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BOYS AND GIRLS IN THE SERVICE

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ly be augmented by telling you I just today got "Cokes" aboard for the first time in 16 months and am planning to show movies under way to let you know I love this ship and the men on her and wouldn't trade for shore duty. This may sound rather funny to many who have known me as a "beach" sailor in recruiting public relations in Chicago and at San Juan, P. R. with the senoritas, but the old saying about the sea eventually getting a grip on a man certainly is true.

Take Tonite: The sea is calm and a full moon made for a very, very beautiful and impressive sunset and afternoon sunset occasion "topside" in nothing but brief khaki shorts. You can't get that "stateside" for any amount of money or in very few other lifetimes of individuals. I say this, too, while realizing that the very next second, minute, hour or day a torpedo or airplane attack might cost my life or a permanent injury. Already I have been at battle stations, but I feel that serving your country is a very necessary part of being in service. You feel much better than serving at a shore base in the States or out.

The closeness of friendships aboard such a small vessel is another thing that is enchanting and exciting about this life. Take Jerry Sussman, 15 years in service

and a water tender (petty officer) second class. He is in charge of one of the crew compartments and keeps it clean and liveable for the men with more efficiency than the busy-bodiest old maid. And he plays poker (of c-o-u-r-s-e not for money) on the side. He doesn't want anything but to see his boys happy and stay on the ship. Take the Doc. A full Lt. who is the swiftest officer I have known. He is always happy and always cheery. He loves the ship same as the rest and likes to tell of the time on convoy duty that he was switched on breeches buoy to a merchant ship to deliver a still-born child of an Egyptian woman on the way to the States after marrying an American sergeant. He takes well the jokes that call him an abortion-performer — all NOT meant in any harm. And the executive officer: who donned an old Greek-god-looking outfit of white sheets when we were at sea New Years eve and was Master of Ceremonies for an impromptu at-sea New Years party that beats many rum-brawls I've been on. He's a full Lt., recommended for command who's much more of a man at 25 than many people ever become. ENUF DRIVE!

Now please write. Many letters I received even from my Christmas letter are unanswered, but this will serve as a pseudo-substitute. PERSONAL: To Brockton, Congrats. To: Mrs. Dolan—it's better this way. To: Art Wright, my case is solved, the gal got married, not to me, NOW

WRITE. Wright. To: WIMP Sawyer, like your year better than mine, good luck on marrying the Aussie. SHAPIRO: Due a letter from you. LOVEJOYS, don't be too surprised to see me on leave. ALICE: Hope colleges o. k. BIT: How's your bombing. Grandma: Thanks for the nice card. CLIFF: Thanks for letter.

H. O. SMITH,
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CHURCHES

BRIDGEVIEW COMMUNITY CHURCH
Sunday school, 10 a. m.
Morning worship, 11 a. m.
Young People's service, 7:45 p. m.
Evening service, 8:15 p. m.
Prayer meeting Wednesday, 8 p. m.

ILLINOIS VALLEY CHURCH OF SEVENTH DAY ADVENTISTS
Sabbath School 1:30 p. m.
Preaching 3:00 p. m.
Prayer meeting Wednesday at 7:30 p. m.

You are invited to meet with us.
F. W. Cooper, elder, Cave Junction.

ASSEMBLY OF GOD
I. O. O. F. HALL, KERBY
Sunday school 10:00 a. m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a. m.
Evangelistic Service 8:00 a. m.
Rev. D. B. Wantland, pastor.

CAVE JUNCTION COMMUNITY CHURCH
George H. Gray, Pastor
Sunday School 10 a. m.
Morning Worship 11 a. m.

With still more on the sick list Sunday's attendance dropped to 27. Mrs. Bert Watkins was present after an absence of several Sundays. The feltogram story was told by Mrs. Nicholson, with Dwin Cross placing the figures on the board.

Despite Rev. Gray's illness the past week he was present to lead the morning service, taking his text from Heb. 6:1, 2; speaking on the "Growth of Christ." Mrs. Ruth Hill sang a special number. Attention was given to the beautiful crocheted wall panel depicting "Christ and His Disciples," made and presented to the church by Mrs. Florence Hallock, a former member, now living at Coquille.

The Sunday afternoon song

service was well attended. Rev. D. B. Wantland, pastor of the Assembly of God church in Kerby, was in charge, with his wife leading the devotionals. The next Gospel Song Service will be March 18 with someone from Cave Junction in charge.

At the Missionary meeting at Kumfy Kamp dining room last Thursday, the ladies tied one comforter and worked on blocks for another. Those present were Mrs. Geo. Gray, Mrs. Gibbons, Mrs. Boling, Mrs. Ortis Seat, Mrs. Baird, Mrs. Rubie Nicholson, and Mrs. W. A. Brown. Mrs. Wagstaff has bronchitis and is still not able to be out. Mrs. G. C. Sherier and Mrs. Clarence Martin are reported still improving.

Mrs. Smith Guest Speaker At Breakfast Club Meet

Mrs. H. O. Smith, president of the Oregon Federation of Garden clubs, was guest speaker today (Thursday) at the meeting of the Women's Breakfast club at the Redwoods hotel, her subject being "February Plantings".

ALMANAC

FEBRUARY
26—Victor Hugo, French novelist, born 1802.
27—German Reichstag building in Berlin destroyed by fire, 1933.
28—Political meeting at Ripon, Wis., named "Republican," 1854.

MARCH
1—"Articles of Confederation" adopted, 1781.
2—Texas declares its independence from Mexico, 1836.
3—"Star Spangled Banner" authorized as U. S. National Anthem, 1931.
4—Was Presidential Inauguration Day prior to 1937.

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