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No praise can be too great for the Craven County Civil Air Patrol and the Cape Lookout Power Squadron, as they continue to make the Neuse and Trent safer for those who enjoy boating on our coastal waters.

This month, they have resumed the river patrols that were inaugurated last summer. Not only these two streams, dotted with pleasure craft, but all major creeks in this area will come under close scrutiny each morning at 10 o'clock, and in the afternoon between 4 and 5 o'clock.

These flights, with observation planes flying lower than 500 feet in most instances, are designed to get help to any boat in distress in the shortest possible time. The local Coast Guard, the Marine Corps at Cherry Point, and private boat owners are solidly behind this worthwhile project.

A spokesman says, "The Cape Lookout Power Squadron is working with the Civil Air Patrol in a coordinated effort to make all boating interests aware of the River Patrols, and to arrange means of communication between boat and plane in the area described."

All flights will originate at the New Bern Airport. They will go to Flanners Beach, cross Neuse river to Goose Creek, and proceed up the Neuse as far as Street's ferry bridge before returning to New Bern. The trip up the Trent will extend as far as Island Creek.

In a detailed bulletin that is being widely circulated to interested parties, but may not reach some of our readers, boat operators are urged to file a float plan with someone before taking off for a jaunt on one of our rivers. It is entirely possible that two Kinston chemists recently drowned in the Neuse near Hancock's Creek might have been rescued if it had been known locally that they were missing or overdue.

Common sense should dictate what to do when you find yourself in distress, but these explicit pointers ought to be on your mind. Tie any piece of light colored cloth to a paddle or stick, and wave violently as long as the low flying plane is in sight. If you have any of the usual emergency signals aboard, use them also. When the plane circles you, and wags its wings, you'll know that your distress signal has been received.

The plane will leave the distressed boat and fly to the nearest able boat in the area. In this case, the plane will LOW CIRCLE the able boat, and when crossing her bow will pump the throttle, then fly in the direction it wants the boat to go. Follow this course until you reach the boat in distress. If the plane circles the able boat, and pumps the throttle while crossing her stern, it will mean that help is no longer needed.

In the event you leave your boat at anchor, with NO ONE aboard, tie a piece of cloth on the anchor line between the bow and the water, so the Air Patrol will monitor Radio Frequency 2182 KC during the flights from New Bern Airport. They cannot transmit on this frequency.

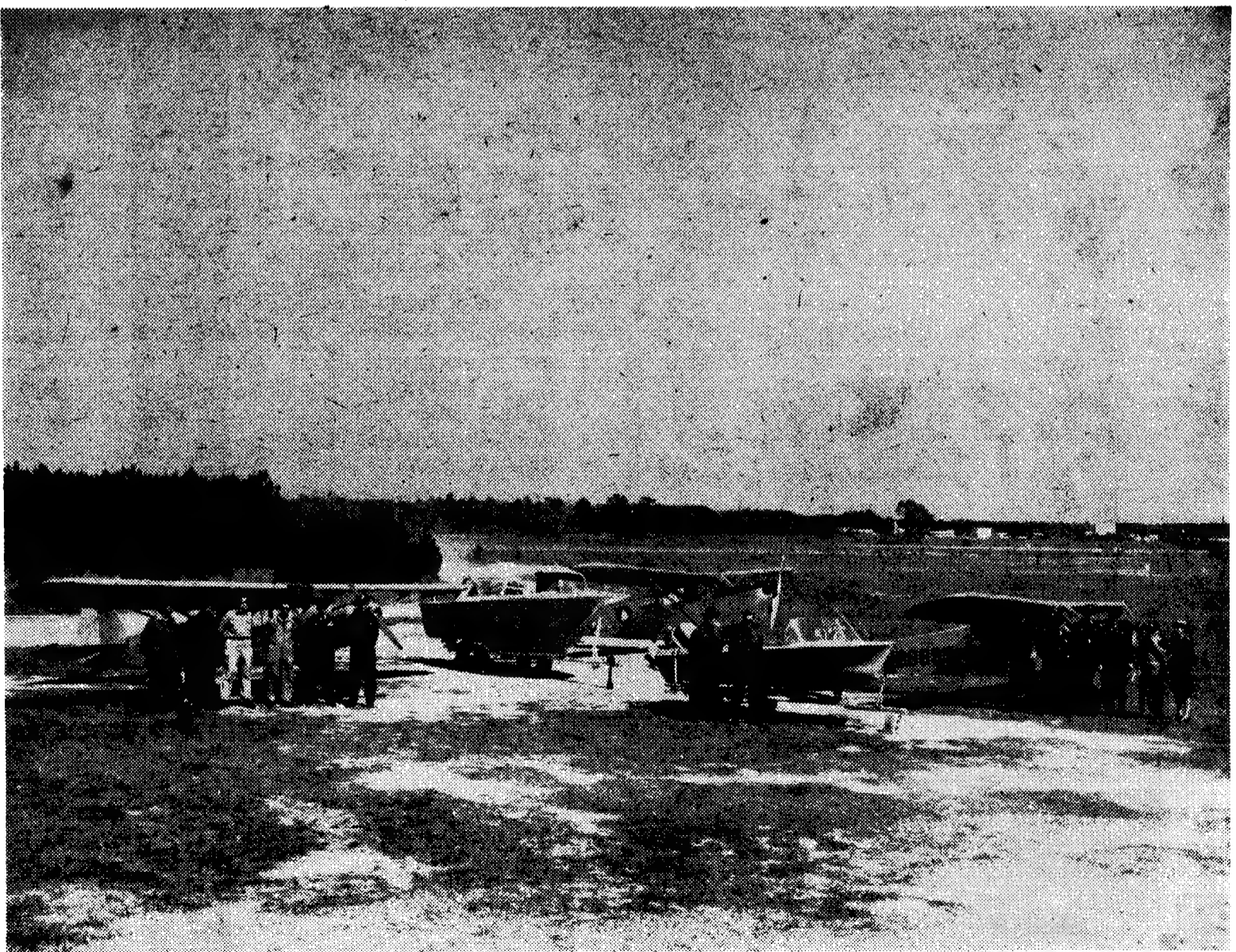
Although the morning and afternoon flights referred to are the only regularly scheduled ones, there will be many other flights, especially when there is heavy river traffic. Make it a habit to watch for low flying planes, and signal if you need help. Don't take chances on the assumption that you won't suffer from your own recklessness, but take comfort in the fact that an earnest effort is being made to promote safety for those who appreciate our rivers and don't want to abuse the privilege of using them.

Most drownings and boating accidents  
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ANOTHER PRICELESS GEM—In keeping with our efforts to locate and preserve in print the rare photos of yesterday, we proudly present Tom Warren's French class, at the New Bern public school, this week. The picture is almost 70 years old. Pupils include Mamie Berry Hall, Vida Gaskill

Baxter, Virginia Baxter, Amy Cook Tolson, Mattie Green Turnbull, Annie Foy Vick, Annie Fowler Rhem, Sara Willis Taylor, Wade Meadows, William Dunn, Frank George, Ralph Davenport, Albert Patterson, Likie Tolson, and Adolph Nunn.



THEY'LL HELP YOU—Pictured here with boat and plane equipment are representatives of the Craven County Civil Air Patrol, the Cape Lookout Power Squadron, and Wildlife Protectors. Read today in Through The Looking Glass

how they intend to make the Neuse and Trent a safe place for pleasure, with your cooperation. Our community, and boat owners in this area, owe them a big vote of thanks.