

## Preliminary Work Well Underway At U. S. Marine Airwing In Cherry Point Section Of Craven County

**One Method Of Catching Bait On  
Outer Banks Off Carolina Coast**



WAHAB HOWARD, general manager of the R. S. Wahab interests at Ocracoke Island which includes Wahab Village, Wahab Village Hotel, Ocracoke Power and Light Company, Ocracoke Transportation Company and Wahab Village Theatre, is shown here with his boss (who lives in Baltimore but makes frequent trips back to the island) casting for bait along the shores of Silver Lake Harbor. Slinging a cast net is one of the methods employed on Ocracoke Island to obtain bait for sportsfishermen who go there to cast for Channel Bass, Cabio and many other game species.—(Photo by Aycock Brown.)

### Work On Pair Of Mine Sweepers In New Bern Started

While, as is the case in all projects of this type, little information is being given to the public by officials of the Barbour Boat Works of New Bern in regards to the construction of the two large mine sweepers that firm is constructing for the government, it is authoritatively stated, (according to The Times of New Bern), that satisfactory progress is being made on same.

A large number of experienced shipbuilders are engaged in the construction of these craft and while an influx of visitors are not allowed on the plant grounds at any time, those who have been permitted to view the progress of construction on the craft, state

that no time is being lost.

These craft are to be 135 feet in length and the first to be completed within eight months from the time that actual construction was begun a few weeks ago.

The total cost of the two boats is to be more than \$600,000 and it is understood, that when these have been completed and launched, that the firm will in all probability be given additional contracts.

#### Station

Plans for establishing a milk receiving station at Sugar Grove, eight miles west of Boone, have been drawn up, says H. M. Hamilton, farm agent of Watauga county.

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### Thousand Workmen Now Employed On Project

#### NUMBER TO INCREASE TO 5,000 VERY SOON

One thousand or more employees were expected to be at work on the U. S. Marine Air Base at Cherry Point by the end of the current week and this number will be increased from day to day until probably 5,000 laborers and skilled workmen in all lines of construction are on the job, it was reported authoritatively in New Bern last week.

The men now engaged in operations at Cherry Point are clearing the site for the air base, which will be the largest Marine Airwing in America when completed, building roads, stringing communication wires and building the railroad spur track. In the vicinity of U. S. Route 70 and N. C. 101, a hundred yards from the Cherry Point signpost located on the latter, things are beginning to have the earmarks of a boom town. Havelock is experiencing its biggest boom since the days when oil was almost discovered there and the crowds are also invading Newport, nearest incorporated town, Havelock and Beaufort-Morehead City.

First construction will include necessary shops, first aid stations, administration buildings for the contractors, latrines, and probably canteens. These structures will be erected as rapidly as possible. Some of the first buildings will be permanent in nature while others to be used as tool houses, pay offices, latrines and such will be only temporary.

From the New Bern Times arriving on the coast last weekend we publish additional information about the Marine Airwing:

Building of the necessary railroad line and the trackage necessary for handling the cars which will be utilized, is to get underway as quickly as possible. The Atlantic and East Carolina Railroad will construct the line down to the base site, a distance of approximately a couple of miles and from that point the construction of the trackage will be up to the

Government. Approximately five or six miles of trackage is to be built by the latter.

And right at this point, stated Lieutenant Commander Nice, it would be well to call to the attention of the public that, under no circumstances will sightseers be permitted at any time on the air base property. Every foot of the area will be under guard and anyone attempting to pass into the base site will be promptly stopped and turned back. The entire personnel at the base will be too busily engaged with their construction operations to permit them to show visitors around the place or to have any conferences with them. This state of affairs will continue through the entire building period, he stated.

Incidentally, in addition to the fact that the men who will be engaged in their work at the air base will not have the time to give to visitors, the prevention of anyone other than those employed there, from entering the grounds will avert any possible sabotage.

Lieutenant Commander Nice declared that Navy officials and all those in an executive capacity were well pleased with the location of the air base at Cherry Point and that they felt that there could have been no better site found at any point along the entire North Carolina coast.

Asked as to how electric current for illumination and power would be secured immediately and until arrangements could be made to build that permanent plant, which is to be constructed in this area, Lieutenant Commander Nice stated that two mobile REA units had been secured for that purpose and that these would supply all the current and power needed for the time being.

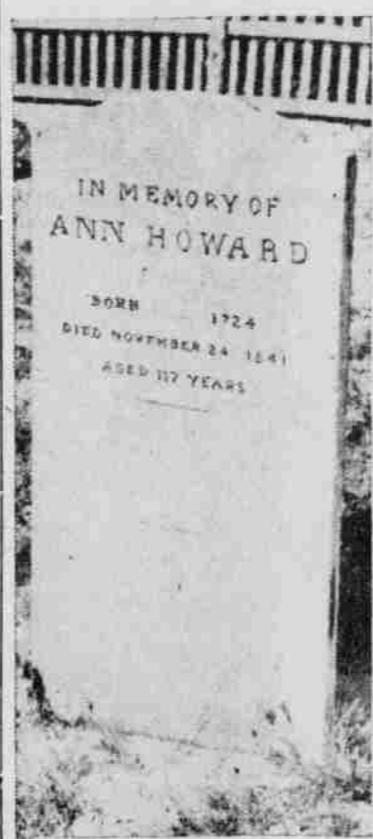
Another important matter which was necessary to be given immediate attention was that of a water supply. He stated that one eight-inch well was now being put down and that twenty-seven additional four and six-inch wells were to be driven just as rapidly as possible until the necessary amount of water had been made available. These wells will be used later on to furnish the supply of water for use in case of fire and for the sprinkling of landing fields and other similar purposes.

Right at present the men employed at Cherry Point are working only one eight hour shift each week day. However, they will work on Saturdays and will be paid for that day on the time and a half scale.

The Cherry Point Marine Air Base comprises 8,000 acres and there is a vast amount of construction to be done there before the work has been completed and the base turned over to the Navy Department, this requiring the efforts of hundreds of skilled and unskilled workers.

These workers are to be employed by the construction company which contracted for the same but the government intends to make an effort to see that every worthy person who wants and needs employment and is physically able to perform the duties of the job which they seek, is given consideration. However, it is not the intention of the government to take men away from jobs which

### Inscription Proves Longevity Of Early Ocracoke Resident



they now hold and give them new ones.

With a view of giving everyone who feels that they have not had fair treatment in consideration of their application for employment at Cherry Point, Lieutenant W. M. Gustafson, who has been designated as "a one man grievance committee" and who is at present located in a suite of offices on the Third Floor of the Postoffice building in New Bern, will hear and consider their complaints and endeavor to sort out the wrinkles, if such can be done.

It is a gigantic job that is to be done down at Cherry Point but, says Lieutenant Commander Nice, it will be done and done splendidly.

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### Still Time To Dust Cotton For Weevils

RALEIGH, Aug. 21. — North Carolina farmers may still have time to protect their 1941 cotton crop from the worst infestation of weevils in years, if the cotton is growing vigorously and there are sufficient squares and bolls to make dusting with calcium arsenate practical, is the report of J. O. Rowell, Extension entomologist at State College.

While infestation is spotted, varying from farm to farm and from field to field, over most of the state, Specialist Rowell declared, boll weevils are more numerous throughout the cotton belt this year than at any time in a decade or longer.

Mr. Rowell says that since each cotton field is an individual problem, the grower should examine his field frequently and if boll weevils are present, should begin dusting with calcium arsenate promptly.

The State College specialist declares that, growers who make an effort to protect their crops by dusting generally fall into one of the three groups listed:

1. Those who examine their fields frequently and apply calcium arsenate dust promptly and in profitabale amounts;
2. Those who stop dusting too soon and allow weevils to destroy most of the late squares that develop in August and September.

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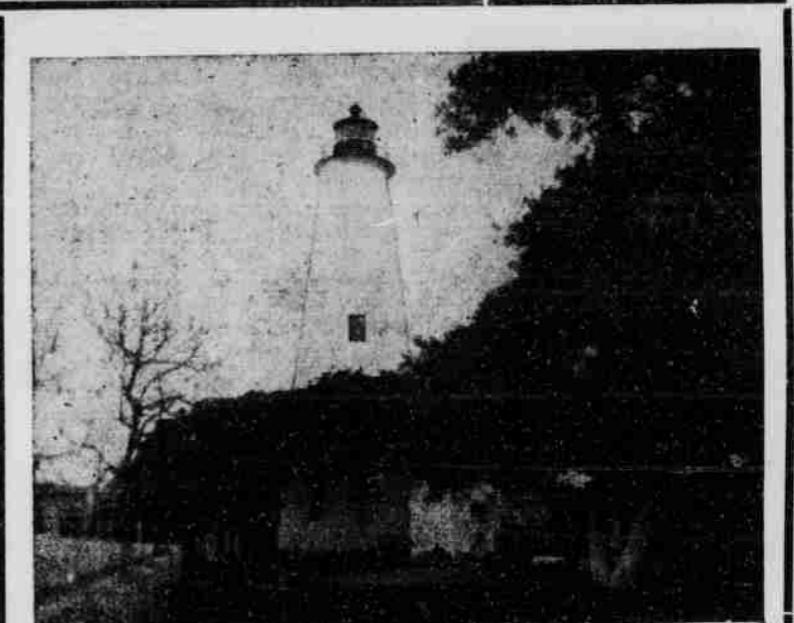
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