

Give an ear you LIBERTY HOUNDS! The Bus company is running special buses direct to Rocky Mount at 1630 and 1650 every Thursday and Friday—fare \$2.50 one way—which make connections at Rocky Mount for the 7:40 p.m. train to points NORTH just for you!

Other buses leave the Point headed for Rocky Mount via Kingston, Goldsboro, and Wilson at the following times: 9:25, 09:15, 12:10, 14:05, 15:45, 17:25, and 21:35—fare to Goldsboro is \$1.78 one way. Ready to pitch another big weekend liberty?

# CHERRY POINT

# The Windsock

MARINE CORPS AIR STATION—CHERRY POINT, N.C.

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## Lack of Smart Military Dress Noted Lately

The smart military appearance and bearing of Marine officers and enlisted men, a tradition of the Corps, has been noticeably lacking among the Marines here recently. Though ignorance may be a reason for some of the laxity in this respect, much of this sloppiness of uniform and bearing is directly due to the man's personal carelessness of dress.

Among the more frequently noted violations of uniform regulations were the following:

1. The garrison cap (coveras cap) being worn on the back of the head with the crown pushed down inside, giving an effect of style entirely different from that intended by the Marine Corps.
  2. The utility or working cap worn on the back of the head with the visor turned up, thus giving the onlooker an impression of "sloppy joesm."
  3. Unbuttoned or partially unbuttoned field jackets, creating an un-military "ba-gy" style distinctly at variance with the traditions of the Corps.
  4. Dungarees and other utility clothing being worn to services in the Station Chapel and at other activities on the station where direct orders call for the proper uniform of the day during the most probable hours of attendance. This is especially prevalent at athletic events outside of regular working hours.
  5. The wearing of field jackets by officers and enlisted men while ashore on liberty, particularly in New Bern, Morehead City, Greenville and other surrounding towns. The service jacket (battlerjacket) has been supplied and in some cases is still being issued for this purpose: DO NOT wear your field jacket ashore while on leave or liberty.
- How can you expect others to respect your uniform if you, a Marine, don't evidence respect for it in your personal appearance and carriage? Wear your uniform

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## Small Crafts Lead as Hobby Shop Re-Opens; Calling Boys 9 to 16! BSA Troop Reactivated

### Funds Drive To Equip Troop Now Underway

A new and revitalized Troop 52, Cherry Point's own Boy Scouts of America group, has started blazing its trail here with many of the old troops' members back in the new organization.

Though 18 to 20 boys have already turned out for the scouting activities every Friday night at the Boy Scout Cabin, the troop is now recruiting all boys from 9 to 16 years to come out and join in the fun—overnight and daytime hikes, portage hikes, weiner and marshmallow roasts, patrol activities and many more. The troop is not an indoor affair so stay away if that is what you want. Instead it is a live wire woodsman outfit, lusty and full breathing, having a great deal of healthy fun and at the same time teaching its members a way of life that has been the backbone of America for 171 years.

The Boy Scout Cabin, a lodge provided for the scouts, has all the fixings for the troop including a fire place, while Camp NOPLACE has an ideal location in the woods and full facilities for boating—a great deal of which is scheduled for the boys. Camp NOPLACE and the Boy Scout Cabin are there solely for the use of the scouts so that any Marines wishing to use the areas must have the express permission of the scout council. Lt. Col. M. T. Ireland, chairman. Accordingly, it is requested that all Marines cooperate and obey the request not to use these areas without permission.

Consisting at present of four patrols, the Apache, Wolf, Beaver, and Black Panther, the troop is being aided through its infancy by 9 assistant scoutmasters, Lt. W. W. Bird—scoutmaster—and a council

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—Photo by Dagenais, PIO  
Some of the power equipment in the machine shop section of the Hobby Shop located in Bks. 227 directly behind the Ad Building Parking lot (former WR area).

### Purchase Store New Feature At Opening

### Power Shops Open Soon

The Hobby Shop, located in Barracks 227 (old WR area), opened for the first time since its reorganization 1 May with several of the smaller crafts shops going into high gear.

Operating at present under the tentative hours of 1300 to 1630 and 1800 to 2130 Wednesday thru Sunday, the Hobby Shop now has small crafts units working in various parts of the building—included are those of leatherwork, plastics, model building, small woodworking and carving, metal art, ceramics and pottery; the latter must still await the installation of kilns for firing and glazing, but the materials may be molded and made ready for these two final processes.

One of the better features of the new Hobby Shop is the Purchasing Store which is at present stocked with fine leathers, aircraft models and equipment, pottery materials, plastics and other materials sufficient to supply your needs for the crafts operating at the moment. The Purchasing Store offers materials at prices far below those of normal outside retail stores, and makes just enough profit to cover operating expenses of the Hobby Shop. It has been provided for your convenience and saving so be sure to take full advantage of it.

As soon as it is possible and feasible, the Hobby Shop will add to its already popular list of small crafts shops a number of larger shops and labs. Among these will be a completely equipped and tool machine shop, a full size carpentry shop, an art shop, a weaving room, a complete photographic lab, a chemistry lab, and a thoroughly equipped radio shop for the "hams" at Cherry Point. When thoroughly trained men become available, all the hobby shops will be properly staffed with qualified instructors in each specialty to help you learn while doing and to aid you in improving the quality of your work.

Cherry Point's Hobby Shop is being developed under the auspices of the Special Services Department. The project is under the immediate guidance of Mr. Arnold Borden, ex-C. O. of Hqs. Sqd. MAG 11 and Hqs. Sqd. MAG 14 during their tours of duty overseas in the last war. Prior to entering the service, Mr. Borden was a former instructor in the Department of Art at the University of North Carolina. M/Sgt. Sullivan, presently detached for the purpose of assisting in the discharge of men under AIMar 29, assists Mr. Borden at the new impressive Hobby Shop.

Just in case you are wondering what you do with your gear at quitting time—there are conveniently located lockers in the building for your own personal use free for the asking. Tools are also issued to anyone qualified to use them without charge; at the end of the "working day" all tools must be turned back to the Hobby Shop toolroom in good working condition—learn to take care of the tools and facilities of the shops so that

## Ole Man Weather Sly Bird But Can't Trick Boys In Aero

"Scattered showers in the late afternoon and evening; fair and warmer tomorrow. Highest temperature reading tomorrow will be in the middle eighties."

How often have you read such a similar weather report? How can a weatherman forecast so accurately? Your grandparents can remember when the weather was something that was talked about and everyone scoffed at the temerity of men forecasting the weather. What is weather anyway?

Weather forecasting of some type has been traced as far back as 15 centuries before Christ, but present day forecasting was born in 1500 with the invention of the thermometer by Galileo and Sanctorius—with the invention of the barometer in 1643 by Torricelli, another Italian. These two distinct inventions and discoveries in the field of physics led to modern weather forecasting.

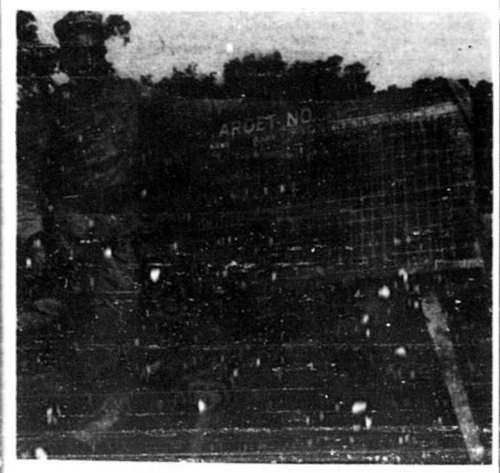
Today, before the men of Aerology, under the guidance of Lt. Overstreet, Lt. Lansing, and W/O McCarty, issue a forecast for the next 12, 24, or 36 hours, they must

make a thorough analysis of the weather as it is shown on their charts. This information is indicated by lines connecting points of equal temperature in the U. S., isotherms; and isobars, lines connecting points of equal barometric pressure throughout the States. In this analysis is included a thorough study of cyclones, anti-cyclones, air masses, warm and cold fronts and their probable movements in the light of their positions within the last 12, 24, and 36 hours.

The next step is the computation of the probable changes in the positions of these elements, and the effects of these changes—weather to us laymen. To do this the Cherry Point weathermen must visualize in their minds the weather as it will be 12, 24, or 36 hours in advance. Because of the variability of these elements, the task of forecasting the weather in advance with accuracy is no mean job—requiring not only a thorough knowledge of theoretical meteorology but also a long background and experience in weather forecasting.

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## Parris Island Tech Sergeant Captures Southeastern Match



—Photo by Dagenais, PIO  
Showing the steadiness of a well seasoned veteran and weathering treacherous cross-winds, T/Sgt. Arthur E. Snyder, rifle coach at Parris Island, posted an aggregate of 556 out of a possible 600 points to win the annual Southeastern Division rifle competition at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, rifle range.

### Ersatz Trips Of Navy Vehicles Spells Brigtime

Public Law 358, Sec. 202 (b) states that, "Any Officer or Employee of the Government who uses or Authorizes the use of any Government-Owned Motor-propelled passenger carrying vehicle, or of any Motor-propelled passenger carrying vehicle leased to the government, for other than Official purposes or otherwise violates the provisions of this subsection shall be summarily removed from office."

As directed by Air Station General Order 71-47, the NavDocks form No. 1092, Vehicle Trip Report, have been turned in by each department having custody of government vehicles, and there have been many discrepancies noted leading to a belief that violations of the quoted law, passed by Congress, are taking place continually.

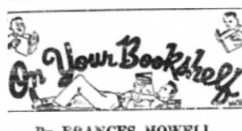
### Marine Air Ace Dies In Chicago Airport Mishap

Captain Donald N. Aldrich, 29, Chicago Marine Air Ace who shot down 20 Jap planes, was killed in instant's May 3, 1947 when the Corsair he was flying overturned at a Chicago southside airport. Aldrich was en route to Glenview, Ill., from Quantico, Va. after obtaining leave to visit his wife and young son who is recovering from an illness.

Ranking as a top ace with Foss, Doyington, Hansen, and Walsh, Captain Aldrich shot down five Jap planes at Guadalcanal and Munda, and 15 in a period of six weeks on strikes over Rabaul as fighter escort to TBF's and SBD's when his squadron, the "Fighting Corsairs" VMF-215, ran into 90 or 100 enemy planes on every mission. His exploits won him the Navy

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### On Your Bookshelf

By FRANCES HOWELL

Many a cup o' tea has been sipped to the accompaniment of discussions dominated by "Forever Amber" and her numerous literary cousins. On the other hand, you would probably be quite surprised to find out that books with religious significance have also reached an all-time high during the past four years. Just take a look into the realm of fiction alone and you will find:

**THE HERDSMAN**, by Dorothy C. Wilson. A vivid portrayal of the Old Testament prophet, Amos, who first discovered God as love and justice rather than vengeance. Both time and place become very real in this fascinating account of customs, religion, slavery, tax collection and daily life.

**BARABBAS**, by Emery Bekesy and Andreas Hemberger. A novel of the time of Christ in which the spotlight is thrown on Barabbas, the robber who was released by Pilate in place of Jesus. The inevitable climax, the trial of Christ, is reached magnificently in a scene of agony and terror you will long remember.

**DAVID THE KING** by Gladys Schmitt. An extraordinary novel based on the old, rich story of David, king of Israel. Fact and fancy are blended beautifully in this portrait of an Old Testament character whose sins often outweighed his virtues! One critic went so far as to say "Not to read David the King is to miss one of life's blessings."

**THE APOSTLE**, by Sholem Asch. This portrayal of Saint Paul, the great New Testament missionary is really quite a literary phenomenon in that it is a scholarly work which possesses at the same time intense reader-interest. Even more important in a time of rampant prejudice is the message stressing the high ideals of brotherhood and the spiritual ties that bind the Christian to the Jew. Be sure to read, too, an earlier companion piece, **THE NAZARENE**.

**THE EMPEROR'S PHYSICIAN**, by Jacob R. Perkins. Palestine in the days of the Emperor Tiberius furnishes the background for this story of two physicians, one of them the emperor's own personal attendant. While on a medical mission through Palestine they meet Jesus of Nazareth. How the two physicians become aware of his healing powers should stimulate your interest—especially if you are sensitive to the conflict between science and faith.

**BEHOLD YOUR KING**, by Florence A. Bauer. The last years of the life of Jesus will become very real to you in this story of a rich young Cyrenian Jew who comes to Jerusalem to the household of his uncle, Joseph of Arimathea. While there he becomes a follower of the Master and is with Him even at the time of the crucifixion. You will also enjoy the vivid descriptions of the customs, the customs, and the people, for the book takes one right into the world in which Jesus lived.

Khaki summer service uniforms with or without khaki battejackets became mandatory as Uniform of the Day at Cherry Point, 15 May 1947. Greens remain optional for liberty or leave uniform; after 1630, however, khaki is the required uniform for attendance at any recreational activity on the station.

### THE OLD SALT



By WM. C. WYGANT

## Sick Call

For the past few weeks, the dispensary has really been bustling over with the business of returning the two-year men to civilian life. It has been quite a task, and the departments concerned with the discharges are all overworked now. But when our turn comes, we'll want a quick discharge, so why not apply the golden rule.

In spite of the fact that the base has lost a couple thousand men so far, more rated men have been transferred to the dispensary. WHY?? Maybe we'll know the answer before too long.

While on the subject of rated men, it seems to be quite a bit of confusion in the minds of some Marines as to how to tell what rate a corpsman is. It's simple to know his rate: If he has just a red cross on his arm, he is either a hospital apprentice second class, corresponding to a Pfc., or a hospital apprentice first class, corresponding to a corporal; if he has an eagle above the cross and one stripe beneath, he is a pharmacist's mate third class, which is in the same pay grade as a buck sergeant; two stripes, pharmacist's mate second class, equal to a staff sergeant; three stripes, pharmacist's mate first class, equal to a tech sergeant; and three stripes with a curved stripe above them signify a chief pharmacist's mate, equal to a master sergeant. See, it's easy.

### BOY SCOUTS

(Continued from Page 1, Col 2) committee of volunteer friends of scouting, who supervise the expenditure of funds.

A drive has been instituted for contributions since the ten cents per week dues per scout scarcely suffices to cover the expenses of a well-run, well equipped troop. All friends of scouting are urged to aid the troop in this fashion as much as possible; contact any member of the council committee or the scout scoutmasters, they will be glad to accept your contribution towards the troop here.

The council committee also serves as a reviewing board for the scouts when they are ready and certified for promotion; meeting the first Monday evening of each month in room 229 in the Administration Building at 2900. The council aids the scouts in this fashion as well as attending to the financial matters and discussing the scouting program as it is developed by the troop.

The scouts, who earn their promotions, are awarded them the last Friday (the fourth Friday) of every month at an impressive council fire ceremony. A new feature of the troop will be the invitation to parents of troop members to attend this meeting, witness the promotions and awards given their sons, and to discuss the many and varied phases of scouting activities with the scoutmasters and the scoutmaster—thus increasing and cementing firmly the father and son relationships between the scouts and their parents.

As the troop increases in proficiency, the scoutmasters will withdraw and progressively turn over the reins of government of the troop to its members as they become ready for the responsibilities, so that eventually the troop will be a self-operating unit—a live, spirited lesson in American government and way of life to all its scouting members.

G.I. BILL

Personal Affairs

HOME LIFE

By LT. THEODORE MOORE

**VERMONT**—Offers \$10.00 for each month of service up to a maximum of 12 months.

**NEW HAMPSHIRE**—Awards \$100.00 to veterans of world war II.

**MASSACHUSETTS**—Voted a \$200.00 bonus for domestic service and \$50.00 for foreign duty.

**RHODE ISLAND**—Gives \$200.00 to veterans including those who were in the Merchant Marine.

**MICHIGAN**—Pays \$10.00 a month for Stateside service and \$15.00 for a veterans housing service, up to a maximum of \$500.00.

**ILLINOIS**—Offers \$10.00 per month for active domestic service and \$15.06 for foreign service.

**CALIFORNIA** approved one hundred million to help veterans in buying homes and farms.

**LOUISIANA** extended homestead exemptions up to \$5,000 till 1952.

**NEW JERSEY** passed a bill to issue thirty-five million M bonds for a veterans housing program.

**TEXAS** created a land fund for veterans.

**NEW YORK** proposes \$50 to \$250 to be approved in next November's elections.

For application blanks write to the Capitol of your State.

### AIR ACE DIES

(Continued from Page 1, Col. 4) Cross, the DFC, Air Medal, and Purple Heart with Gold Star.

Aldrich was recently transferred from Cherry Point to Quantico, Va. at Amphibious War School, Junior Course. His wife and son were in Chicago. His son, Frederick, had only just been released from the hospital after a 23 day stay due to a throat infection. Mrs. Aldrich explained that her husband had been "worried about the baby."

Engine trouble is believed to have forced the young ace to try an emergency landing on the Ashburn field despite signals that the field was closed. He came in at about 75 miles per hour, engine dead. His wheels struck the wet cinder runway, and after rolling about 200 feet normally the plane suddenly flipped over and plowed for some distance on its back in the mud. Upon removal from the plane, Aldrich was pronounced dead by Navy doctors.

Aldrich had been flying since he was 12 years old. His father was a private pilot and by the time Donald had reached 100 flying hours in his 12th year he had 100 flying hours to his credit.

Enlisting in the Royal Canadian Air Force in 1941 he won his Wings in November 1941, after rejecting an infantry commission in the US Army. He accepted a commission in the U. S. Marine Corps in October 1942.

All persons who were prisoners of war are entitled to waiver of premiums, for period of confinement, on their Government Insurance. Claims should be forwarded through channels to Headquarters, Marine Corps. All claims must be filed prior to 1 August 1947.

Marines wishing to file claim should contact the Education Officer, WR Recreation Building, phone 3273.

## NCO Wives Tea

On Tuesday afternoon, May 6th, the Staff NCO Ladies Social Group held an informal tea at the club with Miss Gertrude Carraway of New Bern as the guest speaker. Miss Carraway's informative talk gave the ladies a word picture of this area before the establishment of the Air Station.

She suggested that any ladies who were interested in having their names recorded in history to try to solve some mysteries which are connected with this part of the state, or perhaps to find Blackboard's treasure store which is reportedly buried on Money Island—within sight of the Staff NCO Club. Other guests at the tea were the Oak Grove Ladies group.

### MILITARY DRESS

(Continued from Page 1, Col. 1) properly and proudly—as a United States Marine should. Practice, in sincerity, the proper military courtesy of the moment both between officers and men of your own outfit and those of the other military forces. Remember that you are first and foremost a representative of the United States Marine Corps and that you are expected to act in a way that will reflect only the highest credit upon the United States Government, Armed Forces, and your organization and yourself while on leave or liberty!

The Superfortress, the B-29, remained in the development stage for eight years before it was ready to go into combat. Only after many tests and changes was it accepted as a fighting ship. There were 11 major designs made before it was even committed to metal. The Superfort was the logical improvement of the famed Boeing B-17.

## Ideas For Sale Use Beneficial Suggestions

Over thirty years ago the Navy Department established an industry tested suggestion program. Since that time it has steadily grown and has been given added importance. The Navy Department saved over 30 million dollars one year through the use of suggestions submitted.

Many people think a beneficial suggestion has to be a new idea and must be tried and tested before it can be submitted. That is not true. Any civilian or military person may submit an idea he has relative to his job or any other work that is done by the Navy Department. Present your idea. It will be studied, and if it has possibilities of being used, you will be assisted in working it out. Or if it does not pertain to your work, it will be developed by those concerned, whether on this station or elsewhere. The program is Navy Department wide in scope. If your idea has been tried, tested and adopted, you may still submit it. However, you are encouraged to submit them before they are developed or tried to protect you from having someone else "cash in" on your idea. That could happen. Also, you may receive help in working it out if you begin by submitting it.

After the idea of yours has been tried out and adopted, it will be considered for an award according to the rules of the Beneficial Suggestion Program.

Awards are not only based on savings realized at this station, but may be based on savings at other Naval Activities that adopt the suggestion. Employees at this station are still receiving awards on ideas submitted several years ago. Another thing, employees have submitted ideas that had patentable features. The Navy Department patented the ideas for the suggesters "free of charge." The patents are their property to sell or do with as they please. The only reservation is that the government alone is free to use the ideas.

If you have trouble expressing what you want to say, put your name and address on a suggestion blank and ask that a representative of the Beneficial Suggestion Program visit you. He will assist you in every way he can.

### ABOARD

1st Lt. Adam A. Netz AirFMPF-Lant.

1st Lt. Ralph A. Soderberg AES-42.

Major Richard L. Nickerson AirFMPF-Lant.

Capt. Christopher N. Canan AirFMPF-Lant.

Lt. Mildred McGirt USN Hq. Sqd.

Lt. Myrtle L. Woodall USN Hq. Sqd.

CWO Lewis R. Alexander AirFMPF-Lant.

Lt. Robert G. Arrington USNR Hq. Sqd.

1st Lt. Don M. Perkins AirFMPF-Lant.

Major Allan H. Ringbloom AES-42.

### BON VOYAGE

1st Lt. John D. Connerly Relief from active duty.

1st Lt. Leland R. Smith, Chanute Field, Ill.

Capt. James A. Dorsey, Philadelphia, Penna.

## Schedule of Divine Services

**Protestant**

0945—Sunday School at Cherry Point School.

1000—Divine Worship at Station Chapel.

1100—Divine Worship at Community Church.

1815—Young People's Meeting at Cherry Point School.

1930—Evening Divine Worship at Community Church.

**Catholic**

0645, 0845, 1200 Mass at Station Chapel.

Confessions Saturday 1600-1900, and 1930-2100.

0900—Mass at Community Church. Daily Mass at 0645 at Catholic Wing of Station Chapel.

Perpetual Novena Devotions Tuesday at 1800.

