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## Success---

It's doing your job the best you can,  
And being just to your fellowman;  
It's making money, but keeping friends,  
And staying true to your aims and ends;  
It's figuring how, and learning why  
And looking forward and thinking high,  
And dreaming a little and doing much;  
It's always keeping in closest touch  
With what is finest in words and deeds;  
It's being thorough, yet making speed;  
It's struggling on with a will to win,  
But taking loss with a cheerful grin;  
It's sharing sorrow and work and mirth,  
And making better this good old earth;  
It's serving and striving through strain and stress,  
It's doing your noblest—that's success!

—Exchange

## Lincoln's Sense of Humor

By CHAPLAIN C. H. WAGERS

Few historical characters have excelled Abraham Lincoln in the appeal of their personality to the generations that followed them. Volume upon volume has been written about him and still he is challenging historians, dramatists, and poets to express the more about him that has never been said. One of the most interesting facets of the Great Emancipator's character was his sense of humor. The Chaplain spent a delightful hour one evening in Chicago a couple of years ago listening to America's poet, Carl Sandburg, lecture on "The Humor of Lincoln."

To the mind of Sandburg, this was one of Lincoln's most important gifts. He had that remarkable facility of being able to lift his mind above a situation in which his own interests were deeply involved and view it as a disinterested spectator. The result was that he could see the humorous, if not the ridiculous, angles the situation presented. This ability to laugh at himself in moments when others were fiery and tense gave him an edge in foresight and judgement over those about him. It enabled him to relax and become aware of related factors to which others were blinded because of the limited scope of interest to which their tenseness confined them.

One choice story related by Sandburg is particularly in point. A friend of Lincoln came to him one

day with the comforting information that Secretary of War Stanton had stated to a group of acquaintances, with no little heat, that the President was a fool — and a damn fool, at that! "Did he really say that?" asked Lincoln. "Those are his exact words," assured the friend. "You are sure that there is no mistake?" said Lincoln. "Perfectly," replied the informer. The President mused for awhile and finally said, "Well I'm certainly sorry to hear that, because Stanton is usually right."

Stanton was a valuable man in Lincoln's eyes, a man bearing heavy responsibility and of no mean ability. Those were turbulent days in Washington, when decisions were so decisive and mistakes so costly. It was quite easy to understand why a man of Stanton's character and breadth of knowledge would become explosive over one or more of his President's policies. That is, it was easy enough for one of Lincoln's philosophic bent to understand; it would be far from easy for most.

There are few of us whose temperament and general effectiveness would not be improved with a dash of Lincoln's humorous quality. This is not to say that a sense of humor is all that one needs to live well and wisely, as some pseudo-learned people are fond of saying. Some situations don't have a humorous angle and a spirit of levity in dealing with them reveals little other than the shallow capacity of the person in question.

Be this as it may, it seems probable that most people suffer from an underdose rather than an overdose on this score. And most people can improve themselves in this respect if they choose. The first requirement is that we tame an unrestrained ego by coming to look upon ourselves as members of the human race, little different in most respects from those about us. Achieve this, and the rest, if indeed our case be not hopeless, will take care of itself.

## The Flame Burns Hot

If you're not doing anything important at the moment, just take a match from the paper folder in your pocket and strike it. Hold it as you normally would, letting the cone of flame rise as high as it will. Now look carefully at that cone of flame; notice that the hottest and brightest flame is not at the tip but at a point below the tip. That's where you should place a cigarette's butt end when you want to get the best light. Of course, if you're a welder you know more than we do about that hot point of the flame.

But a teacher of ours some years ago had a unique idea about that flame. He used it as an example in this way: that hot point is the point at which all the elements of the flame are most efficiently concentrated; just so, he would add, it is possible to take a human being and find a "hot point," a point at which all the most commendable traits are concentrated so that the person becomes an efficient and valuable member of society. In other words, he believed it possible to persuade people to work constantly toward perfection; and as the individuals progressed, so also, he believed, would all mankind. But he was a dreamer, wasn't he? But, think again, are you so sure he was, after all?



# Committee Announced for Red Cross Fund Drive Here

A committee of ten officers will conduct a local drive for funds for the Red Cross sometime during the month of March according to a recent announcement by Lt. Gail who is in charge of the drive for the Station.

Those serving on the committee will be Comdr. Ryzk, Lt. Comdr. Deitrick, Lt. Hoard, Lt. Crawford, Lt. Earl, Lt. Stewart, Lt. Arthur, Lt. (jg) Sanders, and Lt. (jg) Vau-  
bel, with Lt. Gail as chairman and G. F. Richardson, local Red Cross representative as advisor.

The Station drive is part of a national drive for \$200,000,000 for Red Cross work during the coming year. "20 per cent of the Red Cross Budget at the present time is for service to the Armed Forces," Mr. Richardson said.

To help publicize the drive, a swimming exhibition by a special Red Cross group directed by Ernie Goetz, will be staged at the Training Pool on the night of February 25. The program will feature water ballet and formation swimming, comedy stunts and demonstration of strokes.

The dates of the drive will be announced later.



Far from the home front—but they haven't forgotten it yet! The four stalwarts shown above are, (Top, left to right) A. Wiseman, MM3c, and A. K. Wentworth, CM1c; (Bottom) J. R. Jackson, F1c and S. W. Kott, CM2c. Remember them? They were all formerly at this Station. At present, they are receiving commando training in the south west. Let's hear from some others.

## COMING EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY

Tues. 15—Hostages, starring Luise Ranier and William Bendix. News and cartoon.

Wed. 16—U.S.O. Unit Show.

Thurs. 17—Discussion on "A Platform for America" See story on page 5.

Fri. 18—Cry Havoc, with Margaret Sullivan, Ann Southern, Joan Blondell and Fay Bainter. News and cartoon.

Sat. 19—Woman of the Town, starring Claire Trevor, Albert Dekker, Henry Hull and Porter Hall. News and cartoon.

Sun. 20—Crime Doctor's Strangest Case, starring Warner Baxter and Rose Robert. News and cartoon.

Mon. 21—The Gang's All Here, starring Betty Grable, Carmen Miranda. Cartoon.

Tues. 22—Tender Conrade, starring Ginger Rogers, Robert Ryan. News and short.

Wed. 23—Larson's Cafe Floor Show.

Thurs. 24—The Lodger, starring Merle Oberon and Laird Cregar. Shorts.

Fri. 25—Miracle of Morgan's Creek, starring Betty Hutton and Eddy Bracken. News. Training Pool - Red Cross Swimming Show.

Sat. 26—Man's Castle, starring Bob Haymes and Lynn Merrick. News.

Sun. 27—Lost Angel, starring Margaret O'Brien, James Craig and Marsha Hunt. News and cartoon.

Mon. 28—This is the Army, starring Ronald Reagan, Joan Leslie, George Murphy and Kate Smith. Cartoon.

Tues. 29—Life Boat, starring Talullah Bankhead, William Bendix. Cartoon and news.

Gus Edwards, Machinist's Mate, is one of the Navy's most seasoned tale spinners. One day he was sitting with a group of English tars, discussing the relative merits of British and American ships. "I'm curious about your carriers," one British tar said. "How fast are they?" Old Gus looked at him and replied, "To tell you the truth, I don't know. We've never really opened them up. All they're required to do so far is to keep up with their planes."

YES! WE HAVE NO BANANAS!



Lt. Cregier of Public Works graciously posed for Flight's photographer to show how a man feels who is on a banana and milk diet. From the happy expression, we'd say it's no hardship. Note the baer banana stalk in the background!

## LIBRARY NOTES

By Ruth Anderson, Librarian

Many of the best-sellers on national book lists are to be found here in the station library. Why not come in and ask for the one you want? If the book is not in, we shall be glad to reserve it for you. May we suggest the following as books of interest:

TO ALL HANDS—Brown. Broadcasts from the ship's bridge, describing the crossing and landing action of a North Africa bound convoy.

BURMA SURGEON — Seagrave. Experiences of an American doctor in China, ending with his retreat with Stilwell.

LONG, LONG AGO—Woolcott. A miscellany of the author's writings of various periods.

PERSONS AND PLACES — San-

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# TARMAC TALK

Since the last issue of Flight, the Tarmacs have made a good showing in the boxing matches with Highland Park.

Out of the four matches taken by Grosse Ile, three were copped by Tarmacs. The boys from Barracks 76 who won gold cups were D. Fraser, A. Clements, and R. Krauss. Also M. Kravagska, not quite up to par that night received a silver cup. Better luck next time, Mike.

Matches have also been conducted at the Drill Hall. There are eight classes divided into weights to help pair off the contestants. The finals, fought on Friday, February 11, decided the champ of each class.

It has been made possible for the Tarmacs to march with the band on Tuesdays and Thursdays, so if you hear the music, notice the way we march.

The Tarmacs were paid a visit by Lt. Dodge from Kansas City, who explained our future in the V-5 program. Many of the boys felt better after he told us that about 80 per cent would get all the way through. It will be a great day for the Tarmacs in about two years.

We were sorry that Lt. Silliman could not remain with us through the rest of our training, but feel that we are fortunate to have a man with Ensign Quinn's background to carry on where he left off.

V. R. Kitsmiller, S2c  
A. N. Hohneck, S2c

## A \$25.00 BOND FOR 50c!

Chief Z. Papulski, T. R. Prusiewicz, S2c, H. E. Sowa, S2c and F. J. Landgrebe, AMM3c, were the fortunate PTS Line Crew men who won a \$25.00 war bond for the small sum of fifty cents.

In order to support the Fourth War Loan Drive the Line Crew decided to sell a few extra bonds by selling chances at a small sum which none could miss. The raffle was conducted by S1c J. H. Krieger who had no difficulty selling 150 chances which was equivalent to four war bonds.

Squadron Duty Officer Ens. G. W. Johnson was selected and he willingly obliged to draw the resultant winners from the old tin bucket which contained the raffle tickets.

One of the lucky winners, Chief Papulski, strongly urged that such a raffle be held every couple of weeks. We are not sure whether his enthusiasm was due to the fact that he had won a bond in the first raffle or if he was really interested in helping make the war bond drive complete successes.



The title of "Chief Clown" of the P.T.S. Line Crew goes unchallenged to M. J. Vendzuh, AMM2c whose zany antics are a constant source of amusement to the rest of the crew.

Such tomfoolery as lying on the barracks floor gasping for someone to get him a vitamin pill from his seemingly undiminishing stock in his locker is typical of his crazy horseplay.

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When our new Chief, S. Kremensky, USN, was asked if he was a reserve, he replied rather indignantly that he was USNR all right, United States Navy regular.

Incidentally the Chief has a cute little dimple in his fat little chin. Wave W. Clair, S2c of the Flight Jacket Room, was the first to notice this as she remarked that a dimple in the chin meant the devil within; so beware!

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We were quite certain that this old gag had most definitely gone out with the last of the Mohicans, but it was revived and successfully worked by the esteemed J. R. Pfeifle, AMM2c. He instructed a member of his block, E. W. Wagner, S2c to report to the Chief to get a bucket of propwash to wash the props with. Wagner, who is a new man on the line from Great Lakes and anxious to make good, eagerly hastened to Chief Papulski to carry out the assignment. The Chief immediately smelled what was in the wind and told Wagner to report to the Tool Crib to get a 50 per cent solution of dehydrated propwash. Papulski elaborately went on to explain how a 10 per cent solution would be harmful to the propeller, etc. At the Tool Crib, the slightly embarrassed Mr. Wagner found out the awful, awful truth.

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**WARNING! Don't anybody ask the ill tempered J. Gustke, AMM2c, why he walks to or from the Main Gate every day when entering or leaving the station instead of driving as usual. He had his base plate taken away for a period of 30 days for parking in the wrong place and he's very touchy about the whole thing.**

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We understand that the Western Union Telegraph Co. is trying to sign up D. J. Stevens and C. H. Moreland, both AMM3c, as singers after the war as one of their talent

scouts heard them sing "Happy Birthday to You" to S. S. Sierecki, AMM2c on his twenty-third birthday which took place recently.

—W. S. Jose, AMM2c

## STYLE NOTES

The latest innovation in the way of squadron line crew "zoot suits" is the head gear for rainy weather—shaped to the individual taste of the wearer. Most popular it seems is the "Paul Revere" style. The hat is worn with rain coat and peg pants complete with key chain.... all of which gives us a glimpse into



the unpredictability of Navy styles.

It might be taken as a silent protest to feminine hat stylists, who, by the way, could do well by heeding some sort of protest.

## NAVY INTRODUCES PAPER PARACHUTE FOR DROPPING SUPPLIES

Already in production, the Navy Department's new paper cargo parachute is another example of American ingenuity in meeting shortages of vital materials. The paper parachute will be especially useful in dropping supplies, as in cases where troops in combat areas are cut off from their regular lines of supply. Manufactured from specially creped kraft paper, the new cargo parachute has been in the process of development and testing for the last four months. The parachute will safely carry a load of 100 pounds when released from a plane flying at a speed of 180 miles per hour. It is 16 feet in diameter when open and will withstand any kind of atmospheric condition, not being damaged by rain or other climatic factors. To be used only for dropping supplies from the air, the paper parachute costs approximately one-fifth as much as the standard human parachute and will effect a considerable saving in nylon.



# Unusual Program Scheduled for Feb. 17th

**DISCUSSION BY PROMINENT CIVILIAN LEADERS TO BE HELD  
IN RECREATION HALL**

On the evening of Thursday, 17 February, an outstanding event is scheduled for the personnel of Grosse Ile. Three eminent personalities of Greater Detroit—a Catholic priest, a Jewish rabbi, and a Protestant minister—will lead a discussion on the subject, "A Platform for America." This program is sponsored by the National Conference of Christians and Jews, an organization which is supported by a long list of the best thinkers in America. The basic idea back of the National Conference is that of stimulating thought on the meaning of religious liberty in a democracy and that of emphasizing the goals and responsibilities, instead of the differences, of all groups in America.

Discussions, such as the one to be held here, have been conducted over the length and breadth of the country. Especial attention has been given to military establishments. An example of the magnitude of the project is seen in what was done at the Army Camp, Fort Knox, Kentucky. Recently a team, composed of some of the members who will be at Grosse Ile, spent a week at Fort Knox and conducted sessions at which there was a total attendance of 40,000.

The discussion at our Station promises to be unusually good, if the calibre of the speakers is an adequate measure. Father George Cairns, Professor at St. Mary's College, Monroe, Michigan, will represent Catholicism; Dr. B. Benedict Glazer, Rabbi of Temple Beth El, will represent Judaism; Dr. Edgar DeWitt Jones, Minister of Central Woodward Christian Church will represent Protestantism. These men are widely known, some with national reputation, as among the most able men of their respective bodies. In addition to these personalities a distinguished jurist, Frank A. Picard, Federal Judge of the District Court of Appeals, will preside.

The program of the evening will have further appeal in the fact that the Station Band and the Station's newly formed Glee Club will take an active part. The band will give a 15 minute concert prior to the opening of the discussion. The Glee Club, in its first public appearance, will offer selections during the course of the program which are representative musical expressions of the Catholic, Jewish, and Protestant tradition.

Every person on the Station who possibly can should be present on this occasion. It will be a unique presentation, quite unlike anything most of us have ever seen. But it will be something which no thought-

ful person will want to miss. The theme is undoubtedly one on which all of us have thought and talked a great deal, but to hear all sides expressed in a fair and constructive public discussion is likely a new experience. We owe it to ourselves, our Station, and our country to take advantage of this opportunity.

## 232 SHED BLOOD FOR RED CROSS

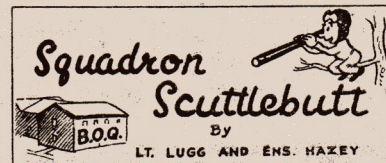
The Battle of Grosse Ile became the "Battle from Grosse Ile" on Saturday, February 5, when 261 enlisted men, officers, Waves, and Civil Service Employees turned their steps in the direction of the Rec. Hall to add their donation to the supply of plasma which the Red Cross is collecting for the Army and Navy.

Of the above number, 232 were actually accepted, starting with Malcolm, E. J., S1c, of the First Lieutenant's Department, and ending with Fred Quigley, Sp2c(M) of the Post Office. The others were turned down for a variety of reasons connected with age, health, lack of time, and in at least one case, lack of sleep the night before.

No casualties were reported. In fact, many of those participating claim they feel much healthier now than they did before donating.

Coffee, sandwiches and cupcakes were served by the canteen workers, while physical and moral support was furnished those who required it by the Donors Aides. Among those who assisted were several wives of officers including Mrs. Fairlamb and Mrs. Edwards. Mrs. Robert Murphy who was in charge for the Red Cross expressed her appreciation for the fine turnout.

During the fire drill on February 3rd, some of the gals in the personnel office were sure they saw smoke coming from the Rec. Hall.



Now it can be told that Joe Clark spent three days of his recent leave buying up copies of his hometown newspaper.

Jimmie McCormick definitely placed himself in the "Dilbert" category in a recent night flight. It was all 'circuits' and no 'bumps' for his student.

Now that the Newport exodus is rather complete, the lounge is reminiscent of an old homestead.

With the acquisition of an old mansion, the boys are looking forward to Reinhart, Christie, Bradbury and Wilcox giving them some tips on gentlemen "farming." When is the house warming taking place, boys?

That 4.0 Michigan weather the old timers have been bragging about has really arrived. The hum of the snow plows is surely a "tonic" to the old morale.

Has anyone noticed the striking similarity between Ken Eckel and Frank "Swoonatra"?

Everyone is looking forward to the launching of "S. S. Parker" in the new swimming pool.

The "Lotus" lounge inhabitants tactfully surround the snack table as soon as the dining room doors are opened.

That quartet at the "O" club should include "Meet me in St. Louis" in their repertoire.

It was quite a surprise to see Capt. Gunderman on his way to check out carrying a bow and arrow. He's probably the only Marine who ever went to the fleet with a quiver.

A. B. Eickholt, AMM2c, claims that one of the old salts in his Block thought that a Wing Leader was a plane captain who held on to the end of the wing of an aircraft and led it in and out of the parking ramp.

What are these iron filings that the Adonis of BOQ is sporting? Morgan says the girls love it. It tickles 'em — and us, too.



# The **PASSING PARADE**



By E. Sobeski, SK2c

Those happy people in the picture above are enjoying a "sweet" number at the Valentine's Dance, held at the Rec Building on February 5, 1944. The Wave with the big smile and the corporal is Carol Flis, Y3c; to the right is S. A. Siani, PhM1c, who before reporting at Grosse Ile was stationed for eight months on an island near Samoa; on the extreme right, is Emory Cogdell, SK2c, with his date, Claudia Bissonette.

The dance, as usual, was a success, and the music was furnished by the Tuneful Tars and the Navy Blues. "Spot" dances were held, and prizes given to the lucky people. The highlight of the evening, however, was the jitterbugging contest. All who attended enjoyed themselves thoroughly.

The Valentine Panels executed by Ensign Hammond of the Link Department, and Jim Schaeffing, Ptr3c of Public Works were exceedingly good, and there was much comment on them. We understand they were also used by the officers for their Valentine party on February 12th.

## Comings and Goings

Among the new men reporting aboard were Herbert Lehn, AMM2c and Homer Sakelos, AMM2c from San Juan, Puerto Rico. Flight's and the station's ace photographer, Tony Spina, left and was replaced by John Richter, PhM1c whose home originally was in Muskegon,

but who came here after two and a half years at Coco Solo, Panama. Another arrival from San Juan was Donald Miller, AMM2c who was down there 28 months.

Floyd Henry, AMM2c, also from Muskegon, Michigan, reported aboard from the West Coast. He is a combat air crewman with about 500 hours in the air. He was on Guadalcanal for ten months, and wears the Air Crew insignia with three stars as the result of five bombing hops on Japanese Airfields and three bombings of Japanese ships. He was an aerial gunner and flight engineer.

## New Arrival Department

Only three arrivals have been reported during the past two weeks.

John Franklin Doyle, weighing in at 8 lbs. arrived on the President's birthday, which explains the middle name. He's a handsome little fellow, according to his father, Lt. James C. Doyle, permanent O. O. D.

Ensign Toler is being congratulated on the birth of a daughter who arrived early in February.

Melvin Tripphan, S1c of 1st Lieutenant's Department, reports the arrival of an 8 lb. 14 oz. boy—on Wednesday, Feb. 9th.

## Ordnance Man Marries

Not previously mentioned was the marriage of A. M. Christensen, AOM2c to Miss Marjorie Sembla of Detroit on January 15th. Services were held at the Lutheran Church on Fenkel.

## for WAVES ONLY

Something new has been added—fourteen new Wave Mecs just blew into A&R, plus the addition of Lee Markussen, SK3c, in the Supply Dept. The latter comes to us through the courtesy of CNAPTC Fairfax Airport, Kansas. Glad to have you aboard, gals.

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## Will you be my Valentine?

The season of hearts and lace is on. Schoenmaker said "I do" to Sarg. Robert Hughes, AAF, at Grosse Ile the last of January. (Incidentally, the bride wore white!) The lucky man to whom Newman, Sp(G)3c, has promised to say the same is right here on the Station. Thank goodness it's leap year, because he's a cook and she's a gunner. Next month a paratrooper is going to take himself a wife in the person of Micarelli, S1c. In April Jackie Woodward will join the ranks of married women. Beam only had four hours in Chicago, but we understand she came back engaged.

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Responsibility is a tough burden to carry, says Lt. (?) M. J. Boyle, temporarily advanced for a day. One look at the circles under her eyes and you can tell that her experience is becoming a detriment to reading the morning papers.

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"We thought Carol Swiss, Y3c, knew when to stop. Evidently not, as last week's unfortunate skating episode seems to prove. She is now the proud owner of four bee-yu-tiful stitches over a left eye, and a definite hobble when she walks.

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Butler, Y3c, should be thankful that flights for Waves have been cancelled. Straight and level flight is tough on the uniform.

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Of course it's nobody's business really, but lots of people are wondering what the gear lockers in the White Barracks are used for.

At Seattle, a pharmacist's mate was preparing to fingerprint a recruit "Wash your hands," he instructed. "Both of them?" the sailor-to-be asked. The pharmacist's mate thought a minute. "No" was his answer. "Just one. I want to see how you do it."



# New Training Pool Opens With Intensive Schedule

A class of 60 men from Commissary, Disbursing, Commissary Store, Cadet Regiment and the Photo Lab had the honor of initiating the new training pool. They received their initial classification on Monday, February 14 from 0830 to 0930. Following this first class a busy day was put in by Lt. A. H. Dixon and his staff in classifying other groups from various departments on the base. Thus was the long awaited opening of the pool made a reality. From now on the pool will be busy seven days a week with classes and recreational periods scheduled from 0830 to 2030 daily except Sunday when the hours will be from 1300 to 1700.

The new Training Pool at USNAS Grosse Ile is one of the finest in operation at the present time. It is 75 feet wide and 164 feet long and will accommodate 400 people for recreational periods.

## A Busy Place

A schedule of swimming instruction periods has been arranged so that all hands will have two sessions per week. Recreational swimming periods per week are also scheduled, four for officers, four for enlisted men, Tarmacs and Cadets, three for Waves.

Instructions will be given in all forms of water-skills, abandon ship drills, use of clothing and debris for support, life-saving work, and warfare aquatics.

It is anticipated that 600 or 700 persons will use the pool each day and a total of 4,000 instruction hours will be given each week.

## Tests Required

"Each enlisted man will be required to pass a classification test,"

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## WHY THE WEATHER

By Larry Theisz AerM3c

Some wonder why this Michigan weather is the way that it is. Aerologists do too.

For instance, the month of January was a milder sort of winter than you might expect in Michigan. Now without warning comes zero weather. WHY? Here is the reason for both!

A warm tropical wave emanating from the Gulf pushed thru the Southern States and hit Michigan. The Tropical Warm Gulf air pushed up the Continental Polar cold air that should have hit us, thus warm weather. This was very unusual and really prolongs the duration of winter into spring.

Then a cyclone originating over the Pacific ocean swept across the country and went just South of Grosse Ile giving us a cold wave with maximum snow, strongest winds and lowest temperatures so far this winter. Forty hours of continuous snow was recorded which averaged about six inches in depth. The lowest temperature to date was zero—or had you already noticed it?

## ❖ PEP TALK ❖

By Cadet N. H. Carter

It is rumored one of the wing leaders of course 48 will soon be able to both read and write.

V.5 is less fond of chocolate and Pin-ups than it was a short while ago.

Our sympathy to the family of the cadet who says he has the family teeth. Will they be pleased when he returns home so that they can eat solids once more.

Thanks are due to the committee for the Cadet Dance on Feb. 2nd. The Cadets had the usual fine time. Lipstick sales increased in Detroit. The photographer NEARLY caught Cadet Behen in a Hollywood close up. Better luck next time.

## THE LIBRARIAN SAYS:

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tayana. Autobiography of the great philosopher.

SHIP TO REMEMBER — Griffin. Saga of the "Hornet."

GOD IS MY CO-PILOT — Scott. Experiences of an air corps pilot.

WE FOLLOWED OUR HEARTS TO HOLLYWOOD — Kimsbrough. The authors of "Our Hearts Were Young and Gay" go to Hollywood to help with the scenario of their book.

DOCTORS A-WEIGH — Oman. Fascinating story of the U. S. Navy medical corps in action.

McSORLEY'S WONDERFUL SALOON — Mitchell. Humorous sketches of New York life and characters.

CONQUEST OF NORTH AFRICA — Clifford. The complete account, from 1940-43.

The library is here for YOU—and we have many more books than readers. Make it a habit to drop in—perhaps you will find just the book you want. We are located topside center in the Recreation Building, in case you didn't know. We don't see as many Waves as we should like—how about it?



A part of the committee for the Cadet Dance of Feb. 2 pose for their picture. Left to right top row: Corporal D. H. Gilbert, K. C. Byrd, K. H. Pagnell. Bottom row: R. V. Lamey, ALA, R. G. Minton, W. J. King.

## THE CADET'S DREAM or LITTLE ME

My engine, —I had only one,  
Cut out at twenty feet,  
Down somewhere in the tropic seas  
and far, far from the fleet.  
There was an island under me,  
A little plot of land,  
I vainly flapped my Tarpon wings  
And crashed into the sand.

I didn't see the coral shore;  
I heard a skylark sing,  
And jitterbugging mermaids  
Danced round me in a ring.  
The trees bowed down to kiss me,  
And the earth heaved up in glee,  
And all the heavenly "bods"  
dropped in  
To dance round little me.

Towards me came a lovely maid,  
Clad like her mother Eve,  
And what the little lady said  
Was heaven to believe.  
She raised her cow-ey eyes to mine,  
My soul within me swore  
I saw before me visions  
That I'd never seen before.

I rose up in a lovely daze,  
And took a step or three,  
And all the while her burning gaze  
Was turned on little me.  
The hand I stretched towards her  
Was trembling like a leaf,  
And to me in my passion  
I clasped—the duty chief!

He had only come to shake me,  
With my morning cup of tea;  
With the two large lumps of sugar  
which he keeps for little me.  
The Regiment takes care of all  
Those kindly little touches;  
And I'll bless them when I victory  
march  
In golden wings or crutches.

—"Looker"



# SPORTS

C. W. CAPPELL, Sports Editor

## TRAINING POOL OPENS

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Lt. Dixon said. "This will consist of entering the water from a height of 5 feet and swimming 50 yards with any stroke. Those who cannot pass this test will be classified as non-swimmers and will receive basic instruction. Those who pass will be classified as swimmers and will proceed to advanced instruction leading to a check out test consisting of a jump feet first from a height of 10 feet, followed by 10 minutes of swimming during which time the swimmer must cover 100 yards and swim in good form the breast, side and back strokes."

### Officers Check Out, Too

The program for officers according to Lt. Dixon will require the ability to check out on the "C" test which is to swim 80 yards, consisting of 20 yards each of the crawl, side, breast and back strokes in good form. "Regular classes for officers will be organized, based on present ability," he said.

Lt. Dixon called attention to the fact that the present program is a part of the biggest swimming program ever undertaken. This program is national in scope and includes every member of the Navy. Permanent records will be kept and the completion of tests made a part of each individual personnel record.

### Specialists on the Staff

The officers assisting Lt. Dixon are Lt. (jg) L. L. Silliman, and Lt. (jg) W. E. Arvo. The enlisted personnel includes S. J. Raichel, Sp(A) 1c J. E. Evola, Sp(A) 2c, C. W. Cappele Sp(A) 2c and Bill Oddy, Bob Fischer and Jack Staffan. The last three will be remembered for their volunteer work in conducting swimming classes at the Trenton pool last winter and for their excellent fancy diving exhibitions.

It is the genuine desire of the Training Pool Personnel to provide an all inclusive program for training and recreation.

An exhibition by a specially trained group sponsored by the American Red Cross will be held at the training pool the evening of Friday, February 25. Included in the program will be water ballet and formation swimming, fancy diving, comedy stunts and demonstration of strokes.

## SECOND ROUND ENDS IN ENLISTED MEN'S BASKETBALL

The second round of the Enlisted Men's Basketball League ended last week with the Seamen Guard squad winning a hard fought game over Ship's Service and Supply. The round ended with these two teams in a tie for the league standing. This game was fought out as a preliminary to the Grosse Ile-Toledo University game last Tuesday, February 8. Final score was 29-23 in favor of the Seamen Guard. Even Art Maloney SK2c was satisfied with the result and was willing to take second place in the league standing.

Second round standings ended as follows:

Team	W	L
Seamen Guard	6	1
Ship's Service and Supply	5	2
Tarmacs (A)	3	2
Tarmacs (B)	3	2
Operations	3	2
Commissary	2	3
B. O. Q.	0	5
Ordnance	0	5

## VARSITY BOXING

A good season has come to an end for Lt. (jg) DeMarino's Boxing team. At the season's end, the team had many new faces. And by the way, these kids fought their hearts out to win, showing what American youth is made of.

The general opinion was that the last boxing show at the base was the best. This show drew a great turnout of officer and enlisted personnel.

Lt. (jg) DeMarino had his boys in very good shape for every match and they never failed to give a good account of themselves. Thanks are due to Al Kukta for his help as assistant coach of the team.

Results of the Jan. 18 match with Highland Park which were omitted from the last issue were:

1st Bout, 126 lb., Tarmac "Brownie" Krause over George Smith (HP)  
 2nd Bout, 135 lb., Bob Urquehart (HP) over Willie Fitzpatrick.  
 3rd Bout, 147 lb., Tarmac Art Clemens over Jim Carney (HP).  
 4th Bout, 147 lb., Tarmac Don Frasier over Willie Watkins (HP)  
 5th Bout 175 lb., Jesse Cason (HP) over Dick Lutz.  
 6th Bout, Heavyweight, Vern Mitchell (HP) TKO over Tarmac Mike Kravagska.  
 7th Bout, Rufus Knighton TKO 3rd round over Joe O'Connor (HP).



Varsity Basketball Team in action against Bowling Green.

## VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM SETS EXCELLENT RECORD

With two games still on the schedule, Toledo Navy, there, on February 14, and Detroit Tech, there on February 16, the varsity basketball season is almost over. Since Coach Gallagher's boys have previously humbled both the above teams it looks very much as if the final score for the varsity basketball team will be: Won 20, lost 3.

The excellence of this record can only be appreciated when one considers the caliber of teams played and scores recorded. The final scores for the season are as follows:

Nov. 18—Navy 46, Windsor 30.  
 Dec. 3—Navy 45, St. Mary's 33.  
 Dec. 7—Navy 46, Toledo 28.  
 Dec. 9—Navy 37, Dearborn 21.  
 Dec. 11—Navy 42, Toledo U. 31.  
 Dec. 13—Navy 36, Bowling Gr. 51.  
 Dec. 15—Navy 52, Suffrin 43.  
 Dec. 16—Navy 50, Romulus 35.  
 Dec. 20—Navy 36, Det. C. G. 18.  
 Dec. 21—Navy 54, Dearborn 35.  
 Jan. 3—Navy 55, Mich. Nor. 35.  
 Jan. 5—Navy 55, Selfridge 34.  
 Jan. 8—Navy 48, Det. Tech 42.  
 Jan. 12—Navy 49, St. Mary's 30.  
 Jan. 14—Navy 40, Bowling Gr. 48.  
 Jan. 18—Navy 57, Assumption 41.  
 Jan. 21—Navy 54, Det. C. G. 37.  
 Jan. 26—Navy 57, Momulus 41.  
 Feb. 1—Navy 33, Assumption 35.  
 Feb. 3—Navy 79, A. F. Ind. Cen 36.  
 Feb. 8—Navy 48, Toledo U 42.  
 Feb. 11—Navy vs Selfridge - called off.