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RING DANCE AT CLAREMONT INAUGURATES TRADITION

Any doubts about the success of the inaugural Ring Dance were quickly dispelled as you entered the Spanish Room of Berkeley's Hotel Claremont; for no one failed to comment on the beauty of the flowered ring, which set the stage for one of CMA's most enjoyable dances.

Long awaited by the second class, as the beginning of the last step-up in Academy life, there is no reason why the Ring Dance should not become one of the outstanding functions of the Academy year. The first annual Ring Dance last July 3rd should be but the first in a long line of the traditional event.

Dancing, to the music of Harry Cockrill, began at 2100 and lasted right on through till past the mid-hour, with the one important interruption for the presentation of the rings. As each couple's names were called, they walked into the Ring, where many a second classman imitated the traditional best man's frantic search for the suddenly lost ring, coming up at last with the precious band. The feminine half placed the ring on the Middie's finger and for this bit of work received, with the compliments of the entire assembled group, the traditional kiss. Several Midshipmen felt it was June in July and ex-



LESSON IN RHUMBA—For Wally Baitinger and Dick Valentine with the flowered ring in the background.

changed rings with their gals, and with this ceremony over, dancing continued.

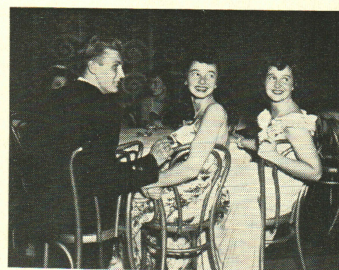
Seen about the dance floor and at the tables were several alumnae, including Dick Naylor and his very charming wife Jeanne chatting with Lt. Comm. and Mrs. Heron. A table from them and sipping cokes (no, we're not kidding!) were the famed "Cerveza" quartet of Tom Krambuhl, Boots Porterfield, Bill Rogers, and little Dick Fiedler with a carload of lovely ladies who drove up from the southland for the occasion.

The SP Daylight carried many of CMA's women up from Southern Cal, including Cal Tech's gift to the sea, Allan Beek and Alice Kennedy. Pulling a brother sister act, Fred Brennan and Nancy Fisher kept close watch on Fred's sister Beverly, with Robert McLachlan, and Nancy's sister Jean with husband Dick Naylor, from a strategically placed table surrounded by Dieter Rall with Jackie Macham, Fred with Carol Julian, Arnie Quittner and Nancy.

Although he was pretty much on the run with camera in hand, we managed to catch Dick Nevins and Rosemary Reynolds, Norman Wainwright with Marjorie Peabody, Bob Kuykendall and Myrine DePew arguing the pros and cons of San Pedro vs. Inglewood.

The third class couldn't be missed what with the "Senator" cavorting on the floor, conspicuous in opera hat and bow tie and with a very lovely young lady. Henry wisely refused to give any information on same. Joining the "Senator" for a bit of conversation, also of the third class, was Harry Christensen with Simmie Crouze.

And before we pass out all the bouquets, let's save a couple for the work Ken Quandt and Bill Rogers did on the ring, Igor Kotelnikoff and Johnny Richardson for securing the band, and lastly, Tom Krambuhl and "Tike" Tinsman for coordinating the entire affair into one very smooth, very successful dance.

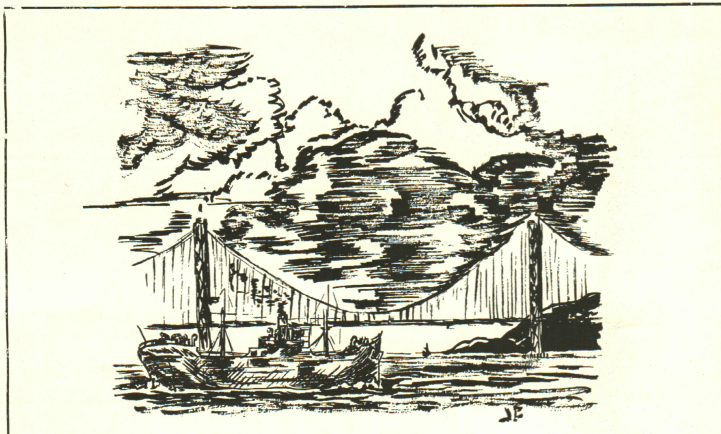


THE GREAT DANE—Harry Christensen entertains between dances with salty tales of San Pedro.

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HEROES AGAIN

"From the shores of Panama to the hills of Morrow Cove, wherever danger lies," CMA's heroes march on, fire nozzle in hand. When a loaded ammunition ship decided to become intimate with the TS in Balboa, while a fire still smouldered in the after holds, she had no idea the white-clad boys with the CMA on their hats were old time Boy Scouts to whom a fire was nothing but rubbing two stick together. As everyone knows we lent our suction blowers and earned a citation from the WSA of the Canal Zone. Hardly back at the base two months and the Rover Boys hear the call again. This time a brush fire which had started at the base of the hill by the Carquinez Straits Bridge, and threatened to sweep across the dry weed and scorch the mess hall was the danger. The 30 some odd men on the base at the time, due to 4th of July leave, dragged hundreds of yards of hose up the hill where back fires were started. About half the men filled up the pump cans and formed a line along the back fire to stop it from spreading the wrong way should the wind change. Some 2½ hours later everything was under control and CMA's firefighters gladly exchanged pump cans for sandwiches and coffee and made ready to stand a fire watch on the charred hill, reminiscent of the famous "grain watch" of 1944.



HUBBA, HUBBA MEN

(With apologies to Gordon Macker)

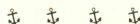
Men, it's time for a change! For years now the Binnacle has proceeded on its merry way, giving you personographies, Sea-knows, and Gismos, but never, men, never has the Binnacle brought you an absolutely sensational feature as this month's edition. We had a hunch that the Binnacle's 22,000,000 (twenty-two million, that is) readers might go for a few changes. But men, you've got to get in the spirit of things!

For instance, the Binnacle this month brings you the very first Pin-up contest in the history of the nautical school. It could be a success, but if the Binnacle's 22,000,000 readers glance at the big news with a "it's too much like turn-to" attitude, don't dig down in their wallets, can't see untacking the current lovely from their lockers, and don't run down to Room 42 with glossy prints of their own little bit of American beauty, we're doomed to failure.

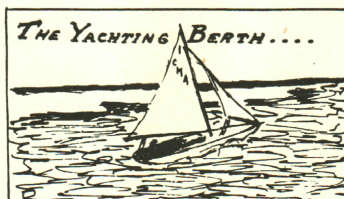
We're going to try and give you a better Binnacle, but men it's plain to see we need a little hubba hubba. The 22,000,000 readers are waiting so how about turning to the big news elsewhere among the slick pages, getting all the details and then run, don't walk, to your loveliest pin-up.

Also on the list of innovations for the coming year will be an honest-to-goodness attempt to have the September issue in your hands September 1st and maintain it that way right on through the year. We're also going to try and cut down the time between the wrting of the copy and delivery of the finished Binnacle to you so that items will still maintain some semblance of news. And come football season this September, the Binnacle indulges in an old trick of the Daily Sheets, a football contest. If you're psychic or just a mighty hot follower of the Pigskin Parade, here's your chance to pick the winners of the gridiron battles without sending in any boxtops or writing letters "why I like the Binnacle."

That's it men, and if you have any suggestions or gripes on your mind, how about dropping in at the Binnacle office and letting us know about it. That's thirty for now men, but don't forget your pin-up and a bit of that hubba hubba.



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By A. M. QUITTNER

Inaugurating a new column, which will be similar to the "Ship of the Month" feature, the Binnacle this month brings you news on the small boat front, with special attention given to sailing craft. Knowing the interest

which a number of the Midshipmen have in sailing, coupled with the happy thought of the purchase of several day column will fill a gap which has long existed in the Binnacle.

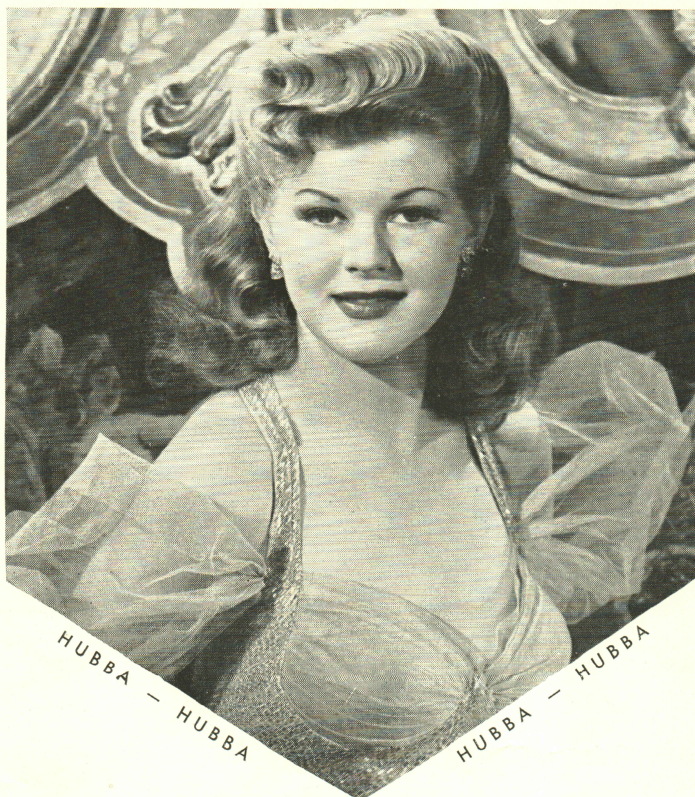
Coming under scrutiny this month are the fleet of small day sailers manufactured by "Skaneateles Boats" of New York.

Their fleet includes several national one-design racing classes. The largest and perhaps best known is the "Lightning," designed by Sparkman and Ste-sailers in the near future, we feel this phens. Her 19' LOA boasts the ability to carry eight people with ease and yet even in a stiff blow one man can balance her nicely. The Lightning is a centerboard boat, whose 6' 6" beam allows 177½ square feet of canvas and one of the few boats of her size carrying spinnakers. The Skaneateles Lightning has double planked bottom of vertical grain clear cedar and the side planking is double tongue and grooved, glued into one piece. The frames and structural members are of Sitka spruce or mahogany and all trim is in mahogany. All deck fittings are bronze and especially designed for the Lightning. Her finish consists of three coats of racing copper bronze on the bottom, gloss yacht white topsides, gray-green deck, and the inside hull has three coats of spar varnish. In racing trim the Lightning weighs about 725 pounds. Her class, which is international, boasts some 2,000 active members in clubs all over the world.

Somewhat smaller, but nonetheless popular, is the 16' Comet. She carries the same double planked construction, mahogany trim, spruce or mahogany frames as her bigger sister. Her 5' beam carries 130 square feet of sail area, and claims the ability to pointup close. The Comet will displace about 550 pounds light.

Also in the yards of Skaneateles are the Rhodes "Bantam," designed by the well known Phil Rhodes of Cox and Stephens, and the Rhodes "Penguin." The Bantam, a fourteen footer, is probably too small for any outside sailing, but should prove to be a fast, dry boat in Balboa, the lakes, or on a calm day in the Bay waters. Wider than the Comet, with a beam of 5' 6" her 17' mast carries 125 square feet of sail. She'll hit the scales at about 425 pounds. The Penguin, an 11½ foot sailing "dink," looks like the best bet for Lake Merritt, but don't try a quick trip to the Farrallones in this one. For further information and that important matter of prices, address "Skaneateles Boats, Inc.," Skaneateles, New York.

Rosemary LaPlanche



ROSEMARY LAPLANCHE, Miss America and movie starlet, hasn't got a chance if every Middie gets his own bit of American beauty in by August 6th, deadline on CMA's first Sweet-heart Contest.

La Novia de CMA

Sigma Chi has one. The 4th Army has one. Everywhere that three or more GI's gathered, the first, and most important business was selecting one. But all through the years CMA has refrained from loosening its heartstrings. The time has come, men! We must do our part! And for that reason the Binnacle this month brings you what is guaranteed to be the very first "Sweet-heart Contest" in the history of the nautical school.

Don't be bashful, don't be shy! Your own particular bit of American beauty probably combines the stride of Betty Rowland, the sultry looks of "Gilda," the perfection of limb of Lana Turner and all this time you've been suffering from myopia. This contest is strictly limited to the one and only woman in your life (at this writing, that is) and none of the professional glamour gals are allowed. The eagle eyes of the three judges, Mr. Heron, Commander Swany, standing up for the deck department's choice, and Commander Flanner, whose

vote is guaranteed to be for some engineer's gal, will immediately spot the cinema talent and throw out the entry. And men, fair warning, Lucy hasn't a chance; Mr. Flanner would spot her right off.

The rules are simple. Just drop by the Binnacle office, room 42, with as many as three, preferably glossy, prints of THE woman. After careful consideration and conferences with the judges, it was decided that since so many of the Middie's gals are under the influence of so many recently returned GI's, and as a result have written numerous hasty "Dear John" letters, that your entry could be an old flame. (It's the only way we could get Norm in. And what would a Pin-up contest be without a lovely bit of Inglewood-ia.)

So there you have it, men, just be sure to make the deadline which is August 6th, and then sit back and wait for your gal's picture in the September Binnacle, which will be out before



R. M. WILLIAMS

With the coming of the warm (ahem) weather in the bonnie clime of Northern Cal, it was not an unwelcome sight to see the old horsehide come out of hiding. Through the efforts of some of our more aspiring athletes, the rudiments of a team have been formed. Although we lacked a playing field of our own, facilities were soon secured nearby and practice began. In spite of the fact that practice had to be discontinued temporarily, the fellows were giving their all in the hope that a few practice tilts would be scheduled.

Up to this point what we're driving at may seem a bit vague, but the idea is this—let's get behind the fellows who have ambition enough to be out there trying and give 'em a little support. This isn't limited to the Midshipmen alone, we need everybody's help.

The rifle and pistol club is making progress by leaps and bounds these days. Organized through the dynamic personality and undaunted perseverance of the "Admiral" (Harry Kenneth—who else?) and supervised by Lt. Koski, the wild and woolly land just west of the gym resounds to the crack of the pistol almost daily. Nice going, gang!

And before we leave the S-port Hole, let's not forget our congratulations to golfers Boots Porterfield and Don Love who recently competed in the Northern Cal junior tournaments.

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John Paul Jones, at 29, is believed to be the youngest officer to hold the rank of captain in the United States Navy at any time. The youngest man to be promoted to that rank during World War II is believed to be Captain Richard M. Paget . . . age 32, of the Naval Reserve.

graduation. And the winner will receive, besides the obvious honor of being the sweetheart of the smoothest bunch of fellows this side of Stanford, an autographed copy of the 1946 Hawsepape. There aren't any box tops to submit, no letters on "why I use Dulux every day," just the picture of feminine beauty that's tacked on your locker door. Every print will be returned, so don't forget to put your name on the back. See you in room 42, and any time before August 6th.



BIRD BOATS close hauled in a stiff wind. Very popular 30 footers and one of the designers under consideration for the small boat fleet

Graduate Returns to Command Training Ship

COMMANDER R. M. G. SWANY

We have recently been very fortunate to secure Commander R. M. G. Swany, USNR, to take command of our new training ship, the U.S.S. Mellena. His wide and varied experience aboard Merchant Marine and Navy vessels has given him an excellent background for his new duty. Commander Swany replaces Captain Lester Martin who ably conducted the old Golden State on our winter cruise to South America. This is another of the significant changes being made as the Academy resumes its peacetime status.

Commander Swany is a native of sunny Southern California, being born in Los Angeles and living there until 1932. After completing his preliminary educational training, he enrolled in the Academy, then known as the California Nautical School and located at Tiburon. He graduated with the class of 1933, the first graduating class of the school.

From the time he left the "school ship" until 1940, he sailed on inter-coastal freighters of the Luckenbach Steamship Co. He then went on active duty in the U.S. Navy, and sailed on the naval tanker, "Kaskaskia," in the Pacific area and Alaska. In 1943 he was

placed in command of the repair ship, "Aristaeus," at an East coast yard and participated in South Pacific operations. In 1945 he took his ship to Okinawa. His last naval command was the AKA, "Montague," which was engaged in transporting troops and equipment to Korea and North China.

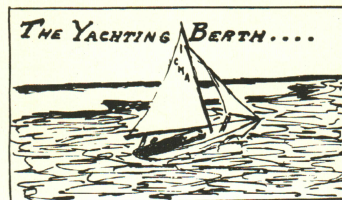
He was married in January, 1942, and is the proud father of a son, 2½—perhaps a future midshipman. Though he has been with us only a few weeks, Commander Swany has already established himself as a respected and capable leader. We are pleased to learn that he is very enthusiastic about his new assignment, and intends to remain with the Academy. To Commander Swany the Midshipman Corps wishes to send a very sincere welcome.

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The Dead Sea of Palestine is 1300 feet below the Mediterranean Sea level—and 1300 feet deep.

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There are many strange "thirteens" connected with the history of America—but perhaps the most tragic is the fact that thirteen years after Columbus discovered the richest territory in the world he died in poverty in Spain.



By J. W. FORD

Hopes have been high among the Yachting-minded members of the Cadet Corps during the last few weeks, because at last what was once a pipe dream has now materialized. Captain Mayo recently announced that a small group of knockabout type sail boats for the Academy is under consideration by the powers that be. These boats will form only a part of the many elaborate recreation facilities that the Superintendent has planned for the Academy of the future. With the addition of a sport of this nature to the present fast-growing athletic program, the Midshipmen of the California Maritime Academy have a splendid opportunity for becoming more widely known in the field of sports throughout Northern California. The distinction which sailing teams have brought to the Service Academies and Colleges in the East is well known and may no longer be considered wishful thinking for us.

The particular class or classes of sail boats that we will have has not yet been decided. The Bird and Clipper classes apparently have emerged the favorites from the numerous suggestions that have been made by members of all classes. Unfortunately the Star Class has been ruled out because the type of boat acquired must be moored in the water; and on Stars, "that's no dice." This will be one sport that will have the entire backing of the Cadet Corps; because we are, after all, a nautical college. What sport could be more logical for recreation as well as inter-class competition?



Hiking out on a Star in a Bay race.

had ever seen. It was no surprise to find him chosen "B" Division Commander when he entered his first class year.

To Hoyt, nothing is an impossibility. This can be borne out by the many jobs he has taken on, and accomplished. His work conditioning the ships' boats for the cruise took many overtime hours. His first attempt at cutting hair proved a success, so at cut-rate prices, Hoyt entered the business.

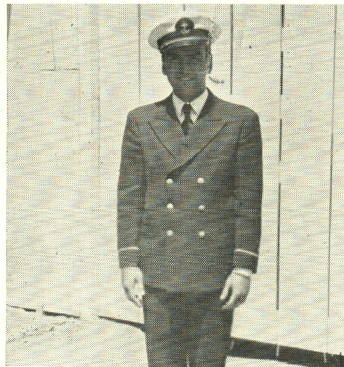
From the first time that "Pop" sailed toy boats as a small boy, in his bathtub at home, he decided that the sea was the life. He accepted Columbus' theory and decided the world was truly round. It does not come as a surprise then, to find Ralph determined to follow the sea as his career.

On a few occasions, Ralph has said that he would like to return to CMA after a few years at sea, as an instructor. All that your humble scribe can say is, "Beware Midshipmen."

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George W. Dickinson

Hero of these few paragraphs by virtue of our editor's valuation of liberty is one of the most handsome, dynamic, well liked, and hard workers of our



little group. (No Alford, it's not you.) This lad has everything, including some things which no names have even been found for yet. His middle name is a striking example of what I mean, Wild Bill (for William). Who else could the striking example of male human flesh represent other than George, Cleave Nose, Meat Nose, Scar Nose, Dickinson?

Hailing from L.A. High, one of the smaller and lesser known schools of the Los Angeles School District, facts about our subject are hard to dig up. However, we are sure he has a nose.

After three years at high school, "Georgie" looked back on his record and found that he had managed to weedle a football letter, a commission as major in the ROTC, and because he

had more relatives than any of the other candidates, the presidency of his Hi-Y, and a seat on the Senior Board. Perhaps the most remarkable thing he had gained though, was a longing for the sea which ended him up at Morrow Cove.

Passing lightly over his underclassman semesters, it is found that those in the know recognized his ability by the time he became a first classman and made him a petty officer; a position in which he has distinguished himself by consistently being the first petty officer off the base and the last one back when liberty is in effect. It was his continued diligence at this position which won for him the fond nickname of "F.O." which undoubtedly stands for "Fine Officer."

Like all great men, his likes are modest... the "River," Santa Cruz, and Berkeley while on liberty; swimming, sailing, football, basketball, and tennis in sports; all music, and most of the girls in Los Angeles, Long Beach, and especially San Marino.

The latter part of this year will find our chosen one pacing the bridge in the saltiest "Bailey" manner, aboard a C-2, preferably for APL. Later he hopes to attend Stanford.

Your correspondent is certain that the heartiest wishes of the Midshipman Corps for a long and successful career go with Midshipman George Wild Bill (for William), Cleave Nose, Meat Nose, Scar Nose, Dickinson.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Once again the warm summer months have rolled around to our hemisphere. The entire midshipman corps dons the traditional uniform of ancient seamen. White jumpers, bell bottomed trousers, and Lord Nelson neckerchiefs. A uniform that is worn today only by enlisted men in the United States Navy. And that service is taking steps to alter the said attire. The white uniform is picturesque, I'll concede, but is it practical? Whites are definitely hard to launder and to keep clean. What we need and want is a practical summer and tropical uniform. Many suggest khakies.

Khakies are in good use in our Navy today. They are worn by almost all Officers, Warrant Officers, and Chief Petty Officers for general duty in the Temperate Zones as well as the tropics. This uniform is easy to keep clean and much easier to launder. The uniform also presents a certain amount of the required dignity and decorum to the Merchant Marine Cadet. This is evit-

able by its usage at Alameda, San Mateo, and Kings Point.

Therefore in view of the fact that whites are outmoded by around ten years, that khakies are a more applicable uniform, and that the Midshipmen desire greatly this feature change, I ask if some measure can be taken to provide us with these modern uniforms.

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Alumni News

10 JUNE—

Boarded this morning by the mother of Cal Smith ('45) who made the trip here to pay his dues. Cal is sailing 3rd. Asst. on the Flying Dragon (US) but expects to pay off about the end of this month on the East Coast, come home for a vacation, sit for 2nds papers and ship out from this Coast for a change; now running food to Europe — and teaching the ship's Cadets on the side. Our thanks for your trouble, Mrs. Smith, and to C.E. for the moola. Incidentally, the Smiths have moved to 46 Buena Vista, Benicia.

D. D. McElroy ('39) was aboard this afternoon to get a transcript, just out after four years duty in the Navy Education Service.

15 JUNE—

Quite a meeting last night. Small turnout, but a lot of fun. There are some very interesting projects afoot, but we can legally take no action without a quorum. Let's get more members out to our next meeting.

Ed Johanessen ('43 Dec) has been elected President for the coming year, and will have the assistance of Joe Shafer ('35) as Vice-President and C. Tubbs ('38) as Secretary-Treasurer.

18 JUNE—

We hear that J. Harvey ('43) had a nice time adjusting compasses on a fleet of water-taxies. It even sounds like fun. We wonder how they are making out???

20 JUNE—

The recently mailed Bulletin is getting responses already. Thanks, gang.

Mrs. T. C. Maland writes in that Chris ('42 July) is sailing Chief on the Sovereign of the Seas (Isthmian), now in Manila and bound to China. Many thanks, Mrs. Pat, and our best to Chris, to you, and to baby Kristine.

R. P. Heintz ('43 Dec) sends in dues and a home address of 2304 Carlaris Road, San Marino 9. Thanks Bob. We hope that Purcell-Heintz, Pacific Factors, and you are having smooth sailing.

B. H. McPhun ('43 Dec), 285 Downey St., San Francisco, is now engaged

Alumni News

in Food Brokerage at 112 Market St. Hi from us all, and thanks for the dues Ben.

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FLASH—to the B. H. McPhuns, 10 April 1946, Daniel Harding. Our congratulations to the three of you.

21 JUNE—

Mail bag is loaded today. It is a pleasure that has no equal to open letters from old friends and shipmates.

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Fred Schwimmer ('44 Dec) starts us out in a grand manner with a newsy letter. Now engaged in selling caps (Califame Hat Co., 239 So. Los Angeles St., L. A. 12) and they are beauties. Writes "met Johnny (come in Marin) Marinovich ('44 Dec) in Compton today, is attending college ... A. W. Johnson Jr. stayed overnight a week ago while in port ... R. Larson ('44 Dec) attending S.C. and playing golf regularly ... L. Powell ('44 Dec) is manager of an appliance dept. in Pasadena, got me a brand new mixer ... M. Klein ('44 Dec) returned from Greece and was over last night, feels terrible, all those actresses that were so madly in love with him have married other guys ... Recently visited K. Orcutt's ('44 Dec) folks in Whittier, he was in So. America but is now touring Europe ... The Bill Johnsons and Fred Joys are expecting—everybody's doing it!!! ... Will welcome all letters from the boys and will answer each and every one." Many thanks, Fred. Lots of luck on the new job. Hope you can make it to one of the SoCal meetings at the Lafayette Hotel in Long Beach soon, 2nd Friday of every month.

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FLASH—to the Fred Schwimmers, 2601 Westwood Blvd., L.A. 34, on 14 April 1946, Steven Lois. Congrats from us all.

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F. C. Joy ('43 Dec) sends in his picture and dues from 3941 So. Hubert Ave., L.A., says no children but one in escrow, due in October ... working for W. A. Brown and Sons, Funeral Directors. Thanks Fred, and Lois, best of luck.

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Nat Main ('41) sends in a picture and his dues from 1827 Larkin, S.F. 9. He is now working for Shipowners and Merchants Towboat Co. Ltd. (Red Stack). Nat had a bad limp at the meeting last week following an argument with a line, hope it is O.K. now

Nat, and many thanks for the prompt response.

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J. A. Cronin ('41) sends in dues from 911 Fresno Ave., Berkeley 6, and some good news. He urges spending some of the CMAAA funds, and has plans for CMAAA chapters. Sounds like we have at least one live-wire. Thanks Art, we will be looking forward to hearing those plans at our next meeting. How is that job for the Ber-

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keley Board of Ed. coming along?

D. G. Burr ('43 Dec) writes in from 1542 Portland Ave., Berkeley, still in Uncle's Navy, and still a bachelor. Hope your membership card has caught up with you, Dave.

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Quite a day. Thanks gang. We do appreciate the cooperation on the pictures. That "log" is shaping up fine. Come to a meeting and have a look. Well, off to the dentists to lose some choppers, see you soon gang.

24 JUNE—

Lt. (jg) R. H. Muirhead ('42 July) writes a long letter (and sends in dues) ... "after a few cool months in God's Country I'm back out in the Marshalls ... servicing the Joint Task Force at Bikini on the Pollux (AKS-4), a converted C-2 ... Comm. Officer and Gunnery Officer ... Fred Feuille II ('42 Jan) is my next-door neighbor in Pedro ... has two boys ... understand he is going to school ... saw Alan Dougall ('42 July), he is married and out of the Navy." Sounds as though you were in for a busy time R.H., lots of luck from us all.

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Mrs. A. P. McGowan sends in dues for A. P. Jr. ('43 Dec), says he is out at sea at present (Pacific-Tankers) so no picture or license data. Many thanks Mrs. McGowan, we will be looking for the picture when Mac comes home.

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Mrs. Wm. H. Aguilar writes from 1029 Sheveland Lane, Napa, "Captain Bill ('34) is on leave of absence from Matson, and at present is farming the family ranch." His last ship was the Cape Mears. Lots of luck Bill, and congratulations from us all. It looks like May is really your month.

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Wm. L. Sales ('44 June) writes from Rt. 2 Box 903A, Payne Drive, Mountain View, "one complaint—we don't get any news when the T.S. is on cruise. How's about a sheet of CMAAA news

once in a while?" Well Bill, we sent in several this last cruise, but they only got to those at the meetings. We didn't make arrangements for circulation. It is something for us to work on though, thanks for the idea. The Life Membership idea has been suggested before, and has always been voted down. Why not enter a complete proposed amendment to the Constitution that we can hash out at a meeting and present to the entire membership? Good luck at Menlo J.C., and thanks for the note.

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Move over for a new member, Owen S. Thomas ('42 July), 1st Asst. on the Sea Skimmer (Matson), 1347 Yosemite Drive, L.A. He was aboard tonight to see what the old home looks like. Says a shipmate is R. Byrne ('42 Dec).

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FLASH—we hear that woman-hater B. J. Fennick ('42 July) has a gal!!! and in Boston too.

26 JUNE—

J. W. Towar ('42 Jan), 2517 Regent St., Berkeley 4, says he is now working at the Richmond Refinery (SOCONY).

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A note from Ruth (Mrs. J.) Dreyer ('38), 1015 Van Ness Ave., S.F. 9, tells us that Jack is looking for a shore job. Thanks for the dues and the picture, and good luck.

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RUM AND COCA COLA—Room 40 does the honors, with Dick Holmgreen, Bob Cunningham, and Bert Walsh.

Choral Group Underway Now

Attention all troubadours, shower opera howlers and swabs!! Can you sing, whistle, or hum a tune? You can? Then I know that you will gladly receive this great, invigorating bit of news. I know that you all have been hearing a great deal about the beginning of an Academy glee club, well here is the inside dope on the deal.

Tonight, I dropped in on Mr. Myers, Mr. Dick, Paul Kollash, Buzz Dreyer, and Doc Ezell, who were at the present moment discussing the pros and cons of an Academy choral group. Rather than break up the delightful conversation I grabbed a seat and took in what sounded like the beginnings of grand scale operation. Mr. Myers has taken a passionate interest in this novel academy function. I say novel, because so far it has never been tried at this institution before.

Mr. Dick, a resident of Vallejo, who has directed many fine groups in the Bay Area, has consented to give us his time for the development of a top notch male choir.

Paul Kollash, the "Voice," was one of the originators of this idea. Doc Ezell, with his wide fund of musical knowledge, and assisted by Buzz Dreyer, is acting in the advisory capacity.

Tentative plans run all the way from a program at commencement to a nationally famous organization.

This academy is just beginning as far as traditions and customs are con-

cerned. A glee club of this sort might well be the foundation of a great tradition that will be followed in years to come.

Right now, there seems to be a certain amount of shyness in the turn out for practice. Twenty-one fellows attended practice tonight. At least thirty-five men are needed to do any kind of worth-while work. So let's see a big upsweep in attendance at the next gathering. Let's help mold a tradition that will stand in future years as a monument to our pioneering in academy development.

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GYRO SCHOOL CLASSES BEGIN IN SAN FRANCISCO

Proof of the nearness of the dreaded day when third's are taken is the announcement that the first class will leave the Morrow Cove sanctuary for San Francisco and the Sperry Company's famed gyro school. The deck hands start school on July 9th, and continue after the elusive compass for a concentrated and compact ten-day course. Studies include operation, theory, and shipboard maintenance of the several Sperry models in marine use today, from the Mark 6 to the Mark 17. Upon successful completion of the course, all hands will receive certificates of graduation from the Sperry people.

Ay, There's The Rub!



The Wolf

by Sansone



Ship of the Month

By S. P. CARNEY

Inaugurating a new feature of "THE BINNACLE," we have the USS Mellena, KA-32, as "The Ship of the Month." Don't groan, yell or bury your head. By this time, every midshipman knows the Mellena from stem to stern, but how many know her history?

Built at the Walsh Kaiser yards at Providence, Rhode Island, she was commissioned January 20 of last year, and sent to Boston for outfitting, making her shakedown cruise in Chesapeake Bay.

Her first cruise took her to Cuba, and thence to Pearl Harbor via the Panama Canal. After cruising about the islands for a short time, the future T.S. set off with Leyte as an objective calling at Guam, Manus, Saipan, Iwo Jima, Okinawa, and Manila. Other South Pacific spots touched while the KA-32 was serving in those waters were North and South Japan, and French Indo-China. Her final duty in the Pacific was carrying Chinese troops to North China.

Returning from China via Okinawa, she laid over at Portland for an overhaul and then traveled the Pacific coast, stopping at San Diego, San Pedro, and Seattle before returning to Mare Island where CMA took over.

Forty ships of the Mellena's type were built; twenty on the east coast as cargo vessels, and twenty on the west coast as transports. Undoubtedly, by the time the Midshipmen of CMA pull out on cruise next year, she will be the finest ship of her class and the finest training ship ever.

Donovan Love

Among the men of the Academy born in San Pedro, is one Donovan Love. The great event took place on that certain date of October 29, 1925. Due to the fact that his father is a navy man



(small applause heard from Chamberlain in the back row) he soon after moved to the south, namely San Diego, with only vague memories of his birthplace.

Don lived in San Diego until he was eight, and then decided the Pacific was no place for a rugged lad like himself,

whereupon he leaped the first train east, arriving soon in Boston. But just as soon the lure of the west coaxed him back, this time to Seattle. But our Donovan was a born traveler, and having heard tall tales of the Orient, he heaved short and sailed away for China and the Philippines. And there he lived to the ripe old age of 13, when once more Don pulled up stakes and headed back to the states, where the inland climate of Montana suited him better. However, his days of travel were soon to be over, for the next move was the last one, and found him once more in San Diego, from where he took the Pinole Rocket to Vallejo and C.M.A.

At Hoover High in San Diego he finished his schooling, combining his scholastic record with letters in golf. In 1942 Don took a fling at higher education but Uncle Sam was hot on his heels, and Don became a Middie.

Although Donovan is as yet undecided as to his future upon graduation, we know the best wishes of everybody here go with one swell fellow wherever his travels take him.

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Richard A. Miller

Los Angeles High is an obscure little brick building in the heart of residential Los Angeles. L.A. Hi was founded



back in the 19th century and since that humble beginning has made a great name for itself. Only history will tell us just what this school would have done were it not for one of its very special graduates.

"Who is this honored grad?" you ask. Have you the *nerve*? All who know him well call him "Lefty"! Richard Miller—(ah, I see the name brings the light)—was born in 1926 in Los Angeles, California.

While attending L.A. Hi, he was a member of the Senior Board, President of his Hi-Y, C.S.F., a 2-year varsity

track letterman, and — (well, I could go on). A hot bug ('38 convert) aided Dick's travels around L.A. before he entered C.M.A.

Ah, I can hear them now. "Achtung, Miller, sound off!" Those days are gone forever, however. At present "Lefty" is a self-respecting First Classman sweating over his inevitable finals which so many have gone through before him.

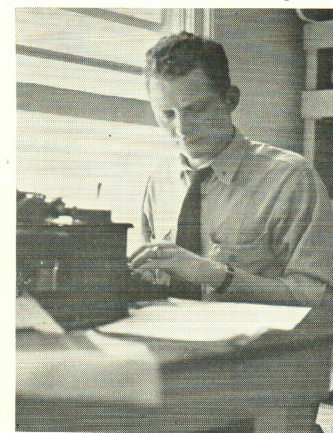
When Dick graduates, he will leave his name engraved on the cornerstones of C.M.A. Aside from being one of the most popular fellows around here, he is a Petty Officer and has worked hard as Business Manager of the 1946 Hawsepipe.

Upon graduation, he wants to ship out on a Cargo-pass; Dick, we wish you the very best of luck in whatever you do.

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Ralph B. Hoyt

"Pappy," as he is known to the boys, is one of the most popular men in the Corps. Why???? Ask the Corps.



Born in the college town of Berkeley, California, October 18, 1924, "Pop" grew up as any ordinary kid, going to grammar school and then Berkeley High. It was just before his graduation from high school that "Dad" decided something should be done about the war. So into the Coast Guard went R.B.

Training in New York, the day came when Ralph was to go overseas. Someone got the orders crossed and "Pappy" found himself in Hueneme, pounding the beach behind a Great Dane. It was one night while out for a stroll that "Pop" came to the conclusion that walking was not his line—his feet were flat enough as it was. Thus, the decision to come to CMA.

With his Coast Guard and small boat experience, "Pop" soon became one of the most willing workers the Academy

had ever seen. It was no surprise to find him chosen "B" Division Commander when he entered his first class year.

To Hoyt, nothing is an impossibility. This can be borne out by the many jobs he has taken on, and accomplished. His work conditioning the ships' boats for the cruise took many overtime hours. His first attempt at cutting hair proved a success, so at cut-rate prices, Hoyt entered the business.

From the first time that "Pop" sailed toy boats as a small boy, in his bathtub at home, he decided that the sea was the life. He accepted Columbus' theory and decided the world was truly round. It does not come as a surprise then, to find Ralph determined to follow the sea as his career.

On a few occasions, Ralph has said that he would like to return to CMA after a few years at sea, as an instructor. All that your humble scribe can say is, "Beware Midshipmen."

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George W. Dickinson

Hero of these few paragraphs by virtue of our editor's valuation of liberty is one of the most handsome, dynamic, well liked, and hard workers of our



little group. (No Alford, it's not you.) This lad has everything, including some things which no names have even been found for yet. His middle name is a striking example of what I mean, Wild Bill (for William). Who else could the striking example of male human flesh represent other than George, Cleave Nose, Meat Nose, Scar Nose, Dickinson?

Hailing from L.A. High, one of the smaller and lesser known schools of the Los Angeles School District, facts about our subject are hard to dig up. However, we are sure he has a nose.

After three years at high school, "Georgie" looked back on his record and found that he had managed to weedle a football letter, a commission as major in the ROTC, and because he

had more relatives than any of the other candidates, the presidency of his Hi-Y, and a seat on the Senior Board. Perhaps the most remarkable thing he had gained though, was a longing for the sea which ended him up at Morrow Cove.

Passing lightly over his underclassman semesters, it is found that those in the know recognized his ability by the time he became a first classman and made him a petty officer; a position in which he has distinguished himself by consistently being the first petty officer off the base and the last one back when liberty is in effect. It was his continued diligence at this position which won for him the fond nickname of "F.O." which undoubtedly stands for "Fine Officer."

Like all great men, his likes are modest.... the "River," Santa Cruz, and Berkeley while on liberty; swimming, sailing, football, basketball, and tennis in sports; all music, and most of the girls in Los Angeles, Long Beach, and especially San Marino.

The latter part of this year will find our chosen one pacing the bridge in the saltiest "Bailey" manner, aboard a C-2, preferably for APL. Later he hopes to attend Stanford.

Your correspondent is certain that the heartiest wishes of the Midshipman Corps for a long and successful career go with Midshipman George Wild Bill (for William), Cleave Nose, Meat Nose, Scar Nose, Dickinson.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Once again the warm summer months have rolled around to our hemisphere. The entire midshipman corps dons the traditional uniform of ancient seamen. White jumpers, bell bottomed trousers, and Lord Nelson neckerchiefs. A uniform that is worn today only by enlisted men in the United States Navy. And that service is taking steps to alter the said attire. The white uniform is picturesque, I'll concede, but is it practical? Whites are definitely hard to launder and to keep clean. What we need and want is a practical summer and tropical uniform. Many suggest khakies.

Khakies are in good use in our Navy today. They are worn by almost all Officers, Warrant Officers, and Chief Petty Officers for general duty in the Temperate Zones as well as the tropics. This uniform is easy to keep clean and much easier to launder. The uniform also presents a certain amount of the required dignity and decorum to the Merchant Marine Cadet. This is evit-

able by its usage at Alameda, San Mateo, and Kings Point.

Therefore in view of the fact that whites are outmoded by around ten years, that khakies are a more applicable uniform, and that the Midshipmen desire greatly this feature change, I ask if some measure can be taken to provide us with these modern uniforms.

S/E.C.B.

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Alumni News

10 JUNE—

Boarded this morning by the mother of Cal Smith ('45) who made the trip here to pay his dues. Cal is sailing 3rd. Asst. on the Flying Dragon (US) but expects to pay off about the end of this month on the East Coast, come home for a vacation, sit for 2nds papers and ship out from this Coast for a change; now running food to Europe—and teaching the ship's Cadets on the side. Our thanks for your trouble, Mrs. Smith, and to C.E. for the moola. Incidentally, the Smiths have moved to 46 Buena Vista, Benicia.

D. D. McElroy ('39) was aboard this afternoon to get a transcript, just out after four years duty in the Navy Education Service.

15 JUNE—

Quite a meeting last night. Small turnout, but a lot of fun. There are some very interesting projects afoot, but we can legally take no action without a quorum. Let's get more members out to our next meeting.

Ed Johanessen ('43 Dec) has been elected President for the coming year, and will have the assistance of Joe Shafer ('35) as Vice-President and C. Tubbs ('38) as Secretary-Treasurer.

18 JUNE—

We hear that J. Harvey ('43) had a nice time adjusting compasses on a fleet of water-taxies. It even sounds like fun. We wonder how they are making out???

20 JUNE—

The recently mailed Bulletin is getting responses already. Thanks, gang.

Mrs. T. C. Maland writes in that Chris ('42 July) is sailing Chief on the Sovereign of the Seas (Isthmian), now in Manila and bound to China. Many thanks, Mrs. Pat, and our best to Chris, to you, and to baby Kristine.

R. P. Heintz ('43 Dec) sends in dues and a home address of 2804 Carlaris Road, San Marino 9. Thanks Bob. We hope that Purcell-Heintz, Pacific Factors, and you are having smooth sailing.

B. H. McPhun ('43 Dec), 285 Downey St., San Francisco, is now engaged

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in Food Brokerage at 112 Market St. Hi from us all, and thanks for the dues Ben.

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FLASH—to the B. H. McPhuns, 10 April 1946, Daniel Harding. Our congratulations to the three of you.

21 JUNE—

Mail bag is loaded today. It is a pleasure that has no equal to open letters from old friends and shipmates.

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Fred Schwimmer ('44 Dec) starts us out in a grand manner with a newsy letter. Now engaged in selling caps (Califame Hat Co., 239 So. Los Angeles St., L. A. 12) and they are beauties. Writes "met Johnny (come in Marin) Marincovich ('44 Dec) in Compton today, is attending college ... A. W. Johnson Jr. stayed overnight a week ago while in port ... R. Larson ('44 Dec) attending S.C. and playing golf regularly ... L. Powell ('44 Dec) is manager of an appliance dept. in Pasadena, got me a brand new mixer ... M. Klein ('44 Dec) returned from Greece and was over last night, feels terrible, all those actresses that were so madly in love with him have married other guys ... Recently visited K. Orcutt's ('44 Dec) folks in Whittier, he was in So. America but is now touring Europe ... The Bill Johnsons and Fred Joys are expecting — everybody's doing it!!! ... Will welcome all letters from the boys and will answer each and every one." Many thanks, Fred. Lots of luck on the new job. Hope you can make it to one of the SoCal meetings at the Lafayette Hotel in Long Beach soon, 2nd Friday of every month.

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FLASH—to the Fred Schwimmers, 2601 Westwood Blvd., L.A. 34, on 14 April 1946, Steven Lois. Congrats from us all.

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F. C. Joy ('43 Dec) sends in his picture and dues from 3941 So. Hubert Ave., L.A., says no children but one in escrow, due in October ... working for W. A. Brown and Sons, Funeral Directors. Thanks Fred, and Lois, best of luck.

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Nat Main ('41) sends in a picture and his dues from 1827 Larkin, S.F. 9. He is now working for Shipowners and Merchants Towboat Co. Ltd. (Red Stack). Nat had a bad limp at the meeting last week following an argument with a line, hope it is O.K. now

Nat, and many thanks for the prompt response.

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J. A. Cronin ('41) sends in dues from 911 Fresno Ave., Berkeley 6, and some good news. He urges spending some of the CMAAA funds, and has plans for CMAAA chapters. Sounds like we have at least one live-wire. Thanks Art, we will be looking forward to hearing those plans at our next meeting. How is that job for the Ber-

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keley Board of Ed. coming along?

D. G. Burr ('43 Dec) writes in from 1542 Portland Ave., Berkeley, still in Uncle's Navy, and still a bachelor. Hope your membership card has caught up with you, Dave.

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Quite a day. Thanks gang. We do appreciate the cooperation on the pictures. That "log" is shaping up fine. Come to a meeting and have a look. Well, off to the dentists to lose some choppers, see you soon gang.

24 JUNE—

Lt. (jg) R. H. Muirhead ('42 July) writes a long letter (and sends in dues) ... "after a few cool months in God's Country I'm back out in the Marshalls ... servicing the Joint Task Force at Bikini on the Pollux (AKS-4), a converted C-2 ... Comm. Officer and Gunnery Officer ... Fred Feuille II ('42 Jan) is my next-door neighbor in Pedro ... has two boys ... understand he is going to school ... saw Alan Dougall ('42 July), he is married and out of the Navy." Sounds as though you were in for a busy time R.H., lots of luck from us all.

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Mrs. A. P. McGowan sends in dues for A. P. Jr. ('43 Dec), says he is out at sea at present (Pacific-Tankers) so no picture or license data. Many thanks Mrs. McGowan, we will be looking for the picture when Mac comes home.

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Mrs. Wm. H. Aguilar writes from 1029 Sheveland Lane, Napa, "Captain Bill ('34) is on leave of absence from Matson, and at present is farming the family ranch." His last ship was the Cape Mears. Lots of luck Bill, and congratulations from us all. It looks like May is really your month.

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Wm. L. Sales ('44 June) writes from Rt. 2 Box 903A, Payne Drive, Mountain View, "one complaint—we don't get any news when the T.S. is on cruise. How's about a sheet of CMAAA news

once in a while?" Well Bill, we sent in several this last cruise, but they only got to those at the meetings. We didn't make arrangements for circulation. It is something for us to work on though, thanks for the idea. The Life Membership idea has been suggested before, and has always been voted down. Why not enter a complete proposed amendment to the Constitution that we can hash out at a meeting and present to the entire membership? Good luck at Menlo J.C., and thanks for the note.

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Move over for a new member, Owen S. Thomas ('42 July), 1st Asst. on the Sea Skimmer (Matson), 1347 Yosemite Drive, L.A. He was aboard tonight to see what the old home looks like. Says a shipmate is R. Byrne ('42 Dec).

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FLASH—we hear that woman-hater B. J. Fennick ('42 July) has a gal!!! and in Boston too.

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R. W. Dasso ('42 Jan) sends dues from 83 Mandalay Road, Oakland 11, says he is now attending (guess where) U.C. Also says—FLASH—will be married 24 August to Miss Barrie Muller of L.A. in L.A. Congratulations and best wishes to you both Bob, from all your shipmates.

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Lt. Comdr. R. Hake ('38) was aboard today to say hello and good-bye, he is bound to the orient for duty on the Los Angeles as First Lt. and Damage Control Officer, having just completed the graduate course at Annapolis. Says a classmate at school there was G. W. French ('38), and that he is to take command of the AM 316 (Competent) in S.F. soon. Good luck Charlie.

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Comdr. G. Barkley was aboard this morning to say hello. Looks grand, though he is just out of the hospital where he underwent a minor operation. He and his wife are living in S.F.

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A nice note from Phil Franklin ('42 Dec) with some SoCal Alumni News for the Binnacle. It should appear elsewhere in this issue. Thanks Phil, and lots of luck on that live-wire baby you SoCal guys are getting started.

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R. L. Smith ('42 Jan), 229 Haas Ave., San Leandro, says "How about the Binnacle?" ... still with A-H, and "expecting" soon. We hope the paper is getting there now Bob, and best wishes from us all.

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A. E. Gallant ('40) says "why not a YF instead of that DE?" Any other comments gang?

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A note and a check from J. H., father of A. G. Morrison ('43 June), 153 No. Aliso St., Ventura, says Arthur is 2nd on the Titan (Matson), and should be home about 15 Aug. from Bahrain. He has been with Matson since graduating. Many thanks Mr. Morrison, and our best to A.G.

28 JUNE—

J. J. Watson ('43 Dec) writes in, with dues, "I find that the Merch. Marine should make greater strides without me ... spend my time between S.F., Sacto., and Grimes ... often see Ray Wright, Joe Woodard, and Dave Minasian (all '43 Dec) ... Dave had some very interesting experiences in the Navy while in Japan ... where is Doc Greene ('43 Dec)?" Thanks Joe. We don't know where Doc is.

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Lt. (jg) Cal Reed ('43 June), ex-gunnery officer and Sr. watch officer on the AKA 80 says he is just out of the Navy. Thanks for the picture and dues Cal, and let us know where you end up.

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W. E. Crutcher ('42 July) writes from 615 Milan Ave., South Pasadena ... he's now engaged with the F. S. Harmon Mfg. Co. Many thanks for the dues and picture Bill, we hope that your Hawsepipe gets there OK.

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Things are really getting tough. Paid our own dues today—no picture though—guess I'll write me a letter.

2 JULY—

Mrs. Patricia Maland sends in dues for T. C. Thank you.

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G. T. Malcolm ('44 June) sends in dues and a picture from Tiburon Road, Mill Valley ... still employed by A-H ... got 1st. Asst. papers last March. Thanks Gene, and congrats.

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T. W. Rice ('38) sends us a very nice note, with dues, from 292 Lee St., Oakland 10 ... says he is enjoying Terminal Leave. Many thanks for the kind words Ted. We are out too, as of today, but we aren't enjoying it as yet, too much work.

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H. C. Slavin ('43 Dec) writes us from General Delivery, Avalon, Calif., "aboard my auxiliary yawl 'Loa' at Avalon Bay, Catalina Island. Tell the lads to look me up." Hmmm ... sure wish we could, maybe some of you others can take him up on it.

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Capt. S. Davidson Scott ('43 June) sends in dues and picture from 1273 20th St., Vista Del Ora, San Pedro ... says he brought in the Belgium Victory via Gibraltar and Bermuda to New Orleans ... now enrolled at S.C.

G. S. Hodgkinson ('44 June) was aboard this aft., paid his dues and says he will send the picture. Now attending UCLA, but will transfer to U.C. this fall. You shipmates who are already there should drop him a card to 825 Summit Drive, South Pasadena, and let him know the wisdom of his choice. Says he has seen R. Shallenberger ('43 June) who is now at U.C., and R. Jennes ('44 June) who is at UCLA, and both of them are newlyweds. Our congratulations to Ralph and Dick, and our thanks to you Jerry. It was nice seeing you again.

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CMAAA's No. 1 salesman, F. Flanner ('35), came through with the dues today, but no picture as yet. Thanks Frank.

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Another deadline is here Gang. Haven't even seen the last issue yet, it is still at the printers. Oh well, see you all soon. Don't forget the meetings, Army-Navy Club in S.F., Lafayette Hotel in Long Beach, second Friday of every month.

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P.S.—Mail has been returned for the following:

G. S. Karl ('42 Dec), R. W. Graham ('33), T. J. Woods ('42 July), and J. P. Piegrass ('34). Anybody know where we can reach them?

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The Southern California Chapter of the California Maritime Academy Alumni Association is now underway. The first meeting was held Friday evening, May 24, at the Lafayette Hotel in Long Beach.

Eighteen alumni members attended the dinner-meeting, which was called to lay the groundwork for the Southern chapter. Business conducted was the election of temporary officers and the formation of an eleven-man organization committee.

The president-elect, to serve during the formation period, is J. R. Shafer (E '34), of Long Beach. H. L. Mollenkopf (E '38), of Hermosa Beach, was elected Secretary-Treasurer.

The organization committee is meeting weekly and will submit its recommendations to the membership at the next meeting, July 12.

Meetings will be held on the second Friday of each month, at the Lafayette

ALUMNI (Continued)

Hotel, 140 Linden St., Long Beach, dinner being served at 7:30 P. M. There will be the usual gathering in the cocktail lounge prior to dinner.

It was decided at the last meeting that the Lafayette Hotel would be the Southern California headquarters for the alumni, at least until a more permanent arrangement can be made. A log book will be kept at the registration desk beginning July 1, in which members may make entries concerning their personal histories, and also write memos to friends in the alumni. There is a pleasant cocktail lounge at the hotel and drinks are reasonably priced.

Once sufficiently organized, the purpose of the Southern California Chapter will be to assist alumni members while they are living or visiting the Los Angeles area; and, equally important, the maintenance and improvement of the Academy.

If information is desired concerning the chapter, there are two members in the harbor area you may contact: Joe Shafer, 4639 Pepperwood, Long Beach, phone Long Beach 5-2081; and Phil "Angel" Franklin, 1768-C Seaciff Circle, San Pedro, phone Terminal 3-3465.

Seventeen of the eighteen members attending the first meeting are now working ashore, therefore forming a good nucleus of permanent members for the chapter. Their present positions range from water department engineer to university student.

Those attending the first meeting were: J. J. Adams (D '33), J. R. Shafer (E '34), J. G. Ellis (E '34), B. T. Rolhe (E '35), H. L. Mollenkopf (E '38), R. S. Duncan (E '38), P. Kusse (D '38), I. Singman (E '41), H. A. Doell (E '41), R. D. Connel (E '42), W. D. McCaffery (D '42), Fred Feuille II (E '42), R. F. Durning (E '42), F. D. Guertin (D '42), L. D. Woods (E '42), P. F. Franklin^o (D '42), T. D. Lewis (E '44), and W. K. Gressner (E '44).

Well, we've started something... it's up to the rest of you to help make a go of it. Be present at the monthly meetings when in the area. See you at the Lafayette.

Only thirteen states do not require blood tests before issuing marriage licenses. They are . . . Arizona, Arkansas, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Kansas, Maryland, Minnesota, Mississippi, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, and South Carolina. None is required, either, in the District of Columbia.

The Wolt

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The thirty pieces of silver which were the betrayal money given to Judas, in today's market would equal about thirteen dollars.

In Surinam there is a giant spider over two inches long which can kill small birds. Its feet when spread out occupy a surface nearly a foot in diameter.

While there is a quota of 50 Filipinos . . . either sex . . . allowed to enter the United States yearly—American GI's marrying Filipinos may bring their brides to this country.

From 1795 to 1818 the American flag had 15 stripes. President Monroe signed a bill on April 4, 1818, which restored the body of the national flag to its original form of 13 stripes.

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