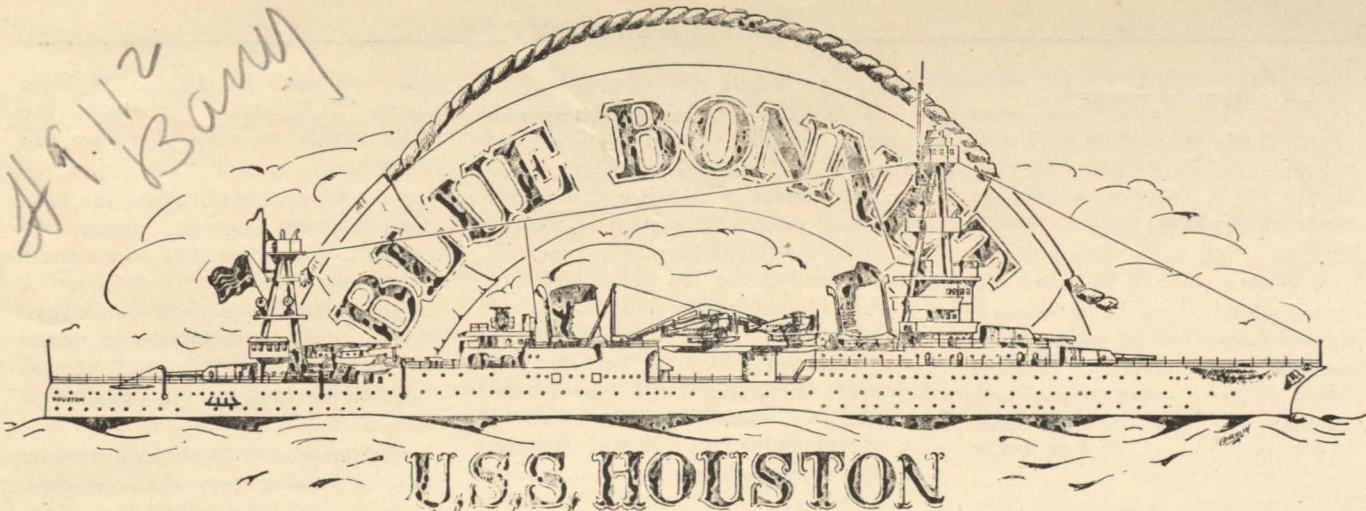


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### All Hands Play Softball Engineer Divisions Lead

Inspired as much by divisional pride as by the grand prize of a \$50 party, barrel-shaped old-timers and lithe young baseball players alike have been giving their all on the diamond field of glory in the current inter-divisional softball tournament. Giving a good account for the Engineers' Force, the "M" Division last Wednesday was leading Group I, while the "B" and 4th Divisions led Group II. Weekly standings are being announced from time to time in the "Orders for the Day".

Under the supervision of Ens. Rex Warner, divisions have been divided into two groups, which are now simultaneously playing preliminary "round-robin" series. Assigned to Group I are the 1st, 3rd, "C", "E", "M", and "R" Divisions, while the 2nd, 4th, 5th, "A", "B", "F", and "S" Divisions make up Group II. At the completion of each group series about 1 September, the six leading teams, three top squads from each group, will play off a final string of games to determine the Houston Inter-Division Soft Ball Champions.

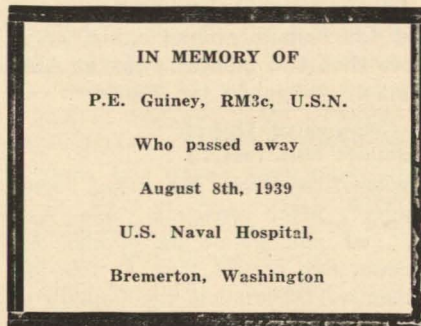
Next week's conflicts in this sports  
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### Attention Dancers!!

The Houston, together with the Colorado, will have a dance every Tuesday night at Craven Center. The Colorado's band will continue to supply the music; they did a fine job of it last Tuesday. The dances start at 2000, ending at 2400. Houston rug-cutters and jitterbugs are expected to provide strong support.

### New Rating Badges Flourish; Sixty-two Men Advanced

Followed immediately by the blossoming of shiny new rating badges and an abundant circulation of cigars, announcement was made last week



of 62 advancements in rating aboard this ship. Among them were seven to the rate of First Class Petty Officer.  
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### Reenlistment Allowance Now Becomes Law

When opposing forces in Congress failed to place a ban on the reenlistment allowance, it became legally due and payable at the stroke of midnight on 30 June, 1939. All men whose enlistment expires and who reenlist after that date may expect the payment of this allowance.

The Acting Secretary of the Navy has released the following: "Payment of enlistment allowance authorized during the fiscal year 1940, in cases reenlistment or extension of enlistments were effectice on or after 1 July, 1939. Payments are authorized immediately where last enlistment was not extended effective prior to 1 July, 1939. Where last enlistment includes an extension or extensions, payment will be deferred pending decision Comptroller  
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## A Change of Heart

The Blue Bonnet short story, complete in this issue.  
by E. C. Simmons

It's not everyone that can do as he pleases, thought this young man walking down the highway. A sailor may be out of place walking along the highway, but not this sailor, because he had received thirty days leave of absence. This was his time. Of course he was still attached to the Navy, but after thirty days had rolled around, he would be as far from the Navy as he could get.

No one in the Navy knew that when his thirty days leave expired, he expected to be still going and on his own. He'd had his fill of the Navy. Who wouldn't get tired of getting up

at five-thirty every morning, scrubbing down decks, shining brightwork and other odd jobs? They would pipe down breakfast and you would be very hard-pressed to enjoy your breakfast, with everyone trying to tell about their last night's liberty. After breakfast you had to start scrubbing paint work, but he couldn't see why. Two days later you would have to chip and paint it. It just didn't make sense. Sure, the evenings were your own, if you didn't have to scrub clothes or have a watch. It's no fun standing a watch with the  
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