



Chick Meets San Diego Force Champion

Chick, champion of the 118 lb. class wrestlers of the battleships, cruisers, repair ships, and aircraft carriers based at San Pedro, and pride of the "V" Division aboard our good ship Houston, will try his wares against San Diego's chosen one in this class.

When he goes out there to the center of the mat, with him will go the hopes and best wishes of all hands aboard. The meet will take place in the near future at the Navy Field, Pico Landing, Long Beach.

The San Diego based contingent will meet the Long Beach vessels in boxing and wrestling. Out of these fights will emerge the all-Navy champions. The battleships-heavy cruisers bouts of two weeks ago gave the Heavy Cruisers two positions out of eight on the wrestling team and four out of seven on the boxing team. Incidentally, this year is the first year which the Heavy Cruisers ever beat the battleships in boxing.

Following is a summary of the men who make up the Long Beach team:

Wrestling

- 118 lb. Chick, E.A. (Hou)
- 126 lb. Carson, Q.A. (Col)
- 135 lb. Stiles, H.M. (Idaho)
- 145 lb. Dietz, T.E. (Tenn)
- 155 lb. Cahow, G.W. (Nev)
- 165 lb. Skok, J. (Penn)
- 175 lb. Phillips, A.A. (Tenn)
- Heavy Drake, B.K. (Ind)

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SHIPMATES

During the past few years those of us who have had the pleasure to serve on the good ship HOUSTON have seen a lot of men come and go.

On the 10th of February when the Indianapolis came alongside we lost some excellent shipmates. It was a pleasure to have such excellent shipmates as Admiral Tarrant, his Staff and enlisted personnel on board.

Our wish is that wherever they may go success and happiness will follow and that they will always remember that the gangway on the HOUSTON is open to one and all, Always.



Water, Water, Everywhere

In the old days only a few hundred gallons of fresh water were carried in our warships, and this water was guarded well and rationed to the crew with care, so that enough water would be maintained on board for drinking purposes. Salt water was used for bathing, as fresh water was too precious. Today in our navy it is a different story, for enough fresh water is made by the evaporators to care amply for all hands' showers and thirsts.

Abraham Lincoln Sixteenth President

Feb. 12, 1808 - Apr. 15, 1865

Today is the birth date of one of our country's greatest men. Let us recall for a few minutes the not too well known events by which fate or chance seemed to guide his destiny.

In accordance with the customs of the time Abraham, after his 21st birthday, left the home of his father, Thomas Lincoln, to make his own way in the world. For two years he engaged in various pursuits such as building a flatboat, in company of others, and conveying a cargo of furs and produce from Beardstown, Ill., to New Orleans. After this voyage he returned to New Salem, Ill. Shortly after his return an election was held, one of the election clerks was ill and unable to be present. One of the clerks, who was also the local schoolmaster, in searching for a colleague, asked Lincoln if he could write, as that was the main qualification for the job. Upon assurance that he could Lincoln was immediately induced into office. After the election Lincoln went to work in the store of a Mr. Denton Offute as a clerk and spent much of his time studying English grammar, having borrowed a text book from the schoolmaster.

In March, 1832, Lincoln, when 23 years old, announced himself a candidate for election to the State Legislature from Sangamon County. The election of candidates to this office did not occur until August, and in the meantime Governor Reynolds, directed General Neale of the Illinois Militia to organize six hundred volunteers of his brigade for military duty