



AIR-O-MECH



FROM THE CLASSROOM... TO THE LINE....

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SEYMOUR JOHNSON FIELD, N.C.

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Giant Bond Rally Begins May 1

First Birthday Of Post Is Drawing Near

Seymour Johnson Field's first birthday is drawing close. Just one year ago today, however, farmers whose homesteads were on the very ground where you are going to school and to work, were busily running around in Goldsboro asking "will we have to move?"

For just a year ago today, surveyors were at work on the ground where this Field now stands. Where your barracks, offices and school buildings now stand were tobacco fields, homes, churches and even country schools.

Although activation of the Field was several months hence, Lt. See **FIRST BIRTHDAY**, Page 3

FIFTY-THREE YEAR OLD PFC, 1ST LT. IN LAST WAR, IN AN SCHOOL NOW

Fifty-three years old, holding the rank of Private First Class, is Walter F. Crawford, airplane mechanic student and member of the 799th Technical School Squadron, who voluntarily enlisted for service in this war after holding a commission as a first lieutenant in the Quarter Master Corps in World War I. He is believed to be the oldest student on the Field.

Crawford, who has 32 years experience as a carburetor, ignition and hydraulic mechanic, explained he enlisted after watching a news reel at a motion picture theater. He said an army officer made the statement that any mechanic who did not enlist in the U. S. Army was See **FIFTY-THREE**, Page 3

FIRST REVIEW BEFORE COMMANDING OFFICER GAINS APPROVAL

The first review before Commanding Officer, Colonel Donald B. Smith was held Saturday with all military personnel of Seymour Johnson Field

Goal Set For Post Is Pursuit Plane To Be Sponsored By Johnson Field

LEGAL ASSISTANCE OFFERED TO G. I. BY J. A. OFFICE

The establishment of a Post legal assistance office to provide free legal advice to military personnel in the conduct of their personal affairs was being outlined here this week following receipt of a War Department directive authorizing such an office on each post, camp and station within the United States.

Present plans call for the assistance of any Army officers who are licensed attorneys and possibly the assistance of civilian lawyers See **LEGAL ASSISTANCE**, Page 3

Waac

News from Camp Grant to the effect that grandmothers are now joining the WAACs need not perturb you impatient GIs. Such case was really one in a thousand and besides said granny is only a young 40 and her sister WAACs are sooooo much nearer the sweet sixteen stage.

Where there's a WAAC there's a way

NEW POST TELEPHONE BOOKS DISTRIBUTED

A snappy, terse telephone directory has been issued by Signal Service for the use of field personnel. See **TEL. BOOKS**, Page 3

BUY A STAMP AND LICK THE OTHER SIDE! A giant war stamp rally at Seymour Johnson Field got underway Saturday. The goal of a pursuit plane to whip the Axis has been set. The plans will be sponsored by this field and also named by this station. It is believed to be the first such plane ever purchased by a military organization.

The drive, which is sponsored by the Air-O-Mech, part of the Special Service Section, is being conducted on the belief that every person at this station would gladly contribute to help send another plane on its way to help defeat the Axis. A pursuit plane costs \$75,000.

The drive officially opened at noon, April 30, when Colonel James W. Hurtt, Post Executive Officer, unveiled a mock P-40, made of plywood in front of the Air-O-Mech office in Building T-30 (across from the post office). The Post Band played and the Commanding Officer's entire staff was on hand to watch Colonel Donald B. Smith buy the first stamp and paste a section of colored paper on the P-40.

The motto "Buy A Stamp And Lick The Other Side" has been adopted by the Air-O-Mech and will be the slogan used throughout the entire campaign, which will officially close June 1.

The plane is sectioned, and as stamps are bought, colored paper will be pasted on the ship. Each day the colored paper, representing the stamps purchased will be blocked off so the progress of the drive can

be readily determined. Only \$1 and \$5 stamps will be sold; but any number of the two denominations of stamps can be sold.

After the last stamp has been sold, completing the \$75,000 project, an announcement will be made of that fact.

The \$75,000 will then be sent to Washington together with a list of contributors.

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Soldiers to O. C. S.

Four veteran soldier residents of Seymour Johnson Field left this week for Officer Candidate school at Miami Beach, Fla.

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Long Distance Telephone Center Is Opened

No longer do soldiers have to "sweat out" long distance calls in uncomfortable surroundings at Seymour Johnson Field. A large attended telephone center, in back of the Service Club, beautifully decorated and equipped with eight telephone booths, has been built and has started functioning already.

Built for the convenience of service men by the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Co., the

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participating. The review was divided into two sections with one section passing in review in the morning and the other section in the afternoon.

Col. Smith commented that taking into consideration the fact that most of the men had but little previous experience in participating in a Review, it was good.

The squadrons marched down on to the apron. The above picture was taken when the Colonel arrived on the ramp. The command "Open ranks" See **FIRST REVIEW**, page 3