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FAMOUS MARINE AIR GEN. DIES Achievements CP WINS S.N.C. GOLDEN GLOVES Of Red Cross



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Funeral services for Lieutenant General Roy S. Geiger, USMC, who died 23 January 1947 at the Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, Md., after a short illness, were held at Fort Meyer Chapel, Fort Meyer, Va., Saturday, 26 January 1947.

A pioneer in Marine Aviation, General Geiger enlisted in the Corps on November 2nd, 1907. During the recent war, he commanded both air and ground units, and had the distinction to be the first Marine in history to lead an Army. The General assumed command of the Tenth U. S. Army upon the death of Lt. Gen. Simon Buckner during the Okinawa campaign.

Born in Middleburg, Florida, January 25, 1885, General Geiger was appointed to his present rank June 19, 1945. While commanding Marine forces at Guadalcanal, Bougainville, Guam, Peleliu, and Okinawa, General Geiger was awarded five major decorations for outstanding service.

During the first World War, he commanded a squadron of the First Marine Aviation Force and was awarded the Navy Cross "for distinguished service while leading bombing raids against the enemy." After the first war he served in Cuba, Nicaragua, Philippines, Haiti, and China.

Surviving the General, who had just been called back from his command of FMF Pac. for duty at Headquarters in November of '46, is his wife, Mrs. Eunice Geiger, and two children—Major Roy S. Geiger, USA, and Mrs. Robert Johnson, all of whom were living in Pensacola, Florida at the time of the General's death.

Four people and a building numbered 78. Not much of a combination at first glance, but oh brother! During the year of 1946 these four people, members of the Red Cross Field Service stationed here at Cherry Point, opened 5123 cases and completed 5332, the difference being a carry-over of incomplete cases from December, 1945. That means one out of every two Marines on this station were helped in some way by the Red Cross during the last year.

Approximately \$9,946 was loaned and \$1,467 given to Cherry Point Marines covering everything from emergency leaves to family assistance cases. In addition the Red Cross turned over to the Cherry Point Garden Club, an officers' wives organization, \$1,700, contributed by the Camp and Hospital Council of the American Red Cross, for the beautification of the grounds around the Station Dispensary.

Through the effort of these four people and the cooperation of the Station Forestry Department, CWO J. W. Donnelly, OIC, an estimated \$7,000 worth of valuable shrubbery of all varieties was secured from another station which was deactivated.

Cigarettes, book, magazines, toilet and comfort articles, and games were furnished the Station Dispensary at regular intervals for the use of patients. Eight radios were given to the Dispensary during the year. The recently opened outpatient, or family, ward was furnished with flower vases and ash trays, 150 yards of diaper materials, 200 layettes, 1,440 diapers and 144 baby blankets were contributed to the Dispensary by this organization. EMIC forms were kept on hand and assistance given Marines in the lower four pay grades who were expecting a baby and wished to take advantage of this service at the Dispensary.

From the \$1,000 (approximately) placed at the disposal of Lt. Col. John T. L. D. Gabbert, Special Services Officer-in-Charge, being used to increase the facilities of the New Station Hobby Shop, to providing the only mailing and wrapping facilities free to all Marines at Cherry Point, the Red Cross has served and is continuing to serve station personnel through its four Field Workers: Mr. Louis F. Foy, Field Director; William H. Woeters, Assistant Field Director; Dorothy W. Cunningham, Field Assistant; and Catherine Stewart, the receptionist.

Upholding Cherry Point's record as champions in the fistie field, the station boxing team returned recently from Wilmington, N. C., as winner of the Southeastern North Carolina Golden Gloves tournament.

Already qualified to defend the National Golden Gloves and A. A. U. championships this year, as holder of the 1945 and 1946 titles, the team is not required to go through the usual preliminary eliminations. Coach Tex Louderman is keeping his new fighters in condition by entering them in major bouts as all of the original champions have been discharged.

Sponsored by the James A. Manley Post 2573, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and sanctioned by the Carolinas Amateur Athletic Union, upwards of 100 amateur leather pushers mixed in the "Wilmington Armory" ring, January 15 through the 18, as the Southeastern North Carolina tournament was revived after five war years.

The Cherry Point team returned from this pugilistic event with three wins and two trophies in which Pfc. Richard Dix, 135 pounder from AES 46 took the lightweight event, Cpl. Constantine G. Gevas, 147 pounds from MACS 11 the welterweight and Pvt. Libbert Alderson, 175 pounds from MAG 21 the light heavyweight. Cherry Point was awarded the "Team Trophy" and Cpl. Constantine G. Gevas was honored with the "Most Outstanding Boxer" trophy. All winners received a golden glove.

The North Carolina A. A. U. state championships taking place January 30, 31 and February 1 at Raleigh were next on the team's agenda. For the story and results of this fight turn to the sports page.

This year's boxing team is ably coached by 20 year old pro welterweight Pfc. William L. (Tex) Louderman. Tex started his boxing career in 1941 when he entered and won the Texas Golden Gloves lightweight event. This led him into participation of the National Golden Gloves at Chicago in 1941.

To succeed in the "fight world" Tex turned pro. He headed for the "mecca" of the boxing world, New York City, and from there fought in major rings and cities in the Manhattan area. His professional record stands at 21 wins out of 22 bouts.

Outstanding members of the team includes a New York City



Cpl. Constantine G. Gevas, who recently broke his hand, one of our outstanding fighters.

—Public Information Photo

lad, Cpl. Constantine G. Gevas, recipient of the 1947 Southeastern North Carolina Golden Gloves "Most Outstanding Boxer" award. This "Greek" pugilist held the novice welterweight title in his home town Police Athletic League and the Department of Parks tournament.

Another shining member of the team is 18 years old Pvt. Libbert Alderson, winner of the Southeastern North Carolina Golden Gloves light-heavyweight event. Lil started boxing last year at his home city, Flint, Michigan, by entering in city staged amateur bouts.

The roster of the new station boxing team is comprised of Pfc. Charles Toney 118 pounder from VMD 354, Pvt. Fred A. Marston, 126 MAG 11, Pfc. Richard Dix 135, Hq Sq II, Pfc. Nick Novak, 135 AES 46, Pfc. Kinnig Watson, 135 MAG 53, Cpl. Constantine G. Gevas, 147 MACS 11, T/Sgt. William Twardowski, 147 VMF 461, Pvt. John Keelan, 147 MAG 22, Pvt. Elmer Lakatos, 147 MACG 1, Pvt. Walter Dean, 160 MAG 22, E. V. Meadows HA 1/c, 160 Hq Sq Sta., Pfc. William Henefer, 160 AES 46, Pvt. Clarence Ellis, 175 Hq Sq Sta., and Pvt. Libbert Alderson, 175 MAG 21.

Discharge Order

Effective 1 February 1947, Commanding Officers of all organizations are authorized and directed to transfer for discharge at the convenience of the government all regular Marines regardless of the expiration date of their respective enlistment contracts if they were entered upon prior to 1 February 1945. All men who have entered on their current enlistment between 1 February and 31 August 1945, both dates inclusive, and who have a battle star on the appropriate theatre ribbon in recognition of their participation in a major campaign of World War Two are also eligible for discharge according to the latest dope from Headquarters, Marine Corps. All requests must be submitted to the squadron C.O.'s before May 1st, 1947.

Any Regular desiring discharge, who is eligible under the above conditions, must submit a written request for transfer and discharge to his Squadron Commanding Officer. Included in the letter must be a direct request for transfer and discharge, a statement that once transferred he will not withdraw his request, and finally, that the discharge will be "at the convenience of the Government."

Once the request is submitted, the Commanding Officer may hold the man till he can be spared; but in no case may a man be held for more than 90 days after receipt of his request for transfer and discharge under this authority. Terminal leave will also be granted prior to discharge of the man.

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W. R. Anniversary

The fourth anniversary of the Marine Corps Women's Reserve founding will be celebrated at an Officer's Club dinner here Thursday night, 13 February, by approximately forty inactive reservists and ex-WR's now living or working on the station.

The hushmark birthday is to be observed officially by veterans in at least twenty-five major cities throughout the country.

Beginning at 1900, the dinner program here will include the reading of messages from the Commandant, former director Col. Ruth Cheney Streeter, and the present director, Maj. Julia E. Hamblet, who at one time was Commanding Officer of the WR Squadrons at Cherry Point. Announcements recently released from Headquarters concerning plans for postwar WR activities will be promulgated.

Special transportation will be provided from the main gate to the Club. Further details can be had by contacting Miss Anne V. R. Bean, program committee chairman, at the Hostess House, extension S156.

PW's New Training Course

These Public Works Employees were given certificates for satisfactory completion of an Instructors Training Course by Commander J. A. Domy, (CEC) USN, Public Works Officer at the P. W. Administration Building.

The 41 Public Works Employees pictured above are a group of 70 men who have completed a 30 hour Instructor's Training course. It is one of the many courses taught by the WIP (Work Improvement Program) here at Cherry Point to both civilian and Marine Personnel. The WIP is designed to effectuate more efficient utilization of manpower, development of personal capabilities, the stabilization of production and standardization of training at all activities.

The Training Branch of OIR, Washington, D. C., is responsible for furnishing basic outlines of instructional material. The inauguration and efficient functioning of the WIP is the direct responsibility of IRO (Vocational Training Section) and the various Station Departments.

Some of the major sections of the WIP are:

- (1) Supervisors (Groups IV b, X IV a, 111)
- (2) Instructors
- (3) Apprentices
- (4) On-the-Job
- (5) Artisans

Upon completion of the 4 year apprentice Program, a participant will have completed 5424 shop and

1808 school hours. Satisfactory completion of the apprentice program enables the employee to be promoted to artisan in his trade at the minimum rate of pay. This phase of the program is especially beneficial for those whose education was interrupted by entering the Armed Services and ideal for any accepted applicant who desires to become a first-class mechanic.

The WIP, which is headed by Lt. Colonel Frank Collins and 89 per cent civilian-Marine, urge all Marines as well as civilian personnel of Cherry Point to take advantage of this opportunity.



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Allowance Bill

The Budget Bureau is expected to approve and return to the Navy Department in the near future a bill which, if passed by Congress, will extend the payment of family allowances through 1 July 1949. The bill in its present form, is understood to call for continued payments for all enlisted men of the Army, Navy, and Marine Corps through 1 July 1949, and to contain some provision for extending payments beyond that date under enlistments of specified lengths entered into prior to 1 July 1946. The term of these special provisions will be made known when the bill is formally introduced in Congress, and will even then be subject to change at the discretion of Congress.

This measure has the full support of the services because under present law, family allowance payments will cease at the end of the duration and six months, or at the end of a period of enlistment or reenlistment made before last 1 July. The new bill would establish uniformity in this regard.

The War and Navy Departments some time ago initiated a joint study leading to the writing of the present bill. The Navy, having a greater number of long term enlistees than the Army, proposed extension of the Family Allowance until 1952. The terminating date, now established as 1949, represents a three-way agreement between the Army, Navy, and Budget Bureau.

The Famous Fifth and Sixth Regiments of the USMC are entitled to wear the French fourragere, or green shoulder cords, because they were cited by the French Army several times for their valor in battle.



WORD ON LEAVE

Under the provisions of the Armed Forces Leave Act of 1946, each member of the Marine Corps is entitled to two and a half days of leave for each month of active service. The pay allowances are the same as if not on leave. Time spent A.O.L., AWOL or time spent in confinement resulting from court-martial sentence are not counted when computing the number of days of leave earned by a Marine.

The leave time will be computed on the basis of a fiscal year, 1 July to the following 30 June, instead of the enlistment year as the previous practice. An initial leave credit will be allowed each Marine on 1 July of each year. This leave may be used up at any time before the following 30 June, at the discretion of the department head.

Due to the passage of the new bill, the leave credit was established as of August 31, 1946, giving Leathernecks 25 days leave for the next fiscal year. The five days making up the 30 is not lost. It is credited to the terminal leave of the past year.

MCI's New Policy

The Marine Corps Institute departed during the war from its time-tried policy of disenrolling students who had not submitted a lesson in three months. Instead, students were carried on the rolls for a year without submitting a lesson in order to make sure that none were unable to study for reasons beyond their control such as combat, field conditions, loss of texts, hospitalization, etc. would not be unjustly disallowed.

With the termination of hostilities officially declared in December, and with thousands of reservists were paid off in August and September not submitting any lessons since discharge, it was resolved to clean the rolls of inactive students. Accordingly, the MCI staff worked overtime during Christmas holidays and worked out all students who had not sent in a lesson since September 1946. The total came out to an almost even 7000 and these were disenrolled on 31 December 1946, cutting the total enrollment on 1 January, 1947, to 16,887, its lowest ebb since October, 1943.

Lecturer: "Can anyone give the derivation of the word 'auditorium'?"

Listener: "Yes, from the word Audio—to hear, and Taurus—bull. A place where you—"

Lecturer: "That will do."

Armored cars were in use by the Marine Corps as far back as 1916 and those early types could go up to 60 miles per hour.

Doings of Station 'Hot' Dance Band

No that's not the music of the "Kenton Klan" or the "Herman Herd" that you hear when you pass barracks 221, that's the music of the station band under the direction of M/Sgt. H. H. Weir. The station dance band, a smooth 12 piece outfit, doesn't confine their melodies to the station alone. Every Tuesday night they play at the Moorehead USO. Here on the base they play at the Staff NCO Club every Friday night, while on Saturday night the Officers' Club dances to the music of the station band.

The band has mellow reed and brass sections backed up by a strictly solid rhythm section. The rhythm section is a novel one featuring an accordion in place of a piano.

On the trumpets are: M/Sgt. H. H. Weir, Birmingham, Alabama; Sgt. C. E. Hanigan, Tulsa, Oklahoma; and Pvt. H. O. Veverka from Cleveland, Ohio. Saxmen are, on altos, Pvt. R. E. Anderson, Wheeling, W. Va.; and Pvt. R. Zubak also of Wheeling. On the tenors we have S/Sgt. W. E. Memmel of Chicago, Ill. and Pvt. J. P. Jones of Jackson, Miss. The band's lone trombonist is sweet playing Cpl. E. Kwasielik of Hartford, Conn. In the band's rhythm section are Pvt. C. R. Detroit of Washington, D. C., who really beats a mean set of hides; guitarist, Pvt. D. J. Machen from Cincinnati, Ohio; bassman, Pvt. H. J. "Murph" Holeman, from New Orleans, Louisiana; and accordionist, Pfc. A. Frasso from New Castle, Pa. A recent addition to the band is Pfc. M. E. Harvey, vocalist, from St. Louis, Mo.

The band contains many first class musicians. An example of this can easily be seen by their individual performances. Among these are S/Sgt. W. E. Memmel who played with Bob Crosby's overseas Marine band and sat in with Charlie Barnett. M/Sgt. H. H. Weir played for quite awhile with Mel Hallett. Sgt. C. E. Hanigan sat in with another name band, Charlie Spivak.

When Harry Cool recently made his appearance here at Cherry Point, he needed a trumpettman for the night. The station band sent him Pvt. "Hank" Veverka who played with Cool all evening. Sitting in with Cool's outfit was really an experience for any musician as Cool's popularity is readily rising, and it is thought that he will soon be up on top.

The station band has had the experience of broadcasting also. When they played for the Cherry Point New Years Eve dance, their music was sent out to the East Coast over WHIT in New Bern.

If you want to hear a really swell outfit, why not attend the Cherry Point Valentine dance on February 13th at the drill hall?

For a period of three years prior to World War II, the United States Marines were the only American troops stationed in China.

Oak Grove Reporting MAG 53 In Review

By FERDINAND J. GAGATEK
Beginning in this issue, Oak Grove will have a share of white space in the WINDSOCK. From our remote field in the boonocks of scenic North Carolina, ahem, I will try to bring to you readers the latest scoop.

Nearly completed and in a very fine location stands the new base chapel. Its tiny steeple and modest structure is suggestive of a country church. When the chapel opens, it will undoubtedly amplify that refined Sunday atmosphere which is near negative now.

Port Bragg's basketball team arrived here and defeated Oak Grove 52-39. According to critics, the contest was neatly exhibited and all were happy after the game. Oceana Naval Base of Virginia with the aid of radar and trained bloodhounds reached Oak Grove only to emerge second to best by a score of 42-38.

'Too Small For A Head'

In this and succeeding editions of the WINDSOCK, we plan to place important tips and miscellaneous items that will be of value and interest to the Marines of this station.

If you can't get a "hop" to Washington, D. C., think twice about skipping one to Norfolk, National Air Base. It has opened a branch ticket office in the Administration Building, 5th Naval District, Headquarters (Transportation Section, phone NA 2508), Norfolk, Va. National Airlines is offering direct North and South service to Philadelphia and New York; local North and South service to Miami and New Orleans.

The Marines were in operation long before the Tun Tavern got together. In fact it might be said that the Marines were in very colorful operation.

One uncommon history book has it that three regiments of Marines were recruited from New York in 1740, to serve under the British flag. The book describes these three regiments with very artistic taste. Those first Marines wore green swallow tail coats faced with red; white waistcoats and buff colored trousers; crossed white belts, and tri-cornered hats.

Of interest to all at Cherry Point is the story, "Devil Birds," now appearing in the February issue of the Marine Corps Gazette. This is the first authoritative story of the part Marine Aviation played in World War II.

Reading more like fiction, each paragraph is filled with tensity and the heroic actions of our Marines against the overwhelming odds. This story is well worth reading.

Get your copy of the Gazette at the Post Exchange bookstand. Better yet, a yearly subscription is yours for only three dollars.

The Navy Department has ordered that leave be granted enlisted men, when they have accrued leave to their credit, on the following occasions:

1. When being transferred from sea duty to shore duty and prior to reporting to shore billet.
2. When being transferred from sea duty to a service school and prior to reporting to service school on designated convening date.
3. Upon completion of school assignment.
4. When ordered to sea duty not having completed normal tour ashore.
5. When in transient status between sea duty assignments.

In the early months of 1943 a group of Marines were trained here at Cherry Point, and on April 1st of that year they were commissioned Night-Fighter Group Fifty-three. A rugged, post-commission training program was then followed to harden and season the newly developed squadron, and in October 1944 they evacuated to Eagle Mountain, Lake, Texas.

Whole at Eagle Mountain Lake the pilots of MAG 53 were run through a 154-hour program on a 24-hour day, 7 days a week basis. Instrument and navigation training, plus bombing, strafing, day and night gunnery, rockets, G.C.I. and A.I.A. radar problems in simulated bomber interceptions was a pressing program that it created sufficient, highly trained fighter pilots.

Although MAG 53 did not go overseas as a whole unit, it did, however, send numerous squadrons to the Pacific theater. VMF 531 and 532, plus VMD 354 (rained a total of 8 full night fighter squadrons and numerous single and twin engine replacement pilots).

When MAG 53 returned to Cherry Point in Feb. 1946, it was under the command of Lt-Col. Megrauder, but the following August Lt-Col. Peter D. Lambrecht took over the controls. Preceding his return from the Pacific in Oct. 1945 he commanded VMF (N) 541 on Pelelieu and in the Philippine campaign. His squadron is credited with 22 enemy planes and four probables for sinking 8 Jap placement pilots.

Lt-Col. Lambrecht is one of the original two Combat Night Fighters and has been awarded the D.F.C. and three Air Medals. He also flew with the R.A.F. in England to study the British methods of night fighting.

Wacky Accidents Of '46

(CNS)—This is the age of complications, the day of the "beasts" in cartoons, short stories and receipts. There are antologues built on almost every conceivable subject matter: murder, baseball, war, married life . . . name it. Did you name "Accidents"? Didn't think there was one, did you? Well here it is, through the courtesy of the National Safety Council Wacky Accidents of 1946:

An ice cube, falling from a hotel window, knocked out Jeanette Esslinger of St. Louis . . . knocked her out cold. At the hospital, Miss Esslinger was treated with an ice pack.

Now if you'll follow us to warm er climes, we'll tell you about the man who was shot by a kangaroo Mr. Arthur Crosbie, of Australia shot the kangaroo first. He reloaded his gun, walked up to the fallen kangaroo and put the rifle butt against the animal—a la Teddy Roosevelt. The kangaroo suddenly stretched a forepaw against the gun's trigger and shot Crosbie through the arm.

And if you think a rabbit's foot wouldn't do the same thing . . . listen to this one. William Humphrey, 16, hunting near his home in Louisville, Ky., bagged a rabbit—but in stuffing the animal into his rucksack, got the rabbit's foot caught in the trigger. Humphrey got a bullet in his foot. Hare-trigger Humphrey, they call him now.

And now for the clincher, a little sparrow that was responsive (though indirectly) for shattering 650 windows, one farm wagon . . . and itself. Chirping away on a fire wagon, was the sparrow. Raising his rifle for a shot at the bird, a 16-year-old Robert Marth of . . . month, Wis. And loaded on the wagon, that the bird was sitting on that the boy was aiming at . . . were 1300 pounds of dynamite. The shot missed the bird. Marth's rifle was a little low, and the wagon. Result: Robert's gun was taken away from him . . . on account of a sparrow.

Schedule of Divine Services

Protestant
0945—Sunday School at Cherry Point School.
1000—Divine Worship at WRRH.
1100—Divine Worship at Community Church.
1900—Young People's Meeting at Cherry Point School.
2000—Evening Divine Worship at Community Church.

Catholic
0645, 0845, 1200—Mass at WRRH.
Confessions Saturday 1600-1900, and 1930-2100.
0900—Mass at Community Church.
Daily Mass at 0645 at Dallas Huts Chapel.
Perpetual Novena Devotions Tuesday at 1800.



The Cherry Point Garden Club held its monthly meeting in JOQ at 1100, 21 January 1947. Mrs. Ray Hurst and Mrs. Carl Longely, co-hostesses to the gathering, decorated the table pictured above.

—Public Information Photo



By FRANCES HOWELL
 Poet Christopher LaFarge has done something quite different in *The Sudden Guest*, his first novel since the famous *Ezekiel to the Other*. This time he has used as subject matter the unusual combination of one woman and two hurricanes! The woman is Carrel Leckton, a New England spinster, who reveals her true self through her reaction to two violent storms, the hurricane of 1888 and the lesser storm of 1944. Before your very eyes unfolds a perfect example of the egocentric character—a character which "re-creates within its own lifetime, its own hell." You will also find the descriptions of the storms nothing less than magnificent. One critic says the book is definitely "a parable for our times." However, just what that parable is each reader must decide for himself.

In *Britannia Meets Adelaide* Culler joins the select numbers of Margery Sharp heroines. She rebels against her Victorian family and clothes, mind you, with her drunken drawing master, going with him to Britannia Mews where once her father's coachman had lived. Thus an amazing story begins—the richly varied account not only of an exceptional woman but of an English family over three quarters of a century. Adelaide learns to cope with the domestic tragedy and black-mail of a slum as well as the two men whom she unhesitatingly takes into her life. After enjoying *The Nutmeg Tree* and *Cluny Brown*, surely you won't be able to pass up this warmhearted, entertaining story.

"Expect nothing from such a world as this but the worst." Such is the message Gregory Dawson, well-known and successful writer of screen plays, wishes to deliver to the audience in his script for a new film. Then following a chance meeting with a couple he had known back in the days of his youth he begins to muse about the experiences of that "bright day" and relives in memory those happy years. He finds himself changing and, even though he continues with his script, he is led to an entirely new conception of the future. For a different picture of England before and after the important era of 1914-1915 plus the story of this sensitive and embittered man's inward change be sure to read J. B. Priestley's *Bright Day*.

Gay Paree isn't so gay in Bruce Marshall's latest novel, *Yellow Tapers for Paris*. You see, the story begins on the eve of World War II and ends with the exodus from the city in June 1940. The secret drama and ends with the exodus from the city of many "little" lives is revealed. Bigou, the accountant, Odette, his daughter, the resentful Chann, the veteran Baqueroot, the optimist Laterade, and the revolutionist Verneuil. All are comrades in a bewildered, shabby, intense sort of way. Yet they stand out in striking contrast to the miniature Lavals, their crafty, greedy employers. In such fundamental integrity lies the promise for a nation on the eve of its funeral. If you enjoyed Remarque's *Arch of Triumph*, why not put this one on your list of books to read?

PLANNING A PARTY?

FOR STAFF NCOS! Are you planning on having a party? A birthday, wedding anniversary, engagement or any kind of a get-together? If so, perhaps you will be interested in what your club has to offer you.
 The Staff NCO Club will take care of all your party problems if you are in the staff non-commissioned officer grade.
 The management of the club will make all the arrangements such as having the dining room decorated, menu prepared, music supplied if wanted, and a cake made and decorated to order. All you have to do is let the manager know when and what you want for the party; then forget about it till party time.
 Let's see some reaction to this service. Contact S/Sgt. Harold H. Anglerhardt, 8112.

'Platter Info'

By FRANCIS R. MISIEWICZ

Industry and government circles are forecasting that FM will be flourishing in full scale operation this year . . . RCA-Victor is going into the coin machine biz . . . Jack Benny abandoned his plans to broadcast from Hawaii blaming transportation and uncertainty of securing high reception as the reason . . .

Rudy Vallee's book on radio biz, "From One Who Knows," on the stands in early spring . . . Ted Husing, conductor of the Ted Husing Bandstand over WdX, New York, is having his image flashed over 200 East Coast silver screens as part of the station's ballyhoo . . . Woody Herman to be a disc jockey replacing Bill James on the "Make Believe Ballroom, Hollywood" . . .

Sonora Records is preparing to market a \$39 record . . . Sherman Hotel, Chicago, dropping name band policy and giving an ice show a three month tryout . . . Lionel Hampton, once tabbed "the hottest band in captivity," is disposing with sugar and jazzies; Frank says, "that's what the public wants" . . .

You'll be seeing platter ads in your Sunday funnies, with cartoons about your favorite discing stars . . . Name bandleaders worried over the trend for smaller orchestras . . .

"Years and Years Ago," a ballad classic sung by the Dining Sisters, retaining all the classic quality yet producing a danceable number. The other side, "He Like It, She Like It," a native heat slightly "Rum and Coca-Colaish." Dean Elliot conducting . . . Cliffie Stone just opens his mouth and out comes, "Silver Stars, Purple Sage, Eyes of Blue" and "If You Knew Susie." Incidentally he's written "Divorce Me C. O. D." "So Round—So Firm—So Fully Packed," and "No Vacancy." . . .

"Beware My Heart" has Whiting at her best, in a sweet and torchy mood. Flipping the juke has Margaret in a melancholy mood when she sings, "What Am I Gonna Do About You," from the Paramount Picture, *Ladies Man* . . . Another discing of "Misirlou" pops out; this time by Skitch Henderson . . .

INCOME TAX

Queries to who must pay income tax are answered in this article. All enlisted men and warrant officers are exempt from paying income tax unless the individual receives an income from outside sources. The outside income is taxable.

Officers who have a yearly income of \$2000.00 or more not including allowances must file a report.

All those paying income tax must make reports and pay one quarter of the tax by March 15. At the same time an estimate of 1947 income should be filed.



NAVY RELIEF SOC.

The Navy Relief Society, an organization which assists Marine Corps and Navy personnel in time of family sickness or need as well as arranging for transportation, housing, personal problems and affairs and related matters, is opening a fifteen day contribution drive the first of February 1947. Voluntary contributions made by Cherry Point Marines to various squadron representatives will be turned in to Captain S. R. Lauer, Treasurer of the Cherry Point Auxiliary, Navy Relief Society, in the Station Adjutant's Office on the tenth and seventeenth of February.



I didn't know we had to dig clear through it in order to see it!

G. I. BILL

Personal Affairs

HOME LIFE

By T. H. MANN, JR.

Nothing could be of more interest to the average Marine than education under the G. I. Bill of Rights. A majority of men now in the Marine Corps enlisted not only because of the adventure to be had in being a Marine, the thrill of being a part of the most distinguished fighting force in the world, but also because they could obtain opportunities, unexcelled in education. The world of tomorrow, with better qualified, better educated men, will owe much to the G. I. Bill in effect now, for granting the best education available to countless thousands of young Americans.

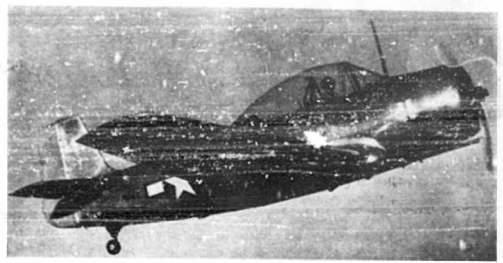
Even though there seems to be a genuine appreciation for the G. I. Bill there are many questions that men continue to ask, especially about the education offered. In this article we attempt to answer a few of these questions.

What is meant by "ordinary school year"? Some schools continue for eleven months and other schools stop at nine months and then there is the summer session intervening.

The ordinary school year is defined as a period of two semesters or three quarters not less than 30 nor more than 38 weeks in total length. Under this definition an institution may be paid as much as \$500 for each ordinary school year which is completed regardless of the time required for such completion. Thus \$500 might be paid for each of 4 ordinary school years which are completed within three 12-month periods.

Is it possible to go to summer school and still get the benefits of the G. I. Bill?

Yes, if you meet all the eligibility requirements. A year of education or training means actually a full calendar year of 12 months. If a person pursues a summer school course of three months, he would be able to take summer school work for four summers for each year of eligibility. He may apply for subsistence allowance for the time he is actually in school. The Federal Government will allow \$500 for tuition and fees on a prorated basis.



The Navy's newest primary trainer, the Fairchild XNQ-1, during its first test flight at the Fairchild Aircraft Division in Hagerstown, Maryland. The plane was piloted by Dick Henson, chief test pilot for Fairchild. The XNQ-1 has an electrically retractable landing gear and a Hamilton Standard propeller. It represents the greatest advancement in Naval primary trainers since War's War I.—Fairchild Aircraft, Hagerstown, Maryland.

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THERE IS A serious shortage of Registered Nurses on this station. Former Navy Nurses or Registered Nurses living on this station or in Havelock, are requested to register their names at the Station Dispensary as soon as possible. For additional information call the Station Dispensary at 3122.

Witty Witticisms

"Were you ever binched for going too fast?"
 "No, but I've been slapped!"

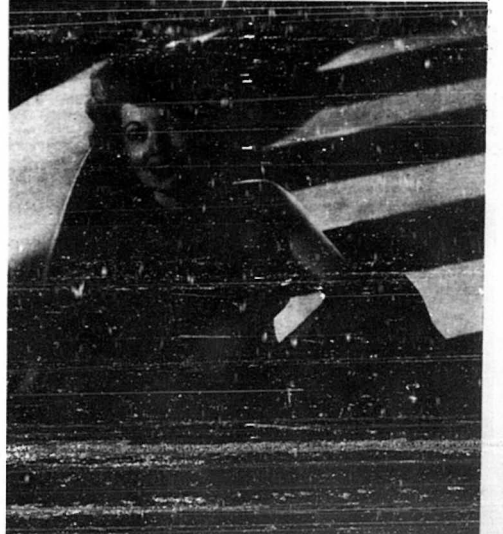
She: "Sometimes my father takes things apart to see why they won't go."
 Marine: "So what?"
 She: "So you had better go."

"WINDOW PAINS"

A worried father hurried to his teen-age son's hospital bedside. The lad had a broken leg and myriad cuts and bruises. "What happened, son?" asked the father. "Did you have an accident coming home from your girl's house?"

"No," the boy groaned.
 "Well, how did it happen?" persisted the father.

"We were jitterbugging," the boy explained, "when her old man came in. He's deaf and couldn't hear the music—so he threw me out the window."



The eternal mystery: What holds it up. Lucille Ball, of Metro-Goldwyn, isn't telling.

