

# NOSEY NEWS by EV' BODY



What officer, who has garnered the reputation of number one fisherman on board, has added to his laurels? Not being satisfied with catching them fresh from the water, he, after a mighty battle, in which the fish was hauled through the water at such speed that it was completely boiled, succeeded in bringing to the gaff and landing a rip-snorting, fighting No. 2 can of pink salmon. More power to you, Mr. Gallagher. And what turret striker was recently complimented by the Admiral on the appearance of his blues, and why was he so embarrassed? It has been noticed that Truesdale (a first division BM) has a new sweetie. The sweetie has a car so large that it has to be taken to a baseball diamond to be turned around; the streets are too narrow. What coxswain, who has a wide range of Spanish speaking friends, was recently seen entertaining the Mexican contingent in the 808 club in a near by city? The Golden Grainers are making a new drive for members in the First Division. Word is out that Snyder, the Spanish Speaker, is slipping. It is also reported that Stafford is going to quit spending all his time in pool halls. Seems that he too has heard the call of the wild or what ever it is that makes one give up tailor mades and shift to hand made ones. While it has come to our attention we do not vouch for the correctness of the information, but Wiegand is reported to be on the slide, said slide having at the end a nice sack of Golden Grain. Who was the certain turret captain who was seen recently running out of the P.E. Station with a bottle in one hand? And will some one please ask Wiegand just what was it he had in the other hand, or would he remember?

It is reported that Scariano of the Turret gang is out in a big way to purchase General Motors, Inc. Dutch Kleugal came back recently singing, "Oh, why didn't I follow a certain Lieutenant's advice." Too late now, Dutch, the ink is dry. Snyder is debating on Mexican Tamales vs. Russian Vodka. Make up your mind, Snitz, you are getting old. Hodges, the senior turret striker, would make a nice cowboy. He has the spurs, and besides, he can sing. What a voice!! All hands are invited to the Easter Egg hunt in No. 1 turret, planned and supervised by Wiegand, the Houstons Easter bunny.

What division was it that recently turned over to the Fighting First such a bunch of rusty gear and why? Were they just fooling or didn't they have any seamen that could repair and overhaul same. The gear is all in working order now. Pointers on how to take care of gear and repair same when out of commission will be given by McGovern and Co. after working hours. This lets out a lot of the Golden Grainers.

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Well, folkses, here is your old correspondent making his debut after another short week and look at the dope we have dug up. Seems as tho the lads just won't behave themselves. A new mystery has developed for our ace-in-the-hole sleuth, Wellbourne for it seems that the aviators recently discovered some pretty little rainbow hued swabs in their storeroom and no one seems positive just what they're for. The Houston's crew is going "Crazyatic" again, or at least one would think so from some of the queerly worded requests that have been making appearances on all sides. Who is the romantic farmer boy in the 5th who bought a drink for a gorgeous (?) queen only to have her say, "Thank you, I'll be back later." Believe it or not, she did come back—for more! The head gun greaser of the armory says he struck oil or oil struck him, or sumpin.' Just another black deluge. Seems as how the 5th comes into prominence again with the native son of Louisiana who claims he rode a mule farther than the Houston has steamed. Whoa thar! What a mule or what a man, 'er sum-

pin.' Crego and Campbell, the pre-war, (Civil War) spark chasers, have a habit of looking into the baby carriages on Ocean Ave. Don't tell us your conscience is hurting again! Freeman, the ornament of the 5" battery, seems to be quite in demand at these weddings. First he is a spectator, then best man and now, so we hear, is to be the groom. Which proves that there is no stopping such an up and coming young man. So What?

## ANSWERS

### To last week's Questionaire

(1) The "Roaring Forties" are the boisterous westerly winds which blow in the approximate latitude of 40 degrees South.

(2) The Suez Canal required the longest time in building, 10 years, 6 months and 25 days.

(3) The corps in the Navy:

1. Line.
2. Medical.
3. Supply.
4. Chaplain.
5. Professor of Mathematics.
6. Naval Constructor.
7. Civil Engineer.

(4) "Manning the Yards" is actually cheering. This evolution occurred often in the early days of our Navy, and was used when high ranking officers or distinguished persons were leaving the ship or passing close aboard. When advance notice could be had of the visit of a distinguished personage, all hands were ordered to "clean themselves", then at the words, "lay aloft", all hands would spring upon the rigging and cluster on the tops around the topmast crosstrees and the top gallant masthead. The second command was "lay out upon the yards." The men spread each way and supported themselves by means of lifelines that were fastened to the lifts and masts. Next, when the order came from the deck "to cheer" the men took off their hats and waved them during three cheers.

(5) Texas had her own navy prior to becoming one of the 48 states.

(6) By an act of Congress, approved by the President on March 3, 1931 the words and music of the "Star Spangled Banner" were designed as the national anthem of the United States of America.

(7) A "color" is a flag carried by unmounted units. A "standard" is a flag carried by mounted or motorized units, and an "ensign" is a flag flown on ship.