

Tornado, Squalls Strike Kinston Area

Dead, Injured Left In Wake

A tornado of brief striking force ripped across the city of Kinston early Monday evening, taking two lives, injuring 50 inhabitants and reducing 15 homes to shambles.

Untouched by the freak storm was the Marine Corps Outlying Field, located on the tornado's diagonal path across Finston.

The whirlwinds struck first at 2:35 in Southwood, six miles south of Kinston, struck again in the Fairfield section of town a few minutes later, leaped across the air field to strike a third blow to the Snowhill Road area. Accompanied by rain squalls and swift winds, the tornado swirled westward from Lenoir into Pitt County and disappeared.

Ten minutes after the tornado's attack, the State Highway Patrol and the Marine Corps office of the Local Red Cross Chapter were in action to aid stricken motorists and residents. First aid was administered to more than 50 and arrangements were made with neighbors to house those whose homes had been destroyed.

The dead, according to early AP and UP reports, were John Potter, 62, and an unidentified Negro woman. Hospitalized were 22 others, including two listed by Memorial General Hospital as critical.

Damage estimated to be in excess of \$50,000, was inflicted upon half-a-dozen filling stations and stands as well as upon the 15 residences. Little crop damage was likely to have occurred, since most crops had but recently been planted.

Wires downed by the storm, put Kinston out of touch with the world for hours. Kinston field was without electric lights and out of communication with Cherry Point until late Tuesday.

Station WPTF of Raleigh dispatched field crews to Kinston to make on-the-scene reports of the storm's aftermath. Broadcasts were made at 6:50 and 7:45 Tuesday and spot recordings continued to be made during the day for local network rebroadcast, according to Mr. G. B. Poyner, program manager.

Residents described of local storm conditions described torrential rains, lightning flashes and winds which handicapped driving and in some cases forced cars from the road between Rocky Mount and Kinston. From Rocky Mount, bright expanses visible in the heavy cloud banks indicated concentrated storms and high winds. At Cherry Point, light, low clouds were swept quickly overhead and thunder and lightning were in evidence, although there was no rain at the time.

Even in Kinston, residents were unaware of the tornado, described in Humphries' "Physics of the Air" as a "whister, slightly funnel shaped, hollow, a circular column of upward spiraling winds, the most violent and sharply defined, and the least extensive of all storms."

The Cherry Point Aerology Department was unable to discover any record of a previous tornado in this area. They occur frequently along the gulf coast, are considered characteristic, however, of the American prairies.

Louis F. Foy, field director of the Cherry Point Red Cross Office, reported that three representatives from the Coxswain C. P. Ahrens, Ga., arrived in Kinston the next morning to survey the damage and plan assistance in the rebuilding of homes.

Rescue Unit Aids 'Pamico' Coxswain

Cherry Point's Coast Guard Air-Sea Rescue unit this week flew an air rescue from New Bern to ailing Coast Guard enlisted man the Camp Lejeune Dispensary.

The man, Coxswain C. P. Ahrens, was suffering with a severe leg infection aboard the Coast Guard cutter "Pamico." Ship officials notified the rescue unit by telephone and requested assistance.

The pilot of the P-40 which answered the call was Ens. E. D. Fife. Ens. W. L. Marshall was copilot.

Cherry Point Booklets "The Flying Marines" pamphlets are still available at the Windsock office in the Drill Hall. Published in New Bern by Gertrude S. Caraway with the aid of Marine Corps Headquarters, this booklet, with the aid of photographs, traces the development of Cherry Point. Free copies can be picked up anytime during the day.

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Nation To Honor War Dead

Memorial Day Services Here

The entire United States will pause next Thursday, 30 May, in solemn tribute to its fallen warriors and in the same time utter prayers of thanks that for the thanks that for the first time in more than five years the dead are honored in peace.

Memorial Day, 1945 was passed in hushed preparation for the all-out conflict in the far reaches of western Pacific. Services were held in honor of the thousands of servicemen who fell in European, Mediterranean and Africa areas of late warfare, the American families, with loved ones still in uniform, looked with fear-ridden eyes to the Pacific.

This year the war gods are silent and flags will fly in peace though at half mast. America looks to it's totals of dead and missing with hearts sick, but eased in the knowledge that conflict is at an end.

At Cherry Point there will be Memorial Day services in both Protestant and Catholic chapels. The Protestants will gather formally at 10:30 in the Dallas Huts Chapel. The Catholic masses will be celebrated at 06:45, 09:00 and 12:00 in the WR recreation hall and will be in conjunction with regular Ascension Day services.

Memorial Day will be a holiday, with regular work schedules curtailed for all station personnel. Figures listed by the Ship's Editorial Association show that the United States lost fewer men than either of the other major powers at war. At latest count, Americans killed in action totaled 298,190— a figure that will rise as more names are transferred from missing in action lists. The Navy lost 45,319, with 1,841 still listed as missing on 15 March; the Army lost 223,215 men; the Coast Guard lost 413 men and the Merchant Marine lost 610 men with 4,828 listed among the missing.

The Marine Corps' dead numbered 19,033. The greatest loss coming from the Iwo Jima and Okinawa campaigns.

The figures released by the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co., show that U. S. war fatalities in World War I numbered about 126,000. The proportion of fatalities with the number of men mobilized show World War II cost fewer lives than it's predecessor.

Axis power was greater by nearly a million than the United Nations. Germany had 3,250,000 battle deaths, Japan, 1,500,000 and Italy, more than 150,000. Russia lost 3,000,000 men and Great Britain more than 375,000 on the Allied side.

Naval Historians Want Personal Tales

To supplement the well-known "action" stories of this war, all Naval personnel have been requested to submit the lesser-known experiences of individual men and small units thus far unrecognized groups.

Such information, which should be submitted to "All Hands" magazines, will be forwarded to military historians for their use in compiling a complete and accurate account of the part played by the Marine Corps and Navy in World War II.

Civil Service Inherits Vets' Advantages General Tom C. Clark ruled that veterans with permanent Civil Service ratings can have their Government departments even though they previously worked in temporary agencies that have since been dissolved.



HAUNTING CALL of Taps and flags flown at half-mast will honor America's war dead next Thursday, when a solemn nation observes Memorial Day. Marine Buglers will sound the call for more than 19,000 comrades, who fell in battle.

MAG-53 Aces To Perform At National Air Carnival

When the National Air Carnival begins at Birmingham Ala., on 1 June, 1946 Marines of the Cherry Point area will play a leading part in the operations designed to boost the estimation of the public concerning military aviation.

Led by Lt. Col. Marion Magruder who will act as Air Commander of the Marine units from this area, three squadrons of planes, one of Tigercats, one of Corsairs and one of SB2C's will participate in the exhibit of aerial formations and stunts.

The group of 12 Tigercats will come from the planes of MAG-53, stationed on Cherry Point. Their specialty at the show will be formation flying as practiced by night fighters.

The combat veterans who make up the section have in their midst two Marine aces who will fly at the show. One of these is Capt. Robert Baird, whose tally of six night splashes listed him among the aces during the Okinawa campaign. Other ace from the Group is Maj. Joe Reinburg, Commanding Officer of VMP(N) 532 who lists seven splashes in the waters of the Solomons.

The second Marine outfit to fly with the group is a unit of Corsairs from MAG14 located at Oak Grove. These and the SB2C's detached from Jacksonville, Fla. will make up the remainder of the Marine planes at the show.

The planes will leave Cherry Point on May 29 on their way to Birmingham. While the main purpose of the affair is showing the development of aviation during the war years, there is a second purpose connected with the men of Cherry Point. It is intended to show the public the real worth and possibilities of Marine Aviation, according to local authorities.

New Schedule For Discharge Is Announced

Marine Corps Headquarters, new schedule for discharge of enlisted male reservists and selective service personnel, which makes provision for fathers of dependent children and abolished the point system after August 1.

The chart of requirements, listed locally in an Air Bases Special Order, stated that the points would be dropped to 22 on July 1 with discharge eligibility further determined by 20 months of active service. On July 15 the points dip to 20, which is the final date for use of the points.

Twenty-four months of active service qualify men for discharge after August 1. Fathers of two or more dependent children also qualify August 1. On Sept. 1 men with 18 months active duty become eligible for separation. On the same date fathers of one dependent child are qualified, provided they have more than 12 months of active duty.

Similar facts were released by the Washington Division of Public Information in their news bulletins. According to PFO, 40,600 Marines will be effected by the new schedule.

Phone Numbers Changed. Hereafter, any person desiring to contact the outlying fields operator must dial "0." The old number, "9," now connects with the information operator.

Station Unaffected By Kinston Tornado

While a tornado raged 32 miles away in Kinston Monday night, the weather here gave little indication of the severity of the storm.

At 2:30, the approximate time the tornado struck Kinston, Aerology recorded winds of 21 miles an hour with gusts of 32 miles in the station area. An hour before, an aircraft report mentioned a thunderstorm about 10 miles west of the station and placed the ceiling at 900 feet.

An overcast of 900 feet was reported at 2:30 and flashes of distant lightning were observed. In the next hour, the overcast dropped to 700 feet and lightning was still visible.

The maximum wind speed of the day was recorded at 2:30 as gusts of 38 miles an hour hit the station. Lightning continued to flash until 2:30.

Station Supply, Liberty Feels Railway Strike

The stunning nationwide rail strike which began Thursday has reached Cherry Point personnel with great impact, as revisions in liberty, furlough and vital supplies policies are made to extremes.

According to a late Air Base General Order no further liberty will be granted station personnel beyond the points of New Bern, Morehead City and Atlantic Beach unless certification can be given to the effect that bi-directional transportation in a private conveyance is accessible of the concerned party.

Such persons, driving from Cherry Point to districts beyond those named above, will be required to carry special passes from their commanding officers.

Leaves and furloughs are to be granted only in cases of extreme emergency.

The station Postmaster has announced that no package weighing over one pound will be accepted and that even these must be sent first class. Air mail to the Point from points outward is considered understandably slower and lessening through, though rail travel certain.

Permission has been granted by ODT to move food, fuel and medical supplies on to the station despite the fact that all other shipments have stopped, according to CWO S. F. King, quartermaster Shipping and Receiving.

Aerial operations by AES 46 have ceased to a complete standstill except for occasional weather hops.

The Railway Express Company is accepting nothing for shipment.

Further emergency orders necessitated by the rail strike were being formulated as the WIND-SOCK went to press.

WAVE Extension Deadline June 1

Enlisted WAVES may sign over for duty until 1 July 1947, if it was sanctioned by the Office of the Secretary of the Navy recently, but all requests for retention on active duty until that date should be made during the month of May.

No requests for voluntary extensions will be accepted after 1 June, when all activities will prepare a report on the total number signing over for the Bureau of Personnel.

Pays Tribute To War Dead

By CMDR. W. S. PECK, JR.

Chaplain, USN

"Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I should not have told you, I go to prepare a place for you; and if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you unto myself; that where I am there ye may be also."

On Thursday, 30 May, the entire nation will pause to pay tribute to those of our country's men and women who have given their lives in defense of their country—service men and women who are asked to serve. Here at Cherry Point we will pause in memorial services in their honor.

The greatest event of war is death—untimely death. It is not pleasant to think about and so we are apt to shove it aside. Sometimes that is the best procedure, but on Memorial Day one's thoughts go back inevitably to left and places.

Those who have passed on have left a challenge, a mission, a trust which we must and will keep.

Church Service Schedule

PROTESTANT SERVICES
SUNDAY
 Dallas Huts Chapel
 0800—Divine Worship
 1030—Sunday School
 1200—Service men's Christian League

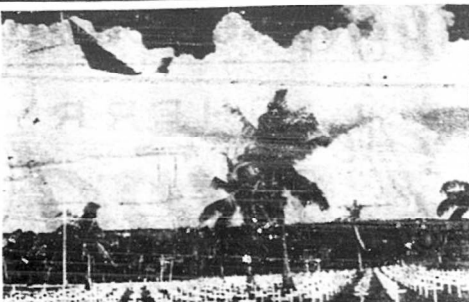
Dispensary, Second Deck
 0900—Episcopal Communion
WR Rec. Auditorium
 1030—Divine Worship
Cherry Point Community Church
 1100—Divine Fellowship
 1830—Youth Fellowship
 2000—Evening Worship
 Bus leaves MOQ area at 6:55 stopping at JOQ, BOQ, MEMQ.

WEEKDAYS
Dallas Huts Chapel
 0700—Holy Communion, Wednesday
 1945—Bible Class, Wednesday
CATHOLIC SERVICES
SUNDAY
WR Rec. Auditorium
 0645—Mass
 0900—Mass
 1200—Mass

Cherry Point Community Church
 0600—Mass

WEEKDAYS
Dallas Huts Chapel
 0645—Mass, Tuesday through Saturday
 1100—Mass, Monday
 1800—May Devotions, Monday through Friday, Miraculous Medal at Novena, Monday; Sacred Heart Novena, Friday
 1800—Catholic Information Group, Monday evening after devotionals
 1900—1800 and 1930-2100—Confessions, Saturday Confessions also heard before all Masses.
 May 30—Holy Day of obligation—Ascension Thursday—Masses same as Sunday

LATTER DAY SAINTS
 2015—Sacrament Meeting, Sunday
 1900—M. I. A. Meeting, Tuesday
CHRISTIAN SCIENCE
 1045—Dallas Huts Chapel Sunday



OLD GLORY waves above the white crosses in an American cemetery somewhere in the Pacific. Next Thursday, Memorial Day, the grateful victors will pay formal homage to their boys who died defending the democratic way.

New Office To Conserve Flight Space

To coordinate air passenger and air express service out of Cherry Point, a flight dispatcher's office was established in the station operations building last week by Air Base Special Order, effective 15 May.

The order was originated to utilize any excess space on aircraft to carry out government business and aid persons on leave or furlough.

By the new system of dispatching all units operating transport aircraft report all scheduled flights to the operations dispatcher, date and time of take-off, destination, and passenger or cargo space available.

Personnel desiring flights are listed in a passenger list and the list is screened against available flights. This eliminates the practice of standing by until a pilot actually checks in with clearance just before flight time.

Passengers are now transported to planes 30 minutes before take-off. The passenger list is closed one hour before the plane is scheduled to leave.

A letter system of priorities has been set up whereby an "A" priority is granted personnel on orders, "B" for emergency leaves or furloughs, "C" for aerial express (official), and "D" for furloughs and other categories.

Up to 40 pounds of baggage is allowed each passenger. Baggage must be accompanied by a certificate or letter of inspection. Furlough papers or orders are required to be presented with request for flights.

Peace-Time Strength Of Corps Boosted

The new peace-time strength of the Marine Corps was officially bumped to 100,000 last month when the President signed Public Law 347, establishing the permanent authorized strength of the Marine Corps and Navy.

The old quota for the Marine Corps was less than half the new one, though the proportion existing between Marine and Navy strength remains constant in spite of the change.

Navy strength has been newly set at the long-anticipated 500,000. This alteration in authorized strength will allow for the permanent promotion of many currently temporary officers and NCO's.

Reynolds Orchestra To Play Tomorrow

The ever-popular Tommy Reynolds orchestra will play for a special station dance tomorrow at 2000 replacing the originally scheduled Georgie Auld show which was cancelled as a result of the rail strike.

Special Services has announced that the Reynolds band a group now well-known to Cherry Point dancers, was contacted for the engagement while on tour in this area.

Reveal Discharge Totals Over Quota

The ratio of men returning from overseas posts almost doubled the amount of men leaving for foreign duty during the week of May 4 through 10, according to the Division of Public Information, Washington Headquarters.

Arrival of 2,023 men from overseas was nearly twice as many as the 1,052 men who left the U. S.

Totals on discharge of male personnel show that during the week ending 10 May, 9,550 left the Corps. WRs discharged numbered 392. Officer, male and female, discharges numbered 673.

Since 17 August 1945 exactly 337,885 Marines have been demobilized. This number is almost 5,000 more than the planned quota.

To Assist With Recruiting Duty

Twenty-three Cherry Pointers shipped North last Monday for Guard duty. Mostly privates in the Regular 12th Infantry, 12th to Hartford, Conn., and 12 to Baltimore, Md.; where they are to report to the respective recruiting offices in those cities.

Their task will be the guarding of Government property, such as Naval aircraft, being displayed in the New England and Middle Atlantic states for the current Marine Aviation enlistment drive. For an indefinite period of time, these men will stand regular watches every day whenever directed by the local recruiting offices.

The Marine guards will be billeted with expenses paid by the government. Last month, previous detail of men was assigned to New York to protect FTF planes on exhibition. After 30 days there, the quarters at Cherry Point were transferred to the recruiting station in Newark, N. J.

Urgo Care Against Seasonal Fires

The Forestry Department adds its words of caution to those of the Fire Marshal on the Spring season of forest fires. At this season North Carolina vegetation is fairly dry and inflammable.

They cited the brush fire off Roosevelt Blvd. last week, started by a carelessly thrown match but caught before it could spread far. While the firemen are concerned with the hazard to property and persons, the interest of the foresters is in preserving Cherry Point's woodland.

Answer To Puzzle

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Col. S. S. Jack Takes Over Duties As A&R Officer Here

Col. Samuel S. Jack, formerly Chief of Staff of the Second Wing overseas, this week became station Assembly and Repair Officer, relieving Col. Thomas J. Noon.

Col. Jack returned with the Second Wing in March of this year and was assigned directly to A&R. As chief of Staff in the wing, he served under Brig. Gen. L. E. Wood and Brig. Gen. C. F. Schildt.

A graduate of the U. S. Naval Academy in 1927, he was with the ground forces in Nicaragua after completing basic training. He won his wings at Pensacola in 1929 and joined the West Coast Expeditionary Force. Soon after, he returned to Nicaragua as a flyer and was stationed there for 22 months.

A post graduate course in Aeronautical engineering at the Naval Academy and the California Institute of Technology led to a position in the powerplant design section of the Bureau of Aeronautics.

The then Captain Jack entered the Quantico senior officers course in the March of this year. Upon completion of the course in the spring of 1941 he was promoted to major and at the end of the year he formed VME 121, stationed at Mitchell Field outside New Bern.

In March of 1942 FME 121 formed the nucleus of MAG 12 and Col. Jack was moved up to group executive officer. He joined MAG 12 in October and went overseas in late three months at Guadalcanal.

Returning from overseas in March of 43, he was assigned as Personnel Officer in the Division of Aviation. In September, he entered the Army and Navy Staff College at Washington and soon after the colonel went overseas again to join the staff of FMF PAC.

He was made commanding officer of MAG 32 at Oahuana in January of 44, which was the first to receive a squadron of FTF from the States.

Colonel Jack became Chief of Staff of the Second Wing in October of 44 and he remained at that position until the wing returned to the United States.

Announce Latest Officer Assignments

Nine officers were reassigned last week according to Air Base duty orders. They are as follows:

LT. Richard D. Borstadt assigned regular duty as Asst. Station Officer; Capt. Herbert H. Dugan was assigned regular duty as Station Photographer; Capt. Robert L. Rees assigned regular duty as Asst. Station Officer; Capt. James E. Waring assigned regular duty as Clearing Officer; relieving Capt. Gerard Dwyer with additional duties as Asst. Asst. Transportation Coordinator; Capt. John E. Singler assigned additional duties as Asst. Crash Officer Operations; Buildings & Ground Officer, Operations; Material Officer; Capt. Shadrach H. Dugan was assigned additional duties as Tower Officer, relieving Capt. George McDonald, Jr.; Lt. William C. Adams assigned regular duty as Asst. Asst. Operations Officer; Capt. Jesse B. Weaver assigned regular duty as Asst. Motor Transport Officer; Lt. George T. Dwyer assigned regular duty as Asst. Adjutant, MOA, Cherry Point.

Turn Carriers By Thrust Of Plane Engines

The thrust of airplane engines is used to turn giant aircraft carriers in the confined waters of a harbor in a new method designated as "Operation Pinwheel."

Planes secured to flight decks can turn the flattops in a slow spinning motion or pull them sideways through the water.

To turn to port, the skipper of a carrier orders the planes on the starboard bow to be turned, pulling the bow to the left. The planes on the port quarter are turned up at the same time to pull the stern to the right, completing the ship's pivoting.

On the USS Midway, world's largest carrier, 32 planes are employed as "air tugs," each of four groups of eight planes being lined up facing inboard with wings folded on a corner of the flight deck. When the engines of any group are turned up, they exert a strong forward pull in whichever direction the planes are facing.

"Operation Pinwheel" was first used at Guam in June 1944 by the USS Randolph, when heavy harbor traffic, lack of large tugs and closeness of dangerous shoals made it impossible to get sufficient headway to turn around under the ship's own power.

Home News

BALTIMORE (SEA)—A quick-thinking six-year-old boy saved his mother's life by handing a policeman a suicide note apparently intended for his father.

WHEAT VERNON, N. Y. (SEA)—Mount stones against the window panes failed to awaken his wife at 3 a.m. Sunday morning. Paul Hoffman set off two blasts from a 20-pound cannon.

DONIPHAN, Mo. (SEA)—George J. Allen, local farmer who recently celebrated his 100th birthday, and his bride Alice Taylor, 77, are honeymooning somewhere in the Ozarks.

CHICAGO (SEA)—After testifying that her husband came home drunk, Dugan was assigned to refuse to go to the races and see him boot home a winner. Mrs. Ruth K. Penn got her divorce from her husband, Marcos.

HUNTINGTON, W. Va. (SEA)—Dressed to kill, a slightly built, 19-year-old youth appeared here wearing 11 shirts, two pairs of trousers, and two sweaters in addition to the normal attire of topcoat, jacket, underclothing, shoes, and socks.

NEW YORK (SEA)—Francesco Vella was sentenced to jail for a year for unlawful possession of firearms after, police said, he fired two shots after Salvatore Caciaroni who had told him, "You play the wrong cards." Judge Jonah J. Goldstein told Vella, "Although kibitzers are generally considered public nuisances there is no open season on them and I must send you to jail."

BUFFALO (SEA)—Santa Claus dropped around a little late this year but servicemen's wives Mrs. James Calamita and Mrs. Walter P. Schroeder aren't kicking. They found 82 bits roosting in their respective mailboxes.

(SEA)—Ed Head of the Pacific who hurled a no-bitter in his first start to beat the Br. res. 54 switched from southpaw to right hander when he broke his right hand during a bus accident back in 1935. He is an ex-GI.

Twelve Marine Schools Open

Twelve service schools were listed as available to all enlisted men in Marine Corps aviation in an Air Station Memorandum dated 15 May.

The schools were named as follows: Aircraft Engineering and structure and maintenance, 12 wks. structure and maintenance, 12 weeks Communications, 24 weeks; Navy; Elementary Electricity and Radio Material School, 20 weeks; Airborne Electronics Maintenance, 6 months; Radar Technicians Course eight months; Clerk-typist course, 12 weeks; Teletype Mechanics Training, undetermined time; VHF Radio technician's course, five months; Radio Material School.

Personnel interested in taking advantage of the opportunities offered by these courses have been urged to apply through official channels to their unit commanders.

Licenses Issued To Three Couples

Marriage licenses were issued in New Bern last week to the following couples:

PFC George Ellis Clem of Lexington, Ky. and Beulah Chase Bayette of New Bern.

Oscar J. Boston, a marine, of Asheville, N. C., and Margaret Elizabeth Collins of Richmond, Va. Charles Murphy Archer, a Marine of Hattiesburg, Miss., and Ruby Ann Justus of Ina, Va.

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Marine Night Fighters Born Of War

Hot Combat Unit Pioneered In Training At Cherry Point

By Sgt. Don O'Malley



AN ELUSIVE TIGERCAT of Group 53 sits docilely on a Cherry Point airstrip waiting for day to pass. This type of craft—the mainstay of the present night fighter program—roams the black sky of night with eyes that pierce the dark.

Roaring through the Pacific skies, the night fighting Ventures of an experimental unit provided the first page in one of the most outstanding stories of Marine History.

During the early days of the war a group of Japanese pilots, flying by night, were making life miserable for Marines fighting the battle of Guadalcanal. The Commanding General of these forces, later to become Commandant of the Marine Corps, saw the menace in this tactics and called for strong counter measures to oppose the marauder. Of this call was born the first night fighting group in the Marine Corps.

When it became apparent that new combat measures would have to be instituted if the Jap attacks were to be successfully stopped, a group of men were elected to investigate the field and decide on the best methods of applying a technique to their own units. These men, headed by Col. E. Montgomery, Lt. Col. M. Magruder, Lt. Col. J. D. Hershberger, Lt. Col. P. D. Lambrecht, Lt. Col. H. Hutchinson and Lt. Col. Morrow left for England to study night flying tactics under the RAF. It was on this information that the original setup of Marine night aviation was based.

No Easy Road

Like any type of learning, there is no easy road to the mastery of the night skies. The way is long and hard, and the pupils must be not only excellent pilots, but boosters of the game as well. Lukewarm interest and half-hearted attention pay off in lost planes and pilots when the course is marked by radar blips and the target is merely a darker blur against the inky curtain surrounding the cockpit. Jockeying several tons of metal into a position where it may pour hundreds of rounds of .50 calibre into the blur in a matter of seconds, identifying the blur as one worthy of such treatment, and carrying out these actions at speeds of 400 miles per hour, or more, are the nerve fraying tasks these men must be trained to perform.

To accomplish this rigorous program was set up for pilots of a newly formed group then stationed at Cherry Point. The pioneer night fighting outfit was designated as Marine Night Fighter Group Fifty Three. At present it has as its skipper one of the foster fathers of the program, Lt. Col. "Black Mac" Magruder, who started with one Ventura and an idea and ended with one of the best outfits in the history of Marine Aviation. His training program was rigorous, but no more than the work demanded.

Gunnery A Factor

Gunnery and flash recognition were strong points in the schooling of embryo night pilots, for if their gunnery is off, the thousands of working hours, valuable equipment, and their own lives may be lost. Recognition has never been so strongly emphasized, for the ability to recognize a Hellcat or Zeke at night spells the difference be-

tween lost Americans and dead Japs.

From the time the pilot takes off on a night mission until the moment he cuts his switch at the home field he is part of a team. Between himself and the ground there is a link of radio and radar that is his sole source of information. The Ground Detection Station informs him of his own position and of the location of other planes within the pilots area.

To aid the work of the radar detectors the pilot was trained as a radar operator and observer as well as a airplanes jockey. His own plane was equipped with the work, but if the training was not complete it would merely be extra weight for the plane and an added encumbrance for the pilot. In addition to his training on the electronic detectors he must be a master of art of instrument flying, being able to follow his course and directions from the ground station through the pointings of a group of luminous dials on his instrument panel.

Fight Mock Battles

In addition to the night navigation and precision flying drills they had to go through, the selected men who trained under the program spent much time on mock combat maneuvers. A number of the planes in the squadron would pose as enemy aircraft, others would track them down and engage them in mock aerial combat. During these chaotic times the enemy would go into every conceivable type of maneuver trying to throw off his pursuer, until all the pilots were able to handle any type of action that the Jap might take.

Other aspects of the training were overseas, the pilots would be assigned to work with the searchlight crews, practicing the technique of appearing the enemy raiders on a beam of light, so that the friendly planes could pound upon it and complete the kill.

Very few persons outside the group connected with the field realize the difference between shooting down a plane during the day and doing it after the sun has set. Although a score of 88 night kills in a period of a few months by the Night marines is not phenomenal from the standard view, the factors involved in such a score makes it outstanding.

Night Fighter Alone

The night fighter is all alone. He rides in an infinite solitude that few humans ever experience. His universe is a tiny cockpit suspended in a world of darkness, and illuminated only by the glow of his instruments. He knows of no land, no contact over empty waters. His only assurance that others exist is the tiny voice in his earphones that repeats directions and locations with the impersonal regularity of a machine.

The thoroughness of the original training syllabus set up for the activity is testified by the fact that only minor changes have been necessary since it was started, and the majority of these were brought about by the introduction of planes and radar gear of new designs. The emphasis is still, as it has always been, on practice, coordination and cooperation.

This coordination and training have marked the units under the command of Col. Magruder since the beginning of the program. It is a system that has paid off with one of the best records in the history of a future of even greater performances.

Famous Radio Network Marks Fourth Year

HOLLYWOOD, Calif. — Every one of the 180 overseas radio stations of Armed Forces Radio Service and the 20 internal broadcasting stations of the Army, Navy, and Veterans' Hospitals in the U. S. will give out with special broadcasts and air a special 90-minute "Command Performance" to celebrate the Fourth Birthday on May 29th of the greatest signature in radio—"This is the Armed Forces Radio Service".

AERS Headquarters here, will be opened to the public on that day, according to Lt. Col. Robert E. Kearney, Commandant of the combined War and Navy Department operation.

The special hour and a half broadcast to be aired on the Fourth Anniversary Day, was produced and recorded before a special audience in the CRS Vine Street Playhouse on April 30. Bob Hope, Janet Blair, Kay Kyser, Linda Darnell, Edgar Bergen, Charlie McCarthy, Frances Langford, Jerry Colonna, Fred MacMurray, the Slim Gaillard Trio, Donald Crisp, the Riders of the Purple Sage, Cottonseed Clark, The King Sisters, Mel Blanc (The Sad Sack), Michel Perriere, Mitchell Bolya, Choir, Marty Wilkerson (GI. I. Jill), Bill Goodwin, Hugh Brundage, Dresser Dahlsted, Ray Bauduc and ... His Band, Gene Norman, and Abigail Bond appeared on the show.

During the war years, almost every one of the 15,000,000 American men and women in uniform heard at least one of the broadcasts from an AFPS radio station somewhere in the world. Almost every minute of every hour of every day since the first AFPS Program went on the air, some member of the American military took a few minutes off to write a letter to one of the most famous addresses in the world—Armed Forces Radio, Los Angeles, Calif.

From the millions of requests that the postman had dropped at the door of the Hollywood headquarters of AFPS have come the programs that have built up one of the world's greatest audiences. Pointing out some seventeen and a half hours of "live" programs are now being written and produced at the Headquarters of AFPS as well as some eighty hours of domestic rebroadcasts and special features, Colonel Kearney pointed out there will be no curtailment of AFPS activities until all the American troops have been returned from over there.

Former Enlisted Men In Naval Academy

The preponderance of midshipmen now in the Naval Academy are former enlisted men from all the branches of the service. Of the 3,139 present cadets, 73 served in the Marine Corps.

A minimum appointment of 50 enlisted men to the Academy each year is authorized by law. Half come from the regular Navy and Marine Corps, the rest come from the Reserves of the two services. Other men enter through Presidential or Congressional appointments.



PART of the instruction program of the night fighter group, flying in a Link Trainer equipped with radar gear, is undertaken by one of the pilots of the Group.

Mention Postal Rate Increase

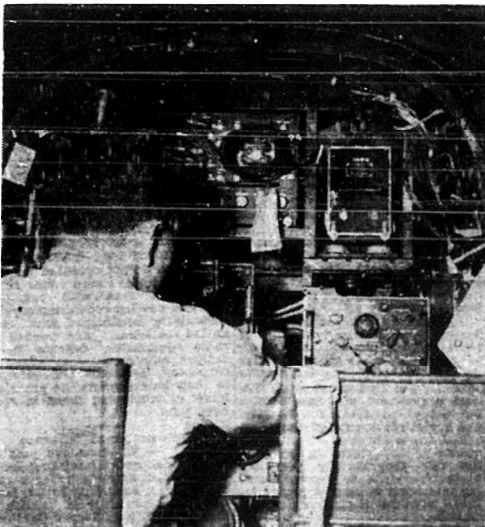
Superintendent M. L. Barrows of the Station Post Office reminds men who have just returned from overseas of the higher Air Mail rates for correspondence within the U. S.

These letters require eight cents postage, two cents more than being those sent to or from overseas. The postal official added that the use of Air Mail-marked envelopes for regular mailing is unacceptable.

The patrons' attention is also called to the new postal notes now available. For a fee of only five cents, they are issued in amounts up to ten dollars; money orders costing proportionately more. Placing his own name and address on the back of the note, the purchaser then writes the payee's address on money order substitutes are good only within the continental limits of the U. S.

TIDE TABLE

Tide predictions for Beaufort and Morehead City, provided by Station Aerology, are: Saturday: High—0255, 1534; Low—0913, 2150. Sunday: High—0357, 1629; Low—1008, 2252. Monday: High—0454, 1725; Low—1101, 2349. Tuesday: High—0548, 1816; Low—1152. Wednesday: High—0645, 1908; Low—0043, 1343. Thursday: High—0734, 2000; Low—0134, 1333. Friday: High—0826, 2052; Low—0217, 1425.



RADAR COMPARTMENT of a Black Widow night fighter provides a radar operator of the Group with more complete instruction in the intricacies of night contact with other planes.

Informal Meetings To Replace Dances

An informal "Fun Frolic" in the room of the WR Rec Hall has replaced the regular Saturday evening Recorded Dances formerly held in the Auditorium. Dancing and refreshments are the chief attractions of the evening's entertainment, which is open to all enlisted personnel.



DONNED in their new blue-gray uniforms, Cherry Point's 1946 baseball Fliers are (left to right) Bob Belforti, Marvin Veto, Harry Musselman, Fred

Hanis, Bob Hayes, Tom Clavin, player-coach; Ed Parham, Dick Feaster, Fred Baker, cejoe Bopp, Ed Ciesboski, Vince Adamczyk, Hardy Johnson, Leonard Linton, Tom Duggan and Marty Greco.

Nine Wallops Oceana Twice

SPORTS

Boxing Classes Tournery Scheduled

A series of daily instructional boxing classes, climaxed by an intra-station tournament for novice leather throwers will be conducted at the gymnasium in the Bases Headquarters area, it was announced this week by the athletic department.



The classes will be held under the direct supervision of Jonny Kostas, station boxing coach, and several members of the National AAU championship team. Instructions will be given every weekday from 1300 to 1900, beginning Monday.

Fighters will be assigned to classes with either a novice or an open group of students. Amateur scrappers who have fought more than three bouts are to be classed as open and will be given advanced instructions while all beginners will be placed in a novice group.

Tournery June 18-19
Upon completion of the course, all boxers trained during the classes will compete for station titles at the intra-station tournament, scheduled for June 18 and 19 in the drill hall. Similar to last year's tournament that gained wide popularity among local fight enthusiasts, this year's tournery will be held on a squadron basis. The score of each victor will be credited to his respective squadron.

A trophy will be awarded to the triumphant squadron while individual winners and runner-ups will be given engraved gold boxing glove charms.

Fliers Meet Navy, College Stickmen

Cherry Point's big nine, facing a six game week, will oppose collegiate and Navy nines in the next six days.

The National Business College baseballers of Roanoke, Va., will be here today and tomorrow, Cushman Field, starting at 1430.

Point WR's Blast Wilmington, 14-5

Unleashing a barrage of 12 hits and capitalizing on some loose defensive play, Cherry Point's undefeated WR diamond operatives buried a Wilmington, N. C., girl's outfit under a 14-5 score last Saturday night on the loser's diamond. It was the locals' sixth straight win.

The WR's Mickey Sullivan, hard flinging righthander who hurled every game for the Pointers this season, turned in another brilliant exhibition on the hill, limiting Wilmington to eight well scattered safeties.

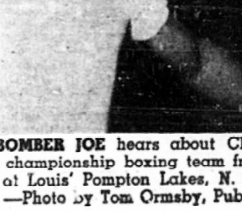
The WRs opened the slugging throttle early and enjoyed a five run advantage at the end of the first. They scored twice in the first, fourth and seventh and chalked up the other three in the sixth. Both scores in the fourth were homers, by Salisbury and Sullivan.

Netmen At Maryland University Today

The Flier netmen, encountering one of the most highly-regarded collegiate tennis squads south of the Mason-Dixon line, will clash with the University of Maryland on foreign courts this afternoon.

Idle since their 5-2 triumph over Camp Lejeune more than a week ago, the Pointers resumed court action yesterday afternoon when they visited Georgetown University in Washington, D. C.

Commissionary Closes
The commissary will be closed Memorial Day, Thursday, May 30, and on Friday, May 31 for monthly inventory. Sales will be resumed on Monday June 3.



BOMBER JOE hears about Cherry Point's National AAU championship boxing team from its coach, Johnny Kostas, at Louis' Pompton Lakes, N. J., training camp last week. —Photo by Tom Ormsby, Public Information.

WR Nine, Net Squad Play Henderson Hall

Two unbeaten WR softball teams come to grips this afternoon when Cherry Point's much vaunted nine tangles with Henderson Hall in Washington, D. C.

The local WRs will be trying for their seventeenth straight win over a two-year span of diamond warfare. To date this season, the Pointers chalked up six triumphs while last year's mighty aggregation recorded the other 11.

The untried WR tennis squad, slated to oppose the Henderson Hall netters this morning, accompanied the softballers on their flight to the capitol city.

Station Softball League Launched

Delayed four days because of inclement weather, inauguration of the third annual intra-station softball league was marked Friday evening when four outfits saw action on Cushman field diamonds.

In the openers, Special Services overwhelmed WR 952, 8-0, while AES 46 an 8-3 drubbing.

Smith Capelle, brilliant tosser who turned in two no-hitters last season, went four innings on the mound for Special Services. He yielded only three hits before turning the flinging chook over to John Hanak.

The righthanded Hanak limited WR 952 hitters to a pair of one-base taps in the last three frames.

Special Services spread their tallies over the first five innings. They pushed lone scores across the pan in the first, third and fifth, racked up two in the second and cashed in four safeties for the other three in the fourth.

All league teams will be idle next Thursday and Friday due to the observance of Decoration Day, it was announced this week by Don Plato, NCOIC of station athletics.

Announces New Gas
Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson did not elaborate on his statement to the American Chemical Society last month that the U. S. had developed a war gas which "would have made the Japanese military mask useless."

Greco Pitches Two-Hitter

Flash! (Oceana, Va., May 24)—The Cherry Point Fliers hammered out a 6-1 triumph over the Oceana Navy nine here yesterday afternoon. Len Linton, giving up only five hits, was the winning pitcher. It was the Pointers' second win over the sailors in two days. Bob Belforte, with 3 singles, was the winners' leading hitter. The Cherry Point infield registered two double plays.

Shutout Navy
Masterful two-hit pitching by Marty Greco, ace righthander, combined with some timely, although not sensational, swatting of stolen bases and nine passes, Catcher Tom Clavin, player-coach, slammed Thomas' offerings for a double and two singles to be the game's heaviest hitter. Veto, with a duo of drag bunts that went for safeties, was the locals' second best at the plate.

Greco, marking up his sixth straight, whiffed nine Sailor batsmen while allowing only two walks. The pair of safeties he yielded were scratch singles. Jim Thomas was the losing twirler.

With both clubs playing flawless ball, the Fliers racked up their six tallies on eight hits, a trio of stolen bases and nine passes. The Fliers gained a 1-0 edge in their first try with the stick, recorded three in the fifth and added lone scores in the eighth and ninth.

New Bern Water Show Attracts Point Boaters

In preparation for Cherry Point's participation in the annual New Bern water festival, held yearly before the war intervened, sailing, rowboat and canoe races will be held weekly on Sloucm Creek and the Neuse River, according to Mitchell Park authorities.

The New Bern regatta, one of the biggest annual summer celebrations in eastern North Carolina before the war, will be conducted on river waters sometime late this summer. Cherry Point registered its official invitation to participate in the event last week.

Lt. Nason H. Lipcomb, newly assigned successor to Lt. R. J. Rupakus as officer in charge of that "all men desiring to enter the regatta are requested to contact one of the sailboat instructors or phone 7109 for information regarding their eligibility for participation."

The boathouse officer is on the outlook for low point or regular Marines with sailing or boating experience. He also stated that "all inexperienced station personnel interested in sailing can secure a permit at instruction periods, held at the boathouse. Permits are not necessary for rowing and canoeing, aquaplaning and water skiing and it is hoped that a four-man canoe fighting team can be formed."

Yachtmen in tomorrow's sailboat race here, to start at 1300 will follow a six mile course on the Neuse River. Entrants are requested to report at the boathouse before 1200.

Atomic Commission Set
The Senate Atomic Energy Committee last month approved by a top-heavy vote measures to create a civilian atomic-control commission, and at the same time took steps to grant a military board the prerogative of official protest to the White House on any decision ordered by the civilian commission.

Separation Gets New Coat

By Pte. TOM DEVINCENZO

The separation center was the scene of a change in command this week as Lt. Col. E. A. Wrenn — who has overseen the rise of the center from a unit discharging 250 men a day to its present capacity for separating 200 daily — was relieved as commanding officer by Col. T. J. Walker, veteran of 23 years' service.

Col. Wrenn was with the separation center from its beginning in September of last year. He recalls that the first group processed was composed of eight 85 pointers and shortly thereafter the center turned out groups of 25 women daily. At present the separation unit is staffed with about 135 men and WRs. Col. Wrenn estimates that approximately 17,750 men were discharged by his command.

Commissioned in June of 1938, he went through basic and drew sea duty aboard the USS California until June, 1940. Pensacola was the starting point of his aviation service in September of '40. He completed flight school the next year and remained as an instructor until November, 1942.

Transferred Overseas
In January of 1943 he was transferred overseas to return to a 10 months later for hospitalization. As executive of fighter squadron 225 he went overseas again in October. On his second tour he served as CO of VMF 422 and Exec. of MAC 2, returning to the states in June of 1945 and reporting from rehabilitation leave to Cherry Point.

New CO of the separation center, Lt. Col. Walker, a record of service in all three branches of the Corps, expressed his intention to remain a Marine "until old age gets me." Commissioned a second lieutenant out of the U. S. Naval Academy in June of 1923, he served in line company for two years before aviation claimed him. He reported to Pensacola for flight training, won his wings, and returned as an instructor.

Operated At Sea
At various intervals, the pilot Walker operated off such memorabilia of the fleet as the Wasp, Saratoga, Lexington and Ranger.

From 1929 to 1932 Haiti was his home base. The colonel's service before the war was about equally divided between East and West Coast bases, principally Quantico and San Diego.

Shortly after the Pearl Harbor disaster, Col. Walker was ordered to San Diego and from there to the island of Samoa as CO of MAG Honolulu. Elected to Hawaii, in Guam. While overseas he was chief of staff to four generals at different periods: Maj. Gen. C. A. Larkin, Brig. Gen. H. D. Campbell, Brig. Gen. L. H. M. Sanderson and Brig. Gen. T. Moore.

When Col. Walker returned to the states he was CO of Miramar for a year, September '43 to September '44, and in March of last year he embarked a second time, according to a total of 29 months of overseas duty.

He returned from his second overseas tour in March of this year and was assigned to his present command. He lives on the station with his wife, Grace, and daughter, Anne. Lt. Thomas J. Walker, is a Marine sergeant stationed in Honolulu.

Traffic Lights Will Be Installed Here

Due to a decrease in strength of the station civilian police detachment traffic lights will be placed at the corner of Roosevelt Boulevard and "A" Street and at the intersections of "B" Street and Second Avenue, near the Post Office.

Announcing that the new lights would be set up as soon as labor was available, Lt. Comdr. E. A. Brown, Maintenance Superintendent of the Public Works Department, further remarked that the lights had been on order for a number of months, but could not be supplied until recently.

Trinity Paid Marine Corps By Ex-Soldier

(Ed. Note: The following article is quoted from the Honolulu Press, printed under the name of the author, Mr. McLenore's by-line. The distinguished journalist represents an ex-soldier's tribute to the Marine Corps after the recent speech by General A. Vandegrift against the War Department's proposed new training legislation. The WINDSOCK thanks Mr. McLenore for thousands of Marines, ex-Marines and particularly late Marines.)

FRENCH LICK, Ind., May 25. — General Vandegrift, quit your crying. Fret no more. Perhaps you were right when you said the War Department "is determined to reduce the Marine Corps to a collection of studied military ineffectiveness," and that "the Army sought to relegate it to ceremonial functions, small combat formations and labor troops."

Perhaps the War Department has such notions in its head, but it won't succeed. It hasn't a proper. The War Department might as well try to put over a program that calls for the filling-in of Grand Canyon, the refusal to allow citizens to look at Niagara Falls, or something else that will speak for itself. I'm sure you understand the Marine Corps, General. One of our natural wonders, do you well you know that. How well the citizen of the United States knows that. There is nothing more magnificent than courage in the Marine Corps has courage in its nature. There is nothing more heroic than the sight of a man giving his all for his country in the Marine Corps is made up of such men.

Speaking as an infantryman, nothing was more inspirational than the fighting men of this country. Their battle record is more magnificent than the record of Germany, than the record of the present, of the United States Marine Corps. All of us who are not belong to the Marines — infantry, engineers, seabees and navy — don't know the difference. We best to do a little better than best from the men who are also Leathernecks. We wanted to make lives just as tough, just as capable, just as hard.

That builds morale, General Vandegrift. It builds it more than all the moving pictures ever saw all the U. S. O. shows that show us shaving cream, a razor blade passed out for free.

What War Department — and can name your land — would any action reduce the Marine to a mere fighting man? I want a walz that was played on boxes and danced to by flighty boys by soxers and their hubba-hubba escorts? Can you imagine the Marine Corps reduced to such a state? "From the Halls of Montezuma the Shores of Tripoli" is the theme of a dance hall? Damn it, these are the words of fighting men. Those are words that raise the spirit of a man, that speak with masters of ceremonies, lights and gentle, love-music speeches.

General, if the War Department should happen to go completely crazy — and judging by past performances, it is possible — I want to ask the men who make up the War Department to build monuments which will insure their names last through the ages. I want to ask them to go to New York — on a free air junket, of course, with a steward to attend their wine and food in flight — and build a sort of Coney Island where fathers and mothers and hearts of the Marines who came through the surf and over the rail, with nothing but mortars and machineguns to welcome them.

Finally, I want them to go to two Jims, and, as they look at the now placid beach, look at and see if they can imagine what it was like when the Marines were in.

It is mighty easy to sit on a desk in Washington, with no to do but push a few buttons and get a few subordinates. It is so easy, in fact, that a man wouldn't have the job.

Concert Canceled; Substitute Offered

The Sunday evening concert at the WR Recreation Hall was canceled, however, record albums will be checked out in the WR Recreation Office at any time.

Records may be played in game room at any time. Station as many as three records a time may be checked out for a period of two days.

'Scat' Davis Band Offers Tuneful Show

The scratchy voice and raucous humor of Johnny "Scat" Davis supplied the current for a bright evening of entertainment last Sunday evening in the enlisted men's recreation hall.

"Scat" led his fine band through their pace with singers and proved generally that he still had the same great talent for music and song that he'd always displayed. Specialized treatment of top novelty tunes by the scat man and well blended music by his orchestra were offered two capacity audiences.

The organization is currently touring the South, mostly at military and naval installations. They have played recently at Fort Bragg Camp Lejeune, and Paultux River. Prior to this tour they played an engagement at Loews' State Theater in New York City. Band jobs lead them very shortly to Virginia Beach where they'll be appearing for a good portion of the early summer season.

"Scat" will turn westward shortly with the band, for two movie commitments. In one he will do a solo and the entire outfit will be in the other.

The show here opened with the long famous "Hooray For Hollywood" theme and nearly an hour later closed with the all-out rendition of the "One O'clock Jump."

In between were a trio of novelties by "Scat", three of his popular "love songs" and more vocaling by Garth Andrews and Nadine.

"Cement Mixer," the favorite "Andrews sang "Nancy" and "How Deep Is The Ocean." He was returned for an encore on "This Love of Mine." Nadine's encore on "I'm a Big Girl Tonight" and "I Can't Give You Anything But Love, Baby."

Andrews sang "Nancy" and "How Deep Is The Ocean." He was returned for an encore on "This Love of Mine." Nadine's encore on "I'm a Big Girl Tonight" followed her renditions of "You Don't Know Why I Love You Like I Do."

The entire band showed quality which indicates the current upswing in good musicianship. With more men returned from armed service in inferior calibre of wartime bandsman is placed.



LT. R. E. WELLWOOD addition he was awarded an Air Medal and gold stars in lieu of six additional Air Medals.



NEW CO of the Separation Center Col. T. J. Walker (sitting) gets information from Lt. Col. E. A. Wrenn whom he replaced this week

Popularity Of MCI Class Reflects Housing Problem

Seek Entrants To Model Meet

The Station Model Shop has issued a call to all model builders and owners of completed models to make their interest known to the personnel of the shop.

This desire for information stems from a recent movement to organize a model meet on the station. This contest, to be conducted under Model Association rules, will carry the sanction of the Association on any records that the participants may set.

In order to give the planners of the meet a more complete idea of the number and type of planes that may be entered, and to make it possible to set a date for the affair, they have requested that those who are interested submit information on the type of plane and engine, and their class, to the shop.

Among the new changes to be instituted at the Model and Craft Shops, the most important is the change in location. The two shops have recently been combined, and are now located in the rooms formerly occupied by the WR Uniform Shop in the W. R. Recreation Hall.

Personnel who frequent the shop have recently proposed a toast to the long suffering wives of model builders. These ladies have endured the shower of shavings and glue which falls in the wake of the enthusiast. For many this debris has lately become one of the things that is no more, for their husbands have transferred the activities to the rooms of the Station Model Club, there to work undisturbed, letting the shavings fall as they will.

Commissary Offers New Service Plan

Latest improvement at the Commissary is a self-service fruit and vegetable section. Just as they have always done with canned and packaged foods, customers can now walk along the counter, selecting fresh produce at their leisure. This cutting of personal service eliminates need for three hard to get employees.

The fruits and vegetables are stored in a refrigerating room, not too much stock being exposed at any one time. For the perishables there are also cooled counters. Having expressed the change, WO R. F. Dawson finds the arrangement satisfactory so far, but he emphasizes to the patrons that self-service or no, those items must be weighed and marked before they are taken to the cashier's desk.

Recent steadily increasing enrollments and lessons submission in MCI's building trades courses, particularly House Planning, and Remodeling, prove that Marines are finally awakening to the realities of the Housing Problem — whether it be to get high paying jobs in the building trades, or comfortable homes on their return to civilian life, or to obtain better housing while in the service.

These are definitely profitable courses, or "custumbuilt" to meet the rapid tempo of new design in tomorrow's homes. Practical and highly informative, they offer real aid for those interested in trades, planning homes, or reworking at any of the building modeling homes.

"How to Plan a House" — the home building text, covers all major phases of home designing including styles, foundations, planning of rooms, specifications, electrical work, plumbing and eating. The text, "How to Remodel a Home" — is equally valuable for the builder, apprentice or person intending to remodel. This course covers remodeling plans, styles, types of architecture, specifications insulation, air conditioning and heating, plumbing, electric wiring and other details in modern remodeling.

These courses can be taken free of charge by contacting the Education Officer in the drill hall.

Set SMGL Meeting, Social For Sunday

The Servicemen's Christian League will hear Chaplain Walter S. Peck Jr. speak on "Bible as Literature" at 1900 Times Square in the Dallas Huts Chapel. All are invited to attend the meeting and the social which will follow.

Last Sunday Chaplain John R. Thomas led the group in a discussion of "Symbols of the Church" and Corp. Charlotte Vought led the devotionals.

The previous Thursday night, the SMGL held a party at the Mitchell Park recreation building. Games were played and refreshments served.

No Liberty Civics
Relaxation of the regulation which forbid the wearing of civilian clothing by Marine personnel during off-duty hours is still regarded as a thing pretty much of the future. The fact that the war is not yet officially over, coupled with the acute shortage of "civics," has made advisable the continuance of the policy of wearing uniform on liberty.

(SEA) — As Babe Ruth announced he was leaving for a "vacation" in Mexico at the invitation of President Jorge Pasquel of the Mexican League, scuttlebutt said he may become Mexican baseball czar.

Winner of Navy Cross, Four Others Decorated Wednesday

Five pilots were presented with decorations and citations by Col. J. McCall for the Commanding General of the Second Wing on Wednesday, in recognition of service to their country.

Among the five was one winner of the Navy Cross, Lt. Robert E. Wellwood of MAG-33 was presented this medal for his part in shooting down Japanese planes during the night operations of his squadron on Okinawa. While engaged in night aerial operations from this island he shot down three Japanese planes on one patrol.

Three other pilots of Group 53 were among the men decorated. Of these, Capt. Robert Baird, night fighter ace, received the gold star in lieu of a second Distinguished Flying Cross and a gold star in lieu of a fourth Air Medal.

Lt. John E. Bailly was awarded the air medal and gold star in lieu of a second Air Medal. The fourth pilot of the Group, Lt. Karl Robert E. Wellwood was presented with an individual citation of the Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific.



LT. R. E. WELLWOOD addition he was awarded an Air Medal and gold stars in lieu of six additional Air Medals.

The Playbill

Cherry Theatre

SATURDAY, 1330, 1730, 1930, 2130—"Just Before the Dawn" with Warner Baxter and Mona Barrie; "West of the Pecos" with Bob Mitchum and Barbara Hale.

SUNDAY, 1330, 1730, 1930, 2130—"No Time for Comedy" with Rosalind Russell and James Stewart; also cartoon.

MONDAY & TUESDAY, 1730, 1930, 2130—"The Blue Dahlia" with Alan Ladd and Veronica Lake; also Pathe News.

WEDNESDAY, 1730, 1930, 2130—"Deadline at Dawn" with Susan Hayward and Paul Lukas; also Chapter 11 "Tiger Woman" and cartoon.

THURSDAY & FRIDAY, 1730, 1930, 2130—"This Love of Ours" with Melie Oberon and Claude Rains; also Pathe News and comedy.

Enlisted Men's Theatre

SATURDAY, 1330, 1830—"Boys Ranch" with James Craig & "Butch" Jenkins (Juvenile Rehabilitation Drama), RKO News.

SPECIAL, 2100—"Christmas in Connecticut" with Barbara Stanwick & Dennis Morgan (Business Comedy).

SUNDAY, 1330, 1830, 2100—"Strange Conquest" with Jane Wyatt & Lowell Gilmore (Drama). Shorts: Stairway to Light; Hawaiian Memories.

SPECIAL, 1600—"Christmas in Connecticut."

MONDAY, 1330, 1830, 2100—"The Wolf of London" with June Lockhart & Jan Wiley (Wolf Murders); Shorts: Occupations No. 4; Watch Dog; Fox News.

TUESDAY, 1330, 1830, 2100—"Cat Creeps" with Lois Collier & Fred Brady (Island Mystery); Shorts: South of Monteria; March of Time No. 7.

WEDNESDAY, 1330, 1830, 2100—"Love Letters" with Jennifer Jones & Joseph Cotten (Psychological Drama); Short: Para News.

THURSDAY, 1330, 1830, 2100—"Man Who Dared" with Leslie Brooks and George Macready (Melodrama). Shorts: Solid Soldiers; Swimming the Swimmers.

FRIDAY, 1330, 1830, 2100—"To Each His Own" with Olivia De Havilland and John Lund (Child-No Marriage). No Shorts.

Officers' Club

SATURDAY—No Movie.

SUNDAY—"Strange Conquest."

MONDAY—"The Wolf of London."

TUESDAY—"Cat Creeps."

WEDNESDAY—Bingo Game.

THURSDAY—"Man Who Dared."

FRIDAY—"To Each His Own."

All Shows are scheduled at 2000.

NSLI Benefit Bill Pending

(SEA) — National Service Life insurance may be due for some changes if present legislation now awaiting action on Capitol Hill becomes law.

Still in the hands of the Committee on World War Veterans' legislation, and not yet reported out of committee to the floor of the House of Representatives, are several bills providing for increased benefits to servicemen holding NSLI.

Several of the bills are "omnibus" in form, and include provisions for altering more than one feature of service insurance. Almost

all of them provide for optional lump sum settlements in case of death, elimination of present beneficiary restrictions, endowment policies, income to the insured in the event of total disability.

Army and Navy are favoring enactment of these proposals.

(SEA) — Navy's Bob Strickler crossed the finish line four yards ahead of the defending Army man, Lembers, to win the half-mile relay at the Penn Relays in Philadelphia. Bouwman, Kash, Bigley and Strickler made up the Navy team.



PAINTING doors would definitely be good duty, if you had the help of Miss Ann Callahan, New York model. Her strong point isn't painting, however, it is beauty. Ann won the title of Miss Louisiana of 1945.

Car Accident Injures Four More Marines

Two Marines and one WR were admitted of the U.S. Naval Hospital at Camp Lejeune this week to undergo treatment for injuries they received in an automobile accident on a curve in the highway to New Bern, approximately eight miles from the station.

MT-Sgt. R. L. Owen, the driver, and Pfc. Charles Weeks both sustained bone fractures. The WR, MT-Sgt. Jean P. Maloney, suffered a broken jaw and miscellaneous contusions.

A fourth passenger, MT-Sgt. Mary M. Petroska was returned to the station Dispensary, where she is receiving from a lacerated forehead and an injured knee.

The accident was attributed to the combined factors of bad weather and a poor showing of road courtesy.

Sgt. Owen reported that as he approached the road curve he saw a pair of headlights belonging to the opposite side of road. A heavy rain, distorting the lights, created the illusion of a moving car. Guiding on the deceptive lights Sgt. Owen drove his car from the highway and collided with a tree.

Although travelling at a speed well within legal limits, the heavy-model Buick was badly damaged in the collision.

A statement deploring the practices which lead to such incidents, made last week by AMJ. H. L. Maryott, station Provost Marshall, was given strong emphasis by his latest accident.

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- ONE New 16mm. movie projector with two rolls, 100 ft. each; price \$25.00. One boy's baseball uniform, size four, new; terms to suit. Call Mrs. R. H. Patterson, 7198.
- 1946 CHEVROLET, four-door style Master; radio and heater. Call T-Sgt. C. C. Connell, MAG 53, Group Intelligence.
- FOUR-piece walnut veneer suite, including springs and mattress. Call Morehead City 886.
- TWO-PIECE ladies' black bathing suit, Gantner, size 34, brand new. Seven dollars. Call Hostess House, 8120.
- COMPLETE furnishings for one bedroom apartment. \$125.00. 36 Manteo Drive after 1700, or call 3106 during office hours. Mrs. Helen Yanko, Navy Supply.
- VISORED cap; blue, white cap covers; belt. Set dress blues: 36 blouse, 30 trousers: \$30.00. Call 6200.
- 1940 BUICK Super, four-door sedan. Good condition. Just overhauled. Good tires. Will sell to the highest bidder. WO Austin Gandy, Squadron 532, Radar Bldg. Call 5286.
- LADIES' Persian Lamb Coat, size 16. Officer's overcoat, worn twice, size 40. Phone 7239.
- 1936 OLDSMOBILE six cylinder tudor, Good condition. Call Capt. Simmons during the day. Phone 5282.
- ONE TABLE model seven-tube Crosley radio. Sgt. Ferguson. Telephone 8231, Ext. 6.

Wanted

- RIDE for two to Washington or New York on Wednesday night, 29 May. Call Marge Bishop, 8152.
- LATE model car, 1940 or newer. No. 4 Park Lane. Call 5179.
- HELP WANTED. One typist, one bookkeeper, one stenographer. Call Officers' Club for further details. Phone 5190.
- FOUR rides to and from Morehead City. Contact Pat Croaland. Phone 5274.

Lost

- FIVE \$50 bonds registered in names of Phyllis Ruth Rogers and Lois Edna Tilley. May have been lost on station last September. Anyone having any information concerning these is requested to contact G-2 Investigation. Phone 7228.
- LADIES' shell-rimmed prescription glasses. L. R. Risk, Postal Officer. Phone 7124.
- SUITCASE, green raincoat, field jacket. Left in car with Illinois plates coming from D. C. Call Capt. Lejeune, Sgt. E. C. Jones, First Service Company, Service Battalion, Call 3242 up to 3:30 P. M., Monday through Friday.



When a girl sneezes. It's a sign she's catching a cold. When she yawns it's a sign she's gotten cold.

Corpsmen's Hit Parade
 "Just A Little Fond Inflection"
 "Call Of Nothing At All"
 "Liver Come Back To Me"
 "Be-Gauze Of You"
 "Saline, Saline, Over The Bounding Main"
 "Itch You Is Or Itch You Ain't My Baby"

Famous last words: Well, if my shirt was air, I'll tell you why I didn't salute."

Mother: "That brazen young widow across the street boasts that she has kissed every man in town but one."
 Father: "I wonder who he is."

Wife: The new maid has burned the bacon and eggs this morning. Will you be satisfied with a couple of kisses for breakfast?"
 Husband: "Sure, bring her in."

Drunk: (After bumping into the same tree three times) "I shoulda kept in an impenetrable forest."

Have you heard about the sow who asked the other sow if she'd had been reviled and will be presented in the WR recreation hall on May 29 and 30 at 2030 by a USO-Celebrities troupe.

Comedy Play Will Be Presented Here

"The Milky Way," a three-act play that was popular in the show world in early 1930's had been revived and will be presented in the WR recreation hall on May 29 and 30 at 2030 by a USO-Celebrities troupe. The show is at present being shown in movie form, as the "Kid from Brooklyn" with Danny Kaye, Harold Lloyd was the original milkman character in the comedy.

Marine Aviation 34 Years Old As Of Last Wednesday

Thirty four years ago last Wednesday, Marine Corps aviation was founded, as Lt. Alfred A. Cunningham reported to the Naval Academy for flight training.

After only three hours of instruction Lt. Cunningham became the first Marine aviator and fifth Naval aviator. Cherry Point's official name is Cunningham Field, in honor of the pioneer flier.

Since then Marine aviators have flown and fought in any part of the world where the national interests have taken their land-based and sea-going brethren. They fought in France, in Nicaragua and used their lessons in World War II. They've performed their tasks in every portion of the globe.

The fame of Marine fliers began in the first days of the late war at Wake Island, where with four battered Grumman Wildcats, battled the Jap Navy and Army. All through the war Leathernecks in the air, distinguished themselves.

Nine Marine aviators have been awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor during the past war. The most recent award being made posthumously to Lt. Col. Harold W. Bauer, for single-handedly engaging a squadron of enemy planes attacking the USS McFarland off Guadalcanal in 1942.

USO Town Topics Here May 27, 28

USO-Camp Shows' touring unit, "Town Topics," will be on the station for performances Monday and Tuesday at 2030 in the WR recreation hall.

Featured in the show is Virgil White's Sweethearts, an all-girl band. Other acts include Paul LaVarre, Woodson Sisters, Pearl Kaye and Renee Melba. The Whyte band is one of the outstanding all-girl outfits in the business today. The 12 girls handle aogie, sweet and swing numbers in fine style, with the bandmaster leading the way on drums. Alice Whyte, vocalist, also does a specialty drum solo in competition with brother.

Virgil, Betty Komoroski shares singing assignments.

The Paul LaVarre act is a comedy Lovelity. The Woodson Sisters are acrobats, Pearl Kaye, a dancer and Renee Melba, a

Try Out Your Cross Words

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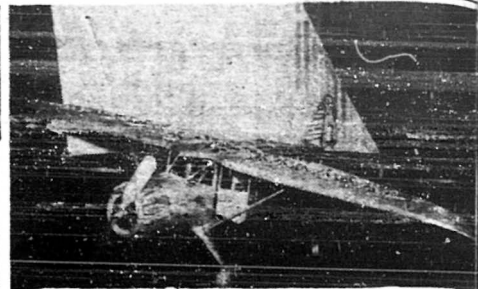
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'SOCK SHOTS



Flight dispatcher Corp. Rita Granchen puts three Marines on the waiting list for a flight to Washington under the new system for reservations. The men are (l. to r.) T-Sgt. Harry Jensen, Pfc. Daniel Larsen and Pfc. Norman Smith.



Stinson radio-controlled, gasoline-powered model is under construction by Corp. R. S. Miller of the Special Service model aircraft shop.



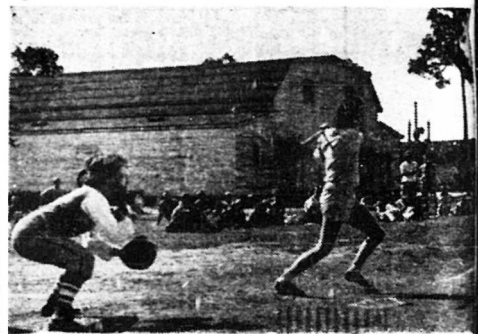
Novelty vocals and the trumpet were offered by the scat man Johnny Davis, during his show in the EMRH.



Soft tones and sweet words were sung by Nadine during her solos with "Scatt Davis" orchestra Sunday.



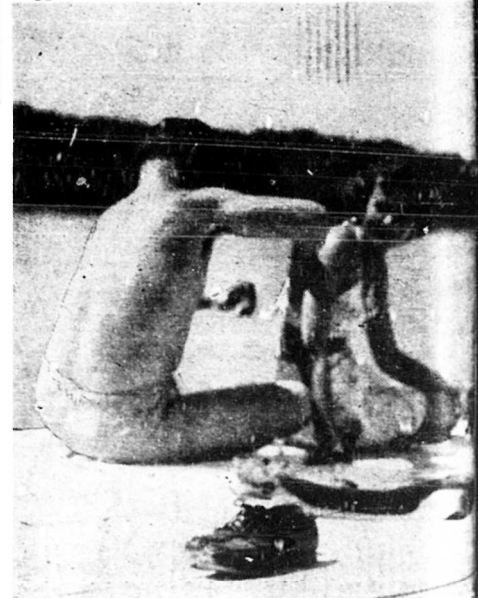
With a clay pigeon in the offing, Sgt-Maj. E. H. Roberts stands by for action during a recent skeet match between Camp Lejeune and Pointers. Others shown are (l. to r.) Lt. J. R. Coltrane, MGy-Sgt. V. R. Mull and Corp. R. I. Studer.



Blast to the outfield is hit by Mickey Sullivan, pitcher for the Point WRs, during last week's game against the Ft. Bragg WASSs, which the locals won, 15-4.



Jeep sprays DDT in the main areas of Cherry Point as part of Malaria Control's constant fight against insect pests. Each night similarly equipped Jeeps tour various sections of housing areas on the station.



Familiar sign of warm weather and bright sunshine is the application of sun tan oil. Gallons are used at Mitchell Park each year in the above manner.