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VISITORS ABOARD

Since the departure of our Korean friends, two other visitors have come aboard for a weekend stay. The last to come and the first to go was one "Red". "Red", in his short stay at the Academy, rose meteorically in prestige. His presence in the staff added color to every formation. Unfortunately, others recognized the abilities of "Red" and they took him away. The other guest, being smaller and less valuable, remains with us still.

COUNTY FAIR

On Friday the color guard and a twenty-man parade unit will attend the opening of the Solano County Fair. What they will do is not quite clear; however, it is rumored that the Midshipmen will be in on the choosing of the Queen of the County Fair. After the ceremony is over, the unit will be able to look around the fair and refresh themselves. The Fair will be free of charge to any Midshipman in dress blues.

NEW FINALS WEEK ROUTINE

This year there will be a change in the finals week routine. Previous to this semester the week of finals started on Monday and ended on Friday. The following week being devoted to review. This year finals will start on Wednesday, 1 August, and will end on Tuesday, 7 August. The following two days will be

devoted to review. On Friday the Academic Board meets, then Saturday morning graduation exercises will be held.

The new routine has obvious advantages; the big one from the Midshipmen's point of view will be the weekend breaking up finals week.

THE NAVY WAY

After 110 years of Sunday morning reveille and breakfast formation the Naval Academy has changed to general sleep-in on Sunday morning. Breakfast formation is only compulsory for those Midshipmen wishing to eat breakfast.

NAUTICAL QUERY

Last week's question went unanswered. The answer to the question "What is a pyrate machine?" may be found in the book "Pictorial Study of a Merchant Ship". The pyrate machine is a tank-cleaning apparatus similar to a Butterworth Machine.

The submitter of the question, Jim Durst, won the cigar by default.

This week's question: How big was the biggest reciprocating engine ever built? Where and when was it built?

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PROGRESS ON BAR-B-QUE PIT

There has been a considerable amount of progress made on the projected picnic area and social center. A Midshipmen's planning committee was set up consisting of M/S Pyles, Creek, Lucas, and Brownson. In discussing this matter with the Superintendent a number of tentative decisions were arrived at. The area in the lee of the handball court has been selected as the site for the dance floor-picnic area. As it now stands it calls for a roughly triangular area some 40 feet on a side, paved in brick and roofed over with a redwood frame of slate to provide shade. The bar-b-que pit itself would be at the northeast corner of the area. Redwood tables and benches would be provided as would water, light, and refrigeration facilities and possibly a record player. The materials for this are available and when the area has been mapped out and measured (by M/S Brownson and Kemmerer), work will begin. There is still plenty of opportunity to offer your services to the cause, and there is no limit to the amount of labor we can use.

There is nothing hard and fast about the plans listed above and if anyone has any better ideas by all means let us know about them.

THE BOX SCORE

Softball

Thursday night of last week proved a good night for the CMA softball team, as they defeated the Vallejo DeMolay by a 18-5 score. Sporting a heavy hitting attack and taking advantage of all DeMolay miscues, the softball team had little trouble in disposing of this league rival for the third time. CMA now has a league won and lost record of 3 and 1.

Tonight the softball team faces Sullivan Ford of Vallejo. The game should prove exciting since Sullivan put up a strong battle in their last Vallejo meeting with the Academy. If you want to see a fast brand of softball, come out to the ballfield tonight and give the team some support.

SPORTS OF THE DAY

Track - The sudden death track and field

finals for the U. S. Olympic men's team took place last weekend at the Memorial Coliseum in Los Angeles. The results should give the U.S. their best team to go to the Olympics in quite a few years.

The handling of the Dave Sime case for the Olympics has led to the belief that some change may be made in the U. S. selecting policy, since the American way of selecting a team, by sudden death trials, has once more made a laughing stock of itself.

Sailing - Squalls and heavy seas along the 635 mile course made this year's 50th anniversary ocean race to Bermuda the roughest ever. But expert seamanship also made it the fastest, as every speed record was smashed by boats in all classes of competition.

Motorboating - Don Wilson zoomed Horace Dodge's "Dora My Sweetie" over Detroit River at 78.803 mph average speed to win the Maple Leaf Regatta which was halted by driving rain after the first heat.

Boxing - Governor G. Knight, meeting with the new California State Athletic Commission, emphatically laid down the law of the State: "We are going to have honest, clean, and decent boxing and wrestling or we're not going to have any at all".

Baseball - Milwaukee is starting to move under their new manager Fred Haney, and the eyes of National League fans are turning their way.

The Pittsburg Pirates, in a losing streak, are beginning to look like the team of yesterday.

SPORTS DINNER

Next week a dinner will be held in the messhall to honor the members of the Varsity Basketball team. Capt. Richter, Mr. Lipman, the athletic council, the water polo team, the basketball team, and the softball team will be present at the dinner. The Corps will eat chow at about 1700, the dinner will be held at 1800. Mr. Ross will have a special dinner. The date has not been definitely set but it will be either Tuesday, the 10th, or Thursday, the 12th of July.