

ONE OF THE BEST

Marine Corps Reserve Unit Observes Second Birthday

By MARGARET MAGEE

Sunday, July 17, is an important date to many marines in this area and to a group of citizens who gave their assistance in organizing the reserve unit here.

That date marks the second anniversary of the activation of the Salem Organized Marine Corps Reserve unit, C battery, 104 howitzer battalion, with Maj. Leonard G. Hicks as commanding officer.



Composing the unit when it was activated two years ago were four officers and nine enlisted men. Three of those officers and five of the enlisted men are still on the units rolls.

Officers with the unit when it was activated and still with it are Maj. Hicks, Capt. Gene M. Williams and First Lt. Carl J. McLeod. No longer with the unit is First Lt. James A. Henry.

Enlisted men with the unit when it was activated and still having their names on the rolls are Staff Sgt. Herman M. Doney, Sgt. George H. Wilkinson, Sgt. Emerson V. Murphy, Sgt. Dwaine C. O'Harra and Pfc. David S. Berger. Those no longer with the unit are Tech. Sgt. James N. Bacon, Staff Sgt. Thomas A. Roberts, Jr., Cpl. Robert A. Bailey, and Cpl. John D. Wiles.

Less than two months after activation on September 3, the office of inspector-instructor for the unit was activated and opened on the third floor of City hall. In the office, when it opened were Master Sgt. Lloyd W. Barker, who is still in charge of the office, and Cpl. Arthur A. Caipponi. Later the office was moved to the airport and this spring, when the Naval and Marine Corps Reserve training center was completed, was moved there.

Two and a half months after the units activation it had five officers and 31 enlisted personnel. By December 31, 1947, there were six officers and 87 enlisted men in the unit and February 6, 1948, it reached its full authorized strength of seven officers and 135 enlisted men.

Since that time the unit, the first to reach full authorized strength in the 13th Marine Corps Reserve district, has maintained its full strength with a monthly turnover of approximately five per cent of its enlisted personnel.

The Salem outfit, which this year takes its summer training August 20 to September 3, had its first summer training period in the summer of 1948 with 73 enlisted men and four officers going to Camp Joseph Pendleton, Calif., for two weeks' period. The year before four enlisted men from the Salem unit took their summer training with a Portland unit.

The mission of the Marine Corps Reserve is to furnish personnel effectively trained for integration with and assimilation by the Fleet Marine Forces in event of immediate mobilization. The training objective is preparation of each individual of the unit so that he may fill a mobilization billet within a Fleet Marine Force unit with a minimum of additional preliminary training.

However, the unit here does not limit its activities to this but has participated in local parades, furnishes firing squads for military funerals for returned Marine war dead upon request of the next of kin and has had both a basketball and softball team through 1948 and 1949.

During 1948-49 the Salem unit maintained a pistol and rifle team with the following members: First Lt. W. D. Sims, Tech. Sgt. E. J. Kelm, Pfc. G. B. Crump, Staff Sgt. Herman M. Doney, Staff Sgt. R. E. Unruh, Cpl. W. T. Baldwin, Pfc. K. H. Johnson, Sgt. J. W. Marcroft and Pfc. B. C. Jefferies.

The unit won the Northwest Company Pistol league cham-



Marine Unit's Birthday Sunday—Salem's organized Marine Corps Reserve unit, C battery of the Fourth 105 mm Howitzer battalion (above) which Sunday celebrates the second anniversary of its activation is pictured at Camp Pendleton, Calif., August 26 of last year just prior to taking part in a battalion parade in which formal presentation of colors was made. In front at right is the commander of the unit, Maj. Leonard G. Hicks. (Below) is a picture taken just after the unit was organized here. In picture are (front row, left to right) Staff Sgt. Herman M. Doney, Sgt. Dwaine C. O'Harra, Staff Sgt. Robert E. Unruh, Cpl. Alonzo A. Esau, Cpl. Kester D. Leibolt and Cpl. Emerson V. Murphy; (second row, left to right) Wilbur Cammeron, Earl L. Ishan, Tech. Sgt. Donald H. Burt, Cpl. Robert A. Bailey, First Lt. James A. Henry and Cpl. Rado T. Sutich; and (third row, left to right) Michael Borschowa, Sgt. William H. Whiles, Sgt. Robert L. Newell, Arnold J. Olson, Cpl. Gene R. Anderson, Cpl. Bruce T. Banks, Sgt. Ray B. Moor and Cpl. Harvey D. Weitman. Men in the picture still with the unit are Doney, O'Harra, Unruh, Esau, Murphy, Burt, Whiles, Newell and Anderson.

ampionship this year with an undefeated record of 10 wins and no losses and an average score of 901.4 points. The unit was in second place in 1949 in the Company Rifle league with a score of 780.10. First place was taken by a Portland unit which had a score of 819.80 points.

About five months after activation of the unit, on November 10, 1947, (the 172nd anniversary of the Marine Corps, a publicity campaign, both local and national, was instigated for the Marine Corps Reserve. January 12-20 was designated as Citizens' Marine Corps Reserve week.

In Salem a civilian committee organized November 10, 1947, assisted in securing men for the unit here. Members of that committee were Clarence R. Schrock, Milan Boniface, Craig Carver, W. J. Brown, Lee Bishop, Kelly Owen, Fred Starrett, Rex Kimmell and Carl Greider.

Abiqua River Flow Will Be Determined

Silverton—At a belated monthly meeting of the city council, the aldermen voted \$500 for the measuring the flow of water in the Abiqua during low water season, to be conducted by the city planning commission under the direction of City Manager Robert E. Borland.

The city parking meters have been installed and were accepted for use by the council. Reports of a filtering plant will be computed.

A total tax levy of \$23,521 of which \$12,354 is out-side the six-percent limitation, was approved by the council, which

Dayton Installs New City Pump

Dayton—The new Dayton city pump was hooked up and water turned into the city mains. The new well, situated on a low hill one mile north of Dayton, is 12 inches in diameter and 208 feet deep. It is lined with steel casing, the entire depth, the bottom 85 feet being perforated to admit the water. The drillers struck solid rock at 80 ft., the rest of the way down was nearly all rock.

The pump is a modern deep well turbine operated by a thirty horse three phase motor. It is delivering 250,000 gallons of water to the reservoir every 24 hours of continuous run. This with the supply from the springs, gives Dayton 400,000 gallons every day, about twice the usual consumption during the summer months, allowing two hours sprinkling for each user.

The well was drilled by Jantzen Drilling Co. of Portland, and the pump was furnished by Mi Van Company. Howard Lovely connected the pump motor to the General Electric power lines and Arthur Mosgrove put in the foundation and will erect the pump house. Leigh Freeman, the new water commissioner, is in charge of operation.

At the time the pump was started, the city reservoir was emptied down to the two foot mark. By the next morning it was full and running over. Word was given to start sprinkling. Soon everyone was using the maximum that they could draw. Pressure in the mains dropped and the master meter, on the main showed, that there were poured out 300,000 gallons Sunday and about the same Monday.

Meters are now being installed and it is the intention to have every outlet metered. The new source in connection with the springs, should give Dayton an adequate supply of water for many years.

The first U. S. Census of Business, then known as the Census of Distribution, was conducted in 1930, and covered operations of about 1,645,000 retail and wholesale stores.

PARROTING PARROTS

Dotty Started Squawking, Coined Money on Noise

By PATRICIA CLARY

Hollywood (U.P.)—Movie-makers here pay good money to hire talking parrots for pictures. Then, because you can't depend on what the parrot will say, they hire Dorothy Lloyd to talk for them.

Miss Lloyd consequently makes a handsome living parrotting parrots, and in any language. She has been the voice of the Polly in more pictures than you can shake a parrot at.

"Tan grandote y tan bruto!" squawks Miss Lloyd, while the real parrot stares at her and blinks. "Awrrk! Awrrk! Adrrk!"

Miss Lloyd learned to imitate parrots from one that spoke only French. An inmate of an aviary owned by A. G. Spaulding, the sporting goods king, he swore all day outside her high school classroom in Point Loma, Cal.

"One day I got mad and felt like squawking back," she relates. "So I opened my mouth and found out I could."

Miss Lloyd didn't have a chance to carry on her chosen career as a dancer after that. People who found out she could make like a bird made her stop dancing and start squawking.

It was such a hilarious entertainment in Point Loma, Cal., that Miss Lloyd came with high hopes to movieland.

"I thought a talking parrot could be made into a very funny character like a feathered Laurel and Hardy," she said.

Nobody else thought so until Walt Disney created Joe Carioca 20 years later.

Meanwhile Miss Lloyd injected her parrot calls into minor movie roles. She spoke for the screen's first talking parrot in an Adolphe Menjou epic entitled "The Great Love."

The parrotplay of Miss Lloyd's career was in "Treasure Island." After she screeched, whistled and rasped "Pieces of eight" through 12 reels as the mad-tempered bird on Wallace Berry's shoulder, she abandoned thoughts of any other vocation.

"I have had parts since," she added, "as a cockatoo, macaw, hen, rooster, baby chick, cat, kitten, pig, frog, goat, dove, dog, horse, turkey, cow and loon."

Her current job is putting words into the beak of a Spanish-speaking parrot in Robert Mitchum's RKO picture, "The Big Steal."

Somewhat out of Miss Lloyd's line—but still worth money—was a job to furnish a series of ghoulish howls and shrieks for a Boris Karloff spine-chiller.

"I went to cemeteries but I couldn't hear a thing," she said. "So I just had to improvise."

She improvised so realistically she has had three offers to haunt a house.



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Theater at Dayton Sold to Ratliffs

Dayton—A transaction was made recently, when Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Willert sold the Dayton theater to Mr. and Mrs. Paul D. Ratliff of Spokane, Wash., becoming effective July 1.

The theatre has been renamed the Daytona theater and will continue the same type of good pictures that have been shown in the past.

July 15 and 16 have been the planned dates for the opening observance and an added attraction will be the presentation of Earl Taylor, well-known Portland organist, in person at the keyboard of his Hammond electric organ. Mr. Taylor will play favorite selections, both classic and popular, from 6:30 to 7 and from 9 to 9:30.

Willert is the local postmaster. He built the theater and has operated it since last fall.

First Ripe Peaches

Jefferson—J. J. McGill farmer of Greens Bridge district has shown his ability as a fruit grower. He set a four and one half acres of one year old peach trees 14 months ago and they are bearing fruit this year. He has already picked ripe peaches off the trees and expects to pick around two or three bushels before the season is over. In all the years he has been engaged in raising fruit this is the first time the trees have borne in such a short time.

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