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Don't know yet which is the best story to come out of Swansboro last week end...

President Ramon Askew cautioned Rev. Carl Craig and Harvey Boney against starting a checker game two minutes before time for the Kiwanis club meeting...

You can almost tell exactly when a storm's going to brew in these parts...

Last year they were run out of Swansboro and a vacation because of the hurricane...

There was almost as much water on the inside of the News and Views building Monday as on the outside.

The rain beat through the walls and poured down on the floor, and the roof leaked in so many places...

Edward Farnell erected a huge sign. Billy's Greatest Wonder YE OLDE SWIMMING HOLE.

Wade—Life Guard on Duty Boating—Caneels—Fishing—Mackerel—Blues—Croakers—This is where Billy Trolled Sunday.

Joe Cole was telling the other day about a fellow one time who was absolutely convinced that a woman living nearby had powers of conjuration.

The county auditor said that the man declared she could conjure anything and quoted him as saying, 'she conjured a cow on the side of the road and a calf on the other and tell them to stay apart, and they would.'

And then there was the time that he was about to kill hogs and she asked to be invited. He got busy and forgot all about it until she appeared on the scene...

He even swore that she killed her own relative by boring a hole in a tree and putting a lock of her hair in the hole. Every morning she'd go over there and tap on the cork, and the girl would get worse. Every tap would make her a little sicker...

The boys in the coffee club were complaining about their power bills the other morning. Steve Stefanou couldn't understand why his bill had alone amounted to \$34 and Meri Ferguson's only about \$10.

Roy McFatter said he could easily understand that because he had Steve's meter conjured.

We explained to Steve that in the old part of Jacksonville there were old ragged power lines and that not enough power could force its way through them to run a meter beyond \$100. And we told him the meters were old and the wheels wouldn't turn on them.

'But going out our way,' Roy spoke up, 'we've got one of those free wheeling lines.'

'Yes,' someone else said, 'they are all new lines and the power just zooms through them, and the meters are nice and new and well oiled, and the wheels can turn fast. That's the reason.'

That didn't satisfy Steve at all. But he went off looking for L. E. Rudisill when we suggested that probably Tenant Rudy told the Tide Water Power company to charge all his kilowatts to Steve.

'And maybe Gaudier Jackson's doing the same thing,' Steve declared. 'I'm gonna look him up, too.'

An ABC board, Ration Board and Selective Service Board is not enough. Now, the boys on the Courthouse lawn have organized a Viewing Board.

The Viewing Board sits out there practically all day and views the girls as they pass by. One girl actually told me—and this is the honest truth—that whenever she passed by the lawn she felt as if she were losing her wearing apparel, piece by piece.

Frankly, I hope this little item doesn't put the boys indoors for a couple of days, as warm as the weather is.

Early morning telephone conversation between the Carolina Tel. and Tel. girl who takes the repair orders and me: Billy: 'I want to ask you people to come up here and check up on our telephone...' CT&T: 'What's the number?' Billy: '300.' CT&T: 'What seems to be the trouble?' (Continued on page two)

Bond Sales \$318,312; Get Out Your Albums

Bond purchases in Onslow County's 7th War Loan through Tuesday, June 26, amounted to \$318,312.25, the Federal Reserve Bank at Richmond reported yesterday. Series E bond purchases amounted to \$139,956.25.

The purchases still are deplorably far away from the overall \$510,000 quota and the \$400,000 E bond quota, Chairman J. C. Thompson commented with misgivings that Onslow was going to fall in the list of slacker sections in the campaign which officially ends tomorrow. However, all bonds purchased through July 7 will be credited against the quota.

He issued an appeal for residents to go all out in the last few days, and even to dig War Stamp albums out of their dresser drawers and turn them into war bonds.

'It is a challenge to the people of this county,' said Thompson. 'We can give up or we can spend up. No one has to tell the people on the home front what the boys in the war front are doing. The daily casualty lists speak for them, they who no longer can speak for themselves.'

If those boys on the far-flung Pacific battleheads can make the supreme sacrifice, surely we comfortable ones here at home can back them up with little sacrifices on our part. It is more than a challenge, it is an obligation.

'Stamps in a partly-filled book are not working for you,' said Thompson. 'Some families have two, three, even four books partly filled. By combining the stamps, adding a few dollars, they can be turned into 7th War Loan bonds, and the money to make the four-billion-dollar E-bond quota. And the bond will start paying interest. The stamps don't.'

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\$141,285 In Bonds Sold By Onslow County Women's Division

Mrs. Deane C. Taylor, chairman of the Onslow County Women's Division, reported that as of noon yesterday, the division had sold bonds amounting to \$141,285. In making this announcement Mrs. Taylor praised the work being done by the members of the Blue Star Brigade, many of whom are competing for the title of State General.

Leading the field of competitors is Mrs. David Sablton with the rank of Lt. General, closely followed by Mrs. L. P. Matthews, Lt. Colonel and Mrs. T. Newton Cook, Major. Mrs. Lee Humphrey of Verona, Captain; Mrs. R. H. McCoy, Captain; Mrs. Nettie Mills of Sneads Ferry, 2nd Lieutenant; and Mrs. Naomi Conkling, 2nd Lieutenant.

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Weed Differential

Washington—(AP)—The Price Differential allowed for tied and graded flue cured tobacco over untyed and ungraded leaf is expected to be about 1-1-2 cents again this year.

Commodity Credit Corporation and OPA officials predicted continuation of the differential, allowed last year, with ceilings of 39 cents a pound for untyed and 43 1-2 for tied. The OPA tobacco industry advisory committee recommended that the differential be maintained.

The flue-cured ceilings are expected to be announced within the next two weeks, or at least in advance of the market opening in Georgia July 25.

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Johnie Pershing Scott, Jacksonville, Killed In Pacific Action

Johnie Pershing Scott, Middle, USN, was killed in action in the Pacific area on April 2nd according to information received from the War Department by his mother, Mrs. Callie May Scott of Route 2, Jacksonville.

He enlisted in the Navy in June 1940 and has served nearly five years overseas after completing his early training at Norfolk, Virginia.

His wife, Mrs. Filomena Grace Scott resides in San Francisco, California.

New Red And Blue Ration Stamps Go In Effect Sunday

Washington—(AP)—There'll be more meat on the nation's dinner tables in July but not enough to ration values. The OPA announced that the supply will be five per cent greater than this month.

Washington—(AP)—Five Blue Stamps for processed food and five Red Stamps for meats and fats in Ration Book Four will become valid July 1, the OPA announced today.

Each stamp is worth 10 points making a total of 50 Blue Points and 50 Red Points. Stamps which become good July 1 can be used through October 31.

The new stamps: Blue J1, K1, L1, M1, N1, Red A1, B1, C1, D1, E1.

Byrnes May Replace Edward Stettinius As Secretary Of State

Kansas City—(AP)—Outwardly untroubled by chain speculation unleashed by his decision to replace Edward J. Stettinius as secretary of state, President Harry Truman went cheerfully about the business of celebrating his first presidential homecoming.

The president made no effort to challenge reports that James E. Byrnes is his choice as the new Secretary of State. He declined to talk about other cabinet changes he may have in mind.

Stettinius has been named America's representative on the United Nations Council, formed at the recent peace parley at San Francisco.

Rockefeller Has Resigned

New York—(AP)—Assistant Secretary of State Nelson Rockefeller said his resignation had been on President Truman's desk since the chief executive took office, but he had no indication of any action taken.

SENATE GETS REPORT

Washington—(AP)—A highly receptive Senate gets a first person Secretary of the United Nations Charter that sees a world's hopes for future peace on the strength and unity of the Big Five allied powers.

Chairman Tom Connally of the Senate Foreign Relations committee brings the account in a historic 8,000-word document, born in nine weeks of compromise at the San Francisco conference.

CANVASS FOR HANGERS

Jacksonville Boy Scouts are making a house to house canvass for 5,000 metal coat hangers to be donated to Camp Davis. The canvass is being made at the request of the Onslow County Chapter of the American Red Cross. While metal coat hangers are scarce, Scoutmaster Jack Koonce and Red Cross officials hope local people will part with at least some of their limited supply.

Mrs. Billie Wilson And MTSat. Crawford Give Musical Program

Mrs. Billie Wilson of Pine Grove Trailer Park, accompanied by MTSat. Crawford, gave a delightful musical program at the weekly meeting of the Jacksonville Kiwanis club Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Wilson ably rendered three solos after which she led the club in group singing of old favorite tunes.

Deane Taylor announced that the Jacksonville and Swansboro clubs would hold a joint meeting Wednesday afternoon, July 11, at Swansboro. It will be a swimming and fishing trip.

Guests at the meeting were Johnny Aycock, assistant and student minister of Trinity Methodist church and Thomas Battle Koonce of Baltimore.

J. W. Thompson, chairman of the 7th War Loan, called on club members for their all-out support in enabling Onslow County to attain its \$510,000 quota. The nation is already over the top, Thompson said, and if Onslow fails it will be the first time during the war.

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By JULIUS SEGERMAN

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Much credit for the success of the War Bond show should be given to Chief of Police Porter Ward of Holly Ridge, who collected over \$1,300 from the citizens of Holly Ridge who could not attend the sale and most of these bonds were in small amounts. He also helped Pop Jones, Heyward Campbell, and John D. Jenkins collect the prizes for the auction sale.

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It is the desire of the Bureau of Internal Revenue that the use tax stamp shall be placed on the windshield in a location that will not conflict with State requirements. Mr. Robertson stressed the fact that the use tax law has not been repealed and cautious motor vehicle owners that failure to purchase and display the new use tax stamps on vehicles using the public highways after July 1, 1945, will subject the violators to severe penalties imposed by law.

NEW AIDE-DE-CAMP

Capt. James Conway of Bardonia, N. Y., has been assigned to duty here as Aide-de-Camp to Maj. Gen. John Marston, Camp Commanding General. The new aide succeeds Capt. T. E. Trollope who has been assigned as Officer in Charge of the Camp theaters, succeeding Capt. E. G. Hill, relieved.

It Was Safer To Walk Than Ride In Final Days Of War In Europe

Lieut. B. J. Holleman, Jr. who recently was liberated from a German prisoner of war camp after having had his Liberator bomber shot down over Austria, arrived home Saturday to spend 60 days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Holleman, Sr.

A member of the 15th Air Force, Lieutenant Holleman flew six missions. He was wounded on his third but got in three more before what friends here at home feared was his final.

And it almost was. The Germans shot eight bombs from his rack as his plane approached the target, but he went on in and unbothered by his load. It was on route from the target that his plane was fatally hit.

The men bailed out in their chutes and came down in a wooded area, a tree breaking his fall and letting him down easily until his toes only touched the ground, and he was able to step right out of the harness.

It was a day later that he, mistaking a German civilian for a would-be captor, decided to accompany him home where he was acting as a German prisoner of war on orders and threat of death for harboring enemies, and Lieutenant Holleman was turned over to the constable of the community, later to the military.

Because of the fast approach of the Russian and American armies, Lieutenant Holleman said, prisoners were not treated too badly. Whenever they were moved, those with flying shoes, as airmen were, were permitted to ride a train, while the other captives walked. But those who walked fared better.

Because of the damage to railroads by American bombers, trains stood motionless for hours and days, and feeding prisoners was bad because of the lack of facilities. The walking captives could keep moving and could set up any facilities for preparing food, if any.

But the worst part of it was that American bombers were striking at transportation facilities and that included trains, and bombers in the air didn't know the trains were carrying American prisoners. They just went after everything German they saw. It got so that every-time the prisoners heard a plane coming the inquired, 'Friend or enemy?' And the friendly plane was always the German plane, because it didn't bomb its own ilk.

The first time Lieutenant Holleman's plane went down was on account of gasoline shortage, and it was in that accident that he was hurt slightly. His wounds do not show. They were over enemy territory then but close to allied lines in Yugoslavia, to which they made their way and got back to their base safely.

Quite often humor crops out in tragedy, and it did when Lieutenant Holleman went down in Austria. Only a few days before he had borrowed some money from his co-pilot and gone to Rome on leave. When he returned, he had only minutes to board his plane for his final mission and didn't get a chance to return the loan.

When the two came down in their parachutes, just as they landed, Lieutenant Holleman went into his pocket for the money and started to hand it to his co-pilot. In effect, he said 'here's your dough' and, in effect, his co-pilot said, 'no sircie, that money ain't no good here in Austria. Keep it and pay me if and when we ever get out of here.'

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