

DOWN EAST WITH BILLY ARTHUR

One really feels as if he's missed the boat, the radio's missed the boat, the big daily newspapers aren't even scanned when a telephone call like this comes in, as one did Friday. "Billy, can you tell me when the 7th War Loan begins and when it ends?" What's the use? Some of the boys from up Richlands way were in town Friday morning, and we were chewing the fat around the Courthouse. Presently, I remarked I'd better get on back up to the office and to work. "You can't work today," Murrill Boggs suggested. "It's too wet to plow." One of the Camp Lejeune boys had an arcade the other day and turned in at the dispensary. Whereupon the doctor looked at his throat, then his nose and finally his ear. He prescribed some sulfa stuff for his throat, and something else for his nose. "How about the ear, Doc?" the fellow asked. "Oh, take a couple of aspirin for that," the doc said. "But come back Saturday." I told him that darned if I'd go back, that I wouldn't feel obligated at all. They're slurring again. Mrs. Jean Crankshaw took a look at the bulletin board the other day and said that there were striking resemblances to me in a number of the photographs thereon. "There's a picture of you, a shark, an alligator and a bear up there, and they all look almost alike." Sam Sackhoff wants it distinctly understood that L. E. Rudisill didn't move from Overbrook, that he was run out. Now comes a story by Strickland Gillian, the humorist, which we've pirated from The State: A newly ordained preacher was attending his first regional conference when several hundred other preachers were in attendance. He was a young chap; very zealous and very enthusiastic. At the close of the second day of the meeting, he was in conversation with an older pastor and remarked: "Everyone certainly seems more interested in business matters at this conference than they do in religious matters." "What do you mean?" asked the older man. "Well," came the reply, "I've been here for two days now, and I have never heard the name of God mentioned a single time." "Huh!" exclaimed the other. "You ought to have been up in the bishop's room last night when he got one of his fingers caught in the door." They were kidding Dewey Edwards the other day about naming his wine store the "Veterans Wine Store," and they said that a competitor Charles Azam was complaining that the name was taking some of his business. "Why I've seen more action in Jacksonville," Charlie was quoted as saying, "than Dewey did the whole time he was in the army." Fred Pittman, who's the walking chamber of commerce for the city by the sea—meaning, Swansboro, of course—came back from there yesterday declaring that fishing was better on Sunday than any day he ever recalled. Well, he almost said that. He spoke about the fishing so fast and so inspiringly and enthusiastically that we couldn't make out much more than it was mighty darned good. They were catching them off the docks, in skiffs, off the causeway, or off something, and Fred would almost have you believe that the fish were waiting in line to bite your hook. If Fred didn't bring one back for Cap'n Ed Provost, he's going to be mighty mad when he reads this. And that reminds me. And the reminder causes a blush. Several evenings last week I noted a car parked alongside the new highway bridge over New River, and with curiosity getting the better of me, went over to investigate. A Marine and his wife were crabbing along the shore and doing right well, and that turned over something in me. I just had to go fishing. Back over to the house I went for my rod and reel. Convinced that I wouldn't catch anything, I still had to relieve the urge to toss that bait around a bit. So I cast and I cast, right there at the bridge. No strikes. No rises. But I tried once more, and therein lies the story. The plug got caught on a stump, and with all my skillful maneuvering, I couldn't get it off, trying as I might. So I had to bite off about 20 yards of my good nylon line and lose a \$1 jittersbug. I fussed and cussed, and cussed and fussed, but all of a sudden stopped. Because, it suddenly dawned on me that I had been fishing out of season, and that losing the plug and the line was the penalty a good little law-abiding fellow like me had to pay. An honest confession is good for the soul, so I've been told. But I still would like to have that plug and 20 yards of line back.

Lt. Cecil Gurganus, 22, Reported Killed in Action



Lt. Cecil Gurganus, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ransom Gurganus of near Jacksonville, has been reported killed in action with the Army Air Forces in the European theatre of operations.

Lieutenant Gurganus, who was 22 years of age and a graduate of Jacksonville high school, was reported a fighter bomber. He was reported killed as of March 22.

Single Plane Destroys Entire Jap Convoy; Okinawa Resistance Breaking

Manila—(AP)—In one of the war's outstanding aerial feats, a single Philippines-based Navy patrol plane destroyed an entire Japanese convoy of five ships, totaling 17,000 tons off Formosa Saturday, Gen. Douglas MacArthur reported Monday. Japanese forces, driven north of Davao into a succession of defense lines on Mindanao Island, appeared to be weakening. The Sayre highway to North Central Mindanao was opened to Yanks as far as Fallang village. On Luzon the Yanks cleared out resisting pockets in Balet Pass.

Guam—(AP)—First Marine Division troops have driven to the crest of the last ridge before the Okinawa fortress city of Shuri in a tank-led drive through 800 yards of ferociously defended ravines and draws.

New York Cafes Are Closing Doors Because Of Acute Food Shortages

New York—(AP)—High-living New York, greatest peace-time consumer of thick steaks and fresh eggs, has tightened its belt and settled for cold cuts. But on the East Side you had to take your cold cuts in sandwiches. Delicatessen stores refused to sell them to take out. It was far from famine but it was prompt confirmation of what government officials had predicted—that the food shortage would grow worse with the end of the war in Europe.

Sixteen Pupils Make Honor Roll Every Period During Year

Sixteen students made the honor roll every period in the Jacksonville schools during the 1944-45 term, it was announced yesterday by Principal A. B. Johnson. A number also made the perfect attendance roll.

Farmers Could Gross \$40,000 More By Increasing Per Acre Corn Yield

By CHARLIE C. CLARK, JR., Onslow County Agent. Several different types of corn demonstrations are being conducted in the county this year to show ways corn yields can be increased. Approximately 52% of cultivated land in Onslow County is planted to corn and the average yield is less than 20 bushels per acre.

War In Brief

U. S. aircraft carrier Franklin D. Roosevelt reported loss of an American ship in war with over 1,000 men reported dead, wounded and missing after attack by Jap bomber off coast of Japan; ship now in Brooklyn Navy Yard for repairs after epic voyage. American Marines push into heart of Naha, Okinawa capital; infantrymen make other advances. Chinese forces pushed from Fochow proper to outskirts of port city in possible U. S. invasion area. Superfort raids believed to have burned out heart of Jap aircraft industry. Hitler placed blame for German failure on Luftwaffe's inability to stop Allies. Lord Vansittart, British leader, says he will demand blanket indictment of German Gestapo and SS men as war criminals. Allies start investigation of German medical profession's crimes in "guinea pig" experiments that took lives of hundreds of political prisoners in notorious Nazi death camps. Russian press plays up letter from Russians on Soviet half of island of Sakhalin, north of Japanese homeland, and Red Army training maneuvers in area near Manchuria. Fritz Kuhn is ordered sent back to Germany as an undesirable alien. Americans faced with job of governing Germany are startled to find that the Reich is a nation of women, with a ratio of five women to every two men.

Pfc. Paul Anthony, Jr., Of Maysville, Killed In European Fighting

Pfc. Paul Anthony, Jr., son of Mrs. Marie Anthony of Maysville, has been killed in action in European regions, according to a War Department announcement yesterday.

Help Wanted

Help Wanted! Approximately 15,000 pounds of clothing donated by Onslowans to be sent to war torn countries abroad is awaiting sorting and packing in the Jacksonville school gymnasium. Some already has been packed, but most of it remains untouched and is doing no good in the gym, according to Steve Stefanou, county clothing chairman.

Cpl. Kenneth Lanier, Beulaville, Liberated From Prison Camp

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Lanier of Beulaville have received information through the Red Cross that their son, Cpl. Kenneth C. Lanier, has been liberated from a German prisoner of war camp. He was captured in February, 1945 in North Africa.

Allied Nations Party Pays Official Visit At Camp Lejeune

Camp Lejeune—(AP)—Twenty-five representatives of 20 Allied nations inspected this huge Marine Corps training camp Thursday in their first stop on a tour of military installations and industrial plants. The tour was arranged by the Army's foreign liaison office of the military intelligence division.

Presbyterian Church Announces New Weekly Gospel Hour Services

Thursday evening will mark the beginning of the "Old Fashioned Gospel Hour." These services will be held every Thursday night at 8:30 P. M. at the Presbyterian Recreation Center. Each Thursday there will be a special musical feature. This Thursday P. Sgt. and Mrs. Stringer from Rose Glen, Texas, will play and sing old gospel hymns.

Civil Service Exam For Clerk At Holly Ridge To Be Given

The United States Civil Service Commission announces an open competitive examination for the position of substitute clerk for filling vacancies in the Post Office at Holly Ridge.

Stamp Sound Clinics For Immunization Are Scheduled by Stevens

Dr. H. W. Stevens, health officer, announces the following schedule of typhoid immunization clinics to be held in the Stamp Sound area of the county on Wednesdays, May 23, May 30, June 6 and June 13.

Arnold V. Jenkins Aboard Carrier In Invasion Of Okinawa

Aboard An Aircraft Carrier In The Pacific—Arnold V. Jenkins, seaman, first class, USNR, whose parents Mr. and Mrs. James Henry Jenkins, live on Route 3, Jacksonville, N. C., was aboard this Essex class aircraft carrier when her planes battered Okinawa prior to the Marine and Army landings.

Sgt. Carl Jones, Reported Missing, In English Hospital

Sgt. Carl Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. Galloway Jones of Maysville, has been liberated from a prisoner of war camp in Germany and is a patient now in a hospital in England, according to a letter received from him last week.

Named Second Lieutenant In Blue Star Brigade

Mrs. L. P. Matthews has become the first woman in the Blue Star Brigade to attain the rank of second lieutenant during the Seventh War Loan Drive in Onslow County.

Howard Swinson Hit And Robbed At Ice Plant Late Thursday

Howard Swinson, Maple Hill, night man at the Jacksonville Ice company, was hit on the head and robbed of approximately \$20 by an unidentified assailant late Thursday night.

\$54,862 In Bonds Sold During 7th War Loan

Former Legion Commander Speaks At Memorial Day Exercises Sunday

Roy McMillan, Raleigh, North Carolina commander of civilian Day exercises, will make the Memorial Day address, sponsored by Clarence Meadows Post No. 78 of the American Legion, at Swansboro Sunday afternoon, it was announced yesterday.

Mrs. W. R. McFall, Mother Of Mrs. C. W. Conkling, Passes In Hampton, Va.

Mrs. W. R. McFall, mother of Mrs. C. W. Conkling of Jacksonville, died at her home in Hampton, Va. Sunday, May 13, after an extended illness. She was 78 years of age.

Yugoslavs Continue Hold On Trieste As Dispute Is Publicized

Trieste—(AP)—The Yugoslav-controlled newspaper here adopted a conciliatory tone Monday as Yugoslav authorities published the text of Marshall Sir Harold Alexander's message to his troops on the dispute over Italian and Austrian territory.

Noah James Spencer, Maysville, Awarded The Purple Heart

Noah James Spencer, Jr., 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Noah James Spence of Maysville, has been awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received when his ship was sunk off the Normandy coast during the invasion of France.

United Nations Parley Agrees On Regional Self-Defense Systems

San Francisco—(AP)—Agreement among Big-Five and Latin American nations on plans for regional self-defense systems within a world organization Monday put the United Nations conference safely past its biggest stumbling block.

Auxiliary Tag Day Contributions Rise To \$864; Not All In

Contributions to the Onslow County Hospital on Tag Day in the week just past so far have amounted to \$864.90, according to incomplete reports turned in to Mrs. M. A. Cowell, chairman.

This G.I. Knew All The Time When The Fighting Would Stop

London—(AP)—Pfc. Clay W. Melver of Winters, Tex., picked the end of the European war right on the nose.

Smallest Criminal Court Docket Here In Years Set For Next Week

The smallest criminal court docket in years in Onslow County is set for trial next week at the beginning of a two-week term of Superior Court to be presided over by Judge Henry L. Stevens of Warsaw.

Mrs. Ida Lewis, Sneads Ferry, Passes In Wilmington

Mrs. Ida Lewis, 68, of Sneads Ferry, died at the James Walker Memorial Hospital in Wilmington Thursday afternoon following an operation.

Pfc. Herbert J. Bryan Of Beulaville Wounded In European Fighting

Pfc. Herbert J. Bryan, son of Mrs. Rennie Brown of Beulaville, route two, was wounded in action in European fighting, the War Department has announced.

COMING HOME

Atlanta—(AP)—Lt. Gen. Courtney Hicks Hodges, whose First United States Army confounded the Germans, captured Paris and drove on to Belgium, will be flown from Paris to Atlanta next week for an official Georgia homecoming celebration.