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The first Armed Forces Day in American history, to be observed May 30, will emphasize the unification of the Army, Navy and Air Force in a three-pronged instrument for national security. Unification is already at work in the various far-flung American military posts throughout the world. Photo, left, shows Navy aviation machinist's mate, second class, J. Ritchey, of Swayzee, Ind., and Sgt. J. L. Kunsman, USA, of Easton, Penna., getting acquainted on police duty at the Naval Base, Norfolk, Va., before embarking on the great combined Army-Navy-Air Force exercises in Puerto Rico, called "Operation Portrex," held in February. Photo, right, Capt. D. G. Donabo, Com-

manding Officer of the Naval Operating Base, Argentia, Newfoundland, congratulating Sgt. Ollie Keller, captain of the Greenland Air Force basketball team, which was picked to represent the Air Force North Atlantic Area in the Military Transport Service Tourney held at Great Falls, Mont., in March, while Col. Edward P. Kern, Commanding Officer of the McAndrew AF Base, in Newfoundland, gives a well done to Robert B. Johnson, aviation machinist's mate, captain of the Navy NOB quintet. The Navy team defeated the Air Force in the Base Command Basketball Championship Playoffs, but participated only for the honors. (Official Navy Photographs)

**Out of the Woods**

By JIM STEVENS

**Cedar For Sailing.** . . . The wood of the great ocean-going canoes of Northwest Coast Indians, and the wood of today's racing shells used by college crews east and west, is also the mainstay in the amazing increase of small sailing craft of North American waterways.

This wood is the Western red cedar. Summer after summer the large lakes and the bays of the country are blossoming in more white sails, with reflections dipping and speeding in wind brushed waters.

The sail of old is still a magnetic symbol of adventure to the youth of the land. It spells peace and relaxation and the beauty of life in the outdoors to all but the bleakest souls.

Small-craft builders everywhere are awake to the business prospects in this universal, age-old appeal of the wind-powered small boat of wood. One nationally known boatbuilder is banking on a product designed to meet the sailboat wants of everyday people with everyday incomes.

**The Poocock of Sail.** . . .

This is Norman J. Blanchard of Seattle. He has been building a variety of boats and small sailing craft for 40 years on Seattle waterways. He is widely recognized as a master of the art of designing and constructing craft for cruising and racing—and for plain and fancy loafing—under sail.

Like George Pocock, renowned as a designer and builder of racing shells for college crews, Blanchard swears by Western red cedar. He uses it for the flesh, muscle and skin of the boats he builds—that is the planking. For the fabrication of masts and spars, Sitka spruce is specified.

The news-interest feature of the

1950 Blanchard program is the boat that you or I or anybody of ordinary income may own and sail. And sail with safety, let me hasten to add. This is a class of sailing craft with iron ballast keel and other safeguards against capsizing and sinking which are commonly found in only the more costly sailers. It has an over-all length of 20 feet, and its base price is a thousand dollars.

"Such types of pleasure boats for the small family are comers all over the country," Norman Blanchard stoutly predicts. "Young and old can enjoy such a sailboat in security at small expense. Once people realize that yachting is not necessarily for the rich only, the market will grow fast."

"The special qualities of red cedar for planking are at the core of this vital prospect. It is supple, tough, light for its strength, friendly to tools, a nail-holder, resistant to weather and age, and is a furniture wood in its response to finish, taking paints and stains handsomely. A prize wood for racing shells, it is just as excellent for everybody's low-cost pleasure boat. We are lucky to have it."

Another popular Blanchard sailer is the "flattie," which is primarily a training boat for racing. It is not built for comfort or for those who worry about capsizing. It is a boat for the young adventurer on the water.

Many builders of boats, North, South, East, West, share the faith of Norman Blanchard. When spring breaks again, wood and canvas will be the holiday means, recreation materials, for more people than ever before, while the rocket planes flash and roar unnoticed overhead. Sail, water and wind yet weave a spell that even Superman may not resist.

**Flegel Speaks at Lebanon**

Austin F. Flegel, State Senator and Democratic candidate for Governor, will address a public meeting of Democrats, Sunday April 30, in Veterans hall, Lebanon, announces Earl G. Mason, chairman Linn County Democratic Central committee.

The affair starts with a pot-luck dinner at 2:00 p.m. to be followed by the program at 3:00. Coffee will be served but those attending are asked to bring their own table service.

Flegel, a successful lawyer, businessman, and farmer, has a decided majority over his two opponents in the poll recently made by the "Oregon Democrat". He is considered an authority on CVA and advocates the development of cheap power as a means of bringing new payrolls to every part of Oregon.

Local candidates will be present thereby affording Democrats an opportunity to meet the men for whom they may wish to vote at the coming primary election.

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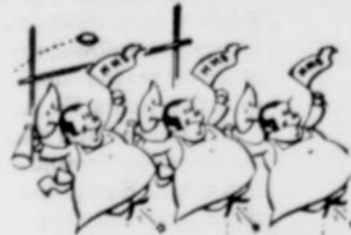
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