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U. S. S. CUMBERLAND SOUND AV-17

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SMOKER, HAPPY HOUR HEADED FOR GO SIGNAL TONITE

Comm. Dept. Declares Open Season on Favorite Indoor Sport

The rare, welcome odor of Roasting Turkey will greet the nostrils of the Ship's Company this Easter morn.

Accompanying the king of fowls on the menu will be:

Cream of Potato Soup
Oyster Bread Dressing
Mashed Potatoes
Giblet Gravy
Buttered Peas
Cranberry Sauce
Buttered Asparagus
Fresh Fruit Salad
Apple Pie ----- Ice Cream
Hot Rolls ----- Iced Tea

"The Easter-egg hunt on the lawn," says Tony Lewis, "will be postponed 'till next year."

Collar and Elbow Artists Loose Again

Songs and Music To Follow Fistic Events

Immediately following this evenings boxing smoker there will be a "Happy Hour" of music, skits, fun and frolic.

Old favorites booked to appear are Danny Vigil of Mexican song fame, R. Cutcliffe, star of the forthcoming Gay Nineties Revue, and V.G. Carlson, who will take us around the world via radio.

Lt. W.T. Martin will once again lead the crew in a "Song Fest", and all in all, the entertainment will be of the kind you like to see.

The Welfare Department and Chaplain Courage are highly appreciative of the efforts put forth by our good natured performers.

Anyone interested in taking part in the show submit their names to the Chaplain's Office.

This edition of "CREW'S NEWS" appears two days early so as to provide the crew with a beforehand account of tonight's Smoker and Happy Hour.



Ensign Dennis Day

CUMBERLAND SOUND Picked For Service Show

When CMus. Claude Thornhill and his "Thornhill Raiders" gave forth their rendition of "Snowfall", the All-Navy Show that came aboard the Cumberland Sound Monday afternoon to provide the crew with 70 minutes of mirth, music and merriment, had started on its way.

One of the men in dungrees was Tommy Riggs, Mus.3c, and his often heard but never seen girl friend, little Betty Lou.

Some of the other men in faded blue were Jackie Cooper, Mus.3c, skin beater deluxe; the Graziano Bros., comedy dancers and Ted Vesely, Mus.2c, former first trombonist with Bunny Goodman's orchestra.

Featured in the show was Ens. Dennis Day, formerly the singing star with Jack Benny, whose dialect stories and tenor voice brought down the house.

The crew and its 300 visitors, who saw the show, send word to the men in the other sections of the forward area to stand by for this feature-- a 4.0 afternoon of entertainment.

E. Ellies and J. Arca Matched in Main Event

The smoker that's been smouldering for the past month will finally burst forth into flame tonight at 1930 on the seaplane deck.

Contrary to tradition there will be no April "fooling around!"

With a month's conditioning behind them, the participants are raring to give out with a "night of fight."

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EASTER WISH

Tis in the heart, undaunted,
In the heart that gave it birth
Tis part of life of everyman,
Unmeasured -- is its worth.

Tis now he feels it stronger,
Takes his strength from knowing
why.
Footsteps quicken, smiling al-
ways,
Another milestone drawing nigh.

Weary, empty years in passing
Grinding spirits into dust.
Gloating gourmets of disaster
Never sating greedy lust.

Mark ye well this coming mile-
stone;
From it A.D. time began.
Now, it marks a year of victory
And arise in hopes of man.

Thank ye then, on Easter morn-
ing,
That the Lord defends the right,
Thank Him for His honored bless-
ing,
Not for gore, or bloody might.

"Gorrazoon"

More Rates Roll in for April

Comes April; with another
bumper crop of rate advance-
ments.

Some seventy ratings are
slated for "All Fools Day" min-
us the fooling.

With two possibles donning
the hack drivers cap, accord-
ing to the Personnel Office,
the Easter Parade will be a
colorful one.

R. J. Libble SKV3c

Crew's News

ALL OF THE NEWS WHILE ON THIS SHIP

Published semi-monthly, by and for the crew of the U.S.S. CUMBERLAND SOUND.

OUR CREED: The purpose of this newspaper is to build morale and to create goodwill and fellowship amongst the crew.

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EDITORIAL

A strategist, it has been said, is a soldier who, though out of ammunition, keeps right on firing anyway.

The man who performs the above feat, falls into the same category as the man who keeps his morale high when he is receiving no mail.

Little external help can be offered the man who fails, day after day, to receive the letter he expects.

But he can help himself by realizing that any number of reasons can be thought up that are better than the reason he snatches at in anger.

One man aboard, who had been receiving mail from his wife regularly at every mail call, found, one day, that he had no letter. He was disturbed, but felt that it was probably the fault of the Mail P.O.

The ship went to sea, and several days passed before the next mail call. When the few beautiful notes of the bugle sounded, the sailor feverishly looked up his Mail P.O., expecting a sizable packet of letters.

There were scores of letters

for the division, but among them not one for our friend. He was dazed.

Several more mail calls passed without his receiving a word from his wife, and with each one he became more bitter. He talked about nothing else. He pictured his wife in the arms of the guy next door... out with other sailors and Marines...even soldiers.

He wrote her scathing letters accusing her of faithlessness, and talked much about divorce.

At last came a mail call when he had mail -- a bushel basket of it, which had been going to another sailor who had the same name as his on another ship far away.

Yes; his face was, indeed. While it is thoroughly understood that one of those letters is better than a stateside Saturday night spree, it is good to remember that with the Fleet Post Office handling millions of letters a day, mistakes are unavoidable.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

In reading the March 1st edition of "Tender Sixteen", a paper which is published by some other ship, I noticed that they have now changed their paper to look like yours.

I am surprised that you would allow them to use your Sports mast head without giving you credit.

P.H.M.

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Dear Editors:

I think you should congratulate the Editors of "Tender Sixteen" on the discriminating improvements they have made on their paper.

Had you, yourselves, been making the alterations, it is doubtful if you should have gone about it any differently.

The "face-lifting", as it was so aptly called by the "Tender Sixteen's" editors, was as thorough a job of lifting as I have ever seen.

Good sportsmanship is a virtue for which I have boundless admiration. I am, therefore, especially happy to note that so much attention has been given to the sport page of the "Tender Sixteen".

Sincerely,

A Reader.

CHARACTER TRAITS (Justice)

Justice is a quality which we continually strive for but can never attain in full measure. The best each of us can do is to strive for it with all his might. It is useless to try to discuss the ethical qualities pertaining to justice in a short article, therefore this particular subject will be discussed in great detail in due order.

In the business world this particular quality can be considered as being the one which causes our business relations with others to be profitable to them as well as to ourselves. This mutuality of profit must be considered as vital by the man who desires a permanent and enduring success.

DIVINE SERVICES

EASTER SUNDAY

0900 Latter Day Saints
(Boat leaves from forward gangway for "Hush Hush".)

1000 Protestant Service
(Special Easter Service and Communion.)
Chaplain Courage

Catholic Mass time will be announced today.

G.I. BILL OF RIGHTS

QUESTION: How long can I go to school?

ANSWER: Every veteran who is eligible at all is eligible for at least 1 year.

In addition to the basic year, a veteran will be eligible for a period of study equal to his or her period of service between September 16, 1940, and the termination of World War II. Time on inactive status and time spent on the Navy College Training Program in courses which were a continuation of civilian courses taken prior to entry in the Service will not be counted if the Military Service work was carried to completion.

The period of education and training may not exceed 4 yrs.

Applications for educational benefits may be filed with the nearest office of the Veterans' Administration, or through the school chosen.

SEND CREW'S NEWS HOME



SPORTS



"C" DIV., ENGINEERS SOFTBALL GAME ENDS IN PHOTO FINISH

Blazing the trail for the coming softball tournament, "C" Div. nosed out the Eng. Div. 10 to 9 on March 20.

Batteries were H.H. Neu-harth and Buddy Crane for "C" Div.; Ray Dietz, and Jack Pierson for the Engineers.

Prospects for "C" Div. leaned to the bright side in the 3rd. when Breshears, Slc slugged a fast one out of the park for a round trip.

Their lead was whittled down in the next inning, however, when Early, MM2c, duplicated the feat by poling a long high one out of reach of the fielders for another easy jog around the sacks.

It was anybody's game from there on, and though the engineers were on the short end they are hankering for an encore.

Another history-maker was the following day's game between the "F" and 2nd. Divisions.

Lt(jg) Morey dished them up for the gunners while J.H. O'Neil, GM3c, did the catching. Opposing them for battery honors were CBM Hanford in the box and "Lefty" Middlemas behind the plate. The 2nd. Div. won 8 to 6.

CUCVILLE CAGERS LOSE LOOSE ONE TO CARRIER QUINTET

Venturing forth on a choppy sea, the Cumberland Sound's basketball hustlers arrived on board a neighboring carrier with dripping clothes but undampened spirits.

Being quick-change artists, dungarees were swapped for "work clothes" and the whistle tweeted the start to a hard-played game which ended in the score of 26 to 14, with the host team the victors.

Starting off the first quarter were Moyer, AMMF3c, captain and right guard, Ganey, ART2c, left guard, Treis, AMMF, center; Lopez, AMM2c, r.forward, and Arca, Ylc, l. forward. Sparking the second quarter was Chick Whisenhunt, Slc, fwd, Wilson, PR3c, fwd, J. Trimarchi, RTlc, center, Jones, AEM3c, guard, Szalach, ART2c, guard, with swaps being made at intervals with Gorsuch Slc, Goodman, AMM2c, and Lewis Ck2c.

Both teams played hard, fast ball, but constant practice and coordination by the host five proved the undoing of the Cuc's basketekers.

LIGHT-WEIGHT CONTENDER

Pictured below is our popular ships barber who will test his skill against "Chick" Whisenhunt, golden glover and con-ceded present title-holder.

SPORTS QUIZ

1. Bobo Newson is the most traded player in baseball. Can you name four of the teams he played with?
2. Name the players who formed the following combinations: (a) Million Dollar Infield, (b) Four Horsemen.
3. Who did the following heavyweight champions win their titles from: (a) Jack Dempsey, (b) Jack Sharkey, (c) Max Baer, (d) Joe Louis?
4. Name four sports figures whose nicknames are Hank?

Answers on page 6, col. 3

SMOKER (Cont.)

From the first bout to the last, excitement is guaranteed and a quick look at the line-up will show you why:

1st BOUT

Eddie "Zeke" Zaremba, Flc
Weight: 137 lbs.
Home Town: Chicago, Ill.

VS

Ray Gagnon S2c
Weight: 138 lbs.
Home Town: Oakland, Calif.

2nd BOUT

Bill Bowman Slc
Weight: 150 lbs.
Home Town: St. Joseph, Mo.

VS

Calvin J. Hendrickson, S2c
Weight: 150 lbs.
Home Town: Felt, Idaho.

3rd BOUT

H. Hall StM2c
Weight: 163 lbs.
Home Town: Zebulon, Ga.

VS

John Pierson Mlc
Weight: 157
Hometown: Watertown, N.Y.

4th BOUT

Lenny "Chick" Whisenhunt, Slc
Weight: 138 lbs.
Home Town: Sand Springs, Okla.

VS

Danny Vigil Slc
Weight: 140 lbs.
Home Town: Lyman, Nebr.
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Stella: "Does your new fellow like to go out to Riverside and gamble for money?"

Della: "No, indeed! He'd much rather take me home and play for fun."

"DANGEROUS" DANNY VIGIL

DANNY HAS BEEN IN
THE BARBER RACKET
FOR ABOUT SIX YEARS
NOW...

I COULDN'T
GET THE
GLOVES
OFF TODAY



Abell Gub Parker USNR

SMOKER (Cont.)

5th BOUT

Olan "Rompig" Rasco, SK3c
Weight: 180 lbs.
Home Town: Dallas, Texas.

VS

Orville "Hairy" Horst, SCB3c
Weight: 185 lbs.
Home Town: Cheyenne, Wyo.

SEMI-WINDUP

Bobby Burch Slc
Weight: 190 lbs.
Home Town: Niles, Mich.

VS

John "Salty" Sexton Slc
Weight: 185 lbs.
Home Town: Detroit, Mich.

MAIN EVENT

Eddie Ellies StM2c
Weight: 160 lbs.
Home Town: Roxbury, Mass

VS

Jon D. Arca Ylc
Weight: 170 lbs.
Home Town: Oakland, Calif.

Sparking the fistic fiasco with his spontaneous patter will be the popular genial gent of the galley, Tony J. Lewis SC3c, who will act in the capacity of announcer. Seeing that the boys "keep it clean" and within "Naval standards and traditions" will be the Athletic Officer, Lt. Raymond Kreick, whose previous training fully qualifies him for the billet of referee. Our own Chaplain Courage will be the man with "Time on his hands" and will be the official time keeper. Because of their acquaintance with the boxing game, W.R. Miller, SF2c, H. Larson, Slc, and Mike Mitchell, AMM2c, will act as judges and will add up the finer points of the game for each match.

Win, lose, or draw, each contestant will walk away from the ring with a prize, arrangements for which are being made now. Last minute preparations regarding location, setting up of the ring, and miscellaneous items are in progress and in words of reality--it will be a "Night of Fight!"

DIVISION HIGHLIGHTS

MARLIN SPIKE

"Muscles" Overson, the man who is so thin he can look through a key hole with both eyes at the same time, was seen thruggling about the forward seaplane deck last week with his arm caught in the eye of a needle he was using to sew some canvas.

"My hand slipped," said our boy "Muscles."

BARBER SHOP TRIO



Chief Gunner Farris a real trooper with that light in his eye, will have at least a little to do with everything that goes on in the forth coming production.

His "Barber Shop Trio" comprised of V.G. Carlson, FC3c, E.J. Morgado, Slc, and himself, will soothe the ears with such melodies as were rampant in the Gay Ninetys, among them the ever current favorite, "My Indiana Home".

The trio will also undertake

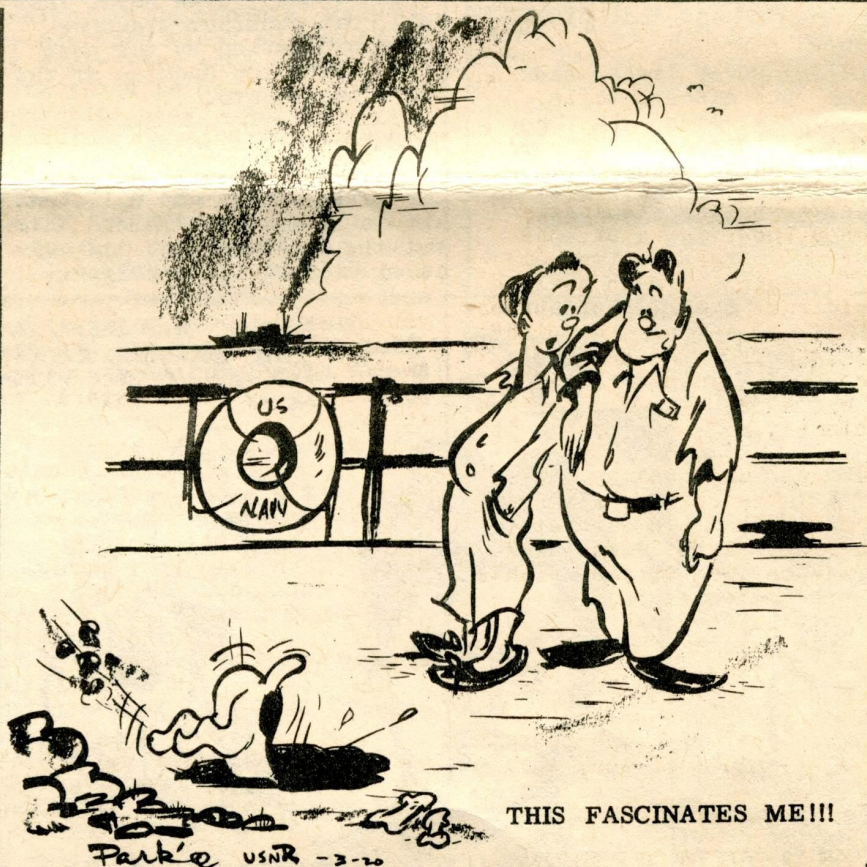
the task of furnishing background music for various scenes throughout the performance.

Mr. Farris will sing not only for this show but upon any other provocation what-so-ever--and good.

His is the deep voice often heard about the ship at odd times and any place.

"Mr. Farris," said William Penthouse Mc Culley, GMlc, "is one gentleman we can never hear or see too much of."

LIL CUCUMBER ☆ by PARKER



THIS FASCINATES ME!!!

JOTTIN' by JON

by ARCA

Like tethered horses the crew strains at their traces at movie time, waiting for the "green light" from the head Gestapo man, E. Schmitz, BMlc, to set up chairs. It's sort of reminiscent of the "land rush" scenes one sees portrayed on the flicker film. As for the seaplane deck, "now you see it--now you don't"--and it disappears under a deluge of noisily placed chairs. For an angle shot of how quickly the deck fills up, try a gander from the gallery decks. Surrounding the "verbotten" area impatiently, chairs in hand, the crew surges back and forth---once in a while you get a false alarm and a "salient" appears---only to disappear at the behest of the MAA's. Finally the long-awaited word is given and God help the man who stumbles! Let's hope all insurance is paid for up to date!

"Did you hear that two ship's cooks were being transferred?"--and with that you know that the scuttlebutt syndicate is in full "peacetime, business-as-usual" operation! What weird and fanciful tales develop is beyond human consumption and comprehension. And as to its origin, no one seems to know. But let an extra case of Irish spuds come aboard and you'll soon hear that "we're bound for Ireland---just got a couple of "big spuds" aboard!" For any and no excuse, rumor runs rampant. Is it small wonder that when it finally reaches the originator, the rumor which has received embellishment with each telling should have the ring of authenticity! So "straight-dopish" does it sound that he, the person who "brain-childed" the whole shebang will believe it himself. Ironic, isn't it?

Downcast and dubious they shuffled their feet. The very air about them was saturated with doom. Their faces had the wanton look of the defeated, the depressed, and were filled with resignation. It had said something in their oath that they were "to defend my country in time of war and against all her enemies", but they couldn't recall a passage where it said that they must

be subjected to this--surely they would be delivered from this!

As the clock ticked by the minutes, so did the bravado front they wore ebb away. It was no secret--they were told that they were to be shot at 0800---it was 0755 now--and no reprieve seemed imminent!

With the click of the door latch, all heads went up, some reluctantly, some defiantly, all expectantly. Simultaneously the thought, "This is it!" flashed through their heads. And it was it!--for the corps man said as they walked into sickbay---"O.K. take off your shirts, we can't give you these shots through your shirts!"

FAIRY TALE

by Charley Jones

Once upon a time there was a beautiful princess. She lived in a magnificent castle at the edge of a very large forest. The little princess loved the big forest and every day she would wander through its cool, green paths.

One day as she was tripping through the forest she heard a tiny voice say to her, "I think you're the most beautiful princess in all the world."

The little princess was startled!

She stopped short and looked all around her, but she couldn't see a soul. Surely she must be imagining things.

Soon she started down the path again. She had only moved a few paces when sure enough, she heard the little voice again. And again it said, "I think you are the most beautiful princess in all the world."

Glancing down at her feet she saw a little hop toad sitting at the edge of the path. She spoke to the little hop toad and said, "Little hop toad, did you speak to me?"

And the little hop toad answered, "Yes, Princess, I spoke to you. I remarked that I think you're the most beautiful princess in all the world."

By now the princess wasn't at all frightened and her face was all smiles. She looked down at the little toad and said, "Thank you very much, little hop toad. You're very kind. And I think you are quite the most wonderful hop toad that I ever saw. Never before have I ever seen one that could speak."

"And thank you, Princess," said the toad. "Let me explain to you. I wasn't always a hop toad, Once I was the most hand-

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CELEBRATE FIRST ANNIVERSARY



Lt. Comdr. R. R. Jester

This week Squadron A celebrates the first anniversary of its commissioning, and a year's happy association with its Skipper, Lt. Comdr., Ross R. Jester.

Mr. Jester was born in St. Louis, Mo. on March 26, 1912. Shortly afterward, his family moved to Los Angeles, his present home residence. He attended high school at Venice, California, Santa Monica Junior College, and U.C.L.A. He was outstanding in athletics during high school and college, participating in football, basketball, swimming and crew.

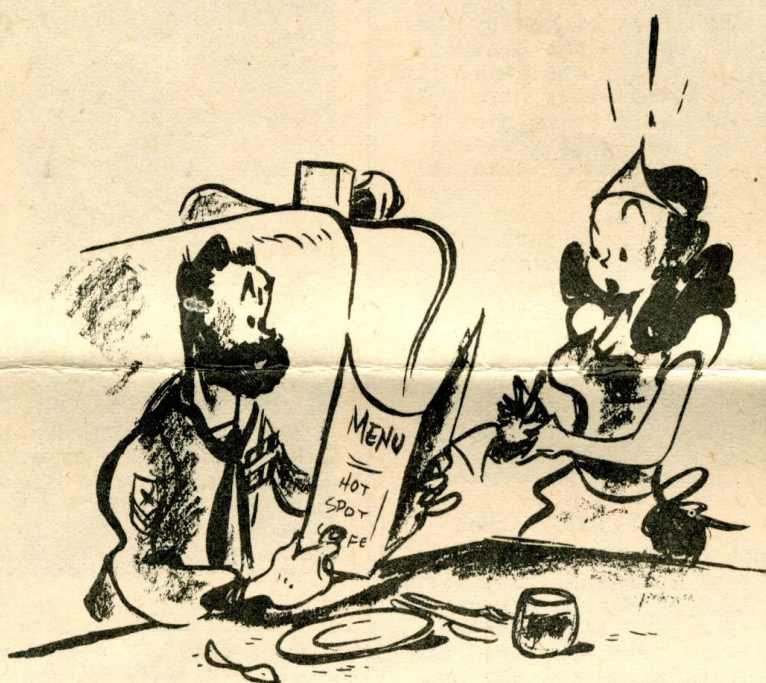
Before donning Navy blue in 1936, the Skipper worked in aircraft construction.

Under Mr. Jester's leadership this squadron has grown from just a group of over 200 men (some of them new to each other many of them new to their plane) to a fighting, determined team, one of the best outfits of its kind in the forward area.

And with the experience gained in the past year these men have become aptly qualified to "give the word" to the less experienced men they shall meet in their next outfits.

Commenting on his and the Squadron's future, Lt. Comdr. Jester said, "The future for the squadron looks better than the past. We are looking forward to a pleasant and efficient tour with the Cumberland Sound. We have found out many of our past errors and will not repeat them. Instead we will advance into a recognized position as the best Mariner Squadron in the forward area."

THIS...I GOTTA SEE ☆ BY PARKER



and some Corned Beef Hash,
a side order of Beans-----an
some Rice Puddin'!!!

DIVISION HIGHLIGHTS (Cont.)

"WELCOME ABOARD"

A hearty welcome was extended to R.M. French, CGM, by the men of "F" Division.

Chief French will fill the post formerly held by H.W. Gerds. CGM.

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New races can be seen around Radio I, they are J.R. Nunn, Slc, Odorizzi, D.F. S2c, and Nickelson, F.S., S2c newly arrived Radioman strikers.

Radio II announces an addition to its family, Stone, W.C., RT30.

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"PROUD PAPA"

L.F. Sadler, AM2c, is the father of a 7 pound baby boy, born March 2, at Chicago. Both mother and son are doing fine.

"EVENING SESSION"

All those large fanny's you see blooming out around the forward part of the ship, are probably caused by setting solemnly around that packing box in the fore castle, where the longest speech of the evening is "I can't open it."

HELP SAVE WATER

"OLD HOME WEEK"

"LUCKIE" Marlin squadron chief, Kenny Amendola GN3c "F" division and "Slim" Smith S1c "C" division are from the same locality in California, many are the "Big Lies" of the "good old days" that have passed between these three since they found each other aboard this ship. None knew the other were aboard until by a chance meeting.

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Sample, Phm2c is the proud "pappy" of a 7 lb. blue eyed baby boy, born March 9th. Mrs. Sample is at the Oak Knoll Hospital and both Michael and mother came through with flying colors.

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"Lining up to take shots," says M. L. Heiland MMIC, "holds no terrors for me. I have become hardened by lining up for chow three times a day!"

What say fellows??

She has an ermine coat and a foreign car,
A ten-room flat with a built-in bar,
And she does it all on thirty per,
Believe it or not, it's the truth, dear sir.
Yet five years back, some teaching hick,
Flunked this gal in arithmetic.

FAIRY TALE (Cont.)

some Prince in all the world. A mean old witch became angered with me and changed me into the loathsome creature that you see now. But I shan't always be a toad. When some day some beautiful virgin shall spy me and take me to her home and permit me to sleep on the silken pillow beside her, then once again I shall become the handsome Prince that I once was."

"Oh, you poor little fellow," exclaimed the Princess with her voice filled with compassion. "I'll do that for you."

And so she reached down and picked the little fellow up ever so tenderly and cuddling him to her bosom she carried him back to the big castle. It wasn't long afterward until bed time and when the little Princess retired that night she very carefully placed the little hop toad there on the silken pillow beside her and soon she was fast asleep.

The next morning she awakened just as the first rays of the sun peeked through the windows of her chamber--and sure enough lying there at her side was the most handsome Prince she had ever seen.

And did she have a hell of a time making her mother believe this story?

DIVISION HIGHLIGHTS (Cont.)

R. Barley, RdM2c, aboard a neighboring ship sends this inquiry: "Does the Rita M. Kotha whose letter you published in your last edition, live in Baltimore. Md?"

Yes, Barley; she does.

Answers to Sports Quiz

1. Tigers, Browns, Dodgers, Senators, Athletics, and Red Sox.
2. (a) Stuffie McInnis, first base; Eddie Collins, second base; "Home Run" Baker, third base; and Jack Barry shortstop; (b) Don Miller, Elmer Layden, Jim Crowley and Harry Stuhldreher.
3. (a) Jess Willard, (b) Max Schmeling, (c) Primo Carnera (d) Jim Braddock.
4. Hank Greenberg, Hank Gowdy, Hank Luisetti and Hank Leiber.

"The Japs shouldn't worry too much about losing their fleet. After all, look what we've done with a fleet they said we lost.

FOSTER - DARLING INC.



"May I have a gedunk, Darling is not a plaintive plea from some frustrated swain, but a sane request for a spot of that soul-soothing "vanishing cream" that is scooped out daily by the two-man firm of Foster and Darling, Inc.

The man behind the man behind the scoop is burdened with the name of James Hunter Foster, senior member, and the junior member of this "creaming corporation" answers--if rather reluctantly, to the name of "Darling"--Dick A. Darling in full! And from what we could gather this guy Foster is not a novice to the ice cream game having handled this end of the business for Walgreen Drug Stores up around Milwaukee way in the "good old days when!

That song, "I don't know how he does it--but he does it!" started inquiries about just when is this morale builder and booster converted from the powder to the palate pleaser. "Early mornings and late in the afternoons," was Foster's trade secret of just when this transition is accomplished. Also, did you know that sixty (60) gallons are made daily--and sixty (60) gallons are consumed daily! The profitable ratio of two cans of ice cream powder netting five gallons of ice cream was also

revealed in the course of conversation. "Of course, that includes a little mixing of several quarts of water" added Foster.

The fact that the melting point of our ice cream is so low is due partly to climatic conditions---and partly to the fact that consumption demands prompt usage of freshly made ice cream. "To be really smooth and hard," Foster explained, "the ice cream should really be left alone for about 48 hours or more. However, we use it up so fast---just can't let it lay away that long!"

With seven different flavors in stock, namely vanilla, chocolate, strawberry, pineapple, nut, cherry, marshmallow, it is not hard to understand why it's a "sweating out" job in the gedunk line! However, to insure everyone's getting a fair share of ice cream, each purchase per man is limited to the amount of fifteen cents. Though not heralded by a special bugle call, you can always tell it's "gedunk time" for you always have a line forming prior to the regular sales hours of 1245 to 1430; and again from 1800 'til 1900.

Thanks for the "scoop", Darling-Foster!

SAILOR RETIRES WITH \$60,000.

A sailor who had completed 30 years of faithful service retired with a comfortable fortune of \$60,000. He had amassed this large sum through courage, enterprise, initiative attention to duty, faithfulness military efficiency, the careful investment of his savings, and the death of an uncle who left him \$59,999.50.

Future President Here---

B.J. Parker, RdM2c, and "Crew's News" cartoonist, is walking around on his heels carrying a box of cigars which are free to anyone he passes.

His wife, "Park" will tell you, if you press him, has had a son.

We don't know why "Park" is passing out that particular brand of cigars. He must be mad at the baby.

DIVISION HIGHLIGHTS(Contd)

Take Over Sickbay
"B" division to date has been wondering around like a horse with the blind staggers. We have so many men on the sick list that Dr. Laub has considered moving sick bay to the fire room.

"What's Cookin"

Ed (straight down the line) Balukas B2c is in a dither about a certain correspondent of his. These days Ed goes around singing, "Is you is or is you ain't my baby".

The engineers softball team, which is under the expert guidance and coaching of Mr. Conrad of "E" division, has won one and lost two games, but that has only spurred them on to better performances in the future, and are anxiously looking forward to competition from the other divisions. What say, fellow? Lets go!



By Jones

-THE SAD SACK-

If you think you have troubles, try laughing yourself sick over the incomparable troubles of the most beloved character that ever tried to dig a Fox Hole.



He is the "Sad Sack", the fallguy for every topkick and corporal. He is the one who gets rank pulled and the dirtiest jobs, pushed on him.

His stripeless, sagging body plods its way through 115 typical "Sad Sack" cartoons, brought together in book form, and made available to anyone who isn't afraid to double up with laughter.

The "Sack" is the perfect personification of the Army's little man, the hopeless underdog who has no stripes, no glory, no friends in the orderly room, no escape from the dread terrors of red tape and higher ranks. He is the military cycle caught in a cartoon

Besides which he is funny as Hell!

Strictly for the Birds!

by HENEHAN



Jackson, C.R., SF2c, picked up the phone in the Exec's office, where he was working, to call Jackson, J.S., SF1c, in the shipfitter shop. (These men bear no blood relationship to each other, for which, they say, they are both thankful).

C.R. (Little Jack) manipulated the dial in such a way as to get the Gunnery Office instead of the Ship Fitters Shop.

Now the Gunnery Office, as all hands know, is just across the passageway from the Exec's Office.

Rigor Mortis Cutcliffe, one of whose chores it is to answer the phone in the Gunnery Office was, at that very moment, sitting in the Exec's Office conferring with Buddy Crane, Y2c, on what in all likelihood, was a matter of great importance.

Hearing the faint ringing of the phone from across the passageway, Cutcliffe squeezed past Jackson who stood near the door, holding the phone to his ear and looking at the overhead.

The chubby Gunnery yeoman, hustled across the passageway, picked up the phone in his office, and, as is the time-worn custom, said into it "Hello."

Little Jack, thinking he had the Ship Fitter Shop, asked, "Is Jackson there?"

"Jackson?" asked Cutcliffe puzzled. "Oh, the Ship Fitter?"

"Yeah", said C.R.

"Hold the phone", said Cutcliffe. Laying the phone beside the cradle on the desk, "Star Eyes" hastened back to the Exec's Office, where he informed Little Jack, who stood holding the phone, that he was wanted on the phone in the Gunnery Office.

"Who is it?" asked Little Jack.

"Don't know," said Cut.

"Well," said Little Jack, "I just put in a call to the Ship Fitter Shop and I'm waiting for Jackson to come to the phone." "Take this, will you?" he said, handing the phone to Cutcliffe, "and if he answers while I am gone, tell him to hand on."

Little Jack darted across to the Gunnery Office, picked up the phone and said "hello", Cutcliffe now on the other end, asked, "Is this Jackson?"

"This is Jackson," said Jackson.

"Hold the phone," said Cutcliffe.

That man you see standing in the corner of the Gunnery Office next time you pass, is Jackson holding the phone.

SOMETHING FOR THE BOOK

The movie, "Something for the Boys" has definitely been labeled the "jinx of the year."

A few remarks were passed when its showing on the night of March was abruptly interrupted by the electrifying notes of the G.Q. alarm.

As other nights with other movies passed, the "jinx movie" was forgotten except for an occasional word here and there.

When the plan of the day March came out listing "Something for the Boys" as the movie for that night, there was a renewal of talk and many bantering predictions.

It was a half-skeptical audience which settled back in its seats as the movie began.

During the scene in which the picture had been stopped before, some one in the back of the audience yelled, jokingly: "are we past the danger point yet?"

Scarcely had the short burst of laughter which this remark provoked died down when there again fell upon the unbelieving ears of all, the piercing repetitious notes of G.Q.

The music stopped, and replacing it was the hurried scraping of chairs on the deck, mingled with a hundred surprised exclamations, as all hands scurried to battle stations.

Less than half an hour later however, the audience was back to see the end of the "jinx movie."

No other movie has ever been interrupted by G.Q.

DIVISION HIGHLIGHTS (Cont.)

"Benevolent" Brown and "Laughing" Leary formerly of "Bulkhead" and "Bleary" fame. By the addition of "Bullhorn" Brennan to their peace conference in the engineers head have forced a change of title effective as long as "Bullhorn" can pull a filibuster at their monthly sessions.

"HONORABLE THOUGHT"



Is honorable son of heaven,
As honorable as he say?
Is honorable war he making,
Still honorable to-day?

Is honorable rice and fishes,
Honorable day by day?
Are Honorable promised wages,
Honorable for my pay?

Is honorable disaster,
Honorable to my race?
Is honorable Hari-Kari,
Honorable, saving face?

Is honorable, surrender,
So, honorable prisoner make?
And honorable son of heaven,
Can jump in honorable lake.

"Gorazoon"



Question of the week: "How much and in what ways do you think Germany and Japan should be handled after this war...?"

Lloyd Scott, WT3c; "Stripped of all military and dictatorial powers. Try to advance her education toward political and world trade.."

Tony Lewis, SC3c; "Try to teach the population of Germany and Japan the benefits and purpose of democracy and what they can derive from it. To keep the rose from blooming you should pluck the bud."

Elroy Bohn, S2c; "For at least some time but not always all the allies should establish marshal law in Germany and Japan. Do away with all dictators and more or less run their government until they are able to take over themselves."

A.J. Smith, S1c; "As for myself, I would shoot the whole works and if they don't shoot them all, they should put them in a place where they can't start another war."

Paul Dunn, RT2c; "Anyone with influence in those countries should be watched and controlled. Press should be strictly governed or censored. Give them the benefit of free education to the youth of those countries."

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