

# Annual Bennington Ball



**DANCE MISS RAY?** - CTR R.R. Boner appears to be engaging dancer Lois Ray for a whirl around the floor. Clockwise around the table are: Lois Ray; CDR Parks; Johnny Grant; Hollywood DJ; Captain Jones; Mrs. Hildreth; CAPT Hildreth; LCDR King; and CTR Boner.

approval of everyone present.

Another fine performer was Jack LeMaire. He provided spontaneous laughter with his jokes and clever imitations. Decca recording star Kay Brown provided the vocals for the evening backed up by Stan Myers and his Orchestra. Stan and his boys, who at one time or another have played with the biggest bands in the land, are well-known in the mite club circuit around Hollywood. Mr. Myers gained considerable fame with his own composition 'Night Train'.

A dance committee was formed several months ago, led by Special Services officer, CDR Durocher; LCDR King; Hank Woessner, AOS; and Jim Glynn, JOS.

This group contributed many hours of their own time making arrangements and ironing out details which would make Bennington's Ball one to be remembered by every man.

Nearly \$6,000 was spent in order to obtain an attractive site for the dance and to hire the caliber of entertainment this carrier's crew would appreciate to the fullest.

According to the majority of those who attended the ship's dance in New York during 1955, this latest affair was at least equal to the previous one, and in some ways surpassed all others given by Number 20.

The professional manner in which the shindig was executed brought a tone of approval from the managers and caterers who work around the elite El Cortez, they are use to observing many gala social functions, and praise from them may be taken to heart as a true compliment.

All and all, both evenings can certainly be termed a success. There were refreshments to drink, snacks to eat and good music to dance to. And no one fell in the pool.



**THEY WERE DOIN' THE MAMBO!** - The lucky guy with curvaceous Lois Ray is 1stLT W.D. Fillmore of Benn's Marine detachment. Miss Ray donned street attire and danced ballroom style after entering with interpretive tap and soft shoe routines.



**AND THEY HAD A BALL** - Well proportioned Lois Ray expresses the feeling of merrymaking and gaiety which prevailed during the two day dance held in the Caribbean Room for Bennington's entire crew. This perky Miss was merely one of a number of entertainers who gave the sailors a great show.