

HOUSTON IN SMOKER TONIGHT

CAGERS TRIP MORMONS

Houston Enters Basketball Semi-Finals

Sunday, January 28th, Captain "Snoz" Hattemer led his team to a brilliant victory over a Snappy Salt Lake City team which didn't stop scrapping until the final whistle. The good news was to the tune of 43-35. LaBarge and McFadden paced the Houston cagers offense with 18 and 10 points respectively, with Hattemer and Hagerstrom garnering six points each, and "Bud" Adams making the final contribution of 3 points.

Defensively, the whole group starred and held the flashy forward Merriear, and pivot man, Hamm, of the Salt Lake to 10 points each.

Today, our team meets the New Orleans at the Air Station Gym at 1500 for the Cruiser Championship in the final game. We have an even chance, and excellent squad, and the will to win, so lets see lots of rooters behind them at the Gym. There will be a special boat run for the rooting party. Come one, come all, and let the team know you are behind them.

LONG DISTANCE "MELE KALIKIMAKA"

Though the Houston was far from home at Christmas this year, the ship's own private Santa Claus operated by remote control. Just before the holidays, \$450 was distributed

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NINE RAMBLERS TO FIGHT FOR CRUHAWDDET LAURELS

At the boxing and wrestling smoker with CruDiv Six tonight, to select Cruisers, Hawaiian Detachment, Champions, the HOUSTON will furnish nine out of fifteen contenders. Winners of these semi-final bouts will, at a later date, meet the Champions of Destroyers, Hawaiian Detachment, to vie for top crowns of the entire Hawaiian Detachment.

On the wrestling mat, the HOUSTON pins her hopes on Chick, F1c — in the 126 lb. class — All-Navy bantamweight champion three successive years; Arthur, GM2c — 145 lb. class — last years group champion; and Juul, BM2c — 165 lbs. wrestling again under HOUSTON colors after a three-year absence.

In the ring, HOUSTON boxers represent CruDiv Four in every weight

but one. Starting with the bantamweight class, "Mac" McPherson, a first-year lad with the finesse of a veteran, will seek to cop his first heavy-cruiser title. Either "Blackie" Strickland or Henry Holton, each of the HOUSTON, will fight in the featherweight class. With little to choose from between them, the boxing coach could toss a coin and be sure of picking a winner, whether heads or tails.

Aligo, veteran of many years of campaigning, will fight in the welterweight class, determined to bring another crown to the HOUSTON. Representing the middleweights "Bud" Adams — baseballer, basketballer, boxer — last years division champ in the same class — will be punching for a heavy-cruiser title likewise. In the 175 lb. class the other "Blackie" — Hartwick, winner of the group title by three straight KO's — will throw leather for a fourth successive win by the same route. Joe Lewdanski, the

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GENERAL HERRON VISITS HOUSTON

During the past week of tactics, the Houston played host to two unofficial observers from the sister branch of the service; Major General Charles D. Herron, Commanding General of the Hawaiian Department; and his Aide de Camp, First Lieutenant John T. Honeycutt.

The Houston may well feel proud of the honor of the courtesy visit, and add General Herron's name to the roster of distinguished guests.

It is interesting to note that, under the entire Hawaiian Military establishment which General Herron commands, is included the largest post in the United States Army — Fort Schofield, consisting of some nine hundred officers and twenty-two thousand men — and, incidentally, that the second largest Post in the Army is at Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

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THE TERRITORY OF HAWAII

The history of Hawaii is as romantic as the spirit of the Islands. The Hawaiian group was discovered by Captain Cook, British Explorer who gave them the name Sandwich Islands. The Islands were named after the Earl of Sandwich, first lord of the British Admiralty. After Captain Cook's visit the influence of the white races rapidly altered native customs. King Kamehameha I (1782-1819), after bloody warfare, counseled by white men and with the aid of gun powder, united the Islands into one Kingdom. Permanent civilization followed the arrival of American missionaries in 1820, although the pagan religion had already been officially abandoned and many ancient "tabus" abolished. Quick to embrace Christianity, the Hawaiians soon became ardent church goers and, naturally musical, enjoyed singing newly learned hymns.

It was not until 1893, however, that rebellion overthrew the last of the Hawaiian monarchs (Queen Liliuokalani) and set up an independent Republic.

In 1898 the Republic of Hawaii voluntarily annexed itself to the United States, and ever since 1900, when the Islands were organized as a territory, Hawaii has been an integral part of the United States. The Governor and Secretary of the Territory are appointed by the President of the United States. The territorial legislature (which meets biennially) is elective. Likewise chosen by popular vote is the Territory's delegate to the Congress in Washington. Citizens of Hawaii are full-fledged American citizens.

—The Pelican

"MAN OVERBOARD"

While everready heroism is an inherent and expected quality of the American sailor, we have just heard of a notable example which unquestionably deserves a Carnegie medal.

After a really enjoyable winter evening in a foreign port, a seaman, returning to his ship, staggered up the gangway, only to lurch just as he was about to take the final step, and toppled into the icy ocean. Instantly the Boatswain's mate shrill pipe hurried all hands on deck, as the word "Man Overboard" was frantically passed. The lifeboats crew leaped to their perilous duty. Searchlights sizzled and shot weaving beams of white into the black night. A shower of life buoys was flung over. But the gallant sailor in the water grasped the situation thoroughly, and was equal to it. From the darkness and splashing came his cheery confident guttural: Hey! Where's ish poor drowning guy? I'll save 'im."

—Selected.

OVER THE BROW

Klarich, A D., Sea1c from Hospital.
 Kvach, C. D., Sea2c from Hospital.
 Jordon, R. G., FC1c from Rec. SNY.
 Masa, R., QM1c from USS Enterprise.
 Snowden, H. F., Sea2c from NTS SD.
 Vogel, J. J., WT1c from Hospital.
 Hughes, R. E., from Hospital.
 Dalton, C. E., Sea2c from Hospital.

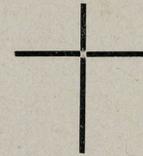
TRANSFERS

The following named men were transferred to the USS Enterprise:

Stoner, R. L., MM2c; Butler, L. M., MM2c; Railsback, R. D., MM2c; King, C. A., RM3c; Malone, E. L., Sea2c; Roberts, H. L., AMM3c; Schnitzer, C. E., AMM1c; Watson, G. P., AM2c; Gamache, A. G. J., QM1c.
 Kunsaw, M., MM1c to 3rd Nav Dist.
 Wusthoff, I. H., WT2c to RS S.F.
 Bassett, R. A., F1c to USNH PH T.H.
 Hasty, J. G., F1c to USNH PH T.H.
 Manion, T. J., Sea2c to USNH PH T.H.
 Faust, E. C., Sea2c to USNH PH T.H.
 Leo, N., EM1c to I.C. School, Bellevue, D. C.

"I'm a self-made man."

"You're lucky. I'm the revised work of a wife and three daughters."



DIVINE SERVICES

Sunday, 4 February 1940

At 0820 a Protestant Church party will leave the ship for the Northampton.

At 1000 Catholic Mass will be celebrated on the main deck aft. Confessions will be heard before Mass. A sermon for all hands and morning prayers will be said before Mass begins.

NAVY SCHOLARSHIPS

Judge Frank P. Douglas of Oklahoma has established 10 scholarships to be given annually to sons of officers warrant officers, and enlisted men of the U.S. Navy. The scholarships will be awarded by the Bureau of Navigation to those boys whose records in secondary schools have indicated above average ability. Scholarships, student activities, and the necessity of assistance will be factors to be considered in making the awards. Each scholarship will be an award of \$300 cash to be applied upon tuition in Randles School, 1923 N. Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., a well recognized naval academy preparatory school, and will be awarded each year to boys making application therefor.

FROM THE SCRAP BBOOK

Folks who never do any more than they get paid for, never get paid for any more than they do!

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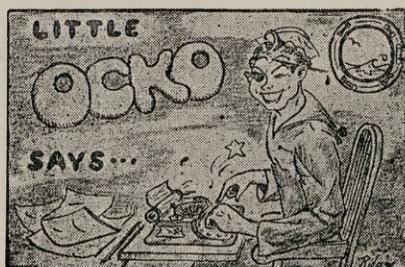
NEVER EXPLAIN

your friends do not need it
 and
 your enemies will not believe
 you anyway.

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FROM THE DICTIONARY

COLLEGE: A place where you have to go in order to find out there is nothing in it. (See Marriage, also Gold fish swallowing).
 —Nappy



Here are a few personal notes that Ocko has gleaned this week. Can't compete with Winchell on Broadway, but in all modesty, we do get the dope about the ship.

Kamler QM3c is investigating the possibilities of installing master sundials on the navigation bridge alidades and repeater sundials in lieu of all ships' clocks, thus eliminating his daily round of winding clocks. Shucks, Fuzzy, ain'tcha heard, they're putting electric clocks on all new construction.

Turret three's juice man, Lyons, EM2c, turned out a fine batch of chocolate fudge last week . . . Nelson, AMM3c, goes to Sand Point, Seattle, for three years shore duty, leaves the Rambler this week. D. F. Cochran, SK2c, Wilson, CM1c, Maze, Cox, and Malcolm, Cox have volunteered for duty on the Bushnell. Word has come back that Davenport and Baker, second class machinist's mates, and Jim Wade, Bmkr1c, have new construction assignments on the U.S.S. Buck, Philadelphia Navy Yard. Shaw, CMM, is helping recommission an old four piper in Red Lead Row in N.Y. Philadelphia. Sprague, WT1c and Saunders, WT2c have shipped over on the U.S.S. Chicago. Lum' n Abner's Jot-'em-Down-Store (Gen. Mess. Issue Room) has a newly painted coffee grinder and a radio. They have cash and carry and delivery service. Abner (CCstd Barnett) keeps the books and Lum (Bkr1c Barricklo) does the talking. Nite rations issued at 1630.

On the Enterprise we send quite a few of those old familiar faces back to the States. Carl King, RM3c, Butler, MM2c, Sergeant Bihm of Houston Marine Detachment and heaven only knows how many others.

Gus Henderson; E. F. Mallette, how about your pen pals?

More next time, per usual,

OCKO

AVIATION NOMENCLATURE

by

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Scouting Force Aviation Officer

To the Navy outside of aviation the names of the various aviation squadrons and their planes are apparently a confused jumble of letters and numerals. In reality a systematic code has been adopted that not only distinguishes the squadrons from each other, but also describes their primary duties. A similiar code is used to designate the type of aircraft — its manufacturer and model.

In the designation for squadrons the letter "V" indicates that it is a heavier than air squadron. This letter is then followed by another letter describing the type of squadron — "P" for patrol, "B" for bombing, "S" for scouting, "F" for fighting or pursuit, "T" for torpedo, "O" for observation, and "J" for utility. This second letter is in turn followed by a numeral which identifies the particular squadron from similar squadrons. Thus VP-12 is heavier than air patrol squadron, number twelve. To further describe the patrol squadrons the numbers are to be changed so that the first digit will also designate the wing to which the squadron is attached. Thus, VP-12 will be in Wing ONE. This system is already in use in carrier squadrons making VF-4 a heavier than air fighting squadron attached to the fourth carrier to be built — the RANGER. The observation and scouting squadrons of the battleships and carriers are called by the numbers of the divisions to which their ships are attached.

Practically the same system is used to differentiate the particular type of planes assigned to the various squadrons. The same letters that are used to describe the type of squadron are also used to describe the type of plane but because most planes are designated for more than one type of mission, there are often more than one letter in the descriptive designation. Thus, a "PB" would be a Patrol Bomber type of airplane. In order to distinguish the particular kind of a patrol Bomber a letter assigned to the manufacturer is added to the type designation making a PBY a Patrol Bomber manufactured by the Consolidated Company of San Diego. In like

HIKING

Every Sunday morning at 8.00 a.m. a group of roughly dressed people gather in front of the Army-Navy Y.M.C.A. They're off on another jaunt to some beauty spot of the Island.

The Honolulu Trail and Hiking Club invites naval men. There are usually extra cars, and the only obligation is to chip in one and a half cents a mile for gas. Bring your own lunch and a canteen. For further dope, see Ensign Smeja.

manner a PBM would be a similar type manufactured by the Martin Company of Baltimore. Since aircraft are constantly being improved, numerals are used to designate different modifications of the same plane, making a PBY-4 the fourth modification of the original PBY. When a radical change in design is made in the type of plane, rather than a modification, a numeral is inserted before the manufacturer's initial. Thus the new four engine plane of the Consolidated Company is logically a PB2Y or the second type in the series of patrol bombers manufactured by that company. The service model will probably be called a PB2Y1 and later modifications PB2Y2, PB2Y3, etc.

Thus, when we speak of Squadrons the letters indicate the type of squadron while the numerals indicate the particular squadron. Likewise when we speak of the aircraft, the letters indicate the type of aircraft and its manufacturer and the numerals indicate the modification or series, depending on whether it is placed before or after the manufacturer's initial.

LONG DISTANCE

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in the form of \$6.50 checks to every member of the families of Houston men. The money was provided by the Welfare Fund. Checks were actually purchase orders on any store for such articles as clothing, toys, and books, in order to give the youngsters exactly what they wanted.

"That tunnel we just passed through cost \$12,000,000," said the sailor to his sweetheart.

"Oh really, did it?" she replied, as she rearranged her hair. "Well, it certainly was worth it."



Dere Maw,-

Croozin in this here Hawdet outfit is somepn to write home about, no kiddin. Gosh, this mornin we wuz goin thisaway and thataway around the Island of Hawaii, like we wuz bein chased by a cockeyed bear. But we wuz fightin a war and these modern wars is kinda screwy anyway. Ha Ha. Gosh sakes, how we pitched and rolled just like a guy with the cat-fever, and some of the third division wasnt askin seconds on the pork chops. I aint seen so much food insulted in all my born days. Why, Maw, you'd think them guys was keepin Lent or somethin the way they by-passed all that nice brown gravy, but the ship was rockin like a cradle and its tuff when the big waves roll us thatway.

Us Houston sailors are gonna give them other guys of the Hawdet plenty of competishun tonite in the boxing and rasstlin finals. Gosh, I never seen so many men offen one ship to make the finals. My pal Ski and me will be in there in the heavy weight scrap, and if Ski dont duck when I tell him to it aint gonna be so good. To win a bout ya gotta have a guy like me heavin words of wisdom to keep ya from leadin with your chin and goin horizontal. Me and Ski has fergotten moren that other guy ever knowed about the rock and sock racket, and we'll bring home the bacon and let him have the eggs, if ya know what I mean. Ha Ha.

Well its a grate life and I guess I'll climb up to my station and see how that war is comin on. I'll send you a pitcher of me holdin a reel cocanut what hit me on the bean when I wuz corkin off on the beach the other day. It like to woke me up. So long and happy days.

Your lovin boy,

Gus.

SEND THE BLUE BONNET HOME

SPORT NEWS - - - by Bud Adams

HOUSTON SWEEPS SMOKER WITH SALT LAKE CITY

In a smoker held on the Salt Lake City, HOUSTON boxers and wrestlers punched and tussled to a victory which clinched their supremacy among the ships of CruDiv Four. The wrestling team won by a score of 30 to 10, while the boxers also knocked out 30 points, to the Salt Lake City's 5.

To start the evening, West, 118 lb. grappler, won his match by default. Chick, next, at 126 lbs., won his first official featherweight bout of his carrer, having wrestled as a bantam before. He carried on as always, before winning

by the fall route in 3 minutes and 26 seconds. Harvey, 135, was pinned in 2 min. 45 sec., although the result was no indication of his wrestling ability.

The 145 lb. class found Arthur winning himself another group championship via the fall route in 3 min. 2 sec.

Buttler, the man that we never worried about, provided his own downfall. He was thrown by what is known as a rolling fall, after a game fight. Tough luck old timer; we were all with you.

Korich came through with our first win of the year in the 175 lb. class, winning by fall in 8 min.

Riechel, heavy, won by default.

Boxers Take All But One

Among the Houston's scrappy punchers, McPherson, 118 lbs., Strickland, 126, Aligo, 147, and Adams, 160, won their matches by forfeit.

In the 135 lb. bout, Henry Holton, last year's featherweight, stepped up a weight. After having come back from 30 days' leave and without a single day's workout, he went in to fight the best lightweight in the division. The first two rounds were touch and go. Henry staying on top of Duvaland, never stopping throwing leather. The last two rounds were fought on nothing but heart alone and everyone present saw a lot of that from Holton, although he lost the battle.

Blackie Hartwick, 175, added another knockout to his record by putting his opponent away in approximately two minutes. Joe Lewdanski proved himself the class of the heavies in CruDiv Four again this year by dropping his man for the count in less than one minute of the first round.

Two exhibition bouts were fought by McPherson vs. Strickland and Aligo vs. Adams.

SMOKER TONITE

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HOUSTON'S pride and joy and blue-eyed heavyweight — veteran of last year's Scouting Force finals — will again attempt to scale the pinnacle of

boxing fame, to a heavyweight championship.

The HOUSTON is pointing for a clean winning sweep, but whatever the outcome, all hands may already feel proud of the record of HOUSTON grapplers and leather pushers.

"COACH ARSENAULT"

Members of the squad have long asked for a tribute to the best trainer, coach, and manager that a boxing team could possibly have. For it, one has but to look at the impressive record A. J. Arsenault, EM1c, has built in the last three years. Last year three men were sent to the Scouting Force finals, and two to the All-Navy finals Major Hodge, whom "Archie" trained from the ground up, emerged an All-Navy champion, and possibly the best Navy welterweight ever to don a boxing glove.

This year Arsenault furnished six out of a possible seven Division champs from his squad.

Each and every one swears he owes success to "Archie" and his ceaseless efforts to keep each individual in good condition and to improve his boxing style.

The boxing squad would like to see from all hands the same backing and moral support for "Archie" that "Archie" gives the squad. —F.T.B.S.