

Legion Rifle Team Has Some Boys Who Are 'Top Guns'

For the past three months some over 20 Kinston area boys over 11 years of age have been learning the safe and effective use of the .22 caliber rifle under the super-

vision of Marine Corps Captain Charlie Arthur and under the sponsorship of Joseph Dixon Rountree Post 43 of the American Legion. As high as 40 young would-be

expert riflemen have attended the Saturday morning sessions held at the Kinston Police Department pistol and rifle range south of Kinston.

Legionnaire Jack Rider is chairman of the committee sponsoring the rifle team and he along with Captain Arthur have stressed from the first meeting the absolute

necessity of rigid discipline where firearms are concerned.

Captain Arthur, a 19-year veteran in the Marine Corps, is currently stationed at Camp Lejeune and making his home in Kinston. He married the former Daphne Garner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Garner of Kinston, and his oldest son, Charles Jr. is one of the boys learning how to use the rifle properly.

The first session after the rifles arrived was spent studying the gun itself and listening to safety regulations and each member of the team has been given a list of safety rules.

When actual firing began most of the boys didn't like the idea of getting "in a tight sling", but Captain Arthur by now has convinced practically all of them that they can never really be a top rifle shot unless they do have their gun slings tight enough to make sighting effective.

Richard Marshall, son of Mr. and Mrs. Matt Marshall, Tex Fuller, son of Dr. and Mrs. Fleming Fuller and Robert Peters three of the older boys on the squad have shot amazingly high scores after such a short period of instruction. Fuller holds the top honor so far with a 135 out of a possible 150 score.

All firing so far has been done from the prone position at the standard 50-yard distance.

Anyone familiar with a 50-yard .22 caliber target knows that the bullseye, or 10-ring is exactly the same size as a .22 bullet, or just under a quarter of an inch in diameter. So if one doubts the ability of these boys to really "hang in there"—as Captain Arthur puts it—just try seeing a quarter inch black speck at 50 feet.

Last Saturday Fuller hit that tiny speck in four out of five shots at one target for a possible 49 out of 50 score on that particular target. As the boys reach this level of marksmanship they will begin using a different style target on which just one shot is fired at each bullseye, permitting more accurate scoring. When the entire center is cut out as Fuller did last Saturday it's impossible to say exactly where each shot is landing.

The team is in the process of becoming affiliated with the National Rifle Association and when cooler weather rolls around competition with other rifle teams in Eastern Carolina is planned.

With beach-going and camping trips breaking in during the summer season, Captain Arthur is concentrating on just teaching the boys to shoot and has not bothered setting up teams for intra-squad competition but when fall comes five-man relays will be set up for such competitions.

All boys 11 or older are eligible to join the team. Full details can be obtained by calling Rider.



Above, second from left standing, Captain Charlie Arthur is seen giving some helpful comments to members of the Joseph Dixon Rountree Post rifle team at the Kinston Police Department range



This is the championship form of Tex Fuller, photographed above as he was shooting four 10's and one 9 at the tiny 50-foot .22 caliber

target. Tex with a 135 out of a possible 150 is so far the holder of the highest score of the American Legion rifle team.

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Jones ABC Stores Gross \$251,964 First Full Year

When the curtain rang down June 30th on the first full fiscal year of operations for the Jones County ABC stores a gross sale of \$251,964.20 was reported by Supervisor Ray Harrison. This period is from July 1, 1958 through June 30, 1959.

The first of the stores was opened December 7, 1957 after the vote in October of '57 had approved establishment of a legal whisky system for the county.

June sales for the three stores amounted to \$19,665.80 and the 11-month period before that had stacked up a gross sales of \$232,298.40.

The sales by stores for June were No. 1 at Trenton \$5,572.05, No. 2 at Hargett Crossroad \$6,841.65 and No. 3 at Wyse Fork \$7,252.10.

The first six months of the fiscal period that ended last week had seen a net operating profit of

just over 11 per cent. Presuming that the final six-months did equally well the taxpayers of Jones County will have something like \$27,716 to spend for county services that they did not have prior to installation of the legal whisky system.

Jones County Gets New Set of Pastors

The Methodist Churches of Jones County got a complete new set of preachers at the annual conference held last week in Wilmington.

W. N. Vass replaced Lewis Dillman at Trenton and Dillman went to Garver Memorial Methodist Church in New Bern.

John T. Smith replaced Robert Moore at Maysville and Moore was assigned to Carthage.

J. A. Cooper was assigned to Pollocksville.

Four Trentonians Indicted for Affray

Sheriff Brown Yates reports that four young Trenton negroes were indicted last week in warrants signed by a fifth, Eddie Smith.

In the warrants Smith swore that he was attacked and threatened by Dalton McDaniel, Guy Dove, Len Brown and Tyrone Gooding.

No injuries were inflicted but the quartet has been bound over to Superior Court. Gooding is on probation at this time for a previous violation.

Retiring Division Engineer Markham has a long record of service with the Commission, dating from 1919 when he went to work in Kinston as a Maintenance Inspector. Promoted to the position of District Engineer in Kinston in 1923, he later served as Assistant Division Engineer and Division Engineer of old Division C in Greensboro from 1931 to 1937. He moved to Wilton as Engineer of the Fourth Highway Division and remained there until 1949, when he took over the Second Division Engineer position in Greenville.

Retiring Assistant Division Engineer Jasper Phillips came with the Highway Commission in 1921 as a Party Chief. He is a 1913 graduate of the University of North Carolina, finishing with Phi Beta Kappa honors in Civil Engineering.

In 1922, Phillips was promoted to Resident Engineer, supervising contract construction projects, and in 1937 was made District Engineer in Kinston. He rose to the position of Assistant Second Division Highway Engineer in 1949.

Saving Bond Sales for State Top \$20 Million

E. and H Savings Bonds sales in North Carolina during May were \$3,318,582.49. This brings the state's total sales for the first five months of this year to \$20,060,185.12.

Cumulative sales for January-May represent 39.3% of the state's year's dollar goal.

In Lenoir County sales for May were \$74,915.50; for the year to date \$379,910.25; which is 40.3% of the county's quota for 1959.

Markham, Phillips Retiring; Snell Gets Markham's Job, Franks to Succeed Phillips

Charles W. Snell Jr. of Washington has been named Second Division Highway Engineer and Roy D. Franks of Kinston appointed his assistant, according to an announcement last Friday by the State Highway Commission. Both appointments will be effective on October 1.

Snell succeeds Romulus Markham, who is retiring after forty years of service with the Highway Commission, ten of which have been as Second Division Engineer. Franks will replace Jasper L. Phillips, who has been with the Commission for thirty-eight years, ten as Assistant Division Engineer for Division Two.

Dennis W. Patrick of Aulander will replace Snell as District Engineer for Beaufort and Pitt Counties, on October 1.

Moving up from District Engineer, Snell will direct all Second

Division Highway construction and maintenance in the eight county divisional area, comprising Beaufort, Pitt, Carteret, Craven, Pamlico, Greene, Jones and Lenoir Counties.

New Assistant Second Division Engineer Franks was born in Winterville and first came with the Highway Commission on a permanent basis in 1926, following attendance at Duke University as a Civil Engineering major. Moving up to the Assistant Division Engineer post, he has previously served as Rodman, Instrumentman and Senior Resident Engineer, in charge of construction projects.

Franks is married to the former Verlie Gates Smith and is Chairman of the Board of Deacons at the Gordon Street Christian Church in Kinston, a member of the N. C. Society of Engineers and the East Carolina Engineers Club.

Jones County 4-H'ers Do Well in District Competition July 1st

Following here is a tabulation of the honors won by Jones County 4-H Club members in District competition last week at Chocowinity High School.

William Jarman—Route 2, Trenton—Comfort School: District winner in Tractor Operator's Contest will represent Jones County and Eastern District in State Contest during 4-H Club Week.

Wilson Lowery Jr.—Route 1, Trenton—Jones Central High School: Runner-up in Boys Electric Demonstration.

Elaine Parker—Pollocksville—Jones Central High School: Runner-up in Dairy Foods Individual Demonstration.

Carol Haddock and Carolyn Price—Route 1, Trenton—Jones Central High School: Red ribbon in Girl's Electric Demonstration.

Robert Collins—Maysville—Maysville School: Red Ribbon in Beekeeping Demonstration.

Gretchen Davis—Pollocksville—Jones Central High School: Red Ribbon for Sewing Demonstration.

Lillie Faye Banks—Route 2, Trenton—Jones Central High School: The County representative in Dress Revue.

Brenda Hill—Trenton—Trenton School: Entered Talent Parade.

Twenty-one 4-H'ers and two adult leaders (Mrs. W. W. Lowery, R-1, Trenton and Mrs. Leon Thomas, Pollocksville) attended with the agents, H. D. Vernelson, Faytie C. Gray, and Johnise Hardesty (trainee for the summer).



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