

# THE BINNACLE

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## Commodore R. W. Ihrig New CMA Skipper

### Rice Leaves CMA For Pacific Duty

Clifford C. Rice, Lieutenant, USN, popular CMA engineering and Naval Science and Tactics instructor, has received orders to report to the Commander of the Marianas in December and will terminate his two years of duty at the Academy November 1.

Mr. Rice, a naval veteran of 28 years, reported to Carquinez Straits in November of 1945, coming from the destroyer "Moffet" where he was chief engineer.

Upon completion of the 1946 training cruise, he took over the duties of instructing auxiliaries, reciprocating engines, and boilers, having proven that he was well versed in the hidden mysteries of tinkerdom by serving as engineering watch officer



during the Middie's annual trek to foreign ports.

The medic's gain was the Middie's loss as Mr. Rice was laid up in sick bay for the '47 cruise. His familiar figure, clad in the immaculate tailored uniforms which earned for him the official title of CMA's best dressed officer, was a welcome sight to the crew of the "GOLDEN BEAR" when they pulled the training ship into her home berth.

Always the popular subject of many smoker digs, he has stood up well under the fire of the Academy's gagsters as well as going to bat several times for the Midshipmen when the chips were against them.

Mr. Rice supervised the construction of the school's rifle range and as of late, has been very helpful in getting an amateur radio station foundation started for the future seamen.

It is therefore no wonder that he has the best wishes of the entire Midshipman Corps that his new cruise of duty will be a happy and successful one. With reluctance, the Midshipman Corps wishes this fine officer and friend a hearty Bon Voyage.

### EXTRA, EXTRA!

In this era of Congressional investigations of inflation, of labor's protest of the high cost of living, of economists' statements that the value of the dollar at a new low, there remains one shining light . . . one ray of hope . . . struggling to bring the world out of the economic chaos that now exists. . . . "THE BINNACLE."

Don't scoff, intelligent reader. . . . name one item on the market today, any market, even the black market or super market that has higher than prewar quality at the same price. This puts us in a class with the "Reader's Digest."

However, if we are to continue to operate at an reasonably economical deficit, we need support, and what's more . . .

#### SUBSCRIPTIONS!

What other publication, for the measly present day price of a deluxe hot dog (\$2.00) offers exclusive coverage of all CMA events? Name one other periodical that transports it's entire staff to South American countries so it's readers may become better acquainted with our friends to the South.

Alumni . . . consider what CMA has done for you! You now hold high positions in the shipping world, but what of your school, your alma mater? Do you know what's happening on the beloved TS? The least you can do is drop us a couple of dirty government engravings from Washington. We're not asking for donations. . . . we guarantee you a full year's subscription to our mighty gear in the gear train of the American press.

And fellow Midshipmen. . . . to you, we offer not only a year's subscription to your school paper, but if your barracks is 100% signed up, an extra Friday night liberty!

That's not all though . . . get this . . . to the barracks that hauls in the most outside subscriptions, an extra liberty on cruise! What more could one ask! So, get hot on your friends and relatives. They all want to know more about you and your school and it's lots easier for us to send them a "BINNACLE" than for you to correspond, telling them in full all the events this year's papers will describe.

Two dollars, a mere .2% of a thousand, and what man doesn't have a paltry few thousand knocking around for a day at the races in this time of inflation!

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### Superintendent's Record Colorful

At a meeting of the Board of Governors October 4, 1947, Commodore Russell W. Ihrig, U.S. Navy, retired, was nominated to be Superintendent of the California Maritime Academy commencing November 1, 1947 upon the retirement of Captain Claude B. Mayo, U.S. Navy, retired.

Commodore Ihrig was born in Utah and was appointed to the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis in 1915, having won his appointment by competitive examination. He graduated from the Naval Academy in 1918, the course having been temporarily reduced to three years because of the war. He saw service in European waters in a transport and a destroyer and as an ensign was awarded the Navy Cross for rescuing 14 survivors from a torpedoed transport in the submarine zone.

He served in destroyers in all capacities continuously until 1924 and was commended by the Secretary of the Navy as Executive and Fire Control officer of the USS "Hull," which won the battle efficiency pennant—known as the "Meat Ball"—for destroyers in 1923. Next tour of sea duty was on a coastal gunboat in Asiatic waters during the exciting years when anti-foreign feeling ran high and Chiang Kai Shek was conducting his military campaigns to whip the various war lords and nationalize China. During this time, he landed in command of a small detachment of blue-jackets and marines and marched several miles inland to the rescue of foreign missions, for which he was awarded the Navy Expeditionary Medal. He was then given command of the aircraft tender, "Heron" supporting fleet aircraft operations in the Asiatic Fleet, including aerial surveys of Philippine waters.

His next sea cruise was as anti-aircraft officer and later assistant gunnery officer of the 16 inch gun battleship Colorado. During this cruise he was twice commended for his contributions to the shooting efficiency of his ship. He was an instructor in the fleet anti-aircraft school and gave lectures throughout the fleet on anti-aircraft projectiles and fuses. The Long Beach earthquake occurred during this cruise and he commanded the Colorado's landing detachment, being assigned complete control over one fourth of the city for eight days until the city authorities resumed civil control.

In 1936, he became navigator of the

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## "Gismos"

Ford assumes dictatorial powers as CC . . . Heatherly steals sickbay gear, hides hypodermic needle in arm . . . McClure gets back at first class engineers by refusing to sell thermodynamics books. . . . Shell takes over from Swain as official pipe line cleaner. . . . Morill gets back at upperclassmen, slips up on vaccination and takes pint of blood instead. . . .

"Paper Boy" Schuler to replace "Fightin' Frank" as Chief. . . . Meyer discovers sensational new photo technique; uses hypo instead of developer and wrecks multi prints. . . . Cole calls own name at muster. . . . Mr. Heron becomes Captain Ford's executive officer. . . . Bowersox solves woman shortage by process of elimination (of men) . . . Dux becomes hermit. . . . Second classmen do strip tease in first aid test. . . . Rowe now "Gunga Din". . . . Buck meets Alice. . . . Wilkey hits the deck on vaccinations.

Otto gets multi time on weekends to polish car courtesy of our boy Chet. . . . Christensen leaves party early but returns early, whatsamatter, no go? ? ? Parker takes over love seat as McLemore freezes in the cold. . . . Harvey takes special interest in fuel oil heaters. . . . Olson fixes clock. . . . Little Chuck expected to equal or better big brother's record in foreign ports. . . . Hendrix thinks the second class is getting too much liberty. . . . Uhrich dissatisfied with room 60, makes into CMA V.A. office. . . . Brubaker doing extra-curricular practical instruction on his own time. . . .

Milani learns how to blow whistle. . . . Banke, afraid for his life, becomes second classman. . . . Ferrero stays amidships for obvious reasons. . . . Halbach's date cancelled by the Chief. . . . Gates hits the sick list in the nick of time. . . . McLemore wiggles ears on return trip from DE. . . . Richards conceals funny book as Mr. Dunham lectures on utilization of study time. . . . Richley remains true, devoted to Mike. . . .

Swabs utilize Ellis as stroke oar. . . . Orton, deciding that parties are boring, hits the sack. . . . French messes up Gates' Friday nights by taking over buglar. . . . Hett elected "Swab most likely to end up on the tank tops" by popular vote. . . . Flores wears yellow bathing suit and flexes on board as middies drool. . . . Brown's drum suddenly acquires hole. . . . Craig proves the world is flat by the "Tubbs' Navigation" method. . . . Home speaks up. . . . Racik preaches about "the Revolution". . . . Kelley relieves Halback as master of the hounds. . . . Kubel finds the "Rabbit's" classes boring and sleeps it out. . . .

Lowry takes over from McLemore as chief renovator of the pool cues. . . . Averill puts future deck apes on tank tops. . . . Banke making mad time with a bulkhead. . . . Second classmen like it here. . . . Gates takes up smoking. . . . Mr. Holly donates sword to cadet officers. . . . McCullough overexposes himself to sunlamp. . . .

## FOUR YEARS SINCE . . .

Forty acres were acquired through the efforts of Captain Claude B. Mayo. This land was in the scenic foothills of Vallejo overlooking beautiful Carquinez Straits. In August 1943, the Midshipmen of CMA took up residence on the grounds we know and love so well.

The staff of the still growing "BINNACLE" consisted of P. F. Franklin, F. G. DOAN, Ed Johannessen, K. R. Rambo, W. H. Kranstov, C. W. Cowan. C. H. Tubbs was faculty advisor.

Brumpsnick Snark returned to the Academy. All will remember Snark, the dashing engineer who fought duels with a 10" crescent, and roused the relief with an umpteen-million candlepower searchlight. How could one forget Snark, the Magnificent, who, but lets quote from the biography written by Phil Ransom—"Now in the fireroom, Snark finds that the oil is nice and warm—260 degrees—and that the red needle is missing from the steam gauge. Looking more closely, he discovers it behind the white one, so he secures two fires. A warm feeling begins to creep up Brumpsnick's ankles . . . a feeling which suggests that this would be a peachy time to pump the sump."

Shades of TSGS . . . those were the days when men were men and things were rough.

## Seadust

It's all right to compliment a girl on her ankles, but not too highly.

Saleslady: "Here's a very nice sweet-heart card. To the only girl I ever loved."

McCullough: "Fine, I'll take a dozen."

Dux: "Chief, I've got a terrific news story."

Carney: "What, man bites dog?"

Dux: "No, a hydrant sprinkled one."

A recent OC message from Signal Officer Edward Olson:

"Sighted schooner . . . drank same."

Definitions: For the benefit of those unfamiliar with the meaning of some infantry drill commands, we reprint the following:

Hut . . . one, as in "Hut, tuh, thruh, fuh." March . . . March.

Harms . . . Arms, as in "Hoder harms." Hrezent. Present, as in "Hrezent harms."

Harritte . . . Right, as in C Division Commander Wilkey's "Harritelankharch."

Awplescowfa . . . "All present and accounted for."

If you still don't get it, read Dick Tracy. When you know what "Mumbles" says, you'll get by.

## Dear Marilyn . . .

Well, here I am again, on sentry duty this time. The sentry's main duties are: 1) to salute officers, fishermen, and anyone else who happens to pass his way. 2) to allow no one to pass unless they belong. In other words, all officers and personnel of the Academy; no fishermen without a pass. The latter-type of man (if let through) could be a spy or perhaps even corrupt the morals of CMA (God forbid).

Your protection is a "45" or "38" caliber automatic which you never touch unless if its to make sure no one has swiped it while your back is turned. This weight strapped at your side assures you of the following:

- 1) That you will weigh more with it on
- 2) That it is a gun
- 3) That you will probably look slightly lop-sided.

The sentry box is situated in a very convenient place; cars in front of you; cars in back of you; and cars to the right of you. More d—n fun. The box itself is naturally a box-like affair painted a dashing two tone blue and creme. Ant covered, it stands about 7½ feet in height, 3 wide by 4 feet long and has a heater and telephone as accessories or luxuries. (lights up at night too). All in all, at 0000, it presents a very nauseating spectacle.

The gates leading from the road in front of the sentry box are made up of the finest wire the Navy could buy. A startling fact that must be taken into consideration at this time is "they even look like gates."

Upon entering the Academy, there are informal signs of greetings, one of which says "STOP"; also two red lights (which also mean "STOP"). A sign the color of the sentry box says, and I quote, "No trespassing U.S. Government and State property-California Maritime Academy." This last statement is entirely true.

From where I am now, I can hear the birds singing their cheerful cries which mean 0400. The trucks overhead make noises indescribable and vibrate your comfortable habitan't not unlike the act of exploding a small bomb. The heater presents a screeching unbearable moan to one's ears. But wait, what do I find myself doing?

I'm jumping up (and it's not the ants). I throw down this horrible menace to humanity (gun). A sneer-like smile creases my lips. I'm running, running, arms outstretched half laughing, half crying. Am I mad? No, I've just seen my relief.

Potent Puddles of Purple Passion,  
Savhmo Soogee

P.S. Write soon!

### ATTENTION SUBSCRIBERS!

As "THE BINNACLE" was not published last month, all subscriptions are being extended one month.

## Swabs Swell CMA Enrollment

Giving the upperclassmen two days to become used to being upperclassmen, a new batch of prospective Merchant Marine Officers came to the Academy last month, following the fall leave period. They came from all parts of the state . . . from Redding in the North to San Diego in the South with Panama and Oregon also represented.

San Diego gets the distinction of giving up the largest number of its inhabitants to the sea, with 10 from that city in the new class. For the first time in many cruises, San Pedro and Long Beach, both important ports, are not represented.

Following a two week period of indoctrination, the class of '50 got a glimpse of the duties of both the deck and engineering department and have not settled down to the task of becoming proficient in the studies and crafts of their chosen sections.

Mustering 59 men in its ranks as press time, the class will continue to swell according to Richard E. Heron, Commandant of Midshipmen. From 10 to 25 more members are expected to report aboard before the training ship shoves off for foreign ports in January.

Included in the "swab" class are two brothers, J. J. and R. L. Kelly, both with marine engineering experience. David Chamberlain, brother of the immortal "Admiral" is following in his brother's footsteps as is Ted Johnston, brother of "Big Chuck" Johnston. Another prominent personality is "Roger 'Tiny' Heatherly, a little lad of 6'4" and 215 pounds.

Following is a muster of the Class of '50 whose members all deserve commendation for having complied with the entrance requirements.

Name	Town
Akers, J. W.	Vallejo
Anderson, V. S.	Oakland
Arnett, J. E.	San Francisco
Arntz, J. F.	San Francisco
Barnes, P. A.	Sacramento
Caldwell, J. D.	Whittier
Chamberlain, D. M.	San Diego

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## SEARCH FOR CMA SWEETHEART BEGINS

Knights, Landholders, and Serfs! First, second, and third classmen! Is Chivalry dead? Is there an end to all knights in shining armor pressing a bono for their ladies fair? No, I say! No! (emphatically that is) The day of medieval idealism is not at an end . . . it has just had its beginning.

Yes, this is it! Your chance to get your name, picture, and your girl's picture in one of America's leading publications. Yes, I said it . . . "THE BINNACLE," supreme the world over.

Don't send any money, no stamps, no tops from your old tanks. Just send us a picture of your girl or girls. (which ever you prefer). Yes, here it is . . . the chance of a lifetime! The chance to show up the "Casanova" of CMA.

Who is he? Is it Roberts? Who can tell? Can it be that lowly third classmen have better taste in women than either the first or second class? Does CMA have a Charles Boyer in its midst? Who is the cream of whose crop?

Is a thing like this to be kept in the dark (depending on who she is)? Does not the world have a right to know what's going on inside the insides of a Midshipman?

We of "THE BINNACLE" appeal to your—aesthetic senses to participate in this contest . . . to give your all, to make this a part of the tradition which makes CMA so trying at times. The rules are very simple.

1. All pictures should be snapshots, so don't send us a picture of your woman all decked out in formal attire.

2. The winner will be acclaimed "Sweetheart of CMA" (the girl that is).

3. Put the name of your girl, her hometown, and your name plainly on the back of the picture.

There is no limit to your entries. There is no method in our madness. Turn your pictures in to room 50 on or before December 10, 1947.

This little scheme should make CMA a well formed, rounded out school. Think of

## Academy Chorus To Be Revived

Resuming activities after a year's hibernation, the CMA Glee Club is once again holding nightly sessions under the direction of Mid'n. Isidoro Maggay, a member of the third class. Accompanists are Mid'n. F. C. Swain and T. Y. Johnston. Mid'n. Maggay has had over three years experience in directing and leading choral groups. He is starting from scratch with the CMA Choir and is doing a remarkable job.

The group is working on the popular "Stout Hearted Men" at the present time, but will devote it's time to Christmas carols for the coming holidays. Included in its library are "When Day is Done," "The Whiffenpoof Song," "The Lord's Prayer," "Ave Maria," and several other favorites.

Judging from the start the club has made, in the near future the Academy should have one of the finest glee clubs ever! Much credit is due those who participate in the choir and hopes are high for outside engagements should their fine progress continue.

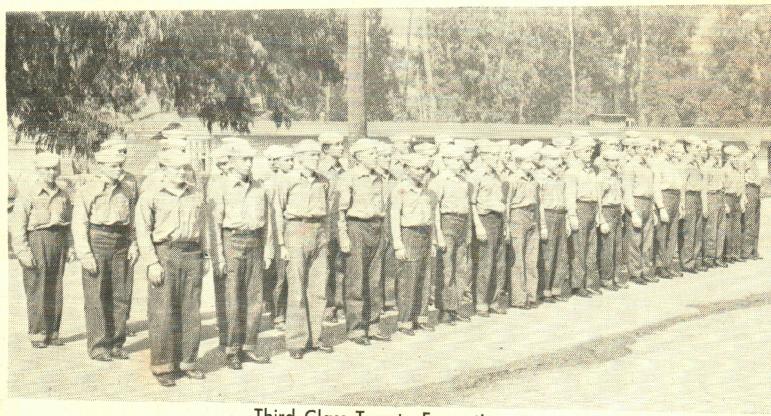
### DR. DWYER RESUMES DUTIES

Friends of Dr. R. C. Dwyer, Dean of Education, will be happy to hear of his re-umption of duties after a brief sojourn in the hospital. Numerous inquiries as to his health will be answered by the good news that he is in excellent health except for a "milk and baby food" diet. Dr. Dwyer's absence made apparent the large place he occupies in CMA life, and all hands are glad to see him back at his old post.

it! Fame, fortune, and renown at a single glance of favor from our judging staff which is made up of such lovers as Wes Averill, representing the ever-present engine room. Dick Heron, well known deck officer, will make sure prints are clear and well developed. And last, but not least, Mr. Holly, "of the Navy." Need I say more?

There is no prejudice from these judges whose experience in these matters, as you all know, is highly limited. This thing could, and possibly will, take amazing proportions. Just look over the following pertinent details. Can an engineer get better looking girl than a deck man? Is it the grease or the whitewash that attracts them?

All these questions and many more you can think of will be answered by the winner of this contest. So get off your rusty dusty and send us a snap of your chic. Decision of the judges is final. All addresses and phone numbers are requested and will be gratefully appreciated, but have no immediate reflections on the choice of the experts.



Third Class Turn-to Formation

## New Superintendent

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Asiatic Fleet flagship, "USS Augusta," a heavy cruiser, and received commendations for contributing to the gunnery efficiency of the ship. After one year, he was ordered by Admiral Yarnell, the Commander in Chief, to be Fleet Gunnery Officer, and in charge of Fleet officer personnel assignments to duty, as well as Fleet Athletic Officer. He was later made fleet operations officer and supervised the evacuation of American Nationals from Shanghai when the Sino-Japanese hostilities started. He received official commendation for his performance of duties during this trying period.

His next sea cruise began just as the United States declared war on Japan. He took command of the Navy's newest high-speed fleet tanker, USS "Cimarron," equipped with a modern destroyer gun battery, the only tanker so fitted out.

Following a high speed, unescorted emergency run to Iceland to relieve a serious shortage created by heavy tanker sinkings, the "Cimarron" joined the Task Force which launched General Doolittle's Army bombers on their historic attack of Tokyo, fueling the carrier Hornet, which carried the bombers, and other vessels of the task force, in a 42 knot gale just before the final dash. Later, he fueled the Fleet before and after the battle of Midway, the assault on Guadalcanal, the raid on Wake Island, and numerous operations in the Coral Sea and South Pacific.

Following the raid on Wake Island in October, 1943, he was ordered to the staff of Admiral Nimitz at Pearl Harbor, where he organized and established the Office of Joint Shipping Control for which he was officially commended, and then became head of the Petroleum Division of the Logistics Staff. He was later elevated to the position of executive assistant, in which capacity he was responsible for supervision and initiation of planning logistic supply for the Pacific Fleet and advance bases and retained his duty of planning supervision over all petroleum for the United States and British Pacific Fleets and advance bases. Incidental to these duties, he was promoted to Commodore and awarded the Legion of Merit. His final cruise was in command of the heavy cruiser Canberra, then under overhaul for battle damage and his greatest regret is that the Japs surrendered before the ship was completed and could get back into action.

Commodore Ihrig's shore duties during his 29 years of active naval service have been almost entirely along lines which give him special background experience for his duty as Superintendent of CMA. His first shore duty was in the Executive (Discipline) Department at the Naval Academy, during which time he was in charge of 550 midshipmen on their three-months summer cruise. He was selected by the class of 1927 to be the advisor for their annual "Lucky Bag" and made a special aide to the Superintendent during the annual visit of the distinguished Board of Visitors. His next shore duty was as a student at the Line

## Alumnus N. B. Martin Fills Academic Gap

Latest addition to CMA's teaching staff is Noel B. Martin (July, '42) who has assumed the teaching responsibilities of the history, English and Spanish classes and the supervisory responsibilities of athletic officer.

Born in landlocked state of Idaho, the new officer somehow managed to get a whiff of salt spray, and, unable to resist its dashing call, migrated to California while still in his boyhood. Heeding the mysterious pleas of the seven seas, he entered California Maritime Academy and graduated in the fall of 1942. Since his graduation, Mr. Martin has made rapid advancement as an officer in the Merchant Marine, now holding an unlimited license for Master in steam and motor vessels.

Besides CMA, the new instructor has attended Glendale College, the University of California at Los Angeles, and Humboldt State College, majoring in English with emphasis on teachers' training.

Although the new athletic officer's favorite sport is tennis, he has taken great interest in the Academy's casaba squads, taking over the coaching duties of the junior varsity. Mr. Martin also has another keen interest. . . . Thomas Martin, his son, and perhaps a future skipper.

We take pleasure in welcoming Mr. Martin to the Academy staff and hope his watch here will be as pleasant for him in the future as it has been for us up to now.

R. L. Cole ('42 Dec.), N. F. Main ('41) and C. H. Clendenny ('46) were also aboard during the leave period. We sure are sorry to have missed you all, gang. Hope you will try again soon.

Officers' Postgraduate School, Annapolis, and after completing the one year course, he was assigned to the instruction staff in strategy and tactics, navigation, and cryptanalysis. In 1934-36, he was Associate Professor of Naval Science and Tactics at the University of California in Berkeley, during which period he was in charge of the NROTC unit on its two annual battleship cruises of one month each to Hawaii.

In 1939, after returning from China via Suez and Europe, he was assigned as Executive Assistant to the Director of Naval Reserve in the Bureau of Personnel, Navy Department. In this capacity, he was responsible to a large extent for the pre-war mobilization of the first 25,000 Reserve officers to be assigned to active duty, when the total officer strength of the regular Navy was about 11,000. His last shore duty was as Assistant Chief of Staff for Logistics to the Commander, Western Sea Frontier.

The Commodore has written numerous articles for the Naval Institute Proceedings and has given many professional lectures before civic bodies in the Bay Area while at the University of California.

## SWABS SAY SMOKER STUPENDOUS SHOW

It's the greatest event of the year and its coming to the Academy gymnasium November 20! What is it? Why, it's the Swab Smoker staged each fall by the incoming third class.

The new swabees are off to a good start in preparing what they say is the biggest show ever put on for the critical officers and upperclassmen. Mid'n. James Caldwell, producer, with his various assistants have planned an evening of exciting entertainment.

The outline for the gala production consists of various skits, a top name band (here by special request or guard duty) boxing matches for the blood thirsty, and W-O-M-E-N! Upperclassmen and officers will be furnished with cigarettes and cigars as long as the voluptuous cigarette girls are allowed to carry on their duties unmolested. No coke bottles or soft fruits will be allowed in the theater, and minors will not be admitted without the consent of their parents.

The show has the stamp of approval of the Long Beach Spit and Argue Club, Committee for the protection of short skirts for women under thirty.

Remember ADA SEPSI! ! ! !

## Midshipmen Receive Pre-Cruise Shots

Sick Bay at CMA is swarming with pre-cruise activity. Chief Pharmacist's Mate Hendrix is directing his first classmen sick-bay attendants in the inoculation of the Cadet Corps for the Cruise of '48. All first classmen and those members of the lower classes that had previously received their "shots" submitted to a round of boosters. Meanwhile all hands not in the foregoing categories are undergoing the standard series of inoculations for Tetanus, Typhoid, and Smallpox. Chief Hendrix has the additional assistance of ex-pharmacists mate George Morrill who has enrolled at the Academy after four years of Navy experience.

After several of the Cadet Corps staunchest supermen hit the deck as the result of their inoculations, alarm began to grow through the ranks of those to come. Rumors spread that an engineering cadet has fabricated a jumbo hypodermic needle from an old discarded carbontetrachloride fire extinguisher. However, panic was averted when all hands were shown that no permanent after affects were possible. Although the preceding account may be slightly exaggerated, the fact remains that the health of every Midshipman is receiving careful attention by preventative means as well as conventional care when sick or injured.

Jane Marie Visalli and Edwin R. Rowe ('43 Dec.) have announced their betrothal. Congratulations and best wishes to you both from all hands, Ed.

## New Binnacle Crew In Full Command

Conning "The Binnacle" through its journalistic channels for the coming year is an almost entirely new staff. Although mostly inexperienced the staff shows great promise of monumental achievements to come. This year's skipper is Midshipman Stuart P. Carney, Jr. who brings "The Binnacle" his natural talents plus the experience of two previous editorships. He headed papers with such nautical names as "The Mariner" and the "Fore 'n' Aft." This makes "The Binnacle" his third journalistic berth.

The watch for this year's "Binnacle" cruise consists of Associate Editor F. C. Swain, assisting Editor Carney, and the newly formed sports department headed by Midshipmen W. A. Dux and E. S. Olson. Business and circulation are being taken care of by Mid'n R. G. Craig. Pictures are being turned out by W. A. Goodman. "The Binnacle Watch" is rounded out by a substantial group of copy grinders consisting of midshipmen McLemore, Caldwell, Flores, E. E. Lewis, Nicholson, Racik, Rowe, and A. Ward.

## THIRD CLASS MUSTER

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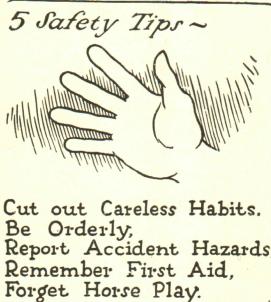
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Doyle, T. A.	Larkspur
Dunn, R. C.	Monterey Park
Elliot, E. G.	Sacramento
Flores, E. J.	San Francisco
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Kelley, R. L.	San Diego
Kubel, R. A.	Sacramento
Lewis, C. B.	San Diego
Lewis, E. E.	Vallejo
Lowry, W. R.	Santa Barbara
MacDonald, J. A.	Imperial
Maggay, I.	San Diego
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Nay, D. L.	Roseburg, Ore.
Neunzig, F.	Monterey
Nicholson, J. C.	Vallejo
Olsen, J.	Redding
Pearson, A. R.	Vallejo

## MIDSHIPMEN INSTRUCTED IN SHIPLOAD SAFETY

So that Midshipmen will become better acquainted with safety in their shipboard duties when they graduate from the Academy as Merchant Marine officers, Ralph W. Netterstrom, Advisor of the Seamen's Program of the Accident Prevention Bureau of the Waterfront Employers' Association, and representing the Pacific American Shipowners' Association, has inaugurated a series of ten talks at CMA which will terminate just prior to cruise departure.

Speaking before assembled Midshipmen and officers of the Academy, Mr. Netterstrom in his Tuesday night talks has stated that his aim is to convince us of the necessity of doing all jobs with safety. His interest in the cadets lies in the fact that someday all will step aboard ships as officers. The Shipowners' Association sponsors him so the future officers will better understand the responsibilities of their future years.

The safety engineer called a spade a spade when he said that the main reason for safety aboard ship was to bring insurance costs down, not solely because the company is worried about the welfare of its men. Officers can best do this by being sure that crews understand safety rules, thereby saving the company useless added expense and saving themselves worry, time, and the good name of the ship.



Perkins	Yuba
Pearson, W. A.	San Diego
Peebles, W. F.	Santa Rosa
Plumlee, W. R.	Vallejo
Racik, S. A.	Burlingame
Roberts, D. R.	San Jose
Root, E. W.	Vallejo
Rosen, H. P.	Los Angeles
Shell, B. E.	Oakland
Shuler, L. D.	Panama
Smith, D. H.	Pasadena
Smith, E. H.	Vallejo
Stoll, J. F.	San Francisco
Strain, W. E.	San Diego
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Wright, C.	Santa Rosa

## Camera Club Shelters Cadet Shutter Bugs

With cameras in hand, and pockets crammed with flashbulbs, the members of this year's Camera Club are as active and on the spot as their predecessors. There are few important incidents on the campus that fail to be caught in the focus of the little black box by one of the Club's photo fiends.

This year's galaxy of shutter bugs includes Midshipmen John Meyer, Ronny Parker, Al Milani, George Gates, Loren MacDonald, James Caldwell, and Julian Arntz.

This Academy organization differs slightly from others in that the members have access to several hundred dollars worth of equipment for their exclusive use, among which are two enlargers, a contact printer, washer, dryer, and several other pieces. There are also two separate dark-rooms for the convenience of the camera cadets.

The club is naturally anxious to have new members come in at any time. The initiation fee is only five dollars for three years. Everything is furnished to the budding photographer except film and printing paper. Expensive equipment is not necessary for membership. The old timers of the club are always willing to help the novices with the procedures of the dark-room.

One of the organization's most important functions is turning out pictures for the Academy publications: "THE BINNACLE" and "The Hawsepipe."

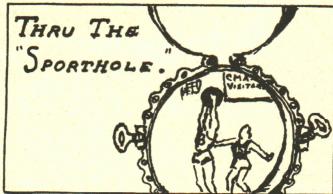
## DRUM AND BUGLE CORPS MAKES BRILLIANT SHOWING

With a roll off of drums and a blast of bugles, the new Drum and Bugle Corps came into existence early this year. Under the versatile leadership of Midshipman Al Milani, this new organization has prospered. Mainstays of the group are Midshipmen Jack French and John Kelly, outstanding artists on the bugle and drum respectively.

The Drum and Bugle Corps has the largest enrollment and the finest cooperation it has ever had. In the few weeks it has functioned, the members have marched in two Saturday morning drill reviews. Lieutenant Clifford Rice has secured twelve new bugles for the corps which will be inspected at regular Saturday inspections.

Should the group continue to make progress at the rate it has, it is very likely that it will march with the Midshipman Corps in the next parade, rumored to be around Armistice Day. This will be the first time that the Midshipmen will march to cadence of their own making, and not of the band ahead or behind.

Members of the organization are: Midshipmen Roberts, Shuler, Gates, Racik, Flores, Hoeheisel, Pearson, R. L. Kelly, bugles; Brown, Ferrero, Hett, J. J. Kelly, Smith, drums.



Martin? Athletic Officer? Who and what's that? If any midshipmen doesn't know the answer to those questions by now—well, he had better come out of hibernation. Yes, with the arrival of Lieutenant Noel B. Martin it looks as though CMA will finally have a year round athletic program. At last the Academy facilities: gym, pool, tennis slab, and baseball diamond are teeming with activity between the hours of 1600 and 1730. With the enthusiastic approval of all but a few chronic sack hounds we say "Keep up the good work and best of luck, Mr. Martin."

Our baseball mentor and star pitcher "Ramhead Ramsey" seems to have turned his talents to greener fields. With the close of the baseball season "Ramhead" has shown his versatility and sound coaching technique by leading our basketball five to four victories in five starts. Although the team faces a rough schedule, a little luck and plenty of practice should bring a successful season.

The brightest surprise of the year however, has turned out to be the Junior Varsity team. Coached by Mr. Martin and composed largely of third classmen, this group of hard fighting midgets hasn't dropped a game to date and has every intention of keeping up the pace.

This year the Academy may have one or two contenders for Supremacy in Sports. The rowing crew, dormant in Academy life, may again be revived but in a new wrapper. Hopes are high for replacing the present whaleboats with regulation college shells suitable for outside competition. These would by no means eliminate the whaleboats which are, of course, an extremely important part of Maritime Tradition. However, there is no reason why a school of this type should take a back seat in any sport, least of all a water event.

Another up and coming sport is boxing. Under the able direction of slugging Chief Pharmacist's Mate Hendrix who counts one ex-Golden Gloves contender and several men with college experience in his ranks. We should have an active year in the squared circle.

Well, enough for present and future activities. Beginning with this issue of "The Binnacle" "Thru The Sporthole" will contain a new feature. The last section of this column will be known as the "Editor's

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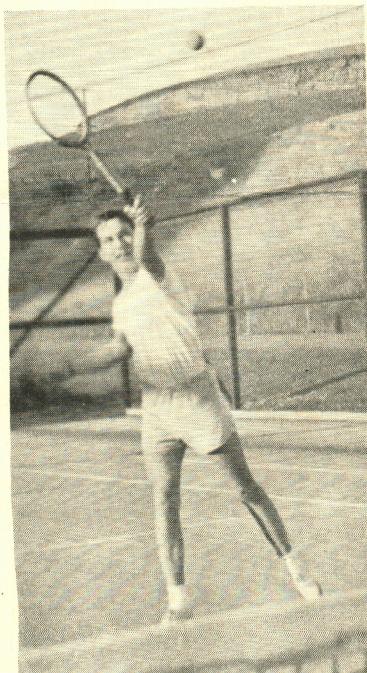
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## Academy Netmen Shaping Squad

If the old adage of "strength in numbers" holds true, CMA's tennis team for this year is sure to be right in there as the turnout at the courts far exceeds that of former seasons.

Coached by Noel B. Martin, athletic officer, and captained by Midshipman Ros Wilkey, the Academy netmen were given a much needed boost by the new class. As well as experienced players, the racquetiers added several to their ranks who wish to learn the game. These men, with experience and taps given them by veterans Johnny Gibbs and Ros Wilkey will prove valuable assets on the asphalt in seasons to come.

In the experienced player category, newcomers include Everett Root, former top man for Vallejo High, Herb Rosen, member of the last year's Los Angeles All City High School squad, and Loren Cochran, veteran racquet wielder for Lincoln High of San Francisco. Returning players from last year are Johnny Gibbs, Ros Wilkey, James Or-



Johnny Gibbs, Athlete of the Month

ton, and in a class all by themselves, Fred Swain and Parnell Carney.

Included among the promising novices are Cliff David, Johnny Stoll, John Ward, Bill Strain and Robert Craig.

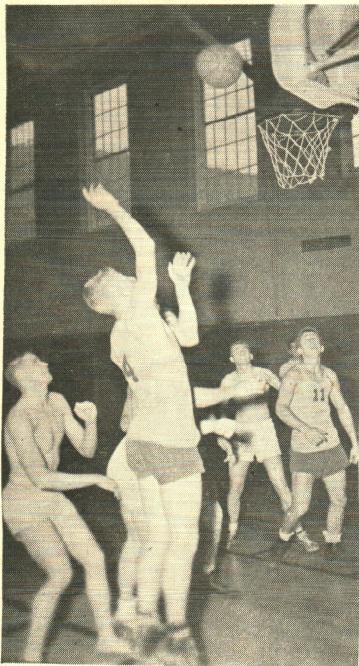
The team as yet is not ready for competition, but Coach Martin hopes to whip the squad into shape to warrant several matches before cruise.

Does anyone know where T. E. Casey ('45) can be reached. His mail has been returned marked "not at."

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## Hoopsters ON Victory Road

The casaba tossers of CMA greeted Coach "Ramhead" Ramsey with a record breaking turnout for the hardwood at first practice. Due to the overflow of material,



Ernie Lewis sinks one as Ed Olson comes in to follow.

a Junior Varsity team was organized under the direction of Noel B. Martin, athletic officer.

Having played four games at presstime, the Sea Wolves had three victories and one defeat to their credit, while the Sea Cubs boasted of four straight victories.

The varsity quintet scored their first win in a nip and tuck battle with the Hospital

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Corpsmen of Mare Island, the final being 28 to 27.

Roger Heatherly was a tower of strength on the defense, clearing the backboards as efficiently as any three men could. Lewis, Olson, and McClure were the point getters for the Midshipmen. Considering the fact that this was the first tilt for the Seawolves, they turned in a remarkable performance.

The second fray, played at the Mare Island court, was altogether different. The local artists maintained the upper hand all the way, winning by a score of 27 to 26. Again, Heatherly was the main factor in keeping the Corpsmen's scoring down. Because of the slippery floor, no one player shined offensively; but they worked together as a team, with everyone playing steady ball.

In the preliminary tilt to the second game, the Seacubs, playing exceptionally good ball, defeated the Marine training Corp's team by the score of 31 to 26.

Fred Olsen was the outstanding player of the game, racking up 24 points to his credit while playing good defensive ball at the same time. In the third quarter, Bob Dunn got a hot streak and scored eight rapid points, putting the Academy lightweights in the lead which they never relinquished for the remainder of the game.

Next varsity victory was over the Mare Island Marines by a final score of 51 to 32. Despite the high score, the game was no walk away. Coach Ramsey's boys played exceptionally good ball, with Lewis and Olson tanking shots from all angles and iron-man Heatherly playing his usual brilliant defensive ball.

Losing their fourth start, after three wins, the Seawolves bowed before the Marine Retraining Command to the tune of 45 to 39. Usually a sharp shooting team, the Middies were unable to connect with the basket until late in the third quarter. A last minute rally brought the Seawolves close to victory, but the Gyrenes gained possession of the spherical pigskin and stymied the threat.

In the second game of the evening, the Seacube thoroughly defeated the Hospital Corpsmen of Mare Island by a score of 50 to 28. Again, Fred Olsen, and Bob Dunn were the standouts of the tilt, with the former chalking up 24 digits and the latter 14. With Coach Martin using his entire squad, they ran the Corpsmen off the court in the first quarter.

The following night, the Jay Vees extended their winning streak to three wins by defeating the Treasure Island Receiving Station, 49 to 41. The "Cubs" lost two of their players, Fred Olsen and Bob Dunn, to the varsity due to their outstanding showing in previous tilts. Al Ward made two "Globetrotter" shots by hooking them in from the corner while Johnston and Kelly both played steady defensive ball and contributed to the Academy's total with 8 and 4 points respectively.

# Alumni News

N. Wainwright and R. E. Nevins (both '47) become the first of their class to join the A. A. ranks. Both are awaiting assignments with PFEL, going rapidly broke, and nuts, while on the Beach. They tell us that I. Kotelnikoff, R. M. Williams and R. Welch (all '47) are the first to have landed sea-going berths and are all on the Briney. Many thanks, Norm and Dick, we are very glad to welcome you to our ranks.

H. K. Chamberlain ('47) is the first of his class to complete Active Duty with the Navy. He is just back from his two-week cruise, and is trying to get more. Thanks for the dues, Kenneth.

P. S. Mea ('42 Jan.) has been appointed Yokahama Port Captain for the U.S. Maritime Commission according to the September issue of the Eighth Army Octogram. He is in charge of all operations concerning commercial ships at that port. Paul has served as skipper on several vessels, and as Port Captain at Manila and Hong Kong.

W. J. Dorsey ('42 July) writes from the Kit Carson Lodge on Silver Lake, Amador County, a resort that he owns and operates. His winter address is still 1221 E. Pinchot St., Stockton. Thanks, Bill.

J. G. Ellis ('34) writes a fine congratulatory letter to the Binnacle Staff. Very pleasant reading for all of us J. G. Thanks.

The Bay Area Chapter now has an official mailing address—P. O. Box 3247, Rincon Annex, San Francisco, Calif. Please address all business letters concerned to this address.

Scuttlebutt has it that S. Stendahl ('42 Jan.) has joined the ranks of the Insurance Agents. He also has a new address—55 Polk St., San Francisco, Apt. 22.

E. A. Cozzi ('43 Dec.) has moved to 345 Fulton St., San Francisco, Apt. 46. Many thanks for the dues, Gene. Hope we will see you again soon.

C. H. Clendenny ('46) sends in dues and a grand letter. He is Jr. Third on the Gen. M. C. Meigs (APL), Pier 42, San Francisco. He sailed a year on the Pan American Victory (with J. G. Carpenter—'44 Dec.), then shifted to the passenger run in July—says he is very happy about it. D. S. Bartlett ('44 Dec.) is Jr. 3rd. Asst. on the Meigs. Many thanks, Carlton. We are very glad to hear from you, and in particular that you are happy in your work. Write again soon.

R. M. Williams ('47) drops us a line from the S. S. Drew Victory, (PFEL), c/o Atkins-Kroll Co., Guam. Says he signed aboard a week after graduation. I. Kotelnikoff ('47) is sailing Jr. 3rd on the Alamo Victory (PFEL) together with Em Fowler, a former instructor at the Academy. Reed is shipmates with R. Hoyt ('46) and is very happy to be learning lots of things the easy way as a consequence. The Captain incidentally is the Pilot that brought the T. S. down from Stockton on her last trip.

Mrs. John McPherson McKee announces the marriage of her daughter Mary Wilba Hewitt to Mr. Alfred Leonard Sandretti ('43 Dec.) on Sunday the twenty-first of September, Burlingame, California.

## Extension Course

By DR. DWYER

Attention Graduates . . . December, 1942  
Through September, 1946!

Records of the Academy show that we have not received a response from some of these graduates regarding the Extension Course prepared by the academic staff in order that they may qualify for the Bachelor of Science degree which was not issued when they graduated due to the shortened course during the war emergency.

Many of the graduates have enrolled for the Extension Course and are now preparing themselves for the examination. It is believed that many others have not received their notice of the extension course due to the change of address, being at sea, or otherwise out of contact with the Academy.

Anyone knowing of change of address of any of the above graduates, please forward same to Dr. R. C. Dwyer, Dean of Education.

If any of the above graduates have an individual problem to work out regarding the time or place to take the examination it is suggested that they also contact the Dean of Education as it is possible we may be in a position to assist them with suggestions.

Elmer Hazard, backbone of the crew way back when, presently satiating the thirsts of Monterey and vicinity, was a visitor when all hands were gone on the annual breather. Sorry we missed you, pappy.

N. F. Main ('41) has been given the headaches and glory (?) of the presidents chair of the Bay Area Chapter. J. A. Cronin ('41) has left suddenly for parts and reasons as yet unknown to us. Nat falls into the very tough job of getting his gang organized and we wish you the best of luck, Nat, and are confident that you will do a grand job.

J. R. Chambers ('46) writes from 1921 Benedict Canyon Drive, Beverly Hills, and very ably continues the reportorial work his classmates started some time ago—says "Am on leave from Standard of California, not SOCONY (we mean the same thing, never even think of that eastern outfit Jim)—am entering UCLA. Dick Miller and Joe Brodsky have been in attendance there since last semester. R. Backer is 3rd Mate on the Lombardi (SOCONY—and here we go again). C. Dreyer is back at Cal, Doc Ezell is now attending Pasadena. J. C. R. Levin plans on entering UCLA in the fall." Also adds the following that should be of interest—"we are planning on the first '46 reunion on 18 October at Curt Dreyer's home in Berkeley." Many thanks for all the info Jim. We are sorry that the reunion notice couldn't be circulated in time to be of help.

J. Boyce ('39) was a recent visitor. Came down to take a sail with W. Averill ('39) in the "Dixon Speedball" (Wes' Bird Board) — says he hopes to start building a home in Richmond soon.

A. K. Rasmussen ('42 Jan.) was a visitor the morning that the new class reported aboard. The combination produced some very interesting sidelights, as the upper-classmen tried a little of the usual "swab treatment" on Rass. Some fun. A. K. is Chief on a Victory, now laid-up in Seattle. He expects it to be sold soon, and hopes to stay with the ship.

The SOCAL gang comes through with thirteen memberships for the coming year—but no news for the Binnacle. Sounds as though you were still breathing down there, gang, but how about telling the rest of us what you are doing?

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