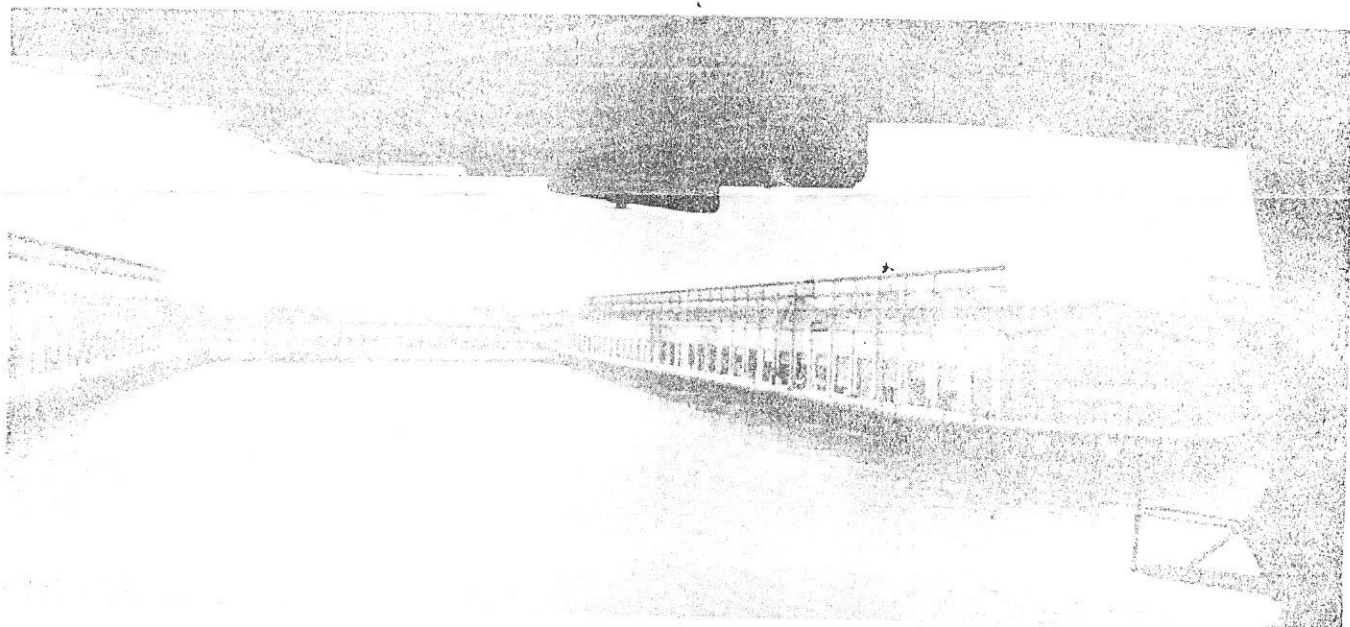


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THIS IS HOW IT ALL BEGAN!.....
Last Friday, 31 May, the good ship KEARSARGE came into Colon, the Panama Canal Zone, and tied up alongside one of the piers, to begin a holiday which was to last until Thursday, 6 June.

The days of the holiday period were dedicated to the purpose of recreation for the crew of our ship. In the pictures on page four of this issue you will find illustrated the highspots of our holiday.

Saturday afternoon saw a so-called "fishing trip" go up the French Canal into the lake. The results were: several stalks of bananas, a sack of coconuts, a bag of limes and thirty cases of sunburn.

Sunday was given over to general visiting about town and Monday morning went to a bus excursion to Fort San Lorenzo, overlooking the

Chagres River. A ship's dance and a stewards' dance were held in the evening.

The big trip of the holiday was the all day excursion to Panama City-Balboa, on the Pacific side of the Canal Zone. A special train and a ten-bus sightseeing excursion to Old Panama, highlighted this worthwhile trip. All this took place on Tuesday. The final day, Wednesday, was again given to general sightseeing and purchasing of gifts in town.

Our sincere thanks goes to the folks of the USO, the Red Cross, the Army transportation men and our own Naval personnel of transportation, welfare and recreation who, with our own chaplains, made the plans for the holiday. Also a kind word of thanks to Lt(jg) Dougan, whose photo men took the shots on page four and who made the photo layouts for this issue.



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NAVY GUNS REFLECT YEARS OF RESEARCH.....
(Ed. Note - This article is of special interest to us because it concerns the armament used by our ship) The Germans had 30 supersonic wind tunnels to develop the V-2 rocket as against the five we now have in this country. Thus said Vice-Admiral G. F. Hussey, Jr., Chief of the Bureau of Ordnance, in an address describing achievement of American weapons during the war. He cited this fact to show that there still remains much to be done in improving American research facilities.

When Britain went to war in 1939, the U.S. was producing two outstanding weapons, the 5-inch 38-caliber double-purpose gun and the 6-inch 47-caliber gun in triple turrets designed for PHILADELPHIA and the BROOKLYN class cruisers, the Admiral revealed. But this country had to turn to the Swiss and Swedes for its anti-aircraft guns, the 20-mm. Oerlikon and the 40-mm. Bofors.

American invention later brought many new weapons into the war. Admiral Hussey cited as examples various adaptations of the rocket, which were used in antisubmarine craft, in fighter and bomber planes (thus stepping up their firepower to that of destroyers), and on rocket launchers that covered beach landings.

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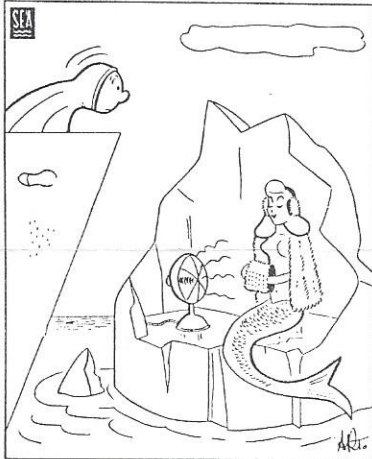
RATINGS OFFER INDUCEMENT.....Every inducement is offered to attract personnel to critically short ETM and AETM ratings. Except for good conduct, almost every requirement is being waived for advancement. These are the only ratings now open in which a S2c can rise to PO1c in 13 months.

All rated or non-rated personnel who passed the Eddy test previously but were not selected for radio materiel training, in addition to the usual ratings of RM, ARM, AEM, RdM, and SoM, are eligible for this program. Fleet personnel may apply via

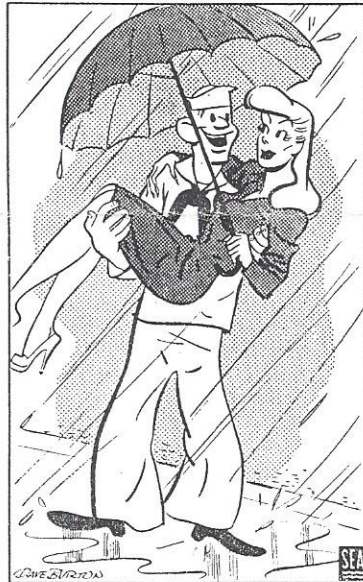
their Fleet commands, while shore-based personnel may apply directly to BUPERS via unit commanders.

Two years obligated service at time of school entry is required of applicants. Upon completion of 20 weeks basic training at one of the Naval Training Schools, graduates may be advanced to the next higher pay grade up to and including pay grade two.

IT'S ALL IN FUN!!



HELEN HIGHWATER



"It's Against Navy Regulations for me to Carry an Umbrella!"

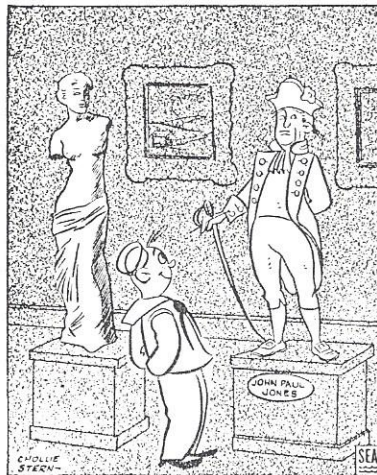
Poppa Bear in a gruff voice:
"Who stole my beer?"
Mamma Bear in a shrill voice:
"Who stole my beer?"
Baby Bear: "Hic."

"Ah wins."
"Whut'cha got?"
"Three aces."
"No yuh don't. AH win!"
"Whut cha got?"
"Two deuces an' a razor."
"Yo sho' does. How come you so lucky?"



"WOW! What a Kiss."

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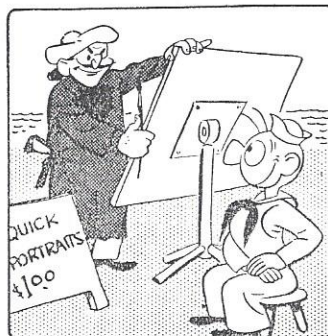
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Two Faced



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