

HOUSTON'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

Plans are now being made for the annual children's Christmas Party to be given aboard ship on Christmas Day. The Navy Relief Committee (mentioned in another column of this sheet) has consented to undertake the planning of the party, but help from all hands will be needed to make it a success. We feel sure that the fun which all, young and old, will have at the party, plus the satisfaction of seeing so many happy little children in our midst will be more than ample reward for the effort required.

The general plan is as follows: Children between the ages of five and twelve of all men attached to the ship plus about twenty-five children of poor families will be invited to the party. The children will be divided into a number of groups, and a group will be assigned to each division for special attention and guidance during the entire time they are on the ship.

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NAVY TO PLAY PENN

Today the Midshipmen's football team will meet the Pennsylvania University's football team at Franklyn Field, Philadelphia. Early in the season, Yale defeated Penn. 7-0. Two weeks ago the Quakers downed the powerful Princeton eleven 7-0. Last Saturday they romped over Brown 48-6. However, in spite of Penn's powerful defense and veteran combination of players, Navy should come through for a win. In the past three years Pennsylvania has failed to score on Navy. Then too, Navy is smarting under two hard fought defeats.

**HOUSTON TO GET UNDERWAY
0001 2nd. NOVEMBER**

The HOUSTON and the CHICAGO have orders to be prepared to get underway at 0001 Monday two November. It is expected that the HOUSTON will be off the Mare Island Light at about 0845 on the morning of the third. The CHICAGO will be off this light at about 0910 the same morning.

NEW DENTIST

This past week Lt. (jg) C. A. Schlack (DC) reported aboard for duty. This is the first time that the HOUSTON has had a dentist regularly assigned to her since returning from China. Mr. Schlack has been spending the entire week getting acclimated and getting his office in shape; but, this coming week he will open shop for business.

We are indeed fortunate in having such a capable man assigned to the ship. Mr. Schlack is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania Dental College and after graduation went back to the University as an instructor.

The Blue Bonnet in behalf of the Officers and Crew welcome our new Dentist aboard and wish him a happy cruise.

FATHOMS BELOW

Lt. (jg) J. W. Williams, Signal Officer, has received orders to the instruction, Submarine School New London, Conn. Mr. Williams will be detached from the ship five December. Before going to New London, he is expecting to be married.

**ARGENTINE NAVAL SHIP
IN PORT**

Friday morning the Argentine Naval Training Ship, President Sarmiento, commanded by Comdr. (Captain de Fragata) Francisco J. Clarizza arrived in San Pedro for a weeks visit. The ship is making a practice cruise of West Coast and Carribean ports with some twenty-eight Midshipmen. She left Buenos Aires on 22 August for a five and a half months cruise. On this cruise she has or will visit Montevideo, Magallanes, Valparaiso, Callao, Los Angeles San Francisco, Balboa, Havana, Puerto Rico, and Pernambuco. She will leave San Pedro on the eighth for San Francisco where she will remain until the twentieth.

The President Sarimento is a three masted sailing vessel of 2850 tons displacement, with auxiliary power consisting of two coal burning boilers and two engines capable of a maxium speed of 15 knots. At a cruising speed of 10 knots, she has a cruising radius of 4500 miles. Her armament consists of: 3-4. 7 inch 45 cal, 1-4 inch, 2-6 pounders, and 2-3 pounders. She was orginially built in 1898 and in 1929 she was refitted as a training ship. She carries a crew in addition to the Officers and Midshipmen of 8 Chief Petty Officers, 66 Petty Officers, 128 seamen and 40 conscripts.

NAVY DAY OBSERVED

This past Tuesday, Theodore Roosevelt's birthday, was observed throughout the nation as Navy Day. All over the country appropriate ceremonies were held. Theodore Roosevelt's birth-

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--: THE BLUE BONNET :-

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NAVY RELIEF

The HOUSTON Committee of the local Navy Relief Auxiliary has been organized to assist the Central Office in connection with cases arising among the HOUSTON's personnel. The Committee consists of the following members:—

Lieut. Comdr. T. B. Inglis, U.S.N.
Chairman.

DeBri, T. H. Yeo2c., Secretary
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Mrs. V. M. Davis (wife of Lieut.
Comdr.) - Member, 1728 E. 3rd.

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Mrs. I. V. Campbell (wife of
EM1c) - Member, 720 E. 8th St.

The following is a very brief outline of the work of the Navy Relief Society:—

Assistance where needed in case of death.

Visiting the sick.

Discounts at hospitals.

Cooperation with Naval Dispensary.
Advice when requested in connection with domestic difficulties, family budgeting, hospitalization and arrangements for funerals.

Cooperation with Red Cross and local charity organizations.

Emergency loans for hospitalization, medical care, funerals and other exceptional emergencies.

All men are expected to cultivate habits of thrift, to be self-reliant and provident in their financial affairs. The committee will be very glad to assist in laying out a budget or other program to further this end. When unexpected emergencies do arise, beyond the immediate financial resources of the individual, the committee will assist in obtaining loans for deserving cases. The committee requests that one of its members be informed as soon as such emergency arises, or becomes apparent, so that prompt

BASKETBALL

With the return of the HOUSTON to port, the basketball team has taken to the floor again. Word has been received that the season will start December ninth, and all hands are anxious to get in shape for the coming season.

Tuesday, the team played a practice game with the VESTAL team, and considering the fact that it was the second time out in four weeks, made a very presentable showing. Leading at the half by the score of 14-10, the prospects for the HOUSTON looked extremely good. However, the Vestal's superior physical condition, and practice, showed in the second half and they came from behind to win 36-22.

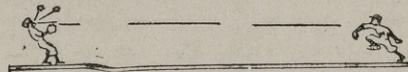
The following men are now working out with the team and it will be a matter of individual effort as to who makes the first five: Adams, Clement. Chmura, Felix, Jones Moulton Mustain, Rainey, Rice, Pierce Sanders Stipetic, Stoddard, & Wauk.

BASEBALL

During the past two weeks the Houston nine has not played any official games due to ships' movements and weather conditions, also today the game has been cancelled with the Louisville nine.

Our own schedule has caused a let down in training, but the past week the team has been out every day and are now in good form for today's game, so if you can possibly make it you should be on hand for this game.

The Houston has two more games in the fall series after today's and are out to take all three, the Chester and Pensacola being their opponents in these games.



but unhurried action may be taken.

A questionnaire has been circulated to obtain information for ready reference concerning the dependents of members of the crew. If you failed to receive your blank form, get one from the Executive Officers' office. All men, whether married or not, are requested to fill out and return this form.

--: EXHAUST PIPE :-



The past week has been devoted to plane upkeep on all planes. Two HOUSTON planes flew to San Diego the early part of the week for propeller changes. Friday morning the other two planes flew to San Diego for the same purpose.

This past week the V Division acquired a new radio, and we firmly believe it is the best set on the ship, bar none. Pat Readette is the official tuner-in and custodian.

Now that Hilgenberg has been transferred to shore duty at San Diego it appears as tho "Teaty" Thornton will have things his own way.

Martin was heard to express his opinion of Petty Officers (minus hashmarks). A poor little Seaman doesn't stand a chance!

We of the V Division are curious as to who the author of Oscar's Opuses is! So far, Lt. Dahl and Lt. (jg) Weller are leading the vote.

"Charlie" Noble had quite a stay in Diego from all reports. Rumors were afloat that he had joined the GG Club, but so far it has been denied by "Charlie". "Abe" Garriner was the first to look for cigars on his return.

"Sunshine" Hollingsworth seems to be living up to his recently acquired nickname except that he now wants to be addressed as "Mr. Sunshine".

Andy (Goon) Mellon was in receipt of a very flowery invitation to a house party last week. Modest Andy was indisposed however.

It also seems like Gibson gave Swenson a bum steer in regards to that beer party.

Now that "Porky" Rosenkrans has discovered that chicken-fried steak is a reality, he has had an increase of appetite.

The world is as large as the range of one's interests. A narrow minded man has a narrow outlook. The walls of his world shut out the broader horizon of affairs. Prejudice can maintain walls that no invention can remove.

—Joseph Jastrow.



**NOSEY
NEWS
'BOUT
EV'BODY**

An entire week in port has done things, more or less in line with this column's predictions too. It appears the boys are not very excited about our trip to the bay city, but after a few days they will probably let up and partake of the hospitality always extended in S. F.

"Kid" Lafferty of the engineer's force took the big step recently and, from what we can learn, he is putting out the cigars at the Oil-King's shack at slack tide on the date of the first full moon. It seems we'll have to look up our dates.

Our first Navy Day in Long Beach turned out to be quite a success in more ways than one. It was a pleasure to note how many people have taken a deep interest in OUR NAVY.

It was also a banner day for the undercover men. Many news bits were gathered, the most outstanding being the evident embarrassment of Fordemwalt, when two of his many feminine friends arrived in the same boat. It seems Huston had a similar experience of having the second one pass the word for him in the presence of the first.

Then too, the "Blonde Bullet" of the 2nd. Division had his troubles. It seems the young lady hails from Texas and the Bullet (Meyers to you) didn't even know her. 'Tis a sad situation when one man knows so many he fails to recognize them.

Shandu, the mysterious marvel of the Engineers is going strong these days with his new bicycle. Wonder if he has shelved the roller skates?

From info gathered here and there, it seems Buckridge and Garbs are keeping up the ship's reputation when

it comes to dazzling the local public on the rollers.

"Hambone" Bacon says— "Better late than never" and steams back with the buttermilk at 0745 in the morning when he had faithfully promised to have it on board at 1700 the previous evening. The lad admits his social duties are at times rather pressing.

Can you imagine Stoddard of the Stb'd. Hangar insisting he has red-hair. Wonder if the new girl-friend wants it that way. We feel the dye he uses must have been labeled dish-water.

For new angles on the latest model "Sea-bags" just call on the former Angel of the Pike. Smith admits that his sojourn to the Ballyhoo gave him a brand new perspective on life in the Canyon.

We felt sure he would overcome the effects of the cruise to Hollywood, but Wellbourne is still primping and stepping these days. We feel sure the muscle man of the sheriff's office is just a bit late in his attempts to become a dashing Beau Brummel.

Investigation fails to disclose whether Dixon still plays wet-nurse when the battleships are out???

It has been suggested that Baloga of the Engineers confine his movie eruptions to the bilges.

Mack: "Say, if you had five bucks in your pocket, what would you think?"

Steve: "I'd think I had someone else's pants on."

FLEET FOOTBALL

This past Saturday the smooth working U. S. S. Pennsylvania grid-iron machine rode roughshod over the stubborn U. S. S. Arizona defense to win a 33-13 victory before a crowd of 13,000 spectators.

The same day the U. S. S. Idaho Hell Cats came through with a 19-6 victory over the U. S. S. New York Knickerbockers.

To-day the Pennsylvania and the Idaho, both undefeated this season, will play at Trona Field. This proves to be one of the best games of the season as both teams are considered to be the best in the Fleet.

OSCAR'S OPUS NO. 5

VORRY - VORRY - VORRY

Shina har got sorrw
Yapan har got var
Sellassie he gat sassy
And Moosoleeni sore
Spanish guys go crazy
And shoot each odder down
While odder countries vorrying
About da Spanish crown.

Americans dey vorry
About the National Debt
Nobody dare to making bid
For fear of getting set
English fellers vorry
About dis Simpson gal
Hoping she skol never be
Eddie's steady pal.

Dust storms cover ranches
Floods ban making wrecks
Everybody vundering
Vot skol happen next
But Ay never vorry
And Ay never fret
Sittin' on me ditty box
Smoin' cigarette.

—OSCAR

HUMOR

Judge: "Speeding, eh? How many times have you been before me?"

Speeder: "Never, Your Honor, I've tried to pass you on the road once or twice, but my old bus will only do 55."

A young lady finding herself stranded in a small town, asked an old man at the station where she might spend the night.

"There ain't no hotel here," he said, "but you can sleep with the Station Master."

"Sir!" she exclaimed, "I'll have you know I'm a lady."

"That's all right," drawled the old man, "so is the Station Master."

Skipper: "Boy, take your thumb out of that soup."

Messboy: "Captain, dat soup ain't hot."

Beneath this stone lies Murphy
They buried him today
He lived the life of Riley
When Riley was away.

The folks at home will enjoy reading the Blue Bonnet. Mail it!

WHO AM I?

I am more powerful than the combined armies of the world.

I have destroyed more men than all the wars of the world.

I am more deadly than bullets, and I have wrecked more homes than the mightiest of siege guns.

I steal in the United States alone over \$300,000,000 each year.

I spare no one, and fine my victims among the rich and poor alike; the young and the old, the strong and the weak, widows and orphans know me.

I loom up to such proportions that I cast my shadow over every field of labor from the turning of the grindstone to the moving of very train.

I massacre thousands upon thousands of wage-earners in a year.

I lurk in unseen places, and do most of my work silently. You are warned against me, but you heed not.

I am relentless. I am everywhere; in the home, on the street, in the factory, at railroad crossings, and on the sea.

I am your worst enemy.

I AM CARELESSNESS!

PHILOSOPHY

Finish every day and be done with it. You have done what you could. Some blunders and absurdities no doubt crept in; forget them as soon as you can. Tomorrow is a new day; begin it well and serenely and with too high a spirit to cumbered with your old nonsense. This day is all that is good and fair. It is too dear with its hopes and invitations, to waste a moment on the yesterdays.

The steamer was only a few feet from the quay when there was a sudden commotion, and a man came running madly from the dock gates, shouting to the officials to wait a moment.

Without pausing in his stride, he flung his bag on the boat, took a desperate leap and landed on the deck, with a crash.

"Good!" he gasped. "A few seconds later I should have missed it."

"Missed it!" exclaimed the officer who helped him to his feet. "This boat is just coming in."

Have you written home this week?

THE KISS

A kiss is a peculiar proposition. Of no use to one, yet absolute bliss to two.

The small boy gets it for nothing, the young man has to steal it, and the old man has to buy it.

The baby's right, the lover's privilege, the hypocrite's mask.

To a young girl, faith; to a married woman, hope; to an old maid, charity.

NAVY DAY OBSERVED

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day was selected to be observed as Navy Day because it was during his administration that the modern Navy had its birth, largely due to his influence. Talks on naval subjects were delivered in the schools, over nation wide radio hook-ups and before civic gatherings. Mr. Keating and Mr. Inglis, from our own ship, spoke to the Metropolitan High School and Horace Mann Junior High School respectively.

Within the Fleet all ships were Full Dressed, holiday routine was observed and the ships played host to thousands of visitors.

HUMOR

An attractive young widow from New York went to Florida on the hunt for a man. After registering at a Palm Beach hotel, she sauntered out on the veranda and seated herself near a handsome young man. Her cough revealed a desire to become acquainted but the handsome chap ignored her. Finally a piece of dainty linen was wafted to the ground.

"Oh, I've dropped my handkerchief," she murmured softly.

The handsome youth turned a cold, unresponsive eye upon her. "Madam," he said, "my weakness is liquor."

Flossie Gay: "You'll never catch me going out to dinner with an editor again."

Girl Friend: "Was he broke?"

Flossie: "I don't know whether he was broke or not, but he put a blue pencil through about half my order."

Teacher: "Johnnie, did you want to leave the room?"

Johnnie: "Say, teacher, you don't think I'm standing here hitch-hikin', do yuh?"

HOUSTON'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

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As soon as they come aboard, the children will be met by division representatives and escorted to division compartments. Each division will have a small Christmas tree with one or two toys for each child. The expenses of the division party will be defrayed by the contributions from the men of the division. Next a turkey dinner with all the trimmings will be served. After dinner all hands and our little guests will assemble on the well deck, where we will have a large tree with a substantial gift of clothing and at least one good toy for each child. We may be able to stage a little show also. All expenses of the party on the well deck include the gifts will be paid by the Ship's Service Welfare Fund.

We want every man to feel that this is his party. We will need lots of help. Each division will have an escort committee, a decoration committee, a finance committee, and a gift committee. We may have to call on the ladies to help wrap the presents, etc. The ship's committee will assist in seeing that all arrangements fit in with the general plan and, if requested, with the purchase of the division gifts at wholesale.

We haven't had a happy hour for a long time and have no idea of what musical and dramatic talent may be concealed in our midst. If we can get up a little show it would be a great addition to the party. So all those who can sing, tap dance, play an instrument, tell funny stories or anything else of the kind, please see Ensign Quackenbush who will organize this feature of the party.

And last, but far from least, we need someone to take the part of Santa Clause. All those who should be on a diet but aren't (no offense intended - everyone loves a fat man!) please see Lieut. Comdr. Inglis.

Further details to be given later.

Math. Prof.: "If there are forty-eight states in the Union, and superheated steam equals the distance from Bombay to Paris, what is my age?"

Frosh: "Forty-four, sir."

Prof.: "Correct, and how did you prove that?"

Frosh: "Well, I have a brother who is twenty-two and he is only half nuts."