

# DOWN EAST

WITH  
**BILLY ARTHUR**

● Bet no one in town is awakened by sweeter music than I—the barking of quail.  
Just as soon as the day dawns they begin calling just outside my bedroom window.

● Not often do I get ill and have to turn in at my little brown infirmary across the street from the office, but it happened Saturday. I didn't know whether it was appendicitis or the old fashioned bellyache.

Now, I know that last word isn't altogether cricket to use in our home-consumed newspaper, but you wouldn't exactly call that thing that goes before me a stomach.

Anyway, it hurt, and when a thing as big as it's getting on the hurts, brother, it's a pain that's long, deep and wide.

Finally got in touch with Dr. Bill Turlington, and he met me in Aman Furniture store, but we couldn't get into his office because the keys were in his automobile parked far away. So he lay me down on the table, and massaged here and there, and then wanted to know if it hurt.

He gave it the same diagnosis I did: My folks had just come into town the day before and set up housekeeping, and my stomach couldn't stand the shock of good, home-cooked food.

● "Buster" Odom came in the other day with several old newspapers and a men's clothing folder, the latter put out by the firm of "Marine and Hurst, Jacksonville, N. C.," years ago.

The clothing featured by that firm was of the most stylish in those days, topped by a derby, selling for \$13.50 suit and all, and down.

One of the newspapers was the September 3, 1894, edition of the Atlanta Constitution. By way of explanation, the papers were left in a residence in lower Onslow when it was acquired by the Navy for Camp Lejeune.

In the paper, advertisements appealed to "weak men" and treatment was guaranteed on a help-or-nothing basis. Doctors advertising for patients claimed they could treat them as well by letter as in their private offices. Fourteen ads in the eight page paper appealed to "weak men."

Wall Street for money to invest and for agents in all communities, and one concern said that it had been awarded six medals for iron fencing around graves.

The Oxford Sewing Machine company offered a sewing machine for \$14, sent on free trial for 30 days anywhere, and one significant little ad read this way:

"Cheapest catalpa tree, Sears & Roebuck, Chicago, Ill."

Another advertisement chills to "vibrates the rattlesnake with his rattle. Sensible people take alarm at the chill which ushers in chills and fever. If they don't know they should that Hostettler's and remedies. Nor should they forget that it remedies dyspepsia, liver complaints, nervousness, sleeplessness and debility, and is a general tonic without equal." In the same issue Beechams Pills were said to "arouse with the rosbud of health the whole physical energy of the human frame."

Another sewing machine concern offered one for \$21, but it had a brand new attachment—an automatic bobbin winder.

In those days a double breech-loader gun sold for \$6.00, and a single barrel for \$2, and a solid gold watch offered for \$3.50 with a guarantee that if it did not "please, at any time within one year, we will give you one absolutely free."

And one unusual ad went this way: "All about girls! Their virtues and their failings. All about big, buxom, wide marrying and big, buxom, wide marrying girls. Girls without sweethearts, etc. Illustrated. Only 10 cents."

The news went in for politics of the entire nation, with particularly emphasis upon the politics of the south. Agricultural news was in abundance, and the front page was devoted almost entirely to Korean atrocities and a column by the celebrated Bill Arp on dogs.

Duels, murders, fights and kidnappings were reported in abundance, and a story headed "Oh, But It's Wicked" concerned racing and gambling at Saratoga Springs, N. Y. Just for the enterprising you'll get from the yarn, I promise to print it in full later on.

Humor, however, was in the paper. One of the jokes went like this:

"I should like to insure you for about five thousand," said the insurance man.

"No use," replied the editor, hopefully. "I've had a three thousand policy for ten years and ain't dead yet."

Long columns were presented as the "Woman's Kingdom" and "The Young People," both aimed at entertainment and the development in the art of letter writing. The women wrote to each other as "sisters" and the children as "cousins."

The women concerned themselves with almost everything. One letter writer asked that some moon flower seed be sent to her now home in Texas, because the cold had killed those she carried with her. "I would say to all Georgians, stay where you are for this (Texas) is no place for you. This is the place to work twelve months in the year in cotton to buy everything you have with that six cents per pound... there are more poor people here than I ever saw in old Georgia."

Another lady asked "Will some (Continued on Page 51)

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# News and Views

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## Fleet Readies For New Blows At Nip Homeland

Guam—(AP)—The taunting U. S. Third Fleet, which smashed 24 Japanese warships in the 17 days it has made the home waters of Nippon its own, moved menacingly to the Mikado's Islands Thursday, deploying for its next blows at the enemy's stunned cities and shattered ships.

As Admiral Halsey pulled back to sea for a breather, there was no indication he intended to let up the steady pounding of war planes, coastal defenses, airfields and remnants of Japanese fleet. He continued to move his ships about in enemy waters as he chose with no resistance on the sea.

Bombing Results Good  
Guam—(AP)—B-29 devastation in Japan's urban industrial areas reached 143 square miles in 39 cities as the latest wave of nearly 100 Superforts reported "good to excellent" results in a midnight strike at oil targets near Tokyo.

The weather was clear as the Superforts hit three oil plants at Kawasaki, 10 miles south of Tokyo. They met intense anti-aircraft fire but lost only one plane. There was no aerial interception.

Regains 7th Air Base  
Chungking—(AP)—The Chinese High Command announced that Chinese troops have captured the city of Nanyung, 155 miles northeast of Canton and the site of the Seventh former American Air Base. The Japanese garrison was retreating to the west toward Kung on the Canton-Hankow railway, 125 miles north of Canton.

Mrs. Ellen V. Carter Dies At Haw Branch; Funeral Wednesday  
Mrs. Ellen V. Carter passed away at the home of her son, J. B. Carter, at Haw Branch early Tuesday morning after an extended illness. She was 79 years of age.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon from the home by Rev. E. H. Cannady, pastor of the Richards Baptist church, and burial was in the family cemetery.

Mrs. Carter, the widow of the late James K. Carter of Haw Branch, was well-known. In addition to her son, she is survived by four daughters, Mrs. Nettie Taylor, Miss Ella Carter, Mrs. Bertie Edwards and Mrs. Effie Straughn, all of Haw Branch.

Pfc. James F. Batts Home On Furlough After Twenty Months  
Pfc. James F. Batts has arrived at his Richards home to spend a thirty-day furlough.

Pfc. Batts has spent twenty months in the European theater of operations and has been awarded the Silver Service Star for participation in five major battles. He also received the Purple Heart for wounds sustained in action.

BIGGEST KIWANIS MEETING  
Twenty-eight persons attended the meeting of the Swansboro Kiwanis club at Thompsons Fireside Wednesday night. It was the largest meeting of club members in recent weeks, notwithstanding the visit of seven Jacksonville Kiwanians.

Those from here attending were President Ramon Askew, Kenneth T. Knight, G. E. Maultsby, James A. Odom, Deane C. Taylor, and E. T. Meeks, Jr.

Million Dollars  
Reaching a new high by tripling its Independence Day War Bond quota of \$125,000 with \$16,000 to spare, Camp Lejeune more than doubled its previous bond drive. The combined sales of bonds between April 1 and July 7 at Lejeune is \$1,160,537.50 in cash value.

## Georgia-Florida Tobacco Prices Up As 1945 Marketing Season Opens

Valdosta, Ga.—(AP)—The first few million pounds of the country's current tobacco crop went on sale Tuesday in 19 Georgia and Florida towns, with the majority of grades averaging from one to five cents a pound higher than on the opening day a year ago.

The ceiling over Georgia-Florida bright leaf cigarette tobacco this year is 40 cents, a cent per pound higher than last year. But ceilings apply only to the seasonal average that a particular buyer pays for the tobacco.

Tobacco is sold untied in the Georgia-Florida belt, first in the country to begin auction sales. In the Carolinas areas, which open later, the tobacco is sold tied and graded and the ceiling is \$44.50.

## Lawrence J. Swinson Fought 60 Days And Nights Off Okinawa

Aboard the USS Colorado in the Pacific—Lawrence J. Swinson, chief machinist's mate, USN, son of Lawrence Swinson, Richlands, N. C. fought aboard this battleship for 60 days and nights at Okinawa.

The Colorado extended more ammunition in support of ground troops than in any of the previous occupation support and bombardment operations in which she participated. Under the command of Capt. W. S. Macaulay, whose wife lives at 2089 Commonwealth Ave., St. Paul, Minn., she took up her station off the beaches seven days before the invasion to help in the softening-up bombardment, and then for 60 days she continued her relentless pounding of enemy positions. She helped beat off numerous air attacks launched against units of the Fleet operating in the area.

Task force and ground unit commanders showered numerous "well done" messages on the officers and men for the effectiveness of their fire.

## War Ration Book 5 Probably Will Be Last Issued By OPA

War Ration Book Five, "smaller than a dollar bill" and containing just half as many stamps as the last book issued, will be distributed through the public schools in December, the Onslow OPA office announced yesterday. The new "A" gasoline ration book will be issued at the same time. It will probably be the last Ration Book to be issued.

Distribution will take place from December 3 through December 15. The new "A" gasoline books will go into use December 22, and war ration book five will be used soon after the first of the year for food rationing and for rationing of shoes.

The new book five will be a better book. It will be easier to carry and handle. It will be just as long as book four but only half as wide. The number and arrangement of stamps is more convenient. The new stamps will be the same size, but will not have both a letter and a number as the present stamps do and OPA hopes the new edition will be the last of the series of wartime ration books.

At the current rate of making stamps good, Johnson explained—five red stamps and five blue stamps at the beginning of each month—war ration book five can last, if needed, about fifteen months. Because of the enormous cost of the program and distribution ration books for about 130 million people it was decided to be on the safe side and provide for this period and avoid the expense of having to go out still another book later.

Since war ration book five will not go into effect before January 1st, it will be necessary to use other stamps in book four as substitutes for processed food and meat rations during the interim period. Interim period use of shoe and sugar stamps will not be necessary. Johnson said since the stamps provide for these items in books three and four will carry the programs without resort to substitutions.

War Ration Book Five will be the fourth war ration book to be distributed by school teachers and other volunteers, Johnson said. The first book was distributed May 4, 1942.

The New "A" Book  
The new "A" gasoline book, the third issued under rationing, will differ from the present book only in color. The book will contain five sets of coupons, six coupons to a set numbered A-18 through A-23. Each set of coupons will cover a different period. The first set, numbered A-18, becomes good December 22.

Official Figures  
The marketing services of the United States Department of Agriculture said average prices per hundred pounds on a limited number of representative United States grades of tobacco at Tuesday's opening of Georgia-Florida markets were:

	Open	Over
LEAF:	Day	1944
Fair lemon	43.00	\$1.00
Low orange	41.00	\$1.00
CUTTERS:		
Low lemon	43.00	\$2.00
Fair orange	43.00	\$2.00
LUGS:		
Fine lemon	43.00	\$1.00
Good lemon	42.00	\$1.00
Fair lemon	41.00	\$1.00
Good orange	41.00	\$2.00
Fair orange	41.00	\$2.00
Nondescript	36.00	\$5.00

## Pfc. Carl C. Williams, Jacksonville, Route 3, Awarded Purple Heart



Pfc. Carl C. Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Williams of Jacksonville, route three, has been awarded the Purple Heart for wounds sustained while in action in Germany on March 27, his parents have been advised. He was serving with a medical unit of an armored outfit when wounded.

Pfc. Williams, who is still overseas at the Tallman Street USO at 8:30 o'clock, a vice-president succeeding Deane Taylor, who has been elevated to the presidency, and a member of the Board of Directors will be elected.

## Nursery Requirements Told USO Council By Lt. Helen McGraw

Just what it takes to set up a nursery was told by Lt. Helen McGraw of Camp Lejeune to the Jacksonville USO council when it met at Fulcher's Landing Tuesday night after a delightful trip down New River aboard Chairman B. J. Holleman's boat, the Lady Jo II.

Lieutenant McGraw appeared before the council, because it has before it a proposal to establish a nursery in Jacksonville for the convenience of mothers who are either shopping or awaiting the arrival of their husbands. She told of the two projects—the self-sustained Midway Park Nursery and the Red Cross subsidized Pine Grove Trailer Park Nursery.

The council heard from J. W. Joyner, director of the Newberry Street USO, that architects now were preparing plans for enlarging that service center for Negro military personnel.

Members of the council making the trip and enjoying Joe Fulcher's seafood dinners were Chairman Holleman, Gautier Jackson, George See, W. C. Bryan, Billy Arthur, Maurice Margolis, Lieutenant McGraw, Mrs. R. E. Smith, Mrs. J. F. Starling, Mrs. Z. E. Marrell, Jr., Mrs. L. Ketchum, Mrs. Ralph Caldwell, Miss Lois Beull, Miss Mary Colton, Miss Regina Bradley, Mrs. Josephine Burns, J. W. Joyner, and J. W. Broadhurst.

Guests were Miss Pat McHenry of Camp Lejeune and G. W. Ball and son, Billy, of Harlowe.

## Miss Mildred Maddox Heads Swansboro MYF; To Meet On Sunday

Concluding a Youth Week at Swansboro Methodist church, the first meeting of the newly organized Methodist Youth Fellowship was held Sunday evening, July 22.

The following officers were elected: president, Mildred Maddox; vice president, Margaret Maddox; secretary, reasurer, Gene Trencott; chairman of the Worship and Evangelism Commission, Hazel Forehand; chairman of the Missions and World Friendship Commission, Bobby Meadows; chairman of the Community Service Commission, Hilda Forehand; and chairman of the Recreation Commission, Houston Maddox.

Together with their adult councilors, Mrs. Elizabeth Venters and their pastor, the Rev. C. H. Mercer, the youths made plans for their future meetings which will be held regularly each Sunday evening, beginning at 7 p. m. All young people between the ages of 12 and 23 are cordially invited to participate in the MYF, and attend these meetings for worship, study, discussion, and Christian fun.

After adjourning to attend the evening church services, the youth reassembled at 9 to enjoy a program of games and entertainment. Sgt. and Mrs. Merritt Lott, who are temporary residents of Swansboro and during their stay will assist Mrs. Venters as adult leaders.

The next meeting will begin at 6:30 p. m. instead of 7, since it will be a special service to which all youths of the Swansboro circuit have been invited.

Senorita Estella Alonso from Havana, Cuba, will be the speaker. Senorita Alonso came to the States last fall to study at Seavitt College. She is to return to Havana shortly to begin work in the Methodist school sponsored by the Church Board of Missions.

FIX OPENING DATE  
The Onslow County Board of Education will meet today to set the opening date of schools for the 1945-46 term.

## Onslow County Buys \$36,000 Bonds And Saves More Interest

Purchase of \$36,000 worth of Onslow County road bonds maturing in 1948 and 1951 by the County of Onslow was announced here yesterday by Auditor J. J. Cole.

Although face value of \$1,000 was paid by the county for the bonds, their purchase will effect a saving of approximately \$2,000 a year interest between now and the dates of maturity, and "besides they're paid for and out of the way," Auditor Cole commented.

## Chamber To Hold August Meeting On Thursday Evening

The August meeting of the Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce will be held next Thursday night at the Tallman Street USO at 8:30 o'clock. A vice-president succeeding Deane Taylor, who has been elevated to the presidency, and a member of the Board of Directors will be elected.

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Births and deaths for the half year for the other four townships follow: Richlands—44 births and 11 deaths; Swansboro—9 births and five deaths; Stamp Sound—23 births and six deaths; and White Oak—26 births and two deaths.

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## GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Cpl. G. J. Walton, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Walton of near Jacksonville, has been awarded the Good Conduct Medal. He is now in Italy, where he was in the fighting eight months before the European war ended.

## Churchill's Government Defeated In Britain

London—(AP)—Great Britain, surging strongly to the left, threw out the conservative government of Prime Minister Winston Churchill, according to election returns counted Thursday, and called upon the Labor Party, headed by Clement R. Attlee, to lead the nation against Japan and through reconstruction.

The Labor party victory was smashing, led in taking seats in Commons two to one. Churchill and Foreign Minister Anthony Eden, however, escaped the tidal wave and were returned to their Commons seats, but a dozen of their most powerful colleagues were defeated.

The returns were from the July 5 general election, the first general poll in the nation in ten years. King George will likely call upon Attlee to form a new government when parliament reconvenes August 8.

## School Improvements Now Well-Underway

### Stacy T. Hines Home On 30-Day Furlough After 26 Months



Stacy T. Hines, Ph. M. 2-c, who has been serving in the South Pacific is home on 30-day furlough. This is his first home since he finished boot-leave training at Bainbridge, Md., in April, 1943.

He has two brothers serving in U. S. Navy: Cleveland C. Hines, Jr., C. R. M., now in Northern Ireland, and W. Gerald Hines, C. P. M., in the South Pacific. He has not seen the oldest brother, Cleveland, since Jan. 1941.

They are sons of Postmaster and Mrs. C. C. Hines of Holly Ridge.

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## ASSISTANT MINISTER

Ray Allen, Memphis, Tenn., Duke University divinity student, student-assistant pastor at Swansboro Methodist church this summer. He is assisting Rev. C. H. Mercer, regular pastor, who this week is attending a Methodist young people's encampment at New Bern.

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## Newspapers Outrank Radio In Presenting News, Survey Shows

New York—(AP)—A large majority of the public is convinced that there is "no adequate substitute" for newspapers. Fact Finding Associates have reported two cross section surveys taken during the recent 17-day strike of newspaper deliverymen.

The surveys, made from July 3-5 and July 11-12, were undertaken at the request of the Bureau of Advertising of the American Newspaper Publishers Association. The strike began June 30 and ended July 17th.

Principal question asked was: "You probably are getting most of your news from the radio. Is radio completely filling your need for news?" In the first survey 76.6 per cent said no, and 23.4 said yes. In the second—after the readers had been deprived of their newspapers for another week—the percentages were: 89.2, no; 10.8, yes.

Interviewers found that 74.2 per cent in the first survey had missed most or an important part of the usual budget of national and war news. In the second survey the percentage had risen to 76.4. Corresponding percentages for local news were: First survey, 70.9; second survey, 65.3.

## Edward G. Provost Again Commended For Combat Bravery

In The Pacific—(Delayed)—A 22-year-old Hubert, N. C., sailor who had "almost forgotten" about his part in the invasion of Southern France has been presented a Letter of Commendation with ribbon for bravery he displayed during that assault on the European fortress.

The citation was given to Edward G. Provost, USNR, boatswain's mate, first class, even as the guns of his ship were pounding the Japs at Okinawa. Provost previously had been given the Purple Heart for wounds received in the same action.

He was captain of a 5-inch gun crew aboard the same ship on which he still serves—when they were suddenly attacked by three junkers 88's. As the planes headed towards the ship, the gun crew opened fire.

Shrapnel hit Provost and six crew members, who were immediately ordered below for first aid. According to the commendation Provost despite his painful wounds, "coolly and courageously remained at his post and skillfully directed the remaining members of the crew in keeping the gun in service."

The citation added that Provost, by his "extraordinary fortitude and resolute leadership, contributed materially to maintenance of a concentrated and accurate anti-aircraft barrage which frustrated the enemy attack and prevented possible serious damage to the ship."

Provost, who had been through the invasions of North Africa and Normandy, was further commended for "exceptional ability, calm and determined action and persevering devotion to duty." He has since participated in the invasions of Iwo Jima and Okinawa. Provost enlisted in February, 1941. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Gordon Provost, of Hubert.

## EARTH TREMOR FELT

Augusta Ga.—(AP)—An earth tremor was felt in this area at 6:30 A. M., Thursday, lasting only a few seconds. No property damage was reported.

## War In Brief

General Nathan Twining is chosen to succeed General Curtis LeMay as commander of the Marianas Superfortress fleet.

General Eaker says Army has cancelled orders for more than 40,000 planes and reveals other air force facts.

"Big Three" meeting at Potsdam takes recess as Britons fly yesterday to learn who won the recent election.

American troops make mass raid upon their occupation zone in Germany, arresting 80,000, including many SS men sought as war criminals.

Senator Wherry reveals copy of unsigned letter to President Truman urging him to reveal surrender terms for Japan and stop "slaughter" in Pacific war area.

President Truman is reported pleased with results of "Big Three" Potsdam conference and has made big hit with Marshall Stalla.

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