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JOINT NAVY RELIEF, RED CROSS DRIVE BEGINS

Navy Relief Society Cares for Navy's Own

The Navy Relief Society, the organization through which the Navy cares for its own, is making its annual funds campaign throughout the service, and Capt. Clarence Gulbranson, USN, Base Commanding Officer, today urged all hands to give full support to the drive.

Capt. Gulbranson, who is president of the Society branch here, has named Lt. G. H. Putman, Jr., USN, Aide to the Executive Officer, as chairman for the campaign, which will continue until 20 February.

Every member of the USNATB commissioned and enlisted personnel will have opportunity to give to this organization, which is ever ready to assist families of Navy men in time of emergency need, the Base CO said.

The society offices are open daily except Sunday, from 1330 to 1530, in the west wing of Gulbranson Hall, with officer wives doing volunteer duty interviewing applicants each day.

The Society branch here has newly elected officers with Capt. Gulbranson as president, Mrs. W. S. Heald, Executive Secretary; Mrs. A. J. Daley, Assistant Executive Secretary; Mrs. Frank A. McLean, Corresponding Secretary, and Lt. Comdr. Bruce A. Hood, Treasurer.

The Society in the past year has made some 240 loans to Navy men, in cases of family or personal emergency, and has given other kinds of assistance and service in 50 other cases, society records show. Where financial aid is given, it can be a loan or a gratuity, according to the emergency.

Loans have been repaid, almost without exception, society officers said. The society has full liaison with the Red Cross field office here, now occupying adjoining offices, and the two agencies cooperate in numerous cases, it was pointed out.

Capt. Gulbranson pointed out that the Navy Relief Society and American Red Cross War Fund drive dates almost coincide, and said that to conserve time of all hands that the two campaigns will be held jointly at this Base, and funds given will be allocated to the two agencies.

LEGION OF MERIT TO BASE CO



Commodore Oscar Smith, USN, Deputy Chief of Staff to Admiral Jonas H. Ingram, USN, Commander-in-Chief Atlantic Fleet, congratulates Capt. Clarence Gulbranson, USN, Commanding Officer, after pinning the Legion of Merit on him at a Base ceremony.

FDR, SecNav and CO Urge Support for Red Cross Program

An annual campaign familiar to all, the Red Cross drive, will be joined at this Base with the Navy Relief Society campaign in the February 1-20 solicitation for funds at USNATB.

President Roosevelt has urged the American people to give generously to the 1945 War Fund campaign to raise \$200,000,000 to finance world-wide Red Cross activities during the coming year. The President and Secretary of the Navy Forrestal have requested the Navy to cooperate fully in the drive.

Capt. C. Gulbranson, USN, Commanding Officer, reminds all hands that they have only to look at the splendid work done by their own Red Cross field office to realize the many and varied services the American Red Cross performs. In an emergency the Red Cross serves those at home and those in service.

The joint campaign, for Navy Relief and Red Cross, is being conducted under a ComPhibTralant directive, ordering a coordinated campaign for all such related causes, but received here after the March of Dimes drive was under way, the Commanding Officer said.

The 3760 Red Cross chapters in every county of every state, the field units in hundreds of Army and Navy bases, both in this country and overseas, the many and varied duties of the Red Cross in war time cost a staggering sum to maintain. Thus it is that all hands are asked to give generously to a worthy cause.

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Base Training Office To New Headquarters

The Base Training Office, occupied by Comdr. W. S. Heald, USN, Base Training Officer, and staff, is now located in quarters just east of the Administration Annex. The Gunnery Office, occupied by Comdr. Theodore Blanchard, USNR, is now quartered in the former Training headquarters cottage on the beach.

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A sailor's greatness appears only under fire.

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COORDINATION WINNING LUZON CAMPAIGN

Coordination is what makes things tick in warfare, and the amphibious force "one fight, one force, one foe" motto illustrates this. Pertinent then is the recent Miami Daily News editorial on the Luzon campaign, quoted in part:

"General MacArthur is making smashing progress in his offensive on Luzon, but in doing honor to him we should not forget that he did not swim to Luzon from Mindoro. Nor did he swim to Mindoro from Leyte. Nor did he swim to Leyte from New Guinea. Nor did he swim to New Guinea from Australia.

"He and his men were brought to each of these successive theaters by the United States Navy. And they could not be brought there until the navy, spitting steel and wallowing through bloody seas, had established its mastery over the enemy. Until our sea frontiers were pushed out by our battle wagons and our carriers, our land frontiers were static.

"Indeed, the manner of MacArthur's return to Luzon is the measure of the growth of the American navy. When he left Corregidor, it was necessary to sneak him out under the guns of heavy Japanese ships which patrolled the area. MacArthur, brave, grim but seasick down to his toes, was a virtual stowaway in one of the P-T boats made famous by the story: "They Were Expendable."

"That is the way the navy got MacArthur out of Luzon. But it is not the way it got him back in. It brought him back on the bridge of a great fighting behemoth. Stretched out beside and behind him were some 800 ships of an armada which brushed Jap planes off like so many mosquitoes and which handled Jap submarines like a dipperful of minnows. The Jap surface ships, of course, were nowhere around to challenge these new tiger sharks of the southern swells.

"It was a great day for MacArthur, but it was also a great day for Halsey and Mitscher and King and Spruance and Nimitz."

Chaplain's Corner

By Chaplain E. C. Helmich, USN
A civilian pastor felt keenly the absence of a one time regular church attendant. After some time had passed, he went to the home of the absentee and found him sitting before an open fire. Somewhat startled, the man placed a chair for the visitor, then waited for the expected rebuke.

But not a word did the minister say. Taking a seat before the open fire he silently took the tongs and lifted a glowing coal from its fellows and laid it by itself on the hearthstone. Remaining painfully silent he watched the blaze die out. Then the truant murmured, "You needn't say a single word, sir. I'll be there next Sunday."



E. C. HELMICH

Many men who enter some branch of the Armed Forces come from homes of high ideals born of a truly Christian background. At home they were faithful in attendance upon Divine Services and in all probability were considered good Christians by friends and acquaintances.

Upon "joining up" they may have for a time continued in attendance on Divine Services. As time passed they began to absent themselves from these services. Irregular working hours have been their first reason for absenting themselves; or the influence of new friends may have brought about a gradual change in them. Then too, lack of inhibiting forces may have been instrumental in causing them to relax their idealistic vigil.

Whatever the cause — they have given up church going. Little have they realized that by so doing they have placed themselves in the same position as the separated coal. The fire of their enthusiasm for the "better" life has grown cold. The glow of radiant hope and joy has grown dim and finally vanished altogether.

The writer of the book of Hebrews must have been aware of this when he wrote, "Forsake not the assembling of yourselves together." In spite of this admonition of the Scripture many so called Christians are neglecting this vital means of receiving food for the soul.

In Military Service we are separated from our own denominational sphere of influence. Because of this, Church attendance is often neglected. Is it because we are thinking too much in terms of denomination? Let us always remember that, as followers of Christ, we should first think in terms of Christianity. Attendance at Divine

Radioman and Bride



Miss Naudane Heiman, of Dubuque, Iowa, became the bride of Richard J. Bennett, RMSc, of Cumberland, Md., in a recent ceremony here, read by Chaplain E. C. Helmich.

Four Base Officers United in Marriage

Four USNATB officers were united in matrimony during the past week.

Saturday at 1000, at St. Anastasia Roman Catholic Church, Ensign August Tellatin, of Attack Boat Camp Two, was married to Miss Margaret Frost of Independence, Iowa, with Chaplain F. J. Fleming officiating. Miss Anita Ciola and Ensign William Davenport were the attendants.

Miss Dora Peery, associated with the Red Cross Office on the base for two years, was married last Saturday to Lt. (jg) Richard H. Keefe, USNR, in a wedding ceremony held at Norfolk, Va., where the bridegroom is now stationed. Lt. (jg) Keefe was formerly the legal assistance officer and judge advocate here at USNATB.

On Tuesday at 1800, Miss Josephine Brewer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Brewer of Fort Pierce, and Lt. Stuart M. Townsend, O-in-C of Attack Boat Training, were married by the Rev. William L. Hargrave, rector, at the St. Andrew's Episcopal Church. Miss Julia Brewer, sister of the bride, and Lt. (jg) Nelson Ridinger were the attendants.

At the First Methodist church on Monday evening Ensign Vincent O. Koehler, of ATB and Miss Dorothy Alsaker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Alsaker, of Benson, Minn., were joined in wedlock by the Rev. J. B. Culpepper, Jr.

services, regardless of our denominational affiliation, will help us to keep the spiritual glow. Become not like the separated coal upon the hearth.

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Not all can think wisely, but they can act considerably.

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The thrust of the screw is controlled from the bridge.

18TH ARMY ENGINEER BATTALION ARRIVES

Veterans of Alaska and Aleutians in Camp

New to USNATB is the 18th Army Engineer Battalion, which has set up camp in the Army area opposite Camp Four and at North Island.

Lt. Col. Jack C. Baker, Commanding Officer of the unit, reports that approximately 75 percent of the men served with him in Alaska where they spent 32 months in the Yukon country working on the Alaskan highway and in the Aleutians. The 18th came back to the States in December, spending several weeks at Camp Bowie, Texas, before coming to Fort Pierce. One-half of the unit will live on North Island, the remainder on South Island.

Lt. Col. Baker and his executive officer, Maj. Thomas M. Robins, inform us that the 18th has had first-hand information on amphibious operations. In the Aleutians the outfit made an amphibious landing on an island, going in on LST's, LCM's and LVT's. Some of the Army engineers helped operate the craft.

+USNATB+ BABY ARRIVES ALMOST DAILY AT HOSPITAL

There were six new births this past week at the Family Hospital for Dependents in the Burston.

Three of the births reported at the local Family hospital were to wives of soldiers. Sgt. Antonio DiBerardino, now overseas, is the father of a boy; Pfc. Joseph Slay, now in Europe, is the father of a girl; and Pfc. Claude Tillman is also the father of a girl.

New USNATB fathers are Geo. D. Alle, GM1c, Gunnery Training Department, and Hayward Blackledge, Mus2c, both of whom are fathers of girls.

A Vero Beach pharmacist mate, Walter Bower, is also the father of a girl born at the local hospital.

SPONSOR NAVY OFFICER WIVES



The recently formed Navy Officers Wives organization is busy with varied programs of volunteer wartime services, and pictured here at a recent group executive committee meeting are the honorary president and sponsor, Mrs. P. M. Fenton, left, wife of the Executive Officer, is honorary president, and Mrs. W. S. Heald, right, wife of the Base Training Officer is sponsor of the officer wives.

ATC RECOGNITION SCHOOL HONORS BASE TRAINEES

The Amphibious Training Command's Advanced Recognition School, Camp Bradford, Va., announced this past week that once again men from USNATB, Fort Pierce, had won honors in the latest monthly advanced Recognition training class to graduate there.

Out of a class of 125 enlisted men from various Amphibious training bases, the following four of the nine Fort Pierce men made the special 15 man Honor Roll: Elmer J. Uhlemeyer, S2c; Gordon L. Thistle, S2c; Edwin R. Allen, S2c and John L. Thomas, S2c. Stuart D. Wilson, S2c, gained honorable mention by finishing 16th. The five men are now Coxswain strikers in Flotilla 78.

This Base's quota of nine men are carefully selected on a competitive basis every two weeks from a special "primer" Recognition course given by the Central Recognition Dept. under the supervision of Lt. Wm. A. Tracy, Officer-in-Charge.

+USNATB+ The Esso Aviation Products have prepared a special deo-manomania for the use of the personnel of the armed forces to be placed inside watch crystals to enable the wearer to read both standard and 24 hour army-navy time. All hands may obtain a decal by dropping a line, giving complete address, to James F. Earley, district manager of Standard Oil Co. of Kentucky, Jacksonville, 3, Fla.

Voting Office for Base Doing Business

The Navy will continue throughout 1945 the voting office facilities established for the 1944 primary and presidential balloting, and at the USNATB, Ensign R. F. Beck is continued as Voting Officer, with offices in the Administration Annex.

The first of the 1945 elections is in Vermont, on March 6, and a supply of postcard applications for residents of that state is available at Ens. Beck's office.

+USNATB+ Legion of Merit To Adm. Kilpatrick

A Navy award of special Base interest is that of the Distinguished Service Medal to Rear Admiral Walter K. Kilpatrick, USN, for exceptionally meritorious service as Chief of Staff and Aide to the Commander-in-Chief, Atlantic Fleet.

+USNATB+ Lost, Found, Buy, Sell And Trade Department

FOUND. On 24 Jan. outside the USO, set of keys on Hotel chain and tag. Owner may retrieve same upon proper identification at the Public Relations Office in the Administration Building. LOST—One Army Officer ID Card W.D.A.G.O. form No. 66. Property of 2nd Lt. Melvin Sobie. Finder please return to Headquarters, 1688th. Engineers.

Sunday Worship Schedule

Chaplains
K. D. Perkins
J. C. Fitzgerald
E. C. Helmick
W. J. Walsh
W. B. Leonard
C. J. Hurst
F. J. Fleming

BASE SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Area One at Salvage School	
Protestant	0815
Catholic	0915
Area Two at Gulbranson Hall	
Catholic	0700 and 1045
Protestant	0845 and 0930
Area Three at S & R Casino	
Protestant	0845
Catholic	1000
Area Four at Gator Club	
Catholic	0815 and 1600
Protestant	0915
North Island — DRU	
Catholic	0830
Protestant	1100
AT DISPENSARY CLASSROOM	
Catholic	1130
Protestant	1300

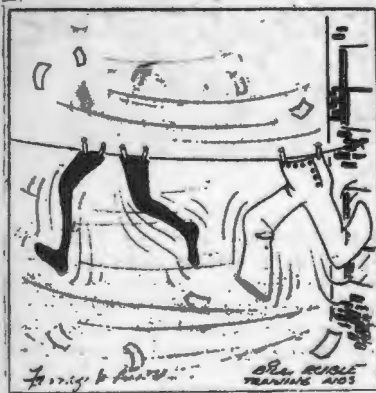
Week Day Schedule (Catholic)

Holy Mass, 1630 daily, Chaplain offices Camp One, Two and Four areas. Novenas Tuesday and Friday. Confessions every day. Religious instruction anytime. Office hours Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, 0830 to 2000.

Fort Pierce Churches PROTESTANT

Methodist	1100 & 1930
First Presbyterian	1100 & 2000
Parkview Baptist	1100 & 2000
First Baptist	1100 & 1930
St. Andrew Episcopal	0800 & 1100
First Christian	1100 & 2000
Church of Christ	1100 & 2000
Church of God	1130
Christian Science	1100
Latter Day Saints	1400

CATHOLIC
St. Anastasia - 0800, 0900, 1000
JEWISH
Services Friday at 2000 in Methodist Church Annex





AWARD OF THE LEGION OF MÉRIT to Capt. Clarence Gulbranson USN, for "exceptionally outstanding services" during two years as Commanding Officer since he commissioned the USNATB, highlighted the second anniversary of the Base. Center, above, Commodore Oscar Smith, USN, Deputy Chief of Staff to Admiral Jonas H. Ingram, Commander-in-Chief Atlantic Fleet, pins the award for Admiral Ingram and President Roosevelt. Top to bottom, at left (1), the Legion of Merit medal, (2), Comdr. P. M. Fenton,

USNR, Executive Officer, reads the citation, and (3) Capt. Gulbranson, Comdr. Fenton and CSC V. J. Torrents, USN, administrative aide, at salute. Right, top to bottom (1), Commodore Smith and Capt. Gulbranson arrive; (2), Commodore Smith congratulates all hands for their part in fine Base record, and (3), ship's company officers, band, and 12th Beach Battalion guard in open quadrangle for ceremony. Inset, center, Capt. Gulbranson after presentation.



CAMERA CHARACTER STUDIES record presentation of citations and awards to Base personnel who have performed in combat with heroism and gallantry. Inset center, Capt. C. Gulbranson, Base Base CO, presents Purple Heart to Charles R. Burris, S1c, of the Anti-Aircraft School. Left, top to bottom, the Captain presents awards to Lt. (jg) Wade H. Talton, bronze star; Claude B. Knowles, PhM1e, Purple Heart; Jackson M. Modesett, CGM, Bronze Star; Corp. John E. Flynn, Navy and Marine Corps medal; Abben C. Maguire, MM1c, Silver Star; Lt. (jg) Walter E. Cooper, Bronze

Star, and presidential citation; George E. Bates, PhM2c, Purple Heart. Center, top to bottom, Charles R. Burris, S1c, Purple Heart; Donald C. Carr; GM1c, Navy and Marine Corps medal; Raymond E. Wirwahn, CMM, Bronze Star; Lt. (jg) George E. Loria, Silver Star. Right, top to bottom, Lt. (jg) Willis A. Shaw, Commendation; Abben C. Maguire, MM1e, Silver Star; Lt. Fred M. Burdette, Commendation; Lt. Hosea E. Hiestand, Purple Heart; Leland A. Frewitt, CMM, Bronze Star; George W. Proctor, Coe., Purple Heart; Stanley Tomaszewski, S1c, Navy and Marine Corps Medal.

Golden Gloves Champions Crowned at Tourney Finals

OVERFLOW THROUGH CHEERS WARM BOUTS

By Frank McPhillips S1c
Approximately 1600 spectators witnessed the USNATB Golden Glove boxing tournament finals held Monday night at the new arena in back of Gulbranson Hall. The program, originally scheduled for last Friday night was postponed until Monday because of inclement weather.

The night's program opened up with Johnny Harrington, S1c, of Attack Boats, taking a well earned decision from Ken Fortney, S2c, of Camp Two. In the first round Harrington nicked his opponent with a few light rights; but couldn't follow through to do much damage. In the second stanza the CYO boxer from Chicago had Fortney on the run; and the latter was on the deck at the end of the round. The third round provided the fans with a good cause to cheer; for both boxers were out for a knockout. This round was even; but the points registered in the first two rounds proved to be the deciding factor.

Don BeBaut, RM3c, from 12th Beach Battalion, was a decisive winner over Ray Whitehurst, S1c, of Attack Boats, in a bout that found the more experienced BeBaut leading all the way. This 126 class match found BeBaut hammering his opponent in all three rounds.

In the third bout two 134-pounders went to town in a knock 'em down-drag 'em out affair. Frank LeBlanc, S2c of NCDU; and Lester Richardson, S1c of 12th Beach Battalion, were the headliners. LeBlanc peppered the taller Richardson time and time again in the first two rounds; but lost several points with his low blows. In the final stanza, Richardson took the offensive and had the hard fighting Demo boy ready for a K.O. when the bout ended. The decision went to Richardson.

The fourth fight of the evening had the fans on their feet from beginning to end. Jim Jenko, S1c of Camp Two; and Al Berard, MoM3c, of Attack Boats, put on a battle that proved to be the best of the entire evening. The first two rounds found both boxers peppering each other with left jabs and right hooks. Berard gained a slight edge in the third round and emerged the winner. A return bout between the two gladiators is now being arranged by the Athletic Committee for the next smoker to be held on the base.

In the 148 pound class, Mario Amato, S1c of NCDU, captured a decision from Franklin Kaneis,

Flotilla 66 Leads Officer Cage Loop

The Officer Basketball League, which began last week at the Fort Pierce Hotel court, now has three undefeated teams. Flotilla 66 holds the top spot with three wins. Administration has two victories and Flotilla 65 a lone win against no losses.

Games Thursday, 25 January: Administration—23, Flotilla 70, 12; Flotilla 65—29, Camp Four—15

Games Tuesday, 30 January: Staff Headquarters, 32, M & R, 13 Flotilla 70—23, LCM—9 Flotilla 66—29, Base Training, 24

S1c of Gunnery. Amato, former Golden Glove champion from Cleveland, had to go all out to gain the nod over the less experienced lad from Gunnery. Kaneis, who lacked good footwork, gave the veteran Amato a lot of trouble while fighting in close. The fans are yelling for a rematch of these two at an early date.

The sixth bout found a Tuckahoe, N. Y. lad, Johnny McCarthy, F1c of NCDU, step in as a substitute fighter for C. Fields, GM3c, also of Demo, square off with Carl Eye, S1c of Gunnery. McCarthy had Eye on the canvas as the bell rang ending the first round. The blockbuster from Demolition came right back in the second round and scored with several hard rights to Eye's mouth; but failed to follow up and knock him out. The plucky lad from Gunnery made a valiant attempt to stave off defeat in the final stanza; but McCarthy had piled up too many points and emerged the victor.

Jim Burke, S1c of NCDU, was awarded a victory by default in the 160 pound class when his scheduled opponent "Wag" Wiggins, failed to appear. Wiggins left the base on a draft the previous afternoon, and all attempts to secure another man failed.

The heavyweight bout, which was expected to be the feature attraction of the evening proved to be the poorest exhibition of the program. George Zahner, GM3c of Gunnery won a decision from James Foster, S2c from Attack Boats. The bout was very slow and uninteresting.

The winners were awarded \$25 War Bonds and the losers a \$10 Ship Service Chit from Ens. J. P. Touhey of the Welfare and Recreation Dept.

Lt. (jg) Don Ahern and Ensign Frank Smagacz of the Physical Training Dept., were in charge of the arrangements, assisted by the Physical Training Staff.

Time: That stuff between pay-days.

Receiving Unit Holds Touch League Lead

The Base touch football league winds up this week, with the Receiving Unit squad holding first place.

Wednesday default by the 12th Beach Battalion assured that the Sandflyers, paced by Whitey Platt, Cox., formerly with the Chicago Cubs, will finish in the top money. Camp Four nosed out Camp Three last Friday to take over the number one spot.

Due to rain late in the day, only one other game was played. NCDU edged out the 1688th Engineers, 10 to 7.

The Receiving Unit added another win on Monday by trouncing the 1688th, 16 to 4. Other games were forfeited.

GAMES WEDNESDAY, JAN. 31
Camp Three, 20; Pharmacist Mates, 0.

Gunnery, 0; Central Rocket School, 0 (tie).

Default wins were registered by Receiving Unit, Demolition, 1688th Engineers, and Scouts and Raiders over 12th. Beach Battalion, Supply, Fort Pierce Hotel and Attack Boats.

LEAGUE STANDINGS

	Won	Lost	Tied
Receiving Unit	12	0	1
Camp Three	10	1	0
Demolition	9	2	0
Central Rocket School	6	3	0
Pharmacist Mates	7	3	0
Gunnery	6	4	1
1688th. Engineers	5	4	3
Scouts and Raiders	5	4	2
Disbursing	3	7	1
12th. Beach Battalion	2	6	0
Personnel	2	7	1
Attack Boats	0	8	1
Supply	0	9	1
Fort Pierce Hotel	0	9	0

A basketball tournament for enlisted personnel is scheduled to get under way on February 7, according to Ens. Frank Smagacz of the Physical Training Office. Already 21 teams have entered and all units not already entered that wish to do so should contact the Physical Training Office before Monday night.



BASEBALL, SWIMMING TEAMS WILL PLAY

CO Approves Base Schedules For Both Sports

Approval was given today by Capt. Gulbranson, USN, Base CO, for drawing schedules for USNATB baseball and swimming teams, both of which enjoyed great success last year.

Lt. (jg) Don Ahern, Physical Training Officer, said Jerry Brenner, SCP(A), will again head the Base swimming squad. Several members of last year's undefeated team, one of the nation's best, are still aboard and it is expected that the Base will again have a consistent winner. These include Chief Brenner, Tex Robertson, Don Zemlock and Bob Patton from last year's undefeated combine.

Last year's baseball team, with 23 wins and seven losses, has had many "graduations" but a formidable array of talent is on tap, including several holdovers from last year's squad. Newcomers will include Ens. Nick Wasylik, former Ohio State baseball captain, and quarterback on the undefeated Amphib football eleven, and Whitey Platt, Cox., Camp Four, who has had experience with the Chicago Cubs.

ZAHARIAS, DUSEK AND MAN MOUNTAIN DEAN TO WRESTLE HERE

An exhibition wrestling match that will bring three, and perhaps other, noted mat figures here to the Base on next Friday night, 9 February, was scheduled this week.

Headline attractions, well-known to followers of the grunt-and-groan trade, will be George Zaharias, Ernie Dusek and Man Mountain Dean.

The wrestling show card, still to be announced in detail, will be an open air event, staged in the arena adjoining Gulbranson Hall.

CSp(A) George Mitchell, himself a mat veteran and known to the wrestling game as Chief Chewacki, is assisting Lt. (jg) Don Ahern, Physical Training Officer, in staging the card, first of its kind at the Base.

The Junior Chamber of Commerce is staging its second annual rodeo here at Jaycee Field, 9 to 11 February, with net proceeds to go to the Fort Pierce High School Band, and servicemen are invited. There are special rates for men in uniform.

AROUND THE BASE

FROM Lt. Frank A. McLean, Scouts and Raiders O-in-C, come these reproductions from personal photos of Lt. (jg) Grant G. Andreasen and Lt. (jg) Phil H. Buckley, Base alumni who have newly received the Navy Cross, for heroism in European engagements.



Andreasen Buckley

The two young officers, who are likewise alumni of the Tunneyfish school of Chief Specialists, received their awards from Under Secretary of the Navy Ralph A. Bard at the Navy Department, Washington, where they are on temporary duty in the Office of the CNO, Interior Control Board.

CHAPLAIN William J. Walsh, Catholic chaplain, is in New York City, on emergency leave because of his mother's serious illness. . . Lt. Harry H. Kirby, former Base personnel officer, writes from Camp Bradford, where he is a prospective Exec on an LST. . . . And sends other word of Deming, Dutcher and Gaul, at Bradford, and Lacefield and John Barr Foster, at Little Creek. All are former M and R officers. . . . Lt. (jg) Carl Cutrer, former Assistant Ship's Service Officer, is now gunnery officer aboard an LST.

CHAPLAIN E. C. Helmich, USN, was guest speaker Tuesday night at a banquet given by the First Christian C. E. society in observance of the 64th anniversary of Christian Endeavor. The Chaplain has been identified with Christian Endeavor work during his career as a minister. . . . Lt. (jg) Don J. Ahern, Physical Training Officer, passed the cigars this week, following arrival of a seven-pound son, Michael Leland, born to Mrs. Ahern at Sampson Naval Station Hospital, in New York. . . . Comdr. George C. Griffin, USNR, CO of the Twelfth Beach Battalion, addressed the Fort Pierce Rotary Club Monday on "Labor and Employment." . .

. . . Overheard recently at the Camp Four Ship's Store: "Have you any candy?" a customer asked. "Candy?" queried the clerk. "Why that's something for the future — like victory!" . . . All hands in the vicinity of the Administration Building have been watching with satisfaction the progress of the

**CITIZEN RECOGNIZED
'AS ONE MAN USO'**

Award to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Rubin

On behalf of Jewish servicemen, Captain C. Gulbranson, USN, Commanding Officer of the base, presented Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Rubin, of the City of Fort Pierce, with a silver pitcher, appropriately inscribed, on the occasion of their twenty-fourth wedding anniversary. The presentation was made at the weekly Jewish services held at the Methodist Church Annex, on Friday 26 Jan. at 2000.

Upon making the presentation, Capt. Gulbranson declared the couple had been outstanding in their hospitality; and that Mr. Rubin has been known locally as a "One man U. S. O. In recognition for your many kindnesses to Naval personnel, I take pleasure in making this presentation and extending to you, congratulations from the entire personnel of the Base."

A number of Base officers and men, with their families, attended the services.

new sidewalk, compliments of Public Works.

MANNY LOPEZ and his W & R Orchestra played at the President's Birthday Ball sponsored by the Fort Pierce Junior Chamber of Commerce at Legion Hall, Tuesday night. All proceeds of the function were turned over to the local "March of Dimes" campaign for funds in the fight against Infantile Paralysis. . . . R. Zane Carey, chaplain's assistant, is responsible for the melodious strains of the popular songs of the day emanating from the Camp Three Chaplain's Office. Carey practices on the piano each day during his lunch hour. . . . Recently transferred from the Ship's Company Officers' roster were Lt. Comdr. Albert J. Lilly, Dental Clinic; Lts. Max A. Jeter and Ray H. Allen, Demolition; Lt. (jg) Theodore W. Brooks, Base Training Staff; Luke B. Dodds, ChCarp., CB 1011; and Ernest E. Chandler, Mach., M & R. . . . New arrivals include Comdr. Harold M. Matteson, Dental Clinic; Maj. William B. Erwin, JANET; Lt. Sam N. Milchin, Dispensary; Lt. (jg) Virgil C. Weidner, Attack Boat Staff; and Lt. (jg) Robert E. Lynch, O-in-C of new Commissary Store. . . . Comdr. Matteson, who will succeed Lt. Comdr. C. T. Miles as Senior Dental Officer, after a leave, found a promotion from lieutenant commander waiting for him when he reported aboard. . .

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Large opportunities are the way we use small ones.

**March of Dimes
Drive Nets \$1409**

The Base total in the March of Dimes campaign to aid the fight against infantile paralysis, which closed Wednesday night, is \$1409.60, according to Lt. Guy H. Putnam, Jr., USN, chairman of the campaign.

The results of the campaign were most heartening, said Capt. C. Gulbranson, USN, Base CO, as he thanked Lt. Putnam and Lt. (jg) Stanley Z. Kepner, assistant chairman, for their efforts.

Capt. Gulbranson congratulated all hands for the success of the drive, and especially Base units with exceptional showings, including Faber Cove, Camps Two and Four, Small Stores, LCT 412 and Ship's Service. At Faber Cove, Flotilla 71, averaged 65 cents per man for the best showing on the Base.

Most unique contribution was the \$18.25 turned in by an OOD who broke up a card game during a duty tour.

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TENTH STREET USO

At the Wednesday night Bingo, grand award of the telephone call home was won by Pfc. Daniel Buckley of the 1688th Engineer Combat Battalion. He called his wife, Elizabeth Buckley, Millers Falls, Mass.

The Thursday night general tag dance conducted by Manny Lopez and his Welfare and Recreation orchestra was well received. During the evening a floor show was presented, opened by Manny leading community singing, followed by Hillard Stevens in a piccolo saxophone solo. Selections were rendered by Doug Payette and the show was brought to its climax by the popular Betty Jo Young, of Stuart, who captivated the audience and was recalled for several encores.

The week's activities were concluded with free breakfast Sunday morning and caricatures of the service men by Paul Van Geel Sunday afternoon. In the evening the free telephone call at the movie was won by William L. Matthews, Jr., S1c, Flotilla 67, Group 227, Division 21, Camp 1. He called his wife, Mrs. Hettie Matthews, Richmond, Va.

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New Chow Hall Opens

The new mess hall in Faber Cove barracks is scheduled to open sometime this week-end, according to word from the Commissary Department.

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The honeymoon is over when the wife starts complaining about the noise her husband makes getting breakfast.

AT THE MOVIES

GULBRANSON HALL

Friday and Saturday
MAN FROM MUSIC MOUNTAIN
Sunday and Monday
EADIE WAS A LADY
Tuesday
PRACTICALLY YOURS
Wednesday and Thursday
THE SUSPECT

SUNRISE THEATRE

Friday and Saturday
GYPSY WILDCAT
Sunday and Monday
NONE BUT THE LONELY HEART
Tuesday and Wednesday
MUSIC IN MANHATTAN
Thursday
TALL IN THE SADDLE

RITZ THEATRE

Friday and Saturday
BORDERTOWN TRAIL
Sunday and Monday
THE BIG NOISE
Tuesday
RETURN OF THE APEMAN
Wednesday and Thursday
THE FALCON IN MEXICO

INDIAN RIVER USO

Saturday 2030; Sunday 1600
HENRY ALDRICH HAUNTS A HOUSE
Tuesday 2030
BLUEBEARD'S EIGHTH WIFE

TENTH STREET USO

Sunday 1930
IN OLD NEW YORK

FORT PIERCE BOQ

Monday
WHO DONE IT
Wednesday
SCHUBERT, MUSIC MASTER
Friday
THIS LAND IS MINE

OFFICER CLUB

Tuesday 2030
ETERNALLY YOURS

C P O CLUB
Thursday 2030
SCHUBERT, MELODY MASTER



"ARE YOU SURE YOU BOUGHT THIS SWEATER AT SMALL STORES?"

CPO CLUB ELECTS OFFICERS FOR QUARTER

CSAD Fleetham Named as New President

Election of new officers was the highlight of the quarterly meeting of the USNATB Chief Petty Officers' Club held on Thursday, 25 January. Several minor issues were discussed and voted upon.

Having served two consecutive terms, the incumbent officers declined re-nomination and an entire new slate was elected. The newly-elected officers and their predecessors include: CSAD D. W. Fleetham succeeding CSM L. S. Seasongood as president; CCSt E. L. Waple following CSK C. C. Stockton as Secretary; and CMoM C. Levrone in place of CSK C. K. Edwards as treasurer. The new Board of Governors include CPhM W. R. Meier, CSK C. K. Edwards and CSM L. S. Seasongood.

The meeting adjourned with a vote of thanks to the retiring officers. In appreciation for their services in organizing and opening the Club, the out-going officers were elected Honorary Life Members.

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Work Starts on New Commissary Store

Work started on the new Commissary store, Atlantic avenue and Indina River Drive, this week. Lt. Sam Clippard, Public Works Officer, estimated it will take approximately 30 days to complete the repairs, including a new roof.

Meantime, the new Commissary Store Officer, Lt. (jg) Robert E. Lynch (SC), has reported aboard. Store fixtures for the unit have been ordered and will be installed as rapidly as possible as the repairs progress. The refrigeration unit for the store is being moved from Camp Murphy, which recently closed.

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Capt. W. P. O. Clarke, USN, former Chief of Staff to Commander, Amphibious Training Command Atlantic Fleet, has been awarded the Legion of Merit.

TRIBUTES FOR USO ON 4TH ANNIVERSARY

The two Fort Pierce facilities of the USO will join with 3,000 other USOs throughout the nation on 3 and 4 February to celebrate the fourth anniversary of the organization. Both local clubhouses will hold Open House for all civilians and commissioned officers and their families, as well as enlisted personnel, Saturday and Sunday.

Six well-known religious and welfare agencies founded the USO, the Young Men's Christian Associations, National Catholic Community Service, the Salvation Army, Young Women's Christian Associations, National Jewish Welfare Board and the National Travelers Aid Association. The organization is supporting 3,000 operations, as well as numerous USO-Road Shows; financed by the American people through the National War Fund.

Mayor O. G. Nanney has declared Sunday a local holiday in a proclamation issued this week. The Fort Pierce executive praised the two local agencies of the USO for their outstanding service to the men and women in uniform; and personally thanked volunteer workers for their untiring efforts in making the personnel of USNATB "feel at home in this fair city."

The residents of Fort Pierce opened the first USO clubhouse at the corner of 2nd Street and Orange Avenue shortly after the first contingent of trainees ar-

rived in town. As the amphibious base grew, attendance at the USO grew.

Seeing that more space was needed for the growing activities, the Rev. Michael Beerhalter, pastor of the St. Anastasia Roman Catholic Church, donated a clubhouse, adjoining the parish property on Tenth Street, to the USO for the duration, rent free. This building was officially opened on 27 October 1943 and is known as the Tenth Street USO. Frank A. Brennan is the director, and Peter C. Maher serves as associate director.

The attendance at both USOs continued to increase and the people of the City of Fort Pierce saw fit to build another and larger clubhouse to meet the demands of the visiting servicemen and women.

A beautiful structure overlooking the Indian River on Indian River Drive was officially opened by Captain C. Gulbranson, USN, Base Commanding Officer, on 1 April, 1944. After the opening of this building, the services at the Orange Avenue club were discontinued. The Indian River Drive USO is under the direction of A. F. Fugitt, who succeeded Roy C. Kneeland this past week.

Final plans for special programs for the anniversary at both clubs were not complete at press time; but an enjoyable time for all has been promised by the committees in charge.

Indian River USO

Roy C. Kneeland, who has been Director of the Indian River Drive USO for the past year, is now on his way to serve the forces in Europe under the auspices of the YMCA in England.

A. F. Fugitt, former Program Director at Indian River, is the successor to Mr. Kneeland. Mr. Fugitt was formerly a member of the faculty at Mississippi State.

The Fort Pierce American Le-

gion was host to the servicemen Friday night, 26 January. Legionnaires present included A. H. Shaffer, Post Commander; Wm. S. Blessing, Adjutant; Guy Long, George Backus, Ed Smith, and Wm. Chasteen.

Successful contestants in the Bingo games included: L. J. Lump, S1c, Chicago, Ill., and Joe Pascapio, Jr., Hartford, Conn., long distance telephone calls; Leonard Rapp, S2c, and Mrs. James Davis, photographs; Louise Brock and Frances Olson, trade tickets.

HELP WITH INCOME TAXES IS PROVIDED

U. S. Experts Are Here Friday and Saturday

Assistance for all hands in making income tax returns is being given today and Saturday, in the quiet game and writing room in the Gulbranson Hall Annex, by two members of the internal revenue collector's department.

Lt. Comdr. Bruce A. Hood, Base Legal Officer, who has been designated by Capt. C. Gulbranson, USN, Base CO, to handle arrangements for this service, advises all hands to have complete earning and deduction records for 1944, with them when applying for help in filing returns.

Such records of 1944 earnings have been prepared and posted by the Disbursing Office, in the Administration Annex corridor, and at the Fort Pierce Hotel.

Services of the legal office are available each day for assistance in making 1944 returns, due on March 15, and Walter E. Maisel, SK(D)2c, former internal revenue deputy collector at Cleveland and Washington, and Ronald H. Bedford, S1c, former Dayton, O., accountant, have been made available for help as needed in completing returns.

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Kinkajou Attaches Himself to Base CY

Kenneth W. Goyer, CY in the Enlisted Personnel office, was walking to work through downtown Fort Pierce Tuesday morning when he found himself followed by a scurrying little animal.

After several attempts to shake off, or "shoo" away the monkeylike creature trying hard to be friendly, Chief Goyer picked it up and brought it to work with him.

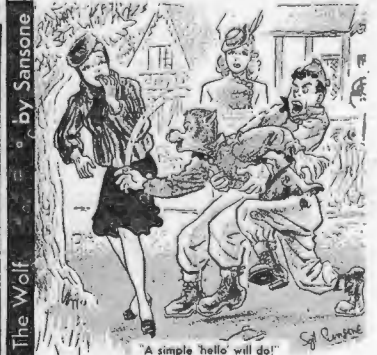
Apparently a partly grown kinkajou, a Central American nocturnal mammal, the yellowish-brown fur piece has already become a favorite in the offices he frequents.

Male Call

by Milton Caniff, creator of "Terry and the Pirates"



Cold Dressing



The Wolf by Sansone