



**MOTHER'S DAY**

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Annual observance of the Mother's Day Movement will be held throughout the United States on Sunday, May 10, 1936. Attention of all Navy and Marine Corps personnel is invited to the significance of Mother's Day and to the duty that exists for each one rendering tribute to his mother. Every man who can should visit his mother on that day if she is living and letters should be written where it is impracticable to be at home.

**OFFICER PERSONNEL**

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Lieutenant H. D. Felt, USN., received orders this week detaching him in June to VJ Squadron 2F for duty. VJ Squadron 2F is based on board the U.S.S. WRIGHT.

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Lieutenant (jg) W. W. Pierce, (ChC), U. S. Navy, has received orders detaching him from all active duty to become effective prior to departure of the HOUSTON on maneuvers.

Chaplain Pierce reported aboard the HOUSTON on March 6, 1936.

**NAVY RELIEF SOCIETY**

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**WHAT IS THE NAVY RELIEF DOING WITH YOUR MONEY?**

During the past year of 1935, it gave in monthly allotments the sum of \$63,485.45 and in addition sent to Auxiliaries to meet emergencies the sum of \$32,742.73.

**HOW MUCH DID IT LOAN AND HOW MUCH DID IT RECEIVE IN PAYMENT?**

During 1935 it loaned, without in-

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**WHAT TO SEE ON THE CANAL ZONE AND IN PANAMA**

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Balboa Dry Dock, one of the largest in the world.

Administration Building, Executive headquarters of the Panama Canal.

Gorgas (formerly Ancon) Hospital, One of the largest in the world. Has made wonderful contributions toward eliminating Malaria, Yellow Fever, and other tropical diseases.

Chagres River, the feeder for Gatun Lake.—37 miles drive by way of Gamboa; 25 miles via the wonderful Madden Dam road through forest jungle.

Pacific Coast Defenses, Fort Amador and Fortified islands—2 miles drive from "Y". Causeway connecting these Islands was made from dirt taken from Culebra Cut.

National Theater, here the World's great visiting artists entertain the people of the Republic of Panama and of the Canal Zone.

National Palace, the headquarters for the National Government of the Republic of Panama.

National Institute, Panama's leading educational institution.

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**NEWS OF FORMER SHIPMATES**

In a recent letter our former bowling team captain, R. L. Kirkpatrick, S1c., stated he was well situated on his new station, Annapolis, Md., and expected to have a pleasant tour of shore duty.

Many of our former shipmates are on duty there, so he states, and they all send their best wishes to the crew of the good ship HOUSTON.

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**TRAINING COURSES**

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A new system of issuing training courses for the rating of Seaman first class has been devised by the Bureau of Navigation which requires the issue of the above courses to three different individuals in succession. There are three Progress Exam Books furnished with each text book for Seaman first class. Therefore, when the Div. Officer issues a training course to one of his men, that man is expected to complete his course as quickly as possible and he is required to return the text book to his Division Officer before he is given the examination. All hands are reminded that these text books are printed at great expense by the Bureau of Navigation and that they are loaned to men to prepare them for advancement. They are not the property of persons to whom they are loaned and must be returned to the officer who issued them.

This vessel now has on hand twenty-five new seaman first class training courses and seventy-five Progress Examination books available for issue. When you have completed your Progress Assignments and are ready for your examination for the course, report to your Division Officer, turn in your text book to him and he will give you your final examination in the course. All men now having Seaman first class text books and having completed the course are advised to return the text books to their respective division officers. This is essential if we are to have enough training courses to prepare eligible men for Sea1c., during the coming cruise.