



### SHIP'S SERVICE BENEFITS THE SHIP

Greetings from the entire staff of the Ship's Service. We wish to thank the editor for giving us this opportunity to contribute a few facts and nonsense.

The Ship's Service has become an integral part in the organization of the modern warship, from a moral point of view. A good Ship's Service, one that is operated efficiently, courteously, and for the purpose of giving a real service and saving its patrons' money, goes a long way toward making a happy and contented crew. There are various other ways in which a Ship's Service contributes to morale. When it is operated efficiently (through its buying and selling methods) you are assured of saving money on every purchase. At the same time the small margin of profit which the Ship's Service makes on your purchase is turned over to the welfare fund.

This writer has heard many arguments, pro and con, relating to the welfare fund of the HOUSTON.

It has been a real pleasure to dig down into the figures and produce a statistical picture of HOUSTON welfare expenditures for the year of 1937. It is believed that this picture is simple enough for everyone to understand. By reading the statements published on the bulletin board from time to time you will know how much money was made by the Ship's Service and in what manner it was spent. Always bear in mind that welfare money is your money. This money can only be spent upon written approval of your commanding officer. The commanding officer desires to spend this money in the most equitable manner possible. Your suggestions via the welfare officer, or via the Blue Bonnet are always welcome.

### PENSACOLA TOPS HOUSTON IN BOXING AND WRESTLING

Last Saturday at the Long Beach Boxing Arena the PENSACOLA bone-crushers and leather-pushers took the measure of our men to the tune of five matches to three in the wrestling department and four to three in the boxing matches.

In the boxing matches the Rambler Ship garnered nine points to their opponents fourteen. Adams, Harris and Aligo coming through with decisions to earn three points apiece.

The wrestling squad's fourteen points were gathered in by excellent work in coming off the mat and out of the opponent's grip although only three matches of the eight were won by our men leaving the PENSACOLA winner in five matches but only getting twenty-two points. Of our wins each were obtained by: a fall, by West, on points; by Chich, and by default for Fordemwalt.

The PENSACOLA having several champions from last year have been a standout team all this season and recently put the finishing touches on the NORTHAMPTON team who are our opponents this week.

The greater the obstacle the more glory in overcoming it. —Moliere.

### SHIP WELCOMES NEW BAND

The lilting strains of a familiar composition flow outward from No. 2 mesing compartment. All hands within this circle of charmed sound pause, listen in admiration to the soft tones of the old classic. There is volume and depth to it, and it is rich in color. The mellow richness of the brasses blend with the sweet reediness of the clarinets. The band is good. Now, the composition is changed to a tone poem suite in which the string section of an orchestra sweeps on in the theme melody.

The HOUSTON heartily welcomes the new Scouting Force band which so recently came aboard after a long trip from Washington, D.C. Composed of twenty members, who have attended the music school in Washington, D.C., and who have studied harmony, solfeggio and other musical requirements during their two years stay at the school, the band, we believe, is about the best afloat. Haslup, Music, is the bandmaster.

It is interesting to note the requirements which candidates must have for the band school in Washington, D.C. Only high school graduates are selected. It is necessary that they be able to play two instruments and show advanced knowledge of their skill.

It is a good thing for a ship to have a good band which can quickly change into a concert orchestra or a dance orchestra by merely changing instruments. The other night when the orchestra played in the passageway during dinner in the wardroom, it seemed to bring out a certain cherri-ness in the atmosphere.

Swing it boys. We think you've got something.