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Down East with Billy Arthur

Guy Lockamy was reminiscing at the Kiwanis club about the Jacksonville high school band of 1920.

What got Guy started was a remark of one person that Jacksonville was too small for a high school band.

"Back in 1920 when Jacksonville was much smaller than it is now and even smaller than it was in 1940," Guy disclosed, "we had a high school band, and a good one, too."

It got started when Guy himself asked the school committee for one. The committee was composed of the late John W. Burton, John Petteway, R. P. Hinton, George H. Bender and Principal H. R. Frehn, and they were asked to make room in the school for a music teacher at no cost to the school. They agreed. That year Guy went to Beaufort and hired Eugene Robinson, who had been a teacher of band music at N. C. State College. He had organized two bands at Beaufort, but the climate didn't agree with him, and he was willing to come to Jacksonville. That was in 1920, mind you. And his furniture was moved from Beaufort to Jacksonville by boat, and the community rented a house for him to live in.

At the end of the school year, the patrons and public are surprised when the band played for commencement exercises. The band became more popular every month, and later made appearances at all the schools, and county-wide school meetings at the Courthouse.

Every political rally, Guy said, had the band, which also doubled as formal and informal dances, and every church choir in the village was represented in it. "Within three years," Guy said, "our band was the talk of the county and adjoining counties, and within four years it was regarded as one of the leading bands in the state."

"We not only had a band but also a well-balanced orchestra that could play both classical and popular music. We played for all programs in our school, and it was even unusual for one of us to be late for school."

Interesting, of course, are the members of the band. I asked Guy to get them up for me. A lot of the folks you readers know real well. Here they are and the instruments they played:

Vons Justice, Stacy Walton, Eldridge Hawkins, bass; F. W. Marine, baritone; E. W. Summers, tenor; R. W. Summerville, Julius Ketchum, French horn; Percy-ton, Charlie Petteway, Ernest Cox, trombone; R. P. Hinton, ohn Koonce, saxophone; Guy amy, solo trumpet; Glenn Robinson, 1st trumpet; H. R. Frehn, 2nd trumpet; James Koonce, 3rd trumpet; Mrs. E. T. Robinson, Mrs. Guy Lockamy, Frank Thompson, Horace Thompson, George Hurst, clarinet; William Sabiston, John Mills, Annie Thelma Hinton, Kate Bender, George Aman, Annie Lula Marine violin; I. M. Bailey, bass violin; Nell Bishop, piano; C. D. Koonce, Charles Sabiston, drums; and Dorsey Hitch, bass drum.

Down at Fulcher's Landing, they're still talking about a party of Wilson fishermen who came fishing and got seasick as the very dickens. Capt. J. T. Fulcher suggested the next time they get some seasick pills.

"That sounded good and they scheduled another trip about two weeks ago, all five of them arriving with a box of pills which they started in on in the early evening prior to the fishing trip next day.

The next morning they went out with Capt. Glover Fulcher, but they didn't get in much fishing. And they didn't have time to get seasick, because the druggist in Wilson had sold them CC pills instead of seasick pills. And each had taken a box.

Steve Stefanou, who joined our fishing party Wednesday afternoon, was telling yesterday that Jim Tanner "didn't get a thing except a good cup of coffee that I carried along."

Sam Sacknoff accused me of taking advantage of the Jewish holidays to discuss Jews Harps.

"Don't you know what a Jews Harp is?" he wanted to know. "That's an Irish Jew—like Sam Leder."

Tom Gresham's description of a local character who's been drunk or drinking for about two weeks tops them all.

"He looks like he's been embalmed, and it didn't take."

I've got to go in training for something or other. I walked half the distance to the Kenansville amphitheatre last Thursday night and was so winded I couldn't get words into a microphone.

I heard folks saying they'd do it the next time, but Bell always does it the first time. When Gene starts to look for anything on his desk, he starts at the bottom. It's usually the first or second piece he picks up.

Because of the landing on Korea I turned on the radio at noon the other day, and Cedric Foster gave me a big laugh when he reported: "The Marines landed first—that's the police force of the navy, you know."

Tobacco Market Holiday Begins After Wednesday

The Board of Governors of the Bright Belt Warehouse Association Sunday declared a selling holiday of indefinite length. Meeting in Raleigh, the board set the holiday to begin right after the close of sales on Wednesday.

Next Monday the executive committee of the Board of Governors will meet to set the reopening date and the length of selling time on the markets.

Kids Program Slated Here On Saturday

A program for Onslow County children in observance of National Kids Day has been planned here by the Boys and Girls Committee of the Jacksonville Kiwanis Club, Jim Tanner, chairman, said yesterday.

The program, which is held throughout the county by Kiwanis clubs, will be given on Saturday. At that time, a special movie program has been arranged at the State and Onslow theaters in Jacksonville and the Midway Park theater in Midway Park through cooperation with W. O. Strickland and E. C. Smith, managers.

The shows, which will be free, will open at 10 o'clock following a special radio program from Pine Lodge with Rod Jones as master of ceremonies. After the show, Tanner said, refreshments and more entertainment under the direction of Pine Lodge director, Miss Helen Bagby, will be given.

The program, he said, has been arranged with the co-operation of other civic organizations in Jacksonville and with Mrs. Violet Heavey, recreation supervisor of Midway Park.

Tanner emphasized that all children in the county, in addition to those from Jacksonville and Midway Park, are invited to attend the special program.

Cardinals Defeat Mount Olive 27-6 Friday

Jacksonville high school's Cardinals got their football season off to a good start Friday night under new coach Lou Savini by defeating Mount Olive 27 to 6 at Mount Olive.

The local team looked shaky in the first quarter and only one down was acquired by Jacksonville. The Cardinals took the kickoff but were held for downs and lost the ball on the Mount Olive 36.

On their second play, Mount Olive's Martin ran 52 yards for the first touchdown of the game, giving the home team a 6 to 0 lead. The attempt for the extra point failed.

In the second quarter, Fullback Tom Hewitt tied the score after excessive line plunges put the ball on the one yard line. Harry Turner, a left-footer, kicked the extra point giving the Cardinals a 7 to 6 lead at the end of the half.

In the second half, the Mount Olive team had all they could do to hold the Cardinals to three more touchdowns. Mount Olive fumbled soon after the half began and Tackle Glenn Pelletier, playing his first football game, scooped up the ball and raced for a touchdown. Under new rules this year, if a fumble occurs behind the line of scrimmage, any player can take it for a touchdown. The extra point wasn't good and the score moved to 13 to 6.

Later in that quarter, Hewitt galloped away again for 64 yards for his second score of the game and then turned around and kicked the extra point.

Don Swinson made the final six points with Carl Vinters, Jr., converting for the extra point, giving Jacksonville a final score of 27 to 6.

Monogram Club Formed Friday At High School

The first meeting of the newly Jacksonville Monogram Club for the 1950-51 school year was held Friday afternoon, Sept. 8. Approximately 40 members were present. To be eligible for membership students must have won a letter for playing some sport at Jacksonville high school.

Plans were made for activities for the following year and officers were elected. They are as follows: Carl Vinters, president; Tom Hewitt, vice president; Mary Helyn Bush, secretary; Jewett Jones, treasurer. A constitution is being drawn up to be presented at the next meeting for approval of the club by a committee appointed by Johnny Bill Meadows, committee chairman.

One of the immediate activities of the club is now underway. That is the magazine subscription contest. Mr. Carter, of the Curtis Publishing Company, presented a very agreeable plan before the group which was readily accepted. The club is now divided into two teams. There are prizes, trophies and certificates to be given to the members selling the most subscriptions.

A certain percentage on each subscription goes to club, and the money will be used mostly for athletic activities and equipment.

The Monogram Club is under the direction of Coach Lou Savini. It will support athletics and help the school in any way possible. Meetings will be held twice a month.

Football Contest

Beginning this week and continuing through the football season, the News and Views will give away \$10 weekly to the person picking the most winning teams in 20 selected games.

There's nothing to buy, nothing to invest. Absolutely nothing! All you have to do is make your selections from a list of 20 games appearing in the News and Views every Tuesday. Turn to page 8 today and start.

In addition, a \$10 sweepstakes award will be made at the season end to the person having the best season average.

Enter this exciting competition today.

N-V Using Winning Head Dress

New Typograh And Type Being Presented Today

Today the News and Views completes its dress-up with the use of additional type faces in news matter.

The new style of heads is considered by typographical experts of Mergenthaler Linotype Company and the Ludlow Typograph company as well as newspaper designers to be more readable than commonly used page dress styles. The News and Views by the incorporation of the style as well as type dress is following a trend in typography that is regarded as very modern.

Because of the expense, the change over has been gradual on the News and Views, and some of the old headlines still appear in today's paper. However, by the Friday or next Tuesday edition, the News and Views will be completely done over and will be incorporating the same type faces and style of make up that captured the N. W. Ayer & Co. and National Editorial Association typography awards for 1949-50.

Cattle Purchase Orders Must Be Placed Saturday

Onslow farmers interested in purchasing beef cattle through the county agent's office must place their orders by Saturday of this week, County Agent Charlie Clark announced yesterday. A deposit of \$100 will be required when the cattle are ordered, he said, and the remainder will be paid on delivery. Delivery is expected around October 15.

At the same time, Clark called attention to a cattle sale on Friday at the Green Meadow Stock farm at Maple Hill on Friday. Fifteen heifers, 11 steers and four bulls, all of Hereford stock, will be sold at auction to the highest bidder. The cattle, Clark said, weigh from 350 to 500 pounds. Nell Bolton, Tidewater Power company farm agent, will be the auctioneer.

Clark described the sale as a "wonderful opportunity for Onslow farmers to obtain cattle."

Too, the county agent reminded farmers that this is the "most ideal" time of the year for planting fescue and ladino clover pastures. Approximately 1,000 farmers received purchasing orders from the PMA office in the Agriculture building last week for pasture seeds and supplies. The orders will continue to be issued through this week, he said.

Temporary pastures for winter grazing of rye grass, oats or crimson clover should also be sown within the next three weeks, Clark added.

Revival Service

W. I. Bass is holding a series of revival meetings at the Church of God, just across New river bridge. Services are nightly at 7:30 o'clock and they will be held all this week and maybe next week.

Constitution Day Foundations Of America

(Editors Note: In observance of Constitution Day, which was Sunday, the Joseph Montfort Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution requested that the Preamble to the Constitution and the pledge of Allegiance to the flag be printed to remind Americans of the basic foundations of our Americanism as we know it today. The preamble and the pledge follow with an introduction prepared by the DAR.)

On Feb. 21, 1787, Congress advised the states to send delegates to a National Convention in Philadelphia and May 14th, was named as the date of meeting. The number of delegates chosen to this convention was sixty-five; ten did not attend. The convention remained in session until Sept. 17th, when its work was completed.

Sixteen members refused to sign the completed constitution or left the convention before it was ready to be signed. The signatures of

14 Patients On List Ahead Of Leon Pike For Caswell

Entrance May Be Possible In Next Few Months, Official Says



Leon Pike, above, 20-year-old Onslow boy who is a mental case has spent the past 11 months in the Onslow County jail here because there is no room for him at the Caswell Training School in Kinston. Officials at Caswell said this week that there are 14 other patients on their lists ahead of him. (Photo by Marion B. McCaskill)

The plight of 20-year-old Leon Pike of Onslow County, mentally-retarded youth who is eligible for Caswell Training School but who is among a waiting list of 380 patients who cannot be accommodated until two new dormitories are completed in January of 1951, is not an isolated case, although 11 months' imprisonment here focuses public attention on him, Dr. William Byrd, superintendent of the State institution at Kinston said yesterday.

Dr. Byrd said Pike ranks behind 14 other youths who are in similar status and who badly need admission to the institution. Classification of the patients into older and younger groups is necessary because some of the older ones actually abuse the smaller ones if they are kept together, he explained.

The youth is in the type which has longevity greater than many other groups and replacements because of death in the institution are rare, although they do occur at intervals.

Dr. Byrd said the staff at Caswell Training School has been concerned about Pike as well as the many others on the waiting list, since they were first placed on the list. His application came up in 1946, and the urgency of his case made it necessary to attempt to place him in the State Hospital, but after a stay there it was found to be inadvisable to retain him there.

Although the new construction now underway at the school may be held up by the Korean war or other delays, there is every hope now that it will be made available early next year, Dr. Byrd stated.

He also observed that in Pike's case, while he is kept in a jail and a jail is no place for a youth in his condition, there are other cases where patients are kept in homes with other children and the conditions are equally pathetic.

Dr. Byrd declared that the Pike youth and others in similar status will continue to get "the fullest and most sympathetic consideration possible under the circumstances." He declared all would rejoice when the construction program is finished and all who need this care can be provided for at Caswell or other State institutions.

Discussion Set At Pine Lodge On VFW Project

Representatives of Jacksonville civic organizations and other interested persons will attend a meeting tonight at Pine Lodge at 8 o'clock for further discussion on the proposed athletic-recreation park on land adjacent to the VFW home.

At the suggestions of leaders who attended a meeting last Monday night, attorneys for both the VFW and Jacksonville will be asked to be present at the meeting tonight to explain any legal questions which may arise.

In answer to questions at the previous meeting, Commander Hiram Rasnick told the group that the VFW would lease the land to the town of Jacksonville or to an organization representing the town with an option for renewing the lease continuously.

"Both the VFW and the other civic organizations have to protect themselves in this plan," Rasnick said. "We can't afford to give the land away and then have it abandoned and never used for this project. Neither can the other group afford to spend money on the project if there is a possibility that an attempt might be made in the future to have it turned over to the VFW entirely."

Kirby Thompson, who represented the Lions Club, suggested that the next meeting be held in Pine Lodge in order that the meeting place would be more accessible to persons in town. Thompson also suggested inviting the lawyers to attend the meeting.

Leaders of eleven civic organizations in town have been notified of the meeting and most have appointed representatives to be present tonight.

Rasnick yesterday urged that all interested persons attend the meeting. "The only way we can understand each other thoroughly on this project is to get together and answer questions," he pointed out.

Charlotte Businessmen Interested In Onslow Oil

A powerful additional push is being given to plans for extensive drilling for petroleum along Eastern North Carolina's shores in Carteret and Onslow Counties.

Charlotte area wealthy businessmen are being presented an opportunity to liberally pour surplus money into this project, which is being promoted by Norlina Oil Development Co., a Delaware corporation with headquarters in Washington.

Details of this plan were given in Charlotte Friday by Joseph Davidson of Washington, for many years a public relations director in the petroleum products industry. He is talking quietly with 25 or more wealthy men of this area preliminary to calling an informal conference on financing. He said he already has been assured strong support in this state.

Particularly Mr. Davidson wants North Carolina men of large wealth to co-operate in this enterprise, which admittedly is following failures by several other expensive efforts in that area to find oil. Mr. Davidson's maximum objective is to raise \$1,000,000, but operations probably will be started when \$300,000 to \$400,000 is made available.

The North Carolina Department of Conservation and Development and other North Carolina Governmental agencies have co-operated with Mr. Davidson to the extent of granting leases on possible oil bearing areas. These leases cover sections of Tander, Jones, Onslow, Craven and Carteret Counties.

Financing plans, as evolved by Mr. Davidson, provide that businessmen may furnish money to assist the enterprise. If oil should be found, these men will be winners. If the drilling brings in only dry wells, these businessmen, already paying high percentage income taxes, will be permitted under the laws to charge off these losses against current income, Mr. Davidson explained.

The prospectus prepared for Norlina Oil Development pointed out that already thirteen wells have been drilled by other interests in Eastern North Carolina. All of these wells proved "dry holes with no evidences of either oil or gas in sufficient quantities to make further operations profitable."

Nevertheless, Mr. Davidson insists that geologists have convinced him that Eastern North Carolina formations compare closely with those of some of the richest producing areas in the Southwest.

Therefore, Mr. Davidson is going ahead with his promotion, as he explained it, "in the interest of developing North Carolina's economy plus the hope of profit."

Drilling so far done in that area "has been inadequate," he declared. "We expect to determine actually whether or not oil is there. We plan to drill a minimum of ten wells."

He said that "any reputable geologist will tell you that all the elements exist in that area for oil, but it can't be said whether oil is there in commercial quantities." He added that "only by extensive drilling can anybody get the answer."

Mr. Davidson explained that he told the North Carolina State officials that he would defer starting any drilling activity "until we have sufficient money. We realize that, with proper handling of the situation, while we are drilling ten wells at least, enough interest can be created among the major oil companies to provide financing for drilling 50 to 100 other wells in that area within a year."

Leases obtained by Mr. Davidson are mostly state owned lands, sound areas and lake and river bottoms, plus a few supplementary leases from individuals. Mr. Davidson and State officials alike explained that the State Treasury will share liberally in sales of any

4-H Clubs Plan School Meetings Throughout Week

The first 4-H club meetings of the new school year are being held this week, County Agent Charlie C. Clark said yesterday. The first meeting was held yesterday at Jacksonville and meetings for the remainder of the week are as follows: Tuesday, White Oak; Wednesday, Swansboro; Thursday, Dixton and Friday, Richlands. All meetings will be held during the second period in the morning.

Plans are being made, Clark said, to form junior and senior clubs in all the schools. Students in the 5th, 6th and 7th grades would be in the junior clubs and those from the 8th through the 12th would be senior members. The meetings this week will be organizational meetings together with discussion of entries in the Onslow County fair next month and perhaps election of officers, Clark said.

Shelton Leaves For Marine Duty

Ollie T. Shelton, partners with R. W. McCaskill in the S. & M. Auto and Home Supply Company, left Friday for Washington to report for duty with the U. S. Marine Corps.

He retained his former rank of first lieutenant and will be back in his former quartermaster post at Headquarters, Marine Corps, Mrs. Shelton accompanied him, and they will make their home in Washington.

Lieutenant Shelton had been in the Marine Reserves.

R. W. McCaskill will be sole manager of the firm in Shelton's absence.

Holly Ridge Soldier Dies In Auto Wreck

ROANOKE RAPIDS—A 20-year-old Fort Belvoir, Va., soldier from Holly Ridge, Ernest M. Parker, was killed and two of his companions were injured in an automobile collision on the Roanoke River bridge at Weldon Saturday night that tied up traffic for several miles on U.S. 301.

State Highway Patrolman J. D. Gay, who investigated, said the 1950 Ford in which Parker along with Cpl. James L. McFolady, 22, of Sanford was a passenger and which was driven by Cpl. Bryson Brown, 25, of Cullowhee struck a 1937 Plymouth coupe driven by Wilbur Dickens, 19, of Weldon about 11 o'clock Saturday night. The impact threw both vehicles into the side of the bridge.

He said the two cars, both south bound at the time, were a total loss. The Ford was "torn all to pieces." Pinned in the wreckage were the three soldiers, Dickens, and Cois Coats, 16, of Weldon, who was a passenger in Dickens' automobile. Gay said it took 15 minutes to free the soldiers and a half hour to get Miss Coats and Dickens out of their car.

Parker was pronounced dead on arrival at Roanoke Rapids Hospital.

Funeral services for Parker will be held at the graveside this afternoon at 3 o'clock in the Parker Cemetery at Hawes Run, conducted by Rev. Lynwood Parker of Folkstone.

He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vance Parker of Holly Ridge; six brothers, John, Luther, J. P., Adrian, Cecil and Vance; and five sisters, Mrs. Pauline Padgett, Mrs. Hazel Bush, Gerald, Marie and Judy Parker.

Injured

A mother and son were injured and taken to Family Hospital, Camp Lejeune, about 11 a.m. in front of Hill's Garage on Highway 24 yesterday. The names and extent of injuries were not known by investigating officers when the News and Views went to press.

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