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Down East with Billy Arthur

Well, after having resided in New York a number of months and made frequent trips there in later years, this past week's trip up with the Unholy Triumvirate—Jim Tanner, Buddy Phillips and Bruce Abbott—was the best yet. And, that was because of one play, which should be a "must" on the list of every person from these parts.

Because they are familiar with Navy life, more or less, and because they are North Carolinians—and more so, because of the sheer entertainment and laughs—none should miss "Mr. Roberts."

Without doubt, it's the funniest play I've ever seen. And the acting of the entire cast is superb. Of course, there's Henry Fonda, who has to do a good job to warrant his being starred as "Mr. Roberts."

Too, there's Henry Hull, who does a remarkable characterization of the doctor. The lesser stars in the play—the swabbies, so to speak—are excellent in their parts.

And not forgetting the captain of the ship against whom everyone has conspired, he is wonderful.

But the splendid acting job is done by a North Carolinian—Murray Hamilton of Washington, N. C.—who plays the part of Ensign Pulver. Stepping into the part vacated by David Wayne for movie work, young Hamilton portrays to perfection the ambitious and yet adolescent ensign fresh out of Naval Academy. It is Pulver who has consistently the best lines in the play, and the best scenes; and Hamilton carries them through to the perfection that made me proud of both his and my being Tar Heels. Everyone should see the play.

"Touch and Go", a fresh musical is also splendid entertainment. But stay away from "Arms and the Girl." We left at intermission in spite of the good work and singing of Pearl Bailey.

Another good show is the Diamond Horseshoe. There, W. C. Handy, author of the St. Louis Blues, and Irving Richardson, author of "Sweet Adeline," surprise the audience with their personal appearances and renditions of the old favorites. On the same bill is Noble Sissel—remember him?—all in a presentation of an old-time minstrel.

Eddie Davis is the same fast comedian who will delight folks from this area at Leon and Eddie's. He's the best comic, to my thinking, up there.

His show the night we saw it was featured by personal appearances of yours truly and Buddy.

I had to straighten out the piano player, who couldn't follow me—who could?—but Buddy was Arthur Murray or Fred Astaire the show.

But Jacksonville, North Carolina, got plenty of publicity that night. Eddie mentioned the town and the state no less than a half dozen times during the show.

I was on the twenty-first floor of the hotel—so high up that my nose bled.

When I went on the elevator, they had to put me in the room to cure the bends.

The elevator was so fast going down that my underwear choked me.

We had a little trouble getting to see all the things we wanted to. For one reason, Jim stayed on the telephone calling up the cafe to find out how much business was done that day.

But one thing we've straightened out—and that's the poached and boiled egg business. Jim maintained that cafe folks didn't like to serve them when they were set up for lunch. That is, he maintained that until we got down to Weir's in Williamston, friends of Jim's. There we put the question. That fellow said he certainly did like to sell them—anytime as long as the folks had the jack to pay for them.

From then on in home, we had peace and quiet.

Not that Jim talked all the way back from New York—it just seemed like it, particularly when he would wake up before Buddy and me and start giving us conversation.

The trip across Cape Charles-Little Creek ferry is a break in the trip. But make the schedules at this time of the year, because, baby, it's cold outside at Cape Charles, and the weak coffee is a dime.

And, may I add that Jane Russell looks just as well from the back as she does the front.

Jane was on at the Paramount with Bob Hope in an in-person performance; and while they didn't set the world on fire, they were entertaining. Hope worked hard for the laughs he got, but Jane got along all right with her songs.

Rev. Robert Kirchgesner stopped by the office Friday and said that everytime he picked up the paper we were always remarking about Art Inness not going to church, and added that Art attended church Thursday evening.

Rev. Mortimer Glover To Speak Thursday

The Reverend Mortimer Glover, Rector of St. James Church of Wilmington, will be guest speaker Thursday night at the fourth program in a series of Lenten services at St. Anne's Episcopal church here.

The programs, which begin at 7:30, consist of evening prayer and Litany each Thursday.

Lejeune High Captures Class 'B' Championship; White Oak Makes Finals

Camp Lejeune's scrapping, well-drilled basketball team from Jacksonville won the State B championship here Saturday night before approximately 1,500 fans by defeating Matthews High, 37-25.

Floyd Propst, high-scoring forward for Camp Lejeune, was named on the Greensboro Daily News all-state team. He was the only Class "B" player selected for the honor. Propst was credited with providing the necessary points in giving Lejeune the championship. He has scored an average of 22.7 points in 24 games this season.

Meanwhile, the boys basketball team from White Oak school was slated to enter the finals of the annual Star-News Southeastern tournament against Bolivia last night.

The White Oak boys, called the "Cinderella team" by Wilmington sports writers, were not conceded any chance at the tourney's beginning. Representing the smallest school in the tournament, the team has successfully defeated Dixon, 55 to 38, Long Creek-Grady, 22-18, and Leland 34-29.

The Dixon boys, who were defeated by White Oak, knocked White Oak out of the county tournament several weeks ago by a one-point margin. The team is coached by C. M. Ward.

At the half, Lejeune was ahead by a 24-13 margin. Lejeune jumped into a 2-0 lead and never was headed. The Matthews team, representing the western section of the State, had a miserable night at the free throw lane and that hurt them.

Coach J. C. Ellington's Lejeune five was too speedy for the taller westerners. Star Forward Floyd Propst had 18 points and was just about the whole show for the winners.

Propst also turned in a great job on rebounds along with Joe Barringer, Ronald Hodge, a six-foot freshman, also played well.

Propst Again
Bobby Phillips, a six-foot five-inch center, led a Matthews drive which narrowed the Lejeune lead to 26-17 shortly after the third quarter got underway. But then Propst hit with his specialty, a one-hander, and Lejeune was off again.

Mostly it was Propst's one-handers and five free throws by different players. Actually, Lejeune missed only two free throws in the last half and the Matthews team never did offer any serious resistance. Bill Private, a tall boy, and Earl Williamson, played good defensive games for the losers.

Lejeune lost out in the finals of the State Class B finals last season to Trinity. The boys vowed at that time they would be back and take the championship home. They did a good job of doing that night. The speedy Lejeune five worked smoothly and set up numerous plays which befuddled Matthews' team considerably.

Propst averaged 22 points per game during the regular season.

Camp Lejeune	G.	Ft.	Pf.	Tp.
Propst, f	5	4	3	14
Hodge, f	2	1	2	5
Brown, f	0	0	0	0
Crouch, f	0	0	0	0
R. Frucci, c	2	2	4	6
A. Frucci, c	0	0	1	0
Barringer, g	1	0	0	2
D. Simpson, g	3	2	1	8
H. Simpson, g	1	0	1	2
Munch, g	0	0	0	0
Totals	14	9	12	37

Matthews	G.	Ft.	Pf.	Tp.
Green, f	0	0	3	0
Private, f	4	0	0	0
Funderburk, f	0	0	0	0
Gardner, f	0	0	0	0
Phillips, c	3	3	2	9
Garland, c	0	0	0	0
Mullis, g	3	2	3	8
Williamson, g	0	0	1	0
Forbis, g	0	0	0	0
Black, g	0	0	0	0
Totals	10	5	11	25

Half time score: Camp Lejeune 24, Matthews 13.

Free throws missed: Propst 3, Hodge, A. Frucci, Barringer, Private 3, Williamson 3, Mullis 2, Phillips, Green.

Lejeune Marine Admits Another Local Theft

Pfc. Norman Kystad, marine thief-of-all-trades, added another item to his list of admitted thefts in this area this week. Chief of Police Clyde Cook reported this week.

The 19-year-old marine, Cook said, had confessed to stealing three "joke box" selection attachments from the outside of the Whistle'n Pig, on the outskirts of Jacksonville, last fall.

Two other marines were implicated in the early morning theft, Cook said, but Kystad refused to identify them. In addition to the latest charge, Kystad is being held by Camp Lejeune officials for the theft of \$1200 and a safe from the American Cleaners, the robbery of an automobile belonging to Dick Bender, of Jacksonville, the robbery of the Western Union office in Kinston and the burglary of two Kinston homes.

Census Leaders Are Announced In Onslow County Mrs. Hales, Miss Barbee Selected For County Posts

Mrs. Carl W. Hales of 408 Bordeaux St., Jacksonville, and Miss Viola Barbee of Richlands will serve as crew leaders for the 1950 census enumeration in Onslow County. Nere E. Day, district supervisor, announced this week.

Mrs. Hales and Miss Barbee will attend a crew leaders training course in Goldsboro this week under the direction of Hugh Bell, of Washington. The course, Day said, covers a period of eight days of intensive and technical training in 1950 census taking.

A training period for the Onslow County enumerators, Mrs. Hales said Saturday, will begin in Jacksonville on March 25. The enumerators for the county, she said, will be announced later. The workers will begin the 25th census taking on April 1 and will continue for ten days.

Other crew leaders in this district are Hoppie E. Beamon, New Bern; Mrs. Arabel C. Borden, Goldsboro; Mrs. Tressie E. Campbell, Clinton; Coleman Carter, Garland; R. E. Chase, Eureka; Rodolph Duffy, New Bern; Bernice A. Farrior, Kenansville; Bertie M. Farrell, Clinton; Mrs. Melba D. Herring, Clinton; Earl G. Johnson, Harkers Island; Murvin R. Jones, Mt. Olive; David O. Lancaster, Goldsboro; Mrs. Alice G. Moore, Vandemere; Thomas H. McGowan, Wallace; Mrs. Norma R. Sawyer, Bupgrass; William M. Thomas, Beaufort; and Mrs. Christine W. Williams, Pink Hill.

Baseball League Formed Friday At Meeting Here

Organization of the Tri-County baseball league for the coming season was launched at a meeting of four 1949 club representatives Friday night.

Local and community teams in this section desiring entrance in the league should notify President Leon Justice, Jacksonville, Route 1, before March 24. The team rosters may carry twenty local players.

Maple Hill won the pennant last year, the first of the league. Representatives of the four club were present at Friday's meeting. In addition to Maple Hill, the clubs were Southwest, Verona and Lyman.

A committee composed of Carl Gurganus, Roscoe Sandlin, James Wooten and Leon Brown was named to direct the 1950 organization.

Geneva Ward Selected To Represent County In Azalea Festival

Geneva Ward, of Swansboro, was selected to represent Onslow County in the Wilmington Azalea Festival, Saturday morning in an elimination contest held in the Agricultural Building in Jacksonville.

Miss Ward will be a guest during the three-day festival and will serve as an attendant to the festival queen. Other girls in the contest Saturday were Mary Louise Tanner, representing Jacksonville high school, Peggy Ann Cox, representing Richlands, Betty Claire Grant, representing Dixon, and Peggy McKeel, representing White Oak. Judges for the contest were Miss Lovelace Waller, assistant home agent for Craven County, and Paul Cox, assistant farm agent, also of Craven County.

The contest was sponsored by the home demonstration club women of the county.

Cotton Mills Changing Old Southern Tradition

CHAPEL HILL, N. C.—(AP)—A deep-rooted tradition of the South in this area this week—is disappearing. Southern cotton mills, which for years have rented scores of village homes, are selling the dwellings to workers.

The break-up of this mill-worker relationship, often termed "feudalistic" by its many critics, is described in a book recently published by the University of North Carolina Press. Harriet L. Herring of the university is the author.

Pride in home ownership and individuality are quickly reflected, the author says. She notes: "Some of the people paint their houses soon after purchasing them even if this not particularly necessary, using a different color from the neighbors and often putting a trimming in bright contrasting colors."

Urgent Need For Additional Hostesses At Club Stressed

Auto Wrapped Around Pole; Three Are Killed



Three persons perished in this wreckage of an automobile which left the highway near Shelby, N. C., at high speed and literally wrapped itself around a pole. (AP Photo).

School Faculty To Present Show On Friday Night

Footlight Frolies, an all faculty entertainment will be presented by the Parent-Teachers Association Friday night, March 17, at the Jacksonville High School Auditorium at 8 o'clock. Proceeds from the presentation will go to the Band Fund which is a major consideration of the Parent Teachers Association.

Mrs. W. R. Lingle, Finance Chairman, is in charge of the program which will include members of the faculty from both elementary and high school.

Featured on the program will be several chorus numbers as well as songs and dances. One portion will be made up of a black face skit and both comic and dramatic readings will be given. Several solos will also be sung.

Memory of an impromptu program staged by the faculty last year as a benefit and put on for the students makes all for the school children anxious to see this year's follies, which should be even better.

Tickets for the entertainment may be secured at the door and will be sold at 50c for adults and 25c for school children.

Early in the year the Parent Teachers Association voted to make a band for the school a major project and since that time plans to secure funds for basic instruments, music and other necessities for beginning a band have been made. Proceeds from Friday's program will go to this fund in order that before the next school year opens all may be in readiness to start a small band.

Who Wears The Best— Sailors Or Marines?

Jacksonville Policemen Fred Parker and Hugh Henderson noticed an unusually large number of men gathered around the corner of New Bridge and Court streets Saturday night about midnight.

The gathering had all the markings of an impending free-for-all so the officers stopped to investigate.

The trouble? A sailor had informed a marine that the uniforms of the U. S. Navy are made of better material than those of the U. S. Marine Corps. The marine didn't agree and the crowd was waiting around to see the fight.

The two passed a few blows, Parker said, before the crowd was dispersed. Who wears the best material still hasn't been decided.

Scottish Rite Master Masons Give Party

More than two hundred and fifty Scottish Rite Masons took part in a dinner, arranged by Chaibe Sells, at Midway Park Community center Friday night.

Present for the occasion were C. A. Seifert, secretary of New Bern Scottish Rite lodge; G. A. Farrow, New Bern, director of work; and Carl Banting and Charles Dissell, officials of Sudan Temple.

In the past two years, Sells has taken in 52 members of the Scottish Rite and 42 members in the Shrine.

Toastmaster for the enjoyable occasion was George W. Faville, master of one of the Scottish Rite lodges and a leading York Rite Mason here.

Alaskan Field Tests Prove Ability Of American Armed Forces In Cold

WASHINGTON—(AP)—American taxpayers spent \$1,200,000 on the recent war games in the Canadian Yukon and Alaska, in addition to the regular running expenses of the 3,110 U. S. ground and air personnel who took part. What did they get for their money?

The correspondent was there for the first week as an observer. It was time enough to see something of what the Army and Air Force were learning. Since 1946 the military men have been working more and more on the problems of fighting and flying in the Alaska area. Since 1947 they have had occasional field tests, involving a few hundred men. These 1950 exercises, however, were the first large-scale tryout for men and equipment.

The maneuvers proved that a large force of men could be quickly transported by air into the Arctic, ready to live and fight in frigid temperatures. A battalion (750 men) was flown from Camp Carson, Colo., a distance of 2,600 miles to Whitehorse, Canada, with all their arms, equipment, cold weather clothing and sleeping bags. Officers said it was the longest airlift of fully armed men ever attempted.

In addition 2,000 men were transported by truck in midwinter from the United States to Alaska over the Alaska Highway. The trip went off smoothly, without traffic tie-ups or other serious incidents. These achievements are important because they prove the feasibility of one phase of America's strategy for Alaskan defense. The U. S.

Response Termed 'Disappointing' By Mrs. Burton

Chambers Issue
Statements To
Support Program

Urgent need for additional senior hostesses to conduct a well-rounded recreation program as a community-wide project for service personnel at the NCCS club was voiced yesterday by Mrs. J. W. Burton, chairman of the volunteers committee.

"Response to the first call for volunteers has been disappointing in some respects, particularly as to number," Mrs. Burton said. "More volunteers are needed to conduct the program and thereby ease the entertaining burden now carried by a loyal few."

Two volunteer senior hostesses only are needed for each night in the week, and as a community project, the Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce and the Jacksonville Jaycees have mapped a house-to-house canvass for them.

The NCCS club, formerly the USO, is being kept open as a recreation center for Camp Lejeune personnel through the cooperation of the U. S. Marine Corps, which is maintaining the huge center, the National Catholic Community Service which is appropriating some \$17,000 this year for salaries and other expenses, and a group of volunteers who act as hostesses and supplement the operating personnel.

The Jacksonville Chamber and Jaycees, in a statement issued jointly yesterday by M. A. Cowell and Rev. Robert Robert Kirchgesner, liaison committee chairman and president respectively, "feel that the need of volunteers is worthwhile and should be met as a community-wide project."

"Because of the number of service personnel who use the club and thereby move in and out of Jacksonville and do business here, it is felt that the NCCS club deserves the wholehearted support of the community, particularly the people in business."

The NCCS club provides a place where service personnel can obtain wholesome recreation through dancing, card playing, skating, checkers, letter writing, instruction, crafts and hobbies. "In the participation, a vast number of servicemen visiting Jacksonville thereby do not take part in activities that eventually might lead to trouble," the statement said.

At the onset almost all the churches of Jacksonville offered to furnish volunteer receptionists and hostesses at the club, but the demand now exceeds the supply. That works a hardship on the faithful few who are striving to maintain and rebuild good relations between Jacksonville and Camp Lejeune.

"Therefore," the statement said "it is felt that the appeal should be made on a sensible business-like basis and not through the churches, because, actually, no religious program is being conducted at the NCCS club, rather one of wholesome entertainment only."

"It is for that reason that the chamber and the Jaycees have undertaken this house-to-house canvass for volunteer senior hostesses. The more hostesses who volunteer the less work it will be for all and the better program that can be presented," the Jaycees and chamber said.

Hadnot-Sandlin Post To Elect New Officers For VFW Thursday

New Officers of the Hadnot-Sandlin VFW Post 9010 will be elected Thursday night at the club's home, it was announced this week. Nominations for the nine officers were made last week.

A. J. Claus, R. F. McCoy, W. E. Day, and Hiram Rasmick are candidates for post commander. A. I. Smith and O. D. Wallbrown are running for senior vice commander and C. C. Fulp, R. F. Hill, E. L. Stiekie, Jerry Garrity, W. E. Day and Paul Glade are running for election as junior commander.

Other candidates are: for quartermaster, Anthony Gailanella, and C. X. Forrer; For judge advocate, C. C. Swearingen and J. D. Warlick; for chaplain, E. H. Granath and A. W. Seiers; for post surgeon, W. E. Day and L. J. Eddy; for a two year trustee, J. P. Burnette and C. C. Fulp; and for three year trustee, R. F. McCoy and A. W. Sellers.