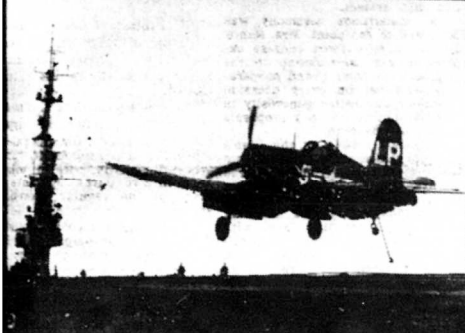


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Second Wing Squadrons Qualify Aboard Palau



Teamwork, precision and timing are all necessary to successful carrier operations. This action sequence taken during recent qualification by 2nd Wing squadrons provides adequate proof: (1) "Roger pass," says the ship's LSO, Lt. Clayton Ingraham, as the lookout signals thumbs up for "clear deck." (2) The paddles flash the "cut" sign and it's all up to the pilot now. (3) Reaching for the wire, a VMF-223 Corsair with hook extended settles to the deck. (4) Receiving signals from the flight deck officer, the pilot folds the wings and prepares to taxi forward to make way for the next plane.

NEW AIR GROUP FORMS HERE AS SERVICE UNIT

By Cpl. M. J. Grantlich
 "Something new has been added" might well be the slogan for the Second Marine Air Wing. The innovation is the newly formed Marine Wing Service Group 2, (provisional).
 The Group, commissioned on November 1st of this year and commanded by Col. J. C. Munn, is something that has been asked for by Marine pilots and officers since the early stages of the war. The Marine Corps has created this group as an experiment, which if successful, may change the whole aspect of Marine Aviation.

The Group itself consists of Headquarters Squadron, commanded by Warrant Officer R. K. Adams; MWSS-2, commanded by Capt. T. H. Hughes; Air Base Squadron 21, led by Lt. Col. S. B. O'Neill; and Air Base Squadron 22, headed by Lt. Col. A. D. Gould.
 MWSSG-2 is designed primarily as a service and supply unit for the Marine Air Groups operating aircraft in the Second Wing. Under the old system the MAG had to carry all its supply gear with it, thereby slowing down its movements. Thanks to the new group, the operating MAGs will be able to move quickly and with more ease, and will receive their supplies from the Air Base Squadrons.

Air Base Squadron 21 will cater to MAG-11, and in the field, will provide tower control, field lighting, aerology service, crash crews, camp equipment and facilities, and post exchange services. It will also be responsible for medical and dental facilities, communications watches, provision and installation of shop equipment, and fire protection. ABS-22 will provide for MAG-14 in the same way.

Newly arrived "boots" will perform their mess duty, guard duty, "bull gang" duty, etc., while in the Air Base Squadrons, and each month, the best "basics" will be picked for transfer to the operating Groups being supported. When a recruit is transferred to a Group or receives his job specification number in the Air Base Squadron, he will no longer stand guard or mess duty.

The total complement of the Group is 927 men, joined mostly from other local squadrons. Marine Corps Aviation marches on!

22 Pilot Escapes Injury in Beaufort Jet Smash-up

Captain Dan H. Johnson, VMF-122, member of the well known aerobatic team, "The Marine Phantoms," made an emergency crash landing Wednesday on the Beaufort airfield. Although the FH-1 McDonnell plane was practically demolished, Captain Johnson walked away without injury.

The accident occurred at 10:15 as the team was practicing their aerobatic routine in preparation for a Pensacola show for aviation cadets on December 14th.

Descending through the North Carolina sky with Lt. Col. Carl Johnson as team members, the plane suddenly dropped and its engines dead. The plane immediately began a flip and glide into Beaufort. Although about two hundred feet short of the runway, Captain Johnson, a native Beaufort, Mo., is one of the most experienced jet pilots in the VMF-122 and has never had a member of the aerobatic team.

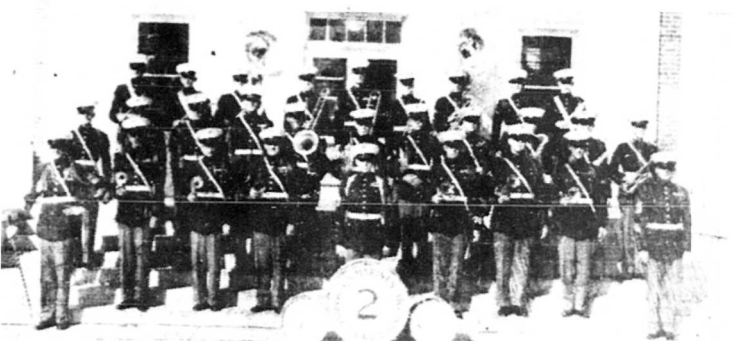
Football "Flyers" Edged Out 19-13

Cherry Point wound up football for 1948 when they dropped a 19-13 contest to the Miami University Freshman squad in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Added to their regular seasonal record, the loss puts the final Cherry Point grid tabulation at six on the right side and five in the "lost" column.

BASKETBALL
C. P. "Flyers"
 VS.
Fort Jackson
 SUNDAY 2000
 DRILL HALL

Quantico-Dago In All-Navy Tilt At Norfolk Tomorrow

For the first time in history, two Marine football teams will meet Saturday afternoon at 1:30 at Foreman Field in Norfolk to play for the All-Navy Championship. Quantico Marine Base, from the east, and San Diego Marine Corps, from the west, will clash before an expected crowd of 20,000 spectators.
 General J. C. Munn, Commandant of the Marine Corps, will be in attendance to view the game. Bill Stern, famous Sports Illustrated columnist, will also be present from the sidelines to play the National Football League's "Redskins" network.



Top-notch musical aggregation of the Second MAW will present the formidable appearance shown above when they set the marching pace for A and I troop inspection next week.

THE CHERRY POINT WINDSOCK

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AVIATION OFFICER'S ORDERS

9 November
LtCol Ernest R. West from MCAS Quantico Va., on 25 Jan 49 to Armed Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Va.
10 November
Maj. Robert T. Whitten from MCS Quantico Va., on about 19 Nov to 1st MAW FMFPAC, El Toro (Santa Ana) Calif, w/30 days delay.
1stLt Walter E. Domina from AirFMFLANT MCAS Cherry Point, on 15 March to D San Francisco.
23 November
1stLt George A. Parant from 1st MAW FMFPAC El Toro (Santa Ana) Calif. on 3 Jan to NAS Olathe, Kansas, and Oinc NavScol GCA NATTU, temavduins in GCA Scol prd abt 14 wks.
30 November
Capt. Joel E. Bonner, Jr. from AirFMFPAC on desig date to MCS Quantico, Va., for duty at MCAS Quantico, Va. with 30 days delay.
Capt. William D. Heier from AirFMFPAC on desig date to MCS Quantico, Va., for duty at MCAS Quantico, Va. with 30 days delay.
Capt. Stanley V. Titterton from AirFMFPAC on desig date MCS Quantico, Va. for duty at MCAS Quantico, Va. with 30 days delay.
1stLt. Ernest A. Mitch from AirFMFPAC on desig date MCS Quantico, Va. for duty at MCAS Quantico, Va. with 30 days delay.
1stLt. Lawrence R. Denham from AirFMFPAC MCAS Cherry Point on desig date to NAS Patuxent River, Md. avduins TestPilot's school NavTestCenter, prd in excess of 20 weeks.

"LESS CASH!—AFTER SLASH!" RELATES PM

PEONS TO PAY

Everybody will get into the act, financially speaking, when the provisions of the new income tax withholding plan are put into effect Jan. 1.
According to Warrant Officer W. H. Thomas, of the Disbursing checkages will be made monthly against all accounts from the recruit fresh out of PI to the CG. The amount will be checked monthly in the same manner as an allotment and for the following with no dependents and less than three years service, will be:
Private First Class—\$1.00
Corporal—\$5.10
Sergeant—\$6.90

Checkage will be made only against base pay plus longevity. All extra taxable income must be reported in the '49 return which everyone must submit to the Dept. of Internal Revenue prior to March 15, 1950. Tax paid at that time, if any, will be the difference between the amount owed as a result of the receipt of extra income such as flight pay, overseas pay etc. and the amount previously withheld.

Incidentally, if you feel badly about the amount of your tax, just think of what it must be costing the General.



"Yes, rank does have its privileges."

Civi-Marines Here For Refresher Duty

Nine Reserve officers reported here on the twenty-ninth of November to undergo two weeks of intensive active duty training as members of the Marine Corps Volunteer Reserve.

While here the Officers will train with VMR-252, to bring them up to date on the latest developments in Marine Aviation equipment and tactics. During the day they attended lectures and participated in flying with the squadron.

The following reported here on the 29th of November: Capt. William H. McKeynolds of Fort Worth, Tex., Capt. Jack W. LaPiere of Kansas City, Mo., Capt. Charles F. Schroder of Maywood, Mo., 1stLt. Warren F. Carson of Elbridge, N. Y., 1stLt. Carroll L. Crawley of Port Arthur, Tex., 1stLt. Charles H. Dollison of Ayuda, Tex., 1stLt. Edward P. Nichols of Chicago, Ill., 1stLt. George E. Higgins of Seaford, Tex., 1stLt. Clifford F. Ryan of Cass City, Mich.

Hobby Shop Closing

The Hobby Shop will be closed from 1500, 12 December, 1948 to 1800, 5 January, 1949 for inventory and general maintenance.

All persons who have unfinished wood-shop projects in the Carpenter Shop are requested to come in and get them tagged and stored in the room now set aside for that purpose. This will be done during regular hours from 8 December, 1948 to 13 December, 1948 inclusive. The shop will not be responsible for items left out after that date.
Those persons having wall lockers in the Model Room and other shops are required to register at the office and tag their locker with a card giving their full name and organization.
All persons who desire to work on their hobby at home during the holidays are urged to come in to buy supplies during the period of 8 December to 12 December, 1948.

PUBLIC INFORMATION

TALENT SHOW

STATION THEATRE

1930

DON'T FORGET!

SHOW STARTS 1930

Dispensary Dope

By Miss L. M. Robinson
DTI Oxendine returned from a fifteen-day leave in Iowa.
HMI Beard is on a five-day emergency leave in Lynchburg, Virginia.
The Dental Department extends a friendly welcome to Lt. (jg) D. E. Keller, DCR, USNR, who reported on Dec. 1, from civilian life at Brooklyn, N. Y.
Eleven Hospital Corpsmen First completed on Dec. 1, in a service-side examination for Chief Hospital Corpsmen. Acting. Seven of the competitors were attached to the 2MAW, and four were attached to the Station.
HMI Thompson was in Boston with his relatives for the week end. He announces the birth of a daughter, Jamie Lynn, born on Nov. 25.
Transferred:
Dec 2 Robert L. Compton, to USN Recruiting Station Washington, D. C.
Dec 2 Frank J. Lanford, Jr. to USN Receiving Station Norfolk, Va. for separation from Naval Service.

Lt. Cotton Leaves

1stLt. John D. Cotton recently left this Air Station for San Francisco where he will leave for Pearl Harbor and duty with AirFMFPAC.



Anybody would leave home to meet a gal like Rita. She can steer a man's ship in all sorts of weather. D' You agree? No wonder a farmer boy decided to chuck his hayting chores to join the Marines. "After all," he told his pop, "What's HAY WORTH anyhow!"

NCO CLUB OFFICERS INSTALLED

The new officers of the NCO Wives Club were installed in a beautiful and impressive ceremony in the NCO Club ballroom, Thursday, December 2, amid the splendor of shining silver and the soft glow of candlelight. Fall flowers and decorative cakes made by the members added color and good taste to the affair.

The occasion was made more memorable by the presence of two honorary members, Mrs. I. W. Miller and Mrs. S. S. Jack, who were welcomed by all the members and their friends.

The installation ceremony was brief and to the point. Mrs. Nancy Luebke gave a short address expressing her appreciation to the members for their grand cooperation and their unexcelled generosity in carrying out all and any proposals passed by the club.

A concise resume of the Club's accomplishments and achievements for the past year was delivered by Mrs. Alta Law. Then the retiring president and her officers turned their books over to the incoming officers who accepted them with short addresses. The new president, Mrs. Louise Noland, then asked the hostesses, Mrs. Evelyn Volpe, Mrs. Julia Zam, Mrs. Dot Scroggins, Mrs. Marion Bell, Mrs. Mary Balbo and Mrs. Dorothy Huber to serve the refreshments, thus completing her first official act.

Protestant Choir Will Render Xmas Cantata

The Protestant Choir, under direction of SSGT. A. H. Le will give a Christmas cantata Sunday, Dec. 13 in the St. Chapel.

The cantata consists of a number of fourteen numbers, with Christmas music for the Yuletide season. The arrangement, "We Were Shepherds," which will be sung in two parts, will take place of the regular devotional service.

The twenty-five voice Protestant choir is to be accompanied by W. H. Holloway at the organ.

Voter: "I suppose it is great ambition to leave dirt footprints on the sands of the earth."
Candidate: "Well, no, not really—all I want to do is to leave my tracks until after the election."

Christmas Away From Home

By Chaplain Peter A. Schmitt
CHRISTMAS AWAY, and many hearts are heavy. Joe Fidels' feather is down. He says Happy Christmas to the barracks gang but lacks the old zip. Joe Fidels is homesick. He looked at the Christmas tree once too often and came down with nostalgia. It was the tree that faded Fidels... the way it brightened the parlor window... it was warm... and cosy... it was home, but not his home. Yes, you can notice the droop in Fidels for fair... Christmas isn't Christmas.

Isn't you forgetting something, Fidels?

No Christ, then no Christmas; but given Christ, it's Christmas everywhere. Take Christ away, the day becomes a farce; with Him, it's something out of this world. It's the day which puts the happy ending on all the tragedy plays—the Day to end all days, to introduce us to the Everlasting Night, when all the stars are Saints, and all the lovers have forgotten the moon.

Christmas rebukes the heartless Herods and opens royal mansions to the poor in spirit, but the rich it sends empty away. For the widow and orphan, it is Justice dawning; for the weary and stumbling, courage and strength. Truth comes in Person to answer all our questions: Obedience, to level our pride. Majesty humbles Himself in a manger, so that cradles always may lullaby His praise. The cleanest heart will leave the pleasure of heart shall see His and His sure-madness to Nicodemus. He will show the way; to Magdalene, the pity in His heart. The lonely

have company; the bereft, a pointment in His Father's House. Every family gains a Brother, every land a King—King of the kingdom with kings among subjects... the only king where man's a Prince.

Christmas Day means all things and more. If Christmas opens your eyes to someone you can't take from Christmas, thanks be to God for Christmas.

Come a little closer to the Fidels. See if the Holy One doesn't steal your heart. He never gave Him a chance to go. If Mary was happy in a manger, you can be happy wherever, because it's still the Birth.

Staff NCO Club

Dance

Tonight—2000-2400 Music furnished by 2MAW Orchestra

Platter Party

Buffet Dinner 1700-1900 75 cents per plate. Baby jars for families.

Bingo

Tuesday 14 December



Petite Miss Pat Ryan, otherwise known as "Miss Mystery" adds thrills to the Mutual Broadcasting System's "House of Mystery." She strikes a nautical pose atop fisherman's seine and floats.



By Frances Howell
DINNER AT ANTOINE'S. by Frances Parkinson Keyer. Mystery is the keynote in this picture of fashionable life in New Orleans. Soon after the family doctor has told Odile St. Amant that she will be a life-long invalid she is found shot to death. The family says it's suicide; the police claim murder!

THE SEA CHASE. by A. C. Geer. A good sea yarn! Captain Ehrlich, commanding an old cargo vessel with a woman spy and a secret-service man aboard, escapes from Australia at the declaration of war, runs the blockade of British vessels and then takes his ship to the coast of Norway where vengeance catches up with him.

RIVER TO THE WEST. by John Jennings. A novel of the Astor adventure. Rory O'Rourke tells how he met John Jacob Astor and joined him in trying to set up a fur empire that would rival the North West Company and break Canada's monopoly.

DOCTOR FAUSTUS. by Thomas Mann. Put your thinking cap on for this one! It's all about the life of the fictitious Leverkühn told in later years by a boyhood friend who always felt that the German composer was destined for great things and watched over him throughout his lifetime.

First Women Join Northwest Airlines Add New Service

Two representatives from Northwest Airlines stopped by to visit the base a few days ago and advised us they now have direct service out of Washington to Pittsburgh, Cleveland, Detroit, Milwaukee, Minneapolis-St. Paul. They are also offering direct connections out of the Nation's Capitol to some thirty-five other cities throughout the northwest section of the country. Northwest is the only commercial carrier using the new Martin 202 passenger plane. This airplane carries 36 passengers and offers the utmost in comfort and speed. For information and reservations anywhere at anytime, call or write Northwest Airlines, Inc., 1520 H Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. Phone number: STerling 9000. They will be glad to serve you.

14 NOV. ACCIDENTS BRING YRS. TOTAL 134

November's total of 14 traffic accidents, second high for the year, involving government vehicles from Cherry Point, brought the year's grand total up to 134, nearly a new high for the station since its formation. From July 1 to October 31, these accidents, the majority of which were caused by speeding and negligence, have cost the government over two and half thousand dollars. Luckily there have been no fatalities, but someday, someone's luck may run out. Be careful. It might be yours!

Bonville New Arrival

A new arrival at the Air Station is CWO Joseph L. Bonville. CWO Bonville was formerly a member of Hq. Co., Hq. Bn., FMF WestPac and departed for this station from Tsingtao, China. WO Bonville is now a member of Hq. Sq. Sta.

From Tsingtao To Cherry Point

1st Lt. John E. Foster recently arrived at this station from Tsingtao, China. Sailing aboard the USS Randall, Lt. Foster landed at San Francisco on Oct. 20th. He is now a member of Hq. Sq. Sta.

STATION RECREATION ACTIVITIES

DATES	THEATRE		SPORTS	Intra-Mural Special Events
TONIGHT December 10	CHERRY ABBOTT and COSTELLO MEET FRANKENSTEIN	STATION 1800-2030 ANGEL on the AMAZON George Brent Vera Ralston	BASKETBALL "FLYERS" vs FORT BRAGG — Away —	SOFTBALL on BASEBALL FIELD
SATURDAY December 11	Double Feature THE GAY INTRUDERS CODE OF THE PRAIRIE	Kiddy Show-1000 STAGE TO MESA CITY 1800-2030 ROGUES REGIMENT	"FLYERS" vs FORT BRAGG — Away —	
SUNDAY December 12	2 GUYS FROM TEXAS (Technicolor) Dennis Morgan Jack Carson	1300 RAZORS EDGE 1830-2030 THE DECISION OF CHRISTOPHER BLAKE		
MONDAY December 13	(SAME AS SUNDAY)	HE WALKED BY NIGHT Scott Brady Robt. Base Hart	BASKETBALL "FLYERS" vs PARRIS ISLAND — Away —	BASKETBALL SMS-14 vs AES-14 HQSQ-STA. vs VMF-222
TUESDAY December 14	ALIAS A GENTLEMEN Wallace Beery Tom Drake	COUNTESS OF MONTE CRISTO Sonja Henie Olson Juan	"FLYERS" vs PENSACOLA (FLA.) — Here —	BASKETBALL HQSQ-2 vs VMF-223 VMT-1 vs VMF-212
WEDNESDAY December 15	RACE STREET George Raft	BADLANDS of DAKOTA Robert Stack Richard Dix		BASKETBALL AES-46 vs MACG-1 VMP-354 vs HQSQ-14
THURSDAY December 16	RACHEAL AND THE STRANGER Loretta Young Robert Mitchum Wm. Holden	EVERY GIRL SHOULD MARRY Franchot Tone Cary Grant Diana Lynn		BASKETBALL VMF-122 vs VMF-114 AES-42 vs VMF-225



FROM THE "CAMP LEJEUNE GLOBE"

Camp Lejeune Gridders Defeat Parris Island 33-6; Seven Wins, Four Losses Final Tally As Locals End 1948 Football Season... Admiral R. Hayler, Commandant of Sixth NavDist, Visits Camp Lejeune... Marine Barracks Annual Inspection To Be Completed Today; Division Next... MSgt. Rodriguez Awarded Bronze Star for Meritorious Achievement On Saipan... Wake Forest Here Dec. 7th for Cage Tilt With Lejeune... Intra-Mural Football Finished As Bulldozers Beat Boondockers, 18-6...

FROM THE "QUANTICO SENTRY"

Quantico Agains Wins MENC Grid Title; Marines Score Close Victory Over Navy, 12-0... MCEB, Helicopter Squadron Demonstrate Amphib Tactics... Three Parades Stated Here This Month... Quantico Versus Little Creek For Navy Supremacy In East... Local Harriers Bob Baldwin... Lull Falls Over Post During Holiday... Extensive Instruction Program Held By Industrial Relations... Photo Contest Sponsored By Post Hobby Shop... Quantico Marines To Join In 1949 Little Creek War Games...

FROM THE "PARRIS ISLAND BOOT"

Two PI Sergeants Retire Following 20 Years Service... Sgt. Butler Is Presented With Permanent Award... Pistol Shooters Win High Honors... Staff NCO Club Marks Holiday With Gala Party... PI Grid Team Ends Season with Five Wins... Cage Squad Winter Schedule Is Announced... Lejeune Tromps Parris Island In Final Tussle... Local Boxing Battlers Square Off In Sports Arena... Post Bowling League Teams Begin "Splitting" Headaches...

FROM THE "CHEVRON" AT SAN DIEGO

All-Navy Semi-Final Grid Game Saturday; 'Devildogs' Vs. Hawaiian All Stars At Balboa Stadium... Last Rites For Well Known Officer (Brig. Gen. John B. Wilson) Held At Post Chapel... 11th ND Bowling Tourney Set For Navy Field December 17-18... Devildogs Punch Out 19-7 Grid Win Over LA NavBase... 11th ND Ping Pong Tourney Set For Dec... Depot Boxers Train In Prep For Fistic Duel At NTC Dec. 5... Cagers Catch Fire In Victory Over Submarine Five, 49-34...

FROM THE "EL TORO FLIGHT JACKET"

Wydiek Wins Drum Major Honors Again... Five Units Leave For Rifle Range Tomorrow A.M... Band To Go On Leave Dec. 20... Hodo Goes To Reserve After 21 Years Duty... KO's Feature Local Bout: Malloy Wins... Whidby Island Game To End Bulls' Worst Grid Season... Santa Barbara In Easy Cage Victory Over Bulls, 58-31... El Toro Sacks Los Alamitos... VMF(N)-542 Wins Golf Tournament Davison Law Man... Los Angeles Reserves Notch 6 to 0 Victory Over Sluggish Flying Bulls... Welsh Stars As Bulls Outscore Barstow, 45-34...

OFFICER'S SOCIETY NOTES

Major General and Mrs. Field Harris have as their house guests this week their son and his family, Lt. Colonel and Mrs. William F. Harris, of Boston, Massachusetts.

Colonel and Mrs. C. T. Bailey honored Mrs. Roy Geizer of Pensacola, Florida, at a dinner party on Friday evening. Mrs. Geizer is visiting at the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Lt. Colonel and Mrs. R. L. Johnson.

Colonel and Mrs. J. E. Young of El Toro, California, are house guests at the home of Colonel and Mrs. R. E. Hopper.

Mrs. A. T. Moret, Jr. gave an "Aloha" luncheon for Mrs. C. S. Rumbold on Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. H. W. Horst and Lt. and Mrs. Karl Witte spent the weekend in Washington, D. C. The Horsts were house guests of Lt. Colonel and Mrs. M. A. Severson in Quantico and Lt. and Mrs. Witte were guests at the home of Lt. and Mrs. James McBarren of Quantico, Virginia.

Mrs. Michael Fisher of Clarence, New York, is visiting at the home of her daughter, Mrs. E. L. Gilbert, of Cherry Point.

Major and Mrs. H. W. Horst, Lt. and Mrs. O. W. Corman and Lt. and Mrs. Karl Witte honored Lt. and Mrs. John Cotton at a farewell party on Monday evening.

Lt. and Mrs. C. W. Egan were hosts at a farewell cocktail party for Capt. and Mrs. C. S. Rumbold on Friday evening.

Lt. and Mrs. Lee Corboy were hosts at a dinner party in their quarters last Friday evening.

Miss Phoebe Webster of New Bern was guest of honor at a birthday dinner on Saturday evening at the Officer's Club. Hosts at the party were Mrs. Phoebe Webster of New Bern, and Lt. W. J. Webster of Cherry Point, mother and brother of Miss Webster.

Dr. Frank P. Dale has announced his engagement to Miss Nancy Gates of Kingston. The wedding will take place at New Bern in the First Baptist church at 8 o'clock on January 1.

GAME TIMES

Basketball starting time will be 2:30 for each Varsity home game played in the station drill hall. A preliminary intramural contest will precede the feature affair, beginning formally at 1900.

RESULTS

The results of Intramural Basketball played in the Drill Hall on Dec. 6:
VMR-252 22, HqSq-MCAS 19
HqSq-2 2, AES-41 0 (forfeit)
Dec. 7: AES-46, 24; VMP-220, 21
Dec. 8: VMF-212, 25; VMF-354, 20.

LOCAL HOOPSTERS TAKE THREE OF 4 GAMES IN BERMUDA SERIES

"Flyers" Triumph Over Amphib Men In Closing Rally

"Whiz Kid" Norm Creviston was "Johnny-on-the-Spot" when the Cherry Point hoop team needed him, and sank two vital baskets in the final minutes of play to spark the Marines to a thrilling 34-33 win over Little Creek Amphib Base in the home opener on the station drill hall court, Dec. 7.

Before a moderate crowd which filled only about half of the available seating space, the "Flyers" staged a furious last ditch drive, after falling behind 29-23 with only seven minutes to play in the contest.

Ford Closes Gap

Bob Ford, ganging center for the Pointers, aided his teammates when he sank a bucket on a charity toss to bring the "Flyers" within 3 points of their opponents' 29 points. Creviston, taking over at this point, scooted under the basket and "hit" twice with a pair of "lay-up" shots to put the locals out in front, 30-29, where they remained for the rest of the evening.

Little Creek tried to cut the margin in the final seconds but a "Flyer" freeze managed to halt the resurgent Amphibs a single point short of a tie when the game ended.

The "Flyers" started off badly during the first half of play. Sloppy ball-handling and several misbuks contributed to the Little Creek 19-16 half-time margin. At times a "football" spirit seemed to prevail on the court, but in the second half, the locals started coordinating their attack with greater success.

Ford and Creviston spearheaded the Cherry Point attack with 8 points each while Johnny Cashen garnered six more for the local team. Murry and Hancock sparked the visitors with 8 points also, to tie for top scoring honors.

The lineups:

Cherry Point:	G	FP	TP
Grasselli, f	1	0	2
Cashen, f	3	0	6
Creviston, f	4	0	8
Hoensich, f	1	0	2
Palmer, f	1	0	2
Ford, c	2	4	8
Erfert, c	0	0	0
King, g	2	1	5
Canan, g	0	1	1

Totals:	G	FP	TP
Little Creek:	11	6	34
Murry, f	3	2	8
Mulder, f	2	0	4
Carson, f	1	0	2
Amerson, c	2	1	5
Waller, c	0	1	1
Dunbar, c	0	0	0
Dietrich, g	2	0	4
Hancock, g	4	0	8
Tillman, g	0	1	1

Totals: 22 5 33

Two points, from the talented fingers of Ensign Bob Evans, prevented the Cherry Point "Flyers" from opening their 1948-49 campaign with a complete sweep of the four games against two Bermuda service quintets.

The vital pair of markers, which broke a 49-all deadlock with seconds to play, presented the Naval Operating Base with a 51-49 victory.

"Flyers" Go On To Win Paced by the accurate tossing of Norm Creviston, Bob Ford, and Jack Cashen, the "Flyers" roared back with a 50-34 rout of Kindley Air Force Base and a decisive 51-23 margin over the NOB team in contest number three. Kindley, scheduled on their home court, forfeited the final game to Cherry Point with the automatic score of 2-0.

Off In First Clash The "Flyers" employed a two-team system of "Whiz Kids" and "Old Vets" to battle their opponents throughout most of the series. The two-team rotation fell shy of expectations the first night since the Leathernecks bobbled a 25-22 halftime lead to fall before the "red hot" NOB club, sparked by Evans and Flint, who tallied twenty-five points between them. Bob Ford led the Pointers with eleven, but the Marines faltered at the crucial moment and allowed Evans to sink the deciding double-decker. It could have been the air ride of four hours.

Polish Off Kindley The second night proved a different story. Notching thirty points in a furious first half, limiting the Air Force to ten markers, the "Flyers" coasted to a 50-34 decision. Cashen was the spark-plug in this one, hitting the basket for ten points.

Revenge proved sweet in contest number three, for the NOB tossers just "didn't have it" and the "Flyers" coasted to a 50-34 decision.

Bill Partin led the attack with nine points, with Creviston and Cashen deadlocked for second honors with eight.

Forfeit Wins Up Tour The "Flyers" received their third win when Kindley forfeited. For three games, the locals had 150 points, while holding their foes to 106. Cashen paced the Bermuda trip scoring with 25 points. Norm Creviston placed second with 24, and Ford contributed 23. Al Grasselli played good ball for the "Flyers" at times. Charly Davis injured his knee, but should be back in the lineup within two weeks.

The local hoopsters departed Cherry Point Wednesday and returned Sunday. The trip was made via VMR-252 "Commando" "Happy Boy" Hooper, Indiana high school star, showed plenty of fight in each appearance and displayed much talent at the "Elbow". Lack of experienced ball players is the primary drawback facing Coach Curtis at this stage. The "Whiz Kids" or small team, employs a fast break and man to man defense, while the larger team of Ford, Cashen, King, Grasselli and Canan employ a zone defense and a somewhat slower attack.

The Camp Lejeune hoopsters were fortunate at the same time as our club and maulled both island clubs in 3 games, losing none.

HIS DEBUT!



Having fought 114 Amateur fights in his career, Claude Donatelli is expected to spar the Cherry Point boxing team when he makes his debut here at the Drill Hall on December 20. He is looked to as being one of the best middleweight boxers on the base. The hero is now on leave but will be back in time for his initial fight here.

BOX SCORES

FIRST GAME

Cherry Point:	R	F
Grasselli, f	1	4
Creviston, f	1	4
Palmer, f	1	2
Hoensich, f	1	2
Ford, c	1	2
Hoensich, g	1	2
King, g	0	1
Hooper, g	1	0
Murry, g	1	0
Partin, g	1	0
Canon, g	1	0
Totals:	11	21

SECOND GAME

Cherry Point:	R	F
Grasselli, f	1	1
Creviston, f	1	1
Palmer, f	1	1
Ford, c	1	1
Hoensich, g	1	1
King, g	1	1
Hooper, g	1	1
Partin, g	1	1
Sullivan, g	1	1
Erfert, g	1	1
Waller, g	1	1
Totals:	13	13

THIRD GAME

Cherry Point:	R	F
Grasselli, f	1	1
Hoensich, f	1	1
Creviston, f	1	1
Ford, c	1	1
Palmer, g	1	1
King, g	1	1
Hooper, g	1	1
Murry, g	1	1
Partin, g	1	1
Hoensich, g	1	1
Hartfield, g	1	1
Canan, g	1	1
Waller, g	1	1
Totals:	15	15

R-Basket; F-Pool Shot
Total Points.





Coach Jack Tinsley of the Cherry Point boxing team holds the "rightin' cock," mascot of the Marine gloves, while his proteges "look at the bird" for the photographer. Tinsley's hoping that the Bragg team will be seeing plenty of them from the canvas when the

soldiers tangle with the leather-necks in a return series of fistie encounters at the Station Drill Hall on Dec. 20.

First row, left to right: Don Jones, Standing, left to right: Spencer, Rudy Lara, John Biancanello, Coach Tinsley, Bascom Zecca, Jim Smith, Claude Donabeasley, Ernie Griffin, 15-0, and Eddle (tell), Al Rossi, and Ed Rich.

AES-46 Victorious On Court, Gridiron

AES-46 climaxed a great autumn drive in intramural sports activity by mathematically clinching the Touch Football and Volleyball titles to gain ten more points toward the General's trophy and increase their yearly total to fifteen.

In addition to seizing both crowns, the Engineers gained the added distinction of not dropping a single game in either sport, winning eleven straight in Football, while notching ten successive victories in Volleyball.

Instrumental in aiding the Engineers to their perfect record and second intramural standing have been MSgt. G. A. Yablonsky, SSgt. Ed Hampling, MSgt. "Mike" Cervin and SSgt. W. J. Partin.

The AES-46 athletes are attempting to make it four intramural activities in a row by annexing the Basketball title. Starting game of the season for the Engineers occurred on Dec. 7 when they faced VMF-223.

Though both Volleyball and Football will close out the thirteenth of Dec., there are still some games left to be played.

STANDINGS

Touch Football:

Team	W.	L.	T.	Pts.
AES-46	11	0	0	22
VMF-252	8	0	1	14
Hedron-2	6	1	2	14
MACG-1	5	2	1	11
VMF-122	4	2	1	9
AES-12	4	1	1	9
VMF-223	3	4	1	7
HqSq-MCAS	3	5	0	6
VMT-1	3	3	0	6
SMS-11	1	8	0	2
HqSq-11	0	4	0	0
VMF-224	0	7	0	0

Volleyball:

Team	W.	L.	Pts.
AES-46	10	0	10
MACG-1	8	1	8
VMT-1	5	2	5
Hedron-2	4	1	4
HqSq-MCAS	4	3	4
SMS-11	2	2	4
AES-42	1	3	2
VMR-252	1	3	1
HqSq-11	1	3	0
VMF-122	0	3	0
VMF-223	0	4	0
VMF-224	0	2	0

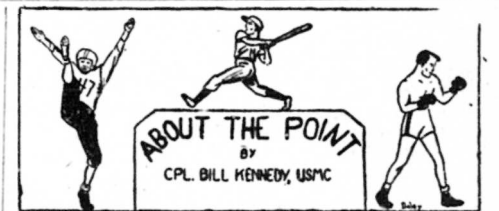
Local Pugilists To Battle Fort Bragg Here On Dec. 20

Fort Bragg, after receiving a visit from the Cherry Point boxing team last night, will pay a return call to the Station Drill Hall for a series of pre-Christmas matches on Dec. 20.

Expected to face the doughboys for his first appearance in Cherry Point fighting tugs will be Claude Donatelli, Coach Tinsley's highly touted middleweight, who is on leave at present.

Though final results were not obtainable on last night's scraps at Fort Bragg, Cherry Point entered the affair with an impressive past record. They split a pair of team scraps with Quantico, and placed second in the Southeastern Amateur Tournament in Savannah, Ga. Squad members who were to have appeared against the soldiers last night included Johnny Biancanello, Rudy Lara, Willie Moore, Mike Zecca, Jim Smith, Don Spencer, and Bascom Beasley. Newcomers Al Rossi and Ernie Griffin were also listed to fight, though they may not face Bragg until the 20th.

Biancanello, declared the outstanding glover in the Savannah tourney, has not been defeated in four battles against off-station opponents. Lara boasts a record of three wins in four tries, with his only loss coming on a nip-and-tuck three round decision to Joe Martin of Jacksonville, in the S. E. A. semi-finals.



During a recent practice session for the post-season contest against Miami's freshmen gridgers on Dec. 8, the Cherry Point footballers put on their most spirited show of the year with no spectators on hand.

Two teams, termed the "Rebels" and "Yankees" went at each other hammer and tongs in a furious exhibition of intra-squad football, with the "Yankees" winning, 15-0, on a safety and a pair of touchdowns by Joe Verbanic.

After notching their first points on a safety right after the opening kickoff, the high powered Northerners pushed across another six points in the space of a few minutes, when Vic Gorham hit Verbanic with a fifteen-yard aerial in the end zone.

"Rebels" Threaten Yank Goal
Led by Tommy Shepherd, the "Rebels" moved right down field to the "Yankee" nineteen yard stripe, but the Southern players were halted by a stubborn defense and spent most of the remainder of the contest trying to halt their opponents.

Though threatening most of the time, the "Yankees" didn't collect their final tally until late in the fourth quarter. Then, Verbanic squirmed his way for a twenty-nine yard scoring dash and Gorham added the extra point to make the final result, 15-0, in favor of the Northerners.

We've seen the Pointers play some explosive football this year, but they were at the peak in this fray.

Miami Frosh Have Three Wins
After the "Rebel-Yank" tilt had ended, Capt. Sloan informed the players that Miami U's freshmen team had played only three games this year, winning them all. The frosh club is used mainly to run through plays for the varsity team, and as a result, has a great deal of experience in working all types of play. Though normally operating from a "T" formation, the Miamians can use a single wing. Against the regulars, they learned how to operate a tricky four man line, which Vanderbilt University employed successfully this year.

Intra-AES-46 League Forms
AES-46 has formed an intra-squad league in bowling. So far, eight teams are entered and matches have been scheduled for December 1, 8, and 15. In January, playing dates will occur on the 5th, 12th, 19th, and 26th of the month. AES-41 is still practicing for competition.

Donatelli Is New Sparkplug
PFK Claude Donatelli, the latest sensation on Cherry Point's boxing team, boasts a record of 114 amateur bouts before entering the service. Donatelli, who was on leave when the boxers met Bragg for the first time, will be on hand for the second appearance of the soldiers against the local pugns when they invade the Drill Hall on Dec. 20.

Donatelli, who fights in the middleweight class, worked an equivalent of eighteen four minute rounds in a recent practice drill and possesses a lot of experience in the prize ring.

The Amazing "Mr. Flores"
Rudy Flores, in addition to directing the dazzling Quantico Marine football attack throughout the season, hit the mark in 30 out of 36 aerial attempts this year. The Marines, with Mr. Flores at the helm, are scheduled to meet Fort Bragg in Baltimore on Dec. 18 for the All-East Coast Service Championship.

Johnny Tinsley's Team Mascot Brings Comment
Coach Johnny Tinsley's mascot for the Cherry Point Boxing team, a "rightin' gamecock" which was obtained down in Savannah, Ga, during the squad's recent stay there, has promoted quite a bit of comment from those around the drill hall and among the fighters themselves.

Being Johnny's pride and joy, the bird seems to feel perfectly at home watching the boys train and perform their daily workouts, and was even reconciled to posing for a picture which appears on this page.

INTRAMURAL BASKETBALL

The following intramural basketball schedule has been planned for the 1948-49 season. All games will be played in the Drill Hall and first games to get underway nightly at 8:00.

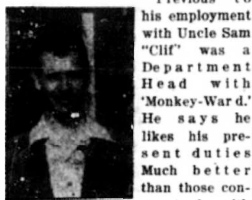
Date	Team
Dec. 13	SMS-14 vs AES-41
Dec. 13	HqSq-MCAS vs VMF-222
Dec. 14	HqSq-2 vs VMF-223
Dec. 14	VMT-1 vs VMF-212
Dec. 15	AES-46 vs MACG-1
Dec. 15	VMP-354 vs HqSq-14
Dec. 16	VMT-122 vs VMF-114
Dec. 16	AES-42 vs VMF-225
Dec. 20	VMR-252 vs VMF-222
Dec. 20	VMF-222 vs VMF-223
Dec. 20	HqSq-MCAS vs VMF-212
Dec. 21	HqSq-2 vs MACG-1
Dec. 22	VMT-1 vs HqSq-14
Dec. 22	AES-46 vs VMF-114
Dec. 23	VMF-122 vs AES-42
Dec. 27	AES-41 vs VMF-122
Dec. 27	VMF-222 vs VMF-212
Dec. 28	MACG-1 vs SMS-14
Dec. 28	HqSq-MCAS vs HqSq-14
Dec. 29	HqSq-2 vs VMF-114
Dec. 29	VMT-1 vs VMF-225
Dec. 30	AES-46 vs AES-42
Dec. 30	VMF-354 vs VMF-122
Dec. 30	VMF-222 vs VMF-212
Jan. 2	AES-41 vs MACG-1
Jan. 4	VMR-252 vs HqSq-14
Jan. 4	SMS-14 vs VMF-114
Jan. 5	HqSq-MCAS vs VMF-252
Jan. 5	HqSq-2 vs AES-42
Jan. 6	VMT-1 vs VMF-122
Jan. 6	AES-46 vs VMF-354
Jan. 10	VMF-222 vs MACG-1
Jan. 10	VMF-222 vs HqSq-14
Jan. 11	AES-41 vs VMF-114
Jan. 11	VMR-252 vs VMF-225
Jan. 12	SMS-14 vs AES-42
Jan. 12	HqSq-MCAS vs VMF-122
Jan. 13	HqSq-2 vs VMF-223
Jan. 17	VMF-212 vs HqSq-14
Jan. 17	VMF-223 vs VMF-114
Jan. 18	VMF-222 vs VMF-225

Jan. 18	AES-41 vs AES-42
Jan. 19	VMR-252 vs VMF-122
Jan. 19	SMS-14 vs VMP-354
Jan. 20	HqSq-MCAS vs AES-46
Jan. 20	HqSq-2 vs VMT-1
Jan. 24	MACG-1 vs VMF-114
Jan. 24	VMF-212 vs VMF-225
Jan. 25	VMF-223 vs AES-42
Jan. 25	VMF-322 vs VMF-122
Jan. 26	AES-41 vs VMF-254
Jan. 26	VMR-252 vs VMT-1
Jan. 27	SMS-14 vs VMT-1
Jan. 27	HqSq-MCAS vs HqSq-2
Jan. 31	HqSq-14 vs VMF-225
Jan. 31	MACG-1 vs AES-42
Feb. 1	VMR-212 vs VMF-122
Feb. 1	VMF-223 vs VMF-354
Feb. 2	VMF-222 vs AES-46
Feb. 2	AES-41 vs VMT-1
Feb. 3	VMR-252 vs HqSq-2
Feb. 7	SMS-14 vs HqSq-MCAS
Feb. 7	VMF-114 vs AES-42
Feb. 7	HqSq-14 vs VMF-122
Feb. 8	MACG-1 vs VMF-354
Feb. 8	VMF-212 vs AES-46
Feb. 9	VMF-223 vs VMT-1
Feb. 9	VMR-252 vs HqSq-2
Feb. 10	AES-41 vs HqSq-MCAS
Feb. 10	VMR-252 vs SMS-14
Feb. 14	VMF-225 vs VMF-122
Feb. 14	VMF-114 vs VMF-354
Feb. 15	HqSq-14 vs AES-46
Feb. 15	MACG-1 vs VMT-1
Feb. 16	VMF-222 vs HqSq-2
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Feb. 23	MACG-1 vs HqSq-MCAS
Feb. 23	VMF-212 vs SMS-14
Feb. 24	VMF-223 vs VMR-252
Feb. 24	AES-41 vs AES-41
Feb. 28	VMF-122 vs AES-46
Feb. 28	AES-42 vs VMT-1
Mar. 1	VMF-252 vs HqSq-2

Mar. 1	VMF-114 vs HqSq-MCAS
Mar. 2	HqSq-14 vs SMS-14
Mar. 2	MACG-1 vs VMR-252
Mar. 3	VMF-212 vs AES-41
Mar. 3	VMF-223 vs VMF-222
Mar. 7	VMF-354 vs VMT-1
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HAVE YOU MET

Murphy B. Clifton, Leadtngman Aircraft Mechanic, O&R "Murph" or "Cliff" (he says call him anything; just not too late for chow) came to work at Cherry Point in November 1945, a transferee from MCAS, Quantico, Virginia. An interesting "delight" on this transfer is that Quantico arranged for and flew him down here for his interview. Cherry Point liked him so well they refused him air transportation back to of Virginia so he had to "thumb" his way back!



Previous to his employment with Uncle Sam "Cliff" was a Department Head with 'Monkey-Ward'. He says he likes his present duties. Much better than those connected with merchandising. Born in "Kaintucky," young Murphy lived in Ohio, Washington, D. C. and Fredericksburg, Va. It was while living in "the Burg" that he first became associated with the Marines due to his father being a civilian employee at Quantico. "Murph" says he has lived around and been with Marines so long that he feels like a "Gyrene" himself. At this point we asked him why he joined the NAVAL Reserve if his last statement was true. He blushed and refused to continue along that line!

For the first two years at O&R, Mr. Clifton was assigned to the Training Section and helped organize the present apprentice on-the-job training procedures. He says that it was while he was in this position his knowledge of the overall picture of aircraft overhaul work increased to the extent that today you can hardly stump him on any question. Try it sometime!

At one time, Murphy enrolled in a flying course, but a fence stopped him and that was the end of his training as a civilian pilot. He now "pilots" a nice family consisting of wife Mildred (met her by breaking in on her at a dance, later had the pleasure of mailing the other guy's ring back to him), two sons and a beautiful daughter.

Mr. Clifton is Vice-President of the Quartermaster-Leadtngman Association, Local 21; Chairman of the Conference Committee of the Association; a graduate of WIP; and club master of the Cherry Point Cub Scout pack. He says he would love to have a new car, but the 50c per week he saves towards the purchase of the same is taking a long time accumulating; keeps his hair cut crew style to keep himself from pulling it out when he has his "moments;" lists hunting and bowling as his hobbies (he is Captain of the O&R "Left-Overs" team); plans to make Civil Service his career; and has batophobia which is the main reason he seldom leaves eastern North Carolina and wants to build his own home here.

Mr. Clifton is one man we know who always has a smile and a good word for everyone. He says to be a good supervisor you should read more of the books of experience and less of the pages of prophecy; think more about the worth of folks and less about their collateral; boast less and boost more; hurry less and accomplish more; and come to know that the best trophy any man can win is the love and understanding of those who need him.

HERE N' THERE

Did you see the misprint in a local paper recently, calling us "Cherry Point Marine Base" Not a bad name, at that!

With Leap Year drawing to a close, I was talking to Bertha Bratcher (Officers' Records) the other day and suggested that it was singular that she had never married again. She replied: "Not at all. I have a dog that growls, a parrot that swears, a fireplace that smokes, and a cat that stays out all night. Why should I want a husband?"

We hear tell there is some pretty fancy pastry baking done by someone in the Bunch family. Who does all this, Irene!

Edna Kilborn (Telephone Exchange) is taking some time off from saying "hello" officially, awaiting the time she can say "hello" to the long-legged bird!

Housing Project has a new employee! Hello George M. Willis! And Lula Walker is the newest member of the glamour section at the Dispensary. Not to be outdone, Motor Transport is introducing Monnie Fullcher, Jr., to one and all and regret that they had to say good-bye to George Thomas!

STATION SUPPLY Department (USMC)

It would be sincerely appreciated if someone would volunteer to gather and scatter the news for our Department. I love doing this but am just too busy to do it justice! Anyone interested is asked to contact Mr. Benton, 6114, or Mrs. Delisle, 6120. Thanks!



Better Late than never—Hazel Ball, Dot Hill, La Rue Harper, June White and Mary Kemp all went to their homes for Thanksgiving!

We are sorry to learn that Sybil Swindell is ill and hope that by the time this is printed, she will be well on the road to recovery!

We all miss Glennie Smith who is taking time off, expecting an increase in the family... and Genevieve Watson whose husband was detached and consequently resigned her position at the Commissary... we hope to see Emma Barrett from time to time as she is still at the Base, working at the Housing Project now.

This was a nice promotion for her and she also got probational status.

Our Chief Clerk reminds us that the Dispensary is open 24 hours per day so those employees on shift should not delay in reporting accidents. To put off reporting an injury, even though it may be minor, is to risk infection or other complication.

Sam: "It's all wrong about those Irish being good fighters."
Cal: "Yes."
Sam: "Yeh. Last night me and my brother Gus and two other fellows licked one."

OVERHAUL & REPAIR

We have a few marriages in the offering today. Thanksgiving vacation must have given people ideas! Helen Bell, Progressman, and TSGT. George Cribb were two who took the small step... "Speck" Tyson, Planning Section, and Helen Bowman, of New Era, were another twosome... Wildy Melvin and John Wetherington, Power Plant Division, took the final vows recently... James T. Guthrie and Alma Lois Gilliland are now Mr. and Mrs. ... and November 7 was the date the marriage of Norma Jean Edwards and Charles Raymond Collins was solemnized. Good luck and much happiness to all these happy couples!

Congratulations are extended Albert Jolly on his recent promotion... and to Mr. and Mrs. Peter A. Ribis on the birth of daughter, Mary Annette!... also to Edward Johnson and Robert Davis, both of Accessories Division, who recently were awarded \$10 each by the Beneficial Suggestion Committee!

Condolences to the family of Mrs. Dorothy Rosser Droupelch who died recently after an extended illness!

Word has been received from "Swede" Elmblade that the "sawbones" have again hospitalized him. How about sending him a card of cheer? His address: Ralph Elmblade, USN Hospital, Ward B-3, Long Beach, Calif!

We all miss Muriel Mitchell, Inspection Group, and hope she soon recovers from her operation and illness!

We have been saying goodbye and hello to several employees lately! The "Good-byes" to: Hilka Kerner, one of the Timekeepers; Mary Jones, Bertha Saunders, and Henrietta Gaskins, from Power Plant Division; Myrtle Laybourn, from Accessories; Sarah Hodge and Emma Gaskill of Finish and Fabric; Leonard Rawls, William Pickard and Jesse Small! Good luck to all of you!... the "hellos" to: Basil Harman, Bettie Hodge; Florence Smith and Alberta Jones. It is nice having you folks with us!

Related Thanksgiving holiday news include: Former employee Howard Shell was a visitor here over the holiday. Howard is a student at State College, Raleigh... Virginia Lancaster, of Man Hour Unit, spent the holiday in New York City. We hear tell she had a wonderful time... Jo Anne Ferguson, student at Woman's College, Greensboro, spent the holiday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Ferguson!

Our comrade John Rosling, Accessories Division, who never misses while engaging in the art of deer hunting, has kept this a secret, but I have the dope that he shot a deer, head-on, five time and never made him change his course! Please, in the future, refer to John as "Dead-Eye John!"

A group from O&R flew to California to compare working conditions in the O&R Departments at El Toro, Alameda and San Diego. The group included: Colonel Jack, Major Moran, Capt. Burns, Capt. Langstaff, Lt. Rice, Harry Shadle (we hear tell Harry left his grip in the Operations room here at Cherry Point. H'ya, Nature Boy), Ray Chung, Frank Huber, Les Berezevay, George Fay, Boss Barruggins, Leo Peterson, Floyd Hall, Raymond Hopkins, and Earl Titus... also on detached duty are Cecil Harrell and Keith Sawyer. They are visiting McDonald Aircraft Co., St. Louis, Mo.

A tough patient in the hospital awoke after a serious operation and found the blinds of his room drawn.

"Why are blinds down, Doctor?" he asked.
"Well," said the Doctor, "there's a fire burning across the alley and I didn't want you to think the operation had been a failure."

PUBLIC WORKS

Paul Roberts has returned from a visit with his family in Fairmont, Minn. ... Heywood Geison has been doing a little fishing... Susie Moore, Clady Killingsworth, Mabel Roundtree, and Helon Parker are back from their Christmas shopping spree in Richmond. Other recent vacationers include Heary Gaskins, James Chadwick, W. J. Boyette, and Roy Penay!

We are very glad to see J. H. Tyndall back after his recent illness!

Gertie Gaskins is another capable seamstress who is coming out these days in frocks of her own creation, and very nice looking too!

Gene Tingle, a member of the Cartare-Craven REA Board of Directors attended a meeting of that organization in Morehead City recently!

Among the new employees are James Daw, who transferred from Navy Supply; Jasper Dail, from O&R; Virginia Thompson, Wade Adams, Robert Whitley, Lester Evans, Ernest Swanner, James Layton, Ollie Williams, Kelly Williams, (all of whom will work at Edenton); and George Willis, a former employee. Please to meet-cha!

It has been reported that Chafin (Bob) Hundley, Jr., and Susie Moore motored to Richmond on a recent week-end. A budding romance???

According to the marriage license, Walter Jarvis and Norma Sarah Davis are middle-ising it. Good luck and much happiness to you both!

Good-byes were said recently to Hudie Keith, Sarah Moore and Robert Reynolds, Jr. Good luck in your new ventures!

IT'S A FACT

Hanging stockings for gifts Christmas Eve is an outgrowth of a legend that St. Nicholas, to surprise, dropped a purse full of money down the chimney of a poor family. The purse rolled the hearth and into a nearby stocking—thus starting the stocking hanging tradition!

Love thy neighbor! One of the best things everyone can do Christmas time is to be kind to everyone, especially the ones hasn't felt so kindly toward lately. Then keep on being kind to them in the future!

A girl is promptly kissed when she stands under the mistletoe, because the ancient Druids of Britain believed the mistletoe was given to the Goddess of Love, kept. Therefore, every woman passing under it must be kissed, show the mistletoe was a symbol of love!

Be safe, not sorry! Keep your tree outside until to set it up; you must put it near a radiator or other heating unit, turn off the heat; inspect tree lights before putting them on the tree—wires with frayed cords or broken sockets are unsafe! If the needles or lights begin to turn brown, take the light to another position. To off tree lights before ever leaves the house, or before a family retires for the night!

The family get-together Christmas dates back to Pagan Telesphorians, who, in 137 A.D. ordered that members of a family be united for the day, in a ritual of solemn rejoicing and feasting. LET US ALL HAVE A MERRY MERRY, BUT A SAFE CHRISTMAS!

NAVY SUPPLY

Good afternoon, ladies and gentlemen, this is our 50,000th issue station, WAAB (We Are Always Busy) in Navy Supply giving you on-the-spot newscast: When it happens—Where it happens—and how it happens.

The teletype is now sending in the happenings of the MATERIAL BRANCH... Thanksgiving holiday's really saw action here—Robert Smith voices his objection to Ray Milland keeping his Oscar for "Lost Weekend"... John Crocker jaunted to Southport to see his parents... Eli Sabeby winged his way to Washington, N. C. to see relatives... Mr. Britton gave Edenton the onceover... Mr. Ball's family went to Washington visiting relatives and sightseeing... Ben Beneder has returned from Baltimore... Charles Davis is having name scratched off the sick list after being there for a week, glad to see you well again, Charles... SPECIAL NEWS BULLETIN... Basnight says that Disbursing is running over with work and that his mind is more at ease now that her grandbaby has fully recovered from his recent case of measles...

We now transfer the mike over to our roving reporter in ACCOUNT... Eleanor Ring took to the air this weekend and visited her parents in Maine... Betty Lentz was in Rocky Mount for a week on emergency leave, she is back with the report that her aunt has improved a great deal... Our sincere sympathy goes to Bernice Droupelch whose she-in-law died recently... Kay Maynard is entertaining her sister-in-law, while on their visit to N. C... Myrtle Matthew's sister-in-law is down for a short visit... Joy Murray says the holiday, was spent in Roxboro with her parents, was wonderful...

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE, here we see that Lee Denman, Catherine Bledsoe have returned from their vacation, which was spent in Atlanta, Georgia... Employees extend their deepest sympathy to Marilyn Van Benthuseyn, who was called to West Virginia due to death of her uncle. While there, we understand she saw her parents from California... Fern Simpson and husband spent the holidays in Hackensack, N. J... and Nell Alford toured Georgia with main stops in Atlanta and Macon... If anyone ever ventures to the Country Club golf course, you may be quite sure you will see Chris Marshburn teeing off in the tournament, which is in full swing.

We now switch you back to the main studio for the report from CONTROL BRANCH... Understand that we have a champion bridge player in our midst, Frank Burton is back after completing a bridge tournament in Richmond, and it is understood he came third. (Top or Bottom!) (Don't know, better ask him)... The Parish entertained guests from Greenville over the holidays—and spending of holidays, quite a few other people got around... Hazel George is in Raleigh on business... Kathleen Mullens visited her parents in Fayetteville... and Kay and Harry Inman motored (in a new Ford) to Raleigh to see the Villanova-State game... say, speaking of cars you should see Margaret Holbrook's new station wagon... really an eye-ful... NEWSFLASH... Connie Lynch and John Deane are to be married Friday night at the Methodist Church in New York. All of our best wishes and good luck are extended to both of you. Evelyn Lockey took Monday off to celebrate her first wedding anniversary.



Shooting over the Pacific, this Navy Gordon IV (PTV-N-2), was piloted by remote control and tracked by radar on the longest flight ever made by a pilotless aircraft. After being launched from a Black Widow fighter modified to be the "mother" plane for the test, the robot sustained flight for more than ten minutes.

Marines Fly Mats Run As Swabbies Bolster Airlift

(SEA)—Marine pilots are flying the Pacific MATS flights in place of Navy fliers who wear assigned duty on the Berlin airlift.

Fifteen "Skymasters" from Ewa Marine Corps Air Station in Hawaii are making westward runs from Hickam Field to Guam. The west-bound flights are made by Marine air crews from F4M-352, while Air Force MATS planes fly cargo and passengers eastward.

Joint Navy-Army maintenance crews service the planes along the island routes.

At present, the majority of MATS flights from Hawaii to the United States are being flown by Navy Mars transport planes.

After completion of temporary duty elsewhere, Sgt. Wilbert Johnson was returned to VMF-225, MAG-11, 2dMAW, FMF, MCAS, Cherry Point, North Carolina.

LEWIS LAUDS LEATH'RNECKS

A letter from Marvin A. "Mike" Lewis, New Bern Recreation Director, praises the Cherry Point Marines and especially the 2nd MAW band and football team which played the Coral Sea team at New Bern's Kafer aPk on Thanksgiving Day. The letter, addressed to Brig. Gen. Ivan W. Miller is quoted below:

"Dear General Miller: Please accept my sincere thanks for the efforts which resulted in the Thanksgiving Day parade, game and dance. Apparently we enjoyed a great success as I have heard nothing but praise about the entire program.

"I hope this affair can be made a traditional one. There is no question the GOOD-WILL involved is worth the hard work Special Services and my staff put into it.

"I respectfully request you consider me a staunch Marine supporter and call on me for any consideration you may require.

"Very sincerely yours, (signed) "Marvin A. Lewis."

THE SQUADRONS REPORT

VMF-223

By Lt. K. C. Langness

VMF-223 has been busily engaged in syllabus flights during the past week in an attempt to conform to the new training schedule. Gunnery has headed the list and the general reaction seems to be—"How rusty can you get?"

The problem for tonight is to determine whether the party at Hancock Lodge will be as successful as the last one. If not, it will certainly not be for lack of zest.

Bowling is in the sports spotlight around here at present and 223 expects to send a sharp group of leggers to the alleys. We have good material and are hoping to make a good showing in the league.

SMS-14

By Capt. J. R. Martin

This organization has just about reached its streamlined strength. "Now we can get down to some REAL BUSINESS." Speaking of real business, did you know that SMS-14 had a crackerjack quietest last season? We have no returning lettermen this year but promises of a winning outfit. We open the season with AES-41, and we'll be there rooting for the boys in their initial intramural basketball game on 13 December.

While we're on the subject of basketball, our squadron has two members on the "Flyers" varsity team. They are 1stLt. C. M. Cannon and 1stLt. K. G. Hadcock. Incidentally they have just returned from a trip to Bermuda, and both are sporting a tropical sun tan.

Capt. George W. Kaseman, who was on temporary duty with MAG-14, MCAS, 2d MAW, MCAS, Cherry Point, North Carolina, was just transferred to MWSS-2 (Prov), for temporary duty at the US Naval Auxiliary Sta., Barrin Field, Ala.

VMF-225

By Lt. B. B. Sessions

On the 19th of November at 1530, a briefing of all squadron pilots was held in preparation for the air-tank exercise to be held the following week in conjunction with the Second Marine Division, at Camp Lejeune. The problem was to consist of close air support by aircraft with rockets and bombs, as the "friendly" and "enemy" tanks engaged in a mock battle, eight aircraft of the squadron were to smoke the retreat of the "friendly" tanks.

In order that the squadron be ready for the problem the engineering and ordnance sections were forced to work over the week and to get the necessary number of aircraft in commission, and to ready the eight "smokers" and the four close air support aircraft with rockets and bombs.

On 22 Nov, the squadron was ready, but old man weather failed to cooperate. Low ceilings didn't keep the aircraft on the ground, but all planes were forced to return from Camp Lejeune when the weather lowered in the operating area.

Tuesday's operation was carried out in the evening with eight aircraft armed with 100 lb. war bombs and eight rockets took off in 300 feet-500 feet ceiling to carry out the air support phase of the problem. After making several dummy passes, it was decided that only six aircraft could be completed. Results on the first target were excellent, but weather conditions prevented any further attempt at close air support.

Further attempts at salvaging bits of the problem were shattered when the eight Corsairs carrying smoke tanks experienced difficulty in releasing their smoke between the "friendly" and "enemy" tanks due to electrical trouble. Upon being released by the division air officer, all pilots returned in instrument weather to Cherry Point.

The hard work by all hands of the squadron was finally rewarded the following week when the pilots "smoked" Great Lake, west of Cherry Point until it looked like the large smog over Long Beach or the TMQ.

VMF-122

By Lt. C. D. Jernigan

Several members of this squadron along with other MAG-14 pilots spent the past week aboard the U.S.S. Saipan, qualifying in carrier landings. During their stay aboard, all pilots qualified plus spending a very enjoyable cruise watching a Navy squadron, VX-3, from Atlantic City, bring F8F's, TBM's, AD's and F4U's aboard. Lt. Green of MAG-14 made the 18,900 landing on the Saipan but was unable to remain aboard to cut the traditional cake baked in honor of the occasion; but you can take it from me and the other pilots aboard that the cake was very good. Anyone doubting this might contact Lt. Dyer. I understand he thought it was wonderful. As a matter of fact, he even ate Lt. Green's part.

Sgt. C. S. Johnson (signature par excellence) will tie the knot with Miss Clara Ruth Lynch on 24 December.

TSGT. Nash, TSGT. Kilborn, and MSgt. H. Britt are back from J-33 Jet Engine School at the Allison Aircraft Corp. in Indianapolis. MSgt. J. B. Johnson is still attending.

VMF-122's pigskin pushers stand, to date, with four wins and two defeats. . . throw in one tie for the record.

Cpl. Roger Knight of Ordnance challenges any and all chess players. Would be victims call 3176.

AES-41

By Lt. D. F. Milson

A tour of West Coast Overhaul and Repair installers has just been made by ranking Marine Officers and civilians of the Cherry Point O&R Department. The Marine Officers of AES-41 making the journey were Colonel Jack, Major Moran, Captain Langstaff, Captain Buran, and Lieutenant Rice. The itinerary included stops at El Toro, Alameda, and San Diego.

Three assignments have recently been made to the three-week engine school at Essington, Pa., Westinghouse plant. Captains Wilson and Wetzel returned recently, and Lieutenant Green is now TAD at Essington, taking the course.

Flights To North Originate Here

A schedule of flights to points north is now in operation from Cherry Point, states Air Station Memo 163-1948.

AES-46 will schedule a transport plane each Tuesday and Thursday to transport personnel and cargo on official business to points such as Norfolk, Washington and Philadelphia.

The flight itinerary will be varied in accordance with official requests for transportation received in the following order of priority: (1) written orders directing air transportation; (2) passengers on official business; (3) cargo in connection with official business; (4) emergency leave; and (5) leave or liberty.

Northbound passengers will be dropped off and picked up on a return trip southbound if so desired. Request for transportation will be made by calling AES-46 at either 5263 or 7204.

The 2MAW is running a similar schedule on Monday and Wednesdays and requests should be made by calling Wing operations at 6137. The purpose of these scheduled runs is to consolidate flights of an official nature and make more planes available locally for flight proficiency.

The storage and administrative center at the Naval Supply Depot, Norfolk Va., with over 1,000,000 square feet of floor space is one of the world's largest storehouses.

During the 45 months of war, about 75,490,000 rations, or about 226,200,000 individual meals, were served at the Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill.

MWSS-2

By Lt. W. T. Witt, Jr.

This week ends MWSS-2 with the biggest group on hand that we've had so far to go through the indoctrination course. We have two hundred and thirty-seven men in this group. The largest group previous to this one contained one hundred and sixty-five men. It is impossible to get the men into the regular housing for the school so classes are being held in the station theatre.

This big draft of men has put a strain on our barracks space also and we wish to extend our appreciation to the other units of the station who have cooperated with us in taking care of this unusually large group of men.

Xmas Party Set For 1900 Monday

An invitation has been extended to married personnel on the base who have children to attend the annual Christmas Party at the Recreation Center in New Bern on December 13 at 1900. The party is under the sponsorship of the Central School Parent-Teachers association.

Upon arrival at the party, each child will receive a free gift when they are greeted at the door by old "Santa Claus" himself. Supper will be served, followed by an old-fashioned community sing. A lot of entertainment and games are planned for all. Admission is 15 cents for adults and 10 cents for children.

Pfc. Raymond J. Collora, Jr., after serving satisfactorily in the United States Coast Guard, was awarded an Honorable discharge on the 7th of December, 1948.

It cost 261 million dollars for maintenance of the entire Navy in 1935; in 1945 the Navy's food bill alone was over 670 million.



TALENT BASH SET FOR DEC. 12; LOCALS GET STAGE SPOTLIGHT

Arthur Godfrey might do well to be at Cherry Point next Wednesday night, for there will be talent galore on the stage of the theatre that evening. The All-Marine show will get underway immediately after the first movie and will feature a dozen acts ranging from impersonations to juggling.

All participants are Cherry Point Marines who have never entertained professionally but believe they have something worth watching or listening to. Among those performing will be Pfc. Martin Vasquez of ABS-21, impersonation specialist; Pfc. Pete Cunningham of VMF-223, lyric tenor; Pfc. Joe Counce of MWSS-2, bartonne balladeer; Pfc. Ed Thompson,

HqSqSta. who has gained fame locally as the "Gaunt Groaner," and the Point's answer to Larry Adler, Pfc. Bob Lavelle of AES-46.

Music will be furnished by the Station Orchestra, ably backed by TSgt. F. S. (Oop Bop Sha) Zam, and his fine singer, the "Mellow Bellow," Gus Laube.

Those persons attending the first movie, and who wish to see the Talent show, may remain. All others are urged to be at the theatre by 1930, since the show will begin as soon as possible after the completion of the 1800 movie. The second movie will begin promptly after the talent show is ended, so come out and see all the local "Joos" perform in addition to seeing a good movie.

Recent Arrival

Capt. Robert Sabot recently came aboard this station from VMF-218, MAG-24, FMF, San Francisco, Calif. He is now a member of Hq. Sq., MWSS-2 (Prov).

OFFICERS' WIVES CLUB

The Officer's Wives Club of Cherry Point cordially invite all Officer's wives to their annual Christmas Tea on Tuesday, December 14 at the Officer's Club from 3:00 until 4:30. There will be no charge and reservations are not necessary. Miss Catherine Latta, mezzo-soprano of New Bern, will sing. Miss Latta was formerly with the Philadelphia Opera company. Mrs. R. H. Teasdale will accompany Miss Latta at the piano. Mrs. Teasdale will play Christmas selections during the tea.



F-80's of the 36th Air Force over the Panama Canal. The First Marine Air Wing at El Toro operates one squadron of similar Lockheed Shooting Star jets. The Marine's jets differ in that they have two seats, enabling pilots to be trained before soloing.



Official U. S. Navy Photograph
LARGEST PLANE ever launched from a carrier deck, a Lockheed P2V Neptune takes off from USS Coral Sea (CVB 43) in tests off the Virginia Capes to determine the practicality of operating long-range search planes from a carrier rather than from land bases which might not be available where needed in time of war.



Official U. S. Navy Photo

EARLY LTA, as this "K"-type Navy lighter-than-air craft is called, strains at her mooring mast prior to take off for her first flight. The Early LTA is part of the Navy dirigible complement at NAS Moffett Field, Calif.



Looking over the new cellometer gear, an electronic device for measuring cloud ceiling, is PFC James C. Davis of AFS-16. The 25,000-watt candle-power beam is projected from a bulb smaller than a cigarette and may also be used as a night navigational aid.



Gen. Clifton B. Cates
Commandant
United States Marine Corps



Katherine Booth



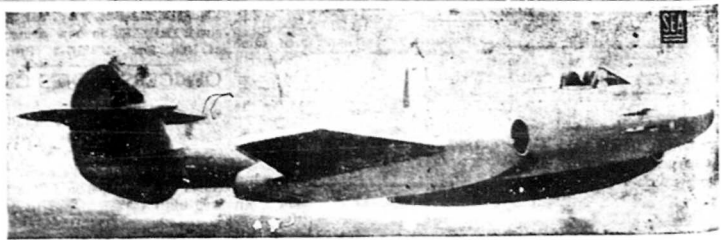
ATTRACTIVE VOCALIST with Fred Waring's Pennsylvanians, Daisy Bernier is one of main reasons fans like to see as well as listen to his NBC broadcasts.



Cpl. Rudy Lara, well known local boxer fought at Fort Bragg last night and will make another showing on Dec. 20. Against the Army here at the Drill Hall.



Shown above, discussing plans for the Kill Devil Hill mass diep are (left) Col. E. L. Pugh, CO MAG-14, and Col. E. A. Montgomery, CO MAG-11. Col. Pugh has been designated air coordinator for the mammoth flight demonstration at Kitty Hawk, Dec. 17. Approximately 200 Naval aircraft will be under the guidance of Col. Pugh.



AP Wirephoto
BRITISH JET FIGHTER that reached the speed of 522.8 miles per hour shown in a test run, above. The Gloster jet Meteor, a twin jet craft, was piloted by RAF Squadron Leader Bill Waterman. Waterman abandoned an attempt to break the world air speed record over a 100-kilometer course in the Meteor because of foul weather conditions.