

**TEA DANCE ATTENDED BY 500 GUESTS . . .**

Captain and Mrs. Joel T. Boone and the staff of the Seattle Naval Hospital played host to approximately 500 officers and civilian guests in a reception and tea at the Recreation Hall last Friday evening.

The receiving line consisted of Captain and Mrs. Boone, Captain and Mrs. Brady, Captain and Mrs. Watts and Miss Netter.

Among the many guests present were Rear Admiral and Mrs. S. A. Taffinder, Rear Admiral and Mrs. W. L. Mann and Rear Admiral and Mrs. R. F. Wood.

Assisting in the serving were Joan Brady, Jane Rogers, Joan Rogers together with Cadet Nurses Dorothy Nelson, Shirley Anderson, Nona Hundstad, Phyllis Wagemann, Gertrude Veller and Florence Mahon.

**MEET—  
Captain C. E. Watts  
Chief of Medicine**



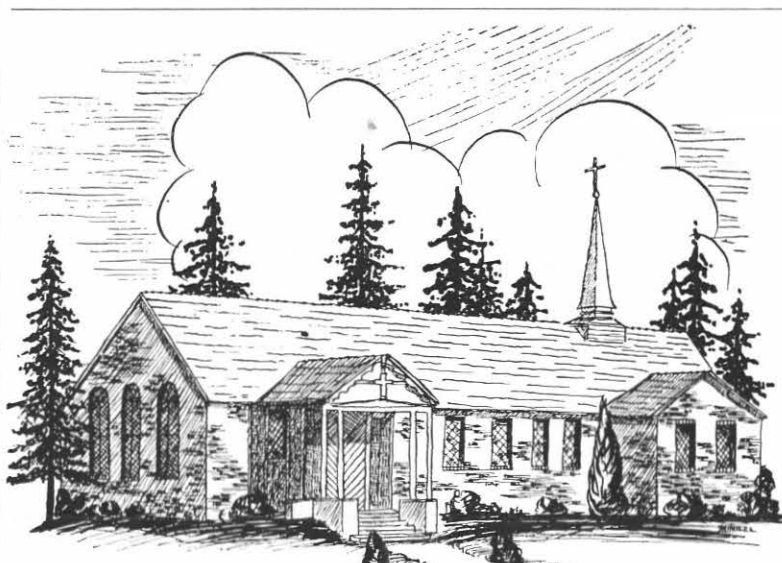
CAPTAIN WATTS

Considered one of the Northwest's leading internists before his active duty in the Naval Reserve is Captain C. E. Watts, our new Chief of Medicine. Coming from Aiea Heights Naval Hospital in Pearl Harbor, Captain Watts has also been attached to the San Diego Naval Hospital.

Born in Idaho, November 14, 1889, Captain Watts received his Bachelor of Science degree at the University of Idaho and completed his medical training at Chicago's Rush Medical School in 1918. His internship was served at Cook County Hospital in Chicago, and he started private practice at Seattle in 1920.

Extremely active in medical circles  
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**GROUND BROKEN FOR CHAPEL**



Artist's sketch shows chapel as it will look upon completion early in September

**Many Seattle Church Dignitaries Present**

All religious faiths were represented in a ground-breaking service as Captain J. T. Boone broke the sod on the new Chapel site last Sunday.

The heavily attended event featured the invocation by J. P. Forsander, Captain (Ch. C.) USN, who is district chaplain of the Thirteenth Naval District. The program continued as Captain J. P. Brady spoke briefly. Two vocal solos were rendered by G. M. Groher, Sp.1c(W), and Captain J. T. Boone then proceeded with the breaking of the ground. Impressive was the singing of the Navy Hymn by the entire audience and the benediction by W. A. Phillips, Lt. (jg) Ch.C., USNR.

Immediately following the ceremony, the guests assembled in the Recreation Hall for a special music program which featured an organ concert by Wilbur Martin, V-12 student, a former chaplain's assistant at this hospital. Vocals by Bruce Rogers, Sp.3c(W) were also blended into the musical interlude.

**Chapel Completion in September**

The chapel, which is dedicated to the Glory of God as a haven of rest for people of all religions will be adaptable for the ceremonial rituals of any denomination. Its completion is expected early in September. The chapel, surrounded by rich fir trees, will be situated on a commanding ridge that overlooks the entire hospital grounds.

**Icelandic Poems Published By Seabee Patient . . .**

Iceland's frozen wastes and Navy life served as poetic inspiration to Gray Richards, SK2c, of Ward 41, whose bits of rhyme were published in book form.

His life's hobby has always been poetry even during his busy pre-war days as purchasing agent for a huge steel mill in Pittsburgh.

Richards is particularly talented toward elocution and toured Iceland's military camps the name of Gray Richards to servicemen show reciting the poems



Gray Richards

he composed while stationed there. His fame as a writer of verse spread to every hut on the Island, and countless lines of love were written for his shipmates' sweethearts, all of whom were unknown to him.

Such popularity was attained by his works that he had them published in an attractive booklet. He sold them in the hundreds and turned over 10% of his sales to the Welfare department on his station.

The tears and smiles that his poems have brought to enlisted personnel in Iceland will ever endear the name of Gray Richards to Navy men who knew him during those trying days in a desolate land.

**WELCOME TO PATIENTS**

The Seattle Naval Hospital welcomes with great pleasure all new patients who have come to it since the last publication of the Stethoscope. One trainload came from the San Francisco Bay area the past week, but in addition to those we have a constant flow of patients coming from the various shore activities in the neighborhood, ships visiting this port and by plane from the Alaskan and Aleutian areas. To each and every one we wish to extend a hearty welcome.

J. T. BOONE, Capt. (MC) USN  
Medical Officer in Command

**VARIETY SHOW**

All talented and interested persons who are able to contribute their specialties toward the production of "All-Hospital" Variety Show. Please apply in person or send your name and location to Red Cross Office No. 3.

**CHAPLAIN ZINNEN OBSERVED ANNIVERSARY**

Friday, 26 May, 1944, marked the 10th anniversary of Chaplain Zinnen's ordination. Cigars and congratulations marked the day.

# The Stethoscope

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## A MESSAGE TO NAVY MEN

"I UNHESITATINGLY RECOMMEND TO BOTH OFFICERS AND MEN THE REGULAR AND SYSTEMATIC INVESTMENT OF A PORTION OF CURRENT INCOME IN WAR SAVINGS BONDS. LET YOUR DOLLARS FIGHT WITH YOU."

Admiral E. J. King.

## FROM YOUR SKIPPER

On the occasion of the First Anniversary of the assumption of the command of this hospital by its present Commanding Officer, the staff singularly honored him with a tribute which has touched his heart very deeply. The gathering arranged by the Executive Officer, Captain John P. Brady, in the auditorium at noon on May 18th, was for a three-fold purpose. While the Commanding Officer was aware of the significance of the dual purpose of this occasion, he was taken completely by surprise by the third and final purpose of the gathering.

The auditorium was filled with members of the staff, ostensibly, as far as the Commanding Officer knew, to pay tribute to the civil service employees and the fire fighting force. A worthy and deserving recognition was first shown the civilian service employees by the awarding to them of the "Civilian Service Recognition Emblems." The fire fighting force was then commended by the Commanding Officer for their highly efficient and valiant services during the recent fire. In his remarks the Commanding Officer forcibly warned, not only of the dangers of fires but the culpability of individuals who by carelessness are responsible for starting a fire.

To his amazement, when he thought the ceremonies were concluded, the Executive Officer, in taking charge of the meeting, really stunned the Commanding Officer by the form of the tributes paid him on the First Anniversary of his Command of this hospital. The birthday cake with the presence of his own sword to cut it would seemingly have been recognition enough of the occasion but to his amazement there was a most generous and tangible evidence of the staff's regard for their Commanding Officer. While its magnificence is tremendously admired, it is the spirit behind it which will ever give him reason to value it as one of his most prized possessions. It is not possible for Mrs. Boone and him to express adequately their heartfelt gratitude to each member of the staff for his and her manifestation of friendship. They have felt that their reward for whatever they have done for or meant to the hospital has been in the privilege that has been theirs to work with such a superb group of naval and civilian associates. To each of you we express deepest gratitude.

J. T. BOONE, Capt. (MC) USN,  
 Medical Officer in Command.

## CAPTAIN C. E. WATTS

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cles, Captain Watts is a member of the King County and State Medical Societies in addition to the American Medical Association. He also belongs to the Pacific Interurban Clinical Club, the American Heart Association and American College of Physicians in which he is a member of the board of governors.

Hobbies play a dominating part in Doctor Watt's life. Photography, fishing and hunting predominate with story-telling a close fourth! Medical sensationalism is claimed in his hunting exploits . . . it seems after pumping three shots into the heart of a ferocious Moose, it still pursued him until he dropped it by throwing a stethoscope in boomerang fashion.



Q. Is it possible for a warrant officer to be "broken" or reduced in rank by a court-martial?

A. No. Although warrant officers are not commissioned officers, they are not enlisted men either and may not be reduced to the ranks, nor to the status of non-commissioned officers.

Q. I was inducted last year and will be 38 next month. Will I then be eligible for an over-age discharge?

A. No. Only those men who reached their 38th birthday on or before February 28, 1943, were eligible for discharges as over-age. At present it is the policy of the Army to keep everyone in service who can be useful in any manner.

Q. Will the Navy hold War Bonds for me in safekeeping?

A. Yes. At no cost to you.

Q. What is a dock?

A. The water alongside a pier.

## NURSES NOTES

"Every time I turn around I see a nurse I haven't seen before." Don't worry, your power of observation isn't failing—there are a lot of new nurses around. A group came in from St. Albans, N. Y., including Ensigns Marge Barracliffe, Catherine M. Brennan, Mabel Cagno, Helen M. Clemens, Frances R. Comstock, Cecelia DeNave, Frances I. DeWitt, Mary E. Dobbins, Stella T. Golba, Eileen M. Harrington, Betty L. Lauterborn, Irene M. Lewis, Rose A. MacBrearty, Katherine M. McCardsle, Eileen J. Notarian, Madeline Nugent, Sophie A. Onoski, Mary A. Prescott, Stella A. Rant, Mary A. Rolinitis, Lucy G. Savickas, Ruth M. Siessel, Eileen A. Stack, Virginia V. Vahey.

From Parris Island, S. Carolina, have come Ensigns Sara T. Beck,

## Chaplains Corner

### DIVINE SERVICES

Recreation Hall

CATHOLIC

Chaplain ..... Oliver P. Zinnen  
 Sunday Mass.....0630, 0730 and 0930  
 Week-day Mass.0620, (unless otherwise announced).

Confessions: Before every Mass in the Recreation Hall. Saturdays: 1530 to 1700, and after the first movie, in the Chaplain's Office. When there is no movie, 1800 to 1930.

PROTESTANT

Chaplain.....G. W. J. Hartzel  
 Holy Communion.....0830  
 Morning Prayer and Sermon.....1030  
 Choir Rehearsal.....Wednesdays 1700

## His Voice

Today a pilot of a plane must learn to fly on the beam, as they call it. Each flying field has a certain radio beam, and when the pilot's radio is on, he can fly straight to the field, regardless of the darkness of the night. God has given each one of us a heart which can pick up the beam of God's guidance, if we keep tuned to Him. We can fly our life planes on the beam to safety, if we listen to the sound of His voice and do not become confused and lost amid the storms and fogs of the world.

But there are certain things which may cause us to lose His voice. We may not be willing to stop and listen to God and find out what He wants us to do, but we hurry along our own befuddled way. We may give our time and thought to material things and fail to put the kingdom of God first. Or we may feel that we can do it in our own strength and be unwilling to ask God for guidance. God is calling us to keep our hearts tuned so that we may hear His voice and be guided safely home.

## NOTICE

It is desired that a current list of patients and staff of the Jewish faith be available for the convenience of the Jewish Chaplain who makes periodic visits to the Hospital. In order that this list may be complete, it is requested of all persons of the Jewish faith that they submit their names at the Catholic chaplain's office at their earliest convenience. The list will then be immediately available at all times when the visiting chaplain calls at the hospital.

Maud M. Cook, Martha M. Peterson, Dorothy M. Regan, Elizabeth A. Samsa, Rose D. Thornton.

Ensign Alice M. Rothermel reported in from 3rd Fleet after seventeen months in New Caledonia and New Hebrides. We are very glad to have you all aboard.

How about the nurses getting out on that tennis court and polishing up that backhand. A tennis tournament would liven up the regular routine—champions excluded.

# HOSPITAL LAUNDRY BOASTS RECORD OF 67,000 PIECES MONTHLY . . . .

By Jane Raymond

Say, shipmate, did you know that fresh sheet on your sack is one of the same 67,000 pieces laundered this month by the hospital laundry?

That's correct, and Civilian Manager E. C. Dwight, who has 24 years laundry experience, computes 67,000 pieces as the monthly output since the laundry was commissioned eighteen months ago.

Soap required, numbers in the thousand pounds, and starch in the hundreds to change all that dirty linen into freshly laundered sheets, towels, pillow cases, stiffly starched shorts, nurses' uniforms and the various other articles handled in this modernly equipped plant.

### 1,100 Shirts a Week

One thousand one hundred shirts each week count as a large stock of shirts in any man's language. The output runs close to 200 shirts a day. Hand work ironing is done by Mrs. Elizabeth Verges and Dollie Love after the fronts and shirttails have been ironed by Hilma Lindholm and Bertha Burgerson, considered two of the best pressers in the business.

Besides the 1,100 shirts, some 500 nurses' uniforms and 50 cadet uniforms come on the weekly laundry list. All the starch work requires about 150 pounds of starch each week. Little difficulty has been experienced, according to Manager Dwight, in securing the necessary soap and starch despite the heavy demands on the market.

### Linen Washer Supreme

Will McGinnis, a white haired spry little man, who can swing a wicked pile of laundry into the tub, has washed every piece of linen ever sent to the hospital laundry with the help of a small detail of patients.

The amazing part of Mr. McGinnis' ability, says Manager Dwight, is the fact the wash man had never



Pictured above is modern dryer in operation that speeds up laundry service by ironing 1,800 towels or 240 sheets per hour.

done that type of work before. Mr. Dwight taught him the technical task of handling the washers when the plant opened, and Mr. McGinnis has "run the tubs" ever since.

The laundry employs 24 women, working on two 8-hour shifts. Labor turnover has been small according to the manager. Many of the ladies are of the initial staff. They expressed satisfaction with the ideal working conditions in the clean, well equipped laundry.

### Modern Dryer

Most outstanding in the newest laundry equipment is the dryer which can dry and iron 1,800 towels or 240 sheets an hour. After passing through a series of hot cylinders, the freshly ironed linen is deftly caught by two waiting ladies and folded into regulation folds before the next piece rolls off the cylinders. Head folder is Alma Triff, who has been 15 years in the business.

A separate department, though

part of the laundry, is the sewing room which is operated by Mrs. E. A. Day. She was the first employee to assume duties in the building and her department completes all sewing, fabric construction and repairing in the hospital.

Navy Nurse Packard is in charge of the linen roof from which the clean linen goes out to the wards.

### Ship's Service Work

The laundry was originally established as a linen laundry, but a ship's service has been added. Six workers are on the Ship's Service shift. Most of the facilities are required to handle the hospital linen . . . which comes first. The commanding officer is working to enlarge the present plant to meet increasing laundry demands.

So, shipmate, the next time you gripe because your laundry hasn't come back yet, remember that there's a time element involved when over 2,000 people are ahead of you.



(31 May to 13 June Inclusive)

- 6-1 Harlan Strampe, PhM3c.
- 6-1 Neil Trammell, HA1c.
- 6-2 Catherine Esser, PhM3c Wave.
- 6-2 Doris Feese, HA1c Wave.
- 6-4 K. F. Ryan, PhM3c.
- 6-5 A. F. Henninger, HA2c.
- 6-5 Pat Lovejoy, HA1c Wave.
- 6-7 L. Gnojek, HA2c.
- 6-8 A. R. Pulham, HA2c.
- 6-8 A. G. Anderson, PhM1c.
- 6-9 P. C. Andriese, HA1c.
- 6-9 John Morgan, Jr., HA1c.
- 6-11 Dorothy Lowery, HA1c Wave.
- 6-11 Richard Penhale, PhM3c.
- 6-11 Dorothy Crain, HA2c Wave.
- 6-11 E. F. Blonder, HA1c.
- 6-12 Caroline Grumbach, HA1c Wave.
- 6-13 Glen Ferguson, HA2c.
- 6-13 A. W. Smith, HA1c.

### CORRECTION PLEASE!

We scrape the deck in apologies to Neilson Andrews, Lt. (jg), our new physical fitness officer whom we publicized in the last issue as a big timer from a small Baptist college.

Actually Mr. Andrews boasts an educational background alone that sets yours truly in the "boot" class. He graduated from Fordham University and pitched for Fordham's baseball team. His graduate work enrolled him in institutes such as U. of Penn, Penn State, Bucknell University, Scranton University and Columbia University, where he received his M.A. degree, majoring in Health, Physical Education and Recreation.

Lt. Andrews played professional baseball with the St. Louis Cardinals, Rochester of the International League, Elmira and Wilkes-Barre of the New York-Penna League, Winston-Salem of the Piedmont League and Leakesville of the Bi-State League, and was instructor and athletic coach at Kingston High School, Kingston, Penna.

Navy activities started at Norfolk, Virginia, where the Lieutenant took his "boot" training. His first assignment was at Fisher's Island, N.Y., as Physical Fitness Instructor. He then served as Physical Fitness and Swimming Instructor at Carson Newman College, Jefferson City, Tenn. His function just before arriving at this hospital was that of Naval Administrator of the Physical Fitness Program at Carson Newman College.



Everyone knows the place called the Trianon and many of us from the Middle West go there because of its namesake in Chicago. Anything and everything can happen there, but the newest and latest is the matrimonial proposal "Tex" received Saturday night by a handsome S1c. Said S1c remarked that although he was only a S1c and she a third mate who would be capable of running the household with over-rating, he would still love to marry her. (Did she accept? We are still in the dark?)

Let's all get our family and friends straightened out on how our ratings are written and what they mean. Only yesterday one of our well-known HA1c received a letter addressed to her as follows: Quote, HA1/2, Unquote. HA half busted.

Have you heard of Port Townsend? Naturally not, but we fear it has been put on the map after this last week-end. Our sympathies are extended to the Maulding family after entertaining six of our WAVES as guests.

What's this about the San Diego girls afraid of losing their beautiful tans?

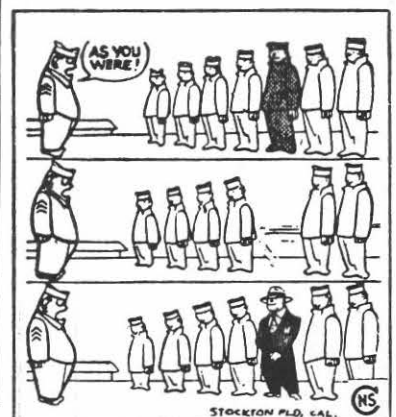
Did you hear about the WAVE in "C" dorm who thought Tuesday was Wednesday and stripped the linen from her sack?

Dotty Schryer PhM2c, formerly on our staff has been transferred to Corona Naval Hospital and is recovering nicely.

Which of the second mates assisting the tooth carpenters made a trip to Spokane? Could it be O'Connor?

### HELP WANTED

WANTED—Qualified operators for 16 mm movie projection machines. See Miss Isgreen in Red Cross Office No. 3.





Great granddaughter of the shanty Irishman made famous by the shamrock ditty, "When Hogan Paid the Rent," is Florence Hogan, PhM3c, who became Mrs. John G. Lofton two weeks ago on her leave. She's Texan now by marriage . . . so paaadon us, Suh!

**GRAMPA GOODELL SEZ:**

Fat in woman is just like sugar in tea . . . it always settles at the bottom!

A tip to our latest arrivals . . . Seattle has just three kinds of weather! It's going to rain . . . it is raining . . . it just has rained! So plan your liberty accordingly!

"Tex" Denton, ace Wave of the EENT clinic, walked into an individual last week just as he keeled over from seeing an operation. She took one look at the prostrate and screamed, "Oh, help! somebody, quick!"

Permission to use the "hot foot" method for waking Sergeant Marshall Floore of Ward 9 is being considered. At present it takes three corpsmen and a nurse exactly 8 minutes to do the job by shaking and tickling him alternately.

Screams woke the entire Second Mate quarters last week at 0300 when Jerry Gray, a Wave, found a mouse in her bed. This brings to

light the question . . . what would you do in that situation?

Liquid enthusiasts will drool at this bit . . . Irene Kohanke who left on a leave last week (as all Waves are doing these days) reported that she's going to her brother's wedding where the menu reads:

2 cases "Pre-war" Schenley's Black Label.

2 cases Assorted wines.

4 barrels of Schlitz beer .

2 boxes of pretzels.

That should be tip enough that she's not staying in this state!

**CORPSMEN CLASS DISCUSSIONS . . .**

(Taken from Test Papers and Talks)

"When you breathe you inspire . . . when you do not breathe you expire."

"Digestion is carried on in the stomach by aid of acrobatic juices."

CHIEF: Describe the heart.

WAVE: All I know about the heart is that it is shaped like a valentine.

"The bones of the leg are Tibia and Fibia. When you stretch your legs that is Fibia. When you bring your legs back that is Tibia!"

"The organs of respiration are the nose, the pynx, the larynx, the treacher, the brunk, and windbag! !"

**CIVIL SERVICE WORKER HONORED**



Smiling as she received an award from Captains J. T. Boone and J. P. Brady for commendable work as a civilian, is Mrs. Robert L. Thrasher who was one of the many deserving civilian employees honored recently at the hospital.

The Commanding Officer offi-

cially commended the Executive Officer, Captain J. P. Brady (MC) USN, and each of the Fire Fighting Force for their highly efficient performance of duty in controlling and extinguishing the fire on the night of 10 May.

**Sergeant Claims Record For Not Getting Letters**

San Diego, Cal. (CNS)—M/Sgt. Ray Morgan is sick and tired of reading about soldiers who boast of the length of the letters their girl friends send them from home. Sgt. Morgan claims a different type of distinction.

"I haven't received a letter in 10 years," he admits cheerfully. "The last letter I got was in November, 1933. It came from the Southern California Telephone company and returned a nickel for a wrong number."

Manchester, Mo. (CNS)—Mary Louise Carr, 15, is back home in Manchester after a 1,200 mile train trip to New York. She undertook to marry a "pen pal" she had never seen but had been corresponding with for over a year. Mary returned when she discovered that her "pal" was another 15-year-old girl.

*Advice*  
to the  
*Lovelorn*  
By DOCTOR QUACK

Dear Doctor:

I am a Wave 22 years of age . . . I am quite attractive but not too popular with the members of my own sex. Recently through no effort of my own . . . I became the object of a Hospital Apprentice's attention. His pleasing personality influenced me to such an extent that I suddenly developed a serious attachment toward him. We had been going together for two whole weeks when without any explanation he refused to talk to me. I suspect untrue stories have been circulated to break us up. What shall I do?

Anxiously yours,  
FRUSTRATED

Dear Frustrated:

You are no doubt a character of sincere beliefs! Since the HA refuses to talk to you, he is either suffering from Subglottic Laryngitis or is mad at you 'cause your feet's too big. Then too, men have the failing of growing cold if your socks don't match . . . so cultivate another, "Frustry," and watch him come back to mama!



"I'm really quite slender. It's just that I want to keep all my War bonds from getting soaked."

*Voice Your Vocals . . .*

IN "THE STETHOSCOPE"

Barber Shop  
Quartet . . .

*Contest*

Friday Nite, 9 June

Harmonizers and Barber Shop Bellowers attention! Organize your quartet for intra hospital competition to be held between movies on the night of June 9th. The contest will be judged by three smoothly-shaven slickers with the help of the audience. Mobilize your musical mob today! !

- Rehearsals will be organized for you
- Accompaniment may be by piano . . .
- Song presentation must be Gay Ninety
- Contestants must speak English . . .

**PRIZES**

A \$2.50 gift bond for Ship's Service will go to each member of the winning quartet.



**SINGLE SINGERS**

See Don Grover, Cpl., in Rec' Hall for assignment to a quartet!

**SIGN UP YOUR GROUP WITH DON GROVER, Cpl., AT THE LITTLE WHITE PIANO IN THE REC. HALL**