

XO Will Bid Farewell

Commander Robert G. Keller will bid farewell to the officers and men of this activity on January 14, when he will relinquish the reins of Executive Officer to Commander Thomas C. Bosworth. Commander Keller's new assignment will take him to NSA, Fort George G. Meade, Maryland.

Cdr Keller's career in the Navy has been a book of many



EXEC'S GLANCE OF APPROVAL — Executive Officer, CDR Robert G. Keller, addresses officers and men at last month's personnel inspection with a "well done."

Naval Communications System Marks 56th Anniversary

On December 13th the Naval Communications System marked its 56th anniversary of service to the United States. On that date in 1912, the United States Naval Radio Service, forerunner of the Naval Communications System, commenced actual operations by authority of General Order No. 240. Since its inauguration, the service has stacked up a creditable list of communications "firsts." Among them are:

In 1919, the service was implemental in creating the Radio Corporation of America as a national security measure to buy up and dissolve foreign radio interests in the U.S.

In 1920, the first radio broadcasting station in the Nation's capitol was set up at Anacostia Naval Air Station, Washington, D.C.

In 1921, the Navy set up the first radio receiving set

in the White House.

In 1922, the Navy, for the first time, broadcasted the voice of the President of the United States — that of Warren G. Harding.

In 1923, Naval personnel transmitted pictures of President Harding by radio facsimile from Washington to Philadelphia.

In 1945, this same method of transmission was used to transmit photographs of Japanese surrender ceremonies on board the USS Missouri to the Nation's press in the United States.

In 1959, the Navy first sent operational traffic via the moon from Washington D.C. to Pearl Harbor.

The Naval Radio Service has developed into a system of communications facilities that span the globe from ocean to ocean, providing contact with each ship and aircraft of the Naval Establishment. It prides itself

in being a highly reliable, secure, and rapid means of carrying the voice of command to the operating units and has become very well equipped to carry out the naval communication policy which is:

To cooperate with the military services and other departments and agencies of the U.S. Government and Allied Nations.

Encourage development of amateur and commercial communication activities of the United States to strengthen their military value and safeguard U.S. interests.

To promote the safety of life at sea and in the air; maintain facilities for adequate communication with the U.S. Merchant Marine, aircraft over the sea, and appropriate U.S. and foreign communications stations.

We of the Naval Security Group are proud of the Naval Communications System.

He entered the Navy in 1944 as a Seaman Apprentice and attended Mount St. Mary's College under the old V-5 program. From there he switched to Villanova University, where he was graduated under the NROTC program, and commissioned an Ensign.

He has served with Naval Security Station, Washington D.C.; Naval Radio Station, San Juan, Puerto Rico; USS Forrest Royal (DD-872); Office of Naval Research, Washington, D.C.; Naval Communications Station, Guam; Commander - in - Chief U.S. Atlantic Fleet (staff duty); Canadian Naval Headquarters, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada; Naval Communications Station, Adak, Alaska; and was enrolled in a course of instruction at the Armed Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Va.

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THEY KEPT CUTTING IT DOWN . . . BUT WE KEPT PUTTING IT BACK UP—When Army-Navy football competition began last month, Public Works Department decided to make their support for our Navy team known. They built a sign which read "Go Navy—Beat Army," for all our friends to see. But some did not like it, and consequently ripped it down during the course of the night. "This did not stop us," said EN2 Jim Pederson of Public Works, "we just hung it back up. This 'ripping it down' and 'putting it back up' went on all week, until they finally quit.

Congratulations

The following personnel have received awards, promotions, or letters of recognition during the period 1-30 November 1968:

LT C. P. O'NEILL—MACV Certificate of Achievement

CTC J. A. CRAWFORD—Navy Unit Commendation

CT2 D. E. COBB—Good Conduct Medal (First)

CT2 H. R. DUNLAP—Good Conduct Medal (First)

CT1 G. J. GREENAWALT—Good Conduct Medal (Second)

CT2 J. F. KRUEGER—Good Conduct Medal (First)

CT3 J. J. DIPROSPERO—Letter of Appreciation

CT3 M. S. MARKELL—Letter of Appreciation

EN2 J. C. PEDERSON—Advancement to E-5

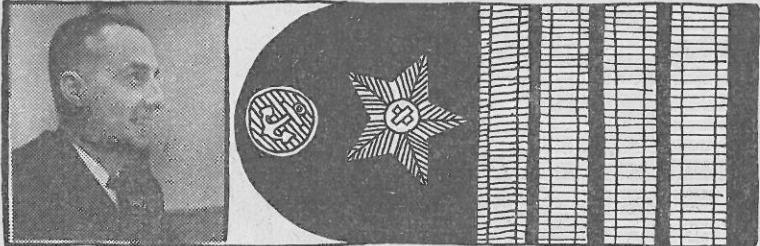
BM3 W. T. MORRIS—Advancement to E-4

Barracks 10 Evacuates Record Breaking Time

While on a Quarterdeck eve watch as Officer of the Day, CTC D. A. Wright, recently witnessed the first really successful scheduled fire drill held in barracks 10. That evening (payday eve) at precisely 1830 hours, the fire alarm sounded. Without incident or delay, the entire building was evacuated in an unbelievable, record shattering, time of two minutes flat. total personnel evacuated: 2.

January Weather Forecast

Light to heavy rain, with occasional puffy to thick snow, combined with gentle to gale force winds, "Everywhere." Temperature will vary accordingly.



Welcome to The Bremerhaven Windjammer! I hope that it will be a success in keeping you, the men of NSGA Bremerhaven, informed of what is happening and what will happen at NSGA, as well as serving as a record of our deeds for our friends and families.

The force behind the paper is its editor, Petty Officer Goldberg, but much of the paper's success will depend on the extent to which the men and dependents of the command support it, especially with contributions of articles and reports of newsworthy events.

The Alfa Section football team may not have won the COMZEUR Flag Football Tourney, but they went down with all flags flying. They can take considerable pride in the hard work and enthusiasm that they put into preparing for the tournament and in their ability and spirit displayed on the football field.

Fire Prevention must be kept in mind at all times. Because of the low incidence of fires at U.S. Military installations in Germany, many base fire departments have been disestablished, including the one at the Staging Area. But fires, such as the recent fire that destroyed an Army headquarters building in Frankfurt, can occur. Be alert to spot, report, and correct fire hazards. Know your assigned duties in case of fire. Protect lives and property from the ravages of fire.

'PX, Flick, and Sleazy's

By Ron Johnston

At least once a day, every day, someone at NSGA Bremerhaven "sounds off" about how bad the duty is. Justifying his arguments with crucial points such as "it's too cold," (Editor's note: see weather forecast on page one) and "there's nothin' to do," the disgruntled brownbagger or lockerslammer will gripe, moan, groan, and generally feel sorry about his lot in life. His arguments are based on widespread knowledge gleaned from travel to such exotic places as the Commissary, the PX, the "flick", and "Sleazy's".

Short of world-wide weather control, there's not much that can be done about the "cold" or "wet"; but with just a little initiative, and, in most cases, trivial amounts of money, the Navyman who is "stuck" here for two or three years can have a fascinating and educational tour.

For the sports-minded (either participating or spectating), the nearby area offers a wealth of variety. For example, the Hartz Mountains, located south and slightly east of Hannover, is a popular ski area. Hamburg, Bremen, Hannover, Amsterdam, and many other cities at varying distances offer spectator sports from soccer to auto-racing.

For the "well-heeled" nightclub addict, Hamburg boils with activity from 7:00 p.m. until 5:00 a.m. any night of the week.

Steeped in historical and cultural tradition, the European area has literally thousands of museums, parks, and cultural centers, such as in Cologne, Hannover, Amsterdam, Kiel, Hamburg, Copenhagen, which are within weekend driving distance.

American civilian tourists spend millions of dollars each year getting to and seeing Europe. For that, they usually only have a couple of weeks or months at the most. The Navyman stationed in Bremerhaven has two years or more to enjoy the sights of Europe at Uncle Sam's expense. It can be the most interesting years of your life. If you don't own a car, take the train. The railway system in Europe is reliable, quick, and relatively inexpensive. Commerical bus is also an excellent means of transportation.

The Bremerhaven Windjammer wishes you all
A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year



HE DECIDED TO BE SOMETHING SPECIAL--Raymond W. Wise (center), becomes Seaman Recruit Wise and is congratulated by NSGA Recruiting Officer, Lt. L. C. Painter who had just administered the "oath of enlistment" to him. SR Wise's mother (left) came down from Iceland, where her husband SKC K. W. Wise is stationed, to congratulate her son on "becoming something special."



Sailor of The Month

CT2 Tommie G. Young

CT2 Tommie G. Young of E division, has been voted "Sailor of the Month" for the month of December. In his letter of selection, Capt Osmer stated in-part:

"This award is in recognition of your superior professional motivation and extraordinary initiative. Your knowledge of your primary duty and your enthusiasm and precise methods of performing assigned duties have contributed highly to the efficiency of the Electronics Division. You have always responded willingly, with a "can do" attitude, to any task assigned regardless of workload or time required to accomplish your task. Also noteworthy are your efforts to improve your education through off-duty study and college courses.

"Your military appearance is among the best of this command. Your pride in uniform and neat appearance have set an example for both subordinates and superiors, alike.

"I commend you for your excellent performance and am pleased to present you with a \$25.00 U.S. Savings Bond and a plaque commemorating your selection as 'Sailor of the Month.' Well done!"

NOWC News

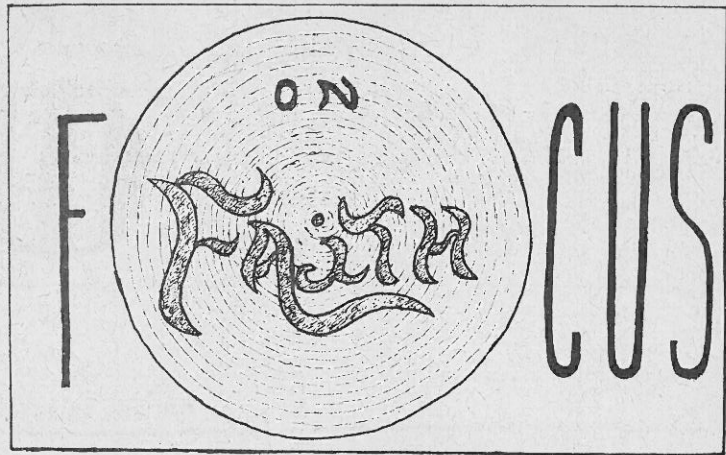
Mrs. Jay Wilkinson has been elected Chairman of the Naval Officers' Wives' Club, relieving Mrs. Richard Ott this month.

On November 13, the Navy officers' wives, in conjunction with the Navy enlisted wives, held a Christmas Bazaar at the Navy "O" Club. Net profit came to \$414.52. Mrs. James Osmer, Mrs. Jack Haizlip, Mrs. Richard Ott, Mrs. Jay Wilkinson, and Mrs. Linn Shoup were appointed to a committee to make recommendations for the use of the funds.

Mrs. James Carroll and Mrs. Linn Shoup held a Gourmet Luncheon on November 21. The door prize, one-year subscription to Gourmet magazine, was won by Mrs. William Thomasson.

The N.O.W.C. welcomes its new members: Mrs. Hugh Crane; Mrs. William Parker; Mrs. John Hull; and Mrs. Thomas Roers.

Game Night was held at the "O" Club on November 23. Hostesses were Mrs. Michael Werner and Mrs. John Sheerin. Bridge prizes were won by Lieutenant James Ennes (high man), and Mrs. Walter Irish (high woman). Low man and woman were Chief Warrant Officer Vernon Nelson and Mrs. James Ennes. Bar noise was provided by the Tripoli and Cribbage players.



ONE SOLITARY LIFE

He was born in an obscure village, the child of a poor woman. He grew up in still another village, where he worked in a carpenter shop until he was thirty.

For three years he was an itinerant preacher. He never wrote a book. He never held an office. He never had a family or owned a house. He didn't go to college. He never visited a big city. He never traveled two hundred miles from the place he was born. He did none of the things one usually associates with greatness.

He had no credentials but himself. He was thirty-three when the tide of public opinion turned against him. His friends ran away. He was turned over to his enemies and went through the mockery of a trial. He was nailed to a cross between two thieves. While dying, his executioners gambled for his clothing, the only property he had on earth. When he was dead, he was laid in a borrowed grave through the pity of a friend.

Nineteen centuries have come and gone, and today he is the central figure of the human race and the leader of mankind's progress. All the armies that ever marched, all the navies that ever sailed, all the parliaments that ever sat, all the kings that ever reigned, put together, have not affected the life of man on this earth as much as that **ONE SOLITARY LIFE**.

—Anonymous



WE WON, BUT NEILS WAS AS MAD AS A DOG — Among spectators at last month's Army-Navy Thanksgiving Day football game was 2-year-old, 190 pound St. Bernard, "Neils Vom Klosterholz," owned (and berthed) by CT1 and Mrs. Jon W. Smith of Third Division. Jon told us after the game, that even though Navy won, "Neils" wasn't at all happy with some of the decisions made by the referees. Beware refs., "Neils" might just send YOU back a few yards.



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Roach Approach By Charlie Roach

Here we go with the first edition of NAVSECGRUACT Bremerhaven's own newspaper and with it comes "The Roach Approach," straight out of the woodwork and into print. I'm no Johnny-come-lately to this business, you know, I've been kicking up a fuss for a number of years. Yep, even been squashed a few times as I recall. Lemme see now, first on this fast moving "can" out of Key West; that was for a rather poor Truman joke, so I gives up picking on presidents. Next was the old COMNAVACTS LOG in Longon, lasted there almost two years till I made the mistake of bugging the special services people once too often, they cut the staff by one, guess who? Then came the ADAM SUN, straight out of the wirey Alaska wilderness, onto the mimeograph machine and ultimately the reader. Till I bugged the O-in-C of the Marines, the telephone officer, and finally the Naval Station CO, I had a pretty good thing going. Next was Guam, I straightened my morals there, cleaned up my MO and was squashing successfully. I'll have to admit I got jolly tired of covering the old ladies sewing circle teas.

On to Greater Things

Now I'm on to greater things, a reporter for Second Division no less. You never heard of the Second Division? Those are the dudes who work behind that electric, barbed wire, heavy-duty gauged, plague-infested fence. Last place I seen guys working behind fences like that was one of those creepy places where a little guy in a white jacket walks around giving everyone the old eagle eye; gave me a bad case of jitters. See, you thought that fence was to keep you out, now you know, it's to keep them buggers in, yeh.

After they assigned me to this job I figured I'd better venture over and see what goes on, after all, these are the heroes I'm supposed to write about. You gotta be a hero to have something written about you, that's what the book says.

Wasn't any trouble getting past that crazy sailor in the funny grey uniform who raises the draw bridge, I just looked both ways, didn't hear no whistle or see no smoke, so I barges right on through. Getting through that next door was a horse of a different color. The fatutey guy there asks me, "Hey, buddy, you got a Green Badge?" Who me, I don't even own a decent set of skivvies, and he has the audacity to ask me for some kind of green badge. Maybe he's one of those guys who are getting out early to be a cop or something.

Shows Press Card

Anyhow, I shows him my press card which he right away realizes I must be a somebody. In a building full of nobodies any outsider is a somebody, so I'm a somebody even if I am just a roach. I grabs me gear and in I goes, escorted of course by this intern with a powerfully big .45 pistol. I figure he's there to protect me from those nobodies but sure wish he'd walked in front instead of behind me, what if I was attacked, what chance would I have with him behind me?

I am shoved through more stairs to a keller deeper than Jack Benny's money vault and all along the way these glassy, shiny eyes keep following me. I kept thinking, this ain't no place for a self respecting roach to be, no sir.

We finally reined up at this



BRING IT ON HOME, NAVY—Frank Lynch of the Navy All-Star Football Team, scores a touchdown during our traditional Army-Navy Thanksgiving Day game at Tocci Field. Frank Lynch gobbled like a turkey when Navy Quarterback Zagar "threaded the needle" to sew up a 26-6 victory for Navy.



Well, congratulations are in order! NSGA Bremerhaven finally has a station newspaper. Course, I wish it had happened a couple of months ago. Old news is not good news, and neither is what happened to a certain YNC in Admin who was seen limping around the spaces carrying a cane. Seems he tried to hurdle some fences while racing his family to their quarters one night last month. He failed to obtain sufficient altitude at one of these obstacles and twisted his knee in the process. A little late to be trying out for the Olympics, isn't it Chief King?

Speaking of sportsmen, there is a Lieutenant in Admin who can't wait for the first "tee-off" this spring. "The best way to keep the feel of the club is to keep it with you at all times," says Mr. Westcoat who keeps his golf club inches from his desk, and ready for action.

Neuhaus Ordered to School in California

CT3 Stephen Neuhaus received his well-deserved orders to language school at Monterey, California. The personnel office will be losing a good man who has never hesitated to put forth his initiative or work extra hours. Could have been an excellent Personnelman too. Oh well . . .

CTSN (CT3 in February) Gerry Bach's philosophy—"If I have to fetch it, I may as well get some for myself."—as evidenced by that mammoth coffee cup he uses. Bach is a man of many aliases, e.g. Brahms, Strauss, and Stradivarius. He was seen counting days by this writer, and when asked just how "short" he was, he replied that he was counting days until he sews his crow on his sleeve. That's refreshing to hear. Keep chargin' Beethoven. Here's to your next crow.

Our Personnel Officer, CTCM Ball, will be in CONUS over the Christmas holidays to visit his wife and daughter. Understand it's been about six months since he has seen them. They visited him in July. Chief Ball's daughter is attending her first year of college in the States and is a Home Economics major. Here's hoping that Santa fills his stocking with all kinds of goodies.

Speaking of filling Christmas stockings—Anybody want to buy a "one owner" Army tank, or a slightly used MP patrol car? See PC1 Matney in the NSGA Mail Room.

You gave her a swat on her backside and broke her finger? Then a couple of days later she got that same finger stepped on? Right!! Just the facts Chief Reinitz. Anything new happen to your daughter's finger lately?

Bumped Backside

And speaking of cars and backside—that's exactly where CTSN Jack Lukeman got hit (or his car did anyway) while waiting for the light to change. Tsk tsk . . . you're just going to have to be more careful, Lukeman!

That's all I could scrape up. If you didn't get mentioned, it's because you won't tell, or because I didn't catch you. Before I quit though, I'd like to wish you all the happiest holiday season. And that's not ABSURD. That's SINCERE.

great big door and it has this strange oozing red letter forming a big "2", never saw hot paint before. Anyway, here we are at Second Division finally, and there I spots these eyes glaring at me through a peep hole, lots of eyes, all staring. As the door creaked open I see this LCDR with a LT tromping on his heels pondering over the presence of this somebody. It was the division officer, LCDR CRANE, and his assistant, LT KEPHART. Behind

them were three old chiefs, E-9 Martin and E-8's Bragg and Crosslin. Hanging on the wall flipping a football was another E-8 called A1. They put their heads together after hearing my request to write about Second Division and said I could start next month. "O.K. fellers, right you are," I hollered as I made tracks out of that labyrinth. Some Eden that place is. So, next month I'll carry you into a new world, a world of mystery and intrigue.



HERE AND THERE

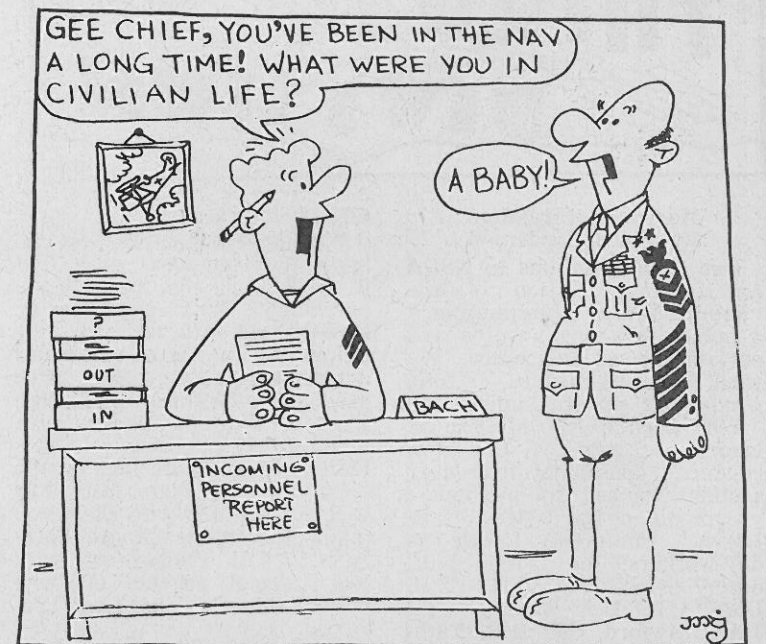
TOM JONES performed to a packed house in BREMEN on December 11th, singing great releases such as GREEN GREEN GRASS OF HOME . . . Coming up February fourth at the BREMEN STADTHALLE will be the RAY CONIFF ORCHESTRA AND CHORUS . . . the DON KOSAKEN CHOIR will appear there this week . . . this very unique choral group will present a program of Folk Music . . . This correspondent hopes to keep the public informed about incoming artists at the STADTHALLE in BREMEN in future issues. . . . GLEN CAMPBELL'S GENTLE ON MY MIND continues to ride the Pop Charts one year after its initial release . . . On December First it was number 50 . . . One program on German TELEVISION that's a MUST for ROCK and SOUL fans is BEAT CLUB produced in BREMEN and shown throughout Europe . . . the show features such great artists as THE BEATLES, THE MOODY BLUES, who are riding high with RIDE MY SEE-SAW, THE HOLLIES, THE BEEGEES and GENE PITNEY . . . the program is shown on SATURDAY afternoons at 16 hours . . . check the STRIPES WEEKLY T.V.-RADIO COLUMN for the next show . . . A SPECIAL NEW YEAR'S EVE PRODUCTION of the show will feature AFN'S Army Master Sergeant BOB MARTIN interviewing the controversial TINY TIM whose current album of "TIP TOE THROUGH THE TULIPS" has brought fingertips to the volume control (in both directions) . . . AFN BREMERHAVEN'S recent change in program format on the 1705 LOCAL RECORD SHOW has brought many favorable comments to include the TOP TEN RECORD SURVEY SHOW ON FRIDAY AFTERNOONS . . . this column hopes to bring a list of stereo programs coming up for the month in the next issue.

—TOPS IN POPS—

DION'S current single, ABRAHAM, MARTIN, AND JOHN is the latest in a series of chart entries for the artist . . . slotted as NUMBER TEN after THREE WEEKS, the disc is DION'S FIRST RELEASE since his recent return to LAURIE RECORDS . . . he started recording with MOHAWK RECORDS, joining LAURIE in 1958 . . . THE TURTLES, who occupied a chart position with ELEANOR, up-staged the BEACH BOYS recently at a concert in NEW YORK'S PHILHARMONIC HALL . . . the BEACH BOYS attracted many fans from the VILLAGE area and sang a package of SOLID GOLD, performing such numbers as HELP ME RHONDA, SLOOP JOHN B . . . BEST SELLING JAZZ LP right now is THE ELECTRIFYING EDDIE HARRIS, running a close second in A DAY IN THE LIFE, done by the late WES MONTGOMERY.

—COUNTRY CORNER—

GLEN CAMPBELL, recording artist, whose singles and albums have consistently occupied the COUNTRY CHARTS throughout 1968, has been named ENTERTAINER OF THE YEAR at the COUNTRY MUSIC ASSOCIATION AWARDS CEREMONY . . . it was one of TWO AWARDS won by the West Coast artist . . . he was also named MALE VOCALIST OF THE YEAR, and was consequently the only double winner . . . his current hit single WICHITA LINEMAN has hit the top in the POP field as well and has the makings of becoming even bigger than GENTLE ON MY MIND . . . the SINGLE OF THE YEAR is HARPER VALLEY PTA recorded by JEANNIE C. RILEY, a song which barely fell into the date qualifications for eligibility this year . . . THE SONG OF THE YEAR was clearly and unanimously selected as BOBBY GOLDSBOROUGH'S HONEY took the honors . . . keep in mind that these selections are restricted to COUNTRY AND WESTERN music . . . it is very possible that HONEY and HARPER VALLEY PTA will show up in the POP TOP TEN for the year 1968 . . . the VOCAL GROUP award went to DOLLY PARTIN and PORTER WAGONER who recorded several big hits including THE LAST THING ON MY MIND . . . BUCK OWENS AND HIS BUCKAROOS took the INSTRUMENTAL GROUP award . . . INSTRUMENTALIST title went again to perennial winner CHET ATKINS . . . COUNTRY COMEDIAN title was pinned on BEN COLDER and ironically it came before he released his recent hit of HARPER VALLEY PTA later that same day. . . .





THE SILENT TYPE—Britt Ekland is "Miss Bremerhaven Windjammer" of the month. She is currently starring in the Warner Bros. picture "The Bobo."



This column is designed to pass on tips to photo enthusiasts, to help overcome some of the "stumbling blocks" many come across in taking good pictures.

To start at the very basics, "KNOW YOUR CAMERA!" This is a statement that cannot be over-emphasized. If you have to stop and think about setting the shutter-speed or f-stop, you have less time to compose the picture you will be taking.

When was the last time you read the Operating Manual for your camera? Most likely, it was when you first bought it. In this case, sit down and re-read the manual. Then take your empty camera and operate the different controls, change the settings, and really familiarize yourself with your camera's operation. Listen to the sound the shutter makes at different speeds and learn these sounds. When the sound for a given shutter speed changes, it can be a warning that something is wrong. Understand how the f-stops work, and what happens when you "open-up" or "stop-down." Practice operating and loading the camera with a spare roll of film, over and over again. The cost of the roll of film expended will be well worth the effort in the long run. Continue practicing; go into a darkened room and try it. You may be amazed at how little time it takes to thoroughly learn your camera.

When arranging your settings, composing and taking your pictures, use an orderly procedure and practice it until it becomes habit. The SAFE-SET method is a good one: Set shutter speed; Adjust aperture (f-stop); Focus; Expose.

If you use an exposure meter, and this is something that I do recommend, learn to use it as well as your camera. However, for one of those "now-or-never" shots, you might not have time to check your exposure meter and carefully focus. Learn to estimate light conditions and aperture settings; also learn to estimate distances and settings. Use your exposure meter to verify your guesses at light conditions. Use your camera to focus and verify your distance estimates. With practice, you can become surprisingly accurate at both.

By knowing your camera and being able to estimate both light conditions and distances, your "grab-and-shoot" pictures will surely improve. Your composed shots will certainly be better.



Morgan's Marauders
By Sandy Sanderson

Our congratulations to NSGA for its first edition of the "Bremerhaven Windjammer," a publication long awaited and certainly most welcomed. We wish, for its future, strong winds and smooth sailing!

With Ensign J.E. Morgan as leader . . . gulp . . . the "Marauders" consist of four duty sections backed by a support group called the "Mean Half-Dozen." Commonly known as day-workers, the "mean half-dozen" consists of: CTCS E.P. Dorn, CTC D.A. Wright, CTC J.A. Crawford, CT2 R.R. Fathke, CT2 J.W. Sanderson, and

CT3 D.T. Plasterer.

Without elaborating, we all know the strenuous work that is performed by 3rd division personnel. This has, consequently, left little time for participation in extra-curricular activities. We, therefore, offer our congratulations and a "Well Done" to those people who have managed to participate: CTCS E.P. Dorn and wife Rita on the birth of Jason Liam Dor; CT2 R.R. Fathke and wife Elaine on their girl, Danne Elaine Fathke; CT3 T.H. Trudeau and wife Judy, proud parents of their first child, Rawnnee Lyn Trudeau.

Sports, especially football,

Blackhawk Beat

By Louanne Locher

On November 16, the old Bremerhaven Black Hawk left its perch, and flew to the American High School gym to chaperon the annual "Sadie Hawkins Dance." The Hawk stood with eagle eyes, because the term "Sadie Hawkins" is a special chapter in the history of dating, when girls chase the boys.

The "Mixed Breed," a band composed of members of the student body, provided music.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

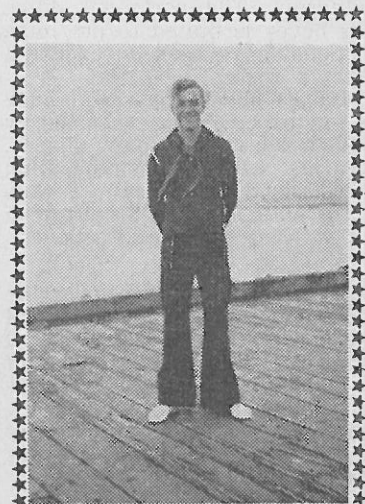
The Bremerhaven American High School Chorus, under the direction of Mr. David Hubert, performed a special Christmas Program for the parents and students of the American High School.

The presentation was December 20, at the Paulus Kirche Lutheran Church. Musical accompaniment was provided by organist Herr Boesse.

GUIDANCE COUNSELING

On December 5, the student body and their parents, attended a counseling session entitled "Your Child and his Educational-Vocational Future." It was sponsored by guidance counselor, Mr. Thomas A. Campbell. Two movies were shown: "Your child and college," and, "If you are not going to college."

A discussion period followed, including a brief description of the material and means by which the counselor and staff can assist students with their educational and vocational planning. Among the many important topics discussed were: Should your child attend college; go to a technical school; gain immediate employment; or, enlist in one of the armed services?



CAN YOU GUESS WHO THIS IS?—The photo was taken in 1938, in Long Beach, Calif. The answer will be published in next month's Windjammer.

was another extra-curricular activity enjoyed by almost everyone this year, not to mention volleyball and softball. Of the six men that participated in intra-mural flag football from 3rd division this year, all six were selected for the NAVY ALL STAR TEAM.

Wrappings things up . . . CT3 D.T. Plasterer, a sore but up-standing member of the "Mean Half-Dozen" is enjoying basket leave while recuperating from surgery, in the "rumpus" room of the 33rd Station Hospital.

Watch this space for more to come from "Morgan's Marauders."

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GOING UP THIS FEBRUARY?

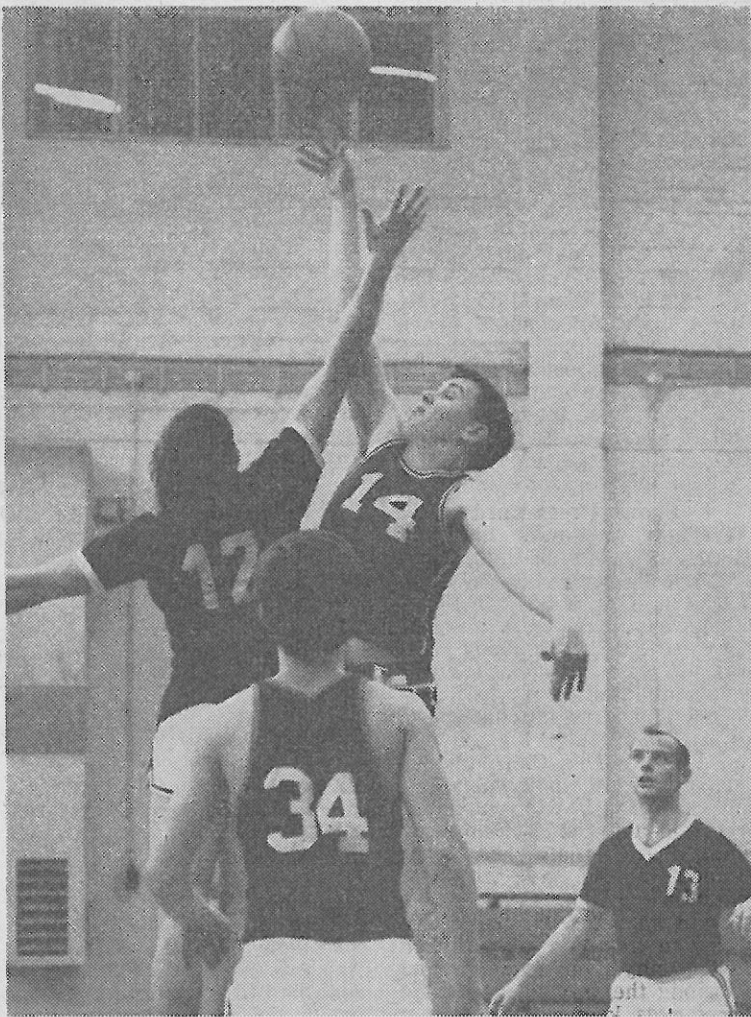
The February 1969 Advancement Examination is almost upon us. Anyone who plans on taking this exam should know that he must be FULLY QUALIFIED in ALL RESPECTS ONE MONTH PRIOR to the exam date. To be qualified, an individual must have completed his Practical Factors Performance Test (where applicable), Military Requirements correspondence course, Professional correspondence course, and, for E4 and E5 candidates, the appropriate Military-Leadership Examination.

He must also be recommended by the C.O. to participate in the examination. This recommendation is usually based upon a division officer's recommendation, since the division officer is more closely associated with and, therefore, more aware of a man's qualifications and eligibility.

In addition to these items, each applicant must also fulfill the Time-in-Service (Total Active Service or TAS) and Service-in-Pay-Grade (SIPG) requirements for advancement to the next higher rate. These, however, are computed in a different manner and need not be completed one month prior to the exam date.

The figuring of TAS and SIPG is the most often misunderstood, but basically simple, factor of the Navy's enlisted advancement system. TAS is nothing more nor less than the candidate's total ACTIVE Naval Service. For USN personnel it's based on the Active Duty Base Date, less lost time. For Reserves, it includes all periods of ACTIVE DUTY and ACTIVE DUTY FOR TRAINING in excess of fifteen days, less lost time.

SIPG is the actual ACTIVE Naval Service served in the present pay grade. It's computed according to Terminal Eligibility date (TED). This term may sound confusing, but is not. Each examination has a TED. For the February exams it's 16 May and for the August exams, 16 November. When computing SIPG eligibility for advancement to next higher pay grade, anyone advanced as a result of a February examination is considered to have been advanced on 16 May of the same year; anyone advanced as a result of an August exam is considered to have been advanced on 16 November of the same year. Conversely, both TAS and SIPG are computed to the following 16 May for February exams and the following 16 November for August exams. For example: John Doe took the February 1968 exam for BM3, passed, and was rated on 16 August 1968. He sewed on his "crow" and started drawing Third Class pay on 16 August. However, when figuring his SIPG, he is considered to have been advanced on 16 May 1968. If he is qualified and recommended for the February 1969 exam for BM2, he will have the necessary SIPG because his SIPG will be computed to the following 16 May or 16 May 1969. This is the Terminal Eligibility Date for the February 1969 exam. Since there is no Navy-wide exam for E3, SIPG for advancement to PO3 is computed from the date on which the candidate was actually advanced to E3.



UP . . . UP . . . AND AWAY—CT3 Muller of NSGA's Buccaneers, "tips off" to open our first official basketball game of the season. It dribbled out to be a 85-63 victory for the Buccaneers over the Bremerhaven Basketball Club.