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Your Newspaper

Here it is—the first issue of the CLOUDBUSTER, official chronicler of Navy life at Chapel Hill.

In these pages every Saturday you will find the week-by-week story of this station. The CLOUDBUSTER aims to cover the Pre-Flight front here, bringing you news of all the activities, as well as on Naval aviation in general.

But it is hoped that the CLOUDBUSTER will do more than that. A good newspaper has an indefinable, but very real, flavor, and it is our hope that these pages will capture and reflect the spirit and essence of Pre-Flight life, as well as record the cold chronology of events.

Its success in approaching this goal will depend in large measure upon you, as contributors to these columns and as friendly critics also. First and last, it is intended to be your newspaper, and as such can be no better than you—as a cadet, enlisted man, or officer—help to make it.

Early next week boxes will be placed at convenient spots around the station to receive suggestions, information, jokes, poems, anecdotes, gripes, letters to the editor, cartoons, human interest copy—anything that you think might be of use to the CLOUDBUSTER.

Regular reporters, cartoonists, and feature writers are particularly needed to help us cover the news, and print it as it happens. Interested parties are referred to the editorial office of the CLOUDBUSTER in Room 105, Alexander Hall.

We are indebted to many for assistance given in preparation of this issue, and herewith express our gratitude for the fine cooperation received.

Above Board

Big Shows Wanted

There is little reason to doubt that the vast majority of cadets recognize the need for discipline, and consequently they comply with a minimum of grumbling. But from most anyone's standpoint the week's activities as a whole are a grind.

One does not need to be a psychologist to realize the value of a change, but the week-end—the logical time for the change—offers little except a surcease of the physical exertion. Only a minority of the cadets are fortunate enough to have a date. After going to a movie which he has already seen, the average cadet wanders around with nothing to do. Regimental dances are a rarity, and drug stores get awfully crowded.

We fully realize that part of this is inevitable, and that some attempt is being made to alleviate the situation. The free shows are appreciated, and the community recreation center does all it can under the circumstances. The smokers come under the same category, and, it may be added, are surprisingly good. But they somehow just don't come under the heading of something to look forward to, or write home about.

The other afternoon, Jimmy Dorsey, one of the best bands in the business, dedicated his program on a nationwide hook-up to the Pre-Flight School here at Chapel Hill. That's fine, but he was way up in Chicago, and besides, how many cadets heard the pro-

gram? If other camps and stations can have Bob Hope and Jack Benny and professional shows sponsored by the USO, why can't we? It wouldn't soften us or make us less military, and would give a definite boost to this thing called morale.

—CADET PHILIP SMALL

(As you will note on page 1 of this issue, Kate Smith and her troupe of entertainers will be on board Oct. 9 to provide a bit of the entertainment sought by Cadet Small. It is hoped that other entertainers will follow as the fall season gets underway. In this regard it is well to remember that this station is still less than four months old, and that the waiting list for big name entertainers is quite long.—Ed.)

On Swimming

Why, oh why, have the "powers that be" discontinued the swell sport of swimming?

—CADET EDWARD MADVAY

(Far from being discontinued, swimming is as important a part of the Pre-Flight training as ever, although it has been temporarily dropped from squadron competition. The importance instruction for future Navy pilots is fully realized, and this phase continues unchanged. Squadron swimming competition is expected to be resumed in about six weeks.—Ed.)



By LIEUT. ERIC H. ARENDT
Chaplain Corps, USN

As this first copy of the ship's paper goes to press, one is reminded of a ship first going down the ways. Today the CLOUDBUSTER starts on its career of recording the history of a great school. Unlike a ship, we are launched in "full commission" ready for action. Your Chaplain is appreciative of the opportunity of making some small contribution, which as time goes on, he hopes will add range to the "guns" and power to the "ammunition."

What is more important than for us to realize from time to time the importance of our mission—the really important justification, I mean, of being a part of a program which is designed to combat the evil forces which are threatening the very things in life which we hold near and dear to us?

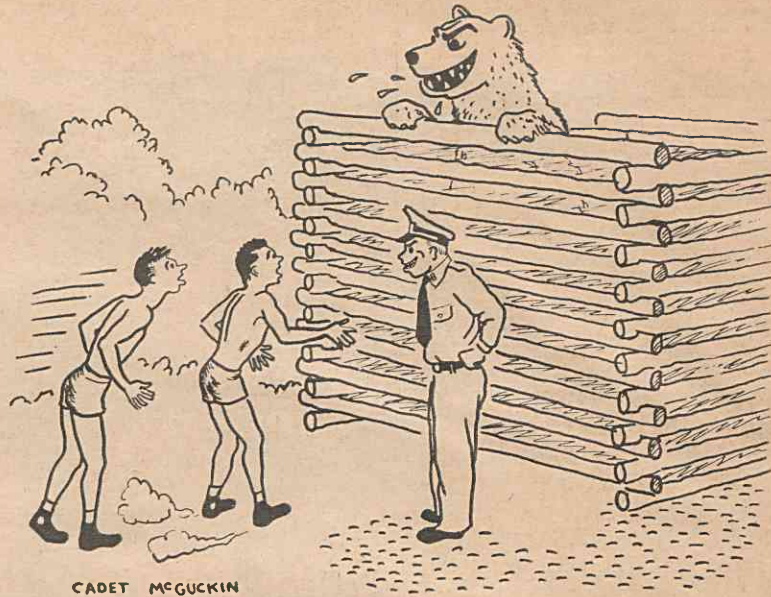
We need not be reminded from day to day that every effort is being made to train men who will be prepared adequately from the academic, physical and military points of view. Important as this is, it is not enough!

The real determination comes from something which is intangible and indefinable, and yet is an ever-present reality. It is the thought that comes to us when we look into the face of our National Ensign and we suddenly recall to mind, not only the things for which our nation stands, but the struggles for the retention of the ideals which have come through a great and noble tradition. And in the same light, we look into the symbol of our particular religious belief, and see there even an older tradition which has given added strength and determination to those who came, from time to time, to our "Land of Liberty."

Once again we are challenged. Once again we accept this challenge. It is not so important for God to be on our side (for we have implicit belief that He is) as it is for us to realize that WE ARE ON GOD'S SIDE. All our training and sacrifice would be for naught if we did not feel this. But WE DO! And the result will be evident as the future comes to be the present.

Theology Student

Memo to the chaplain: William F. Viering, 7th Battalion, after graduating from West Virginia Wesleyan College spent two years at Boston University School of Theology. Viering is from Cass, West Virginia.



CADET MCGUCKIN

Whatsa matter, no guts?

Firefighting Cadet

Starting fires (with bombs) will be something new to Joseph Angyal, jr. of 7th Battalion, who received his previous training in putting out fires with the New York City Fire Department,

Engine Company 8, 165 E. 51st street, Angyal, of Queens, Long Island, also won sculling championships all over the United States, and was eleven times National Singles champ, LWT and HWT.

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