

SKETCH BOOK

By BUD PISAREK

That was a mighty fine dedication ceremony Mrs. Akers planned for the PILOT building Saturday. Mr. Ackley, Mr. Weideman, and Mr. Kessler said some inspiring words about the founder of the paper, Dewey Akers. It will be quite a challenge to fill the shoes of a man the likes of Dewey. I am glad there are two of

us to do it.

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An emergency is a good time to test what fibers a person is made of. We had what you might call such a situation happen to us last week and I am mighty proud to report our staff illustrated their true colors by pitching in by doing double work and other jobs that some of us knew little about. It is amazing to see what you can do if you have to. All it takes is making up your mind you must, and you CAN, do it.

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Many readers will be glad to hear that Bill Phelps, former editor of the PILOT, is doing very well at Mill Valley, California. We have received two papers from him and plan on sending him cop-

ies of the local paper this week.

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Bill's column was "Off the Reef." Now he calls it, "On the Record."

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For the past four or five days our phone has been very temperamental. It seems persons calling can hear the bell signal, but we on this end hear nothing. So many people come running up to us and bawl us out for not being in the office when we should.

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One time I happened to be touching the phone and felt a vibration so I picked up the receiver and sure enough someone was calling. I am sure that is not the way it is supposed to work. If the company would have sent along a midget just to sit on the phone waiting for the vibration. Something like that reminds me of the old Rube Goldberg cartoon on inventions. These masterpieces were usually concocted to illustrate how to do things the hard way.

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To further illustrate this Goldberg conception let me explain how a midget could help us in our phone delima.; The midget, lazy at heart, would be aroused from his slumber when the ringing vibration started. Thinking it was an earthquake he would immedi-

ately jump for cover into the side pocket of a conveniently placed pool table, causing the eight ball to roll down the rack, scattering the other balls and causing a familiar sound to Joe's ears, which in turn would arouse his suspicions that a game of billards was in session. Joe in turn would reach for his cue stick, knocking over the empty coke bottles into my bottle of drawing ink, which besides leaving a mess, would cause me to scream bloody murder. Blood curdling screams is all our office girl would need. She immediately would jump up to call Bud Cross, thereby picking up the phone making it possible

for us to make contact with the outside world.

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Honestly, I hope the repair man fixed that bell this time for good. Midgets are hard to find these days.

RETURNS TO FLEET

Don E. Binford, SN, left Monday, Nov. 29 for San Diego, where he will board an Attack Cargo ship for Pacific fleet duty. The ship is the U. S. S. Electra. Don and his wife, Marie, just returned from a three week trip visiting Portland, Vancouver, Bengon, White Salmon and other places. Iris Walker accompanied them on the trip.

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