



Ship's Wrestling Team Shows Class

Last Thursday, 2 September, the Houston wrestling squad met the Dobbin wrestlers in a practice tilt, and defeated them by winning two bouts to their one. In the other six weights represented the results were draws.

Looks like a good team this year for the Rambler Ship. The following men comprise the wrestling squad:

- Folta, A. E., Ptr.3c
- Freeman, H. E., G.M.3c
- Mallette, E. T., Sea.2c
- Rogers, G. W., Sea.2c
- Harvey, D. J., Sea.2c
- Beckwith, R. L., Sea.1c
- Pratt, W. H., M.M.2c
- Plemel, L. M., Sea.1c
- Fordemwalt, J. W., Sea.1c
- Henry, F. A., Sea.1c
- Chick, E. A., Sea.1c
- Miller, J. R., Sea.1c

There are openings on the squad for men weighing from 140 pounds to 150 pounds. Candidates in this weight class should get in touch with "Headlock" Wellbourn.

THE KNOCKER

A knocker is a two-legged animal with a corkscrew soul, a water logged brain, and a combination backbone of jelly and glue. Where other man have their hearts, he carries a tumor of decayed principles.

When the knocker comes down the street honest men turn their backs, the angles in heaven weep and the devil shuts the door of hell to keep him out. Therefore don't be a knocker. You can't saw wood with a hammer.

Tenth Anniversary Of Houston's Name

THE following message was received by the Commanding Officer of the Houston on the 7th of September:

"Tonight the cruiser Houston committee commemorates with a banquet the tenth anniversary of the official naming of the cruiser Houston by former Secretary Wilbur. This occasion entirely incomplete without our sending you and officers and men of your command heartiest good wishes for health, happiness and success. A. D. Simpson."

The following reply was sent by the Commanding Officer: "The Commanding Officer, officers and crew of the Houston are deeply appreciative of the interest and good wishes expressed by the citizens of Houston to their ship. I regret that we cannot be with you to join in a fitting celebration of the tenth anniversary of the official naming of the cruiser Houston. U.S.S. Houston."

Indeed, it is with a feeling of sincere regret and no little disappointment that we are unable to visit this beautiful, thriving city of the Southland on such a fitting occasion.

In the hearts of the lucky few officers and men still aboard, who visited the city on the ship's last cruise there, nestles many cherished memories. The citizens and committees of the city showed a warm hospitality which endeared them forever to the officers and crew.

We feel deeply proud and honored that we are lucky enough to be able to serve aboard so fine a ship named after so worthy a city.

Better do a little well than a great deal badly.—Socrates.

Baseball Team Defeats Vallejo Moose

Last Sunday the Houston baseball team defeated the Moose Club of Vallejo by the score of 6-2.

This was a fast nine inning game featured by the hitting of Rebert, who in the sixth inning caught hold of one of Miles fast ones and parked it over the fence for a homerun. The infield of the Houston team showing sparkle at times, pulled off two fast double plays that stopped important rallies. Felix pitched good ball and held the Moose team to three hits while striking out 11 men.

Wednesday the Richmond beat the Houston baseball team 8-7 in 11 innings of hard, fast ball. Behind 7-3 going into the ninth inning the Richmond put on a four run rally throwing the game into extra innings. In the 11th the Richmond team scored one run by the aid of a hit, a hit batsman and a wild throw down the third base line. It was a tough game to lose and outside of one inning the Houston clearly out played the Richmond nine.

This Sunday, the ship's team plays the Spinello Grocers on our own Kearney Field at 1430. The butchers and bakers have a good team and a good game is in the offing. Let's have all hands out and support this ball team of ours. Do you know that the average age of our players is well below that of other teams? Just think what that will mean to this ship in a few years if the team can be kept together.

Navy Bill Says: Some people aim at nothing and hit the mark every time.