

# "Windsock" Weekly

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## POINT CELEBRATES GALA FOURTH AT PARK; BROADWAY REVUE CLIMAXES FESTIVITIES

### -MAG-11- Unit of Week

### Athletic Events at Park Start Day's Fireworks Rolling; Hit Show Tops Off 4th

Cherry Point's gala Fourth of July celebration got underway at 1330 in Mitchell Park with the beginning of a Sailboat Race; from then on it was just one barrel of fun and events. The climax came in the evening with an all-star Broadway Revue, the best show to hit the Point since Jerry Colonna's troupe played here August of '46!

Events that followed rapidly on the heels of each other at Mitchell Park kept a large crowd of Marines and their families in a continual state of holiday excitement. The coke flowed free and plentifully; cakes, potato chips and sandwiches were consumed by everyone in the crowd.

With the Sailing Race underway, the next event, a Canoe Race, took place at 1400. Ten or twelve contestants did some mighty fancy paddling and put on quite a show. Some came in paddling and others swimming. The winners, Pfc. Robert F. Lohness and Pfc. Carl Fortuna, made the trip in five minutes to receive the first prize of 50 movie tickets. In second place were Pfc's. Paul F. Kachnic and Dimitri Sywyk of Hedron Sta. and Lant, respectively. They won 30 free movies at the station theatre. S/Sgt. Donald N. Frantz and Corp. Alwayne Damron, both of AES-46, split one dollar's worth of movie tickets between themselves as third prize.

An adaptation of the medieval art of Jousting took place in canoes for some of the harder contestants. Using poles with boxing gloves strapped on the end, they beat each other around and usually into the drink. There was plenty of laughs and thrills as one after another, the "boxers" teetered and tumbled from blows before going into the final roll of the canoe upsetting. The final winners were Pfc's. Thaddeus Chamure and A. T. Barome, who received the first prize of 5 books of movie tickets, and Pfc's. Jates and Holloway of Hedron Sta., 3 books of movie tickets.

As the crowd started back for the beach, the loudspeakers blared into the face of the hot sun, announcing the next event to be a freestyle swimming race.

Pvt. T. J. Addison of the MP Detachment paid the spectators little heed as he went all the way to win a dead heat with Pfc. Gates, also of the MP's, who came out second in what was practically a photo-finish. Pfc. Ross of AES-41 ended the list of winners as third place man to get the dollar's worth of movie tickets. Addison and Gates received the first and second prizes of five and three dollars' worth of movie tickets, respectively.

The shutter bugs were out en masse during all the events snapping each other, any number of the bevy of pretty girls present in colorful playsuits and bathing suits, as well as many action shots during the contests. Old Sol cooperated fully, being present in



Captain Richard Cline taxis his F4U CORSAIR into his parking spot on the VMF-225 line with the aid of directions being given by the plane captain, Corp. James Pearson, also of VMF-225, MAG-11.

her accompanist, Lowell Farr. Formerly she did "ghost" singing for many a Hollywood star who took the bows belonging to Naomi. Pfc. Jimmy Crum, who introduced Miss Saunders, then got the ball rolling by introducing Lou Willis as emcee. Lou came on in dungarees and pushing a broom; a minute later he was followed out by a gorgeous six foot blonde, Dana Steadley. Later in the act, she dropped her dress to appear in a bathing suit which brought whistles, claps and shouts from the packed house.

From there on the show moved along at a good clip. Phyllis Manning brought down the house with her singing of Blue Skies, Giocomorra, and the Irish Lullaby. Phyllis starred in Havana Madrid and Follow The Girls, both hits on Broadway.

Luke Lani, straight from the Hawaiian Room of the Hotel Lexington in New York, turned in a top performance of Hawaiian dancing. Clad in a grass skirt costume, he showed the boys just how the hula is done!

The Ultra Violet Quartet from the New York University Glee Club did several numbers and took one of their several curtain calls with a rendition of "Evaline" that doubled the applause of the enthusiastic audience. Stanley Weiler, Gilbert Ginsberg, Russell Kiesling and William Martin made up the hit quartet.

Some witty improvising done by Kay Carole and her dummy, Tommy, started the audience laughing and many a side acted before she took her three curtain calls.

Kay was loaned to us for the occasion through the courtesy of Svend Jorgenson, owner of the Wivil Restaurant in New York City.

The song stylist, Naomi Saunders, came on next to do Cole Porter's "Just One of Those Things," and several other numbers before being called back to do a beautiful piece of singing from Gershwin's folk opera, Porgy and Bess. "I Is Your Woman Now."

Blonde Dell Ohrel, fresh from Ciro's and Earl Carroll's Bright Lights in Hollywood, amazed the house with her acrobatics. In displaying the medical conception of the skeleton as a rigid piece of structure, she did everything from wrapping a leg around her neck to a reverse split. After her many curtain calls, comment could still

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### New Quarters Ready Soon

Most localities in these 48 States are having their difficulties with housing shortages. Cherry Point is no exception. According to the latest reports, here is the situation at the present time.

In the latter part of this month new MEMQ units will be ready to accommodate 40 families; 12 new MOQ units are also expected to be ready for occupation later in the month. By the end of this year it is hoped to have 50 new MOQ units completed and occupied. The first 12 of these are the ones to be assigned about three weeks hence. With the completion of satisfactory housing for officers or about the end of next year, all officers' families will be moved from MEMQ and qualified NCO's assigned the quarters.

The appropriation for the conversion of additional EOQ's into 60 officers' apartments has been made. The BOQ being converted at the present time should be ready for occupancy during the last week of July.

Priority for assignment to the new MOQ units will be given to officers with rank of Major or above; the details of this priority will be made known at a later date however.

Contrary to what seems to be a prevalent rumor about the Station, the removal of military personnel from Havelock is not anticipated in the near future.

### RECEIVES PLAQUE

Corpus Christi—The Naval Aviation Station here has been awarded a British Aviation Plaque of Gratitude for "treatment and training Royal Navy fliers received during the World War II."

STE-E-RIKE! We all know what that means in baseball lingo, but to MAG-11 and its men, it means another bombing or strafing run, another attack.

For the last year, the MAG, at present under the direction of Lt. Col. Herbert H. Williamson, C.O., and Lt. Col. Freeman W. Williams, its Exec., has maintained three tactical squadrons with at least one of these aboard ship the majority of the time. Covering maneuvers with the Second Division, Air Shows and combined landing and aerial support shows for a variety of organizations have all come the way of its squadrons when they returned from sea. Continued training of personnel and tactical support of the Fleet Air Arm complete the present activities of MAG-11.

Dusting off the official records, we find that in the Spring of '41 the old Marine Air Group One, later mother of MAG-11, was undergoing some mighty intensive training. Using F4F WILDCATS, MAG-1 alternated training exercises between Quantico and New Bern. On 1 August 1941, MAG-1 was redesignated MAG-11 at the same time making MAG-11 the oldest Marine Air Group in the Corps.

The gradual accumulation of supplies, personnel, and intensified training rapidly strengthened the MAG as the United States approached the fateful 7th of December morning. Bullet proof gas tanks were installed in the planes of MAG-11 beginning December 8th, and the MAG migrated to NAS San Diego in the course of the month.

By the first of January 1942, the Group was located at Camp Kearney, scene of its principal West Coast encampment. For the next ten months, the defense of the San Diego area fell on the men and planes of MAG-11. Additional training of men and rapid accumulation of material continued at break-neck speed. (Remember, this was when a Japanese invasion of our West Coast seemed not only imminent but highly feasible since most of the Pacific Fleet lay at the bottom of Pearl Harbor.)

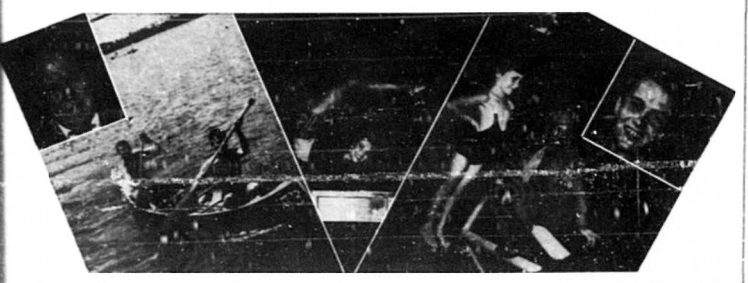
Periodically during these months, men and units were withdrawn from MAG-11 to form the nuclei of MAGS-12, 13, 14, and 15. Despite this continual drain of men and equipment, MAG-11 had planes on the field with their engines turning over, ready for immediate take-off one hour before sunrise every morning and for one hour after sunset each night as a defense measure against Japanese attack.

San Diego saw the last of the MAG-11 pilots end men for nearly four years when they left 15 October 1942 for New Caledonia and action.

By November of '42, still flying their WILDCATS, the pilots and crews of MAG-11 were in the thick of it at Guadalcanal. Ensuing actions developed rapidly during the next six months. The Russell Island campaign, Guadalcanal, Munda, the British Solomon Islands, Noumea, Tontouta, New Caledonia, and Vella La Vella, the headlines of Stateside newspapers read like a geography book of the South West Pacific. MAG-11 did its share at each place. This first tour of concentrated combat duty for the MAG lasted from the beginning of November 1942 to the middle of May '43.

During the rest of '43 and the first eight and a half months of 1944, the Turtle Bay area of Espirito Santo became the stamping grounds of the MAG. MAG-11 acted as a "pool" for overhauling planes prior to use in combat. While there, they

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In the upper left corner is Mr. Bill Carver, who was instrumental in the show's success; Pfc's. Robert Lohness and Carl Fortuna coming in to win first prize in the canoe race at Mitchell Park. Dell Ohrel (center) illustrates how to get rid of those kinks in your back after Police work; the pic was snapped during the course of Dell's act in the Variety Show. M/Sgt. B. B. Legg and his family (right) at the Fourth at Mitchell Park. And finally (extreme right corner), Pfc. Alfred Taylor of VMF-114, MAG-11, just after winning first prize in the rowboat race.



# MEET CHERRY POINT

"We all thought of making a break but the chances of success were pretty slim." The genial six-footer grinned a little as he recalled his three and a half odd years in a Jap prison camp.

"The first news we had at Wake Island of war was an SOS received from Hickam Field at Pearl Harbor about noon 8 December 1941; we were on the other side of the date line so it was the eighth for us."

Continuing, Lt. Col. Frank O. Tharin described the seizure of Wake by the Japs, the sudden attack by unobserved bombers apparently based on Kwajalein, and the final complete capture of the little island. "The Jap bombers came in suddenly the eighth and did a rather thorough job of blasting us."

"As soon as the island was secured by the Jap Navy's Special Landing Force (corresponding to our Marine Corps), they set about fortifying the island. We left there the 23rd of December bound for Shanghai via Yokohama."

### REACHES SHANGHAI

"After a voyage in cramped quarters, with little food, and no smoking—no talking rules, we reached Yokohama where about twenty men were taken off. The rest of us reached Shanghai the 24th of January 1942."

"A ten mile march brought us to a former Japanese Army Camp where we were imprisoned for about a year. Under Japanese Army authorities we were settled in rather poor barracks which soon became our homes. The handling of the prisoners was fairly decent during our stay in the Shanghai area, of course the food was based on a rice diet and limited, occasionally some rough treatment was handed out. Eventually we got used to our guards and they to us; that was the chief difficulty in the beginning."

Some business with several officers interrupted the interview for a few minutes. Finishing with that, the lanky Lt. Col. jack-knifed his six feet some odd inches back into his desk chair, grinned again and took up his story.

### GOT NEWS ABOUT WAR

"Yes, we did get news about the war; at first the Japs gave us English language papers from Shanghai and later we had the usual hidden radio which kept us pretty well informed. Even with our recreation—soft ball, field meets, and library—it was all-in-all a pretty boring affair. The Red Cross soon began getting packages of food etc. to us, and we even got a little mail though we were limited in writing ourselves."

### LEAVES SHANGHAI FOR JAPAN

"Late in '44 we left the Shanghai area for good and eventually reached our last prison camp at Hokkaido in Japan early in '45. To get there we had to travel through Northern China, Manchuria and Korea. The only two successful escapes were made after we crossed the Yangtze above Nanking. Five officers escaped one night and two civilians tried it the next night. One of the civilians made it."



Lt. Col. Frank Tharin

### JAPS TELL OF CAPITULATION

"Things were much different in the Hokkaido camp; however the war ended not too long after we got there. The Japanese Army Commander told us on the 17th of August that the Emperor had made a speech two days before capitulating to the Allies. When he finished, he asked us what we wanted. The unanimous answer—CHOW and more of it! We got it."

"That is just about it. A two man Army Rescue Team reached us 12 September, and by the 20th, we were in San Francisco. We were flown all the way back. A couple days there in a hospital, a few more in the Charleston Naval Hospital, and then I was home, that was the 20th of September 1945."

Lt. Col. Tharin, class of '34, U. S. Naval Academy, won his wings at Pensacola in 1937. He is married and has two sons, Thompson, age 7, and Frank, age 10.

### Civvy Rumor Bunk

Rumors have been flying around the base covering almost every conceivable type of subject, but here is one you can chank off as strictly Bum Dope.

According to this particular rumor, enlisted men of all pay grades from Master Sergeant right down to the lonely peons Privates and Pfc's, will soon be able to wear civilian clothes through the Main Gate when going on liberty or furlough. Get this joker! Such is NOT THE CASE. Only men in the first three pay grades may wear civvies in or out of the Main Gate as well as keep them aboard the Station. Navy regulations definitely prohibit enlisted men below the rank of Staff Sergeant keeping civilian clothes aboard any Station or ship.

# HI-LIGHTS OF BRITE-LIGHTS BY DOT

With so many of its stars showing up to work with that "lost weekend" feeling a certain Hollywood studio has installed an oxygen tent to get them over their hangovers . . . Al Johnson's expected take from the movie of his life, "The Johnson Story," will be in the vicinity of \$3,500,000. . . . It seems the Modernaires have finally hit the big time in a big way. Take a look at their weekly itinerary and see if you don't agree: Bob Crosby's five days weekly show, Double Or Nothing, starring Walter O'Keefe, and a weekly Campbell Sorep show . . . The name "Cinderella Stamp" appearing on the best seller record "Timtashun," has turned out to be none other than the female vocalist Jo Stafford. Says Jo, "I'm just a hillbilly at heart, and I'm not ashamed to admit it" . . . Newest singing commercial to become an audience pleaser "Timeable Mabel," radio plug for the Boston and Maine Railroad. Demand has been so great that the tune has been waxed for public release . . . Top honors in music world this week has old-time favorite and a big surprise, too, for the number one hit, "Peg O' My Heart." Rounding out the big five this week are: "Mam'selle," "Linda," "I Wonder, I Wonder, I Wonder," and that fast climbing newcomer, "Chi-Baba, Chi-Baba" . . . Keep an eye peeled for the latest Danny Kaye release on a Decca picture, "Bloop, Bleep," and it's just as crazy as it sounds . . . World's record for continuous run in the legitimate stage world topped the middle of June when "Life With Father" played its 3,183rd performance. This better the former record of "Tobacco Road" of 3,182. Dorothy Stickney and Howard Lindsay, the original Winnie and Father, returned to the show to recreate their original roles for this record breaking night . . . Dick Haymes has been signed to do the lead in the forthcoming musical version of Broadway's "Up in Central Park."

Famous touchdown twins of the great Army football team are all set to do movie in Hollywood this summer before appearing in the various all-star contests. Blanchard and Davis are rumored to be getting about \$40,000 each for their fling at acting . . . Bob Hawk taking leave of absence for the first time in a great many years from his Monday night show. As a sub, Camel cigarettes has lined up Col. Stoopnagle (Bud Hulick) to take over during Hawk's six-week absence . . . Goldwyn studios going all out in the next Danny Kaye opus by signing five top-name handleaders and for their acting ability only. The baton wavers, who will be working without their bands, are: Lionel Hampton, Charlie Barnet, Louis Armstrong, Benny Goodman, and Tommy Dorsey. If their acting is one-half as good as their orchestras this picture, "That's Life," will be well worth taking in . . . Jimmy Stewart is in New York to take over the lead in the comedy farce "Harvey," for the summer months. Frank Fry, who has had the lead since the Broadway opening almost three years ago, is going on a well earned vacation. Although show is doing very well, Stewart is expected to give it a new lease on life and keep running forever . . . James Wesley McLain, better known as the original Dr. I.Q. of radio fame, last month became a graduate of Theological school and immediately gave up his radio job for that of preaching. For his new job as pastor in a small Texas town, McLain has given up a \$50,000 a year as Dr. I.Q. to become a minister at \$2,500 . . . James Barton, best known for his portrayal of Jeeter Lester in "Tobacco Road," has checked into the Cagney studios for a featured part in the forthcoming "The Time of Your Life" . . . Original "Our Gang" kids Tommy Bond and Alfalfa Switzer have drawn top roles in the Pine-Thomas production of "Big Town Scandal" . . .

# Gen. Thomas Newest C. G. FMF West Pac.



Washington, D. C.—Brigadier General Gerald C. Thomas, 52, receives a congratulatory handshake from General A. A. Vandegrift after receiving a Letter of Commendation from the Commandant of the Marine Corps for his excellent service as Director of the Division of Plans and Policies from January, 1944 to June, 1947. General Thomas left recently to take up his new post as Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Western Pacific.

### How Is Your I.Q. (Answers on Page 2)

1. The Congress recently passed, over a Presidential veto, the Labor-Management Relations Act of 1947. The passage of this new law brought out into the open a wide open split between the Congress and the President. Who were the two Congressmen who collaborated in the writing of the act and effectively sought its passage?
2. In a recent Associated Press poll of sportswriters to pick the Flop of '46 for 1946, the greatest majority chose one of the following: Billy Conn, Ted Williams, the Red S, the Yankees. Which one did they pick?
3. With the Second World War now over nearly two years, can you give the dates of V-E Day and V-J Day?
4. What Marine Air Group is the oldest in the Corps at the present time?
5. You all know Philadelphia as the "City of Brotherly Love," Chicago as the "Windy City," but which one is nicknamed as the "Smoky City"?

### ABOARD

- Lt. Col. Lyle H. Meyer, USMC, AirFMFLant.
- Lt. Howard H. Zagrodzky, USMC, AES-46.
- Lt. (j.g.) Clyde J. Dawe, (MCR) USNR, AirFMFLant.
- Capt. Paul L. Robinson, USMC, AirFMFLant.
- Lt. (j.g.) Julius Field, USNR, AirFMFLant.
- Lt. John W. Himes, USMCR, MACS-11.
- Lt. Elmer H. Keshka, USMCR, AirFMFLant.
- Lt. Col. Alexander G. Bunker, USMC, MACS-11.
- Col. Paul A. Putnam, USMC, AirFMFLant.
- Lt. John V. Hanes, USMC, AirFMFLant.
- Capt. David G. Johnson, USMC, AirFMFLant.
- Comdr. W. W. Winters, ChC., USN, Hq. Sqd. Sta.

### BON VOYAGE

Comdr. Walter S. Peck, ChC., USN, Long Beach, California.

—By William C. Wygant

## Schedule of Divine Services

Protestant	Catholic
0945—Sunday School at Cherry Point School.	0645, 0845, 1200 Mass at Station Chapel.
1000—Divine Worship at Station Chapel.	Confessions Saturday 1600-1900, and 1930-2100.
1100—Divine Worship at Community Church.	0900—Mass at Community Church.
1845—Young People's Meeting at Cherry Point School.	Daily Mass at 0630 in Catholic Wing of Station Chapel.
2000—Evering Divine Worship at Community Church.	Perpetual Novena Devotions Tuesday at 1930.

\* A special bus leaves MOQ at 0915 for Havelock via MEMG and returns to the station via the same route immediately following the close of Sunday School.

G. I. BILL

## Personal Affairs

HOME LIFE

After a high school class in which a Marine was a member has graduated, the man may request USAFI to forward the results of any General Educational Development Tests he has completed to his high school for consideration toward his civilian diploma. Some state departments of education have added the restriction of age limits below which a man may not have his tests evaluated for an equivalency certificate or diploma. These age limits vary from 18 to 21; some states apply them to only non-veterans; others include all veterans and those still on active duty with the Armed Forces. In such cases where state departments have age limits, it will be impossible for the applicant to receive a certificate or diploma unless he happens to meet that requirement. For Marine Corps consideration, however, any man wishing to qualify for a school or activity which has a high school education as a prerequisite, satisfactory completion of these Educational Development Tests will receive consideration as the equivalent of a high school education. For accreditation requirements in your home state, it would be wise to check with the school from which you desire the diploma.

### THE OLD SALT



# MACG-1 Cops Crown In Track Meet

Cherry Point, N. C., July 8—Service Squadron 11 and Headquarters Squadron Station, defending intra-squadron track and field champs, could do no better than second and fourth positions in today's second 1947 meet. Marine Air Control Group One, with 24 points, captured the AES 54, 41 and VMP 212 tied for second with 18 points each and AAS 41 finished out the top three with 11 markers.

### TRACK MEET

60-yard dash: won by Fortuna (MACG-1); second, Vickers (VMP 212); third, Ball (VMP 212). Time—4.2 seconds.  
 100-yard dash: won by Ball (VMP 212); second, Harr's (A2S 41); third, Pollio (SMS 11). Time—11.1 seconds.  
 220-yard dash: won by Harr's (A2S 41); second, Totlin (SMS 11); third, Jones (MACS 11). Time—5.28.  
 440-yard run: won by Lindquist (MACG-1); second, Edgerton (A2S 41); third, Lapinski (SMS 11). Time—2:18.1.  
 Mile run: won by Robbins (VMP 212); second, Quinn (SMS 11); third, Sneyd (MACG-1). Time—5:28.  
 880-yard relay: won by MACG-1; second, VMP 254; third, SMS 11. Time—1:54.8.  
 Discus: won by Hayes (Hq. Sq. Sta.); second, Wade (VMP 212); third, Wrenn (SMS 11). Distance—116'.  
 Javelin: won by Bailey (MACS 11); second, Lohnes (MACG-1); third, Wrenn (SMS 11). Distance—166'4".  
 Shot Put: won by Wrenn (SMS 11); second, Grandos (VMP 531); third, Wade (VMP 212). Distance—37'8".  
 MACG-1, 24 points; SMS 11, 18; VMP 212, 18; A2S 41, 11; MACS 11, 6; Hq. Sq. Sta., 5; VMP 254, 5; VMP 531, 3; A2S 46, 0.

Box Score—Cherry	Point-Mitchell
Mitchell Field	ab r h rbi sh sb e
Mandt, ss	4 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
Reed, 2b	2 2 1 0 0 1 1 0
Antonelli, if	4 0 1 1 2 0 0 0
Paluka, c	4 1 1 0 1 0 0 4
Campbell, p	3 2 1 0 0 0 0 0
Fox, 3b	4 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
Jones, 2b	4 0 0 1 2 1 0 2
Dombrowski, 3b	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
Lapinski, cf	2 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
Fischer, rf	4 0 3 2 0 0 1 0
Totals	31 8 19 6 3 2 6
Cherry Point	ab r h rbi sh sb e
Verbanke, ss	4 3 2 0 0 0 0 0
Cox, rf	4 1 2 1 0 0 0 0
Ring, 2b	3 1 1 2 2 0 0 0
Strouse, 2b	4 1 1 0 0 0 0 2
Davis, c	4 0 1 2 0 0 0 1
Beach, 1b	4 0 0 1 0 0 0 0
Kirby, if	3 0 1 0 0 0 0 3
Barnard, if	2 0 0 1 0 0 0 0
Ellis, cf	2 0 0 1 0 0 0 0
Hallett, p	2 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
Hurst, p	1 0 1 0 0 0 0 0
Totals	24 6 11 5 9 0 6

Umpires: Elair and Dunn. Time 2:22.  
 Winning pitcher: Campbell. Losing pitcher: Hallett.

### SOFTBALL STANDINGS

Team	Won	Lost
1. A2S 46	6	2
2. MACS 11	6	2
3. MACG-1	6	6
4. SMS 21	5	5
5. Navy 41	5	5
6. Hq. Sq. FPMF	4	6
7. Flight Officers	1	7
8. Station Paymasters	1	7

### NATIONAL LEAGUE

Team	Won	Lost
1. Station Transportation	1	0
2. Hq. Sq. FPMF	1	1
3. MAG 53 Hq. Sq.	1	1
4. Navy 41	1	1
5. VMP 531	1	1
6. Air Sta. Training	1	1

### SMF 114

Team	Won	Lost
1. Station Officers	4	2
2. VMP 114	3	3
3. MAG 11	3	4
4. VMP 254	2	4
5. Intra Training	2	4
6. Crash Crew	2	6

# Pinch-hitting fine way to Make Living

By Ed Rumill  
 BOSTON, Mass.—White Doc Cramer was here, recently, with the Tigers for a series with the Red Sox, the veteran outfielder was the leading pinch-hitter in the American League. His average was .307.

So far, in fact, that although he made one hit in two tries in a doubleheader at Fenway Park, May 19, his percentage fell back 15 points, from .571 to .556. How was the veteran center fielder enjoying his lofty perch among the emergency clouters?  
 "It's a pretty good racket," Cramer replied, grinning. "You go up to hit maybe once every two or three games and the rest of the time you're a spectator. Not a bad way to make a living."

"Seriously, though, it's plenty tough," the Detroit star continued. "You're expected to hit and you get only one chance. Sometimes only one swing. You do or you don't, just like that. You walk up to the plate cold and you have to hit what you see. You don't have two or three chances to look over the pitcher and get used to his stuff."

"Another thing that makes pinch-hitting rough is that you're almost always facing the best pitchers in the league," Cramer pointed out. "That happens because it's always the good pitchers that beat you. When the poor ones are in there, you're ahead and don't need a pinch-hitter. Just as an example, the first five times I went up to hit this year, I looked at Jack Kramer, Bob Feller, Tex Hughson, Almie Reynolds and Orval Grover."

The fellow who gave up his center field berth to fleet young Hot Evers thinks that most good hitters, after their regular playing days are over, should make good in the pinch-hitting profession.

Through April and early '47, Cramer devoted his energies to occasions to hitting for Eddie Tebbetts and, from a Detroit standpoint, it was a most successful maneuver.



After moving their outfield fence in some 30 feet in the hope of greater home-run production, the Cleveland Indians finally gave up on the idea and restored the old fence. Reason was the enemy batsmen were hitting two over the barrier to the Indians—one . . . Reports have catcher Rick Ferrell taking over the managerial reins of the Washington Senators from Ossie Bluege before the season draws to a close . . . Assault, the King Ranch wonder horse, making strong bid for "horse of the year" honors. By winning the Brooklyn Handicap Saturday June 21, the big Texas bred horse sent his money winnings over famous Whirlaway to become the number one money-winning thoroughbred. For Assault it was his sixth triumph in a row. In the same race Mrs. Ethel Jacob's Stymie finished a strong second but still fell to number three spot in the money-winning derby vacated by Assault . . . For the first time since the end of World War II the glamorous Poughkeepsie rowing regatta was staged with a record number of eleven entries. Thirteen minutes and 59 seconds after the starter's gun sent the crews on their way for the grueling three mile grind, Navy crossed the line the winner. Cornell was second, with favorite Washington, and California finishing in a dead lock for third place. Immediately after the race, Navy's winning crew was whisked aboard an APD high speed transport to join their classmates in Europe on their annual cruise . . . Helsinki the capital and largest city in Finland, which was awarded the 1940 Olympic Games only to lose the classic because of World War II, was chosen June 21 as the site for the 1952 games over five American cities and Amsterdam . . . Birdie Tebbets, former Detroit catcher, recently called for a cripple with a "three and none" count on Ted Williams. The results were: the longest home run ever hit in Boston; a ninth-inning Red Sox victory; and a straight player trade of Tebbets for Hal Wagner of Boston . . . A San Antonio football star, T. Ralston Chapin, just entered Tulane on an athletic scholarship. Before doing so, however, he was forced to sign a legal contract with his better half, forbidding her to join him at the campus, where she would be "an added burden" in his fight to make the Green Wave varsity . . . New Zealand, which sent Jack Lovelock to the 1936 Olympics where he surprised everyone, especially Glenn Cunningham, with a victory in the 1500 meter race is grooming another prospect for the '48 games. Doug Harris, a regular Army officer, has buzzed off a mile in 4:06 and a half in 1:49.4 . . . Paul Lehner, prize rookie of the St. Louis Browns, didn't don shoes until reaching 16, completed only one year of organized ball before joining the Browns, had no formal schooling of any sort and is the number one Shakespearean scholar of the major leagues . . . Primo Carnera, huge Italian boxer-wrestler, will attempt to achieve something heretofore never accomplished in sports history when he meets Frank Sexton in Washington. If Carnera is successful in defeating Sexton he will become the first athlete ever to win both the heavyweight boxing title and one of the world mat "crowns." Da Preem defeated Jack Sharkey back in 1933 for the fistic crown and lost it the next year to Max Baer . . . The best managing job in the big leagues is already being whispered about to be Billy Southworth of the Boston Braves. With the Braves as colorless as a class B movie until Billy appeared, he not only has added that "color" but has them in the fight for the National League pennant this year. To accomplish this Southworth has plucked sundry and various players from other clubs and talked them into performing top notch all the way . . . Pro tennis pays off, just ask Bobby Riggs, world's professional tennis champ. During last year when Bobby defeated reprobated Don Budge at New York for the championship he amassed the total of \$28,000 for swinging his racket so effectively. This year with the championship again safely in his pocket Riggs expects to up his earnings to over the \$30,000 mark. With this in mind your reporter believes there will be quite a few people who will think twice before saying "them tennis bugs" . . . Syc Apps, star center who led the Toronto Maple Leafs to their Stanley Cup hockey triumph last year, has been given the job of running the pro and amateur sports contests in the province of Ontario. For many years Apps has thought seriously of entering politics and will undoubtedly do so some time very shortly. Asked what he intended to do next winter, Apps replied "lead the Maple Leafs to another Stanley Cup" . . . With no one in position to warrant a shot at the world's heavyweight boxing crown Joe Louis is letting his hopeful contenders slug it out for the September date Joe is holding open. It now seems to be narrowed down to the winner of the Jersey Joe Walcott, Joey Maxim bout to be held this month. Either one seems to be only a run of the mill fighter but, then again, wouldn't when compared to Louis. As for Louis he sits back, grins, and says "gimme 'em both, I'm not particular" . . .

# Speaking of Sports

By Jimmy Crum

## DOYLE'S DEATH BRINGS DOCTOR'S RECOMMENDATION: CUFF STUFF

Coroner S. R. Gerber, who ruled that Jimmy Doyle's untimely death in his June 24th title fight with welterweight champ Ray ("Sugar") Robinson was "accidental" and that Robinson was "absolutely blameless," has recommended that some changes be made in boxing regulations. . . . These changes would bar all fighters who have suffered previous head injuries from the ring; (Doyle was put out of action for nine months when, after being tagged by one of Art Levine's power-packed punches, his head hit a ring post and he suffered a brain concussion) . . . Laws governing matches, added Gerber, should be uniform . . . Rings should offer more protection to fighters in development of new mats, ropes and braces . . . Another recommendation would force boxing commissions to keep a medical record of all fighters permitted to box . . . Doyle's death was the first in the history of championship fights . . . The coroner said Robinson was "innocently involved in an unfortunate and unforeseen occurrence" and added that the Harlem boxer was "unfortunate in being the opposing contestant at the time of Doyle's fatal injuries . . ."

CUFF STUFF: Class D Baseball in the Lone Star State is one circuit that is producing some amazing, and almost unbelievable, statistics . . . 17 batters are batting over the .400 mark and 68 sluggers are smashing the apple to the tune of better than 300 . . . 26 pitchers have earned run averages of over 10 runs per game and ten of them have allowed 20 runs or more per game . . . But, a further check reveals that the real ERA champ is a guy by the name of Allinder . . . Allinder gave up five runs in one-third of an inning which would give him an ERA of 149.04 . . . Another of the Texas "Class D" chankers (Winkles) has an ERA of 45.00, by virtue of the five runs he gave up in a full inning . . . Imagine what would happen if those two lads would clash in a pitching duel at that rate . . . Winkles would win 149 to 45 . . . But that would make it a one game season . . . Despite the fact that sprinters Buddy Young and Herb McKenzie will not be running for the United States in the 1948 Olympics, cinder path demagogues who only a short time ago were bemoaning that fact, have brightened up with the sudden prominence of two fellows—one by the name of Pel-Mel, the other is Glenn . . . Pel-Mel's last name is Patton, and he's already tied the world's record for the 100-yard dash at 9.4 . . . A record like that gives him a seat beside the great Jesse Owens, Frank Wykoff and Clyde Jeffrey . . . Pat does the 220 in 20.4, which is just one-tenth second off the record set by Owens 10 years ago . . . Glenn's last name is Davis of Army "Outsiders" football fame; stops the clock at 9.7 in the century and if you blink your eyes too hard while he's knocking off the 220, you're liable to miss his time of 20.9 . . . In addition to the two aforementioned speed kings, Harrison Dillard, the Baldwin Wallace timber topper, and Charlie Parker, Texas comet, are two other century possibilities . . . All of which adds up to one thing: Watch out for the U.S. tracksters in the '48 Olympics—they'll be terrific . . . Paul Sarringhaus, former Ohio State backfield star, has affixed his "John Henry" to a Brooklyn Dodgers contract of the all America football conference . . . Kulpmon's (Pa.) claim to the boxing world, Joe Baksi, or Swedish heavy weight king, Ollie Taulberg, will meet Joe Louis September 19 in Madison Square Garden . . . At the time this was written, Baksi held a six-pound weight advantage over his opponent, and was favored as Louis' next "unlucky" opponent.

## Player of the Week

Born in Atherton, Missouri, on January 8, 1915 and christened William Walker Cooper; stands 6'3" and weighs 195 pounds; bats right and throws right; began his baseball career with Rogers of the Arkansas State League in 1935 as utility outfielder and catcher; with his brother, pitcher Mort Cooper, formed one of the most feared batties in the National League while with the St. Louis Cards; after Mort had been traded to the Braves and then to the Giants, Walker was sold to the Giants at a reported \$175,000; participated in 16 World Series contests with the Cards, batting an even 300 in 60 trips to the plate; currently leading the National League sluggers with 66 Runs Batted In; called one of the greatest of all Major League catchers, past and present; with Johnny Mize and Willard Marshall, Walker Cooper is supplying the punch at the plate that National League teams have always missed; by virtue of 43 runs, 72 hits and 66 RBIs in 227 times at bat this season, Walker is clipping off a neat 317.

That—in short—is the story of our player of the week—William Walker Cooper.



Here! Hear! Firma, pianist at the Hotel Garden Sapphire Room, Boston, looks like quit, a musician!

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