

AROUND THE STATION

... news from here, there, and everywhere ...

Over in the Academic Department they've added another new course called, "Civil Air Regulations." Three classes were held for the first time Monday, all from the 52nd Battalion. A group of instructors under the direction of Lieut. Robert A. Halla, USNR, are teaching the course.

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Although only 24 years old, Cadet Leon Musick, 54-K-1, served six years in the regular Navy prior to enlisting in V-5. Among other tours of duty, he has served at Pearl Harbor and Midway. He also participated in the first raid on the Aleutians.

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More publicity for this Pre-Flight School: This week M. D. Cook of Fox Movietone News was here to photograph various phases of the training program. Wrestling, mass calisthenics, and the French Cadets received most of the recognition.

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Speaking of the French Cadets a group of 20 left Chapel Hill on Monday for the Naval Air Station at Dallas, Texas.

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J. P. Dunnigan, SK2c, who has been aboard for the past 11 months, is expected to leave shortly for duty on a newly constructed aircraft carrier. His orders are already in. Most of his time in Chapel Hill was spent in the Supply Officer's office on the first deck of Alexander Hall.

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Cadet Charles Greenhalge, 54-L-2, served as a Navigator for one year in the Canadian Air Force. . . . While serving as an Electrician's Mate 2c, Cadet James Biggerstaff, 54-L-1, piled up considerable foreign duty including the crossing of the Equator.

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Two new faces reported aboard to the Military Department, and one was detached over the past week. Lieut. John R. Gaddy, USNR, who hails from San Francisco, Calif., and Lieut. Paul W. Bryant, USNR, who calls Birmingham, Alabama, home, are the new officers, and Lt. (jg) John D. MacBain, USNR, who has been here since February, 1943, was ordered to report to the Naval Air Station at Jacksonville. Both Lieut. Gaddy and Lieut. Bryant have recently returned to the States from foreign duty.

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Thirty-five officers, from all over the United States, are here, starting today, for two weeks of special instruction in the survival program. Lieut. G. D. Kepler, USNR, head of the program at this Pre-Flight School, and Lt. (jg) John Craighead, USNR, who is also stationed here, will help with the instruction.

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Cadet Calvin Martin, 54-K-3, served 23 months overseas with the Marines as chief of a fire control section. Cadet Jacob Rhodes, 54-K-1, served on the USS New York, and was Fire Controlman 1c when he shifted to V-5.

The favorite story making the rounds this week concerns Cadet Wally Suess, ace of the 52nd Battalion's soccer team, and Lt. (jg) T. E. Jones, USNR, his soccer coach and platoon officer.

Last week, Friday to be exact, the 52nd was scheduled to meet the 54th in soccer. "Men," Lt. (jg) Jones told his cadets just before the game, "this 54th is tough. You boys have been winning and you're getting cocky. Pitch in there and give your best, or you'll get beat. By all means, don't stay cocky."

The game progressed just as Lt. (jg) Jones had predicted. The 54th started out strong, and led at halftime, 1 to 0. But came the second period and presto the 52nd scored three goals and went ahead to win, 3 to 1.

The scene changes. The next morning Cadet Suess meets Lt. (jg) Jones on the parade ground, and after returning a snappy salute he says, "Begging your pardon, sir, but may I speak to you for a moment."

An affirmative reply and Suess continued. "You know, he said, "why we were behind 1 to 0 at halftime yesterday. Well, I'll tell you. We didn't want the coach to get cocky."

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Cadet Henry Grothe, age 21 of 54-L-1, has over three years of service with the regular Navy. He saw action in the Java Sea, and was aboard a destroyer which was lost. All of his sea duty consisted of service aboard destroyers.

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Another fine Sports Program Championship is slated for next Wednesday evening at 1900 on Fetzer Field. Besides the usual competition between the various battalions, the Pre-Flight band will present a short concert midway the program.

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Speaking of the Sports Program, have you noticed the interest shown in soccer recently? In the past this sport has been in the background mainly because it is farthest from the spectators, and second, because the average spectator knows very little about it. Last week, however, the crowd kinda warmed up, and it's our prediction that the soccer game will highlight next week's competition.

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As a combat air crewman in a PBM, Cadet Alfred Santoro, 54-K-3, was credited with 1,500 hours of flying time. He was an Aviation Machinist Mate 2c, and served as flight engineer and aerial gunner in patrol squadron 210 and 201 before turning to V-5.

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Looking to the future: For those who will be around this fall it is interesting to note that the University of North Carolina will play five football games at home this fall. The first is scheduled against Wake Forest on Sept. 23. Other home contests include Camp Davis

here on Oct. 14, the University of South Carolina here Nov. 4, William & Mary here on Nov. 11, and Duke here on Nov. 25. Games will be played away from home against Army, Georgia Tech, Yale and Virginia. Coach of the team is Gene McIver, who is at Chapel Hill on lend-lease from Davidson College.

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Still on the subject of football: Expected to be released in next week's Cloudbuster is the schedule of the Pre-Flight eleven. Reports from the athletic office indicate that the Cloudbusters of '44 will play some of the better collegiate and service teams in the South.

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Another cadet with four years of Navy service to his credit is Quentin Hall, 54-K-2. From Erwin, N. C., Cadet Hall served aboard the USS Santee for nine months. Also to his credit is graduation from the aviation radio, radar, and aerial gunnery school at Jacksonville, Florida.

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The month of August will see varsity athletic teams on the base take a well earned vacation. The baseball team is expected to close its season the last week-end in this month, and nothing is planned for August.

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The newspapers of this section haven't devoted a lot of space to the Naval Air Station baseball team from Norfolk, but reports from that city indicate that another good baseball nine will invade Chapel Hill next week-end. Games are scheduled for both next Saturday and Sunday on Emerson Field.

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Service aboard the USS Hornet, USS Princeton, and USS Intrepid are credited to the record of Cadet Joe Lasseter, Jr., 54-K-3. His tour of duty includes everything from being attached to the Naval Air Station at Jacksonville to serving in the South West and Central Pacific.

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Several members of the officers and crew have indicated they would like to play softball, but there hasn't been enough interest to start a league on the station. Why not get a hand picked team from the officers and crew and play a team from the University? Anyone interested may call the Public Relations Office, Navy Hall.

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Just a year ago this week: The Naval Training Station defeated the Cloudbusters at Raleigh, 4 to 2. A year ago tomorrow the Pre-Flighters defeated the Naval Air Station from Norfolk, 8 to 3, on Emerson Field. Cadet Ted Williams played in a charity game at Boston, and collected a homer and a single to drive in four runs. His team won, 9 to 8. The present War Bond Drive more than doubled the one of a year ago.