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RADM. Von Heimburg To Present Awards

RADM. Ernest Herman von Heimburg, Commandant of the 4th Naval District, will be the speaker at the annual Naval Science Awards services on June 5.

RADM. von Heimburg was graduated from the U. S. Naval Academy on the Sixth of June, 1918. He acted as an interpreter at the surrender of the German High Seas Fleet at Firth of Forth, Scotland.

In 1924, von Heimburg went to the Naval Academy as an Instructor in the Department of Seamanship. He was then assigned to the Asiatic Fleet and participated in the Yangtze Patrol aboard the USS Pope. Then RADM von Heimburg served three years on the Staff of the Com Sub Fleet. When Pearl Harbor came, he was attached at the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations. As a Captain, he served as Chief of Staff to the Commander of the 8th Amphibious Force in the Italian Campaign. He received the Legion of Merit for his exceptionally meritorious conduct. In 1944 he participated in the Normandy invasion. For this he received the Gold Star in lieu of a second Legion of Merit. He then took command of the USS St. Paul which bombarded Japan. He received the Bronze Star for his distinguished combat service.

From 1949 to 1953 he served as Chief of U. S. Mission to Brazil. In September of 1953, Admiral von Heimburg was assigned duty as Commandant, Fourth Naval District and Commander U. S. Naval Base, Philadelphia.

37 CADETS TO RECEIVE NAVAL CERTIFICATES

Admiral Farragut Academy, being a Naval Honor School, has classes in Naval Science. The course cover a period of three years. The first year Naval History is covered up to the War of 1812. Marlinspike

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HEADMASTER'S MESSAGE

Another school year is over. For several weeks the eagerness for the last day has been mounting. The anticipation of summer activities has made the last week of school increasingly difficult, but by-and-large each cadet has remained faithful to his responsibilities and has completed a good school year.

One might ask what the completion of a school really means. Perhaps we can define it in part by saying each cadet has attended nearly one thousand formations and about the same number of classes. He has devoted nearly a thousand hours to scheduled study, and during this class and study time he has covered approximately three to three and a half thousand pages. Collectively the Corps has probably reached the staggering total of over three quarters of a million pages. This work has been checked by their instructors with about one hundred thousand grades, of which thirty thousand have been recorded in the office and ten thousand sent to parents. To others I will leave the task of estimating the number of leaves, letters, medals, and ribbons earned; the number of hours of extra duty served, and the hours spent in sports, recreation and good comradeship.

These are the things that have in part made up the year. Some have been easy, others difficult; some pleasant and enjoyable, others unpleasant. But each has contributed to the total progress you have made, and you will find yourself drawing with increasing frequency on your Farragut experiences. As you start your summer may I extend to you my best wishes for a happy and fruitful vacation, which in turn will prepare you for another good year.

Mr. Wm. G. Averitt to Speak At Graduation

This June the graduating class will be honored to have Mr. William G. Averitt, an authority on education, speak at commencement. He was born in North Carolina and attended Boys' High School in Brooklyn. In 1916 he graduated from Amherst College. Amherst has bestowed upon him the honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters; Elmira has also honored him with this degree; Temple U. has given him an honorary Doctor of Letters degree.

Mr. Averitt held a position at Amherst after he graduated. Not long after, when the war broke out in 1917, he enlisted in the Navy. This was in the early spring and by that fall he was commissioned. After that he went into business in Chicago and did graduate work in American diplomatic history at the University of Chicago. Following this he became head of the history department at Deerfield Academy. While Mr. Averitt was at Deerfield, he developed a new athletic system which was called the "soccer system". He was also interested in debating and lecturing on foreign affairs. Mr. Averitt made it a practice to travel abroad each summer to widen his knowledge of modern Europe.

Mr. Averitt was for a considerable time the editor of the Sunday education section of the *N.Y. Herald Tribune*. He was responsible for educational coverage and he even made contributions to the editorial page.

He belongs to: Phi Beta Kappa, Delta Sigma Rho, Alpha Delta Phi, the Council on Foreign Relations and the Century Association. He is also an honorary member of Phi Delta Epsilon, Rotary International and the National Association of Soccer Coaches.

The purport of his talk to the seniors will be concerning college and the benefits of a good education. Mr. Averitt's talk should be of benefit to all, especially to the seniors who plan to enter college in the Fall.

Busy June Week Schedule Set

Tonight at 1930 in the Auditorium the annual presentation of awards will be held. At this assembly cadets who have excelled in *Capstan*, *Trident*, tennis, music or dramatics work will receive gold and silver keys. Also, rifle awards for marksman, sharpshooter, and athletic awards for spring sports will be given. The assembly will be presided over by CDR. Reinhard.

Tomorrow at 12:30 P.M., the first class beach party will take place at Captain W. K. Russell's home. Seniors who are going will travel to the delightful affair, which consists of swimming, lunch and sailing, by means of sailboats, bus or rowboats. The beach party will terminate by 1530 in order for the final races to take place. After a day of much excitement, the highlight occurs at 2100 in Robison Hall with the annual June Ball with the celebrated Ted Weems and his outfit as the orchestra.

On Saturday at 1000 the inter-company drill competition will take place on the upper athletic field. The winning company will receive 150 points with the runnersup getting 100 and 50 points respectively. The drill will be judged as in the past by Marines from Lakehurst. After the line companies have finished their drilling, the Junior School will have an elimination drill to see who is the best drilling cadet. At 1500 the final parade will ensue. After the corps has lined up in front of the reviewing stands, the Admiral Farragut Academy Alumni Officer Award, the Admiral Farragut Academy Alumni Petty Officer Award, the Mrs. Thomas H. Russell Award for the Battalion Commander, Daughters of the American Revolution Award, the Hughes Sailing Awards, the Harvey Sloop Award, the Metzger Award, and the Honor Company Award will be presented. The anti-climax of Saturday will take place in Robison Hall at 2030 when the Naval Department certificates will be presented by Admiral Von Heimburg.

On Sunday, June 6, 1954, the graduation exercises will take place in Robison Hall at 10:00 A.M. At this time academic awards will be given. At 1115 the final formation brings things to a conclusion on the Battalion Parade ground. At approximately 1119, the Battalion Commander will utter his last command at A.F.A.: "Dismissed".

CORPS MARCHES IN MEMORIAL PARADE

The Corps of cadets marched as a unit on Monday, May 31, in the Memorial Day Parade in Toms River. This is done to pay tribute and respect to those men of the Armed Forces of Toms River who valiantly lost their lives fighting for their country in the First and Second World Wars, as well as in the Korean conflict.

The transportation afforded by the School to and from the town was by the Farragut

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ADIEU

With final June Week activities about ready to begin, we can as a corps of cadets look at the past year as one of creditable accomplishment. The Corps has witnessed two excellent performances by the Footlighters under Lt. Landrum and has heard some fine renditions by the Glee Club and Dance Band both under the direction of Mr. D. O. Newton. Sports saw a change as Farragut won over B.M.I., took second in state wrestling finals, took third in rifle finals, was fifth out of nineteen in the George School Track Invitation Meet, and finally the baseball team was able to beat Peddie four to three. In drill and seamanship, the Corps has been able to impress the many visitors who came to visit the school.

In September, I honestly didn't believe that a man-size *Capstan* would get published; but as luck seemed to come my way there have been eight *Capstans* published, a record number of issues for the school. The most credit should be given to my most able managing editor, Tim Connolly, who always seemed to have the articles on my desk when the day of a deadline came around. Tim couldn't have done a thorough job, if it hadn't been for Art Caso (News); Paul Lee (Sports); John Stirn (features); Marty Ludwig and Jack La-Duke (photography), and Paul Schalm (production). Standouts for the news department were Dick Huebner and Andrew McGuire. In the Sports Department "Gabe" Gabrielson deserves the most crdit for his excellent portraying of Farragut sports. For features it is Dick Evoy and Vince Manahan who deserve the credit. The unseen person behind the *Capstan*, the circulation editor, Tom Detcher, deserves credit for getting the *Capstan* into the mail. In closing, I would like to thank Lts. Elms and Mr. Wyld (Faculty Advisers) and everyone who has in any way helped produce the 1953-54 *Capstan*.

John B. Norris ***Editor***

THIRD DECADE

With the completion of its 21st year, the Academy moves on in the third decade of its existence. The record of achievement during the past 21 years has placed the School in a position of unquestionable distinction among leading independent schools throughout the Nation. The Class of '54 becomes part of a history that has been made by the untiring and unselfish efforts of thousands of former Cadets and a large number of Faculty and Staff members.

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★ COMPANY LOG ★

"The Fighting First"

by Spicer and Morin

Well, guys, here it is another year almost over. The First Company has made a decided improvement over the last few years. As of this writing, we are last, but we still have a good chance of coming in second, We have held our own this year. Next year if you start off well, you should do even better.

For the first time since I've been here, the First Company was first for a month. We have had good watch squads. And lately we have held our own in personal inspections. If we had just started earlier, maybe we could have done even better.

Next year, if you start off with a bang, you have a good chance for winning the colors. Just remember, start off with a bang and get better. So long and good luck, boys.

Cordially,
Bob Drew

"The Roaring Second"

by Smith, N.

Since this is the final log of the year, I think that it is only fair to mention some of the high spots which have accounted for our standing to date. One very significant reason is the excellent athletic performance of the inter-company sports. In particular, the football and basketball teams, which enjoyed undefeated seasons this year. To those cadets who passed seamanship or rifle rates, I give hearty thanks, as those are important factors for company standings. The sailing record has also been outstanding, as well as the rowing teams. But by far the principal factor in staying out in front has been the spirit of the members of the company itself. It is indeed, gratifying to know that everyone is willing to "get his hands dirty" and join in the fight for the colors. Therefore, to each individual member of the Second Company, I extend a "Thanks a million".

Milton McRoberts
Co. Commander

"The Thundering Third"

by Solomon and Cronin

Well, fellows, here it is, the end of the school year and I think there are many of you who will agree that it hasn't come too soon. But we surely do have some great times to look back upon, many of which will never be forgotten. As a company, I sincerely believe we accomplished a great deal. We had our fun from time to time, but when it came time to really settle down and work, everybody did his job and did it well. We put on a great display of good company spirit in all the parades and competitions and everybody knows the feeling of accomplishment he has when he hears "Result of today's parade: Third Company first". It doesn't take long to realize that pride is the major factor in a good company and it must always be stressed. To you future helmsmen of the Third Company, do not ever give up, keep plugging all the way to the end. In the previous two years, our company was the best company and the winning company and regardless of what the outlook of the company may be, we have still lived up to the old standard of giving the rest of the companies a good fight.

And next year, with the potential leadership, the company will continue to be a great threat to the First and Second Companies. May I wish all of you the best in the way of luck, and hope you will have a successful future wherever you may be going next year. Good luck to all of you!

Bob Maddox, Class of '53

"The Band"

by Llanso and Smith, W. M.

Well, the end of another year is upon us, and I want to express my thanks to the swell members of the Band Company. I think that you all are great guys. I want to thank especially, Ensign Steinfield, Company executive officer for working with me through the year; Llanso, our Mustering Petty Officer who, I always could rely on for a complete report. Wayne Smith (Smittie), 1 P.O., who calls a good step and plays a good sax. The three 2 P.O.'s Rod Horne, Gus Weiman and William Smith; 3 P.O. Herb Stiff and, last but not least, William Zuber, Dockmaster 2/C. Thanks go to the recognized classmen and plebes, also.

I feel that the band is the best that it ever has been and I know that I and the rest of the guys will hold up our end of the activities until the last minutes of school.

Every year the Band Company is improving and getting better players; also the band is taking more interest in outside activities such as "The Band of America Program" and other presentations.

I hope that next year the Band will be even bigger and better than it was this year, but it will have to go a long way to beat the congenial group that compose it now.

Thanks again for everything, gang, and I hope to see you all in future days.

K. M. Farmer, Lt., Band

"The Ferocious Fourth"

by Ken Pruyn and Doug Lamb

Looking back over the year's happenings although things seemed rough at times, it was a good year for all of us. Returning to school in September many of the old boys were surprised to find a new Headmaster in the Junior School, Mr. E. E. Joy. Mr. Joy's kindness and understanding made the year both interesting and prosperous for all of us. The new cadets, 22 of them in all, found things such as drill and shining shoes a little strange at first but before long they too were veterans of the trade. Cadet Art Cuellar who hails from Columbia, South America, knew little English when he came into the company, at the beginning of the year, but as time went on his knowledge of our language and military life increased at a rapid pace. Cadet Mike Fiore who makes home in Atlantic City, New Jersey, captured the honor of winning the largest number of drill competitions during the course of the year. At this time I would like to thank Cadets Donald Kisslan and Philip Allison for their assistance during the year as MPO and 1PO respectively.

From September through November the company followed regular drill routine, but in November we switched to the winter schedule when we had a few parties, went into town to see a few movies and worked on our personal and room inspections. Following Christmas leave the Fourth Company received a new member, Cadet Rickie Hardin. Rickie had attended the Farragut summer camp for two years, but this was the first time he had attended the winter school. Rickie hails from Wilmington, Deleware. In January three of the first year men, Mike Fiore, Ira Meiselman and Art Gordon,

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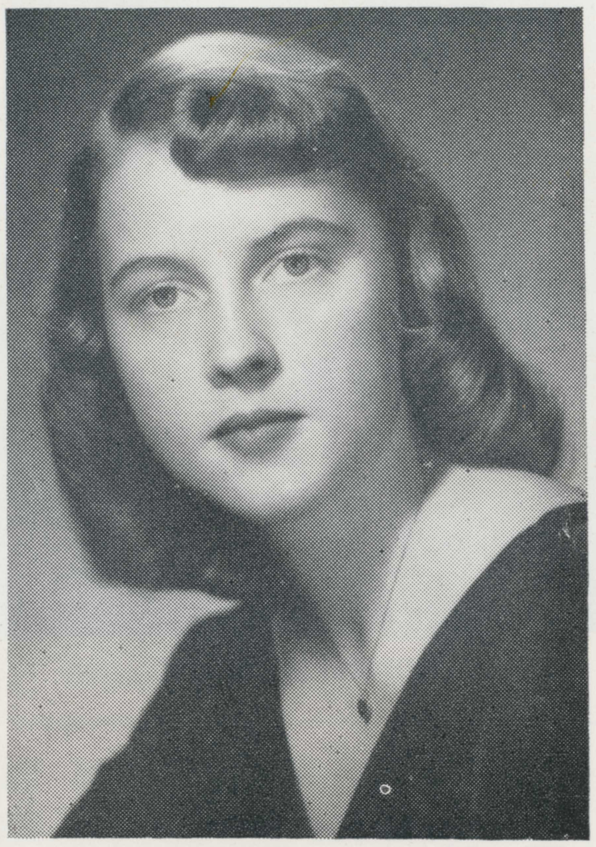
McRoberts Leads Second Company In Race For Colors; Third Trails

When this issue went to press, it looked as though the Second Company under the able leadership of Milton McRoberts was going to win the colors. With his two ensigns, Don Helthall and Bill Cone helping him, McRoberts was able to lead the second place company, the Third under Bob Maddox, by over 150 points going into the final drill. Even if the Second came in last place in the final drill, it would still have more than enough points to win the colors.

At the beginning of the year the Third Company under the command of its officers was able to obtain a one half point lead by the end of the first month. However, the Second Company came storming back to overtake the Third in the second month and took a lead of over seventy points. At this point the Third seemed to be in a dead calm and the First Company had not even hoisted its sail for the color race. In order to steer the First and Third on to the right course and to make the color race tighter, Bob Maddox was given command of the Third Company, and Bob Drew was given leadership of the First.

The First Company under Bob Drew began to improve from the day Bob took over. However, the Third was not able to recapture the enthusiasm they once had for the colors, the race for second and third place began to take place. While the Third and the First were challenging each other for the coveted position of second place, the Second Company began to add to its number of points by gaining more than 170 over the Third Company which was still second by some 40 odd points at the end of April.

With second and third places in a dubious state, the first place almost decided, the final drill will take place on June 5. For the past two years the Third Company has dominated the colors, the Honor Company liberty, and the Honor Company ribbon. However, this year, unless a sudden stroke of misfortune strikes, the Second Company is scheduled to take the colors with the Third or First in second place.



Caroline Albrecht To Reign As Queen

As a part of the annual June Week activities, it has become a tradition at Farragut to select a queen and her regal attendants whose duty entails presiding at the June Ball and various other exercises marking the end of the school year. Photographs of prospective candidates for these coveted positions are first submitted by cadets and then considered by a board of impartial judges, who have the very difficult job of choosing the winner. The judges this year were Mrs. Ada Fenne and Mr. Gianni Pitale, co-owners and producers of the Pleasant Mills Play House, near Atlantic City.

After a very close competition the judges have finally chosen the Queen and her court, for the 1953-54 school year. Miss Caroline Albrecht, sponsored by Cadet Robert Camp, has been selected queen. Her princesses are, respectively, Miss Edith Fink, sponsored by Cadet Coleman; Miss Louise Hiden, sponsored by Cadet Conway Hiden, and Miss Patty Williams sponsored by Cadet Martorana. These lovely young ladies and their proud sponsors deserve the heartiest congratulations.

The first event scheduled on the royal agenda will be the coronation taking place during the June Ball. On the following day, immediately following Drill, the queen will award the coveted colors to the company having the highest degree of proficiency in the year's activities. At the end of the color ceremony, the queen and her court will be honored by reviewing the corps of cadets in the Final Parade of the year.

Colorful Wedding For Miss Janet Russell

A wedding of interest to all the friends of Admiral Farragut Academy took place on May 29 in the Presbyterian Church, Toms River, N. J. Miss Janet C. Russell, daughter of Captain and Mrs. William Kable Russell, was married to Mr. Clifton N. Bradley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifton N. Bradley, 20 Brooks Road, Toms River, N. J.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. Ansley G. Van Dyke and was followed by a reception at the home of the bride's parents.

Mrs. Bradley is a graduate of Mary Baldwin College in Staunton, Va. She has since been employed at the Sloan Kettering Foundation for Cancer Research in New York City.

Mr. Bradley is a graduate of Williams College and received his master's degree from Harvard Graduate School of Business Administration.

After a trip to the West Coast, the couple will make their home in Wilmington, Delaware, where Mr. Bradley is with the E. I. du Pont Nemours Co.

Radford Hall Serves Corps' Health Ills

On looking over the campus one notices an impressive building along Riverside Drive which is the Admiral Farragut Academy Sick Bay. This building, with its wide green terraced lawn was built during the last war. It is quite large considering the size of the school. There are five wards with a maximum capacity of 50 beds which is more than enough for almost any emergency. Besides these wards there is also a dining room, a kitchen, and a recreation room.

But the Sick Bay was not always so large. When the school first began, it was a single room in Farragut Hall. Then, when DuPont Hall was built, it moved to the 500 deck. Not long after that it moved to what is now the Headmaster's cottage and finally to the spacious building where it is now located.

Usually there is on the average only about one cadet kept in Sick Bay each month which fact keeps the average pretty low for a school of our size. Largely responsible for this are the daily sick calls which allow colds and slight indispositions to be treated in early stages. The number hospitalized this year has been exceptionally low.

Dr. Carmine Pecora, M.D., is the head medical officer, and Lt. Doty is the resident medical officer. Mrs. G. Mills is the registered nurse who assists Mr. Doty There is usually a cadet who aids over at Sick Bay by doing minor chores for Lt. Doty at sick call hours. Dr. Robert Buermann, M.D. is the surgeon called on in case of emergency. All emergency cases are taken to Paul Kimball Hospital in Lakewood, unless the parents of the boy specify another hospital.

Hornes Entertain Group In N. Jersey

One of the most gratifying extra-curricular activities which any group of cadets has taken part in during the present school year, was a trip to Newark, New Jersey, on Friday, May 14 to see a musical play entitled "Girl Crazy". This comedy was sponsored and presented by the Young People's Organization of the Second Presbyterian Church of Newark. The production was voluntary and the proceeds from the presentation are to help in furthering the churche's missionary aims. The group of 22 cadets who attended the play were members of the A.F.A. drama club, "The Footlighters" and of the Band. They were the guests for the evening of Mr. and Mrs. Ian MacKenzie Horne of East Orange, New Jersey.

This party of cadets left the Academy at 1830 by private cars, provided for the occasion by Mr. Horne. After one and a half hours travel, they arrived at the theatre and were right on time for the opening of what proved to be a very enjoyable, excellently-acted musical comedy.

Mr. and Mrs. Horne, parents of one of our fellow cadets, took the leading roles and did a superb job. Mr. Horne, with his wife's assistance, directed and produced the entire show.

During the various intermissions, the visiting cadets found great enjoyment in frequenting the game room in the basement of the theatre, where they found the facilities for billiards, ping pong and bowling. A refreshment bar served well to abate their keen appetites.

After the show, the cadets were invited to the Horne's residence in East Orange, where a gay party ensued. Refreshments were served to the entire cast of the play, plus 22 hungry boys.

Later on in the evening the few cadets present that belong to the Farragut Glee Club entertained the party-goers with some very appropriate and well-sung selections.

A-1 Campus Condition Kept By 'Maintenance'

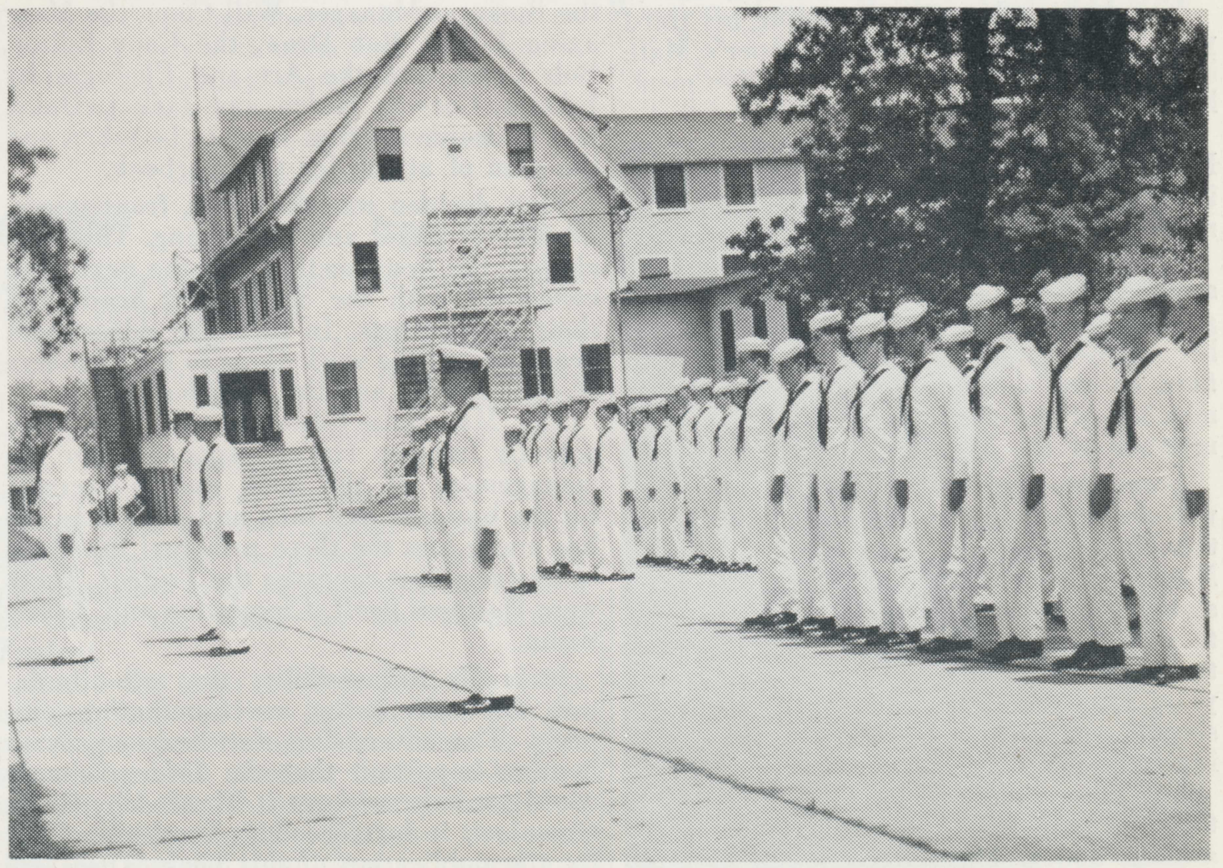
How many of us have noticed, especially during the weeks before Parents' Weekend, the great activity of our maintenance men? We see them planting, painting and cutting grass. Upon them rests the school's reputation, for a school with an untidy, messy campus casts a poor impression on visitors and parents. There are several main jobs to which they must devote themselves. The painting department naturally sees that the buildings and pipe railings are always well cared for. The gardeners are responsible for all landscaping, care of grass, and care of the grounds in general. The janitors see to it that all our buildings are kept clean, well heated and that the plumbing and electrical systems are in good repair.

This department is under the direct supervision of Captain W. K. Russell. He is assisted by Mr. Garrabrant, who is in charge of all these chores. Mr. Garrabrant is also the electrician and cares for the lighting system and its devices. There is one man in the painting department who works all year, but in the spring other men are often added to this department for spring clean-up. The gardeners, too, are not needed very much in the winter and attend to regular boiler room duties, but in the Spring, Summer and Fall, they are always busy planting and caring for the lawns and gardens. There are several Housemen in each building, insuring a good state of repair in all the buildings. Many additional tasks are performed by our maintenance men, ranging from driving the Academy bus to the repair of desks and classroom furniture.

Music and Treasure Themes To Feature June Ball

With the traditional June Ball just around the proverbial corner, many are beginning to wonder about the particular feature of the dance. It has been decided that since we are so fortunate as to have the popular and well-known Ted Weems and his orchestra here for the event, the main theme for the affair will be "Music". In accordance with this plan, the upstairs decorations will be adorned with staffs, clefts, rests, notes, flats, sharps, and all the various musical characters.

Downstairs in the restaurant, the theme is under-water scenes, for example: Neptune, mermaids, fish, sunken ships, and mermen.



● *Proud members of the "Roaring Second" Company stand at precise attention on the formation parade.*

New Members Are Elected To Society

At a recent meeting of the Farragut Honor Society, elections were held, in which eleven new members were elected to the Society. In accordance with the ratio prescribed by the constitution for each class, six members were elected from the graduating class; four from the second class, and one from the third class. It is important that the Honor Society, in choosing underclassmen, select only those with the highest qualifications. They, together with the members of their classes already in the Honor Society, will form the Honor of Society of next year and carry its aims and traditions from the start.

From the first class and post graduates were elected the following: Aurthur Caso; "Art" a 2 P. O. in the third company, is an editor on the *Capstan* staff, and has done invaluable work for the newspaper. He is now bringing to a close his second year at Farragut.

Victor Fredda: "Vic", an M.P.O. in the first company, has been at Farragut for two years, and has been extremely active in inter-company sports. He received one of the three honor school appointments to Annapolis.

Robert Haltermann: "Bob", also concluding his second year at Farragut, is a member of both the varsity football and baseball teams. He is planning to enter the Naval Academy this coming fall.

Steve Keller: "Steph", has attended Farragut for six years, during which time he has been extremely active, in both the *Capstan* and the *Trident*. Steph is an ensign in the third company.

Jon Rindfleisch: Jon is concluding his first year at the Academy, and has made it very successful by his brilliant ability in the field of sports. He quarterbacked the varsity football team, played varsity basketball, and is currently pitching the varsity baseball team through a successful season.

Wayne Smith: Smitty is finishing his second year at Farragut among the top three in the senior class. He is a member of the dance band, and has been very active in the dramatics club. Smitty is a 1 P. O. in the band.

The members of the second class chosen for membership in the Farragut Honor Society are the following cadets:

William Gabrielsen: Bill has been at Farragut for three years, and is a varsity man in track, football, and baseball. He is a C.P.O. in the first company and will be next year's sports editor for the *Capstan*.

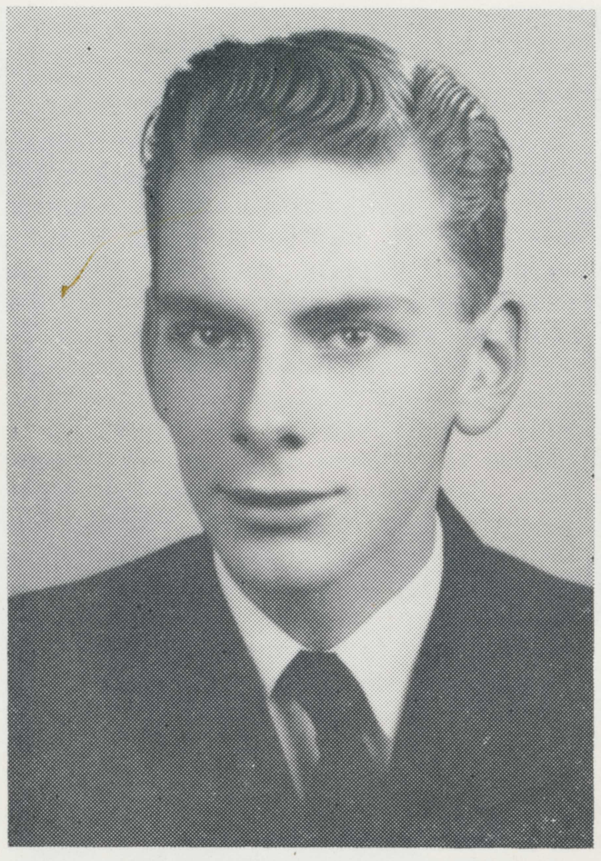
Max Morin: Max is completing his third year at Farragut as a Chief Gunner's Mate in the first company. He is an active member of the varsity rifle team.

Peter Short: Pete is in his second year at Farragut and is engaged actively in all inter-company sports. This fall he was a member of the J. V. football team.

George Stuhr: This is "Red's" first year at the academy and he has already distinguished himself in sports. He was a member of the varsity football team, and also fired on the varsity rifle team. "Red" is a member of the first company and is also a member of the Monogram Club.

From the third class, only one member was deemed ready to become a member of the Honor Society. This cadet is Henry Narciso. Henry entered Farragut five years ago. He graduated from the junior school three years ago and was placed in charge of the Junior School as C.P.O. the following year. This year Henry is a 1 P. O. in the second company and is actively participating inter-company sports.

For these cadets to have been elected to the Farragut Honor Society, it is indeed a great honor. These cadets, who in forming the Honor Society, form the "conscience" of the school.



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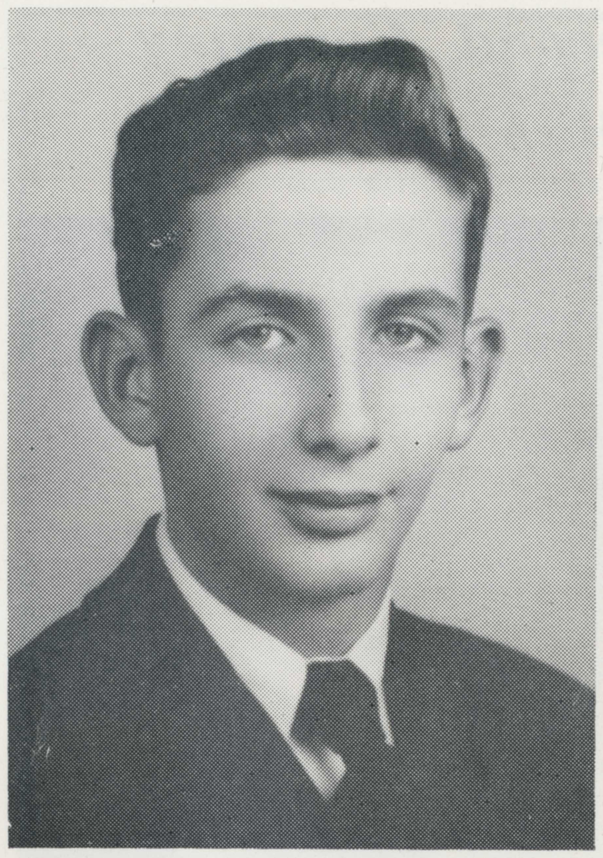

CADET RUSSELL VREELAND

Trident Publication Is The Result Of Long Hours Of Tedious Effort

Not many of the Cadets, families of the Cadets, or patrons realize exactly what the *Trident* is and how much work goes into the publication of it.

The publication of the *Trident* is the annual task of the First Class of Admiral Farragut Academy. It represents the student through his four years of classes up to, and including, his graduation. This does not mean that the fourth classman starts to work on his class *Trident* in that year. His work starts in his first class year. And so it has been with the class of 1954.

In the year 1953 the first class met in a group in early fall with the advisors to choose officers and positions for the *Trident*. The choice was made from those who were interested enough to take active part in the publication of this book The advisors, Lts. Sheesley and Masciangelo, nominated the editors and heads of the various departments. They then picked out of the groups those that were best suited and desired a certain position. These advisors not only guide the editors and staff, but are the back and shoulders of the workhorse that finally produces this work.

Lynn Coleman was nominated Editor in Chief of the 1954 *Trident*. He along with the Business Manager, Will Cone, the Managing Editor, Bob Drew, the Copy Editor, Bob Camp and the Art and Photography Editors, Conway Hiden and Jack LaDuke, met to decide the first steps to be taken and the plan of attack for the yearbook.

First decided was the cover, frontispiece, number of pages and the styling. This concluded, the first meeting and the next were concerned with the department heads and their assignments. In turn the department heads passed the work along to the members of departments and the work had begun.

The Managing Editor is what his name actually implies. He is responsible for the management of the book and is overseer for the business that falls under his title. He has under him the three principal functions of business that concerns the *Trident*. These were Business itself, Circulation and Advertising.

It is his responsibility that all circulation and advertising are functioning properly. The advertising, for instance, is an item so important that the *Trident* simply could not exist without it. Headed by Cadet Greenlaw, it furnishes the finances needed for the publication of this book. There are many ways of obtaining these ads; many remember seeing Cadets Greenlaw and Martorana going into Toms River on week days in the afternoons. These excursions weren't pleasure trips; they were ad-hunting from the merchants of Toms River. Also the Office Management and Circulation Staff combine their talents to the selling of this, our annual. They spend much of their free time mailing circulars and requests to the patrons and parents who are interested in the yearbook.

This, so far is only the business side of this lengthy operation. The work itself is done by the various members of the Photography, Art and Editorial Staffs.

They had to choose a class historian and, of course, to qualify for this position we had to have a person who had been at Farragut a good many years, plus a workable knowledge of the various happenings of his class and that occurred during its sojourn here. Only Steff Keller could have equalled the challenge so well and his career perfectly discribes the Class of 1954.

The Art Staff was faced with the critical problem of re-designing the year book by cover and by pages. The *Trident* after long debations and work hours was completely renovated so that there would be no tinge of other classes still on it. Headed by the talented and very able Conway Hiden, the Art department and its creations came through brilliantly.

Copy Editor Camp was faced with the awe-inspiring task of sorting the stacks and piles of wills, characteristics and all the other unaccountable items that filled his desks and the printed pages of the volume.

The First Class when doing something, believes in tradition and goes "whole hog." However, as always, many cadets were found to have left out nicknames which were asked for on their questionnaires, but nevertheless were quickly filled in by the all knowing and clod-conscious Lt. Sheesley. Also the captions found under the photograph of each First Class Cadet took much

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achieved the honor of becoming recognized classmen.

Following spring leave we once more returned to our full time schedule of drill in preparation for our final exhibition.

In closing I would like to say that it's been fun working with you and I'm looking forward to seeing you back again next year.

1, 9, 11 Honor Naval School Record Set

This year, as usual, the Farragut Honor School nominees to the United States Naval Academy placed very high in the nationwide competitive examinations. Eight times in the past nine years one of our candidates has placed first in this competition. This year is no exception.

The number one man in the nation this year is Ken Pruyn, known to many of us at the Academy as "The Professor". Ken entered the Academy in January of 1951. Since his arrival Ken has demonstrated his academic prowess by capturing numerous faculty awards. Ken has received awards in Algebra, Plane Geometry and Spanish and has attained a high academic average in his other subjects. Ken hails from Philadelphia, Penna., where during the summer he works in a bank. An old first company man, Ken is presently the fourth company executive officer. Ken's main interests lie in cars, boats and of course sleeping, the latter being his favorite "pastime".

Standing ninth in the country is Russ Vreeland. Russ hails from Canada where in spite of the cool climate he manages to stay on the move. Russ entered the Academy in February of 1953 and is now a first class petty officer in the second company.

In eleventh place is Vic Fredda. Vic entered the Academy in September of 1952. This year Vic has advanced from recognized classman to Mustering Petty Officer having been at different times during the year a third and a second class petty officer. Vic makes his home in Matawan, New Jersey.

Cadets Pruyn, Vreeland and Fredda will make fine midshipmen at the Naval Academy and the corps of cadets wishes them the best of luck in coming years.

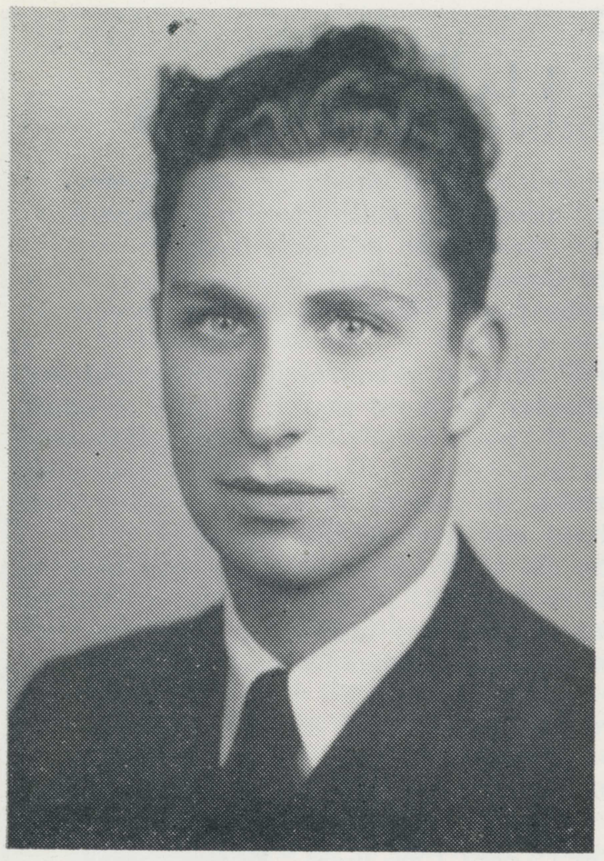
Navy Makes Annual Inspection On May 7

On Friday, May 7, the annual U. S. Navy inspection was held. This inspection is made by the Navy each year to ascertain that the Academy is living up to the standards of a government honor school. There are only a few schools in the country designated as honor naval schools. The Academy gains much by being an honor school. Particularly, it gains in the field of naval training, the naval personnel at the Academy, and much of the equipment. The Academy also has three appointments to Annapolis each year. The Academy became an honor school in 1941 and was the first school to be designated with this rating.

The inspection party arrived at the Academy at 0900, and was greeted by Academy officials. The tour consisted of a complete inspection of all Academy property. The tour started in Farragut Hall, proceeded along the east walk, to the athletic field and Robison Hall, the armory, DuPont Mall, and ended at the Academic Headquarters, and later inspected Clark Hall and the Library.

The parade started at 1140 and was won by the First Company. The First has won this parade for four years straight. The Corps then proceeded directly to mess formation, at which the inspecting party was present. They then inspected the Second Company. A conference was held in Farragut Lobby until 1430 when the waterfront activities were scheduled to begin. The program consisted of rowing and sailing races and lasted until 1600. The Second Company won both rowing and sailing races. A conference was then held with the Administration officials. The inspecting party departed at approximately 1700.

On Sunday, May 9, Cmdr. Reinhard issued a "well done" to the Corps as a whole, for its appearance and conduct during the inspection.



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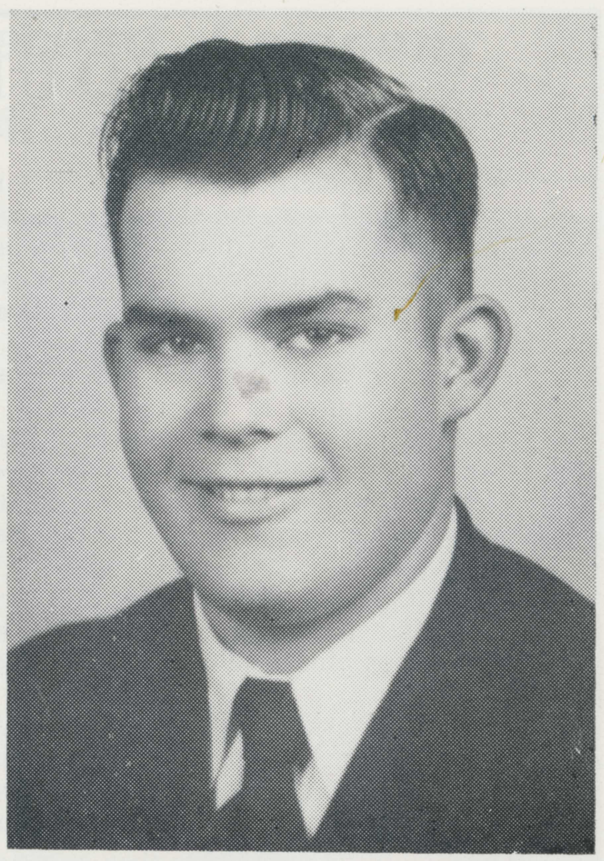

CADET R. DREW

N. Smith, R. Drew Take Top Academic Honors

Several weeks ago Captain Dodge announced the valedictorian and salutatorian of the First Class. These are the highest academic honors a cadet may receive. In order to be eligible for this honor a cadet must attend Admiral Farragut for his junior and senior years. The winners were Cadet Norman Smith and Cadet Robert Drew. Norm had an average of 93.3 and second was Bobby with 89.1 average.

Norm Smith, who came to Farragut in September of 1952, was selected as valedictorian for the Class of '54. He comes from Boston, Mass., where he formerly attended the famous Boston Latin School. Each one of his four years there he received the Classical Award, the highest award for an underclassman, for the highest grades in Ancient History, Latin and Greek. At Farragut last year he received faculty awards for Second Class in science and foreign language. He also received the Headmaster's Award for the highest average in his class. This year he is taking English A, Trigonometry, German II, Public Speaking and Physics. Next year at Mass. Institute of Technology he plans to begin chemical engineering. He hopes to continue his German.

Norm was out for Junior Varsity Sports and has participated on all inter-company teams and was on the champion basketball team this winter. He was a 3 PO last fall, but worked his way up to a 2 PPO. His favorites are dances and sport cars and his favorite subjects are science and languages.

Chosen as salutatorian was Bob Drew. Bobby entered Farragut Academy in September of 1951. Bob hails from Little Silver, New Jersey, where he attended grammar school. He spent his freshman year of high school in Red Bank High School. In previous years Bob has received the Headmaster's Award for the highest average in the sophomore class and a Faculty Award in English. This year Bob is taking algebra A, geometry A; also Trig and Solid, along with courses of English A and physics. Next year Bob is going to attend Rensselaer PI and study engineering. Bob received a varsity letter in football and also played intercompany basketball and baseball. His first year Bob was varsity track manager. Bob likes boats, especially sail boats, and of course all sorts of sports.

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17 MAKE GOOD RECORD IN '54 NAVAL EXAMS

In April, seventeen Farragut cadets passed the examination for entrance into the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland.

Cadets Caso, Lupfer, Pyle, Stiff, Evoy, Maddox, Mills and Megonigle competed for and received appointments to the Academy from the Naval Reserve on the basis of their scores, as did Cadets Pruyn, Vreeland and Fredda, who were appointed from among the country's Naval Honor Schools.

The remaining candidates received congressional appointments through competitive exams in their home states earlier in the year. These were Cadets Hayes, Manahan, Christensen, and Detscher.

To be eligible for the Naval Academy, candidates must pass the mental and the physical examinations and be appointed to the brigade of midshipmen.

Agencies which may make appointments are members of congress, the President, and Vice-President. The Secretary of the Navy may also appoint men from the regular Navy, Naval Reserve, and ten members from the Naval Honor Schools throughout the country.

Year End Spiritual Service Held For Grads

With solemn faces the Senior Class members settled into their chairs for the Baccalaureate Service in our Auditorium at 10:45 on Sunday, May 30, 1954.

Though the order of the service has not been altered through the years, it still leaves the same indelible impression in the minds of every graduating cadet. The service was led by the Reverend Ansley Gerard Van Dyke. He was assisted by the Glee Club under the direction of Mr. Newton, Lt. Kenneth Sheesley at the piano, and the regular Cadet Chapel Band, composed of Cadets Llanso and Schalm.

The service included the prelude, "Praeludum", by MacDowell; Call to Worship; Invocation; the Hymn, "Holy, Holy, Holy" by Pykes; Psalm reading; Scripture reading; Prayer; "Faith of Our Fathers" by Hemy; Sermon, "You Can Bet Your Life", delivered by Reverend Van Dyke; Benediction, and Postlude, "Arioso" by Hopekirk.

The flowers on the altar were donated to the service by the Chapel Club under the direction of Robert Camp.

Naval Reserve Unit Has Successful Year

As the year entered its last week, increasing interest has been shown by those in the Academy's Naval Reserve Unit in the form of a wave of recruits who were sworn in on May 10.

The Unit, officially known as Naval Reserve Composite Company 4-1 is now completing its second year as an operating surface unit under the jurisdiction of the Fourth Naval District.

It was instituted last year for the purpose of giving cadets seeking the appointments to the Naval Academy through the Reserve quota. The unit this year qualified eight of its members. The entire group is seeking appointments. However, Composite Company 4-1 is open to all cadets interested in entering the reserves; whether or not they are Naval Academy Candidates. Anyone wishing to effect an enlistment should make application to the Director of Naval Science.

The unit is under the command of Lt. D. A. Davis, USNR, a faculty member of Toms River High School. Its executive officer is LCDR A. Tilton USMS. LtCDR P. R. Van Mater, the Academy's Director of Naval Science is an associate member.

The unit drills regularly every Friday night from 1900-2130. During these drills the reservists study the prescribed Naval Curriculum aimed at advancement in rate, and see many training films and general interest films.

Numerous special activities were scheduled throughout the year beginning with a three-day training cruise from Philadelphia to Annapolis, Md. aboard the patrol craft escort 853 in November. The following February all members who had completed the necessary requirements were examined and promoted from seaman recruit to seaman apprentice. In March another cruise was run, this time to Wilmington, Del. and in April the unit held its annual banquet. The May schedule included an inspection by CDR L. D. McCumber USNR, special program officer of the Fourth Naval District, and another examination and subsequent promotion of seaman recruits to seaman apprentice. This month also the unit is holding drill in the whaleboats and practicing piloting, landing, and survivor rescue drills on the Academy's training vessel, "Chief". The summer schedule includes two-week cruises for many of the members. The recruits will go to the Naval Training Center, Bainbridge, Md. and Great Lakes, Ill. for boot training. Ports of call for those taking the two-week cruise are Halifax, Nova Scotia and Havana, Cuba.

The unit will disband for the summer. The underclass members will be going on temporary duty with units near their homes, and the graduating members entering the service academies or one of the various officer training programs in college.

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of this man's time to find and place according to appropriateness.

And need it be said that the Photography Staff deserves one of the biggest hands? Jack LaDuke, Martin Ludwig and the other members of the staff filled the pages with their many photographs. There was the never-ending job of developing and hoping for the right weather. Special events, many, often complete surprises, required the photographer to be on hand with his camera to record the scene for the voluminous *Trident*.

And every year without fail, the crisp, coveted book arrives just in time for the penning and mottoing. Tears come in later years when you discover the funny-looking guy on the fourth page was yourself and you'll wonder and be glad for the work done by you and your class to record and turn into printed and tangible matter your life at Farragut.

43 Colleges Accept 64 Members Of '54

This September sixty-four brand-new Farragut alumni, the class of '54, will be listed on the musters of some forty-three colleges, universities and service academies.

The U. S. Naval Academy will claim Cadets Christensen, Evoy, Haltermann, Manahan, M., Lupfer, Maddox, Mills, Megonigle, Pyle and Stiff.

Others entering service academies are Bardfield, who will attend the U. S. Military Academy; LaDuke and English, Norwich University; Lloyd and Anwyll, New York Maritime Academy; Ludwig, Mass. Maritime Academy, and Quinn, Maine Maritime Academy.

Farragut will also be represented by alumni at Bucknell, Cornell, Columbia, Rennseler, Rutgers, Syracuse Universities and the University of Vermont.

Other cadets will attend Georgetown, the University of Notre Dame, M.I.T., University of Pennsylvania, Penn State College, William and Mary, Boston University, the University of North Carolina, Vanderbilt, Georgia Tech, Trinity College, Paul Smith, Clarkson College, Carnegie Tech, University of Alabama, General Motors Institute, Hobart, St. Lawrence University, Highland Park Junior College, Seton Hall, Westchester State Teachers College.

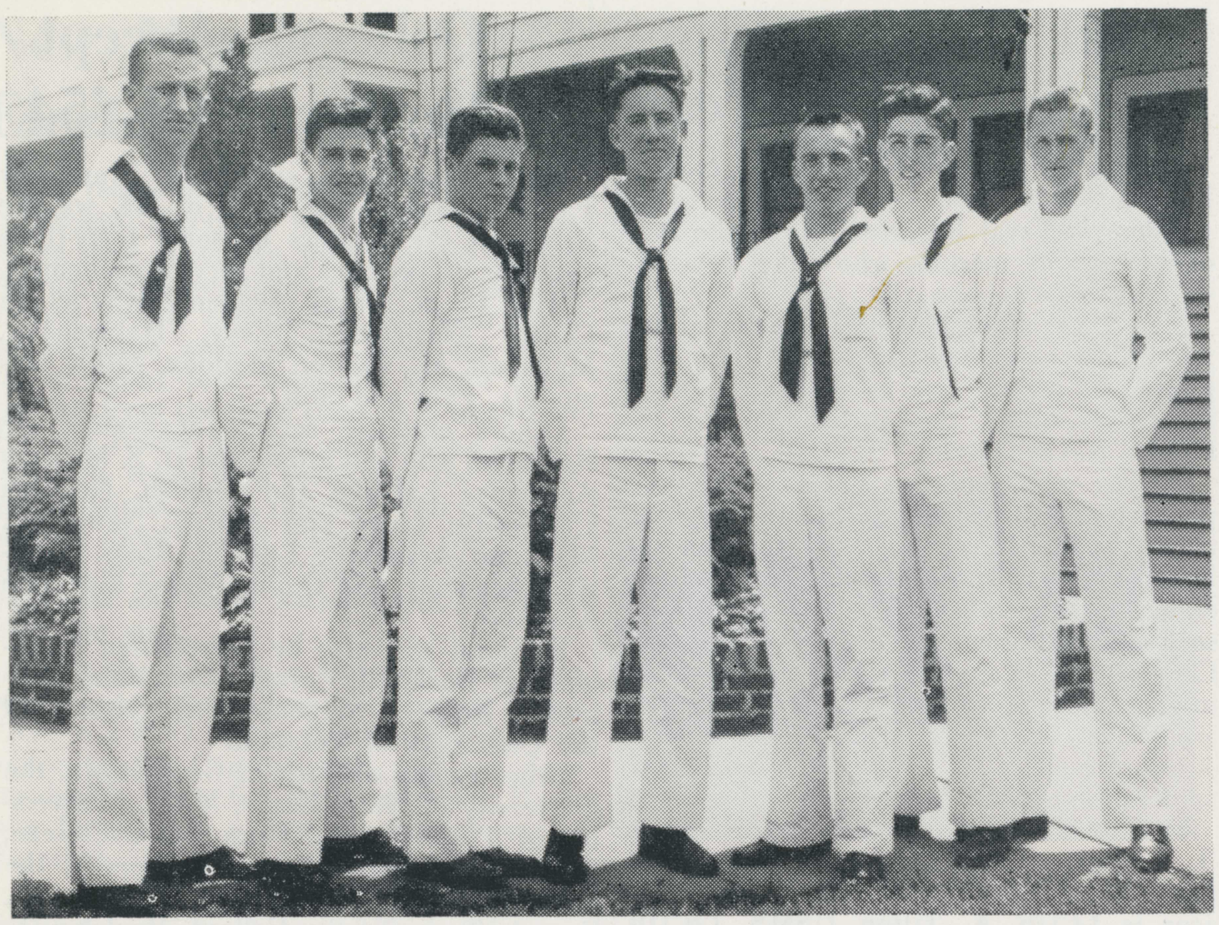
Two members of the first class are returning to Farragut for Post Graduate work, while two more are entering the U. S. Navy and the U. S. Air Force.

AUCTION SALE IS HELD BY DEPT. OF NAVAL SCIENCE

The annual Department of Naval Science Auction Sale was held in the Auditorium on May 14, 1954. The auction was presided over by humorous Louis Bardfield of the First Company. At Evening Mess when the sale was announced by Lt. Hal Clark, the bargain-seeking cadets showed their enthusiasm with a loud round of applause for the sponsor Lcdr. P. R. Van Mater, Jr.

The equipment which was sold included whiteworks, neckerchiefs, socks, bathing trunks, rain hat covers, etc. came from the Lucky Bag, the place where lost articles are stowed. During the past year the Lucky Bag was under the supervision of Conway Hiden and the Naval Science Dept. The first sale of the evening went to Lloyd, P., who bought a clip board for 34c. Other cadets who purchased goods were Allison, Chart, Principi, MacDowell, Hand, Knight, Segal, Mermelstein, Macero, Steen, Marchhand, Farry, Evoy, Liberty, Fox, Ludwig, Whetton, Cody, Helthal, and Rosenthal. The $18.72 netted at the sale was given to the Chapel Club so as to improve the School's religious accessories.

● *Auctioneer Bardfield conducts successful NAVDEPT Sale.*



● *1954-55 Capstan Editor, Tim Connolly, poses with his new staff. From left to right is Hiden, Todino, Lamb, Huebner, Manahan and Gabrielsen.*

COURAGE

Chaplain Ansley Gerard Van Dyke

With our modern world living in a constant state of jitters over the possibility of another global war, one thing which we all need is the ability to live courageously. One modern novelist writes: "Courage, my brother, is the principle thing!"

In a letter to his friends in the city of Corinth, St. Paul tells the story of his life and gives the secrets of his courageous faith. He gives us four secrets of courageous living.

He writes, "Are they Hebrews? So am I." He was proud of his family heritage and it was a source of courage to him. Someone has said that it is folly to boast about heredity, but it is wisdom to study it. If "blood tells", then the consciousness of strong, pure family blood should give a man courage. An old adage goes like this: "If you would be sure about your child, be careful in choosing his grandmother." Paul glorified in his Hebrew heritage and it made him brave.

Paul also said, "Are they Israelites? So am I." To be an Israelite was to be a chosen man, called definitely and particularly by God. In a sense, the individual Israelite was a miniature of the chosen kingdom. For any individual to believe that God has chosen him for a definite task in the world should make a man feel significant and brave.

Then Paul asks another question, "Are they the seed of Abraham? So am I." God's promise to Abraham was that in him and his seed all the nations of the world would be blessed. As a descendant of Abraham, Paul, then, was a man of promise. To share Abraham's faith and so also to share his courage was Paul's ancestral prize.

Once more he asks, "Are they minister of Christ? I am more." In these words he is finding real courage in all that he has been able to accomplish through a life of service to Christ and His Church. Effective service, which had brought great results, had helped to develop his personality and had provided many experiences out of which real courage was born.

So then, we see in these words four sources of courage in any generation. First, one's family tradition. Second, the conviction that God has called. Third, the fire of a great ancestor's faith still aflame in life today. Fourth, experiences of service in a great cause.

As you leave Farragut, some to return in the fall, and others to go on to new achievements in life, I trust that you will find the secret for courageous living in deep faith in God and sincere service for others. May God bless you always!

Corps Spends Active Year At Waterfront

This year has been one of the most active in the history of the Academy's waterfront with the arrival of three new Naval Personnel, Chief Linnartz, Mr. Skof and Mr. Maiden, to lend their knowledge and experiences. Hence the waterfront has undergone a noticeable change for the better.

Weather was not particularly propitious for the waterfront activities during the fall. During the autumn, rain storms and cold weather kept the cadets on shore. As a result, there wasn't much opportunity to learn the practical knowledge of navigation with the Academy's fleet. Towards the beginning of November, a severe storm caught the waterfront off guard. This mishap caused extensive damage to three whale boats that had to be abandoned. Three small cats totally destroyed, and the remainder of the boats needed much repair work.

During the winter months the damage done to the fleet was repaired by the able craftsmanship of Matt Shaw. Matt has been with the Academy for eleven years and is in charge of maintenance of the waterfront. Also during the snow-blanketed months, it was suggested that the Naval Science indoctrinate into the military of the school a new rate. This rate, that of dockmaster, it was decided, was to be given to one cadet in each of the line companies to help the naval personnel. For this year Cadet Wm. T. Zuber was placed in charge of the dockmasters. Cadet Hand was for the First Company, Cadet Brown for the Second, and Cadet Chart for the Third. Another part of the dockmaster's curriculum is to organize work gangs to help to give the waterfront a more attractive appearance.

* After Spring leave, the waterfront opened its gates with several new B.B.'s However, once again bad weather curtailed the use of the waterfront for a portion of the time. But the pleasant days outnumbered the inclement ones and the cadets were able to enjoy the numerous facilities which the waterfront has to offer.

The climax of the Academic year as far as the waterfront is concerned will occur on June 4 with the annual sailing races. Moreover, in another respect the waterfront is just opening up because the summer camp will open about three weeks after the school year closes. Next year when the waterfront will reopen for the winter school, there will be outlooks for improvement and more enjoyment for the 1954-55 corps.

Inquiring Reporter

Question: What have you done during the past school year?

Lyons, D.—I met Eustacia Vye.

Pike, S.—One more year to go.

Megonigle—I have given up Annapolis to be a Reddleman.

Weglein—P.G.

Steinfeld—Lakehurst.

Farmer—I refuse to say on grounds that it will incriminate me.

Pike—Graduated twice.

MacRoberts—I learned how to control my emotions.

Manahan—Nothing.

Lupfer—I have devised a new scheme to stay on the Conduct Report.

Seltzer—Sold my car to Anwyll.

Camp—Raised havoc with my nerves.

Kamel—Good military background.

Detscher—That's a good question.

Aiello—Talked Cmdr. Reinhard out of a leave.

Johnson, G.—Learned how to pluck a guitar.

Fine—Ithink that I have gained a broad mind.

Weiner—Finally rode shotgun.

Solomon and Cronin—Wasted an evening trying to compile this report.

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flagship, the AFA, and the Academy bus and Convoyer.

The parade itself was sponsored by the George P. Vanderveer American Legion Post 129, which had a vivid display of the colors and the American Legion flags.

The other participants of the parade included the Boy Scouts, the First Aid and the various fire companies.

The activities commenced at Main Street and proceeded to the Riverside cemetery where the Corps stood at attention while a group of soldiers from Fort Dix fired three volleys over the gravestones. In conclusion they listened to a speech commemorating our War Dead.

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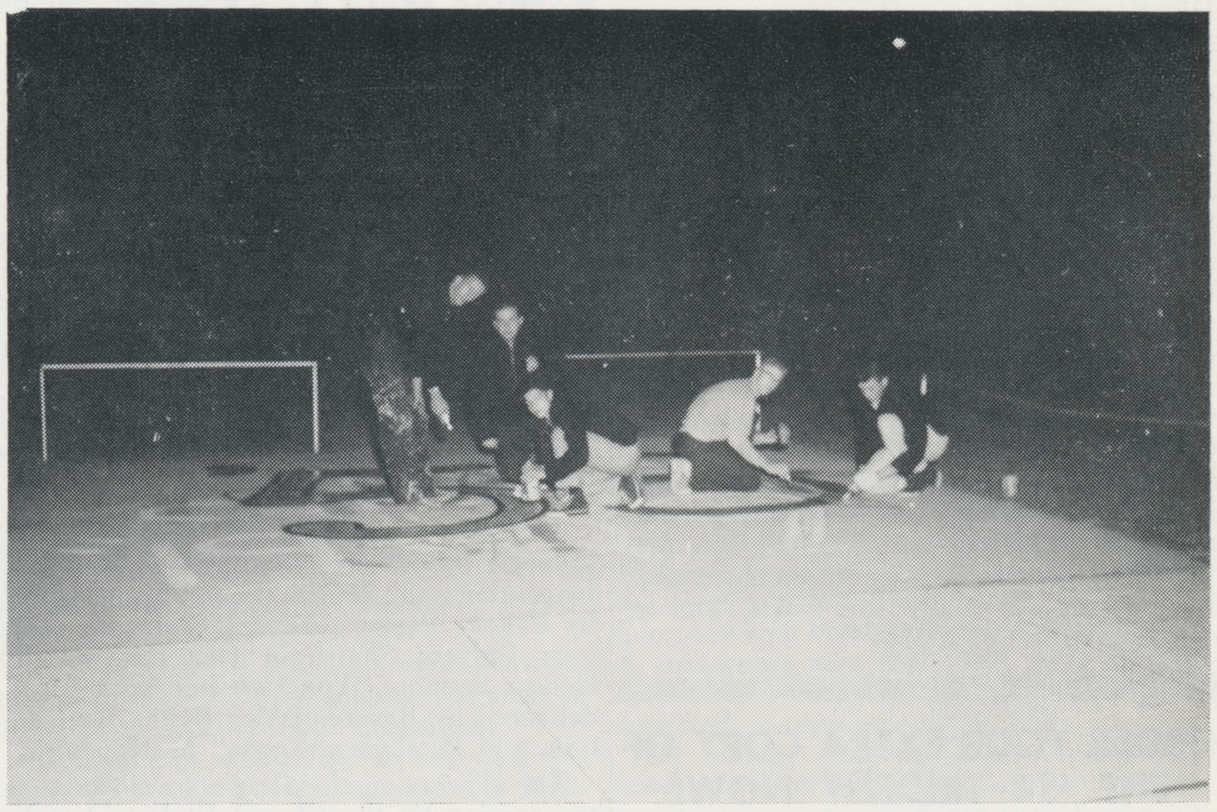
seamanship is taught and also the rules of the road. Second year includes History up to the First World War and basic Navigation. Third years consists of history up to the present time, Navy organization, navigation, and celestial navigation. If a cadet has passed the three years with a better than seventy average he is eligible for a Navy Department certificate. With this certificate a cadet who takes the NROTC program in college may skip a year. The following is a list of the cadets who will receive certificates according to relative standing: Drew, Coleman, Kisslan, J., Huebner, Sallada, Greenlaw, Pruyn, Cronin, Connolly, McRoberts, Bardfield, Morin, Hiden, Lyon, P., Farry, Gabrielsen, Jacob, Aiello, Lyons, D., Maddox, Manahan, V., Lee, Weiner, Megonigle, Clark, Zuber, Cone, Horne, Levine, Pike, S., Fohl, Pike, R., Heck, Nash, Trubee, D., Harrisson and Weimann.

CADET GROUP ATTENDS ST. MARY'S HALL DANCE

On May 14, 17 cadets, accompanied by Lt. Young attended a semi-formal dance at St. Mary's Hall in Burlington. The cadets who attended were Pearson, Turner, Robinson, G., Cowen, Nash, Heck, Robinson, B., Spina, Klopstock, Waldman, Filan, Wyman, D., Wyman, E., DeSandre, Williams, J., Earl, Rivers, and Schirmer. Miss Janet Baker was the chaperone for the girls.

The cadets were cordially greeted by the "hot" sax player and crooner of the band which supplied the music for the evening. The dancing was centered around a picturesque cadet in the middle of the floor. When the band took their only break of the evening, assorted punches and cookies were served buffet style. The band took any request offered by the cadets and played an extra half hour because everybody was having such a good time. At 11:30 the dance ended and after bidding adieu to their beautifully attired dates the cadets returned to school.



● *'54 Class members caught in the act of decorating!*

Harry Wismer Talks At Monogram Dinner

On Friday, the 28th, the annual Monogram Club Dinner was held at the Riverview Hotel. Approximately 100 cadets attended. Also present were Captain Dodge, CDR. Reinhard, Lt. Cmdr. Guy, LCDR. C. Shappell and Lt. Masciangelo. All the coaches of the various sports were present: Mr. Slaby (varsity football, baseball and basketball), Mr. Gauger (wrestling and track), Mr. Keskinen (junior varsity basketball and varsity track), Mr. Noice (junior varsity wrestling and track), Mr. Gordon and Mr. Romefelt (track).

Liberty for the dinner started at 1830. After the dinner, cadets were granted liberty until 2245.

The highlight of the dinner was a talk by Mr. Harry Wismer, the well known sports commentator.

The Monogram Club is composed of all cadets who have won a varsity or junior varsity letter in any sport. It is one of the customs of the Monogram Club to take up a collection among its members and buy some new piece of sports equipment. This year the club bought many accessories to a movie camera donated by the Booster Club.

The club is headed by Lt. Slaby and its President is Cadet Drew; Vice President, Cadet Megonigle; Secretary, Cadet Gabrielsen, and Treasurer, Cadet Johnson.

This is the last function of the year for the Monogram Club. It represents the end of the sports year and is held especially for the graduating class.

Sports Twirl

with Bill Gabrielsen

Well, here we are with another year over and many of us leaving for the last time.

This Class of '54 has been a great asset to our teams in all seasons this year. For this reason I'd like to dedicate this article to these graduating athletes.

The seniors were a bulk of the football team with such players as Mac Lupfer, Gerry Johnson, Billy Hayes, Charlie Tomney, Charlie Coniglio, Jim Dietrich, Harlow Manahan, Bob Longhi, Bob Haltermann, and many more. When the winter sports rolled around, they were well represented, too. Basketball was led by Harlow Manahan (Co-Captain), Ernie Pyle, Borrah Wiener, Stan Quinn, Bob Spicer and Bob Longhi. Wrestling was led to second place in the state by Captain-elect Dan Lyons, who placed first in the state himself. Dan was supported by Dick Pike, Dave Anwyll, Rog Brenner, and many underclass promises. Rifle was led by Captain Bob Maddox and Bill English. These leaders were backed up by a host of underclassmen that show much promise for next year. This team had their annual good team and promise even more next year.

Spring came and Baseball and Track had some fine victories.

Baseball was led by such seniors as Borrah Weiner, Dave Anwyll, John Rindfleisch, Bob Haltermann and a host of others. Track saw some all-time greats here at Farragut with Ernie Pyle and Don Helthall, the able Co-Captains. Ernie showed little respect for records and Don, although laid off because of an ankle injury, gave the team strong moral support and spirit. These able Co-Captains were backed up by such seniors as Stan Quinn, John Fohl, Ronan Jacobs, "Stan" Stanczyc, Mac Lupfer and Bob Longhi.

As a whole our team looks very promising next year since many underclassmen gained experience in all sports this year.

Each team was quite incomplete and inefficient without its able and hardworking managers. Bob Drew and Dick Evoy were the football managers. Tom Detscher had basketball; Greg Farry had wrestling; Andy Turenne managed baseball and McNamara, Duncan, and Bardfield all managed track. These managers put in hours of hard work and gained little praise. Our salute is to them at this time, "Thanks!"

Each team this year was more or less led by a senior. MacLupfer and Gerry Johnson both led football as able and spirited backs. Dan Lyons led his wrestling team to second in the state and the Big "D" himself was state champ in the 167 pound class Harlow Manahan, as Co-Captain, led the Basketball season as the leading playmaker and hustler. Baseball was undoubtedly led by a three-year veteran, Borrah Weiner. Bo hit and hustled to be the leading 2nd baseman and leaves a place hard to fill. Track was led by Ernie Pyle who is perhaps one of Farragut's best hurdlers in a good while. Ernie gave support to his team on and off the field.

Now that the year is closing, look back and never forget the good times and good friends you have had this year. It seemed like a long time to go last September, but today it's all over. Many will be finished with High School forever and heading to a host of fine colleges. We of the *Capstan* and the underclassmen wish YOU, the Class of 1954, the best of luck always in the future years. Keep it gay and work as hard at sportsmanship off the field as you do on. Have fun at the June Ball and don't ever forget you're tops back here. Good luck, Class of '54.

● ***Corps has seen plenty of action on the baseball diamond Wednesday and Saturday afternoons.***

VARSITY TENNIS IS RESUMED THIS YEAR

HUN SCHOOL

On Saturday, May 15, the Farragut tennis team traveled to play Hun on the courts at Princeton. It was great weather to play in but the team did not respond to the stimulus. Bill English, our lead off man ran up against the state champ from Conn. and lost 6-0, 6-0. Amos Crowley lost his singles, 6-1, 6-0, and Tim Connoly, playing third, lost with the same score as Amos. Jul Arango, Bob Camp, and Pat Stevens all dropped their singles. But, the doubles were quite as bad as the singles for Tim Connolly and Jul Arango took their match 6-3, 6-0. Bill English and Amos Crowley lost the first doubles while third doubles was also lost. The final score was Hun 8 to Farragut's one.

PERKIOMEN

Four days after the Hun match, the net men traveled away again to play at Perkiomenville. The results were disastrous. Perkiomen although having no great stars was a very strong team. Everyone there played the sport. This was the toughest team we played to date. All six singles and the three doubles matches were lost, but the Middies played well. The final score was 9-0.

Cindermen Defeat P.M.C. Prep Squad

Fine coaching team spirit, and determination led the Middie track team to victory over P.M.C. It was the first track meet won by a Farragut team in the last few years.

The win was made possible by the cooperation of the athletes and the coaches, all were willing to enter in some event regardless of previous experience. This factor enabled Farragut to pick up points in practically all events. Farragut got off to an early start pulling ahead of its competitor by ten points, but as the meet progressed P.M.C. put on the pressure and closed the gap. The meet was decided in A.F.A.'s favor when Stan Quinn, who had never pole-vaulted before, cleared the bar at nine feet and tied for first place.

Pyle again was the shining track man, totaling 15 points in his efforts. Trubee D. ran the high hurdles for the first time and placed second, he also placed first in the mile. The Fohl brothers came through in fine fashion. John won the half mile and took second in the 440. His brother, Bob, took second in the mile. Sprinters Kirsch, Jacob, and Brenner also scored points in their respective races. Bob Longhi took a first in the broad jump with 19'4", while Jacob was second with 19'2". Bill Gabrielsen was able to place third in the shot. The only event Farragut did not collect points in was the discus. The final score was Farragut 59 2/3, P.M.C. 57 1/3.

Soldiers Defeat Middies 85½ to 31½

After winning their last meet the Farragut cindermen traveled to Bordentown to encounter an overwhelmingly strong Soldier team. Bordentown boasts a potential state champion, with outstanding stars Saul Bendayan, Gandarno, and Diez.

Though the difference in scores seems to be large, Farragut need not be ashamed of itself. Again the Middies showed fine spirit, especially in the case of John Fohl who ran the mile with a bad ankle, and later volunteered to run the half. Ernie Pyle (Old Reliable) was in his old form in beating Bendayan in the high hurdles only to be inched out by him in the lows. Ernie also won the javelin throw. Ed Kirsch, Brenner, Quinn took points in the sprints. B.M.I. won the high jump, Stan Quinn took third. Gandarno of B.M.I. after winning the 440 took the broad jump with 19'4", Jacobs was second with 19'1", and Longhi took third with 18'8". Alex Lupfer threw the javelin a distance of 133 feet for third place.

Despite the score the Middies did well considering that B.M.I. is the strongest team in the State this year.

Two Games Won By Nine; Drop Next Two

Wednesday, May 12: Farragut played host to a supposedly strong Peddie team. Despite drifting rumors of Peddie's numerous victories Farragut hustled confidently out onto the field. After 7 innings of rough play Farragut hustled victoriously off the field with a 4-3 victory. Jon Rindfleisch, starting pitcher for Farragut, pitched an exceedingly fine ball game. He only allowed four Peddie hits and most of their three runs were unearned. Bo Weiner sparkled the victory with two important hits. And Joe Aiello ran wild on the bases. Paul Jonack, Farragut's lead-off man, clouted a drive to centerfield that turned out to be a four-bagger in the first inning. In beating Peddie by the score four-three, Farragut extended its winning streak to two games.

HUN SCHOOL

The AFA baseball team journeyed to Princeton, N. J., to play Hun School. Bob McEwen started for Farragut and pitched a terrific game as the teams played to a standstill for the first six innings. During those first six Farragut collected 4 hits and Hun was hitless due to the efforts of McEwen. In the lower half of the 6th Hun threatened with two men on, caused by an error and a pass issued by McEwen. Coach Slaby substituted Jon Rindfleisch as pitcher and Jon checked the threat by striking out the batter. The 7th inning was scoreless and the game went into the extra innings. In the eighth Calton got his second hit and finally scored on a wild pitch. Thus Farragut won 1-0 and extended its winning streak to three games.

GEORGE SCHOOL

On the 18th of May, AFA played host to a strong George School team from Newtown, Pa. Rindfleisch and Schenk for AFA and Thomas and Lippincott for George School were the opposing batteries. George School scored in the 1st inning on a single by Powell, a stolen base and a AFA error. AFA came back in the 2nd inning with a single by Schenk, a balk and a single by Weiner. AFA scored again in the fifth on two errors by George School. George School scored once in the fifth and once in the 7th to wrap it up for Thomas. Schenk, Aiello and Weiner all picked up AFA's only hits.

PERKIOMEN

On the 19th of May, AFA traveled to Perkiomen, Pa., to play a strong Perkiomen team. The batteries were McEwen and Schenk for AFA, Dunn and Budyerti for Perkiomen. Perkiomen took 3 runs in the 1st, 1 in the 2nd, 2 in the 3rd and Callen relieved McEwen. He was greeted with three runs and two more off of Rindfleisch accounted for Perkiomen's eleven runs. AFA's two runs came in the 7th inning on Schenk's single, which spoiled Dunn's no-hitter, Weiner's walk, a passed ball, and a fly ball by pinch hitter good for two runs on Garret's error in right field. Schenk had the only hit for AFA.

Passing Thoughts

With STIRN

This, I feel, is a memorable time. At least it is for this person. The First Class man will be going home, to colleges and to academies for good, never to return; and, despite words, will have a small piece of pride in his heart of this place called Farragut.

The underclassman will be going home also. He will be going with hope in his heart and dreams in his eyes. Hope that it will be he that has a belt or a sword next year instead of a rifle. Hope that so and so will not be back and hope that he will be the first to discover that "perfect" racket. He will be the first class of next year, no matter how impossible it seems.

June Week will see the end of the '54 school year and it will also see the end of many Farragut functions.

It will see the end of the *Capstan*. With this, the final edition, the '53-'54 *Capstan* will leave a record number of issues for a succeeding year to try to outdo. It will see the end of this year's *Trident*. Never again will a 1954 Trident be printed . . . so hold on to yours, it's an original. It will also see the end of various activities that will be resumed by different members and people next year, the only material things left behind being the gifts and carvings.

Believe it or not, even drill will not be the same next year. There will be new right-footers and sloppy-joes of all shapes and sizes to cope with. It will be a new and different Farragut.

But what about this year's First Class men? Where are they going and what will hold them to Farragut. That is the job of the Alumni organization. Every cadet who has left this Academy at graduation has also left a card in the files of the Alumni office. These files are surprisingly accurate, too, recording addresses and occupations of Cadets who graduated many, many years ago.

This is what you leave. You also leave the scratches on the desks, the secret hiding places in the room and the many volumes of "Rackets" to Commander Van Mater. This time we will not leave Keith Farmer. It is pretty certain that 'Fearless' will join us. But I'm glad to say we'll kindly leave David for you.

Out of idle conversation and not much else to do, I asked Mr. Ronan Jacob of Club 426 if his Club is still open. His reply was "No, it was closed due to certain mishaps." I, at this point would like to apologize for Mr. Jacob's English. I'm sure that Lt. Sheesley drilled into his clod-like brain many hours of the faults of "Due To."

Preparing to leave the lounge I bumped into Carl E. Megonigle, formerly of Pittsburg, Pa., but now living in Erlanger, KENTUCKY. Mr. Megonigle had one of his usual smiles plastered even wider across his hairy face. When asked the reason of this awesome sight he said. "I did it! I finally got Drew to confess that I did all his homework for him." I drifted on to better things.

Lt.Cmdr. VanMater: (Pointing to a cigarette butt on the floor), Coleman, is this yours?

Coleman: Not at all, sir, you saw it first.

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Weglein: Things were rough when I was a baby.

Fine: Why?

Weglein: We had no Talcum powder.

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Did you hear the one about the two boxing kangaroos who jumped in each other's pockets and disappeared?

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Did you hear the one about the two school teachers?—One had no principal and the other had no class.

OLD CROW

Caso: What is meant by "college bred?"

Fine: College bred is dough with plenty of crust and a lot of crumbs gathered around for a good loaf.

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Ludwig: When they tried the robber, the judge let him go free!

Mortorana: Why?

Ludwig: The robber was deaf.

Martorana: What has that go to do with it?

Ludwig: Well, don't you know that you can't convict a man without hearing?

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English: When I went home last weekend, I found a horse in my bath tub.

Rohde: What did you do?

English: Oh, I just pulled the plug out.

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McRoberts: Did you take a shower yesterday?

Bowman: No. Is one missing?

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Farmer: I just bought a swell car for only fifty dollars.

Lazarus: Fifty dollars? I can't get over it!

Farmer: Neither can I. I'm always under it.

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Mr. Noice: What is the difference between Noah's Ark and Joan of Arc?

Gabrielsen: Noah's Ark was made of wood and Joan of Ark was maid of Orleans.

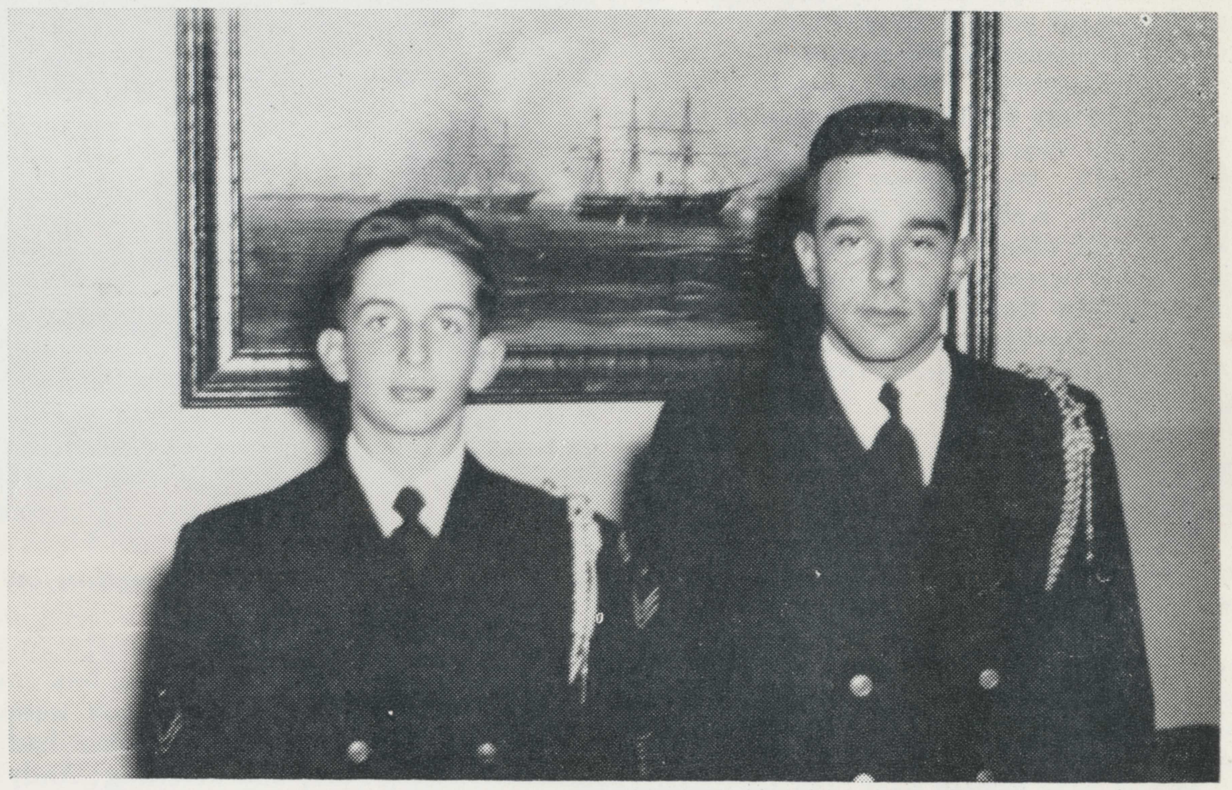
Circling the Campus

WITH THE BIRD

Another school year is about to become history as June Week once again comes around. Unpleasantnesses are placed in the back of our minds, and all we can seem to remember is the fun we've had. At times Conduct Reports—offenses such as "chicanery" seem harsh, but now it is facetious when recollections of the situation come to our minds. Through the years graduating classes leave, and there are those cadets who remain to carry the load for another year with memories of the past to guide them on. On September 22, 1953 the year seemed like it was never going to end, but now conduct reports, days of unhappiness and finally June Week will go into the record of Farragut.

The three day reckoning period in the mess hall (sponsored by LCDR. Van Mater) . . . the group which hangs around the Lion's den were steered on the right course with the S.O. concerning smoking . . . The C.O. of the Second Company who had a slight accident with his whiteworks on a night of officers' Front and Center Drill . . . A legal sale to a cadet in the Third Company by our assistant Batt. Cmdr. . . . One cadet was overheard saying that AWOL is best in the afternoon when the faculty is least aware of it . . . John loves Mary . . . A cadet reading a comic book during a disciplinary lecture on the bottom of the auditorium's steps . . . Hot bodies give off plenty of light especially when it is dark on June 4 . . . FLASH—Rocky Cameron sticks Sharkey (preparing for a rate . . . . . The question remains . . . who shook Earl . . . who was the illustrious cadet who "brought" something at the auction sale . . . Shaddup was said by our friend and foe, Peaches . . . the sinking of the submarine in the middle of the night in Farragut Hall . . . till next year when you will be with another "Bird".

SENIOR CELEBS



RUSSELL VREELAND

Although an American, Russ hails from Fort Erie, Ontario, Canada and is a 1.P.O. in the Second Company.

Russ entered A.F.A. in January, 1953 and since then has been a leader in his class. His classmates voted him secretary of the class. He also plays intercompany sports. Russ is in the glee club, Honor Society, Booster Club, and "*Capstan*" and "*Trident*" Staffs.

Russ has the distinction of being selected for the Naval Honor School Appointment to the Naval Academy. He also passed the N.R.O.T.C. test in January.

In his spare time, Russ likes to spear fish and collect small arms.

Next year Russ plans to go to Cornell, where he will major in pre-medicine, and study bio-chemistry.

TOM LLANSO

Senior Celeb Tom Llanso hails from Westfield, New Jersey, but he has spent several years in Argentina.

Tom entered A.F.A. in January, 1953 and is an M.P.O. in the Band.

Last year he played inter-company sports and was a leader in starting a glee club. This year, Tom is in the glee club, on the *Capstan* staff, and he plays the music on Sunday, with Cadet Schalm, for chapel. In his spare time, Tom likes stamp collecting and cabinet making. He is practically trilingual, knowing English, Spanish and French.

Next year Tom plans to go to William and Mary, majoring in a pre-engineering course. He also plans to take two years of graduate work at M.I.T.

Capt. Norris: Why are you late?

Marchand: Class started before I got here.

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Doc Doty: You have heart trouble—undoubtedly Angina.

Camp: Pretty good guess, Doc—only her name is Angelica.

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Mr. Gordon: Who was Talleyrand?

Ludwig: A fan dancer, and cut out the baby talk.

Mr. Wyld: Name two pronouns.

Mortorana: Who? Me?

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Table head: Waiter, take this coffee away. It tastes like mud.

Waiter: Well, it was just ground this morning.

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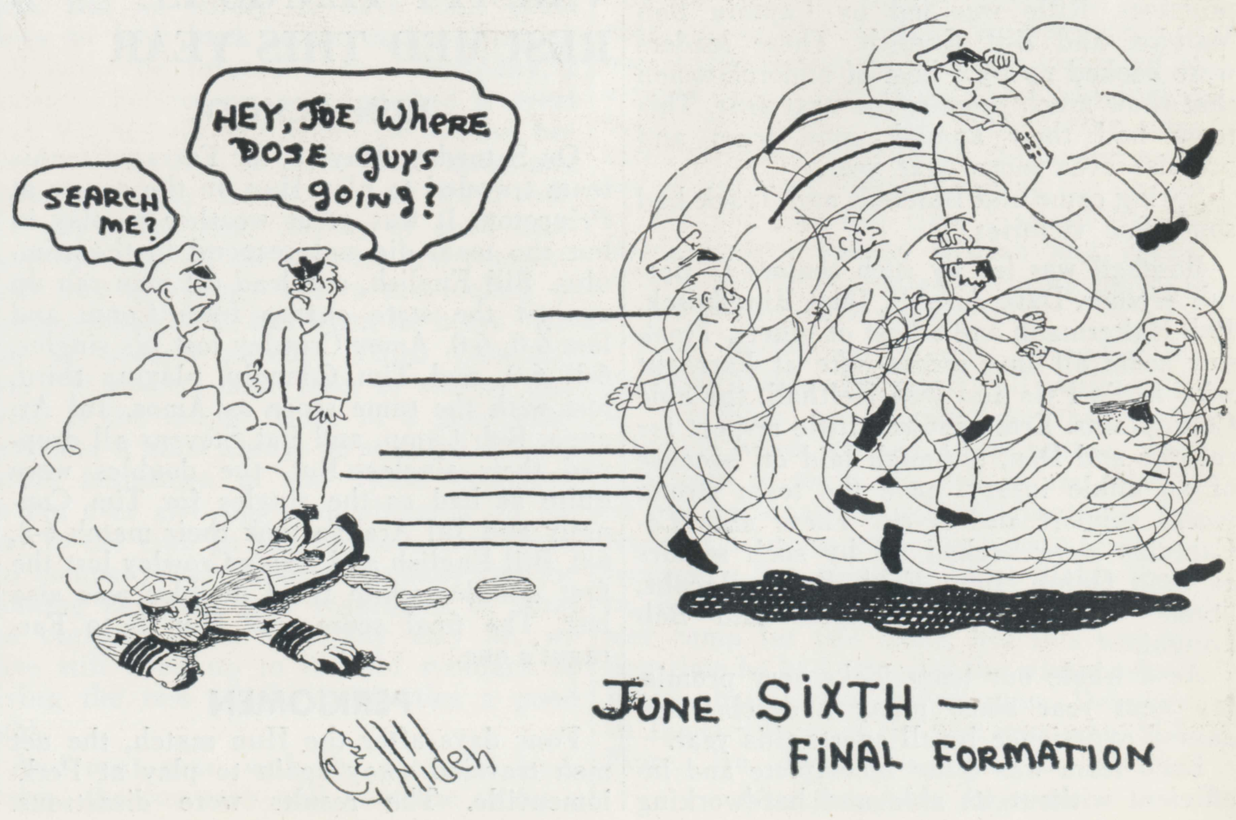
McRoberts: Hey, Bardfield, there is a hair in my soup.

Bardfield: Blond or Red? We're missing a waiter.