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Result of 'Z-Gram 24'

Navy Wives Meet With CO

In "Z-Gram 24," Admiral Elmo R. Zumwalt Jr., Chief of Naval Operations, inaugurated a Navywide policy change de-

signed to provide Navy wives with a direct line of communication to the commanding officer of the bases where their

Tournament of Plays

The Port City Theater of Bremerhaven will be participating in the 1971 U.S. Army Europe "Tournament of Plays" in March in which major European commands will compete for awards in the categories of Best Production, Best Actor, and Best Actress.

Approximately 30 theater groups will be competing in the March 1-April 3 tournament and will be judged by three members of the American Educational Theater Association.

According to CT1 George J. Hagerty, a member of the Port City group, "Judging will be based on three areas Interpretation, Staging and Selection of the play, with the greatest emphasis being placed on Interpretation. This category includes such things as the concept of the play, individual portrayals of characters, and ensemble playing. The category of Staging includes such things as lighting, costumes, makeup, and set design. In the category of Selection, the judges will examine the suitability of the play for the particular performance group and their production facilities. Within this category, they will also judge the entertainment value of the production for an adult military audience."

The Port City Theater's entry in the competition will be decided sometime this month.

The Bremerhaven group's performance will be judged March 19 and all public performances will be free. Those seeking further information, should phone the Radio City Theater at Mil. 3370.

The "Tournament of Plays" is a biennial event and the Port City Theater has won awards in both of the last two tournaments. In 1966 the group presented "The Crucible" which won them the Best Supporting Actor and Actress awards. They won the same awards in 1968 with their production of "The Miracle Worker."



ENLISTMENT — CWO-2 Lyle I. Westrom swears in Wayne F. Hansen during enlistment ceremonies conducted here Dec. 14. Looking on as their son begins his four-year enlistment, are Mr. and Mrs. John H. Hansen, formerly of Plöen, Germany.

husbands are stationed for the purpose of voicing their "complaints, viewpoints, and suggestions."

This change went into effect at NSGA Bremerhaven last month when representatives of the Chief Petty Officers Wives' Club and the Navy Enlisted Wives' Club met with Captain James W. Osmer Jr., commanding officer, to discuss various problems and suggestions of wives in the Port City community.

Admiral Zumwalt stated in "Z-Gram 24" that "The importance of the Navy wife as a member of the Navy team cannot be overemphasized. Although the welfare of wives has always been of great concern to the Navy, it has been noted that these dedicated women have never had an official representative to express their views to commanding officers and base commanders.

"To remedy this situation, all shore based commanders s h a l l establish procedures which give Navy wives an opport unity to present complaints, viewpoints, and suggestions to commanding officers. In particular, such procedures shall include the selection of a wife by each local wives organization who will have direct access to the commanding officer. This Navy wives ombudsman concept shall reflect and build upon related activities in existing wives organizations and Navy services and benefits councils. We have each been getting good advice from our own wives. Let's listen carefully to an official representative."

An ombudsman is essentially an official who investigates organizational problems and makes recommendations for remedial action to improve the quality of administration and redresses individual grievances.

NSGA Bremerhaven has four such representatives, each of whom will be serving as an ombuds man by meeting directly with Captain Osmer to keep him informed of the viewpoints and feelings of the wives of Navymen at this command. They are: Mrs. William D. Garner, Mrs. James L. Herrod, Mrs. William H. Sink and Mrs. Gerald M. Rebeck.

At their first meeting last month with Captain Osmer, Mrs. Sink and Mrs. Rebeck discussed various complaints and suggestions of Navy wives in the community. The two representatives also emphasized that their purpose is to serve all wives of NSGA Bremerhaven Navymen, regardless of whether or not the wives are affiliated with a local wives organization.

The representatives will be meeting with Captain Osmer on a monthly basis.



WIVES SPEAK OUT — "Z-Gram 24" established a direct line of communication between the wives of Navymen and their husbands' commanding officers. The program went into effect here in Bremerhaven last month when Mrs. William H. Sink (left) and Mrs. Gerald M. Rebeck met with Captain James W. Osmer Jr. to discuss various complaints and suggestions of local wives.

Special Services Trips

NSGA Bremerhaven Special Services is now offering ski trips to the Harz Mountains of Germany and to Austria. In addition, a special vacation trip to the Canary Islands is planned for early spring.

According to Storekeeper Second Class John T. Murray of the Special Services Office, "The ski trips to the Harz Mountains will be three-day trips consisting of two nights and three days at a ski lodge in Bad Harzburg. The lodge offers an indoor swimming pool and a sauna bath, as well as a beauty salon and various beautician services for the ladies. The price for each of the four trips, which includes hotel and breakfast, is \$25.00 per person. The dates for these trips are Jan. 29-31, Feb. 12-14 and 26-28, and March 26-28.

"Registration has closed on the first two trips; however, there is still time to sign up for the remaining ones. The down payment deadline dates for the Feb. 26-28 and March 26-28 trips are Feb. 3 and Feb. 16 respectively. The down payment fee for these trips is \$10."

Austria Trip

A ski trip to the village of Ellmau, Austria is planned for March 7-14. Ellmau lies between the Kaiser Mountains and the Kitzbuhel Alps and is surrounded by extensive ski slopes.

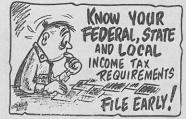
"The climate," said SK2 Murray, "is ideal for guests who are looking for sunshine and exceptionally fine skiing. Excellent snow conditions are in effect from December to April during which time there a re also long periods of sunshine. A ski school is available for beginners and special lessons are offered for the more experienced skiers. Guided ski tours, weekly ski races, and side trips to places of interest are also available. "The price for this tour, in-

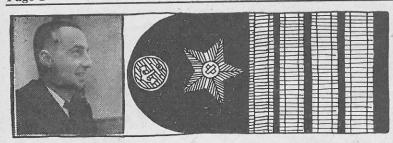
cluding private rooms with bath, three meals per day and transportation, is \$75.00 per person. The down payment required is \$20 and this fee should be paid no later than Feb. 2."

This spring, Special Services is offering a two-week vacation package to the island of Tenneriffa in the Canary Islands. Swimming and sight-seeing trips to various parts of the island will be available.

The price of this trip is \$175 per person and includes round trip jet transportation and hotel lodging. Accommodations include room with bath, breakfast and private balcony.

According to SK2 Murray, "The actual departure date has not yet been arranged, but the trip will include the last week in April and the first week in May. The down payment of \$50 is due Feb. 17."





Several comments have been received that the Military-Leadership examinations administered as part of the advancement process are too difficult and not relevant to the duties of petty officers at this activity. This comment is undoubtedly related to the poor showing by some divisions on these examinations, particularly those for PO2.

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The Military-Leadership exams are prepared by the Bureau of The Military-Leadership exams are prepared by the Bureau of Naval Personnel, and a series of four is received each year for each pay grade. I have just finished reading those for PO2 and PO3 for 1970. The majority of the questions are on leadership, the Uniform Code of Military Justice, first-aid, and NBC defense—subjects applicable to all Navymen. The remaining few questions are scattered among such subjects as: Methods of instruction, pay, safety precautions, survival, military courtesy, Navy traditions; and the Navy's mission.

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There are very few questions that are not relevant to petty officers here. In view of this and also the relatively low score required for passing, the complaints about the examination do not appear to be valid.

The North Sea Amateur Radio Club, along with becoming a Military Amateur Radio System affiliate station, is in the process of moving to new quarters in Building 105. Chief Bachmann is in

charge of the move, which should take place about Jan. 20.

The European Exchange System (EES) will provide beer dispensing machines for the barracks and they are expected to be in operation in early February. It has been indicated that four brands of beer will be stocked.

The Facilities Engineer has advised NSGA Public Works that the contract for work on the barracks heating system has been awarded, with work to start in February. Meetings will be held with the successful bidders soon; the schedule for work should be available following these meetings.

As a result of my meeting with two of the Navy Wives' ombudsman representatives, I spoke recently with Mr. Nolte, the EES Department Store Manager. I discussed with him various criticisms of the store, primarily the lack of adequate stock in men's, ladies', and children's wear. I was told that the store is limited in the amount of stock it can carry and, since the limits are by departments, it is not possible to cut back one depart

are by departments, it is not possible to cut back one department's stock in order to increase stock in another.

One aid to the out-of-luck shopper is the "customer convenience request" (which is different from the "special order"). By using the "customer convenience request," the customer is "asking to see" what the EES Northern European Region has to offer in the way of a particular item. The store has such items that are way of a particular item. The store has such items that are available sent here and the customer buys if he likes what he sees (with the "special order," the customer is ordering and paying for a specific item not stocked by the exchange system). The person to see regarding "customer convenience requests" is Mrs. Struckmyer at the EES Department Store.

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Among other miscellaneous items of information picked up in my conversation with Mr. Nolte were the following:

—If you have complaints regarding a particular employee, see the store manager, Mr. Korytkowski. Also, see him if you want to

commend an employee. —Bids are out for building the food services facility that will serve the transient billets and be located in the hospital. This will be a combination vending machine and hot food line operation. Current plans call for the hot food line to be open seven days a week for breakfast and either lunch or support

week for breakfast and either lunch or supper. -If you submit a suggestion to the EES store, you should get a

written reply (please write clearly).

—Some 20 or 25 additional shopping carts are on order.

—A suggestion (submitted by a Navy wife employed by EES) to install a launderette in the housing area is now under consideration at EES European headquarters.

-A coin operated dry-cleaning machine was tried out four

years ago — unsuccessfully. However, EES may try again.
—Our representatives on the EES Council are Lieutenant Ceo and Senior Chief Bailes. The council meets quarterly and they are always interested in your criticisms, comments, and recom-

Thanks to the Navy Wives' Club members and friends who took the time on Thanksgiving and Christmas to come in and serve dinner to the watchstanders. And thanks, too, for the free gift wrapping service.

The Supply Scope

By SK2 J. R. Howard

rome Ceo, supply and fiscal of-ficer, was recently selected for promotion to the rank of Lieutenant Commander. Hearty congratulations to the boss on his latest acquisition of "gold."

The Robert Jameses are the proud parents of their first child, Allison Lee, who was born Dec. 16 weighing 8 pounds, 3 ounces. Their baby daughter turned out to be a very timely Christmas present. Boy, those DKs sure know how to program their income tax bennies!

The Dale Jorgensons had their first son, Robert Dale Helmer, arrive here Oct. 8 weighing 6 pounds, 9 ounces. Robert received a warm wel-

More "Gold Flow" - Lt Je- come from his sister, Linda, upon his arrival at home.

A new employee at the Supply Department (DK Section) is the new secretary, Mrs. Margaret Honicke. Deutsche Marks, anyone?

Two Supply men recently departed Bremerhaven for new assignments. SK2 Steve Padgett was transferred to USS Conyngham (DDG-17), home-

Conyngham (DDG-17), home-ported in Norfolk, Va. and SK3 Mike Hayes has returned to civilian life for permanent "R and R" in Knoxville, Tenn.

Another arrival at the Supply Department is "yours truly" who recently reported aboard from the U.S. Naval Air Facility, Naha, Okinawa. I am presently serving as Supply's stock control supervisor.

The Month



CT3 Donald F. Baker

CT3 Donald F. Baker of Second Division has been selected as the "Sailor of the Month" for January 1971. In CT3 Baker's letter of selection, Captain James W. Osmer Jr. stated in part:

"You have been selected as the U.S. Naval Security Group Activity, Bremerhaven 'Sailor of the Month' for January 1971.

"Since your arrival at this command in February 1969, you have shown yourself to be an 'enthusiastic, capable, and persevering petty officer. Your interest in your specialty and the willingness with which you accept additional responsibilities make you a valuable asset to your division. In your current billet you have revised accountability procedures for classified matter, thus improving security.

"Your congenial personality, cheerful manner, and sense of humor are positive factors in the promotion of good morale among your shipmates.

"In addition to your professional accomplishments, you have been an outstanding contributor in the area of com-munity activities. This is evidenced by your active par-ticipation in Project Heartline, the Port City Theater, and the GangwaySingers. Also noteworthy is your service as First Vice President of the Protestant Men of the Chapel and your membership in the chapel choir.

"I commend you for your excellent performance. 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!"

The untaxables.

No state or local income tax



Focus on Faith

By Chaplain Ervin D. Ingebretson

A goal is a mark on which you set your eye.

Each sincere, thinking person is seeking some kind of a goal for the new year. The beginning of a year is an appropriate time for each of us to make this assessment. Your goal may be some specific accomplishment.

Although this may not bring with it the excitement of some special event, a goal which seeks for a genuine happiness in life and dispenses this mood to fellow companions is a worthwhile

If happiness is to be our goal in this new year, one thing is sure: It will not be done all at once. The year is too large a unit to work with all at once. I advise that you divide it into 12 equal parts. Even a month is too large; divide that month into its respective number of days and live each day at a time.

Into each day put eight parts of good, honest work. Learning to work and do our best, despite the job, will breed temperance and self-control, diligence and strength of character, and cheerfulness and other virtues which the idle never know. It is not the number of hours a man puts in, but it is what a man puts into the hours that really counts.

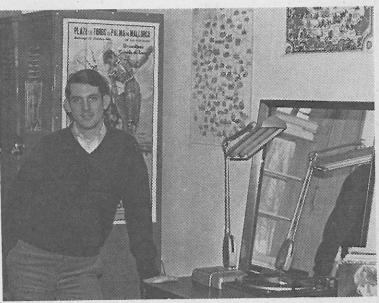
Make it your goal to look for ways of creating happiness. Too many people begrudge their neighbor "the time of day." If our response to our surroundings is downcast and gloomy, here are thoughts worth considering: Talk happiness, for the world is sad enough without our woe; talk faith, for the world is better off without our morbid doubt.

Be sure to add to your goal in life an expectation of something desired — hope. God's promise to the human race is that He will do something for each person far greater than our own ability to accomplish. There is no evidence that God has lost hope in us. Let us keep hope in Him.

As the days come and go, let us reexamine our goal. If a bad taste develops on any one day, let us critically analyze our mistakes and add to or take away until the goal is achieved.

IN MEMORIAM

At a time when life seemed to offer its greater challenge, our shipmate, Builder Third Class Thomas Paul LaBonce, United States Navy, was suddenly and tragically taken from us. He was a young man whose sincerity, enthusiasm, vision, and sacrifice were challenging marks of character and devotion. Who can measure the influence of youth? Petty Officer La-Bonce, through his pleasant personality, drew a host of friends about him who admired him and enjoyed his company. In tribute to Petty Officer LaBonce, who served his country honorably and faithfully, may the lasting memory of his comradeship remain with us always.



ROOM OF THE QUARTER — Communications Technician Second Class Thomas L. Niedzinski of the Communications Department had his room selected as the Bachelor Enlisted "Room of the Quarter" for the quarter ending Dec. 31. Communications Technician Third Class Ralph A. Loehr of First Division received "Honorable Mention" for his room.



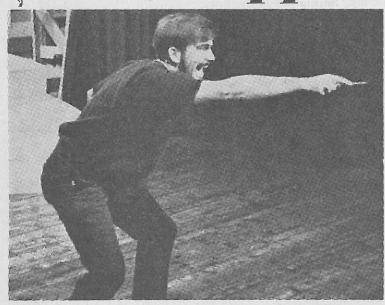
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the United States Department of Defense. Deadline date for submitting material to the WINDJAMMER is the last Monday of each month. For additional information, call Bremerhaven Windjammer, Mil. 3044.

Port City Theater Presents:

The Apple Tree

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Jim Clark makes his "point" during rehearsal.



Russ Robbins directs Mrs. John Turner in a scene.

By CT2 Don Draughton The Port City Theater is proud to present the three-act musical comedy, "The Apple Tree." The production will run "The Apple Jan. 28-30 and Feb. 4-6, with all performances beginning at 8:00 p.m.

Being a musical, "The Apple involves much than a straight play; players must work together on har-monies as well as on lines and choreography is involved instead of just walking up or down stage. In addition, the musical score, though simple to the listener, is actually quite complex. It is beautiful and follows the play so perfectly that the whole production fits the whole production smoothly together.

Another reason for the play being so demanding is the fact that it is actually three one-act musicals in one, requiring three sets, four changes of costumes, and, in addition numerous swift costume changes.

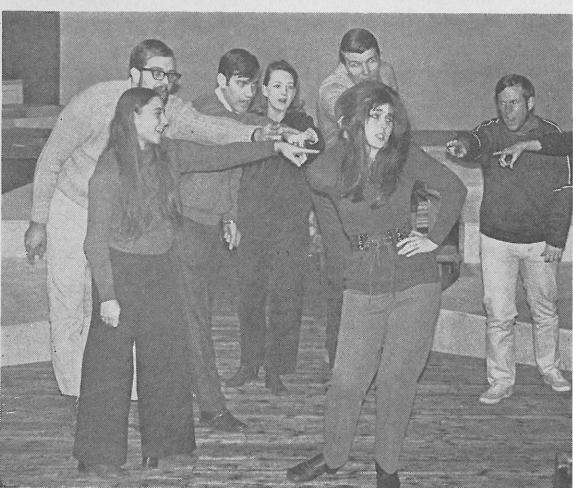
Jim Clark and Martin Busand Mrs. John Turner each play a lead part in the produc-

The script's humor ranges from pure sight gags to subtle one-liners and the cast is having a great time working with

"The Apple Tree" could easily prove to be the Port City Theater's most pleasant pro-duction. if not its finest. Thousands of hours of work will have gone into this production by curtain call. It is the most difficult play attempted here since "My Fair Lady" three years ago.

The production is directed by Russ Robbins and produced by Tom Elliot. Reservations can be made by phoning the theatre at Mil. 3370 or by stopping by in person. The theatre is located above the bowling alley in the Service Club at Radio City.

Why not treat yourself to a free night on entertainment? Come see "The Apple Tree," possibly the Port City Theater's finest production.



The chorus accuses Passionella (Mrs. John Turner) of being unreal.

Promenade! By Barney Dunce

Howdy pardners! Just got back from "West" Berlin; came back on the duty coach, of course, right through maverick territory and all. Eighteen of us Promenaders safe and sound without a scratch. H-e-e haw! Course we warn't about to rile them thar easterners; no tellin' what them hostie folks mighta done to us peaceable square

Anyways, seein' as how some o' you fellas been havin' a bit o' difficulty gittin' to the western territory of Berlin fer a visit, I ain't gonna git yore dander up with no deescripshuns o' the place. It's jest how you probly fancy it

Did think I'd tell y'all bout the sho nuff, right neighborly hospitality us Promenaders got from them thar "Dancing Bears," the square dancin' club in West Berlin. Why we no sooner arrived than this fella Dave Bournem of the Bears was a waitin' on us-at 5:30 in the mornin'! Dave's little woman, Jan, had coffe n' grub a waitin' on us at the house so he took us there in a big motor wagon he'd borreed from the U.S. Army!

'Bout that time we met a fella named Mike Bently, the coach driver, and his side-kick, Dale Crist. Well, h-e-e haw! Mike drove that thar coach like all thunder an spite what some people might say, Mike's a right fine wagon master! Why I'd be willin' to bet odds that if there was one o' them new fangled heaters in that coach, Mike woulda found it! 'Sides, some ingrate's always a lookin' a gift horse in the mouth.

Anyway, them "Dancing Bears" not only gave us a tour o' the "West," but that Saturday night they tied the feed bag on us at their dancin' hall! Eat? Why I thought I'd bust mah belt! There was d-e-e-lishus ham, biscuits n' beans, taters, all sorts o' greens an' assorted pastry.

Then, grashus me, three fellas—Paul Greer, "Woody" Woods n' that thar West Berliner, Dietmar Weigel-all got up n' started some o' the finest foot stompin' square dance callin' this side o' the Rio Grande. Why, we jest had tuh git up n' hoop n' holler—spite o' how full our bellies was!

Got a lil worried there fer awhile, though, when ol' Paul really got wrapped up in his callin'! I'm mighty thankful he didn't git all "fired up" with that ceegaret he was a tryin' to light whilst promenadin' us around. H-e-e haw!

Well, the festivities got topped off that night with some dancin' to the callin' o' the Port Promenaders' own Bob Rollins up on West Berlin's "Funkturm." (That, pardners, is a radio tower, an' it's five hunnert feet high!) Poor ol' Hank Andersen o' the Promenaders looked kinda sickly when we came back tuh earth, but it didn't hurt this ol' mountain climber none. I kinda thought all that light down below was real purty; sorta like one big sparklin' Christmas dekeerashun.

Now I ain't got writin' room enough tuh 'spress the Port Promenaders' 'preesheashun for all the dadburned friendly hospitality we got from the "Dancing Bears" o' Berlin, but we shor do hope they can mosey on down to Bremerhaven an' pay us a visit. 'Specially afore we gits knee deep in snow! H-e-e haw!

By the way, pards, if'n any y'all would like tuh try yer hand at square dancin', come on an' look us up. We had another brand spankin' new class git started Jan. 12 and we'd like tuh see y'all enrolled in the next one. Square dancin' tain't hard tuh do at all an' if'n y'all don't come on over an' pay us a visit, ya jest won't know the fun yer missin'. Hee, hee, hee!

'Ivory Town'

A German town called Erbach has a unique claim to fame is the European capital of the ivory cutting art. Some thirty workshops are engaged in creating precious sculptures, unusual ewelry, decorative but practical household articles. A school there trains young artisans.

Erbach is in the Odenwald, east of the Darmstadt-Mannheim Autobahn. Ivory cutting came to its district almost two hundred years ago, through the agencies of its reigning count, Franz I. He loved the art of classical antiquity, above all ivory carving, and himself became a master carver. Local craftsmen at that time carved in wood and deer horn, but Count Franz encouraged them to use Ivory, and established a special guild for ivory carvers. The art flourished.

Erbach boasts an Ivory Museum, housed in the beautiful, new

Festival Hall on the outskirts of town.

In the town, gift and jewelry shops abound where you can purchase ivory carving — delicate bracelets, necklaces, earrings, brooches or massive medallions hung from leather thongs; spectacular chess sets and religious statuettes; severely modern salt and pepper shakers and condiment dishes; jars and boxes for cosmetics or trinkets. The variety of articles is as large as the range of prices. (Reprinted in part from "Focus on Germany.")

Supporting Statements By Al Jeers

I couldn't think of a lot to rap about this month and I was getting a little worried. I couldn't let down my thousands of faithful fans, and yet, I couldn't get motivated to create my usual monthly masterpiece.

Then it hit me! I needed atmosphere — local color. What better place to find this atmosphere than the Coin-Op Washerette? I hurriedly scraped a mountain of dirty clothes together and packed them and the wife into my spacious "bug." We were off for a fun

We parked right away (one of the cars occupying the other three places was leaving). Getting out of the car, we marveled at the stimulating panorama before our eyes: A stately doggie graveyard framed by evenly spaced railroad tracks, complete

with the perpetually gray sky. Beautiful!
Squeezing through the door with our clothes, we noticed there were only eight people ahead of us waiting for a washer. At least two of the seven washers (one more than usual) were operating. Not only that, two of the four dryers were spinning (two more than usual). What luck!

Settling down for the wait, I decided to get in some serious writing. Just then, my thoughts were interrupted by a kind of squishing" sound. I looked up and saw some five-year-old trying to jam an ice cream bar into the coin return slot of the pop machine. "Hey, kid, that's not nice," I admonished. He took off yelling into another room and came back with his father, whom I judged to be an E-8 type.

'Duh, whatya been doin' tuh my kid?" he demanded. I merely pointed to the now melted ice cream bar sticking out of the pop

"So you'd do that to a defenseless child, huh, tough guy?" and with that he took a swing at my head. I ducked and he nailed

with that he took a swing at my head. I ducked and he hand that pop machine with a solid right.

Shades of Las Vegas! That machine started spitting out change like there was no tomorrow! The guy forgot about me and joined the scramble for the coins, clawing at them with his one good hand. His son did better, however, and when they left, pop was patting his kid on the shoulder, muttering, "Atta boy, Lyndon, atta boy."

Resuming my writing, I soon felt a tug at my sleeve. It was my wife complaining about the line not moving fast enough.

"No problem," I assured here, "Wait here."

Two minutes later, after the screaming subsided, the place was empty. "Where'd they all go?" asked the wife.

"Beats me," I replied, "I just told them that the family of mice living under the building were really three feet Norwegien.

mice living under the building were really three-foot Norwegian wharf rats, suspected of carrying the bubonic plague.'

"E-E-E-EEEEEEEK!" she screamed, as she dashed out the door. Some people have no sense of humor.

So, as it turned out, I had to finish the wash myself. I wasn't alone though; Don "Bumbles" Baker came in to wash the four guys' white hats that he'd spilled coffee on the week before. But then that's another story

The 'True Squid'

By CTC S. L. Morris

In order to properly define the term "true squid," it is first necessary to ponder the ordinary definition of the term "squid." Unlike a "squid," which is a 10-armed sea mollusk not having a shell, a "true squid" has two arms, two legs, and possesses a highly developed brain which it uses when its mood strikes it to

The "true squid" speaks a language all its own and is cared for by its parents until it is approximately 18 years old. At this time, the "true squid" leaves home in search of its fortune, despite the fact that its mother wishes she could keep it under her protective wing forever. Its father wants it to be "just like dad," and its brothers and sisters wish only that it had left sooner.

Soon after acquiring its independence, the "true squid" finds life quite difficult. The older and wiser "true squids" soon discover this confused, hard-headed and somewhat drifty novice and make him work unmercifully hard to survive.

After two months of this terrible treatment, the "true squid" goes into training to become wise like its teachers. The first several years away from home pass quickly and the "true squid" is suddenly forced to choose whether to remain in training to become an old and wise "true squid." The pull toward home is strong, but the call of his natural habitat, the sea, is much stronger. The "true squid" answers this call of nature and proceeds to reenlist in the Navy.



CHRISTMAS DINNER - Communications Technicians Second Class William M. Gleason (left) and Richard C. Leach, both of the Electronics Department, had the watch Christmas Day, but that did not interfere with them enjoying a Christmas Dinner with all the trimmings, courtesy of the Navy Wives' Club.

Company 'F' Round-Up

By LCpl Trunick

Two Company "F" Marines were honored last month during an awards ceremony here for their "meritorious service" in the Republic of Vietnam.

SSgt Richard W. Shelley was awarded the Navy Achieve-ment Medal with Combat "V" for "meritorious service from September 1969 to August 1970 while engaged in armed conflict against North Vietnamese and Viet Cong communist aggressors" thereby showing a tremendous degree of professional proficiency and dedication to duty.

Sgt Robert A. Rugg was awarded the Navy Unit Com-mendation Ribbon for "exceptionally meritorious servcepitolially meritorious service" from Oct. 3, 1968 to July 31, 1969 during operations against enemy forces in the Republic of Vietnam. Sgt Rugg helped provide technical support to the 1st Radio Battalion, Third Marine Amphibious Force. He "displayed a high degree of professionalism" while supporting tactical field commanders in 25 major combat appropriate the support of the bat operations.

The annual Christmas party was held Dec. 20 at the Officers' Cub. By the time you put away the steak dinner with all the trimmings, you couldn't help feeling a bit stuffed. Following dinner, there was dancing while the well-decorated Christmas tree provided the seasonal atmosphere. Major Finlon and Captain Nason circulated throughout the evening and found time to talk with the company's newest members, thus helping to welcome them to Bremerhaven. The overall atmosphere was one of comradeship that could be summed up by the expression "We, The Marines!"

New arrivals to Company "F" include LCpl Enzell, PFC Labonte and myself who arrived in November and LCpl Welsh and PFCs Mellody and Prince who arrived last month. M S g t Surles also arrived recently "mit Frau and Kin-der." There were some other recent arrivals to the Company in the form of three new baby boys. The proud fathers are Sgts White and Aldrich and LCpl Klimp.

Departures from the Company included SSgt Rodgers and Sgt Cain who transferred to civilian life. SSgt Rodgers is headed (flak jacket, helmet and all) for a position on the New York Police Department.

Other items of interest included Marine Corps Institute course completions and a reenlistment. The following personnel have completed courses from MCI: GySgt Brown (Basic Extension Course); Sgt Demuth (Military Functions in Civil Disturbances and Disasters); GySgt Frank (Basic Extension Course); and Cpl Fitzl and Sgt Mitchell (M-60 Machine Gun). SSgt Shelley was the company's latest reenlistee at this writing. He reenlisted for four years.

Our basketball and bowling teams are doing as well as they can and the Captain's Cup should be something to look forward to in the fuure. One game that will be remembered for awhile was played last month in which Sgt Donley scored 30 points all by his honesome! One can always look forward to an interesting basketball game or bowling match when Company "F" is playing so come on out and cheer for them and show your pride in the Marine Corps.

COMM-ents By Fisher

right, I'm passing on some New Year's resolutions found drifting around the Communications Department:

Mr. Haizlip will only drink one martini at a time while attending a social gathering... Mr. Nelson will reenlist in the Navy for another 30 years (this Tehe without . Chief Tebo will trade in his expensive new car for one with a scratch-proof body . . . Chief Norris will be sure not to slide his car's rear window down in cold weather... Chief Johnson will nail all his office equipment to his desk so he will be sure to have everything on Monday mornings . . . Chief Screws will start a scrapbook in which he will put all the mementos he receives from the troops . . . Chief Reeves will retire his hair waving machine . . . CTI Meders will reenlist for TAD reenlist for TAD orders... CTI Smith will buy a parakeet to bring to work and converse with during his labors... CTI St. Germaine will serve in Bremerhaven long enough to earn another model for his uneven box for medal for his uneven bar, four up over mis
... SSgt Duran will do his best to convert every sailor in his section into a Ma-rine . . . And myself, I resolve to check all pop cans before I can proceed to drink from

Since my last article in November (I donated my space in the December issue to a The December Issue to a Christmas poem), the Communications Department has gained two new men and lost eight. We in COMM welcome CT2 David Wurst (already nicknamed "Bratwurst") who hails from Milwaukee and Sgt Richard Brewer from Phylonix Richard Brewer from Phoenix, Ariz. By the way, Sgt Brewer is not new to Bremerhaven; he is our gain and First Division's

The following personnel are our losses and someone else's our losses and someone else's gains: CT1 Dunlap to California; CT2s Hancock and Johnson to Adak, Alaska; CT2 Moss to Guam; Sgt Diamond to the United States; Sgt Aldrich and CT2 McDonald to "the land of round doorknobs" and land to civilian life. CT2 Helen back to civilian life; CT3 Heller to the Republic of the Philippines; and CT3 Martin to somewhere in the middle of the ocean. Good luck, guys, and don't forget good ol' Bremerhaven?

Before CT3 Toft's great feat is just so much sporting history, I want to make sure his name lives in the minds of flag football fans in Bremer-haven. Yes, our man scored a smashing touchdown during the November Army-Navy game here. When the special offense was called in, the crowd knew something big was coming. In the next few sec-onds — that's how fast he is — CT3 Toft was running around the goal posts with success in his hands. As a result, CT3 Toft lives in the hearts and minds of the men of NSGA Bremerhaven . . . our idol!

Now that the snow is finally here, CT1 Meders is full of anxiety. He just cannot wait to get out in the snow and play with his new land rover with its four-wheel drive. No one in more than he. Right, "Big

And finally, our "Smiler of the Month" awardee for Jan-uary is CT3 Larry Thomas. I'm sure that he is so happy being able to play first string on the Bravo Section basketball team that he spreads this same happiness at work. Congratulations, Larry, and keep

T-Bones By Phil Albohn

It was a slow mid watch for Charlie Section on New Year's Eve, but the CS boys met the challenge. Between quoting the hour that people were beginning to "get plastered" in various parts of the world, the men composed several pieces of memorable verse that might not phase Longfellow, but would certainly make Frost very uncom-

Tis the New Year's time of cheer and Charlie Section still is here. And though it's true that you may doubt, Charlie Section's not "blown out." When the New Year rolled around, Charlie Section was still around. Twas not our choice, now, that is clear, But faithful Charlie still was here. Though mistakes may still abound (If the "Day Ladies" come around), through all this sweat and all this heat, Third Division is still unbeat. So give a cheer and tell the tale of Charlie Section that does not fail. Though endless duty we might stand, We'll always be a tight-knit band.

From the "Doggie Bag," we have this little piece of New Year's cheer:

In a small Iroquois village in the Old West, there were three women who happened to be expecting additions to their families. Two of them were wives of braves and the third was the chief's squaw. The brave's wives asked their husbands to provide them with ceremonial hides on which to have their children. The braves obliged with two very large bear pelts. Now the chief's wife, not to be outdone, asked her husband to give her an African hippopotamus hide for her child's birth. On the blessed day, each of the ordinary squaws bore a son, while the chief's wife bore two sons. This only proves that "the squaw of the hippopotamus is equal to the squaws of the other two hides.' And the crowd boos . . .

Campus Capsule By CTCS B. P. Moquin

This month I would like to explain the College-Level Examination Program (CLEP) which has been established to enable individuals who have acquired their education in nontraditional ways to demonstrate their academic achievement. It is also intended for use by those in higher education, business, industry, government, and other fields who need a reliable method of assessing a person's educational level.

This program is offered by the College Entrance Examination board, which for years has been providing testing and guidance services to schools and colleges and to students who proceed from high school to college in the conventional way. However, these services have been neither readily available to, nor appropriate for, those who have gained their education outside the classroom through such means as correspondence study, television courses, independent study, on-the-job training and experience, and so on.

The Purpose of CLEP

Recognizing that the important question is not how a person has acquired his education but what education he has, the College Board has designed CLEP to serve a variety of purposes. The basic purpose, as outlined above, is to enable those who have reached the college level of education in nontraditional ways to assess the level of their achievement and to use the test results in seeking college credit or placement.

In addition, scores on the tests may serve to validate educational experience obtained at a nonaccredited institution or through noncredit college courses. Colleges and universities make use of the tests to measure the level of educational achievement of their students, and for various institutional research purposes. A number of colleges and universities also use the tests in the admission, placement, and guidance of students who wish to transfer from one institution to another. Some businesses, industries, governmental agencies, and professional groups will accept the results of these tests as a basis for advancement, eligibility for further training, or professional or semiprofessional certification. Many people are interested in the examinations simply to assess their own educational progress and attainment.

Acceptance of Scores

The American Council on Education (ACE) recommends that institutions of higher education grant adults, both military and civilian, credit and advanced standing for each of the five General Examinations (provided the individual has not previously earned credit in the areas), using as minimum standards:

- 1. That the examinee achieves a score at or above the 25th percentile on each test.
- 2. That six semester hours of credit be granted for each test, or the amount of credit the institution normally grants in the areas covered by the tests.
- 3. That the total amount of credit granted for all five tests not exceed 30 hours of credit, or the equivalent of one academic

Every college, university, business, industry, or government agency makes its own decision about how it will use and interpret CLEP scores. The United States Armed Forces Institute (USAFI) provides the tests, scores them, and reports the results both to the examinee and to any institutions or agencies of his choice; but neither USAFI nor the College Board can award college credit or certify college equivalency, and the ACE recommendations are only advisory.

Therefore, if you are interested in the tests for any reason that involves an institution such as a college or business, you should determine beforehand whether or not the college or agency involved will accept the scores.

Comprehensive Examinations

Most colleges and universities in the United States today require that undergraduates acquire, in addition to a specialized knowledge of a particular discipline, certain broad-based intellectual experiences in the major fields of knowledge. Students normally undertake these general studies during their freshman and sophomore years. These requirements provide the basis upon which the CLEP General Examinations have been built.

The examinations, which consist of a battery of five tests -English Composition, Social Sciences-History, Natural Sciences, Humanities, Mathematics — are designed to be particularly relevant to the kinds of intellectual experiences students will have during their first and second years in college.

Each of the five comprehensive General Examinations is an objective test consisting of multiple-choice questions. The English Composition Test requires 60 minutes, but each of the other four tests has a 75-minute time limit. The total battery requires six hours of testing time plus additional time for instructions and administrative arrangements. You need not take all tests at one time, of course, but may make arrangements at the Education Center for taking them in any combination or individually.

No Specific Background Necessary

Since the examinations are not based on particular curricula, there is no specific educational background you should have as preparation for them. Certainly a year or two of liberal arts study in a college or university would be an obvious preparation. A series of credit and noncredit college courses taken over a period of time would be another. There are, however, a variety of formal and informal educational experiences at the college level such as wide and careful reading in an area, correspondence courses, independent study, and so on, which do not necessarily involve a college or university directly, yet can serve as a basis for success on the examinations. For many, the experiences of living and learning supplemented by some of the kinds of learning listed above may well provide an appropriate back-

That is about the story on the CLEP tests; anyone interested in taking the examinations, scheduling test dates, and learning how the test scores are interpreted should contact the Army Education Center at Mil. 3690 or 3274. See you around campus.

Head Shed Report By CTSN R. W. Calvert

The holiday feasting is over and it should be fun to watch all those "young" men running around the quadrangle, trying to lose the excess weight. Someone should start a local Weight Losers' Club. I believe there is a Weight Watchers' Club, but wouldn't it be better to lose that weight than to watch it?

Here's a puzzling situation: When the "Shed" staff re-turned to work Jan. 2, a hung-over little insect about the size of a paper clip was lying restlessly in a coffee cup. "Oh my aching head," he said, "Where am I? This isn't the Second Division!" After a few minutes of thought, we reached the conclusion that he must be a runaroach from the Second Division Support Office. Such is the life of a roach in the Operations Department.

Rumor has it a certain chief was caught in a "tight" situa-tion on the morn of our first snowfall. This fellow arrived in the Building 2 parking lot all right and then the fun started. It seems his door handle stuck and he couldn't get out! About then, two sailors happened by (one was Al Jeers) from Second Division and the problem was solved by pulling this certain chief through the car window. Now, knowing this chief, the story sounds a little unbelievable to me because I don't see how he could possibly fit through a car window

To top it off, the following morning a call was received that this same chief was locked out! However, this time he was in the housing area. I could just imagine him being frozen in his car again, or per-haps even being caught halfway in the window of his car yelling for help. It was two hours before we caught a glimpse of him that morning. Can you guess who this chief

A short while back, football fans were waiting in anticipation of the big game, New Year's Day, in the Cotton Bowl. Two of the hottest bookies in the Operations De-partment, CTC Kromas ("Big John") and CT3 Baker 'Bake") were confident of a huge Texas landslide. As it turned out, the Cotton Bowl game could be called the "Hook 'em, Hail Mary' game!

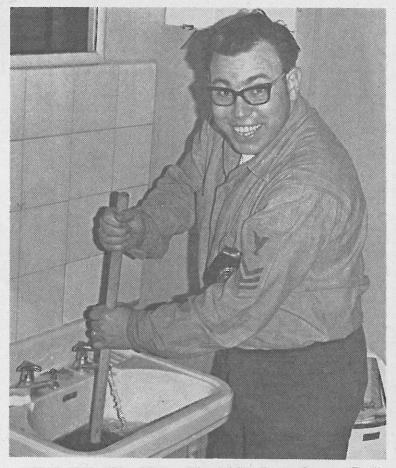
By now, most of those New Year's resolutions have either faded or been broken completely. However, if you are one of those few who have managed to keep their will-power, you only have another 11 months to go. Good luck!

To our many constituents the world over, we in the "balcony" wish the best for the new year.

****** Guess Who?



GUESS WHO THIS IS—All we'll tell you is that this individual can be found in the NSGA officer ranks today. Last month's mystery guest was LCdr Hugh R. Crane, the assistant operations officer of NSGA Bremerhaven.



TAKING THE PLUNGE! — The NSGA Bremerhaven "Boat's Force" is a hard-working organization as is shown here by the ambition with which Boatswain Mate First Class Lloyd J. St.-Amant attacks a stopped up sink. Is that a practical factor for chief, Lloyd?

The Four-Gram

By CT3 D. E. Gawthrop

With the holidays behind us, we at NSGA Bremerhaven are faced with the remainder of a Bremerhaven winter punctuated only by an occasional "Windjammer," to whose hallowed columns Fourth Division herewith returns. I hope to provide a monthly contribution from the famed "Ivory Tower" of Building 2 for the gratification of various and sundry readers. For those in the habit of looking only at the pictures, you are referred to the inside of any locker door.

Familiar landmarks are falling all around us as progress (Admiral Zumwalt's most important product) marches on. Chief Mashburne's beard is gone and its absence has revealed a much

younger-looking, if slightly less distinguished, face!

There was also much discussion in the division as to whether or not Chief Sink might try to grow a beard. It was finally decided that, due to his receding (retreating?) hairline, such an attempt would probably result in his face looking upside-down. All will agree that he looks peculiar enough perched upon a coffee table on top of the division officer's desk. LCdr. Ennes was most understanding however since it was he who rulled was most understanding, however, since it was he who pulled

down the light fixture Chief Sink was trying to replace.

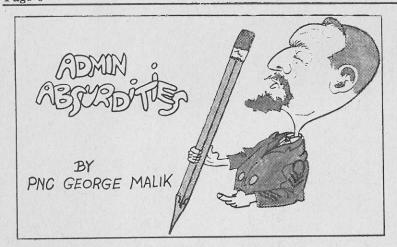
Chief Cunningham may be more careful about what he leaves lying on his desk as the result of a recent incident in which he lost all hope of making E-10.

CT1 Stough, Assistant Division Mother, recently sustained an injury to the middle finger of his right hand, thereby disabling him in any number of sports. Hopefully he has learned to keep his hands to himself. CTI Stough, however, remains fully capable of wreaking havoc throughout the division.

This month's cultural improvement feature is an anonymous selection about a medieval hero whose legend is already familiar to Fourth Division workers:

"CHEEFSYNK" In days of yore, when knights and dragons dashed About the countryside of green, 'twixt hills And trees where wintry winds in cold months lashed Their way through woods and vales and rocks and rills, There dwelled within a castle tall a knight So brave and bold and fair that all around For leagues the peasants never got uptight. Nor worried that he cruel might be found. His monarch, Gud Kynge Kunnyngham, had said Of him that he alone, of all the knights In Osmerland who into battle led A group of fighting men for days and nights, Could lead them on to victory in spite Of odds of ten-to-one or more, and cold And snow and rain and hail and winds that bite And this because he was so brave and bold.

A sportsman was he too of no mean skill And, though he many sports knew well, no doubt There was, that as a bowman never will There be his equal in the land nor out. But loved he so his archery that oft, When chores of state demanded he attend, He chose instead to send his cares aloft On quivered shaft which caused his bow to bend. And thus it went for many months on end Till papers stacked upon his desk quite high. And still he sallied forth each day to wend His way through vale and glen 'neath bluest sky.
But late one night when plodding back he came,
He found the drawbridge up, the portals closed.
A note hung on the door, on top — his name: "Cheefsynk, the foe attacked. No one opposed. . . . "



Being a member of Chief Koenig's personnel office crew and close to the hearts and minds of many NSGA Bremerhaven sailors (at least where receiving and transfer processing and propay are concerned), I sometimes overhear various conversations. Many are unprintable and many are obscene, obscure, obsolete, immaterial or absurd.

But it is, of course, the absurd that I'm really interested in, since things appearing absurd to some don't seem nearly so to others. Whether something is absurd or not is, in my opinion, a matter of interpretation. It's either so much "bull" (depending upon which side of the fence you're on) or it's matter for serious thought. Examples of this would include some of the well intended but sometimes perplexing and ambiguous official instructions that go through the routing mill.

Therefore, the following conversation between two newly arrived sailors while sitting in the personnel office is offered for your interpretation:

"Where ya reportin' from?"

"Pensacola." (yawn) "Where you comin' from?"

"Same place! How about that; small world, huh?" (sigh) "Man, I guess."

"Heard a lot 'bout this place back in (whisper) CT school."

"Man, you don't have to whisper! I'm a CT too, you know."

"Yeah, but what about all these PNs within ear shot? I wouldn't want them to know I'm a (whisper) CT."

Don't matter." (yawn) "Okay, but anyway, back in 'Cola they told me that I'd probab'ly want to go on Com Rats just as soon as I got here because the chow at the EES cafeteria is so great! Another thing, they said I'd have the option of living on the economy and drawing BAQ 'stead of living in the barracks!"

(yawn, no comment)
"Yeah, an' somebody else said the reason they're tryin' to get
BAQ for us single guys is 'cause the barracks is too crowded."

(no comment, unconcerned) "But that wouldn't bother me. 'Sides, it don't make no difference long as ya use a good deodorant. Right? Har, har, har!"

(sigh) "Man, you got some sense of humor.

"I'm not sure I want to move out on the economy anyway. Why, the other three guys in my room . . . Or is it four? Or five? Anyway, they've been real friendly and, like I said before, it don't matter if it's a little crowded; it'll take me awhile to learn who my roomies are anyway, with so many people walkin' in and out all the time."

"Z-z-z-zzz."

"What say? Oh yeah, 'nuther thing: I'm real glad I didn't take Christmas leave 'fore comin' here. Why, I mighta missed all the barracks parties they bin having.'

You too, huh? Y'know, I no sooner checked inta my room, than some guy shoves a green bottle in my hand and mumbles somethin' about havin' a cool yule! Or maybe it was a 'cool brew' he was talkin' about. He wasn't feelin' no pain, anyhow. A couple of his buds came and helped him back to his room. They said he wasn't used to the 'hard stuff' yet.'

"Z-z-z-whistle-z-zzz."

"Now don't tell anybody I told you all this! I wouldn't want to get no one in trouble. 'Sides, I had some of it myself and . . . Hey, you ain't heard a word I bin saying!"

(snort, yawn, stretch, wheeze) "Sorry, bud, but I ain't had much sleep lately, what with all the people traipsin' through my room and with all the partyin' and such. Whadyasay 'bout there bein' alonty of recome in the harveoles?" plenty of room in the barracks?'

"Wait! Don't I know you from somewhere? You ever been at Pensacola? You're not one of my roommates, are you?"
"Could be. Small world, ain't it?"
(yawn) "Yeah."
That's absurd.



MISS WINDJAMMER — The January "Miss Windjammer" reminds us that this is National Blood Donor month. Volunteer donors are expected to line up wherever she may be in attendance. Roll up your sleeves and give generously.



INTERNATIONAL BASKET-BALL TOURNAMENT — The U.S. Forces All-Star team, composed of local Army and Navy personnel, took part in an international basketball tournament here last month which was sponsored by the German Sports Federation of Bremer-haven. Here, Specialist Larry Pearson (14) blocks a player of the MTV Wolfenbuettel German team. The U.S. team won the game 69-62. (Photo by G. S.

The Big Beat

By Dave Stewart

Well, with the departure of the Christmas elves and the airing of all the special year end shows, AFN Bremerhaven opened a new book and settled down for the new and challenging things that await us in

The first week of the year alwe've seen changes with the airing of the political programs "Viewpoint," "Capi-tal Cloakroom," and "Face The Nation' under the AFN production heading of "Viewpoint 71" on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. The availability of the new communications satellite has made these popular programs possible on a three times a week basis.

As always, with the addition of new programs, other shows have to be cancelled or moved to another time slot. The Navy program, "Eve Watch," can now be heard on Tuesday program, now be evenings at 8:05 and the young generation show, "the progeneration show, "the program without a name," airs at 8:05 p.m. on Thursday instead

We don't think this change inconvenience Watch" listeners, but, with the young generation show moving to Thursday night, we have somewhat shot our plan to make Friday night" on AFN. night

Paul McGowan and "yours truly" have finally knocked off knocking each other's music and have settled down to more important things.

A friend told us that one of the elf shows in which AFN "put it on" Chief Gribben of NSGA, the chief actually received a nicely wrapped package of coal on Christmas Day.

By the time this hits the presses, "Chicken Man" will have returned to AFN. This was due to an overwhelming response from you, the listener, and he will be back for another exciting 75 episodes.

Well, that's it for this edition. Remember, we want to hear from you, the listener, and hear all your comments, good or bad. It's your feedback that keeps us on our toes.



Generally speaking, I try to avoid visiting our local military hospital, or any hospital for that matter. I have this strange phobia of such places since they started handing out annual innoculations — whether they're wanted or not. So-o-o, when the "Windjammer" editor called me on this assignment, you could hardly blame me for pouting in my coke bottle for a spell before mustering enough nerve to accept the job.

"Charlie," he said, "we received word through the hospital grapevine that an operation was suddenly terminated under somewhat strange circumstances and I'd like you to check this rumor out for us." After I explained to him that I had been banned from the hospital on a somewhat permanent basis, I could hear him chuckling in the background. "This operation isn't taking place at the hospital," he replied, "It's at the veterinarian's office. Now get over there now and find out what's going on."

I thought to myself, "Hm-m-m, it can't be as bad as the hospital; I mean, after all, they only treat dogs and cats there. What am I worried about? They probably never got past fleatology in vet school; they won't know anything about roaches at all . . . I hope.

Now I've never been to a vet's office before, so I went prepared: anti-slip rubber boots, flea powder, catnip, dog whistle (set to a frequency guaranteed to drive any mutt out of his mind) and, last but not least, a complete set of armor heavy enough to keep any hypodermic needle from piercing the skin. No Boy Scout was ever so well prepared.

Arriving on the scene, I wandered past pens of howling dogs and meowing cats until I found the operating spaces. Looking about, I saw three specialists gathered in a corner perusing an X-ray film while a totally "worn out" looking cat lay dopily on the operating table. "Ugh!" I thought to myself, "they must have gotten that cat where it hurts."

The cat gave a pitiful meow and just then a figure at the end of the table moved and I could see concerned eyes looking helplessly at the prostrate animal. A hint of recognition began to creep over me. I thought, "Why, that is . . . by golly it is for sure, it's Chief Koenig!"

I called one of the specialists aside, explained why I was there, and asked for a statement.

"It all started when we were about to begin a spading operation on that man's cat," the specialist replied. "We took X-rays, sterilized our instruments, and administered the anesthetic. It was all going perfect; everything was being done according to regulations and then . . . Well, I mean when the X-rays were finished and we examined them. . . I mean here was this animal who had resided in the Koenig home for two years, had been loved, petted and fed for all this time with its beautiful feminine name and cute little bells around its neck. . . Two whole years and, and. . . Well, look for yourself; look here at these

Let me tell you, I was flabbergasted. It was unbelievable. Chief, how could you not have known? How could you own such a sweet, affectionate, fluffy ball of fur and not know she was a "he"? Hm-m-mmm. . .



1-2-3, KICK Communications Technician Third Class Mike McAnulty (29) of the U.S. Forces All-Stars collides with a player of the German team during the recent international basketball competition. The American team placed fourth in the tournament with teams from four other countries. The other standings were as follows: Austria—first place; Holland—second; Switzerland third; Germany (Team "B")—fifth; and Germany (MTV Wolfenbuettel team)—sixth. The United States team won one game and lost three during the three-day tournament.