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Down East with Billy Arthur

From someplace Sam Sackhoff 'ug up some definitions and put 'em in the weekly Kiwanis bulletin. They are:

Traffic Cop: One who whistles while he works. Detour: The roughest distance between two points. Diapers: Changeable seat covers. Dust: Mud with the juice squeezed out. Bald Head: Where there is no dying or parting. The Seven Ages of Women: The infant, the little girl, the miss, the young woman, the young woman, the young woman, the young woman.

The other morning a man approached Sam and wanted to fix his sewing machine. "I fix Leder's machine," he added.

"If you fix Leder's sewing machines, you can't work on mine," Sam declared.

"Why?" the man asked astounded.

"We belong to different clans," Seo-Sman Sackhoff explained.

Roy Lassiter felt D. C. Tripp's handsome sport shirt the other afternoon and inquired, "Is that the best one you could pick out of someone's laundry?"

Al Dickson of the Wilmington Star telephoned the other afternoon seeking some information, and I confessed that I probably should be better armed with information when I go speaking out in public.

"That's the way it is with a lot of us," Al came back. "We usually spout the loudest when we know the least."

Town Clerk Bill Starling wasn't in his second childhood and making mud pies down town the other morning. He was merely learning something new—how to turn off some water that was doing a bit of damage in one of the stores. But Bill was dutifully down on his knees digging handfuls of mud from the meter box.

Flash—Judge Harvey Boney was down town at 9:45 a.m. Wednesday morning.

I suspect the long court session of Tuesday caused him to stay up all night.

Harvey told the story of the doctor who fell in the well and broke his collar bone. "The moral of that story," said he, "is this: doctors should attend the sick and leave the well alone."

Mayor M. N. Lisk was up from Swansboro yesterday telling about the first big mullet run of the season. "The mullet line radio was busy," he advised. "The boys sent a spy out and he spotted the fish by radio and there was all sorts of noise in the air."

I asked the mayor how things were progressing on politics down his way, and he disclosed that he had the exclusive agency in Onslow County for "Exit Oil." That's oil you can put on the politicians and when they are tossed out of office they don't bruise. I've got a good supply in case they need any in Jacksonville.

Timmons Jones passed as I stood in the doorway leading to the welfare office.

"Trying to get on or off?" he asked.

A local mother complained the other day that her daughter went down to the beach and didn't get home until an early hour in the morning.

"Doesn't she know that the modern girl lives in endless motion? Day in and night out?"

There's quite a difference in some of the girls today and the girls of yesterday. It used to be that they'd take a cocktail and go out like a light. Now they take a cocktail and go out the lights.

Even in recent years customs have changed. In 1947 a girl would inquire, "Please, mother, may I go out tonight?"

In 1948, she said, "May I go out tonight, I'll be in by 10 o'clock."

In 1949 it was "I'm going out tonight."

This year — 1950—It's "Good-night, old folks, I'll bring in the milk."

But, as Guy Langston said at the Kiwanis meeting, good examples are not so plentiful. For instance, take the conversation at the breakfast table when junior asks, "Mother, tell me about daddy?"

And the mother replied, "Please, Junior, not while I'm eating."

And when Junior overhears his father employing his new secretary:

"Do you drink?"
"No."
"Do you smoke?"
"No."
"Do you eat hay?"
"No."
"Then you ain't a fit companion for man or beast."

But it's the little things in life that break up families—little blondes, little brunettes, little red-heads.

Two lines Langston did omit from his safety speech were:

Driving home tonight remember the inventor of whiskey is dead, but his spirit is still with us.

And, it's all right to drink like a fish and drive provided you drink what a fish drinks.

Ambrose Condition Regarded Critical

The condition of S. S. Ambrose, prominent Jacksonville citizen and former town official, was reported yesterday to be critical. He is a patient at Duke hospital in Durham, where he underwent an operation recently.

Hospital Will Get \$50 On Water Bill, Must Pay Remainder, Aldermen Decide

Cardinals Slate Ten Games For 1950 Season

The Jacksonville Cardinals will play ten games this season, eight of them in the East Central Athletic Conference and two non-conference games with Swansboro and Camp Lejeune. The first game is scheduled next Friday with Mount Olive there.

Other games scheduled, Coach Lou Savini said yesterday are:

Sept. 22, Selma here; Sept. 29, Faison, here; Oct. 6, Wallace, here; Sept. 13, Smithfield, here; Oct. 20, open; Oct. 27, Warsaw, there; Nov. 3, Burgaw, there; Nov. 11, Swansboro, here; Nov. 17, LaGrange, here; and Nov. 23, Camp Lejeune, here.

The schedule for other teams in the conference is as follows:

Sept. 15—Faison at LaGrange.

Sept. 22—LaGrange at Warsaw, Mt. Olive at Faison, Burgaw at Smithfield.

Sept. 29—Mt. Olive at Wallace, Selma at LaGrange, Warsaw at Smithfield.

Oct. 6—Warsaw at Selma, Smithfield at Selma, Burgaw at Mt. Olive.

Oct. 13—Mt. Olive at LaGrange, Wallace at Warsaw, Burgaw at LaGrange.

Oct. 20—Selma at Faison, Burgaw at Warsaw, Mt. Olive at Smithfield, LaGrange at Wallace.

Oct. 27—Wallace at Selma, LaGrange at Smithfield, Faison at Burgaw.

Nov. 3—Mt. Olive at LaGrange, Smithfield at Wallace.

Nov. 10—Selma at Burgaw, Camp Lejeune at Wallace (non-conference).

Nov. 11—Faison at Warsaw.

Nov. 17—Warsaw at Mt. Olive, Faison at Wallace, Southport at Burgaw.

Nov. 23—Wallace at Burgaw, Selma at Smithfield.

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Swansboro Street Paving Underway

Hardsurfacing of a number of Swansboro streets is now underway, Mayor M. N. Lisk reported yesterday.

Surfacing of Water street was started Thursday and others in the project are Walnut, Elm, Sixth, part of Broad and First or Hotel street.

Small World: Former Staff Member Is Quantic Writer

Mrs. Kitty Brown who recently resigned as society editor of the Quantic News has been succeeded by Mary Bowen Caputo, wife of Maj. Anthony Caputo. A graduate of the school of Journalism of the University of North Carolina, Mrs. Caputo was for some time reporter and society editor of the News and Views of Jacksonville, N. C.

It's a small world.

Back in the early forties, the News and Views employed a charming girl reporter, native of Burgaw, who had just graduated from the University of North Carolina.

She was Miss Mary Bowen. Mary made quite a hit among the people of Jacksonville, but Editor Billy Arthur made one big mistake. That, however, ended in Mary's favor.

One bright morning one silver star was pinned on Brig. Gen. Allen Hal Turnage, and Mary drove Billy's car out to Tent Camp where Billy made the general's picture standing before the old Gurganus residence, then the general's quarters.

While the picture was being arranged, a tall handsome Marine lieutenant, the general's aide, began a conversation with

Aldermen Vote To Stop Giving Free Water

It was the Town of Jacksonville versus the County of Onslow at the monthly town board of aldermen meeting Tuesday night and the big question was the water at the Onslow County hospital which the town has been providing free for a number of years.

The issue of whether the hospital should pay for its water has been pending since the aldermen placed a meter there early this year and discovered that the bill averaged at least \$100 each month and for the past three months has totaled \$893.

Tuesday night the board voted to give the hospital \$50 of their water bill and charge them for the rest. "If we do that," the aldermen agreed, "they will have the leaking spigots fixed over there and put their water usage on a sound basis."

The new ruling will go into effect on October 1 and will be included on the bill to be mailed out on November 1. The motion to charge the hospital was made by Alderman M. A. Cowell and seconded by W. L. Ketchum. It passed the board without opposition.

As a matter of fact, one alderman, J. Dewey Edwards, made a previous motion to charge the hospital for the entire amount. "The county is charging us for everything they can get," Edwards said. "They're throwing the book at us, why shouldn't we charge them?"

He later withdrew the motion. Two months ago, the county board of commissioners passed a motion which would have forced Jacksonville and other towns in the county to pay for lodging their prisoners in the county jail here.

Following that action, the town officials first began the discussion of charging for the water. The state attorney general's office, however, ruled that such a charge would not be legal.

The fact that two local doctors, G. E. Gurganus and W. C. Stainback, rent offices in the hospital and pay no water bill was also criticized by the aldermen as far as water consumption there was concerned.

"Why should we furnish water free to them for their offices?" the aldermen asked, "when we don't furnish water to any other business in town."

To insult was added to injury when Town Attorney E. W. Summersill reported that the county commissioners in their meeting Tuesday morning had requested the town to furnish water for the courthouse, jail, and agriculture building.

Since Jacksonville gets arrest fees for prisoners lodged in the jail, Summersill reported, the commissioners thought the town could furnish the water for nothing.

"I doubt however," he continued, "that those fees for one year would pay the water bill for one month. No action was taken on that suggestion."

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Board, YFC Supporters Argue Over Courthouse

The Onslow County Board of Commissioners Tuesday stood firm on its charge of \$75 per month rental of the Courthouse for the Youth for Christ Saturday night meetings, and postponed until the October session a scheduled attempt to settle differences in audits of the office of the clerk of court.

The abbreviated session developed into a noisy and unnecessarily personal affair, all to no good result—the commissioners stood firm in their charge; and Youth for Christ supporters were equally steadfast in their opinion they had been definitely and determinedly mistreated.

As for the scheduled hoped-for settlement with Clerk of Superior Court J. R. Gurganus, it was delayed pending Auditor Sidney Shaw for the county getting together in person or by mail with R. L. Steele for the clerk and ironing out several apparent differences.

Meantime, Clerk of Court Gurganus told the News and Views yesterday that he did owe the county \$22 and was ready to pay that. However, he was not disposed to pay another cent unless a jury said so. And, the clerk appeared inclined to ask the court himself in January to have the matter settled one and for all.

As for charging the Town of Jacksonville for care of its prisoners in the county jail, the commissioners asked through Town Attorney E. W. Summersill that arrest fees now going to the town be given instead to the county, if that is legal.

A delegation headed by R. B. (Jack) Turney, director of the Youth for Christ appeared in protest against the bill for \$150 rent and to ask that it be abolished or reduced. The delegation was composed of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Lloyd, Lester Whaley, Rev. Lee Whaley, Alton Rhodes and Mrs. Clifford Padrick.

The matter boiled down to "make the rental reasonable" or the Youth for Christ will have to cease using the courthouse auditorium on Saturday night for its rallies. Turney offered to pledge the move.

SUC Refuses To Reconsider Tidewater Case

The State Utilities Commission Wednesday denied the petitions of the towns of Beaufort and Whiteville to reconsider their order for \$200,000 rate increase for Tide Water Power company.

The commission voted on the petitions three to two, just as they did in approving the increase. The towns are now expected to tie the case to court, probably in New Hanover county, home of the power company.

Beaufort presented its petition to the commission on the behalf of Jacksonville and ten other southeastern North Carolina towns which have protested the rate increase as "unwarranted and unjustified."

At a meeting early last month in Morehead City, mayors, town officers, civic leaders and businessmen from a dozen southeastern North Carolina towns agreed to go to the State Supreme Court if necessary to get relief.

To coordinate their efforts, they organized a Tide Water Rates Protestants Association, and to finance the fight each town pledged itself to share the costs.

The Utilities Commission order, issued last July 28, authorized Tide Water to raise electric rates in 16 southeastern counties \$200,000 a year. Tide Water had asked for \$320,200. The order went into effect immediately, despite protests. Residential rates were lifted \$117,000 and commercial rates \$98,000. Industrial rates were dropped \$13,200 a year.

The order, like yesterday's ruling, was signed by Chairman Stanley Winborne, Commissioner Fred Hunter and Commissioner Edward McMahan, over the objections of Commissioners Joshua James and Harry Westcott.

In acting on the petitions, both groups held firm to their earlier positions. The majority repeated the increase was justified. The minority, James and Westcott, repeated the decision was open to question.

Beaufort and Whiteville contended first in petitions and later in oral argument that the order was "unlawful, unjust, unreasonable and unwarranted," and claimed the commissioners who signed it failed to justify their stand with findings of fact and law.

Beaufort and Whiteville entered petitions under a commission regulation which limits such appeals to parties which were parties to the original hearing. With the exception of Newport, the towns now associated with Whiteville and Beaufort did not file officials' protests at the hearing last year.

The towns had anticipated the (CONTINUED ON PAGE 4)

\$17,000 Spent On Hardsurfacing Of Town Streets

Work Completed On Three Streets; Others Started

The paving of Jacksonville streets is becoming a full time business according to a report made by Mayor Herbert Eastwood at the town board of aldermen meeting Tuesday night.

Paving costing approximately \$17,000 has already been completed since the town adopted the plan for hardsurfacing the streets whereby property owners pay the costs for paving in front of their property and the town pays for paving the intersections.

Of the \$17,000, Eastwood said the town will pay \$2,000 for the intersections with the remainder coming from property owners through either direct payment or assessment.

Three streets in town have been completely hardsurfaced and parts of six other streets have been completed. Plans are being made now for paving Woodland drive and part of Bordeaux and Annsfield. Property owners living on other streets, Town Clerk W. D. Starling reported, are in process of collecting funds for work on other streets too.

The meeting Tuesday night was practically a complete street meeting. Requests for paving or improving at least four streets were presented to the town by residents.

Coleman Bynum appeared for the residents on Woodland drive to secure assurance that the town would put in necessary work and sewer lines there if the residents furnished the cash for hardsurfacing. The money was ready to be turned in, Bynum said, but at least one resident wanted to know for certain that the town would put in the lines.

The board voted to do so on a motion made by Aldermen M. A. Cowell provided 75% of the residents pay for the paving in front of the property.

Too, the board agreed to open the remaining half of Murrill Circle on the northern end of Court street which opens into Highway 17. The new half will run on the left side of Mrs. Lucy Warn's home.

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Group Rehires Miss Bagby, Will Reopen Library

Reopening of the Jacksonville public library and the employment of a recreational director until next July were effected by the Jacksonville Recreation commission at the September meeting at Pine Lodge Tuesday.

The two matters were accomplished simultaneously with the employment of Miss Helen Bagby as director of the youth center for the summer months, and so enthusiastic has been the praise of the center and activities during that period that she was continued for the remainder of the fiscal year.

At the same time, it was decided to open the library with her as librarian. However, the date for opening of the public library will be contingent upon its being restocked with up-to-date books and reclassified by Miss Dorothy Wightman, the district librarian.

The library has been closed since May.

When it is reopened, it will serve the reading public three days per week.

New Teacher Explains Meaning Of Music To Jacksonville

(Editor's note: For the first time in several years, plans have been made for the formation of a band in the Jacksonville schools. In addition, the new music teacher, Robert S. Gaskins, will give instruction in vocal as well as instrument instruction. Following is an article by Gaskins on the proposed program.)

BY ROBERT S. GASKINS

First of all let us see where music fits into our lives, what does it mean to our every day way of life? Is music something that is for a talented few or does it cover the masses of people? What can a well rounded music program in the schools mean to the town, and what part will the town play in the music program? These are questions that are being asked by many people in the Jacksonville area these days and this article is designed to give the people of Jacksonville a clear conception of just what the music program will be and what the aims and objectives of this program are to be.

Let us take a look at music and see how it fits into the "Basic Objectives of Education." (1) Music contributes to health, the posture that a person uses when he sings is a very fine example of one thing that will be a contributing factor in his health, he sits or stands erect, feet flat on the floor; his respiratory and muscular systems are held erect and exercised in a free and easy manner. A healthy mind is the way to a healthy body and music gives a person an outlet for nervous energy and a way to relax and forget his troubles. (2) Music develops command of the fundamental processes, through music a person can develop control of the eyes, ears and other parts of the body that can not be developed any other way. (3) Music is a profitable vocation. A person can earn extra money by playing in bands and singing in choirs; there is also a large professional field open in performance, theory, composition

Holleman Plane Found Crashed In Delaware

\$25,000 Building To House Belk Store Planned

Erection of a modern \$25,000 store building adjacent to Jacksonville post office on New Bridge street to accommodate Belk's Department Store was announced yesterday by G. P. Johnson of Jacksonville and Dr. George Johnson of Wilmington.

Announcement of the proposed building, construction of which is expected to begin with a matter of days or weeks depending on materials, came simultaneous with incorporation of the firm—Belk's Department Store, Inc., a mercantile business, authorized capital stock of \$100,000, subscribed stock of \$500 by W. H. Belk, Jr., John Belk and Irwin Belk, all of Charlotte.

W. B. Beery of Wilmington, who is associated with Belk-Williams, Inc., in Wilmington and who will be one of the principal owners of the Jacksonville store, told the News and Views yesterday that "plans for the store have not been worked out in detail."

"Generally speaking, it will be a nice store that will appeal to the discriminating shopper, and will be comparable to our Wilmington store. We hope to be able to state a definite policy and plan within a week or so."

"We have been anxious to locate a store in Jacksonville, and sincerely hope that the public will receive us with the same enthusiasm we have in securing one here," Beery said.

The building will have a 75-foot modern glass front with a vast amount of window display, and will be 125 feet deep. It will be one-story and of brick.

The building will be attractive and modern throughout and air conditioned and will have indirect lighting.

J. L. Goodman will be the contractor.

A small amount of brick has already been hauled onto the site, but construction will hardly begin until materials are on hand to proceed with the structure. At present cement and steel are the materials which have not arrived. But Johnson said yesterday he hoped materials would arrive in time to begin foundation work in a matter of days, possibly a week. However, the delay in materials could hold up start of construction a week.

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Beef Cattle Program Discussion Planned At Tuesday Meeting

Farmers interested in purchasing beef cattle were urged yesterday by County Agent Charlie C. Clark to attend a cattle meeting Tuesday night at 7:30 in the Agriculture building here.

A full discussion on the county cattle program, the potential costs and the prospects for raising cattle in Onslow will be held, Clark said. In addition, the possibility of financial assistance through the Farmers Housing Administration will be discussed by Paul Parks, supervisor.

Park and Clark emphasized, however, that the meeting is for all farmers, whether they intend to secure loans to purchase cattle or not.

Yates Creech of the Production Credit association will be invited to attend the meeting, Clark said, as will Warren Taylor and E. M. Canady of the First Citizens Bank and Trust company.

Four Club Meetings Slated By Home Agent

One Home Demonstration club meeting today and three next week were announced yesterday by Miss Lillian Swinson, county home agent. The Haw Branch club meets today, and on Tuesday, the South West club will meet.

On Wednesday the Bell Oak club will meet with Mrs. Graham Eubank and the Sand Hill club will meet on next Friday with Mrs. Archie Rouse. All of the meetings will begin at 2:30.

MASONIC SUPPER

A Masonic supper for Master Masons and their ladies will be given tomorrow night at 6 o'clock at the Community building in Midway Park. All Master Masons are invited to attend. It was announced yesterday.

Jacksonville Businessman, Three Passengers Killed In Plane Crash

The bodies of B. J. Holleman, prominent Jacksonville businessman and three servicemen companions were found late Wednesday in a cornfield near New Castle, Del., amid the wreckage of Holleman's four-passenger Navion plane which had been the subject of a four-state search since Sunday morning.

Two of the servicemen passengers on the fatal holiday flight to New York were identified yesterday morning by the Camp Lejeune public information office as HM3 Carl D. Fielding, 24, and HM2 Arthur E. Fach, 24, both of Brooklyn. They were attached to headquarters battalion, Second Marine Division at Camp Lejeune. The identity of the third passenger, a Marine, was still unknown at noon yesterday.

A Delaware Civil Air Patrol pilot spotted the wreckage which was scattered over a 200 foot area about seven miles from Wilmington, Del.

The pilot, a prominent businessman of Eastern North Carolina, was owner of the Jacksonville Airport, Inc., and had had his transport license about a year and a half. He was regarded as a cautious pilot, after having learned to fly when he became interested in the airport and its development.

Almost single-handedly in late years he has promoted the airport to a place of comparative prominence as a center for charter flights, and at the time of his death was nearing agreement with the Civil Aeronautics Administration to designate the field a feeder-field where tickets could be purchased anywhere in the nation and passengers flown to airline centers.

Holleman came to Jacksonville in 1934 as owner of the Riverview hotel, a popular inn for sportsmen in those days, and operated it until the early Forties. Prior to coming here he was in the automobile business in Smithfield and Raleigh. He was a native of Johnson County.

Later he owned and operated the New River Oil company here and branched out into the real estate business, acquiring interests in several buildings hereabouts.

He was past president of the Jacksonville Kiwanis club and a charter member, a former secretary of the Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce, and Onslow director of the East Carolina Regional Housing Authority. That authority is now, at his behest, working on a low-income housing project for the community.

As a churchman, he was chairman of the Board of Deacons of Jacksonville Baptist church and its treasurer.

At the time of his untimely death, he was serving as lieutenant governor of the Seventh District of Kiwanis.

The plane was said to have nosed over in a field several hundred yards from the Delaware river and to have disintegrated. The ship apparently crashed in stormy weather, a spokesman said, and it appeared that the plane was trying to make a turn when it fell.

The plane had been missing since 8:35 Saturday night when it left Salisbury, Md., after refueling for Teterboro, N. J.

More than 100 Coast Guard and Air-sea rescue unit pilots had combed the river and sea coast areas of New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, and eastern Pennsylvania since the Teterboro airport reported that the plane was overdue there at 3:15 Sunday morning.

State police roped off the area from hundreds of spectators as New Castle coroner William Smith Jr. removed the four badly mangled bodies to a Wilmington morgue. Smith said that the three servicemen were in uniform and that the watch of one man had stopped at 8:22 (probably daylight saving time on which Camp Lejeune operates or 9:22 EST, indicating that the plane crashed at (CONTINUED ON PAGE 7)

Town Will Open Rest Of Circle On Court Street

The long-standing problem of what should be done with the end of Court street which runs into Highway 17 was settled at the monthly meeting of the town board of aldermen Tuesday night when the officials voted to open the remaining half of the street known as Murrill's Circle.

The street, when completed, will circle the home of Mrs. Lucy Warn at the end of Court Street, providing two entrances into the highway into town.

The problem of completing the street has been pending for some time. The town at one time proposed to move Mrs. Warn's home and continue the street straight into the highway.

Permission for that move, however, was never granted and Tuesday night Billy Arthur, D. C. Tripp and W. M. Mangum, property owners on the street, appeared before the aldermen and requested that the board make a decision one way or the other, whether they were going to complete the circle or carry the street straight through to the highway.

Billy Arthur, who spoke for the group, told the aldermen that he was waiting and waiting for some kind of action to be taken on the street and he'd like to know one way or the other about having the paving done before winter.

Dust from Court street on the northern end, he pointed out, is damaging many homes in the News and Views plant and the Southern Cleaners which are located on the unpaved end of the street.

Aldermen M. A. Cowell then moved that the street be constructed on both sides of Mrs. Warn's house and that something definite on completing the street could be done. His action was seconded by W. L. Ketchum and passed without any opposition from the board.

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Kiwanians Remember Holleman At Meeting

Jacksonville Kiwanians Tuesday took cognizance that B. J. Holleman, Sr., past president of the club and lieutenant governor of the seventh division of Kiwanis, was missing while on plane flight and prayed for his safe return.

Rev. L. Grady Burdiss, Kiwanian and pastor of Jacksonville Baptist church, which Holleman is a member, read the poem of David from the first chapter of II Samuel and repeated the solemn words:

"How are the mighty fallen... (Memories) they were lovely and pleasant in our lives... We are distressed for thee..."

Rev. Carl B. Craig, pastor of Jacksonville Presbyterian church and a Kiwanian, too, associated with the prominent Jacksonville man, led in prayer.

Rev. Mr. Craig prayed that "we are all in Thy hands always, whether walking or flying... we pray for rescue but we commit their safety into Thy hands. Thy will be done... We're thankful for him and what he means to our community."

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