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## CAPTAIN MAYO ANNOUNCES RESIGNATION

### C.M.A. Governing Board Holds July Meeting

Following are excerpts from the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Governors of the California Maritime Academy. Printed through the courtesy of Capt. Mayo. The Board met Saturday, July 19, at the Academy. Attending were Captain Henry Blackstone, chairman; Mr. Roy Simpson, Superintendent of Education for the State of California; Ralph D. Sweeny, Captain James E. Brenner, (USN Ret.); and Mr. Luther Gibson.

Academy officers present were Captain Claude B. Mayo, Superintendent; Doctor Richard Dwyer, Dean of Education; Commander Frank Flanner, Captain Ralph Swany, Lieutenant Commander Richard D. Heron, and J. E. Cadwell. Mr. Arthur Cronin, President of the Northern California Alumni Association sat in also.

Captain Mayo's report to the group stated that according to a letter from BuPers, Merchant Marine reserve candidates will be accepted for one year's active duty in the Navy only after six months at sea shipping on their license.

Concerning the DE 230, the Superintendent said that it had been purchased from the Navy for \$1, the contract allowing the vessel to be sold for scrap after all necessary items as will be required for the engineering build-

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### ALUMNI HOLD JULY INSTALLATION AT T. I.

Twenty-six grads and their guests and families enjoyed the evening of 12 July at the Commissioned Officer's Mess, Treasure Island. The big event of the evening was the installation of Alumni Officers for the coming year by retiring president Ed Johanness.

Following a sumptuous repast in our private dining room, the film "America Sails the Seas" was exhibited, and greatly enjoyed by all hands.

Art Cronin ('41) was presented the Bay Area Chapter gavel for the ensuing year, and Joe Shafer ('35), who drove up from Los Angeles with his wife for the festivities, received the association gavel for his second term of office as CMAAA president.

### Prospects Bright For Class of '50"

With thirty-three candidates classed as physically qualified when the Binnacle went to press this week, Richard E. Heron, Commandant of Midshipmen, reported that the incoming class has already proved itself to be at least 150% healthier than the present third class!

Of those who received a passing mark in the first entrance examination, thirty have yet to take the physical examination and if the law of averages holds up, at least 15 of these will pass.

At press time, more than fifty Californians were expected to take the second test held throughout the state on the morning of July 19. Several inquiries had also been received from interested persons out of the state. No non-resident applications had been received but the Commandant said that the midwestern radio stations were giving the school much publicity.

Mr. Heron further stated that the prospects for a class of nearly one hundred are very bright and all applications will be considered up to the time the new class enters which will be sometime in September.

### IN MEMORIAM

Another name has been added to the list of those graduates of C.M.A. who have lost their lives following the sea. Merle P. Clendenny, class of 1944 June, was listed as missing, presumably dead, after his ship, the Keystone Company tanker "Markay," was demolished by fire and explosion on Jun 21 in Los Angeles harbor. Mr. Clendenny was serving as second officer aboard the ship.

Merle's home was Santa Barbara, California. He entered the Academy early in 1943 and completed the war-time eighteen-month course. He distinguished himself as a division officer and excelled in practical seamanship. Merle was the first to bear the nickname of "Turtle," which has been passed on from class to class ever since. His ambition was to follow the sea which he capably did until his untimely death.

For those friends of Mr. Clendenny, the news of his passing came as a severe shock. We of the Academy wish to join them in expressing our sincere sympathies to his family.

### Superintendent Plans To Retire November 1st

In an interview granted THE BINNACLE in the shadow of our deadline, Captain Claude B. Mayo, popular CMA Superintendent, announced that he has tendered to the Board of Governors his resignation to become effective November first. The Captain said that he feels it is time for him to take a rest and give way to a younger and more vigorous man.

At press time, no successor had been appointed by the Board of Governors.

Although Capt. Mayo is retiring, he does not intend to fall into the well known rut of inactivity. Rather it will be "Superintendent



Capt. Claude B. Mayo, USN (Ret.)

to student" when the former becomes the latter at Scripps College of Oceanology at La Jolla where he will complete his search of information and finish a volume on the subject of Oceanology.

Already widely known for his literary works concerning the Navy, the author has hopes of completing at least three other books with plans for more.

Assisted by Mrs. Mayo, the veteran of 44 years in the Navy, has gathered material and done research throughout his career to have enough data to write a History of the Confederate Navy, the Life of David Farragut, and a history of the popular warship, "Old Ironsides."

The Academy's headmaster will make Encinitas his residence in the winter, journeying back to the Academy in the summer.

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This issue of "THE BINNACLE" is the baby of the second and third classes, the members of the "mighty first" being pre-occupied with preparations for their ever lovin' thirds. To this sad second classman falls the dooty of tapping out this column (I guess that is pretty apparent) so, realizing that Westbrook Pegler and I have very little in common, I shall proceed.

"THE BINNACLE" seems to be quite a favorite topic of conversation around here and wherever two subscribers meet. When everything else is going okeh, our pride and joy usually turns into that "putrid piece of pulp."

Rather than take the attitude of "if you don't like it, you know what you can do," and have all our subscriptions canceled, the staff (both of us) is asking for suggestions as to how this periodical can be brought up to a status comparable to that of a Sears Roebuck catalogue, or even better! This goes for all readers, whether you're parents, alumni, Midshipmen, or bored.

No one probably realizes the shortcomings of "THE BINNACLE" more than its writers. We don't write because we have the ability, but because we like to.

The staff for the forthcoming year has yet to flip a coin to decide the policy of "THE BINNACLE," but right now, it's rather liberal. We do not intend to ask for the impeachment of any government officials before the first of next year and maybe we won't then either. We have also decided that we will try to take the lime light off of the guys who live around us and always tell of their exploits, and shift the spot to the Academy itself, with any alumni news that's liable to drift in.

It is our hope that the incoming third class will have some members who are journalistically inclined so our force may be increased to three.

However, as the publication is your paper, we can't please you until we know what you want. Drop us a line, if any of you can afford a stamp what with taxes as they are now, and if you can't, take up a collection.

So much for the whittling on this issue. Hope we have lots of letters and suggestions to comment on next month.

**THE BINNACLE WATCH**  
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## '47 Ring Dance "Just a Memory"

The Second Class Ring Dance, always a gala event of the Academy social season, was held on Friday evening, June sixth in the Florentine Room of the Claremont Hotel, Berkeley.

Highlight of the evening was the traditional ceremony in which each First Classman-to-be marched through the giant ring of flowers and was presented with his class ring and a kiss by his leading lady. The ring was artistically bedecked with yellow, white, and red dahlias which made it very impressive and well worth the decorating efforts of the Second Class.

Joe Midshipman proved himself a worthy member of "the smoothest bunch of fellows north of Stanford," to quote a well known local sage. We say this because of the multitude of feminine beauty escorted to the dance by the middies. Johnny Richardson was seen with his fiancé of two months, Marilyn Sullivan. Just as for previous CMA functions, Yvonne Whaley journeyed north from Southern California to be at the event with her man, Ken Quandt. Other southern queens who traveled the intervening five hundred miles were Ruth Evans and Janet Woodson to be with their men, Lyle Snow and Ross Wilkey. "Big Chuck" was also there, in a rather jovial mood. These were but a few of the couples that crowded the floor to join in the festivities.

Carlton Ackley's orchestra put everyone in the mood by playing the sort of sweet and swing we all like to hear. The dance committee, headed by Frank McCullough, was primarily responsible for the resounding success of the Ring Dance. All hands described it as the best Academy dance to date, and are looking forward to the dance next year.



Midshipman Ronny Parker gets a ring and a kiss from his "ONO," Miss Barbara Hoss.

## "Gismos"

Being fully aware that they will not interest the alumni, we bring back by popular demand, G-I-S-M-O-S.

Rowe reports forward diesel pump in perfect condition save for one single item; it won't run . . . McClure and Orton wooing some unfortunate San Pedro damsel via postal service . . . McCullough voted perfect MOOD by second class with none of those gentlemen making the team; only victims being third and first classmen . . . Rogers learns rules about civies on base via RMG . . . Bowersox, Dux, and Olson make late arrival at recent ring dance; about three hours late. No car could be outta gas that long.

Grandma Gibbs gives Hoberg women thrill. He was wearing McCullough's convertible with musical horns as accessories . . . Dr. Christensen contemplates opening up practice at CMA . . . Mr. Dunham selects Carney as Midshipman most likely to succeed . . . Gun crew headed by Mr. Meyers and Mr. Koski, supervised by Mr. Rice, with work done by O'Brien breaks CMA record for loading machine . . . Casanova Quandt reportedly robbing Vallejo cradle at local high school, meets with stiff parental opposition.

Dux floats a loan and gets a haircut . . . Mr. Koski loans Kuykendall his car . . . Midshipmen vote Mr. Morgan's food the best on CMA campus . . . Richardson attends drill for first time as first classman . . . Gates rivals Bowersox as Academy's top bugler . . . Froelich lets second and third class help with "Hawsepiper" . . . Richard bites Richardson, no more Richard . . . Quittner and Beek prove to be authorities on LORAN . . . Johnston goes overboard as "L" boat acts up . . . Salty deckmen go on the beach in howling gale . . . ten men required to man sailboats new rule . . . Parker and McLemore attend square dance . . . Midshipman Harvey answering to the name of "Alfred."

Snow has his car polished . . . Navy Department gets two new buildings . . . Mr. Lange tells of "zoomies" . . . Brodsky drops by to give pointers on turbine operation . . . Chet gives last five problems 44 points . . . Paperboy popular position as chance to get breakfast goes with trip . . . Mr. Averill explains mysterious formula to understanding third class engineers.

Bowersox and Banke go classical with "Taps" . . . Froelich still owes Carney a dollar because of an avocado . . . Rowe prefers Marine Hospital to Claremont's Florentine room . . . Wilkey going around singing something about Janet, whoever she is . . . Gates goes elite with a new car . . . Olson, Wilkey, and Parker have bus strike trouble.

Meyer finds bunker "C" with viscosity of 720 seconds . . . Swain and Bowersox celebrate . . . Buck trips over a shadow and falls headlong down stairs . . . the man with net, followed by Mr. Holly screaming about English errors is beating down the door so we quit.



## Naval Science Notes

Newest addition to the naval science department personnel is Chief Yeoman G. A. Ramsey. Chief Ramsey has been in the navy six years and hails from Detroit, Michigan. Before coming to CMA he served on a navy oiler, cruiser, and several destroyers.

The Chief has more than proved his value to the officers by taking the mound for them in the weekly diamond tilts. Ramsey denies having any previous experience other than pitching for the 12th naval district. Well, I guess . . .

Good news for the book worms. According to Lt. Clifford Rice, 3400 books are on the way to help local middies become superlative naval scientists. They probably have no pictures too . . .

Also on the way are a five inch-thirty eight, a five inch loading machine, and several mock up shells, bombs, and rocket assemblies.

Still in the ordnance division, it is hoped that future officers will have a chance on the range with both rifle and pistol. All that's holding up the detail now is lack of a range and it is hoped that this situation will soon be remedied.

And yet still in the ordnance department . . . second classmen got their chance recently at the three inch loading machine and unfortunately suffered a casualty when the mechanism recoiled throwing a shell on Midshipman Bruce "Big Chuck" Johnston's big toe and fracturing same.

Best time for any crew was 20 seconds which was made by the team of Midshipmen Dux, Cole, Gibbs, Bowersox, Ball and Carney.

Shown under the auspices of the Naval science department, Midshipmen and officers alike recently enjoyed four motion pictures. The first were in a group of three consisting of "The Silent Service" a documentary film dealing with sub action during the war, "Operation Crossroads," concerning the atom bomb tests, and a reel of amphibious action which took place on Pelieu. The fourth film, shown the following week, was a colorful twin reeler, "Fighting Lady," which told of the exploits of a large aircraft carrier during the war.

Comdr. J. A. Paterson ('33) USN, sends us a change of address — now at General Line School, Newport Rhode Island. Shipmates will remember his last address as CO USS Colonial.

A. K. Rasmussen ('42 Jan.) is now at 1806 Addison St., Berkeley.

Ray Calou ('41) is back in the laundry in Oakland.



Record Holding Gun Crew in Action!

## Captain Mayo Steps Down After 7 Years

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neying to Lake Tahoe for the summer months.

Coming to CMA in July, 1940, the retired naval officer had hardly become acquainted with his new command when use of the coaling station at Tiburon for the Academy's shore base was revoked and the school went to pier 54 in San Francisco aboard the Training Ship California State.

While the middies were on their annual cruise that year, Captain Mayo went before the California legislature for an appropriation for money to build a shore establishment.

As well as journeying to Sacramento, the Captain personally inspected forty three proposed sites for the Nautical School, finally choosing Vallejo over Santa Barbara, Newport Harbor, Coronado, Marin, and others as Vallejo was the only one which afforded sufficient acreage with a deep water anchorage. Captain Mayo stated that he has "always felt that it was essential that the Midshipmen be in daily touch with the training ship." Therefore, deep water was a must.

Hopes were high around the schoolship when news came that \$1,250,000 had been appropriated for academy uses. These were shortlived, however, as the bill was vetoed in July, 1941, nipping the project in the bud.

Cadets and the TS then took up improvised quarters in the San Francisco Ferry building and were there when Captain Mayo

persuaded Governor Olson to give CMA \$200,000 in the fall of 1941.

It was from that money that the present buildings were built, but it was not until September of 1943 that the dock for the TS was considered safe and the middies made the shift.

About that time, Captain Mayo again made a trek to the state capitol for funds and was awarded \$1,500,000 for Academy buildings with \$600,000 of that money for immediate use. Since then, the Superintendent stated, the school has received an additional appropriation bringing the kitty close to \$1,600,000.

As well as getting a permanent base and sufficient funds to develop same, the Academy last year secured a new training ship, the GOLDEN BEAR, which affords cadets excellent opportunities for practical instruction. Through the efforts of Captain Mayo, enough money was secured to alter the former naval cargo ship so that she would be more comfortable for the future ships' officers, and more suitable as a training ship.

As if the foregoing were not enough to substantiate Captain Mayo's splendid record, the recent Stanford Report soon to be released, cinches the deal that Captain Mayo has won his seven year battle to make the California Maritime Academy the finest school of its type in the United States if not the World!

Captain Mayo graduated from Annapolis in 1907 and worked his way up the naval ladder until he reached the rank of Captain. His proudest and finest command was the USS Nevada.

The Captain ranked close to the top of the "list" when he retired in 1938.



# Cadets Hammer Horsehide on New Diamond

## Academy Drops Racket Match To Benicia Club

The Academy suffered a defeat in its first tennis match of the season June 13 at the hands of the Benicia Tennis Club on the latter's courts. Score of the match was 4-2.

Johnny Gibbs of the Academy was the only double winner of the day as he handily outstroked Dave Shriner of Benicia to take the second singles match; and then teamed with Ros Wilkey to defeat the opponents' first doubles combination of Bud Jensen and Roger Dean.

Mal Rice, who formerly played at Stanford, was leading Benicia's Jensen in the first singles match 6-4, 4-0 when he became ill and lost 4-6. The opponents' Jerry Hall downed Ros Wilkey for third singles, and Ed Weller of the Academy was edged by Dean for fourth singles in three hard fought sets. Ray Duvall of Benicia kept Jim Orton in hot water with a sharp service, winning fifth singles. Duvall then teamed with Hall to turn back the CMA second doubles team of Parnell Carney and Dick Nevins.

The scores:

Singles: Rice (CMA) Jensen (B.) 6-4, 4-6, unfinished; Gibbs (CMA) d. Shriner (B.) 6-3, 6-2; Hall (B.) d. Wilkey (CMA) 9-3, 6-0; Dean (B.) d. Weller (CMA) 4-6, 6-4, 6-4; Duvall (B.) d. Orton (CMA) 6-3, 6-1.

Doubles: Gibbs-Wilkey (CMA) d. Jensen-Dean (B.) 6-2, 6-3; Duvall-Hall (B.) d. Nevins-Carney (CMA) 6-1, 6-2.



CMA'S "Red Dog" Weller reaches for one at Benicia.



Banke safe at second as Rogers misses throw. Umpire "Wes" Averill comes up for decision.

## Ball Teams Battle For League Title On Academy Field

With a hard hitting "C" barracks nine knocking all hurlers that "B" barracks could muster to the mound out of the park to the tune of 16 to 5, the first intramural league baseball game to be played at CMA in at least two years came off per schedule last week.

Long a desire of the middies, the new diamond came into reality late last month largely through the efforts of Wes Averill and Emmet Fowler, engineering and, athletic officers. Once the two aforementioned gentlemen started the ball rolling, there weren't enough hours in the day to work on the new project. Deck cadets heaved rocks rather than lines, while tinkers traded a Stillson for a rake so that the field was level enough for playing early this month.

Using an improved backstop and with unstaked bags, the middies met the "brass-hats" on the diamond July second in the initial fray only to have it called at the eighth because of dinner, leaving each side with 14 digits.

Resuming play the following day, the "nine old men," missing the services of setback in the third frame when "Radar" three of their regulars, suffered a severe Swany, attempting to stretch an error into a triple, slid into coffin corner and landed with a sprained foot. With Midshipman Ball substituting, the faculty went on to end up on the short end of a 6-3 final.

Following July 4 leave, a practise game was played between "A" and "C" barracks, the latter taking the game 9-4.

Paced by "Bob" Kuykendall, south paw, and "Ike" Kotelnikoff's superlative game at third, and with the help of 16 "B" barracks

## Faculty Meetings To Co-ordinate Corps

So that officers may air their problems and find a standard solution, the faculty has been holding weekly meetings since the week of June 11th.

The main purposes of the conferences, stated Dr. Richard Dwyer, Dean of Education, is "to correct misunderstandings and coordinate efforts towards improving the type of instruction given at CMA."

Boiled down to Midshipman's brogue it means that the brass hats are deciding what action to take concerning situations pertaining to members of the Midshipman Corps. When a course of action has been decided on, every officer is to follow it regardless of personal feelings so that gradually, the Midshipmen will come to govern their relations with officers by faculty policy rather than by the policy of the individual officer.

errors, the hill top boys easily took the league opener.

Coming back for another try, the "brass-hats" squelched any aspirations that "A" barracks might have had toward an undefeated season in the number two loop tilt by taking the contest 10-8.

Sparked by Ramsey of the Naval Department on the mound, the oldies took a game right from the statician's lap, largely because of ten bases on balls allowed by Quandt, middle pitcher.

Leading the sluggers, Orton clouted one to the weeds for a round trip and followed through with a single for an average of .667 while Rogers copped two doubles and a single to get the top average of .750.

Th boys with the shoulderboards only managed to smack the apple for two safe ones, those going to LaBombard and Lange. The victors made four errors against two for the losers who got eight hits from Ramsey. The winning hurler allowed 5 walks.



## Board of Governors Announces "48" Plans

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ing are removed. The profits from this sale will go to the State.

The Superintendent also reported that \$17,500 had been received from the Maritime Commission for necessary machinery for the Golden Bear to be installed at the annual overhaul next fall. The extra money was made available when the National Maritime Academy, and the state academies of Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, and Maine turned their training ships back to the government, reporting them unsuitable for training vessels. This leaves only the New York and California academies with training ships. The Board was told that the "GOLDEN BEAR" was, in the opinion of those responsible at CMA, perfectly suitable for training.

National academic standing for the academy was then brought up. The school enjoyed such standing prior to the war, but lost it because of the shortened course. The Board directed the Superintendent to proceed on attaining national recognition again.

Upon reporting the building program held up because of high costs of construction, the Superintendent was directed to take steps to secure erection of the engineering building as soon as possible.

Completing his report, Captain Mayo said that the bill for increasing the cruise fund has passed the legislature.

Dr. Dwyer in his report stated that the extension course which would make those who graduated during the war eligible for a Bachelor of Science Degree is completed, and all those concerned would soon be notified of the details. The Dean reported the first class pre-thirds completed and extreme doubt exists as to the ability of certain midshipmen to pass their license examinations. The Board directed that no midshipman be allowed to appear before the licensing officer or graduate if his work is not satisfactory. Such midshipmen, shall be dropped or put in a lower class.

Concerning the report on the California Maritime Academy by the Stanford School of Education, Captain Blackstone, chairman, stated that it was hard to make a comprehensive report or survey at this time as the report was too lengthy. The Superintendent was directed to secure more copies so the report may be more thoroughly analyzed.

The resignation of Captain Mayo as CMA Superintendent was then submitted to the Board to take effect November 1, 1947. Following the submission of the resignation, Captain Blackstone read a letter signed by 13 of the Academy officers which prevailed upon the Board to ask Captain Mayo to reconsider which it promptly did. The Superintendent said that he would adhere to his decision as he felt deeply that the best interest of the school would be served better by having a younger man at the post. He went on to state that he is now in his 63rd year and has served ever seven years, now desiring to step aside for the good of the Academy. Captain Mayo expressed deep

## So. Cal. Alumni See Cruise Films

The last business meeting of the fiscal year for the Southern California Alumni was held on the evening of Friday, June 13th, at the Roger Young Auditorium at Los Angeles. A beef dinner with all the trimmings made up the evening's menu. Although the crowd was small in number, a very interesting meeting was held. Mr. J. G. Ellis, retiring treasurer, made some interesting reports from meetings and interviews of the Northern Chapter activities. The colored film "Caribbean Cruise," taken by Lt. Comdr. Tubbs, was shown to the gang, and sound accompaniment was furnished by wire recorder. The highlight of the evening was in its termination, when the entire meeting was played back on the wire recorder which had transcribed the meeting in its entirety. This is the last business meeting for our president, Joe Shafer, who informed us that the newly elected officers have been invited by the National Chapter to be present at the Installation Ceremonies in San Francisco some time this summer. We of the Southern California Alumni Chapter wish to extend our appreciation to Joe Shafer for a job well done in leading the activities of the Southern California Alumni Chapter.

## ALUMNI ELECTION

The June meeting of the Association convened at the Army-Navy Club in San Francisco at 2000 on 13 June. The main business of the evening consisted of the official tally of ballots. The following election results were announced:

### Association Officers—

Joe Shafer ('33) President  
Cy Hansen ('33) Secretary  
Chet Tubbs ('33) Treasurer

### SoCal Officers—

Wm. Crutcher ('42) President  
D. Connell ('42) Secretary  
J. G. Ellis ('34) Treasurer

### Bay Area Officers—

J. A. Cronin ('41) President  
C. Audet ('39) Secretary  
S. Grabowski ('39) Treasurer

Constitution — all proposed amendments passed.

The July Social, combining the annual association meeting and the Bay Area Chapter, is being held at Treasure Island in the commissioned officer's mess. Installation of Association and Chapter officers highlight the program, together with some Merchant Marine movies.

appreciation of the loyalty of his officers.

Mr. Sweeny, Captain Brenner, and Mr. Gibson expressed appreciation to Captain Mayo for his service and his resignation was then accepted.

The Board was thanked by Mr. Cronin of the Alumni Association for the courtesy extended to him. Copies of the meeting will be forwarded to the associations.

The group then passed a resolution to meet the 23rd of August, 1947 and adjourned.

## NOTES FROM THE BEACHCOMBER

Correction!! Matt Ramezene '43 demands a retraction. It was a boy—not a girl! Sorry Matt—those things do happen. Incidentally, Matt has been on temporary active duty as Lt. (jg) USNR in San Francisco. Assisting him in his duties with the Office of Public Information is Ensign Frank "John" Oliver, '42, also on temporary active duty.

"Foggy" Rankine '42 has passed his finals at Vallejo College and is resting during the summer. "Foggy" is studying voice we hear.

Art Morrison '43 and Gordon Pollart '35 are aboard the Hawaiian Packer for Matson.

Dave Metz '43 is trying to join the Regular Navy. A career man. Was formerly with the Northern Life Insurance Company in Madera.

The closing of the Cadet School at San Mateo affected quite a few grads stationed there. Those accepting transfers to Kings Point include Charlie Sauerbier '43, and Bill Carrick '35. Bill Cranston '42, Scotty Wells '41 and Harry Littlefair '38 have not made their plans known.

Ray Racouillat '40 is operating the University Creamery on Polk Street in San Francisco.

Lt. Comdr. N. V. Bird '39 will be leaving for the East Coast soon to attend Line Officer's School in Rhode Island. Noel has been in charge of the Merchant Marine Reserve of the 12th Naval District. Good luck in your new assignment Noel. We'll miss you in San Francisco.

Super Scoop!! Capt. S. Davidson Scott (Ret.) is reported to be married! To whom, where, when? Animal, mineral or vegetable? We don't know. Let's have the details Stan. Congrats.

Drew Conklin '42 has left the employ of the State Dept. and is now furthering his education in the East.

Art Behm '41 and Ed Johannessen '43 are no longer serving as District Instructors with the U. S. Merchant Marine Cadet Corps in San Francisco. Both accepted release to inactive duty, USMS, on 30 June 1947.

The Society Pages recently announced the engagement of Robert Scott Haddow '42 now attending the University of California. Congrats Bob.

Comdr. B. M. Dodson, USNR, is now 1st Lieutenant on the USS Iowa. Comdr. Dodson was formerly Executive Officer—CMA, and C.O. TS Kings Pointer.

Barney Ross '41 recently accepted a position with the Marine Engineering Review magazine in San Francisco.

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# Alumni News

Wm. H. Ezell ('46), SS McEachern (SOCONY) dropped in to say hello and pay dues for '47. Now running coastwise, after a spell on the Alaska run. Home address is still 1517 New York Ave., Altadena. Thanks Doc.

R. O. Backer ('46), SS Lombardi (SOCONY) aboard the following day. He's sailing with Lou Rossi ('38) as Mate, and J. R. Chambers ('46) as 3rd. Asst. Rush has contact with a retiring mate who has a new Huson, 6-inch, 10-sec. micrometer sextant. If you are interested, contact him on M. E. Lombardi, c/o Standard Oil, 225 Bush Street, San Francisco. Good luck Rush, and thanks.

E. J. Gruhler ('44), dropped in to say hi. He's now in the hardware business in Sacto. Hopes to make a meeting soon. We hope you do, too, Ed.

H. M. Banke ('44) was aboard for a short visit with his brother. Sorry we didn't get a chance to chew the rag.

W. M. Putnam ('38) was a recent and welcome visitor. He has put on 20 lbs., and looks grand. Says he's fine, and starts the summer session at Cal. on 23rd June. Hope we see you again soon "Put."

A. Gregory ('38) dropped in out of the blue to see the new plant. Greg is our No. 1 politician, a County Supervisor for Santa Cruz County. Says it keeps him pretty busy.

We learned today with great sorrow that M. P. Clendenny ('44 June) was 2nd. Mate on the ill-fated Markay that exploded and burned in Pedro last Sunday. He is officially listed as missing. Merle came to the Academy from Santa Barbara. A younger brother Carleton graduated in '46.

Ray Racouillat ('40) has a fountain-lunch at Pine and Polk — doing his own cooking and getting quite a rush. He's thinking seriously of taking on a better half.

Joe Watson '43 was reported to have enrolled in Alcoholics Anonymous.

Roger Swain ('42 July) is now skipper of the Joe I. Kemp (Lykes) in the Gulf — running to Genoa, Italy at present.

## BEACHCOMBER

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Seth Hargrave '42 is shoreside again in Marin County after a short encounter with seafaring life. He is now with the Aetna Insurance Co.

Nat Main '40 is also with Aetna. Looks like that company is on the road to success!

This will be the last report from the Beachcomber for he will comb the waterfront no more. It's been swell meeting and talking to all of you. Good sailing and good luck!

ED JOHANNESSEN.

E. E. Marsh ('46) writes in after two trips to Korea, now bound for Merrie England—asks for a transcript. Also sends in the umpteenth copy of that cute problem in "Shooting the Breeze," December '46 "Mast." Hope some brainchild will send us an answer so we won't have to work it.

J. L. Boyce ('39) is now a resident of our neighboring metropolis Benicia; now moving in at 143 El Bonita Way. He is employed at the Socony plant at Richmond.

J. R. Chambers ('46) sends in dues from the M. E. Lombardi (Socony) Paul Kollash ('46) is on the J. L. Hanna (Socony). (Looks like this column is subsidized).

Changes of address have been received from:

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E. D. Wentworth, 4547 Lasheart Dr., La Canada.

A. K. Rasmussen, 1806 Addison St., Berkeley.

H. O. Hall, 715 St. Louis, Long Beach.

F. Schwimmer ('44) comes through with a nice letter, and some pertinent comments re. ye Binnacle. Hope you enjoy the pictures Fred, and thanks for the letter.

F. Joy ('43) is now working as a draftsman at U. S. Electrical Motors in Los Angeles.

Nat Main ('41) now resides at 1328 Larkin St., San Francisco 9. He sends in his No. Cal. dues, and a lot of info which we hereby pass on—

Art Cronin ('41) is now an Insurance Inspector, shoreside.

Dick Murray ('41) is a claim adjuster and vessel surveyor for the Marine Dept. of the Home Insurance Co.

Jim Jensen ('41) is Mate on the Marine Phoenix (Matson) on the "down under" run.

E. F. Oliver ('42 July) is now on "terminal leave" after 1 month active duty (Navy) doing recruiting; and is going to Law School.

That's really a list Nat. We appreciate it, and we know the gang will both appreciate and enjoy it. Thanks a lot. We hope you'll repeat for the next (?) issue.

Lt. Comdr. R. Clayton ('41) USN — dropped in to say hello the other day. He's now en route to the East Coast, where he is to pick up a Sub for delivery to Mare Island. He was a PW during the recent unpleasant melee. Had his wife and daughter with him (and the mother-in-law). Looks fine and is very happy. He was the pilot that took the Golden Bear (then the Melena) out of Puget Sound for the Navy, when she was en route to delivery to CMA. Could only stay a minute, so only saw Capt. Swany, who passes on this info.

Ernie Kettenhofen ('41) is a big wheel in E. Bay Real Estate—now has his own office, "The Locators," and is doing fine—has 2 houses, 2 kids, 2 calves, 2 lambs and 3 pr. chinchilla.

## COMMITTEE PLANS NEW TROPICAL WEAR

The time worn question of uniforms for the Cadet Corps may soon be settled to the satisfaction of all, according to Richard D. Heron, Commandant of Midshipmen.

Commander Heron stated that the Superintendent has appointed a uniform committee consisting of Charles Dunham, engineering officer, Jarret Cadwell, business manager, and Mr. Heron.

The committee has already started a study of a suitable uniform for summer and tropical wear which would eliminate the dirt gathering whites and is meeting with different uniform representatives to find one which will meet the requirements and yet be at a suitable price.

Mr. Dunham stated that nothing definite has been decided yet but that the committee expects to know more about the situation in the near future.

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