

Norwegian Training Ship

Windjammer Visits Bremerhaven

Bremerhaven residents, accustomed to watching large, ocean-going cargo ships steam in and out of port, were given an unusual treat last month when a Norwegian windjammer visited the Port City.

The "Statsraad Lehmkuhl," a three-masted bark having her homeport in Bergen, is a training ship for young seamen who intend to enter the merchant marine. On several occasions the bark has taken part in international regattas and in 1960 she won the Tall Ships Race between Oslo, Norway and Ostend, Belgium.

A bark is a sailing vessel having its two forward masts square-rigged and its rear mast rigged fore and aft.

The ship was built in Geestemünde in 1914 for use as a German training ship. At this time she bore the name "Grossherzog Friedrich Au-

gust." She was laid up after the outbreak of World War I, and in 1918 was taken by Great Britain.

The Norwegian Shipowners' Association later bought the bark due to the initiative of the director of the Bergen Line, Kristoffer Lehmkuhl, whose name the ship was to bear.

The Bergen Shipowners' Association fitted the ship out for her first training voyage in 1923 and later turned her over to the Bergen Training Ship Foundation. At that time the "Statsraad Lehmkuhl" carried 200 trainees and trained up to 600 boys a year.

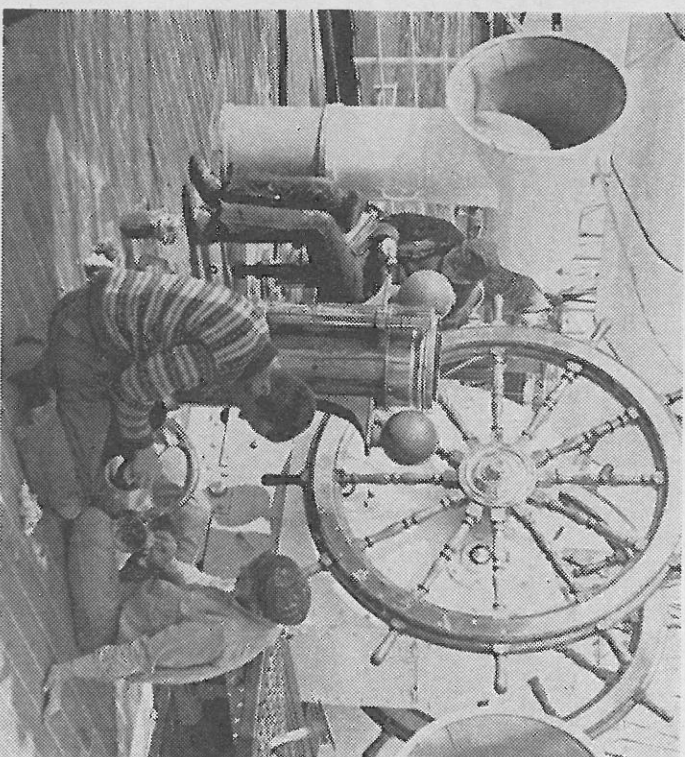
Difficulties arose for the training ship in the period following World War II due to rising costs and a smaller inflow of trainees. Shipowner Hilmar Reiksten bought the ship in 1968, in competition with foreign interests, and se-

cured ownership of the ship for Norway.

The "Statsraad Lehmkuhl" has undergone an extensive process of restoration under Reiksten's houseflag and is today in first-class condition.

According to a statement issued by the ship's first mate, "Courses are again being held on board, but the income they bring in is far less than the cost of keeping the ship afloat. Nevertheless, Mr. Reiksten is resolved to see the 'Statsraad Lehmkuhl' continue to fly the Norwegian flag and inspire and delight the people of her 900-year-old port."

The ship has a total length of 258 feet and a breadth of 41 feet. The height of its main mast above the water line is approximately 170 feet. The ship's total displacement is 2,350 tons and its sail area is approximately 20,000 sq. ft.



"SPIT AND POLISH" — Norwegian sailors, in training for the merchant marine, polish brasswork aboard the "Statsraad Lehmkuhl." The 56-year-old sailing vessel has been used for training two generations of sailors and has a capacity for 100 trainees at the present time. The ship has undergone extensive restoration in recent years and is today in first-class condition.

139 Pass Rating Exams

One hundred thirty-nine sailors of NSGA Bremerhaven received word Oct. 5 that they have passed the August advancement exam in rating examinations for pay grades E-4 through E-7.

Sixty-four per cent of those persons taking the exams passed and will be advanced during the next six months with the first advancements to become effective Nov. 1.

When all advancements have been made, there will be 20 new first class, 65 second class

and 54 third class petty officers.

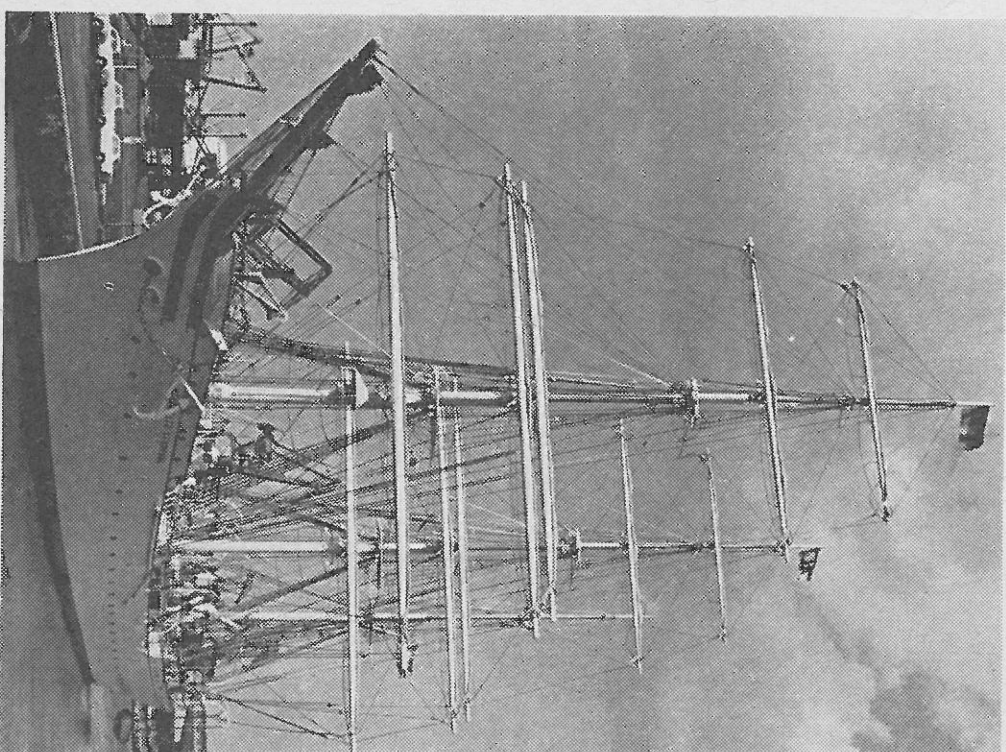
Nine men, or four per cent, passed their exams but will not be advanced. This is due to the fact that the exam counts for only 43 per cent of the final multiple or weighted figure used to determine advancement. Also considered in calculating the multiple are: Performance marks (27 per cent); length of service (11 per cent); time in pay grade (11 per cent); and awards (8 per cent).

Navy Day

The Secretary of the Navy John H. Chafee issued his annual Navy Day message to all Naval forces this month.

The message states:

Navy Day is a time when we think of the Navy men and women who have served our country through its 195-year history. The generations of brave and dedicated Naval personnel, who sacrificed so much to protect this land and this way of life, have earned our profound gratitude and our enduring respect. Continuing that proud tradition today, approximately 700,000 Americans in Navy blue serve in defense of the United States at home and overseas. On this Navy Day 1970 many of our sailors are fighting in Vietnam, or are serving far from home in situations that test their endurance and devotion. Each is meeting the high standard of "The U.S. Navy — Mark of a Man"; they are living symbols of the strength of this country and our determination to seek and to preserve an honorable peace with the rest of the world. They form the shield at sea that protects this nation and its ideals of freedom and justice for all. On this, our 195th anniversary, I am deeply proud of the dedicated and outstanding service of Navy men and women to the U.S. Navy and to the nation."



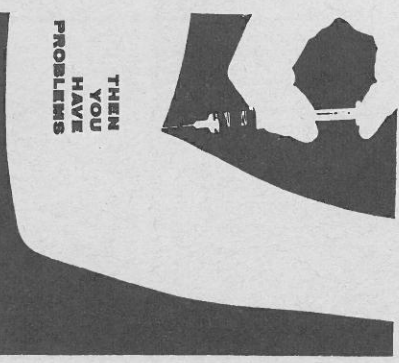
WINDJAMMER VISITS PORT — The "Statsraad Lehmkuhl," a Norwegian training ship, sits majestically in port during her visit to Bremerhaven last month. The three-masted bark trains young seamen who intend to enter careers in the merchant marine.

Chief of Naval Operations Extends Early Out Policy

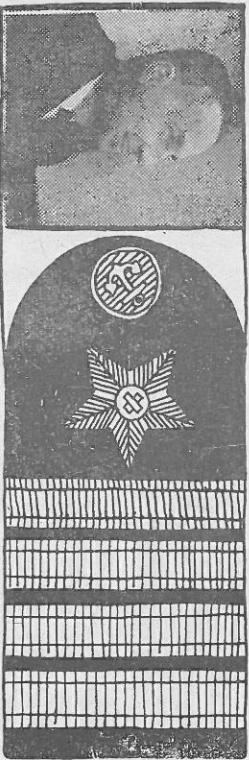
WASHINGTON — Although primary emphasis must still be placed upon the reenlistment of well-qualified career-motivated petty officers, the Chief of Naval Operations has approved the continued early release of Navy enlisted personnel as necessary to meet the required military personnel strength at the end of Fiscal Year 1971.

The CNO has directed that regular and reserve personnel, with some exceptions (see NAVOP 49/70), whose expiration of active obligated service (EAOS) falls in January, February and March 1971 will be released in October, November and December 1970, respectively.

All eligible regular and reserve petty officers and designated strikers, in addition, who have ratings of



THEN YOU HAVE PROBLEMS



Questionnaires and surveys do not always produce the full story, but they are a part of our life and their results should be considered.

In the Navy each man completes the Navy Career Plans Questionnaire six months prior to the expiration of his enlistment. The questionnaire seeks to determine whether or not an individual intends to reenlist, asks for three reasons regarding this decision and asks the individual to list three items that would be most influential in helping him to decide to reenlist.

Two reasons frequently given for leaving the Navy are "a lack of opportunity to contribute something significant" and "too little self-expression." There is no doubt that this station has an important mission and that the essence of this mission is performed by the First, Second and Third Division watch standers. Yet is it frequently these men who indicate that they are not making a significant contribution. We have failed to let them know.

If, to simplify matters, having to wear a blue suit to work is lack of self-expression, then the Navy does not give a man a chance to make his identity known. But I believe that self-expression is something more; it is the type of influence that Chief Crossin, Chief O'Brien, Petty Officer Hesser and many others have had on this station, on the community and on all with whom they have had contact.

Among those items frequently indicated, by the man who does not intend to reenlist, as being most important in helping a man decide to reenlist are: Higher reenlistment bonuses, selection for Officer Candidate School and choice of duty station. Since most men reenlisting here for the first time get approximately five to ten thousand dollars, I wish the questionnaire item would include a blank for indicating just how large a bonus would do the trick! Choice of next duty station is an available reenlistment incentive and is fully covered in NAVSECGRINST 92570.7A and in the Transfer Manual.

There are numerous officer programs available and more applicants are needed. Not only should the individual be looking at these programs and deciding if he is interested and qualified, but officers and senior petty officers should be actively engaged in getting qualified men to prepare for and apply for these programs.

Some of the programs available are:

Program Initial request should be submitted by:

U.S. Naval Academy March 1
Naval Enlisted Scientific Education Program July-September
Warrant Officer Program May 1 for E-6; Aug. 1 for E-7 through E-9

Officer Candidate School Anytime
Aviation Officer Candidate Anytime
Naval Enlisted Dietetic Education Program Dec. 1
Nuclear Propulsion Officer Candidate Submarine Program Anytime

Details of these programs can be obtained from your division officer or the Educational Services Office.

One last item regarding these officer programs — they are highly competitive. Many seemingly equally qualified men apply for these programs. It is then the task of the selection boards to identify the best qualified candidates.

One measure that will be applied is the candidate's depth of motivation — how honestly the man has sought to prepare for greater responsibility — and one measure of this is to determine what steps he has taken to further his education. As a word of advice to the man interested in a program leading to officer status: Identify yourself long before the application due date, improve your qualifications and, if you do not make it on the first attempt, try again.



"WELCOME ABOARD" TEA — Mrs. Gerald M. Rebeck (left) pours a cup of tea for Mrs. James W. Osmer (right) during the "Welcome Aboard" tea held at Mrs. Osmer's home last month. The Bremehaven branch of the Navy Wives' Club, of which Mrs. Osmer is a sponsor, sponsored the tea to welcome Navy wives who are new to the Port City. Nineteen ladies attended the tea. Also shown looking on are (l-r) Mrs. Kenneth P. Royer, Mrs. Joseph A. Glockner and Mrs. George A. Phillips. Anyone interested in finding out more about the Navy Wives' Club membership or activities should phone Mrs. (Photo by R. F. Fritsch)

Sailor of The Month



CTI George C. Fisher

CTI George C. Fisher of the Communications Department has been selected as the "Sailor of the Month" for October 1970. In CTI Fisher's letter of selection, Captain James W. Osmer Jr. stated in part:

"You have been selected as the U.S. Naval Security Group Activity, Bremehaven, 'Sailor of the Month' for October 1970.

"Since your arrival at this command in October 1968, you have displayed superior professional ability, motivation, and initiative. The excellent manner in which you complete your assigned tasks has shown that you are a most adept administrator.

"In addition to your professional accomplishments, you have been an outstanding and enthusiastic supporter of the station intra-mural sports program as well as manager of a Little League team for the past two years. Also noteworthy is the conscientious leadership you have provided Branch 149 of the Fleet Reserve Association. Since you assumed office, this organization has increased its membership and accomplished community service goals.

"Your efforts for self-improvement are most commendable. To this end, you have completed several Navy Officer Correspondence Courses and have enrolled in academic study with the University of Maryland.

"I commend you for your excellent performance. I 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!"

Focus On Faith

By Chaplain Ervin D. Ingebretson

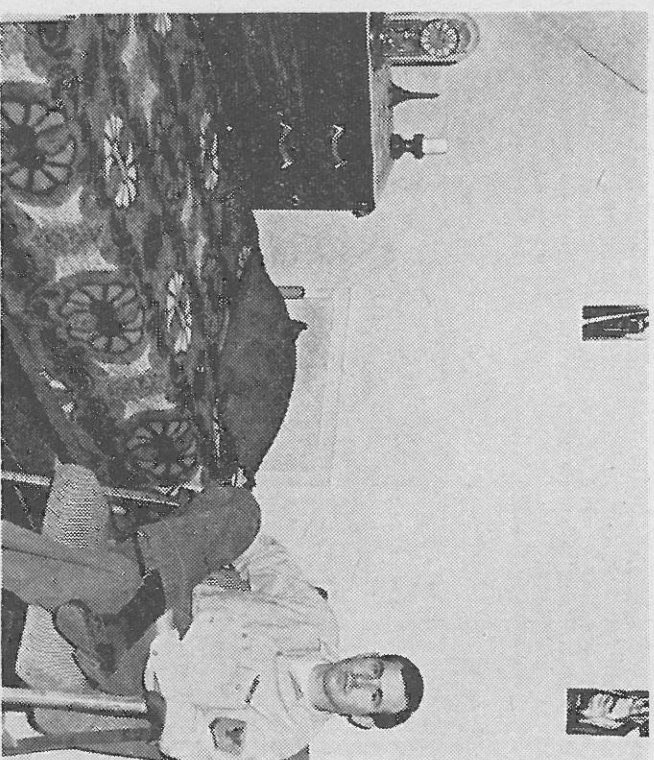
A young man recently described to me a feeling of emptiness that came over him when he realized that he was being drawn away from his religious faith. The most severe blow came when he realized that it was his best friend who had influenced him to pursue interests in life totally outside the realm of his faith.

A man takes on a tremendous responsibility when he kicks the foundation from beneath the faith of another man. People and experiences may often lead us to believe that God is dead or our faith irrelevant in these modern times. But the writer of Psalm 46 assures us that God is our refuge and strength; an omnipresent aid in times of trouble. He secures us, not from disaster, but within disaster.

We live in a world in which disasters can and do occur. Tremendous power is evidenced in nature and in the endowed abilities of man. The Psalmist declares that, although any disaster may befall him in life, he finds, in his relationship with God, a confident sense of security. It is further declared that the love of God is the one eternal, dependable, unchanging reality in the world of our experience.

The Psalmist, and every other writer, is telling us that, through our experience of faith, we learn that there are spiritual values which will survive the most serious catastrophes. These values have their origin in God. We find security by consciously relating ourselves to these spiritual values.

God is the most powerful force in human experience. He will enter your life, not by talking about Him, but by talking to Him. He will support you in your stresses and unify you around His single controlling purposes. God will do for you what no one else can do.



BEST BACHELOR ENLISTED QUARTERS — Communications Technician Third Class Donald F. Baker of Second Division relaxes in his room in Building 13 which was recently selected as the Bachelor Enlisted "Room of the Quarter." His room was selected for the period ending Sept. 30. Communications Technician Second Class James R. McDonald of the Communications Department, Communications Technician Third Class Lawrence N. Besel and Communications Technician Seaman John D. Reddeciff of the Administration Department each received "Honorable Mention" for their rooms.



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Fall is falling upon us. One indication of this is that the Boat's Force is beginning to pay close attention to its array of roses that line the entrance to Building 11. Chief Saur, the Chief Master-Ar-Arms, is arbitrarily clipping them and even giving some of them away to passersby rather than see them killed in the cruel clutches of winter. I haven't yet figured out what that pile of bricks lying in the grass behind Building 11 have to do with autumn, but it's a darn good thing they didn't "fall" on "Saur's Flowers" in the front of the building.

Those brown patches of dead grass directly beneath Legal Yeoman "M.J." Saylor's window are not the result of Indian summer. That's where he's been emptying his coffee cup. If it does that to the grass, imagine what it can do to one's stomach! For awhile I believed it was raining (his office is directly above mine) . . . That is, until I discovered that neither the sidewalk nor the bricks lying on the grass were getting wet.

Autumn must be a good time for realignment of parking spaces. One thing is certain: Building 11 parking places may be scarce, but there is still a lot of "equal opportunity." For example, although it has been repudiated as a "typically graphic error," the latest Parking Assignment Bill shows the Educational Services Chief, Scott Morris, sharing a parking space with the "Sailor-Marine of the Month." The thought itself, however, is not surprising. The proud possessor of this particular space has unofficially shared it with Company "F" Marines, the Command Duty Officer and anyone else, foreign or domestic, who happened to be visiting the building. But the "Sailor-Marine of the Month" doesn't have to worry about Chief Morris since that parking space belongs solely to the SOM. He may share it with whomever he pleases.

Another example of "equal opportunity" is the "first-come, first-served" parking (like musical chairs) at the mail pick-up point behind Building 11. I haven't yet figured out what that pile of bricks has to do with parking spaces either.

While we're on the subject of fall, guess who "fell" heir to a good job! Welcome the new Career Counselor, CTCM Gaylord Kennedy and family. Chief Kennedy, his wife Mary and their two boys and three girls are delighted to be here. What's more, the command's Career Counselor is delighted with his new job. The fact that he will not be authorized to receive payment of the new Specialty Pay for Career Counselors (in addition to his regular proficiency pay as an "O" Brancher) doesn't dampen his spirits at all. He was hoping, however, that the pile of bricks lying in the grass outside his window would be used to build an extension to his office.

Now, while we're on the subject of bricks, the "Absurdities," Admin's bowling team, is making pins fall like a ton of them and that's not at all absurd. They should prove to be a definite threat during the coming season.

In closing I'd just like to say that I hope that the University of Maryland students in Bremerhaven don't get any ideas about demonstrating. Those bricks behind Building 11 would make fine ammunition.

That's Absurd!

COMMENTS By Fisher

Anyone seen the shadow? CT3 Heller, newly bearded, had an I.D. picture taken recently and, lo and behold, all that developed was a dark area on his chin resembling a shadow. If you want to see what a shadow looks like, find CT3 Heller.

The question is how to get into a locked car when the key is in the ignition. CT3 Kearns recently had this problem and had to be rescued by an "A" Brancher. This puzzles me deeply since "O" Branchers seem to think they know everything there is to know!

All you sports fans be sure to be present when the "O" Branch Marines take on the "M" Branchers in a rumored pistol match that is upcoming. Word's out that the "Matmen" expect to be eating pizza and drinking beer compliments of the Marines.

Now hear this! It seems that Sgt White was demonstrating to CT2 Jacobs that he could outwit the Shore Patrol. However, Sgt White forfeited the demo when asked to "Come along peacefully!"

CT3 Miller never believed that his dream would come true. It did, though, when he received orders to Paradise Island in the Philippines. Have fun in the sun, Al!

It appears that CT3 Toft will need a double edged sword to shave his new whiskers. Bet "The Lumberjack" will be clean shaven before leaving Bremerhaven.

Three new "O" Branchers arrived last month: CTCM Kennedy, the new Career Counselor, CT3 DeVaney and CT3N Humphrey. Welcome to NSGA Bremerhaven — the "preferred" overseas shore station.

I'm happy to announce that CTC Joel C. Johnson is the new "Smiler of the Month." He's been smiling a lot lately from the comments being made about his new goatee. Congratulations, Chief, and keep swallowing.

(An additional note from COMM: The Communications Department extends its congratulations to CT1 Fisher upon his selection as "Sailor of the Month" for October.)

Company 'F' Round-Up

By Sgt. D. W. Aldrich

Company "F" was visited last month by Col. Fennell, commanding officer of all Marine Support Battalions, who was accompanied by MGySgt Vanlehn, the battalion's Sergeant Major, and by MSgt Aspinall, the battalion's Admin Chief. Following Col. Fennell's visit, we hosted the Commandant of the Marine Corps Inspector General's team for our I.G. inspection.

Col. Fennell's visit was of a professional nature in which he sought to determine whether or not we are meeting certain standards of professionalism in our daily jobs. Satisfied with our performance, Col. Fennell commented that "We of the Marine Support Battalions must not forget that we are primarily Marines and we must be ready, if called upon, to support our troops in the field. We have a double responsibility of being professional communicators as well as remaining proficient with Marine tactics and weapons."

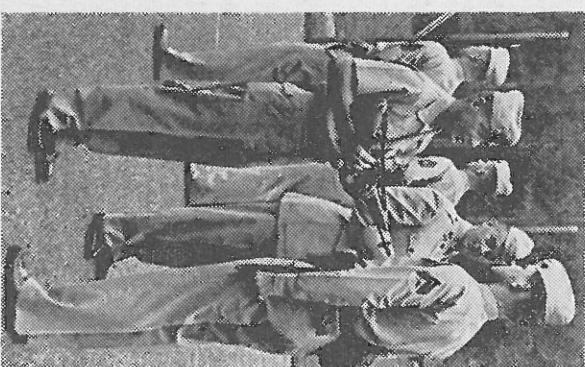
The week following Col. Fennell's departure, the I.G. team arrived to inspect our primary qualities and our efficiency as Marines. Each Marine was "on the firing line" in one of several areas in order to show the I.G. team that Company "F" consists of first-rate Marines as well as communicators.

At ceremonies held early last month, Sgt French reenlisted for three years, Cpl Fitzel extended for two years (receiving pro-pay and command sponsorship for his family) and Sgt Timberlake extended for three years for Langauge School.

GySgt Dunlap and Sgt Turnage also departed Company "F" last month for the 1st Radio Battalion in Hawaii. New faces here are GySgt Franck, Sgt Mitchell, Sgt Sirphun, Cpl Andrews, Cpl Jordan and Cpl Lozier.

At other ceremonies conducted last month, Maj. Neyman took pleasure in promoting Sgt Green, Sgt Mitchell, Sgt Sutphin, Cpl Beckham, Cpl Donnelly, Cpl Gasper, Cpl Kane and Cpl Nanning to their present ranks.

The Company "F" football squad dropped their first two games to Charlie Section (12-13) and Alfa Section (6-22), but came back strong to defeat NSGA Todendorf with a score of 10-0.



MARINE I.G. INSPECTION—During recent Company "F" Marine I.G. Inspection, Lieutenant Colonel Dan D. Daley (left) inspects the rifle of Corporal Michael L. Donley as Captain Gilbert Nason looks on.



THEY MEET AGAIN! — CWO-2 Lyle I. Westrom, NSGA Bremerhaven Recruiting Officer talks with Seaman Apprentice Roy E. McIntyre whom he enlisted here in January. SA McIntyre, son of Air Force Senior Master Sergeant Charles A. McIntyre who is currently stationed at Wiesbaden, Germany, received orders for Bremerhaven after completing Class "A" School in Pensacola, Fla.

Campus Capsule

By CTCS B. P. Moquin

This month I would like to discuss the paperwork required for registration with the University of Maryland extension here.

The first form that must be filled out by the student is the registration form which indicates the student's choices of offered courses for the respective term. Below is a facsimile of this form.

I, the undersigned, understand that in registering for any of the classes on the reverse side of this sheet, I am assuming an obligation to pay the tuition fee of \$16.50 (if tuition aid is being utilized) and the matriculation fee, if any, of \$10.00 to the University of Maryland and will not be released from this obligation except for military reasons beyond my control. This form CONSTITUTES a registration form for the choices listed below. Please make a first, second, and third choice of courses so as to be assured of one which will materialize. Return this form to the Army Education Center, Building 228.

CHOICES — 1st..... 2nd..... 3rd.....

Last name	First name	Middle name	Rank	Service no.
Soc. Sec. No.	Unit	Section-Div.	phone	Date
Signature				

The most important blank on this form is the space for your signature. Once the form is filled out and signed the student has obligated himself to take the first, second or third course chosen, depending upon which materializes. A student is not, however, required to fill in three choices. If he is interested in three courses, it is better to enter all three of them in case his first or second choice course does not materialize. This form does constitute a legal registration and does obligate the person to his respective choices of courses when signed.

Another form that is required by a prospective student of the University is the admission form if it is the student's first course with the University or the first course with the European Division. Additionally, a tuition aid form must be completed and forwarded to Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Naval Forces Europe not later than 10 days after the beginning of classes. G.I. Bill forms must be completed and forwarded to the University of Maryland, European Division.

Term II of the University of Maryland will begin Nov. 9. The following is a revised listing of courses which will be offered for that term: English 001, English 010, Speech 001, Sociology 001, Business Administration 181, German 001 and German 002. It is not too late to register, so stop by the Army Education Center now and complete the registration form.

In addition to University of Maryland courses, the Education Center also offers various technical courses. The following courses are being offered with classes commencing Oct. 28: Data Processing, Speed Reading and Auto Mechanics. The fee for these courses is \$10.00 per course and this must be paid upon registration.

Remember, we are here to serve you. Why not stop over and take advantage of us. Do it today. See you around campus.



THIRSTY PAIR — Quenching their thirst during the recent Oktoberfest held in Munich are Communications Technicians Second Class Thomas L. Hart (left) and Steven R. Jones, both of Third Division. Also present at the festival and managing to take this picture between toasts was Communications Technician First Class Robert F. Fritsch of Third Division.

Amateur Radio

By Lt R. M. Drew

Absent from the Windjammer for some time has been news of the command's amateur radio club which operates the North Sea Amateur Radio Club station with the call sign of DL4UTU. We hope to rectify the situation this month and provide periodic news on the club's rapidly increasing slate of activities in months ahead. Newly elected officers of the club are CTC Terry Bachmann, DL5BA; CT1 Joe Glockner, DL5GJ; and CT3 Fred Veck, DL4VF.

The first item of news comes in the form of recently published results of a two-phase contest in which the club participated in 1969, the CQ World-wide DX Contest. The contest consisted of two 48-hour operating periods. The object was to make the most radio contacts in the greatest number of foreign countries while utilizing both Morse code (CW) and single sideband (SSB) radio telephony as modes of communications. The club's best performance record came in the SSB portion of the contest as we placed first in Germany, third in Europe and eighth in the world. In the CW section we placed second in Germany, fourth in Europe and twentieth in the world. These results are the best ever accomplished by the club and all participating operators are deserving of an emphatic "well done" for their highly creditable performance.

The second item of news concerns the German-American Volksfest held in August. Our American club and the local German club combined to present an amateur radio exhibit which operated for the duration of the festival. Though somewhat hampered by location (adjacent to the Red Dog Saloon), we did have about 300 visitors who stopped by to see

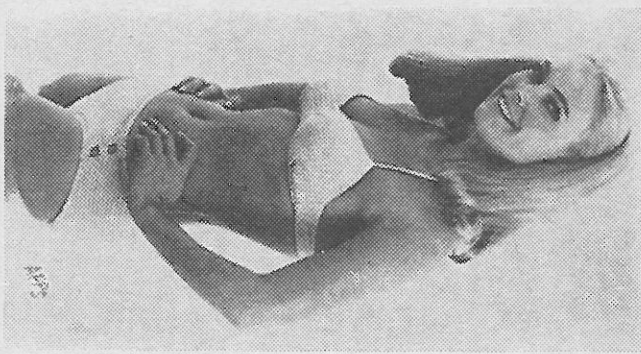
what the world of amateur radio is all about. The club officers wish to thank those persons who set up the station and the operators who manned the radio during its hours of operation. This includes both the German and American hams.

The third, and final, item of news concerns the Military Amateur Radio Service (MARS). Though still in the development stages, the MARS program will soon be coming to Bremerhaven. Initially, the club will participate as a member of the Air Force MARS program under the call sign of AJ3AY. At a later date, the club will convert to the Navy-Marine Corps MARS.

Word has recently been received that equipment that is to be supplied by the Air Force has been made available and will soon be shipped from England. Also included in the preparations for MARS is a planned move of the club station from the keller of Building 11 to a more accessible and more centrally located building in the Staging Area.

As a concluding note, the club would like to extend an invitation to anyone in the command — dependents included — to check into our fascinating hobby either by contacting a club officer or by attending one of the club meetings. The meetings are currently held on the first Thursday of each month in room K-5 (Keller) of Building 11.

Also, anyone interested in the MARS operations is urged to contact a club officer. Once the MARS station is in operation, we will need all the help we can get in order to better accomplish our club's goals. This particular program has a lot to offer in many facets of amateur radio.



MISS WINDJAMMER—Lovely Chris Noel, Miss Windjammer for the month of October, reminds us that we should do our Christmas shopping early, because Christmas is just around the corner. Mail early and make sure your gifts aren't late.

Sports Shots

By BMI Ron Hogsed

This year's flag football season is getting into full swing with nearly every team looking strong. As is true in all sports, each team has had its ups and downs, but it seems that teams like Bravo Section are having all the ups while others, like NSGA Todendorf, are getting a disproportionate number of downs — and that's not touchdowns. The rest of the teams are riding the tide and waiting for that break.

There's still plenty of room on the teams for good players, so if you just reported aboard or have been undecided till now, why not get on a team? Players in your section should be glad to introduce you to the coach.

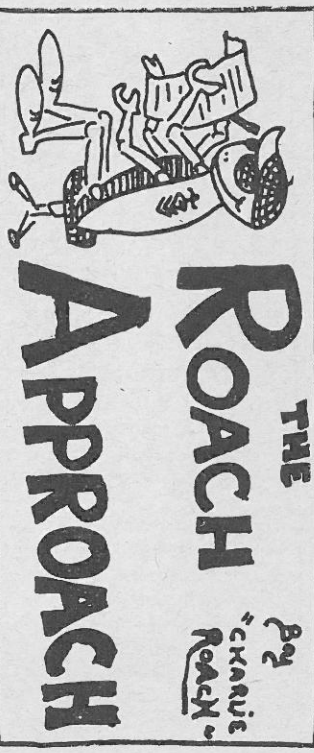
For those interested in the game who can't participate for various reasons, the Athletic Officials Association can use more officials to call the games, not only in football but in all sports. If you're interested, contact SSGt Minieer in Fourth Division or YN1 Vaughn in Building 11. You can phone them at Mli. 3-482 or 3703 respectively.

CT3 Ron Lathen of the Administrative Department was featured in last month's Windjammer for making a hole-in-one during the past summer. Since then he has managed to beat the winner of the TAS-COM Golf Championship that was held in Stuttgart. Army Major F. R. Lovell and CT3 Lathen teed off in 36-hole match play for the Windy Acres Golf Club Championship. Both players were even going into the 36th hole at which time CT3 Lathen took over to win the match.

Two Captain's Cup sports, softball and golf, have been completed to date and the team standings are as follows:

Team	Softball Points	Golf Points	Total Points
Bravo	90	130	220
Co. "F"	70	90	160
Delta	100	80	180
Alpha	100	40	140
D-W	30	100	130
Charlie	100	0	100
Off-CPO	50	50	100

||||| \$18.75 is a pretty good deal for a \$25 gift. |||||



Payday activity around Second Division normally amazes those people who are unaccustomed to it. The hustle, bustle and general confusion usually result in mass hysteria as personnel gorge themselves with honey buns, "Berlmers" and Israeli orange juice before the geld runs out. This is the day the debtors hide and the lender becomes the pursuer.

I always hate payday because that's when some jerk always comes in and kicks my coke bottle round 'n round when they know darn well I get seaisick easily. They give out with loud belly-laughs and poke fun at the little green roach.

The Sept. 30 payday, however, must be recorded in the station's annals as being one of bleakness and stained with death. On that day, ancestral sailors the world over must've rolled in their graves, for it was then that a great Navy tradition, as great as . . . as even "tropyam," was terminated.

Now when Charlie Roach doesn't know it's payday, somethin's amiss. Lookin' around, I see operators and supervisors sheddin' great tears and I say, "Oh no! Alfa must've lost another ball-game!"

Creeping out, I slowly made my way through the throngs of weeping sailors to the OWO's Office where I find a young seaman attempting to revive the OWO. "Oops!" I thought, "They've done put another rock through his BMW window, poor guy."

Glancing about to see what the young corpsman was using to revive the OWO, I was somewhat surprised to see it was a wad of twenty-dollar bills. Amazing what modern medicines we have these days.

Leavin' the OWO's Office, I started for the stairs leading to the Second Division Support spaces, but didn't make it; I didn't have to venture further to find the source of all the despair.

In the area of the coffee mess, I was nearly drowned in a sea of tears. In the mess, with bodies stumbling by me on all sides, I see men with black arm bands bravely standing at attention in front of the departed one. Flags are draped at half-mast and the chaplain, priest and rabbi are all administering last rites to the deceased. Even the skipper is showing a tear or two as "Boats" Saur plays taps on the boatswain's pipe. (I'm still not satisfied as to why the captain was in tears. Strikes me that the last time "Boats" played the pipe I cried too, but it was due to the fact that I couldn't get out of the room.) Mr. Carroll was drafting up a death certificate between running to the front window to make sure that no one slugged a rock through the window of his new Stutz Bearcat.

Yes, that was a truly memorable payday. It's hard to believe that he's kicked the bucket; that faithful old soldier that serviced the Activity so well. Who else worked seven days a week without complaining? Who else gave so generously without expecting a return? What could have possibly done him in?

Some say it was overwork that did it. However, an investigation that I made thereafter indicates that other factors aided in his demise.

The sharp rap in the head or midsection that he occasionally received could have worsened his health. Or what about the reuse of old insides that had been carefully retrieved from the Mark II refuse receptacle (nice phrasing, wouldn't you say?); mustn't this have moved him in some direction? And the young seaman who so thoroughly scrubbed his insides with a urinal brush must have charged him with something more than a life-giving substance. (You had a funny taste in your mouth? Well . . .) And the words that were administered to the poor thing . . . But they're beyond description anyway. Now they are memories, nothing more.

"Gone is our old soldier," they cried. I shed a few tears myself and slowly walked away.

Mine, however, were tears of joy, for that foul-smelling, horrible-tasting, non-producing, noisy, nasty piece of chrome junk, commonly referred to as the Building 2 Coffee Mess, has died. It's gone, kaput, finished and now we can have clean, fresh, hot-water which is the sustenance of all good tea drinkers anyway. Now it's our time to dance on the grave of that "old soldier." Ha, ha, ha, heh, heh!



UNDER PRESSURE — Some last minute maneuvering was required on the part of Day Worker John Berry (with ball) as he is pressured here by two determined NSGA Todendorf players during the Sept. 27 game. The Day Workers meet the Todendorf team again on Nov. 8 at Todendorf.

Matmen Madness

By Mad Cat

The Electronics Department "Matcats" welcomed four new men last month. CT3 Horace Cox arrived from Midway Island; CT2 Dan Zywicki and wife Madeleine were previously at Guam with CT2 Ted Bieryla; and CTC Tod Allan, wife Sharon and three sons joined us from Washington, D.C. Have a good tour!

Roger Swain recently departed for the United States from where he will proceed to Adak and Jerry Jackson leaves this month to begin a tour with Commander, Seventh Fleet.

The "Matcats" are glad to see that Charlie Roach has recovered and managed to appear again in the Windjammer. A tip of the hat and glass to good old Charlie!

Curious as to how your tax dollars are being spent? See Chief Nichols who claims to be the owner of a "farm" which he now has in a "soil bank." He gets piles of money for such things as not planting certain crops, building fences and for travel expenses when he goes home to mow the lawn.

In sports, several "Matcats" and their wives can be seen on Friday nights participating in the "Ball and Chain" mixed bowling league. Standings for the first week indicates a slow start — 11th, 13th and 14th places are firmly nailed down by teams with "Matcats" on their rosters. Oh well, the season is young if the bowlers aren't!

Flag football's back and the



READY TO PASS — Bill Wilson of the Day Workers flag football team prepares to hurl a pass down field during the Sept. 27 game with NSGA Todendorf played at Bremerhaven. The Day Workers topped Todendorf 40 to 16.