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SAN DIEGO NAVY SMOKER A SUCCESS

Last Saturday at the "Sports Field", San Diego citizenry and service people witnessed one of the most interesting and exciting naval smokers that your correspondent has seen in many a long day. Every card was a real two fisted battle. As an added attraction, performers of the Army and Navy YMCA Circus gave a stellar performance that was packed with laughs and gasps. To the San Diego Chamber of Commerce who were the sponsors and to the A&N YMCA who did the arranging, go a lot of credit for putting on such a splendid show. Music was furnished by the Marine Corp Band.

Lt. Jack Kennedy and Joe Yelka officiated as referees. The card was announced by Chief Boatswain Mate Eddie Weiner, matchmaker.

In the first bout of the evening, 112 pound Tony Dumpias of the Pennsylvania, out pointed Buna Vista of the New Mexico. In the 145 pound class, Tommy Newton of the Idaho outpointed Pancho Allego of the Chicago. In the third bout, 147 pound Augie Fulgentez of the Indianapolis, lost by decision to Duke Goodwin of the Pennsylvania.

In a one hundred seventy-five pound wrestling speciality, Strangler Epperson of the Nevada and Brute Harrison of the Concord, got so tangled up with one another that the referee declared a foul. The correspondent forgets on who and so did the referee.

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OFFICERS ORDERS

Thursday, Lt.(jg) Herbert P. Rice reported on board for duty from the Salinas. He has been detailed as one of the officers to represent the HOUSTON at Cruiser Gunnery School this summer. Upon the completion of this school, it is expected that he will become F Division Officer. Mr. Rice is a member of the NA class of 1925.

This past week four officers were detached from the HOUSTON. Lt.(jg) Berkley went to the Holland; Lt.(jg) Stevens to the Artic; Ens. Bly to the Brooks; and Ens. Watkins to the Tarbell. We wish all these officers pleasant tours of duty in their new assignments.

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COMDR. ROBTOM PLEASD WITH SHIP

Our new Executive Officer was overhead in a conversation with some friends ashore after last Saturday morning Captain's Inspection which sounded something like this: "I wish you could have seen that HOUSTON yesterday. She was a honey. The decks topside and below were as clean as the ballroom in the White House and most of the storerooms as spic and span as the Flag Quarters. The crew itself were the finest body of men I have ever inspected. Alert, neat and clean, intelligent looking, they would have made many a University student body look like morons in comparison. They are polite, well discip-

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THE ROMANCE OF ENGINEERING

It was believed by the ancients that man was without fire until Prometheus stole some from the chariots of the sun. This, of course, appears mythical to us but it would be no more difficult for us to accept this myth than it would be to the ancients to listen to the stories of wonders performed, if an engineer of the present day should have been placed among them.

He would tell them of metals produced with a specific gravity less than the leaves of their trees; of iron subjected to the fumes of ammonia, made so hard that its resistance to wear was more then doubled. How Roentgen produced his X-rays that penetrate not only the human body but will reveal a flaw in the center of a casting. That by the polarization of light through two nicol prisms, the quality of the sugar we use can be determined. How if pressure is applied on one side of a quartz slab, properly cut, electric charges will be developed on certain surfaces, (PIEZO-ELECTRIC EFFECT) this effect may be used to indicate, visually, the depth of the ocean. Of a boiler in which murcury vapor is generated to 677 degrees F., expanded to 28 inches of vacuum and giving up its latent heat on condensation to generate high presure steam, thereby doing work in an engine using both murcury vapor and steam. He might tell them that by running an electric cur-

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