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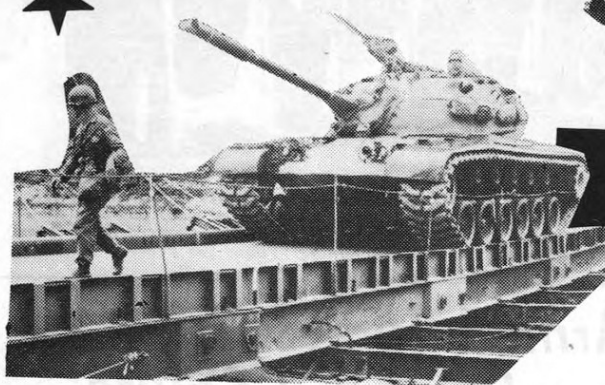


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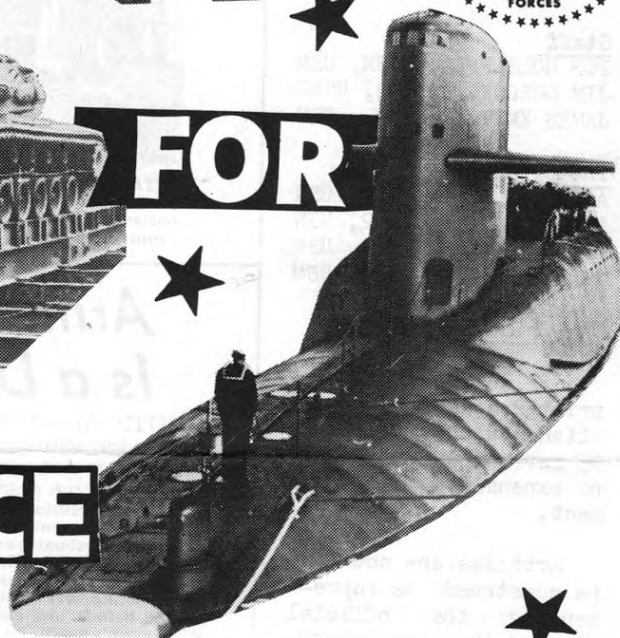
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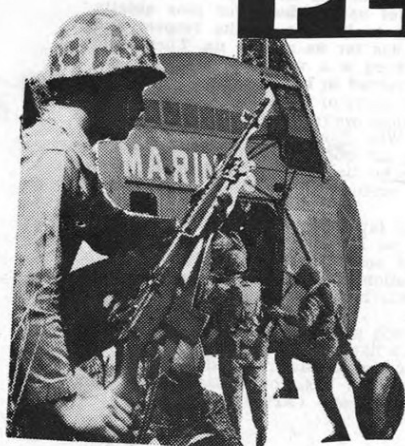
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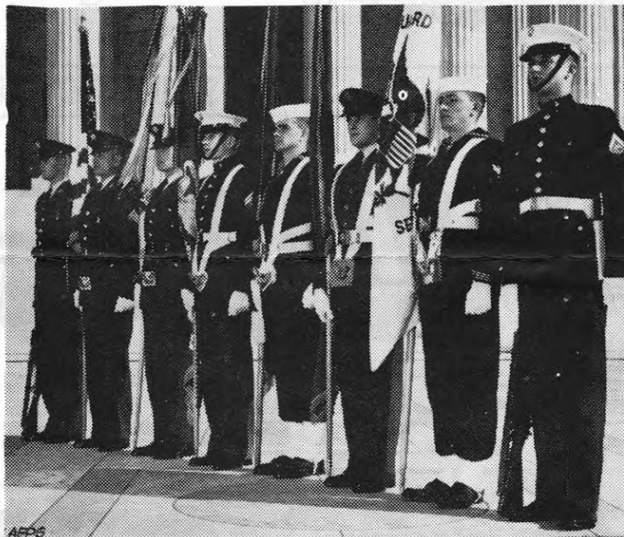
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Editorial Page



INTERSERVICE SQUAD—Members of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps and Coast Guard form a ceremonial color guard in the nation's capital. Cooperation among the services has proved to be the country's strongest asset in maintaining "Power for Peace."

Armed Forces Day Is a Deserved Salute

WITH Armed Forces Day—the third Saturday in May—approaching, maybe it's fitting that we, the people to whom it is dedicated, take a reappraising look at ourselves to make sure we deserve the honor.

The conclusion is apt to be decidedly in the affirmative. We who wear our country's uniform aren't in the habit of strutting and bragging about ourselves. Most of us go about our jobs quietly and conscientiously, endeavoring to live up to the respect and trust that the American public has for us and in us. There's no "shooting war" going on—but there is a very real war of ideas and beliefs, and each of us is involved in it.

We don't ask to be hailed as protectors of the nation's freedom. Why should we when it's our own freedom we're protecting? We don't ask special privileges or prerogatives. Why should we when service to the United States, in peace and war, is our most fundamental commitment? We pledged ourselves to it the day we became members of the Armed Forces. Why should we look for preferential treatment just because we're fulfilling our duty?

A few of us, of course, do expect favoritism—and these few are just the ones who deserve it least. So on May 20 when the public, in the words of our Commander-in-Chief, seeks "to acknowledge and manifest its appreciation for the dedication and self-sacrifice of the members of the Armed Forces and their families," we will know that its tribute is deep and sincere.

As for ourselves, there's not much point in basking in self-esteem. Still, Armed Forces Day might be a happy time for Army men to look at Navy men and Air Force men to look at Marines and Coast Guardsmen and for each to think of the other: Yes, you're darned good, and all together we make an unbeatable team. (AFPS)

X Division

By J. Rastus Snipes

All the men in X Division would like to welcome aboard R. E. McCleery, SN, who is working in the personnel office.

We would also like to congratulate the following men who were advanced in rate: Saum D.W., SN to YN3, Chevalier T. J., SN to YN3, Goerner F.C., SN to PN3, Rennison E.B. PNSN to PN3, Holsapple, R.E., JOSN to JO3, Kmyta J.N., SN to JOSN, and Orrock J.J., for successfully changing his rate from PN3 to JO3.

We would like to take our hats off to the T&E Office for the fine job they perform in administration; and the great amount of work they did in preparing for the Pro Pay exams. Although they receive little credit, their fine service to the crew and officers is reflected in the efficient training and education program we enjoy. Keep up the good work!

How's Your Know How?

(AFPS Weekly Feature)

1. In WWII, how many enemy planes shot down, within his own lines, qualified a pilot as an ace?
2. The diamond is the birthstone for what month?
3. How did the phrase "to get the sack" originate?

(Answers to Quiz)
1. Five.
2. April.
3. From a Turkish sultan who threw his enemies in a sack and tied them into the Bosphorus.

Words of Faith

by Chaplain M. S. Ernstmeyer



OPPORTUNITY

A tour of duty in the Sixth Fleet is especially rich with opportunity to visit the historic and scenic spots of the Mediterranean world. For so many young men, this experience becomes an exciting adventure, bringing them worthwhile memories never to be forgotten. Some have matured intellectually, learning far more of the cultures and customs of foreign nations than they could have gained from scanning any university text book. Others, unfortunately have wasted this opportunity, often at the expense of their own personal integrity and reputation.

Edwin Markham, in his poem "The Parable of the Builders" tells the story of one who cheated himself of such an opportunity. This man lived on the property of a wealthy man. He was given the assignment to build a large house, and authorized to spend what ever funds were needed for the construction. When his employer was called away on a business trip, the builder decided to enrich himself by using inferior materials and poor workmanship in the building. Thinking that no one would ever know the difference he cheated whenever he could. But when the house was finished it was a tremendous shock to the builder to have his employer give him the keys and say, "This is now your house." What a lost opportunity. He could have had the very best, but now he had an inferior dwelling. He had cheated no one but himself.

We all have many opportunities to gain and learn much wherever we go today. St. Paul has good reason to conclude: "Let us not grow weary in well-doing, for in due season we shall reap, if we do not lose heart. So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all men..."

■ COMEDY TV WESTERNS are getting so bad lately, they have to dub in even the horse laughs.
—Robert Q. Lewis

■ It's GETTING so that about all a guy can afford to put away for a rainy day is a pair of dry socks.
—Andy Griffith

■ THE CHIEF REASON IT'S SO HARD to get a driving license these days is that so many people flunk their hit-and-run test.
—Alan King

Rifle Spotlights. .GM-Division



Hurley, GS2 (left) and Douglass, GS1 manipulate the numerous switches on a complex missile system panel.



Dangerfield, GML making a routine check on a test missile (TSAM) to insure operability of circuits.



Campbell, GS3 is shown manning a firing station. Team work on the various panels is essential.



The pictures give only a very brief glimpse of SPRINGFIELD's Guided Missile Division. The division is composed of 40 men—a combination of Guided Missile (GS) and Gunners Mate (GM) ratings—headed by LTJG Rodgers. LTJG Tuchscherer acts as Missile Ordnance Officer and LTJG Reppert serves as Missile Repair Officer. Quinn, GMCA, wears two hats—that of Division Leading CPO and Launching System CPO. Hench, GSC is Missile Repair CPO.

The work of the division is designed to keep the missile launching system and Terrier missiles battle ready and provide missile demonstrations and tours for VIP's and other visitors to our ship.

To accomplish this, many long hours are spent in maintenance and repair of the system demanding the utmost in skill and endurance of the personnel involved. To date no obstacle has been too difficult for the personnel of the missile battery.

The taste of sweet success and the culmination of many hours of routine effort to remain in a high state of readiness comes when the grey bird goes swooshing off in a blast of flame, and speed on to an intercept.



Ebert, GS2 (left) and Mat-tuissi, GS2 are shown performing a routine circuit test on the test missile.



A dramatic shot of a Terrier Missile a split second after launching. (The taste of success.)



After firing a missile, GM Division turns to on the face plate to remove effects of blast damage.

Man-to-Man by Capt Noel

In this month's Rifle, I would like to discuss with you the subject of leadership of men and maintenance of material. A man once said quite truthfully that:

"Preventative maintenance is to machines as Moral Leadership is to men,

Fix them before they break down, condition them to operate beyond their rated capacity in an emergency."



General Order #21 does have a practical application as you will see. We might stand in awe of the achievement of a man in space or perhaps when we witness the tremendous detonation of a thermonuclear weapon we are fascinated by the novel, the dramatic, the fantastic innovations of modern science. Somehow, we all want to be identified with these amazing, much publicized, and exciting new events. Perhaps you can see the heart of the problem we face with regard to ship's material; how to inspire the man who turns from witnessing the awesome experience of modern scientific developments to continue his seemingly dull, common, everyday task of maintaining the dirty fire and flushing pump, the worn wires in a distribution box or the dust vent in a radar repeater. This is not an easy task by any means...and yet we must inspire, lead and manage so as to maintain every piece of this equipment which is least of all regarded as new.

If war broke out tomorrow, or the next day, or a week later (and by recent events in Cuba and Laos, it reasonably could), you and I would have to take this 15-20 year old ship and all of its equipment into battle AS IT IS NOW. Realize the difference; we take it into battle not in terms of ten years hence when there may be low cost transportation to the moon, but now when a faulty inoperative piece of ordinary equipment could mean the difference between success or failure, survival or destruction, life or death.....

Plain common sense dictates that we must place as much effort, if not more, into maintaining every piece of ordinary ship's equipment as we do into developing undreamed of scientific marvels. Material readiness is the key to operational readiness....TODAY. We must place ourselves in the optimum position of being able to withstand sustained war operations at sea at any time.

"How can this be done?"; you may ask. "We have so many things to do already; there's Shore Patrol, Tour Guides, Mess Cooking, Flight Operations, TID to the MAA Force, General Quarters, Watches, Inspections, and what have you. How can we do everything with so few people? Let me off from these collateral jobs and I'll be able to maintain every piece of equipment as you want".

I can only say that I appreciate and understand that you have plenty of work to do, but my proposals for a solution to the problem of routine maintenance does not include reducing the number of tasks that you already have; nor adding to the number of personnel assigned to you. On the contrary, I firmly believe that you can accomplish every assigned task by conscientious application of personal example, good management procedures, and by developing a high sense of responsibility in every man. In other words, by increasing efficiency. Make a critical examination of your own organization to see:

- 1) If all equipment for which you are responsible is included in preventative maintenance procedures.
- 2) That all your men know what to do in maintaining all your gear.
- 3) That you know this maintenance is being done on schedule.

When you can honestly answer all of these questions in the affirmative, then you will have helped to reach one of our most important SPRINGFIELD goals....MATERIAL READINESS.

Memorial Day 30 May

Memorial Day, once known as Decoration Day, was originally observed only in the Southern States in honor of the soldiers and sailors who died in the Civil War. Such a celebration was unknown in the Northern States until on May 5, 1868, Commander in Chief John A. Logan of the Grand Army of the Republic stated in a General Order that May 30, 1868 would be designated as a day, "for the purpose of strewing with flowers or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion". He did this with the hope that it will be kept up from year to year. In 1882, the Grand Army urged that the "proper designation" of May 30 be Memorial Day instead of Decoration Day.

But irregardless of the specific name we have given this day, the meaning of such a day should ring home to all of us. Especially during this time when the principle for which these men gave their lives is being challenged. It is only fitting and proper that we commemorate these men; and at the same time derive incentive to uphold the American way of life even to the point of sacrificing our own if need be.

The Marines

The Marine Detachment of the SPRINGFIELD played an active role in the landing of the first battalion Second Marines on Sardinia recently. The Marine Detachment left the ship at 0800 on 28 April '61 and landed at 0900 on Red Beach and commenced their movement inland.

At 1400, the detachment was used as a flanking platoon for Charlie Company, First Battalion Second Marines in securing a simulated enemy stronghold which was known as objective #5. The Marine Detachment secured the adjacent hill of any enemy activity and then provided flanking fire on objective 5. The objective was taken smoothly and efficiently.

The Marine Detachment then dug in and throughout the night practiced night security and infiltration. It was a fairly peaceful night.

The next day we worked platoon problems among the detachment and brushed up on Marine Corps tactics and the value of a fire team.

At approximately 1500 on the 29th, the detachment returned to the SPRINGFIELD by helicopter. This is a new concept in the Marine Corps and is proving its worth in many ways. Vertical envelopment provides a fast fighting team in reserve for the front line and unlimited power in the ways of supplies.

The landing was enjoyed by all and it helped clear up a lot of questions about what the Marines do aboard ship.

The Marines can provide a fast, compact, experienced fighting team anywhere in the Mediterranean, Atlantic, or Pacific; and immediate "delivery" to any trouble spot. They are there to keep alive the spirit and tradition of the truly proud and elite...USMC.



MIXING SEASONS — Lovely Erika Toth really excels at winter sports even though she looks mighty nice in a bathing suit. The 19-year-old cutie cuts some nifty figures on ice too while skating for NBC-TV's "Music on Ice" colorcasts.

1ST-DIV,

by J. V. SWEENEY, SN

The following is intended to tell the Rifle reader something of the purpose and activities of the First Division.

Let us commence with the composition of the division. First Division is composed of 52 men organized into details; namely side cleaners, Bos'n detail, deck force and last but not least Gunners Mates.

Our leading petty officer is Keene, BML; our leading Gunners Mate is Shock, CML, and our Division Officer is ENS Jones.

Let us run through a day of preparation for entering port with the First Division. Our day usually begins at 0400 or earlier.

In these small hours of the morning, the day begins with holy stoning the wooden weather decks.

Next the large awnings which were scrubbed and dried enroute to our destination are broke out and laced to the ridge ropes along the weather decks. To lace these 40 and 50 foot awnings is not an easy task. Have you ever tried holding down a piece of canvas 40 or 50 feet long when the ship is steaming in excess of 25 knots at darken ship? It can be a very discouraging problem; but as you can see, the SPRINGFIELD arrives in port the awnings are consistently rigged and (Continued on page 9)

Mothers' Day

Once again we reach that special day during which we give tribute to our Mothers.

You may call her "Mom" or perhaps you referred to her as "Ma", but regardless what you call her, all Mothers have a certain thing in common.

That common characteristic being proper to all Mothers is the devotion they have for their children. This is manifested in the sleepless nights spent in worry over our welfare, the ends to which they will sacrifice for our benefit, and the pain they endure because of us.

The loving care we received as infants, the guidance and understanding so important during the years of puberty, and the constant interest and helping hand they extend to us in adulthood are all manifestations of this "Devotion".

If your memory can recapture the expression of love and pride on your Mother's face when you made an achievement; be it graduation from Grammar School or High School, or that award you were given, then you have seen this devotion. If your present emotional, physical, and intellectual status is one enjoyed by most normal men, then you have realized the benefits of her guiding hand and loving care and have experienced this devotion. If your values are set high and coincide with those proper to a good American citizen, then her persistent teaching and good example bore its fruit by instilling in you your own sense of devotion.

One can hardly begin to say thank you for these gifts, nor can one begin to pay the debt we owe our Mothers. But we can set aside one day out of each year and let our Mothers know that we recognize and appreciate what they have done for us, and that the love they have for us is mutual. This is what your Mother considers her reward.



Let's go over for one drink and come right back!



'Carla's Sailors'



Yes, the men of the SPRINGFIELD who have most generously contributed to the Carla Melchert Fund are fondly referred to in Appleton, Wisconsin as "Carla's Sailors".

For the benefit of those who have recently come aboard and for those who may not, for one reason or another, be familiar with the Carla Melchert project, following is the story of how we acquired this title:

The Carla Melchert Fund was conceived on the SPRINGFIELD when one of our shipmates received a newspaper from his hometown in Appleton, Wisconsin. In it was a full page spread on a little eleven year old girl who is suffering from polio.

This story caught the attention of First Class POs who were very impressed with her spirit and courage. In as much as the SPRINGFIELD was a newly commissioned ship, the men thought it a very opportune time to undertake a project of this nature. A collective effort of this type not only helps the benefactor but also links the crew together in a common goal. The idea was cultivated and a committee was formed to petition the Captain for permission to start a fund for this courageous child's future welfare and education. The Commanding Officer of the ship gave the greenlight and the immediate response from the crew was a \$700 contribution to kick off the fund. Subsequent contributions have brought the total up to over \$1,500. This money is in the custody of the paymaster until arrangements have been made with a bank in Appleton, Wisconsin.

Carla Melchert was stricken with polio when she was only six years old in April of 1955. This normal laughing youngster, full of excitement, was starting the first grade in school. She suddenly found herself faced with the fact that she may never walk, sit or stand again. Carla spent months in and out of hospitals, then she returned to school the next year wearing corrective equipment.

In the meantime, she showed little or no improvement. In the first year Carla contacted German measles, and then shortly thereafter virus pneumonia. This put her right back in the hospital. She recovered from this stroke of bad luck and returned to school. Then it seems her luck was running true to form. Yes, you guessed it, the following summer back in the hospital again for heel-cord surgery. She came home in a cast and one week later had an emergency appendectomy. Then she went back to Madison Hospital again. Still one jump ahead of Mr. Bad Luck with only a week out of the hospital, she had to go back in the hospital again for another month. Can you imagine the courage and stamina of a little girl still fighting and resisting her infections.

Friends and neighbors of Carla are constantly praising the goodness of "Carla's Sailors". The impact of Navy goodwill is already showing the effects in Carla's neighborhood. Even the mail man on her route won't leave until he sees what "Carla's Sailors" have sent her.

Clippings and newspaper pictures of Carla can be seen outside the crew's lounge. Progress in the Carla Melchert Fund will be posted periodically to assure that everyone will share the pride of helping their SPRINGFIELD SWEETHEART in having a brighter future to look forward to; and to help her keep her spirits as high as in the past.

A list of committee members will be posted alongside Carla's picture outside the crew's lounge. Letters and pictures are available for reading whenever desired as they are too numerous to post.

This is YOUR project and only "Carla's Sailors" can make it come true. And remember, "A MAN IS NEVER SO TALL AS WHEN HE STOOPS TO HELP A CHILD".



S-3 Division

S-3 Division, your service organization, is ever seeking to provide you with the services available to shore-based personnel. As you probably have already noticed, the ship's store has renovated to provide more display space for our wide variety of foreign and stateside merchandise. Our primary function is to provide the maximum amount of services with our limited facilities. At present we are in the process of providing two washing machines and driers for the crew's use during the summer months when the laundry's schedule is tripled. To further facilitate the laundry service, we have added to our laundry crew in an effort to keep up with the blistering pace that whites present.

There have been a few notes of interest concerning our personnel. Chief Billy Gabbert is leaving us for duty aboard the USS NEWPORT NEWS. His loss is going to be felt heavily, especially in our ship's

store office. Chief came aboard this vessel long before it was commissioned. His efforts and long hours in the office have been given unselfishly and always with the help of the division to provide the crew with more than adequate services. We will all miss you chief and wish you the best of luck at your new duty station.

Two days before landing in Villefranche this last time, our cobbler, Ronco, SHSN, received a wire that his pretty wife just gave birth to a seven pound seven ounce baby girl. This is the reason why the cobbler shop was closed during this inport period. You can't blame a man for wanting to spend a few precious hours with his wife and little Francoise.

A new man has been added to our staff. Starr, SH2, is the new man you will find in our tailor shop. He was a former Sixth Fleet tailor, who had an excellent record on the DES MOINES and the SALEM. His services will be appreciated.

1st Div.

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the forecandle is "squared away" for honors.

While in the process of rigging awnings, the accommodation ladder has to be made ready for lowering, and the stoppers on both anchor chains have to be slacked off.

The combination of these many tasks make a rather hectic morning for this small group of some 52 sailors. I might add all this work is accomplished prior to the hearing of the Boatswain Mate on the bridge pipe "commence ship's work".

Meanwhile, the Gunners Mates are up and about cleaning and polishing the 6" turret; and causing concern on the bridge as the salvo buzzer goes off. Everyday the gun crews hold transmission checks so that the turrets will be in maximum operational readiness at any moment. Inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples is performed and temperatures taken.

Reliability, efficiency, and teamwork are everyday descriptions of our outstanding Gunner's Mates.

The sailors of the First Division are a pretty great bunch of guys, and whether they come from a small town in California or from the bustling city of New York, there all working together to make the SPRINGFIELD the smartest looking cruiser in the Sixth Fleet.



Pictured above is former Master Chief E. O. Christenson as he is being sworn in as a LTJG under the LDO program.

LTJG Christenson entered the service in 1939 and his career has taken him throughout the world serving in numerous capacities. He has seen more than his share of action as evidenced by the "fruit salad" covering his chest.

He served in the Asiatic Fleet and was in Manila when war started and was sent to the U.S. in 1942 to put the ESSEX in commission. These were the first few links in a chain of events which finally brought LTJG Christenson to the COM-SIXTHFLT Staff aboard the SPRINGFIELD.

Armed Forces Day Prayer

Almighty and eternal God, we humbly bow in Thy divine presence to lift our hearts in humble gratitude for the bountiful blessings Thou hast so generously bestowed upon us. As we count our blessings, may we not forget the grave responsibility which Thou hast placed upon us: To employ the effective power of the Armed Forces to bring peace in freedom to all mankind.

Help us, O God, to employ our strength and all our material resources to defend the human dignity of every citizen in every land, but may we ever be mindful that human progress and the elimination of fears and intangible anxieties can be achieved only as we, as individuals, make our personal contributions in the realm of moral and spiritual values.

While we conceive and construct the mighty weapons of war to discourage the enemies of freedom, may we walk in the paths of righteousness so that Thy wisdom may be our wisdom and Thy purpose our purpose.

As we search for more effective methods to increase our knowledge, to improve our way of life, and to protect our national and international interests, may we not forget that man's basic, fundamental, and eternal need is God.

As we push back the horizons of knowledge, may we place our hand in the hand of God and seek first His kingdom and His righteousness so that our advances into the storehouse of God's ancient and boundless truths may not overwhelm us but, instead, dispel the darkness that lies within us and bring the warming rays of God's healing power to the souls of all men everywhere.

—The Armed Forces Chaplains Board

Armory

Two months ago a committee was appointed to take action against the use of profanity in the ship's armory. This committee, the members being Hanson, GM3, Chairman, Lucas, GM3, and Voll, GM3; decided that persons using profanity be fined 5¢ per word. The donation to be deposited in a container provided by the armory. It was further decided that upon cancellation of the

drive, the total amount be donated to some worthy cause; determined by the committee. Business was good the first month. At present, with profanity almost nonexistent in the armory, the drive was cancelled, the donations were totaled, a meeting was held and the total sum of \$25.50 was donated toward the organization of a cub scout unit in Villefranche.

This was a good way to improve our speech and be charitable.

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