

DOWN EAST
WITH
BILLY ARTHUR

Comes this in the mail: The Hon. Wm. J. Arthur, Editor, News and Views Rag Sheet, Jacksonville, N. C.

This is to notify you and your super-assistants, including the personnel of your composing room that no longer will you have to send your esteemed periodical to the undersigned for as of Thursday, next, his name will be crossed off the roster of this institution (St. Luke's Hospital, New Bern).

Please inform your girl Friday who does all the work anyway. Cordially yours, Wm. O'Byrne.

Now that censorship has been relaxed, we on the east coast can talk about our security measures in force while at war with Germany.

The idea came the other afternoon as I sat on the front steps of the house and looked at the celebrated watch tower.

Remember that watch tower? The air raid watch tower? Hardly anything around here in late years provoked as much discontent and concern as that little number squatting up on Court street.

The idea was all right; the army located it there; and the function it was to perform in this area was to reduce the area of search for missing planes of our own. In that it served well, but around here you couldn't drive it through our local thick skulls that Camp Lejeune's radar and so forth wouldn't well protect little Jacksonville.

It all seems so silly now. I mean the whole thing. Remember when Ennis Murrell had it tied around his neck and then he said it off on the Kiwanis club? He sank about \$350 of his own money in getting it built, and then discovered there was no one to reimburse him.

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Youth And Nation Would Profit From Military Training, Judge Says

For the sake of the youth of this nation as well as the national security, at least one year's compulsory military service should be enacted by the Congress as soon as possible, Judge Henry L. Stevens, former national commander of the American Legion said in an address to the Jacksonville Kiwanis club here Tuesday.

Recalling statistics showing that 25 percent of the nation's youth have been rejected as unfit for military service in World War II, Judge Stevens declared that it is "unpardonable that so many of our youth are 4-F and unfit to do a day's work in patriotic service to this nation." They have been rejected because of mental deficiencies or disease.

Military training for at least one year between high school and college will assure this nation that it won't happen again, he said, citing a few of the advantages.

Judge Stevens maintained that such training would insure better developed bodies and minds, inspire inactivity, quicken sensibilities, and give "a finer, higher, cleaner concept of this country and the obligation of the people to defend it in time of peril and trouble. This war, with all its hardships and heartaches, has made better citizens of all of us."

Guests at the meeting were W. E. Bangs and P. S. White, members of the newly organized Swansboro Kiwanis club; Fr. Gerard Frederick, Jacksonville; Jack Bayer, Charlotte; Hugh Ragsdale, Richlands; and Lieut. W. Charles Goe of Pine Grove Trailer Park.

Also present was Frank Maturo, representative of Kiwanis International, who is here assisting with the organization of the Swansboro club.

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Pfc. John M. Sandlin Wounded In Action On Okinawa Island

Pfc. John Mills Sandlin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sandlin of Verona, has been seriously wounded in action on Okinawa, the War Department advised yesterday.

A member of the celebrated 27th Infantry Division of the U. S. Army, he was wounded on May 19. He is a medical aid man in the unit.

White Registrants Leave Wednesday For Pre-Induction Exams

The list of white registrants leaving for pre-induction physical examinations at Fort Bragg on June 6 follows:

Rodell Murray, Holly Ridge; Purcell H. Shepard, Maple Hill; Harold Powell, Philadelphia; Robert Edward Gray, Wilmington; Jonas Gray, Pink Hill; Marvin Edward Howard, Sandston, Va.; Leo Fountain, Richlands; Mickle Thomas Frazier, Newport News, Va.; Leon Brown, Beulaville; Carl Lee Futral, Richlands; Robert Williams, Catherine Lake; Joseph Cuthbert Brown, Jacksonville; Horace Ralph Murray, Richlands; Silas Jarman, Jr., Richlands; Billie Louis Padgett, Maple Hill; John William Pike, Richlands; Bennie Bryan Robinson, Jacksonville.

Merlether Lewis Ferguson, Jr., Jacksonville; Edmund Russell Jarrett, Richlands; Cyrus J. Lanier, Jacksonville; Angus Derrick Hattwell, Silverdale; Oliver John Peacock, Jr., Jacksonville; Starkey Stokes Shaw, Jr., Richlands; Vernon Dabhart Lloyd, Jacksonville; Jennis Earl Hansley, Folkstone; Columbus Bright, Maysville; John McCall, Harrisburg; J. J. Lysses, Morton, Jacksonville; Dalton Parker Morton, Wake Forest; M. A. Cowell, Jacksonville; Arlen Crews, Richlands.

SSgt. Reginald Poole, Jacksonville, Awarded Bronze Star In Europe

SSgt. Reginald M. Poole of the 90th Division and 3rd Army, son of Mr. and Mrs. Duke Poole of Clayton and Jacksonville, has been awarded the Bronze Star for heroic service in support of operations from Dec. 12 to 16, 1944 in vicinity of Pachten, Germany.

During the Saar River operations SSgt. Poole offered invaluable assistance in keeping an infantry battalion supplied at all times through the crossing site and entire supply route was constantly illuminated by flares and subjected to intense fire. He led carrying parties over the route leading across the river each night and carried food and ammunition to the battalion. On two occasions when heavy artillery and mortar fire inflicted heavy casualties on the party, he organized the men and continued on the mission.

His heroic service contributed to the fighting efficiency of the battalion and was in accordance with military tradition.

Banks Lumber Mill At Richlands Badly Damaged By Fire

The lumber mill owned by B. F. Banks at Richlands was badly damaged by fire Tuesday afternoon. Damage was believed to have been approximately \$10,000 or more.

Starting in the planing mill, the fire spread to the dry kiln and destroyed both sections of the mill together with some stock therein. Firemen from Jacksonville responded to the plea of Richlands for assistance. One truck with men was sent up. Both fire departments encountered difficulty in combating the blaze because of the distance between the nearest fire hydrant and the mill.

Baptist Vacation Bible School Will Have Commencement

The commencement exercises of the Daily Vacation Bible school at First Baptist church will be held tonight at 8 o'clock at the church.

Pfc. Milton King, Richlands, Liberated From German Prison

Pfc. Milton King, son of Paul King of Richlands, route two, has been liberated from a German prisoner of war camp, the War Department announced this week.

USO Council Group To Make Study Of Survey For Nursery

A committee of the USO Council is making a study of a nursery survey at Midway Park and will report to the council at its next meeting. Members of the committee are Deane C. Taylor, Mrs. G. E. Gardner and Mrs. W. L. Ketchum.

They were appointed by Council Chairman B. J. Holleman at last week's council meeting at Newberry Street USO when the survey prepared by Lieut. Helen McGraw, officer-in-charge of Camp Children's school was submitted. An effort to secure a nursery here to accommodate children of visiting and shopping service personnel was proposed some time ago.

New members of the council are Deane Taylor, Harvey Bone and J. W. Broadhurst, who are operating the amusement chairman of Newberry Street USOs.

Arthur Is Appointed Chairman Education Committee Of NCPA

Billy Arthur, editor and publisher of the News and Views, has been named Onslow County chairman of the Education Committee of the North Carolina Press Association.

State chairman of the committee is Dr. C. Sylvester Green, editor of the Durham, N. C. Herald, who spoke at the first annual Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce banquet here in March.

Roy McMillan Coming To Launch Symphony Campaign June 11th

R. L. McMillan, prominent Raleigh attorney, who is active chairman of the North Carolina Symphony Fund for the expansion of the activities and usefulness to the State of the North Carolina Symphony Orchestra, and Dr. J. O. Bailey of the University at Chapel Hill, Director of the Fund, will arrive here June 11 to begin the local campaign. Chairman for this county is Mrs. L. H. Sylvester of Richlands, Mrs. E. W. Summers of Jacksonville and Mrs. J. E. Steed of Richlands.

Pvt. Kenneth Blanton, Brother Of Local People, Dies Abroad

Willard — Pvt. Kenneth A. Blanton, 26, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Blanton of Willard, was killed in action in Germany on April 29, his parents have been notified by the War Department. He had been overseas since last March and was serving with an infantry division.

John Aycock To Be Assistant Pastor Of Methodist Church

John Aycock of Littleton, who was graduated from High Point College last week, will arrive today to become student assistant pastor of Trinity Methodist church here for ten weeks this summer. Aycock will enter the school of ministry at Duke University next fall.

Trial Of Meadows Opens In Superior Court On Thursday

Trial of John A. Meadows, well-known local man, on a charge of slaying James Thomas Shaw, 24, USMC, of Brooklyn, N. Y., in March, started in Superior Court here before Judge Henry L. Stevens at noon yesterday after selection of a jury had required all the morning session.

From the trial a special venire of 50 persons coming from Richlands, White Oak and Stump Sound township, was drawn, and from it the jury was selected.

Sheriff J. Abner Barker is prosecuting the case alone, although a Marine Corps captain from Camp Lejeune is sitting as an advisor.

Meadows is defended by counsel composed of John D. Warlick and E. W. Summers of Jacksonville and Rivers D. Johnson of Warsaw.

In two other cases this week, a verdict of not guilty was returned by a jury in case against H. N. Potts, charged with involuntary manslaughter in connection with the death of a child on U. S. Highway 17 a directed verdict of acquittal was handed down in the robbery and larceny case brought by Minnie Caviness against Johnny Crawford.

The grand jury reported for the term on Tuesday afternoon but said it had no recommendations to make, because, with one exception, its recommendations of the March term had not been carried out. That exception was at the jail where some repairs had been made.

Two of the recommendations not carried out last term were providing comfortable chairs for county home inmates and the Town of Jacksonville securing a place of its own to lock up drunks.

New members of the grand jury at this term were C. M. Ervin, S. P. Venters, R. L. Parker, Carl Coston, J. Leroy Henderson, Raymond Phillips, A. D. Daugherty, W. H. Padgett and Robert F. Scott. Those who served at the March and the May terms were P. B. Petteway, Maurice Trauchenberg, A. D. Capps, B. F. Petteway, H. W. Gurganus, L. D. Stubbs, G. Parker, H. H. Cole, W. R. Lewis, and Monday seven persons were granted, including those in the cases of Mary Brown vs. Dexter Brown, Ruby Jenkins vs. George Jenkins, Annie H. Statts vs. Stanley Statts, Eula H. Bell vs. Carl Bell, Parker Williams vs. Helen Williams, J. D. Riggs vs. Mary Riggs, Vera Forkham vs. Franklin Jackson Andrews.

Father O'Byrne Will Reassume Duties Here, Temporarily, However

Rev. William S. O'Byrne, Catholic priest at the Infant of Prague Chapel, will resume his duties here this week end, however, only temporarily in view of a prescribed rest. Father O'Byrne was discharged from St. Luke's hospital in New Bern yesterday after having been there for several months on account of illness.

Rev. Gerard Frederick, who has been temporarily in charge here, will leave during the week end for a vacation at Silver Springs, Maryland.

Pfc. Riley Hood Is Liberated From Nazi Prison Camp

Pfc. Riley Hood, husband of Mrs. Rosa Hood of Richlands, has been liberated from a German prisoner of war camp, the War Department announced today.

Additional Funds Voted School Building Project

Camp Davis New Building, Repair Projects Started, Total \$1,600,000

Camp Davis — Construction of three large Camp Davis projects, totaling \$1,600,000, was started this week, Captain K. C. Hoarland, assistant resident engineer for the District office of the Corps of U. S. Engineers, has announced.

The three projects include construction of five 1,200-man mess halls for enlisted personnel and one 2,000-man mess hall for officers; remodeling 20 barracks for convalescent patients at the hospital; and remodeling of 236 barracks for returned enlisted men and officers.

The J. A. Jones Construction Co. of Charlotte was low bidder on the mess hall project. W. A. Foster of Burlington, N. C. was awarded the contract on the convalescent barracks and part of the returned barracks. Thompson and Street were low bidders on the remainder of the returned barracks.

Completion dates for the three projects have been set at August 6 for the mess halls and July 11 on both barracks jobs.

The contractors are faced with the problem of completing the work as speedily as possible in order to provide adequate facilities for incoming servicemen at the convalescent center.

W. A. Simon, contractor of Wilmington, has been awarded the contract for renovation and conversion of buildings and other facilities at Star's Landing. The area will be devoted to recreational purposes and will provide bath houses, showers and other conveniences to returneds. It was explained that some of the larger buildings were being reconverted into officers' clubs.

The contracts, according to one company spokesman, will involve some new construction, but the majority of the work will be repair, renovation and remodeling of existing facilities.

Hospital Tag Day Grosses \$1,135; All Reports Turned In

Tag Day, sponsored by the Onslow County Hospital Auxiliary, brought in a total of \$1,135.75, it was announced yesterday by Mrs. M. A. Cowell, finance committee chairman.

Mrs. Cowell, enthusiastic about the response to the campaign for funds, paid tribute to the work of her committee, composed of Mrs. James Odum, Mrs. Allen Gletzt and Mrs. L. P. Matthews.

The breakdown of contributions by communities follows: Jacksonville, \$696.89; Midway Park, \$235.48; Verona, \$42.70; Richlands, \$31.50; Seaside Ferry, \$35; Holly Ridge, \$93; and Swansboro, \$1.

Two Richlands Men Wounded In Action Before Victory Day

Two Richlands young men were reported this week as having been wounded in action in Germany before V-E day. They were Pvt. James F. Batts, husband of Mrs. Maggie Batts of Richlands, and Pvt. Clayton M. Brown, husband of Mrs. Nannie H. Brown of Richlands, route one.

New Hours

New ration board hours, which went into effect yesterday, will give the public one hour more each day in which to be served by the Onslow County Office of Price Administration.

Mrs. Ivy O'Quinn, chief clerk, said that the office now is open from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. to serve the public. The old hours were from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

British To Intervene In Middle East To Preserve Peace

London — (AP) — Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden told Commons Thursday that Britain "with profound regret" had ordered its commander in chief in Middle East to intervene to prevent further effusions of blood in the interests of the security of the whole Middle East.

French-British Rift Seen — Paris — (AP) — The current crisis in Syria and Lebanon holds the potentiality of bringing France into a direct collision with Britain, responsible French sources said in emergency session to study situation.

The French no longer hide the belief that the situation in Lebanon and Syria was "artificially created" and declared, if pressed, they can produce documentary evidence to prove it.

Reports reaching Cairo said heavy fighting had erupted again in Damascus and that French and Arab troops were locked in clashes throughout the country of Syria.

Apprehension Evidenced — San Francisco — (AP) — Bloody fighting in Syria put to its severest test Thursday the good neighbor policy on which the United Nations are seeking to erect a new world league to keep peace.

The outbreak in Levant aroused new apprehensions of many delegations over the ability of big powers to work out world interests in a friendly unselfish manner.

Chiang Kai-Shek Resigns As Premier; Soong Is Successor — Chungking — (AP) — Chiang Kai-Shek resigned Thursday as premier and turned the post over to Acting Premier T. V. Soong in a move viewed as step toward solidifying China at a time when the Allied Nations are applying tremendous pressure on Japan from all quarters.

Additional Funds Voted School Building Project

In special joint session with the Onslow County Board of Education, the Board of Commissioners Wednesday voted a \$100,000 supplement to the \$190,000 already appropriated to finance additions and repairs to Dixon, White Oak and Swansboro schools.

The important decisions were made in a session marked by extremely close votes, and at one time it looked as if the board of education would reject the entire matter by a vote of 10 to 0.

The commissioner vote was three to two, with Chairman H. M. Einett casting the deciding ballot, after Commissioners J. C. Petteway of Jacksonville and W. Victor Venters of Richlands had voted against the appropriation motion made and supported by Commissioner Harry Moore of Swansboro and seconded by Commissioner Thomas J. Marshall of White Oak.

The commissioners' action came after the Board of Education had voted three to one to request a supplemental appropriation to finance the projects, bids on which the education board rejected earlier the estimated grounds that they were too high.

The action means that the board of education will spend \$240,000—the \$230,000 appropriated by the board and \$10,000 for capital outlay contained in the current budget—for \$226,906.55 in school buildings and repairs, plus \$11,343 architect's fees.

The bids the board rejected earlier would have called for expenditures of \$264,408, including architect's fees. However, in the interim, changes were made in the plans and specifications—it was emphasized that they will not affect the buildings structurally or feel the service that they will perform. At White Oak the building was reduced in size by 28 feet, and at Dixon six feet were taken off the size of the building. Other omissions of paint, hardware and plumbing were effected by the architect at all three units to reduce the construction costs.

The work will include six additional classrooms and cafeteria each at Swansboro and White Oak and 13 additional classrooms and cafeteria at Dixon.

Supt. A. H. Hatsell explained the purpose of the joint meeting at the outset, explaining that all the board of education could do at first was to reject the bids, because the original appropriation was insufficient to do the work it desired. "Now, it's a question of whether the board of education desires to ask for a larger appropriation," Chairman W. L. Ketchum said, asking for an expression of the members.

R. L. Williams, Sr., Swansboro representative, said the education board pointed out that he would ever action the group took it should be remembered that the contractors had not lowered their bids but that certain sacrifices had been made by the schools. He said he was not "in sympathy with what we are doing here," but he called for unanimity of action and cooperation for the eventual betterment of the county taking the glory or the responsibility, whichever it might be, rather than satisfaction of personal interests, as a team. He was addressing his remarks to the education board, but they applied to the commissioners as well.

It was Williams, who to "save daylight" because of the lengthy discussion, made the motion that the Board of Education request an additional appropriation from the Board of Commissioners to finance the school building projects. C. Graham Jones of White Oak seconded it.

Superintendent Hatsell called for the ayes, but no voice was heard. He paused at least 30 seconds and called for the noes, and Hugh Ragsdale cast a resounding one. The superintendent and Chairman Ketchum apparently were skeptical of the parliamentary procedure and asked if that was the way the vote stood, 1 to 0, against requesting additional funds. Whereupon C. Graham Jones of White Oak said he had voted yes on the first call, but apparently was unheard. That made the count 1 and 1. M. F. Duff of Stump Sound added an aye, and Williams, criticizing their lack of spunk in not speaking out in the first place. He then cast an aye vote to get the matter before the county commissioners.

Commissioner Moore was ready with a prepared resolution appropriating the funds. He filed in the amount of \$40,000 and read it, to be seconded by Commissioner Marshall. He and Moore voted for the appropriation and Petteway and W. Victor Venters of Richlands against; then Chairman Einett broke the tie by quickly voting yes. There had been no question what the commissioners would do. It was freely spoken around the courthouse that the reason the 10 a.m. meeting was more than a half hour late starting was the absence of Commissioner Marshall who favored the appropriation. As it was, the joint session did not start until after 11 a.m., although the education board had been in session since 8 a.m. (Continued on page six)