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Seventh Marines Due Home From China

New MC Base Order Issued On Auto Tags

NEW BASE AUTOMOBILE TAGS will be issued at Base Provost Marshal's Office commencing 9 December, 1946.

All privately owned motor vehicles of persons attached to this Base will be provided with new tags. Old Base Tags will expire on 1 January, 1947. All cars not obtaining new tags by 1 January, 1947, will not be allowed to be driven on the Base.

THE FOLLOWING DATES WILL BE SET ASIDE FOR CAR OWNERS TO OBTAIN NEW TAGS:

- 9 December — All Marine & Naval Officers and Warrant Officers.
- 10 December — Enlisted Marine & Naval Personnel, 1st three pay grades.
- 11 December — Enlisted Marine & Naval Personnel, Sgts & below.
- 12 December — All civilian employees.
- 13 December — Retired Marine Officers.
- 15 December — Retired Marine Enlisted Personnel.

There will be a charge of \$1.00 per set of tags. Upon separation from this base by persons with Base Tags, the Tags will be turned in to the Provost Marshal's Office and a refund of \$1.00 will be made. The charge for tags will be the same for everyone.

If Tags are lost no refund will be made, and an additional charge for a new set will be made. Any changes in registration of private cars or in cases where new cars are obtained in exchange for old ones, a report of same will be made to the Provost Marshal's Office.

CAMP MATTHEWS PERSONNEL will obtain Tags at CAMP MATTHEWS as directed by the Commanding Officer, Camp Matthews. Retired Marine Officers and Enlisted will receive new Automobile Stickers in place of Tags.

Marines 'Fought' In San Pasqual Battle In Taking California

"Let's go men! They need us," was a cry that could well have been uttered by a group of San Diego Marines and Sailors just 100 years ago, as they were summoned by scout "Kit" Carson to the aid of General Kearny who was besieged on a summit near Escondido.

In commemorating ceremonies to take place at the historic battlefield at Escondido Dec. 8, the San Pasqual battle centennial will attract hundreds to the Mexican War grounds.

The three-day engagement, Dec. 6, 7 and 8, was fought over the freeing of California by Brig. Gen. Stephen W. Kearny and a band of Californians, fighting under

A Sea School bob-tailed squad will leave Sunday to take part in the Centennial memorial program. The squad will fire a salute over the Pasqual monument.

Gen. Andres Pico, who wanted to retain California for Mexico, SCARE TACTICS.

Marine and sailor participation in this battle was limited to "scare tactics" as these fighting men



President Approves Raise In Rank Of General Hermle

The selection for promotion of Brigadier General L. D. Hermle, Commanding General of the Marine Corps Base, to the rank of Major General was announced by dispatch through a SecNav.

One of the most decorated officers in the Marine Corps, General Hermle was assistant division commander of the 5th Marine Division and was later the island commander on Guam before assuming his present command.

General Hermle served in World War II in the fighting on Guadalcanal, Tarawa and Iwo Jima.

On Tarawa and Iwo Jima, General Hermle was the first general officer ashore with the troops.

He holds the following medals: Navy Cross, Navy DSM, Army DSC, two Silver Stars, Legion of

Merit, Bronze Star, Purple Heart with one cluster, Presidential Unit Citation, World War I Victory Medal with four battle stars, German Occupation Medal, Marine Corps Expeditionary Medal, Haitian Medal, Defense Ribbon, European Ribbon, Pacific Ribbon with three stars, American Ribbon, World War II Victory Medal, Legion of Honor, Officers Class from France, Croix de Guerre with two palms from France, Legion of Honor and Merit Medal from the Haitian Government, and Distinguished Service Medal, Haiti.

Selected for promotion with General Hermle were Brigadier Generals Alfred H. Noble, Franklin A. Hart and William J. Wallace.

Estate Of Wake Island Worker Settled Here

LOS ANGELES (UP) — The estate of a Wake Island civilian worker was divided between his parents and widow with court approval of a will written in a Japanese prison camp.

A copy of the will of John Henry Riffel was approved for probate when John March, another Wake Island prisoner, testified he witnessed the signing of the will shortly before Riffel died in December, 1942. March told the court the original was destroyed and that the copy had been made by a fellow-prisoner.

The \$20,000 estate was divided equally between Riffel's widow, Alice, Azusa, Cal., and parents, John and Agatha Riffel, Orland, Cal.

China Marines Withdrawn From Guarding Rail Lines

SHANGHAI, Dec. 5 (UP) — Adm. Charles M. Cooke, Jr., announced today that the Seventh Regiment of the First MarDiv, which was formerly assigned to guard railway lines carrying coal between Tientsin and Chinwangtao, is being sent to the United States. Cooke told a press conference that the withdrawal involves 4,000 men. He declined to say how many Marines were lost in North China on grounds the numbers of troops in non-enemy countries was a subject for discussion by the United Nations.

Base Band Enters Long Beach Contest

The "Best Band" will be chosen tonight at Long Beach when more than 40 bands pass before a judges stand in the sixth annual All-Western Band Review.

A representative unit of the Base Band is scheduled to appear in the contest when the opening drum beat is heard. The picked band of 50 pieces under the direction of Drum Major Homer Shreve, Jr., will be the guests of the Marine Barracks, Terminal Island during the Long Beach contest.

The Band meet is open to all comers and will judge more than 40 bands from all parts of California on playing and marching abilities.

This is the first time that the Base Band has entered in competition of this kind and will be the first Review to be held since 1941. Many awards are to be offered for top performances.

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The previously announced total, however, was 13,000. Hence the withdrawal would reduce Marine forces in North China to 9,000. This figure was indirectly confirmed by Cooke himself who later said that only two Marine regiments remained in China.

Cooke also said that a Navy courier mission visited Daijen with supplies and a communications expert for U. S. consulates on Nov. 20. While there, the mission visited the Russian general in command and gained the "impression" that the Soviets were in control of the city.

Reports later confirmed by Nationalist government sources said the Russians evacuated and turned over the city to the Chinese Communists early in November.



PHHWWIT! Marine Private Ronald Beam blows on a noisemaker while enjoying a Thanksgiving Day party arranged for patients at the Main Dispensary by the American Red Cross. His buddy, Bud Heller, looks on. (Photo by Bob Kiser.)

American Red Cross Gives Party For Patients At Main Dispensary

Main Dispensary patients enjoyed American Red Cross Thanksgiving serve-ups in the traditional Josephine Hearle fashion last week when patients were on the receiving end of fun and food.

Mrs. Hearle, Base Field Director, provided entertainment and treats for bed patients which included singing lovelies from Hoover High School. The main feature, an immense cake, fruit, nuts, candy, magazines, cigarettes, cigars, and noisemakers.

Eight girls from the local high school opened celebrations singing "The World Is Waiting for You" and "Sanctus."

Following the distribution of pastries and fun makers, the girls

reappeared to render "I Wonder as I Wander," and a number of requests from the rapt listeners which included the old favorites, "Silent Night" and "Shine On Harvest Moon" that had all present joining in before the singing had passed.

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BRIG. GEN. L. D. HERMLE

Commanding General

MAJ. ROBERT ODDY

Officer in Charge

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From The Chevron

FOUR YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

The Base parade ground was a colorful mass of men, machines and equipment last Saturday morning as the Twelfth Defense Battalion conducted its first parade and inspection. Organized last August, the battalion has grown into a vital defense unit under command of Col. William H. Harrison, who held the inspection with his staff.

Legislation giving the Marine Corps Commandant the rank of full general was introduced recently by Representative Carl Hinshaw. Rep. Hinshaw said: "Marines are the lightest sons Uncle Sam has and they cannot be outclassed in any man's army. Let's give them a four-star general to lead them."

Marooned ten days on an uncharted reef in the South Pacific in a disabled Douglas transport plane, 13 Marines and two Naval Hospital corpsmen, wounded in action on Guadalcanal, were recuperating this week in the Naval Hospital here.

Rescued October 30, weakened by wounds and exposure, the men were taken aboard a destroyer and returned to San Diego. Members of the group will tell of their experiences on the "Halls of Montezuma," Marine radio program, Friday, December 11.

THREE YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

Lt. Gen. Alexander Vandegrift this week was named Commandant of the Marine Corps by President Roosevelt. He will succeed Lt. Gen. Thomas L. Holcomb, who is stepping down from his post after reaching the statutory retirement age of 64.

The new Commandant joined the Corps in 1909, when he was appointed a second lieutenant. He is a veteran of some of the fiercest fighting engaged in by the Marines in their 168 years of history.

Formation of a Women's Reserve battalion at the Base took definite shape this week with the activation of Hdq. Co. as the first of four companies to make up the unit. The other three companies, "A," "B" and "C," will be formed as Women's Reserve strength on the Base increases.

TWO YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

Thirty-five Marine survivors of the light carrier Princeton, which was sunk during the early stages of the second Philippine sea battle, arrived at R&R Center at the Base this week for processing, assignment to new posts and 30-day furloughs. The men told the vivid story of the Japanese bomb hit which ultimately forced other American naval units to sink the 10,000-ton flattop.

Combat equipment which has been put in the capable hands of fighting Marines by War Bond purchasers was displayed before approximately 3,000 residents of Oceanside by Camp Pendleton Marines at a Sixth War Bond rally Sunday.

ONE YEAR AGO THIS WEEK

With outstanding records of service in the Hawaiian area, thirteen women Marines were recently the first to be awarded commendation ribbons. The seven officers and six enlisted women were cited for meritorious and efficient performance of duty by Lt. Gen. Roy S. Geiger, commanding general of FMF, Pacific.

Separation, reclassification and transportation records were smashed this week when the volume of Marines brought home from overseas, for discharge or reassignment, mounted to an all-time high. A total of 3999 servicemen and women arrived here Dec. 4 on the carrier "Hancock." This was the largest single group to arrive on any ship since the "Magic Carpet Fleet" was inaugurated to speed the return of veterans.

Society Notes

RECEPTION

A reception will be held in the Commissioned Officers' Mess, Marine Corps Base, on Friday, Dec. 6, at 5 p.m. This regular monthly reception will take place after the 4 p.m. parade. Receiving will be: Brig. Gen. and Mrs. L. D. Hermle and Col. and Mrs. W. W. Davies, Base and Troop Training officers, active and retired Marine general officers in the San Diego area, high-ranking Naval officers and many distinguished civilian guests are expected to attend.

DINNER PARTY

Maj. Gen. and Mrs. LeRoy P. Hunt entertained Maj. Gen. Kendall, commanding general, 2nd Inf. Division, U.S. Army, and members of his staff with a dinner party at the Hunt quarters Tuesday evening.

COCKTAIL PARTY

Col. and Mrs. J. T. Seiden entertained guests at a cocktail party from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday at their Base quarters.

DINNER DANCE

There will be a dinner dance at the Commissioned Officers' Mess Dec. 14. Reservations went on sale yesterday and will continue to be taken at the manager's office.

Liberty Leads

Best week-end bet for liberty hounds who prefer less earthy recreation is the Los Angeles Philharmonic which, under the baton of Alfred Wallenstein, is currently making a bid to become one of the leading symphonies in America. Under the auspices of the San Diego Women's Philharmonic Committee, the Los Angeles musicians will present their second concert of the 1946-47 season in the Russ Auditorium Dec. 7 at 2030. The program will include the Suite from Royal Fireworks Music (Handel-Marty), Symphony No. 9 by Shostakovich, the symphonic poem, Finlandia, by Sibelius, and Rachmaninoff's third piano concerto. Soloists will be Horowitz's gifted young protege, Byron Janis.

COMING EVENTS

Dec. 7—Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra and Byron Janis, Pianist.
Dec. 21—Vronsky and Babyn, Duo Pianists.
Dec. 23-24—"Hamlet" with Maurice Evans.
Dec. 27-28—"Hansel and Gretel"—San Diego Light Opera Co.
Jan. 7-8—"Life with Father."
Jan. 10—"The Gull," (Theater) and Spanish Folk Songs.
Jan. 11—"The Gull," (Theater).
Jan. 11—Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra and Ella Pao, Soprano.
Jan. 12—Julliet Theatre.

Marines And San Pasqual Battle

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for the coast and San Diego, after sending 200 troops back to Santa Fe. Arriving in the Escondido vicinity, the troops were weary, wet and cold from the rains—their gun powder damp and unserviceable.

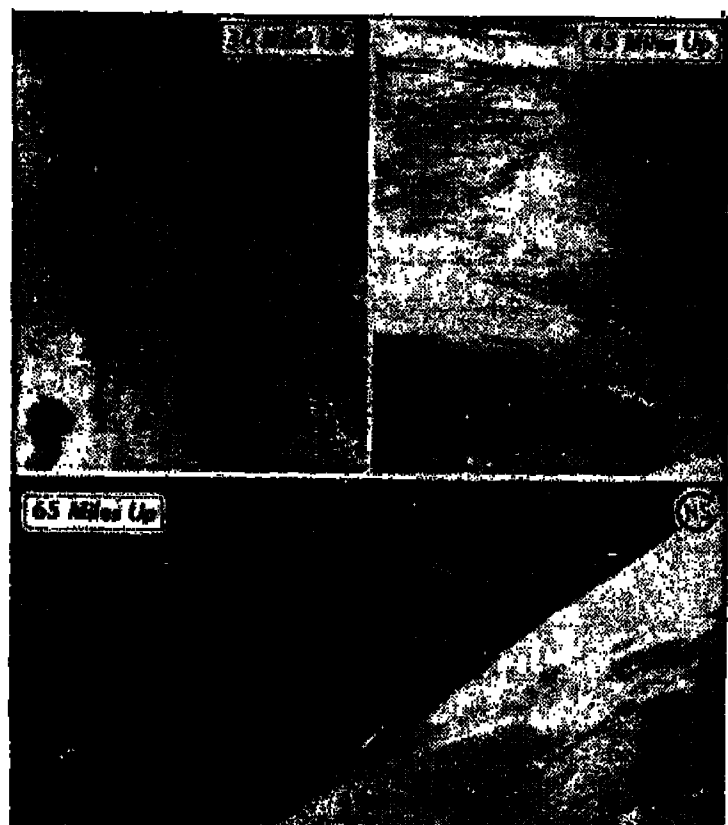
Gen. Andres Pico, brother of the governor of Mexico, with numerical superiority and dry gun powder set his ambush in the undulating terrain near Escondido. The surprise that greeted the U. S. troops gave Pico undisputed command of the battlefield as the first volley from his ambushers wounded Gen. Kearny and unhorsed most of his men.

BATTLE WON ABOVE

With men afoot and armed only with knives and sabres, Kearny gathered his remaining troops on what is now known as Battle Mountain (also Mile Hill, Starvation and Escondido Mountain) and counted 33 men out of the coming fight.

For three days and nights Pico was content to plect the Americans, letting the odor of cooking food drift with the wind into the starving ranks of the besieged.

The sea-going rescuers arrived at night geared for a stiff fight but found that the Pico ambushers had pulled out taking their dead and wounded with them and ending the battle of San Pasqual.



ROCKET VIEWS. Equipped with cameras, operated electrically, a captured V-2 German Rocket was launched into the air and put to scientific use to photograph the earth's surface. Shown here are three views the camera showed at different altitudes.

WEEKLY SCREEN GUIDE

TWO SHOWS DAILY
1730 and 2000

FRIDAY—The Trap. Sidney Toler, Mantan Moreland. Mono. Whodunit. Charlie Chan and his notsomysterious mystic bring Oriental influence and suave ingenuity to bear on a few occidental villains.

SATURDAY—The Chase. Robert Cummings, Michele Morgan. UA. Drama. According to the Base Theater, this thriller makes mighty good serving. Said the Theater: "Take a handsome war shocked ex-G.I. and a pretty racketeer's wife, add a good portion of Peter Lorre and a quantity of suspense interspersed with a dash of mystery, mix with two-fisted violence. Try it."

SUNDAY—Merry Monogans. Donald O'Connor, Peggy Ryan, Jack Oakie. Univ. Comedy-drama. Irishmen playing Irishmen! Sure 'n anything can happen. In Universal's human little story of a lovable vodvil family nearly everything goes. Even critics enjoyed this one.

MONDAY—Anchors Aweigh. Gene Kelly, Kathryn Grayson, Frank Sinatra, Jose Iturbi. MGM Musical. Big, beautiful and slightly improbable, like most MGM musicals, this couldn't miss. Best sequences: Kelly dancing with animated cartoons and a wonderful muchachita named Sharyn Moffitt.

TUESDAY—That's My Wife! Stage show. A farce comedy in three acts which its agency insists is fast moving, well rehearsed, enjoyable and un-obnoxious. One show only, 2000.

WEDNESDAY—Affairs of Geraldine. Jane Withers, Jimmy Lydon. Rep. Comedy-drama. A sorta impossible but kinda delightful comedy about a young heiress who can't get a spouse even though she writes a lovelorn column. This film will be of interest to those who have often wondered what happened to Shirley Temple's only rival as a child star. Also, Chick and Double Chick (color cartoon).

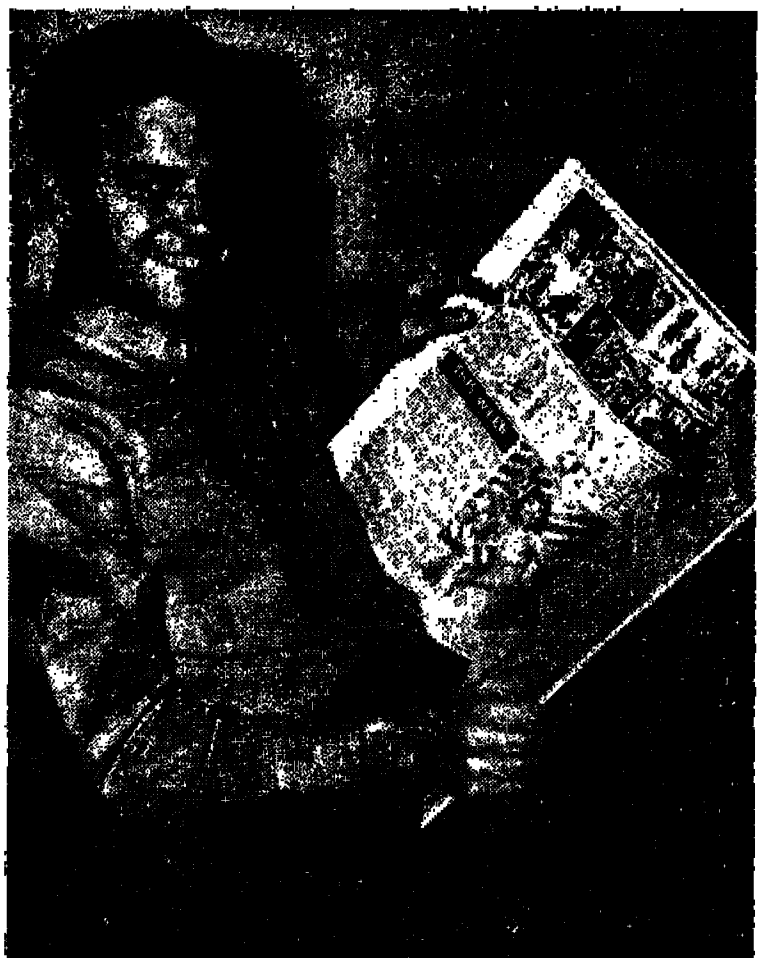
THURSDAY—Plainsman and the Lady. Bill Elliott, Vera Ralston. Rep. Western. A grown-up boss opera by a studio that knows how to film them, this contains the usual time-worn ingredients (i.e., Pony Express, bad women, worse men and loud pistols that never need reloading). Also showing, Smokey Joe (color cartoon).

MCB and Matthews Church Services

SUNDAY SERVICES	
PROTESTANT:	
Base Chapel:	1015 Morning Worship. Holy Communion first Sunday in each month.
Recruit Depot:	0915 Morning Worship. Holy Communion first Sunday in each month.
Camp Matthews:	1030 Morning Worship. Holy Communion first Sunday in each month.
ROMAN CATHOLIC:	
Recruit Depot:	0800 Mass in theatre.
Base Chapel:	0915 Mass.
Camp Matthews:	0645 Mass.
LATTER DAY SAINTS:	
Recruit Depot:	0800 Morning Worship in Base Chapel.
Camp Matthews:	1400 Afternoon Worship.
JEWISH:	
Tifereth Israel Synagogue—(15th and Market Streets)—Friday evenings at Sunset.	
CATHOLIC:	
Base Chapel:	0615 Confessions daily Monday through Saturday.
Recruit Depot:	0630 Mass daily Monday through Saturday.
	1730 Confessions, Saturday. Building 12E.

Friday Morning, December 6, 1946

Ex-Prisoner Testifies At Jap War Trials



FINAL WINNER. Sgt. Elmer R. Johnson of the Base Pass Office settles down to look over his bound volume of Chevrons that he won by taking top honors in the final football contest held last week. Elmer only missed on two chances to edge out a great number of competitors who guessed wrong on three games.

Professional Screwball Jim Moran Puts One Over On Art Critics

By VIRGINIA MacPHERSON
United Press Hollywood Correspondent

HOLLYWOOD (UP)—The staid Los Angeles Art Association probably doesn't know it yet, but one of its most prized "abstract" pictures was "slapped together" with nail polish and chalk by professional screwball Jim Moran, who said he did it to prove that "long-haired art" was phoney.

The picture, depicting fish, blood-shot eyes encircled with purple bags and parts of a feminine torso clipped from a magazine, was "painted" in only a few hours, Moran said.

He said it was "pretty awful." The picture was submitted under the name Naronji—Moran spelled backwards with a "j" for good measure.

Fransker Jim Moran, miffed by artist Leonard Kester's cry of "fraud," unpacked his nail polish, bits of chalk, and magazine cut-outs and prepared to re-paint the abstract monstrosity with which he hoaxed the seinate Los Angeles Art Association.

Kester, who has other paintings hanging in the gallery under his own name, says he painted the "masterpiece" himself in a moment of whimsy.

Moran says he did no such thing. Moran says Moran did it. And he said he would haul his easel and painting gear into the United Press offices and do the thing over before witnesses.

He dared a panel of experts to compare the two and name anybody but Moran as the artist.

measure—for the Association's Annual Abstract Exhibit. The judges, believing they had a work of art by an Oriental genius, accepted it readily. Now they are trying to sell it for \$1,000.

FIRST ART CONTRIBUTION
Moran said this was his first excursion into the field of art. Recently he went into the incubator business by hatching an egg for a lazy mother ostrich, and once he

changed horses in mid-stream just to prove it could be done.

Now, he said, he wants the public to know what he thinks of modern art. He named the picture after a hair restorer just to prove how he felt.

"Abstract art makes me want to tear my hair out," he said. "So I figured the name of a remedy for bald heads would be appropriate."

HATES ABSTRACT

"I hate abstract paintings. When I read in the paper the Art Association was going to hold one of its fancy showings, I sat down and dreamed up the worst thing I could think of."

"I always knew this long-haired art racket was a phoney. If those snooty judges will go for something like this, that proves it."

Miss Helen Wurdemann, Director of the Association, admitted that "Naronji's work" wasn't one of the best in the show, which included entries by well-known abstractionists including O. Fischinger, Helen Lundberg and S. MacDonald Wright.

GOOD BUT CONTRIVED

"Naronji's work is a little too contrived," Miss Wurdemann said. "But it's good. It has sweep and color."

She said the judges were particularly impressed by the way "Naronji" expressed the images created by his imagination.

"It's very mysterious about the artist," she added. "I think he's from the Orient—or Turkey. But he wants to keep his identity a secret. I can't imagine why."

Armored cars were in use by the Marine Corps as far back as 1916 and these early types could go up to 60 miles per hour.

Artist Defends Picture Used By Magazine

CENTRAL CITY, Colo., (UP)—Painter Angelo Di Benedetto, whose picture "Love in a Cornfield" caused an issue of Life Magazine to be banned last week in parts of Massachusetts, said he was amazed that a Fall River, Mass., attorney should find the painting offensive "to good taste and morals."

"Love in cornfields has been going on for centuries," Di Benedetto said. "This is the first time I know of that a censor has tried to stop it."

Federal Helpers Laid Off In State Reaches 70,000

WASHINGTON (UP)—More than 69,000 Civil Service employees were laid off in California during the year ending June 30, 1946, and since then the Navy Department has discharged 17,774 more federal workers in the state.

In spite of the cut, more federal workers are employed in California than in any other state or even the District of Columbia.

The Civil Service Commission reported that there were 317,390 federal workers in California shortly before the war ended. A year later on July 1, 1946, there were 247,000. Of that total, 104,000 were employed by the Navy Department.

NO FURTHER REDUCTIONS

A spokesman for the Navy said that since then 17,774 more Civil Service personnel have been laid off in California. No further Navy force reduction schedules have been prepared, he said. Whether or not there are more cuts coming will depend in large part on appropriations by Congress next year.

The new heavy cuts reduced the department's Civil Service force in California to 36,628, but Navy still employed more federal workers than any other executive department.

High Ranking Prisoners Of War Suffered Under 'Bushido' Code

TOKYO, (UP)—High ranking Allied Prisoners of war in the Japanese prison camp at Formosa were brutally beaten and told they would be treated under the "Bushido" warrior code rather than the Geneva convention, a war crimes trial witness testified last week.

The witness was Brig. Gen. Arthur S. Blackburn, Australian Commander in Java in 1942, who related how

Gen. Jonathan M. Wainwright, founder of Corregidor, and other allied leaders were punished for the slightest infractions of frequently invented regulations.

OFFICERS DISAPPROVED TREATMENT

Blackburn, during cross-examination, said there were at least three occasions when junior Japanese officers told their prisoners that they "disapproved of the treatment but could do nothing about it because it was the system that had been laid down."

While being questioned by George Brewster, Philadelphia, defense attorney for former Premier Hideki Tojo, Blackburn said when he was a prisoner "our barracks

were inspected several times by Japanese generals without any alterations or improvement in our condition after the inspections."

Blackburn ironically disclosed that the barracks used for the Formosa prison camp had been built years earlier by a charity organization for a school.

TREATED UNDER BUSHIDO CODE

He testified that Gen. Aita Shido personally informed his high ranking prisoners they would be treated under the "Bushido" warrior code.

Blackburn described his trip by airplane, ship and train with Gen. Wainwright and other Allied senior officers from the camp in Formosa to another camp 200 miles northwest of Mukden, Manchuria. In Manchuria, he said, accommodations were worse than in Formosa but the food was better.

Sir William Webb, President of the International Military Tribunal, announced that the court would recess on Christmas and New Year's Day but remain in session all other days of the holiday season.

High Old Shanty!

CHICAGO (UP)—Inventor Leonard Z. Plebanek suggested a new solution for the housing shortage. He wants to build cities in the air.

Plebanek, President of an Invention Engineering firm and founder of the Inventors' Club of Chicago, said an all-aluminum, helium-filled, jet-propelled city could be built in only a few years at a cost much lower than the cities now resting on the earth.

In 20 years as an engineer, he has invented a noodle-making machine, a peanut machine, a gadget that mends runs in women's stockings, permanent waving machines, juke boxes, photo-electric rifle games and precision tools.

Now he wants to go up in the air and take his neighbors with him.

Animals Living Better Than Human Beings

LOS ANGELES, (UP)—Zoo animals have better living than some of the city's human residents. Health Officer Dr. George M. Uhl said.

"All the dignity of man, his aesthetic values and outlook on life, to say nothing of his health, cannot help being depressed by living in such surroundings," Uhl said.

"During the past 12 months, the Health Department has issued eviction orders affecting more than 2,000 persons living in squalor equal to anything the depression ever produced, with the exception that many are not now looking in funds. The Humane Department would issue cruelty citations if conditions were imposed on dumb animals similar to those in a few of the human habitats we are now regularly finding."

Uhl said condemnations included an eight-room "hotel" constructed of packing crates and without water or sanitary facilities, single automobile garages, many without floors, containing as many as five beds; vacant buildings lacking windows, gas, electricity and plumbing, housing from one to six persons, and single hotel rooms with families of up to 10 persons.

Base Surgeon



SENIOR MEDICAL OFFICER. Captain E. L. Whitehead, Base Surgeon, assumed present duties here in May. He reported here from the hospital ship, USS Samaritan, where he served as Senior Medical Officer during the latter stages of the war and the occupation of Japan. His ship was active in the Sasebo Naval Base area serving as part of the Fifth Fleet.

Letter Of Skipper Of Missing Ship Indicates Mutiny

SAN PEDRO, CAL., (UP)—A last letter from the skipper of a missing ship, whose papers were found in a drifting lifeboat with two decomposed bodies, indicated that he feared a mutiny aboard the vessel.

The 360-ton Costa Rican motorship Pacifica, with 15 men aboard, had not been heard from since it sailed from Guatemala Nov. 12. Coast Guard officers believed it foundered in the violent storms which swept the coast of Lower California and Mexico last month.

Second Half Base League Gets Under Way



HOT BATTLE. Wayland Ashcraft (No. 8) jumps for the ball in a tense moment of the MCB-Hospital Corps School basketball game which the Marines won, 41-30, only after tying the ball game in the closing seconds of regular playing time to send the game into an overtime period. (Photo by Bob Kiser.)

Sunday Starts Naval District Bowling Test

Bowling at the Marine Corps Base will reach its peak this Sunday when the 1946 11th Naval District Bowling Tournament will be run off on the local alleys. The tourney begins at 1000 Sunday morning, with team competition featured this week while singles and doubles events follow a week later. Scratch bowling will be held on both Sundays, the high team scores winning. Singles and doubles play is open to enlisted men of the Navy, Marine Corps, Army, or Coast Guard attached to ships or stations in the 11th Naval District. OFFICERS COMPETE Team play will be governed by 11th Naval District Regulations which will be interpreted to mean two officers may compete on each five-man team. Glen H. Hesselstine, manager of the local alleys and a member of the San Diego Bowling Association, will be referee of the tournament. His decision in interpretation of the rules of the American Bowling Congress as they apply to this tourney will be final. Awards will be given to members of the first and second place winners for the five-man, two-man, and the individual events. In addition, awards will be given for the first and second place, all event winners.

Base Quintet Scores 45-30 Win Over All-Star Pickup

Major highlight of intramural basketball on the Base the past week was the 45-30 victory by the Marine Corps Base team over the Base League All-Stars last Tuesday night in the Base gym. Meanwhile Sea School wrapped up the first half title by dumping TTU, 36-18, while Base Troops captured the runner-up slot with a 50-36 victory over Rifle Range. The All-Stars surprised the Base team by jumping to an early 5-0 lead, but the Leatherneck cage team stood down to work their way to a 26-13 half-time margin. MURPHY SETS PACE Paced by the spectacular play of a Sea School representative, "Tater" Murphy, the All-Star aggregation continued to threaten the Marine team in the second half, but could not break down the large advantage. Ashcraft led the victors with 15 points while McWilliams garnered 11 for the intramurals. EASY VICTORY Sea School had an easy time in their 35-13 victory over the Troop Training team last Friday when they sewed up the first half championship. The SS quint showed that they were out to win the game and the title in the first half when they ran up a 21-5 lead. They continued their fast offense and solid defense to easily win the game. Murphy, McWilliams, Noel, and Macklin sparked the winners while Wade, TTU's stellar guard, again shined for the losers. HOLD SECOND PLACE Base Troops held on to their second place spot in the league standings by overpowering Rifle Range, 50-36, in a hard-fought tussle last Friday in the Base gym. Paced by "Jorgie" Lucia's 14 points in the first half, the Troopers worked their way to a 22-16 lead at half-time. They continued their free-and-easy scoring in the second half to walk away with the game. BAD LUCK ON RANGE Rifle Range had a stroke of bad luck early in the game when a star player, Ed Rule, was forced to leave the game when he received a bad cut under his eye. Lucia took top honors for the evening with 22 points while Turtinen counted 15 for the Troopers.

Officials Confirm Resignation Of Alonzo Stagg

SAN FRANCISCO, (UP)—Reports that Amos Alonzo Stagg, dean of American football coaches, has been asked to resign at the College of the Pacific were confirmed by Art Farley, the school's director of publicity. Farley said Stagg had been conferring for several weeks with top coaches about retirement. STAGGS DECISION "Stagg has been asked by College officials to make a decision, and it is believed he will resign as head coach," Farley said. "We are hoping he will stay on with the college in some capacity." Farley said the College had hoped to conduct the negotiations without publicity to avoid embarrassment to Stagg. "However, the rumors broke out and we had to take a stand," Farley said.

Naval League Basketball Roundup

Showing a fine display of offensive basketball, the San Diego MCB cage team romped over Naval Station, 72-37, last Wednesday night in Sexton gym. The victory put the Leathernecks in a tie for top honors in the 11th Naval All-Star League with Hospital Corps School whom the Marines had defeated, 41-30, on Monday night. The Corpsmen had defeated Naval Air Wednesday night, 50-29, to keep in the tight scramble for first place. The Marines were out to win the game from the start as they began to score at will in the early moments of the game. Showing a better passing attack and rebounding

Following is the box score:

Marines (72)	fg	ft	pt	tp
Novak, f.	7	0	3	14
Turtinen, f.	7	2	2	16
McWilliams, f.	4	0	3	8
Baker, f.	1	1	0	3
Evans, f.	1	0	1	2
Ashcraft, c.	6	1	1	13
Olthian, c.	0	0	1	0
Trompeter, g.	3	2	1	8
Lucia, g.	3	0	2	6
Macklin, g.	1	0	0	2
Noel, g.	0	0	0	0
	33	6	14	72

Naval Station (37)	fg	ft	pt	tp
Van Noy, f.	2	0	1	4
Spencer, f.	0	1	2	1
Oger, f.	1	0	0	2
Ferguson, f.	0	0	1	0
George, c.	5	1	3	11
Quillen, c.	1	0	0	2
Campbell, c.	0	1	0	1
Sheeley, g.	0	0	2	0
Donshue, g.	3	2	0	8
Hutson, g.	0	0	1	0
Given, g.	4	0	2	8
	16	5	12	37

Half-time score: Marines 32, Naval Station 17.

time intermission the Marines held a narrow 13-12 advantage. The close playing continued in the second half with the lead changing hands several times. With 40 seconds of play remaining the jumping Gyrene quintet found themselves on the short end of a 26-23 count. Wade scored from out to close the gap. Novak then made good on a free throw to tie up the ball game. Lucia opened the overtime period with two quick baskets to start the Leatherneck five on their way. Making the Corpsmen play their brand of ball, the Marine team easily worked their way to victory. Scoring for the MCB quintet was evenly divided with Novak getting 11, Ashcraft 10, and Lucia and Turtinen each 8. Lambeth led the losing team with 10 counters. Ending up on the short end of a 48-43 score, the Marine Corps Base basketball team dropped its first game in regular season play on Wednesday, Nov. 27, when the Naval Training quintet overpowered the Leathernecks at the Navy gym. Trailing 26-13 at half-time, the Marines finally worked their way to a 39-36 lead with but four minutes of play remaining. Moments later the belated rally was scattered to the winds as the Navy five came back to hand the Leatherneck quintet their first defeat in the All-Star league. Ralph Turtinen and George Lucia sparked the Leatherneck scoring with 12 points each while Dick Novak tallied 11. Urban led the Navy team with 16 counters.

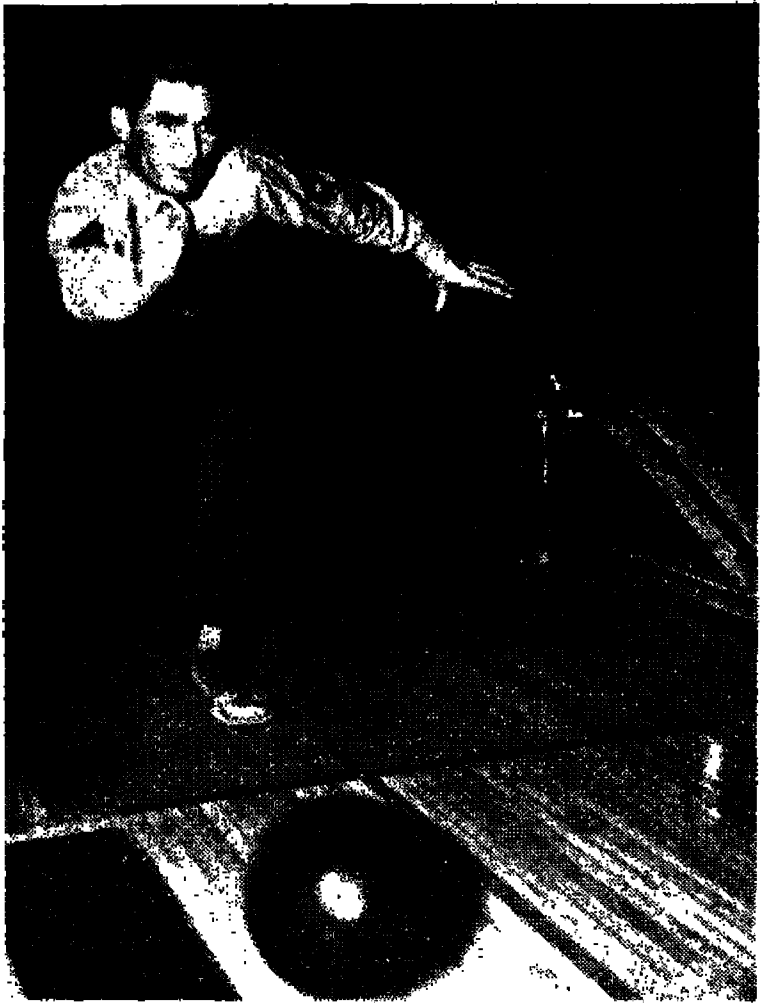
more than they had in early season games, the Leathernecks rushed to an 18-8 lead before things quieted down. TAKES ADVANTAGE With Novak and Ashcraft doing most of the scoring, the Leatherneck five continued to wear out the nets in the latter part of the first half to take a 22-17 advantage at half-time. The second half proved to be the same story as the Marine cage team continued their bucket barrage. Lt. Col. George Newton, now coach for the Marines since "Bull" Trompeter started playing, substituted freely during the last half, but even the reserves, paced by newcomer "Shorty" McWilliams, scored heavily. Ralph Turtinen's 16, Dick Novak's 14, and Wayland Ashcraft's 13 points sparked the scoring for the winners, while George paced the losers with eight tallies.

Coming back in the second half with a terrific display of offensive power, the MCB basketball team wallopped the USS Oakland cage team, 65-68, in a high-scoring game at the YMCA gym last Saturday afternoon. Wayland Ashcraft and Dick Novak scored 22 and 20 points respectively while Ralph Turtinen and George Lucia tallied 15 and 11 to spark the Leatherneck scoring. Running wild in an overtime period, the MCB basketball team pulled a hot 41-39 decision out of the fire in their All-Star League game with Hospital Corps School at Navy's Sexton gym Monday night. The tilt was the most thrilling, closely-fought contest of the year and sent the Leathernecks upward in their fight for the league leadership. Play in the first half was ragged and erratic with both teams missing numerous shots. At the half-

Give Up Judo! TOKYO, (UP)—Japanese policeman are learning to fight with their fists — American style. Tokyo cops started attending a three-day program devoted to lectures and exhibition bouts as the first step to replace Judo with boxing. One of Japan's foremost boxers, Tsuneo (Pistol) Horiguchi was featured in the exhibitions.

Editorial . . . Intra-Departmental basketball for Base consumption is a program that has been tossed directly to the Special Services' Athletic officer and indirectly to every man that can catch a basketball. Support is the keyword requiring the utmost in cooperation from Base athletes if this recreational program is to be successful. As winter basketball leagues are formed, it becomes readily apparent that the "little" leagues are the ones that will make the high powered teams of this Base either winners in off-Base competition or poor starters. The present schedule of basketball playing is so arranged that any player may compete one night with his unit team and play the next with the Base "A" squad without jeopardizing his own unit's chances for coming out on top in Base league play. And the "A" squad has not closed the doors to those that can play well. All department coaches are clamoring for material. They want the tall or short, lean or fat; the game full of advantages for any physical structure—the tall man has reach, the short one has speed, the lean are shifty and hard to watch and the wide ones monopolize the confined space around a backboard. A few men are hard at work to provide recreation and entertainment for all that like the game and they hope that their call of "join up" will be heard. They want to see their own unit or department win the Base championship and the Base win all honors in the 11th Naval District league, as it has done throughout the past years. These adicts have issued a challenge that is direct and sincere, "We have equipment, playing space and a league for every man that wants to dribble a ball, but we need your support."

Coache's Heads Lopped Off After Season



TOP KEGLER. Samuel Cone warms up in preparation for the 11th Naval District Bowling Tournament to be held at the local alleys next Sunday. Cone, high average bowler in the Base league, is expected to make a serious bid for top honors in the tourney. (Photo by Bob Kiser.)

THE CHEVRON Sports

Army-Navy Game Shows Need Of Extra-Point Rule Change

By OSCAR FRALEY
United Press Sports Writer

NEW YORK (UP)—Army's 21 to 18 victory over Navy was inscribed in the storied history of this smashing series with a crying keynote for at least one change in the football rules—abolition of the extra point.

Coaches questioned on such a move have shied away from taking sides. But there is no question—particularly in Saturday's service classic—that the decision it provided was unsatisfactory and the point after touchdown makes a gamble of a grand game.

Navy lost the game because Lady Luck refused to smile. Jack Ray, who has kicked the P.A.T. for West Point much of the season with indifferent success, led three of them through the cross bars. Navy's Bob Van Summer missed one and Bill Hawkins failed twice.

THREE TOUCHDOWNS
Each team scored three touchdowns. It should be good enough for a tie. And of the 103,000 spectators in the stands, you couldn't have found one even among Army rooters who wouldn't have admitted that a fighting Navy team which was killed by the clock on Army's four-yard stripe hadn't fully earned a deadlock.

Red Blaik, the Army coach, admitted the victory was "thinner than tissue paper." It was even thinner than that. As a victory it was imaginary. In my book, Navy earned at least a tie.

The really ridiculous part of the extra point conversion is that 22 young men can belt their brains out for an hour and yet a man who isn't credited with a second of playing time can step in, swing his leg and win the ball game. Time is out when the point after touchdown is tried and, theoretically, a place-kicker used only for that chore could win every game for his team without officially being in the contest.

The extra point was instituted to prevent so many ties. It is somewhat akin to flipping a coin and is a senseless procedure.



John Lujack of Notre Dame, left, and Arnold Tucker of Army are the two men about whom the heavy-thinking All-American selectors are wrangling. That 0-0 thing didn't help matters much.



Colgate Ousts Andy Keer As Head Coach

NEW YORK (UP)—Andy Keer, a trim little Scotsman with sparkling blue eyes and ruddy cheeks, indicated that he was ready to follow the eastward footsteps of Amos Alonzo Stagg and take his football teachings elsewhere as Colgate cuts him loose because of age.

Andy, the one-time mathematics teacher who turned to football coaching and became one of the most successful in the business, steps out at Colgate this year because he has reached 68 and that is the University's retirement age.

But Keer hasn't any thought of hobbling to a wheel chair and reaching for a pipe and slippers.

"I feel as if they made a mistake of 10 years in my birth certificate," said the man who made famous the Red Raiders of the Chango. "I have reached Colgate's retirement age so I'll step out gracefully—but I don't feel old and I'm not finished."

Andy doesn't look it, either. Snappy and alert, Keer possesses a firm, full voice which bursts amazingly from his slight frame. The years have been kind to him and he recounts their memories with delight.

"I've worked with a grand bunch of kids and every moment has been a pleasure," he said. "In All-Star games, too, I must have associated with more than 300 others and with various coaches and always have had a real feeling of friendship."

Rough Sort Of Game!

REDWOOD CITY, CAL. (UP)—A 12-year-old boy was without his feet today because of a daring game.

Thomas Huggans, newsboy at the railroad station, was testing his nerve to see how long he could stand in the path of an oncoming train before jumping to safety.

He waited a second too long.

Wickhorst Is On Pan At U.C. By Students And Alumni

BY HAL WOOD

United Press Sports Writer

SAN FRANCISCO.—(UP)—Uneasy lies the head that wears a coach's crown.

That's twisting an old saw—but it holds true along the West Coast this year, not to mention in all other sectors.

With the 1946 regular season drawing to a glorious close over the week-end, the Football Filberts turned their attention to the business of doing their Monday morning quarterbacking on the "hiring and firing" of a few coaches around the territory.

The biggest hullabaloo is over at Berkeley where Coach Frank Wickhorst of University of California is on the pan from his own players, students and alumni. He had a losing season and, it appears, somebody wants his scalp. His contract still has two years to run—but that doesn't mean anything in these times of inflated athletic department finances.

ONST STAGG

It's hard to believe, but there also is a campaign on at College of Pacific to get Amos Alonzo Stagg, the grand old man of the game, to "retire." The students and faculty still vow they love the 84-year-old mentor and admit that in his day he was one of the greatest. But they would like him to go to the sidelines and take things easy.

There have been rumors that Coach Clipper Smith, who has a five-year contract at \$10,000 or upwards at University of San Francisco, is going to resign after his

disastrous season. However, there is no pressure being brought to bear on this subject and Clipper, himself, isn't saying anything.

HAPPIEST COACH

Jeff Chavath at USC isn't the happiest coach in the business, either. His Trojans, everyone's choice to be the top team in the West this year, finished off a sad season Saturday by losing to Notre Dame, 26-6. The men of Troy won five and lost four games. There are rumors that he will be ousted, but these don't hold up in the face of his fine record which saw his last three previous teams go to the Rose Bowl.

Another coach already released is Babe Brown at University of Idaho. Brown was hired at the Vandal school as a basketball mentor—and a good one, too—but took over the football post as a fill-in during the war. When his team won only one game all season—none in the Pacific Coast Conference—he was asked to resign.

OLIVER RESIGNS

Another coach, Tex Oliver at Oregon, bent his horses to the draw when he resigned in mid-season, effective at the end of the year.

The Webfoots, with what was rated as fine talent featuring Jake Leight, the Sent Back, lost their last four games in a row without scoring a single point.

However, all is not sadness among the coaches. Bert Labrucherie is sitting pretty at UCLA, where his club wound up undefeated in the regularly-scheduled season Saturday with an 18-0 spanking of Nebraska. The Bruins will not rest in preparation for the Rose Bowl tilt workouts.

Lon Stiller had a great year at Oregon State, losing only one game all season and winning the Northern Division championship by downing Washington Saturday, 21-12.

Marchle Schwartz did a fine job at Stanford and Ralph (Pest) Welch had a good record at Washington.

In other week-end games: College of Pacific upset San Diego State 19-13; College of Idaho won over Lewis and Clark, 21-0; St. Mary's defeated USF, 6-0; and Arizona trounced Kansas State, 28-7.

Two Nevada Players Fly 7,620 Miles For Two Games

RENO, NEV. (UP)—Two University of Nevada athletes are flying 7,620 miles to play—in the space of four days—in two games in two different sports.

Harold Hayes of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and Scott Beasley of Sullivan, Ind., are accompanying the gridgers to Honolulu for Saturday's game with the University of Hawaii. That done, they'll board a plane at Honolulu Sunday night and fly to New York for Tuesday night's Nevada-St. John's basketball game in Madison Square Garden.

Beasley is a right end in football and a guard in basketball. Hayes plays left end on the gridiron and forward on the cage court.



ALL-AMERICANS. Blanchard and Davis climaxed their gridiron careers by being named to the 1946 Associated Press mythical All-American football eleven for the third consecutive year. The football twins have come to the end of Army's Pigskin Trail but the sporting world will long remember them. Mr. 'Outside' is Davis; Mr. 'Inside' is Blanchard.

Base Team Leads All-Star League Play



★ ★ ★ ★ ★ Personalities Sparking Marine Corps Base Powerful Quintet . . .

Stories of the players are listed below reading clockwise.

Mighty mite from Minnesota, Ralph "Turp" Turpinen, Chisholm, Minn., is playing forward for Base basketball team.

The speedy, bespectacled Gopher is a newcomer to the team and has worked his way to a starting berth on the squad. A crafty cager, he has proved himself a scoring threat as well as a ball-hawk on defense.

A fighting forward, he also plays ball for the Base Troops intramural basketball team which is currently in the runner-up position in the league standings.

Versatile Wayland Ashcraft, Orange, Texas, is the star center on the Base basketball team. "Ash," a stellar performer on last season's Leatherneck cage team, has sparked the squad during early season play. His accurate shooting coupled with his remarkable defensive play has marked him as a "man to reckon with" when the Base team takes the floor.

High-scoring Hawkeye, Richard Lee Novak, Des Moines, Iowa, is the sparkplug of the San Diego Marine Corps Base basketball team.

The eagle-eyed Iowan has continuously topped the scoring columns for the Leatherneck cagers with his deadly shooting and terrific rebound play.

Edwin Everett Wade, Santa Barbara, Calif., is one reason why the San Diego MCB basketball team is on top in the All-Star league cage standings. Hard-working Ed, a member of the Troop Training Unit here at the Base, is the starting guard on the Leatherneck cage team. His stellar

defensive play coupled with his fine shooting has meant many a victory for the Marine team.

Wade starred in basketball at Stockton High School, Stockton, Calif., before entering the service. At present he is also playing for the TTU intramural team in the Base league. Ed expects to get discharged in the next few weeks and plans to enroll at Santa Barbara State to take up an engineering course.

Quick-stepping Quaker, George Raymond Lucia, Warren, Pa., is another star on the Base basketball team.

The peppy Pennsylvanian sparked the Leatherneck cage team to the semi-finals in the pre-season YMCA "warm-up" tournament with his remarkable play at the guard position.

A definite scoring threat on offense, "Jorgie" has sparkled in defensive play, and has been acclaimed the best passer on the team.

Richard Major Oltman, Shelton, Wash., the tallest man on this year's Marine Corps Base basketball team, plays center.

"Olt" is a rugged mountain of defense on the basketball court, and has also done his part in the scoring department.

Small Winford H. "Dub" Baker, Jr., is a fast-breaking forward on the Base quintet.

"Dub" sparked the scoring efforts of the Leathernecks in their pre-season YMCA "warm-up" tourney games with his accurate shooting on fast breaks.

Although small, he has proved to be a hard man to stop once he gets hold of the ball. The versatile Baker also has taken his turn at the

guard spot for the Marine team and turned in fine performances there, too.

Sharpshooting Daniel Keenan "Leftie" Macklin, Groveport, Ohio, is one of the top performers of the Base basketballers.

Playing at either the forward or guard position, the basket-minded Buckeye has caused the Leatherneck opponents a great deal of trouble in early season play.

Deadly Dan also plays ball for the Sea School intramural cage team which is currently leading the league in first half play. A great deal of credit goes to the young cage star for the team's favored spot in the league standings.

Frederick "Fritz" Knopf, Oak, Iowa, is a forward on this year's San Diego Marine Corps Base basketball team. In early season games he has proven himself a fine defensive player along with being a good shot and passer.

Charles "Chuck" Evans, El Cerrito, Calif., is playing forward on the 1946-47 edition of the San Diego Marine Corps Base basketball team. A fine hustler and a good shot, Chuck is expected to come along as the season goes by.

(We are sorry it was necessary for us to leave out the picture of Dick Noel, but it was impossible for us to reproduce it at this time. Will do later.—Editor.)

Battling Badger Richard W. Noel, Horicon, Wis., a go-getting guard from the "bread and butter state," has proved himself a smooth player on both offense and defense in early season play.

Not quite reaching the six-foot mark, the wiley Wisconsinite makes up for his lack of height by using his speed and deception to the greatest advantage.

Yipe!! What For Year's Christmas Gifts?



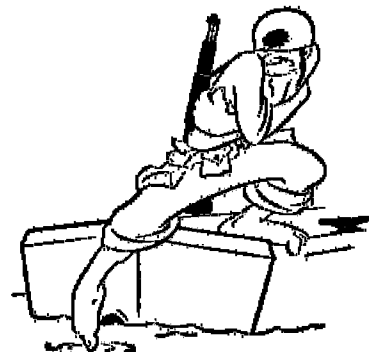
Editor's note—This letter, which we are assuming because of certain irregularities in spelling was written by a former member of the Marine Corps by the name of Heinemann, was found this week floating in a bottle in San Diego harbor. The type of bottle in which it was found further strengthens our belief it was written by Heinemann. The letter follows; its original date was Nov. 26:

CAMP PENDLETON (Oceanside): Oh, Top, here I am in the middle of another landing. To think that this should happen to me AFTER the war and when I'm a civilyun is almost more than I can bare.

As I write this there is the loud popping of bubble gum all around me. Men in uniform with grim faces are striving to open beer bottles with their belt buckles. Overhead a plane roars—on its regular flight from Sandy Ago to Lost Angeletz. And there is the acrid smell of burning rubbish from the Oceanside dump hanging fowl and heavy in the air.

Will I live to see once again all those things that are dere to me I can not say. At a time like this no man can say. After all, he might be killed tomorrow hitch-hiking up Hiway 101.

You realize, Top, that I am talking about the Armeee-Navee amphibious exercises at Camp Pendleton. And if you think I'm kidding about perhaps not living to woo another woman you have lost your memory. I am with the Armeee, rememburr. The Armeee. Dog-faces. Rememburr? You know what Moon-head always used to say about making an invasion with the Armeee. Rememburr, he used to say, they are our allies jist like the Rushians and the Chinese.



Anyway, I am taking no chances and am stuffing this litter into a bottle which I jist happen to hav nearly empty. If you do not hear from me within a week I would suggest you send out a St. Bernard loaded with Southern Comfort. As you know, Camp Pendleton is so large that Tent Camp 1 did not even hear that the war wuz over until only a few days ago.

How I got into this mess you can not appreshente, you being a well fed Leatherhead. But for we civilyuns the food situashun is a very serious thing indeed. My unemploymint compinsashun money jist barely buys my beer, and since the bars hav quit serving free popcorn I hav bin slowly starving to death.

Well, when I heard there wuz to be a mock invasion at Pendleton "complete with C-ration" I immediately sallied down from Lost Angeletz. The lure of free C-ration wuz more than I could withstand. Tiday, when the Armeee hit the beech I wuz waiting for them with can-opener at "present arms."

As those hardy men in brown came charging on tip-toe through the surf I joined arms with them singing "The Case-Ons Are Rolling Around" and we charged gallly up the slope arm in arm.

I turned to the dogface on my right and sed: "On what wave duz the USO unit come in on?"

And he looked indignantly at me and sed: "What do you mean by such a statement?"

And I sed: "I am very sorry indeed."

And he sed: "You should be. The only time the USO made landings with us was DURING THE WAR."

That gives you a idea, Top, of the seriousness of this invasion I am making.

Ex-SARJUNT HEINEMANN

ECONOMIC UNCERTAINTY

Economic uncertainty is also reflected in the continued decline of stock shares of Chinese factories and farms at Shanghai despite the steady rise of the gold price, now quoted at 275,000 dollars per ounce.

Many stock market operators have recently failed, losing more than 1,000,000,000 Chinese dollars.

LOS ANGELES, (UP)—Major league ball players were going on the trading block in wholesale lots with the Reds and the Phillies of the National League and the Browns and Indians of the American the most active bidders.

U. S. Marines were called upon to quell a riot in Massachusetts State Prison back in 1824.

What, No Rope?

CHICAGO (UP)—A prominent Chicago physician locked himself in his sky-scraper office and refusing to heed the telephoned pleas of his wife, used gas, narcotics and poison to end his life.

The physician, 70-year-old Dr. George J. Musgrave, a prominent nose and throat specialist, had excused himself from a Thanksgiving dinner at his home, saying he was ill, and went to his 16th floor office in the heart of the city's loop.

There, he telephoned his wife, Bird, telling her, "I am going to commit suicide." Mrs. Musgrave pleaded with her husband, but he refused to listen and hung up.

While police cars sped through the business district, Mrs. Musgrave again called her husband and pleaded with him to change his mind.

"It's too late," he said, and then added, "goodbye," and hung up the phone.

Officers forced their way into Musgrave's office and found the doctor lying on the floor semi-conscious. He was rushed to a hospital where artificial respiration and stomach pumps failed to save him. He died 15 minutes later.

Othman Lists Gifts He Doesn't Want To Be Given For Christmas

BY FREDERICK C. OTHMAN
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WASHINGTON, — (UP) — Fellow males, I have seen this with my own eyes: A red and yellow necktie with two turtles racing four rabbits down the front of it. The rabbits are winning.

How, sir, would you like to wear it? Do not laugh. You may have to. Your wife may present it to you for Christmas. Woe is yours.

This atrocity is only the beginning of gifts (I have made a survey) that should be inflicted

on no man, 20 shopping days hence. I have therefore compiled a list of things I don't want for Christmas. It is posted conspicuously to my parlor table; gentlemen, you may also care to clip and tack it where your female Santa Claus cannot ignore it:

NO NAIL CLIPPERS

I don't want an electric finger-nail clipper, also good for toenails. Nor a chest of assorted tobaccos to blend myself, nor even a key of 18 carat gold for my front door. I remember a movie actress who had a golden key and what happened to her wasn't good.

Eighteen cravats in the colors of 18 Scottish Clans are not for me. Neither is an aluminum smoking pipe, with a built in radiator, not even if the coal strike still is in progress. Oranges that will keep six months because they

have been dipped in liquid cellophane don't make me drool. I have no use for an automatic duck caller which, when wound, goes quack.

SUSPENDERS OUT

Old-fashioned I may be, but I want no transparent suspenders; I use my suspenders to keep up my pants, not to see through. Two bolts and two nuts in solid gold at \$85 aren't my idea of the ideal cuff links. A wrist watch of solid platinum I can't use because I've just fired my private policeman. The same goes for a band of ebony and 18 carat gold to hold this ticker on my arm. I'll just continue to consult the clock at the Union Station.

I don't want a fountain pen no bigger than a lip-stick. I don't want 'em.

BILLFOLD UNNECESSARY

A billfold of exotic leather with my signature engraved on a solid gold plate (\$100 for the works) is unnecessary; I just want Santa to sew up the hole in my pocket. I haven't enough pelt left to make use of an electric hair brush, but my teeth are fine. Give me no electric tooth brush.

Already I am a member of the National Press Club; I want to belong to no more lodges, including the Candy-of-the-month club, the Necktie-of-the-month club, and the Pencil-with-my-name-on - it-of-the-month club. I don't want a fishing pole with a pistol grip.

AN AUTOMATIC RAZOR

An automatic razor with one lawn mower, or four in tandem, is not for my whiskers. Neither is a \$40 shaving brush and I don't care if its bristles are plucked from angels' wings. I don't want a briar pipe carved in the shape of a baby's shoe, nor a pipe with golden stripes and red crosses glazed on its porcelain bowl.

I cannot use a bowling ball of mottled red and green plastic, nor a secondhand warship in reasonably good condition. Above all I don't need a pack of playing cards with 52 nekkid ladies painted on their backs; When I play poker I prefer to give all my attention to the spots.

Thanks for listening, Mrs. Claus. I'll gladly settle on Christmas morn for a cup of coffee and a kiss.

New 'War' Looms Over Chinese Jap Abacus

TOKYO (UP)—A new Chinese-Japanese "war" loomed over the merits of each nation's Abacus board.

A member of the Chinese mission to Japan stated flatly "I will bet all the money I have" on a Chinese Abacus expert, using a Chinese Abacus against "any Japanese they put up."

Only recently, Kiyoshi, "The Hands" Matsuzaki, startled the world when his nimble fingers flipped the counters on the centuries-old Abacus to outspeed an American clerk using an electric calculator.

LESS ERRORS

But L. Han, Assistant Foreign Trade Adviser on the Chinese Mission, was confident the Chinese Abacus would be even faster than the Japanese model because "it offers less opportunity for errors."



THEM THAR EYES. Patricia Byllesby lets her décolleté slip a little lower and tries hard to get that come hither look. Miss Byllesby is one of the supporting actresses in the farce-comedy, "That's My Wife!" which will play one engagement at the Base Theater next Tuesday night, Dec. 10, at 2000.

Theater Features Stage Play

Jay Eslick's Theatrical Agency has been engaged by the Special Services Office to present a stage play for Base theatergoers next Tuesday, Dec. 2, at 8 p.m.

Titled "That's My Wife," the play revolves 'round and 'round a useless young man dependent on a wealthy uncle for subsistence. Badly needing cash barking in order to marry his lady love, the nephew informs his uncle that the marriage has already taken place.

The uncle immediately increases the nephew's allowance. Nephew immediately proposes to lady love who immediately turns him down. Ah, but that is the least of nephew's troubles. Uncle makes a surprise visit to his newlyweds.

The nephew desperately enlists the aid of best friend's wife who,

like her husband, is a weekend guest. The uncle arrives with the result that his proud beaming soon develops into a decided non-paternal leer much to the annoyance of best friend.

Then lady love arrives—ready, willing and able. From here on out the play is as funny as the severe complications will allow—which is quite funny indeed.

Whatta Whistle!

TOKYO (UP)—If Japanese trains stop tooting their whistles it will mean Osaka railway authorities have put a coal saving scheme into effect.

Experts have estimated that approximately 100 tons of coal are being consumed daily just to blow train whistles.

Police Succeed In Downing Rioters After Costly Damage

Shanghai Riot Downed After Shooting Order Is Issued

SHANGHAI, (UP) — Armed with a "shoot to kill" order, Shanghai police succeeded in restoring peace and order after a two-day riot that caused 90 civilian and police casualties and \$1,000,000 (U.S.) property damage.

Armored cars cruised in downtown areas and police were instructed to bring any rioters before military courts. Stores reopened behind iron grills.

Mayor H. C. Wu said he would clear downtown sidewalks and stalls and that he would warn police officers to be firm and courteous in enforcing regulations.

Wu said he donated 1,000,000 dollars (about \$200 U. S.) of his own to the owner of a printing paper store whose shop was ransacked twice. The proprietor suffered the most damage of anyone in Shanghai.

Most observers in Shanghai believed that the city could expect more riots of even larger and graver proportions as the economic situation worsens.

Dissatisfaction over general administrative conditions — particularly heavy taxation — continued devaluation of Chinese currency and abnormal trade conditions reflect the serious decline of purchasing power of the general public.

WORKERS UNEMPLOYED

Numerous shops and factories are not expected to stay open until mid-January and many thousands of workers are facing unemployment.

In addition, Chinese Communists are known to be active in undermining what remaining prestige the central Government may yet hold. The Communists are working in a fertile field of dissatisfaction in competing riots.

The riots of last week-end, observers believe, are an indication of what Shanghai and other major cities can expect in the event of a final break between the Kuomintang and the Communists.

FORCE PEOPLE TO FIGHT

Although the city government succeeded in inducing the local press to condemn mobsters and "unruly" leaders, current gossip has it that the high-handed police action in banning downtown street hawls "forced the people to fight for their livelihood."

Rumors that many persons were "massacred by police guns" have been found untrue by independent investigators but nevertheless are believed by many.

Competent business observers fear that a wave of business failures next month would start off a disastrous depression. Merchants now are losing heavily because of a combination of high interest rates and black market money.

Defense Claim Alcatraz Like German Camp

SAN FRANCISCO, (UP) — A defense attorney said that the riots at Alcatraz prison last May were the result of mistreatment of prisoners as bad as in "concentration camps in Germany."

Aaron Vinkler, Attorney for Miriam E. Thompson, 29, one of three convicts on trial for murder in U. S. District Court, indicated in his opening statement that the defense will make strong use of alleged brutality at the prison.

Thompson and Clarence Carnes, 19, and Sam Shockley, 36, all serving life sentences, are charged with the murder of guard William A. Miller during the early stages of their unsuccessful attempt to escape. Four other persons were killed and 14 wounded before the riot was quelled.

DENY PARTICIPATION

Defense Attorneys denied that any of the convicts on trial participated in the shooting of the guards.

Frank J. Hennessey, U. S. District Attorney, said that although none of the defendants actually fired the shots which killed Miller, Thompson and Shockley had urged shooting to death eight guards held as hostages and that Carnes had waved a club and "cursed" the guards.

Aged Fugitive Starts Serving Sentence After Surrendering

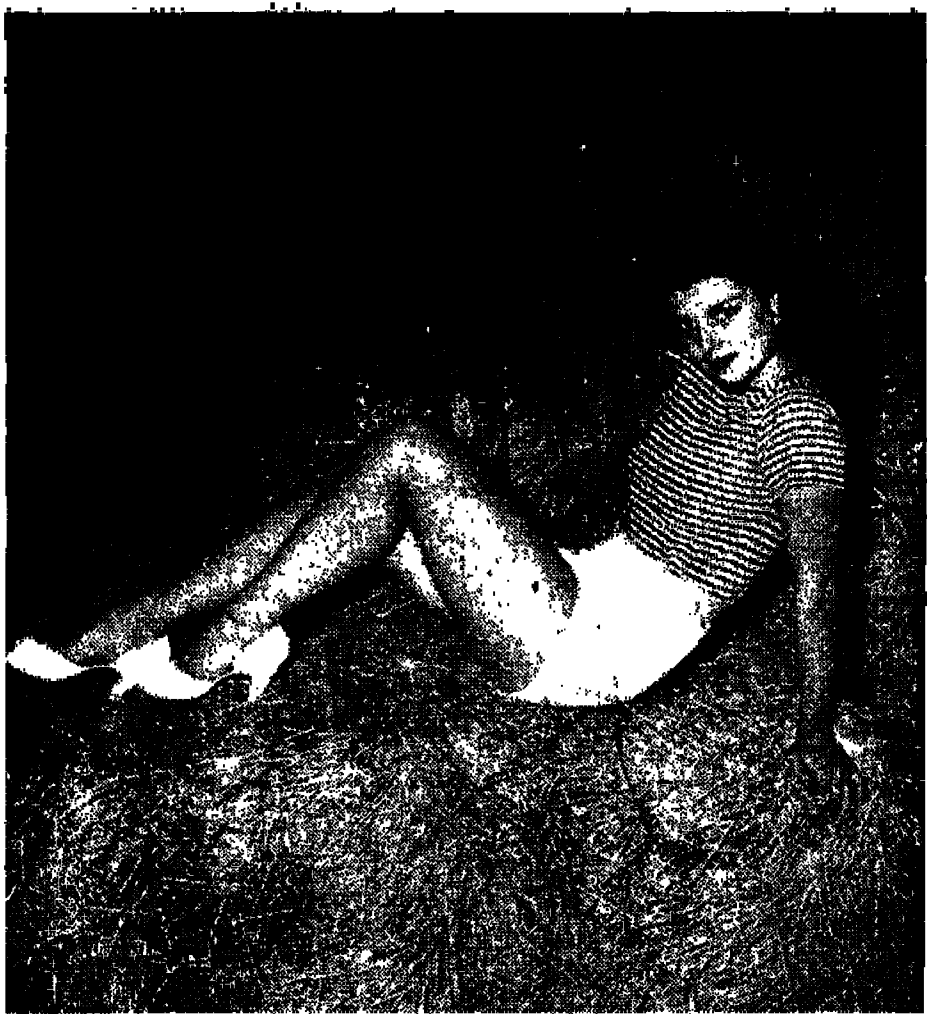
SAN FRANCISCO, (UP) — Charles Taylor, 76-year-old fugitive who returned six months ago to surrender on a 21-year-old mail fraud charge, began serving a two-year prison term.

Taylor was indicted in 1925 on charges of using the mails to defraud clients of \$7,500 to \$10,000 in false filing fees on gas and oil lands in Wyoming. Then he disappeared, leaving a note to his wife that he was going to jump in the bay.

He reappeared recently at the home of a daughter and was persuaded by her and a son to surrender and plead guilty.

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HEY! HAY! The little gal who graces this rustic scene is Pat Alphin, charming starlet who plays in Universal's "Temptation." Pat does look mighty tempting, even in a haymow. Oh no, Doctor, I don't think the temperature I'm running is hay fever.

Admiral Byrd Leads Largest Navy Scientific Task Force To Antarctica

History's Greatest Polar Expedition Leaves Norfolk For South Pole

Aboard Admiral Byrd's Flagship, Norfolk, Va. (UP) — A peacetime Naval Task force showed off on the Atlantic trail to explore the earth's last unknown continent—6,000,000 square miles of frozen wasteland around the South Pole which may hold mineral resources vital to survival in the atomic age.

Rear Admiral Richard Evelyn Byrd, the world's No. 1 explorer and a three-visit veteran of the antarctic, is in technical command of Task Force 68, whose 4,000 men and 13 ships comprise history's greatest polar expedition.

Byrd planned, however, to delay his own departure. It was believed he would not leave until about Jan. 2 when the big Essex-class carrier Philippine Sea will leave Norfolk bound for a point 100 miles off the Ross ice Shelf near Little America.

BYRD'S DEPARTURE UNANNOUNCED

Admiral Byrd planned to pay a pre-departure visit to Mount Olympus, which also will be his command ship when he joins the expedition. Byrd's plans regarding his own departure as "technical director" of the expedition were not divulged to members of the staff.

The ships, which had been taking on supplies up to the last minute, were stocked with everything from Christmas trees to candy bars. Each ship had enough soft drink syrup for 100 drinks per man per month and enough turkeys for two meals—Christmas and New Years. Provisions were for eight months, although the ships were expected to be back in the States within five months.

CARRY LAND PLANES

The 27,000-ton carrier Norfolk will make aviation history when it shoots twin-engine Douglas D C-3's—normally land based transport planes—off its deck with the aid of jato-jet power bottles attached to their wings.

The expedition's biggest job is to physically chart coastal lines and shave down the 4,000,000 square

observation, undersea sampling, cosmic ray measurements, and investigation of all mineral deposits.

Admiral Byrd has denied that the expedition is part of a trans-lump race for the material now necessary for atomic energy. He said at a press conference, however, that the Antarctic continent is an "untouched reservoir of natural resources" and that "uranium happens to be one of many" minerals which will be investigated. The Expedition's 300-man scientific research staff includes many physicists.

CRUIZEN COMMANDS FORCE

The task force commander, Rear Admiral Richard H. Cruzen of Gallatin, Mo., has as his flagship the Mount Olympus, a naval command ship which is a veteran of Western Pacific wartime amphibious operations.

The East task group, commanded by Capt. George J. Dufek of Rockford, Ill., will be composed of the seaplane tender Pine Island, the oiler Canisteo, and the destroyer Brownson.



HONOR BOOT. Pvt. William Lawshea, Platoon 206, receives a certificate of award as honor man for his platoon just graduated last week. Presentation was made by Col. Bert Bone, 81st commander, at early morning inspection formation.

BEAR A HAND

For Sale

KAYE CHEVROLET dark top coat. New. 1937. Removable. 1940. \$25. 1941. 1942. 1943. 1944. 1945. 1946. 1947. 1948. 1949. 1950. 1951. 1952. 1953. 1954. 1955. 1956. 1957. 1958. 1959. 1960. 1961. 1962. 1963. 1964. 1965. 1966. 1967. 1968. 1969. 1970. 1971. 1972. 1973. 1974. 1975. 1976. 1977. 1978. 1979. 1980. 1981. 1982. 1983. 1984. 1985. 1986. 1987. 1988. 1989. 1990. 1991. 1992. 1993. 1994. 1995. 1996. 1997. 1998. 1999. 2000. 2001. 2002. 2003. 2004. 2005. 2006. 2007. 2008. 2009. 2010. 2011. 2012. 2013. 2014. 2015. 2016. 2017. 2018. 2019. 2020. 2021. 2022. 2023. 2024. 2025. 2026. 2027. 2028. 2029. 2030. 2031. 2032. 2033. 2034. 2035. 2036. 2037. 2038. 2039. 2040. 2041. 2042. 2043. 2044. 2045. 2046. 2047. 2048. 2049. 2050. 2051. 2052. 2053. 2054. 2055. 2056. 2057. 2058. 2059. 2060. 2061. 2062. 2063. 2064. 2065. 2066. 2067. 2068. 2069. 2070. 2071. 2072. 2073. 2074. 2075. 2076. 2077. 2078. 2079. 2080. 2081. 2082. 2083. 2084. 2085. 2086. 2087. 2088. 2089. 2090. 2091. 2092. 2093. 2094. 2095. 2096. 2097. 2098. 2099. 2100. 2101. 2102. 2103. 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