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Swinging West



Thoughts From The Editor's Notebook

During the last inport period in Villefranche I had the opportunity to witness the many different effects alcohol had on various SPRINGFIELD personnel -- especially those who made a habit of over-indulging. Many cases were a throwback to the motion picture "Mr. Roberts;" however, there were a few that were very pathetic.

I am not a psychiatrist -- therefore I can not pretend to know what goes on in a man's mind while under the influence of alcohol, but it seems that any normal person should be able to control the amount of beverage he allows to enter his body.

We have all heard numerous times that we in the Navy are old enough to take care of ourselves -- Why so many shore patrol reports and why Cinderella liberty? Time and again it is proven at Captain's Mast, that there are many who can not begin to take care of themselves. When in a normal state of mind perhaps, but never under an overdose of alcohol.

The "powers that be" are not too concerned over the average sailor who goes on the beach, drinks, staggers to the landing and returns to the ship. These men may end up standing a midnight watch, but they will not appear before the Commanding Officer. It is expected of some men to let off a little steam after a long period at sea.

But what about the inebriate who refuses to return to the ship on his own? This boy is looking for trouble and no doubt will find it. He will refuse the advise of the shore patrol, because he feels that he is old enough to take care of himself. This leads to apprehension, which if refused, will add severely to the charges of intoxication and/or disorderly conduct. These are the men we are concerned with. The ones who cause most of the problems in the Navy today -- problems of liberty curtailment, lack of civilian clothes passes, not being able to patronize the better places in town, etc...

These few lost causes may be able to con their way through a Mast once but they can't use the old excuse that, "I was drunk, I didn't realize what I was doing," again. Everyone is sober before drinking and should realize as time goes by that he is becoming drunk.

It should also be remembered a person who drinks to show that he is a man, usually ends up looking like a fool. The figures show that approximately half of the people that go to Mast, are there as a direct cause of drunkenness or for other reasons indirectly caused by drinking beyond their capacity.

SHIP SPONSORS PHOTO CONTEST

The SPRINGFIELD photo contest is underway for all ship and staff personnel except PH's and PH strikers.

The contest, which will run until 1 March, has the financial backing of the Welfare and Recreation Committee whose funds will provide the prizes. The exact amount of the awards for the winners and runner-ups in each of three categories in both color and black and white has not been determined yet but will be announced when known. There will also be grand prizes for the best single black and white and color entries, and everyone who receives a prize will also be given an enlargement of his photograph after it has been on display in the showcase outside the library.

The rules and regulations for entrance are spelled out in SPRINGFIELD Notice 1700 of 5 January. The photo lab and ship's PIO are available to answer any questions, but under no circumstances will the photo lab do any printing for any contestant. Pictures need not be recent, but negatives must be submitted in the case of black and white prints.

There is plenty of time left to submit the pictures themselves, but time is running out to take them. Lisbon and Valencia should be good places to open up the old cameras and try for a prize. Shutterbugs heave to.

POST MORTEM: Yes, the Rifle is late this month. Yes, a few articles written for the future have drifted, in timelessness, into the past. The reasons for this are legion, most of them related to an extremely heavy workload on the Print Shop.

But next month is another Rifle.

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Lisbon and Valencia on Western Tour

A combination of the best of the old and new makes up the city of Lisbon, Portugal. As majestic as Rome, Lisbon is also built on seven hills. It overlooks the north bank of the Tagus River, and weeks can be spent exploring its old section of town, and colorful native markets. Life in Lisbon flows at a leisurely pace, and there is always time to stop at a sidewalk cafe, sample the wine and watch the never-ending stream of traffic. The exciting Avenue da Liberdade is a show street rivaling the Champs Elysees of Paris. Its restaurants serve the finest foods in an atmosphere of strumming guitars and soft lights, reflecting the mood of the city. Lisbon is a paradise for the American tourist, combining the historical sights, such as the Castle of St. George with the modern delightful night life in the English-speaking theaters and night clubs.

Valencia, Spain, the capital of the province of Valencia offers a different pace amid the ruins of ancient Roman fortifications and Moorish castles. Along with the silk market, and the Palace of Justice, there are many excellent restaurants serving tasty seafoods in the style that has made Spain famous. A favorite dish on many menus is paella, which is a spicy meal of rice, seafood, shrimp and chicken.

SPRINGFIELD personnel will find both Lisbon and Valencia exciting, interesting and well worth the time to see.

SECRETARY OF NAVY VISITS SPRINGFIELD

On the evening of 13 December the Secretary of the Navy, the Honorable Fred Korth, arrived in Nice for a special one day visit to the Sixth Fleet.

Accompanying the Secretary and Mrs. Korth were Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Installations and Logistics, Mr. Kenneth Belieu, and Mrs. Belieu, and Secretary Korth's two aids. Following a reception at the Ruhl Hotel, the party joined the members of the Flag Mess and their wives and CAPT and Mrs. Wadleigh for a dinner on board ship.

SHIP UNDERWAY

The ladies departed at 2300, and at midnight the ship sailed for the C.R.E.S. missile range south of Marseilles. About 0700 SPRINGFIELD made rendezvous with BOSTON, LUCE, and FARRAGUT in preparation for the day's Terrier firings. Secretary Korth was up bright and early, and after breakfast he and CDR Horrocks made a tour of the mess decks and living spaces. The efforts of the past few days paid off when later in the morning the Secretary addressed the ship on the LMC and praised all hands for their job of keeping the ship so clean.

MISSILE SHOOT GOES WELL

The missile shoot went like clockwork after a short delay in launching the drone. LUCE, firing first, scored a success, and SPRINGFIELD followed suit immediately afterwards. FARRAGUT and BOSTON completed the perfect morning when they each added an intercept.

SECAV DEPARTS SPRINGFIELD

There was little time for the Secretary that was unscheduled that day, and so



SECAV RIDING HIGH TO LUCE

after his short talk on the LMC in which he also lauded those who had worked so hard on the missile firing, it was time to depart. Moments later the forward highline detail was manned, and LUCE came alongside to receive their honored guests who also included Admiral McDonald. Thirteen hours after coming on board, the civilian head of the U.S. Navy departed.

Preparation and hard work--the irreplaceable ingredients in every success story--had paid off once again as SPRINGFIELD performed at her best for the Honorable Fred Korth, Secretary of the Navy.

SPRINGFIELD TO RECEIVE NEW CO

Captain Russell S. Crenshaw, will relieve Captain John R. Wadleigh as SPRINGFIELD's Commanding Officer in early February sometime after the ship returns home from her current Western swing.

Captain Crenshaw, a 1941 graduate of the Naval Academy, was awarded the Silver Star and Legion of Merit for his service on board the des-



troyer MAURY during the South Pacific and Solomon Island campaigns. Later in the war he was executive officer of the destroyer STORMES when she fought on the picket line at Okinawa.

In 1949 he earned a Master of Science degree at MIT, and in 1952 he moved to the guided missile program where he worked with both the Terrier and Talos systems. His further experience in missiles came in 1960 when he headed successively the Ballistic Missile Group, the Anti-Air Warfare Development Division, and the Surface Warfare Branch of the Development Division. It is from this post that he reports to SPRINGFIELD as her fourth Commanding Officer since re-commissioning.

During the interim years CAPT Crenshaw commanded three

destroyer-type ships, including the first post war DD, USS FORREST SHERMAN in 1955, and served with NATO--working largely in the guided missile programs. In addition to his official duties, CAPT Crenshaw

is the author of "Naval Ship-handling" which benefited from the contributions by many naval officers and is accepted in many quarters as the authoritative book in the field.

Captain Wadleigh will continue to serve SPRINGFIELD indirectly in his new post of Chief of Staff to COMCRUDESLANT in Newport, Rhode Island.

Words of Faith

by Chaplin Peter R. McPhee



"Now the Lord said to Abraham, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house, to the land that I will show you." --Genesis 12:1

Few incidents in recorded history are more significant than Abraham's obedient compliance with this command. He went forth to found the Hebrew nation, establish Judaism, and eventually have a great influence on Christianity.

I am sure as he stood at the threshold of the future, Abraham's mind dwelt on past events as well as the unknown which lay ahead of him.

I am reminded of the Roman god Janus, for whom the month of January is named. Janus was worshipped as the god of gates and doors. He had two faces, one in front of his head and one in back. With one face he watched for evil from without the walls and with the other for evil from within. The ancients also applied this to the New Year, the threshold of time, when it was necessary to be guarded against the evil of both the past and the future.

Unlike the Romans, Abraham felt no need for anything more than God's command and his faith in God's promise to venture forth. This is why Paul called him the father of the faithful. So on the threshold of a future of great promise, yet unknown, Abraham confidently went forth.

Although our futures may be quite unlike Abraham's, the same confident faith is required of us at every threshold of decision. We must reflect our past and dwell on the future, then go confidently forward. Without confidence there is no future. We must believe in ourselves and our abilities. But, we must be determined in our efforts because we move from security and prosperity to uncertainty and hardship before we reach our final goal.

This sounds like a lot of platitudes, but in many conversations I find a great lack of self-confidence, ambition and determination. These "inside" enemies are much more subtle than "outside detractors" which prevent achievement. Just as He spoke to Abraham, He says to us, "Go..... to the land that I will show you."

Health Agencies Need Support

Health is something that none of us appreciates until it is gone. This is the time of the year when each of us can do something to help prove the axiom wrong and to help fight the diseases which might come to plague any of us at any time.

The annual National Health Agencies campaign is underway, and SPRINGFIELD's "pay-day plea" will be on January 30th. All division officers will act as keymen and collect the donations from their divisions. Chaplain McPhee, who is in overall charge of the drive on board, hopes to increase our total beyond the \$700 given last year. Once again the goal is a contribution from every man, no matter how small it may be.

The agencies include those designed to lead the battle against such enemies of humanity as cancer, heart disease, arthritis and rheumatism, muscular dystrophy, mental illness, retardation in children, multiple sclerosis, infantile paralysis, blindness, and cerebral palsy. These funds will be directed mainly towards research in the hopes of finding a cure for the illnesses.



Above, Miss America, Maria Beale Fletcher from North Carolina, is an avid supporter of the American Cancer Society. Why don't you lend your support and give your dollars also?

THIS IS THE CAPTAIN SPEAKING



As I write this we are in the midst of our "western swing" visiting ports outside of the Mediterranean which Sixth Fleet ships do not normally visit. As fleet flagship SPRINGFIELD is fortunate in having this change from the heavy operating schedule of Task Force 60 as we carry Commander Sixth Fleet to visit nations outside the normal limits of Sixth Fleet operations. I well realize that such a cruise is by no means a rest or pleasure cruise for any of us, but we are and will be seeing different ports and different countries and it behooves us all to make the most of such opportunities.

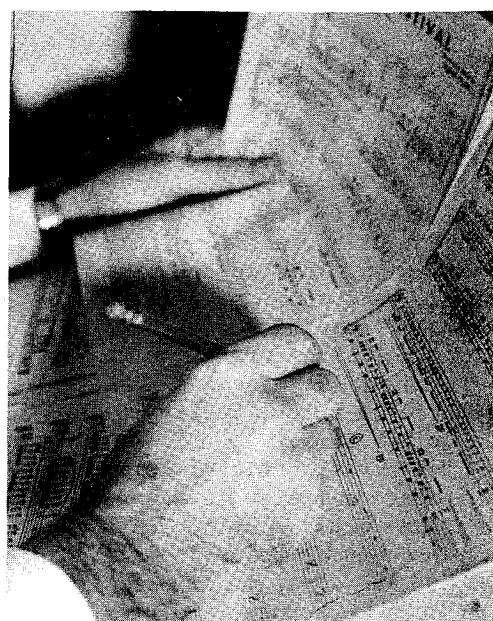
In Gibraltar, a port which used to be a routine port of call for U.S. men of war, but now is rarely visited, how many took a chance and went up to look around this greatest Rock in the world? Although I admit that advance publicity was lacking, how many were fortunate enough to see the colorful "Ceremony of the Keys", performed on the night of our arrival by the British garrison of Gibraltar?

Casablanca, the largest city of the struggling new nation of Morocco, offers us an opportunity to emphasize America's democracy and "people to people" program. Morocco as one of the "non-aligned" or neutral nations in the Cold War desires our help and friendship, while as a newly independent nation the government is intensely nationalistic and desirous of seeing the end of U.S. bases on their land. For years Navymen at Port Lyautey, north of Casablanca, have engaged in continuing programs to help the people of Morocco. We in SPRINGFIELD will be doing all possible to carry these on with the local inhabitants of Casablanca, while at the same time seeing as much of the city and surrounding country as we can.

In our short stay at Rota we saw primarily Navy men and families who live on this relatively new naval station in southern Spain. SPRINGFIELD had visited several Spanish ports previously. In Rota we had the opportunity to use athletic facilities and an excellent Navy Exchange as we stretched our legs on this joint U.S.-Spanish base. We will see the other coast of Spain late in the month at Valencia, a new port for us, but one visited by Sixth Fleet ships frequently.

Finally our cruise has taken us to Lisbon, the largest city and capital of Portugal. Here we find a nation and people bound to the United States through NATO but one whose ships do not normally operate with the Sixth Fleet in the Mediterranean. Their ships operate in the Atlantic in NATO exercises. They are a seagoing nation with islands and colonies overseas. There are many of Portuguese ancestry in our own land -- and several on this ship. We should use every opportunity during our four days in port to strengthen the good-will that has always existed between Americans and Portuguese. At the same time we should be alert against being led into political discussions. Our two countries do not always see the same way particularly on Portuguese policies overseas. Sightseeing and tours in the interesting and historic Lisbon area, yes -- politics and international affairs no. One does not argue with his host.

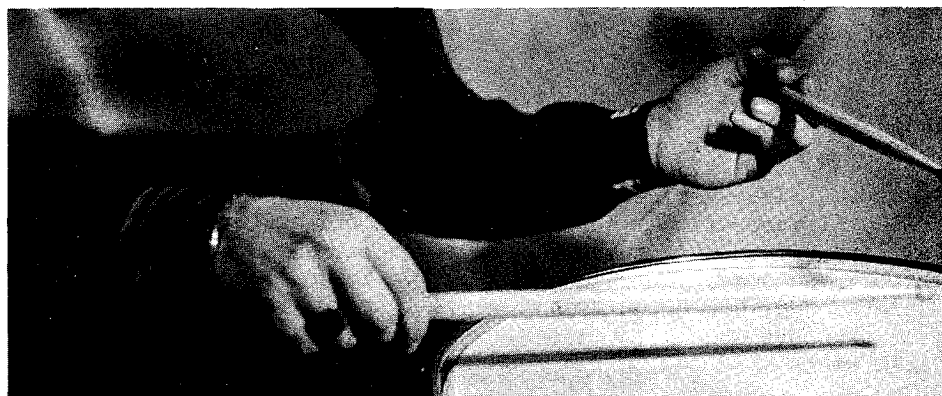
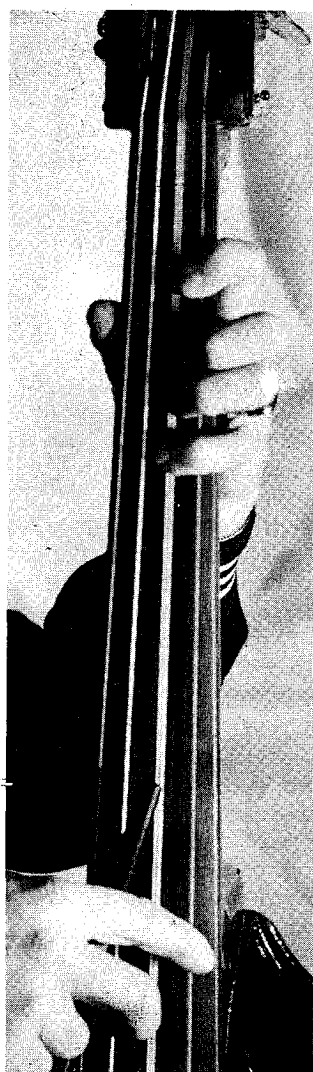
So in conclusion, let's make the most of this opportunity to sail beyond the Mediterranean so that we can return to the main body of the Sixth Fleet, a wiser and more alert SPRINGFIELD ship's company!

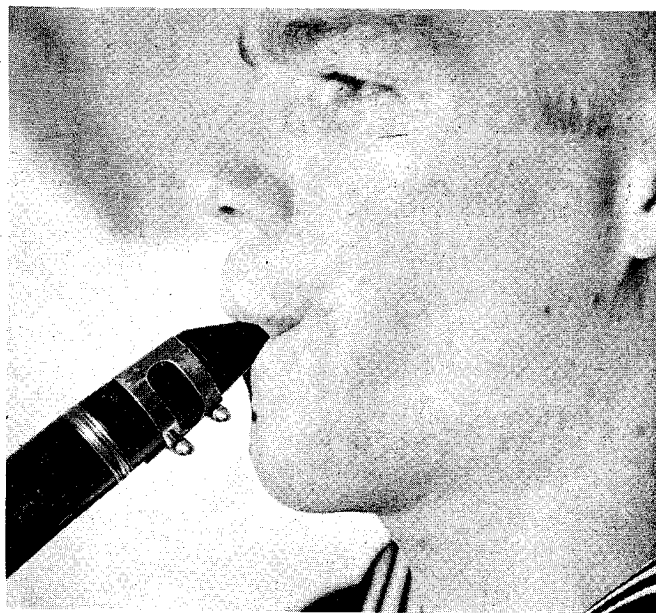
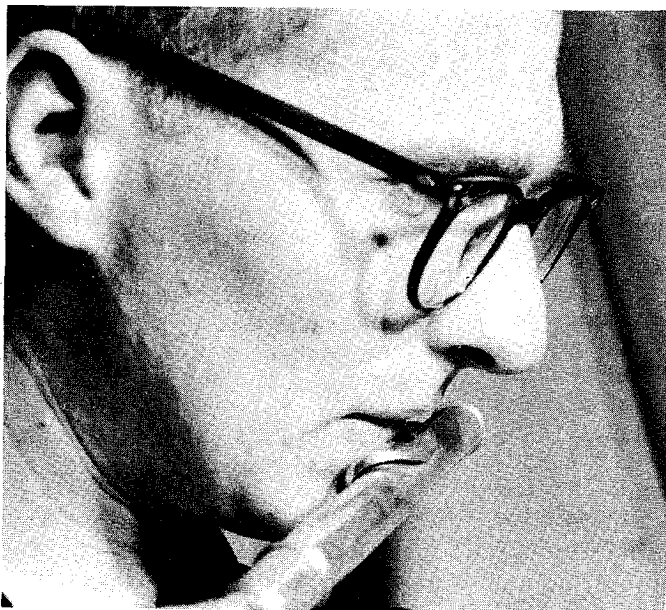


AND THE BAND PLAYED ON

Twenty-three musicians under the direction of Chief Musician Paul E. Coughlin make up the largest U.S. Navy band afloat. Their major responsibility during peacetime is, like that of all Navy men, to promote goodwill and understanding. The international language of music as played by the Sixth Fleet band easily overcomes the communications difficulties in many ports visited by the SPRINGFIELD and even the casual observer can tell by the applause that music is one of the best means for promoting friendship.

The musician rate is one of the oldest rates in the Navy. When it was first established the rate was known as Landsman. It is compulsory for all personnel interested in this rate to enter the Navy School of Music in Washington which also caters to Army and Marine Corps personnel. The school which graduates 500 Navy personnel a year, accepts only those men with musical experience. Although the rate itself is open, the Music School is one of the most difficult to complete. Only the men with the highest grades are sent to the Sixth Fleet for assignment.





Although the band's major job is to promote goodwill with the peoples of the Mediterranean, much time is spent playing for the enjoyment of SPRINGFIELD and Staff personnel.

Unfortunately lack of interest among personnel on board has brought shipboard concerts to a close. Still the seven different groups, whose arrangements are written by Ronald Webb, MU2, and Chief Coughlin, may be heard at concerts held in our numerous ports of call, at local USOs, and during the many hours of rehearsal held daily at sea in the band room.

The past Christmas inport period is a good example of how often the Sixth Fleet band plays for the ship's force. Out of a total of 14 jobs during the holiday period--six of them were at division parties. There is, then, ample opportunity to hear the band if one is really interested in doing so.

The musicians spend many hours playing when most of the crew are on liberty, a fact often unrecognized. For instance, during fair and foul weather they remain on the quarterdeck up to eight hours a day during the various honors. All during a replenishment exercise they remain on station playing music for the men who handle the lines and refueling hoses, and they record tapes for distribution throughout the fleet. All this is being done for the enjoyment of naval personnel with little reward in return.



SPRINGFIELD SAILOR FOR DECEMBER



Francisco Aponte Ortiz, MM3, has been selected as SPRINGFIELD's Sailor of the Month for December. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Francisco Aponte of Chicago, Ill. In Chicago, he graduated 10th in his class from Wells High School where he was president of the Spanish Club. From high school, he went on to graduate from Greer Technical Institute and completed a course in diesel engineering.

He joined the Navy in March, 1960, attending boot-camp at San Diego. From there he proceeded to Great Lakes for Machinist's Mates School and joined the crew of the SPRINGFIELD in November of the same year.

In recognition of his abilities and achievements, he has been given a letter of commendation by Captain Wadleigh, and will be given a ship's plaque bearing his name.

Print Shop, PIO Combine To Defeat the Elements

The old slogan "Don't Give Up the Ship" was followed to the letter by the Public Information Office and the Print Shop in their recent co-production of the brochure on Lisbon. Everything was going smoothly until Flag Operations delivered a 250-page, 1,000 copy job to the Print Shop with a deadline of 19 January, just five days away.

Until that point the brochure was scheduled for delivery to the printers prior to noon on 16 January, but all that had to be changed. Two men from PIO stayed up all night to lay out and paste up the brochure so that it could be ready at 0700 on the 15th. The Print Shop was already on day and night shifts, but R. Ledwell, LI3, who had just finished his stint, volunteered to photograph the brochure immediately. At that time there was still hope that somehow this job might be squeezed in and still enable the Flag to have their job on time. Very shortly afterward it became evident that such was not the case and that these hopes would be that, and no more.

But the ship was in Rota, and someone suggested that the base might have the equipment to do the job. Again it was Ledwell to the rescue as he gave up his sleep-time to pursue this lead. With two men from PIO, he went forth in search of the machines. This was a harder job than anyone expected. For the past year the machine had been in Naples being repaired, and it had just returned to Rota three days before.

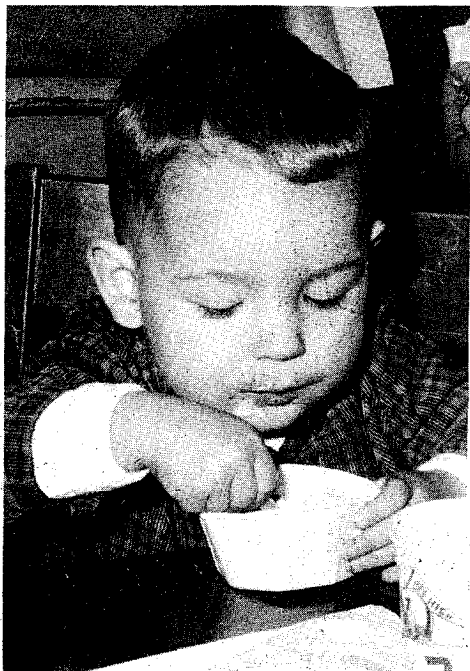
Finally supply informed

the harried searchers that it was on the way to Special Services and just then the 850-pound crate appeared on the back of a truck heading down the muddy road to Rota's Special Services. Everything seemed fine until someone realized that there was no fork lift to take it down. Ninety minutes passed and finally one arrived--or almost arrived, as its carburetor gave way about 250 yards from the goal line. Once again all looked lost, but somehow five men managed to off-load the machine by hand and set it up in the building. During this latter operation the winter rains dampened everything except the spirits of those who refused to give up.

All was not clear yet, however, as the machine's plug was of the two-hole variety and would not fit a Navy socket. Both base and ship were unable to provide an adapter, and so an electrician had to come and wire the machines directly into the socket. At last Ledwell and Company were set to go. Emergency rations were brought from the Air Terminal snack bar, and then Lisbon was put to press.

Three hours later it was complete, and the next day the 700 copies were distributed on schedule. Ledwell eventually got some sleep, he had to work the night after he printed the brochure, and the routine was back to normal once again. But somehow things will never be quite the same, and the memories of the Lisbon brochure for some will be more vivid than the memories of of the city itself.

CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES



This future sailor (?) at the dependents' party on Dec. 12, is more interested in ice-cream than in publicity.



SPRINGFIELD Santa tantalizes a girl with something she has always wanted, a bag of assorted nuts. The eager children belong to BTCA Albert L. McCorkle. For security reasons, we cannot reveal Santa.



The troupe of "Eight on the Go" belts it out for the boys, Dec. 23rd, thanks to USO.



SPRINGFIELD dependents receive something for nothing from the magician at their party.

SPRINGFIELD SAILOR RECEIVES SECNAV LETTER OF COMMENDATION



For his assistance at the Steelton, Pennsylvania trainwreck last July 28th, RMSA David E. Myers receives a SECNAV Letter of Commendation from Captain Wadleigh. Myers and other members of the drill team of Class "A" Radioman School are given credit for limiting the number of casualties in the disaster by their timely aid.

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