



**IMPORTANT**

The Patrol Officer has advised that any person parking their cars in the Navy Parking lot at the foot of Pico Street without the Navy stickers will be hauled away and placed in storage.

In order to obtain your car it will be necessary for you to pay the hauling charge, plus storage charge attached thereon.

The Navy stickers may be procured from the Executive Officers office.

**BASEBALL**

As the Houston is not included in the spring baseball series, it has been decided that activities along these lines will not begin until the ship goes to the Navy Yard.

During the overhaul period, it is the present intention to organize division baseball. The team that will represent the Houston next fall in the Heavy Cruiser League will be selected from the individual talent displayed in the division series.

**SHORE BOAT PASSES**

You can now secure your pass for the shore boat at the Ship Service Store for \$1.00. Those not having a pass will be required to pay the Officer of the Deck the sum of twenty five cents for their passage, providing any room remains after all men with passes have embarked. There is quite an advantage therefore in purchasing a pass.

The present schedule calls for two boats leaving the dock in the morning. One at 0700 and the other at 0720. They will leave the ship at 1610 and 1630 on week days and two boats will leave on Saturday only at 1130 for the Long Beach landing.

**TEXAS SCHOOL DISASTER**

In common with the nation and the world we of the Houston were deeply grieved to hear of the frightful Consolidated School explosion which snuffed out, in one horrible moment, the lives of more than 425 children.

Texas, her cities and her wonderful people have long been close to the men of this ship, named for proud and hospitable Houston. For this reason the New London tragedy strikes deeper; gives us a more personal sense of sorrow.

To the bewildered and grief stricken parents of those who were so abruptly snatched into eternity, may we extend our sincerest sympathy and the wish that in this loss these people may have the strength to carry on bravely—as Texans always have.

**PAY INCREASE**

Congressman Byron N. Scott of Long Beach, California yesterday introduced a bill in the House of representatives asking for an increase in pay for the enlisted personnel of the Navy. Congressman Scott has long been a friend of the enlisted men of the Navy and this bill is only one of the evidences of his friendliness. He gave as reason for his bill that the cost of living has increased to such an extent that the following pay schedule is warranted:

CPO .....	\$150.00
PO1c .....	126.00
PO2c .....	94.00
PO3c .....	82.00
Sea1c .....	63.00
Sea2c .....	43.00
A.S. ....	21.00

**WELCOME**

It is with pleasure that the Blue Bonnet on behalf of the Officers and Crew of the HOUSTON welcome Rear Admiral E. B. Fenner, USN, Commander Cruisers Scouting Force, and his Staff, aboard the HOUSTON.

The HOUSTON is proud to have you with us and we sincerely hope that your cruise with us will be long, happy, and pleasant, in your memories.

**WHALEBOAT RACE**

The race for 1st enlistment whale boat crews from Heavy Cruisers was rowed Friday afternoon over a one mile course. The Houston's ten willing huskies placed fifth in a field of six. Sounds bad doesn't it? It isn't, though... Alibies are out of place, however whale boat racing is like any other racing sport: A good start is everything!

After the unfortunate getaway, the crew came from way behind to take and hold the fifth position in a beautifully rowed race which did credit to everyone of the twelve men concerned. Ensign Quackenbush, Hart, Coxswain and the ten crew men are to be congratulated—their loyal efforts were not in vain and they should be proud since, "it is far better to have lost a good race, than never to have raced at all!"

The heavy boats crossed the finish line closely bunched and in this order: Portland, Salt Lake City, Astoria, Minneapolis, Houston and San Francisco. A big hand for the winners—and the losers. It was a splendid race!

Don't forget to mail the Blue Bonnet to the folks at home!