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BILLY ARTHUR

Lindsay Russell came in the barber shop the other day with a handful of bank statements. "How do you know which one to make a deposit on?" I asked. "That's easy," Lindsay replied, "the one I drew the last check on."

Sign on room at Tallman Street USO Building: "Woman in Shower—Keep Out."

Fred Pittman sent up to the office the other morning with a demand for "a paper that's got some news in it."

Ed Wells called up from Camp Lejeune the other morning to inquire if either one of the persons I was talking about that rummy item was New Cook or Wesley Conkling. "They've cooked up some sort of a game that they call tomato rummy," he said, "and I was just wondering if one of them got cooked in his own pudding."

The February, 1945 issue of The Typographical Journal, under the head of "Coming in On A Wing and a Prayer," prints a prayer written by Wilfred A. Peterson. The prayer follows:

A PRINTER'S PRAYER

"To the Great Printer who prints in all the colors of the rainbow and whose type faces are stars and clouds, autumn leaves and sunbeams, snow flakes and covers, this is my prayer: That I may set up my life to the measure of a man; that I may have the courage, win or lose, to follow the rules of the game; that I may point my life toward the things that count; that I may lock up within my heart idle tales, gossip, and words that hurt; that I may make ready for the opportunities to serve that come my way; that I may register in my memory the splendor of sunsets, the glow of friendships, the thrill of great music, and the mental lift of inspiring thoughts; that I may press forward in the spirit of adventure toward new horizons of achievement; that I may work and turn out worthy accomplishments; that the impressions I make on the white pages of time may encourage, cheer, and inspire all those who cross my path; that I may bind together in my own life all those positive qualities that make for happy, creative, triumphant living; and finally, O Master of Printers, help me avoid the disgrace of making pi of my life and guide me safely around the yawning mouth of the hell box."

One of the fellows about town j every now and then gets a le bit tipsy spent almost all of afternoon last week in a local barber shop.

Later in the week, having discovered that he had had a hair cut, went back to the shop to find out what he got or what he did. "Don't I owe you some money?" he asked.

"Two dollars," the barber told him. "The bill came to \$2.05 and you paid me the nickel and said you'd owe me the two."

"That's funny," said the fellow. "I never did that before. Usually I don't pay anything at all; I owe it all."

One of the ladies who usually gets called upon for house-to-house canvassing during all sorts of drives—and willingly and ably performs—said the other day that she was well up on practically any problem anyone wanted to discuss.

"After making the rounds of homes here," she explained, "I can tell you all about backaches, headaches, appendicitis, babies, automobiles, rationing and love. Any trouble you want to talk about, I can certainly help you out."

We've been kidding Steve Stefano of late about how fat he's getting. Really, it's the truth. Won't be long until he'll be as large as Bill Bodenhamer.

Steve doesn't think so, but we've told him it's bound to happen, because he's getting fat and Bill's getting thin; and soon they'll meet.

Ruffin Bryan Hewitt Of Hubert Training At Norfolk Station

Ruffin Bryant Hewitt, Jr., 18, seaman, second class, USNR, of Hubert, recently arrived at the Naval Training Station, Norfolk, Va., to undergo training for duties aboard a new destroyer of the Atlantic Fleet. He has completed a period of training at the Naval Training Center, Bainbridge, Md.

The Hewitt is the son of Mrs. Betty Hewitt of Hubert. Before enlisting in the Navy, he attended high school in Swansboro.

James L. McCulloch has leased the entire space at 628 Court Street, opposite the courthouse, and will enlarge his jewelry store. The partition formerly separating jewelry store from Mrs. Kittill's Tailor shop has been removed, and the store now occupies the entire space.

The interior will be done over and new show cases and fixtures installed.

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GERMANY QUITS

Four Generations Represented Here



Four generations of the Everett family of Holly Ridge are pictured above: Leonard Woodman Everett of Holly Ridge, who last December 23 celebrated his 93rd birthday; his daughter, Mrs. Ora King of Hampstead; his grandson, Homer Clark King and great grandson, Arthur William King, both of Wilmington.

Hold General Election For Town Of Jacksonville Officials Today

Town of Jacksonville voters will go to the polls today in a perfunctory general election to name a mayor and four members to the Town Board of Commissioners for 1945-47.

There are no Republican candidates; therefore, if the Democrats poll even one vote they'll be elected. On the Democratic side of the ticket are the names: For Mayor: Ramon Askew; for Town Board of Aldermen: Leslie Cowell, representing Ward 1; J. C. Collins, representing Ward 2; B. J. Holleman, representing Ward 3; and Hedrick Aman, representing Ward 4.

B. F. Patrick Named Principal Of White Oak High School

B. F. Patrick, teacher in the Richlands school for the past six years, last week was elected principal of White Oak school to succeed Oscar C. Burton, resigned.

His election was the fourth in the county school system in the past two weeks. Hall Lingle was elected principal of Jacksonville schools, D. W. Maddox was named at Swansboro, and C. Bruce Hunter was re-elected at Dixon.

Swansboro and Richlands schools have not yet had their elections, according to Supt. A. H. Hatsell. At least, no reports had been made to his office.

Farmers And Labor Called To Meeting Here Thursday Night

A meeting of farmers and farm laborers will be held at the Court-house here Thursday night at 8 o'clock for the purpose of discussing the farm labor situation this year, particularly as it will apply to housing of tobacco.

An effort will be made, according to County Agent Charles C. Clark, Jr., to determine how much farm labor will be needed and what the prevailing wage scale should be. No effort will be made, he emphasized, to put a ceiling on wages, but it is hoped that a scale can be found that will prevail throughout the tobacco belt. An effort also will be made to determine how much labor will be needed, and arrangements made to locate it, if necessary.

STILL DESTROYED Sheriff's officers destroyed a 50-gallon copper still and three barrels of mash in the Silverdale section Friday afternoon.

Observe Tag Day Throughout County For Hospital Benefit

Tag Day sponsored by the Onslow County Hospital Auxiliary will be held throughout the county on Saturday, it was announced yesterday.

Participation by every section of the county is a departure from the custom established last year when the day was observed in Jacksonville only. Since the hospital attracts residents from communities outside of Jacksonville, auxiliary members felt that a generous reception might be accorded the extension of Tag Day. Proceeds will be used by the auxiliary to purchase supplies for the institution.

Mrs. O. E. Bell will be in charge of Tag Day in Richlands, Mrs. Edward Hurst in Swansboro and Mrs. W. L. Humphrey at Verona. Leaders will be named in other communities this week.

Bruce Carraway To Deliver Address At Swansboro Finals

Swansboro high school will hold its annual commencement exercises on Friday night, May 11, at 8:30 o'clock, it was announced yesterday by Principal D. W. Maddox.

Bruce Carraway, prominent High Point man and former principal of Swansboro school, will deliver the commencement address.

Principal Maddox will make the awards, including the diplomas. Class Day exercises will be held Thursday night, May 10, at 8:30 o'clock, and the Eighth Grade Promotion ceremony will be held Saturday night, May 12, at 8:30 o'clock. The commencement program began Sunday evening when Rev. J. O. Walton of Wilmington delivered the baccalaureate sermon.

Included in the awards will be the American Legion medals to Louise Hardison and Bobby Meadows, outstanding eight grade students.

They are daughter and son of Mr. and Mrs. Garland Hardison and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Meadows, respectively.

The valedictorian of the senior class is Margaret Ward and the salutatorian is Rosemary Canady.

Other members of the senior class are Tom Benton, president, Pauline Jones, Daisy Stanley, Marie Henderson, James Fournier, Hilta Forehand, Donald Jones, Juanita Brown, Edgar H. Smith, Otis Adams and Brownie Trescott.

Kiwanis Club May Be Organized By Swansboro Residents

Organization of a Kiwanis club in Swansboro is in the offing, according to G. E. Mauldsby, chairman of the inter-club relations committee of the Jacksonville Kiwanians.

Mauldsby and President Ramon Askew met with a group of Swansboro people last week when a definite interest was shown in affiliating with Kiwanis International.

The group of men already meet regularly as a Community Betterment club. P. S. White is the president.

Remagen Bridge: Western War Pivot

By DON WHITEHEAD and RICHARD TOMPKINS When Lanky Alexander Drabnik of Holland, Ohio, charged across the Remagen bridge with his platoon March 8 to capture passage over the Rhine, the entire course of the war on the Western Front changed, thousands of lives were saved, and the war was shortened by many weeks.

This became more and more apparent as Americans tightened their hold on the Ruhr and pressed on toward Berlin against feeble and futile German efforts.

Seizure of the bridge, on top of the mauling given the Wehrmacht west of the Rhine, was a tremendous gamble. It paid off because of its very audacity and the swiftness with which Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges and his U. S. First Army took advantage of finding an intact bridge over which to pour tanks and troops.

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London—(AP)—The British ministry of information said Monday afternoon that Tuesday would be observed as V-E day.

The ministry said officially: "In accordance with an arrangement between the three great powers, Prime Minister Churchill will make the official announcement at 3 p.m., British Double Summer War Time (9 a.m. Eastern War Time), tomorrow the 8th of May."

The ministry also announced that the king would address the people at 8 p.m. British time (3 p.m. Eastern War time).

London—(AP)—E. P. Stackpole, press association correspondent in the Parliament lobbies, wrote Monday afternoon: "Although the war is over, I understand there will be no official announcement until tomorrow (Tuesday) afternoon."

The Exchange Telegraph's political correspondent wrote: "The war is over. The official announcement has been delayed and will not be made, it is understood, until tomorrow afternoon."

Press Association said: "As Parliament will be sitting tomorrow, Mr. Churchill probably will make the first announcement in the House of Commons."

Press Association declared the delay in announcing V-E day has been "occasioned by an agreement which has been reached by Mr. Churchill, President Truman and Marshal Stalin that the announcement, when it comes, shall be made simultaneously in London, Washington and Moscow."

Although the war was said to be over, fighting continued in Czechoslovakia.

Reims, France—(AP)—Germany surrendered unconditionally to the Western Allies and Russia at 2:41 a.m., French time, today.

This was at 8:41 p.m. Eastern War time, Sunday. The surrender took place at a little red school house, the headquarters of General Eisenhower.

The surrender, which brought an end to the war in Europe after five years, eight months and six days was signed for the Allies by Lt. Gen. Walter Bedell Smith, chief of staff for General Eisenhower, for Russia by Ivan S. Suslatarow and by S. Francois Fezez, for France.

General Eisenhower was not present at the signing but immediately after, the members of the German delegation were received by members of the supreme command.

Asked sternly if they understood the full meaning of the terms of the unconditional surrender, and if they would agree to its enforcement, they answered "yes."

20 Japanese Ships Sunk Or Damaged By American Planes

Guam—(AP)—Hammering at Japan's shrinking sealanes, land-based American bombers sank or damaged 20 enemy ships Saturday at the entrance of the Sea of Japan, the navy reported Monday.

Planes came off Okinawa where U. S. Ground Forces killed 33,462 Nipponese—15 for every Yank slain. White U. S. planes bombed Japanese shipping in the Straits between Japan and Korea, the British Fleet shelled the Southern Ryukyu Islands, 800 miles to the south in the first announced bombardment while operating with the U. S. Fifth Fleet.

No mention of ground action on Okinawa was made.

Swansboro School Committee Elects D. W. Maddox Principal

D. W. Maddox has been elected principal of Swansboro school for the 1945-46 term, his second scholastic year in that community.

All members of the teaching staff, except three persons who resigned, were re-elected for another year. They are: Miss Helen Sorrell, L. Benton, Mrs. Lillian Ray, Miss Gladys Capps, Mrs. Maudie Erwin, Mrs. Opal Jones, Miss Louise Kirkman and Mrs. Elizabeth Tolson Venter.

Mrs. Ludie Pittman, Mrs. Edna Koonce and Mrs. Mary Weeks asked that their names not be considered for re-election.

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