

DOWN EAST
WITH
BILLY ARTHUR

● This is told about a Marine who is one of the boots at Tent City, but this is a special kind of recruit who happens to be in uniform because he was a striker in one of the coal mines. His local draft board decided he was not essential, so they up and reclassified him to I-A, and that is how he became a Marine.

Anyway, shortly after pay day last month, this ex-union worker appeared before his C O and said that his pay was wrong.

His C O questioned, and this was the boot's reply:

"Well, as you remember, sir, we had several night problems during the last pay period where we worked all night, but my pay wasn't increased."

The C O couldn't resist the temptation, so he yelled, "You mean you didn't get paid for half an hour over-time?" He sent the boot down to a Regimental headquarters to talk things over with the paymaster.

Before the thing was over, the C O caught the very dickens from Regimental headquarters, but he said the fun was worth it.

● Brother Ed Provost got his water bill the other morning and didn't like the amount it showed; so he proceeded down to the city hall to tell Will Barry Hurst off.

He walked up behind a uniformed man and, almost starting to shake his fist, blurted, "See, here it is."

Whereupon the new police chief Paul M. Shore turned around and a stranger faced Brother Ed, who later paid his bill without protest.

● Aunt Deane Taylor's red, white and blue lilies, a friend of Mr. and Mrs. Ramon Askew saw the story in the News and Observer which said that on the day after the Japs surrendered Deane had "six lilies in bloom—three red, three white and three blue."

So, the friend wrote this letter: "My dear Mr. and Mrs. A—Lamentation! Please give my sympathy to poor Mrs. Ramon. Deane Taylor, I can really know how she feels because I've lived with a moron ever since I was born—guess who?"

"And demented Mr. T.—he always was an intelligent looking chap. There was that twinkle in his eye which almost infallibly indicated that a head contains at least three or four tame, sober brain cells. How, alas, the worst is known. Poor fellow—he can't even add. Anyone with half sense might grow two-tone water plants, but it requires those four or five brain cells to realize that 3 plus 3 equals 6, and not six."

"I really wrote to tell of sympathy for poor Mrs. T.—or does she also think that 3 plus 3 equals 6. Oh, dear, dear!"

● Down at the Club Roanoke Island Tuesday, the Kiwanians took in all the wallpaper on which are Indians, ships, tents sea.

Dr. H. W. Stevens, who's going to leave this section shortly, was wistfully at the water. Already he wants to come back and go fishing.

And almost (?) bald Judge Harvey Boney wanted one of those Indian tents. He wanted it to keep his wigam.

(So corny has become some of the stuff in this column of late I've kept his wigam, that several of the fellows, particularly Bob Pinkston, are nicknaming me Harvey Boney. Therefore, I've made a resolution not to pun any more. Ooops!)

Anyway, the fellows took in Moe Aurillo's and Tom Shugart's place from top to bottom, but you would have thought Deane Taylor was in Grand Central station—he walked around so much. Did more walking and got fewer places than any person.

And Jack Peck, Rudy Rudisill, Pender Capps, Herman Faubus up their cigars which, with the pipes of Parsons Carl Craig and E. N. Cox, necessitated turning on the fans.

Other than that the conduct of the members was all right. However, President Ramon Askew indicated he was plumbing without a license. When Deane tried to make an impromptu announcement in the chamber of commerce meeting, President Askew said, "The chamber's out of order."

● As long as Harvey Boney can take three county commissioners—H. M. Ennett, chairman, Victor Venters and Thomas Marshall—to the Kiwanis meetings, he's got a majority vote of the board for staying in as judge of recorder's court.

● Farm Agent Charlie Clark bought a sea cushion for his office recently for \$3.00, and he asked the Board of Commissioners to pay for it. But the bill went back to him, payment refused; he could pay for it himself.

● However, Commissioner Clayton Petteway personally ordered a "water cooler" in keeping with a "vign promise" he would put the courthouse if he had to himself. But he didn't; the did.

MORE DUTCH MARINES
● New York.—(AP)—Arrivals on the troopship Alcot here Sunday included 511 members of the Marine Corps of the Royal Dutch Navy who will be trained at Camp Davis, N. C.

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Truman Asks Congress To Keep War Powers

Washington.—(AP)—President Truman called upon Congress Tuesday to keep his war powers in force for reconversion "emergency" as he laid down a 21-point legislative program.

It included "limited" tax cuts next year and proposals to achieve full employment.

Truman told legislators, assembled for the first peacetime session in four years, that the war will not be over on the home front until its economic impacts have been eased.

Hence, he said, proposals to abolish wartime controls by declaring the war officially at an end would lead to "great confusion and chaos in government."

KEEP TRIESTE FREE
● London.—(AP)—Confident sources said that the British, confident of American backing, hoped to present to the forthcoming meeting of the Foreign Ministers here a plan for internationalization of Trieste, which would enable landlocked Central Europe to use the city as a free port.

RATIONING TO END
● Washington.—(AP)—A House bill would scrap rationing in 100 cities within four or five months.

County Board Asks Highway Commission Maintain Peru Road
● The Onslow County Board of Commissioners Tuesday asked the State Highway and Public Works Commission to maintain and keep up the Sneads Ferry-Peru road.

The action of the board places Mrs. Mamie Lewis, Peru resident who has asked that the road be closed in the position of now carrying her fight to the district highway commission offices in Greenville, Mrs. Lewis, who did not get to the board meeting on time this week because of automobile trouble, had requested the board at the August session that the road be closed to the public.

She contended that her property was being trespassed upon. Other residents of the Sneads Ferry section contended that the road had been public for more than 100 years, and that there was no need for it being closed.

BETTER LIVING BOOST
● Washington.—(AP)—The climb toward better living got a boost Thursday. OPA is handing out a "cheese" button. But the War Manpower Commission said 2,000,000 war workers have lost their jobs since Japan's fall, many have been rehired. News from industry and government alike was good.

Hartsfield Appointed Norge Distributor For Jacksonville
● Hartsfield Jewelry company in Jacksonville has been appointed local distributor for Norge electrical products and Arvin and Farnsworth radios, was announced yesterday by Raymond C. W. Hartsfield, owners of the firm.

The Hartsfield company, one of Jacksonville's oldest business establishments, handled electrical products before the war but because of shortages did not promote them during wartime. They are now resuming their place in the electrical appliance sales field here.

In making the announcement, the Hartsfields said that a complete line of Norge appliances would be carried in stock just as soon as they become available. As other electrical appliance manufacturers, Norge is now reconverting from war-time to peacetime production.

RETA TO BUILD 250 Miles Of Lines To Serve 1,000 Rural Customers
● Approximately 250 miles of power lines serving more than 1,000 families will be constructed by the Jones-Onslow Electric Membership Corp. in five counties in this area, it was disclosed yesterday by Fred Harmon, REA superintendent.

The Jones-Onslow will begin the project possibly in the late winter or early spring, when, it is believed, materials will be available in quantities sufficient to complete the work economically without interruption.

Harmon said the power line extensions would be made in Onslow, Jones, Lenoir, Duplin and Pender Counties, Pender being a new field for the corporation which now is serving rural customers in the other four counties.

New Non-Stop Mark Set From Honolulu To Washington By B-29
● Washington.—(AP)—A new record for nonstop flight from Honolulu to Washington was set when a B-29 landed at the capital 17 hours and 21 minutes out of Hawaii.

This lowered the record established by another B-29 command led by Maj. Gen. Curtis E. Lamay, then chief of the 21st Bomber command and now chief of staff of Army Air forces. That flight took 20 hours and 15 minutes.

The B-29 making the new record, the "Lady Marge," came here from Guam carrying film and other records from Tokyo. The material had been flown to Guam from Tokyo by another Superfortress.

School Enrollment Here Tops Richlands For The First Time

● For the first time in history of the Onslow County school system, the first day's enrollment at Jacksonville schools topped that at Richlands.

A unique figure, a total of 999 students reported for school on the opening day here, fifteen more than attended at Richlands. In the past Richlands has been the most heavily populated school district, but the influx of population here has caused Jacksonville to go to the front.

MacArthur Demands Full Information On American Prisoners
● Aboard The U.S.S. Ancon, Tokyo Bay.—(AP)—General MacArthur in one of his first acts as Japan's military boss demanded information of all Allied war prisoners, 6,000 of whom apparently have been moved recently from the Tokyo area.

Shortly before or immediately after the cessation of hostilities, the Japanese moved the prisoners away from military targets, near which they had been placed over repeated Allied protests in an attempt to force the Allies to desist from raiding the targets.

MacArthur's first general order, issued through Japanese headquarters calling for the immediate disarming of the nation and surrender of all military forces, showed his concern for the prisoners.

Among other things it demanded immediately the location of all camps and other places of detention of the United Nations "prisoners of war and civilian internees."

The Japanese were told to see that all prisoners were well housed, clothed and given medical care "until such responsibility is undertaken by the Supreme Commander of the Allied powers."

U. S. Share In Nazi Reparations To Be Smallest Of All
● Berlin.—(AP)—The American share of German reparations, it is predicted by financial experts, is likely to be the smallest of any of the four occupying powers. Americans' eventual recompense from the defeated enemy is expected to be about five per cent of that of the Soviet Union, one half of Britain's and somewhat less than that of France.

Surrender Signing Thoroughly Covered By Newspaper Folks
● Representing a dozen Allied nations as well as Japan more than 315 in all perched on various vantage points of the huge superstructure and deck to view the scene from all sides.

Flash bulbs blazed movie cameras and radio recorders during in seemingly unending sequence from before 8 a. m. when the first top-ranking army and navy men boarded the ship until well after the closing of the ceremony at 9:13 a. m.

The newsmen dashed to the war room of the destroyer Taylor alongside and began the wired flow of hundreds of thousands of words en route to shore from the Missouri.

The story was undoubtedly the most thoroughly covered of the war in all theaters. Every army and navy accredited correspondent was permitted to attend the ceremony for which there was ample space on the great foredeck of one of the world's mightiest warships.

They were perched high in the conning tower which is the equivalent in height of a six-story building on guns, bridges and even platforms suspended from the side at deck level. All had an unobstructed view not only of the signing but of the signatories arriving by the starboard companionway as well.

Covering the historic event were 154 accredited newsmen and 102 navy plus 30 Australian and English, 18 Russians, seven Chinese, four Japanese (two newsmen and two photographers, permitted by General MacArthur to attend) and a few others.

The Russians flew to Yokohama Saturday night from Vladivostok, then chief of the 21st Bomber command and now chief of staff of Army Air forces. That flight took 20 hours and 15 minutes.

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Ernest S. Thompson One Of Seamen In Occupation Of Japan

● On The U.S.S. Shangri-La In Tokyo Bay—Ernest S. Thompson, seaman, first class, 124 Stratford Road, Jacksonville, N. C., is serving on this aircraft carrier, which is part of the powerful Pacific Fleet completing the first stages of the occupation of Japan.

Under the operational control of Admiral William F. Halsey, USN, the Shangri-La, with 16 other carriers, six escort carriers, 12 battleships, 20 cruisers and more than 290 other U. S. ships, is helping take over control of the Japs' big naval bases.

The Shangri-La had a prominent role in the strikes against the Jap homeland just prior to the surrender.

Red Cross Nurse Will Be Retained At Midway Park
● The Red Cross nurse will be retained at Midway Park, it was decided at a meeting of area and local officials with representatives of that community here Wednesday morning. Mrs. J. W. Burton, chairman of the nursing services committee of the Onslow County Chapter, American Red Cross, presided at the meeting.

The local chapter now is making an effort to secure a capable person with public health experience to take the job at Midway Park.

Japanese Cabinet Calls Election For January 20 To 31
● By The Associated Press
● The Japanese cabinet decided a general election will be held in Nippon January 20 to 31, and the Tokyo newspaper Yomiuri Hochi urged "spontaneous and vigorous action" toward forming a democratic government.

● Tokyo radio broadcasts, heard by the FCC, reported the cabinet's election decision. It said the government would summon the national Diet to an extraordinary session early in December to revise Japan's election laws, and a nationwide census probably would start November 1.

Transportation Delay May Cause Increase In Number Divorces
● San Francisco.—(AP)—Delay in providing transportation to America for 7,000 Australian brides of U. S. servicemen may result in a sharp rise in the divorce rate of these couples, reports Charles K. Gamble, commissioner of Red Cross activities in the southwest Pacific.

Most of these men who married Australian girls already have received discharge from the services because of their long terms of duty, Gamble said. "Yet only 1,076 wives and 311 children had reached the United States by the end of June."

Wainwright Amazed At Display Of Air Might In Tokyo Today
● U.S.S. Missouri, Tokyo Bay.—(AP)—A stout American lieutenant general stood by the Admiral's cabin on the historic ship watching low-flying American aircraft in the grey skies.

"We could have used some of those," said the general, Jonathan "Skinny" Wainwright, as he stared at the symbol of American might which vindicated him and the boys of the 5th Marine Corps who fought under him.

In his pocket was one of the pens used by General MacArthur in signing the historic Japanese surrender document. On his face was a proud smile.

"I am flying to the Philippines to take the surrender of Lt. Gen. Tomoyuki Yamashita, then I am going home to see my wife again," Wainwright told an Associated Press correspondent.

Wainwright, recently released from a Japanese prison camp, wore none of his ribbons but his experience was etched deeply in his sharp, keen face. As he faced General Yoshijiro Omezu, one of the Japanese signers, he stood erect in his neatly pressed uniform.

It was different than the last time Wainwright faced a Japanese general. Umezu, tight lipped and silent, wore campaign ribbons but his samurai sword was absent—token of surrender.

Wainwright had encountered many blustering enemy commanders but Umezu was treated with formal courtesy by all generals.

"You can imagine how I feel today," Wainwright commended after the ceremony.

RESIGNS AT BANK
● Mrs. Melvin Willard has resigned her position at the First-Citizens Bank and Trust company.

L. L. Stevens Leases Jacksonville Airport

Survey Town Needs For Projects; Increase In Taxi Permits Voted

Frederick Ketchum, Is Expected Home On Furlough Soon

● L. L. Stevens, veteran pilot and flying instructor with more than 3,500 hours flying time, this week leased the school, training rights of the Jacksonville airport, effective October 1.

At the same time, B. J. Holleman, chairman of the board of directors of the airport, announced that a 70x80 steel hangar had been ordered and that 2,000 feet of the first of three runways probably would be completed this week.

Holleman said that the airport would be ready for operation by the time government restrictions on private flights over this section of the Eastern Seaboard are lifted. Since the war is over, Holleman figured the government soon would lift all restricted flying areas.

Stevens, who will come here about the middle of September, has been at Burgaw with his brother for the past year. He began flying 1937 and later spent 17 months in the Army Air Corps. Prior to that he was civilian pilot at Paducah, Ky. He has had flight and mechanical experience with planes from one to four engines.

Stevens will bring one four-passenger plane here for charter service, and later one or two smaller ones for short flights and training. He will offer plane service and repairs, and both he and the airport corporation will represent plane manufacturers for sale of ships.

Two thousand feet of the first runway are ready for flights. When completed it will be 3,700 feet long. Two others of 4,200 and 5,000 feet lengths will also be built, Holleman said.

● On The U.S.S. Phoenix in the Pacific—Frederick Ketchum, radioman, second class, USNR, Jacksonville, N. C., is coming back to the United States.

He's a member of this fighting light cruiser which is returning home for overhaul and to give leaves to the crew.

The Phoenix escaped damage in the Pearl Harbor attack, then fought through the New Guinea, New Britain and New Georgia campaigns.

In the battle of Surigao Straits, she was the closest heavy ship to the Jap fleet trying to steam through the passage and she shot it out with the leading Jap battleship—without getting a scratch. At Leyte Gulf one of our destroyers went down and her torpedoes were released accidentally. Two passed ahead of the Phoenix, two astern—and none in the middle.

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Miss Kate Cutting Named Supervisor Of Onslow Schools
● Miss Kate Cutting, president of the Southeastern District Teachers' Association, has been appointed supervisor of schools in Onslow County, it was announced yesterday by Supt. A. H. Hattell.

Miss Cutting, originally from Salisbury, will have teachers and the coordination of the teaching program under her direction. Hattell said.

She comes here from Bladen County where she was a principal last year. Miss Cutting, who has taught in all grades from the first through the twelfth in her extended teaching career, is a graduate of Salem College and holds a Master's degree from Columbia University.

GOES TO TENNESSEE
● Miss Carole Weaver, Red Cross nurse in Onslow County, has gone to Tennessee on emergency nursing work during a typhoid fever epidemic.

Camp Lejeune Uses Famed DDT To Rid Coast Of Pesky Mosquito
● Armed with DDT the Marines have invaded approximately 50,000 acres of North Carolina swampy coast-lands in a mosquito exterminating program which, in a year, has decreased the number of mosquitoes sixty-percent.

This program is being carried out at Camp Lejeune, the Marine Corps' huge east-coast training center here in Onslow County.

Although DDT has been used in several North Carolina cities and towns on experimental bases in the past few months, the program at Camp Lejeune was the first all-out Malaria Control Program, using DDT to be conducted in the state.

DDT made its debut at Camp Lejeune in the spring of 1944, and since the beginning of its use the number of mosquitoes in the control area, which includes all inhabited and biouac areas, have shown a sharp decline. Records at the Malaria Control Office show a sixty-percent decrease in adult mosquitoes and pestiferous insects from July, 1944 to July, 1945. The number of mosquitoes is dropping daily and the Malaria Control Station, through the use of DDT and other mosquito control methods, has hopes of bringing the number to a minimum in the near future.

Through experiments at this base it has been found that DDT is completely successful in exterminating the adult mosquito as well as other insects, but it has also been found that DDT alone cannot solve the mosquito problem. Therefore it has been necessary to devise other means of controlling the mosquito larvae before it reaches the adult stage. This is being accomplished by the use of larvicidal operations, clearing of brush, drainage, filling in low-lands, etc.

The amount of work done has been tremendous. Since the inauguration of Malaria Control here there have been some 4,500 acres of brush cleared, 402,000 lineal feet of hand ditches dug, 295,000 lineal feet of dynamite ditches made, 175,000 lineal feet of drainage ditches constructed, 175,000 acres of low-lands filled.

Generally, the unit works like this: A survey is made of the entire area to determine the density, location and breed of mosquito larvae to be exterminated and the most feasible method of procedure. Where practical drainage ditches are dug low-lands filled in, and brush cleared. But these methods are only successful over only a small portion of the large area under control. Thus it is up to the oiling crews and the DDT-fog-generating machine to cover the remainder of the camp.

The DDT fog-generating machine, in operation since early this year, has been tested and used here with great success. The machine, mounted on a truck or jeep, travels at the rate of one mile per hour dispenses one hundred gallons of DDT solution an hour. The area blanketed by the fog is governed by the wind, but on the average it will cover approximately (Continued on page 4)



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Cpl. Earnest Justice Of Sneads Ferry Is Home On Furlough
● Cpl. Ernest A. Justice, son of Mrs. Mary Justice of Sneads Ferry, has arrived home on furlough after having been in the army two years and seven months and overseas in the past 19 months. Upon completion of his furlough, he will report to Fort Bragg for reassignment.

The resignation of Dr. H. W. Stevens, who will leave the middle of September to make his home in Wilson, and the return to the club of A. H. Hattell, a charter member, were announced.

Guests at the meeting were Mrs. James A. Odom, Mrs. Deane Taylor, Mrs. Mary Lily Blake, G. W. Phillips, Chief of Police Paul Shore of Jacksonville; Capt. Charles Ferguson, USN; Kiwanian W. E. Baggs of Swansboro; J. Paul Burton and Kiwanians Billantley and E. C. Chambliss of Wilmington; Julius Seegerman of Holly Ridge; W. Victor Venters of Richlands; Thomas J. Marshall of White Oak; H. M. Ennett of Sneads Ferry; John Morgan of Wilson; and Jack Stevens of Burgaw.

New Gray Lady Class Will Start On September 17
● A new class for instruction of Gray Ladies of the American Red Cross, Onslow County Chapter and Camp Lejeune Auxiliary, will begin September 17. It was announced yesterday by Mrs. Alfred Noble, Gray Ladies chairman.

Mrs. Noble will conduct the instruction work, which will be held three days weekly, Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays until the course is completed.

A number of volunteers from Jacksonville and Onslow County are wanted for the course. In the past, the greater part of Gray Lady activities has been borne by members of the Camp Lejeune Auxiliary. Although the war is over, the wounded are beginning to return from overseas. They will be brought to the Naval Hospital at Camp Lejeune, and possibly to the recently acquired hospital at Camp Davis. The work of the Gray Ladies is just beginning.

Volunteers are asked to get in touch with Mrs. Noble at Camp Lejeune before September 17.

Eugene Williams, 8, Drowned At Willis Landing On Sunday

● Eugene Williams, eight-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas W. Williams of Midway Park, was drowned Sunday at Willis Landing, near Swansboro.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at Guilford Memorial cemetery at Greensboro, former home of the family.

The child is survived by his parents, and four brothers and two sisters.

2 Marines Present Musical Program At Kiwanis Meeting

● A fast moving musical show was given by Pfc. Jimmy Griffin and Pfc. Tommy Jacobucci, guitar and banjo players of Camp Lejeune, at the weekly meeting of Jacksonville Kiwanians at the Club Roanoke Island Tuesday.

Griffin and Jacobucci gave their own arrangements of popular and old time songs that drew rounds of applause. For their final number, they played Carolina Moon which the club sang with Billy Arthur leading.

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