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Athletics, 63rd Batt Are Bond Champs

BuPers Increases Pre-Flight Output For Primary Bases

Good news came to the regiment of cadets with a BuPers despatch of 9 December announcing that the scheduled output of naval aviators from the flight training program has been substantially increased.

As a result, effective 1 January, there will be no further deselection from the Pre-Flight program, and all cadets successfully completing this phase of their training will be moved on for primary flight training. However, while forced separations are being suspended, voluntary withdrawals from the program will still be allowed for those previously eligible.

The flow of Pre-Flight cadets into primary training has been increased to 447 biweekly as a total quota for the four Pre-Flight schools. Chapel Hill's share of this quota will be approximately 105.

To meet the increased quotas, it was announced that deselected and voluntary withdrawals already transferred from Pre-Flight may be returned to flight training at later dates as required. The procedure for calling back these deselected and withdrawals has not yet been announced.

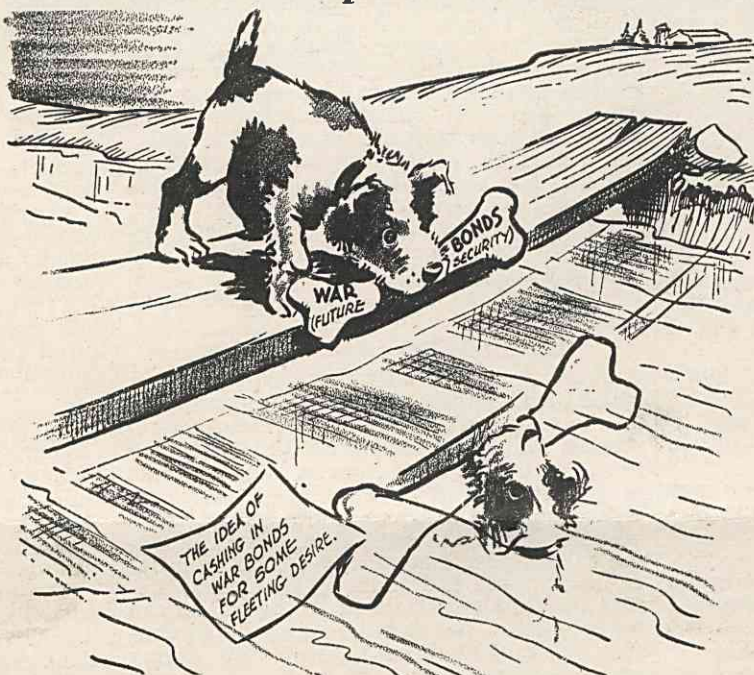
Station Tea Slated Next Week At Club

Officers' wives, officer WAVES and Navy nurses are invited to attend an all-station tea next Wednesday, Dec. 20, at the Officers' Club.

The tea will run from 1600 to 1800 and the Officers' Club will be closed to regular members during this time.

A week from tomorrow, Saturday, Dec. 23, another officers' dance will be held in the Pine Room. This will be a Pre-Christmas hop, starting at 2100 and winding up at 0100. Music, of course, will be furnished by the Cloudbuster swingsters.

Don't Drop That Bone!



C. D. White, USNR

Navy War Bond Cartoon Service

Reduced Personnel Is Up 51 Per Cent In Buying Power

With the 63rd battalion and the Athletic Dept. unchallenged as the champion bond-buyers of the station, Pre-Flight at Chapel Hill closed the third Pearl Harbor extra cash War Loan drive on a resoundingly triumphant chord this week.

Final figures announced by Lieut. Cmdr. W. C. Clark reveal that a total of \$87,450 was invested by 1,552 cadets, officers, enlisted and civilian personnel.

This total represents a 51% increase in the purchasing power of each hand over 1943. Last year station personnel totalling 2,325, or 773 more persons, invested \$87,925.

When the sales ended the 63rd battalion had bought \$19,300 worth of grief for Tojo, for an average of approximately \$123.00 for each of the 157 cadets.

Runners-up among the cadets were the AFTs, who bought \$11,725. Next came a merry battle for third between the 61st, with \$9,850, and the 62nd, with \$9,825. The new 64th invested \$8,125 and the 60th, \$1,975.

Among the departments the Athletic was the only one to hit the five-figure mark. The 72 members purchased \$10,625 worth of bonds, or an average of more than \$147.00 apiece. In second place was the Academic Dept., with \$6,375.

In order thereafter were Administration, \$3,975; Military, \$3,825, and Dispensary, \$1,850.

58th Batt To Dance Tomorrow In Pine Room, Lenoir Hall

The 58th battalion will have its social innings tomorrow night in the Pine Room at Lenoir Hall with a dance starting at 2100. Music will be supplied by the Pre-Flight swing band.

A good turnout is expected. Refreshments will be furnished by the Welfare and Recreation Office. Cadet dress will be service blue, able, with optional dress for the ladies. An extension of liberty has been approved by the Military Dept. Music will stop at 2400.

Hop For Crew On Tap Tomorrow Night At C. C.

While the cadets of the 58th batt are dancing tomorrow night in the Pine Room, the station crew will be holding a hop of its own at the Country Club from 2100 to 2400.

A section of the Cloudbuster band will provide music and refreshments will be furnished by the Welfare and Recreation Office.

What! No Room Service?

Washington (CNS). — The Navy's new ALP barracks ship is the slickest job afloat. "A floating hotel," built to barrack 700 men, it includes a barber shop, a soda fountain, a hospital and a post office.

'Happy Hour' Cancelled

The regularly scheduled "Happy Hour" at Memorial Hall on Wednesday has been cancelled because of the Cloudbusters' basketball game on this date with Fort Bragg in Woollen Gym.

Navy Urges Increased Use Of V-Mail To ETO As Weather Cuts Down Flying

Because air mail service to and from U. S. Naval personnel in the European Theatre of Operations has recently become less frequent, post office authorities at U. S. Naval headquarters in England are urging increased use of V-mail.

Air mail will continue to be slow during the winter months, since Naval flying over Northern Atlantic routes has been curtailed until better flying weather in the spring. During summer months air mail letters to Europe

averaged less than a week in delivery. More than two weeks will be required during the winter.

V-mail, always a priority item in trans-Atlantic flights, will continue to reach its destination in the normal time of 5 to 7 days.

The equivalent of 25 sacks of air mail letters can be carried in one small V-mail sack, recorded on 16 mm. film. Because of the quantity of air mail posted, much of it will have to be carried in ships during the winter.