

OWN EAST WITH BILLY ARTHUR

Planned for some time—and emphatically not in connection with their rest room project but rather for what they said were "the many nice things the Onslow County Board of Commissioners have done for them—a delicious seafood dinner was prepared for the board at Pine Lodge USO yesterday noon.

Mrs. Curt Holland of Silverdale wrote the members a formal invitation last week and it was duly received, inviting them to be present at the dinner expressly for the commissioners.

Mrs. Holland came up from Silverdale, Mrs. I. N. Sanders came up from Bear Creek, and the Southwest women—Mrs. Annie Walton, Mrs. W. L. Hardin, Mrs. Bertha Melville and Mrs. Robert Scott—came in and prepared the meal, which consisted of an oyster cocktail, home-fried fish as only the women can fix it, slaw and all the trimmings.

The table was lovely, and the women quite proud of their efforts to honor the county governing body, knowing that its members would be appreciative. So, they waited—and kept on waiting.

Not a single member of the board showed up for the dinner.

Saw Neut Cook standing beside a bus over at the terminal the other day, and I casually remarked, "Where's Jodie going now?"

"I heard that," said a voice, later identified as Mrs. Cook's, "and he's going with me this time."

Harvey Boney walked into the Tallman Street USO club the other night while dinner was being served a special party.

"The kitchen was full of food," Harvey said, "turkey and vegetables and pie. You never saw such good looking food. And I spoke nicely to the people in the kitchen, and just remarked casually—you know—about being nice looking.

One of them asked if I wanted some, and I certainly did and got a great big piece. Then I started to thank them, and they said 'come on back here and help us wash the dishes.' I never washed so many dishes in all my life. Wish I had never seen that pie in the first place."

Mrs. W. C. Capps was out with some friends the other evening and I inquired where Bill was.

"He's home minding the baby, so I could get out," she replied.

"Don't tell my wife you do it," Bodenhamer interrupted.

Miss Bessie Margolis was cautioning me about being all dressed up Saturday night.

"Now you behave yourself and go to church tomorrow," she advised.

"He can't go to church anymore," Maurice Margolis chimed in. "They threw him out when he ran for mayor."

I asked a friend going to Raleigh Friday to cancel my reservation at the Sir Walter Hotel, since President Truman wasn't going to be there.

"We have no reservation for Mr. Arthur," the hotel advised, "but we do have one for Billy Arthur."

Herman Falbaum won at the races in New York last week by betting \$2 on a long shot that came in. Now he's got a system to beat the track, play the long shots, you're bound to win—if your money holds out.

"Didn't your wife give you so bawling out for staying out so late the other night?" I asked a local person the other morning.

"She did not!" he exclaimed. "In fact, she hasn't spoken to me yet."

One sign that the war is over occurred the other night when Jack Peck stayed after closing hours to sell a case of cokes.

But a sign that the war isn't over came Saturday morning when Bill Rivenbark, who always was a hard worker and who, if he wasn't busy, always was something to do, drove down street, parked his car, went to the barber shop, got his hair cut and went on home. Then, he remembered he'd left his car down street and had to come back for it.

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Chungking—(AP)—The new China Daily News, Chinese Communist newspaper, accused American Marines with "positively" participating in armed intervention in China's undeclared civil war.

The American Marines at Chinwangtao in cooperation with Kwantung troops attacked Communist-occupied areas for days," the dispatch said.

14 DIE BY VIOLENCE BY ASSOCIATED PRESS

Death by violence ended the lives of at least 14 persons in the Carolinas during the week-end. Eight deaths resulted from traffic accidents; 2 each from an airplane crash and from fires; one from a mauling; and one suicide.

MAN'S CLUB MEETS The Jacksonville Woman's club will meet at USO Pine Lodge Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Mrs. Deane Taylor will conduct a program on parliamentary procedure.

Jacksonville As Seen From The Air



Here are probably the first aerial photographs of Jacksonville, taken recently by the Civil Air Patrol. The picture at top shows how Jacksonville appears from far up New River, which winds its way between the trees, around the town and expands into the white horizon in the distance. Buzard's Island is in the foreground, and to the left is Onslow Terrace and Cheney Heights. The city is in the approximate center of the picture. The photograph at bottom was taken to measure the new air mark or atop the State Theatre, but in it are clearly visible the First Baptist church to the left, Riverview Hotel next to the theatre, the Burns and Capps buildings at the extreme right, Tallman Street USO and the new bridge.

Burgess Resigns Welfare Post After One Day

What probably was the shortest tenure of public office ever held in Onslow County ended Friday evening, November 2, when James Burgess resigned as superintendent of public welfare after having started to work Thursday morning, November 1.

Burgess told members of the welfare board that he was resigning because the office, located in the basement of the Agricultural building, was damp and so affected his sinus that he was unable to sleep Thursday night.

On Friday a truck carried his furniture back to Asheboro, where, it was said, he will resume his duties of welfare superintendent of Randolph County, the post he resigned in mid-October to come here.

Members of the welfare board Saturday spoke disapprovingly of Burgess' action in failing to give notice he did not intend to remain on the job here. His predecessor, Mrs. J. F. Starling, gave more than a month's notice to the welfare board and to the Board of County Commissioners. Although the welfare board members were not disposed to make a formal request that he be caused to serve until a successor could be found, they did discuss reporting the acceptance of the Onslow job and quick surrender of it to the Dr. C. T. DeViver, chairman of the merit system of the State of North Carolina.

They pointed out that Burgess made application for the job here when he learned it was open, that he came here for personal interview, looked over the situation and accepted it, and that Mrs. Starling was thereby relieved. They could not understand, they said, why Burgess did not take his sinus condition into consideration when making application for the job and how it was that his mind was so quickly made up to return to Randolph County that he was able to have a truck here

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N. C. Automobile Tags To Be Sold Here By Chamber Of Commerce

North Carolina automobile license tags will be sold in Jacksonville by the Chamber of Commerce this year, beginning December 1. It was announced at the November session at Tallman Street USO Thursday night.

James A. Odum, executive secretary, said the chamber agreed to take over sale of the tags and Carolina Motor Club insurance.

The tags will be on sale at Sanders Sales and Service where space will be provided during the month of December by R. E. Smith, manager.

Jacksonville Lions Discuss Recreation At Weekly Meeting

A sound well-planned recreational program for the school and the entire community came up for discussion at the weekly meeting of the Jacksonville Lions Club at the Club Boanoke Island last Thursday night.

R. Lingis, Jacksonville school principal, said that school equipment was insufficient for playground activities, intramural sports or athletic competition with other schools.

It was generally agreed that a well-rounded recreation and athletic program for the school would add much to the mental as well as physical development of the children.

A. T. Griffin, Jr., proposed sports in which men and women beyond the competitive age of life might participate. The entire club joined in the discussion, which was started by President H. C. Johnson's remark that statistics showed that a majority of criminals were between the ages of 18 and 24. Occupation of youthful minds with athletics rather than idleness was seen as one way to forestall a criminal career.

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November 1-15 is enrollment period for Junior Red Cross in the Onslow County schools. Through membership in the American Junior Red Cross boys and girls are offered opportunities to serve others, at home and abroad, in times of war and peace, as part of the humanitarian program of Red Cross.

Throughout the war, through the National Children's Fund, members have furnished nurseries for the homeless in England, essential food such as milk for the Chinese, shoes for the Greek children and shipped medical chests totalling \$245,000 in value to provide aid to half million children overseas.

At home they have furnished an unbelievable amount of recreation and comfort articles to bring a little bit of home to our boys in the hospitals.

Through the filling of gift boxes for boys and girls in other nations, 500,000 such boxes filled in class rooms last year, and international correspondence they are helping to bring about a more harmonious understanding between nations.

This splendid program is being (Continued on page two)

L. Y. Perry Named Traffic Manager Of Seashore Bus Co.

L. Y. Perry, manager of the bus station at Camp Lejeune for the past year, has been promoted to traffic manager of the Seashore Transportation company system, with headquarters at New Bern.

Mrs. Perry will remain at Camp Lejeune as senior clerk, and will also be senior clerk at Holly Ridge, the station there have been under her husband's supervision for the past several months.

BARDEN IN TOWN Rep. Graham A. Barden of New Bern was here awhile yesterday.

Aman Answers Critics Of Local Fire Department

Twenty Onslowans Honorably Discharged From Armed Forces

Pilotless Airplane May Be Exhibited During Bond Drive

Examinations Called For Rural Route No. 1; Apply By November 14

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The statement pointed out that responsibility for the enforcement of the State of North Carolina building code in Jacksonville is a joint one shared by the mayor, city fathers, building inspector, chief of police and chief of the fire department, and said further that until it was so shared he would cease to sign further condemnation reports.

His statement follows in full: "It has come to my attention that much criticism has resulted from the recent condemnation of buildings in Jacksonville. Although my signature appears on the reports which were approved by the Board of Commissioners of the city of Jacksonville, it was required by the State of North Carolina building code.

This code, adopted several years ago by the board, was ordered enforced by the present city board upon the recommendation of mayor Ramon Askew. No formal recommendation was made by the fire department.

This code provides, among other things, that building inspections must be made by the building inspector and chief of the fire department, which in Jacksonville is a volunteer department and of which I am at present chief. In accordance with the provisions of the ordinance, I made the inspections with the building inspector and complied with the provisions of the law to the fullest extent.

Now it appears that the chief of the fire department and the department are being accused unjustly of proposing what some people consider are too drastic measures. In their conversations with city officials, I am informed, they are advised that the fire chief and the department are to blame.

The content of the code adopted is strict and severe. It and in the enforcement it envisions are a joint responsibility for the orders imposed, at the beginning and at the end, by the city governing board. No one lone individual or department is responsible.

It is and has been a pleasure to serve as chief of the fire department, which is volunteer and in no way connected with the city, except that its equipment is furnished. But the department and I do not propose to shoulder all the criticism or have it referred to us by the mayor and city commissioners.

"After having discussed this matter with members of the department, I am free to state that until this responsibility is shouldered jointly by all involved under the building code, and the persons who recommended and approved its enforcement, I do not propose to make any further inspections or sign any condemnation reports, except in cases where buildings are now too hazardous to be entered to combat fire."

Rural carriers shall be promoted successively at the beginning of the quarter following one year's satisfactory service in each grade to the next higher grade until they reach the 14th grade for a standard 20-mile daily route an increase of \$84 a year is provided in each grade, through grade 14.

The examination is open only to citizens of, or nationals who owe allegiance to the United States, who are actually residing in the territory of the Post Office where the vacancy exists who have been actually residing there for six months next preceding the closing date for receipt of applications.

Both men and women, if qualified, may enter this examination, but appointing officers have the legal right to specify the sex desired in requesting certification of eligibles.

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Total Of \$346 Made At Hallowe'en Party Of Swansboro School

A total of \$346 was raised at the Hallowe'en Party, sponsored by the Parent-Teacher association at Swansboro school last Wednesday night.

Henry A. Tolson is PTA president, and the other officers are Mrs. Sam Starling, vice-president; Mrs. G. C. Hattwell, secretary.

The funds will be used to finish paying for the piano and probably to assist in financing the basketball team. Principal D. W. Maddox is coaching the boys this year and L. B. Farnell the girls.

FIGHTING FLARES ANEW

Batavia—(AP)—Sporadic fighting flared anew in the northern section of Batavia Sunday night as newly-arrived British reinforcements maintained a firm hold on the situation at the important Sorceraba Naval base, Indonesian extremists and Dutch troops were reported in the fighting, which broke out when two grenades were hurled into a Dutch-guarded area around the hotel Des Indes.

PAPEERS MADE AVAILABLE

Washington—(AP)—Sixty-four big, bulky bundles staved Congressional Pearl Harbor investigators in the face. The bundles contain White House papers the late President Roosevelt made available to the Senate-House Committee charged with delving into the four-year-old military disaster.

Other Capital Hill activities: Rep. Mason fired what he said was the first gun 1948 Republican Presidential Campaign by proposing his party put up Senator Taft, Ohio, as its candidate.