

Cruising with Covey

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Super service with a sincere smile, the lowest prices in town for all military and naval personnel and their families, with no sales tax, no luxury tax, for the highest quality merchandise obtainable, is found at the Cadet Store. Truly, the oasis of the station.

In command of Lieut. R. F. Dugan, USNR, the Cadet Store employs fourteen civilians, and two service men. The manager of the store is Mr. Charles M. Graham, the tall genial gentleman who hovers around the establishment keeping things running smoothly.

The store is divided into two parts, the store proper in the eastern end of Emerson Stadium, handling magazines, luggage, candy, cigarettes, and some eight hundred other items; just outside of the stadium is the cold drink stand which handles, in addition to all the popular soft drinks, ice cream, cakes, cookies, and other gastronomical delicacies.

Keeping the books for the activity, which sells on an average of six hundred thousand cigarettes, ninety thousand bars of candy, and eighty thousand soft drinks per month, is Mrs. Jane Chichester. Also included in the scope of this Department are the accounts of the barber shop, the cobbler, and the cleaners. A big job for a small place.

The two storekeepers who assist Lieut. Dugan are W. S. Kimbro and I. V. Hughes, both second class, and experts they really are.

Charles Holloway, Bill Smith, John Webb, Eric Gooch, John Canada, L. T. Colie, Tommy Hoenig, G. P. McCoy, Clarence MacFarland, R. L. Sparrow, B. L. Tillman, and Don Sparrow make up the balance of this smoothly functioning establishment.

Lieut. Dugan states that the purpose of the Cadet Store is to furnish all personnel on the station and elsewhere who are in the service, together with their families, the best of service with the highest quality merchandise at the lowest possible price.

Each month the store turns over an average of \$1,000 or more to the Welfare fund, which is pretty good considering the store does an

'Tell the Captain To Go to Blazes'

We now have our favorite Navy story. It concerns the old salt who retired after long years of taking order from gold braid. He settled down in a little house and, every morning, neighbors noticed a small boy knock on his door, go in, come out again in a few minutes.

After weeks of this, one curious neighbor stopped the boy on his way out, asked him why he visited the old sailor every day. "Well," the youngster replied, "he gives me a dime if I say to him, 'The Captain wants you immediately.'"

"And," asked the neighbor, "what does he say to that?"

"Oh, he lies down on his bed and roars: 'Tell the Captain to go to blazes!'"

average business of \$18,000 per month, and never sells anything at a price exceeding 10% of the cost. Each month, according to regulations, the store must be closed for one or more days for inventory, every cent having to be accounted for, and it might be well to add that on the last inspection of the store, it received the highest possible rating.

As a rule the employees say that the spirit of cooperation and willingness to help of the customers is exceptionally high, and that very few honest-to-goodness "gripes" are made. The toughest proposition in running the whole store is in getting soft drink bottles returned. They said that one month alone found them short some 1,600 bottles.

The store was opened shortly after this station was commissioned, and since that time has served practically every person attached to the station at one time or another. Lieut. Dugan has endeavored to make the store into one of service to the personnel of the station, and considering his cramped quarters, the scarcity of many items with all the headaches of rationing and the slow return of bottles, I think he has done a very good job, an opinion that I feel will be upheld by everyone on the station.

As their motto reads, "The mostest of the bestest, with the prices the cheapest, and the service the highest, we are glad to wait on you at any time, BUT PLEASE RETURN YOUR BOTTLES."

Duke Pitcher Hurls No Hitter Against Pre-Flight

The Cloudbuster baseball team continues in top spot in Ration League play, but Duke's Blue Devils, behind the no-hit pitching of Bob Houghton, handed them a 6 to 1 defeat last Saturday afternoon at Durham.

Pre-Flight's only run, in the first inning, was unearned and only two men reached first base after that. Felton started on the mound for Duke, but gave way to Houghton after walking the first three men to face him. The latter had complete charge of the proceedings the rest of the way.

Score by innings: R H E
Pre-Flight ...100 000 000-1 0 2
Duke000 230 10x-6 11 1

Farley, Somerville, Merrill, and Hoos, Mills. Felton, Houghton and Little.

First Navy Fleet Composed of 2,024 Men

One hundred and fifty years ago — March 27, 1794 — President George Washington approved Congressional legislation which gave the United States Navy its first ships, guns and personnel under the new Constitution of the United States.

The prime purpose of this new Navy was to combat the growing pirate menace in the Mediterranean. The new fleet was to consist of four 44-gun frigates, two 36-gun frigates, and 2,024 men. Two of the ships constructed under the 1794 authorization are still a part of the U. S. Navy—the *USS Constitution* and the *USS Constellation*.

The President of the United States was authorized to procure and employ the ships and guns, commission and enlist all necessary personnel, and establish the size of the complements, pay scale and food rations.

The pay of a Captain was set at \$75 per month, with six rations a day. A Lieutenant drew \$40 a month and three rations per day; a chaplain drew \$40 a month and two rations per day; a warrant officer \$14 a month and two rations per day.

Rations specified by the law were abundant in beef, cheese and butter, and "there shall also be allowed one half pint of distilled spirits per day, or, in lieu thereof, one quart of beer per day, to each ration."

—Coming Up—

Today at 1330:
U.S.S. Card vs. Pre-Flight in football at Kenan Stadium.

Today at 1430
Duke vs. Pre-Flight in track on Fetzer Field.

Today at 1500:
Camp Butner vs. Pre-Flight in baseball on Emerson Field.

Sunday at 1500:
Tech-Hawk from BTC 10, Greensboro, vs. Pre-Flight in baseball on Emerson Field.

Wednesday at 1530:
University of North Carolina vs. Pre-Flight in baseball on Emerson Field.

Saturday at 1500:
397th Infantry (Ft. Bragg) vs. Pre-Flight in baseball on Emerson Field.

Sunday, May 28, at 1500:
Morris Field, Charlotte, vs. Pre-Flight in baseball there.

BUSTER BITS

Cadet Elo Sexton, 47-J-1, was a First Class Fireman aboard a destroyer before becoming a V-5er. . . . As an Aviation Radioman, Cadet Robert Osmond, 47-J-1, has served three years in the U. S. Navy. . . . He has over 500 hours of flying time to his credit. . . . Cadet Owen Mullen, 47-J-1, participated in the North Africa and Sicily invasions as a Third Class Fire Controlman. . . . Cadet Rupert Phillips, 48-L-1, served two years aboard the *USS New York*. . . . Cadet Leonard Kistner, 48-L-1, states on his questionnaire that he is a member of Veteran's of Foreign Wars and American Legion. . . . Only 22, he has been in the Navy for the past four years.

Movie Schedule

Sat., May 20—Free movie at Village Theatre, "Frisco Kid" with James Cagney and Humphrey Bogart. Feature starts at 1938 and 2103. Complete show one hour, 25 minutes.

Sun., May 21—Free movie at Village Theatre, "His Butler's Sister" with Deanna Durbin and Franchot Tone. Feature starts at 1317 and 1500. Complete show one hour, 40 minutes.

Buy Bonds
Until You Drop Bombs—