related was that only an Irishman like himself could get by with, and that concerned a fellow finding an Irishman sitting at a table crying in his beer.

"What's the matter, old fellow?" he was asked.

"The world's in an awful state," he replied, still weeping. "Everybody's fighting one another—that is, everybody but the cowardly Swedes and the peace-loving Irish."

Hitler Committed Suicide, Allies Say; Body Is Sought

London—(AP)—Adolph Hitler committed suicide in the ruins of Berlin with Propaganda Minister Paul Joseph Goebbels and chief of German General Staff, Gen. Hans Krebs, a Soviet communique said Thursday. The Russians declared their informant was Dr. Hans Fritzsche, Goebbels' Chief Lieutenant, who was captured at Berlin Zell.

By Associated Press
Allied Supreme headquarters in Paris hurled the lie at the story of Adolf Hitler's purported heroic death by disclosing a secret meeting eight days ago at which Heinrich Himmler himself declared Germany beaten and the dictator dead or dying of a brain hemorrhage.

The statement said that at a meeting at Luebeck, Germany, April 24, Himmler told Swedish Count Folke Bernadotte, head of the Swedish Red Cross and reputed peace negotiator, that Hitler is so ill he might be already dead.

In Washington President Truman said he had it on the best authority that Hitler is no longer alive. He didn't know how the death occurred, he said, but was glad that both Der Fuehrer and Mussolini were out of the way.

Moscow officially said Hitler committed suicide.

There was no word of a search for the bodies, but it was a certainty that the Russians literally would leave no stone unturned in all the junk-heap that is the German capital in an effort to verify that Hitler actually was dead and, if so, how he died.

Yanks Move Forward In Dutch East Indies; Kyushu Raided Again

Guam—(AP)—Superfortresses attacked airfields of the Kyushu Island of southern Japan for the 13th time in five weeks Thursday.

Manila—(AP)—Allied troops, opening campaign to recover the rich Dutch East Indies, swept quickly toward Tarakan's Airbase and Lingkas town Thursday from beachheads easily established Tuesday on that important oil depot island just off northeastern Borneo.

Americans on Mindanao Island, in the southern Philippines, meanwhile appeared about to take the hemp port of Davao, without the fierce fight they had expected.

Markle To Preach Baccalaureate Here Sunday at 11 A.M.

Capt. G. L. Markle, USN, Camp Lejeune chaplain, will deliver the baccalaureate sermon at Jacksonville high school auditorium Sunday morning at 11 a. m., formally opening the commencement program.

Captain Markle will preach on the subject, "The Beginning of Knowledge."

He will be introduced by Rev. Carl B. Craig, pastor of First Presbyterian church. Rev. L. Grady Burgess, pastor of First Baptist church, will read the Scriptures, and Rev. A. D. Leon Gray, pastor of Trinity Methodist church, will pronounce the invocation and benediction.

The High School Glee club, under the direction of Miss Mary Herring, will render several selections.

Need For Additional Volunteers For USO Stressed At Celebration

If we would treat each other and be as good to one another at home as Americans are to Japanese prisoners, then we would give all-out assistance and volunteer work to the United Service Organization (USO), Lt. John Loughlin, USNR, chaplain at Tent Camp, told a group of guests attending a Fourth Birthday observance of the National Catholic Community Service, USO here Monday night.

The celebration, held at Tallman Street USO, was also in observance of the Third Anniversary of dedication of that building.

All-Powerful World Peace Council Plan Attacked At Frisco

San Francisco—(AP)—A Big-Four plan for All-Powerful World Council to guard the future peace Thursday was attacked by several nations at the United Nations Conference.

They want to put peace-keeping on more permanent basis.

The United States is seeking both to promote creation of a world-wide security system and to fit into it such regional organizations as a Pan-American system without allowing development of regional blocs.

Twenty-Five Persons Join Cadet Civil Air Patrol Unit in Town

Twenty-five young Jacksonville people have joined the Cadet Civil Air Patrol unit here, it was announced yesterday. The first drill was held Wednesday afternoon, and a meeting of the unit will be held at the high school auditorium tonight at 8:30 o'clock.

The 25 members are Ruby Barber, Margaret Coston, Edna Foy, Myrtle Gurganus, Leonard Hitch, Anna Hobbs, Aletia Horne, Charles Marshall, Gertrude Newsom, Nellie Morton, Mell Mizelle, Linda Pierce, Bobby Pinkston, James Pinkston, John Pollard, Lawrence Puettavung, Buddy Robinson, Geraldine Smith, Gertrude Stanley, Everett Waters, Willie Jacobs, Charles Henderson and David Lewis.

Bill Johnson, member of the CCAP at Beaufort, is organizer of the unit, and its leaders are James Odum of Midway Park and R. S. Pinkston of Jacksonville.

Clothing Donations Approximate 10,000 Pounds, Stefanou Says

Approximately 10,000 pounds of clothes have been collected in the National Clothing Drive in Onslow County, it was reported this week by Steve Stefanou, chairman.

He expected the total amount to be much larger, however, since Richlands and Holly Ridge have not yet reported, and since house-to-house canvasses were to have been made at Midway Park and Swansboro on Wednesday afternoon.

The clothing, discarded by donors, will be sent to war devastated areas of the world to clothe adults and children.

Capt. Richard Durr Wounded In Action With Patton's Army

Capt. W. J. Durr, of the Army Medical Corps and husband of Mrs. Minnie B. Thompson Durr of Jacksonville, has been awarded the Purple Heart for wounds sustained in action with General Frank Patton's Third Army in Europe.

Mrs. Durr this week received the medal and word from him that his wounds were not serious.

declared that there can be no slackening of volunteer efforts until the war is over.

It was pointed out that there are only about 4,000 employees of approximately 2,775 USO clubs in the world, and that it would be impossible to make USO "a home away from home" to the servicemen were it not for the volunteers.

Mrs. Ralph Caldwell, chairman of the senior hostesses, reported on what had been done to entertain service men here in the past and on duties of hostesses. Miss Mabel Kennedy, Junior Hostess chairman, was recognized, and Mrs. Caldwell recognized Mrs. W. J. Richardson and Mrs. C. D. Koonce, former senior hostess chairman.

Entertainment during the meal was offered by Miss Mary Herring, violinist, and Phmze Walter Kaufman, pianist. Both offered vocal selections.

One of the program highlights was the Rhythm Band of the second grade of Jacksonville school under the direction of Mrs. Louise Andrews, teacher, and Mrs. E. S. Bush, accompanist.

Pfc. Linwood Williams Of Beulaville Back From European Area

Pfc. Linwood Williams, son of Mrs. Lester Williams of Beulaville, has returned to Fort Bragg after having been in the European theater of operations for the past six months.

Pfc. Theodore T. Morton, son of Thomas B. Morton of Jacksonville, route one, has been reported by the War Department as having been wounded in action in Europe.

Law Enforcement Officers To Attend FBI Conference

Sheriff B. Frank Morton and Police Chief W. B. Hurst and other law enforcement officers of the town and county will attend a conference with FBI agents at New Bern Tuesday.

Edward Scheidt, special agent in charge of the Charlotte FBI office, has announced that the conference will be highlighted by a colorful exhibition of trick shooting put on by Special Agent Daniel A. Hruska, firearms expert and instructor at the FBI Academy in Quantico, Virginia.

Included on the program also will be a demonstration by Special Agent T. D. Easterling of the Charlotte FBI office concerning the method of making casts of tire tracks, heel prints, and similar evidence found at the scene of the crime, as well as a showing of movie slides concerning wanted men, and other features.

Livestock Valuation Decreases Caused By High Feed Costs

The marked decrease in livestock valuations in Onslow County this year, compared with 1944, was attributed this week by Farm Agent Charles C. Clark, Jr., to increased costs of feeding.

A total decrease of \$51,059 on livestock valuations was reported by Auditor J. J. Cole this week, and the largest decline was noted in value of hogs.

Clark said that farmers had been fast shipping hogs because of the cost of feeding, which has been continually on the upgrade. On the other hand, a ceiling of \$1475 per hundred has been placed on them with a \$13.00 floor. Not much margin of profit can be realized.

The farm agent said he was making an effort to get farmers to plant more ground crops on which hogs can be fed more economically.

He was of the opinion that the valuation of the state and inspect manufacturing plants and colleges.

FOUNTAIN IN TEXAS

Cadet Winfred Weston Fountain of Chingquap, route one, is receiving pre-flight training at the San Antonio Aviation Cadet Center in Texas.

CAPPS MOVES OFFICES

Offices of the T. J. Capps and Son company, local wholesale company, have been moved to the handsomely renovated upstairs portion of the Capps building here.

New Gas Rationing System for "C" Coupons Effective

Important change in OPA gasoline regulations, affecting issuance of "C" coupons, become effective today, the Onslow OPA yesterday reminded motorists. Some drivers now holding "C" rations will be transferred to a new group falling between the present "B" and "C" classifications, and others now in the "E" classification will be eligible only for "B" ration, Johnson said.

Koonce and Murrell To Receive Honors Of Kiwanis Club

Gene Koonce and Stratton Murrell were announced this week as having been selected for the Honorary Degree of Junior Kiwanians, and will be guests of the club at its next week meeting.

Young Koonce is the son of Mrs. Gertrude Koonce and Murrell is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Z. E. Murrell, Jr.

The awards, announced by Rev. F. N. Cox, chairman of the boys and girls committee of the club, are presented to the high school students because of their "excellence in scholarship, qualities of leadership, and ability to cooperate with others."

Sgt. Cecil A. Miller Wounded in Action In European Regions

Sgt. Cecil A. Miller, son of Mrs. Besse Miller of Beulaville, route one, has been wounded in action in the European region, the War Department announced this week.

Pfc. Theodore Morton Wounded in Action In European Theatre

Pfc. Theodore T. Morton, son of Thomas B. Morton of Jacksonville, route one, has been reported by the War Department as having been wounded in action in Europe.

Haws Run School Health Program Is Praised By Stevens

Dr. H. W. Stevens, health officer, said yesterday that his office was in receipt of a health manual, prepared by Mrs. Mabel Bowen, principal of Haws Run school.

He praised the efforts of the teachers and parents alike in their efforts to correct every physical defect existing among the student body. Haws Run school has a total of approximately seventy students with two teachers. Throughout the year a health program has been carried out with inspections by teachers; examinations and visits being made for corrections of defects among the students.

The health report reveals twenty-four children found during the year defective in their health due to some cause. Of these twenty-four children, fifteen were treated for hookworm, two had diseased tonsils removed, three had abscessed teeth extracted, five had their eyes examined and corrected for glasses, and two were x-rayed, but were found positive to the tubercularis skin test.

Dr. Stevens said that for a small school the health program is being carried on efficiently and with the aid of the principal, Mrs. Bowen, the students graduating will be in better health than when they enrolled.

Thirty-Five Dixon Students On Tour Of North Carolina

Thirty-five Dixon high school students are on an educational tour of Piedmont and Western North Carolina, and 30 of them who have resided all their lives in the flat coastal regions are looking forward to seeing a mountain.

The party, headed by Principal C. Bruce Hunter, left here Tuesday morning for Asheville via Fayetteville, Charlotte and Chimney Rock. They will return via Marion and Greensboro. In addition to touring points of scenic interest, the party will visit the largest sawmill in the state and inspect manufacturing plants and colleges.

Making the trip are Georgia Hill, Matilda Padgett, Audrey Smith, Ann Dickens, Eleessa Gurganus, Mary Allen, Stella Parder, Allene Davis, Ruth Rawls, Leula Everett, Juanita Smithson, Bobby Fieks, Dolores Bradshaw, Lois King, Sara Guthrie, Lorene Hines, Kathleen Hines, Gwendolyn Johnson, Guila Rhodes, Dannie Hollis, Velma Hardison, Leon Sessoms, Gilmer Sewell, Herman Smith, J. Z. Thompson, Billy Sandlin, Charles Kirkman, W. C. Yopp, H. M. Ennett, Jr., Rupert Pierce, Bobby Caldwell, James Law, and David Darrah.

They are chaperoned by Principal and Mrs. Hunter and son, and Mrs. Allen H. Stafford. They will headquarter at the Langren and Charmil hotels in Asheville.

25 Per Cent Cut In Sugar Rations Is Announced By OWI

Washington—(AP)—A 25 per cent cut in sugar has been announced by the Office of War Information. The new sugar stamp, No. 36, good for five pounds and now valid, must last four months instead of three.

Home canning allotments also were slashed. Only 70 per cent as much sugar will be available for rationing as in 1944, and the maximum 1945 canning allotment will drop to 15 pounds, compared with 20 pounds last year. No family, however large, may receive more than 120 pounds of canning sugar, as against the 1944 limit of 160 pounds.

Restaurants, hotels, schools and other institutional users were also cut.

Postal Receipts Show Decrease In April; Still Ahead Of Last Year

For the first time in three years, postal receipts at the Jacksonville post office showed a decline in April, compared with the corresponding month of 1944.

Last month, according to Assistant Postmaster Frank A. Smith, receipts amounted to \$4,287.72, while in April of 1944 they totaled \$5,027.25. However, the 1944 receipts included \$549.45 in revenue reported by the Midway Park branch, which is now a separate post office and not under Jacksonville. Actually Jacksonville receipts showed only \$190.11, the figures disclosed.

Even with the decline in receipts last month, total stamp sales here for 1945 now are \$19,920.69, which represents an increase of \$1,288.78 over the first four months of 1944.

Allies Take Hamburg; Germany Near Collapse

Murrell Requests All-Out Support For Scout District

A meeting of Jacksonville and Onslow County people interested in organizing a separate district of the Boy Scouts of America, a part of the East Carolina Council, in this county will be held next Wednesday night, it was announced yesterday.

Z. E. Murrell, Jr., said the decision to set up a district in this county followed a session of local, district and regional Scout executives here Wednesday afternoon.

Boy Scout activity in Onslow County has an increasing interest in the past few years that there is now underway an effort to make a separate district in this county only, as a part of the East Carolina Council, Z. E. Murrell, Jr., leading Scout committeeman, told the Jacksonville Kiwanis club at its weekly meeting Tuesday.

He urged members of the club, which is sponsor of Troop 20 here in Jacksonville, to lend a hand when B. B. Owen, scout executive in this region, who was here last week, calls for assistance in organizing the district.

Murrell reported that where one troop existed in the county four years ago there are now seven—Midway Park, Swansboro, Sneads Ferry, Holly Ridge, Verona and Richlands.

His plea for all-out club support came after Rev. F. N. Cox, chairman of the boys and girls committee of the Kiwanis club, reported that A. T. Griffin, Jr., had made available an abandoned church for a hut for scouts to be placed on a lot donated by B. J. Holloman, White Cox and his committee were given power to act, it was pointed out that assistance in moving the structure would be needed.

Kiwanian Jack Koonce, who will become scoutmaster on the departure of Max Hyder, Sr., probably next week, said that if all the Kiwanians would devote one day to the task the structure, he thought, could be moved.

Mr. and Mrs. Hyder entertained members of the troop at a dinner last night.

Three Richlands Young Men Home From Combat Zones

Three Richlands young men are home on leave after combat duty with the armed forces.

Albert Baysden, U. S. Army, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roland Baysden, is home on leave after three years in the South Pacific.

William Shaw, U. S. Army, son of Mr. and Mrs. Will Shaw, arrived last week to visit with his parents after 18 months duty in the European theater of war. Pvt. Shaw, who was wounded in action in January, will report back to a medical center for treatment of wounds.

Norwood Whaley, U. S. Navy, husband of Mrs. Ula Mae Herring Whaley, is home on leave after several months duty with the Navy in the South Pacific.

Hall Lingle Takes Job As Principal Of Jacksonville Schools

Hall Lingle, principal of Southport high school for the past eight years, has accepted the job as principal of Jacksonville high school for the 1944-45 scholastic year.

Lingle has approximately 15 years experience as a teacher and principal, and once taught in Jacksonville schools. He will succeed A. B. Johnson, who has been principal here for the past two years.

He will meet with the local school board next Tuesday night to work out plans for the year and set a definite date for taking over the management of the local system.

In addition to having taught here, the principal is the husband of the former Miss Minnette Thompson, daughter of the late Dr. Cyrus Thompson of Jacksonville.

Lingle was elected principal at a meeting of the local board last Saturday morning, and accepted the job during the week end. His election came after the past was first offered to G. W. Harriett, principal of Penderlee school, who later withdrew his application.

Capt. John Patrick Of American Field Service Heard Here

Capt. Jack Patrick, many of them serious in thought if not in word, of activities of the American Field Service in Africa and the Chinese-Burma-India theaters of war were given the Jacksonville Kiwanis club Tuesday by Capt. John Patrick, who has just returned from those areas.

Captain Patrick, touring North Carolina under the auspices of the Salvation Army-USA, said that one of the morale building factors of the men overseas is the knowledge that the people at home are fully in support of such volunteer agencies as USO, the American Field Service and the Red Cross.

He was presented by T. E. Wright, area director of the United War Fund, who was a guest of the club along with Mrs. Billie Wilson of Midway Park, Mrs. Deane Taylor of Jacksonville, E. L. Warren and Fred Harmon of Jacksonville and W. C. Howell of Goldsboro.

Rev. F. N. Cox, chairman of the boys and girls committee, reported that an abandoned church was now available from A. T. Griffin, Jr., to be put on the lot donated by B. J. Holloman for a Boy Scout hut. The committee was given power to act.

Mrs. Taylor urged support of the Kiwanians in the forthcoming 7th War Loan campaign.

Author of the Broadway success, "The Hasty Heart," Captain Patrick related his first hand knowledge of the little known Far Eastern theater fighting against the Japanese.

The American Field Service, he said is composed of American men who are ineligible for active duty with the military forces. Unwilling to sit by they began volunteering in 1940 and 1941 for service with British forces in evacuating wounded men.

Captain Patrick expects to return overseas at the completion of his speaking tour.

War In Brief

Stalin announces complete conquest of Berlin, 12 days after Red Army troops entered Nazi capital; Soviet communique reports suicide of Hitler and Goebbels, quoting captured German propagandist of Reich-Russians take Baltic port of Rostock.

Nearly 1,000,000 troops of German and Italian Fascist armies in northern Italy and western Austria surrender unconditionally to Allies, ending bloody Italian campaign and barring southern flank of Nazi redoubt.

British capture of Luebeck and American-Russian junction on Elbe north of Berlin split northern Germany into three pockets, sealing off German escape gap to Denmark; Field Marshal Karl Von Rundstedt, commander of unsuccessful German breakthrough last December, captured by Seventh Army; U. S. Third and Seventh armies virtually complete conquest of Bavaria with drive toward Linz and closing of Inn River front opposite Braunau.

Americans on southwestern Okinawa advance 1,400 yards along bitterly-held Japanese line; MacArthur confirms Australian landing on Tarakan off Borneo, reports beachhead established against light opposition.

American bombers in Europe, now literally without targets, are ready to move on to the Pacific for the war against the Japs.

Pfc. "Duke", War Dog Donated by Local Man, Returns to Lejeune

Pfc. "Duke", a Doberman Pinscher donated to the U. S. Marine War Dog outfit by Coleman Bynum of Jacksonville, has returned to Camp Lejeune where he will be either tested, reclassified or probably honorably discharged to his former owner.

"Duke" was one of 22 canine warriors who recently came back from some of the fiercest island fighting against Jap machine gunners and snipers. Like the overseas Marines, they too are subject to combat fatigue and shell shock.

"Duke" is almost two years of age. While in the Pacific he saw duty in the New Hebrides, New Caledonia and the Palaus.

Pvt. James Henderson Of Jacksonville, Rt. 3, Wounded In Action

Pvt. James E. Henderson, son of Mrs. Eula S. Henderson of Jacksonville, route three, was reported yesterday by the War Department to have been wounded in action in European regions.