

# CAPSTAN

*Keep the boys* *keep 'round*



● Paul Lavalle, Bandmaster of the Cities Service Band of America, acting on behalf of the members of the Admiral Farragut Academy Band, presented a scroll of appreciation recently to Lt. Franklin V. Fischer, Director of the Admiral Farragut Academy Band at the Belasco Theatre, New York, in a pre-broadcast ceremony. The presentation came as a surprise to Lt. Fischer who had arranged for the Admiral Farragut Band to attend the broadcast of America program.

Left to right: (front row) Paul Lavalle, Bandmaster, Cities Service Band of America and Lt. Franklin V. Fischer, Asbury Park. Back row: Cadet Wayne Smith, Ocean Grove; Cadet Lt. Arthur Pfeifer, Rutherford; Cadet Herb Weimann, Pt. Pleasant; Cadet Ensign David Carson, Philadelphia, Pa., and Cadet Wm. Zuber, Brielle.

## Academy Scores Heavily As Ten Cadets Pass NROTC Exam

Farragut scored an outstanding record by having ten of its cadets successfully pass the N.R.O.T.C. examinations held here last December 13. Results received at the Academy recently disclosed that Cadets H. Wells, H. Croeber, L. Johnson, T. Erikson, E. Anderson, W. Randall, T. Kohler, R. Caroccio, L. Tucker, and R. Hendrickson were among the fortunate candidates who passed the nationwide examination.

WELLS, H.—“Wellsy,” as called by his friends, comes from New York. He is a 3 P.O. of the 1st Platoon, 1st Company. Upon graduation from A.F.A., he intends to go to Annapolis. Wells is very active in sports, played tackle for the “Fighting Middies” on the gridiron, and at present he shares the honors at center for the Middies on the court. He is well liked and in his spare time he likes to read magazines about football and basketball.

CROEBER, HANS—Bob, as he is known to most of us, hails from New Rochelle, N. Y. Bob is a first classman, and after graduation from Farragut, he intends to go to Annapolis. He seems very much interested in civil engineering. During the football season, Bob was very active playing at end, and now he also stars for the Middies at guard on the court. His favorite pastimes are listening to Dixie-land jive, and building model trains.

JOHNSON, LAWRENCE (BILL)—Bill comes from Flint, Michigan, where they manufacture Buicks. Bill is an ensign of the 1st Platoon, 1st Company, and he also intends to go to Annapolis. Bill is a member of the Honor Society, and his favorite pastimes are cars, hunting and listening to popular music.

ERIKSON, T. W.—Ted comes from New York. He is M.P.O. of the 1st Platoon, 1st Company. Ted is a post graduate and intends to enter Annapolis upon leaving Farragut. He is very much interested in aeronautical engineering. Ted has won the academic ribbon for the highest average in the School a number of times, including this year and last year. He is a very ardent member of the Honor Society. When he finds spare time, he likes to listen to records and read about airplanes.

ANDERSON, EDWARD—Ed is from Maryland. He is 1 P.O. of the Band Company. A first classman, he intends going to Brown University to study Journalism. He likes to listen to classical music, such as opera and pieces from great musical composers. He also likes to read English literature by such authors as Shakespeare. But he claims the thing that really takes most of his time is reading novels of science and fiction.

RANDALL, WILLIAM—Bill, a first classman, hails from Johnstown, Pa. Upon graduation from Farragut he intends to enter Duke University at Durham, North

Carolina, and plans to study psychology. Bill is very active in intercompany sports. At present, he plays basketball for the Second Company. When he finds time to relax, he likes to read novels.

KOHLER, T. (“King”)—“King,” a post-graduate, comes from Kohler, Wisconsin. Upon leaving Farragut, he intends to go to Annapolis, where he will major in civil engineering. “King” is Chief Gunner’s Mate, newly appointed this year. Among his hobbies is sailing. He has his own boat, a twelve-footer named “The Penguin.” He also likes to listen to popular jazz by Stan Kenton and Louie Armstrong.

ROBERT (BOB) CAROCCIO—from Egg Harbor, N. J., is J.G. of the First Company. Upon graduation from Farragut he intends to enter the University of Pennsylvania, where he will major in civil engineering. Bob is very active in varsity sports. During the football season, Bob played halfback; at present, he is a varsity wrestler for Lt. Cooke’s matmen. Bob is secretary of the Honor Society, president of the Monogram Club, vice-president of the Senior Class, Sports editor of both the Capstan and the Trident, and also a member of the Activities Council.

LEONARD (LEN) TUCKER—comes from South Bend, Indiana. His is a 1 P.M. of the color guard. After graduating from A.F.A., he wants to go either to Purdue or Annapolis. If he enters Purdue, he will major in Metallurgical Engineering. Len is a member of the Honor Society, Business Manager of the Trident, Treasurer of the Booster Club, and a member of the Chapel Club. In the field of sports, he is a member of Mr. Slaby’s quintet. In his spare time he likes to play basketball.

ROBERT (BOB) HENDRICKSON, j.g.  
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## Cadet Martin Calls For Trident Help

Cadet Jim Martin, editor of the 1953 Trident, has put out a call for help from all members of the Corps, and especially from the First and P.G. Classes, to help make the forthcoming edition a success.

“Everything is going along nicely at this time up to a point,” he said, as he explained the progress of the annual to a member of the Capstan Staff. “We’re not too concerned with the sale of the book, for we feel that it will sell itself strictly on its own merit.” He went on to explain about the beautiful blue and gray padded cover that has been ordered, and all about the comprehensive layout that will be included within the cover.

“However, what we need is more advertising to help make the book a reality. If each and every cadet could take it upon himself to secure just ten dollars’ worth of advertising, the editorial staff could proceed with more certainty of not only publishing a successful book, but one that will rank among the very best that have been produced.”

He urged cadets who are interested in helping to see either Cadets Len Tucker and Herman Gordon, or himself for further information.

## Cadets Are Entertained By Reptile Authority

Mr. Jack Raymond, naturalist, writer, and lecturer from the Rex Allen Reptile Farm in Spring Lake, Florida, recently spoke to the Cadet Corps on the fascinating subject of Herpetology, or reptile life in the United States. He appeared in the school auditorium on Friday, January 23, displaying numerous live specimens as well as attractively mounted skins and many other scientific and educational features.

He emphasized snakes mostly and described and identified the copperhead, rattlesnake, coral snake, and the cottonmouth which are the four types of poisonous snakes out of 250 types of snakes in North America.

During the thrilling performance he called two cadets, Butler and Hackney, from the Junior School, up on stage to help him perform an act. Although he only demonstrated live specimens of non-poisonous snakes, the cadets enjoyed the spectacular performance. This is the second time that Mr. Raymond has performed at this school.

## New England Alumni Reunion

**BOSTON CLUB**  
46 Beacon Street  
Boston, Mass.  
Tuesday, March 24th  
Cocktails — 5 to 6:30 P. M.  
Dinner — 6:30 P. M.  
Dinner—\$3.85 per plate  
**SPEAKERS**  
George Theobald '39  
President, Alumni Association  
Wm. R. Masciangelo '37  
Alumni Secretary  
**FARRAGUT FILM**  
**GENERAL BULL SESSION**  
All Reservations Must Be  
Sent To:  
**BERNARD J. LEWIS '48**  
70 Roberts Street  
Portland, Maine



## Team Spirit

Team Spirit is a subject that needs attention in many high schools and prep schools by most members of the student bodies.

It is good to have team spirit and it should be encouraged as much as possible. However, some people misinterpret the true meaning of team spirit and as a result show poor sportsmanship.

Team spirit means rooting for the team and trying to give it the backing it needs to fight hard and do its best to win. When an athlete knows people are rooting for him, he has an added drive and is able to do more than his best for the team. Your backing is valuable to a team member.

You will find your own team members will frown on you in disgust if you show poor sportsmanship as a spectator, even if you are trying to help your own team. Such things as yelling and screaming when an opposing team member is to make a foul shot, or clapping and yelling "hurrah" when a member of the opposing team is hurt is extremely poor sportsmanship. Such practices not only ruin the reputation of the school among other athletes and coaches, but also impress visitors who remember such behavior.

Be a good sportsman, root for your team wholeheartedly, but don't be discourteous to the opposing team members. A man of good character learns to accept defeat as well as victory with good will toward both teams, and does not resort to low and unsportsmanlike conduct to aid his team.

## Farragut Cadets 'Casualties' In Pine Beach Defense Test

PINE BEACH—One hundred volunteers took part on February 15th, in a civil defense exercise, centered around the Admiral Farragut Academy.

"Bombs" were set off at the athletic field and fire problems were worked out at the Yacht Club, and two Academy halls. Cadets acted as casualties. The "wounded" were taken to the infirmary, the "dead" to the "morgue" at the Municipal building. Walter Janusz, a fireman, required medical attention when he was stricken during the drill.

Center of operation was DuPont hall. Telephone lines were set up, linking attack areas, and 13 cars and trucks were mobilized at a motor pool. Two mobile gener-

ators were put into operation. Private station wagons were used as ambulances.

The drill started at 2:30 P.M. Traffic was stopped for 10 minutes. The operation ended at 3:35 P.M.

William Hutchinson, defense chairman, was in charge of police. Other unit heads were Chief Charles Schiels, firemen; Mrs. Curtis Gray, first aid; Lester and Robert Thiery, communications; Henry V. Jehnke, operations; William Sleight and Lawrence Coots, transportation; Edward Coryell and David Garrabrandt, public utilities; Albert Diring, information, and John Zehnder, food supplies. The Rev. Charles Wiegand, defense council chaplain, also took part.



● Shown at Control Center in Personnel Office of Du Pont Hall, during recent Borough-wide, State required Civil Defense drill are Albert Diring, Personnel Chairman; C. D. Director Wm. Hutchinson, Supply Co-Chairman John Zehnder, Ed Coryell, Public Utilities, and Henry Jehnke, Chairman of Operations Committee.

## ★ COMPANY LOG ★

### "The Fighting First"

John Stockell and Larry Lavalle

The half year is far behind us now and we are running into the home stretch for the colors. By the looks of things we are out a few hundred points. The question is: Can we take the colors or not? That is entirely up to you. Let's try!

In the inter-company basketball spotlight the Second Platoon isn't doing badly. The team is sharp and "on the ball." A few of the hoopsters are Lee, P., Megonigle, Drew and Pilling. The First Platoon, from what we can gather, doesn't contain the same qualities as its sister. Come on, let's work harder.

We have a few new members in the Company. Let's get on with it and we will all have a good time.

Spring approaches. That means drill, waterfront, and Parades. The waterfront is interesting and you'll enjoy sailing or just rowing around the docks. It's great; try it out. As for drill, nobody is crazy about it; but in Sunday Parades it pays off, when you have the satisfaction of winning.

So, let's go, "First"!

### "The Roaring Second"

Bosch and Mason

The month of January was a successful one for the Second. We won about all of the events and gained a terrific number of points. This is the way it should be every month.

Even though we acquired a considerable number of points, we still need more to take the lead. Last month we gained on points through hard work and that's how we will have to do now—Work! You can see that watches are our weakest point. The reason for this is carelessness. If watches were taken seriously, mistakes wouldn't occur.

Seamanship gave us a lot of our points last month, but we can still get a lot more from it. What most of us are forgetting is our seamanship classes and indoor work. These things must be passed before you can get any rates. The important indoor tests, which must be passed now, are knots and splices. After Spring Leave these tests can not be taken. As for the classroom work, if you flunk that, you're licked before you start. Remember, for each seamanship rate, the Company gets five points.

We would like to congratulate our basketball teams. They have been doing a great job. Let's see if we all can do as well and get the colors.

### "The Thundering Third!"

Davis P. and Keller

With the Spring Leave almost upon us, we can look back at the achievements we have accomplished during the past few months. Even with the addition of new cadets whom we are proud to add to our numbers, we find that we have been transformed from a company in name only, to an organized and smooth-running outfit. We have but one goal in sight, a goal that never before has been realized: the coveted honor of taking the colors twice in a row. We take teamwork, and we have found that we have developed this proficiency in working together in the past school year. We leave one closing thought for the new cadets this year, "superheated steam is what we are, to the old cadets": just one more push and we'll have the colors.

### "The Ferocious Fourth"

Camp

The Fourth has finally come to meet some of the standards set last year. It can now boast a fair monthly average. All the hard work done Friday nights and Saturday mornings has paid off. The uniforms are becoming cleaner through more experienced hands, and no personal inspections are going to be lost anymore. The shoes are polished to a glass shine. So the Company has shaped up; but in order to stay that way, a certain discipline has to be enforced and so, on some nights the Senior School still hears the Fourth Company drilling.

But it is not all work at the Junior School. The cadets still find time for leisure play and sometimes even get into mischief. There is only one hour of drill in the afternoons; therefore, leaving all optional period to the cadets and after all duties are taken care of, any time in the day leisure time is granted.

Some of this time is spent on relaxation, but there are some cadets that shine shoes to assure themselves that they will not take off on Saturday's inspection, thus giving the Company all the points possible. Other cadets help the one new boy to get adjusted and this helps towards a better company, also. So in the end everything turns out well.

### "The Band"

Edward Anderson

A cloud of mass insanity descended on Company B this past week. When the mist cleared, sixteen cadets observed with horror that their hair had been shortened to a length of  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch. We are now known as the skin-head company.

When the N.R.O.T.C. results came in, it was found only one of the Band made it. Guess who! Oh, happy day!

Our Company Commander, Art Pfeifer, is back from a brief sick leave and is cracking the whip again. Across the ice, men!

Ye old soothsayer will appear in next month's edition, meanwhile "Vive La Band!"

## CORPS HOLDS OWN COMMUNITY CHEST DRIVE FOR FUNDS

This year a cooperative drive was held at the School for money for the Red Cross, March of Dimes, and the local First Aid group. A total of \$175 was collected and the sum will be divided among the different organizations.

Lt. Pete Dayton and his mates of the Second Company copped the laurels for having the largest amount of money collected with a sum of \$73.27. The First Company, under Dave Isquith, followed close behind with a total of \$57. The Third Company, under Lt. Bill Schoenfeld, Fourth Company under Lt. Robert Camp, and the Band under Art Pfeifer, collected a total of \$34.59.

Next year there is a plan proposed where there will be individual contributions instead of Company contributions which has been the practice in the past.

This type of drive is similar to the Red Feather and other Cooperative Community projects employed throughout the country.





On the night of the recent home game, members Len Tucker, Van Calton, Bob Croeber, Don Henning, and Tom Spillane join hands with Coach Stan Slaby prior to recent home game.

### Valley Forge Trips Wrestlers 21-18

Due to a forfeit in the 103 pound class, Farragut started out badly in an afternoon of wrestling against Valley Forge M.A. that was to prove very exciting as time wore on.

The Middies lost 18-21 in one of the best wrestling matches ever engaged in by a Farragut team.

Mike Soetbeer wrestling in the first match, came up with a decision victory of three points over the Forge's Dave Fleming. Fleming got only two points to appear much the junior to Mike's six. It was quite an exciting bout with Soetbeer getting his points in pairs with a takedown and two reversals.

John Nielsen started nicely against V.F.'s Stew Bailey as he took the initial takedown. However, John found himself in trouble all during the second period and, with only fifteen seconds left in the period, was pinned.

Tom Principi went the distance with Art Resnick but was halted only one point away from a win. The final tally was 4-3 as the Valley Forge matman garnered all four in the final inning.

John Norris found himself up against an experienced opponent and was defeated in exactly the same ways as was Nielsen. The only difference in score is that Norris got his two first period points through a reversal rather than a takedown. The fine Forge grappler in this case was Harry Frey.

Joe Lavallo went the limit with his man and came through with the second Farragut tally of the day. His score: a resounding 3-1 over Valley Forge's John Bernardi.

The tides began to turn as Rog Brenner and Bob Carroccio took decisions over Bob Moody and Roger Gaines respectively.

Dan Lyons, couldn't bear to break the string so he went all the way too, and pulled in a romping 7-2 decision over Eddie Lesson from the Forge. This was by no means a close match and neither was the next as Carl Budny shut out Dick Lundy, scoring the only three points of the tilt in the second period.

The match in the heavyweight division was quite one-sided, but only as far as weight was concerned. Dave Isquith, who gave some poundage to Big Hugo Hansen, kept the opponent on the string as he managed to tie him up during the first two periods. However, Dave's great exhibition of the plain old art of scrapping was spoiled as Hugo beat Dave in the third period. The final score was 11-8 in favor of the Forgian. That, by the way, is quite a high score for a single match.

### Riflemen Shooting Outstanding Season

Admiral Farragut Academy's 1933 Rifle team, having practiced long and hard under the able and watchful eye of Lt. Norris, is already well into its season. They have 75% of their regularly scheduled matches in the win column, as well as an unscheduled meet with a U. S. Marine Reserve Squad. From all appearances they will end the season with an impressive record, despite the loss of one of last year's letter-men. The team's one loss was in its first match with Xavier, 923 to 885. On their match with Bordentown M. L., Kohler paced the scoring with 189 to top off Farragut's 899 to BMP's 878.

A week later they came up against a top-flight Valley Forge team, and again won, but with only a five point margin, 1313 to 1308. At this match a notable performance was turned in by both Bob Maddox and Sid Pike, giving Farragut a much needed boost in points.

On January 31st, the team made a long trip to New York Military Academy, and engaged the Soldiers in what proved to be a hard-fought smallbore contest. On the first relay, N.Y.M.A. seemed to have a definite edge, giving Lt. Norris and his team something to worry about. When the smoke had cleared, the team had turned in an 889 to 868 victory with Kohler and Lucas placing 1st and second in the match respectively. Maddox, Cohen and Guinness fired a consistent average to complete the top five.

### Middies Defeat Hun School by 19 Points

On Wednesday, February eleventh, the Middies, led by high scoring "Mickey" Spillane, took toll of a Hun school club 54-35 here in Robison Hall. The three highest scorers of the day were Spillane with 15, Calton with 13, and Jim Lavan of Hun with 12. A half time score of 24-9 tells the story of a slow game, well played, and a pleasure to watch.

The first quarter was mindful of a boxing ring with a careful sounding out of opponents by both teams. However, it seemed that the Middies were a bit faster in their sounding as they led, 11-3. Calton, Spillane and Rich were responsible for the Middie scores in that period with Calton taking the lead with seven points. Three of these were foul shots. Spillane also had a free throw which gave him three points for the period.

The second period had the Sailors a little more hungry as they hit for thirteen while limiting the visitors to six. Spillane had seven, three of which were field goals, and Hans Groeber hit from the side for his first four points of the game. The score at the half was 24-9 with the Sailors constantly threatening.

In the third and fourth frames the action was left almost entirely to the second string as Joe Aiello and Bill Gabrielson saw their first Varsity action. Gabrielson hit with a free throw and little Joe netted himself four points. Action quickened but the game began to look a little sloppy with a few successful fast break attempts while the majority were thwarted by the boys from Hun.

### PEDDIE TRIPS MIDDIES 64-54 AS RALLY FAILS

The "Little Navy" quintet lost a hard-fought battle 54-64 against a strong Peddie School team at Peddie, on February 4th.

The Peddie club jumped to an early first quarter lead, but the Navy, after feeling out the playing floor, started a sustained drive that finally caught and passed them in the third period. The lead was short-lived and Farragut again fell behind as Peddie started to shoot with more accuracy. The loss of VanCalton was felt but while Coach Slaby tried desperately to juggle the lineup to find a winning combination, Peddie surged ahead by ten points, never to be headed again.

The outstanding players on defense were Rich and Tucker, along with Calton and Henning. Tom Spillane and Bob Croeber are high scorers for Farragut. Spillane came through with 20 points and Croeber scored eleven.

### Grapplers Win 22-13 Over Blair School

On February seventh, the Sailors' wrestling team did away with the Blairstown grapplers on the home mats, 22-13.

An exciting match in which Blair was ahead until the sixth tilt came out in favor of the Sailors for the first time since the beginning of the rivalry. A Blair team, always a threat in wrestling circles, was finally brought down by a rapidly improving Little Navy wrestling team.

The first tilt of the afternoon brought together Jim Whetton of Farragut and Bob Enholm of Blair in a short but sweet (for Blair) match which ended in 1:57, with Little Jim staring at the ceiling. This gave Blair an early lead of five points. Mike Soetbeer, unable to quite get the pin, shut out his man with a 3-point score. Syd Baumann put up a good battle but was unequal to the task of putting the experienced Mike away. Tom Principi and Dick Harden, in the 120-pound class wrestled themselves right down to the wire. Harden with a point for time advantage managed to eak out a tie, Joe Lavallo lost a close two point decision to hard fighting Captain Tony Cera, who was able to get only two points from Joe. At this time the Blairmen were five points in the lead. John Norris took Bill Mellin all the way to the third period before he allowed him to score his only two points. John won a decision with a 5-2 tally.

Our first pin of the afternoon came at the hands of Blair's Don Ginter, under the direction of Bob Carroccio. Bob took his man for the long ride in a minute and 46 seconds of the second period. The only other Blair win of the afternoon came in a close 4-3 decision over Carl Budny by Harry Baumann. Budny was in the lead, pointwise, the entire length of the match, but two points worth of time advantage went to the lucky Harry to give him the win. The score continued to roll up in favor of the Sailors as they garnered three more decisions. Rog Brenner got a 4-2 decision over Bob Burn, Dan Lyons got a 4-3 decision over Art White who also won a point through time advantage. In the heavyweight division, Dave Isquith went the distance with Bob Hauck, and a long distance it was too, as he got an 8-7 victory.

### Middies Nipped By Pennington Five

A spirited and determined Admiral Farragut team met and lost 65-71 to a sharp-shooting Pennington team at Pennington, on February 7th.

The game had the Farragut "Middies" puzzled for part of the first quarter and the Pennington club jumped to an early 6-0 lead, continuing to pile it on until the charges of Coach Slaby called time out and switched to a pressing man-to-man defense.

It was an uphill climb for the Admirals, but after trailing for a quarter, they finally caught the Pennington boys and held the lead throughout the game until a minute and 25 seconds were left to play. The loss of players via the foul route was the chief cause of this unfortunate Farragut defeat. Early in the third quarter Tom Spillane fouled out and in the fourth period Francis Rich, Jim Clarkson, Bob Croeber and Van Calton also went to the bench.

Outstanding players for the Farragut team were Rich, Calton, Tucker, Henning, Clarkson, and Spillane on defense, with Calton, Spillane, and Croeber on offense. Calton and Spillane kept the nets hot with 22 and 19 points respectively, while Croeber hit for 11.



Shown firing at prone position in Academy indoor range is Cadet "King Kong" Kohler, rifle team captain, who is leading his team to a successful season this year.

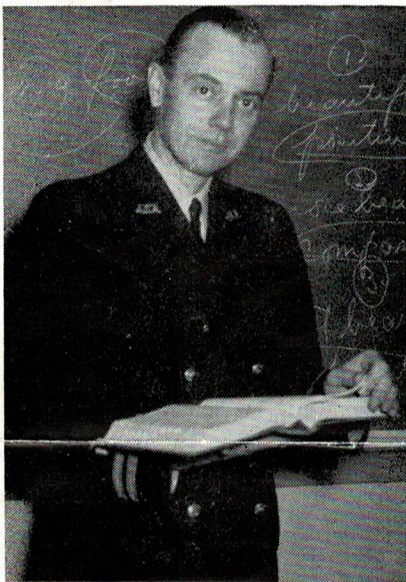


# FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

*Kail and Pilling*

Lieutenant Kenneth M. Sheesley, head of the Department of English, was educated in the Portland, Maine Public Schools and at Hebron Academy, Hebron, Maine. He is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, where he majored in English and was a member of the Kappa Alpha Society, and editor on the staff of the Junto Literary Magazine. For three years he was also a member of the Beaux Arts Ball Committee.

In his last year at college he was the recipient of the Hilda Nietzsche Memorial Award in music composition. Later, Lieutenant Sheesley, as a teaching fellow, attended Pennsylvania State College from which he received a master of arts degree in English.



Since September, 1942, Lieutenant Sheesley has been teaching English at Admiral Farragut Academy, becoming head of English in 1945. Under his direction the department has had many innovations. Chief among these has been the development of an outside reading program for both winter and summer; the formulation of two curricula in English, a general and an academic one; the addition of a remedial English and remedial reading program, designed to improve a cadet's writing ability and reading comprehension as well as his basic knowledge in English, grammar, spelling, punctuation, vocabulary, and the "know how" of theme writing.

Among Lieutenant Sheesley's outside interests is his active participation in the social service work of the Toms River Kiwanis Club, of which he has been secretary for the past eight years. He has also served as chairman of the Toms River Adult Education Board, of which he was a member for four years. His main form of relaxation is his annual fall vacation in the White Mountain region of New Hampshire.

## English Dept. Sponsors Lincoln Day Assembly

In one way or another every student in the U. S. gave some sort of recognition to Abraham Lincoln on his birthday, February 12th. For it was 144 years ago that this great president was born. Here at Farragut his birthday was celebrated by attending and taking part in an assembly sponsored by the English department, under the direction of Lt. Sheesley.

## Democracy In Action Honor Society Theme

### Personal Honor and Responsibility Stressed

The Honor Society presented a special assembly to the Corps of Cadets on Monday, January 26. The participants in this program were Captain Raven O. Dodge, Headmaster, and Cadets Martin, Isquith A., Erickson, and Dayton. Dayton acted as master of ceremonies.

The purpose of the assembly was to bring to the attention of the Corps the individual need for a sense of personal honor and responsibility, and to instill in the minds of the Cadets these attributes which make the individual a worthy citizen of his community and country.

Captain Dodge spoke of the need for the individual citizen to take part vigorously in our democratic way of life in every way, no matter how minute. He also described democracy as an everyday function which would gradually grow weak with disuse.

Cadets Martin, Isquith, A., and Erickson elaborated on the democratic ideals, as they are pertinent to life here at Farragut. Each of these cadets presented a concise picture of democracy in relation to the Corps and what steps could be taken to remedy any deficiencies that might exist. It is to be hoped that the principles and suggestions offered at this assembly will result in an effective understanding of democracy and its practical application at Farragut.

This assembly was without a doubt one of the most outstanding and informative programs presented during the 1952-53 School year. The Honor Society provided the chief impetus in the introduction of this type of assembly at Farragut. Many hours were spent by this society in consulting with the faculty and deliberation among themselves before the assembly was finally arranged. The school acknowledges the initiative displayed by the Honor Society in formulating the material presented at the assembly and recognizes this group as an integral part of the Academy.

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of the Third Company, comes from St. Petersburg, Florida. After graduating from Farragut he intends to go to Annapolis or Rensselaer. Bob is very prominent in school activities. For example, he is President of the Senior Class, President of the Activities Council, Vice President of the Honor Society, chairman of the Headmaster's Committee, and is on both the Capstan and Trident Staffs. In addition to all this, Bob was a member of last year's Baseball team and at present is playing inter-company basketball. His favorite baseball team is the Boston Red Sox.

### ALUMNI TO PLAY VARSITY

April 11th has been set for the opening game of the Middie nine here at the Academy.

The Varsity club will face a strong array of former Farragut ball players, who will represent this year's Alumni team. From past performances, the game should be an interesting one, if not exciting.

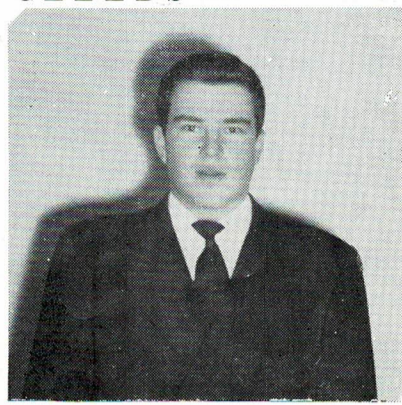
All former Farragut baseball players are urged to contact Alumni Secretary Bill Masciangelo as soon as possible so that contracts may be signed at an early date. No holdouts, please!

## — SENIOR CELEBS —



DAVID A. ISQUITH

David Isquith, known as "Squatell," has had quite a time with activities, sports, studies, and has done a fine job in all of these. He has had three years of varsity track, wrestling, and football. "Squatell," has been secretary-treasurer of the Monogram Club for the past two years. He belongs to the Glee Club, Hop Committee, and the Music Appreciation Club. "Squatell" is Company Commander of the First Company and is doing a fine job. His ambition is to become a successful businessman. His hobby is sports, as one can see from the list of varsity letters he has won. David A. Isquith, because of his fairness and unceasing efforts and loyalty to Farragut, deserves this award as Senior Celeb.



EDWARD MEHLER

Edward Mehler, commonly called "Eddie," entered Farragut in 1949. He has played an important and progressive part in all activities around the campus.

He has played J. V. football and got a minor F for catching on the Baseball team. Inter-company football and basketball has always been a favorite of his. Eddie also plays a good game of tennis. He is Ensign of the Second Platoon in the Third Company, and is doing a fine job. He belongs to the Booster Club, Dramatics Club, and is a reporter for the CAPSTAN. His willingness to lend a hand and in general help the corps of cadets, has been unyielding. Edward Mehler deserves a salute for being a fine cadet, a fact which his parents and school should be proud of.

## Sailors Thwarted by Valley Forge

The Sailor Five journeyed to Wayne, Pa. on February 14 to play a team that had beaten them by better than thirty points in their last encounter, only to lose a heart-breaker, 77-81.

The entire game was one of fast action and faster scoring as the Wayne club bore in for a six point lead at the end of the first frame. Spillane distinguished himself in the first period by scoring ten of the seventeen points, with Calton and Croeber making up the difference. The score at the end of the first square was an ominous 23-17 in favor of the Forgemen.

Valley Forge began to stir as Farragut came within one basket of catching them at the half. Croeber began to hit from the side as Rich and Calton drove through with more precious tallies. Boring of the Forge was getting in too, as he went for eight points in the period. The half-time score told a story of a hard, fast battle as the buzzer sounded leaving the Army in front 40-38.

The second half was a repetition of the first, a driving battle raged the entire sixteen minutes. Kodan of the Forge came through for seven points in the third period as Calton faked through for eight. The score at the end of the third gave Valley Forge a three point lead, but the Sailors continued to jam the airways in the fourth period, pouring in a total of 21 tallies. However, late in the period Kodan and Ginsberg of the Army dropped two free throws apiece to make the task a little more difficult. Ginsberg was soon to foul out with Reese following at a close distance. The game seasawed back and forth, up and down the court as the clock ran down, both clubs scoring almost at will. The inevitable buzzer sounded with the Sailors four points in the red but working hard at closing the gap.

High scorer for the afternoon was Calton with 23. Following closely were Boring and Spillane with 21 and 20 respectively. Croeber led the remainder of the players with 16, and Rich followed him with 14. The Forge scored steadily, however, having three men with 13 points apiece.

## Three Reunions Are Planned for Alumni

A busy social program has been announced for the Alumni Association this year by Alumni Secretary W. Masciangelo. Beginning with the Philadelphia-Area Reunion held on Tuesday, March 10th, other area events will be held in Boston, Long Island, and New York City between now and the end of June.

A Boston affair, headed by Chairman Bernie Lewis '48, is slated for somewhere around the end of March in the form of a dinner reunion. Long Island Chairmen, Bob McMillan '45 and Jerry Benstock are in the process of organizing district workers to insure a more successful program of whatever nature they finally decide upon. From last reports there was a possibility of holding a picnic for Alumni and their families some time in June.

New York City will hold its first annual luncheon on Wednesday, May 6th. Dave Twining '44 is in charge of all arrangements. Headmaster Captain Dodge and former football coach, Joe Stanczyk have been lined up as speakers for this occasion.

More details on all of the above events will be forthcoming to Alumni as they become definite.

## INFORMAL IS SOCIAL, BUT NOT FINANCIAL SUCCESS

Admiral Farragut Academy held its third informal dance of the year on Saturday, February 7, in Robison Hall. The music was provided by a local orchestra, which played a good variety of music from the waltz and fox trot to the Charleston and Rhumba. The decorations were informal, consisting of signal flags strung across the ceiling and miniature light-houses placed around the sides of the dance floor. Chairs were placed within the wall created by the light-houses. Those chaperoning the dance were Captain and Mrs. Dodge, Lt. Cmdr. and Mrs. Shapell, Com. and Mrs. Reinhard, Lt. Comdr. and Mrs. Guy, Lt. and Mrs. Sheesley, and Mr. and Mrs. Slaby.