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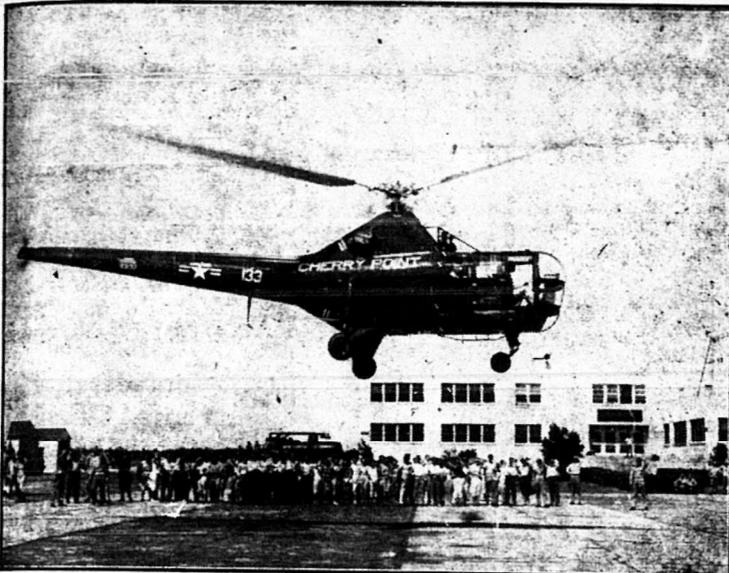
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STUDENTS WATCH HELICOPTER IN ACTION



STUDENTS WATCH 'COPTER—Captain Wallace D. Blatts, AFS-16, does his part for a group of students, who visited the Station last week, by showing them how the Helicopter takes off and lands. The students were a part of a group from Carteret County invited aboard in commemoration of the 20th anniversary of man's crossing of the Atlantic. (Staff Photo).

OPPORTUNITY DRIVE TO BEGIN HERE MONDAY

By Capt. Summerfield Taylor, Jr.

The President announced recently a nation-wide Savings Bond Campaign to encompass Industry, Labor, Management, the National Military Establishment and Civil Service Employees; to include all persons in any walk of life in large cities and small hamlets.

This drive known as the Opportunity Drive, is to begin with a four Monday, 16 May. Let us hope that the runners (military and civilian) will reach the finish line in a dead-heat on Thursday the 20th of June with a 100 per cent sale.

Capt. S. M. Taylor, Jr., phone 2107, will be the Director of the Station "Opportunity Drive" and First Lieutenant T. T. Tulipane, phone 2107, will be the Director of the "Wine Drive."

All individuals are urged to contact their Squadron Savings Bond Officers or Activity Civilian Bond Chairman immediately.

Daniels Rejects Job As Navy Boss

Washington, May 9 (UP)—President Truman has rejected the offer of a job as head of the Navy. Daniels, editor of the Washington Post and Observer, has declined the appointment as head of the navy because of his other commitments. It was disclosed by a source.

Daniels was offered the post by Truman after John L. Sullivan had turned over the recent campaign for the post. Daniels reportedly wanted some other post. Truman definitely declined the offer.

Daniels refused any comment.

Hi-School Students Impressed by MCAS

The following letter was sent to Brigadier General Ivan W. Miller, Commanding General, MCAS, by the superintendent of the County Board of Education of Carteret County. The letter reads:

May 10, 1949

Dear General Miller: In behalf of my principals, their junior and senior classes and myself, I wish to express to you our appreciation of the opportunity you gave us to visit the Cherry Point Marine Corps Air Station last Friday. It was a day long to be remembered by our young people. Quite a number have told me how glad they were to get a brief insight of the work being carried on. From an educational view-point, I feel it was very worth while.

From the time your bus drivers and M.P.'s picked the students up until they were returned to the schools, they were treated with every courtesy and consideration. Please express to your officers and men my appreciation of this kindness shown for their untiring efforts to make the day of value to the students.

With kind personal regards, I am,

Cordially yours,
H. L. Joslyn, Superintendent.

BASEBALL

Sunday, May 15

C.P. FLYERS

VS.

FORT LEE

HERE

GAME STARTS AT 1400

Jet Gets Warm

A VMF-122 Jet fighter encountered an unscheduled delay enroute from Memphis, Tenn., to Cherry Point, May 9. While stopping at Marietta, Ga., to refuel, a static electricity fire developed on a gas track and spread under the aircraft, causing considerable damage.

Piloted by 1stLt. D. W. Hansen, the FH-1 was one of five returning from an aerial demonstration in Memphis.

VMF-122 dispatched a repair crew to the scene. The aircraft is scheduled to resume its journey back to Cherry Point when repairs are completed.

MAG-24 Arrives Monday From Guam Via Panama

The first echelon bringing Marine Air Group Twenty-four personnel to the U. S. from Guam will arrive at the Morehead City port terminal Monday morning aboard the U. S. S. Bayfield (APA 83).

The first echelon, consisting of units belonging to Headquarters and Service squadrons Twenty-four, has traveled the "long way home," taking the Panama Canal route from the Pacific. The second of the Group's echelons bound for Cherry Point will arrive by the overland route, via El Toro, and will be under the command of Col. P. K. Smith.

MAG-14 To Fly Over D. C. Wed.

Sixty Corsair fighters of the Second Wing, under the direction of Col. E. L. Pugh, MAG-14 Commanding Officer, are scheduled to participate in aerial ceremonies over the nation's capitol on May 18. The demonstration of Marine Corps aerial might is being planned in honor of President Dutra of Brazil, who will visit President Truman in Washington on that date.

Twelve of the Corsairs will fly to Raleigh to pick up the Brazilian President's plane and provide escort for it into Washington.

Col. Pugh will be in tactical command of all aircraft in the show.

Prior to takeoff, the planes will be based at NAAS, Oceana, Va., to allow pilots to catch an overnight rest.

On January 20, Col. Pugh led an aerial parade of approximately 150 aircraft over the nation's capitol in an inaugural salute to President Truman, On December 17, 1948, he directed aircraft participating in the Wright Brothers Memorial Flight at Kitty Hawk, N. C.

DFC Awarded To Captain Waltz In Friday Ceremonies

On Friday, May 6, Captain Herbert R. Waltz, VMT-1 officer, received the Distinguished Flying Cross and Air Medal with three (3) Gold Stars, in lieu of second, third and fourth air medals, in ceremonies before the entire command.

Major William A. Houston, Jr., VMT-1's Commanding Officer, presented Captain Waltz with the decorations, awarded for heroism, extraordinary and meritorious achievement in the face of hostile enemy action encountered in the Marianas Islands in 1944. At the time he was serving as a fighter pilot with VMF-225.

At present, Captain Waltz is attached to VMT-1 in the capacity of an Instrument Flight Instructor and Squadron Engineering Officer.

EM Club To Get New Improvement

Twenty thousand dollars has been approved for an immediate remodeling of the Station Beer Parlor, presently located in the Enlisted Men's Recreation Center. The establishment, whose overhauling is expected to be complete about July 1, will provide Cherry Point Enlisted personnel with many new conveniences.

From now on, they'll cry "more beer" in an atmosphere of rapidly expanding new equipment and fixtures. As part of the process, an exhaust blower will be installed. These repairs are designed to create a more leisurely atmosphere for customers.

Draft beer will be served in twelve ounce mugs as an added treat, with the letters "MCAS" painted distinctly on all new beer glasses.

During face-lifting operations, customers won't remain thirsty. The establishment is scheduled to stay open on a "business as usual" basis and serve its clientele while alterations are being performed.

Jet Pilot Makes 2 Wheel Landing

Last Thursday, May 5, Lt. Mercer R. Smith, of VMF-122, displayed unusual skill while bringing in a disabled Phantom Jet.

Smith had been out on a routine division tactics flight, and was coming in for landing when the nose wheel jammed. He was able to maneuver the plane down to the ground, holding the "stick" back to prevent nosing over.

As the Phantom slowed down, he lost most of his forward speed, and had to let the nose down. But due to Lt. Smith's expert handling of the situation, the plane's damage was slight.

The full extent of the damage has not been released, pending a complete check-up by the Overhaul and Repair mechanics.

Lt. Reese Recovers From Injuries

1stLt. Shirley W. "Cowboy" Reese, of VMF-122, who was injured parachuting from an F4U Corsair on April 25, near New Bern, is reported to be in very good condition at Camp Lejeune hospital. The accident occurred Monday about 12 miles from the base when, due to mechanical failure, Reese lost control of his plane and bailed out, sustaining two broken legs when he struck the horizontal stabilizer.

Lt. Reese has improved sufficiently at present to be dropped from the critical list; however, due to some complications the Medical Officers state that he will not be fully recovered until October.

Details of the accident were carried in the April 29 issue of The Windsock.

Jet Pilots Really Travel Around

The "Marine Phantom" team returned Monday from the Cotton Carnival in Memphis and the pilots reported a very successful show with about 20,000 spectators turning out. Their next show will be in Elizabeth City Sunday, May 15th. Six PH-1's also took part in a close air support demonstration for a Congressional delegation at Quantico Monday. The jets covered the landing of pack Howitzers by Helicopters and a smoke screen. This cover consisted of a series of continuous strafing runs. Also there were rocket, bomb and napalm attacks. Quantico planes in the program.

THE CHERRY POINT WINDSOCK

BRIGADIER-GENERAL IVAN W. MILLER, COMMANDING
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Aviation Officers Orders

- April 21, 1949
Capt. Mark Jones, from Cherry Point to Annapolis, Md.
- April 27, 1949
1stLt. Donald M. Winters, from Quantico, Va., to AES-41.
- April 28, 1949
1stLt. Grover S. Stewart Jr., from Quantico, Va., to MAG-11.
- April 29, 1949
1stLt. Joseph O. Lynch, from San Francisco, Calif., to MAG-11.
1stLt. Duane A. Swinford, from San Francisco, Calif., to MAG-1.
Major Reynolds A. Moody, from Cherry Point to Edenton, N. C.
- April 30, 1949
Major Ernest C. Fusan, from Cherry Point to Quantico, Va.
Major Theodore Gooding, from San Francisco, Calif., to MWSG-2.
1stLt. William G. Mann, from Westpac to AES-41.
- May 1, 1949
CWO Howard A. Bagley, from Cherry Point to El Toro, Calif.
1stLt. Joseph L. Boll, from Cherry Point to Japan.
Major Edward V. Finan, from Cherry Point to NAS, Lincoln, Neb.
CWO Harold L. Davis, from Cherry Point to El Toro, Calif.
1stLt. Alan C. Gault, USN, (CEC) from Cherry Point to New Orleans, La.
Major William P. Dukes, from Corpus Christi, Texas, to VMR-252.
1stLt. Paul T. Wiedeneller, from Quantico, Va., to MAG-14.
Capt. William E. Zimmer, from Quantico, Va., to VMT-1.
May 2, 1949
Capt. Joseph L. Davies, from Cherry Point to Annapolis, Md.
Major Russell D. Rupp, from Cherry Point to NAS, Niagara Falls, N. Y.
- May 1, 1949
1stLt. Charles W. Walker, from Cherry Point to Camp Lejeune, N. C.
1stLt. Sumner L. Mitchell, from Cherry Point to Quantico, Va.
- May 3, 1949
1stLt. James P. Bell Jr., from Quantico, Va., to MAG-15.
1stLt. Larry D. Slattery, from St. Louis, Mo., to MAG-14.
1stLt. Gordon V. Hodde, from Quantico, Va., to MAG-14.
1stLt. Paul A. Schmuck, from Quantico, Va., to MWSG-2.
1stLt. Mont L. Beamon, from San Francisco, Calif., to MWSG-2.
- May 7, 1949
Capt. Frank G. Parks, from Quantico, Va., to MAG-11.
- May 9, 1949
1stLt. Delmar L. Edwards, from Quantico, Va., to Edenton, N. C.

Havelock Catholic Services Schedule

Sunday Services
Holy Mass—9 A. M.
Confessions are heard before Mass beginning at 8:30 A. M.
Week-Day Services
Miraculous Medal Novena is held every Monday night at 7:30.
NOTE: All services are held according to Day Light Saving Time, including the coming Mission.

Special Buses For Morehead City Rides

The Wilkin Bus Service of Morehead City announces that a charter bus service is available to any group from any place in the Morehead City area at any time day or night. The telephone number is Morehead City 569-1 and the cost to each individual will be the same as if he had boarded a regular scheduled bus. This service is designed to help Marines return to the base from the beach areas at night.

Father J. C. Schultz To Conduct Weeks Mission at Havelock

Beginning on Sunday, May 15, Father John C. Schultz, a missionary priest of the Redeemptorist Order, will conduct a week's mission at the Havelock Community Chapel. The mission will open at the 9 o'clock Mass, and close Saturday evening, May 21, at 8 o'clock. The general public is cordially invited to attend these services.

Father Schultz comes to Havelock with an outstanding background. After completing his theology courses, he taught Homiletics, the course designed to train preachers, at the Catholic University of America, in Washington, D. C.

When war was declared, Father Schultz enlisted in the Chaplain Corps of the United States Army, and was assigned to combat duty in the European Theater.

Upon returning from the war, he was then assigned to missionary work for his Order. Since then, the Catholic Missionary has been working in the country conducting missions in churches and organizations. During the week of May 8, Father Schultz conducted the annual week's retreat for the Diocesan Priests of the Raleigh Diocese.

Following the mission at Havelock, he will go to Morehead City to conduct a week's mission at Saint Egebert's Catholic Church, opening Sunday morning, May 22, and closing Sunday morning, May 29.

During the two missions, a religious store will be established at both places. Religious articles, such as rosaries, prayer books, missals, statues and the like will be on sale each evening.

Father Clement White, T.O.R., Assistant Pastor at St. Egebert's Catholic Church at Morehead City, and former United States Army Chaplain, will assist Father Schultz throughout the entire week. Father Peter Schmitt, Wing Chaplain, and Father William L. McBlain, Station Chaplain, will also be in attendance, and are urging all Catholic personnel to "make this mission."

Three Dances For Navy Relief Here

The Cherry Point Auxiliary of the Navy Relief Society officially opened its drive for funds on May 9, 1949. The plan to receive contributions includes the holding of three dances, one by the Officer's Club, the NCO Club, and an All Hands dance at the Station Drill Hall.

The NCO Club led the program with a successful dance on May 6. The Officers Club will follow through with its contribution to the drive when it holds a dance at their club on Saturday, May 14.

On May 29, the drive will be climaxed when the All Hands affair will be held at the Station Drill Hall, at which time an outstanding door prize will be given. Sale of tickets for this dance is already well under way, and all station personnel are being urged to help make the drive a success by attending the dance.

Captain E. C. Kieckhefer is in charge of the sale of all tickets for the All Hands dance, and each squadron commander is to be personally responsible for the sale of tickets within his organization.

Department heads employing civilian personnel will be personally contacted by the Officer-in-Charge of ticket sales to make arrangements for civilians who wish to purchase tickets for the All Hands dance.

All those responsible for the sale of tickets will make their final report turning in the money and surplus tickets between 1400 and 1600 on 29 May at the Station Chaplains Office in the Post Exchange Building.

The Padre Says

"ABOUT CHATTER"
By Chaplain R. D. Cleaves
The other night three rabbits came out of the thickets behind my house and started racing around after each other, playing a rabbit-pull, or whatever it is in the rabbit call, running in circles. My two little girls were fascinated and could have watched happily for many minutes. Some other children, less content to watch, saw the bunnies too, and came running out into the little park and soon frightened them away.

Too often we are not content to watch and learn. We do not seem to be able to stand a moment's activity. We refuse to be alone with our thoughts and ideas—which may even be brilliant—which come out timidly at first like the wild creatures and which may be just as quickly frightened away by a callopo of inconsequential chatter.

The man and woman who wish to learn the secrets of wild creatures and their trusts have to spend hours quietly, never making sudden movements until the creature has learned to know it will not be harmed.

You need to spend some quiet time to get acquainted with your soul. It isn't running from you as a rabbit can, because it is a part of you. I suspect however, that our souls sometimes do wish they could get away from it all if the way we treat them is indicative of our concern.

A man's soul needs the cultivation and care that goes into training the smaller wild animals. It is worth the time. You would be surprised how important your soul is to you. Do not forget the warning of the Lord, implicit in the question when he asked, "What is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his soul?"

You may begin by taking a few moments a day, giving them to thoughts of the Eternal. Better yet, if you can not get started by yourself, spend an hour in church on Sunday. You might learn something about yourself—you might find really important values in life—you might find your soul! You will if you give yourself a chance.

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DIVINE SERVICES

- PROTESTANT SERVICES
- 9:45 Sun.—Sunday School (Nursery)
- 10:30 Sun.—Worship Service Main Chapel
- 1:30 Tue.—Youth Fellowship Recre.
- 10:00 Wed.—2nd Deck
- 1:00 Wed.—Choir Rehearsal
- CATHOLIC SERVICES
- Sun.—0845, 0845, 1200 Mass (Chapel)
- Sat.—0800 Low Mass (Chapel)
- Confessions—10:00-11:00
- Other times by appointment
- 1900 Tues.—Novena Devotions
- JEWISH SERVICES
- 2:00 Wed.—Jewish Worship in Protestant Wing
- 19:30 Sun.—Evening Worship
- CHERRY POINT COMMUNITY CENTER
- 11:00 Sun.—Morning Worship
- 1:15 Sun.—Jewish Eudoxus

Cherry Point Gets Well 'Mopped Up'

"CLEAN UP WEEK"
Today, Cherry Point is enjoying a much better appearance. This was the result of a clean-up and police week that began last Friday, 29 April. The purpose of this week was to bring about a general improvement in the appearance of Cherry Point, including its Housing Project.

All personnel aboard the base were asked to cooperate during this drive.

Weeds, dead trees, and dead shrubs were removed, and the Public Works Dept. provided trucks for the daily removal of accumulated trash and other items.

Fences, dock anchors, pens and other alterations, which had been constructed by individuals, were inspected for appearance. These were also checked to see that they were properly painted, as not to detract from the good appearance of the area.

Paragraph 1 of the regulations is quoted below for information on park-keeping: "The senior officer or commissioned officer assigned

Not The Missing Link



MSGT. JUSTIN MACKELPRANG instructs one of the six-hundred students which visited the station last Friday in the link train and its uses. The "Trainee" was one of the visitors to the station in commemoration of the 30th anniversary of man's first crossing the Atlantic Ocean by air.

EDUCATION

Courses in Jets Made Available Through MCI

Jet aeronautics, which has caught the fancy of every flying Leatherneck, forms an integral phase in Marine Corps aviation training today. Courses in jet engineering and aerodynamics are available to regulars and reservists alike.

The first Marine jet fighter squadron, flying McDonnell FH-1 "Phantoms," took to the skies back in the fall of 1947.

Lieut. Colonel Marion E. Carl, World War II ace and jet speedster, organized the unit, Marine Fighting Squadron 122 (VMF-122) at Marine Corps Air Station, Cherry Point, North Carolina.

Another jet squadron, VMF-311, flying Lockheed F-80 "Shooting Stars," was commissioned at the Marine Corps Air Station El Toro, California, last year.

Jet engineering is now one of the principal courses at the Marine Corps Aviation Technical School, Marine Corps Schools, Quantico, Virginia. Here, Marine student mechanics learn some aspects of the turbo-jet engine.

Courses in jet aeronautics and high speed aerodynamics have also been introduced in the curriculum of the Marine Corps Institute, the Corps' 29-year-old correspondence school.

The Institute makes it possible for Marine regulars and reservists to learn about jets in their leisure hours.

Change In Store Hours

Effective Monday, 4 May 1949, the Sales Commissary Store will be open for sales from 0800 to 1400. This change is being made in response to numerous requests from patrons who desire to shop during the early morning hours.



STORK LANGINGS
May 1—A son, Daniel William, born to MSet and Mrs. Heinz H. Rogzol.
May 2—A daughter, Gayle Patricia, born to Plet and Mrs. Norman H. Thomas.
May 3—A daughter, Elizabeth Ann, born to Set and Mrs. James M. Gray.

quarters in a building containing more than one set of public quarters shall be responsible for the orderliness of the public areas in and adjacent to the building. Public areas shall be construed to mean hallways, front and rear entrances, lawns, shrubbery and sidewalks.

Confederate Flag Raised Over Fort Macon Once Again

Morehead City, N. C.—Repayment of three of the original garrison employed in the unsuccessful defense of Fort Macon was a feature attraction within the ancient walls of the historic fort on Wednesday, May 11.

During the brief ceremonies an interesting program planned by Mrs. J. A. Jones, the flag of the Confederacy which has not been raised over Fort Macon since was captured by Federal troops of General Ambrose Burnside's army on April 25, 1862, was set again. Officials of the UDC and other military and Coast Guard officers had roles in the program. The public attended the ceremonies within the walls of Fort Macon. The program's introduction featured a brief talk by Mrs. Queen Gregory of Halifax, President of the North Carolina UDC's.

Governor Kerr Scott had tentatively accepted the invitation to officiate at the dedication of a United States and Confederate Flags. A bugler from the Cherry Point Marine band and a military color guard had charge of raising the U. S. Colors. Then, Mrs. J. A. Whitefield, oldest living member of the Lenoir County UDC, was introduced to the group. Her husband was stationed at Fort Macon during the war between the States as was there on the day it was captured by the Federal troops of General Burnside.

Radiological Safety Officer Appointments

MarCorp Memo No. 63-1949 is recently put out on the subject of Radiological Safety-Trainer's stated that:

1. Each squadron commanding officer will designate a Radiological Safety Officer.
2. Squadron Radiological Officers will receive indoctrination training literature, and such assistance as may be needed from the Station Radiological Safety Officer in carrying out a Radiological Safety indoctrination course for each squadron.
3. Squadron Commanders will include basic Radiological Safety indoctrination as a part of the basic training program.

PX Magazine Counter Hours Are Changed

The Magazine counter, located in the Post Exchange building, changed its hours recently. From now on, magazines may be purchased by Cherry Point personnel between the hours of 1200 and 1700 on weekdays and from 1200 to 2030 on Saturdays and Sundays. Heretofore, the counter had remained closed over the weekends.

VMF-223

By Lt. O. L. Stephenson
When you hear the smooth purr of engines overhead these nights can be your trick dollar that you can get from the Corsairs.

VMF-223 as night-flying gets under way with full speed ahead. The phase of the moon has no bearing upon the schedule, either.

The next few days will see the squadron busy at FCLP, fighter-accidents, and instrument training flights during the day-time.

Welcomed aboard this week were Lt. Lts. Arvene J. Kugler from Hqs. Sq. MAG-11; William W. Edgeridge—AIRFMWESPAC; MSgt. Ray M. Cole and TSgt. Andrew T. Taylor from MAG-52; TSgt. Taylor from the El Toro with this squadron from June; and Pvt. Gerald A. Nielsen from Hq. Sq. MAG-11. Sgts. Donald W. Lee and David T. Waterholt were transferred to VMR-552 in Hawaii.

In the sports lime-light we find Captain Alsip still a contender for the intramural golf championship tournament, and the baseball team working out for their coming game with Havelock, which will already be a memory by the time this is seen in print.

From the Grapevine Network we have the word that the "Lone Star Cuckoo" (alias Tumble-weed), an outstanding baseball athlete for the Ramblers who hits frequent "Texas Leaguers" right over the back fence, is now trying his skill at high-jumping.

Pfc. Martin A. Flannery must be doing OK on the track team for he has already earned the title of "The Flash."

Captain Lungel voiced some complaints about the high cost of buying lunch during work days and finally solved the problem by joining the Brown Baggers.

There are three venerable societies in existence here at the squadron: the Brown Baggers, the White Baggers, and the Nooners.

For reasons known only to yourself, you find it inconvenient to buy your lunch, you save the paper bags the groceries came in and used them for packing a sandwich or two, maybe even a carton of milk and an onion sprout. This qualifies you as a Brown Bagger.

Now, after the car and the washing machine are going to be all yours, you may see no reason why you shouldn't go so far as to purchase something more deluxe to carry chow in. You are at this point over the threshold of the inner-sanctum where none of the "no capital" august brethren there would think of eating from anything but a white paper bag or pink lunch box. Soon you'll be among the elect, a White Bagger.

Nooners are in a class by themselves, being neither rightists nor leftists. They are the ones who can make a "fade out" during the lunch hour.

Among the pilots due to be transferred from VMF-223 to MGAS El Toro there is a boat-load of bachelors, all of whom have elaborate plans for amusing themselves in that "happy hunting ground." Of course, this situation tends to make the move with them and who cannot understand just why anyone would ever homestead on the "dark side of the Rockies. After a couple of days of having your friend properly informed as to the number stamped somewhere thereon.

Toward the end of April, two members of VMF-223 went aboard a carrier for the first time. We were the "sore thumbs" of the outfit, even having so much as learned against the gangplank of a flat-top, and now the day is past when certain individuals must look off in the distance with a thousand yard stare when conversations turn to sea-going airports.

The latest tip on scientific progress to flash into our news room is some data on a new quick-drying spray for "fixing" long-bored mistakes. It seems colored wax is on its way out. The plastic compound is guaranteed to photograph well and makes twirling unnecessary, thereby eliminating an untold waste of physical energy.

Would the unit which claims membership of "Whiskey Jim" please call 2167. No reward expected.

THE SQUADRONS REPORT

VMF-225

By Lt. B. B. Sessions

Whatever the type of aircraft carrier, it matters not to our pilots. Within the last few months this squadron has operated from five aircraft carriers ranging from the CVE to CVB classes.

On Friday the 6th of May, our pilots and enlisted men took off for Oceana to participate in another demonstration of carrier flight for many important personnel aboard the large carrier, the Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Friday noon, Major Bartosh briefed the carrier boys on the operations to follow that afternoon and Saturday afternoon. At 1300 the air group conducted a practice night of coordinated exercises with attacks on Barco air strip. VMF-225 pilots acted as combat air patrol for the initial attack, following this with simulated section and single plane rocket attacks on the air strip. After the attack, the group rendezvoused and proceeded in parade formation over Oceana with a carrier break-up and held carrier landing pass concluded the afternoon flight.

Saturday afternoon, the order, "pilots man your planes at 1330" came by dispatch. Our pilots flew air cover for the aircraft carrier. This entailed making an interception on the attacking group, then breaking away and returning on station for further direction from the fighter director. Our warriors then conducted a speedy rendezvous with the air group and carrier landings were conducted.

While waiting in the ready room for the launch, the pilots listened to a wire recording of the landing signal officer's comments on the carrier's base and landing. The pilot's ability necessary to land safely aboard an aircraft carrier can be readily realized by listening to an L. S. O.'s comments as he waves each pilot aboard. At moments it sounded as if one was hearing the Kentucky Derby, but as the side number of the plane was called out, one realized that it was another carrier pilot and his corsair coming into the home stretch.

The planes were armed, refueled, and launched by 1630. The "Bearscats" conducted straggling runs, the "Sky Raiders" dropped 500 pound bombs, and the Marine "Corsairs" made rocket attacks while the carrier circled the area. This was followed by the air group coming over the carrier in a beautiful parade formation. Our pilots then headed their "Corsairs" to the beach, and as the carrier began to turn, the "Corsairs" circled the "Well Done, from Admirals Blandy and Stump" came over the air.

VMF-461

When not "Down to the sea in ships" Marine Fighter Squadron 461 enjoys good representation on the playing fields.

SSgt. Tommy Biggs, who has been in the third base spot of the Cherry Point baseball lineup, is the most successful so far. However, it is expected that there will be some other top contenders. Those we have our eyes on in the batting line-up are Capt. Schmitt and George Elias are also doing well on the greens, closely followed by Lt. John Sullivan. Lt. H. L. Van Campen has done well on the tennis court thus far and Lt. Jack ball pilots a fair bowling team. Sgt. Irving Bink and Cpl. Schmidt are testing the sailing "Slocum" (Creek along with Lt. M. A. Hill. SSgt. Junior B. Hall is now TAD to Camp Lejeune where he is competing in the Divisional rifle matches.

Movement seems to be the order of the day and administration offices of the squadron from our roost on the window side of hangar two to building 51. It seems we just get acquainted with a spot and Lt. George Elias calls out his furniture movers and we shift locations. It won't be long before we will be able to offer our own opinion on all offices here at the Point. We're trained nearly every location. At least Major Ramlo can have his own planes take their engine runs over other places beside the office windows. Hangar two always has at least one transport getting engine time just outside.

the city airport.

VMF-212 welcomes aboard Capt. R. J. Irwin, MSgt. Charles N. Gibb and TSgt. Jack Pittman who have recently joined the outfit.



GETTING ACQUAINTED with the new weight and balance load adjuster are: MSgt. Howard Walker (Left) and MSgt. George A. Nesmith (Right). The adjuster is a new addition to the Inn-training area on the Station.

VMR-153

By Sgt. W. Bitterlich

Our heartfelt congratulations are extended to Sergeant and Mrs. Pat L. BRADY who met in holy matrimony last Friday. Mrs. BRADY is the former Miss Ann Albertson of Huntington Beach, California. TSgt. and Mrs. David CLEMONT were on hand to witness the ceremony. The wedding took place in the station chapel at 1700.

MSgt. Edmund C. ECKLER's wedding, scheduled to take place this Saturday in Detroit, Mich., will be attended by thirty-some marine buddies. Dressed in blues, the marines will be on hand to help make Sgt. ECKLER's wedding a big success.

The welcome mat is again spread to welcome Major Marvin SCHACHNER, USMCR, and 1stLt. Ralph A. DAVIS, USMCR, back for two weeks active duty. Also welcomed are Master Sergeants FRIED and MATHEWS, who have recently joined this squadron.

Sports progress in this squadron is shaping very nicely with five personnel already entered in the coming track meet. Members of the team are as follows: 1stLt. GUSTAFSON, Sgt. HUMMELL, Pfc. BAILY, ERICKSON and JARRELL. It is also hoped that we will be able to participate in the station swim meet scheduled soon.

VMFN-531

By Tsgt. "Doc" Tunstall

Major F. T. Clarke is our new Executive Officer since Major E. V. Finn was transferred to Lincoln, Nebraska for duty.

1st Lt. Weidenkeller who joined our squadron recently, expects to assume duties as Ordnance Officer.

Sgt. Thomas P. Cooney has just returned from duty with the burial detail in Brooklyn, New York. "Little Alby" celebrated his fourth anniversary here at the Point by throwing a party at the NCO Club last Friday night.

Dan R. George had an automobile accident about twenty miles south of Fredericksburg, Va. last Friday night. No one was seriously injured. Warren Ross got a fat eye out of the deal.

Louis W. Brock shipped over for four the seventh of May. The boys in engineering are really producing availability. Never saw it so good in a twelve plane squadron before.

Keime! carried his belly tank to a second place finish in the handball tournament. Too bad we can't organize a MAG-14 baseball team.

VMF-224

By 1stLt. Adelorde G. Mobery

All adjustments due to recent reassignment of department heads have been accomplished and the squadron is running smoothly. For the pilots, emphasis is now on instrument flight training and ground training in various other phases. For the enlisted personnel, on the job training is being continued as well as regular basic training in the subjects required.

Softball enthusiasts in the squadron have organized a team which will begin practice soon. A number of the players have already exhibited splendid possibilities and with a little practice the team should be able to offer some stiff competition to all challengers. In the recent Cherry Point swimming and diving meet, in which the various teams competed for the Commanding General's Cup, VMF-224 placed fourth, missing third place by a bare one point. In view of the fact that only four swimmers participated in events which normally called for a twelve man team, and also the fact that none of these participated in the diving events, we feel that this is something of an accomplishment. In the relay event, the team established what is believed to be a new record for Cherry Point.

Each week finds a number of the squadron's officers and men at the local rifle and pistol range where they fire their respective weapons for qualification. Two members of the squadron Lt. Zambuto and TSgt. Terry are currently at Camp Lejeune taking part in the Southeastern Division Matches.

Sgt. Major Hill In Calif. Hospital

Sgt. Major Harry D. Hill U. S. M. C. retired, was admitted to the U. S. N. H. Corona, Calif. on 13 April, 1949, as a result of a heart attack. He is in a critical condition.

Sgt. Major Hill served in Marine Aviation for a number of years at M. C. A. S. Quantico, Va., and was recently retired after thirty years of service.

He resides at 1610 W. 10th St., Santa Ana, Calif.

Wife: "Must I persuade you to have some more alphabet soup?"

Hubby: "No, thanks, not another word."

MACG-1

MARTACRON:

Lt. Col. Flater has assumed command of MACG-1 relieving Lt. Col. Sampson who has been transferred to MAG-14.

MACG-1 has welcomed back one of its charter members, Lt. James C. Frew, last week. He has returned to his old assignment as Group Adjutant.

Capt. Porter spent several days in Quantico this week on official business.

MGCIS-6

Lt. Henneberger has recently joined the squadron relieving Lt. Zintnik.

Lt.'s Read and Takala recently took their test for promotion to Captain. Here's wishing you good luck men.

Capt. Mel Flannigan plans to go on leave in the near future prior to attending the next Jr. Course, AWS, at Quantico.

Pfc. James L. Johnson has extended his enlistment in order to attend Electronics School.

MGCIS-5

With the Marine Corps Hymn ringing in their ears, TSgt. A. E. Bennett and Lt. D. Adams signed their names on the dotted line and re-upped in the Marine Corps for periods of four and two years respectively. TSgt. Adams is on a 30 day leave in Los Angeles and TSgt. Bennett's leave carries him to Jacksonville, Fla.

Two new officers joined the squadron last week. They are 1st Lt. D. W. Bergeson and W. N. Roark. Lt. Bergeson, who joined from Memphis, Tenn., is now TAD to Edgewood Arsenal, Md., where he is under instruction in the Radiological Safety Course. Another new addition to MGCIS-5 is TSgt. A. P. Zmashenski who joined from MWSS-2.

Major A. L. Jones was detached last week to take over the job as Executive Officer of MACG-1. Major Jones was Commanding Officer of MGCIS-5 and Capt. S. "C" Roach, Jr. has taken over as CO of Squadron Five.

Leaving us next week will be SSGT. L. H. Hancock who will be transferred to Quantico, Va. SSGT. Hancock has been acting Sergeant Major of the squadron.

Marine Fighter Sq.-212

By 1stLt. R. C. Browning

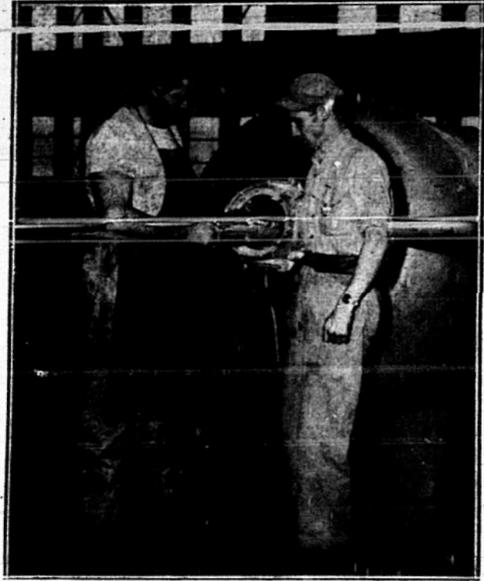
Twenty-one aircraft from VMF-212 participated in the Wilson, N. C. air show Sunday, April 8th. The squadron, led by Major R. A. Merchant, Jr., made four passes over

the city airport.

CIVILIAN NEWS AT CHERRY POINT

PUBLIC WORKS

OVERHAUL & REPAIR



TWO CIVILIAN WORKERS in an O&R Shop work on a prop shaft. Man on the left is instructing apprentice on finer points of the work.

NAVY SUPPLY

CONTROL BRANCH

Hilda Forehand arrived in San Pedro, Calif., only to receive a situation from the local Gendarmes for jay walking. Frank Burton participated in the Raleigh Open Pair Bridge Tournament and with Mr. Brummitt as his partner won a nice cup. We are very proud of you, Frank. Who dares say we haven't any talent in Navy Supply? Jimmie Parrish had a nice visit to Washington, D. C. While there she saw Woody Herman and Mel (Swoon) Torme. We have noticed that Cpl. Bays is sporting a band Aid—our advice to Bays, cut her finger nails. How about that nice new Ford Greta Bull has? Nice Car—nice girl. Betty Baker has returned home from Portsmouth, Va. where she has been hospitalized. Here's to a fast recovery. Some of the newcomers we welcome are: Christine Brinkley of Accounting and Mr. E. Muir of Storekeepers Section. Issue Control Section (thief) has stolen Delores Barrie from Mr. Pittman Poor Pittman burrah for Issue Control. Mittle White bids aloha to Navy Supply on May 6—as she leaves this fair island of Cherry Point for Edenton we wish her Bon Voyage! Ina Smith spent the week end in Florence, S. C. visiting her sister.

One of the highlights of the week was the Eastern-Teachers College annual Mas Dance which was enjoyed by Helen Creech. Mamie Sermons, who recently celebrated her twenty-second Wedding Anniversary is entertaining a Glamour Party at her home. The party consists of a Cosmetic Demonstration—a prize to be awarded to the one who can put the best face forward. The new burnt look has arrived at Navy Supply—Margaret Thomas spent the day at the beach. Florence Norcom and Jean Baumgart had themselves one fine time at the 223 Squadron party.

ACQUOINTANCE BRANCH

SCOOP!!!! John (White) Whisenant and friend (Naylor Smith) of Morehead City caught 8 grey Trout and 3 real nice Bluefish Saturday morning while fishing in Bogue Sound near Atlantic Beach Bridge. The type bait used is a piscatorial secret of the highest secrecy. We are sorry to have Mary Arrington on our sick list and hope she has a speedy recovery. Myrtle Geiger is the proud parent of a new addition to her family, yes, a six weeks old, cocker spaniel puppy. As yet they have not named it but will soon. Louise Smith's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hartman, are visiting her from their home in Chicago. We are glad to welcome Gladys Lawlor from Hawaii into our Department. Mary Weeks is spending Mothers Day with the Mother in the Western part of the state. Albert Camus says he worked his fingers to the bone this week end while he did a complete job of redecorating on his home.

MATERIAL BRANCH

Velma Hamilton is spending a weeks vacation with her parents at Atlantic. N. C. Bertha Castleberry has returned to work from a weeks vacation. Ralph Jones is a patient in the Morehead City Hospital undergoing an appendectomy. Duggy Gaskins reports a nice catch while fishing over the week end. The catch numbered thirty-five with the smallest weighing over two pounds. Mrs. Johnny Shuey (formerly Chris Greenback) is spending a month with her sister, Mrs. Shady Hill. Chris worked in Navy Supply during the war.

Several of our storekeepers have gone to the Apprentices School and the new storekeepers who have recently reported for duty are: Mr. Edward R. Merrill, Walter H. Bray, Linwood E. Smith, and Ralph P. Pettaway. Welcome to Material Branch boys—hope you enjoy your stay with us. Ila and Dick Emer are the proud owners of a '49 Chevrolet. Quite a few of the storekeepers are taking the Civil Service Examination for Clerk this week. Among them are, Ira Jones, James Sexton, Ila Emer, Borden Wade, Carl Gaskill and Lula Lamm.

"Pete" Meekins held the polls on Monday for voters of the Civic Council for the Cherry Point Homes—and took Annual Leave to do it, too. The Council is an outstanding organization in our Community. However, very few people in the whole project (eighty to be exact) cast their votes for this election. Even though only one man (or woman) in each ward may be running for Councilman, it is the duty—and should be considered a privilege—to vote. Good citizenship cannot be taught to the younger generation when we older people conveniently "forget" to SHOW ourselves to be good citizens. If we lived in a country where voting was prohibited, we would consider that we were being suppressed. In a country such as ours, if we do not take advantage of our privileges, such privileges could be, and may be taken away.

C. Y. "Bob" Hundley spent the week end in Amelia, Virginia, visiting with relatives.

Beginning this week end, there will be no Saturday operations of the Railroad Section, according to the Foreman, Public Works.

Dame Rumor advises that Lawrence "Cowboy" Fore and Louise Cole were married this week, and are honeymooning—they wouldn't tell where.

Claude Anderson's little son, Scotty, had his tonsils out last week and is as good as new again. Charles McCotter's baby, "Buddy," also had a tonsilectomy last week and got along nicely.

James C. Wright (Paint) motored to Norfolk, Virginia, over the week end, and Joseph Padley spent Friday in Fayetteville Hospital. L. B. Ingram, (Central Heating) and A. R. Henderson attended a Church Conference at Camp Lejeune this week end.

E. C. Pelletier and family had an enjoyable week end at Wrightsville Beach, North Carolina.

J. M. Tatum is building on to and renovating his home in New Bern.

Charles Pate is on Annual Leave this week and accompanied his wife to Duke Hospital where she will receive treatment.

Mabelle Hardesty is spending Sunday in Red Springs, guest of relatives.

We in the Machine Section are glad to hear that Ralph Cauley's wife is able to return home from the hospital.

Colon Norris is having difficulty these days. Seems he can't convince that girl that she is the Right one for Him.

Johnnie R. West, Paul Roberts and James Creech were voted Shop Committeemen for the Machine Shop.

Cyrus Hunter's father has suffered a stroke and is very ill.

Glad to see Harold Banks back to work and are so happy that his little son is much better.

Raymond Casselberry (Electric) has enjoyed a weeks' vacation and seems glad to be back at work.

Lee Atkinson has returned to work after a recent illness.

Harry Smith visited sick relatives in Raleigh over the week end. The Motor Shop enjoyed a barbecue dinner at Smith's Camp on the banks of Hancock Creek during the week.

Lillia Mae, our Messenger, is out on account of the illness of her mother, and Eva White took Monday off to get in good shape to work Tuesday.

Samuel Harris (Carpenter) is

back to work after being confined to his home with pneumonia for two weeks.

The son of Guy Gibbs had a narrow escape Sunday afternoon. He escaped with a broken leg and minus some skin after colliding with an automobile in front of his home on the New Bern Highway.

On Sunday, at six o'clock in the evening, Susie Moore honored the members of the Cherry Point Womens Club at a tea, at which time the new officers were installed and Convention Report was given.

The Club Room of the Community Building was beautifully decorated with cut flowers, greenery and tapers for the occasion. Mrs. H. M. Bure, the out-going District President, of Morehead, was present to install the officers. The new President, Mrs. Frank Russell, presented Susie with a lovely gift of crystal from the Club. Assisting the hostess in pouring the tea were Mabel Roundtree and Helen Parker. About thirty members were present.

Your MOTHER is the most wonderful person in the world. Sunday is "Mother's Day." Don't forget to remember and honor her on Her Day.

A hearty welcome is extended to our two new employees, Ruth Ruggiero (Material) and Peggy Skipper (Engineering Section).

Two families are celebrating wedding anniversaries this week (May 1)—Anne and Merle Denny, and Norma and Fran Mullins. Congratulations!

Lt. Gault (Maintenance Superintendent) has been transferred to New Orleans.

Mr. "DUB" Stembridge and family are now vacationing in Florida. "Happiest girl of the week" goes to Anne Denny. And who wouldn't be! Just take a look at the lovely gifts her husband has been showering upon her—a watch, pearls, and a diamond that is "out of this world."

Frederick Kelly, of our section, has received a \$20.00 award for a Beneficial Suggestion. He suggested drilling holes through the corners of plates holding BCG radio compass sets in order to allow collecting moisture to escape. We congratulate Fred on his interest and talent and hope he will think of many more improvements. We also congratulate Elwood Cotton who on 23 April married Frances Tingle of Arapahoe. All his friends wish them every happiness.

Has Mr. Dixon told you about the ambitious apprentice who worked his trousers off? Seems the young man was putting forth great effort to pick up an object when he burst clear through the seat of his pants. That just goes to show you what industrious workers we have in O&R. Of course this doesn't happen to every worker—thank goodness.

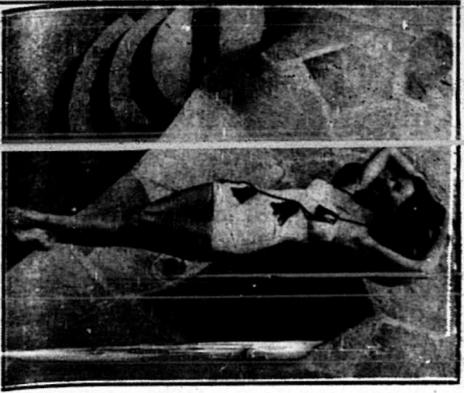
We are all happy to learn that Charlie Turner is now a leading man. Charlie joined O&R in June of 1943, as a Helper Trainee. He terminated and worked himself up to the position of supervisor of our Vocational Training Section. Besides being a good employee and supervisor, Charlie is a nice person to know. There is no one who would rather see reach the top.

Melva Jordan is leaving us to take up the role of "Mother." She has "adopted" a baby girl. Melva beams all over when she talks about the baby and declares it is the prettiest baby on earth. M. Mateer, has also adopted a baby, a little boy, and is just as proud as Melva. Dot will stay with a while longer though. She is helping a maid (where, oh where) find her over the rough spots.

The baseball season is in full swing, and the happiest of fans is your reporter. Little ole Newport leads in the Tidewater League with 4 wins, 0 losses, and Still



SPRING IS HERE! A P. W. Civilian Employee welcomes in the spring weather by giving a manicure to new grass "springing" on the station.



JUST THINK what life would be if we had first sergeants like Jeanne Crain. We'd not only be happy to work for her, but we'd even strain for Crain.

SPINNIN' ^{the} PLATTERS

By Johnny Kelly

"JUST YOU, JUST ME"—**"HENDERSON ROMP"** by Big Sid Catlett's Band: "Just Me" is a moderate paced instrumental performed here by some of the nation's top musicians, with Big Sid Catlett sitting behind the traps and leading the aggregation. Here we find Al Casey on Guitar, Bumps Myers on tenor, Bull Moose Jackson on alto, Horace Henderson on piano, and others, all slightly in a top groove. The boys' just don't seem to get away on this side, rhythm is fine through-out. **

"ROMP" is another instrumental copped up by Sid Catlett and his sidemen, featuring a series of memorable solos by several musicians who perform on the reverse with an exception of Illinois Jacquet who replaced Bumps Meyers on tenor for this cutting, didn't make much difference one way or the other. **

"FOREVER AND EVER"—Margaret Whiting with Frank DeVol and his orchestra. "Ever," a European song, is a slow waltz with tenderly romantic lyrics. Margaret Whiting is featured on the vocal and turns in her usual well-done job while DeVol sets up an unusual and highly effective backing. Oddly enough there are no strings behind Margaret's treatment of this lovely ballad. Sorry, reverse side is unknown. Jockey didn't flip it. ***

"A FINE ROMANCE"—**1400 DREAM STREET**—Les Brown and his band of renown. Les Brown could well have another "Got My Love" in the "Romance" side, an arrangement that's almost a carbon copy of his recent hit. It also comes off Columbia's shelf, where "Love" was stashed. If pushed enough by our leading jocks it may take "Love's" place. ****

No use wasting your time and my time on the reverse side—"Dream Street" leads nowhere. *

FIVE TOPPERS:

No. 1. **Cruising Down The River**—Blue Barron—anyone who listens to this—is tone-deaf.

No. 2. **Red Roses For A Blue Lady**—Vaughn Monroe—no comment.

No. 3. **Again**—Gordon Jenkins—jumped from 14 on the list.

No. 4. **For Ever And Ever**—Perry Como—it will have to do.

No. 5. **Carless Hands**—Mel Tormé—Mel does better behind the traps'. Stan Kenton Encores (Stan Kenton) Cap.—**Kiss Me Kate** (broadway cast) Col.

Jazz At The Philharmonic (Perdido vol. no. 8 varied artist) Mercury. **Manhattan Towers** (Gordon Jenkins) Decca—**Words And Music** (varied artist) MGM.

FOOT NOTES:

More Hasselgard Sides are coming: At least six sides featuring the clarinet of the late Stan Hasselgard, Swedish clarinetist who was killed in a car accident in Illinois last December, are still to be released. Two sides, etched under Red Norvo's name, will be made available by Cap records in the latter part of this year: Stan also made four sides for the same label under his own name featuring Norvo. Doris Day may bag a big role in "Young Man With A Horn" which WB will soon film. The ex-Les Brown oriole has just tested for the part. Story is based on Bix Beiderbecke's career. . . . A few words from Stan Kenton. . . . "First of all, let me state that my feelings and belief in our music, or growth of jazz in general, have not been affected in the slightest measure. I am deeply grateful for the success music has achieved and I feel that every ounce of effort put into the seven and a half years of its existence has been more than compensated for by the appreciation shown us, not only here in the states but throughout the rest of the world. I feel confident that if we had continued we would have endeavored to create music worthy of this wonderful acceptance which I treasure so much. I am currently in the process of finding a new field. At present I'm not quite sure, but I believe the greatest personal interest for me is in the field of psychiatry."

Dizzy Gillespie due back into the Royal Roost, N. Y. June 2nd. . . . Ray Anthony's orchestra is currently plugging a tune titled "Ginny," designed as a followup to "Gloria," it has reached some success via Signatur label. Ray is now featured on Capitol records, also due here the latter part of this month for a dance.

Ma: "I think women make too much fuss about clothes. After all, they're all sisters under the skin."
 Joe: "True, and by the looks of my wife lately, I think they're holding a convention under here."
 insurance NCO: "Now, that amounts to a premium of \$5.50 per month for straight life. That's what you wanted wasn't it, ordinary life?"
 WAC Recruit: "Well, I'd like a little excitement now and then."



NEW NOVELS:

HIGH HOLIDAY, by Kathleen Norris. You will see San Francisco grow in this story of the lives of the numerous Throckmorton family.

THE BIG BARBECUE, by Dorothy B. Hughes. Here's one for light entertainment. A modern and very determined young lady, in pursuit of nothing less than a million dollars, takes her father and mother to a New Mexico valley to hunt for the said fortune.

CEREMONY OF INNOCENCE, by Elizabeth Charlotte Webster. There's a bit of irony in this story of a novice in an Anglican convent of South Africa. The reaction of church figures to her gifts of healing and prophecy are quite revealing says one critic.

SPRING IS NOT GENTLE, by Ronald Kirkbride. The second novel in the trilogy of which "Winds Blow Gently" was the first. This one tells the story of the marriage of David and Nina in a South Carolina town and of the rift caused by his founding of a successful co-operative.

WALK THROUGH THE VALLEY, by Zeldia Popkin. This one presents the year of adjustment in the life of an attractive 49 year old New York woman following the sudden death of her husband. A little on the emotional side but nevertheless "a good job."

THE GOOD OL' U. S. A.:
THE BIG LAVENDER: the lively story of the people of the southern Rocky Mountain from Yellowstone to Sante Fe, by David Leverder.
THE WORLD FROM JACKSON SQUARE: a New Orleans Reader, edited by Etolia S. Basso.
THE LAND OF THE CROOKED TREE: frontier life in Michigan, by U. P. Hedrick.

Col. S. E. Ridderhof Retires At El Toro

Colonel Stanley E. Ridderhof, veteran of more than 30 years service, was placed on the retired list of the Marine Corps May 1st.

He will be advanced to the rank of brigadier general on the retired list for having been specially commended for the performance of duty, in actual combat.

Colonel Ridderhof was awarded the Navy Cross for gallantry in action against bandits in Nicaragua, 1928 and 1929. He also received the Legion of Merit for services as Chief of Staff, First Marine Aircraft Wing while in the Solomon Islands in 1944 and 1945.

A veteran Marine aviator, Colonel Ridderhof entered the Marine Corps in 1917 and won his wings two years later. In 1921 and 1923 he aided in construction of the first Marine airfield on Guam.

He was serving as Commanding Officer, Marine Corps Air Station, El Toro (Santa Ana), California, when relieved from active duty several weeks ago.

Colonel Ridderhof is residing with his family at 1791 Palm Drive, Temple Hills, Laguna Beach, California.

President Assures USMC On Safety

President Truman stated last week, April 26, that there was no foundation to reports that the U. S. Marine Corps was in danger of being abolished. He was backed by the Senate Armed Services Committee, which joined in with a tentative vote to bar any actual merger of the armed forces.

Secretary of Defense Johnson said that there was no move in the national establishment with the intention of transferring Marine and naval aviation to the air force.

He further emphasized this by saying it could not be done under present law anyway.

Marine Corps fears that it would be "lost in the shuffle" were first voiced when the present unification laws was passed in 1947. They were again voiced with the fiery resignation of Secretary of Navy Sullivan, when he expressed his opinion that there would be "a renewed effort to abolish the Marine Corps and to transfer all naval and Marine aviation elsewhere."

Johnson released a statement to Chairman of the Armed Forces Committee, Vinson, denying that there were any plans to transfer marine and naval aviation to other services.

The text of the statement addressed to Vinson read:

"I have been hearing rumors about the transfer of the Marine and naval aviation to some other branch of the service."

"I Under the law this cannot be done."

"It has not been under completion, and from time to time numerous statements have been made by me to that effect."

"3. There are no such studies being carried on in the national military establishment. Further, I want you to know that before any step of this kind would be seriously considered, I should ask permission to discuss the matter before the committees of both houses of Congress."

Marine Sgt. Torner Was 1st Non-flyer To Win The DFC

Airmen do their best to claim a corner of life's weird experiences, and after hearing some of the stories to come out of this last war, due credit must be given them.

But a certain Marine Sergeant claims to be able to mix with the best of them. The Sergeant, Hilmer Torner, had the opportunity to show how a strong-man should really act. And further more, he is able to boast about being the first non-pilot ever to win the Distinguished Flying Cross.

Back in 1932, he was flying as a passenger in a commercial plane. Upon reaching San Diego, the pilot suddenly became ill and collapsed over the controls. Having no co-pilot, the plane went off into a spin. Torner, who had never piloted a plane before, quickly made his way to the controls and pulled

the pilot out of his seat.

He then began to fly around awhile getting the idea of things, and then landed the ship undamaged. Braking the plane to a halt, he calmly cut the engines and began at once to give the pilot first aid, about whose health he had been rather worried.

—Science Illustrated

Station Theatre

Tonight 1800-2030
Younger Brother
 Wayne Morris - Janis Paige

Saturday 1800-2030
Champion
 Kirk Douglas - Marilyn Maxwell

Sunday 1300
Crusaders
 Loretta Young - Henry Wilcox

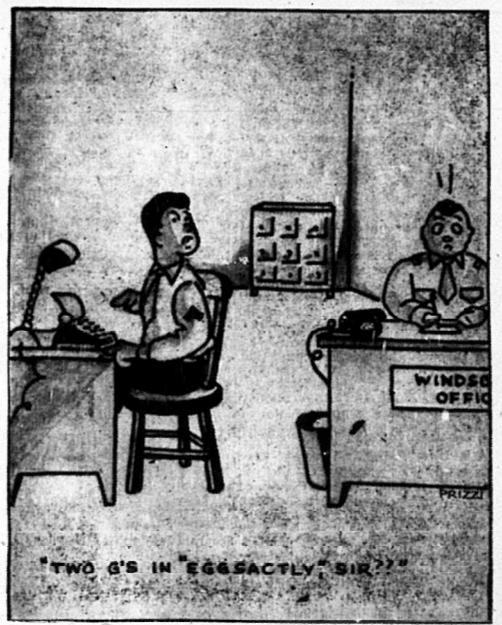
Sunday 1800-2030
We Were Strangers
 Jennifer Jones - John Garfield

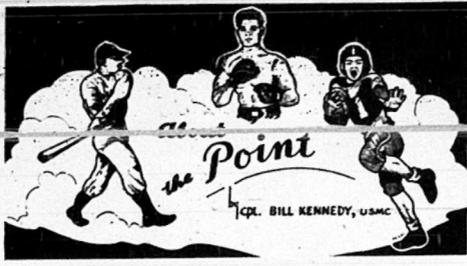
Monday 1800-2030
Reign Of Terror
 Robert Cummings - Arlene Dahl

Tuesday 1800-2030
Edward My Son
 Spencer Tracy - Deborah Kerr

Wednesday 1800-2030
Manhandled
 Dorothy Lamour
 Sterling Hayden

Thursday 1800-2030
Red Stallion Of The Rockies
 Arthur Franz - Jean Heather





Golf, a sport rapidly increasing in popularity "About The Point," is starting to steal the limelight from other summer activities here, as far as base interest and participation are concerned. Club Professional Bill Parker and his staff of assistants out at the course have gone to great lengths in remodeling the links and deserve a "pat on the back" for their untiring efforts.

The eighteen hole greens are as rough as they come. Numerous sand traps, clusters of trees and small hills would themselves into an effective pattern that provides an interesting challenge for all who play the course. A by-product of this arrangement, of course, is a qualified group of golfers, ready to run through any links with desirable results.

Thirty-two qualified for Intramural Golf out of a numerous list of candidates, which speaks well for spectator and player interest. About 150 souls swarm out to the Cherry Point Pro Shop on weekends to draw equipment and cry "Go!" to start an enjoyable afternoon. Average weekly attendance hits approximately 100.

The course is also offering lots of practice time to the Cherry Point Golf team, which spends many hours in qualifying trials there. Playing at home, the divoters won a nifty victory over East Carolina Teacher's College recently. Camp Lejeune is expected to arrive for a match around May 25.

A popular standby always, Golf is recognized and encouraged at Cherry Point. Those who enjoy the game have a fine opportunity to try their hand at one of the top summer sports here.

LIPPY PONES A QUESTION

Leo Durocher, unintentionally may be used as a guide toward governing the future conduct of many fans in the ball parks, a current diamond eyesore.

The Lip's latest escapade, bringing a temporary suspension but a good deal of popular sympathy from sports-fans and spectators alike, unwearied the problem. Of course, Leo was acquitted of the charge—namely hopping a burster on the bus after a recent Glendale-Douglas game in the mad melee for souvenirs that followed the clash.

Though Leo was acquitted, the club owners weren't! Commissioner "Happy" Chandler ordered them to start "cleaning house" and prevent the hoodlum and ruff-raff element from pouring onto the field, snatching for souvenirs and making a general nuisance of themselves. Stronger protective measures, according to Chandler, constitute a "must" and prevalent throughout major and minor league circuits.

A baseball player is paid to play ball. Many times he doesn't live up to the expectations of some (or most) and vocal chastisement lends color to the proceedings. No one minds to a certain extent, for players have come to accept minor imitations on their ego as part of the sport. However, the player not his family; friends and personal history is on the field. Several fans have jumped athletes for things outside the bounds of decency, not remotely connected with the contest. A guy on the field can't fight. He can't slip down a creek in sheep's clothing who masquerades as a "true sportsman" and shouts his diatribe from behind the protection of a snug grandstand hideaway. This kind of character is noted for a big mouth and two fast legs.

As in Leo's case, several spectators persist in pouring onto the diamond to maul the players for keepsakes. In some parks, like the Polo Grounds, the ebullient ones are situated beyond the outfield and "hurry home" enjoy ample opportunity to give the unfortunate base ballers a thorough mistaking. Many a sincere fan, wishing only to congratulate a favorite, doesn't realize he is only adding to the mob scene.

Leo Durocher probably lacks the wisdom of Plato, Socrates and Aristotle. Yet the "Lip" has become the unwitting instrument of teaching baseball moguls who pilot the "Great American Game" that players are human and deserve the same rights and consideration as fans who attend the "big" athletic contest—not a minor version of "Revolution Incorporated."

Spring Football Ends Tomorrow

Tomorrow, four weeks of spring football practice will conclude when Captain John "Jake" Sloan puts his charges through their final practice. The pigskinners will rest until August 15, when drills open for the 1949 "Flyer" grid eleven.

By testing potential standout material, Captain Sloan has gained valuable insight into the offensive and defensive ability of many of his future charges. One hundred and thirty-six candidates applied for football tops at spring practice opening, but rough scrimmages and absences have leveled the squad to an average of approximately sixty.

Several weaknesses, noted by Sloan, will be up for correction during regular football training in August. The griders are lacking in stamina and tackles. Bobby Ebert, a rugged center, is one of the stars whom Sloan is counting on to outwork next season's club. Ed L. A. Wright is another 1949 potentiality.

"The backfield has been one of the stronger points of the spring practice club. Last year the newcomers were a welcome sight at Dan Thomopoulos and W. G. Anderhalback posts. Four contestants for the fullback position have displayed promise, but quarterbacks are still in demand.

As far as enthusiasm and spirit are concerned, Captain Sloan stated

Lt. Beach To El Toro

Lt. William L. Beach will relinquish his duties as head baseball coach around June 7 when he leaves Cherry Point and reports to El Toro for his next duty tour. His probable successor as head of the diamond organization will be Lt. John P. Baden, currently acting as assistant coach with the club.

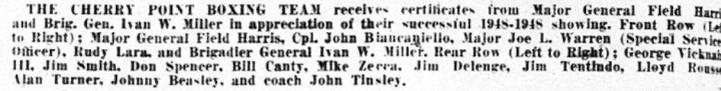
Lt. Beach, who took over the reins of "Flyer" baseball destiny last year, is attached to the Ground Control Approach Unit in addition to handling the flycatchers.

GCA GUIDES NAVY AIRLIFT FLIGHTS

SEA: Much of the credit for safe landings of airplanes engaged in the Berlin airlift can go to six Navy ground controlled approach (GCA) crews now operating in Germany.

Six officers and 34 enlisted men make up the six crews who assist in guiding the heavily laden planes to safe landings. The crews formerly were stationed at naval air stations in Squantum, Mass. and Willow Grove, Pa.

ed his cohorts showed more willingness to learn football fundamentals than any other team he's coached at Cherry Point.



THE CHERRY POINT BOXING TEAM receives certificates from Major General Harris and Brig. Gen. Ivan W. Miller in appreciation of their successful 1948-1949 showing. Front Row (Left to Right): Major General Field Harris, Cpl. John Biancagnello, Major Joe L. Warren (Special Services Officer), Rudy Lara, and Brigadier General Ivan W. Miller. Rear Row (Left to Right): George Vicknair, Bill J. Smith, Dan Sawyer, Bill Gandy, Mike Zeeva, Jim DeLange, Jim Tentado, Lloyd Rouse, Alan Turner, Johnny Beasley, and coach John Tinsley.

Lara, Bianc Head For San Francisco

On Monday, Johnny Tinsley will escort two of his star boxing attractions to San Francisco, Cal., where they will undergo intensive workouts for the All-Navy Boxing finals to be held there during the week of May 22.

Johnny, making the trip as a handler, will enjoy the pleasure of watching Rudy Lara and Johnny Biancagnello take a crack at the coveted All-Navy Boxing crown. Both won their division titles in Charleston's South-Central Naval tournament recently. In addition to a station in the 12th Naval District prior to the bouts, which will be held in Oakland, Cal.

Eight top-notch teams of boxers will be entered in the affair. These clubs will come from Naval and Marine Corps activities throughout the world and should comprise the best the Navy has to offer in the way of bristling Eliminations will be on a team basis, similar to the Sixth Naval and South-Central tournaments. Team prizes and individual trophies will be offered.

Biancagnello will battle in the Lightweight class while Lara is set to take on Featherweight challengers.

Pointers Have Six Baseball Jousts This Coming Week

Cherry Point's baseball team is due for a busy schedule starting tomorrow, when Fort Meyer, Va., invades the "Flyer" den for a regularly listed contest. Home games will be played Sunday, May 15, against Camp Lee, and Tuesday, May 17, against Langley Field, Va. The Langley Field and Camp Lee clashes will be MESC conference affairs.

Chincoteague will complete the home cycle, opposing the Marines in a pair of local engagements next Thursday and Friday. The "Flyers" are planning to break up the week with a trip to Shaw Field for an away battle with the Shaw Air Force club, May 15.

Cherry Point's MESC list will be especially large during the next couple months while the circuit is in operation. Teams composing the league include Cherry Point, Camp Lejeune, Norfolk Naval Base, Norfolk NAS, Little Creek, Fort Monroe, Camp Lee and Langley Field. Conference hostilities should end about the first of July.

Home starting games are scheduled for 143 in the afternoon.

'Fighting Flyers' Wind Up Current Boxing Campaign

The Cherry Point "Fighting Flyers" have suspended shop for a remainder of the 1948-1949 season. The campaign closed with the "two-team" participation in the Charleston Sixth Naval District show at Charleston recently. Only gloves still in action are Rudy Lara and Johnny Biancagnello, presently engaged in a bit of extra-curricular activity in San Francisco.

No more boxing is listed until next October. However, the pugilist will start formation of a club in September and undergo workout drills for next year's competition.

Several attractions previously planned, had been cancelled. For Jackson's "Red Devil" team wants a return engagement at the South Carolina post in June, but the date was washed off the books.

Cherry Point's current season started in October, 1948, when the "Fighting Flyers" split a home and-home series with Quantico leather artists. Following Quantico the fighters placed second in the Savannah Amateur Tournament of Champions, held in Savannah, Ga. on Nov. 15 and 16. Following the Savannah jaunt, the Tinsleys paired even in a home-and-home struggle with Fort Bragg's 2nd Airborne outfit and halted for the Christmas holidays.

January saw the Cherry Point sweep at Burlington, Charlotte and Greenville, S. C. At Burlington and Greenville, the club placed second while boxers Don Spencer and Rudy Lara earned a trip to Boston as members of the Carolina A. A. U. by winning division title at the Greenville bouts.

February was a busy month as Quantico edged out the "Fighting Flyers," 21-20, for top point honors at Greensboro. However, the Cherry Pointers reached their peak in the middle of the month when the Golden Glove title at Charleston in winning the locals sent Johnny Biancagnello and Jim DeLange to New York for the Eastern Final where Biancagnello dropped a close verdict service contemporaries, including the famed 82nd Airborne.

Against top-flight national competition in Boston, the "Flyer" team progressed further in the National AAU finals than any of its service contemporaries, who included the famed 82nd Airborne.

After the HU scraps, the Cherry Pointers rested until the All-Navy show. In-between their tourney dates, the Tinsleys battled Little Creek and Fort Jackson in team matches.

Lecturer: "Of course you all know what the inside of a capsule is like."

Chairman interrupting: "Most of us do, but you had better explain for the benefit of them who has never been inside one."

State's Attorney: "Are you sure this is the man who stole your car last Thursday?"

Much befuddled plaintiff: "Well, I was, but now after all this cross-examining I'm not sure I even owned a car."

INTRAMURAL SPORTS

SAILBOAT RACING

Sailboat Racing preliminaries will be held on June 5. On June 19, the Sailboat Racing finals are scheduled. The sport is open to all persons possessing a skipper's permit, Novice and Intermediate. All entries must be in the Station Drill Hall Athletic office by June 2, and there will be a skipper's meeting at Mitchell Park on June 5 at 1315 to discuss race rules and regulations. All boats will be drawn from Mitchell Park at 1230 the day the racing is listed for. At least two men will be required in each boat and all entrants will report to Mitchell Park at 1230, June 5.

SWIMMING

Intramural swimming completed its first series of events on May 4, at 1500 in Combat Training Pool No. 2. After the splashes and sprints, board artists completed a full afternoon of competition. Hqs-24 won the first leg with 38 points. Hqs-MCAS and MACG-1 tied for second place honors with 30 points. VMP-224 placed third, scoring 29. VMP-252 came fourth, with 18. AES-46 placed fifth, netting 11, and VMP-223 finished sixth with 3.

These meets will compose the race for the Intramural crown. The second occurs on May 25, and series number three is slated for June 2. Winner of the five CG Cup points will be decided by the holder of the highest aggregate point total for all three meets.

TRACK

Intramural Track started with a meet May 11. Track meets on May 16 and 18 were slated to follow with the Intramural winner being crowned on the basis of the highest aggregate point total for the three events.

HANDBALL

VMP-252 seemed poised for a last minute seizure of the Handball championship from VMP (N)-531. The "Commandos" had a game to play with Hqs-2 after the regular season closed, meaning thirty possible points for three victories. By winning only 20 of the 30 point total, the 252 athletes would insure victory. VMP (N)-531 held (Continued on P. 7)

First Lejeune Game Cancelled

The first in a two game series between Camp Lejeune and Cherry Point's baseball lines cancelled Wednesday. However, there was a good chance that the second clash would come off as slated yesterday afternoon at 1700 at Camp Lejeune.

INTRAMURAL

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first place with 120 points. Hqsq-MCAS and VMR-252 were tied for second spot with 110 apiece while AES-46 came fourth with 100.

TENNIS
Latest tennis totals found VMR-252 in front with 110 points. MAGG-1 and VMF-461 were tied for second with 100 while Hedron-2 acquired 90. Finals were listed for last week.

GOLF
VMF-223 won the Intramural Golf crown, leaving only the finals between Pfc. Haley, MWSS-2, and the winner of the Gilbert-Aisly match on the books. VMF-223 took the five CG Cup points with 20 markers Hqsq-MCAS netted second with 5 points and MWSS-2 seemed assured of third place with six, not including another possible marker for a triumph by Pfc. Haley in the finals.

RESUME
As far as GG Trophy Points went, the decline of AES-46 and the rise of both Hqsq-MCAS and VMR-252 were important factors. The Engineers had no chance for either first, second, or third place in handball, tennis, or golf. On the other hand Hqsq-MCAS acquired 20 points for second place in golf, should VMR-252 fail to overtake or tie the VMF (N)-531. Hqsq-MCAS would receive a tie and possible playoff chance for second spot in handball. If not, they would have a marker for winding up third.

VMR-252 also roared back with a vengeance. The "Commandos" were leading in Tennis and in a favorite position to capture the handball crown, giving them ten possible points and putting them well back in the race.

With both Hqsq-MCAS and VMR-252 capable of fielding good swimming and track organizations, AES-46 was trying to preserve their point lead, rapidly being whittled down at the end of this week.

Time, however, was still on the side with only three more sports yet to be completed. These are swimming, track and handball.

Conductor: "Next station is Long Wait Junction. Change for March Chink, Squeedunk, Quak-ke and Podunk. Hokendagua, Palsagua, Meevannaqua and Tannaqua."
New brakeman (at rear of car): "And the same at this end."

Waiter: "Well, what's wrong with the tea? You said you wanted weak, didn't you?"
Diner: "Weak, yes, but not help-

Bridge Tender Catches 72 Blues With Chicken Bones Left From Lunch

Morehead City, N. C.—Best fishing story of the week here in Morehead City was the one about the bridge tender who caught a school of bluefish passing by and how he caught 72 of them with leftovers from a chicken dinner he had just eaten.

Sam Willis was the bridge tender and his job is to open the draw on the span which connects Morehead City and Atlantic Beach when signalled to do so by the skippers of boats passing through the Intra-Coastal Waterway.

He sighted the fish just as he quit gnawing the flesh from a chicken bone. It was a tremendous school and the water was so clear he could easily recognize them as blues. What to do in order to catch some of the fish was a problem for only a moment. Bridge Tender Willis had a rod and reel but no lures for blues. So what did he do?

He adjusted one of the chicken bones left over from lunch, on the shank of a hook and cast it overboard. The tide was running strong so the effect of trolling was created as the chicken bone swished along with the tide. The effect of a small bait fish was also presented and that is what attracted first one and then many more bluefish to the lure until the final score for Bridge Tender Willis was 72 fish and they weighed up to one and half pounds each.

The blues from which Sid Willis made such an excellent catch were in the first school to show up in the Morehead City area this year. Since then, however, school after school of the blues have been sighted, especially near the Inlet, off Shackleford Banks and in Cape Lookout Light. Every party of anglers going trolling since Bridge Tender Willis opened the season with an unusual catch have brought in the blues—and they have been averaging a good size.

Teacher: "William, construct a sentence using the word 'archaic'."
William: "We can't have archaic and eat it too."

Gate Sentry: "Halt. Who goes there?"
Voice from the darkness: "You wouldn't know me—I just got here yesterday."

Night Club Show

The City Recreation Department of New Bern is sponsoring a Night Club Show to be held Saturday, 21 May. Rehearsals will be held on 17 May at 2030 Daylight Saving Time.

An invitation has been extended to the personnel of Cherry Point. Any talent from the base will be greatly appreciated. To complete the show, the following talent is needed:

Singers: a quartet; a tap dancer; and any instrument soloist.
All interested personnel are asked to call 5183 during working hours.



MARINE CAPTAIN STEVE WARREN took Miss Mary Latham of Corpus Christi, Texas, as his bride at a simple ceremony at the Station Chapel at 1800 on May 4th. With Commander W. W. Winters, Station Chaplain officiating.
Capt. Warren is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Warren of Marshall, Texas. Mrs. Warren prior to her marriage was Miss Mary Latham daughter of Mrs. Pearl Latham of 1105 Brownlee Blvd., Corpus Christi, Texas.



FROM THE CAMP LEJEUNE "GLOBE"

VMO-1 MAN COMMENDED FOR ACTION AT ROOSEVELT ROADS ON RECENT ATLANTIC FLEET EXERCISES: Pfc Joseph Manning of Marine Observation Squadron One, was awarded a Letter of Commendation at presentation ceremonies at Peterfield, Camp Lejeune, N. C. for saving another Marine's life and extinguishing a fire at Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico, during the recent Atlantic Fleet Exercises. The Commendation was signed by MajGen. Field Harris, Commanding General, AirFMFlant and 2nd M. A. W.

VARISITY NINE SPLITS FIRST HOME DOUBLE HEADER, 6-0, 3-6. Camp Lejeune's Baseball Team whitewashed the Henderson Hall Marines six to nothing in the opener of a twin bill to celebrate their first home game of the season. Our heroes' rally in the nightcap fell short as rain, washout the game in the eighth, found Lejeune on the small end of a six to five count.

LEJEUNE TRACK SQUAD TO FORM FOR ALL-MARINE MEETS: A varsity track team will be organized at Camp Lejeune for the purpose of competing in the Second Annual All-Marine Corps Track Meet at Quantico on the 10th and 11th of June, 1949.

FROM THE QUANTICO "SENTRY"

TABLET UNVEILING: Ceremonies of the unveiling of a Memorial Tablet, dedicated to the late MajGen. George Barnett, former Commandant of the Marine Corps, took place on May 5, 1949 at 5 P. M. This ceremony commemorated the acquisition of the Marine Reservation at Quantico, Va. The Commandant of the Marine Corps, Gen Clifton B. Cates, attended the ceremonies, and delivered an address.

HOLLINGSWORTH TIES RECORD AS THINCLADS WHIPS WEST CHESTER: The Quantico Marine Thinclads turned the tables on West Chester State Teachers College trackmen at West Chester, Pa., 67-13 to 58-2-3. Marine Conor Hollingsworth tied the 220 yard low hurdles record set at Wayne Field in 1943, with a time of 0:24.8. Hollingsworth tied for first in the pole vault and took first in the 120 yard high hurdles, the high jump, and the broad jump.

FROM THE SAN DIEGO "CHEVRON"

TTU-HAMS, CHEVRON COOPERATE TO MAKE MOTHER'S DAY "TELE-RADIO" CALLS POSSIBLE: Over twenty recruits from Platoons nine and ten here in the Recruit Depot talked to their parents on Mother's Day over one of the most unusual hookup systems ever sponsored by a unit newspaper. The Chevron sponsored "call home day" for Marine recruits was made possible through the cooperation of the Troop Training Unit radio section and "ham" radio station operators around the states.

LOCAL NINE SINKS S. D. JUNIORS 11-3: Bouncing off a 7-1 drubbing at the hands of the Camp Pendleton nine the day before the "Devildogs" thoroughly trounced a haphazard squad from San Diego Junior College 11-3 on the local diamond May 4.

FROM THE EL TORO "FLIGHT JACKET"

5 LOCAL GYRENS WILL COMPETE IN MC RIFLE MATCHES: Five El Toro Leathernecks will fire in the All-Marine Corps rifle matches June 8 at Quantico, Va. It was announced by Maj. Howard A. Rudy York, officer-in-charge of the First Wing team which recently wound up Western Division competition at Camp Matthews.

THREE EL TOROGRIDDERS ARE ON THE 1948 FLEET MARINE FORCE ALL-STAR ELEVEN: It was announced by Pacific Headquarters, Halfback Al Carntichael, fullback Denzel "Red" Eaton and guard Fred Owens were the locals who made the grade along with eight other Leathernecks from the West Coast and entire Pacific area.

FROM THE "PENDLETON SCOUT"

COMBAT READINESS DISPLAYED BY FIRST MARINE DIVISION: Units of the 1st Marine Division reinforced by the Marine Barracks—some 7,000 strong—and trained to the highest peak of military efficiency demonstrated their state of readiness to hundreds of spectators in the Marine Corps' greatest post-war combat review at Camp Pendleton's airstrip on April 28.

VMF-461 Pilot Marries Former Cherry Pt. Nurse

Ensign Virginia Chisholm USN (NC), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chisholm of Lowell Massachusetts, former nurse here at Cherry Point became the bride of 1st Lt. James McDaniel, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. McDaniel of Pasadena, California. Lt. McDaniel is presently attached to VMF-461.

The ceremony took place last Saturday afternoon at 2:00 P. M. at the Rectory of Saint Michaels Church, Lowell, Mass. The service was attended only by the immediate members of both families and was followed by a reception for family and friends at the home of the bride's parents.

The bride was attended by her sister and Lt. John F. Kelley USMC, also of VMF-461 attended as Lt. McDaniel's best man.

The couple left immediately after the reception for a short trip. They will return to Cherry Point on the 21st of May and reside in the Havelock Park Development.

New Clothing Regs For Enlisted Men

In accordance with a Marine Corps memorandum dated April 9, 1949, certain articles of clothing will cease to be considered individual clothing issue, and will be designated as organizational property.

These articles of clothing are: (a) green, wool, Blankets, (b) cloth covered, fiber, Helmets, (c) Field Jackets, (M1943), (d) green Leggings and Laces, and (e) green canvas Leggings. However, allowances of these articles will remain unchanged.

All enlisted men with any of this gear will be required to turn it in, and their clothing record slips corrected accordingly. However, if any enlisted man requires any of this gear in performance of his duty, he is allowed to keep it in his possession, turning it in to his organization after he no longer needs it.

New Dictionary Has 15,000 New English Words

Springfield, Mass. (AFPS)—The people who think they know everything in the dictionary will have at least 15,000 new words in the English language to study when the new addition of Webster's Collegiate Dictionary rolls off the press.

Many of the new words were born of World War II, while other words have acquired new meanings.

Some of the new words, reported by Dr. Hubert Kelsey, one of the editors, include Cominform, pip (from its use in radar), zero zero and schnorkel.

"Cold," as in cold war, party line and iron curtain (the latter contributed by Winston Churchill, wartime Prime Minister of Great Britain) are also in the edition.

The editors declared that slang has faced a long and hard campaign for recognition but wolf, has a new meaning—as when a person whistles.

"Don't you think that new saxophonist plays very moré music?"
"He sure does. The first day he moved into the neighborhood, three families moved out."

\$100 HOLDUP

New York, N. Y. (SEA)—April 1949 marked the 100th anniversary of the birth of that indispensable household item, the modern safety pin. Production last year reached an estimated 500 billion pins. In 1849, Walter Hunt, the Brooklyn inventor who designed and patented the twisted and pointed wire gadget, shortly thereafter sold his rights in the device for \$100.



"WE'LL HAVE TO REDUCE THE SPEED LIMITS TO 15, SIR! THERE'S NO CUSTOMERS AT 20!"

VMF-461, Cherry Point's 'Nomads', Tell Of Year's Activities

By Lt. M. A. Hill

During the past year, Marine Fighter Squadron 461 has done its

slogan, "Join the Marine Corps and see the world." After a short qualification cruise on the USS Palau in May, Major D. F. Frame, squadron skipper, led twenty-four F4U's from VMF-461, to Grrosse Isle, Michigan, for a carrier demonstration for the American Ordnance Association. The flight was in formation via Atlanta, St. Louis, and Detroit; the flight passed without incidents. Leaving June 6, the flight home via Akron, Ohio, was highlighted by bad weather and 1st Lt. Dick Peacock's Barrel Vision Landing at Charleston West Virginia. Lt. Jack Kelly saved the day in this case when he talked Peacock into the strange field for a perfect landing.

Immediately upon return to Cherry Point, the Squadron began an intensive program of Field Carrier Landing practice under the tutelage of our LSO, Captain Franklin C. Thomas. The planes took off at sunrise and secured at sunset. This, together with gunnery, bombing, and rocket hops, got everyone in shape for the coming cruise.

On August 16th, Lt. M. A. Hill and the forward echelon of Flight-461, boarded the USS Palau with squadron equipment, and put to sea for a short cruise, qualifying Second Wing pilots. On August 25th, the rest of the squadron came aboard and the Palau headed for South Portland, Maine. During the trip up the coast, all the squadron pilots made at least two landings for qualification.

While anchored at Portland, VMF-461 furnished details for the Civilian parade and acted as escorts aboard ship for visitors.

Leaving Portland on August 28, the Palau headed south for the Caribbean and maneuvers in that area. The second day out of Portland, the ship ran into a hurricane and encountered high velocity winds and a pitching sea for the next five days. During the storm the planes were washed to the deck and many of the men were tied into their sacks.

From high winds to no winds, and tactics of Guantanamo Bay on September 14th, 461 aircraft took flight for high coast intercept, attack and navigation problems. Bombing, rocketing, and strafing runs were also made on a spot towed by the ship. The ship put into the Naval base at Guantanamo Bay each evening and all personnel except the watch enjoyed liberty, such as it was. At least it gave the men a chance to stretch their legs after the long confinement of aloft.

On October 1st, Eskimo broke the routine of operations on the last training flight when during a gunnery run he "passed out" and started swooping around overhead. He was awakened by the quick thinking of 1st Lt. Jim McDaniel, who jumped up on him and persuaded him to open his cockpit. After getting Fischer

to pull out, McDaniel turned control over to Lt. Jack Kelly, who landed at McCalla Field.

This, for the second time, Kelly assisted in the landing of a badly handicapped pilot, who otherwise would not have made it. The Training Command Inspectors gave the Squadron's Engineering Section a rating of "Excellent" as a reward for the better than 98% availability during the entire cruise. The Squadron shared with the ship in receiving a "Very Good" for the overall operations. This was the high mark for Carrier Operations from the Training Command up to that date.

No one was sorry to leave the Caribbean and head north on September 27th. On October 1st, all the squadron aircraft got airborne and headed for Cherry Point, followed in the afternoon by the remainder of the squadron, who were airlifted from Norfolk to Cherry Point by VMR-252.

The squadron had just about located its new working area and other spare when orders were received to be back on the Palau with all hands. On October 10, they weighed anchor for a week's cruise off New York harbor as a carrier demonstration for Public Information personnel, returning to Cherry Point in a mass flight of twenty-four planes.

On October 17th, a ten day readying period was given before 461 again went aboard the Palau on October 27th. This time to cruise to the Caribbean as part of the Atlantic Fleet Maneuvers. The Palau was attached to the "Show" task force and Fighting 461 worked as an anti-submarine unit for the ten days enroute to Argentina, New Zealand. They maintained a continuous patrol of four planes as anti-submarine search and four planes as Standard Air Patrol.

VMF-461 protected the task force during daylight hours. On November 4th, Lt. Jim Turner made the first contact with an "enemy" sub and was given credit for the "kill." Within the hour, both Major Ramlo and Lt. Kelly sighted other subs, and Lt. Kelly making two for the squadron, the only two made by aircraft of the task force. On November 26th, 461 furnished air support for the landing teams of the Eighth Marines.

Upon completion of the maneuvers, the Palau anchored in Argentina and the officers and men of 461 spent the days in formal parties. Lt. Dean Caswell read the Marine Message, Birthday Message, and the "Bill Horn" on the message rolled over the harbor, illuminated the rails of all surrounding vessels, making a very impressive scene.

SSgt. Barrel Baked a large cake which was the general mess. Major Frame and the other personnel went ashore to the Naval Station where parties and songs were held in the various



"PILOTS MAN YOUR PLANES"—VMF-461 pilots coming out of cat walk "on the double" to man planes on flight deck, during cruise on carrier FDR.

Service Clubs

On November 12th, the Palau got underway way for Halifax, Nova Scotia to pick up the original "heavier than air" craft, the "Kitty Hawk." Enroute to Halifax, extremely high winds and seas were encountered, with the green water pouring over the flight deck and the wind recording instruments up against the "stops." During the two day visit in Halifax, Engineer 461 was the guest of the Canadian Navy, which performed the duty in an outstanding manner. Social parties were held for the officers and dances for the men. There wasn't a dull moment for anyone. The "Kitty Hawk" was hoisted aboard and we sailed for New York in very rough weather.

Docking at Bayonne, New Jersey, the "Kitty Hawk" was unloaded with 461 furnishing the Honor Guard. The Palau immediately put to sea and the next morning launched all aircraft for Cherry Point. The rest of the squadron was airlifted back to Cherry Point by VMR-252, and arrived in time to celebrate Thanksgiving at home. 461 was awarded an "Outstanding" by the Commander of the Atlantic Fleet for its performance of duty during this period. During December, many of 461's personnel got home for the holidays on much delayed leaves.

On December 27th, we flew our planes up to Norfolk where they were hoisted aboard the USS Midway. On the 3rd of January, all men and officers of the squadron were flown to Norfolk by VMR-252, and went aboard the Midway, which sailed on the 4th for Gibraltar and other Mediterranean ports. Operating as CAP strike groups, and interceptors, we flew our way across the Atlantic from our floating airfield. During this voyage, we almost lost Lt. Emil Skoopool when his engine quit on the take off and his plane splashed upon hitting the water. Skoopool freed himself from the submerged plane just in time to hold to the surface and catch the prows of the Midway squarely in the groups to sail under the starboard side of the carrier and miraculously missed the ship's screws. He was picked up by a helicopter and returned to the Midway where he was carried back by badly hurt and suffering, and was later discharged to Cherry Point via the USS Roosevelt.

After leaving Norfolk on the 21st of January, VMF-461 conducted maneuvers in conjunction with British, American, and Canadian forces. We saw the sights of the history, but we were very close to it as the planes prevented landings of the Japanese. Major Ramlo and then the Italian "Boat" to Naples. The Italian liberty of the air was shown in Cannes, France, during a week of aircraft racing during which Lt. Leo Skoopool made the 10,000 mile round trip. We returned to Norfolk on February 1st, and then flew to Atlantic City on February 15th. We saw an eye to eye with the sea and was a day late in arriving back off the

coast of Norfolk, all aircraft of 461 got airborne and headed for Cherry Point where they landed without mishap on March 3rd. All through March and April, we have been aboard either the Midway or the Roosevelt every weekend, conducting demonstration flying. During the week the pilots took routine training in instruments and qualified in bombing and gunnery.

During April we lost several old hands including Lt. Dean Caswell, who made the 390th landing aboard the Palau in November. Jack Kelly, Sully Sullivan, and Dick Peacock. They have been replaced by new men who are already well qualified for squadron carrier work.

As with any other team, no one part can function without the complete support of all the members. This was never truer than in the case of 461. It has been the untiring efforts of the engineering crews under TSgt. Danny Charron, plane captains headed by MSgt. Toscano, Material, procuring parts and taking care of equipment, directed by Sgt. Billy Pierce, sick bay under Dr. Dale and several corpsmen from the Cherry Point Dispensary; and the living quarters kept clean and livable by SSgt. Benny Jeans. This, together with the long hours put in by the administrative section under the whiphand of Sgt. Major Russ Hedron, has attained the result of a smooth functioning organization under the observing eye of our leading chief, MSgt. Joe Nesmit.

Each and every man of the squadron deserves credit for keeping it in perfect motion, from the clerical stewards in the wards, to the night working engineering section.

Although the greater part of the year has been spent away from Cherry Point and our families, we feel that the record of VMF-461 is well worth the sacrifice. During the year each pilot has averaged over 200 hours in the air and has made over 10 carrier landings. This totals over 600 flying hours and 1650 carrier landings for 461. During this time, there has been no fatalities and only one crash-landing aboard ship.

And as the old leave, so the new step in to fill their place. Major Orvin H. Ramlo, who has been our operations officer through the past year, moves into the CO's chair and takes up the reins of the squadron. Major Ramlo has various experiences behind him, starting with the Battle of Midway, where he and other Marine flyers did stormous damage to the Japanese. For his participation in this battle he was awarded the Navy Cross. He later fought at Guadalcanal and Okinawa. Major Ramlo came to 461 from the Training Command at Pensacola, where he was regimental Commander, and handled the greater part of the administration of Carrier Training

WAVE: "Do you read movie magazines?" WAF: "Only when I go to the dentist clinic. You know, I had 6 teeth pulled in the last two weeks." WAVE: "I didn't know you were having trouble with your teeth?" WAF: "I wasn't but I wanted to finish an article I was reading."

Marine Aviator Carries Bullet In Back Eight Years

Lt. Col. Herbert C. Freuler, executive officer of MAG-12 at Toronto, was surprised last week to learn that he has been carrying two 7.7 mm Japanese machine gun bullets in his back for the past eight years.

Dr. Robert King made the discovery when the veteran Marine aviator reported to the Station Dispensary for a routine chest X-ray.

Col. Freuler was wounded while participating in the defense of Wake Island in 1941, but a medical examination at the time gave no indication the bullets were still in his body.

Local medical authorities stated that the bullets probably never bothered him and very likely will never have to be removed. Freuler, who was a prisoner of the Japanese for more than two years following the fall of Wake Island, was not aware that he was carrying the two slugs until his back.

Stardust Gazer



Wearing an orchid-trimmed bathing suit, Chicago's Pat Morrison is in good position for gazing, and incidentally to catch someone else's gaze. She's a contender for the "Miss Stardust of 1949" title, given annually to the nation's most photogenic girl.



"WE SHOULD AT LEAST TELL HIM HE GOT COOKIES FROM HIS FOLKS, SO HE CAN WRITE AND THANK THEM!"