

CALIFORNIA MARITIME ACADEMY

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NEW BARRACKS WILL BE BUILT

Midshipmen were assured by CMA's Business Manager, Commander E. E. Keeley, that the mere absence of the buildings does not mean that the new barracks project has been abandoned.

Bids for the \$800,000-plus construction overlooking Morrow Cove were due to be received on 1 March. Extensive State construction elsewhere, however, combined with the contractual complications at Sacramento, have postponed all bidding until 1 May.

Commander Keeley believes the buildings will be completed by March of 1958 if labor disputes, shortages of material, and other unforeseen difficulties do not develop.

The plans call for double rooms with partitions between bunks, double lamps, and many facilities not currently found in Midshipmen quarters.

The three-story building will contain a canteen, lounge area, student council room, barber shop, laundry and drying facilities, and a Duty Officer's room.

The present frame buildings will be dismantled; the area they now occupy will be transformed into a garden and park.

DECK-ENGINEER TEAM TACKLE LIBRARY OVERHAUL

Your Binnacle reporter often hears contradictory remarks concerning the relative superiority of the Deck and Engineering Departments. A visit to the Library this week, however, indicates that members of the two departments can cooperate for CMA's benefit.

Midshipman George Wiggs, Deck, and Midshipman Lee Ybarrendo, Engineer, are enthusiastically meeting and refuting the idea among some CMA students that their effort to bring order and discipline to the Library is "a vast project contemplated by men with half-vast ideas."

Subjected to a thorough cleaning, the Library is being improved by a more logical system of book classification and shelf arrangement. Rules concerning silence and over-due books will be rigidly enforced. Mr. Wiggs reminds Midshipmen to study the new Regulations concerning the Library. Five demerits will be awarded for each day a book is overdue. Saturday Library hours will be from 1300-1730 and 1900-2100. The same hours will prevail on Sundays and Holidays.

The efforts of these men to overhaul the shelves has revealed to the Binnacle that although our Library is small there are many good volumes. For example, we have a 30-volume set of the Encyclopedia Americana, 50 volumes of the Chronicle of America Series and the 11 volume Cambridge Ancient History set. Material on the Merchant Marine is also on hand, including Specimen Exams for Deck Officers.

Mr. Wiggs wishes to remind the 1st Class that they should turn in books now which they will not need for their Thirds. This will avoid last minute checkout complications.

DO YOU KNOW?

WHO CHRISTENED THE GOLDEN BEAR?

31st Grade
Navy Training Center
ANSWER

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Staff - John T. Ellis
Bill Wittman

Faculty Advisor - Lt. Comdr. Martin

JUSTICE - An Editorial

We hear much these days of justice. Men discuss it fervently. It is rumored that it is rarely found.

The Binnacle considers it a duty to speak frankly of matters important to esprit de corps, to try to analyze some of our anxieties and suggest solutions.

We feel all of us ought to think about the meaning of justice.

What is justice? How do we know when we are being "justly" or "unjustly" treated?

It is our thesis that many Midshipmen do not understand the word. We have been brought up with a lazy, sentimental sort of justice where one never really did wrong, and if one did, it didn't matter.

We have over-read Shakespeare's "the quality of mercy", until justice is a shambles of meaninglessness.

Let us apply to our conduct the laws of physics. Violate a physical law and reap punishment. The same understanding of punishment for the violation of rules and regulations should prevail. The acceptance of discipline, order, and cheerful obedience has a meaning for the future mariner in a sea world where violation brings disaster and the fear of death. When we cheat, lie, steal, disregard orders and mistreat our fellows we deserve justice; if we're men there's no complaining.

You say there are two sides to justice? The victim's side and the side of those who formulate justice? Agreed! But that must wait another editorial.

SCOOPS - PAST - PRESENT - FUTURE

On 23 April CMA was visited by Capt. Dalghren, San Francisco Representative of the Johnson Line of Sweden, and Capt. Nylander of Sweden. Capt. Nylander has plans to set up a school such as ours in Sweden. He feels CMA is a good model for his projected nautical adventure.

On 23 April CMA was host to a Naval Reserve Unit of MSTS. This was a field trip for the unit. They remained at the Academy from 1200-1500.

In the latter part of April, namely the 23rd, CMA was the setting for a small but meaningful ceremony. The San Francisco Bar Pilots were presented with a picture of the GRACIE S., which formerly was a Bar Pilot Boat, but is now a private yacht at Santa Barbara. Capt. Bonney made the presentation before the Corps. He reminded the Midshipmen that free pilotage is provided for the GOLDEN BEAR in S. F. Bay waters.

Under the direction of L. J. Jefferys, Fire Control Technician, First Class, and Chief Stamper, a group of second classmen were taken on a guided tour of the U.S.S. LOS ANGELES. The main purpose of the tour was to familiarize Midshipmen with gunnery equipment. The group saw a Gun Director, inside an 8" turret, a 6" mount, the target designation room, which employed the latest equipment, and the plotting rooms.

Wednesday 1 May CMA will be the site of the weekly meeting of the combined Kiwanis Clubs of Vallejo. This is a public relations affair to publicize CMA's role in the area.

Possibly on the weekend of May 4th and 5th, a new concept of weekend watch routine will be added at the Base. This new concept is girls. Through the interest and cooperation of Lt. Arthur S. Behm and the discussion with the Company Commanders, this idea will be tried on an experimental basis by E Company. A certain number of girls will be invited from one of the colleges of the company's choice. A box-lunch picnic, swimming, dancing, etc., will be planned for Saturday. The success of the experiment lies with the Midshipmen.

Attention should be focused on Section XXIV, paragraph 2 C of the Regulation Book concerning weekend guests. The mess deck will serve meals to guests at the reasonable fee of \$7.00. The swimming pool will also be available for Midshipmen guests.

During the last week Superintendent Richter, Capt. Swany, and Commander Flanner visited the old Maritime Training Station at Alameda. Considerable engineering equipment was found there which is not yet available to us. A request will be made for some of this material, since it will be valuable for instruction purposes. In addition, pool tables were discovered which will also be requested. After the construction of the new barracks it is hoped that Classrooms 4 and 5 will be converted into a recreation room for such materials as pool tables. Ping pong equipment may also be obtained.

OUT OF THE PAST :

The Binnacle-May 1946

Departure 1220, January 10, 1946 from San Francisco on a bright sunny day, and the Southern Cal lads could be heard making joyful daydreams of Roadside Rest, "Bal", Arrowhead, Laguna, Corona--and all only two days away. Way down south, the sun will be shining faithfully for the return of its long lost and chilled sons, they would say. But, ah, t'was a sad day that 12th of January, as the TSGS tried first their RDF and then their Loran and all with no avail for no radio wave could penetrate the solid fog which had settled around Long Beach

The Binnacle-June 1946

If it ain't one thing it's another--
Ten years ago we worried about having a chicken for every pot--but now where are the pots?

Barber: "You say you've been here before? I don't remember your face."
Third Classman: "Probably not. It's healed up now."

THIRD CLASS PARTY SCHEDULED FOR 10 MAY

The Third Class Spring Outing will be held at Eckles Ferry on 10 May at 8 p.m., according to information given the Binnacle by Third Class President Zetterberg.

All Third Class Midshipmen attending must have dates. Those who do not have dates may obtain some interesting information from M/S Maroney or Kring concerning Dominican College.

Midshipmen need not fear a re-occurrence of the freezing weather which struck the last third class outing: there is a dance hall available which will not necessitate burning half of California down over an open fireplace! Soft drinks will be served.

Midshipmen are encouraged to wear informal clothes.

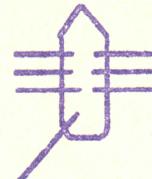
Each Midshipman desiring to go to this outing should sign up with M/S Kring and deposit with him the \$1.25 required.

"SEA TRAINING"

Third Class Midshipmen are learning The art of Coxswainship Under The able direction of Upperclassmen. They are also studying (?) 17th Century Tactical ideas (massing, doubling, breaking) in Naval Science. Recently M/S Van Valin "Suffered" The experience of this 20th Century Naval Tactic Designed To Confuse And Rout The Enemy:

PIER

FLOAT



THIRD CLASS COXSWAIN:

"GIVE WAY TOGETHER"