

Navy Relief Drive Ends Tomorrow

Striving for a climax of donations to close the Hospital's Navy Relief drive tomorrow, the Chaplain's office urged all hands to contribute toward the fund which is the only all-Navy financial assistance service.

Reminding Naval personnel again, Chaplain Thrift stated in his plea for support, "The Navy Relief Society was created to help men of the Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard when emergencies arose. They or their families would suffer through many trials if the society did not give them aid. The Navy Relief Society is your society. Give it your financial help."

Driving home a humane point, the Chaplain added that, "Every dollar donated here will be used for men in this hospital."

Wave's Betrothal Recently Announced

The engagement of Wave Maxine Pherson, HA1c, was announced recently to Vernon J. Merkle, United States Navy, in a romance that had its beginning when both were stationed here.



M. Pherson

A telephone operator here, Miss Pherson was employed as a supervisor for the Ohio Telephone Company before she enlisted as a Wave. Her fiance attended the University of Washington for two years and then was stationed here before leaving for medical school. He is now a Navy V-12 student at the Creighton University Medical School, Omaha, Nebraska. No date has been set for their wedding.

COURSE FOR HC OFFICERS LENGTHENED TO 8 MONTHS

Washington, D. C. (HCQNS)—The administration course at the Hospital Corps Officers School here has been increased to eight months, with the convening of a new class of 75 Hospital Corps officers.

KING COUNTY DOCTORS PRAISE HOSPITAL AT MEDICAL MEETING



HOSPITAL STAFF MEMBERS who are also pre-war Seattle doctors and members of the King County Medical Society are, left to right, front row: Lt. Cmdr. Carl Jensen, Lt. Cmdr. Joseph Ash, Captain Chas. Watts, Lt. Cmdr. Austin Friend, Cmdr. Clyde Jensen. Second row: Lt. Cmdr. Kenneth Brillhart, Cmdr. John Ramsey, Lt. Cmdr. John Duncan, Lieut. Wm. McMahon, Comdr. Walter Voegtlin, Lt. Comdr. Hale Haven, Comdr. Frank Wannamaker, Comdr. Albert Ohman. Back row: Comdr. Harry Leavitt, Comdr. Edw. LeCocq, and Lt. Cmdr. Norman Clein.

HC Enlisted Personnel Now Assigned by Rates

Washington, D. C. (HCQNS)—Announcing a fundamental change in methods of detailing hospital corps enlisted personnel Lt. Comdr. Edward G. Dennis (HC) USN, Hospital Corps Personnel Officer, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, this week revealed that, effective 12 February, future complements of hospital corpsmen will be assigned by rates in Bumed, rather than by name.

In the future, all requests for changes in complement, filling in complements, transfer, change of duty or special instruction will be made through the Naval Districts or administrative commands. Lt. Comdr. Dennis added that the change does not affect in any way submission of HC3 or HC4 forms to Bumed. In fact, greater care will be necessary that these forms be submitted promptly in accordance with Bumed circular letters 6 and 7.

Rec' Hall To Feature Valentine Atmosphere At All Hands' Dance

Large red hearts and frilly Valentines will lend a festive air to the All Hands' Dance this Friday evening to be held in the Recreation auditorium.

Dancing to the rhythm of the Hospital's own orchestra starts promptly at 2000 and continues until 2330. Intermission entertainment, refreshments and dancing contests promise a riot of fun.

All Hands are invited and may bring their own dates of they so desire.

Hosp. Commissary Officer Receives Overseas Orders

Lt. (jg) Dallas Finch, hospital commissary officer, received orders for overseas duty last week. He will await relief in his present position.

Hospital Acted as Host for Medical Gathering Of Doctors

Listening to Seattle Naval Hospital medical officers present a scientific program, doctors of the King County Medical Society conducted their semi-monthly medical meeting last Monday, 5 February, in the Recreation building auditorium.

Reception of the program can best be illustrated by the words of Captain Robert L. Nattkemper, new 13th ND assistant medical officer who said, "This program was so advanced that I learned more tonight than at any other similar event throughout my entire Naval career."

The meeting, which was the first session conducted by the society's new president, Doctor Harold E. Nichols, featured a presentation by Lt. Comdr. John A. Duncan, who described his surgical experiences aboard a hospital ship. Doctor Duncan illustrated his talk with actual photographs showing battle wounds before and after they were promptly repaired. He stressed the remarkable recuperative power of America's fighting men who arrived aboard as serious stretcher cases and ten days later were discharged to base hospitals as ambulatory cases.

Lt. Comdr. Israel Steinberg of Ward 51 described the technique of injecting dye into the bloodstream, a procedure in which he is a pioneer, for viewing heart and vessel structure by means of X-ray to diagnose cardiac conditions. This method can spot certain abnormalities in the heart just as barium reveals a stomach ulcer.

Body section radiography by means of a Strathograph was described by Commander W. G. Scott who worked with the original inventors of this diagnostic machine. This hospital is one of two Naval Hospitals in the country to have such an apparatus.

Commanders A. M. French and
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FROM YOUR SKIPPER

End results are visible. The processes of accomplishment are many times protracted, time consuming, and entail infinite patience. New construction in developing the expansion program of a hospital entails laborious application. From the time a Commanding Officer either himself sees the need for some new project or one is suggested to him as a necessity or desirable, many months may elapse until it is brought into being.

First there is the realization of its need, then comes an analysis of its relation to the overall requirements of the hospital, its suitability as to location and the suitability of the location to the project to be constructed must be studied. Draftsmen project a plan predicated on the desires of the Commanding Officer. Frequently many sketches must be drawn before one is acceptable, embodying all essential features. Then comes the multigraphing of the plans and their submission to District engineers for review, estimating of the cost and methods of accomplishment. If the project is sizeable, submission must be made to the Navy Department for approval and for the acquisition of funds. Detailed drawings by the District engineers and the preparation of specifications for submission of the project to contractors for the purpose of bidding on the construction; approval of bids and of contract for firms who submit bids to the Navy Department in Washington, follow. Estimation on requirements for what we call collaterals, which, in the main, mean furnishings and equipment, are then in order. Depending on the size of the structure to be erected is the number of days allowed for accomplishment. This may be 30, 60, 90, 120 or more days.

The building of the project many times involves removing of trees and shrubbery and considerable grading before the service lines are laid or the actual construction of the building begins. In this involved process long periods elapse and those who are not associated with the undertaking find difficulty in understanding why accomplishment of a project in which they may be particularly interested is not more rapidly accomplished. There are occasions when delays are predicated on change in plans after they have been approved and the need for change becomes evident with the passing of time and new requirements arise. Also delays occur as some projects are interwoven with other projects in the same contract. Then in war time certain materials are very difficult to acquire or must be substituted for even during the actual construction stage. Transportation is not a perfect public service in war time. Railroad, ship and plane freight handling is intricate and unforeseen emergencies may give priority to other than the materials shipped for new construction for this hospital.

This brief and incomplete presentation will demonstrate some of the reasons why new projects in which this hospital is particularly interested do not come to fruition with, as it were, the waving of a wand. Possibly no one is more inter-

WITH "HATS SQUARED" THEY PAID A VISIT



John and Marshall Koch

In walked two visiting salty seamen 1c recently, the Koch brothers, John and Marshall. As twins they were the mirrored image of each other. Both were just off a transport for a short leave where they were members of an Armed Guard crew.

They squared their hats and greeted their uncle. As wide awake 20 year old American boys they caught on to the spirit of a hospital. One almost immediately doubled up with Appendicitis. He spent his leave in the sack. The other kept his Uncle alert with boyish pranks and lectures on how to be shipshape. What he needed, his Uncle amusingly told him, was a stern commanding officer to whip him into line. His Uncle was Captain J. T. Boone, our commanding officer.

BILL PROPOSES COMMISSIONS FOR X-RAY TECHNICIANS

WASHINGTON, D. C. (HCQNS) —A bill introduced in the House of Representatives would "authorize the appointment of X-ray technicians as commissioned officers in the Medical Corps of the Army and the Medical Corps of the Navy." Technicians eligible for such appointments would be those registered in their respective states.

A THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Consider your relation to men, and your place in society, with a desire to bring out your best efforts for the good of all... then let your day end with the knowledge that you have wronged no man.

Your accomplishment should be your reward. —Taylor.

ested in their rapid attainment than is the Commanding Officer and his patience could become sorely taxed but he must not only exhibit patience himself but reflect it in his associates. Consolation may well come to us here that much is recognized as having been accomplished over a comparatively short period of time.

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

Chaplain's Corner

DIVINE SERVICES Hospital Chapel CATHOLIC

Chaplain.....John Lane
 Sunday Masses.....0620 and 0930
 Weekday Mass.....0620 Daily
 Confessions: Heard before all masses.

PROTESTANT

Chaplains.....W. Boyd Thrift
 Lloyd A. Doty
 Divine Services.....1030
 Choir Rehearsal.....Wednesdays, 1700

Live Together

A cynic might say that more people will know that today is St. Valentine's Day, than will know it is Ash Wednesday.

Christians don't mind! St. Paul's Hymn of Love (I. Cor. 13) is read on the Sunday before Ash Wednesday to remind us that the whole purpose of Lent, as of Christianity itself, is to learn to love. Even the job that the florists, etc., do to remind us of St. Valentine's Day has its good side. To express is to impress, and we need to be reminded, being sinners.

As we prepare for Ash Wednesday and St. Valentine's Day, why may we not consider it a happy circumstance that they come together? For in our view of love, discipline and willpower play a part. This is where Christian marriage differs from the Hollywood myth in which love is like the measles, (it comes and goes). We say love is a combination of attraction plus will power. You may be attracted to many people, you will give your devotion to one, and that becomes love. It is not so long as ye both shall love each other, but so long as ye both shall live. It is both beautiful and strong, like Valentine's Day with Ash Wednesday: "For better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish."

13 Classical Albums Bought By Library

Enriched to the tune of \$580 by the generous gift of the workers at Todd Seattle Drydocks, the Music Library at this hospital has purchased, as a first installment, the following albums of classical records:

Bach: BRANDENBURG CONCERTOS, Vol. II; Beethoven: SYMPHONY NO. I; Debussy: LA MER; Mozart: CONCERTO NO. 24; Ravel: BOLERO; Rimsky-Korsakov: RUSSIAN EASTER OVERTURE; Rachmaninoff: CONCERTO NO. 2; Schumann: SPRING SYMPHONY; Strauss, Johann: STRAUSS WALTZES; Strauss, Richard: DON QUIXOTE and DEATH AND TRANSFIGURATION; Stravinsky: PETROUCHKA; Wagner: WAGNER EXCERPTS; Walton: BELCHAZAR'S FEAST.



By Jane Raymond, PhM3c

Life on the Islands: Right on the heel of news that three more WAVES are to go overseas shortly came an initial letter from WAVE Black, first WAVE from Seattle Naval Hospital sent to Hawaii, telling what other girls might expect if they follow her route. The first draft of WAVES shipped on a luxury liner converted into a war-time transport, and at the few times the girls were able to "eat" chow, they were served in the dining room with linen, china and silver service. Something new for Navy

IN MEMORIAM

The entire staff grieves the loss of their shipmate, WAVE Marilyn Weeks, HA1c, who passed away last Saturday after a short illness.

Her friendly smile and cheery personality will be sorely missed by all who knew her.

women! On docking, the Americans on the island enthusiastically welcomed the group with bands, shouting and the traditional floral leis. The girls were quartered in Quonset huts and were awaiting detail assignments the following day when Blackie wrote. "It's not just that I like the whole setup so much, but everyone else is happy about it, too," she said. Curfew comes at 1800, but that doesn't mean the WAVES must "turn in." Instead the Navy provides buses to take the girls to basketball games, swimming and once to a Seabee dance, all scheduled after the curfew hour. The overseas orders for three WAVES brings the total to five of hospital gals receiving the "shoving off" signal. . . .

Speaking of chocolate cake: Perhaps a little bird told McAlpin that she wouldn't find chocolate cake overseas and she should enjoy it while she could. At any rate, she consumed the amazing number of six pieces the other day, according to a dessert server. . . .

Pearls in the Oysters: A great many WAVES avoid the fish served on Fridays in the chow hall, but who can argue there's no value in seafood when oysters give out with pearls. WAVE K. Bachman will bear witness that the chow hall oysters sometimes do have pearls. She found one. It happened in a bowl of oyster soup. Bachman spooned up what she thought was a tempting bite, bit and then, wow! She was as surprised as everyone else when she discovered she had been trying to eat a pearl. It was a small pearl . . . too small to string . . . otherwise, perhaps, Bachman would have been encouraged to eat more oysters to find more pearls to put with the first and make a necklace.

Patient Who Served Under Commodore G. Dewey Took Part In Manila Bay Victory 47 Years Ago

When history was made again at Manila last week in the Philippines, it recalled to an old-timer, a patient in Ward 29 at this hospital, of the great Naval victory over the Spanish Fleet at Manila Bay with Commodore George Dewey's squadron on 1 May, 1898.

The patient recollecting the episode is Robert Stroble, former Fireman 1c of the United States Navy.

Mr. Stroble was sworn in the U. S. Navy, 27 August, 1897, at Mare Island, California, by Captain Clark, famous skipper of the USS Oregon, which made the famous trip around the "Horn" back in '97.

After his "boot" training, Stroble was assigned to the USS Monterey where he served for about seven months. He was then transferred to the USS Concord, sister ship to the old Yorktown, Bennington and Bancroft. The Concord was commanded by Commander Asia Walker, with Lieut. Patsy Horrigan as its Senior Deck Officer.

"It was 0430 on the morning of 1 May, 1898," related Mr. Stroble, "that the Concord was off the city of Manila. We sighted the Spanish Fleet coming toward us from Cavite. By steaming straight toward them, we got within 5,000



Dewey Medal

yards as Commodore Dewey gave his now famous command, 'You may fire when you are ready, Gridley.' Charles V. Gridley was the skipper of the USS Olympia, flagship of the Dewey fleet. The USS Olympia was in the lead, followed by the cruiser Raleigh, the cruiser Baltimore, then the Concord, the Boston, and the Petel. We gave them five figure eights," continued Stroble, "and kept closing in on the Spanish Fleet until they were within 2200 yards, then kept firing on them until every ship had gone down." Mr. Stroble nonchalantly added, "We then hauled out into Manila Bay and had breakfast. After eating, we went in to bombard Fort Sangley, and it wasn't long until the white flag went up."

For participating in this action, Stroble was awarded the Dewey medal with an inscription which reads, "The gift of the people of the United States to the officers and men of the Asiatic Squadron under the command of Commodore George Dewey. In memory of the victory of Manila Bay, 1 May, 1898. USS Concord."

Stroble was also aboard the USS Concord when she fought during the Philippine Insurrection at the battle of Santa Anna in February, 1899. For their good work, President McKinley sent the message of congratulations, "Well done, Concord."

In addition to the Dewey medal, Mr. Stroble holds the Blue and Gold Ribbon of the battle of Manila, the Spanish American Campaign, Philippine Insurrection,



Robert Stroble

China Boxer Rebellion and the Mexican Expedition campaign bars. He was born in Chicago on 5 December, 1873. His family settled in Seattle, Washington, in 1879, coming here in a covered wagon. Mr. Stroble is now 71 years old.

NURSES' NOTES

SWIMMERS TO BE are the many Nurses turning out regularly in the YWCA pool where they are taught countless tricks to keep from swallowing water. Last week's floating lessons proved almost too much for shy little Ensign Mabel Cagno who obeyed the instructor's request to float on her back. Miss Cagno, who has never had any swimming experience, floated like a rock . . . straight to the bottom. Artificial respiration was almost in order.

DEEP IN PUBLIC RELATIONS is Miss Buvinghausen who is now engrossed in a public speaking tour that takes her to all the high schools of King County where she is describing the Cadet Nurse program to high school girls.

THE WELCOME MAT is extended this week to Lt. (jg) Darlinghouse who recently arrived from duty in Alaska . . . while sympathy chits are being tendered Ensigns Monahan and Pederson who are recovering from recent illnesses.

A TRUE BELIEVER or at least an ardent fan is Ensign Thornton who can't wait to have the mystic Miss Spaulding forecast her future by reading the tea leaves.

All good men and women crave comradeship; but to have anyone accept your word as Holy Writ, is a dire calamity. —Hubbard.

SPORTS

BILL TRACY . . . SPORTS EDITOR

Hospital Five Win Puget Sound Service Crown

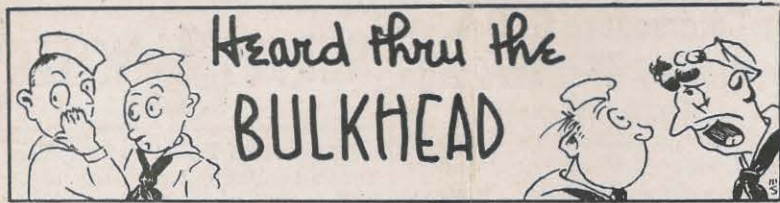
Copping the Puget Sound Service League cage title, Seattle Naval Hospital grabbed the honors by defeating the Superforts 45 to 27 in a game played last Tuesday, 6 February. As undisputed champs with two more games scheduled which make no difference in the final outcome, the hospital is thus far undefeated in League competition.

Whipping the Superforts gave the hospital hoopsters the league crown in addition to a three-game lead over their nearest competitors, Naval Station, who nailed down the runners-up spot in the league. Nash was high for the hospital with 18 points.

HOSP. STAR PLAYS WITH SAN BRUNO

Word from San Bruno, Cal., reveals that PhM1c C. L. Starnes, early season high scorer in basketball here, is now starring for the San Bruno team. He performed against the San Quentin State Prison five several weeks ago and wrote that he felt just a little nervous playing behind the bars.

Nav. Hospital (45) Superforts (27) Hodgen (5)F..... (2) Burman Howell (8)F..... (4) Martinez Barrow (7)C..... (6) Tucker Nash (18)G..... (6) Bowie Brewster (3)G..... (4) Musick Subs: Naval Hospital—Raft (4). Superforts—Slawson (4), Tokarczyk (1).



PhM1c: "Golf is easy. All you do is smack the pill and then walk."

Girl: "How interesting. Just like some of the auto rides I have been on."

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A Marine had been walking down the street with one foot in the gutter and the other on the sidewalk. He was not getting along very well. After about a half-mile he met the shore patrol. "You're drunk," said the S. P. "Thank goodness," he replied. "I thought that I was lame."

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Sailor: "May I have special liberty on Tuesday, sir? It's my 25th anniversary."

Officer: "What! Are we going to have to put up with this every 25 years?"

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A man is like a lamp wick. He gets trimmed lots of times before he gets the right flame.

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Did you know you can cure anyone of snoring by good advice, cooperation, kindness, and by stuffing an old sock in his mouth?

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Confucius said, "Ordering of the national life depends upon regulating one's home life."

Leave it to a Marine to pull this one. It seems a Marine was looking at some Valentines over at Ship's Service the other day. He finally selected one that started out "TO MY ONE AND ONLY SWEET-HEART"; he then asked the girl at the counter if he could get a price on a hundred of them. And they say Sailors have a girl in every port.

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Cupid came off his hunger strike as Letha Duea, Wave cook and bottle washer of the galley left for California to become Mrs. David Hoppes this week. Hoppes left here last November to attend Independent Duty School at Portsmouth, Va. After completing his course, he was sent to San Francisco.

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"Umbriago," the Navy wonder dog, exploited three weeks ago by this "sheet," lies recuperating today aboard his ship after falling down a hatch and fracturing both femurs. The dog mascot was on the serious list up until Sunday. Everything that medical science could offer was administered to the stricken crew member. The ship's medical officer stated that the dog will be as good as new.

Chief C. Cuendet Ordered Overseas



CHIEF "Don't Fence Me In" CUENDET . . . IN NAVY DRESS . . . AND RANGE ATTIRE is shown as he appears now as the hospital's ablest Chief Master at Arms, and as he looked formerly while punchin' cattle in the days when men and women wore nighties. Boasting 25 years in the Navy, Chief Cuendet, who will leave shortly, recalls when Honolulu was young and the Navy made goodwill tours all over the globe.

RECREATION DEPT. SEARCHING FOR VARIETY SHOW TALENT

An "All Hospital" talent show to be staged by the Welfare and Recreation department in the near future is searching for entertainers. All who can sing, dance, act or play an instrument are requested to contact Chief Nash in the Rec. office.

NOTICE OF ELECTION

In compliance with Naval regulations, The Stethoscope publishes in advance, all general and local elections throughout the United States. This will enable each man to request ballots from his home state in sufficient time to execute his or her voting privilege. Post cards will be furnished by the Hospital Voting Officer, Lieut. P. Thompson in the Recreation Office. All post cards must be addressed to their respective Secretary of State requesting an absentee ballot.

ILLINOIS:

Municipal General Elections—3 April, 1945, and 17 April, 1945.
County Primaries—10 April, 1945.
Judicial General Election—4 June, 1945.

MICHIGAN:

General Election for certain state and local officers—2 April, 1945.

SOUTH DAKOTA:

Township Elections — 6 March, 1945.
Municipal Elections — 17 April, 1945.
School Elections—19 June, 1945.

WISCONSIN:

General Election—3 April, 1945.

VIRGINIA:

Special congressional election for Third Congressional District — 6 March, 1945.

TIPS ON THE PIX

Recreation Auditorium

First Show begins at 1730

THURSDAY, FEB. 15—

On Stage 1730—War Commission Show. "THUNDERHEAD" with Roddy McDowell and Preston Foster at 1930.

FRIDAY, FEB. 16—

All Hands Dance 2000 to 2330.

SATURDAY, FEB. 17—

"SHE GETS HER MAN" with Joan Davis and Leon Errol.

MONDAY, FEB. 19—

Elk's Club Stage Show.....1930
Free cigarettes and candy.

DOCTORS HOLD MEETING

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W. G. Scott combined their surgical and X-ray talents respectively to present a paper on the "Prolapse of Redundant Gastric Mucosa through the Pylorus."

The entire group visited various clinics throughout the hospital after the meeting.

Ads 'n Stuff

LOST—Ronson "Whirlwind" Lighter. Engraved on both sides. Reward. Please return to G. Spence in Outside Detail Office.

FOR SALE—Gruen "Curvex" Precision movement 17-jewel Wrist Watch with new expandable wrist band. \$60. See Joe Swartz, Galley Butcher Shop.

Nurse Corps Volunteers Nearing Hundred Daily

New York, N. Y. (HCQNS)—Applications to the Navy Nurse Corps have leaped from an average of 15 a day to nearly 100 daily, it was revealed in a radio speech last week by Rear Admiral W. J. C. Agnew, (MC) USN, assistant chief of the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery.

This increase took place in the last few weeks following initial discussion of drafting of nurses, Adm. Agnew said. The Navy Nurse Corps is "nine thousand strong today," he added. This is six times its size during the last war and 10 times its pre-Pearl Harbor size.

"To a Real Sad Tomato



and a busted Valentine"

PARODY TO A PATIENT

(Dedicated to the Boys on Ward 29)

Oh, give me land, lots of land, under starry skies above.
Don't Survey me out!
Let me abide in the wide open Ward that I love.
Don't Survey me out!
Let me shout every night on my arthritic knees,
Shootin' craps with sailors in the evening breeze.
I don't care if all I ever roll is threes,
But don't Survey me out!
Don't turn me loose.
Let me wander 'way out yonder with by headaches through Seattle;
I'll take abuse.
Throw me in the brig, on K.P., or even back to duty!
I'll swab all the decks and make all the beds.
I'll cook the chow and bake all the breads.
I'll polish all the beds . . . even clean all the heads—
But don't Survey me out!