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Thoughts From The Editor's Notebook

The feeling of security is a very real need for all people but we should also learn to mark the difference between real security and that false sense of security that lulls us into complacency.

As our country has grown and pushed out of its baby stage its problems and complexity have also grown, sometimes in immense proportions. Because of this, security has been an increasingly difficult goal to reach. This fact in itself has caused many people to build a sense of false security, saying that this or that issue "doesn't affect me," or "I didn't like either candidate." This alarming lethargy has often led to an ignoring of matters of very real importance to both the person and his country. With every right there is a responsibility, and we owe it, not only to ourselves, but to our past and the future to protect that security. One of the smallest but most important steps we can take in this direction lies in the active participation in the election of our government officials. Not only the national or state elections, but those small ones--the county clerk, or the town council. This is where America's security begins--and with continual neglect may end--for though each office is in itself small, together they make up one of the most influential parts of the government. They are the direct representatives of the people. If we elect corrupt or incompetent officials to represent us, it stands to reason that we cannot be very secure, and any feeling of security we may experience would be false. A government official who is corrupt does not represent the people but his own pocketbook, and an incompetent one but robs the people of the good solid government needed for a stable efficient society. An informed and intelligent voter is all that is required to stop these political parasites. For such a small effort, the consequences are too large for us as a free people to ignore. Our government is of the people, by the people and for the people, and our security depends on its honesty and soundness. With the mass media possible today, little effort is needed to know the issues and people involved in our government. Lets take advantage of the freedom and security we have now, before we lose it tomorrow.

Though election dates are still far off, we should begin keeping up with the issues and possible candidates. Then when the elections roll around, we will be informed and responsible voters, capable of choosing government officials who will protect the security we have. It is only by taking an active part in our government and its operation that we can remain a free and secure people.

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When It's Time For A Change..

In last month's Rifle we began a series of articles dedicated to the rehabilitation of ship's company and their dependents to life in the New World. The second in this series is a short discussion on that dubious accomplishment of a modern society, the shopping center.

It is, by way of explanation, a combination of the general store and a gasoline station on a big business scale. Possibly an attempt at extinction of the city, the shopping center can be found in the heart of nearly every suburban community. It is here that one find any item from wheatgerm dog biscuits to brand new antiques.

Getting waited on quickly in the particular stores requires finesse, tact, diplomacy, and skill. Name dropping, especially that of the store manager, within the hearing of an employee often gets positive, though not always satisfying results.

Casual and informal dress is usually the norm, with bikinis being considered slightly beyond the extreme limit. Correctness in this respect, however, should not be of great concern, for extremes are normal and should be expected.

Taking all things into consideration, the thing to be most leery of is the "sale". The possible attempt at selling nothing for something, it may result in a flurry of broken merchandise, twisted tempers and complete chaos.

It is usually wise, even at the cost of a little extra energy to price the same items in the different stores

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Springfield Almost Goes Civilian For First Annual Dependents Cruise



On February 28 SPRINGFIELD almost turned civilian for a while as she welcomed on board 150 dependents and guests of the ship's crew. They were greeted on board by the Officer of the Deck at 9 a.m., and among them were such distinguished guests as the American Consul, Nice, Mr. Paul Duvivier, and the Mayor of Beaulieu, the Honorable Fernand Dunan.

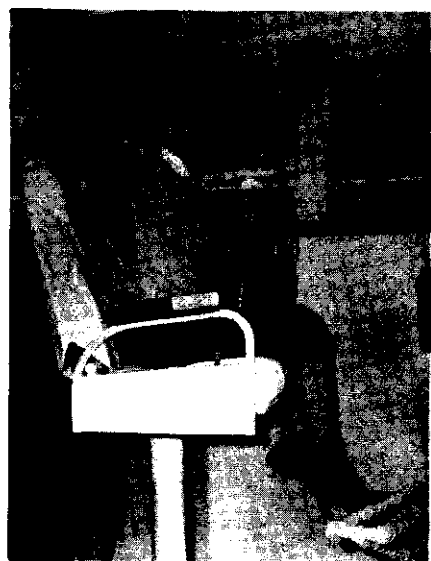
At 10 a.m. the ship lifted anchor and got underway for a trip which took her east along the coast as far as Monaco, south as far as Cannes, and back to Villefranche.

Highlights of the cruise included demonstrations of the Guided Missile System, complete with moving "Spook" radar; use of small arms by the Marine Detachment and a dramatic helicopter rescue in which S. W. Chambers, Aviation Machinist Mate third class who played victim and was picked up in "jig" time from the icy waters. One of the most interesting experiences during the cruise, as echoed by many guests, was the chance to steer the ship. All this was set off by the excellent lunch served by the hard-working cooks of SPRINGFIELD.

As the ship pulled back into Villefranche at the day's end, the guests reluctantly departed, and it was with equal reluctance the crew bade them farewell. Perhaps at this moment the question prevailing on more than one mind was; why not take them with us on every cruise?



SPECIAL GUESTS of Captain and Mrs. Crenshaw (l-r) American Consul and Mrs. Duvivier and the Mayor and Mrs. Fernand Dunan of Beaulieu.



Caught in the act!



THE CHART TABLE is explained to guests by LCDR STANLEY as they tour the bridge.



SPOTLIGHT

SPRINGFIELD's missiles and guns would be of little use but for the fire control technicians. While it is the projectiles and missiles which actually destroy the targets, it is the equipment manned and maintained by Fox Division which correctly positions them to make the operation a success.

These men of Fox Division, under LTJG George R. Heinrichs are subdesignated FTGs and FTMs, the former associated with the conventional weapons and the latter with missiles. Their jobs are as technically exacting as any in the Navy, requiring incredible specialization. Because a fire controlman is responsible for the repair of his equipment as well



THE "SPOOK'S" faze sensitive detector is inspected by C. W. Goodman FTGSA.



A SHORE BOMBARDMENT problem is solved by Jay E. Evanson FTG3 on the MK 48 computer.

as the operation of it, he is usually associated with a single piece of gear.

The rate generally draws people with mechanical talents who are interested in the electronics field. Because of the technical excellence required in this rate, most career-motivated people must be graduates of Class "A" school. In some cases, "B" and "C" schools are necessary.

FTGs and FTMs with seven years obligated service receive automatic Proficiency Pay-1, and FTMs automatically get Proficiency Pay-2.

The Fire Control Officer, LCDR Joseph Pestcoe is responsible, to the Weapons Officer for the general fire control problem, and is assisted by ENS Robert Scheiner, assistant for conventional fire control gear, and LTJG D. D. Schuman with missiles as well as by Mr. Heinrichs and four junior officers.

Under ENS Scheiner, the FTGs work with and service the 34 Director which controls the 6" turret or "main battery" and the 37 Director, in conjunction with the 5" turret or "dual

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purpose battery".

The radars and other equipment connected with the systems, are also manned and serviced exclusively by FTGs.

The FTMs, a new breed of technicians, came into being in the mid '50's when missiles were first being placed on ships. With missiles, the aiming and firing problem is substantially different from that with conventional weapons. With conventional weapons, the director stays on target, but the guns are aimed where the target will be when the shot is fired. With missiles, the director component, the AN/SPQ-5A Radar or "spook" stays on target and actually beams the path on which the missile travels. Connected with "spooks" are the Mark 3 Weapons Direction System and the mark 100 Mod 2 computers. All this gear is maintained by the FTMs.

Fire Controlmen stand fire and security watches, mainly after work hours, maintaining security of restricted areas and checking for fire hazards.

To give an idea of the leg-work it takes to keep an eye on these spaces, the directors are located two levels above the open bridge and the computer room is way down on the

fourth deck!

All this is certainly no small job, but Fox Division is more than equal to the task as the many "E"s on their directors will attest.



REPAIRING TEST EQUIPMENT, R. A. Gray FTMSN measures voltage on the PSM4 Multi-Meter.



FROM HIGH ATOP the DW #2 Kenneth Borgs FTG3 does maintenance work.



IN SECONDARY PLOT men of Fox Division and MARDET set up a fire control problem during Condition III.



Words of Faith

by Chaplain Peter R. McPhee

"With what measure you mete,
it will be measured to you."

Matthew 7:2

Even though the King James version of the Bible is hard to understand in some passages, in others ideas are expressed succinctly and rather bluntly. This passage to me is one of the latter. In modern English we could express it, "by the standards you live, you will be measured (or judged)." It deals with behavior and attitudes.

Business has discovered that it is not what they sell which is important, but the service they give. We do not patronize for long the businesses which are niggardly in service or which are unethical in their practices.

Families and lovers, (though perhaps not enough of them!) discover that love and understanding and forgiveness are the only bases for good relationships and happiness. These standards are infectious too. Helpmates and children reflect these by being well adjusted and content.

Navy men discover this too. A man who has a high sense of patriotic obligation and good citizenship usually "gets the breaks." No one speaks up for a man who is an unsatisfactory worker and whose behavior in the ship or on the beach is poor.

The same thing is observable in the Church. Those who get the most out of it are those who live by its highest standards. Many live in such a way that heathens

This is the Captain Speaking



Now that I have been aboard for a few weeks and have had a better chance to get acquainted with the ship's company, it occurs to me that many of my shipmates do not fully appreciate the unparalleled opportunity which is ours on SPRINGFIELD. The American story of the poor boy making good and accumulating great riches usually comes to its happy ending when our hero packs his bags and takes a trip "abroad". Though we have a rather firm "tour director," Uncle Sam has given each of us in SPRINGFIELD this magnificent opportunity; and is even paying us for traveling.

Our ship is based on the beautiful Cote d'Azur at the foot of the majestic Alps, and we can partake in the same enjoyments usually available only to the very wealthy. We rub shoulders with the international set, while skin diving on the Riviera or skiing in the Alps. Today, for example, we are anchored in the Bay of Piraeus, which cradled the origin of European civilization in ancient times, while the world famous Acropolis dominates the scene. We have a chance to absorb the beauty and culture that has been passed down through the ages first hand from the fine friendly people of Greece who stand allied with us as we face the problems of today. Next week we shall be moored in the straits of Messina which has been the strategic gateway of the Central Mediterranean since the days of the Phoenicians. Then comes Tripoli, Naples and finally Toulon before we depart for the States.

Each port has its own fascinating history, charming sights, friendly people, and though it may be impercepti-

ble to us, each of these experiences leaves a mark upon our character and personal culture which we shall never lose. When we return home after this tour in Europe we will find we have broadened our outlook and stored away a vast treasure of memories. The Navy has given us the chance to enjoy a prize which is usually reserved for the twilight years of successful and wealthy men; yet we are given this opportunity while still young enough to fully enjoy it.

If I have a word of advice, it is to grasp each opportunity to see the sights, to visit the countryside, to speak with the people, for such opportunities are often too few and may not come again. Be an enthusiastic tourist who is here to see and to understand. Above all, don't waste your time criticizing local shortcomings or comparing unfavorable details with stateside standards--you'll only make everyone, including yourself unhappy.

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are their superiors in moral behavior. But we all admire and respect the persons who have high moral standards and live by them. In the long run, they are the most con-

tent and have the greatest peace of mind. They are the salt of the earth, influencing it toward good.

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Springfield Visits Messina and Tripoli

An adventure into the Arab world, and an excursion to the island of Sicily lies ahead of SPRINGFIELD.

Messina, Sicily, is an old and exciting Italian city founded by pirates many years before Christ's time. Its history is one of long conquests and disasters. In 1908 an earthquake almost completely destroyed the city and as a result, new structural codes were placed on building heights giving it an oddly flat look.

In the African port of Tripoli, Libya, SPRINGFIELD men will get a chance to view the Arab world firsthand; its colorful markets, unusual customs and curious dress. The noisy, narrow streets offer a madriad of unusual bargains for shoppers and sights for those merely watching. In addition nearby Wheelus Air Force Base offers an excellent exchange and good recreational and club facilities.

These two ports should surely be an adventure in the world of travel.

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The conclusion of the matter is that in every area of life the principle can be applied. If you "snarl," people will snarl back at you; if you are super-critical, you will be criticized; if you lie and cheat, you will be cheated and lied to; and if you go around with a chip on your shoulder, you will have it knocked off. On the other hand, I'm naive enough to believe, on the positive side, that if you act with understanding, appreciation, and concern for others, you will be treated likewise.

Springfield's Sailor for March

Born in Chicago, Illinois, our Sailor of the Month for March is Bobby Lee Depper GMG3 the grandson of Mrs. Nancy Gibbs of Cottage Hills, Illinois. He joined the Navy in 1956 and finished high school through the United States Armed Forces Institute program. Among ships on which he has served are the USS HEALY (DD 672), the LIDDLE (ADP 60), the BOARDLEAN (DDR 881), and the EVERGLADES (AD



24). In July 1960 Depper reported on board the SPRINGFIELD for duty as a seaman and soon made rate as a gunner's mate. He will go up for second class in August.

He works in the armory maintaining the small arms, and during honors helps man the port saluting battery.

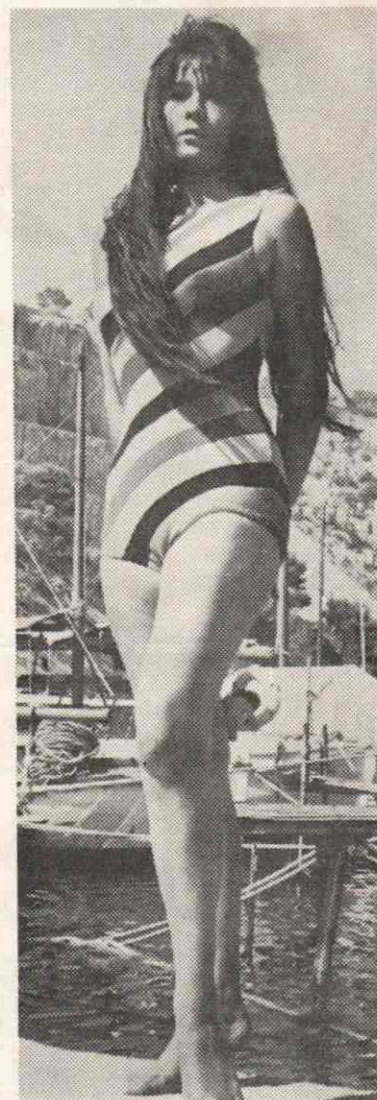
Depper enjoys most sports but lists as his favorites, hunting and fishing. His leisure hours are filled by taking photographs and reading western novels of which he has a large collection.

His conscientious proficiency in rate and good conduct has placed him just a notch above the average sailor and among the best.

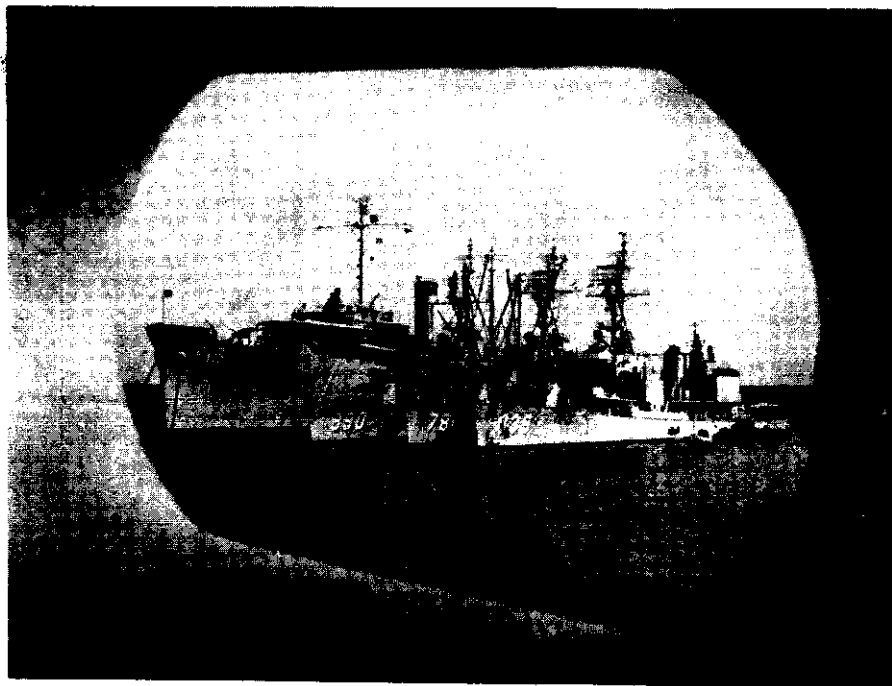
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before buying. While sleep may be the best way to recover from the fatigue, if you've been unwisely parted from your money, it'll take a little more than sleep to recover that.

In conclusion, we would like to point out the need, while shopping in one of these centers, for a casual, careful attitude. Remember however, to keep behind this mask of swave certainty, an agile, quick mind capable of seeking out and snapping up a good bargain. This will soon become instinctive at which point you become a true suburbanite.



Three Dominate Springfield's First Photography Contest



The results of SPRINGFIELD's photo contest are in with three contestants dominating the scene. Because of the shortage of good black and white entries, the contest was limited to color transparencies. However, among those submitted, the leading black and white entry, pictured above, was that of Lt Fred Jonasz.

The Grand Prize was won by S. E. Gergely, MU3 of F-1 Division for his shot of a crowd's reaction to a band concert in Dubrovnik. The Judges commented on the excellent color, composition, and expression on the faces of those pictured as the factors which gave Gergely the \$20 first prize money.

SUBJECT INTEREST CAUGHT

Runner-up place went to R. E. Stevenson, ADR3, of the Helo Detachment, for his photo of sailors debarking from a bumboat in Villefranche. Color, lighting, and subject interest caught at the proper moment won Stevenson \$15 for that shot.

STEVENSON SWEEPS

Stevenson also swept first second and fourth places in the Navy Life category. His shots of men chipping and

painting following a missile shoot, of a fantail replenishment scene, and of a man working on a rat-guard on a manila line were the ones that earned him the acclaim of the judges.

DR. PINES BIG WINNER

The ship's dentist, LCDR Barry Pines, made a clean sweep of the people category with his entries of the old Arab who sells leather purses in Villefranche, a portrait of his son, and a shot of a child playing in a rubber wading pool. He also garnered third prize in the Navy Life field with his shot of line handlers on the fantail and second place in the scenery area with his entry of a pelican standing in front of a small shop in Greece.

The scenery field produced the largest number of entries with CDR Authur Newell, Staff Intelligence Officer, emerging the winner with his picture of Saint Marks Square in Venice at the end of the day. The judges felt that he had captured a feeling of tourism in his shot which also produced some very interesting color effects because of the late afternoon sunlight. LTJG Marshall Peeples, MIKE Division Officer, captured third place with his sunset shot of Cap Ferrat and the surrounding harbors. Gergely was awarded fourth position with his shot of a fisherman on the waterfront mending his nets.

SHIP'S STORE CREDIT

The winner in each category will receive \$10 in credit at the ship's store and each runner-up will get \$5 except in cases where one person won the first two places. In this case he will receive only the first prize money. All those persons mentioned above will receive a 5 X 7 color print of their entry except Gergely who will receive an 8 X 10. In addition, LCDR Pines, Stevenson and Gergely will also be given prints of several other entries in the scenery category which were considered to be of high quality but not good enough to win a prize.

All of the prints will be on display on the bulletin board outside the crew's lounge as soon as they are returned from the color lab in New York. Contestants may pick up their entries in PIO at their convenience.

Was it one of our photographers who took a girl into the darkroom to see what developed?

Springfield Celebrates Mardi Gras, French Style



U. Boat No. 4 gets public review in Mardi Gras parade by the quay in Villefranche.



MARDI GRAS CREW, (l-r) rear, D.J. Wood EM3, M. Hodges EM3, C.L. Spence EM2, ENS S.M. Hochhauser, L.F. Stump DC2, A.G. LaLiberty BM1, front, J. Mullholland SA, E.J. Way SA.



Forgot to shave, didn't you?

The top attraction at the Villefranche, France, Carnival celebration on 25 February was the ship's Number 4 Utility boat turned show boat. The forty-foot launch was rigged with signal flags and lights, given a platform, a twenty-piece band, and a group of young children, and became the Navy's entry in the annual Mardi Gras.

The entire job was done in half a day as carpenters, electricians, signalmen and boat crew combined their talents to effect the renovation. That night the show boat joined almost one hundred other boats in the pageant that precedes the beginning of Lent.

The gayest of the festivities took place in Nice where the colored lights and parades set off the mood of laughter and song. For more than an hour, rockets, pinwheels and flares lighted the entire city, which finally closed the evening with the burning of a paper mache statue over two stories tall.

The ship's home port was not to be denied its fun--a battle of confetti and a colorful display of fireworks that added to the "Bum Boat" fleet and its flagship--U Boat No. 4.



Confetti, confetti everywhere.



We've just got to get organized; next week maybe.

Two-at-a-Time



SPRINGFIELD and ENTERPRISE "pull up" to KASKASKIA, the fleet oiler to take on fuel. As any old salt knows, however, ENTERPRISE needs conventional fuel only for planes and to replenish other ships in her company.

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