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Seamanship Classes Required By Navy

The seamanship classes at the Academy are a mandatory part of our honor school program. The standards for this program are established by the Navy department and are rigidly enforced. In the interest of practical application, the Navy assigns to the Academy three men to instruct in Naval science classes. These men teach from their own personal experiences rather than merely taking dry material directly from the text. This tends to make the course more interesting. The three men who are with us this year are Messrs. Linnartz, Maiden and Skof.

The first year classes are instructed by LCDR. Paul Van Mater, A.F.A. director of Naval Science, and by Mr. Maiden. This course includes primarily Naval History and traditions, with instruction in the various methods of shipboard communications.

The second year classes, being somewhat fewer, are the responsibility of Mr. Linnartz solely. The cadets in these classes are supplementing their knowledge of the Naval traditions and are taking up the fundamentals of Navigation. Should time permit, they will also review the art of communications.

Mr. Skof has charge of the somewhat select group taking up the third course in seamanship. This group begins its classes with a detailed study of the organization, departmentalization and operation of the Navy Department. At the completion of this part of the course, they delve into the operation of a ship. The course is concluded with a more detailed approach towards navigation

A brief perusal of the Admiral Farragut Academy requirements for graduation will reveal that Naval science is on the required list of subjects. It is with this requirement that the Academy retains its privilege of making appointments to the United States Naval Academy.

Dancing Class Holds Own Annual Formal

Admiral Farragut Academy was the scene of a mid-winter formal dance directed by Gordon Witt, of New York, on Friday, January 9th. The dance was held for the members of the Dancing Class of the Academy. Receiving with Mr. Witt were Captain and Mrs. Raven O. Dodge.

Winners of the elimination dance were Miss Priscilla Taylor and Cadet J. Andrew McGuire, and Miss Rosamond Harding and Cadet Brooke Robinson.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Dodge, assisted by Mrs. Charles J. Hess, of Leonardo, and Mrs. Lawrence W. Morrissey, of Elberon.

Attending were the Misses Patricia A. Morrissey, Dolores Hess, Betty Mohn, Martha Finn, Barbara Jackson, Martha Neary, Leslie Jones, Jane Brindle, Sallie McClave, Penny Blair, Marcia Hendrickson, Elizabeth Gesregan, Roberta Taft, Susan Folk, Stephanie Rommel and Carole Witte.

● *Snow drifts proved no barrier to Farragut Hall Cadets hurrying to classes in DuPont Hall.*

Cadets Acclaim The Artistry Of Mr. Ramsden

On Friday, January 22nd, at 2000, Mr. Charles Ramsden, musician radio star and composer, entertained the Corps of Cadets in the Auditorium. Mr. Ramsden is the only artist today on the Lyceum platform who has studied or perfected such an amazing collection of musical backgrounds, sound effects and folk music as he displayed here. Mr. Ramsden has travelled over most of the world to study folk or native music. He has arranged rare voodoo music heard in the jungles of the West Indies, he has captured some of the South Seas Island tunes, and from time to time he plays in the various Chinese musical clubs in Chinatown, San Francisco, to get an authentic slant on Oriental Music.

Mr. Ramsden has composed a wide variety of numbers perfectly adapted to his instrument, called the "Electrosonic Novator." He has made many appearances on stages throughout Europe, Canada, Mexico, and the United States. The amazing versatility of his unique invention, the Novator, has been acclaimed wherever he has appeared.

The Corps was appreciatively amazed at the feats he could do. In addition to his musical program, Mr. Ramsden demonstrated such unusual scientific effects as: music from an "atomic" rubber band, stereophonic or three-dimensional sound, a Spanish guitar played like a vibra harp and organ, and a ukulele played with a one dollar bill.

The Cadets were: Robert Lloyd, Dave Anwyll, Robert Burke, James Cody, Richard de Varennes, Frank Earl, Roland Figore, William Hightower, John Klopstock, Robert Longhi, Mark McClelland, Allen Rosenthal, Robert Maddox, Walter O'Brien, Walter Schenk, Charles Schirmer, Robert Shapiro, William Sharkey, Herbert Sieber, George Spina, Joel Todino, Andre Turenne, Larry Turner, John Williams, Howard Zoller and Donald Helthall.

Drew Elected To Head Class As President

The Class of '54 is happy to announce the election of the class officers and committees. Elected to the presidency was Robert Drew, Company Commander of the First Company, a Farragut gridiron "great" for two years. He sustained an injury at the end of the 1952 season and had to limit his status on the football team to that of head manager. In the vice-president's place is William Cone, of whom the class is quite confident. Bill is also a member of the Honor Society.

Pushing the pencil in back of the class notes is Russell Vreeland, one of Farragut's outstanding cadets.

The Second Company can proudly back up Milton McRoberts, their Company Commander, who was chosen class treasurer.

Steve Keller, one of the top students in the Academy, has been wisely voted class historian. Steve hopes to enter the field of foreign service upon graduation from college. On the Dues Committee are Dan Lyons, the wrestling captain; Bo Weiner, the V. P. of the Booster Club; and Ken Pruyn, executive Officer of the Fourth company.

Composing the Ring Committee is Roger Greenlaw, a member of this year's varsity football team and John Norris, Exec. Officer of the Third Company and member of the Honor Society.

Taking charge of the class gift are: Carl Megonigle, who was a potential Farragut star in football, hampered by a back injury; Gerry Johnson, our leading ground-gainer from Second Company; and Don Helthall, second company ensign.

Christmas Leave Permits Two Faculty Weddings

Both Mr. K. Keskinen and Mr. V. Romefelt were married during the Christmas Leave. Mr. and Mrs. Romefelt were married in the rectory of St. Joseph's Church in Toms River. A reception held after the wedding was at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Berry, who reside on Main Street in Toms River. The couple are now living in an apartment in Ocean Gate. Mr. Romefelt is instructor of English I and IV and has been teaching at Farragut for the past two years. He is from New York City.

Mr. Kenneth Keskinen was married to Miss Margaret Potter on December 29. They were married at a candle-light service in the North Cornwall Church in Connecticut Mr. and Mrs. Russell Potter, the bride's parents, held a reception at the Cream Hollow Farm, West Cornwall. At present, the couple are living at 702 Lincoln Avenue in Pine Beach. Mr. Keskinen teaches Algebra I and II and is in his first year of instruction here at Farragut. He also coaches Junior Varsity Basketball.

Record Number Pass NROTC Examinations

On December 12, 1953, thirty-four cadets took the Naval College Aptitude Test. Out of these, seventeen have received notice of qualification. This is the best record in the history of the school.

The NROTC program was started in 1926 and enables high school students to attend college for four years at government expense. Upon graduation from college the students who are qualified are commissioned in the Regular Navy or Marine Corps. After serving three years' active duty, they may apply for continued active duty or enter the Naval Reserve for five years.

The requirements for qualification are very exacting and no waivers are ever granted. The Naval College Aptitude test is the first step. From the men that take this test three thousand are passed. Selection is according to ratio on basis of population. The next step is a thorough physical examination. Finally, there is an interview to determine the nature of the candidate's personality.

The cadets from New York State which have passed the examination are Camp, Hilger, Coleman, and Christiansen; from New Jersey are Lagatutta, Stiff, Smith, W. M., Pyle, Fredda, and Maddox; from Illinois are Caso, Vreeland, and Hayes; from Connecticut is Mills; from North Carolina is Block; from Kentucky is Stirn; from Pennsylvania is Schalm.

There are fifty-three colleges and universities which have NROTC units. The colleges which were nominated by Farragut cadets are, in order of preference, Rensselaer, Polytechnic, Georgia Tech, Cornell, Notre Dame, Columbia, and Stanford.

The NROTC specifies no particular course of study. The only fields which can not be studied are medicine, dentistry, veterinary medicine, music, art, theology, and pharmacy. Most of the Farragut candidates are partial to mechanical engineering, civil engineering, electrical engineering, liberal

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● *Mrs. W. K. Russell introduces Cadet and his friend to LCDR. and Mrs. Frank S. Guy during Christmas Formal dance.*

A THOUGHT

Over the past few years, funds have been appropriated to assure the Academy a good external appearance. If the old cadets remember correctly, they could recall when there were no fences around the front walk, few if any flowers to give a home-like atmosphere, and there was no new Page fence covering the area around the tennis courts. Recently, however, through a gift from the Class of 1950 and money from the School, Farragut grounds are gaining a beautiful appearance. When a person sees waste paper or cigarette butts scattered about, he may wonder if the Cadets really appreciate what has been done for them. Hence, if the School's directors are cooperating with the Cadets by assisting to make the campus more attractive, the Capstan Staff believes that the Cadets should conform with the wishes of the Administration by putting their refuse in dispensers allotted for trash.

MUCH CREDIT

In the last issue, the Capstan had an article on the Christmas assembly. However, since the Capstan was to come out on the day of the play, the paper was only able to give an idea of the play and not the full account. For the first time in many years—such is the consensus of opinion—the Assembly was a huge success. Not only did the actors in the play (Cadets Lee, P., Bob Drew, Pete Smith, Christiansen, Rod Horne, and Bill Hulse) do a fine job, but also the Faculty Sextet and Glee Club under Mr. Newton's direction did an excellect piece of work in their renditions. Perhaps most credit of all should be given to Lt. Landrum and his assistants: Paul Schalm, Wayne Smith, Andy Turrene, and McGuire for their work in building the set.

AD CORRIGENDUM

Cadet Martin Ludwig, who has served two years as Jack La Duke's assistant and as an assistant to the Trident staff, has been promoted to Edtor of Photography on the Capstan. Cadet La Duke continues as photography editor of the Trident.

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HONOR PAPERS

Mr. Lionel D. Wyld has announced the following Public Speaking honor papers for the Fall term, 1953-54: First (tie), G. Johnson, Man's Creation; J. Bowen, Advertising; Second, W. Stanczyk, Skeletons; Third, W. Zuber, Decisions to be made before Marriage.

★ COMPANY LOG ★

"The Fighting First"

by Spicer and Morin

The new year has once again found us struggling along; and, undoubtedly, with the officers we have, we should be doing better. We should also realize that spring is not far away, and that we do not have too long a time to buckle down. We have made some conscientious effort, but not enough; as a matter of fact, not as much as we should. So let's see what we can do about it; for, if we want to, we can do it! We are not so far behind that we cannot yet catch up to the other companies.

Inter-company basketball has started and we have not been doing too badly, but the difficulty seems to be in getting enough men down to the Gym to play on the A and B teams. Let's get down to the Gym on the basketball days and support the teams.

"The Roaring Second"

by Smith, N.

Another month, another victory for the Second! Our all-around efficiency room inspection, watch, daily inspections, and sports have raised the McRobertsmen to an even higher position in the inter-company race for the colors. In particular is the fine performance of the basketball teams. Jake Jacobs, Red Stockel, and Halty Halterman have shown earnest-spirited loyalty to our company. With victory in sight, let us not relax, but rather reconcentrate our mutual efforts. Let us restore the colors to the "Roaring Second."

"The Thundering Third"

by Solomon and Cronin

The good ship, "Thundering Third" has had a change. The man at the helm is now our new Company Commander, Bob Maddox, who, I am sure, will bring us back on course to the colors. Our own "Steff" Keller has finally had his merits recognized and is now the second platoon ensign. Congratulations, "Steff." Inter-company basketball is currently in full swing and we look forward to a good season. The first platoon is led by Joe Aiello, a former varsity player; and the second platoon is captained by Ross Lagattuta. We ought to burn up the league! Jack Cowen, the former star guard of the Smokers, was brought down to the varsity because of his superlative set-shooting.

Remember, men, we have our second record to uphold. We have the potential; we need the drive. If we work together, we'll win together. Let us not procrastinate.

"The Ferocious Fourth"

by Ken Pruyn and Doug Lemb

Looking back over the last month's happenings we are confronted by a rather unique situation. As far back as I can remember the Fourth Company has never changed hands during the year. The Monday immediately following Christmas leave Lt. (jg) Richard Huebner became the Fourth Company Commander.

This change would seem to be highly indicative. The Company had not been achieving the required standard. I always have said, and probably always will maintain, that no one man can make a successful company. In short—it is the job of each and every one of us to put the Fourth Company back in the spotlight where it belongs. Let's bear this in mind!

"The Band"

by Llanso and Smith, W. M.

One of the least known sections of the AFA band is the now six month-old Dance Band, organized in the early weeks of the fall by Mr. Newton, Cadets W. P. Smith and Schalm. This group comprises W. P. Smith, Bob Steinfeld and Wayne Smith on alto saxophones; Schalm, Holroyd and Horn on trumpets; Stiff on the Baritone, Hilger on drums, and Gerry Johnson, who will be joining them soon on the guitar.

Under the able direction of Mr. Newton, the organization is working on "Star Dust", "In The Mood", "Harlem Nocturne", "How High the Moon" and "Sophisticated Swing," all of which they plan to use for the enjoyment of parents and students in the near future. We know that they will prosper under their capable leader and, though they may sound a little rough around the edges now, they ultimately should blossom forth into an organization of which Farragut can be justly proud.

MANY COLLEGES REQUIRE COLLEGE BOARD EXAMS

To enter certain colleges it is necessary to take the College Board Examinations given in January and March. Many colleges require these tests of all candidates making application. The scholastic aptitude test is given in January; the March exams are mostly achievement tests in the various subjects.

A number of cadets, as well as a few Toms River High school pupils, took the College Board Aptitude Examination in the morning and afternoon sessions on January 9th.

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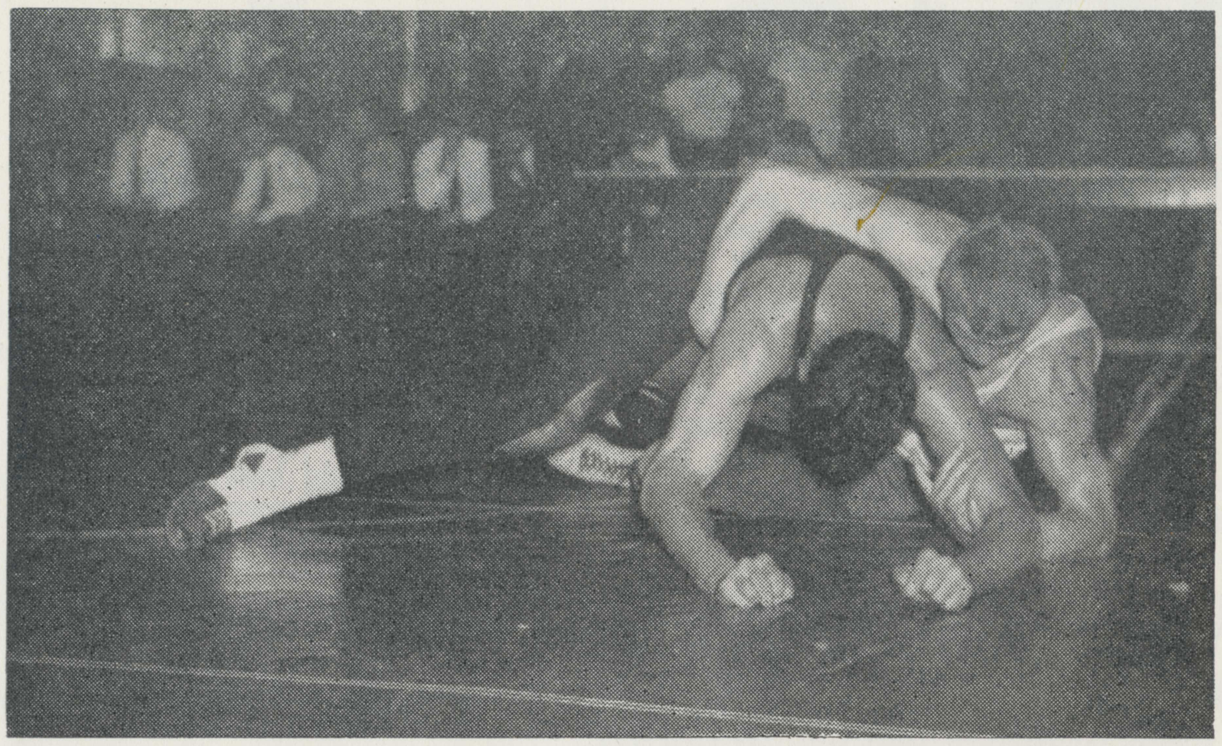
● ***The Junior School was the scene of the annual party prior to Christmas Leave for the youngsters under the direction of Mr. Earle Joy. Besides the goodies that were served, Juniors exchanged gifts under their own Christmas tree.***



● *Wrestling captain, Dan Lyons, takes his opponent down in varsity's meet with Soldiers from Bordentown Military Institute.*

Rifle Team Defeats B.M.I; Bows to Xavier

On January 9, the varsity rifle team posted an 890-875 victory over Bordentown Military Academy at Bordentown's indoor range. Ernie Hightower was high man with 184 out of a possible 200. Next was captain Bob Maddox with 182. Cohen had 181, Morin a 172, and Kirsch, 171. All of these men with the exception of Maddox are expected back next year. High man for BMI was Bob Kennett with a 183. BMI is one team which you can never tell about, nor what they are going to do next. For instance, last week, one of them fired low man. The varsity is looking forward to its return match on March 6.

XAVIER H. S.

Farragut had its second match of the year with Xavier of New York on January 16. Xavier won with a 923-811 score over Farragut with no trouble at all. During the week the team has had the best scores of the year, but when Saturday rolled around, the team scores fell off. Bob Maddox led Farragut with a 184, followed by Hesse and DeVarennes who both had a 177. DeVarennes, who has only been out for the team two weeks shows much promise this year. Next was Kirsch at a 172 with Max Morin close behind with 171.

Murphy showed the way for Xavier with 189, and McMahan with 182. In the four positions which we fired, the team made out all right on prone, sitting, and kneeling, but when it came to off hand, it fell way behind. Captain Norris is doing a fine job along with the cadets.

Farragut JVS Top Lawrenceville 40-38

Lawrenceville JV's traveled to Farragut for the first contest between the two teams this year. Farragut won 40 to 38. The opening five for Farragut were: at center, Weldon; at the guard positions, Lipsey and Sallada; and at the forward positions, Cary and Shapiro. Farragut opened the game with 3 quick baskets Although the score was tied a few times during the game, Farragut still came out ahead. At the end of the half the score was Farragut 17, Lawrenceville 16. The last half was very fast and exciting. Near the end of the game, Farragut led by six points but the driving shots of Lawrenceville brought them to a one point deficit. Farragut withheld the strong urge and won by two points—40 to

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Sports Twirl

with Bill Gabrielsen

Everybody ths season is busy with one of the three varsity and inter-company sports in progress.

The varsity wrestling team put on a fine performance against BMI, our Army rivals, in a recent match and nearly beat Peddie, losing by one point.

Rog Brenner and Dan Lyons are moving steadily towards state fame. Bird Norris and Lightweight Bowman are also boys to watch. Dayton Trubee did a fine job in the Peddie meet as he was wrestling the state champ and it was his first match. Trubee won his second by a pin. Principi and Becker are helping in the middle and lightweight classes and the team as a whole promises good things.

In the Alumni basketball game, the corps saw a '53 ball player hit for twenty points. Mickey Spillane, the author of this column last year, showed some fine style and grace. The Middies were led by Calton, Manahan, Jonack, Aiello, Pyle, Tomney and Cronin. Joe Aiello, a junior guard on the Middie team, has retired for a spell as an active starter. Joe hopes to join the cagers in mid-season. Charlie Tomney will also be back then, too.

The latest fad around Farragut these days is the hustle and bustle basketball team called the "Smokers". Led by Lester Lee and Leon Solomon they have rolled up some fine scores. They are undefeated so far with five wins. One of their regulars, Jackie Cowen has moved up to the varsity recently.

Riflery is moving along at a steady rate. The gun-men dropped BMI easily and were nosed out by Xavier. Maddox and Cohen are leading shooters, helped by Hightower and Morin.

Here's some of the latest gossip. Borrah Weiner and Leo Cronin have been battling it out in the Garden lately . . . The Animal came across a moose in the Peddie meet . . . Ted Seltzer saw lightning in the BMI meet . . . Jonack bowed to his Alma Mater . . . Halfback Johnson is going to be a public speaking teacher . . . Big Weldon is leading the J.V.s to victory . . . Pansy is Johnny dear now . . . Cady and Lipsey are helping Captain Weldon.

That's it for this issue. Keep cheerin' and back up your teams.

Until then . . .

Grapplers Have Rugged Meets With Columbia, B.M.I., Peddie, Penn Charter

COLUMBIA FROSH TRIP FARRAGUT, 26-6

On December 12, the Admiral Farragut Academy wrestling team ventured to Columbia University to wrestle the Columbia freshmen.

In most of the weights, the Farragut matmen found themselves up against superior training and a more skillful team. The final score was Columbia, 26, Farragut, 6.

Farragut gained its only six points when Tom Principi, in the 127 pound class, won a hard fought battle on points. Anwyll, the heavyweight, went the distance to win a close match over Columbia's heavyweight.

AFA MATMEN SINK BORDENTOWN, 34-15

The Admiral Farragut Academy wrestling team exploded to upset Bordentown by the score of 34-15.

Farragut put on one of the best wrestling exhibitions of the year, also beating one of its chief rivals. The Farragut team came from behind in a couple of matches to win out over Bordentown.

In the lightweight division, Eric Bowman of Farragut, managed to win on points over San Giordano of Bordentown. Next, Ted Seltzer of Farragut after putting up a good battle, found himself pinned in 2 minutes and 45 seconds of the match. Tom Principi of Farragut, came back to even up the score by pinning Bill Heating of B.M.I. Principi came fighting back after a near fall to pin his man in 30 seconds of the third period. Dick Pike of Farragut, rode out the clock of John Hallen to win a decision. John Becker of Farragut, made the fastest pin of the day by pinning Blake Smith in 1 minute and 15 seconds of the first period. Walter Portington of B.M.I. came back to pin Fred Norris in a fast but "sweet" minute and 20 seconds. John Norris of Farragut, pinned his man in the last few seconds of the match. "Rog" Brenner didn't even work up a sweat as he pinned his man in a minute and 45 seconds. Dayton Trubee of Farragut, got his first pin of the year as he pinned Don Biggs of Bordentown. One of the best matches of the afternoon was won by Dan Lyons of Farragut, over Sal Bendajor of B.M.I. In the heavyweight division, Wilson Brooks of BMI pinned Dave Anwyll in 1:55 of the second period.

GRAPPLERS LOSE TO PEDDIE, 22-19

On January thirteen, the "Sailors" wrestling team lost one of the most exciting matches of the year, to a strong Peddie team. The match was a close one right down to the wire, with the last match deciding the final score.

The first tilt of the afternoon brought together Bossin of Peddie, and Bowman of Farragut. Bowman went the distance and won a hard fought battle on points. This gave Farragut a 3-0 lead over Peddie. Seltzer of Farragut, lost to Nanosi of Peddie, in a hard fought contest. Our first pin of the afternoon was made by Principi of Farragut, who pinned his man in a minute and 55 seconds of the second period. In the 127 pound class, Hicks of Peddie, pinned Pike in the last period. Entin, of Peddie, showed more experience as he pinned Norris, F. in 1 minute and 30 seconds of the second period. Becker of Farragut, went the distance to win a close match over Boehringer of Peddie.

Greenblatt of Peddie, beat Norris, J., who had previously been out with an eye, injury, on points. Brenner of Farragut, went the distance with Acklen to win a one sided affair on points. Javeri of Peddie, who was State champ last year, beat Trubee on points. Lyons, D., of Farragut, got the second pin of the match for the sailors, as he pinned Neely in 1 minute and 50 seconds of the second period. With Lyons' pin, the total score stood at 19-19. In the heavyweight class, Levine of Peddie, stopped Anwyll of Farragut, one point short of winning. As it was, Peddie won the match 3-2 and they also won the meet, 21-19.

PENN CHAPTER MATCH 28-20

On Wednesday, Jan. 20, the Admiral Farragut wrestling team travelled to Penn Charter to wrestle a strong Penn Charter team. Although Farragut came out the loser, we saw some fine wrestling both by Farragut and the opponent.

In the first match of the afternoon, Eric Bowman, the more aggressive of the two, pinned his man late in the match. Gorman of Penn Charter, the co-captain, pinned Farragut's Ted Seltzer. McLanglish of Penn Charter, the captain, pinned Tom Principi late in the third period. Pike of Farragut evened the score by pinning Myers of Penn Charter.

Gladhill of Penn Charter won by a close decision over John Becker of AFA. Lindenheim pinned Norris of Farragut in the second period. Norris, J., of Farragut was pinned late in the third period to lose a hard fought match. Brenner of Farragut also lost a good match to Lews of Penn Charter. Lyons of Farragut, the captain, pinned Gray of Penn Charter in the second period after taking a large lead. Anwyll of Farragut also came through to pin Wise in 35 seconds which proved to be the fastest match of the day.

In an exhibition match, AFA's Trubee, in a well-fought match, pinned Holmes of Penn Charter.

Varsity Bests Alumni To Post Lone Win

On Tuesday, December 15, the AFA Varsity played host to a strong Neptune club. Starting for Farragut were Manahan, Calton, Jonack, Gabrielson and Pyle.

The game began quickly with Neptune continually using the fast break to set up a lead of ten points. For AFA, it was Calton who was the big gun. The game continued with Neptune playing a pressure game all over the court. By continually ball hawking and much aggressiveness they built up the lead to 15 points. The final score was 557-35 in favor of Neptune. The high scorer for Neptune was Taylor with 23 and Austin with 13. For Farragut, Calton was high with 15. Second was Cronin with 6. Farragut subs were Cronin, Longhi, Short, Tomney, Lupfer and Aiello.

AFA - ALUMNI

On January 9, at 7:30, the annual Varsity-Alumni game came into being for the year 1954. For Farragut, Jonack, Manahan, Calton, Gabrielson, and Pyle were the starters. The Alumni started Fred Howell '40, Tome and Spillane '53, Bob McMillan '45, Dick Eisele '48, and Leo Corny '45. The varsity took a quick lead and retained it throughout the game. Outstanding for Farragut was VanCalton with 20 points, and Gabrielsen and Pyle with their rebounding. For the Alumni, Spillane was spectacular with 19 points. High for the Alumni was Howell with 21 points. Subs for AFA were Aiello, Cronin, Short, Tomney, Lupfer and Weiner. The final score was 65-60 in favor of the varsity.

AFA - PERKIOMEN

On Jan. 13, the AFA varsity travelled to Perkiomen, Penna. to play Perkiomen School. Starting for Farragut were Aiello, Manahan, Jonack, Calton and Pyle. For Perkiomen, Gordon, Suhweides, Powell, Murphy, and Garrett started. The game began fast with AFA matching Perk. basket for basket. In the third quarter, Perkiomen increased the lead until the final whistle.

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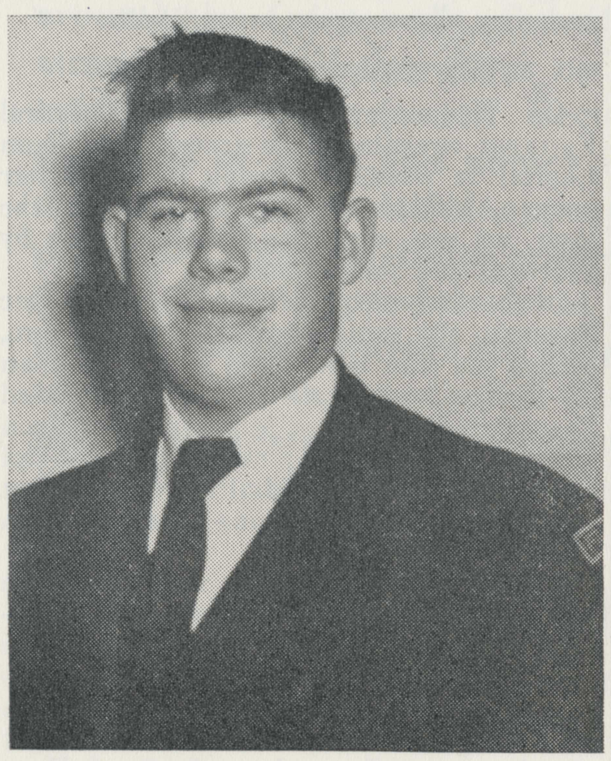
SENIOR CELEBS



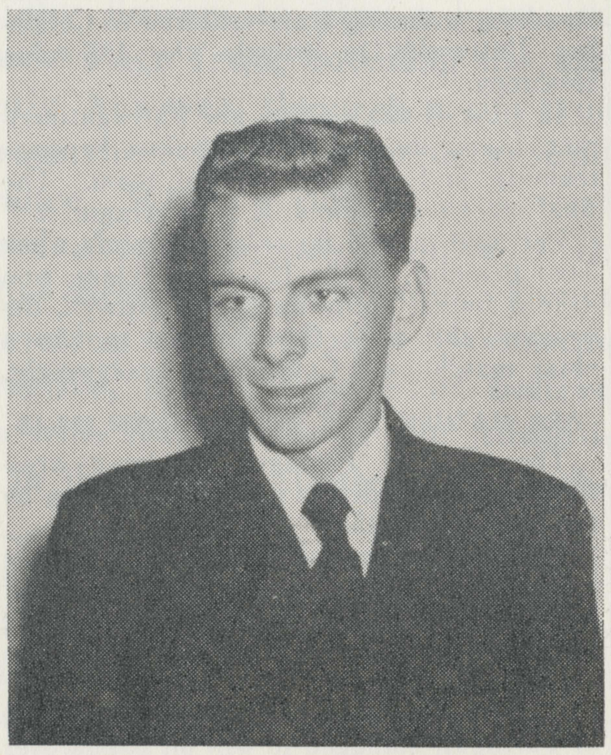
BILL ENGLISH

Bill hails from Quincy Mass., and is in his fourth year at Farragut.

He is M.P.O. in the Third Company. He is very active in the company and feels sure of a victory in June. Bill belongs to the Monogram Club, Photography Club, and the *Capstan* staff. He is on the Rifle and on the Tennis teams. Last year he played J. V. Football.

In his spare time Bill likes boats and hunting.

For next year Bill is considering a college career at Yale, Cornell, Norwich, or Notre Dame, to major in arts and sciences. As for the future, he has no definite plans, but we all wish him the best of luck in years to come.



KEN PRUYN

Senior Celeb Ken Pruyn hails from Philadelphia, Pa. He entered Farragut in January, 1951. He is company exec. in the Fourth Company.

During his three years at Farragut, Ken has compiled an academic average of near 90, and has the distinction of winning four faculty awards.

For pastimes he has a hobby of boats and automobiles. Last year, Ken was a Capstan reporter. This year he is on the Hop Committee, Dues Committee, Booster Club, Chapel Club, and the *Capstan* and *Trident* staffs. Ken's interest also lies in the activities of his old company, the First. He hopes they will win the colors.

Next year Ken wants to go to R.P.I. He also has learned fluent Spanish and is helping with the new Spanish students. Apropos of his excellent school work, Ken has earned the nickname "Prof".

World News

AS WE SEE IT

by Steve Keller

In his recent State of the Union address, President Eisenhower outlined several important proposals which are at present being considered for adoption by the newly convened Eighty-fourth Congress. Out of this category of proposed legislation are two bills which are vitally important to persons in our age group. The first of these two under consideration is the proposal to reduce the legal voting age to eighteen. At present Georgia is the only state in which people who are eighteen years old may vote. Many Washington lawmakers have expressed the view and sincerely believe that eighteen year olders are not mentally qualified to assume the responsibilities that come with the privilege of voting.

They feel that once teenagers are given suffrage, many politicians will attempt to gain office by appealing to the immature emotions of the majority of these new voters. While I can understand the arguments which these men present, I can safely say that, by and large, the average teenager, if given the right to vote, will in most cases exercise that right in a proper and sober manner. It is quite evident that today the process of growing up is much more accelerated than it was fifty or even thirty years ago. This nation has seen fit to lower the draft age of its men to eighteen and one-half years. It is only logical that one who is considered by his government physically and mentally capable of bearing arms in defense of that government, should also be mentally capable of electing the officials to maintain that government.

The second bill of this newly proposed legislation involves all of us whom our parents list as dependents on the income tax forms. Most of us do work during the summer and I would estimate conservatively that the average wage earned is in the vicinity of five hundred dollars. Under the present laws, those of us who are lucky enough to earn over six hundred dollars during this period are actually unlucky in that our parents are no longer able to classify us as dependents, if our individual earnings exceed this figure. As a result of passage of this bill, the people who do earn considerably large incomes during the summer months would be permitted to remain classified as dependents, thereby saving their parents considerable expense in the form of taxes.

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38. High scorer for Farragut was Cady with 16, followed by Weldon with 12. For Lawrenceville the high scorer was Schaibee with 13. Subs for Farragut were Pike, McEwen, Fohl, Liberti and Callen.

BMI vs J.V.'s

The Farragut J.V.'s traveled to BMI and lost 47 to 31. The BMI squad had an advantage because their squad was smaller and they used fast breaks throughout the whole game. The Farragut starting five were Weldon, Lipsey, Sallada, Cady and McEwen. BMI took the lead and was never stopped. At the end of the 1st quarter, Farragut had scored only 3 points to BMI's 12. The half time score was 23 to 9 in favor of BMI. At the end of the game the score stood Farragut 31, BMI 47. High scorer for Farragut was Weldon with 14. He also led the team in rebounds with 12. High scorer for BMI was Swayze and Carabelli with 20 each. Subs for Farragut were Pike, Shapiro, Liberti, Fohl and Callen.

The Farragut J.V.'s visited Perkiomen only to drop another game, 49-31. The starting team was co-captains Weldon and Sallada; Weldon at center; Sallada at guard; Pike S. at forward; Lipsey at guard and McEwen at forward. At the end of the first quarter it was tied at eight all, but Perkiomen scored eighteen to Farragut's eleven in the second quarter and let at the half twenty-six to nineteen. In the third quarter Farragut was again out-scored by twelve to nine points. At the end of the third quarter it stood 28 to 38 in favor of Perkiomen. However, in the fourth and final quarter Farragut out-scored Perkiomen, but at the gun it was Perkiomen 49, Farragut 41. Leading scorer for Farragut was Cady with 13 followed by Weldon with 10 and Lipsey with 9. Leading rebounder was Weldon with seven rebounds. For Perkiomen, Green and McFalls tied with 12 apiece for high scorer. Substitute for Farragut were Cady, Fohl, Shapiro and Liberti.

In the game with Neptune before Christmas Leave, Farragut was handed its 2nd loss in as many games by 32 to 27. Neptune, a small but shifty team, had control of the game from start to end.

Circling the Campus

WITH THE BIRD

From me to you, a happy, and belated '54. Ah, the files are bulging tonight; so let's get on with it.

Late Christmas . . . To the ones who don't ride back to Farragut on the bus, you miss a lot. Tales that would make a Maine school teacher blush. It seems our cadets were strung all over the 48 this time. One lad I know claims to have spent the Yule chasing harracuda. And then, of course, we have the old faithful, who spent many pleasant hours barnstorming. No matter where they went, they all have a story . . . one found a new love, another's days are numbered. Acknowledgment: to the person or persons who had similar New Years Eve accidents . . . like the one that almost happened in Short Hills. At least he didn't have to be carried home by his date! The shame of it . . .

Congratulations to all the new CO's and PO's . . . Keep your rates and hold them up in accordance with all the prestige that belongs with them. I think a lot of people got aged a few days when honored one laid the rug down. Especially the ones that got sighted for AG. All teams so far have a good start, I hear, 9 rahs for the first five in the black hole . . . 9 more rahs for the grizzled mattress rollers.

Wishing that someone would tie a bell to you know whom; been spoiling too many peaceful classrooms. Isn't that true, S.P.? Hmm? . . . I hear there's a table head who says one out of nine is . . . Who the heck is going to fill that gap in the conduct report now? . . . We'll miss your boy . . . place is beginning to get in a bad way when CO's start to administer red guts.

I got blues . . . snow shovels begin to cause aches and pains after a while, don't they? . . . To the officer who made one guy drop a snow ball and then hurled one at someone else . . . bah!

To the girls who think Farragut's cadets are unsuited for higher society, another bah . . . SORRY about the summons, old boy, but you know how things are. You should have paid . . . To the men who try vainly to put on the conduct report the unreportable waiter, three cheers . . .

OLD CROW

Did you hear about the magician that walked down Main Street and turned into a drugstore?

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Ludwig: Why do bees buzz?
Block: You would buzz too, if someone took your honey and nectar.

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Cadet Lee: He really can't help pushing people around. He comes from a long line of revolving doors.

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Reports have been made that Cadet Jones is the original horrible example.

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Cadet Fine is the only cadet at Farragut that thinks a caterpillar is an upholstered worm.

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Cadet Ludwig's girl accepts rings from men she does not know—She is a telephone operator.

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Steve Keller has been here so long that he remembers the Grand Canyon when it was a gopher hole.

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Did you hear the one about the cow that got a divorce? Someone gave her a bum steer.

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High score for AFA was Calton with 16, and Jonack with 14. High for Perk. was Dunn with 14. Subs for AFA were Gabrielson, Lupfer, Cronin, Longhi and Short. For Perkiomen subs were Dunn, Fox, Morelli and Loupe. The final score was 75-52 in Perkiomen's favor.

AFA - BORDENTOWN

On January 16, playing on a small BMI court, AFA basketball team succumbed to Bordentown by 7 points. After holding a three to five point lead throughout the game, AFA fell behind in the last quarter by a total of 9 points. AFA seemed to be a good bet to cinch it with Calton scoring a red-hot 27 points. In the last quarter BMI finally came to life and overtook the fighting middies. High man for BMI was Baldarazzi with 18 and Shivvillo with 8. Aiello, Calton, Jonack, Manahan and Pyle started for AFA and McDade, Shevillo, McEwen, Baldarazzi and Lee were BMI's starters.

COLLEGE BOARDS . *from Pg. 1*

Testing fees range from twelve dollars for both aptitude and achievement to eight dollars for one alone. These fees cover all services including scores reported to colleges. Special fees are charged for late registration, for certain changes requested in tests, and for additional score reporting service.

These tests are given throughout the world by the College Entrance Examination Board. Offices of the board are located in the U. S. in Princeton, N. J., and Los Angeles, California. Candidates wishing to take these examinations must apply to these centers.

NROTC . . . . . *from Page 1*

arts, chemical engineering, textile design, bacteriology, marine engineering, aeronautical engineering, and architecture.

Some are yet undecided as to whether they will try to enter the Naval Academy and make the navy a career. Some have a preference for the "Academy" and Coast Guard Academy while some prefer the NROTC program. The program was described by the cadets as *"The best deal in the world."*