

AROUND THE STATION

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

Starting another "Around The Station" column and listening to the Pre-Flight band rehearse in the outdoor theater at the same time. ... Which reminds us that those Sunday concerts are getting better and better. ... Last week end, for example, the largest crowd of the year turned out. ... Incidentally the boys in the band deserve a lot of praise for their participation in the purchase of War Bonds. ... A recent report from the War Bond Officer reveals that members of the band have signed up 100% for regular monthly purchases of War Bonds.

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In case you're on your way to the South Pacific you might be interested in the following information: That is, if you're driving around Guadalcanal in a jeep and a Marine M.P. pulls you over and asks to see your driver's license. You can't use your old license out there. You must take a Guadalcanal drivers' test. And it's pretty tough going. You have to drive through river beds and goeey, mud-drenched fields covered by bush grass. Then, and only then, if you are lucky enough to pass, will you be elevated to the driver's seat on Guadalcanal.

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Six enlisted men were transferred and five were received during the past week. Leaving for other duty were Sterling A. Pitts, Jr., PhM3c, Thomas R. Brady, PhM3c, Gene A. Logan, PhM3c, Ernest M. Hesington, PhM3c, and Allen L. Cooke, PhM3c, all to San Bruno, Calif., and Earle C. Parrish, Jr., Y1c, to NAS, Lake City, Florida.

Received were Julius T. Levay, PhM2c, from NPATCRO, Dallas, Texas; Charles A. Barret, PhM3c, from NAPTCRO, New York; Richard E. Nicholds, S2c, and Melvin D. Smithhard, S2c, from NAS, Bunker Hill, Indiana, and WAVE Katherine E. Jones, Y3c, from USNAS, Glenview, Ill.

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In the hard-to-get department at the Cadet Store: A goodly supply of Gillette razor blades, Dunhill lighters, and Whittman's candy arrived this week. Also on hand are some loose leaf binders and semaphore cards. The usual toothpaste, shaving supplies, drinks, candies, cigarettes, and magazines are plentiful, and there is a small supply of Pond's Tissues, that excellent substitute for handkerchiefs, etc.

At present the Cadet Store is open at the following hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 0900 to 1330, and from 1530 to 1800. Wednesday and Saturday from 0930 to 1330 and from 1530 to 1630. Sunday from 1030 to 1200.

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Tonight, starting at 2030, Spencer Hall is giving a dance for Pre-Flight Cadets. All Cadets are invited to attend. Also, in the social limelight, is a hayride which is being sponsored for cadets tonight by McIver Hall.



The Four Clefs—"Rhythm Supreme"

Around Chapel Hill recently a lot of recordings have been appearing on the Juke Boxes by the Four Clefs, a musical quartet composed of drums, piano, bass fiddle and guitar. Here, in the Navy Pre-Flight band, there is a similar outfit which goes under the same name.

One half of the original Four Clefs are now in the Navy, stationed with the Pre-Flight band here, and the other half still hold forth in civilian ranks. Both have made the needed replacements so today there are two groups—one for civilian consumption and one for the Navy.

In the original outfit and now stationed here are William Chapman, who plays the drums in the above photo, and George Roberts, who is pictured at the piano. Both hail from Springfield, Ill.

Chapman served as arranger for the original group, and, on the side, wrote numerous songs, among them being, "Hiding All My Cares," "You'll Always Dwell In My Heart," and "Inspiration of Love." The original Four Clefs got together one evening for a jam session and wrote a jump tune called, "Take It And Get," which was featured in the Universal Picture, "How's About It," and which was recorded by several bands including Andy Kirk and Glen Gray.

All told, the Four Clefs have recorded 32 sides for the Bluebird Recording Company. Several of these records include original tunes, and Chapman is featured most of the time on the vocals.

In the band at present, other than Chapman and Roberts, are Jasper W. Allen and James H. Brown. Allen came into the Navy via Kansas City, and played in the Wee Willie Smith band at Great Lakes. He plays the bass fiddle.

Brown, the guitarist, worked with Artie Starks Walkathorn Band at Chicago and also with Chuck Logan.

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Congratulations went the rounds this week for 12 officers, all USNR, who were promoted effective August 1 by AINav No. 142.

Promoted from Lt. (jg) to Lieut. were William S. Ashley, platoon officer; Richard E. Barrick, assistant coach, gym and tumbling;

Roy A. Miller, platoon officer; Russel H. Paugh, assistant coach, swimming; James J. Ryba, platoon officer; Harold C. Wermuth, platoon officer.

From Ensign to Lt. (jg), William H. Dye, aide to the executive officer; Walker M. Givens, assistant, labor engineering; LeRoy F. Heminger, platoon officer; William C. Jarnagin, assistant coach, football; William H. Muir, platoon officer, and William H. Stewart, assistant, gym and tumbling, were promoted.

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Eight officers from the N & R department, in pairs of two, have recently been taking a refresher course in that subject at Norfolk, Va. The special instruction covers a one week period. Officers who have already taken the course include Lieut. Horace B. Atwood, head of the department, Lieut. William R. Fisher, Lieut. Robert L. Dartt, Lt. (jg) William Chlopan, Lieut. George M. Joyce, Lieut. Cecil D. Miller, Lieut. James L. Reidy, and Lt. (jg) George W. Passage.

In charge of the instruction is Lieut. Richard King, who at one time was attached to the N & R department here.

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Varsity football practice got underway Tuesday afternoon with 31 men reporting. Several more are expected to be in uniform on Monday in that the 58th Battalion reported aboard during the past week.

The team at this writing is a big question mark, but those in charge are hoping that things will be in good order when the Cloudbusters open their season against Cherry Point here on September 24.

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Like to read? Over at Navy Hall there are numerous magazines and newspapers, all available for cadet consumption. Only recently, nineteen newspapers were added to the subscription list. They include The Charlotte Observer, Charlotte News, Des Moines Register, Christian Science Monitor, Atlanta Journal, Greensboro Record and Daily News, Washington Evening Star, Raleigh News & Observer, Durham Sun and Herald, Richmond Times-Dispatch, San Francisco Chronicle, Fall River Herald News, Asheville Citizen, New York Times, Winston-Salem Journal, Jackson Citizen-Patriot, and the Dallas Morning News.

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The Ping Pong room of Navy Hall now houses an exhibit of survival equipment which should prove to be of unusual interest to both the station personnel and their visitors.

The exhibit is being arranged by Lt. (jg) Sven O. Rosengren of the survival program here, and includes an inflated life raft, Arctic tent, fishing tackle, rations, flares, knives, first aid equipment, and all the other paraphernalia issued to Naval pilots for their protection and well-being in the event that they are forced down at sea or in an unpopulated territory.