

ZERO-HOUR



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RAIN SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE TODAY TO
KEEP MACON FROM SAILING THIS A.M.

THE DEVIL IS DRIVING THIS EVENING
THREE ON A MATCH TOMORROW NIGHT

A storm of wind and rain blowing down the Coast and due to arrive here this morning with rain will keep the Platinum Blonde in her beautiful silver castle today and so the presently projected training flight that was to have begun this morning is postponed until further notice. The weather forecast is for rain from 12 to 15 hours beginning this morning and with winds and unsettled flying conditions to follow it is not yet known when the next hop is to take place.

The motion picture program scheduled for this evening is "The Devil is Driving", with Edmund Lowe and Wynne Gibson in the feature parts. A one reeler called "When the Cat's Away" is to be shown with the feature. For tomorrow evening the program is to include "Three on a Match" with a one reel comedy "Mickey's Review". The three stars in the feature picture are Bette Davis, Joan Blondell and Ann Dvorak. The pictures are to begin each evening at 1930.

MARINES, MACON AND STATION SAILORS
TO MEET FOR XMAS PLANS AT 0930

MOFFETT FIELD POSTOFFICE TO MOVE
INTO NEW QUARTERS ON NEXT MONDAY

The Marines, and Macon and Station bluejackets making up the Childrens Christmas committee are reminded that the meeting to elect officers is to be held this morning in the writing room of the Recreation Building at 0930. It is hoped that all the committeemen will be present at that time to choose a chairman and the other officers and work out a complete plan for the children's entertainment on the Station on Christmas morning.

Jay Matthews, postmaster at Moffett Field, California, has announced next Monday as the big day when his Federal activities are to be officially centred in the new post office headquarters. There is to be no reduction in stamps as a bargain sale for the day but if you come early you will be sure to get fresh stamps. Also the Postmaster has heard the joke about the haughty lady who asked "Do I have to stick this on my self?" and the postmaster who answered: "No madam, stick it on the letter."

PROFESSOR KRUMHOLTZ STATION MUSIC
MAESTRO CALLS SPECIAL REHEARSAL

ZERO HOUR TO PUBLISH DETAILS OF
NOTICE ABOUT AUTO LICENSE PLATES
The Supervisor of Motor Vehicles has made arrangements with the California Highway commission patrol to secure a block of consecutively numbered 1934 license plates for personnel of this Station and the Macon. They requirements to secure new plates are being published in the Zero Hour for tomorrow.

Private Krumholtz who has been placed in charge of the Station Orchestra as director has called a special rehearsal for this afternoon at 1500. All the new and old men on the Station are reminded that any men who have ever had any experience on any musical instrument are invited to come together and work out with the Station Orchestra. We furnish the instruments and the applause. We are also looking for a violin player.

"MORE MEN FOR SHIPS"

The support of the Navy by the Roosevelt Administration is in encouraging contrast to the attitude during the administrations of his Republican predecessors. Both President Coolidge and President Hoover permitted the building program to lag and reduced the personnel. Mr. Roosevelt is not only planning to make good the construction shortage but is proposing to restore the efficiency of the personnel. A month ago his Assistant Secretary of the Navy pointed out that on the basis of the present Fleet strength the personnel was only 80 per cent of that which is required to operate effectively. This week the Secretary of the Navy has asked an addition of 5300 men to the ranks of the Navy. This will restore it to the figure set in 1930. When the new construction is completed the personnel will have to be still further increased.

There is no real economy in maintaining a Navy with an inadequate personnel. The training of sailors is more complicated today than ever before. Extensive technical knowledge and familiarization with the ordinary routine require many months of preparation. The degree of co-ordination required of the personnel on a man-of-war comes only through long practice. And on this effective co-ordination depends the efficiency of the Navy. The Budget director may not approve Secretary Swanson's request. He is put to it to pare down the expenses of the "ordinary" budget, however much he may add to the "extraordinary" budget. But it is encouraging to find that the Navy Department is making its fight for this increase, instead of, as in past years, being directed by the White House to reduce personnel. So far Mr. Roosevelt has not forgotten his first national charge. Experience in the Navy Department convinced him years ago that it is impossible to have an efficient Navy that is undermanned.

From New York Herald Tribune.

R.T.O'NIELL, OF PENNSYLVANIA, NAVY FOOTBALL ACE, KILLED IN AUTO CRASH

During the night that followed the big game in which he starred for the West Coast Navy team in their victory over the San Diego Marines on last Sunday afternoon, R.T. O'Niell, of the Pennsylvania, backfield star and power ace of Lieut. Tom Hamilton's eleven, was killed in an automobile crash at San Diego early Monday morning. W.W. Madison, of the West Virginia was the driver of the car which crashed into a telephone pole. Madison suffered bruises and possible internal injuries, while the following men, also of the West Virginia, were hurt in the crash: P.J. Kish, internal injuries, bruises and deep leg lacerations; and F.P. Kurg, right leg severely cut, bruises and internal injuries. "Gallopig Red" O'Niell has been a prominent football figure in the Navy since he enlisted in Chicago in 1929. He had played half back on the Taylor, Ill., high school eleven and he has been one of the stars on recent West Coast Navy teams. He was transferred to the Pennsylvania from the New Mexico when the latter ship went East for modernization in 1930. O'Niell's work last Sunday afternoon against the Marines was given large credit for the Navy victory by a score of 14 to 7.

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J.M.MAYO, OF CRUISER NORTHAMPTON HURT WHEN CAR TURNS OVER AT L.B.

J.M. Mayo, of the cruiser Northampton, was hurt on Monday morning early at Long Beach, when his automobile struck a traffic button at American avenue and Tenth street and capsized. Mayo's hand was cut in the crash and he was taken to the Seaside Hospital for treatment.

SIXTH BATTLE SQUADRON U.S. FLEET ARRIVED SCAPA FLOW 16 YEARS AGO

Tomorrow as the 7th of December marks the date when the Sixth Battle Squadron of the U.S. Navy under command of Rear Admiral Hugh Rodman arrived at Scapa Flow, Scotland in 1917 and reported for duty in cooperation with the British Grand Fleet.