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Holiday Message from the Commanding General, Second Marine Aircraft Wing

Each New Year is the time when we look to see what the past year has brought forth. Members of the Second Marine Aircraft Wing can look backward this year with a sense of real accomplishment. It has been a year of hard work and progress, due primarily to the individual effort of all of its members.

And to each and every officer and man in this Wing, and to the personnel of the Marine Corps Air Station, both military and civilian, who have given us such whole-hearted support, I sincerely wish a very joyous Christmas season and a happy, successful New Year.

(signed) FIELD HARRIS
ComdGen., AirFMFLant and
Second Marine Aircraft Wing

Christmas Greeting from Commanding General, M. C. A. S.

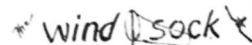
On the occasion of this Christmas holiday it is our wish that the holiday season and the New Year of 1949 bring you and yours health, happiness, and peace.

(signed) IVAN W. MILLER
Commanding General, Marine Corps Air Station



March Of Dimes To Conduct Campaign Beginning Jan. 14

The March of Dimes 1949 campaign to raise funds for the National Foundation of Infantile Paralysis will be conducted during the period January 14 to 31, 1949. The Craven County quota for last year was \$450,000, of which \$375,000 was met. Due to the great demands on this Foundation the epidemic emergency funds are practically exhausted. The quota for Craven County for this year is set at \$15,000.00. As a matter of information and interest, it is desired to point out that over \$700,000 were expended by the Craven County Chapter for all the expenses incident to the treatment of the twelve polio cases occurring among the dependents of the personnel of this station during the past summer. Think of what a help the contributions of the past years meant to these families. This dread malady may strike you or any person in your family and your contribution, however small, is needed urgently. This past summer has brought to all of us the realization of how important it is that this fund be kept adequate.



Maj. Gen. Field Harris
ComdGen. AirFMFLant and 2nd MAW
Brig. Gen. Ivan W. Miller
Comd. Air Base—ComdGen. MCAS
Maj. Walter T. Warren
Officer-in-Charge

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Yuletide Service To Be Held Tonight

Tonight, Friday 24 Dec., at 2000 there will be a service of carols and candle lighting in the Station Chapel. Congregational singing of Christmas carols, the reading of the various scriptures associated with the Christmas season, together with anthems by the Station Protestant Choir and a brief Christmas message by the Chaplain will constitute the Christmas Eve services.

Personnel Invited To New Bern Ball Christmas Night

All Cherry Point personnel are cordially invited to attend the Christmas night dance, December 25 given by the New Bern Recreation Department. The dance will be informal and held at the George Street Recreation Center in New Bern.

There will be an orchestra. Admission will be \$1.50 per couple or \$1.00 single.

New Years Eve there will be another dance for all teen agers attending High School in New Bern. No Marines.

This dance is a part of the movement in an effort to bind the Point and their city more closely. Mike Lewis, City Recreation Director who is well known on the base will be in charge.



"Yes, Sis was expecting you... so she went out for the evening."



The Protestant Choir, in its fullness above, rendered the Christmas Cantata, "There Were No Front row left to right: Mrs. R. A. Curtis, Miss Mary Livesay, Miss Joan Dart, Miss Dot Sellers, Mrs. W. H. Holloway (organist) Mrs. J. D. Adams.
Middle row left to right: Mrs. A. G. Gault, Mrs. C. T. McLean, Mrs. Nelson Cummings, Mrs. J. Aggerbeck, Jr., Mrs. J. O. Bledsoe, Miss Dolores Pechan, Miss Eleanor Jewell.
Back row left to right: TSgt. A. H. Laube (Choir Director), HMC J. D. Adams, Pfc. Parker, Pfc. Neil Olson, Lt. Col. J. C. Aggerbeck, Jr., Pfc. John McGregor, Pfc. George Tideman, Jr., Pfc. E. C. Adelson, and Sgt. Joseph Thompson.

DIVINE SERVICES

PROTESTANT SERVICES

0915 Sun.—Sunday School (Nursery)

1030 Sun.—Worship Service Main Chapel

1830 Tue.—Youth Fellowship Recreation Center 2nd Deck

1900 Wed.—Choir Rehearsal

CATHOLIC SERVICES

Sun.—0645, 0845, 1200 Main Chapel

Weekdays—1145 Catholic Wing Mass Sat.—0800 followed by Recitations of Rosary Confessions Sat.—1900-2100 Other times by appointment

1900 Tues.—Novena Devotions

JEWISH SERVICES

2000 Wed.—Divine Worship in Protestant Wing

CHERRY POINT COMMUNITY CHURCH

1100 Sun.—Morning Worship

1815 Sun.—Christian Endeavor

1930 Sun.—Evening Worship



FROM THE "PENDLETON SCOUT"

Camp Pendleton raises over \$1300 in Chest Drive... Marines Occasional J. C. in final fray... 1st Marine Division Band wins 2nd Annual All-Western title... Camp Pendleton men praised for an Orange County Fire... Lt. Gen. Thomas E. Watson to be honored reception... 1st Lt. George W. Pearce retires here after 30 yr service... Del Marr was in 21-2 game with Com Serv... Marines B. N. A. S. Seattle in 33-0 Fray, Ubben, Vaughn standout in Long contest.

FROM THE SAN DIEGO "CHEVRON"

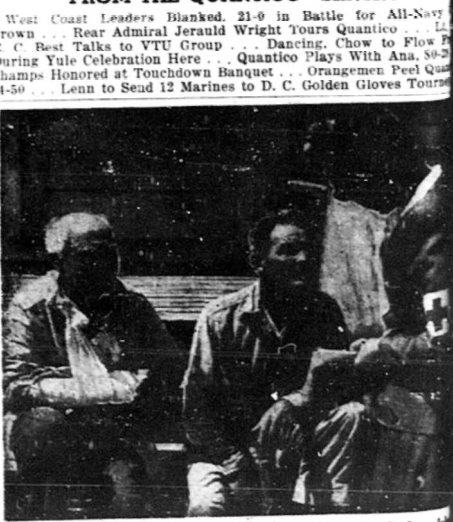
Yuletide Celebrations To Feature Musical Revue... Naval Inst Opens Annual Essay Contest January 1, 1949... A 24-hour-a-day is task of Post's 20-man Fire Squad... Army General Mark W. Pals, Hi-Lo's Tied up in MI... Ten MCRD Pugilists Reach 30 Finals in CYO Tourney... MCRD Whips All Stars 39-0 in Easy Game Bowldrome at Navy Field Will Host District Bowling Play... Diego's Victory Streak Broken at Twelves Games by "Flyers"... Committee Enables Post Enlisted Personnel to Present Recruit Request.

FROM THE CAMP LEJEUNE "GLOBE"

Division Band at Pavilion Tonight. Wilson Humber plays Most Point... Prizes to Residents of Midway Park for Best Decorations Children's Christmas party Tuesday. Santa to be there. Stockings all... Changes in Globe Publication dates over the Holidays... Camp Cagers Crush Campbell College, Win 77-48 Over Deterring Visitors... Staff NCO Bowlers Lose Heavily to Wilmington Team Wake Forest Deacons Outdoor Marine Five 30-56 in Cage Duel Ft. Jackson Downed 81-53 by Leathernecks Periodic Rallies... For Par for Camp Lejeune Golfers here this weekend... H&S Beat 2d ComSerGrp Four Straight Games.

FROM THE QUANTICO "SENTRY"

West Coast Leaders Blanked, 21-0 in Battle for All-Navy Crown... Rear Admiral Jerauld Wright Tours Quantico... Lt. E. C. Best Talks to VET Group... Dancing, Chov to Flow For During Yule Celebration Here... Quantico Plays With Ana, 50-25 (45) Honored at Touchdown Banquet... Orangemen Peel Quads 64-50... Lenn to Send 12 Marines to D. C. Golden Gloves Tourney



These hurricane victims, one a cripple, the other injured when struck him, are explaining their needs to a Red Cross worker. allotted more than \$10,000,000 for disaster relief during the past

THE SQUADRONS REPORT

VMF-223

By K. C. Langness
 VMF-223 Keglers started the holiday season off last week by splitting a thriller with VMF-224. The final tally after all the lumber stopped falling was 223 two out of three games. 224 one game and a total pin fall with a difference of five (5) pins. VMF-224 turned out with some very good material, but did not have too good a night. That outfit is going to be tough later in the season. Our own club did not have as good a turnout as we expected this week. Keglers of the base, this is a formal notice of challenge to all comers.

The Commanding Officer, Officers and men of VMF-223 wish you and a Merry Xmas and a happy New Year.

Four promotions have been announced in the squadron. James T. Manning, William F. Shubert and F. Axel, aviation machinist, and R. J. Collins, of ordnance, were promoted from sergeant to staff sergeant. Good luck boys.

VMF-225

This squadron is one of two Marine Squadrons who have the honor of representing the Marine Corps for the first time aboard one of the largest Navy carriers in operation. The forthcoming cruise is expected to begin sometime during the first part of the new year, and preparations during the last week have consisted of field carrier landing practice, carrier work-up, and rendezvous at Oak Grove, and conducting ship controlled air exercises at Norfolk, Virginia. All hands have been putting extra time and effort in polishing off the rough edges before embarkation.

Some of the officers transferred to staff jobs since the Persian Gulf cruise have been transferred back to the squadron to bring the pilot complement up to strength. These happy fellows are: Capt. E. H. McCabe, 1st Lt. L. G. R. Templeton, and 1st Lt. E. F. Remington. Other officers who have been attached for this cruise are: Capt. M. Stapples, E. C. Torbett, and R. Collette, Lt. A. F. Black, and 2nd Lt. F. Volney, Jr. Presentation ceremonies for five enlisted men were conducted Friday afternoon, in honor of their promotions. Staff Sergeants are: M. Rossion, J. L. Cormier, D. J. Mosses, J. A. Pearson, and I. Street.

OPERATIONS

By TSgt. James L. Thomas
 A man's life was saved, and serious damage to an aircraft was averted here at Cherry Point due to the speed and efficiency of the station Crash Crew. The Tower issued a message to the Crash crew at 1532 that on F4F-U was landing on an emergency with a landing gear problem. When the plane landed, a fire broke out in the engine. The Crash Crew arrived at the scene of the landing at 1534 and the fire was out at 1535 1/2. The total damage was one engine. This is the kind of work we boys have been doing all year under the guidance of MSgt. W. Messervey.

That humming and buzzing that we heard on the base on the 17th of December was not a new airlift from Berlin, but the "Get them home Xmas lift," made by both Wing and Station G-3, in order to speed up the boys on their way for their Merry Xmas. There were eight flights that left the base for the North, East, South and Midwest. Sgt. Richards at the Air Base Dispatcher's desk was a busy fellow, and between the boys and the manifests for the lift, he looked like a falling windmill. He sure did a good job. All of us in the Operations Department would like to take this opportunity here to pass on our wishes from both officers and enlisted men, to the staff and the members of the Windsock, for a Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year.

1st Lt. Dale L. Hayden was temporarily detached from ABS-22 to temporary duty with S-46, Sta.

AES-41

By Lt. D. F. Mieson
 A change in orders has resulted in 1st Lt. C. W. Walker replacing 2d Lt. R. B. Dowdy for assignment to burial detail in Chicago. He is expected to be in the Windy City one month.

MSgt. Wheeler and Yablonsky have both received confirmation of their requests for retirement. They are expecting to leave the Corps within the next few months.

VMR-252

By Lt. G. A. Johnston
 As a matter of interest for those who sometimes wonder about the pilots' ability, when they must of necessity "sweat it out" in the rear of one of our R5C aircraft, our training section, recently made a few compilations and came up with a bit of interesting data.

The total aggregate flight time of all pilots attached to VMF-252 as of 30 November, 1948 was \$5,335 hours, or 3,555 days, or 9.74 years in the air. The overall average per pilot is 2,031 hour. The average total time of plane Commanders is 2,356 hours with an overall of 971 hours in type.

If time and experience are any criterion, the foregoing statistics may be somewhat reassuring when the weather turns foul and you begin to wonder (and we know you do!)

The squadron basketball team, "VMR-252 Commandos," won a decisive victory over the Newport "Independents" in their return game on last Friday night at the Newport High Gym. Final score 39-26. Pfc Michael Seleples and Pfc John Mobly were high point men again, with TSgt. Don Dart, Pfc Charles Berke, Pfc Frank Zurro and TSgt. Donald Rasmussen turning in a good account of themselves. We have been informed that the one man cheering section in the somewhat spectacular.

VMF-122

By Lt. C. D. Jernigan
 The "Marine Phantom" aerobatic team last week participated in what was probably their last series of air shows for awhile. Five shows were flown for the Naval Aviation Cadets at N. A. S. Pensacola, Florida and it's outlying fields. They performed over Whiting, Saufly, Corey, Cavalier, and the U. S. S. Wright. Their last show was flown during the air parade at Kitty Hawk, N. C. last Friday.

Members of the team no longer with the squadron are LtCol. Carl, now assistant S-3 for MAG-14, and Lt. V. J. Marzell, who is assistant S-4 for MAG-14. Lt. W. E. Domina is due overseas in the near future. Congratulations, Lt. and Mrs. Domina on the recent addition to your family. I understand this is your third boy—looks like a new Corps in the making.

The "welcome home" hand is extended to Sgt. J. B. Johnson who returned to the fold after a recent stay in Indianapolis, at the Allison Aircraft plant, attending their J-33 jet engine school.

There are two new four-stripe men in the squadron, SSgt. E. V. Dill and SSgt. R. A. Doktor were awarded their warrants on 20 Dec. Congratulations gentlemen.

Wedding bells rang out right here on the station for the former Miss Mary Louise Price of Greenville, N. C. and Cpl. C. A. Pappas of this squadron.

Big doings at the American Legion Hut in New Bern this past Saturday night. Present at the terpsichorean festivities were Sgt. Wm. Cpl. Savoy and Pfc. Domico. Paul Domico (of the two left feet) had no trouble after one turn around the floor with the fair Libby.

Pfc. Bob Reynolds, is walking around with an engagement ring in his pocket these days. Could it be far off Oxnard, California calling Bob?

SSgt. George S. Kurtz was detached from ABS-21 to Co. HedBn, MarCorps, Washington, D. C., in connection with inauguration of new classification testing program.

TSgt. Grady W. Shelton has been listed for 4 more years.

VMF-224

By Captain V. E. Allen
 The fives are flying again. Capt. Joe Davies and his engineering crew are working night and day to get 224 back in the air—and are accomplishing just that. They now have the necessary changes made on several planes and are ready to turn over to the operations department for scheduled flights. Needless to say, this is heartily welcomed by all the squadron pilots.

Captain and Mrs. C. R. METZELAKS joined the buiging ranks of sportsman in "blinds" up at Maamuskett Lake last week end. They returned with two fine Canadian Honkers and four ducks. In case you're interested, Charlie can very easily be persuaded to reiterate a few thousand words on "How To Kill A Goose."

This week end the squadron's personnel are saying "Merry Christmas" to the home folks all the way from New York to California. Approximately a fifth of the squadron was granted leave to be home for Christmas—the rest of us are staying right here and celebrating this day of well-wishing and good cheer in our homes away from home, because we don't have enough time on the books or we just live too far for the allotted time. No matter where we are, however, we all join in a collective wish of a Merry Christmas to all.

Santa's Letter

The following letter was received from Miss Annmarie Ruppakus of 679-B MEMQ. We are printing this letter in the Windsock, in hopes that she will get an answer from Santa Claus. The letter reads as follows:

Dear Santa Claus:
 I would like a doll bed, also a doll with rubber hands and feet. Would you get my mother a set of ear rings. I would like you to get my father a pipe, and a nice neck tie. I would like you to get my brother a football. I will have to close now. I will appreciate what you have done.

To Santa Claus from, Annmarie.

Well, Annmarie, here's hoping Santa gives you everything your little heart desires—
THE WINDSOCK.

Laundry Closes For Inventory

Sales Commissary and the Will Call Office of the Station Laundry will close for inventory the 31st of December 1948. Both will re-open January 3, 1949.



Here is Santa Claus arriving in Beaufort by Coast Guard Cutter. He participated in Beaufort parade after arrival. Pix is courtesy of Carter County News, And Times.

SMS-11

By 1stLt. P. J. Dayson
 The past few weeks have seen quite a few changes in this squadron with transfers to MWSG-2. We are happy to welcome back the men from the football team with a job well done.

Major BRIGHT had a busy trip to look over our future camp site at Puerto Rico.

The following men have been promoted: Albert J. Brouillard to Technical Sergeant, Joseph P. Brower to Staff Sergeant, Christopher Vandiver, Jr. to Staff Sergeant and Thomas E. Bowes to Technical Sergeant.

BIRTHS

- Dec. 12—A daughter, Lynda Kathryn Nelson, born to TSgt. and Mrs. Robert L. Nelson.
- Dec. 10—A son, Steven Hugh Blackwell, born to MSgt. and Mrs. Hugh J. Blackwell.
- Dec. 7—A daughter, Diana Jean Love, born to Sgt. and Mrs. James K. Love.
- Dec. 11—A son, Albert Frank Palermo, born to TSgt. and Mrs. Frederick R. Palermo.
- Dec. 12—A son, Michael Stevens Anderson, born to TSgt. and Mrs. Carlton R. Anderson.
- Dec. 14—A daughter, Sandra Lee Monroe, born to 1stLt. and Mrs. Edgar A. Monroe.
- Dec. 15—A son, Michael Hugh Greene, born to 1stLt. and Mrs. John L. Greene.
- Dec. 17—A daughter, Susan Joan Kulisch, born to TSgt. and Mrs. John G. Kulisch.

The following three men were transferred from VMF-122 to MWSG-2 (pvc). Sta. They are as follows: Pfc. Matthew R. Lopes, Sgt. John M. McBryde, Jr., and Raymond E. Reinsler.

PFC Maurice C. Neyman and Herbert A. Wollenweber have just joined VMF-212 from MWSS-2.

Xmas Liberty Set For Noon Today

The holiday routine for Cherry Point personnel has been modified to this extent. Liberty will go at 1200 on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve. It is understood, unofficially, that the same routine will apply to Civilian employees. Normal work routine will be followed starting at 0800 on Monday, Dec. 27th and after New Year's at 0900 on Monday, Jan. 3rd.

Liberty In D. C.? Try Service Club

For the benefit of all "liberty hounds" who venture to Washington, D. C. on weekends, the Soldiers, Sailors and Marines Club offers its hospitality. The club is located at 1015 L Street, Northwest, Washington, D. C., and operates 24 hours a day. Services offered by the club are: a bank for \$0.75, "home-cooked meals," a well stocked library, pool tables, letter writing facilities, radio and lounge.

Service men are asked to pass the word around to their buddies so that when they visit D. C. they may stop in at the club and enjoy the excellent comfort services available there.

Seven O's Report And Seven Leave

The following Officers reported aboard between the 7th and 17th of December. They are as follows: 2dLt. Wayne E. Boyles from Memphis Tenn. to MAG-14, 2dLt. Frank Volney, Jr. from Memphis, Tenn. to MAG-11, Capt. Walter W. Weber from Chanute Field, Ill. to MWSG-2, 1stLt. John T. Moore, from El Toro, Calif. to MWSG-2, 1stLt. Oscar H. Kirach from AFMFPac to VMF-252, Lt. (jg) Theodore H. Kirrstrater USNR, from Philadelphia, Pa. to MARTRACRON-1, and 2dLt. Francis R. Crawford from Memphis, Tenn. to MAG-11.

The following Officers were detached from this station to duties elsewhere. They are as follows: 1stLt. William J. Long from HQS-2 to El Toro, Calif., Capt. George W. Kaseman from MWSS-2 to NAS Olath, Kans., 1stLt. Stanley G. Dunwiddle from VMF-212 to AFMFPac, 1stLt. Robert W. Allen, from VMF-252 to Philadelphia, Pa., Capt. Clarence F. Zingheim from VMF-222 to AFMFPac, 1stLt. John S. Bostick from VMF-223 to Patuxent River, Md., and Capt. Charles S. Rumbold from HQS-2 to AFMFPac.

Gerald P. Kirchgessner, private first class, was transferred from MSS-2 to 1stMAW, MCAS, El Toro, Calif. for assignment to overseas detail on 1-49. An authorized delay enroute of 23 days and four days travel time was granted.

During the period June, 1944 to May, 1945, 30 million pounds of ice cream mix were used by the Navy.



MYRA KECK
A THORNTON PIN-UP



By Frances Howell

NEW NOVELS:
THE FURIES, by Alven Busch. A new one by the author of "Duel in the Sun." Cates baron, T. C. Jefford, turns down his two sons as successors to his "unfenced empire" and chooses instead his daughter, Vance. She turns out to be a real match for him!
BEYOND THE FOREST, by Stuart Emstrom. Reminiscent of Red Ames Williams' "The Strange Woman" is this story of Rosa Moline, wife of the only doctor in a remote Wisconsin lumber town. Ruthless and neurotic, she ruins the lives of almost everyone with whom she comes in contact.
INTRUDER IN THE DUST, by William Faulkner. Even time has something good to say about this one! While a Negro is being held in a Mississippi jail for the alleged murder of a white man, two sixteen-year-old boys, one White and one Negro, and their assistant, an elderly spinster of an aristocratic family, gather evidence proving his innocence.
BRIDE OF FORTUNE, by Harnett T. Kane. Jefferson Davis, high strung, sensitive and frail, made a wise choice when he proposed to the beautiful Varina Howell. She in her efficient, brilliant ways, helped shape his remarkable career and this is his story.
WHODUNITS:
THE SKELETON IN THE LOCK, by Carter Dickson.
THE CASE OF THE EIGHT BROTHERS, by M. V. Heberden.
SAVE A ROPE, by H. C. Bailey.
THE LOCK AND THE KEY, by Frank Gruber.
BAIT FOR MURDER, by Kathleen Moore Kacht.
A BIT OF HUMOR:
LARKS IN THE POPCORN, by H. Allen Smith.
THE BEAST IN ME AND OTHER ANIMALS, by James Thurber.
THE PLAGUE AND I, by Betty MacDonald.
THE WHIMSEY REPORT, by Park Cunningham.
FAMILY CIRCLE, by Cornelia Otis Skinner.

STATION THEATRE

Tonight 1800-2030
Mexican Hayride
 Bud Abbott - Lou Costello

Saturday 1000-Kiddie Show
Shadow Valley
 Eddie Dean

Saturday 1800-2030
Three Godfathers
 John Wayne - Pedro Armada

Sunday 1800-2030
River Lady
 Yvonne DeCarlo - Dan Duryea

Monday 1800-2030
Whiplash
 Dan Clark - Alexis Smith

Tuesday 1800-2030
Jungle Jim
 Johnny Weissmuller - Virginia Gray

Wednesday 1800-2030
Trouble Preferred
 Lynne Roberts - Peggy Knudsen

Thursday 1800-2030
Dark Past
 William Holden - Lee J. Cobb

Friday 1800-2030
The Plunderers
 Rod Cameron - Ilona Massy

Airlines Near Record In Flight Safety For Year

Barring a bad crash during the next few days, American aviation will chalk up one of its safest years on record, according to the Associated Press.

Domestic trunk lines look to a safety mark of 1.1 passenger fatalities for every 100,000,000 passenger-miles, compared with 3.2 in 1947. The lowest rate ever achieved was 1.2 deaths in 1939 and again in 1946.

"O" Club Activities To Include Dinner, Free Nog on Xmas; Ball New Yrs. Eve

Holiday activity at the Officers Club will include both Christmas Day and New Year's Eve special celebrations.

On Christmas day free egg-nogs and Tom and Jerrys will be served from 1100 to 1300. Dinner will be served from 1200 to 1530. Reservations for this dinner are not required. Supper will not be served, however, on this day.

New Year's Eve dinner will be served by reservation only from 1900 to 2200. The price will be \$2.50 per plate. Those wishing to make reservations should do so right away. Charges will be made for unused reservations and for reservations not cancelled prior to noon December 30. Tables reserved for dinner may be reserved for the balance of the evening. The member making the reservations will be billed for the dinners of the entire party unless he otherwise specifies to the manager how the charges will be distributed.

There will be dancing in the evening with music furnished by Royce Stoenner and his orchestra from 2100 to 0100. The dance will be formal for the ladies and optional for officers. Due to the high cost of this orchestra, there will be a cover charge of \$2.00 per person. There will be a few unreserved tables available for those who do not desire to come for the dinner. The topside bar lounge will be open for this purpose.

Passenger-miles represent the total distance traveled by all passengers. American-owned international airlines are headed for a passenger fatality rate even lower—one death per 100,000,000 passenger miles, compared with about 1.2 last year. The Nation's feeder, or local service, airlines and the territorial airlines have gone through nearly 350 days of the year without a passenger death. Their traffic volume, however, constitutes only about 2 per cent of the total domestic air travel.

Thus far in 1948 the domestic airlines have had four accidents in which 83 persons died. There was fifth mishap in which a plane steward was killed by a piece of propeller. In the four crashes fatal to passengers, 15 crew members died, bringing the total of deaths to 97.

Five accidents in 1947 took the lives of 199 passengers and 17 crewmen, for total fatalities more than twice as great as in any previous year.

Staff NCO Club To Greet Yule With Dinner and Dance

Saturday December 25, Christmas day, dinner will be served family style at the Staff NCO Club at 1600, 1800, and 2000. The menu will be similar to that of Thanksgiving. Dinner is by reservation only and should have been made not later than 17 December 1948, in order for the Galley Steward to know how to plan the sittings. Prices will be \$1.50 for adults and \$.75 for children.

There will be dancing in the evening from 2000 till 2400 with music furnished by Jerry Trotter and his orchestra. Dress will be informal.

Tuesday evening December 25, there will be Bingo from 2000 to 2300.

WHIT 1450 ON YOUR DIAL

New Bern's WHIT and the MUTUAL BROADCASTING SYSTEM plan to carry the most outstanding module of Yuletide programs in its history this year. Special programs began today and will continue through the weekend.

Many of the programs will originate in various parts of the country and around the world. The entire Mutual Network Special programs are to be beamed overseas to the Armed Forces.

WHIT's schedule also lists several outstanding local programs on both Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

On Christmas afternoon at 2:45, WHIT plans to carry the BLUE GRAY football game from Montgomery, Ala., with Harry Wismer and Mel Allen handling the descriptive work. Mel Allen is well known as a sports commentator from his work on the pa World Series and other Gilette programs.

A feature of WHIT that has been aired during the recent weeks was Santa Claus Parade. The last of these programs was to be heard today and WHIT sent the Jolly Saint on his way with his bag of gifts to the boys and girls in New Bern and elsewhere.

THE EMPIRES AND MANAGER OF WHIT wish to EVERYONE a very, very MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!



"Here comes Smith. It up like a Christmas tree."

Chief Executive, Navy Moguls Send Greetings On Yule

Greetings and Best Wishes for a Merry Christmas to All Navy personnel were issued through AINavs 81 and 80 dated 16 December, 1948, from President Harry S. Truman, Secretary of the Navy John L. Sullivan and Admiral Louis Denfield, Chief of Naval Operations.

"To the Armed Forces of the United States:
 "For your efforts in the task of bringing peace to the world, I express my own appreciation and that of the nation which you represent and of which you are the valiant defenders. It is a source of deep satisfaction to me personally to know that in many parts of the world liberty-loving Americans are serving their country as ambassadors of good will and as exemplars of the freedom for which it stands.

"If we can help those less fortunate than ourselves to a better life and to an understanding that democracy and its ideals have been dearly won and must be carefully guarded, such a task becomes not only our duty but our privilege.

"May your Christmas be a happy one, and may the spirit of this season extend throughout the New Year.

"(Signed) HARRY S. TRUMAN."
 "On this joyous anniversary of Christ's birth, may we as Americans renew our faith in man's ultimate achievement of that peace among men of good will to which his life was dedicated. May the New Year bring closer the firm establishment of lasting peace on earth. To the men and women of the United States Navy and the Marine Corps, wherever they may be, I extend my warmest greetings for Christmas season and sincere wishes for a happy 1949.
 "(Signed) JOHN L. SULLIVAN."

"The Chief of Naval Operations sends the following greetings: "I send my very best wishes for a Merry Christmas to every officer, man and woman who serves or has served in the United States Navy and Marine Corps. May the joyousness of the season reaffirm our efforts toward fulfilling the ideals of Him whose birthday we celebrate, and the coming year bring nearer the realization of peace among all peoples, for all time."
 "(Signed) LOUIS DENFIELD."

Staff NCO's Hold Pre-Xmas Dance

Members of the Staff NCO Club had a grand time last Friday night when they met at the Club house and danced both smooth and hot to the tunes of the Second War orchestra.

Although it is a usual thing to find dancing on Friday nights at the Staff NCO Club, last Friday night's dance was of a special nature. Since tonight is Christmas Eve, no dance will be held. So spirit into some lively and melodic tunes last week.

The club's bar room was decorated in the Xmas motif and was described as being very gala for the occasion. NCO's and their wives met on Friday afternoon to decorate the place fittingly.

The spotlight of the occasion was shone on the huge Christmas Tree with all of its splendor as it sat to the side of the room.

This was only one of the many dances being held on and off the base for it personnel during the Yuletide Season.

Cherry Theatre

Tonight
Miss Tatlock's Millions

Saturday
 (Not known)

Sunday
16 Fathoms Deep

Monday and Tuesday
A Foreign Affair

Wednesday
King Of The Gamblers

Thursday
The Best Years of Our Lives



Merry Christmas

OVERHAUL & REPAIR

Christmas presents in the form of promotions were received by Paul S. Capps, Edward Muraszkin, Charles Turner, Kendel Christman, Audrey Ellsworth, Lionel Smith, George Terrell, Samuel Delest, James Askea, Ronald Crull, and Claude Pipkin. Congratulations to all of you! Best sales are also in order to Edward Johnston, Norman Patterson, and Mrs. Paszkiewicz who transferred to the Inspection Group.

Only one new employee this week to say "hello" to—James C. Jr., but we really do have a lot to say "goodbye" to: Harold Trent, "Blackie" Poestgen, Merle Edmonds, Ruel Smith, Robert Stant, and Ruth Dutcher.

So sorry to hear that Roger is ill. Hope that you will get up and around soon and feeling better.

It has been heard that Nathan Val, Instructor out in Shop 4 has a new nickname "Chippy". Name, don't you think? Ask Evelyn Morrison about it. We are sure that he will be happy to tell you how DuVal got his name.

Jack Gardner journeyed out to go to visit his folks. We hope he has a big time. Charles Vellines planning on spending some of his Christmas leave deep sea fishing off the coast of Florida.

Edward Muraszkin is the proud father of a baby born Sunday. Is it boy or girl, Eddie? Garland Morris wrecked his car last week, and Chrissie Gaskill hurt but not seriously. Garland is sporting a new car now.

The O & R Bowling Teams are still knocking the pins down twice a week. The "Leftovers" are in place to date and the poor old "Snails" are bringing in a year.

That's all the news for this week. Wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. You next year.

This festive Yuletide Season let's be SMART as well as gay. Buy bonds to light the future—AND LET'S BUY THE PAYROLL SAVINGS PLAN!

This year give a college diploma. No matter what else may appear on the list for this Christmas plan to include your child's college education. How? Just sign up now TODAY for the Payroll Savings Plan.

Jane Russell (above of news) has appeared in as many pinups as anyone else in Hollywood, but unlike other Hollywoodites, never displayed her charms in a movie. All this will soon change with the release of "The Outlaw," which has been held up 2 years: Reason: Some scenes were considered too sexy.

NAVY SUPPLY

Wedding bells TOLLED for Eleanor Williams and Robert Shave, who were married on December 12. The next GONG was for Ruth Jarvis, daughter of Ernie Jarvis, and Ernest Guthrie on December 11. Both couples are traveling to unannounced points. To each of you: May your future be spelled H-A-P-P-Y-N-E-S-S!

FLASH SPECIAL BULLETIN—



Helen Creech was just seen going by in a 49 Chevrolet. Congratulations to Herman Woodall who has been singing "Baby Face" since he saw his 8 lb daughter, Mary Ann, in the St. Lukes Hospital. Both mother and daughter are doing fine.

Mr. J. Dickson is enjoying the visit of his daughter, Mrs. Ann Kaasman of Quantico, Va. Sicklers Edith Neilson and Marcille Johnson are missed greatly, and we hope they'll be back on their feet in no time. The welcome mat went out to receive Mary Graham and Cleo Smith. We hope that you enjoy your work with us!

Mrs. C. H. Fantone says that the "fin" is one of those things he could very well do without. He has just returned to the fold after several days sick leave. Also returning from several days of sick leave was Helen Creech.

There are two questions that are bothering the people over here these days. Does anybody know the girls that are planning to take a trip to the Sugar Bowl in the hopes of seeing Carolina continue its winning streak? And... Just who was it who was seen walking down the road between Harlow and Cherry Point? It is being told that they walked all the way from Harlow to Cherry Point. guess why? (no gas).

Frances Taylor is bemoaning the fact that her boyfriend is taking in the Sugar Bowl game without her along to help him cheer. However, Frances says she would get too homesick "that far away from Harlow!"

If you've been bothered about the future, here's just the prescription for you! Simply sign your name NOW at the bottom of a Payroll Savings application form and relax.

A penny saved is a penny earned. And three hundred and seventy-five pennies saved every week for ten weeks will give you \$2.16345.

One of the best ways to stop yourself from becoming a worrywart is to start saving money NOW through U. S. Savings Bonds bought regularly on the AUTOMATIC Payroll Savings Plan.

VETS' HOUSING COOP. MAKES PROGRESS

The Cherry Point Veterans' Housing Cooperative held a special meeting at the Cherry Point School Auditorium on the evening of December 10. William Vernon, president of the organization, stated that the meeting was successful in that labor-pool pledges were agreed upon and notarized by those members present. All other members will receive their pledge forms in the mail.

Guests present included Paul Crayton, contact representative for the V. A., and Mr. Richardson, Commander of the Anvets at Havlock. Mr. C. F. Hancock, planning advisor for the cooperative and for Public Works Department on the base, stated that the labor-pool should be a great asset both in the securing of a loan or subsidy for the government and in the construction of well planned homes for veterans. He also stated that the cooperative could best use its labor-pool in the construction of prefabricated homes on the building site under consideration.

This was actually the third meeting of the coop assembly and about 70 people were present. The notaries public who served at the meeting were Miss Gretchen Parker, and Miss Lillian McDaniel, both of Havlock. The next meeting of the assembly will be held at the Cherry Point School Auditorium at 7:30 pm, Thursday, December 16th. All members are urged to attend, and all interested veterans in the area will be welcomed as prospective members. The December 16 meeting will be the last assembly meeting until after the Christmas holidays.

Mr. Vernon stated that committee are at work on several different jobs and that considerable progress has been made within the cooperative towards the primary objectives.

Beneficial Suggestion

The Beneficial Suggestions you submit are worth dollars and cents to you, but are not solely for the purpose of personal gain. The Navy Department is interested in all times in cutting the cost of operation throughout all the activities. The ideas you submit help to further the Navy Departments record of keeping operating costs at the lowest possible figure.

For the quarter ending 30 June 1948 the Navy Department Beneficial Suggestion Program reports that a total estimated annual savings for suggestions adopted for the first year is in use at various activities throughout the U. S. would amount to \$1,733,889. This figure helps each individual of this activity inasmuch as the money received each payday derives from the dollars paid the federal government in taxes. Therefore, the more we contribute through ideas that we well thought out, the more we contribute to the Navy Department in dollars and cents.

If you have a problem and feel that it can be solved, think it through, jot it down and drop it in one of the suggestion boxes located in or near your place of work. Remember—you help yourself and the Navy Department by clear and constructive thinking.

When you save on Payroll Savings you know there are MILLIONS of others taking the same wise road to security.

HALF HOLIDAY CHRISTMAS EVE

President Truman declared a half holiday for the day preceding Christmas. Employees, except those required for necessary maintenance operations, security and other essential work, or whose absence from duty would be inconsistent with provisions of existing law, were excused from duty one half day on Friday 24 December, in accordance with CPL and D 48-151.

All employees required to work during any part of the four hours on 24 December when others were excused are entitled to receive pay at the holiday premium rate not to exceed four hours provided this day falls within their regular 48-hour work week, regardless of the shift worked.

Attention is called to the fact that a half holiday will not be granted to employees on Friday, 31 December 1948, the day preceding the New Year's celebration, leave is chargeable for absence on that day.

PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. Gene Tingle, O in CC Electrical Inspector has gone with Lt. Cahn at this writing on a business jaunt to Norfolk.

M. E. Stroud is receiving compliments on his beautiful new maroon De Sota... "Coop" Cooper, who is scheduled for a three months tour of duty at Edenton Field before transferring to Buggs Island, say the housing situation in Edenton is really rugged.

Everyone's sympathy went out to the J. A. Smith when their little grandson suffered severe injuries in a fall from a third story window in New Bern recently. The child's condition is very critical.

Rachel Hancock took a few days off last week, getting ready for old Saint Nick's visit we assume... Sorry to hear the news that Bill Reynolds is again on the sick list, and that his resignation is soon to become effective. Sincere best wishes go with him from his many friends here... Susie Moore now had with her, her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Moore, of Oriental, N. C. A real reunion is planned by the Moores for Christmas, when other members of the family will be here from Columbia S. C.

Your Xmas will be very jolly... If you twine Bonds among the holly!

Xmas Greetings

The Commanding General desires to express his appreciation for the fine work put forth by the Station Employees during the past year and hopes that the coming year will bring you and your families the prosperity and happiness that you all deserve. (signed) IAN W. MILLER, Brigadier General, USMC Commanding General, MCAS, CHERRY POINT.

MOTOR TRANSPORT

Shelton Quinn spent the weekend in Raleigh doing some of her Christmas shopping and a lot of wishing. And speaking of travel, Evelyn Cannon is expecting her boy friend from Chattanooga, Tenn. during the Christmas holidays. Yvonne Bell says that Santa Claus is really being good to her since he has already been to see her twice. First of all, he brought her a beautiful 1948 Chevrolet Club Coupe. We still haven't decided whether it is a gray or tan. Second on her list of new presents is that new wide bottomed chair. Yvonne says that now her work should improve 100 per cent.

WELCOME BACK to Fred Hadnot who has returned to duty after a month's stay in the Veteran's Hospital in Fayetteville. Glad to see you back, Fred!

HELLO to Cecil Swindell, Earl Sutton, Monnie Fulcher, and Henry Barrett. Henry transferred to us from Navy Supply.

GOODBYE to Spencer Blackwell who resigned recently.

Charles Potter is building his new home on Catfish Lake Road. Sounds like an interesting house, but Louise doesn't think he is putting enough doors in it.

Rita Walbrown has dubbed the mail service from Palestine to Cherry Point "THE TURTLE EXPRESS." For weeks there was no mail and Rita's patience was getting shorter and shorter. That big smile on Rita's face means that the "EXPRESS" finally came in, and her share was six letters.

You'll never have to wire home for money—if you've taken care of emergencies by keeping up your



Frances Taylor





Norm Creviston, "Flyers" High-scoring Forward, gets ready to "lob" an across-the-court pass to a teammate. Creviston, a member of VMT-1, is 21 years old, weight 148, and stands 5' 7". He hails from Calumet City, Ill., where he played four years for Thornton High School.

ECTC Cancelled; Quantico Here 28 Wash. Marines 29th

Cherry Point cancelled its game with East Carolina Teacher's College due to circumstances beyond the control of game officials. With the ECTC cancellation, the "Flyers" will not appear at home until the 28th, when the MCS, Quantico quintet arrives for a contest. Following Quantico, MR, Washington will appear at the Drill Hall on Dec. 29. The "Flyers" were scheduled to have entertained Mitchell Field, L. I. in a home tilt on Dec. 29, but this was wittled on the Mitchell Field court because of the conflicting prize fight date. After the 29th game with MR, Washington, the "Flyers" are not listed to play at home until Jan. 17, when they square off against Harris Island.

BOWLING

TSgt. J. R. Burner and Cpl. Smedley are both trying out for the All-Navy Bowling Tournament to be held at Quantico in January. Both men will be chosen on the basis of their certified scores for six games, which they rolled in the Recreation Hall Alleys recently. The scores forwarded to the Tournament by the Cherry Point Special Services Department and will be considered by tourney officials.

Both Burner and Smedley bowled in the 170's for their six game set. The officers wives and NCO wives supposed to have gotten together for a match this month, but decided to postpone the date of their play until after the holidays. Too many of the members were absent due to leave and the Xmas and New Year vacations. The pin boy situation has improved considerably. During the holiday period, there won't be much need of any extra help. However, January should prove a different story.

General's Cup

At the present time only Basketball is being played in Station Intramural activities. AES-46 leads in total points for the CG's cup with 15, by virtue of winning in Softball, Touch Football, and Volleyball. Basketball games will be played in the Station Drill Hall, with first games starting at 1900.

This Week's Schedule:

- Monday—Dec. 27**
 AES-41 vs VMF-223
 VMR-252 vs VMF-212
- Tuesday—Dec. 28**
 MAACG-1 vs SMS-14
 HqSq-MCAS vs HqSq-14
- Wednesday—Dec. 29**
 HqSq-2 vs VMF-114
 VMT-1 vs VMF-125
- Thursday—Dec. 30**
 AES-46 vs AES-42
 VMP-354 vs VMF-112

Basketball Standings:

| Team | Won | Lost |
|-----------|-----|------|
| MAACG-2 | 2 | 0 |
| VMF-111 | 2 | 0 |
| HqSq-14 | 2 | 0 |
| AES-11 | 2 | 0 |
| VMT-1 | 1 | 0 |
| VMR-252 | 1 | 0 |
| VMF-212 | 1 | 0 |
| AES-46 | 1 | 1 |
| AES-42 | 1 | 1 |
| VMP-354 | 1 | 1 |
| VMF-223 | 1 | 1 |
| SMS-14 | 0 | 2 |
| VMF-212 | 0 | 2 |
| HqSq-2 | 0 | 2 |
| HqSq-MCAS | 0 | 2 |
| VMF-225 | 0 | 2 |

*—Dropped from League

Final Football Standings:

| Team | W | L | T | Pts. |
|-----------|----|---|---|------|
| AES-46 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 22 |
| MAACG-1 | 8 | 2 | 1 | 17 |
| HqSq-2 | 7 | 2 | 2 | 16 |
| VMR-252 | 6 | 4 | 0 | 12 |
| VMF-122 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 9 |
| AES-42 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 9 |
| AES-223 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 7 |
| HqSq-MCAS | 3 | 5 | 0 | 6 |
| VMT-1 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 6 |
| SMS-11 | 1 | 8 | 0 | 2 |
| HqSq-11 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 0 |
| VMF-224 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 0 |

Final Volleyball Standings:

| Team | W | L | Pts. |
|-----------|----|---|------|
| AES-46 | 11 | 0 | 11 |
| MAACG-1 | 10 | 1 | 10 |
| VMT-1 | 9 | 2 | 9 |
| HqSq-2 | 4 | 1 | 4 |
| HqSq-MCAS | 4 | 3 | 4 |
| SMS-11 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| AES-42 | 1 | 3 | 1 |
| VMR-252 | 1 | 3 | 1 |
| VMF-221 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| HqSq-11 | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| VMF-112 | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| VMF-223 | 0 | 4 | 0 |

Point Quint Loses To Mitchell 52-36

The Cherry Point "Flyers" dropped a decision Tuesday night on a Long Island court to the Mitchell Field Five by a 52-36 count.

The Flyers could not stifle the scoring punch of Facchetti and Andrews, ace sharpshooters for the New Yorkers, who hit the hoop for sixteen and ten points respectively.

Behind only 26-21 at half time, the Point Quintet suddenly wilted in the second stanza and weren't able to muster the scoring drive to stay in the ball game.

"Nimble" Norm Creviston garnered eleven markers to pace the Cherry Point attack and contributed a fine floor game for the losers. Cashen and Ford trailed Creviston in the scoring column with six points each. Later this season the Air Force team will play here.

SSgt. Salay Bags Deer

On Saturday, Dec. 18, SSgt. Joseph Salay of the Post Exchange, Mr. Stephen Salay, his father, and TSgt. John Dunlop ran across a 180 pound, six point buck near Minnesota Beach.

SSgt. Salay promptly felled the deer with a shot behind the neck and the buck died instantly. After killing the animal, the trio brought it to Havelock for skinning.

Point Punchers Plaster Bragg Boxers; Bianc Wins

The "Erin Express" Bouts Mon. Night Before Full House



Jimmy Smith, the Irish featherweight from Boston, "to the war has gone". Following in the steps of the mythical Minstrel Boy, this "son of Erin" is trying to make good in the prize game as did his brother, "Irish Red" Smith, who earned several prelim scraps in Madison Square, Jimmy, with the "Barney Stone" written across his face, is still a diamond in the rough as far as experience is concerned, but has the ability and a fighting Irish heart.

Cherry Point evened it's score with the 82nd Airborne Division team by taking a series of matches from the Paratroopers before a packed house at the Cherry Point Drill Hall, with the opening bout starting at 2000.

Once again, it was Johnny Biancanello who proved the deciding factor by gaining a three round decision over Bill Sims of the 82nd in the final scrap of the evening. Biancanello's win broke the back of the soldier threat to tie up the evening's wins at four apiece and gave Cherry Point a 5-3 victory.

Johnny outboxed Sims throughout most of the encounter to walk off with his sixth consecutive victory against off-station opposition. Mike Zecca, Rudy Lara, Don Spencer and Jim Smith all won for the Marines with decisions.

Lara, fighting in the Light weight class, put up one of his best showings of the year in disposing of doughboy Ben Maciel with a sparkling boxing exhibition. Lara had Maciel groggy from a closing flurry of punches in the second round.

Jim Smith, the "Erin Express" from Boston, Mass. derailed Featherweight Jose Galez in the third bout of the night. Smith staged a rousing finish to win, and one that had the crowd screaming.

Don Spencer repeated his earlier victory performance over Ben Richardson at Fort Bragg, Dec. 1 by whipping the lanky Light Heavy in a three round duel. Spencer picked up a heavy first round edge to gain the verdict.

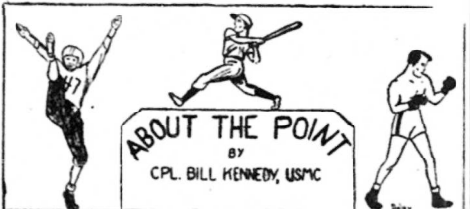
In the opener on the card, Cherry Point's "Bad Bascom" Beasley was on point to Bernie Bonnell, Hawaiian boy, who came through with a third round rally to cop the decision. Both were Featherweights.

Mike Zecca won bout number five of the night for Cherry Point by putting on one of his finest exhibitions of the season. Zecca overcame Paratrooper Ralph Dunn from start to finish to cop the decision. Both Lloyd Rousee and Willie Moore suffered setbacks in the bouts. Moore, fighting in the lightweight class in bout number six, was out of the arena three times and lost a unanimous decision to Ben Lewis of the 82nd. Rousee suffered two knock-downs in dropping his bout, the feature weighty scrap, to Joe Gurrola of the Paratroopers.

Convertibles Come to the Beach



Newest thing in beach togs is the French convertible bathing suit, like the one Betty Alden is wearing at Long Beach, Calif. This one, designed by Ruth Small, adds a dash of the South Sea Islands. The sarong skirt is removable, and can be tucked in, as at left, or taken off for sun-bathing, right.



We noted the reaction of the "Gator" Little Creek Amphibious Squadron in regard to the recent defeat of their basketball team at Cherry Point on Dec. 7, which termed the tilt an "exhibition game".

In addition, the paper went on to quote Little Creek court coach J. W. McGehee as stating that his players would take the "Flyers" by "20 points" the next time the two teams meet in the Little Creek Gym, Jan. 8. The kind words that date, basketballers! It's Jan. 8 and you are going to lose by twenty points—says coach McGehee of Little Creek. We hope your performance that date will refute his statement!

Creven And Watson Help Capt. Sloan. In his first coaching season at Cherry Point, Capt. "Jake" Sloan turned out a winning team and a vast improved one over the squad that represented this station in 1947. Aiding him greatly were MSgt. Michael (Mike) V. Cervin and Cpl. Warren L. Watson, who worked constantly to build up the "Flyers" throughout the year. Both men deserved a pat on the back for their efforts.

Other "unsung heroes" of the 1948 campaign were Sgt. Long, PFC Keltner and PFC Sestini who aided in managing the club, along with PFC Jefferies, the gear room attendant.

Notables Speak At Banquet

From 7:10 until 10:45 on Wednesday, Dec. 15, members of the athletic teams representing Cherry Point were wined, dined and entertained by the Special Services Department. Guests of honor for the occasion included: Major General Field Harris, Comdr. Gen. Brig. Gen. Ivan W. Miller, Comdr. Gen. M. C. C. Batterton, Lt. Col. H. D. Cohen, Col. R. E. Hopper, Col. C. T. Bailey, Col. E. A. Montgomery and Lt. Col. R. J. Morrill, Jr.

Col. R. E. Hopper acted as Master of Ceremonies for the banquet while both Generals delivered short talks. In their discourses, they praised the football team, especially, for the fine spirit it had shown during the past season in breaking above the 500 mark.

OFFICERS SOCIETY NEWS

By Paul Witte

With a sprig of holly behind each ear and snow on our minds we enter a week of holiday party-going with Major and Mrs. H. W. Horst who opened their candle-lit house to some twenty guests for cocktails on Wednesday, the 16th where Bon Voyage tears down freely toward Lt. and Mrs. Lee Corby who left the following day enroute to the Orient.

On Thursday VMF(N)-531 threw open the doors of the Chess Bar for cocktails and a buffet supper and had as their guests Colonel and Mrs. E. L. Pugh.

Again this week, Friday held the lead for merry-making, with the open bar at the "O" Club, where toast after toast went up to Colonel Hayne B. Boyden who, on that night, celebrated the 30th anniversary of his first solo flight.

Overheard in the Chess Bar Capt. E. C. Kicklighter entertained friends at cocktails and dinner. Hancock jumped under the feet of the bachelors, headed by Lt. Charles Wallace, entertaining the young ladies they have been keeping company with. A picnic supper was furnished by the gals.

At the Nurses Quarters, Lt. (jg) R. B. Blackburn and Lt. (jg) J. W. Lavin royally feted the Doctors and Nurses at a cocktail party dominated by the holiday mood under red glow from the Christmas decorations.

A novel idea for anniversary celebrations was inaugurated jointly by Lt. and Mrs. C. R. Ingraham and Lt. and Mrs. J. J. Fisher who gave a cocktail supper for the members of their respective wedding parties still here on the base. It was a first for the Ingrahams, seniority going to the Fishers on their second anniversary.

Miss Bonnie Doyle took a birthday bow at her first dinner party at the "O" Club on the 16th amid 15 young guests and became wonderfully six years old.

Yuletide spirit and thoughts of home took Lt. and Mrs. G. H. Smith to Montgomery, Ala. on Monday to clasp hands with George's family around the Xmas tree; Orders and school took Al and Pat Moret to Patuxent on Tuesday after a rushed round of parties over the weekend.

Visiting Colonel and Mrs. Conrad for a week end of hunting and fishing was an old friend to many here. Mr. James P. Adams former Major. USMC.

Mr. C. J. Kuz is here to spend the Xmas holidays with his son, Major C. M. Kuz and was honored at a cocktail party Monday evening. So now 'tis time to wish you all a Merry Christmas and leave you with a reminder: **WHEN YOU WANT YOUR NAME IN PRINT—6101 PLEASE TAKE THE HINT**

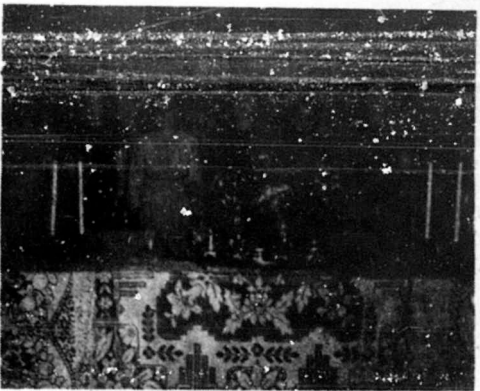
Ensign Frances M. Stefanik and Capt. Ray J. Butters have announced wedding plans for the 8th of January, 1949. The ceremony will take place at St. Johns Catholic Church in New Haven, Conn. at a Nuptial Mass at 1000. A reception at the Hotel Taft will follow the wedding and the couple will spend their honeymoon at Nassau, Bahamas.

NCO Wives Have Large Attendance As New O's Debut

The Staff NCO Wives Club held their bi-monthly meeting Thursday, Dec. 16. This was the first meeting with the newly installed officers presiding and approximately forty members attended.

A box of clothing was packed and sent to a needy family in Czechoslovakia. Committees were formed for the job of decorating the Staff NCO Club for the Yuletide season.

Sandwiches and coffee were served. The next meeting will be held January 13.



Recently elected officers of the NCO Wives Club.



By Lu Tomlinson

Many thanks to you all for your concern over our son Jim. Quite a little has happened at SSgt. and Mrs. Joe Saly's home in Havelock. The former Cherry Point Marine, Gus C' race, and bride spent three days of their honeymoon with them. Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Saly of New York City arrived the 12th to spend two weeks.

Warrant Officer Jack Mulkins, formerly with the station boat dept. and now at Norfolk, Virginia, recently was a weekend guest at the home of TSgt. and Mrs. Englehart.

MSgt. and Mrs. Joe Swindell started the Holiday party hall rolling by having six couples as guests at a cocktail-card party. TSgt. Edwin and Rose Kasch were the high and low scorers.

The rifle range is producing some mighty fine hunters. Chief Bos'n Mate Bill Gorham came home with a duck the 21st, and last Saturday Joe Saly shot a buck.

MSgt. and Mrs. Schmedlin entertained guests last week with pictures of Saint Thomas, Virgin Islands. They were stationed there from Nov. '45 to December '47, and are planning to spend their next furlough visiting friends there.

F. M. Tomlinson of Warner & Swazey, experimental dept., spent last week with us. He noted and lauded the many improvements that have been made on the Point since his previous visit two years ago. He left the 22nd to spend Xmas day with the rest of the family in Daytona Beach, Florida.

Mr. Murry, manager of the base bank, was host at a Xmas party for the bank personnel at the Blue Ribbon Club in Morehead the 21st. NCO's who attended were TSgt. and Mrs. Englehart, Sgt. and Mrs. Savage, TSgt. and Mrs. Bardsley and Corporal and Mrs. Adams. They exchanged gifts after an excellent dinner.

Teddy Annis celebrated his sixth birthday the 12th with fifteen young friends. The winners of the games received very nice prizes. Among the gifts Teddy received was a Westlock wrist watch with a second hand from his dad, TSgt. T. J. Annis. The Station Bakery made him a super three layer cake with "HAPPY BIRTHDAY TEDDY" on the top. Mrs. Esther Brown, a neighbor, helped Mrs. Annis with the party.

Maggie Hildebrand is quite proud of those lamps that she and Archie made in the base Hobby Shop. They are of solid mahogany and are copies of the table lamps in TMQ.

Gaines and Lillian Honeycutt celebrated their seventh wedding anniversary the 21st. Mrs. Honeycutt's sister arrived the 22nd from Statesville, N. C. for a two weeks visit.

SSgt. and Roxanna Ickleberger, of Newport, left the 23rd to spend the holidays with their folks in York, Pennsylvania.

Santa will find some recent additions to the number of wee folk who will have their booties out for him to fill this year. There will be pink ones at the home of MSgt. and Ethel Morse, and at TSgt. and Fern Killisick's a blue pair at Sgt. and Julie Oliver's; and, (you aren't seeing double Santa), there are pink AND blue ones at TSgt. and Margaret Wilson's! Merry Christmas kids! ... sorry, but you'll have to have your eyes on without the spike this year.

Hope you all have a wonderful Yuletide season! If you want your news fresh on the press ... call me at 8152.



A six-engine, pusher prop B-36 climbing out of Fort Worth, Texas. It takes fifteen men to keep it in the air.



Purse boats go to head of school, divide, encircle a spot of fish—the schools are often miles in extent—then meet and bring ends together. Striker, meantime, acts as hitching post for far end of seine. Photo by John Hemmer

Beaufort Bags Big Income During Menhaden Season

Beaufort, N. C.—Many Marines probably have never taken a bite of America's No. 1 fish, but don't grieve about it. Most people think the menhaden is too oily to eat, but nevertheless, this little bluish-white sea-crafter has topped the profitable Pacific "sardine" from its throne as the nation's most valuable fish.

1946 Department of Interior reports show menhaden yielded some \$10,000,000 worth of oil, meal and dry scrap. To extract this much money from the lowly mossbunker required the taking of 900,000,000 menhaden required a lot of work, much of it dangerous, all of it laborious. The profits, however, kept everyone in the industry in a rather good humor.

This year, vessels operating for the 10 menhaden plants in North Carolina (there are only 30 in the nation) were aided by spotters working from airplanes and reporting to the fleet by radio. The largest fishing fleet ever assembled on this coast—68 trawlers—waited until their spotter found the tell-tale "slicks" indicating menhaden schools, then dashed off to the locations radioed to them. Formerly, all the spotting was by rule of thumb, with observations made from the crew's nest, which is a characteristic feature of the menhaden boats. Rival plants co-operate to engage the aerial spotting service, and the information is available to any skipper equipped with a ship to plane to shore radio.

Aside from the radio service, the taking of menhaden is as conventionalized and simple as any business in the world. When the school is sighted, a "seine-netter," using a "striker-boat," rows to the edge of the slick to indicate its position and to support the corkline after the net is set.

Two powered purse-boats then leave the mother ship, and head for the front of the school, sepa-

rate, release the seine, and then encircle the fish. The boats bring the two ends of the net together, and a tom-weight is heaved overboard for anchoring and closing the bottom and guiding the purse-line as it is hauled in to "purse" the net.

The two purse boat crews gradually web the net, concentrating the fish toward the striker boat. Now the trawler moves in and the purseboat crews haul the net sides up, forcing the fish to the surface, so they may be baled, ton upon ton, into the hold.

The catches are often enormous, and greedy fishermen (who operate on shares) have been known to swamp their boats by overloading. On a lush catch, boatmen put up sidemeals around their vessels to increase its capacity, and sometimes a boat docks with fish in the holds, cabins and covering the deck.

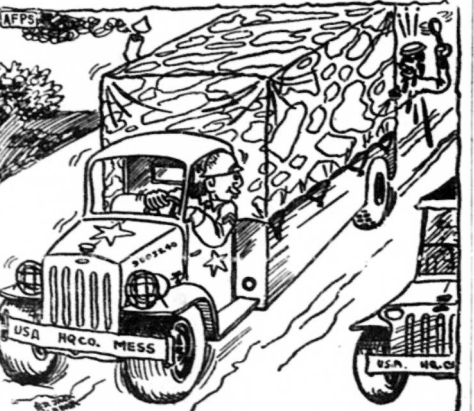


The schools are often fabulously large, some of them stretching for miles, and it is not unusual to see 15 or 20 boats gorging themselves on one such school.

The catches are taken to nearby plants, where they are unloaded by conveyors, cooked, the oil extracted, and the residue meal and scrap ground and sacked. Many still nights the smell permeates Beaufort-Morehead area.

Formerly, the products were used only in industrial processes, but now an increasing amount of the oil is used in poultry feeding, because of its high vitamin content, and the meal for poultry and animal feeding. The oil is also used as a constituent of paints, varnishes, insect sprays, printing inks and soap, and as a lubricant, in aluminum casting and leather tanning.

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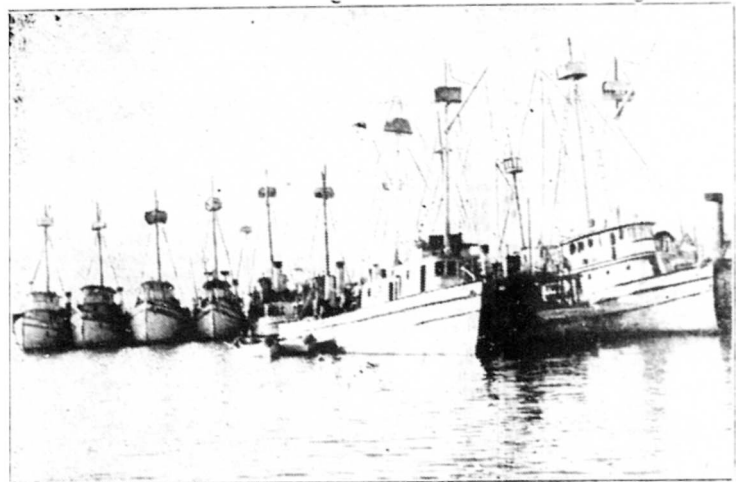
SOCK SHOTS



The camera catches Comedian Dick Couzens, mugging thru his hilarious routine at the recent Public Info Talent Show. Couzens was one of the brighter spots in the show and is considering radio work over local stations at present.

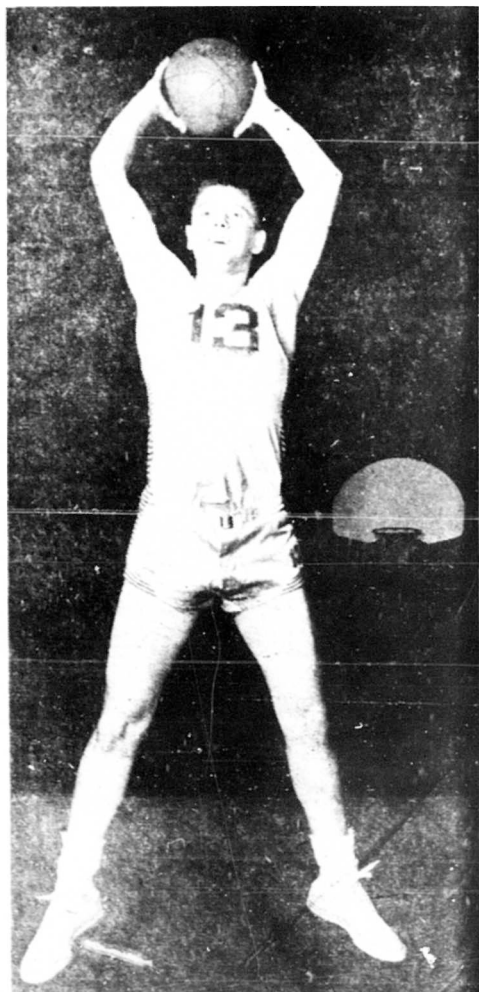


"Lou" Curtis, member of band says "Ow!" as he gives a listen to the Soap Opera Quartet singing a commercial in recent Talent Bash. Left to right, "Spike" Campbell, Johnny Lawson, MC Iglehart, Lee Roy Haymond. All are members of Zam's Second Wing ork except Iglehart, Asst. Public Info Officer.



Familiar scene in nearby Beaufort, as part of "Menhaden fleet" dock in Beaufort harbor. When the schools of fish are running these boats work day and night pulling in the "money fish."

QUANTICO VS "FLYERS" DEC. 28 HERE



"Happy Box" Hooper, the most energetic, if not the best player on local basketball team. Hooper is 19, played hi-school ball in Indiana for four years.



Talking it over before a recent practice are left to right: Coach Lt. Grasselli, Ford, Cashen, Farlin, Hatfield and Creston. These five are varsity team and have improved greatly since the season opened. "Flyers" take on Quantico in Drill Hall on December 28th.