



# NOSEY NEWS

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Now that the good ship HOUSTON has her mud hook planted more or less firmly for the next two weeks, the trend of thought and spoken word is focused on the coming cruise and its attendant pleasures.

No doubt the impending visit of Neptunus Rex is the popular subject. Some of our braver pollywogs are quite outspoken, while others have actually shown the greatest of improvement in all departments.

The co-ordinator of the Exec't's Office has been heard to lament the fact that he must demand visible proof from the shellbacks and he feels sure that some of these lads gave him a look that bodes no good.

Evidently, Kendzor and Sheffield can't be bothered. Did you see them playing "Cops and Robbers" on the boat deck? The even had wooden pistols. Both lads admit they are past twenty? ? ? ?

Reports have come in stating that two of our shipmates have recently launched a snake ranch. The dearth of accurate information leads one to believe a new species must be on hand. Kennedy and Dainwood expect good results though. They are quite experienced.

There seems to be some doubt in the mind of Smith, EM2c., concerning the merits of sky-blue skivvies with pin stripes. Give us your honest opinion, Smitty.

Wallace of the "fighting first" let us know he is in the GG whirl once more, by donning the liberty blues 45 minutes before boat time, and then asking when the first boat was leaving.

Wonder what could have caused Burkhead of the Engineers to change his scene of operations to San Diego? After all, Long Beach is generally accepted as being the HOUSTON'S favorite port.

With all the activity, April 1st nearly went by without all the usual jokes, etc., but Ellwood of the log room came to the rescue even though it was nearly mid-night? ? ?

—Sayonara

## NEW CONSTRUCTION

Requests from enlisted personnel for assignment to duty in connection with fitting out and to duty on board when commissioned are desired for the following vessels:

- Cruiser  
USS Vincennes, Beth. Shipbldg. Corp.
- Destroyer  
USS Selfridge, N. Y. Shipbldg Corp.
- USS-McDougal " " "
- USS Winslow " " "
- USS Balch, Beth. Shipbldg. Corp.
- USS Conyngham, Boston Navy Yard
- USS Cassin, Philadelphia Navy Yard
- USS Shaw, " " "
- USS Tucker Norfolk Navy Yard
- USS Downes " " "
- USS Cushing Puget Sound Navy Yard
- USS Perkins " " "
- USS Preston, Mare Island Navy Yard
- USS Dunlap, United Dry Docks, Inc.
- USS Fanning " " "
- USS Bagley Norfolk Navy Yard

Men applying for duty in new construction must have good records, and shall have two years' obligated service, and if eligible for transfer to the Fleet Naval Reserve, chief petty officers must waive the right to request transfer thereto until the completion of the six months service on board after commissioning, other ratings eighteen months. Signed agreement to reenlist immediately on discharge is acceptable in computing obligated service for this duty. Preference will be given to those men who have had previous experience in the type of vessel in which duty is desired, who are given favorable endorsements by their commanding officers, and who are immediately available.

The folks at home will enjoy reading the BLUE BONNET. Mail it!

## YOUR FRIEND

What do you expect of YOUR friend? Friendship is a fine thing, but after all, there is nothing irrevocable about it. By becoming your friend one has not necessarily committed himself to all the demands you may be pleased to put on him. Many foolish people like to test the bonds of their friendships. When they snap it is as if the friend has proved untrue or unworthy. Good friendships are fragile things, for friendship is an adventure and in adventures it is the unexpected that happens. There is no place in friendship for harsh criticism, yet usually we will "take less" from a friend than we will from one who is indifferent to us. Treasure your friends, do not expect too much from them and you will enjoy one another.

## WORDS OF THE WISE

- Reason is the life of the law. —Coke.
- I would rather be sick than idle —Seneca.
- Life is made up of sobs, sniffles and smiles with sniffles predominating. —O' Henry
- I think the first virtue is to restrain the tongue; he approaches nearest to the gods who knows how to be silent, even though he is in the right. —Cato
- Doubt whom you will, but never yourself —Bovee
- Happiness grows at our firesides, and is not to be picked in strangers' gardens. —Jerrold

## LAUNCHING OF NEW CARRIERS

According to latest reports, Mrs. Roosevelt, wife of the President of the United States, will christen the Aircraft Carrier, U.S.S. YORKTOWN, which will be launched at Newport News, Virginia on 4 April 1936.

Commander C. P. Mason, U. S. Navy, Aviation Officer, will be the Executive Officer of the YORKTOWN when commissioned. Commander Mason was ordered to duty in connection with outfitting the YORKTOWN in August 1935.

Mrs. Claude A. Swanson, wife of the Secretary of the Navy, will sponsor the Aircraft Carrier ENTERPRISE at its launching ceremonies which will be held August 1, 1936.