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Last week's column on interesting service men and women who were stationed at New Bern's neighboring military bases during World War II has occasioned considerable comment.

Not included in the list was Sgt. Stan Grady Marl, who did duty down at Cherry Point back in 1943. Donning a Marine uniform took him out of circulation temporarily as a top flight composer and arranger.

Formerly associated with the late Earl Carroll, whose "Vanities" were the toast of Broadway, he created the arrangements for some of that famed producer's most successful musicals.

Among his accomplishments was collaboration in the writing of such hits as "It Looks Like Rain in Cherry Blossom Lane", "Lost," and "You're A Heavenly Thing."

Though still a youngster, he was well-known in show business, having appeared as a featured pianist at places like Hollywood's Coconut Grove and N.T.G.'s Florentine Gardens. At one time he played with Guy Lombardo, and prior to coming to Cherry Point was given assignments with Marine bands at Washington and San Diego.

While in Hollywood he came in contact with many screen celebrities, and got to know some of them rather well. His favorites, he said, were Lana Turner and Cary Grant.

"Miss Turner has much more than physical attractiveness," he told us. "In real life she is charming and unaffected and possesses plenty of personality. As for Cary Grant, he's the same way off the screen that he is on, and that's good enough for anybody."

One of our memories of those World War II days concerns Major James M. Norwood of the U. S. Air Force. While serving with the director of intelligence in Washington's massive Pentagon, he gave his Marine friends at Cherry Point an English bulldog for a mascot. The gentle but vicious looking canine was named Duffy O'Gallagher.

Getting rid of Duffy was about the biggest mistake that the major ever made. Up in Washington, the Air Force officer got lonesome for the English bulldog, so when he made a routine flight in this section he landed at Cherry Point to pay his respects to his former pet.

Unfortunately, he didn't get to see Duffy O'Gallagher during his short stop there. The pooch, pining just as much as the major and feeling quite poorly, was in New Bern consulting a veterinarian. Needless to say they were soon reunited, and lived happily ever after until Duffy's death.

Maybe you've forgotten, or never did know, that one of the services rendered by the USO club on North Craven street during the war period was the making of recordings for servicemen to send back home.

On Mother's Day particularly, dozens of Marines, soldiers and sailors sent messages all over the country from New Bern. They were cheerful missives, and all of them were pretty much the same. "Mom, I'm all right, my buddies are swell, and the folks in town are nice."

And always there was the inevitable plea too for Mom not to worry, and the usual questions about Mary, and the gang, and Mr. Jones down at the store. Most of the servicemen sat for an hour or more, writing down in advance what they planned to say. They didn't want to get stage fright in front of a microphone, and forget what they intended to tell the folks back home.

Some of New Bern's war mothers went to the USO club too, accepting an invitation to make a record for their boys in service. They were nervous and hesitant, trying to hide their heartaches as they



GOBS OF GOBLERS—W. A. Eubanks and his daughter, Fay, are almost lost in the midst of these bronze, big-breasted turkey on their Jones County farm. It's a new enterprise for Eubanks, who hopes to reap his reward in time

for some last-minute Christmas shopping. Does this scene give you a hankering for a hefty drumstick, or a serving of giblet gravy?—Photo by Billy Benners.

New Bern Citizens in Favor Of Khrushchev's Visit to U.S.

How do New Bernians feel about the scheduled visit of Russia's Premier Nikita Khrushchev to the United States?

Well, a survey by The Mirror reveals overwhelming approval here. Few believe that the Soviet leader's unprecedented meeting with President Dwight D. Eisenhower will bring an international melting in the cold war, but they think the effort is justified.

People are pretty much like tomscats in one respect. As long as they are arguing with each other, there is apt to be little actual fighting. So, the average New Bernian figures, these talks between Ike and Nikita are all for the best.

Because he is a Republican, the President has never been overly popular in this Democratic stronghold. His failure at times to assert firm leadership in the past didn't enhance his prestige in New Bern.

However, Eisenhower's stock has risen tremendously here as a result of his successful trip to England, France and Germany. A new concept of the President is much in evidence hereabouts, and this no doubt is why New Bernians expect Ike to at least hold his own when he joins the top Communist boss at the conference table.

Mayor Robert L. Stallings, Jr.,

talked reassuringly to their flesh and blood on far-flung battlefields. "Be good, Jimmie," they would almost whisper, "and take care of yourself. I wish you could be here to see the baby. New Bern is growing, but the Elks Temple is still our only skyscraper."

Such was our wartime era, in the tense and tragic '40's.

would hardly set himself up as a spokesman for fellow citizens in this historic town, but his own opinions on the matter coincide

with the typical local viewpoint. "I have complete confidence in the President," says the mayor, "and am hopeful that his conversa-

tions with Khrushchev will relieve tension, and possibly accomplish understanding. I doubt that there will be any material change, but we should at least feel better for having made the effort."

As a matter of fact, Stallings takes the line of reasoning that the United States had no alternative in agreeing to the talks between these two high ranking figures, since peace is our objective.

"I am sure that the President will not enter into any secret agreements," adds the mayor, "and I am equally sure that our friendly Western countries abroad have the same faith. It was very gratifying to see the way the United States and Eisenhower were recognized as the leaders of the free peoples of the world, when he went abroad recently."

What Stallings said, when we interviewed him, was repeated time and time again by other New Bernians questioned by The Mirror. Worrying most folks, however, is the possibility that an attempt might be made to do physical harm to Khrushchev during his stay in Washington and his tour to the Pacific coast by way of Ames and Des Moines, Iowa.

Citizens here, and throughout America, are fearful of the repercussions that could come from such an event, especially if it resulted in an assassination. In that connection, a native New Bernian and the husband of a New Bern girl are both playing important roles in the precautionary measures that are being taken.

Captain John L. Sullivan of the Washington Police Department, (Continued on back page)



FISHING ON WILSON CREEK
—Photo by Billy Benners.