

The Commissary Store will be closed for inventory on Friday, 30 December, 1949, and will reopen for business on Tuesday, 3 January, 1950.

# THE WIND SOCK

The sale of safety shoes in the civilian cafeteria will be temporarily discontinued over the Christmas holiday season until Jan. 6th. Last day of sale this year is Dec. 16th.

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23 December 1949

## LTCol. Merchant Bids VMF-212 Adieu LTCol. Flater Takes Over As New CO

In a brief ceremony in the squadron office on December 20, LtCol. R. A. Merchant, Jr., Commanding Officer of VMF-212, turned over his command to LtCol. M. E. Flater.

A native of Bloomfield, Ind., Colonel Flater entered the Marine Corps in July of 1939. He attended the Marine Corps Basic School at Philadelphia, Pa., and upon graduation in 1940, saw duty aboard the USS Yorktown.

In May of '42, he attended the Harvard and M. I. T. schools of Radar Engineering, and later the school of airborne radar at Corpus Christi, Texas.

Upon completion of his studies, his tour of duty took him to the Russell Islands, and in '44, he was transferred to Headquarters Marine Corps, Washington, D. C., as Electronics Officer, Division of Aviation.

In 1946, the Colonel entered Flight School and earned his wings at Pensacola, Fla. He was then assigned to Cherry Point and assumed duty as Executive Officer of VMF(N)-531, later moving to the Wing U-2, where he was Officer-in-Charge of Marine Corps participation in the Cleveland Air Races, and O-in-C of Air Empire for 1948.

The squadron's former Commanding Officer, LtCol. Merchant, was born in Richmond, Va., and in 1940, upon graduation from the Virginia Military Institute, was commissioned a second Lieutenant in the Marine Corps. Completing basic school at Philadelphia Navy Yard, Philadelphia, Pa., his future assignments saw him pulling duty aboard the USS Phoenix, and participating in the assault and capture of Roi Namur Island in the Marshalls.

Colonel Merchant was later assigned duty as Commanding Officer of the 16th AA Artillery Battalion, and participated in the capture of Okinawa.

In February of 1946, he reported to Corpus Christi, Texas for flight training, and later received his wings in June of '47, at Pensacola, Fla.

Colonel Merchant served as United Nations Observer in Jerusalem, Palestine, and Damascus, Syria. For his outstanding work while on this duty, he was awarded a Letter of Commendation by Brigadier General Riley, USMC, Senior Military Observer, and Chief of Staff to the U. N. Mediator in Palestine.

Colonel Merchant served as Commanding Officer of VMF-212 since Oct., 1945. He is presently serving as S-1 for MAG-14.

## Well-Stuffed Marines and Turkey For Xmas

Cherry Point Marines aboard the station over the Christmas holidays will be well-fed as indicated by the menu now being prepared by cooks of Mess Hall one, three. For Mess Hall one, 100 pounds of turkey and 1500 pounds of ham are being prepared in an estimated 1600 men. Mess Hall three, 1000 pounds of turkey and 500 pounds of ham are being prepared for an estimated 900 men. The rest of the menu will include all the traditional trimmings. And the good news is—mess-men is that they will be served on the 25th so that they can be home for New Year's.



## Christmas Preceded By Yuletide Spirit Filling Every Heart Throughout Station

Within a few days the 1949th anniversary of the birth of Christ will be celebrated throughout the world. Families and friends will gather, and it only for a brief time, minor and major differences will be forgotten. However, many officers and men of the armed services will not be able to join in the yuletide festivities as his fellow citizens will. But with the same spirit displayed during wartime, service personnel will celebrate the holidays in their own manner not losing any of the prevailing spirit.

The Cherry Point Marines that won't be home for Christmas or New Years aren't going to sit in the barracks and brood through the holidays.

Personnel on the base will have at their command numerous recreational activities that will more than bring the true spirit of Christmas to them. As one walks around the base during the evening, gaily decorated Christmas trees in front of many of the barracks, the inspiring cross erected by members of MAG-1 on top of their barracks, and the general humming of carols by base personnel leaves the onlooker without the slightest doubt that the Christmas spirit has arrived aboard the world's largest Marine Corps Air Station.

The yuletide season was officially opened with the official arrival of old "Kris Kringle" at the controls of his new "Banahoe." This immediately brought expressions of joy from children of both Marine and Navy personnel, and was highlighted with a party for all children from one month to twelve years old at the Station Theater. Kiddies of all ages and sizes had the kind of a thrill that comes only once a year when they meet their hero from the North Pole and received presents from him.

Donations totaling over \$1,400 from the Officer's and N. C. O. Clubs, and Special Services, along with much assistance on the part of the Chaplains, and other people too numerous to mention, were responsible for making this annual party a huge success for the children.

On Tuesday, Dec. 20th, the Junior Choir of the Youth Fellowship Club, headed by Chaplain C. S. Pigott, visited the Station Dispensary and serenaded the patients and staff with popular yuletide songs, after which a party was held, and refreshments served.

Christmas eve will find the Gray Ladies Society again visiting the Dispensary and giving a party for patients and staff there, during which an open house will be held, and refreshments served.

## PX Course Deadline Extended Til July Of '50

All officers taking the correspondence course in Bookkeeping and P. X. Accounting have been directed by the Commandant in MarCorps General Order No. 7, dated 9 Dec. '49, to submit a minimum of one lesson per month until the course is completed. The terminal date of Jan. 1, 1949, has been changed to July 1, 1950.

This change of date is in order to evenly distribute the personnel involved in processing the lessons submitted to the Marine Corps.

## Civilian, Service Teen-Age Dance

All teen-age children of Cherry Point service personnel and Havenock civilian personnel are invited to a dance tonight to be held at Marston Pavilion, Camp Lejeune, N. C.

Music for the Christmas dance, scheduled to begin at 2000 and end at 2400, will be provided by the Second Marine Division Band, and refreshments will be served during the evening.

Transportation will be provided by individual arrangement, and anyone planning to drive and has extra space, is requested to inform Mrs. Titus of the Daily Bulletin, telephone 8144. Anyone desiring transportation may call 8144 and efforts will be made to obtain the person a ride.

Dress will be formal or informal, and chaperons will be in attendance throughout the evening.

## O & R HAS HOLIDAY

Having put in a year of hard work for the Marine Corps, civilian workers at the O&R shop are now enjoying their annual holiday vacation.

They are due to report back to work January 3rd. This is the only time during the year the Overhaul and Repair shop closes down completely.

Approximately 1585 civilian personnel are effected by this year's granting of annual leave.

## Commandant's Greeting

To all Marines and the families of Marines everywhere, I extend my personal best wishes for a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Let us hope that the true spirit of Christmas will begin to manifest itself throughout the world and that we will be able to look forward to a new year full of promise.

(Signed) C. B. CATES, General, USMC, Commandant of the Marine Corps

## Holiday Leaves Begin

December 17, 1949 to January 2, 1950 has been designated as the Christmas Leave period. For personnel on this command: All unit commanders have granted leave to their officers and enlisted men in conjunction with the Commanding General's desires to allow as many men as possible on leave at this time.

Fifty percent of the officers and enlisted men are required to be at work each working day, and at least twenty-five percent must be aboard after working hours and on Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays.

## Enlistments Now 4, 6 Years Only

Enlisted personnel may now reenlist in the Marine Corps for a period of six years, Marine Corps Headquarters announced.

This type of enlistment, outlined in the Career Compensation Act of 1949, affords a larger reenlistment compensation to career enlisted personnel.

The effective date was December 13, 1949.

Beginning January 1, all original enlistments will be for a four-year duration only. Present original enlistments are accepted for three or four years.

Also effective January 1, only four and six year reenlistments will be accepted by the Corps, discontinuing the present two and three year reenlistments. Extension of enlistments remains unchanged.

Personnel reenlisting for a period of four years will receive a bonus of \$160, those reenlisting for six years will receive \$360.

## BUM DOPE ON BONUS

The story carried in last week's Windsock under the headline, "Yuletide Bonus," concerning rebates on quarters, was in error. This article was quoted from the Armed Forces Press Service Clip Sheet, dated December 11, 1949.

Personnel are requested to refrain from calling the paymaster's office, pending receipt of further information which will be stated in the Windsock at a later date.

# THE CHERRY POINT WINDSOCK

BRIGADIER GENERAL IVAN W. MILLER COMMANDING  
GENERAL, MARINE CORPS AIR STATION.  
Captain George J. King O-10C

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## THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON, D. C.

Christmas, 1949

To the Armed Forces of the United States:

At this Christmas holiday season, I am privileged to extend to all who wear our country's uniform my heartfelt wishes for continued happiness and good cheer.

Wherever your station or outpost, you are bringing home to peoples among whom you serve a genuine appreciation of your protective mission, designed to insure the preservation of democratic ideals.

Harry Truman.

## European Help Program Is Strong Peace Force

Washington (AFPS)—The United States program for the rehabilitation of Europe is proving to be a stronger peace force than heavily built-up Armed Services, according to Admiral Forrest P. Sherman, Chief of Naval Operations.

Speaking before the membership of the National Press Club here, the Admiral emphasized that the Navy and the other branches of the Armed Forces had accepted the thesis that security was not entirely a matter of a large "force in being," but a problem of striking a balance among forces and having the power to mobilize when necessary.

Admiral Sherman, former commander of the Sixth Task Fleet in the Mediterranean, said that U. S. Naval forces in the Mediterranean had more than justified their existence as a symbol of United States Power. "The farther east you go the warmer is your welcome."

When a carrier puts in to Turkey the Americans, of course, are glad to see the Navy, but the "Turks are even happier."

Admiral Sherman expressed belief that the Navy's forces were unbalanced today, then said that the most pressing problem was deciding what ships to take out of active service.

The Admiral said that he was concerned with the Navy's "weakness in the Pacific," and that he had been going over the means of bolstering the forces there "with the resources available to me."

Declaring that in the "foreseeable future" the Navy would need

## Alaskan Defense Plan Agreed On By Armed Forces

Washington (AFPS)—The Armed Forces have agreed on defense plans to provide "adequate security" for Alaska. Gen. J. Lawton Collins, Army Chief of Staff, announced recently.

Some of the new weapons under study for possible adoption include a 35-ton medium tank, and a heavy tank weighing over 50 tons. A new type light tank and an anti-aircraft gun with radar aiming device, known as "skysweep," will be ready for delivery soon, the General revealed.

A new type of rifle has been developed which may replace the Garand M-1. General Collins added, "Discussing airborne troop movements, General Collins said they undoubtedly would play an important role in any future war, but need more development."

substantially the same things it needed in the past but in different form. Admiral Sherman said that "the future will find a greater part of Naval power devoted to defeating, the submarine, directly or indirectly."

## Brothers Serving Together Second Time in 24 Years

When CWO Ernest W. Needham reported in at Cherry Point on September 2, 1949, it marked the second time in 24 years of Marine Corps service he has been at the same duty station with his brother, CWO E. C. Needham.

Edward enlisted in the Marine Corps on October 23, 1924, and received his recruit training at the Marine Corps Base, San Diego, Calif., completing in time to make the Australian cruise aboard the battleship USS Pennsylvania. Returning from the cruise, he related some of his colorful experiences to his brother Ernest, and, on October 25, 1925, he too began his career in the Corps.

After recruit training, Ernest, was assigned to sea duty, serving aboard the Flagship USS Seattle and Texas. Later, in an effort to join his brother, he transferred to the USS Pennsylvania, only to find Edward had been transferred to Asiatic duty.

The year 1935 found them finally serving together as members of the Inspector-Instructors staff at the Naval Air Station, Los Alamitos, Calif. They remained on this duty together until 1942, when Ernest was transferred to the Naval Air Station, San Diego, Calif., and Edward to MCAS, Cherry Point, N. C. During WWII Ernest served in the Solomons and Marianas while Edward saw duty in the Marshall Islands.

CWO E. W. Needham is currently serving as the O-in-C of the Wing Classified Files Section, while his brother, CWO E. C. Needham, is serving as Assistant Inspector in the O&R department here at Cherry Point.



CWO's Ernest (left) and Edward Needham talk things over.

## Service Economy Slashes Aid Military Defenses

New York (AFPS)—The Department of Defense economy program now in effect will keep military expenditures for the fiscal year down to \$13 billion of \$1 1/2 billion less than the figure estimated by President Truman recently, according to Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson.

## Marines Stress Way To Get Most For Their Monies

Washington (AFPS)—Emphasis on Marine Corps economics to derive maximum benefits from public funds was stressed here during a recent conference of Marine general officers.

The three-day discussions included policies dealing with training, personnel, promotion, retirement, administration, and developments in amphibious and aerial warfare.

Other matters considered were developments in weapons and equipment, the assignment to duty of Women Marines, and the new classification and personnel management systems recently introduced in the Marine Corps.

Secretary Johnson said that economies that have been and are being put into effect in the Defense Department in no way impair the strength of the American military establishment, but actually increase it.

The United States is prepared for any attack by a possible enemy and if such an attack should come "tomorrow or in the near future" it will find the country better prepared than has been at any time since we laid down our arms in 1942, the Secretary said.

Mr. Johnson said that since the United States entertains no aggressive designs and is devoted to peace, he explained it is anticipated that the first blow would be struck by the enemy.

The first American counter-attack would be made by the Air Force, he continued, but later the Navy would play the dominant role, and finally the ground forces would move in and overwhelm the enemy.

## YOUR CHAPLAIN SPEAKS

By Chaplain Charles E. Webb

Christmas is a holiday, a day of recreation, of cessation from work, and most fittingly so. Like all days of rest it is meant for contemplation and reevaluation of what we are doing, the shaping of a better and possibly even new point of view on our work and our lives; in short, a time for reconsideration. The other holidays of the year are very often given over to traveling, to excitement. Christmas has a peculiar and individual charm of its own quite opposite to this: it is a time for being home and enjoying the simple, solid, pleasures which have always been associated with warm human ties of love as they are experienced in a home. This is most appropriate and derives from the original home of Christ, the stable of Bethlehem, where, despite drabness, cold, and discomfort, the depth and extent of love has never been surpassed in this world. The artists who have painted pictures of that Nativity scene, the decorators who have attempted an organization of their concept of that world shaking event in sculptured figures, have failed to bring out the full beauty of it. Their concern has been with exterior-lighting effect, color, and expression, and these things to us only in the palest manner, the interior, luscious glow of deep affection which existed between the Child Jesus, Mary His mother, and His foster father Joseph.

But where the artists have stumbled, we ordinary humans have caught up the real spirit and meaning of Christmas. Not just physical, material beings with bodies, we also have hearts which can understand and feel love—that is why on Christmas Day we thrill in a tender manner to the bonds of closeness in the family: it is the one occasion when we can almost see the tie which holds us together not only as a single family unit but as a world unit of families. When we glance below the surface we perceive every family as it should be in the family that was Jesus, Mary, and Joseph.

With this point of view before our minds the "best" Christmas wishes to all a blessed and happy Christmas Day.

## A CHRISTMAS STORY . . .

It was the night before Christmas, every highway and street . . . Was a blanket of snow and wet slippery sleet . . . And I and my helper were making a run . . . In hopes we'd be home in time for the fun . . . I was driving with care at a very slow speed . . . And the rules that I knew, I was trying to heed . . . My helper had climbed in his bunk on the rack . . . For a truck driver's snooze, had just settled back . . . When my lights ahead showed a terrible sight . . . And I'll always remember that horrible night . . . I dashed to the wreckage and saw at a glance . . . That hope of survival — well, there wasn't a chance . . . The steel of the car was all twisted and tangled . . . And the occupants, too, were hopelessly mangled . . . The moon shining down on that wreck in the night . . . Was a picture that no one would view with delight . . . A car then appeared and slowed to a stop . . . And out of it stepped a uniformed cop . . . He handled the case with all care and assurance . . . And the victim's dependents will get big insurance . . . But Christmas won't be very cheerful and bright . . . Because of what happened that Christmas eve night . . . It was caused by a driver, all smug in his rights . . . Who simply forgot to dim his bright lights . . . And children were left with a Christmas so bare . . . Because of a driver, who didn't use care . . . This accident happened — 'twas all very needless . . . And it happened because one driver was heedless . . . But remorse and regret won't bring a life back . . . Or furnish the "know-how" that some drivers lack . . . I went back to my truck and thought of my boys . . . Who were waiting for Santa to bring them their toys . . . Then Joe (he's my helper) said he needed a "shot" . . . And I gave him a lecture right there on the spot . . . He looked in the mirror and winked at himself . . . And I laughed at his antics in spite of myself . . . He gave a turn to the wheel, threw the truck into gear . . . And said "Just relax now, you've nothing to fear" . . . And the trees on the lawns were all brightly trimmed . . . There were crowds of small children—hands stinging with cold . . . All lustily singing carols of old . . . Then old Santa, himself, came out of the dark . . . To himself mumbled, "Now where did I park" . . . His pack it was empty — he looked tired and worn . . . And he grumbled and growled, "Which never been born" . . . As he started up north to his own little home . . . He tiredly muttered this suitable slogan

A tip from St. Nick.

To complete your schooling,  
College or high,  
Enroll in courses  
With M.C.I.

NOTES

By Cathy Blanton

SSgt. and Mrs. Ella Angeloff and daughters, Janice and Sherry-Tyle, were recent visitors of TSgt. and Mrs. N. C. Madore. Sgt. Angeloff is the brother of Mrs. Madore.

MSgt. A. J. Hendry expects to join his family in Laurel, Miss. for Christmas. His family will return to Cherry Point with him after Christmas.

MSgt. and Mrs. Adeal Moss and children are visiting their parents in Miami, Florida during the holidays.

MSgt. Hugh D. Gassaway and family left this weekend for Lanolton, Georgia, where they are visiting Sgt. Gassaway's family over the Christmas holidays.

Mrs. Adelaide Shadle and daughter, Susanne, are spending several weeks in Pittsburgh, Pa., with Mrs. Shadle's family.

Mrs. Elaine Alling has her mother, Mrs. Conant from Brooktondale, N. Y. visiting her for several months.

Mrs. Raymond Dinnan left on Monday for New York to spend the holidays with her family. TSgt. Dinnan plans to join his family on Christmas Eve.

MSgt. and Mrs. Lee Huber and daughter left Cherry Point on Thursday. Sgt. Huber will be stationed at El Toro.

Mrs. Harry W. Young of South-boro, Mass. is visiting her son, TSgt. Harry H. Young and family during the winter.

MSgt. and Mrs. Jesse Blanton entertained a few friends at the N. C. O. Club on Friday evening with a dinner-cocktail party in celebration of their seventh wedding anniversary.

NCO WIVES CLUB

The N. C. O. Wives met on Thursday evening in the Club Dining Room at 7:00 to enjoy the pre-lection dinner.

Following the dinner, the members gathered in the ballroom for the meeting. The meeting was called to order at 8:30 P. M. by the president, Mrs. Eve Query and the minutes of the last meeting were read by Mrs. Muriel Young. The treasury report was given by Mrs. Rita Gallant and the committee reports were read.

Mrs. Charlotte Brooks reported on the Children's Christmas Party which was given for the members' children on Wednesday evening in the ballroom at 6:00 p. m. Election of officers was held and the officers elected for the new term were as follows: Mrs. Dorothy Scrogins, president; Mrs. Mary Madore, vice-president; Mrs. Mary Ann Gary, secretary; and Mrs. Eileen Hoagland, treasurer.

The next meeting will be held in the Ballroom on January 5th at 8:30 p. m. This will be the semi-formal installation ceremony by candlelight. The honorary members will be present and all members are urged to attend. At this time the out-going officers' will turn over their books to the incoming officers. Refreshments of coffee, tea, and cakes will be served.



The Protestant Chapel Choir of forty voices presented a Christmas Cantata, "There Were Shepherds," by Louise E. Stairs, at the 10:30 Services, Sunday, December 18.

The choir was directed by TSgt. Gus Lamb and accompanied by Mrs. W. H. Holloway, organist. Soloists included: Mrs. J. G. Kulisich, Mrs. R. D. McKirlich, Mrs. T. E. Matthew, Lt. Dean Caswell, Miss Margaret Thomas, HMC J. D. Adams, Mrs. J. D. Adams, TSgt. A. H. Lamb, Cpl. George Tideman, Jr., and Mrs. W. L. Stewart.

A tape recording of the program was made at the Sunday services and transcribed over WHIT at 5:00 p. m. Thursday, December 22.

The choir will participate in the Protestant Candlelight Services in the Main Chapel at 8:00 p. m. on Christmas Eve.

STORK CLUB

Dec. 7—A daughter, Katherine Jane, born to Capt. and Mrs. Emmet O. Anglin.

Dec. 8—A son, William Paul, born to MSgt. and Mrs. George A. Yablonsky.

Dec. 8—A daughter, Barbara Donnelly, born to Capt. and Mrs. Alan D. Smith.

Dec. 9—A daughter, Suzanne Elizabeth, born to 1stLt. and Mrs. George A. Phillips.

Dec. 9—A son Stephen David, born to TSgt. and Mrs. John K. Gibbons.

Dec. 9—A daughter Peggy Ruth, born to SSgt. and Mrs. Nelson V. Clement.

Dec. 9—A son, Timothy Francis, born to SSgt. and Mrs. Francis E. Mullins.

Dec. 9—A daughter, Gail Lee, born to Major and Mrs. William H. Whitaker.

Dec. 9—A daughter, Gwenn Renea, born to TSgt. and Mrs. Robert G. Woolf.

Dec. 10—A son, Ronald David, born to SSgt. and Mrs. David M. Gaylord.

Dec. 10—A son, George Warren, born to Pfc. and Mrs. George H. Roast.

Dec. 11—A daughter, Patricia Gail, born to TSgt. and Mrs. Charles F. Omilak.

Dec. 11—A daughter, Vicki Lynn, born to CSS, USCG, and Mrs. Charles Lee Highfill.

Dec. 12—A daughter, Deborah Catherine, born to Sgt. and Mrs. Edward C. Forrester.

Dec. 12—A son, Mark Andrews, born to TSgt. and Mrs. Henry A. Summers.

Dec. 12—A son, Arthur John, born to TSgt. and Mrs. Joseph A. Dreyer.

Dec. 12—A daughter, Lucille Eva, born to SSgt. and Mrs. Francis A. McLaughlin.

Dec. 14—A son, James Richard, born to CWO and Mrs. Richard A. Carlson.

Dec. 15—A son, Rex Nelson Worthington, born to Capt. and Mrs. Richard E. French.

Govt. Diaper Service Offers Super Special

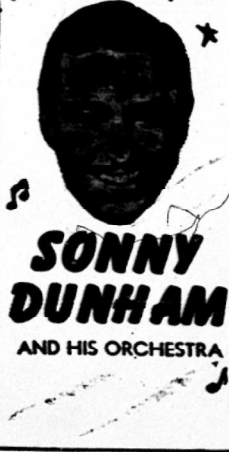
Washington (AFPS) — Need a baby sitter? Apply to Uncle Sam. Baby sitters (known in Government circles as "child monitors") may now be obtained through the United States Employment Service here.

The "diaper daddy" service, at present restricted to the nation's Capitol, may ultimately be extended throughout the country, the USES recently announced.

Sitters ranging in age from 16 to 70, can be supplied in a moment's notice and, in addition to minding Junior, will perform such chores as dish-washing, ironing clothes, or even mixing cocktails.

Federal baby monitors may be hired for an hour, a week or a week-end. Satisfaction is guaranteed. For youngsters of foreign birth, the USES has qualified sitters who speak Turkish, Chinese, French, Spanish, Portuguese, or just plain American.

America's Foremost Trumpet and Trombone Stylist



Sonny Dunham, America's foremost trumpet and trombone stylist, and his orchestra will clash with Dean Hudson and his troupe in the forthcoming "Battle of Music" to be held at the Drill Hall.

Officers' Wives Club

By Betty Kempson  
The Officers' Wives Club gave a Christmas tea on Thursday, December 15th, from 3 to 5 P. M., in the Main Lounge of the Commissioned Officers' Mess.

Mrs. Montgomery was in charge of floral arrangements, and the Club was beautifully decorated in greenery and holly. The tea table had as a centerpiece a log with tapers graduating toward the center and holly banded about the log. Mrs. Wood, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Sampas, Mrs. Allman, Mrs. Bunker,

Officers' Mess Calendar

- Friday, 23 December 1949  
1630-1800 HAPPY HOUR—Main Bar.
- Saturday, 24 December 1949  
2100-? HI SANTA!
- Sunday, 25 December 1949  
1200-1700 CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE  
1700-2000 CHRISTMAS DINNER
- Monday, 26 December 1949  
WHEW!
- Tuesday, 27 December 1949  
1800 Toastmasters' Club.
- Wednesday, 28 December 1949  
1630 Reservations for New Year's Eve Dinner Close  
Teen-Agers Dance—Main Dining Room—Second Wing Orchestra.
- Thursday, 29 December 1949  
Are you ready for the BALL?
- Friday, 30 December 1949  
1630-1800 HAPPY HOUR—Main Bar.
- Saturday, 31 December 1949

BUBBLES BECKER and his ORCHESTRA  
1830-2200 Dinner by Reservation Only.

Officers' Society Notes

By Joan Aynes

Last Friday evening, LtCol. and Mrs. Robert A. Merchant, Jr. gave an evening party in their quarters for officers and their wives of VMF-212. Since then, LtCol. Merchant has changed positions and is now the S-4 for MAG-14 and no longer Commanding Officer of VMF-212. The officers and wives gave a farewell cocktail party at the Officers' Club for LtCol. and Mrs. Merchant on Tuesday.

Sunday evening, Major and Mrs. R. F. Conley entertained in their quarters with a farewell dinner party. The guests included LtCols. and Megdames M. E. Carl, A. H. Adams, R. E. Galer, N. E. Post, and Majors and Megdames J. A. G. Christ, J. H. King, Jr., F. S. Kraciewicz and T. J. Cushman, Jr.

Mrs. E. W. Seeds, wife of Col. Seeds, gave a coffee party at 4:00 Tuesday morning for the officers wives of MAG-11. The affair was given in the Formal Lounge of the Officers' Club.

Last Saturday, MajGen. L. E. Woods and BrigGen. L. H. M. Sanderson attended the Memorial Ceremonies of the 46th anniversary of the Wright Brothers' flight near Kitty Hawk, N. C.

Gen. and Mrs. L. H. M. Sanderson will spend Christmas in Charleston, S. C.

Major and Mrs. R. L. Conrad left for Rhode Island for a white Christmas.

Gen. and Mrs. I. W. Miller are having as their guests over the Christmas weekend, Col. and Mrs. B. C. Batterton of Norfolk, Va.

Capt. and Mrs. Charles Schultz and little Ricky will return from California on Christmas Eve.

There is much news from the home of Col. Edward A. Montgomery. Blaire, daughter of Col. and Mrs. Montgomery, is having a house guest, Miss Mary Armstrong from Augusta, Ga. Miss Margaret Montgomery returned home Wednesday from Immaculate Junior College, Washington. The biggest news is that Col. and Mrs. Montgomery are giving a party in the Main Lounge of the Officers' Club this afternoon to announce the engagement of their daughter, Margaret, to Capt. B. P. Gibson.

Cadet Albert Munsch, a student at the Staunton Military Academy, Staunton, Virginia, is spending the holidays with his parents, Lt. Colonel A. S. Munsch, M.O.Q. 356.

Mrs. Bailey, Mrs. Aggerbeck, and Mrs. McCaffrey presided at the tea table during the afternoon.

A trio consisting of Mrs. Chambers, Mrs. McLean, and Mrs. Matthews, accompanied by Mrs. Free presented a lovely program of Christmas songs: "Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella," "Gesu Bambino," and "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming."

The hostesses for the occasion were Mrs. Clark, Mrs. Vergote, and Mrs. Myers. Mrs. Carlson was in charge of the delightful refreshments which were contributed by the various members of the club.

Staff NCO Club Calendar

- Friday, 23 December—Christmas Eve Dance. Music will be furnished by the Wing Orchestra.
- Saturday, 24 December—Club hours: 1400-2400.
- Sunday, 25 December—MERRY CHRISTMAS!! The dining room will be open from 1400 to 2100 today. Plan to have your Christmas dinner at the Club—turkey with all the trimmings. And just to let you in on a little secret, egg nog will be served, for free, that is, from 1400 to 1800.
- Monday, 27 December—No bingo tonight. Play will be resumed on Tuesday, 10 January. Club hours for tonight: 1630-2300.
- Tuesday, 28 December—Club hours: 1630-2300.
- Thursday, 29 December—Club hours: 1630-2300.

I'd like to inform you ahead of time that the New Year's Eve celebration is a dance on Friday night, the 30th.

1950 NIFTY!



A man could get starry-eyed looking at Vera Ellen, one of Hollywood's brighter stars of cinema heaven. And from all appearances, it looks as though 1950 will be a bright new year for all.

Worm turns; women gets Back-of-hand from Lad

Philadelphia—(AFPS)—Who says the woman always has the last word?

A telephone operator was having trouble understanding the number which a nine-year-old boy wanted and had to ask him to repeat it several times. Finally he exploded:

"You operators are so dumb," the operator cut him off.

Fifteen minutes later a woman's voice inquired, "are you the operator who cut my son off?" The operator replied in the affirmative. "Just a minute then, please," the woman said. "My mother wants me to apologize to you for what I said," declared the lad.

Accepting the apology, the operator connected the boy with the number he had been trying to get.

Half an hour passed and the signal light flashed again. The operator answered:

"My mother just went out of the house," the youngster proclaimed, "and I still think you're dumb."

29 Nations Agree On Rules To Curb Atrocities Of War

Geneva (AFPS)—Legal limits on the horrors of war were established recently with the ratification of the 1948 Geneva Conventions, which set up rules for the protection of individuals during hostilities.

Three of the Conventions protect shipwrecked seamen, sick and wounded soldiers, and prisoners of war.

The fourth Convention, covering protection of civilians (regarded as the most revolutionary of the group), provides for security zones into which women and children, sick, wounded, and aged may be sent for shelter.

This convention also prohibits the holding or execution of hostages, medical experiments on prisoners, and torture in concentration camps.

The U. S., Great Britain, Canada, and the Netherlands made one reservation in signing the civilian Convention. They rejected a provision banning imposition of the death penalty by occupation courts where the laws of the occupied territory are in force at the time of occupation.



"I'M DYING TO LIVE" on the screen," says Lloyd Bridges, young Hollywood movie actor. Seems that he has been "killed off" early in the story of picture after picture. In "Home of the Brave" Bridges managed to last until almost the final reel. Now, in RKO Radio's "The White Tower," he survives—until within 30 feet of the end.

WORTHY CAUSES have always drawn the full support of motion picture people. Now, for the second consecutive year, a project sponsored jointly by Warner Bros. and the U. S. Marine Corps Reserve is getting under way to provide Christmas toys for underprivileged children. Virginia (The Vision) Mayo of the Warner lot is this year's chairman in the "Toys for Tots" campaign. Appeal for toys is being made via news-reel and press.

THE PRETTY GAMS of Ruth Roman are being paraded to the public stare for the first time in Milton Berle's new picture, "Always Leave Them Laughing." Incidentally, studio publicists say this is the first time the star's legs have been given the public treatment, adding that Miss Roman hasn't even posed for the usual cheesecake pix.

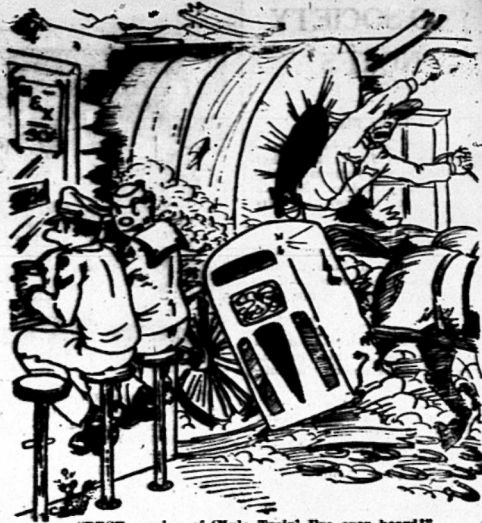
INCIDENTAL INFO. . . . Denmark censors have barred Abbott and Costello's "Meet the Killer" because of the comics play a game of cards with some corpses. . . . Five of today's top 13 popular recordings were made by Perry Como. The NBC and RCA Victor singing star is featured in a current issue of Look magazine. . . . Tabber of the word "crewcut" to mean "jazz" was awarded a thousand sparks' cash by the magazine "Down Beat." "Crewcut," they say, is the exact opposite of "long-haired." . . . Orch leader Dick Jergens had phenomenal success with a ditty he wrote in collaboration with an embalmer, named Elmer Albercht. Seems Albercht was a would-be composer who'd play a two-insered arrangement during the band's rest period. As a gag, Jergens made an arrangement of the simple tune. Its title—"Elmer's Tune," named for the original "composer."

Postage Due

Washington (AFPS)—It has been estimated that more than 50 million Christmas greeting cards will find their way to the Post Office's Dead Letter Office this season.

The National Association of Greeting Card Publishers said that the new change in mailing fees—from 1½ cents to 2 cents—will account for the "postal corpses." The Post Office Department will not deliver Christmas cards which are not fully prepaid and properly addressed.

Be sure you're right—then ask your wife what she thinks about it.



"BEST version of 'Mule Train' I've ever heard!"

REPORT from WASHINGTON

By Armed Forces Press Service

A new uniform screening and scoring system for measuring qualification for enlistment and induction will be introduced into the recruiting services of the Armed Forces on January 1, 1950, to replace the three different types of tests now in use. The new system employs a percentile method of recording qualification scores. It will not change the present classification and assignment procedures used by the Army, Navy or Air Force.

Among some of the complex provisions of the Career Compensation Act which have been clarified by ruling of the U. S. Comptroller General is the one relating to re-enlistment bonus payments for men who re-enlisted after October 1, 1949. Regulations authorizing bonus payments to such personnel will reach the field soon. Those who re-enlisted for indefinite periods prior to October 1, 1949 must await further rulings pertaining to their particular status.

The Bureau of the Budget has suggested to the Defense Department that bachelor officers quartered at military installations be charged \$1.80 per day of \$54 per month for meals. Present charges range from \$30 to \$40 per month.

Top This

Norwich, England (AFPS)—It has cost this English city \$6,000 just because the Lord Mayor has to wear a top hat at formal occasions. When His Honor sat in his car, the topper had to be removed, of necessity. The City Council recently voted \$6,000 to buy the Mayor a car large enough to preserve "official dignity."

EM Career Field Snipped By Army To Help Program

Washington (AFPS)—The Army recently announced reduction of planned enlisted and warrant career fields from 50 to 31 in order to streamline the program and provide greater opportunity for career advancement.

The 50 fields originally planned were found after continuing analysis by the Army to be "unduly restrictive of the area in which any one enlisted man might advance and develop his own career."

The reduced number of career fields, it is believed "will promote career patterns for advancement better accommodated to unit operations, will produce less administrative paper work, and will widen the area open to each individual for advancement and assignment in the progress of his own career."

While it was found impossible to forecast the exact dates for tentative schedules for publishing regulations were set for some as follows: Marine Operations, the final field, August 31, 1950; Military Police, first week in February, 1950; Ammunition, third week in February, 1950; Wire Maintenance, Medical Communications, and Personnel and Administration, March, 1950.

2nd Wing Band Commended

The Grand Marshall of the Armistice Day Parade Committee of Birmingham, Ala., Mr. Neal C. Newell, highly praised the performance of Cherry Point's Second Marine Air Wing Band in a recent letter of appreciation. The Wing Band took part during that year's holiday celebration.

In a letter to MSet, Charles E. Lynch, NCO-in-charge of the band, Major General Louis E. Woods, Commanding General Second Marine Wing and AirMFLant, expressed his appreciation over the excellent performance and splendid reputation established by them.



The Brady identical twins, Edward John and John Edward caused confusion in the personnel unit at Mitchell Air Force Base because they looked so much alike. Now matters are further complicated because Edward John (left), now's name, has a white infant on the other way. The babies are three months old.

# MARINE REGIMENT RESCUES ARMY AT BROOKLYN BATTLE

The fate of the thirteen American colonies hung precariously in the balance when Colonel John Glover's Marine regiment, composed almost entirely of Marblehead fishermen, rescued George Washington's army from Brooklyn Heights after the American's defeat at the Battle of Long Island. This rescue is the first instance of a successful, large-scale amphibious withdrawal in the history of the new world.

Major Frederick S. Aldridge, in his article "The Marine Regiment of Marblehead Fishermen" appearing in the little-known story of how Washington was able to get across the East River to Manhattan Island, under the cover of darkness, and under the very noses of the British, so that his army might live to fight another day. And a few days later, another evacuation, this time across the Hudson River, was made possible by Glover's regiment, enabling Washington to escape the British and move on Trenton and Princeton.

The success of Washington's withdrawal hinged on the ability of Glover's regiment, the origin of which Major Aldridge describes in these words:

"On the 1st of January, 1776, the Marblehead Regiment became the 14th Continental Regiment on Foot, and most of the men enlisted for the duration of the war. Here was a unit that a commander could rely on. The regiments of the state militia, who fought seasonally, and went home for harvests, were the bane of Washington's existence."

Made up almost entirely of Marblehead fishermen, Glover's regiment knew boats and what to do with them. In addition, the men had a rather fierce esprit de corps of their own and it applied equally whether the regiment was engaged in waterborne operations or plain fighting on land. As a matter of fact, when Washington was preparing to cross the Hudson and move into New Jersey, it was Glover's "marines," now brigaded with other troops, who made up his rear guard and covered the withdrawal.

## LAFF ALONG

Teacher: "did you scold your little boy for mimicking me?"  
Mother: "I only told him to stop acting like a fool."

TRUE or false . . .  
If all the automobiles in the world were placed end to end it would be a Sunday afternoon.

The floor is the only sure fire thing that'll stop falling hair.

Debunking of bunk . . .  
A spinning wheel is an old fashioned instrument for making clothes.  
Yet, these days many men lose their shirts playing them.



Violet Reant

## 'MISS WINDSOCK' THIS WEEK'S WINNERS

Along with 1949, the "Miss Windssock" contest is slowly drawing to a close. Sure to give their previous and future opponents strong competition are Misses Violet Reant and Frances Cobely.

On our left we have Miss Reant from Elaine, Ohio. Sponsored by Cpl. Albert J. Prager of AES-42, Cpl. Albert is 6'4" tall brunette beauty is the 21 years old, weighs 125 lbs. and has blue eyes.

The "Buck-eyed state's" rival is Miss Cobely from East Gadsden, Ala. She is 5' 5" tall, weighs 115 lbs. and is 21 years old. We also must remember to tell you that her hazel eyes match perfectly with her blond hair.

Pfc. Alton Foreman of Hq. Cqn. Station is the lucky fellow submitting her picture.



Frances Cobely

## NSLI REFUND

# YOUR SERIAL NO. TELLS WHEN YOUR CHECK WILL COME

Washington (AFPS)—The lower the last three digits of your respective Service Serial number the sooner you will receive your share of the \$2,800,000,000 National Service Life Insurance dividend.

The Veterans Administration recently announced this official refund on the basis of which checks, beginning in January, will be mailed to about 15 million eligible veteran policy holders and former policy holders.

The first checks to be mailed by the VA will go to veterans whose serial number ends in 999. The last group to receive checks will be those whose serial numbers end in 999.

Under this procedure, described by the VA as the fairest that could be devised, veterans whose serial number end with the digits 000 through 999 will get the first checks.

So far nearly 12,500,000 veterans have applied for refunds which will range from 90 cents to \$528, depending upon the amount of insurance carried by the veterans and the length of time premiums were paid.

The VA has not set a time limit on application for the NSLI refund and at present claims are still pouring in at the rate of 10,000 a day. About 10 million checks are expected to go out in the first ten weeks after payments start in mid-January.

The VA warns, however, that some applicants will miss early payments even if their serial numbers end in the low brackets due to the fact that additional information must be obtained from them. These applicants will be handled separately.

In the case of a veteran who has more than one serial number the VA will go by the number that appears in his insurance policy.

In the case of Navy personnel whose serial numbers are split by hyphens which cause them to end in two digits (for example, 27-05-18 the VA will disregard the hyphen and go by the last three digits.

## It's A 2-Way Stretch

Houston, Tex. (AFPS) — Mrs. Myrtle Seargent has found a new use for her girdle, even if it did cause her no little embarrassment. She had reported to police that \$10,000 in jewelry had been lost. Later she advised officers that her valuables were exactly where she had left them. They were in a muslin bag pinned to the back of her girdle, she explained with a flushed face.

27 January 1943—Air Force made first attack on enemy objectives in Germany.

30 January 1933—Adolph Hitler is named to post as Germany's Chancellor.

## Scrub In A Tub Ends In Hubbub

Council Bluffs, Iowa (AFPS)—It's only because Mrs. Marie Turnquist, about 65, has a good sense of humor that she can joke today about the 60 hours she spent imprisoned in a bathtub.

Mrs. Turnquist, you see, is described as "pleasingly plump" by her family. Not so long ago she was occupying the home of a friend—a midwife whose house is widely known here for its doll-sized furnishings.

When Mrs. Turnquist took her bath in the tiny tub—36 inches long, 19 inches deep and 19 inches wide—she discovered to her dismay that she was stuck. Neighborhood friends rescued Mrs. Turnquist 60 hours later after they became worried because she hadn't answered the telephone.

"I just kept praying to get out," Mrs. Turnquist said. "I said 'Lord, why don't You answer me? You have always answered my prayers before.' After a while I thought that was kind of bad, so I said, 'Well, Lord, I didn't ask you about getting into this little dinky tub, so why should You answer?'"

## Latest Statistics

Pullman, Wash. (AFPS)—The statisticians are at it again. This time the dope is that—women are smarter than men; spring does not cause a lapse in school grades; married men make better grades than bachelors and veterans still are earning top grades. That's all according to the Washington State College registrar, Harry Chambers, whose views are based on statistics of last year's students.

Philadelphia, Pa. (AFPS)—Just because the lights went out during a school open house program was no reason for the students to cease their entertaining. In fact the children kept right on with their singing, basket weaving and reading.

Not until after their 800 guests had left did the youngsters learn they'd performed in darkness because of a blown fuse. The children were students at the Overbrook School for the Blind.

## Will Fill—And How!



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Filling the bathing suit as "The Girl From Jones Beach" is Virginia Mayo, lovely damsel who gained fame opposite Danny Kaye. The role was offered to Gaby when Lauren Bacall declined it, saying it would be "embarrassing." Not that we have a thing in the world against Lauren, but when it comes to filling bathing suits even she couldn't do much better.

## Salute Rocks House, Frau Out Of Bed

Frankfort, Germany (AFPS)—There's one German housewife who can't say she didn't know the gun was loaded. Twice a day—at sunrise and sunset—a gun is fired near her. Here's what happens, according to her:

It ruins her nerves, frightens her guests, shatters her quiet Sundays, rocks her house, terrifies her mother, breaks her dishes and almost tumbles her out of bed.

The gun is the U. S. Army's salute gun in front of Army headquarters in the former I. G. Farben building. The housewife has requested the Army turn it around so her house wouldn't receive the full blast from the two daily salutes. The Army studied the problem and found that if the gun were turned around, it would blast right into the office of John J. McCloy, U. S. High Commissioner.

The only solution reached was the Army's promise to the housewife that the charge would be reduced to the minimum.

## Ten Memorable Dates On January Calendar

- 1 January 1960—New Year's Day; Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation issued, 1862.
- 2 January 1942—Japs occupied Manila and Cavite naval base in Manila Bay.
- 3 January 1793—First balloon voyage in U. S. Philadelphia to Woodbury, N. J.
- 9 January 1945—U. S. 6th Army troops landed on Luzon, open Philippines invasion.
- 10 January 1920—League of Nations came into existence under Versailles Treaty.
- 16 January 1947—Main body of Navy Antarctic expedition reaches Little America.
- 30 January 1922—Construction work on Panama Canal begun by the French.
- 24 January 1948—Gold is discovered at Sutter's Mill near Sacramento, Calif.

## YULETIDE MERRIMENT HELD CRIME IN PAST

As you enjoyed your Christmas dinner, or sat around a brightly decorated tree with your family, or exchanged gifts with your friends this year, you probably never realized that at one time celebrating Christmas was a crime in England.

In the Puritan days of Oliver Cromwell any observance of the Yuletide season was illegal. Even the hanging of a stocking or the eating of a holiday dinner was punishable.

The ban against all Christmas celebrations was initiated by a special act of Parliament in 1652, and retained until the return of "merric" Charles II in 1660.

## Strictly Dishonorable

Tokyo (AFPS)—Emperor Hirohito recently realized how "unsacred" he has become to the Japanese people. Some "unhonorable" act against the honor of the emperor cost him \$4,166,000 (from the imperial household).



# CHERRY POINT CAGERS HAVING BIG SEASON KNOCK OFF TWO MORE

## Pointers Look Good In Practice Match With Duke Matmen

### Grapplers Impressive In Lightweight Matches Against Blue Devils

Cherry Point's brand new wrestling team journeyed to the campus of Duke University last Friday afternoon and tangled with the Blue Devil's varsity in a practice match in their beautiful new gym. No score was kept as this was a practice match and all matches did not go the entire nine minutes.

Against the more experienced collegians the Pointer's looked particularly impressive in the lightweight matches as "Mouse" Carrièreau, Ken Monty, and Dick Glueck worked very well against the strong Southern Conference grapplers.

"Duke" Palmer gained Cherry Point's first fall of the season over the Blue Devils as his standing switch clicked whenever needed.

Don Beauchamp, despite wrestling in his first match, wrestled very well against Duke's more experienced and much heavier heavy-weight.

"Our team showed lots of spirit and gameness," said Coach Bob Ayres of the Pointers, "however we have a long way to go before we open the season against Memphis Naval Air Station there on January 7th."

"We lack plenty of experience, which we will have to make up in conditioning and fighting. All of our fellows have been working hard and we hope it will pay off during January and February," declared Coach Ayres.

The entire Cherry Point squad of twelve worked against the Blue Devil's varsity and gained much experience against Coach Falcone's well coached squad.

Relieving the practice was Mr. Bruce Gilman, former grappler of Columbia University, now a Medical Student at Duke.

## Tie For Top Spot In CG Cup Standings

Standings in the "Commanding General's Cup" play compiled this week by the office of Special Services show VMR-252 and AES-46 tied for first place with 65 points each. MACG-1, with 55 points, is in third place.

## Marine Corps 1948 Rifle And Pistol Teams Outstandin'

Marine Corps rifle and pistol teams participated in 15 National Rifle Association pistol matches during 1948 and won '99 first and 85 second place awards in individual matches.

In team matches against the two strongest teams in the United States, the Los Angeles and the Detroit Police teams, the All Marine Corps Team placed first in eight of 11 matches.

beated Detroit five out of eight matches. In the Calceico (California) State Championship matches the All Marine Pistol Team defeated the Los Angeles Police Team three out of three matches in the team competitions and established a new Service team record with the .45 caliber pistol over the National Match course.

Pittsburgh (APPS)—The University of Pittsburgh "Panthers" absent from the Notre Dame football Irish again in 1949. The contest is scheduled for November 11 at South Bend.

# Anacostia And Capital City Marines Tumble As Flyers Soar On Unbeaten

## Sailors Easy Prey As Flyers Coast To 7th Win, 71-53

With six straight wins without a loss behind them, the Cherry Point cagers traveled to the District of Columbia Monday, December 12th, met and defeated the Anacostia Naval Air Station. The unconquered Flyers encountered little difficulty in brushing aside the sobs, 71-53, for their seventh consecutive victory, thus preserving their unblemished record.

Cherry Point's big three, Norm Criverton, Ed Reed, and Charlie Ford, with 21, 19, and 12 points respectively, led the winner's attack and hit the basket with remarkable regularity.

The losers matched the Flyers basket for basket in the first ten minutes of play, and there wasn't more than a point or two difference between the clubs in the initial quarter. But the high-flying Carolina Marines broke loose in the second stanza, built up a comfortable 33-19 lead at intermission, and were never behind at anytime during the game.

Anacostia employed the same pattern of attack as the Flyers, a fast break, but found little success in it. As a result the blue clad navy team fired at the basket from way out with a barrage of long set shots. By missing a good percentage of these shots, being out-rebound, and not able to cope with the Marine's fast break—all led to the sailor's downfall.

Head Coach Jim Tuma, who guided the local football team to one of the greatest seasons in its history, substituted freely near the end of the third quarter when the final outcome wasn't in doubt.

"Shorty" Fenn, Elmer McLaughlin, and Johnny Moran are counted on for heavy substitution duty by Coach Tuma anytime during a game. The above three are currently the most dependable of the local subs. They're fast, active, scrappy, and keep the ball moving. All three of the above hoopers are coming up fast and should see a lot of action as the season progresses.

The game attendance was low because the Flyers arrived late due to unfavorable flying weather.



Big Ed Reed, Cherry Point's number one point maker with 151 points scored in eight contests, is leading local scorers with 18.9 average per game.



Six footer Jim Sullivan is by far the best ball handler on the Cherry Point varsity basketball team. His passes have set up a good number of the local scoring plays this season.

## CP Ice DC Marines Tilt In 4th Qtr. To Win 8th, 68-56

Cherry Point's scrapping basketball team ran away from Washington's Marine Barracks in the final quarter of play Tuesday night, December 13th, and handed the Capital City Leathernecks a 68-56 shellacking for their eighth straight win without a setback.

The game was close for three quarters with not more than six points separating the two clubs. But when the game entered the last quarter the D. C. quintet, who were trailing in the contest, became desperate and started fighting for the ball and played too loosely. The Flyers were quick to take advantage of this over anxiousness and racked up point after point to break the backs and spirits of the losers.

Cherry Point's "super-hoopster," Ed Reed, split the meshes for 22 points to take high point honors for the evening. The 41 points he scored in the two D. C. tilts boosted his seasonal output and helped retain his position as the Flyers' leading point maker.

The Flyers' "great" rebound artist, Charlie Ford, sank 10 field goals which was good for 20 points that earned him second highest scorer for the night. Ford and Reed rebounded half of their points and played inspiring defensive ball under the basket.

Jim Sullivan, best ball handler on the local squad, set up a good number of C. P.'s goals with his clever passing and was a key figure in the Flyers' victory.

Marine Barracks worked a slow weave against the locals, executing picked plays from it, which kept them in the ball game until the fourth quarter when the Flyers took command of the contest.

Cherry Point had a bad night at the foul line, making good only eight of the 24 foul shots attempted. Had the Flyers, capitalized on the greater percentage of their charity tosses they could easily have run up a larger score against their foes.

Father-in-law: "I suppose you know that when I die my daughter will inherit \$50,000 . . . well, . . . why don't you say something?" Husband: "Drop dead!"

## Highly Rated Camp Lee Boxers Drop 5-3 Match To C. P. Pugs

### Mike Zecca And Jimmy Smith KO Opponents With 2,000 Looking On

Cherry Point's boxing team is rolling in high gear these days. On Tuesday night, December 13th, the local pugs won their second straight team match at the expense of Camp Lee, 5-3 at Petersburg, Virginia before 2,000 satisfied spectators.

Camp Lee was rated highly in Virginia, boasting a win over the great 82nd Airborne Division. They are coached by Joe Rivers, former sparring partner of Joe Louis back in 1939 and '40. The ex-pro was once rated as one of the 10 top heavies in the country.

In the main event of the evening heavyweight Jim Tentiendo dropped a split decision to the Army's Rufus Young. This was a good clean fight and the decision could easily have been given to either boy. Although Jimmy lost the fight he was the aggressor all the way, chasing Young all around the ring for three rounds.

Mike Zecca, Cherry Point's hard hitting middleweight, knocked out Melvin Robinson in 1 1/2 minutes of the second round in the semi-final. The local slugger missed few punches and looked to be a great boxer.

Lightweight Johnny Biancanelli fought an aggressive bout against the Army's Sammy Quintana and won a popular three round decision.

Throwing only five punches, lightweight Jimmy Smith KO'd Frank Sumpta in one minute and 45 seconds of the first round.

Al Turner won his welterweight bout with Camp Lee's Sam Perri. Turner won by decision. He dropped his opponent three times during the bout, twice in the last round.

Getting in the harder punches was the deciding factor in welterweight Ray Schultz's three round decision over Army's John Burton. This was one of the most evenly matched bouts of the evening.

Little Vic Vicknair carried Tommy Smith of the Army for three rounds and was thanked by Camp Lee's special services officer. Smith won a home town decision.

The last bout of the evening was between Flyers' Lloyd Rouse and Camp Lee's Hogan Paterson. Rouse spotted his foe seven points in dropping a decision to the soldier. This decision was booed by a howling crowd and was unpopular with the fans. It's not common for a partisan crowd to boo a decision when a local boy wins. But boo they did and a great many Camp Lee fans liked Rouse's style and thought he should have won the decision.

## Football Flyers' 1949 Regular Season Record

- Flyers, 0: ECTC, 24.
- Flyers, 7: Melin Field, 21.
- Flyers, 0: Parris Island, 12.
- Flyers, 20: Fort Belvoir, 10.
- Flyers, 14: Jax-Navy, 0.
- Flyers, 0: Camp Lejeune, 29.
- Flyers, 21: Great Lakes, 0.
- Flyers, 47: Phila. Navy Yard, 2.
- Flyers, 22: Fort Bragg, 21.
- Flyers, 14: Little Creek, 6.
- Won 5, Lost 4, Tied 1, 135 points to 128.

New York (APPS)—Although the new substitution rule was expected to increase substantially the elapsed time of football games, a survey made by the Eastern League showed that the average game ran six to eight minutes longer.



These are the grapplers who will represent Cherry Point during the months of January and February in matches with service and college teams.  
Left to right, front row: First man's name not available; CROYLE, 127 lbs.; GLUECK, 127 lbs.; Back row, left to right: CRISINGER, 165 lbs.; DELENSKI; PALMER, 155 lbs.; HARTNETT, 145 lbs.; and HOWELL.

# Dribblers Beat Strong P. I. Five 72-54 For 10th Win Ringmen Blast Foe At Eustis; K.O. Four; Win 5-1

## Zecca Knocks Out Army's Van Etee In 20 Seconds

By George Enz  
Cherry Point seems to be enjoying a "golden age" of sports. The football team caught fire during the last half of its regular season and knocked off two of the strongest service eleven in the nation. The basketball team has run up a string of 10 straight wins against no losses. And on Thursday night, December 15th, Coach Jimmy Tinsley's boxers captured their third consecutive team match, 5 to 1, at the expense of a good Fort Eustis Army squad at Richmond, Virginia.

The "Fighting Flyers" made their best showing of the year against Fort Eustis' "canvas-back" pups. The Army fighters counted more stars than a farmer on a clear moonlit night. Four of the Eustis boxers took the sandman trail via the knockout route.

Middleweight Mike Zecca, one of the best conditioned fighters on the Flyers squad, put Army's Van Etee to sleep in 20 seconds of the first round in the main event of the evening. This was one of the quickest knockouts ever in the state of Virginia. Until Van Etee got a close look at Mike's powerful left hook he was highly rated and undefeated in the Old Dominion. Mike hit Van Etee so hard that he broke his nose.

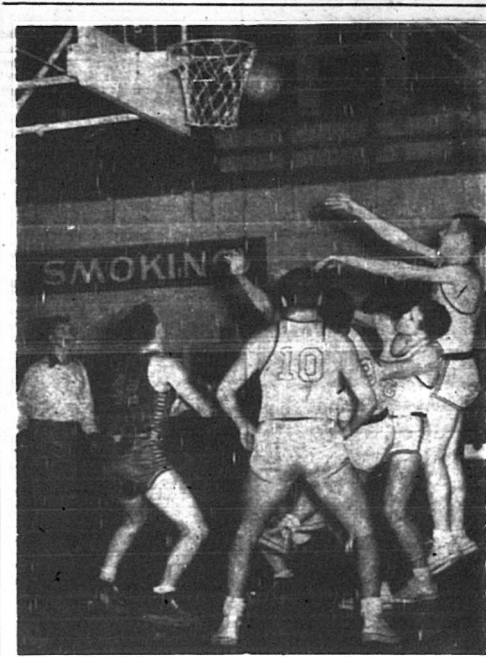
Joe Spangler, who fought Ken Ovelin for the middleweight championship of the world back around 1940 said, "Zecca is the best prospect I've seen in amateur ranks in quite some time."

It seems as though most of the Army fighters got out of bed on the wrong side that morning. Seeing how Cherry Point boxers put so many of them to sleep that night maybe they should stay in bed?

Cherry Point's popular heavyweight, Jim Tentiendo, clipped his opponent Milkenson with a hard right that shook the rattlers. Milkenson was down and out of this world in one minute of the first round.

At this rate the Flyers will have to square off against each other in order to keep in condition. Featherweight George Spencer, the Detroit brawler, fought Aul, a soldier with a short name. That wasn't the only thing short about Aul. George got next to him in the first round, shooting a barrage of lefts and rights that scored the Eustis lad in one minute of the bout.

To the Fort Eustis pups the fights were something like going (Continued On Page 8)



Four Little Creek players rang up on Flyers Ed Reed (hidden) as he cuts loose with the ball. Their attempt to stop Reed's dead-eye shooting was all in vain. The big forward gathered 34 points for his evening's work to maintain his 18 point average per game. Favoring his slightly injured ankle hasn't taken anything away from his play on the basketball court.

## Flyers Run Away From Foe In 2nd Half To Win Easily

The Parris Island cagers were added to the long list of victims knocked off by the "fighting" Cherry Point basketball team.

On Tuesday night the Flyers turned back the "Islanders" by a score of 73 to 54 for their tenth straight win against no defeats.

Parris Island had won 13 games and lost four previous to tangling with Coach Tuma's powerful quintet and were supposed to have been the Flyers first real test of the season.

Both teams played a nip and tuck first half, with the Flyers pulling ahead 33 to 31 at intermission.

But the local five came out in the second half and scored six points before you could blink an eye to take a commanding lead that the visiting Marines never threatened to catch up at any time during the remainder of the game.

Cherry Point's scoring was equally distributed, with Charlie Ford and Jim Sullivan gathering 20 points each; and Big Bill Roley swished in eight counters to round out the scoring for the starting five.

Not much can be said about the attacking power of the P. I. court now. The Flyers held them to eight field goals in the first half and six in the second. But the losers were hot at the free throw line, making good 26 shots of the 31 they attempted.

Parris Island's Gela was dead at the charity line, putting in 19 out of 19, to lead his teammates in scoring with 18 points.

"Shorty" Fenn replaced the injured Norm Croviston in the starting lineup and gave a good account of himself.

Coach Tuma is giving his boys a six day Christmas leave and promises accelerated workouts beginning December 29th.

Said the tooth brush to the tooth paste in a moment of delight: "I'm going to give you a great big squeeze when we meet on the bridge tonight."

In the game Cherry Point came through once again with a field goal to wrap up the contest 63 to 65.

Big Ed Reed scored 34 points for the locals and maintained his 18 point average per game. The high forward is currently leading the Cherry Point scorers with 161 points.

Bill Roley, Al "Shorty" Fenn, Norm Croviston, and the clever passing Jim Sullivan—all stood out for the Flyers.

## C. P. Beat Amphibs 68-65 Ed Reed Scores 34 Points

The noise that shook the Drill Hall Monday night was caused—not by an earthquake—but by a mere field goal.

And it was Shorty Fenn, breaking into the basket, who tossed the goal that started the whole thing.

The Flyers were out in front by an uncomfortable 64-63 score in their duel with Little Creek Amphibs, with only 30 seconds left in the game. Fenn cut sharp into the basket, layed the ball in, and the home

The Flyers added another basket for good measure and walked off the court with an impressive 68-65 victory for their ninth straight win against no defeats.

Both quintets were evenly matched. They were so evenly matched that the lead changed hands 15 times and the score was all knotted up on seven different occasions.

A few minutes after the game started Cherry Point made good on a charity toss to lead 1 to 0. The Amphibs retaliated with a field goal seconds later and were out in front for 5 1/2 minutes. The Flyers then regained the lead, 7 to 6, and held on to it until two minutes before the half ended, when the white and blue clad sailors froged out front 27-26.

In the last two minutes of the initial half the lead changed sides four times. Coach Tuma's shooters enjoyed a short-lived 32 to 31 lead when the whistle blew ending the half. But as the first twenty minutes of the game was being written into the record books a Cherry Point player fouled Little Creek's Ben Benbow. Benbow, poised within the foul circle, sent the ball swishing through the meshes and the scoreboard flashed the 32 to 29 tally.

SHOOTER'S opened the second half with a bang. The first four and one-half minutes gave no indication as to which team would eventually emerge winners. In those 4 1/2 minutes the score was tied up six times and the lead changed hands six times before Cherry Point grabbed a 42 to 40 lead, which they clung to until the last minute and 45 seconds of the game.

Trailing 61-60 the Flyers captured the lead 10 seconds later, 62-61—another goal by the locals, Flyers ahead 64-61 with one minute

ing in the game Cherry Point came through once again with a field goal to wrap up the contest 63 to 65.

Big Ed Reed scored 34 points for the locals and maintained his 18 point average per game. The high forward is currently leading the Cherry Point scorers with 161 points.

Bill Roley, Al "Shorty" Fenn, Norm Croviston, and the clever passing Jim Sullivan—all stood out for the Flyers.



When news spread that large speckled trout of the "tide runner" size were being caught with artificial lures in Morehead City waters many anglers who had given up the idea of wetting their lines again until Spring started fishing again.

The big "speckles" are being caught in the "holes" near the mouth of the Morehead City-Beaufort bridge. Many catches have been fish that average more than two pounds each and some weighing nearly six pounds have been taken. A five pound, nine ounce specimen still remains the record during the current run.

They are fured with minnow-like wooden plugs loaded with gang hooks. Anglers anchor their boats in a favorite "hole" and make a cast. The big trout take the lure while it is being reeled in to the boat by the anglers. The most popular lure for this "plugging" is the Mae West.

## Last Two Opponents Dead At Foul Line

Cherry Point's basketball coaches, Tuma and Reed, are definitely worried about the foul situation. In the last two games opponents scored 33 charity tosses without a miss, which is a record here aboard the station. And the total gits at the foul line for the last two games amounted to 44 out of 49 foul shots.

Little Creek barely missed beating the Flyers at the foul line and should a good club come along could match the locals field goal for field goal it might be disastrous for the Cherry Point hoopers.

CG Cup Standings

VMR-252	65
AES-46	65
MACG-1	50
MWNS-2	30
VNF-221	27 1/2
VNF-461	20
SMS-11	15
VNF-212	15
HqSq84a	10
VNF-153	10
VNF-114	5
HqSq-2	2 1/2



Major General Louis E. Woods, Commander General of Second Marine Air Wing and Aircraft Fleet Marine Force Atlantic, congratulates Corporal H. Dockery, as he receives his trophy at a banquet at Cherry Point. Pictured above Left to Right: Private First Class Jack Seagraves, Sergeant Sam Saxton, Corporal Dockery, Major General Woods, Mr. Mike Bonman, Assistant Atlantic trainer at the University of North Carolina; Brigadier General Lawson H. M. Sanderson, Deputy Commander of Second Marine Air Wing. (Photo by Lt. J. A. Engstrom).



RETIRED MSGT. RUSSELL FILLS 'ER UP.

MSGT. RUSSELL

Retired Sgt. Major Can't Bear To Go: Working On Station

The old adage—"Once A Marine, Always A Marine"—applied to men who at one time or another had served in the Marine Corps, still holds true, and Cherry Point's former Sergeant Major, Warren S. Russell, who retired approximately three weeks ago, is no exception.

After more than 30 years of service in the Marine Corps, Russell felt that it was time for him to settle down, devote the rest of his life to his family, and do a lot of things that a man in the service finds difficult to do.

Soon after moving into the civilian housing project in nearby Havelock, the retired six-striper was offered a job on the base PX gas station. He readily accepted the job, for, like many another veteran Leatherneck who had given long years of faithful service to his country, Russell found it hard to forget his time in the Corps. Here the retired Marine would be right at home, able to keep in direct contact with the Marine Corps.

Well liked by his fellow workers because of his good nature and easy-going manner, Russell is very happy with his job and plans to stay there as long as possible.

His character slanted to the modest side, the ex-Leatherneck likes to talk with pride about his son's athletic and scholastic accomplishments at East Carolina State Teachers College. In his Freshman year, young Russell is the college's star varsity player, and coaches have great hope for him in the years to come.

Marines everywhere who knew Russell and pulled duty with him, as well as his many other friends, are wishing him the best of luck in his new venture, and are sure that he will make good in his new job.



During the memorial celebration at Kitty Hawk, December 17, honoring the 46th anniversary of the Wright brothers' historic flight, MajGen. L. E. Woods, Commanding General, AirFleet and 2nd MAW, examines a memorial wreath held by Capt. W. J. Tate, U. S. Postal, Light House, and Coast Guard Services (Retired) of Colojock, North Carolina.

Goldsboro Junior Hostesses Fete Local Leathernecks

By Bob Page

The Christmas spirit was the order of the day last Saturday evening, December 17, when the Goldsboro Woman's Club extended a cordial invitation to some 50 Cherry Point Marines to attend a Christmas party held in their club. The sincere, courteous and friendly spirit of the club members to the visiting members of the Marine Corps was easily seen in the appreciative attitude of all those attending.

Leaving the Drill Hall shortly after 1600 two buses full of Marines under Capt. R. H. Moore of VMP (A) 251, passed through the main gates, and proceeded on their way with small groups of Marines harmonizing to the tune of Christmas carols and other popular songs.

Mrs. Fred Harrell, president of the club, Mrs. H. G. Bartholomew, Club Hostess, along with other members warmly greeted Capt. Moore and his men, and immediately began to make everybody feel at home. Mrs. Harrell gave a short introductory speech in which she welcomed one and all, and described the purpose of the annual party. Colonel George Bein, retired army colonel, then gave a short prayer, offering thanks for the prevailing peace throughout the world and the benefits God has bestowed upon this nation.

A short while later the news that a show time made every Marine present beam with joy, and no one lost any time in taking his place in the line.

The dinner consisted of turkey with all the trimmings with seconds for all who wanted them. It is said a well-fed man is a happy one. This must be undoubted fact. For it wasn't long until the party really began with good singing at the piano. Such songs as "Silent Night," "White Christmas," etc., held top place, followed by others both old and new. There was now no doubt that every

and the robotic strains of the Second Marine Air Wing orchestra, under Frank P. Zam, brought music lovers to the upstairs dance floor. Everyone highly praised the Cherry Point orchestra which played in its highly professional way, drawing loud applause from the audience after each number.

During the course of the evening, music of all types was played, and visiting Marines along with their dancing partners displayed their ability to dance to a smooth number, as well as keep up with the latest in swing arrangements. The party began to break up and "goodbye" songs with "thank you's" were in order.

DIVINE SERVICES

PROTESTANT SERVICES  
0915 Sun.—Sunday School (Nursery)  
1030 Sun.—Worship Service Main Chapel  
1900 Tue.—Youth Fellowship Recreation Center 2nd Deck  
1900 Wed.—Choir Rehearsal

CATHOLIC SERVICES  
Baptisms—1120 Sundays  
Weekday Masses—0700 St. Michael's Sunday Masses—0645, 0845, 1200 Chapel  
Visiting Devotions—2000 Tuesdays, St. Michael's Chapel  
Sunday School—Wednesdays 1600-1730, St. Michael's Chapel.  
Holy Days—Masses—0645, 1200, 1700 in Station Chapel.

JEWISH SERVICES  
2000 Wed.—Divine Worship in Protestant Wing  
CHERRY POINT COMMUNITY CHURCH  
1100 Sun.—Morning Worship

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE Catholic Services

CHRISTMAS  
High Mass—Midnight  
Low Mass—0645, 0845, 1200  
Confessions—Dec. 24, 1600-1800, 1930-2100, 2230-2330.  
Fast and Abstinence—All Day Dec. 24.

NEW YEAR'S DAY  
Masses—0645, 0845, 1200  
Confessions—Dec. 31, 1930-2100

All Hands are invited to pay a visit to the scene of the Nativity, which is erected immediately behind the Main Chapel.

Protestant Services  
CHRISTMAS EVE  
Candlelight Service at 2000 at Main Chapel.

CHRISTMAS  
Sunday Services Schedule  
NEW YEAR'S DAY  
Sunday Services Schedule

TRAFFIC CITATIONS

Sgt. Leroy Wilson, VMP-212; speeding 45 mph in 35 mph zone; driving privileges suspended 30 days.  
Rex F. Knott, civilian, O&R Dept.; speeding 30 mph in 20 mph zone; driving privileges suspended 30 days.  
1stLt. Henry A. Berck, VMP (n-14); speeding 30 mph in 20 mph zone; driving privileges suspended 30 days.  
SSgt. Fred M. Evans, ABS-21; speeding 40 mph in 25 mph zone and 35 mph in 20 mph zone; driving privileges suspended 30 days.  
PFC Gerald A. Muraglia, HqSq, Sta.; speeding 40 mph in 35 mph zone; driving privileges suspended 30 days; car barred 30 days.  
PFC Marshall M. VanDoren, HqSq-2; repairing vehicle in violation of Section 2007.09 AirSta. Regs.; driving privileges suspended 15 days; car barred 15 days.

Station Theatre

Tonight 1800-2030  
CAPTAIN CHINA  
John Wayne  
Gail Russell  
(Action)  
Very Good

Saturday 1900  
SHINE ON HARVEST MOON  
Roy Rogers  
(Western)  
Good

Saturday 1800-2030  
UNDERTOW  
Sam Brady  
(Drama)  
Good

Sunday 1300  
THREE MUSKETEERS  
Lana Turner  
Gene Kelly  
(Adventure)  
Excellent

Sunday 1800-2030  
THAT FORSYTHE WOMAN  
Greer Garson  
Errol Flynn  
(Victorian Romance)  
Excellent

Monday 1800-2030  
FLAMINGO ROAD  
Zachery Scott  
Joan Crawford  
(Drama)  
Very Good

Tuesday 1800-2030  
MOTHER IS A FRESHMAN  
Van Johnson  
Loretta Young  
(Comedy)  
Very Good

Wednesday 1800-2030  
DOWN TO THE SEA IN SHIPS  
Richard Widmark  
Lionel Barrymore  
(Drama)  
Very Good

Thursday 1800-2030  
KID FROM TEXAS  
Gail Storm  
A. Murphy  
(Western)  
Very Good

Navy Emphasizes Importance Of Anti-Sub Warfare

The Navy placed additional emphasis on its growing anti-submarine warfare plans this week by commissioning a new "killer" destroyer and awarding a production contract for a new "rough-water" seaplane.

The destroyer, one of the latest hunter-killer types, was commissioned at Norfolk Naval Shipyard, Portsmouth, Va., on 15 Dec. It carries the latest armament and detection devices for fighting snorkel submarines.

Awarded an initial production contract for the "rough-water" seaplane was made to the Glenn L. Martin Company, Baltimore. The unnamed flying boat, designated P5M-1, will be designed primarily for anti-submarine warfare.

Named USS Carpenter, in honor of Navy Lt. Comdr. Donald M. Carpenter, the hunter-killer ship is the second of the new type to be placed in commission within a period of six weeks. A sister ship, the USS Robert A. Owens, was commissioned at Boston last month.

The Navy said that the two 1000s will be evaluated in exercises against new, high-speed snorkel submarines to determine their advantages and limitations for additional hunter-killer destroyers.

The 2,400-ton hunter-killers have the same general dimensions as standard destroyers now operating with the fleet: length, 330 feet; beam 40 feet; maximum draft 16-midship, 13 feet. They are designed for speeds in excess of 30 knots. Launched on 25 Dec. 1945 at Orange, Tex., the Carpenter was christened by Mrs. Donald M. Carpenter of Coronado, Calif., widow of the Navy officer in whose honor the ship was named. The vessel was subsequently towed to Newport News, Va., where her completion was held up pending the development of the latest armament and detection devices for fighting submarines.

BOXERS DOWN EUSTIS

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to a movie, seeing a newsreel, and leaving before the feature started. Fighting in his home town Richmond, Lloyd Eustis, one of the Point's popular welterweights, went after Army's Korke at the

his foe with damaging rights, knocking him out early in the round.  
In one of the fastest fights of the evening little George Vickers won a close three round decision. This bout went over big with the fight fans, and they applauded long and loud as both boys left the ring.  
Welterweight Al Tarred, three Cherry Points lone defeat, lost three round decision to Ford Eustis. Pasco, in a crowd pleasing fight, won the last round by a split decision. He lost the first round and most of the second. He to win and the fans loved it.



Spurred on by their chairman, Mrs. C. C. Pruitt, the Red Cross Volunteer Wrapping Service has been spreading "ye olde Yuletide" spirit by attractively gift wrapping Christmas presents for service men aboard the Station. This free service is just another of the many functions performed by Cherry Point's Red Cross Volunteer Service under the capable guidance of Mrs. Ivan W. Miller. (Left to Right) Pfc. Edward Marshall, Sgt. Frank Duda, Mr. Louis T. Fok, Mr. A. W. Gourea, Mrs. Ben Anello and Mrs. A. G. Whitow.