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Many an interesting service man pulled duty at the various military bases near New Bern during World War II. Not the least of these was Leo Gauthier, a tall, well-built Marine staff sergeant stationed at New River.

Clean cut, and proud. In a modest sort of way, the Fort Worth, Texas, youth was one of 16 brothers serving in the armed services. He told us that there were 18 boys in the family. The youngest—just 16—couldn't qualify for an enlistment. Another brother couldn't talk himself into the Marine Corps because of a crippled foot.

Talking with Leo on his frequent weekend visits to New Bern, we learned that his father, Joseph Gauthier, was doing his bit on the home front at the ripe old age of 86. A contractor by trade, he was in no mood to slow up while his boys were away from home. Mrs. Gauthier had been dead for quite some years.

No branch of the service was overlooked when the Gauthiers enlisted, although the Marine Corps landed 10 of them. According to Leo, one of his Marine brothers was a major, three were captains, four lieutenants, and one of them a sergeant.

In addition, he had a brother who was a lieutenant in the Army, and one who was a sergeant. Two of the brothers enlisted in the Navy and two in the Coast Guard. Offhand, we can't recall what rank they held.

As might be expected, President Franklin D. Roosevelt didn't let this remarkable record go unnoticed. He wrote Mr. Gauthier a warm letter of commendation, as did General MacArthur.

Another unusual Texan was Josephine Rice Gibson, a tech sergeant with the Women's Marine Corps at Cherry Point. When she was doing her first hitch there in 1944, Life magazine carried a photograph of her.

Her deadly marksmanship would have made Annie Oakley envious, so she was picked as a machine-gun instructor. A 50-calibre weapon could give the average man quite a wrestling match, but Josie knew how to keep it well under control.

Incidentally, she got her first experience with firearms as a member of the rifle team at Texas State College. Good marksmen are no oddity in the Lone Star State, but her skill then and later made everybody who saw her take notice.

Equally easy to remember from the days of World War II was Dick Mansfield. In the Navy and stationed at Cherry Point, he was a shy, inconspicuous youngster who didn't attract much attention.

That is, he didn't attract much attention until—quite by accident—it was discovered on a USO hayride and wiener roast here that he was the brother of Ann Sheridan, a reigning movie star.

Ann's real name was Barbara Mansfield. The Mansfield name was an old and honored one in theatrical circles, but somebody in Hollywood decided to junk it, so she became Ann Sheridan.

Although Dick lived in Hollywood himself before entering service, he told us that the thought had never occurred to him to try out for pictures himself. He did, of course, know many of the stars personally, and played tennis regularly with Van Johnson.

Bobbie Troupe, stationed at Camp Lejeune, was another young Marine with whom we were well acquainted. In fact, he attended meetings of the New Bern Jaycees with us, when he came to this city on weekends.

He had a little orchestra made up of servicemen, and they once played a dance at the local army. Little did the writer, or Bobbie, realize what was in store for the



CROSSING AT CENTRAL—Allen Carraway, a milk salesman for Maola Milk and Ice Cream Company, shepherds a covey of children from Central school across New street. It's his cheerfully accepted assignment as part of his firm's

Crusade Child Safety project during the month of September. Incidentally, Carraway is well known here as a leader for Explorer Scouts.—Photo by John R. Baxter.

## English Youth Impressing His New Craven County Friends

Local skeptics who were inclined to doubt the wisdom of the International Farm Youth Exchange aren't so firm in their views now. Credit for their change in attitude belongs to a slender Englishman who came to Craven county from Kirby Lonsdale, a village much smaller than New Bern.

It is obvious that Tar Heels who have made the acquaintance of Bryan Fell like him. More important is the fact that Bryan likes us, and will return to the British Isles as an emphatic believer in the American way of life.

At 22 the soft-spoken farm youth seems serious beyond his years. Or maybe he is so saturated with sincerity that he can't regard anything about his visit in a flippant light. Grateful for the opportunity, he intends to make every minute count during his stay here.

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There are five members in his family. In addition to his parents,

he had a 10-year-old brother and a 12-year-old sister. They get their livelihood chiefly from dairy cattle, sheep and poultry. And, we

might add, they do it on hilly land that presents many a problem. Bryan hopes eventually to have his own farm, but for the time being that will have to wait. Naturally, he is keenly interested in milk and pasture production, and what he is learning here is going to help him in future undertakings.

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BRYAN FELL  
—Photo by John R. Baxter.

The youth has had primary education and five years of secondary education. This is roughly equivalent to a high school education in the United States. Active in his community, he has belonged to the Science Society and the Young Farmers club.

He doesn't appear to be rugged, but was sufficiently athletic to make the rugby and soccer teams at home. Since American football originated with rugby, he'll welcome the chance to see gridders in action in these parts before he returns home.

In keeping with the International Farm Exchange program, Bryan is filling a full schedule of speaking engagements. On every occasion he acquits himself creditably, and brought along a large collection of interesting color slides for viewing by his listeners.

He'll be a speaker at the annual banquet for juvenile dairy farmers to be held next week as a highlight of the eighth annual Coastal Carolina Junior Dairy Show here in New Bern.

His contribution to city and rural activity here, while staying on the Ray Ipoock farm, is noteworthy, but that is hardly half of the story. More significant is his own concept of Americans.

Asked, while speaking before the New Bern Civitan club, what is the chief fault that the English find with Americans, he gave an

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