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DOWN EAST

WITH BILLY ARTHUR

A story that is now President Franklin D. Roosevelt's going to Heaven. St. Peter answered his knock on the Golden Gate and welcomed him in. "We've been expecting you, Franklin," St. Peter said.

"Great men like you live not forever, and we knew that sometime you'd be coming up this way. We've made a lot of preparations and even have fixed up your quarters. They're right down the street there next to those of another great person—Moses. You'll enjoy meeting and knowing him."

The President looked over the fine residence in Heaven, admired the beauty of his new home, got straightened out in his place, and then decided he'd go over and meet his neighbor.

Moses welcomed him generously and they sat down to a long conversation. "Franklin, you did a great job down there on earth," Moses complimented him. "But you probably haven't been keeping up with what's been going on down there. All the while you were climbing up the Golden Stairs and getting your house straightened out, the boys down there on earth have been changing around the laws you made and doing pretty much what they want to."

"I don't believe I'm going to worry about that, Moses," Franklin said, "particularly after what they did with the Laws you gave them."

Judge Henry L. Stevens, speaking at the Kiwanis club meeting Tuesday, told a story about a club wanting to take two ministers into its organization when its by-laws provided for only one.

One of the ministers was a Baptist and the other was a Methodist presiding elder. Finally the classification committee hit upon the brilliant idea of taking both into the club by designating Baptists as "religion—retail" and the presiding elder's as "religion—wholesale."

Nothing since the visit of the late President Roosevelt created as much interest in Onslow County as did the trial of Johnny Meadows last week. When he was scheduled to go on the stand in his own defense Friday, it was almost as if a legal holiday had been declared.

Nobody was keeping store, as the old saying goes, at the exact time the barbers closed up, all except Jimmy Lynch who left his door open so the folks could go in and rest if they wanted to.

Deane and Peggy Taylor were out of the store together, but I think Deane slipped in and sat in the back of the courtroom where Peggy couldn't see him.

Mrs. Marie Sabiston yelled out—that isn't the gentlemanly way to describe her ladylike call, however—to County Commissioner W. Victor Venters the other day: "I didn't recognize you because you're so dressed up."

"Yep," Victor replied. "I'm a farmer, you know."

Raymond Hartsfield says he likes to ride over to the Burgaw airport in Bob Carvins' Ford roadster because he gets three flying lessons in one afternoon—one going over, one while he's there, and one coming back.

Randolph Mills, local colored man, brought some comic relief to the Meadows case the other afternoon when he testified to hearing loud cursing and then two shots. "What did you do?" an attorney asked.

"Boss, I took off," Randolph replied.

In front of the post office Saturday morning passed a girl whose slacks were not quite slack enough where they should have been. Right behind her came two women whose shorts were just a little bit too short.

It prompted one fellow to observe: "Banned if that isn't a violation of the pure food and drug act of 1906."

One of the women complained the other morning about being so very, very sleepy. "Why don't you try going to bed?" I asked.

"I did," she replied, "but I was reading 'Forever Amber' and just hated to put down the book until I finished it."

INSPECTS CAMP LEJEUNE

The rubber plantations and oil fields in the Netherlands East Indies will be in production within three years after we have regained them, Vice-Admiral C. E. Helfrich of the Netherlands Royal Navy predicted Saturday while on an inspection tour of the Dutch Marines based at this camp.

DISCOUNT ON TAXES

A two per cent discount will be allowed on 1945 taxes paid during the month of June, Onslow County Tax Collector I. Dan Sanders said yesterday.

Onslow Is Far Short In 7th War Loan Drive

Bond purchases in Onslow County during the 7th War Loan drive amounted to \$71,372.25 as of Friday, June 11. Chairman J. C. Thompson reported yesterday, and pointed out that the percentage was far below the State and National achievement report.

Of the Onslow purchases, \$61,000 were in Series "E" bonds against a quota of \$400,000. The overall quota is \$510,000.

Thompson said the State of North Carolina had reached 52 per cent of its quota and that the nation had reached 31 per cent. The figures for Onslow, however, show that it is less than 15 per cent of its goal.

Spurring the sale of bonds, a bond movie will be shown at the State theatre Wednesday, and any person having purchased a Series E bond yesterday and today will be entitled to a free movie by presentation of the ticket supplied with the purchase.

The Women's Division still is pushing the sale by manning booths at the post office, and the bank and Mrs. Marie Sabiston is leading the field in the Blue Star Brigade. She has sold sufficient bonds to be a lieutenant general.

Members of the Midway Park Women's club who are assisting here in Jacksonville are Mrs. Rhodney Hamby, Mrs. Paul De Ragon, Mrs. Pelham Dennis, Mrs. W. C. Eduston, Mrs. James Crouch, Mrs. George Moore, Mrs. Phillip Eisenman, Mrs. Mark Roney and Mrs. Woolerton.

Canteen Volunteers Needed By Red Cross For Camp Davis Work

Organization of a canteen corps to perform very important services at Camp Davis is now underway, and volunteers are urgently needed, Mrs. Allan Gawthrop, executive secretary of the Onslow County Chapter, American Red Cross, said yesterday.

The canteen corps would meet all planes bringing to Camp Davis returning from European theatres of war and aid in the welcoming and comforting of them. "It is a very important service and the responsibility of the Onslow chapter," Mrs. Gawthrop said.

To be eligible the volunteers must have the 20-hour nutrition and canteen courses, which will be taught by Miss Laura Beatty, home agent. Those who have had the nutrition course will have only to take the canteen course.

Nine volunteers have been secured at Camp Davis, but many more are needed, Mrs. Gawthrop said. Anyone in the county wishing to volunteer may call the chapter office or Mrs. W. Y. Richardson, volunteer special services committee chairman.

War In Brief

American troops on Okinawa launch power drive and chop off vital Japanese peninsula, thus preventing Japan from using it for new defense stands. Other forces advance toward important Naha airfield as Japs themselves admit their Okinawa situation is desperate.

Admiral Halsey's Third Fleet planes return to Kyushu targets for second time in 24 hours to balk-jap suicide raids on Okinawa ships from homeland airfields. Fierce fighting rages on Mindanao as Americans close in on Japs entrenched in Luzon. More clashes occur on Davao.

British troops begin restoring order in Syria and removing French troops and civilians to safe places. General Bradley's Spaatz and others who led forces that crushed Germany return to United States by plane. General Eisenhower and other members of Allied Control Commission for Germany may meet today in Berlin.

Great Japanese industrial city of Osaka burns as result of heavy fire-bomb attack by giant fleet of American Superforts. American warplanes have sunk or damaged more than two million tons of Japanese shipping in five-month period. Fighting continues in Northeastern Luzon. American submarines sink 14 more Jap vessels.

Mayor of Berlin named by Russians reveals disorders have been occurring in Red Army-occupied Nazi capital by announcing that arsonists and attackers of Russian troops henceforth will be executed, along with 50 Nazis for each such incident.

SOS-SOS

Camp Davis has requested the Onslow County chapter of the American Red Cross to supply it with 20,000 wire coat hangers. That's a difficult task, but the Red Cross figures some people hereabouts might look around good and find some extra ones or old ones and turn them in. Every single one will help.

Cpl. Carlton Rhodes Home After Three Years In Pacific

Tech. Cpl. Carlton Rhodes, who has been with the Army in Australia and New Guinea, arrived recently to spend an extended furlough with his parents after having served three years overseas. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Rhodes of Jacksonville, Route 1.

\$100 Contribution

The Jacksonville Men's Club has made a \$100 contribution to the Onslow County Hospital Auxiliary. That contribution will make a total of \$1,235 raised as result of a recent tag day.

Dixon Resignations Not Intended To Embarrass Anyone

In a prepared statement, C. Bruce Hunter, Dixon school principal, said yesterday that the resignation of the faculty, later withdrawn, was not intended to embarrass any member of the Onslow County Board of Education. His statement apparently was prompted by a discussion of the matter at the special meeting of the Board of Education last week. The statement follows:

"1. This is to state that the resignation of the Dixon faculty and principal which was drawn on May 8, 1943, and rescinded on May 12, 1943, was not pointed at any member of the Onslow County Board of Education or at the board at large. Neither was there any personal intention toward any member of any other board of county or local authority.

"2. There was nothing personal in the matter and we as a group or as individuals did not intend to hurt the feelings of any or all members of the county board.

"3. We did not fail to take into consideration the work and efforts of the County Board of Education in our behalf.

"4. We were victims of circumstances. We could not legally teach children in a building condemned by health authorities.

"5. The printing of the article concerning the action of the County Board of Education on May 1st—Monday—left the impression with the public that the 'whole business' was over. That all bids were rejected and there was no recourse of the plans."

OPA Reminds Tire Dealers Of Three Important Dates

OPA District Director Theodore S. Johnson has reminded tire dealers in Eastern North Carolina of three important dates. Every tire dealer is required to begin keeping records of all transactions in Class I on the first of June. On June 30, he must make a complete inventory of tires on hand and of replacement certificates.

Between July 1st and 10th he must register with the OPA inventory branch in New York, on dealers inventory registration form which he will receive through the mail or obtain from his OPA district office or the War Price and Rationing Board, Johnson explained.

Unless the requirements are complied with, a dealer may not continue to receive or sell tires after July 10, Johnson cautioned.

TSgt. Lynell Bynum Back In States After Combat In Pacific

Santa Ana, Calif.—TSgt. Lynell Bynum, 20, of Maysville, the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Bynum, is currently assigned to the AAF Red Cross distribution Station No. 4 at Santa Ana Army Air Base.

TSgt. Bynum, an engineer gunner on a B-24 in the 7th Air Force, has completed 40 combat missions in the Pacific. He entered the service Jan. 30, 1943 and went overseas in Jan. 1944. He has been awarded air medal, and wears the Asiatic-Pacific theater ribbons with 2 battle stars.

Serving Overseas



CHARLIE T. MARSHBURN. Pfc. Charlie T. Marshburn of Richlands has been overseas since May of last year. He is in Germany. Private Marshburn entered the Army in July of 1940. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Marshburn of Richlands.

Furney C. Collins, 70, Passes Suddenly At Home Near Maysville

Furney C. Collins, prominent farmer of near Maysville, died suddenly of a stroke of paralysis at his home early Sunday morning. He was 70 years old.

Funeral services were held yesterday afternoon from the home by Rev. Ramsom Gurganus, and Rev. Hill Edwards, Primitive Baptist ministers, with burial in the Maysville cemetery.

Mr. Collins is survived by his widow, Mrs. Hattie Parsons Collins of the home; five children, Dinnie and Herman Collins of the home, Dallas and Mrs. Ruth Waters of near Maysville, and Mrs. Gladys Horne of Chincoteague; one brother, B. C. Collins, of near Maysville, and one sister, Mrs. N. K. Eubanks, of near Maysville.

Scouts Tearing Down Building At Morehead For Clubhouse Here

Troop 20 of the Boy Scouts of America, armed with crowbars and hammers and saws, staged a D-Day Wednesday at Camp Branch and have established a beachhead on one building.

When completely demolished or secured, as the Marines put it, the building will be moved to Jacksonville on the site donated by B. J. Holleman for the troop's clubhouse.

The building was donated by Walter Morgan and E. J. Katzin, Jacksonville, owners of the Morehead City property, whose efforts to donate one two weeks ago were frustrated by their Morehead agent who had sold the structure out from under them or from under the scouts, whichever the case might have been.

Miss Kate B. Parker Woman Of Action In Camp Davis Campaign

Miss Kate B. Parker is a woman of action where the Mighty 7th War Loan Drive is concerned. A civilian employee at Camp Davis, Miss Parker makes out the civilian payroll. She noticed that members of the station fire department had no deductions for war bonds, so on her own initiative she spent two evenings soliciting the fire fighters.

The result of her little campaign paid big dividends for the Mighty 7th. Every man of the fire department signed for bond deductions totaling \$1,600 a month. One member of the department signed for six \$25 bonds monthly and several others subscribed for \$50 bonds.

Revenue Collector To Come Here Week Of June Eleventh

Beginning June 11, a representative of the Internal Revenue Department will be in the collector's office here for the purpose of accommodating Federal taxpayers.

That was the information brought here this week by Raymond D. Christman, Wilmington, deputy collector. Christman said that while it had been impossible to secure a permanent successor to P. R. Mitchell, resigned, he himself would come here and spend that week, of June 11, at least.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Services at St. Anne's Episcopal church next Sunday, June 10th, being the second Sunday after Trinity are: instruction for Baptism and Confirmation at 10 a.m.; choir rehearsal at 10:30 a.m.; celebration of the Holy Communion at 11 o'clock, and at 2 p.m., the "Ministry of Healing." The evening services are for everybody who wish to attend, but are especially for those who "travel and are heavy laden" with sorrow and trouble.

Buy A Bond And See State Show Tomorrow Free

W. W. Cunningham, manager of local theatres, yesterday announced a 7th War Loan bond show at the State theatre tomorrow.

Persons purchasing a bond today or tomorrow will be entitled to see the brand new picture, "Patrick the Great" starring Donald O'Connor and Peggy Donald, without charge.

When purchase of a bond is made, all the purchaser has to do is ask for his free ticket to the show and it will be given him. Bonds bought today and tomorrow will be good for the movie on tomorrow only.

J. E. Steed, III, Gets Degree At Randolph Macon Military Academy

J. E. Steed, III, of Richlands was graduated last week from Randolph Macon Military Academy. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Steed, Jr., of Richlands, who attended the exercises.

Misses Parker Are Awarded Degrees At Campbell College

Misses Cora Male Parker and Ruth Parker of Jacksonville, route three, were graduated last week from Campbell College with degrees in commerce.

Miss Cora Male Parker is the daughter of Mrs. Cora Parker and Miss Ruth Parker is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Parker.

Awards Presented To Ten Returnees At Davis Exercises

Seven officers and three enlisted men have been awarded medals and badges at Camp Davis. Presentations were made by General George L. Usher, commanding general of this Personnel Distribution Command installation, at a formal retreat ceremony yesterday.

These medals were awarded for "extraordinary achievement and meritorious conduct in combat." Two of the enlisted men, formerly with the ground forces, received Combat Infantry Badges for extraordinary conduct in action against the enemy.

Private Donald Flying Cross was presented to Lt. Mrs. Zimmerman, Broadway, New York and to Lt. Robert M. Davidson of Fort Smith, Arkansas.

Lt. Charles E. Krish, Long Island, New York, was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, as well as the Air Medal and two Oak Leaf Clusters.

Sgt. Peter S. Mezzanella, Long Island, N. Y. was presented with the Distinguished Flying Cross and one Oak Leaf Cluster for the Air Medal.

The Bronze Star was presented to Major William T. A. Bohrer of Wilkes-Barre, Pa. The major is assigned to the medical corps.

Major Mottie M. Marks of Beaumont, Texas, received the Air Medal, while Lieutenants Austin W. Blake, Marcellus, N. Y. and William E. Sallade II, Milton, Pa., were awarded Oak Leaf clusters to the Air Medal.

Combat Infantry Badges were awarded to Privates Arthur Perry, Santa Clara, California and William O. Gonzales of Philadelphia, Pa.

Meadows Is Acquitted Of Manslaughter Charge

Robert C. Warlick Commits Suicide; Funeral Conducted

Robert C. Warlick, Jacksonville postmaster and member of one of Onslow County's most prominent families, committed suicide by shooting himself with a pistol at his home here Sunday morning. He died around noon at the Onslow County Hospital.

He would have been 37 years old on June 23.

His act was ascribed by friends and relatives to declining health, particularly since the first of this year, and a state of nervousness, probably brought on by his tenure as postmaster. While in that capacity, the post office here was raised from third to first class when nearby military installations increased enormously the work required of the office, which was under his direction.

Mr. Warlick was the son of the late Robert Logan and Dora Coston Warlick, and was a native of Columbus County. He attended the University of North Carolina. He came to Jacksonville in 1895. He taught school at Snead's Ferry was cashier of the Bank of Onslow for about 20 years. He supervised the 1940 census in Onslow County before becoming postmaster in 1940.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. S. S. Ambrose, N. E. Day, Dr. V. T. Turfington, and E. S. Summerville of Jacksonville, W. A. McGarr of Wilmington, and members of the official board of Trinity Methodist church, Lafayette Lodge No. 83, and personnel of the Jacksonville post office.

The post office was closed during the hour of the funeral, and the Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce asked merchants to close in tribute.

Assistant Postmaster Frank Smith is temporarily in charge of the post office until an acting postmaster can be appointed by the Post Office Department.

Atticus Halsei, Jr., Graduates From Naval Academy, Commissioned

Midshipman Atticus H. Halsei, Jr., of Jacksonville, has been graduated from the U. S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md., and commissioned an ensign in the United States Navy.

Supt. and Mrs. A. H. Halsei, who attended the commencement exercises, are expected home tomorrow.

Pork Point Values Hiked 1 To 3 Points For June Rationing

Washington—(AP)—A further shrinkage in the civilian meat supply in June—about seven per cent below May—was forecast by the OPA, which simultaneously announced higher point values for fat pork.

Except for point reductions in certain types of cheese, other red point values will be unchanged. Lard, shortening and salad and cooking oils will remain at ten points a pound, the value assigned to them in the emergency action in mid-May, when values were increased two points.

Fatbacks, clear and regular plates were increased three points a pound making the new value eight points, the same as for regular bacon, which remains unchanged; bacon (breakfast plate) was increased three points to eight points; and pork sides (aged and dry-cured) and pork sides (aged) to nine-point value.

BOARD WILL MEET

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Onslow County Chapter, American Red Cross, will be held in the Federal U.S.O. building today. A general committee will be appointed to nominate officers for

In Germany



John A. Meadows, local barber, on trial for the slaying of a 24-year-old Marine, Cpl. James Shaw of Brooklyn, N. Y., was acquitted Saturday in Onslow County Superior Court by a jury that was out only about 20 minutes.

The jury's verdict ended a three-day trial of the case, which created considerable interest among both civilian and service personnel, but the jury could not find beyond a reasonable doubt, from the testimony without provocation.

The defense contended that Meadows shot in defense of himself and his home when, as was alleged, Shaw and three Marines started to enter his house, drag him out and beat him, after he had ordered them to leave his backyard where they were said to have been creating a nuisance.

Empty beer bottles and broken tumblers and a partly filled wine bottle were found on the premises, evidence showed.

The defense maintained that Meadows shot first when Shaw had the screen door open and again as it slammed shut. The tip of Shaw's little finger and the wadding from the gun shell but no fragments of screen wire were found in the fatal wound.

The case went to the jury Saturday at 2:45 o'clock after a two-hour charge by Judge Henry L. Stevens, presiding jurist. Arguments had been completed during the morning. The State was represented by Solicitor J. Abner Barker and County Solicitor George W. Phillips. Capt. D. F. Condon of Camp Lejeune sat with the prosecution as advisor. The defense was represented by E. W. Summershill, John D. Warlick and Rivers Johnson.

Members of the jury, selected from townships other than Swansboro and Jacksonville, were: W. E. Jarmann, Ernest Jarmann, W. C. Simpson, Leslie Venters, R. A. Jarman, P. H. Shepard, C. M. Silance, Manly Whaley, Eugene Sheppard, H. S. Cavenagh, R. R. Parsons and Leland B. Horne.

Prosecution witnesses testified that, while the four marines in the party in which Shaw was shot had had few beers, they were not intoxicated; and that Meadows said at them without provocation. They denied having created a nuisance in the rear of his home and stoutly denied having threatened to enter the back porch and drag him out.

Meadows, who testified in his own defense, declared that when he ordered them away from the back yard they threatened to come in and beat him and started into the house. He said he stepped back several steps to the kitchen and got his shotgun, firing it once while they had the door open and second when it was shut. He denied also that he had been drinking.

Immediately after the State rested its case Friday around 11 a.m., Judge Henry Stevens ordered that the jury be escorted to the scene of the slaying, on Court street, slightly more than 100 yards from the Courthouse. The courtroom was crowded almost to capacity by a throng that was intently interested in the case.

The State had a shortening evi-dence Thursday shortly before noon. According to Pfc. Charles W. Dwyer the Marines, including himself, Corporal Shaw, Pfc. Ta Fu Chin, and Pfc. James Huxford, had come to town on a St. Patrick's Day celebration, including a couple beers in the afternoon, supper at the Victoria cafe, and several more beers in the Double Eagle Grill. At the Onslow Billiard Parlor they bought four glasses, and several bottles of beer to take with them. Upon leaving they went to Jacksonville Photo Shop to have their pictures taken. Having to wait there some time, they went to the rear of the shop to finish the beer, and left the bottles in a cardboard box. However, two of them were broken, and that was about all the noise they admitted making.

Dwyer along with the other witnesses denied having been drunk. All three of them told substantially the same story, and cross-examination failed to shake them.

They said they were walking through the back yard of the Meadows residence, headed for the bus station, when he stepped out on the back porch, shone a light on them and demanded that they leave. They said they did not talk back to him, other than to declare that they were getting out immediately. Whereupon, the witnesses stated, he shot twice, hitting Corporal Shaw in the abdomen. He died shortly thereafter. They said Meadows did not make any effort to assist them.

The State contended that the young Marine, who was shot closer than three yards to the rear steps of the residence.

Pfc. Hunicutt, a military policeman, testified that Meadows said he didn't care if Shaw had died and that Meadows apparently had been drinking. He added that he staggered backward some distance while talking to him.

New Bern Livestock Mart To Be Closed About One Month

The Cooperative Livestock Marketing association in New Bern, of which Onslow County is a member, will be closed for approximately one month, effective immediately. It was announced yesterday by Charles C. Clark, Jr., Onslow farm agent.

Clark said farmers should not, until notified, take hogs to New Bern expecting to sell them at the market.

Reason for the close, he explained, is that new pens and yards are being erected at the Oaks Road railroad crossing at New Bern. The new setting, when completed, will be much better for livestock handling.

Jacksonville's First Nominated Board To Take Office Tonight

Jacksonville's new town board of commissioners—the first in history to be nominated in a primary—will take office at the City Hall tonight at 8 o'clock.

The new board will be composed of Mayor Ramon Askew, and Commissioners J. Hedrick Aman, H. Leslie Cowell, J. C. Collins and B. J. Holleman.

Aman and Collins are members of the retiring board, which was composed of Mayor Clyde Sabiston, W. D. Aman and G. P. Johnson.

Pfc. George A. Morton Is Liberated From German Prison Camp

Pfc. George Allen Morton, of Mr. and Mrs. Javi B. Morton of Jacksonville, has been liberated from a German prison camp, according to word received by his wife, the former Miss Isabella Howard who resides with her parents in Maysville.

Pfc. Morton was reported missing in action on Dec. 17, 1941.

In a letter received Tuesday, Pfc. Morton said he was well and getting along nicely.

P. S. White Is Elected President Of Kiwanis Club In Swansboro

The Swansboro Kiwanis club was organized Thursday night with the election of P. S. White, director of W. Maddox, Kenneth Meadows, E. L. Milsted, W. E. Montford, H. B. Moore, H. C. Riggs, L. T. Stanley, Walter M. Thompson, B. A. Tolson, J. E. Trexler, K. G. Twyman, W. B. Phillips, H. L. Ward, C. S. Ward, H. J. Webb and C. E. Weeks. The club will meet Monday nights at 7 o'clock at the USO.

White, the president, said in accepting the responsibility of his office that with such a splendid membership and help from Kiwanis International, Swansboro was bound from now on to take a progressive place in the community under the Kiwanis motto "We Build."

Kiwanis International is an organization of 146,202 members in the United States and Canada. The membership consists of men of good character and community standing, engaged in recognized lines of business, agricultural, institutional and professional life.

There are more than 2,270 clubs throughout the United States and Canada. The Swansboro Kiwanis club is the tenth club organized this year in the Carolinas District.

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