

# AROUND THE STATION

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

While the 58th Battalion has done an outstanding job in every phase of competition, the record of the swimming team has been especially outstanding.

Sixteen records are on the books for outdoor and indoor competition which have been held for a year or more. Over the two week period just completed, four of those records were broken.

Cadets Kueng, Carpenter and Hoefler broke the outdoor medley relay record, reducing the time from 1:30.6 to 1:30.1. This same trio also set a new indoor record in the same event, the old time of 1:44.6 being bettered to 1:43.2.

In the outdoor cross chest carry, Cadet Smith lowered the old time of 22.4 to 21.9.

Most surprising of any of the new records was the indoor free-style relay 200 meters. The old time of 1:54 was bettered by 3.6 second by Cadets Scoble, Goodloe, Smith, Polischuck, Place and Hoefler.

Since the 58th has reported aboard they have won the swimming competition on three different occasions.

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Reports from the Navy Department indicate that the new Hellcat which is being used in the Pacific is bringing down Japanese planes on a thirty-one to one ratio, a major contribution of the sweeping advances of the past six months.

The new ship is called the F6F-3. The engine cowling has been further streamlined, stepping up the speed which already was better than four hundred miles an hour.

The new ships mount six .50 calibre machine guns, also can carry rockets and bombs.

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Cadet Harold Gustafson, 63-E-1, has a brother who is Second Lieutenant in the Marine Corps. He is stationed at Santa Ana, California.

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Cadet Arnold Weber, 63-E-1, has no brothers in the service, but two of his cousins have been recently decorated. One, "Hank" Kirschman, is a Chief Petty Officer in the Submarine Service. He has just received his fourth decoration—the Navy Bronze Medal. The other, Ray Webee, PhM1c, was recently decorated for service in the Mediterranean.

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Tool making is the hobby of Cadet Francis Bullen of 63-F-2. For six years prior to enlisting in V-5 he worked for the Sperry Gyroscope Company. Among other things he worked on Naval gun sights and other instruments made for the Navy of a restricted nature.

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Cadet John Van Wie, Jr. served as Scoutmaster of Troop 74, Rochester, N. Y. before coming into the V-5 program. He was also director of its Air Scout Patrol for two years.



THE FIRST PICTURE TAKEN of the seven Navy nurses serving at the Navy hospital here is that above, showing from left to right, Ens. Gladys Ryder, Ens. Gertrude E. Thomas, Ens. Frances A. Tirrell, Lt. (jg) Anne Check, head nurse, Ens. Martha L. Gonser, Ens. Mary E. Horney, and Ens. Eleanor A. Bliss.

Football fans in this section will see two top-flight football games next week-end without leaving Chapel Hill.

On Saturday afternoon the University of North Carolina plays host to the University of South Carolina and the following afternoon one of the top games in the nation will be played between the Cloudbusters and the Bainbridge Navy.

The visitors from Bainbridge have not lost a game since they started playing football on a national scale two years ago. Included on their roster are some of the finest stars in the nation, players who would do credit to any college or professional team in the country.

Three of the starters are well known in this section, and a fourth participated against Duke in the 1942 Rose Bowl game played at Durham. Garrard Ramsey was an All-American guard at William & Mary, Lou Sossamon received the same honors at his center position while at the University of South Carolina, and Charlie Justice, who played at Asheville High School, is one of the greatest backs to ever perform in this state. Another Bainbridge player—Don Durdan—led Oregon to victory in the aforementioned Rose Bowl game with Duke.

Other players well known for their previous experience are Joe Davis and Alfred Vanderweghe at the ends, Frank Hrabetin and Elwood Gerber at the tackles, Len Akin, a guard, and backs Harvey Johnson, Joe Michaels and Jim Gatewood.

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It's official now, packaged and sealed, that WAVES are to have their long-awaited opportunity to serve overseas—with qualifications—beginning in December. Overseas service for this group will be on a purely voluntary basis, plus recommendation of the indi-

vidual's Division Officer and Commanding Officer. Training for such duty will be meted out at Receiving Centers, just as it is for sailors.

In addition to recommendation by appropriate officers, the volunteer must have a good conduct and health record. There are, however, no age specifications, although six months' service, in addition to school training, is required.

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Next Wednesday's entertainment in Memorial Hall promises to be the best held in some time. Movies of the Jacksonville-Cloudbuster football game will be shown, and the Four Clefs will "give out" with 20 minutes or so of what they call, "Rhythm Supreme."

For late comers to the station it might be said that the Four Clefs are a musical quartet composed of drums, piano, bass fiddle and guitar.

On the juke boxes around town there are several selections by the group, and all told over 32 sides have been recorded. William Chapman, who plays the drums, is featured most of the time on the vocals.

Of the original group only two are in the Navy—Chapman and George Roberts, who plays the piano.

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. Also, it might be said in passing, that he has a son in the Navy stationed on the West Coast.

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