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## DOWN EAST WITH BILLY ARTHUR

Every now and then we on the News and Views get calls for assistance, and, naturally, we think first of our own friends, organizations and churches.

But one backfired the other day when a young lady telephoned for information.

"Where can I go to get married in a Protestant church in Jacksonville?" she asked Mrs. L. E. Rudisill, who holds down the other desk. And, Mrs. Rudisill, being a Baptist volunteered.

"There's the Baptist church . . ."

But she was interrupted by the voice on the other end: "Anyone but that one. I'm a Baptist myself."

● We were telling some of the fellows about the incident the other evening, and one of them remarked that Rev. Carl B. Craig probably marries more folks hereabouts than any other ministers.

"That's because he probably gets there the quickest." Eldridge Hawkins spoke up.

● Last week the secretary in the office of Warlick and Boney gathered up the mail and put it in Harvey's typewriter. Included therein was a card from Harvey's mother, advising she was in Chapel Hill and would be there until the 20th of the month, and to write her at Owen dormitory.

Harvey had to go up to the Hill last week end and decided he'd look her up. Being an old Carolina student, he thought he knew his way around, but he couldn't find Owen dormitory immediately; and when he did after several hours, no one was there who knew anything about a welfare institute Mrs. Boney was attending.

Presently, Harvey ran into President Frank Graham, and Frank didn't know of a welfare session either. So, Harvey came home without seeing his mother.

Monday morning, November 19, when he went to the office, he located the postal card, and sure enough Mrs. Boney said she was in Chapel Hill. Then, he looked at the date on the card and it was postmarked "July 11, 1945."

Then Harvey recalled having received it during the summer. It never had been thrown away, and when the secretary gathered up the mail the card got with it some way.

● In a set of suggestions sent out by Pine Lodge USO to the Woman's club committee members in charge of the supper for U. S. Naval Hospital patients appears this statement: "Remember the men you are serving are hospitalized men and will not eat as heartily as the average Marine." Mrs. Sally Ward who prepared the home-made biscuits for last Monday's party thinks that statement has been proven slightly incorrect. Her biscuits disappeared as fast as they reached the tables. One Marine reluctantly confessed he had eaten 17 at supper and an hour later he was in the kitchen asking whether there were any left-overs. A plate of 20 or more was given to him, and although no one counted this time, there were not many left. Who said they wouldn't eat heartily?

● Speaking of foolish questions—were we?—this one captures the proverbial cake and causes this legislator (another question mark) to wonder how come appropriations are made for people who ask just such questions.

Timmons Jones signed a death certificate of a colored woman recently and sent it to the State Board of Vital Statistics at Raleigh. Under the heading of "Cause of Death", Coroner Jones wrote "Childbirth."

Several days later he got a letter back from the board asking "Due to pregnancy?"

● Leon Brusiloff, who was bandmaster of the First Marine Division band, was here Saturday visiting friends. He was remembered up and down the main drag, down at Dixon and Fulcher's Landing for the work that the Marine band did back in those days, playing for all sorts of parties and school functions and really entertaining and making happy the folks in the hinterlands.

But that wasn't what I started out to tell.

Leon, now a major and returned to inactive status, was telling a story of how the boys of the First Divsion really have a warm spot in their hearts for these parts. They'd cuss and gripe—Col. Harvey L. Miller used to say he wouldn't have a marine in his outfit who wouldn't—but they'd always want to get back here if just for a few days.

Anyway, Al Schmid, the Philadelphia boy who spent a winter at Tent Camp before going to Guadalcanal and to other campaigns before losing his sight in battle, was down at Parris Island recently on a personal appearance tour.

But let Leon tell it from here on out:

"He was a little ill at ease at first. You could see that, and I walked up to him and said, 'Al, the boys in the band here want to play a number just for you. They have returned from a successful engagement at the Double Eagle Grill.' What do you want 'em to play?' Al's face beamed up, and he laughed out loud and said, 'Major, play Roll Out the Barrel. Double Eagle . . . Roll out the Barrel. Those were good old times.'"

The Marines provided a humorous, and yet a touch of realism, to the exhibition of the pilotless airplane at Peterfield Point last week.

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## Prominent Citizens Will Be On First Broadcast

● More than a score of prominent people of Jacksonville, Camp Lejeune and New Bern will appear on the dedicatory program of Radio Station WJNC when it goes on the air for the first time at 8 p. m. Monday.

With Rep. Graham A. Barden of New Bern making the principal address, others on the progarm will include: Maj. Gen. John Marston, commanding general, Brig. Gen. A. H. Noble, chief of staff, Lt. Col. E. A. Clark, Special Services Officer; Maj. Mary Parks, commanding officer of the Women's Reserve, Kiwanis club president-elect H. P. Cotton, Lions club president H. C. Johnson, Supt. of Schools A. H. Hatsell, Woman's Club President Mrs. O. L. Russ, County Attorney John D. Warlick, Rev. Carl B. Craig, Fr. Charles McLaughlin, PTA president Mrs. Ralph Caldwell, Chamber of Commerce president Deane C. Taylor, USO director George See, all of Jacksonville; chairman of the board of county commissioners H. M. Ennett of Sneads Ferry; State Senator D. L. Ward of New Bern; Mrs. James A. Odom, Midway Park, president of the 12th district Federation of Women's Clubs; American Legion Commander W. E. Baggs of Swansboro; Mayor M. N. Lisk of Swansboro, Mayor Heyward Campbell of Holly Ridge; and Mayor E. W. Taylor of Richlands.

Musical numbers will be offered by the New Bern high school band under the direction of Prof. Donald Smith, by MTSgt. and Mrs. Kenneth Wilson of Pine Grove Trailer Park, Camp Lejeune; and Lt. Russell Herseth of Seymour Johnson Field, Goldsboro.

Billy Arthur, state representative and editor of the News and Views, will be master of ceremonies.

**Open To Public**

The program, which will be broadcast from Tallman Street USO beginning at 8 p. m., will be open to the public with seating accommodations for approximately 300 persons. After the dedicatory broadcast, open house will be observed at the studios on N. C. 24. No invitations are being issued.

WJNC is owned and operated by the Jacksonville Broadcasting company, which was issued a construction permit by the Federal Communications Commission on August 17.

**Of Modern Lines**

The exterior and interior of the building are beautiful and of modern design. The lobby is of curved lines and leads in one direction to studio A, which is furnished in blue, red and gold. Indirect lighting effects add to the beauty of the building throughout.

Located in the center of the building is the control room housing the broadcast transmitter, studio console and other equipment. From the transmitter runs a five-wire overhead transmission line leading to the 150-foot antenna, designed by Dan Trueblood of WGBR, Goldsboro, and aDvid Hardison, chief engineer of station WHIT, New Bern.

From another direction in the lobby one enters the news studio, offices and engineer's work room. Behind the control room is a transmission library containing over 6,000 records. In one corner of the lobby is a small news room where stands the United Press teletype.

The initial program will be broadcast over the Tobacco Network, making the Jacksonville program available to approximately 1,[illegible]0,000 listeners.

**Local Personnel**

Personnel of Jacksonville Broadcasting company are: Louis N. Howard and Ellis Howard, New Bern, owners; Lester Gould, station manager; Paul Parker of New Bern, acting program director; Ed Cox of Wilson, chief announcer; Earl Lewis of New Bern, news editor; Charles Holt of Montgomery, Ala., and Earl Nightengale of Jacksonville announcers; Doris Allred of Winston-Salem, traffic manager; Virginia Murphy of Lowell, Mass., continuity writer; Carl Pigott of New Bern, continuity; and David E. Hardison of New Bern, chief engineer.

The transmission equipment was installed by William Greer of the radio engineering firm of George C. Davis, Washington.

## Walter F. Lanier Funeral Conducted Sunday Afternoon

● Warsaw—Funeral services for Walter F. Lanier, 61, of the Beulaville community were conducted Sunday afternoon from Bethel Presbyterian church by Capt. Ben Rose, Army Chaplains Corps and former pastor of the Bethel Presbyterian church, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Potts of Wallace. Interment was in the family cemetery.

Surviving are his wife, the former Ida Aman; three sons, W. E. Lanier of Burlington, and Raleigh, Lanier and Winfred Lanier, both of the home; one daughter, Mrs. Ida Mae Smith of Beulaville; two sisters, Mrs. L. J. Albertson and Mrs. David Batchelor; both of Beulaville; three brothers, Enos, Liston and Herbert Lanier; and five grandchildren.

**ISSUE BUILDING PERMIT**

● The City of Jacksonville has issued a permit to B. W. Watson to erect a garage at a cost of $500 at 203 Bayshore.

## Forest Researcher Does Rescue Work In Hofmann Area

● **Paul Lemmon, who is attached to the Appalachian Forest Experimental Station at Asheville, is now in Hofmann Forest doing some rescue as well as research work.**

**Lemmon's inspection of the forest takes him into the depths of the 84,000 acre State College experimental tract every day, and almost every day he comes out with someone's lost deer hound.**

**The dogs evidently have been lost from packs of hunters and abandoned. When he finds them, or they find him, the dogs follow him out of the forest. Lemmon turns them over to Nash Thomas, near Richlands.**

**Don't get excited, however, because your dog probably hasn't found Lemmon yet. So far the rescued dogs have been plainly tagged and their owners notified.**

## 25 Naval Hospital Patients Entertained By Jacksonville USOs

● The fourth weekly party for 25 Naval hospital patients of Camp Lejeune was held Monday, at the USO Clubs in Jacksonville.

The patients who attended were: Pfc. Louis Grant, Pfc L. G. McGill, Pvt. R. L. Knipers, Pvt. K. L. Wray, HA1c W. H. Strickland, HA1c John Lucas, Pvt. Donald Westrick, Pfc. H. H. Sellers, Pvt. L. B. McFarland, SC3c R. S. Gordon, SC3c J. C. Roberts, SC1c W. A. Wright, Sgt. Harold W. Haimer, Pfc. N. F. Marshall, Pvt. K. R. Leech, Pvt. John Bulkeley, Pvt. Carl Seidel, HA1c Charles Ingle, Pvt. Alexander Petric, T-Sgt. Edward Wade, Pfc. John Dobriskie, Pfc. R. L. White, HA2c R. H. Waldrop and Cpl. O. L. Vallely.

Half of the group was entertained at New Bridge Street USO during the afternoon. Coffee and a lovely cake, made by Mrs. David Sabiston, were served. Bingo was played with cigarettes given as prizes, other contest consisted of ping pong bounce, tooth pick contest, rolling pennies into a match box, dropping clothespins in a milk bottle, and bean balancing.

Hostesses for the afternoon were Mrs. George Wendell, Mrs. J. C. Petteway, Cpl. Peggy McGreevy and Cpl. Clare Sermak. Mrs. David Sabiston was the Gray Lady in charge of this group.

Hostesses who served at the Federal USO during the afternoon included: Mrs. George See, Miss Betty Watson, Miss Betty Jones, and Miss Shirley Goff. Several of the patients enjoyed making shell jewelry to send home as Christmas gifts. Incidentally Pvt. L. Campbell of Texas took much kidding about the pin and earring set he made for his "sister-in-law". Others engaged in singing, table tennis, dancing and card games. The feature of the afternoon was a quiz game conducted by Mrs. George See.

Members of the Kiwanis club who provided transportation for the party were: Z. E. Murrell, G. E. Maultsby, Raymond Hartsfield, A. Turner Shaw, Maurice Margolis, J. C. Petteway and Sam Leder.

Junior hostesses who attended the dance at Pine Lodge were: Mrs. Doris Cannady, Miss Lula Hurst Cole, Mrs. N. S. Day, Miss Mabel Kennedy, Miss Muriel Ketchum, Miss Annie Laurie Koonce, Mrs. Jane Lewis, Miss Helen Padley, Miss Janie Paschall, Miss Teenie Sabiston, Miss Fay Sasser, Miss Dorothy Turner, Miss Annie Ward Warlick and Miss Hazel Wilkerson. Music was provided by the Montford Point orchestra. Mrs. W. L. Ketchum was the Grey Lady in charge at the Pine Lodge activities while Miss Mary Baxter, Red Cross recreation worker, stayed with the group throughout the day.

The supper, which is always a "major" activity of the program was served by Mrs. Charles D. Koonce, Mrs. Z. E. Murrell and Mrs. Sally Ward. A menu of meat balls and gravy, potato salad, green peas, biscuits, cake and coffee was served.

In innumerable instances the patients have tried to express their appreciation for the kindness of the citizens of Jacksonville in making these parties possible. One of the men present last Monday said as he left "We're not like other Marines any more for it isn't the week ends we look forward to now—Monday is the day we like!"

## 42 Deer Are Slain By 200 Hunters In Hofmann Forest

● Forty-two deer were killed in Hofmann Forest during the last two-day hunt November 16-17, it was announced yesterday by Supervisor J. M. Stingley. Some 200 hunters participated.

## 8 Onslow Veterans Of World War II Honorably Discharged

● Eight Onslow County veterans of World War II recently were awarded discharges and are home again.

They include:

**Boatswain Mate Second Class Alvin William Brown of Onslow County** who was discharged from the Navy November 8.

**Pfc. Guy C. Wiggins, Jr., of Richlands, route two,** who entered the Army February 12, 1942, was a surgical technician at Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, the Rhineland and Central Europe, who wears the American Theatre, Victory, Good Conduct and EAMET with five BS medals and who was discharged November 13.

**Pfc. George H. Dixon, colored of Richlands, route wto,** who entered the service January 22, 1942, was a guard, who wears the EAMET and Good Conduct medals and who was discharged November 8.

**T-5 Ray E. Koonce, Jr., of Jacksonville,** who entered the army August 18, 1942, was a pharmacy technician, who wears the EAMET, Victory and American Theatre medals and who was discharged November 9.

**Pfc. Willis Carter of Beulaville, route two,** who entered the service August 17, 1941, was a duty soldier in the Western Pacific, who wears the Victory, Asiatic Pacific with one BS, the American Defense, American Theatre and Good Conduct medals and who was discharged November 7.

**Pvt. Cecil A. Taylor of Richlands,** who entered the service January 11, 1941, was a truck driver, in Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, Ardrennes and Central Europe, who wears the Good Conduct, American Defense, American Theatre, Victory, EAMET with five BS and the Purple Heart medals, who has wounded near Alsdorf, Germany, November 17, 1944, and who was discharged November 6.

**Pfc. Horace A. Brown, native of Cypress Creek and now of Sneads Ferry,** who entered the service April 6, 1943, was a surgical technician at Normandy, Northern France, Ardrennes, Rhineland and Central Europe, who wears the EAMET with five BS, the Good Conduct and the Victory medals and who was discharged November 10.

**Pfc. Thomas Hill of Swansboro,** who entered the service October 14, 1942, was a duty soldier in the Eastern Mandates, who wears the Asiatic-Pacific with one BS and the Good Conduct medals and who was discharged October 26.

**WSCSC TO MEET MONDAY**

● The Woman's Society of the Christian Service Circle Number One will meet Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock with Mrs. Raymond Askew. All members are urged to attend.

**SUMMONED BY OPA**

● Mrs. Lettuce Lewis of near Jacksonville has been summoned to appear before the OPA in Raleigh November 29-30 to answer charges of violating OPA regulations.

**STRIKES HOLD UP SOLDIERS**

● Washington—(AP)—The War department said that strikes and shorter working hours on both coasts had delayed shipping to bring soldiers home from overseas. It also said that strikes had delayed production of railroad troop kitchen cars and "critically needed" troop sleeper cars.

## Power Off

● **Power will be turned off in Jacksonville from 12 o'clock midnight Friday night until 2:30 a.m. Saturday morning so that the Tide Water Power company can install new transformers, it was announced yesterday by Roy McPhatter, in charge of the local TWP operations.**

**The public is being advised in advance so that it will not be alarmed by power being off. The job may be completed in less than 2½ hours, McPhatter said.**

## Mrs. Billie Wilson Delights Kiwanians With Song Program

● Another—and the last—of Mrs. Billie Wilson's delightful musical programs was enjoyed by the Jacksonville Kiwanis club Tuesday, but this time with an added feature—MTSgt. Kenneth Wilson at the piano. Sgt. Wilson is Mrs. Wilson's better half, and shortly they will return to civilian life and radio, he having only recently returned from overseas.

Mrs. Wilson, who has appeared for the Kiwanians on several occasions sang six selections as her parting numbers, after which the club thoughtfully broke into "Blest Be The Tie That Binds." Her generous appearances hereabouts in recent years brought expressions of appreciation from the club members.

Guests at the meeting included Judge Walter Bone of Durham, Carl V. Venters of Jacksonville, Jesse Jones of Kinston, Eddie Mills of Minnesota, and Kiwanian Paul Lemmon of Tifton, Ga.

## Pullman Cars To Be Few For Christmas Travelers This Year

● Chicago—(AP)—Fewer sleeping car accommodations will be available for holiday travelers this year than in any previous Christmas season, George A. Kelly, vice president of the Pullman company, declared.

Pullman and the railroads face their most critical season in the next two months, Kelly said in a statement, with an estimated 2,000,000 veterans from Europe and the Pacific scheduled to reach this country during November and December. During the Christmas season, about 151,000 of the nation's estimated 208,000 berths will be available exclusively to the military, he said.

During the early months of 1946, he said, more than 500,000 veterans are scheduled to arrive monthly at west coast ports, and 90 per cent of them are expected to ride Pullmans to their home stations.

## Civil Court Term To Be Reconvened Monday Morning

● A two-week term of civil court got underway here this week, but was suspended Wednesday for the Thanksgiving holidays. It will be reconvened Monday morning by Judge Walter Bone of Durham.

A jury returned a verdict upholding the valadity of a will in the case of Amelia Jenkins against Kate Humphrey, and in another cases Clara Thompson was awarded a $331 verdict in a case against W. M. Mozingo. Mozingo, in turn, was awarded $30 damages in a case against James Andrews.

Mozingo was also awarded a total of $611 in a case involving possession of an automobile, D. R. Heath was the defendant.

The two divorces granted during the term were in the cases of Benjamin Whitley against Gladys Whitley and B. W. Carter against Rachel Carter.

## Three Of Seven Provost Brothers Home At Hubert After Duty In Army

● Three members of North Carolina's "First Family of World War II" have been honorably discharged from the Army and are home again.

They are Edwin, George and Roland Provost, three of the seven sons of Frank Provost of Hubert who were in the armed forces of the nation at one time, and the largest number of a single family in North Carolina serving in World War II.

Edwin Provost recently was discharged after serving 18 months in the European theatre with the army. George Provost came home several weeks ago after three years in the Southwest Pacific, and Roland arrived about the same time from Panama where he was stationed with the Army for four years.

The other four sons are Edward, who is in the Merchant Marine; Roy in the army, Daniel in the Marines, and Fred in the Navy.

## Governor Cherry Calls On Citizens To Buy TB Christmas Seals

● Raleigh—(AP)—Governor Cherry has called upon the citizens of this state to buy and use Christmas seals "to help make possible the complete eradication of tuberculosis in North Carolina."

The North Carolina Tuberculosis association, which is conducting its annual seal sale between November 19 and December 25, uses 95 per cent of the seal funds for a North Carolina health program, Cherry said.

**SCHOOLMASTERS MEET**

● The November meeting of the Onslow County Schoolmasters club will be held at Odum's Oyster Roast at Swansboro November 29.

# City To Consider Bond Referendum Call Tonight

## Clean-Up Effort Opens In Jacksonville Monday

● A six-day city-wide clean-up campaign begins in Jacksonville Monday in an effort to tidy the municipality for the Christmas season. It will continue through November 30.

Sponsored by the Jacksonville Woman's club, the clean-up drive affects every residence and business place in the city, and will lead up to a Christmas home-lighting contest, also to be sponsored by the club.

Beginning Monday, city trucks will carry away all trash and garbage placed in receptacles in front of residences or in the usual places down street. Property owners are urged to clean up, but to make certain that all trash is in cartons or cans so that it can be easily transported.

In a recent proclamation, Mayor Ramon Askew called on the citizens to put on a holiday dress by tidying all premises putting cans and bottles in sacks and place other rubbish in boxes or cartons on the streets where they can be hauled off by the city trucks.

## Ask Supreme Court To Unseat Glass, Virginia Senator

● Washington—(AP)—The Supreme Court was asked to declare vacant the Senate seat of ailing, 87-year-old Carter Glass, Virginia Democrat, because of his three-year absence from the Senate floor.

John Locke Green, Republican leader of nearby Arlington county, Va., appealed from the Virginia Supreme court, which had refused to unseat the veteran legislator and require Governor C. W. Darden to call a special election. Glass' term runs to 1949.

Green brought to a new climax a controversy over the senatorship that has been agitated in Virginia for months. He told the high court:

"It is widely known that Senator Glass has not functioned as a senator since June 20, 1942 . . . Due to his extreme advanced age, coupled with long absence . . . the presumption is well founded that he is incapacitated physically and mentally . . ."

What the Supreme Court will do—whether it will decide to hear the appeal—will not be known for perhaps two months. Time is alloted for filing papers by both sides.

## Burton And Steed Recommend Tested Practices On Farms

● N. A. Burton, Jacksonville, Route No. 1, district supervisor of the Lower Neuse Soil Conservation District in Onslow County, says that he has been using approximately twenty tons of lime each year for the past several years and is well pleased with the results both in crop growth and yield.

Burton also recommends the use of crotalaria on deep sandy soils to build and help maintain fertility of the soil. Burton said, "This deep sandy area (St. Lucie fine sand-soil type), was producing about five bushels of corn per acre before using crotalaria; after growing one crop of crotalaria and turning it into the soil, this same area produced fifteen bushels of corn to the acre."

J. E. Steed, Jr., of Richlands, recommends obtaining fuel and flue wood by selective cutting. "This is a very good practice," says Steed, "instead of clear cutting when obtaining fuel or flue wood, cut crooked, diseased and inferior trees, leaving the healthy, well-formed trees to grow to maturity. If the stand is too thick, a systematic thinning every five or ten years will increase the growth of the stand by letting in more sunlight and reducing root competition for the remainder of the stand."

## Develop Range Finder For Blind Cameramen; Undergoes More Tests

● Hollywood—(AP)—Film Cameraman Joseph Walker says he has invented a compact photoelectric range finder that will enable blind persons to determine by sound the nature, size, direction, and distance of many near-by objects.

Walker said in an interview that the device, housed in a small carrying case, has been turned over to the Braille Institute of America for further testing and development.

He explained that light reflected from objects is picked up by two motion picture camera lenses set in the front of the box. The light activates the photoelectric cells and produces buzzing sounds which a sightless person may learn to interpret.

## National War Fund Some $4,600 Short Of Its $9,000 Quota

● **A total of $4,381.07 has been raised in Onslow County's National War Fund campaign, it was announced yesterday by Chairman T. Newton Cook.**

**The fund is some $4,600 short of the $9,000 quota set for USO and other national agencies and local organizations, including the Onslow County Council of Community Services.**

**Several communities are yet to report, Cook said, and the colored division will continue its effort until the first of December. However, the funds they turn in will not raise the total amount up to the quota.**

## 6 White Onslowans Leave For Induction In Army Nov. 29th

● Six white registrants will leave for induction at Fort Bragg November 29:

They are:

Calvin Arestis Coston, Jr., Sneads Ferry; Jesse Thomas Moore, Jr., Swansboro; Warren Leland Horne, Jr., Beulaville; William Cornelius Yopp, Sneads Ferry; Kenneth Clayborn Turner, Richlands; H. J. Daughtry, Jacksonville.

The list of white registrants leaving for preinduction physical examination at Fort Bragg:

Henry Kendall Fisher, Sneads Ferry; Douglas Jennings Kellum, Jacksonville; Jonas Junior Brinson, Richlands; Robert Keith Rains, Midway Park; Leroy Stanley Gibbles, Jacksonville; Charles Swinson Taylor, Maysville; Adolph Louis Wetherington, Silverdale; Jesse James Watson, Swansboro; Stevie Earl Wells, Richlands; Hal Newton Trott, Richlands; Carlton Louis Humphrey, Richlands; Walter Donald Howard, Jacksonville; Richard Fletcher Dew, Midway Park.

## USO Travelers Aid Will Cease Operations Here November 30

● After three years service here, the USO Travelers Aid will close November 30, it was announced yesterday by Harvey Boney, chairman of the operating committee. The decline in the personnel at Camp Lejeune has reduced the calls for this war emergency service to a minimum, according to Boney.

In the three years the USO Travelers Aid has been in operation in Jacksonville, it has given services to more than 133,000 travelers passing through, according to Mrs. Josephine Burns, director.

During the early war years when the housing problem was more acute, this agency set up housing files through which more than 34,000 persons were helped to find living quarters.

"Mrs. Burns and her predecessors here have been talented and capable people. Much of the comfort of service men in our community can be attributed to Mrs. Burns and the Travelers Aid staff. It has been a pleasure to work with them and to have them in our midst," Boney said.

Mrs. Burns will leave soon for another post with USO-Travelers Aid. In speaking of her work, Boney said, "Our contact with Travelers Aid has given us much insight into the problems of moving people, and we hope that Jacksonville will continue to keep its interest in this problem alive."

Travelers Aid has been assisted in its months of service by its operating committee consisting of Boney, Rev. Carl Craig, Carl Phillips, Mrs. Dan Bright, and Mrs. Z. E. Murrell.

If and when Travelers Aid services are needed after this operation closes, arrangements have already been made with the Federal USO and New Bridge Street USO clubs to give assistance, Mrs. Burns said.

**GENERAL PATCH DIES**

● San Francisco, Texas, —(AP)—Lieut. Gen. Alexander M. Patch, Jr., commanding general of the Fourth Army with headquarters at Fort Sam Houston, died in Brooke General hospital from pneumonia.

**ATTENDS CONVENTION**

● James A. Odom, secretary of the Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce, attended a convention of the Carolina Motor club at Charlotte this week.

● The Board of Commissioners of the City of Jacksonville tonight will consider calling a referendum to decide if bonds shall be issued for approximately $168,000 with which to make necessary water and sewer line extensions and install curbs, gutters and storm drains.

If issuance of bonds is favored in the proposed referendum, the town could realize permanent improvements amounting to $285,027.57, including $90,038.77 in water and sewer line extensions and $194,988.80 in drainage facilities. The latter figure, as in a paving proposal, would depend largely upon cooperative efforts of property owners on each street.

The figures, studied by Mayor Ramon Askew and Commissioners Hedrick Aman and J. C. Collins Tuesday night, are taken from a very comprehensive report of municipal improvements prepared by City Engineer Herbert Eastwood of the engineering firm of William F. Freeman of High Point.

**Seven needed "improvements" in the city were recommended for immediate and future accomplishment at a total cost of $597,019.57, including, in addition to the aforementioned two items, paving in the amount of $146,827.17; water purification plant, $41,010; additional sewer clarifier, $21,168; sidewalks, $66,554.83; and town hall, $37,412. The figures include additions of 10 per cent or more for contingency purposes.**

Although probably immediately staggering to the taxpayer's imagination, it is to be remembered that the recommendations are on a long-term basis, and that the only immediate recommendations are for utilities extensions and drainage.

**Tantamount to Referendum**

As for paying, which the engineers recommended to accompany the drainage work, that figure will almost assuredly be omitted from the proposed referendum call. Under present statutes, according to City Attorney John D. Warlick, whenever 51 per cent of the property holders on any street within the corporate limits agrees to an assessment for paving, that is tantamount to a referendum, and the city can legally issue bonds to finance its part of the work. It is the same plan which has been employed here in the past with property owners only on that street affected by the paving paying two-thirds and the city one-third of the cost. That same procedure will be followed as to curbs and gutters for the most part, but since drainage more affects and applies to all of the city than does paving a separate street or block, it must be included in a town-wide referendum. Therefore, 45% of the total drainage cost would be requested in the referendum.

The water and sewer line extensions would make possible the immediate extensions of facilities to Cheney Heights, Bayshore Estates and to the Tallman property on Marine Boulevard which is now by-passed by sewer lines to Overbrook.

**City In Position**

Voting a bond issue now, it was pointed out, would put the city in a position of being prepared to take advantage of Federal funds if and when they become available for a post-war public works program. In that case the city's share in the work would be further reduced. And, since the water and purification plant and sewage clarifier could be considered extensions of the water and sewer project, financed by referendum-approved bonds, the city could also take advantage of federal funds to secure those improvements, it was said.

**Adjourned Meeting**

However, because two members of the board were absent no action was taken on the proposed referendum Tuesday night. The meeting was adjourned to meet again tonight when, it is hoped, all members will be able to be present.

The report to the city board, asked of the engineer recently, is very comprehensive. It includes the cost of paving and installing drainage facilities on every street in the city, with the cost of each separated.

As for the purification plant, the present water supply is said to be ample and of good quality. However, the engineers recommend that when funds are available that the plant be expanded to reduce hardness of water. As for the sewage disposal plant, the report pointed out that the present plant is in general adequate for the present load. Some need, it was said, is felt for an additional clarifier unit, and any considerable increase in load will make it essential. This work is not recommended for immediate construction.

**JAPS TESTED ALLIED GUNS**

● Nagoya, Japan—(AP)—A recovery team of the U. S. 25th division found that at the end of the war the Japanese were testing American, British and even Russian artillery at the big and efficient Konakayama proving grounds 65 miles east of here. The American and British types apparently were captured.