

DOWN EAST  
WITH  
BILLY ARTHUR

One of the best printed stories I've come across lately cropped out in Cornet the other evening, and I couldn't wait to get to a telephone the next day and tell it to Sgt. Cy Levine, the PX comic.

It concerned another Brooklynite—Cy is not like some of the Brooklynites you see; he hails from the other side of Prospect Park.

And this Brooklyn soldier was out on maneuvers in Oregon. One evening he came into the camp with a handful of rattlesnake rattles.

His buddies looked at him, then the rattles. They were amazed. "Where'd you get them?" they asked.

"Off'n some worms," he replied.

The gang in the cafe were acquiring and building an airport over their coffee the other morning, and Jack Peck declared that one couldn't be a success around here.

"Whenever the first big transport plane comes to town," he declared, "it won't be able to land because Rudisill's car will be stuck in the middle of the field and in the way."

"Quit running your darned mouth and gimme a cup of coffee," Rudy declared.

We've been kidding one of the fellows around town for having so many bank accounts, and a stranger in the midst inquired the other day how come.

"You'll grow up some day," he was told.

"Don't you know," another put his two cents worth in, "that that's one of the way some folks try to cut down tax expenditures, breaking up their accounts and showing income for four or five different items?"

"Yeh," said another, "I know a fellow who's got a daughter who does more traveling and spends more money for advertising than anybody in town. She's building up an advertising account to promote her for Miss America in 1956."

It's about like the occasion that Kadar Ramsey, who's been fearing that there was something wrong in his income tax return which he filled out by himself at the last minute.

"I did my best, couldn't get anyone to help me," he explained.

"But I've been looking for a man to come around and pay me a visit. The other day one came in with a black brief case under his arm, and asked Emory Greer if Kader Ramsey was around. I knew that was the tax man, and that he was going to put me in jail. I told him I'd see him in a minute. You know, it never did take me as long to cut a head of hair as it did then. I was thinking up the answers about that mule, that wagon, and when I got through I went over to the drug store and let the man sit there. He just looked at me all the time. I didn't know whether to keep going or come back, but I knew I'd have to face him sometime or another. Finally I went over and asked him what he wanted. He said he was from an oil company and wanted to lease the drilling rights on my farm. Brother, that was a relief. He could have had the whole darn farm right then."

And while we're on the subject of barbers, Harold Arnoff, field director of the Red Cross at Camp Davis, was telling the Kiwanis the other day how American soldiers would come into Naples, Italy, all grimy and dirty and have to go to a barber shop.

He related: "They got a shave for four cents, a hair cut for seven cents, and a manicure for eight cents with the choice of a blonde or brunette to hold your hand. A massage cost three cents, a shampoo two cents, some goo on your hair three cents and pedicure three cents. The boys would walk in, lay back in the chair and stretch out both arms and feet and say, 'gimme the works.'"

Lee Humphrey and Frank Morton had Jim Collins cornered behind his desk the other morning, and Jim was trying hard to handle the problem.

"What's up?" I inquired.

"I'm just trying to get some fertilizer I've already bought," Lee replied.

"How about you, Frank?" I asked.

"I'm just trying to pay for some I've already got," he replied.

Fibber McGee of the Fibber McGee and Molly radio show got off a good one the other night in referring to aristocracy and high society. Talking about one of the women, he quipped:

"She's just one of the upper crust, and the upper crust is nothing but a lot of crumbs held together by their own dough."

More Tires

Washington—(AP)—A 50 per cent increase in passenger car tire rations for this month has been announced by the War Production Board.

This will add 500,000 tires to the number to be distributed by the War Production Board.

At WPB, it was stated that a newly-increased manufacturing schedule goes into effect, "tires will be released in increasing numbers."

The improvement in rations, attributed directly to the lowered military demand in the wake of victory in Europe, will provide civilian motorists with 1,500,000 casings during the month of May.

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Lt. B. J. Holleman Safe, Telegram Here Indicates

Lt. B. J. Holleman, Jr., reported missing in action over Austria since March 22, is apparently safe and will be home in the near future, it was disclosed yesterday.

A telegram, signed by the Jacksonville pilot of a B-24 Liberator bomber which participated in raids on German-held European territory, was received Wednesday by Miss Elizabeth Harrell, his fiancée.

Mr. and Mrs. Holleman, parents of the lieutenant, yesterday had received no official word from the War Department of their son's being safe. However, they reasoned that his message cleared before the official word could go through channels.

It was assumed that Lieutenant Holleman's plane, which was last reported on a mission over Austria, had been fatally hit but that he and other members of their crew parachuted to safety. Later they were taken prisoners of war, and eventually were liberated by the Allied victory over the Nazi forces.

Pfc. Jack Wells Is First Onslowan to Get Army Discharge

Pfc. Jack Wells of Jacksonville, route two, is perhaps the first Onslowan to be discharged from duty under the Army's new point system.

He was given his formal discharge on Sunday at Fort Bragg.

Superfortresses Kindle New Fires On Nagoya; Casualties Announced

Guam—(AP)—More than 500 superfortresses kindled huge conflagrations Thursday in Nagoya, aircraft and arsenal center of the Japs, which was still in flames from Monday's incendiary raid.

12 Japs to 1 Yank

Guam—(AP)—Total of 46,505 Japanese have been killed on Okinawa by Lt. Gen. Buckner, Jr.'s Tenth Army which, on Thursday, approached Shuri and Yonabaru.

For 45 days of savage battling U. S. forces have lost an average of 84 men killed daily while the Japanese have lost an average of 1,011 daily—ratio of one American to 12 Japanese. It is estimated 36,000 Japanese remain on island.

Mindanao Push Continues

Manila—(AP)—American 31st Division Doughboys drove five miles along the Sayre highway in mountainous north central Mindanao while another veteran outfit, the 24th Division, was still locked in close combat Thursday with fanatical Japanese trapped near Davo City.

The push north of Maramas put the 31st Division within eight miles of Valencia air fields and 55 miles from the 40th Infantry Division which is driving south from Del Monte.

Between these two forces, the bulk of an estimated 50,000 enemy troops on this second largest Philippine Island was preparing for a last-ditch stand in the wild hill country.

Atticus Hatsell, Jr. To Be Commissioned At Annapolis June 6

Rear Admiral J. R. Beardall, superintendent of the U. S. Naval Academy, has announced that 21 North Carolina midshipmen are eligible for graduation June 6, and for commission as ensigns or as Marine second lieutenants.

The graduation exercises will climax the six days of traditionally colorful "June Week."

Immediately upon graduation, the graduates will be sworn into service. Each will be given a Bachelor of Science degree at commencement exercises.

Among the graduates are: Atticus Hagood Hatsell, Jr., son of Supt. and Mrs. A. H. Hatsell, of Jacksonville.

Weather

So you think the weather's been abnormal around here? Well, you're absolutely correct.

Mrs. R. H. Merrell of near Jacksonville reported Wednesday that she had picked quite a few huckleberries so far. Not blackberries, not dew berries, but huckleberries which don't usually ripen until much later in the summer.

At the Naval Hospital at Camp Lejeune, chrysanthemums are in bloom; and you know they usually come in about October, November and December. In fact, they had chrysanthemums from the garden out there as late as February. Marigolds are also blooming there.

Yep, something's screwy with the weather. Or, is it?

SLAUGHTERING RULES

Non-Federally inspected slaughterers who slaughter for sale more than 6,000 pounds of meat in 1944 may continue to operate between May 15 and June 30 without having an OPA permit, in their possession, provided they registered with the District of Price Administration by May 14 and had their interim quota base established. Permits are now being processed and should be in the hands of slaughterers by June 30.

SURFACING COMPLETED

Surfacing of Warlick and Warn streets in Onslow Terrace has been completed.

Pvt. Rashie W. Sanderson, Beulaville, Somewhere In France With Army



Pvt. Rashie W. Sanderson of Beulaville, Route 2, is serving with the Army in France. He entered service in September of last year and went overseas in March. A brother, Pfc. Nancy F. Sanderson, has been overseas since February of 1944. They are sons of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Sanderson of Beulaville, Route 2.

Lt. Harold E. Coffin, Husband of Local Girl Killed in Action

Lt. Velma Simpson Coffin, the former Velma Simpson of Maysville, received word this week that her husband, Lt. Harold E. Coffin had been killed in action in Germany on April 10.

Lt. Coffin is the daughter of A. F. Simpson of Maysville and has been visiting there this week on emergency furlough from her base in Arkansas where she has been stationed for the past year.

Pfc. John L. Davis Treated for Wounds At Swannanoa Hospital

Pfc. John L. Davis, of Route 1, Maysville, has been admitted to Moore General Hospital, Swannanoa, N. C., for treatment. He has served in the European Theater with the 9th Army and saw action at Brest in France, and in the Siegfried Line in Germany. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben J. Davis of Maysville.

12 Marine Veterans Decorated At Lejeune For Heroism In Action

In a colorful mass ceremony at Camp Lejeune twelve Marine veterans were decorated for their heroism and valor in action.

The presentation of citations climaxed an impressive review and parade staged by the Officers Candidate Battalion and the Camp Lejeune band.

The men were given temporary citations, and later they will receive the medals. The presentations were made by Lieutenant Colonel Thomas V. Brundage, Jr., commanding officer, Schools Regiment, Training Command, of Camp Lejeune.

The men receiving decorations were as follows: Captain John C. Pelzel of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, received the Legion of Merit; Captain James G. Juetz, of the Silver Star; Captain Juetz is from Wickliffe, Ky.; Captain George L. McConnell of Mooresville, North Carolina, received the Silver Star Medal; Second Lieutenant Francis M. Sweeney of Mt. Pleasant, Pennsylvania, received the Silver Star Medal; Second Lieutenant Hubert R. Strong of Port Gibson, Mississippi, received the Bronze Star Medal; Staff Sergeant John R. Shaw of Otego, New York, received the Silver Star Medal; 2nd Lieutenant Robert B. Allen of Monmouth, Oregon, received the Bronze Star Medal; Sergeant William A. Jones of Saint Jo, Texas, received the Bronze Star Medal; Corporal Calude E. Corbin, Jr., of Kolen, Indiana, received the Bronze Star Medal; Private First Class Maurice C. Cooper of Silverton, Oregon, received the Bronze Star Medal and Private First Class Everett W. Hinton of Lebanon, Indiana, received the Bronze Star Medal; 2nd Lt. Richard Lee Sullivan of Sioux City, Iowa, received the Bronze Star Medal.

Earlier in the week, four men were decorated with the Purple Heart Medal: they were: Private John Henry Johnson of Spencer, Iowa; Private First Class Gerald George Kelleher of Brooklyn, New York; Pfc. Peter Ledak of Auburn, New York and Private First Class Clarence A. Campbell of Philadelphia.

ADMITTED TO HOSPITAL

Swannanoa—SSgt. Lester L. Pullen, the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Pullen of Rocky Mount, has been admitted to the Moore General Hospital here for treatment.

He served in Italy as an aerial engineer, participating in 38 combat missions. He holds the Air Medal and an Oak Leaf Cluster.

Pvt. Barney Kellum Wounded in Action In European Fighting

Pvt. Barney O. Kellum, son of Owen Kellum of Jacksonville, route two, was wounded in action in Europe, according to the War Department.

Jacksonville Chosen For 1946 District UDC Convention

The Onslow Guards chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy will be hostess chapter at the annual district meeting in Jacksonville this week, according to the War Department.

Jacksonville was chosen as site for the next annual district meeting when the 1945 session was held at Mount Olive last week. Attending from the Onslow Guards Chapter and extending the invitation were Mrs. Anne M. Price, Mrs. H. M. Loy and Mrs. R. H. Merrell.

Mrs. I. N. Sanders Re-Elected County Council Chairman

Mrs. I. N. Sanders of Bear Creek was re-elected president of the Onslow County Council of Home Demonstration clubs at the council meeting at Tallman Street USO Tuesday afternoon. She will begin her second consecutive term in January, 1946.

Other officers re-elected included Mrs. Curt Holland of Silverdale, vice-chairman, and Mrs. L. L. Jarman of Richlands, secretary.

Ten of the 19 clubs in the county were represented by 36 women in attendance, and they heard a talk by Miss Verna Stanton, southeastern district home agent, and Charles C. Clark, Jr., Onslow farm agent.

The district meeting in Bayboro, May 31, was discussed, and five representatives of the Onslow council will attend, including the council officers, Miss Laura Beatty, home agent, and Mrs. Annie Fountain of Richlands, who is district fourth vice-chairman.

Following the meeting at the USO, the group inspected Miss Beatty's garden.

CWO Warren Hinkle Transferred to PI After 3 1-2 Years Here

CWO Warren L. Hinkle, one of the original cadre of Marines to come to Camp Lejeune, has been transferred to Parris Island after having served here since August, 1941.

Hinkle was administrative assistant to the Camp Engineer. As far as months of service go, he is outpointed only by Capt. H. G. Bozarth, of the Quartermaster department who came here in April of 1941.

Captain Bozarth and Capt. Morris E. Miller, who came here in June of 1941 are the only two of the original guard now remaining at Lejeune. Captain Miller is administrative assistant to the Camp Quartermaster.

Warrant Officer Hinkle has seen more than 30 years service in the Marine Corps. He shipped over by request at the same time that he was honored with a review on the day of his 30th anniversary in the corps. That was back when headquarters of Camp Lejeune, then New River Marine Barracks, was a Montford Point.

Maj. Gen. Julian Smith Receives Gold Star From Commandant

Washington—Major General Julian C. Smith, USMC, 59, has been presented with a Gold Star in lieu of a second Distinguished Service Medal by General Alexander A. Vandegrift, USMC, Commandant of the Marine Corps, for his services as Commanding General Expeditionary Troops, Third Fleet, from July to October 1944.

The presentation took place in the Commandant's office.

Major General Smith, a native of Elkton, Maryland, commanded the Second Marine Division during the battle of Tarawa. His temporary address is now 3901 Connecticut Avenue, Northwest, Washington, D. C. He was formerly Commanding General of Camp Lejeune.

REBUILD JAP TANK

Under the supervision of Sgt. Sickles and Sgt. Donald Scarborough, a light seven-ton Japanese tank has been placed in excellent running condition at Camp Lejeune. The tank was originally sent for exhibition and instruction purposes. The engine, a six-cylinder, air-cooled diesel, is of German design and was built in Tokyo in 1942.

Erection Of 150 Homes To Begin About June 1

\$40,000 In Bonds Bought So Far But That Doesn't Look So Good

First Federal Reserve Bank reports on the 7th War Loan received by Onslow Chairman J. C. Thompson this week showed this county already credited with \$40,912.50 in bond purchases as against its overall quota of \$510,000.

Of the amount reported so far, a total of \$25,912.50 were in "E" bond sales, Thompson reported.

"The figures may look all right, considering the intensive drive just started this week," Chairman Thompson said, "but not so good when I tell you that they represent all bonds purchased in Onslow County since the first of April."

And they also include \$15,000 purchased by the Atlantic Coast Line railroad for credit to this county.

"While I sincerely hope purchases will begin to pick up greatly, and feel confident that they will, we've all got to remember that this war is only half over. The Japs still must be licked, and they're no pushover."

"Lieut. Gen. Holland M. Smith, who commands the Fleet Marine Force, said 'Every War Loan is a barometer of war support. Whether individual Americans buy one extra \$100 War Bond or many more War Bonds is important only to the extent that the amount loaned to the government represents his or her maximum effort.'"

"We ought to think about that here in Onslow County and really get going on this bond drive. We've got a big quota to meet."

Sgt. Clarence Hendeson Gets Good Conduct Medal On Luzon

With the Ninth Army Corps on Luzon—Sergeant Clarence Henderson, 36, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Henderson, RFD 2, Jacksonville, N. C., has been awarded the Good Conduct Medal while serving as a construction foreman with the 171st Engineer Combat Battalion on Luzon, Philippine Islands. This Battalion took part in the initial landing operations at Lingayen Gulf and were in support of the First Cavalry Division in their rapid advance from Guimba into the heart of Manila. At the start of this advance by the Cavalry, the 131st Engineers removed enemy high explosive demolition charges from a six hundred fifty yard long bridge at Cabanatuan. The bridge was covered by enemy machine gun, rifle and mortar fire. One span of the bridge blown out by the enemy was quickly repaired by the Engineers allowing the start of the drive. At the edge of Manila a one hundred thirty foot Bailey bridge was constructed in twelve hours, making possible the entrance of troops and supplies of the first spearhead inside Manila.

Prior to entering the service at Fort Bragg, N. C., in March 1942, Sergeant Henderson was employed as a welder by the Atlantic Coast Line Railway Co. at Florence, South Carolina. Coming overseas in October 1942, he has served with the 131st Engineer Combat Battalion in operations on New Caledonia, Munda, New Georgia and Bougainville.

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Reports have not been received from Richlands, White Oak, Swansboro, Sneads Ferry and Holly Ridge.

Cigarette Smokers To Get More; Military Posts To Begin Rationing

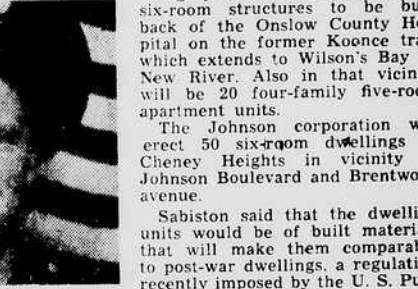
New York—(AP)—Cigarette manufacturers said that an improvement in the civilian supply situation could be expected within two to three months.

The most bullish comment came from the National Association of Tobacco Manufacturers: "The situation will ease during the rest of 1945, but civilians still will have to stand in line."

In Washington, the Army and Navy announced that the armed forces will ration cigarettes, cigars and smoking tobacco at military and naval establishments and prisoner of war camps in the United States, starting June 3.

Ration cards will enable military personnel, their dependents and authorized civilian employees to receive six packages of cigarettes or 24 cigars or four ounces of smoking tobacco weekly. War prisoners will get only tobacco.

Pfc. Bill Carney of Swansboro, Serving With Army In Germany



Pfc. Bill Carney of Swansboro is with the Army in Germany. He has been in service two years and has been overseas three months. Private Carney is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Farley Carney of Swansboro.

Red Cross Field Director Speaks At Kiwanis Meet

Harold Arnoff, field director of the American Red Cross stationed at Camp Davis, spoke at the weekly meeting of the Jacksonville Kiwanis club Tuesday at the Pine Lodge.

Just back from overseas, Arnoff was at one time attached to the 82nd airborne infantry which participated in combat against the Axis powers in North Africa, Sicily, Naples, Salerno and Anzio. His talk was off-the-record.

However, he did praise the spirit and generosity of the Onslow County Chapter of the Red Cross which last week voted an appropriation of \$1,675 to outfit three day rooms at Camp Davis.

Club President Ramon Askew reminded Kiwanians that they are to attend the Methodist church in a group Sunday morning at 11 a.m., and G. E. Maulsby reported on the district meeting at Goldsboro last Wednesday.

Guests at the meeting were Reese Walter of Kinston, M. A. Royal of Elkin, Kenneth Mann and Rev. L. Grady Burgess of Jacksonville.

Auxiliary Tag Day Nets \$733, Incomplete Reports Disclose

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Lt. Col. A. J. Beall Acting Chief of Staff At Camp Lejeune

Lt. Col. Abner J. Beall has been assigned duty as acting chief of staff, Camp Lejeune. He follows Col. Robert H. Pepper, detached, in that position.

Col. Pepper came to his assignment as camp chief of staff in April, 1944, after 47 months overseas duty. During his overseas service, Col. Pepper had commanded the Third Defense Battalion and then the 11th Marines in the Tulagi, Guadalcanal and Cape Gloucester campaigns. Prior to coming to Camp Lejeune, Lt. Col. Beall served from the fall of 1942 to the spring of 1944 in the Caribbean.

Engineers laying out streets and plotting locations of 150 new dwelling units, to be comparable with post war residences, are expected to begin work here today with a view of having everything in readiness to begin construction about June 1.

Clyde L. Sabiston of Sabiston Building corporation said yesterday that contractors were due in town this week to tender bids on the homes, which will be erected by the Sabiston corporation and the Johnson Building corporation.

Eighty of the residences will be six-room structures to be built back of the Onslow County Hospital on the former Koonce tract which extends to Wilson's Bay on New River. Also in that vicinity will be 20 four-family five-room apartment units.

The Johnson corporation will erect 50 six-room dwellings in Cheney Heights in vicinity of Johnson Boulevard and Brentwood avenue.

Sabiston said that the dwelling units would be of built materials that will make them comparable to post-war dwellings, a regulation recently imposed by the U. S. Public Housing Authority.

It is hoped that everything will be in readiness to begin construction about June 1.

When completed occupancy eligibility will be determined by the commanding officer of Camp Lejeune, since the houses are being erected to accommodate military personnel stationed at that base.

Five new workers have been assigned to the Red Cross at Camp Lejeune, replacing staff members who have been transferred recently.

New personnel are: Mr. Glenwood McComb, of Reading, Pennsylvania, who took over his duties as Red Cross Field Director here last month, replaces Mr. Charles B. Bartlett now overseas.

Mr. Ed L. Beam, of Charlotte, North Carolina, replaces Mr. Joel C. McCurry, who also has been assigned overseas. Miss Martine Heilbron, of Texarkana, Texas, is the replacement for Miss Alice M. Geerlings, now in the European Theater.

Miss Lola Crawford, also of Charlotte, replaces Miss Fay Blair Winn, who is on duty at Parris Island, South Carolina. Mr. George Dickie, of Palmetto, Florida, replaces Mr. C. J. Vandenhoeven, who has been transferred to Camp Gordon, Georgia.

War in Brief

Americans on Okinawa tighten pincers upon keystone of Jap defenses at Shuri City as bloody fighting continues. More than 46,000 Japs killed so far on Okinawa, with American deaths nearing 4,000.

MacArthur's men on Mindanao advance toward central airfield against tough resistance. Fighting continues on Borneo and Luzon.

Giant Superfortresses return to smoldering Nagoya to deal another terrific-bomb blow to Japan's greatest war industrial center.

Navy reveals capture of Japanese-bound German U-Boat carrying Luftwaffe officers and two Jap suicides. Jap submarines also revealed to have prowled the Atlantic.

Notorious Nazi criminal Dr. Robert Ley captured by American 101st Airborne Division.

Allies declare Germany will be placed under stern military rule for long time to come, and say present Doenitz group is operating temporarily under Allied orders.

Allied war crimes conference to consider punishment of Nazi criminals will meet in London May 31. British press again assails coddling of Nazi big shots.

Americans are ready to prosecute Nazi criminals, with Tar Heel attorney being named as one of prosecutors.

Adolf Hitler's stenographer says Nazi fuhrer greeted news of President Roosevelt's death with hideous laughter.

'DANDELION' RUBBER

London—(AP)—Experimental cultivation in Britain of dandelions grown from Russian seeds has yielded rubber "nearly as good as plantation rubber," the Imperial Institute reports.

Pfc. Cyrus Shepard, Jacksonville, Route 3, Wounded in Action

Pfc. Cyrus W. Shepard, son of Mrs. Nellie P. Shepard of Jacksonville, route three, has been wounded in action in Europe, according to a War Department announcement.