

Co-operative Sunday Held



The Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church in Mesic held its annual Co-operative Service on Sunday, February 18. Hundreds of blacks and whites of various denominations from Pamlico, Craven, Beaufort, Carteret and Pitt

counties joined together in a co-operative worship service. After the worship service, the group enjoyed a fellowship luncheon.



Co-operative Sunday in Mesic saw the food preparers working overtime. Four of the many (pictured above) are: Sara Gibbs, James Blount, Ester Gibbs and Annie M. Burrus.



Evangelist Mollie Credle has served as chairperson for the Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church's Co-operative Sunday for the last 3 years.

Cherry Point Holds Aviation Element Exercise

CHERRY POINT—Elements of the 2d Marine Aircraft Wing will participate in a five day training exercise along the North Carolina coast, February 25-29. The purpose of Aviation Element Exercise 1-80 (AVELEX 1-80) is to exercise all functions of Marine aviation as a tactical entity in a simulated enemy high-threat environment.

Utilizing low-level, high-speed flights along pre-designated routes, Marine pilots will seek to approach their training objectives undetected and unhampered. Every effort is being made by Marine training coordinators to insure the tranquility of local residents.

This year's exercise "AVELEX 1-80", will assist in training combat aircrews to fly below the effective tracking range of most enemy radar and to practice flying in airspace least vulnerable to enemy electronic warfare technology. In addition, pilots will test their skills to fly at speeds that will minimize the time afforded hostile ground observers to pass warnings. All these attack techniques are essential to the pilot's survival and victory in combat.

Training will emphasize the employment of all Wing elements as one entity in a tactical environment. The command and control of all units will be exercised in the same manner as it would be during actual combat. To add realism and stress the importance of staying away from civilian populated areas, local exercise officials have designated key residential areas as "high-risk" zones. Pilots flying into these zones will be eliminated from the exercise, as exercise umpires will designate them as being shot down. At the same time Leatherneck aircrews will attempt to avoid detection from ground base electronic defensive warfare positions and other defensive aircraft as they flew along the coast.

Several sites have been chosen for the exercise. Marines will deploy to Marine Corps Auxiliary Landing Field, Bogue Field; Marine Corps Auxiliary Landing Field, Atlantic Field; Landing Zone-Bluebird, Camp Lejeune; and remaining troops will operate from homebases in Beaufort, New River and Cherry Point.

Aerial and ground elements participating in AVELEX 1-80 will be as diverse as the units of the Wing itself. AVELEX 1-80 will be an all inclusive, Wing-wide exercise, meshing aerial and ground units into one synchronized mechanism.

A Marine Corps spokesman points out that Cherry Point Leathernecks need this type of training as essential to combat readiness required in the NATO high-threat environment, and especially so with today's sophisticated enemy air defense systems.

It must be taken into account that for all Marines to remain the best in the world, they must constantly be training and sharpening their skills. Only through intense

training can the Corps maintain its status as the nation's number one "Force in Readiness".

The "TALE BAG"

AMERICA'S FIRST INDUSTRY

by Ross Boyer

The North Carolina Fisheries Association's Board of Directors met with Governor Hunt during his recent visit to Pamlico County. Several issues were discussed with the Governor, and the board members spoke on areas of special concern. Problems with channels and inlet stability were discussed. The need for safe transportation for our fishermen to and from the fishing grounds was stressed. Safe transportation is taken for granted by non-seafaring citizens. Other members expressed their concern with the proposed Wanchese Seafood Industrial Park and foreign firms locating there and exploiting N. C. resources. The pollution problem in the Chowan-Albemarle area was discussed. Pollution from industrial, agricultural, and municipal waste was also cited. The Governor mentioned the plan recently announced for clean up action, and stressed that this was a top priority item. Soaring energy costs are another big concern, as are sensible approaches to pollution controls. The Governor expressed his appreciation to the views of the board members.

The Association is sponsoring Inlet Day at Oregon Inlet at the N. C. Marine Resource Center, Roanoke Island, on April 26 and 27! Let's get together and show how important safe inlets are to us. Bring your boats and your families up to Wanchese for a weekend to celebrate the fishing industry. We'll have a memorial service for fishermen who have died at our N. C. Inlets and a procession of fishing boats at Oregon Inlet. Other activities include a fish fry, seafood product display booths, guest speakers, and good fellowship. This is your chance to display your support for safe inlets for N. C. Fishermen. Your life depends on it. Watch for more information.

Several import and public hearings are coming up. I'll keep you informed on specific

issues and dates. These hearings are our chance to make our voices heard. Call me if you need more information.

Tuesday, February 26, 1980 is the date for a N. C. Marine Fisheries Commission hearing at 7:30 p.m. at New Hanover County Courthouse, Superior Courtroom, Wilmington, N. C. Items to be commented on include taking clams from polluted areas, size limit and culling tolerance of out-of-state oysters, a proposed sea turtle sanctuary, ocean fishery by "Florida-type roller rig", of Spanish and King mackerel, and non-commercial taking of shellfish. Of special interest to the Menhaden fishery are proposed restrictions of purse seine operations. Recent fish kills have caused the tourist industry to express concern about ill effects to the recreational use of the beaches. Written comment may be mailed to Marine Fisheries Commission, c/o Director, P.O. Box 769, Morehead City, N.C. 28557.

For you fishermen involved in King and Spanish Mackerel, a management plan is being developed by the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council. Their decisions will be law for you. If you want a voice in this plan, you'd better start talking now. There will be three hearings in North Carolina: March 10, 7-10 p.m., Hatteras Civic Center, Hatteras, N.C.; March 11, 7-10 p.m., Carteret Technical Institute Auditorium, Morehead City, N.C.; March 12, 1980, 7-10 p.m., Garden Room—Hilton Inn, Wilmington. Written comment can be sent to Council Headquarters, 1 South Park Circle, Suite 306, Charleston, S. C. 29407.

The energy shortage is going to have a double effect on us in coastal North Carolina. Not only will we pay more at the gas pump, but we're being asked to open our ports and waters to oil refineries and oil exploration. The N. C. Department of Natural Resources and

Community Development has recently received a grant of \$555,000.00 and will use the funds for "assessing and planning for environmental and recreational losses occurring from the location of and construction of energy facilities". That means us, folks! Our waters are the ones they're going to be assessing. Let's hope our voices will be heard too on Tuesday, March 4, 7:30 p.m., Ground Floor Hearing Room, Archdale Building, Raleigh, N. C., and Tuesday, March 5, 7:30 p.m., Superior Court Courtroom, New Hanover County Courthouse, Wilmington, N. C. Public hearings are scheduled concerning issue of permits to construct or operate oil refining facilities.

N.R.C.D. also notes the spread of algae blooms and low levels of dissolved oxygen in the Pamlico and Neuse Estuaries. We need to be aware of changes in these rivers and the sound and not let the situation get as bad as

the Chowan-Albemarle area before we react.

Other meetings include a March 20th "Fishing Vessel Fuel Efficiency Workshop"; Charleston, S. C. (Contact: Raymond J. Rhodes, S. C. Marine Resource Center, P.O. Box 12559, Charleston, S.C., 29412). The Third Annual Atlantic Coast Commercial Fisherman's Show is also scheduled at Charleston for March 21-23. (Contact: Felsburg Associates, Inc., 12203 Raritan Lane, P. O. Box 735, Bowie, Maryland 20715).

Weekly catch report—good fishing reported on croaker and trout last week. Prices were initially strong but declined later in the week.

If you have any questions, comments, gripes or items of interest for this column, don't hesitate to call me at 745-4985 or come by the office in Bayboro.

Until later -- good fishin'!

Ross

Oriental Jr. Woman's

The Oriental Junior Woman's Club held their February meeting at the home of Gail Rae. The program was given by Mrs. Sara Veal who is the Public Relations Librarian for the Pamlico County Library. She gave an informative talk on the services and materials available for the public.

Several guests were present, and our President, Ruth Statham, extended a welcome to each. Please come again, girls!

Reports were given by the department chairmen and many good ideas for future projects were presented. It has been voted that we will participate in Vocational Education Week. Betty Gilgo will chair this with the cooperation of everyone. Betty will also chair the "Friends of the Library" program which was enthusiastically received due to Mrs. Veal's inspiring presentation.

We also voted to offer our services in helping the Junior High School during its visitation by the Southern Association of Schools and Colleges.

Diane McDaniel, International Affairs chairman, requested that we write a letter of encouragement to the hostages in Iran and a

letter of thanks to Canada. It was unanimously passed.

Some more projects were passed for the spring. We voted to co-sponsor a fashion show and tea to be given by the Oriental Woman's Club. We will also hold a tea and sing-along for the Senior Citizens when the weather warms. This is a much loved project and we all are looking forward to it.

Due to the success of several chicken dinners we have held, we voted to buy a charcoal cooker to use for such functions. We also have some girls pricing pots and pans.

Three of our girls attended Junior Day in Kinston on February 2. It was reported that the meeting was excellent. Best of all, they brought back a silk rose which was presented to Sylvia Roberts, our Club-woman of the Year, for being the runner-up in the district contest. Congratulations, Sylvia!

Delicious Valentine refreshments were served by our hostess, Gail Rae. Our next meeting will be held at the home of Linda Woodard. The meeting was adjourned with the reading of the collect.


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