



## CALIFORNIA MARITIME ACADEMY

### GUN CLUB

At a recent meeting held by the newly formed Gun Club elections for the coming year were held. Elected President was Adrian Ades, and Junior Olcott was voted in to assist Ades as Vice-President. Bob Steele became Treasurer and Business Manager, while Bob Duncan was elected Secretary. The Club has been coming along well under the guidance of Mr. Pederson and is now graduating from primary instruction to range firing.

### NEWMAN CLUB

The third of November looms as a big date for the members of the Newman Club as they are preparing for a joing get-together with six Clubs of the Bay area, to be held at the Academy.

### GRADUATE AIDS SEAMEN

Since 1954 the LURLINE has offered members of the crew who were interested a course in the practical phase of lifeboat handling to aid them in getting their lifeboat certificates from the Coast Guard.

Since the beginning this course has been conducted by the first officer Raymound W. Racouillet, D-140, of the LURLINE. This spare time project of both the first officer and the crew who participated has enabled 182 men to be certificated as lifeboatmen. The instruction was given at the Honolulu end of each trip and involved the lowering of a boat and the actual handling of a small boat and procedure.

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In appreciation of the time and effort that Mr. Racouillet has spent, the Steward's Department recently made a presentation of a navigational watch to Mr. Racouillet. Congratulations to a CMA graduate.

### THE SOCIAL SPHERE, by G. E. Wiggs

In just this past week a sharp increase in social enthusiasm among the Midshipmen has been noticed. This is good but there are still a few who are not showing their social graces to the ladies. Let's get on the ball!

Last week there were two dances attended by middies. The dance put on by the St. Luke's student nurses was a success. This is contrary to the trend of most past nurses' school dances. Most everybody enjoyed being with the girls and those who didn't enjoyed themselves anyway.

Five middies, including Morris, Parcells, McLaughlin, Brownson, and Franke were guests at a series of parties and a final dance at the St. Francis Hotel put on by the Dominican College. A special thrill for Barney McLaughlin for it was his biggest date this year. All left the affair happy.

The spur of the moment "Sport Nite" dance sponsored by the first class is this coming Friday at 1930 in the gym. The program includes basketball game, weenie roast, swimming and dancing. A band has been hired for your listening and dancing pleasure. Dress is very



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casual. John Barrett said that this dance can only be a success if it is attended by many more than have signed up to date. NO ADMISSION WILL BE CHARGED. Dates can be gotten for those all alone in this wide-wide world. See Barrett or Curke.

The second class party is all set up and will be held on the night of 27 October.

Various other social events are coming up. Keep the ears open and try to attend. Better yet, try to help out with the planning.

PIONEER VESSEL

The world's first gas-turbine ship was launched last month to begin its maiden voyage from New York to the West Coast. The ship is a converted liberty operating for the Military Sea Transportation Service.

NAVY LOG

The television program Navy Log will be presenting a series of interesting films, including the story of the sinking of the Yamamoto and stories of submarine actions in the Coral Sea, commencing Wednesday.

YOUR STORY TOUCHES MY HEART.....

At various times we have all been guilty of submitting special liberty requests whereby we must (oh, so regretfully, of course) get out of a period of turnto and go into town for reasons plausible only to ourselves.

The Commandant will then, (oh so regretfully), tell us that it can wait. The following is taken from the Editor's extensive files on the subject and submitted as an example of a VALID request for liberty:

"Dear Captain:

When I got home I found that my father's brick silo had been struck by lightning, knocking some of the bricks off the top. I decided to fix the silo; so I rigged a beam,

with a pulley and whip at the top of the silo, and hoisted a couple of barrels full of brick to the top. After fixing the silo, I had a lot of bricks left over.

"I hoisted the barrel back up again, secured the line at the bottom and went up and filled the barrel with the spare bricks. Then I went down and cast off the line.

"Unfortunately, the barrel of bricks was heavier than I was and before I realized what was happening the barrel started down and jerked me off my feet. I decided to hang on and halfway up I met the barrel coming down and received a severe blow on the shoulder. I then continued on up to the top, hanging my head against the beam and getting my fingers jammed in the pulley.

"When the barrel hit the ground it burst the bottom, allowing all the bricks to spill out. I was now heavier than the barrel so I started down again at high speed. Halfway down I again met the barrel and received severe injuries to my shins. When I hit the ground I landed on the bricks, getting numerous painful cuts from the sharp edges.

"At this point I lost my presence of mind and let go of the rope. The barrel then came down and struck me another heavy blow on the head putting me in the hospital for three days.

"Respectfully request five days extension of leave.

John Lowe"

Top that one!!!!!!

The following was submitted by the third class and does not necessarily reflect our editorial policy:

The Crew	"Aint it a Shame"
Fulton, P.W.	"I'm Not a Know It all"
Riddle	"All of Me"
Brown	"Let Me Explain"
Ellis	"Long Tall Sally"
Miller	"The Great Pretender"
Parcells	"My Little Angel"
Creek	"I'm Just a Plain Old
Botkins	Country Boy"
Nowell	"Wild Cherry"
Pilgrim	"Meanin' Low"



BARBER SHOP

A meeting was held last Friday by Capt. Richter with Cdr. Heron, Cdr. Flanner, and M/S R. Leung, M/S Mariner and M/S Roberts were present to be models for Flat tops. M/S Fleming was there to model his plain ordinary haircut (which he got lots of EP's for). They discussed a matter of Flat tops at CMA. Captain Richter says he does not want Flat tops here at the Academy. But however, we can have a Flat top with a crewcut. This means the sides of your hair must be short.

The Isolation Ward in the Barracks is now the official Base Barber Shop (Room 33)

Barber Shop Time Schedule:

Ship

Mon. 1600-1630	Monahan-Dews
1800-1900	Leung-Brownson
Tues. 1600-1730	Otero-Leung
1800-1900	Leung-Brownson
Wed. 1500-1730	Brownson-Leung
1800-1900	Monahan-Dews
Thurs. 1600-1730	Otero-Brownson
1800-1900	Monahan-Dews

Base

Mon. 1600-1730	Brownson-Schiefel-Maroney
Tues 1800-1900	Monahan-Fielder-Armstrong
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1800-1900	Monahan-Maroney-Schiefel
Wed. 1500-1730	Monahan-Armstrong-Maroney
1800-1900	Maroney-Fielder-Schiefel
Thurs. 1600-1730	Armstrong-Fielder-Maroney
1800-1900	Schiefel-Fielder-Armstrong

The Barber Shop will supply magazines for you to read. Please do not take them out, so other M/S can read them while they are waiting for a haircut. Thank you.

R. Leung

Social Leper?  
 COME ANYWAY!

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 Food & Etc.

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#### CHARACTER SKETCH

This week's character is a first classman. He graduated from Oakland Technical High School in 1952. After graduation he attended City College of San Francisco, for one and a half years. While at Oak Tech, he swam for their swim team, doing the back stroke.

Upon arrival at the Academy, this ambitious, fast-working Midshipman chose the deck course. Now, after struggling through two years at the Academy, he is finally on the top. Here at school he is art editor of the Hawsepape, a member of the water polo team, and a member of the Propeller Club. He has played on the water polo team, this being his third year. He plays the position of guard on the starting lineup and so far this year he has done a marvelous job. We are looking forward to a very successful season for this young man.

This flowering lad also likes to fish for anything, sports cars, dates, excuses to take him away from the Academy (especially at nights), and is a drawing addict. To find out who this lad is, whose future has already been planned, read the next issue of the BINNACLE.

#### WATER POLO

On October 10 CMA played its second game of the season. It was against the University of Santa Clara and was played here at 2000. It was very encouraging to see such a large number of the Corps there and I hope that you will support the team when they play Arden Hills A.C. here, 18 October.

The team was led by forwards Dick Hegeman and George Coppo. Incidentally, Dick scored the first point of the game. High point man for the night was our hold man or forward John Davis. Even with our hard working goalie, Fred Chase, working desperately to keep the ball from hitting the net, he couldn't stop the fast balls; consequently, they beat us by the slight margin of 11-7.

On Friday, 12 October, CMA took to the road, this time going to Davis, Calif., to play the Calif. Aggies. Again we were beaten, this time 19-9. There was no doubt that the team had shown much improvement. We had ball control during the first half of the game. This time we tried Santa Clara's method of attack. Instead of having the guards break after a goal was made, we had the forwards break down past the 50-yard line and pick up the ball from there. This method was very successful during the first half, but after this, the team got rather tired. This was due to the small number of substitutes.

After our third loss CMA was on the warpath once more, this time to win its first game. Unfortunately, due to a "green" referee and a few unfortunate circumstances, we lost our fourth game 12-9 to San Francisco State. It was, however, agreed upon by all that this was the best game played as yet. Again by using the Santa Clara method of attack, we scored most of our points. This was sparked by John Davis. He was in the hole and the ball was fed to him. From there John would fire the ball in for a sure shot, almost every time. This time the whole team aided. They were led by Knick Pyles, John Mikesell, and John Gosling as guards; Dick Hegeman, George Coppo, and John Davis as forwards; and "fats" as goalie. With the improvement shown at this and other games, the Corps can expect a more successful season than has been achieved in past years.

#### BASKETBALL

October 19 - Dirty Shirts vs Varsity, 1945 in Gym.

Practice Games - Tuesday October 23 - 2000 - Vallojo Wizzers - here

Thursday October 25 - 2000 - Pittsburg Youth Center - here

This years basketball team shows a great deal of potentiality however, the support of the Corps could greatly effect the outcome of the game, so let's see all of you out there to help bring O'Farrell's basketball team on to victory.