

# Kearsarge

11 November 1953

## Captain Neblett In Command

### Ship's Dance Band Presents First Of Live Radio Shows

'On the Air,' signalled K-E-A-R engineer John R. Chastain, IC3 and the strains of 'Minor Lament Theme' drifted throughout the ship as the Kearsarge Band launched the first of a series of new live dance concerts from Hangar Bay One on Sunday afternoon.

The show, the first of its kind attempted by both the station and band, was M.C.'d by John Terry of the KEAR staff who demonstrated that he is not only a fine disc jockey but equally at home before a live audience. In addition to providing an interesting talk about the selections and their arrangers, he also presented a short resume' of the band's history, with an able assist by baritone saxist L.C. Arns, MU1.

Chief Musician O.L. Horton, the band's leader since its formation two years ago, showed fine taste in selecting a program which not only depicted the groups ability to play standard arrangements of the nation's top bands, but also presented the works of some of the Navy's own outstanding arrangers.

The large and enthusiastic audience showed their approval in particular of Glenn

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### Fleet Wide Examinations Rate One Out Of Four Men Taking Promotional Tests

Results of the August fleet wide examinations for advancement in rate to Third, Second and First Class Petty Officer show the Kearsarge receiving a high percentage of men promoted.

Of the 695 men who took the test, 180 were advanced in rate. This shows that one out of every four examinees was rated.

One hundred-seventy two other men passed the examination, but were not rated



Captain Thomas B. Neblett and Captain Thurston B. Clark tour ranks of one thousand enlisted men and officers at change of command ceremony.

due to a quota restriction.

The largest number to be advanced in one rate was 97 men to Third Class, next was 61 to Second, and last 22 to First Class Petty Officer.

The next examination for advancement to third, second and first class will be given in February.

#### AIR GROUP RATES

The Air Group didn't make quite as good a showing in the fleet wide examinations for Petty Officer, as only 35 men were rated out of the 290 taking the test. This was due to the fact that the majority of men who passed the test were not rated because of an aviation quota.

VA-115 led the Air Group with a total of 14 men being advanced in rate. Next came VF-112 with 8, followed by VF-114 with 5, VF-113 and VC-3 with 4 each.

### Citations Awarded Freeman, Lawson By Captain Clark

Air Medal Citations were presented during the recent change of command ceremonies to James Freeman, AN, of the V-4 Division, and Robert Lawson, AO2, of the V-6 Division. Captain Thurston B. Clark made the presentations as one of his last official acts as Commanding Officer.

The men received the awards for outstanding service in Patrol Squadron, VP-40, during the period September, 1952 through March, 1953. It was at this time, Patrol Squadron, VP-40 was engaged in operations over Formosa

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### 'Kay' Receives A New Skipper At Formal Ceremony

Blue skies, fleecy clouds and turquoise water constituted a picturesque background for the formal change of command ceremonies in which Captain Thurston B. Clark was relieved as Commanding Officer by Captain Thomas B. Neblett on 4 November, 1953.

The change of command took place on the flight deck amidst a colorful Marine Guard and one thousand officers and men in dress blues, while the ship was operating off the coast of Korea. Captain Clark was relieved near the place where he had taken command of the Kearsarge, nine months ago.

Captain Clark gave a short but impressive speech. He spoke of the fine spirit demonstrated by the officers and men of the Kearsarge. In San Diego last spring, he recalled that the ship lost nearly half of her men and set sail for WestPac, with practically a new set of key officers and crew. Things looked pretty grim at the time, yet the ship came through ORI with flying colors and is again a smoothly operating organization. Captain Clark attributed this to the indomitable spirit and iron will of the officers and men aboard. He further stated that he was proud to have been a member of this team, and expressed the opinion that the Kearsarge was the 'best damn ship in the fleet.'

After assuming command from his old friend and classmate, Captain Thomas B. Neblett said; he was very happy to become a part of this fine team. Captain Neblett comes to the Kearsarge from Norfolk, Virginia, where he served as Assistant Chief of Staff to Commander Air Force, Atlantic Fleet.

The men and officers of the Kearsarge welcome Captain Neblett aboard and have no doubt that he will prove to be an able and well-liked skipper.



## KEARSAGA

U.S.S. KEARSARGE CVA-33

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## Chaplain Speaking

Everyone knows about training tables. There, according to the season, dine the members of football, wrestling, boxing, and rowing teams. A special diet is prepared for each, according to his needs. Sweets are out. They make fat. Muscle and bone-building foods are in. Down one side of the room, to those not in training, float the trays with roast pork, gravy, dressing, apple pie, coffee with cream and sugar. But to the tables of those in training go: lean and not too tender beef, green vegetables, salads, fruit, and milk.

Many a boy hates this sort of diet, but hangs on though the tantalizing fragrance of favorite foods fills the air. Why does he stand for it? He's been told he must if he wants to be on the varsity.

Followers of Christ work at self-restraint and discipline to strengthen their spiritual fiber. They give up many attractive things. They don't want fatty tissues of self-indulgence to slow them up. They're in a contest for eternal victory.

Heaven is our goal--Between us and heaven is an opponent--a vicious, snarling, tricky devil. If we are strong inside, we can beat him; but if we refuse to train spiritually, by prayer and self-control the contest will be lost.

Engraved on the Bee Bops tombstone were the words: "Don't dig me now man.... I'm gone!!!"

## Just A Column

Mike Dudash

Why is it everytime you go through the chow line with a big stack of bread, you get a slice of butter so small you can hardly see it? But when you go through with only one piece of bread, you have butter all over your tray.

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We've been having some pretty good movies lately and it looks as if the old saying, 'There's always room for one more,' is about to be disproved in Hangar Bay One.... Maybe the Recreation Council can appropriate money for a larger hangar bay, along with the appropriation of money for more chairs????

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Many guys are probably interested in what the deal is on changing their rate from airman to seaman, or the other way around. Well from a recent encounter with the subject, here are the facts I've learned.... Buters has a 'deep freeze' on such changes until 6/30/54.

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Let's not have water hours! You all know that everytime we go to sea, we must depend on the ship's Engineering Department to supply us with fresh water. Since the output of fresh water the Engineering Department can produce is limited, let's use only what we need.... don't waste any and avoid water hours.... maybe we can earn that holiday routine by setting some kind of record for not having to go on water hours!!!!

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Our thanks to Ensign K.F.X. Delaney and Jerry Kavanagh, JO3, of P.I.O., for their contributions, suggestions, and co-operation with the staff of the Kearsaga.

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The Kearsaga Staff would like to extend their apologies to Chief Kosmicki of VA-115, for the unforgivable error in misspelling his name.

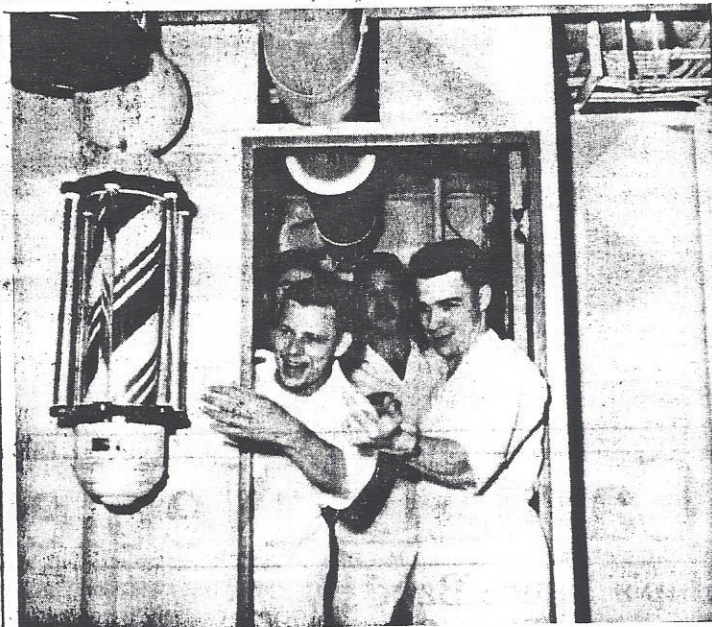
Mrs. Paul K. Summers



Pictured above is the lovely wife of Paul K. Summers, YN3, of the Legal Office; our Mrs. Kearsaga of the week.

Peggy is 22 yrs. old, has auburn hair, hazel eyes and is 5ft. 2in. tall.

Paul and Peggy, who were married in January, 1949, have two children; Kenny, age 4 and Laura, age 1½.



A group of the ship's barbers gather around the new barber pole recently acquired by Commander F.G. Winiecki, Supply Officer. The pole which is quite an attraction aboard ship, is probably the only one of its kind on any ship in the fleet.

## What's New On The Bookshelf?

**THE BAREFOOT MAILMAN:** Is this new novel, the author of Mr. Winkle Goes to War tells a romantic adventure of Florida which he knows so well and has written of in three widely hailed earlier novels, Bigelow, Mercy Island, and Mr. Limpet. This time he has discovered a piece of unknown history, as colorful as it is engaging.

In the Eighties the present 'Gold Coast' of Florida between Palm Beach and Miami was as unfrequented as the west coast of Africa. Miami Beach, now known to millions, was a mangrove swamp. The rest of the country was a jungle wilderness where desperate beach-combers lived.

Steven Pierton, the young barefoot mailman was brought up by the bachelor Bethune Brothers--Doc, who keeps the general store and post office and Cap Jim, who plies the coast in his sailing sharpie. Steven, female-shy, finds many things on his route, including a girl. Rivalling him for her affections is Sylvanus Hurley, in-gratiating scoundrel and Southern Florida's first land 'boom-er.'

When the government builds houses of refuge along the beach for shipwrecked sailors, Steven's friends--Jesse Paget and his Cuban wife, Della and his Cracker mother, Linda--get jobs as keepers at one of them. The Paget's, with Steven and the girl he loves, clash with the dangerous beachcombers.

The Barefoot Mailman pictures vividly the simple, peaceful, yet stirring time of early settlement life in America's only tropics.

## Division Doin's

When Ray Charimie of Attack Squadron 115 went to see his division officer the other day, he was surprised to find he and another officer in a heated argument. As Ray says: 'They were almost to throwing fists'.....After a little snooping, we're glad to report it was only a rehearsal for 'Mr. Roberts' that Ray walked in on.

The word! Reliable sources have it that the band is about to receive a new member. He is a baritone player! That's the thing Jack Shawger plays....Guess he needs help holding it up....No?

P.K. Summers tells us that Steve 'Supersonic' Brown from the Training Office thinks we're going to Manila instead of the Philippine Islands.

The crew of the Port Squadron Office have resulted to the use of laquer thinner as lighter fluid. It seems that the ship's store is out of fluid and matches or else it's just too far to walk to.

Flash!!! The cooks are playing horseshoes in the hangar deck...Horseshoes in the hangar deck??? Oh well! I don't suppose rubber horseshoes will do any harm....I hear that J. Bluementhal of VA-115, goes into a dive everytime he takes a picture. They say he has a tattooed on the back of his ears.

From the S-2 Division, we hear that Flint is badly in need of a staff to help him sort all of his mail. French is keeping himself occupied by making a hula skirt. Don't think they wear them in the Philippines, French!

High on the popularity role for this week is 'Horseshoe Willie' Harrison.....C.L. White making sure he got a birthday cake. made his own.

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# 'Sir, the Navy Kidnapped Me! Is Airmen's 'AWOL' Excuse

Norfolk, Va. (AFPS)—"Shanghied, my foot," said the officer at Langley AFB.

"Honest, sir," said A/2C Harmon A. Harrison. "I was kidnapped by the Navy."

"Well," said the officer—who had thought he had heard everything—"let's have your story."

"Sir," said Harrison, "it's truly an epic of the sea. I'm stationed with the Northwest Air Command at Ernest Harmon AFB in Newfoundland. I was working with a detail from the maintenance squadron aboard a Navy tanker—the USNS Mission Capistrano—that was unloading cargo at our base.

"Well, sir, the wind started to howl and the sea was running high. After I finished working in my usual industrious way, I went 'topside.' That's what they call 'upstairs' in the Navy. Well, I found that the captain had put out to sea.

"Naturally, I demanded to be put back on shore. There was an Army tug standing by, but the sea was so rough I couldn't get to it. So I had to stay with the tanker until we landed at Norfolk."

"Frankly," said the officer, "I doubt that such a thing could..."

"You can check with the Navy, sir," said Harrison quickly.

"You'd better be right," said the officer.

The story was checked and found true.

"We're going to put you on TDY here, Harrison," said the officer. "Then you're going back."

"Please, sir. Not to the Capistrano."

"No," said the officer. "To Newfoundland."

## VADM Conolly To Retire; Will Head Long Island U.

Newport, R. I. (AFPS)—VADM Richard L. Conolly, USN, the last member of the Annapolis class of 1914 to retire, will leave active service Nov. 2 to become president of Long Island University.

A veteran of 43 years active duty, Admiral Conolly has been president of the U.S. Naval War College, Newport, R. I., since Dec. 1, 1950. He will be succeeded by RADM Thomas H. Robbins Jr., USN, who has been serving as chief of staff.

## REAR RANK



"Did you whistle?"



By ROBERT E. LYONS  
JOC, USN  
(Managing Editor, AFPS)

The Hal Wallis production "About Mrs. Leslie" now is before the camera at Paramount with Academy Award winner Shirley Booth and Robert Ryan as co-stars... Ted Sherdeman, who is writing Warner Bros. "Triple Jet Ace," the life story of Capt. Joseph McConnell, has just completed 10 hours of tape recording of the ace's description of his experiences in Korea. Sherdeman rode with the captain in a jet at George AFB, Calif., and taped sounds of the takeoffs, landings, dives and general military maneuvers...



Rita Gam

Twentieth Century-Fox has completed "Night People," a CinemaScope Technicolor drama filmed entirely on location in Germany with a cast headed by Gregory Peck, Broderick Crawford, Rita Gam and Anita Bjork.

## Der Bingle Turns Author

Having established himself as one of America's top entertainers, Bing Crosby also is emerging as the author of a best seller as his autobiography, "Call Me Lucky," hits the 250,000 mark.

Full support to making color television a nation-wide reality for the near future was pledged by 141 TV station executives from every part of the U.S. at the close of the CBS color demonstration in New York.

## "Eternity" Honored

Columbia's "From Here to Eternity" has been named "Picture of the Month" by the Hollywood Foreign Correspondents Assoc., and awarded a scroll by the Southern California Motion Picture Council for "outstanding production and great entertainment."

Rosalind Russell, who portrayed Sister Kenney in the movie of that name, has been re-elected a director of the Sister Elizabeth Kenney Foundation.

## Bouncing Dessert

Sacramento, Calif. (AFPS)—A Sacramento restaurant recently substituted colored sponges for fingerbowls. The manager recalls that one of his first customers served with a sponge called over the waitress: "May I have a sharper knife? This dessert looks good but it sure is tough."

## NEW RECORDS

By BOB MCGONAGLE  
(AFPS Staff Announcer)

Vocalist June Valli heads the list of artists having new releases this week with her renditions of "Mystery Street" and "Don't Forget to Write." Deft musical backing is supplied by the Henri Rene orchestra. It's a definite followup to her "Crying in the Chapel."

Although Christmas is still a number of weeks away, many of the record companies already have finished several discs scheduled for release soon. For example: the entire Arthur Godfrey crew just waxed an album of Christmas selections highlighting the voice of—naturally—the old red head himself. Also heard are Janet Davis, Frank Parker, Marion Marlowe, Lou Ann Simms, etc. Patti Page has come out with a beautiful interpretation of the perennial favorite, "The Lord's Prayer." More news of Christmas releases will appear in this column in the near future.

From the movie flicker "Puttin' on the Ritz," Tony Martin sings an appealing ballad that's loaded with intrigue. It's "There's Danger in Your Eyes, Cherie." Flipside, a new dramatic opus called "I Just Love You" stems from the combined pens of Nicholas Brodsky and J. Pasternak who scored so well in the past with "Because of You" and "Be My Love." Tony vocalizes smoothly with musical backing by Lennie Hayton.

## The Nation's Big Five:

- 1—Vaya Con Dios... Les Paul & Mary Ford
- 2—You, You, You... Ames Brothers
- 3—Ebb Tide... Frank Chacksfield Orchestra
- 4—St. George and the Dragonet... Stan Freberg
- 5—Crying in the Chapel... June Valli

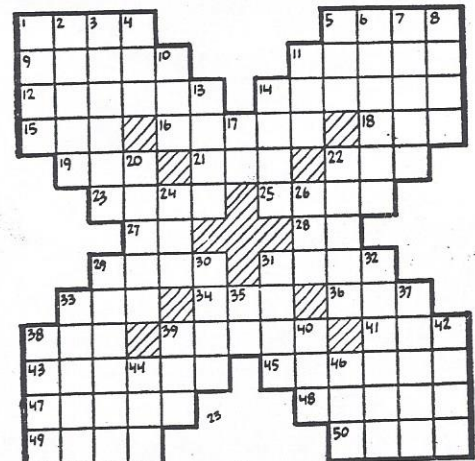
## CROSSWORD PUZZLE

### ACROSS

- 1—Ripped
- 5—Part of church
- 9—Declares
- 11—Winged
- 12—Church
- 14—Cylindrical
- 15—Period of time
- 16—Rugged mountain crest
- 18—One, no matter which
- 19—Point
- 21—Anger
- 22—Total
- 23—Memorandum
- 25—Peel
- 27—Behold!
- 28—Note of scale
- 29—Soaks
- 31—Observes
- 33—Footlike part
- 34—Cabin
- 36—Resort
- 38—Algonquian Indian
- 39—Swift
- 41—Corded cloth
- 43—Thought
- 45—Retreat
- 47—Lessens
- 48—Glossy fabric
- 49—Winter vehicle
- 50—Want

### DOWN

- 1—Story
- 2—Secret
- 3—Repossession
- 4—New Deal
- 5—Mohammedan name
- 6—Pompous show
- 7—Remain erect
- 8—Slippery
- 10—Musical as written
- 11—Imitate
- 13—Great Lake
- 14—Walk
- 17—Teutonic deity
- 20—Europeans
- 22—Sign of zodiac
- 24—Small child
- 26—Consumed
- 29—Relate
- 30—Edible fish
- 31—Mix
- 32—Ghost
- 33—Pertaining to the Pope
- 35—Above
- 37—Eagle's nest
- 38—Cries
- 39—Things, in law
- 40—French: of the
- 42—Await decision
- 44—Man's nickname
- 46—Sunburn



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# Sea Pay Limited For Navy's EM Ordered to TAD

Washington (AFPS)—Enlisted men on temporary additional duty ashore for a period of more than 15 days will not receive special pay for sea duty after the first 15 days, the Navy has announced.

The regulation outlined in Alnav 52 dated Oct. 9, 1953, also applies to ship-based aviation units which are temporarily based ashore for more than 15 days. This change applies regardless of the fact that the man may still be attached to the vessel or unit.

If the period of absence from the vessel is 15 days or less, the man will continue to receive sea pay unless he is detached from the vessel. If he is detached from the vessel or ship-based aviation unit during the 15-day period his sea pay will be terminated as of the date of detachment.

The regulation is retroactive to Oct. 1, 1953. Any overpayment made from that date until the time the Alnav is received will be recovered from the enlisted man.

## Your Telephone Calls Will Cost You More

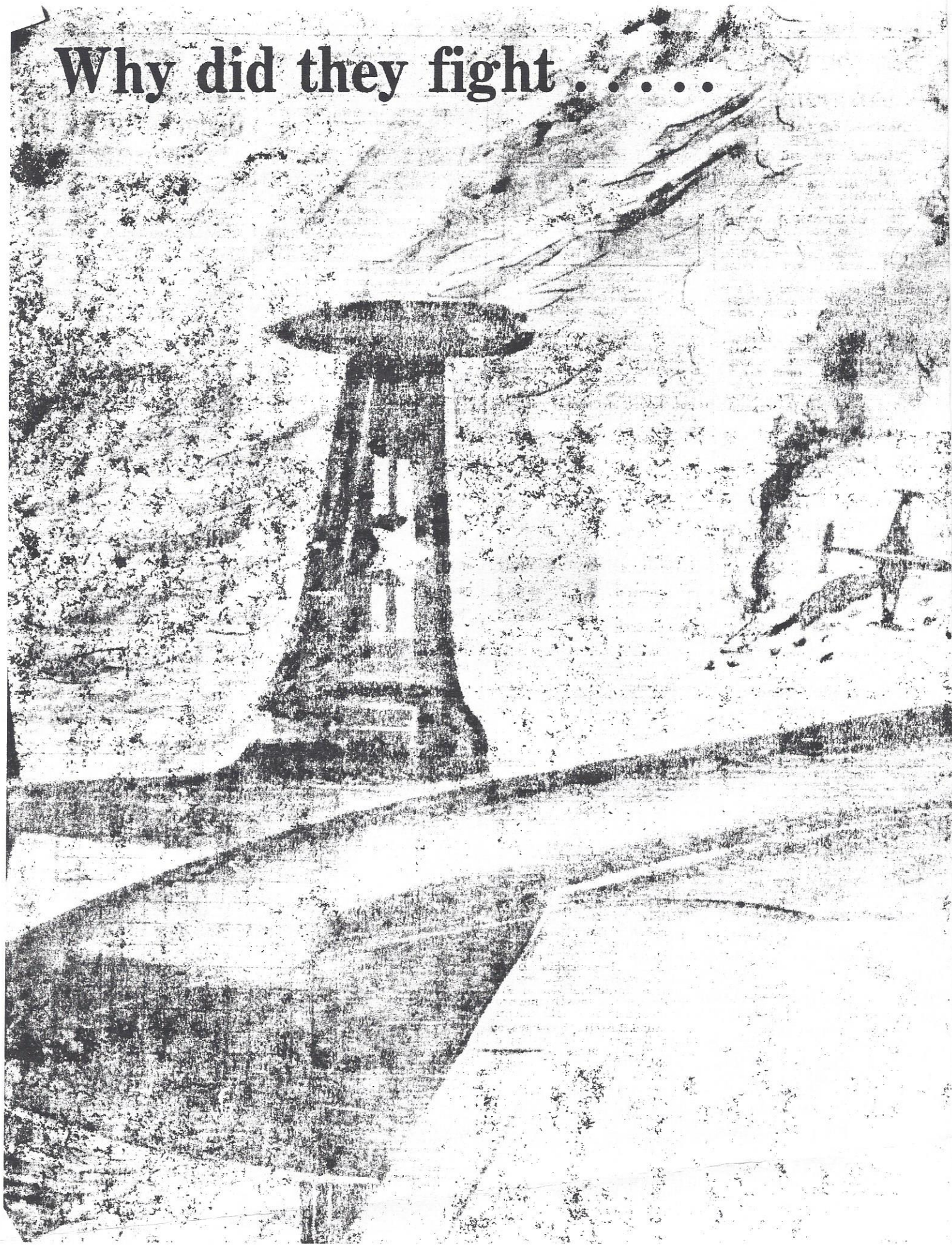
Washington (AFPS)—Long distance telephone calls went up in price Oct. 1, increasing by five cents the cost of each minute overtime on interstate calls of more than 24 miles distance.

Increases of 5-10 cents will be added to the initial three minute period for night and Sunday calls on most distances between 41 and 2,300 miles.

The Federal Communications Commission in a split vote authorized the increases to the Bell Telephone System because of recent wage boosts to employees.



**Why did they fight . . . .**





*This is the text of a CBS broadcast from Washington on July 27, one day after the Korean truce was announced.*

**T**HERE were many mysteries in this Korean war. To this reporter, the greatest mystery is the human puzzle of what made American youngsters fight so hard, so long, and so well in this Korean war. There have been armies that fought well only for loot; there was none of that in Korea; armies that fought well only for glory and victory; there was little of that in Korea; armies that fought well only when their homeland was invaded; this was not true of the Korean war; armies that fought well when the national passion was aroused, when everyone was involved; this was not the case this time; and armies that fought as crusaders out of burning moral or religious zeal; but thousands who fought so well in Korea had only the dimmest conception of what United Nations and collective security are all about, and had therefore no compelling belief.

But they fought, they endured, they stayed to the bitter end; they fought a war they did not particularly believe in; to the armistice they have little faith in; and they will fight again automatically and instantly, if the armistice should fail. They have done all this without requiring the moral exhortations and whippings of any political commissars; they have bled and died in the mud and the stones of that bleak and incomprehensible land, in full knowledge that half their countrymen at home were too bored with it all to give the daily casualty lists a second glance; in full knowledge that while they were living the worst life they had ever known, millions of their countrymen, and from the same cause, were living the best, most prosperous life they had ever known. They saw the emaciated Korean children around them and knowing their countrymen showed little interest in contributing, they gave millions from their own paltry paychecks; they knew it was too

much effort for many of their countrymen to walk to the nearest blood donation center, so they gave their own blood to their wounded comrades. And they fought on in no particular bitterness that all this was so.

They fought right ahead at the time military men of great authority were publicly arguing that they were being handled tragically wrong; they fought right ahead while politicians divided their countrymen about the very purpose of their fight, telling them that their wounds and aches were all in vain. And they fought ahead knowing that while allied nations were cheering them on, allied soldiers were not coming to help them in any numbers.

Why have these youths behaved so magnificently? It was true, as many said, that rotation was a substitute for victory in this war. But that was not all the answer. The rest of it lies very deep in the heart and tissues of this American life, and none among us can unravel all the threads of it. It has to do with their parents and their teachers and their ministers; it has to do with their 4-H clubs, their scout troops, their neighborhood centers; it has to do with the sense of belonging to a team, with the honor of upholding it, the shame of letting it down. But it also has to do with their implicit, unreasoned belief in their country, and their natural belief in themselves as individual men upon the earth.

Whatever is responsible, their behavior in this undefinable, unrewarded war outmatches. It seems to me, the behavior of those Americans who fought the definable wars of certainty and victory. For this is a new thing in the American story; and for those of us who write the story, as they live it, this is a thing to be put down with respect and some humility.

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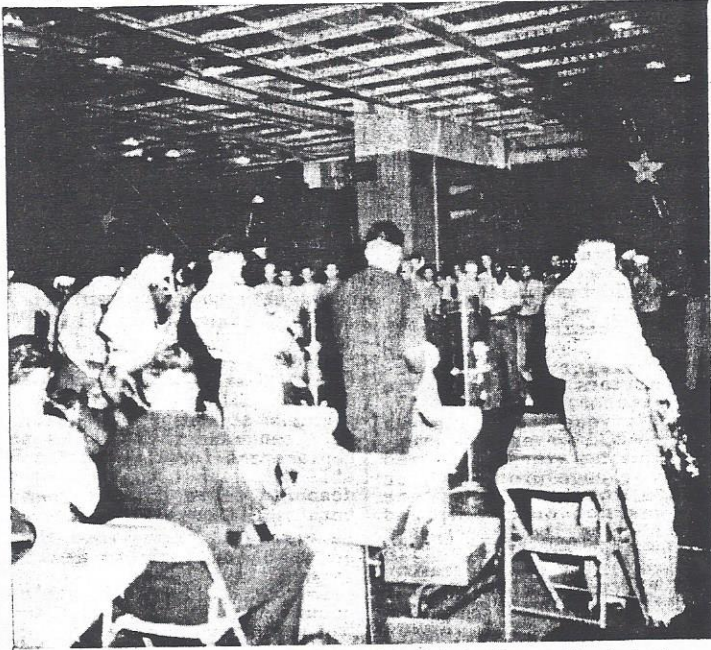
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Best Always  
to the men aboard  
the U.S.S. Kearsarge  
Denis Jay-





A huge crowd gathers around the Ship's Dance Band during their first live broadcast. The program conducted on the hangar deck over Radio K-E-A-R, may become a regular Sunday afternoon feature.

## Doris Day Chosen Kearsarge Queen

In a recent division vote taken by the cruise book representatives, Doris Day was picked as favorite Hollywood actress of the Kearsarge crew.

Doris Day won with a total of 336 votes, followed by Marjorie Main with 219 and Debra Paget with 187.

A cablegram has been sent to Doris Day asking her for an autographed picture and requesting her to meet the ship on our arrival in San Diego.

## Division Doin's

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However, we hear that he had to get a bomb cart to move it....From the grapevine, we gather that a certain 'grape' by the initials of Wyatt, Of Division is noted for his ready smile, and friendly word--You see Wyatt, we used your initials and didn't give away your name.

The punching bag has been nursing some mighty sore leather lately from the after affects of Hill, Newton, Crotwell and Pickney's punching.....The favorite meeting place in Yokosuka of Delay, V-6; Leslie, V-6; D. Black, B-Division, and 'Red' Irving, V-4, is the Christian Servicemen's Center.

VC-35 holds miniature Indianapolis speed trials on the hangar deck. Some of the would-be racing kings taking part in last Sunday's event were; Martin and his 'Martin Murderer', Cummings in his 'Shorty', and Leibold in his 'Killer'.....they even erected a body and fender shop.....all cars were bought during the ship's toy sale.

## Ship's Dance Band

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Miller's version of 'Rhapsody in Blue' and Deane Kincaide's adaption of 'I Can't Get Started' which featured ride trumpeter Merv Harding in the role created by Bunny Berrigan. Other numbers which drew loud rounds of applause were 'Idaho', 'Darn That Dream' and 'I'm In The Mood For Love'.

Station K-E-A-R and the members of the band report that many favorable comments have been received on the broadcast and it is hoped these concerts may become a regular Sunday afternoon feature.

## New Proposals Set Forth By Recreation Council And Committee On Xmas Season

The Enlisted Recreation Committee met on 4 November and after reading the minutes of the last meeting and the minutes of the Recreation Council for September, proposed the following recommendations:

(1) that \$200.00 be made available to the ship's radio station, KEAR, to purchase late popular records at our next ports of call.

(2) that \$600.00 be obligated for a ship's Christmas party in Japan at which it is proposed to entertain and buy presents for some 100 orphans and underprivileged children.

(3) the committee also recommended \$200.00 be obligated to buy Christmas trees and additional decorations for our Christmas festivities aboard.

A meeting was also held by the Recreation Council in which they proposed to allot \$800.00 to buy cigars.

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## Man's Best Friend

BY LT. ED CLAGUE

Lt. Joe Elmer of VF-112 is a lucky man. He has a tried and true friend and room mate who would do anything for him. The friend is Lt. Bob Allen, also of VF-112.

The latest incident to highlight this modern Danion and Pythias of the wide Blue occurred on last Friday when Lt. Elmer departed for MIHO Air Force Base in Japan on TAD with the Far East Aerial. Here the Air Group 11 sharpshooters, led by the same Lt. Elmer will train for a tilt with the best of the Air Force, Navy and Marine jet fighter pilots in the Far East. The safari also included fifteen top-notch CAG-11 maintenance and ordnance personnel and in addition to Lt. Elmer, Lt. Roger Carlquist, VF-114, Ltjg. Arthur Derrick, VF-113, Ltjg. James Linder, and Ltjg. Richard Wigent of VF-112.

Five F9F Panther jets and two Codfish Airlines TBM Flagships stood raised and ready on the flight deck. But enough background. Lets get on with the story.

### BIDDING FAREWELL

After bidding his friend farewell in Ready Room One and adding his best wishes for success to his Air Group Commander, CAPT. E.G. Schwab, and the VF-112 skipper, LCIR. Carl Lair, Lt. Allen returned to the room he shares with Lt. Elmer.

Imagine the surprise and consternation when, there on Joe Elmer's bunk was a suitcase. It was neatly packed with all the gear an aviator would carry with him on a TAD trek. But it was open. And it was left on Joe's bunk.

### QUICK-THINKING ALLEN

Quick-thinking Lt. Allen sized up the situation in a flash. Joe Elmer had forgotten his bag.

With complete disregard for his own personal safety, and in keeping with the highest traditions of friendship, he closed the bag and made a wild dash for the flight deck. At the last minute, just before the bull-horn boomed 'white flag, launch aircraft', he stuffed the bag into one of the Codfish Airline TBM's.

After the launch he returned to his room glowing with the satisfaction of a good deed well done. In the room was a stranger who introduced himself as Ltjg. Homer Richards, a pilot in VF-192 based on the Oriskany. Richards explained that he had just come aboard for temporary additional duty and that he had been assigned to that room, since Lt. Elmer was to be away.

And after the usual amenities had been exchanged and Lt. Allen had assured him that it was indeed a pleasure to have him aboard, Ltjg. Richards said, 'you know I could swear I left my bag on the bunk to unpack it. Have you seen it?'

## Soup, Crackers And Coffee Served By Tate's Soup Shop

'Tate' Pinder, AN, of VA-115 has the unique job of operating a 'Soup Shop' for members of the Air Group.

The idea for a 'Soup Shop' was brought about by a suggestion from Commander J.W. O'Grady, Executive Officer and since then has been put into effect by Chief J.J. Beard. Chief Beard was also responsible for the acquisition of the shop's cups, soup, crackers, etc.

Hot soup and crackers are served just prior to and during flight quarters in the morning. Coffee is served from noon until flight quarters is secured.

Tate says: 'I haven't received a Class 'A' Yokosuka rating yet, but will put in an application for one the next time we are in Japan.'

## Citations Awarded

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and the China Coast. They were stationed at Sangley Point and Okinawa.



James Freeman, who served two years and a half with VP-40, reported aboard the Kearsarge last June. His home is in Longbiew, Texas.



Robert Lawson, who served one year with VP-40, also reported to the Kearsarge last June. He makes his home in Atlanta, Georgia.



## Pigskin Briefs -

Douglas Swanson

With the 1953 football season drawing to a close, this Saturday's games may well decide the teams which will play in the various bowl games. In the Big Ten, Illinois lays its undefeated Conference record on the line against Wisconsin, and a victory for the Illini would virtually assure a trip to California on New Year's Day. Michigan State travels to Lansing to meet Michigan's Wolverines in a must game for the Spartans.

A glance at last week's games show only three major college teams that now boast an undefeated record. Baylor, which had previously sported a 6-0 record fell from the charmed circle in a 21-20 defeat at the hands of Texas. Notre Dame, Maryland and West Virginia kept their clean record intact with victories. The Irish dropped Penn 28-20; the Cavaliers defeated George Washington 37-6 and West Virginia beat Virginia Tech 12-7.

Elsewhere across the nation: In the Big Ten, Illinois defeated Michigan 19-3; Michigan State doubled the score over Ohio State 28-14; Wisconsin walloped Northwestern 34-13; Minnesota edged Indiana 23-20 and Iowa won over Purdue 26-0.

In the Big Seven Conference, Oklahoma all but captured the conference crown again with a 14-7 victory over Missouri; Nebraska defeated Iowa State 27-19; Kansas State squeezed by Kansas 7-0. In a non-conference game, Colorado won over Idaho 21-0.

Down Dixie way, Alabama got by Chattanooga 21-14, Kentucky bowled over Vanderbilt 40-14; Florida surprised Georgia 21-7, and Tennessee won handily over LSU 32-14. Georgia Tech started another victory string with a 20-7 win over Clemson. Mississippi had little trouble in beating Davidson 34-7. WMI edged Wm. and Mary 21-19, and Mississippi State won over Tulane 21-0. TCU traveled to Spokane

to hand Washington State a 21-7 loss. Southern Methodist emerged victorious over Texas A&M, 23-0, and Rice had an easy time getting by Arkansas 47-0.

In the East: Columbia beat Dartmouth 25-19; Pitt dumped Virginia 26-0; Holy Cross and Boston College registered identical scores in their respective victories over Boston U. and Wake Forest 21-0. Yale scored an easy win over Temple, 32-6; Penn State beat Fordham 28-21; Princeton edged Harvard 6-0; Army defeated North Carolina State 27-7, and Navy was held to a scoreless deadlock by Duke.

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In the Pacific Coast Conference, Washington offered California no competition as the Golden Bears trounced them 53-25. Stanford met its first defeat in conference play at the hands of USC, 25-20. In a non-conference game, Oregon defeated Idaho 25-6.

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Going out on the proverbial limb, here are our predictions on these weeks games.

In the East one of the day's most important games, we look for Penn to down Army in a close one. Navy figures to get back in the win column at the expense of Columbia. Notre Dame and West Virginia should continue their unbeaten streaks with victories over North and South Carolina respectively.

Down South, Georgia Tech should breeze by Alabama. Look for Maryland to stop Mississippi, Kentucky to down Memphis State, Vanderbilt to beat Tulane, and LSU to squeek by Mississippi State. Baylor should return to the winning column by toping Huston.

In the Big Seven Conference, Kansas State draws the toughest assignment of the week, but should knock off the Missouri Tigers. Oklahoma over Iowa State and Colorado over Nebraska.

## S P O R T S

### Batting Averages To Soar As Sacrifice Fly Ruling Returns To Big League Ball

The sacrifice fly is back in baseball's rule book after a 14 year absence, and most baseball experts agree that with it should come higher batting averages.

A player hitting a fly ball allowing a runner to score from third base will no longer be charged with a time at bat. Theoretically this will add about 5 to 10 points to batting averages of long-ball hitters over the course of a season. Back in 1939, the last year the ruling was in effect, however, the overall batting averages showed little change over the year before when the sacrifice fly was not observed, and some sportswriters feel that there will be little difference in the coming season. Boston Red Sox General Manager, Joe Cronin, though, commenting on the change said: 'I believe that this new rule will be a real help to all sluggers. I think a lot of them hit fly balls against the fence on purpose to score runners from third. Whether he meant that seriously or not is unknown.'

### Turpin Defeat Causing Furor In Fight World

Randy Turpin's defeat at the hands of Carl 'Bobo' Olson for the Middleweight Championship is still causing a furor in the fight world. Turpin refuses to concede that his training habits were at fault for his loss. Yet it is generally believed, however, that a well conditioned Turpin could beat an equally well conditioned Olson.

Despite the defeat, Turpin is ranked No. 1 right behind Olson in Ring Magazines latest evaluation of fighters. Practically every rated boxer in the Middleweight division is clamoring to fight the new champion, with Rocky Castellani having the edge at the moment.

### Minneapolis Lakers Good Bet In Pro Hoop Campaign

Can a professional basketball team go through an entire season undefeated? The chances are slim, just as they would be for the Yankees or Dodgers to win all 155 games played in the 1954 baseball season, though, the champion Minneapolis Lakers look like a pretty good bet to win every game they play.

With the acquisition of 250 pound, 6ft. 9in. Clyde Lovellette to supplement big George Mikan, Jim Pollard, and Verne Nielsen, the Lakers will be able to field a first team averaging 6ft. 6in. Lovellette, former All-American at Kansas University has been used thus far as a replacement for the redoubtable Mikan, but should Minneapolis begin to play them both simultaneously it would be virtually impossible for an opposing team to get a rebound.

To top it off, Lovellette's acquisition has made Mikan mad enough to play inspired ball. George is already the best basketball player the game has seen in 50 years, and the presence of the Kansas All-American may be the stimulus he needs to have his greatest year in the NBA. The password around the circuit is 'watch out for the Lakers,' but as yet none of the coaches have figured out what comes after just 'watching out.'

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candy, etc., for Thanksgiving. The council recommended another \$1,000.00 for basketball uniforms and shoes, and exercising equipment including a bicycle and rowing machine.

The Recreation Committee wishes to extend an invitation to anyone interested in working with them on the plans to entertain and buy presents for the Japanese orphans. All those interested, please sign up at the library. Your co-operation is greatly appreciated.

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