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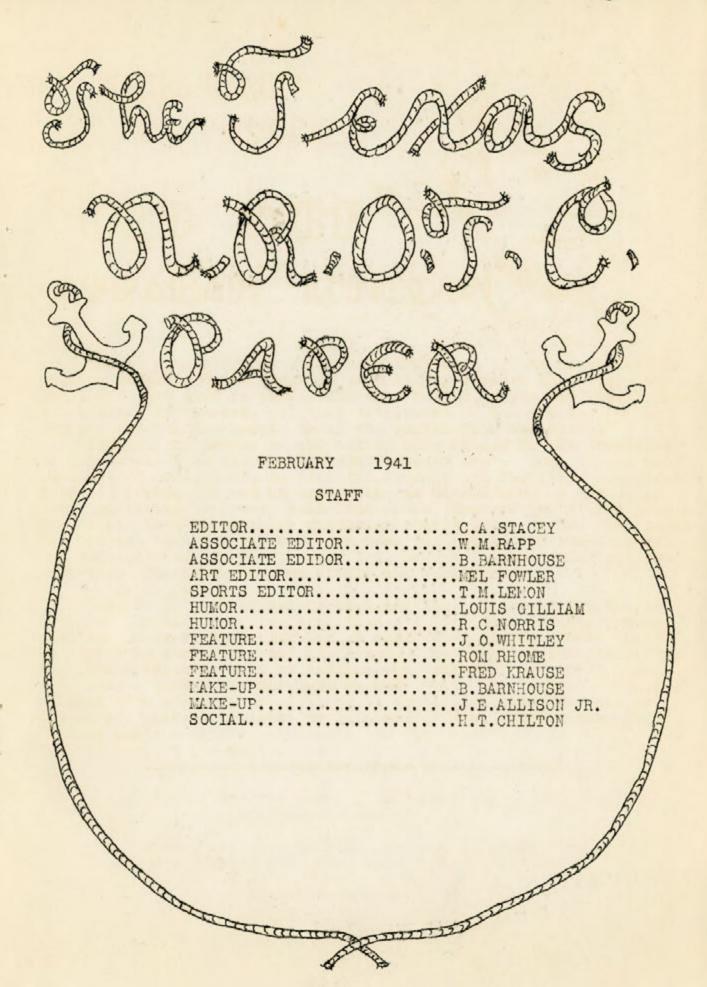
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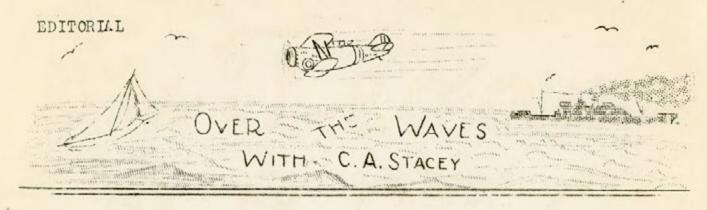
ABRAHAM LINCOM

"It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us", -- "that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain, that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom, and that government of the people, by the people, and for the people shall not perish from the earth."

Probably no leader of any nation came closer to the tradition of his people than Abraham Lincoln -"Honest Abe". Born in the very humblest of conditions, he educated himself and fulfilled the great American dream. He was an orator and an honest man; he was an astute politician, but very religious and a lover of the simple things One of his best biographers quotes an acquaintance of the President: "No potrait that I have ever seen does justice to the awkwardness and ungainliness of his figure." Yet, he was lovable, kind and unaspiring. His democracy was simple and wholesome.

Yes, he is part of our great tradition. He spent his energy and gave his life for that tradition. It is good, in this cynical age, for us to reflect upon Honest Abe. What would he have done? Of course no one knows, but we do know what he did under other trying circumstances. We must realize the danger of our world today, and, with a thought of the past we must guide our future. We are blessed with wonderful conditions in comparison with the rest of the world. Let us protect our Democracy. Yes, let's think of "Honest Abe".





For the three coming issues of the Spun Yarn, the Editor will appoint a different group of section editors. These editors will be responsible for an alloted number of pages and must see that the men under them get their papers in under the dead line.

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THOUGHT: Lots All Got Behind the Club.

with the following heading: Lacking Water, They Must Walk.

Speaking of pictures, the Houston Chronicle, Fort Worth Star Telegram, Daily Texan, and Ranger have carried some very good ones of the Corps. Do we feel fl ttered!

The new rifle racks in the Law Building have speeded up drill very much. Also, the drums help.
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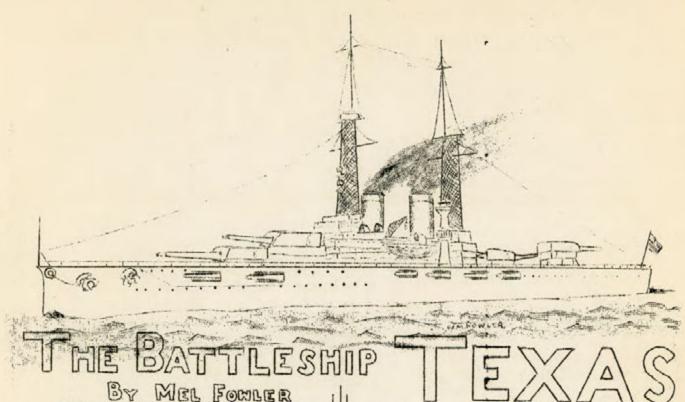
I would like to thank the Instructors and Office Staff for the help on this issue of the paper. ithout their help it would be difficult to put out a paper.

Congratulations: To Shirley White and Murray Roe on their recent appointments for entrance to the Maval Academy at Annapolis.

PET PEEVE: Having to carry a book as large as Bowditch.

During the next meeting of the H.R.C.T.C. Blub, Cadet Ensign Price and Cadet Lemon till give short talks on Neval Topics.

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The first ship to be named the Texas was the Confererate ram that operated out of Richmond Va. When the city fell, the Texas was captured by the Union forces and was used by them until the end of the war.

The second ship to sail under the name of Texas was the first principal battleship in the U.S.Navy. She assisted in the destruction of the fort at Cayo del Toro and the battle of Santiago, Cuba. Her name was changed to San Marcus on Feb.16,1911 and was used as a target for battle practice and was sunk.

The present Texas was sent over to France with the battleships New York and Wyoming, which composed the ninth battle division of the U.S.Navy, on June 17,19 17. She was commanded by captain Victor Blue, U.S.N. The ships joined the British fleet on Dec. 6, 1917, at Scappa Flow. The Texas served with the British fleet in the sixth battle squadron on cuty in the North Sea. She was present when the German battle force surrendered to the Allies early on

the morning of Nov. 21, 1918. She is still in service in the U.S. Navy.

The battleship Texas was authorized to be built on June 24, 1910. The contract was not signed until Dec. 17, 1910. The cost of the hull and the machinery was 5,830,000 dollars. The contract was given to the Newport News Ship-building Company. Her keel was laid on April 17, 1911. She was launched on May 18, 1912, and was first commissioned on March 12, 1914.

The Texas has two propellers, which are turned over by a shaft horsepower of 28,373..She also has four General Electric turbines that put out 300 kilowatts each. The total weight of the machinery is 1,971 tons. The overall length of the Texas is 573 feet. (Con't. on next page)

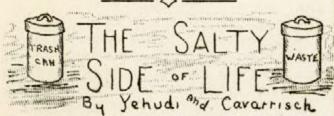
We welcome criticism and any sugjestions that will help to better our paper. Also, if any of the cadets in the unit wish to serve on the staff as reporters, see C.A.Stacey.

#### TEXAS . CONT.

Her beam at the water line, is 95 feet, two and a half inches. This was the distance before the blisters were added. The mean draft is 28',6". Her normal displacement is 27,000 tons. When she is fully loaded her displacement is 28,367 tons. Two funnels and two cage masts composed part of her superstructure before she was modernized in 1929. She now has two tripod masts and only one funnel. She was also converted from a coal burner into an oil burner.

The ship has accommodations for 1,162 enlisted men, 46 chief petty oficers, 32 junior officers and 39 wardroom officers. She also has three cabins.

Her armament consists of ten 14 inch 45 calabre guns in five gun turrets. Two turrets are forward and three of them are aft. The Texas has sixteen 5 inch 51 calabre guns in her secondary battery. She has eight 3 inch 50 calabre anti-aircraft guns in her anti-aircraft battery.



How does that FRED ERAUSE rate with the women? He meets a girl one time and now she's just dying for a date with him(by her own confession.) Her name is KATHELYN TELPEL.....R.J.STEVENSON was looking very smug and self-satisfied when his picture was snapped by the Houston, Tex. photographer.

cris Kocras was caught at a recent dance with his arms arround very cute little gal----during an intermission. Quote "D those pesky photographers." Unquote. The camera doesn't lie.....

OF AN-KILLER" REEVES has got it really bad with a certain sweet little thing that lives in Littlefield Dorm. At least that is what he asked us to print...... By the way. David, what ever became of R.K., a little red-head.

Will CHRIS KOCKAS, BILL WING-FIELD, and another naval student be embarrassed when they see the <u>Cactus</u> photos. They all had on non-regulation socks. It's certainly a good thing that the pictures weren't taken in technicolor, because orange, green, and red wouldn't look so hot with the uniform.

Why is TOM BRADSHAW off of women for life????We ask you and TON.

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Mr JERRY DENNIS wasn't so dumb when he appointed himself on the committe to visit the BRATS club. (Which is a girls club, if you haven't guessed)

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E has his own special way of celebrating a holiday. He celebrates them with flowers.....4 ROSES. SHIRLEY WHITE (a BOY) is really doing all the good with a sweet little gal over at one of the dorms. Her name is JEWEL LUEDEMAN, and she's really on his string: when white falls for a girl, he really falls hard-or so we gather from the way he raves over "JUMPY" (by the courtesy of MURREY ROE.) Oh the life of a sailor. What???

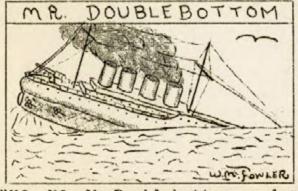
D.H.BLAKELY
has the most adorable blonde hair
but what puzzels us is the rumors
we've heard concerning his weekly visits to a local Beauty Shoppe. Come on now, fess up, do you
use a rinse or peroxide??? A.K.
BERGSTROW was seen handing the check to his (con't on next page)

#### THE SALTY SODE

date when he ran out of money at a coffee shop on the drag. Listen Bud don't you know Leap-Year is ov-Poor little CHARLIE HEYE. one of the "SAND-BLOWERS" of the third platoon, struggling under the weight of his huge & g pound rifle and wondering why the Navy doesn't issue lighter rifles to the The campus smaller cadets. cuties are all in a trance over B-\*EN TATE's nice wide shoulders and 6' 5" of height .... the life of a wonderful football hero ... JIMMIE ALLISON Seems to have no trouble finding a girl anywhere. At a recent N.R.O.T.C. baskeTball game he even found a gal to sit with and spiel off his Super-Do-Luxe "Line" .... BILL WINGFIELD almost went wild when he saw the girls from the Kappa Kappa house that he was going to pose with for the Cactus pictures. It took a block and tackle to drag him away ... JACK TIPTON IS the most wonderful thing this side of Heaven, or so a certain little girl in Caruthers Dormitory thinks ... LOUIE GILLIAM. recently remarked that he had good eyes and ears when chief CARL told him that all a person needed to get into Pensacola was a sound mind, good eyes, and good ears.... (The physical exam)

????????THE END????????? Mutz to all youse guys dat think dat we is nutz dat rite dis doit colloum, we's got education and pollisch. Any body dat says we's illiterate has got our brave

Ad. STACKY to fight!!



"No. No. Mr Doublebottom, a destroyer doesn't submerge to make a torpedo attack."

## CADETS! THE D.R.O.T.C. LOBRARY OS OPEN

by ROL RHOLE

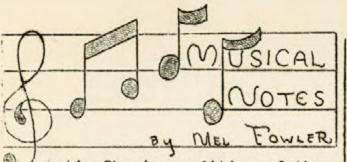
"No loitering and the Armory" is a familiar mase to most of the Naval of its who have junior R.O.T.C. training. Exactly the opposite attitude

prevades in our unit.

All Naval Cadets are urged to make use of the facilities available for their convenience whenever possible. The armory is always open for practicing the manual of arms. The instructors are ready to answer question on class assignments. Every Naval student should fire on the rifle range. Transportation to and from the range in the afternoon is always provided.

The unit library offers a growing number of periodicals, references, and books of current interest. You are always welcome to read in room 302, which is intended to be used not only as a class-room, but also as a "wardroom" for cadets.

Our naval Library must serve the purpose of instilling in the M.R.O.T.C. student the naval hadits, atmosphere, and traditions which would be absorbed at Annapolis by simply attending the Navel Academy. There the plebe eats, drinks, and sleeps Naval tradition. He is questioned by the upperclassmen on navel history. The dormitories, streets, buildings, and memorials are named after and commerate naval heroes or engagements. As the natural result of four years of this environment the ideals and traditions of the service have become a part of the Annapolis graduate. This is the essential difference between the Naval Academy and the Naval R.O. T.C. units. At the University of Texas we must start from "scratch" and build a naval tradition. Here we have no memorial hall, (Con't. on next page)



Artie Shaw's rendition of the immortal "Stardust"-Victor 27230-B is one of the best versions that has been offered to date. "Temptation", another swell arrangement is on the reverse side of the disc.

Glen Hiller offers four good songs this month. On the first recold "Praireland bulluby" ranks firet with "The Hemory of a Rose" on
the opposite side.-Bluebird 11011.
"A Landfull of Stars" and "Yesterthoughts" are also two really swell
tanes.

Dick Jurgens has a record of 'San Antonio Rose" that actually "S-TIMES". "A Garland of Old Fashioned Roses" brings the standerd up a little, but not much. It is put out by Okeh, and is number 5934.

After a lot of tough luck, Charlie Barnett swings forth with two of his hottest tunes to date. They are "Redskin Rhumba" and "Southern Fried"-Bluebird 10944. All of you "Hep-cats" will be for this combination 100 %.

"The Man I Love" and "Benny Rides Again" are Benny Goodman's first stab at a twelve inch disc, and he does a good job on both of them, although "The Man I Love" is probably the best arranged. -Columbia job.

The Goodman sextet with Count bassie at the piano lets go with a jam-session on "Royal Garden Blues" and "Tholly Cats". The sextet gets plenty not in some places, but they seem to lack their old touch.

Among our list of songs that we could gladly do without are "You are my Sunshine" and we can't forget "San Antonio Rose".

Tony Pastor is really hitting a new high in popularity. Tony's up and comming band plays a varity of rythem, that's both sweet and hot; so listen for his beautiful theme song "Blossems" every week night on the Mational Broadcasting System from 10:30 till 11:00.

#### LOBRARY-(CON'T.)

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What greater opportunity could be found for extolling a genuinely Texas navel tradition than in the achievements of the Navy of the Republic of Texas?

On our library you will find the most recently edited set of reference books on the campus-the Encyclopedia \*mericana--which is so up to date that it includes an account of the battle of the "Graf Spee".

For the engineers there are works on radio, medianical, marine, electrical, and diesel engineering. There are at least a dozen books on Naval operation during the World War. There are numbers of books on Latin America, on aviation, on current affairs, biographies (of Porter, Forragut, Pershing, and Lee), as well as atlases, maps, and a score of periodicals. In addition, there are many more shipments of both fiction and non-fiction on the way from the

(Con't. on next page.)

#### IIBRARY - (CON'T)

Bureau of Navigation.

If you haven't explored the Naval library yet, give it a look. Our guess is that you will be back-- and often.

### READ 40 GROAN



UMOR SEKTION

Why are the two little ink-spots crying?

Cause their father was in the pen finishing out a sentence;

Who was that ladle I saw you with last night?
That was no ladle, that was my knife. (If you think that this is cirney, why don't you turn in some jokes yourself.)

ist, Cadet: How did C.A.SCHUTZE do in school this year? Ind, Cadet: That boy is so dumb that he thinks "Pitching Woo" is a Thinese baseball player.

HE: Do you love me because I'm a sailor?
SHE: Yes, I like a little salt with my mush. TROGEN SEAHORSE

TADY: "Mr. Moterman, will I get a shock if I step on the track?" MOTERMAN: No, lady, not unless you put your other foot on the trolley wire." EXCHANGE.

If anyone has anything that even faintly resembles a joke, please send them to R.C.NORRIS.

#### SPORTS

For the second time, the U. of Texas Sailors fell before a smooth working Valley Club Cive.

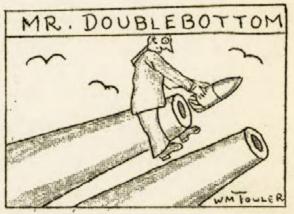
At the end of a fast and furious first half, the sailors led the field with a score of 3-2. However, during the second half the pace slowed, and the Velly club forged shead, the final score of the game was 10-5 in favor of the Valley boys.

Outstanding for the R.O.T.C. were PARKER, a neat ball handler, and big JACK TIPTON. Those playing for the Naval Science group were WHITE, ROE, PARKER, TIPTON, FOWLER, NORED, and BERGSTROM.

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The sailors fell before a mighty Pharmacy chub team in the intramural volly-ball tournament in both of the games they played. The first game ended in favor of the Pharmacy boys 15-0, while the second game ended 15-10 in favor of the pharm. players. The sailors were handicaped as they had to play with only 4 members. STACEY, TIPTON, SCHUTZE, and NED SHITE. were the players on the Maval team. The games were played on Tuesday, Feb. 25, 1941.

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"No, No, Mr. Doublebottom, the guns that we now use in the Navy are NOT breach loaders."

#### HIGH-CLASS-DOIT-SOCIETY-ETC. OR UNDER THE DESK

Or, here's sand in your eyes

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This ain't a ordinary dirt column! This is high class stuff. For example, guys like B.B-ARNHOUSE git their names mentioned here. That aught to cinch what I mean. Did any of you see A.K.B-ERGSTROM at our smoker? Gnat-cherly not! He was out a-dating his little high school gal. (He just told me that she graduated in Feb. so she ain't no "high school" gal no mo.)

Ask B. PETMECHY what he thinks of Vargo's drawings. He will misunderstand you, nat-cherly, and think you mean a little Archetecture freshman by the name of VARGA.

And does anyone know why R.E.BURNETT shaved his quaint little mustache off? We can imagine can't we?

And who are the skirts that BILL BARNHOUSE (I told you that he was going to be mentioned in here.) and JOHNNY DOOLE are forever talking about?

We should now take this opportunity to inform Mr. PAT 0'- DANIALS that the 'lil singer at the Old Seville is married. To bad, PATRICK, we feel the same way.

NOTE TO EDITOR: Please, Mr. editor, if you have to sign some-body's name to this, please sign somebuddy ??? else's.

R.C. NORR'S

#### LT. MARTIN IS SELECTED FOR PROMOTION

The President of the United States on Thursday, Feb. 6, 1941, approved the recommendations of the Line Selection Board which selected 351 officers for promotion to the grade of lieutenant commander.

The Selection Board, which convened at the Navy Department on Jan. 6, 1941, by order of the Secretary of the Navy, was composed of---

Capt. R.C. Griffen, U.S.N., pres.

Capt. B.V. McCandish, U.S.N.

Capt. M.Kelly, U.S.N.
Capt. T.Moran, U.S.N.
Capt. G.D.Murray, U.S.N.
Capt. C.H.Cobb, U.S.N.
Capt. E.G.Small, U.S.N.
Capt. C.H.Wright, U.S.N.
Capt. O.L.Downes, U.S.N.
Lt. Comdr. N.K.Dietrich, U.S.N.

Lt.Robert F. Martin, U.S.Navy attached to the Naval R.O.T.C. Unit here, was one of the 351 off-icers selected by this board to be advanced to Lieutenant Commander, U.S.Navy.

Lt. Martin graduated from the Naval Academy and was commissioned Ensign on June 2 1927, on June 2 1930 was advanced to Lieut. Junior Grade and to Lieutenant on June 30 1936.

The Staff and entire Naval R.O.T.C.Unit salute in wishing you happy sailings in your future Naval Career.

COLLEGIATE PROVERB
"If she looks young, she's old; if she looks old, she's young; If she looks back, then follow her! LOG.

SOPH-"Gosh, but I'm thirsty."
FROSH-"Wait a minute, and I'll get you some water."
SOPH-"I SAID THIRSTY, NOT DIRTY!!
--LOG

Vote for DON PRICE for dictator of the kitchen police, or chief spud hacker.

## ROFOE TEAMSE

Here's an opportunity for some of you prospective Danial Boones to sit behind the business end of one of the special-mounted .22's now bring used by our unit and to compete for the famed Hearst Trophy in the field of national honors.

Each Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday several students including Martin, Parker and Stevenson have competed with Lieut. Martin and Chief Gunner's Mate Taylor. Lieutenant Martin has found the going rather easy except for Stevenson, who seems to have a trained eye for the Bull's Orb.

You, as a Naval Student are cordially invited to participate in the National competition against the Universities of Yale and Oklahoma. The only requirement is that you be good enough to be one of the "favorite five or ten" which will be selected from those participating in the local meet. Our date for the National shoot will be March 25; the place is Zilker Park Rifle Range. The Yale N.R.O.T.C. Unit will hold their shoot April 4th., and the Oklahoma Unit on May 3. All cards will be sent in for final judging after that date.

At the present time we have 20,000 rounds of ammunition for the 22 cal. rifles and 2,000 rounds have just recently been received for for the ten .45 cal. pistols. Also small bore pistolsare to be used along with the rifles. The pistols are .22 ACC model automatics. Anyone wishing to enter the competition should do so at once by trying out for the local team. The squad leaves each day except Wednesday, at 1:00 p.m. and returns at 4:00 p.m.

The students that have already taken an active part in rifle team work, sharpshooting, at Zilker Park are, Mitchell, Martin, Horton, Lemon, White, Stevenson, Bradshaw, Burns, Mobley, J.F. Parker, P.W. Parker and Krause.

To those of you who believe you have mastered the technique of the "Ole Fowling Piece" the following serves warning that you will

or may have to defend your claims, legal or otherwise.

NOTICE -- Our Student Company Commander, Lieut Stevenson, has issued a standing challenge to any student in the unit. Boys here's a real chance for "Somebody", yess suh, sho is. Stevenson has really put his chin, horns and all on the line. When do we "Commence Firing", Quartermaster hoist "Baker".

ALBERT J. TAYLOR, CHIEF GUNNERS MATE, U.E. NAVY RETIRED

Albert J Taylor was born in Honey Brove Texas in 1888. He spent his early life in West Texas working on ranches. While working on one of these ranches in 1907, Taylor read articles wr itten by President "Teddy" Roosevelt and the Secretary of the Navy asking for more men in the Navy.

After reading the article, Taylor decided to join the Navy and he immediately left for Demver, Colorado, where his application was accepted and he became a member of the United States Navy, at the early age of nineteen years.

Taylor received his early Naval Training at San Francisco, California, and was then transf erred to the <u>U.S.S.INTREPID</u> where he served until 1908. In 1908 Taylor was transferred to the <u>U.S.S.NEBRASKA</u>. While serving aboard the <u>NEBRASKA</u>, Taylor accompanied her on the world famous trip around the world, and visited many foreign ports, including Honolulu, Manila, Yokohama and many others. During the year that Taylor spent abroad, he traveled over more than 30,000 miles.

After returning to the United States, Taylor reenlisted and was transferred to the seaman Gunners school at Newport, R.I. Following his graduation from the Gunners School, Taylor was transferred to the U.S.S.NEW HAMPSHIRE where he served during the Mexican War. At the outbreak of the Mexican War, Taylor sailed on the New HAMPSHIRE to Vera Cruz, Mexico, where he participated in the heavy fighting ashore.

When the United States entered the last World's War.Taylor was then attached to the <u>U.S.S.NEW YORK</u>, the sister ship
to the <u>U.S.S.TEXAS</u>, and sailed overseasaboard her. The <u>U.S.S.</u>
NEW YORK remained in European waters until after the armistice.
While in European waters the <u>New York</u> was a part of the British
Grand Fleet under the Command of Admiral H. Rodman.The <u>NEW YORK</u>
was in company with the Grand Fleet when the surrender of the
GermanHigh Seas Fleet took place.

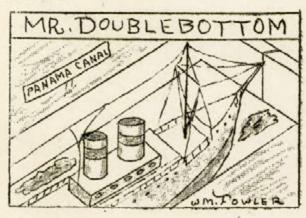
Following the World War, Taylor was transferred to Recruiting duty in Houston, Texas. During this time, Taylor was with the Navy Rifle Team for three years and competed with the All Navy Riflemen in 1924 and 1925. Since 1925 Taylor served continually at sea until retirement.

#### CRUISE

MEL FOWLER

The preliminary preparations for a summer cruise are now being completed. Although nothing has been definitely decided upon, the cruise will probably be on a battleship. The embarkation may take place on the eastern coast about the middle of Fune.

Many of the students are all excited over the prospect of the pending summer cruise. Many rumers have been flying through the ranks of the unit about the destination of the cruise, where it would start, where and when it would end, and how long it would take. Nothing definite has been decided on as yet, so keek your fingers crossed and your ears open until something definite has been decided.



"Yes Mr. Doublebotton, it is perfectly all right, we were going to drain the lock in a few minutes anyway."

# SOCIAL Page 12 STUFF

By TOMMY CHILTON

"SMOKER"

The Navy club held its first "get acquainted" smoker Monday night, Feb. 17, in the celler of OLD SEVILLE. In the colorful atmosphere, provided by Spanish surroundings and music by a Mexican quartet, members smoked, talked, and listened to Lt. Martin and sang songs of the Navy: Before the smoker was over, members in attendance voted unaminously to have another party before long.....

#### SOCIAL

The unit's social calender is finally taking shape. This semester's big event will be the formal. Although nothing has beer definitely as to the date it is to be held, it is expected to take place sometime in April. Several places have been suggests as available dance floors; among these are the Texas Union, and the Women's Federated Club Bldg. As to the orchestra, little has been said, but sincethere are many moderately priced bands, it shouldn't be much of a problem to secure a satisfactory one. The formal was brought up in the last meeting, but discussion on it was postponed until a later date.

#### EDITORIAL

#### FULL SPEED AHEAD

Many years ago Admiral David G. Farragut shouted these now famous words, "Dam the Torpedoes, Full Speed Ahead". The words are now faint, yet in the ears of every American Naval Officer they still ring. These words have given to American Naval men, the spirit which drives them onward to make our Navy the best Enval fighting force in the world.

As future \*Officers, these words affect the lives of every Cadet here at ole Texas U. Our one aim is to, "Dam the Torpedoes" which are our obstacles, and carry on in true Navy tradition. At our headquarters in the Journalism Building, under the Direction of our three officers, we are doing just this.

Drill periods on Wednesday have developed us into a unified and well disciplined company of men. This discipline becomes more evident every day. This month's Texas Ranger mentioned the fact and complimented us on our improvement. From this we gather that students on the campus are awakening to the fact that we are doing something worth while for our country and ourselves.

Three hours a week are spent in classrooms and many more are spent in our rooms preparing our assignments. From these hours of study and instruction, we are gaining the knowledge needed to become Naval Officers. It is up to each of us to make the most of these hours.

Our assignments have covered seamanship, Naval history, Navigation, and Gunnery. If we expect to become officers and compare with other Naval R.O.T.C. students we must get from these subjects everything we possibly can.

It is the desire of the officers and many of the Cadets that we have a good intramural team next year. To do this we must all do our share and turn out for every sport. Our social organization is coming along. We must back this club and make it the best on the campus.

There is no reason in the world why we should not have the best Naval R.O.T.C. Unit in the country, but to do this we must apply the words of Admiral Farragut to our daily life. Dam the Torpedoes, whatever the Torpedoes may be, and carry on with, FULL SPEED AHEAD".

William M. Rapp.