



## QUESTION:

DO YOU THINK THE CUSTOM OF  
SENDING VALENTINES IS CHILDISH  
OR OUT OF DATE?



DR. KLECINIC



WARNER

DR. C.P. KLECINIC, D-DIVISION,  
I think it's a fine tradition  
and it is even more meaningful  
when someone you think a lot of  
sends one.

A.W. WARNER, DCC, R-DIVISION.  
I think it is a very good cus-  
tom that should be kept. It  
helps to bring our loved ones  
closer while we are out at sea.



CALAVAN



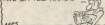
ST GERMAIN

J. CALAVAN, NW3, R-DIVISION, I  
think it is a very nice old  
fashioned custom and it comes  
in very handy in "breaking the  
ice," so to speak.

C.D. ST GERMAIN, SN, S3-DIVISION.  
No I don't think it is childish  
or out of date. It is a good  
way of showing one's apprecia-  
tion for another.

## Rhymes of the Times

YOUR FUTURE ISN'T WRITTEN  
RIGHT DOWN IN THE SANDS  
IT'S ALL IN YOUR OWN  
TWO LITTLE HANDS



## Basketball Team Wins One, Drops Two, In Philippines

Rest and relaxation might have been the outstanding feature while in Subic Bay, P.I. but Big Benn's Basketball Team was going full steam ahead practicing and playing three games, two against the Subic Bay Repair Team and one against the USS Kearsarge.

The first game took place in Subic's Lowery Hall gym on the 28th of January, with Charles Littlejohn, SN of 3rd Division and Jesse Waller, BM2 of 3rd sparking the club with aggressive ball playing. Littlejohn netted the hot score of 25 with Waller close behind with 18. The game was rough and the opposing team was one of the better Big Benn has met on the floor. They played nip-and-tuck all the way but the Subic Cagers come out on top holding a one point advantage - 76 to 75.

The second game, February 4th, was also played against the Repair Team only this time on the outdoor courts of Olongapo, P.I. The scoring card once again found Littlejohn in the lead with his 25 points, and Tiger Waller running a close second with 21. Littlejohn scored on rebounds and Waller drove the opposite team ragged picking up many foul shots. Subic again came out with the top score of 71 - 61.

The final game was played the 8th of February against the USS Kearsarge in Lowery Hall. The Kearsarge team was not their regular squad, however, since the main team is TAD in Yokosuka playing in the Armed Forces Tournament of the surrounding area. The All Stars gave Big Benn a hard tussel but came out on the short end of the line, 60 to 53, as Bennington walked home with its win. The high point man for Bennington was Chick Cloutier, SN of S-3 Division hitting 18 from out front.

## Baseball Team Opens 1956 Season With One - One Record

The familiar call, "Batter Up", was heard February 1st as Big Benn's Baseball team started its 1956 season battling the USS Bausell (DD845) while in Subic Bay, P.I. Phil Gorman, PN, from S-1 Division, brought the Bausell sluggers to a short halt allowing only three hits and two runs during the walk-away win by Bennington - 15 to 3.

One week later, still during the rest period in Subic, co-coaches LTJG DiPace and Raymond Seckel, BT1 led the team against a sister CVA - USS Kearsarge. This game found the Bennington team a little over-confident from their first win, something which was a great advantage to the players of the opposing team. Bennington's hurler, Wesley Mann, AG3, from OA Division, found himself in trouble in the first inning allowing a hit with bases loaded which resulted in a homerun and four chalk-ups for the 33's score. With Bennington's errors in fielding, running, hitting and the loss of playing as a team, the Kearsarge nine walked off the field with a 9 to 3 victory. Bill Schubert, PN, from R Division, connected with a single for the only Big Benn hit of the day.