

Flat-Topics and Tunes

Evening Program

No longer has the crew of the BENNINGTON any reason to miss the news commentaries of H. V. Kallenberg, for we have on board, in the person of Lt. Comdr. Theodore Smith, a commentator and globe trotter of great renown. Comdr. Smith is a graduate of Bowdoin College in Maine and did postgraduate work at Harvard University and the University of Paris. He was, during the years of 1935 and 1936, on the American committee to the League of Nations at Geneva, and more recently, Associate Professor of History and International Relations at M. I. T. He is also an author and lecturer. Each evening at 1900 we hear the familiar theme, "You and I,"



which introduces the 15-minute program on the latest news and views of the world today. This program originates in Damage Control and reaches everyone by means of the ship's loudspeaker system. Often he varies the program by way of an interview of some member of the ship's company or a guest. More recently we have been favored by Lieut. "Buddy" Hassett, the former first baseman of the New York Yankees, with his discussions on sports, the latest ball scores and league standings.

To make the program a complete success, the ship's narrator believes that he should include more of the ship's news. Any person having any material of interest to all is urgently requested to submit same to him.

Paper Gets Shot in the Arm

In an effort to keep up with rapidly changing trends, the Buxy "E" has taken on an additional staff of reporters. Eventually it is the aim of our paper to have one reporter from each division who will screen his unit for informative, humorous, or interesting items.

Following is a list of reporters who have volunteered to work with Michael B. Rich, Ylc, the news reporter: 1st. A. J. Gay, Slic; 4th. E. E. Cook, Cox; 8-1, F. E. Gallagher, SMC; 8-2, J. J. Kordkowski, SMC; 8-3, G. E. Padel, Y-3c; V-2-E, J. J. Cheek, AMSC; V-2-B, J. J. Bradford, AMSC; V-4, J. A. Petrella, Sp(A)3c; 5-1, T. L. Mitchell, SMC; M. M. J. Vitucci, MMSC; F. C. M. Erickson, Slic.

Malenke Makes Machinist

V-2-E is mighty proud of Stanley Malenke, their ex-leading chief, who was promoted to Machinist effective 15 June.

Machinist Malenke has been with the ship since commissioning, has eighteen years' naval service, and is entitled to wear four gold hash marks on his blues signifying 4.0 conduct during his naval career.

Nelson, AMMHC, a veteran of the Pearl Harbor bombing in December, 1941; aboard this ship since January of this year, succeeds Mr. Malenke.

Jap Surrender Brings New Athletic Program

Shortly after the Japs yelled quits, with the dramatic curtailment of flight quarter time, a new daily athletic schedule on the flight deck began for all hands.

Squadron officers and aircrewmembers are working out from 0930 to 1030. Ship's company officers and men take over the floating field from 1500 to 1600 each day.

Lieut. "Buddy" Hassett, Athletic Officer, assisted by Chief Flier, Joe Petrella, Ens. Bafigo and Lieut. Shreve are all set with supervised games, field events, inter-divisional tournaments and calisthenics. Every man off watch is expected to participate.

Bennington to Celebrate First Birthday

Due to operating conditions it was impossible to celebrate our anniversary on 6 August. However, at the first opportunity we are going all out to extend our first birthday. The huge extravaganza has been titled The Anniversary Party Variety Show and will be presented on the forward elevator on the hangar deck. Lieut. E. H. Duncan has been chosen as the program director. The Master of Ceremonies, although not known at this time, will be one of our enlisted men.

After an extended search for talent many good acts have been volunteered by the crew. In addition each person will be supplied with a numbered program of the evening's festivities. \$200 in prizes will be given away to lucky program holders. Highlighting the evening will be the cutting of an immense cake by Captain Braun. A surprise or two is contemplated. Everyone is invited. Practically everyone will be on hand for this momentous occasion.

Related Patriots

Many of our crew have brothers and sisters wearing the uniform of the Navy, Army or Marine Corps. But the number who have a wife or a mother in the service is not largely only two having come to light so far.

The son of a mother-son team is Lyle E. MacFarlane, SMC, 8-2 Division, and the husband of a husband-wife team is Burton T. Shelton, PMMC, "H" Division.

MacFarlane's mother, Mrs. California M. McMonigal, is a private in the MAC, and is stationed at Gordon General Hospital, Chickasha, Okla. The family's home is in Stockton, Calif. Contrary to Steinbeck's tale, "Grapes of Wrath," California has gone to Oklahoma.

Shelton writes to his wife, Evelyn, "Dear Sir," for she is a lieutenant in the Army Nurse Corps, and is, at present, stationed at ASF Regional Hospital, Fort Benning, Ga.

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