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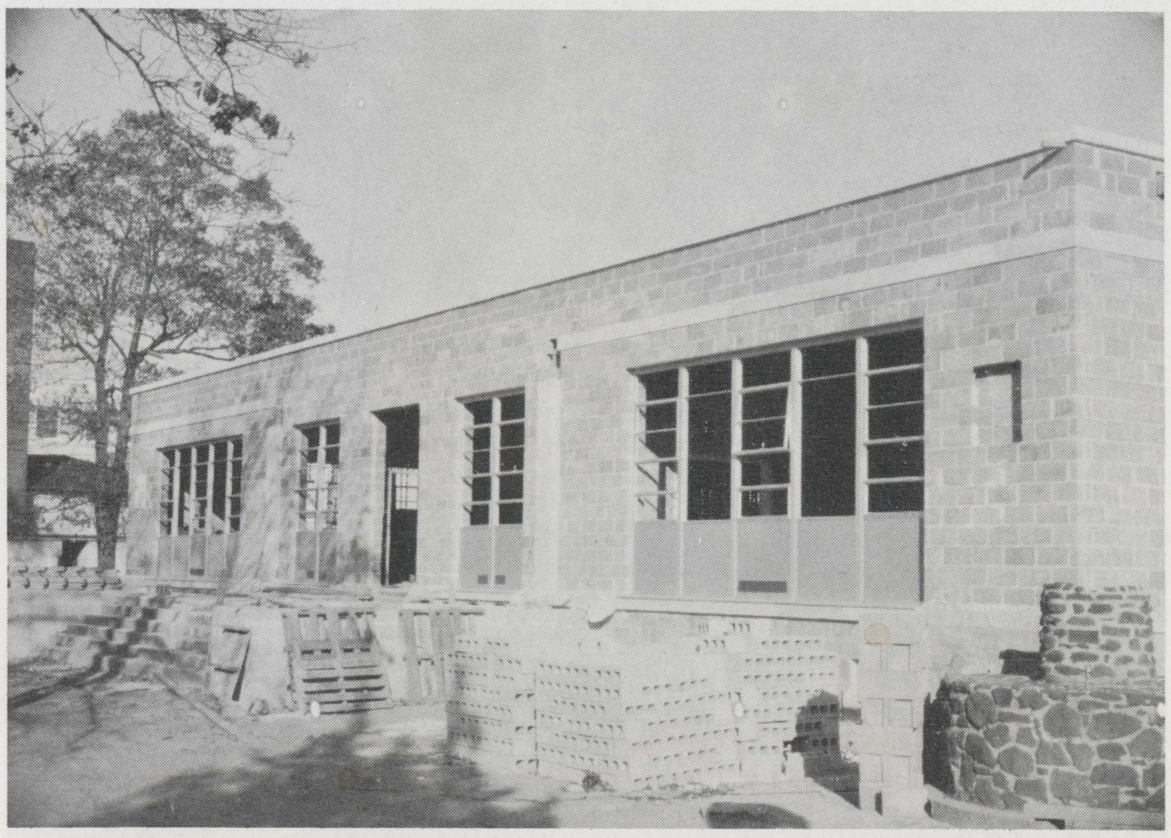

***NEW CENTER PROGRESSES — Photo taken during early November shows Shepard Hall slowly taking shape as work continues to make progress on the new Cadet Activities Building.***

## New Faculty Members Reflect Wide "International Set" Background

Five new teachers have joined the faculty this year. They are Melvin R. Sweeney, Richard R. Weyte, Barry Massouda, Robert R. Birchall, and Robert A. Madan. In general, they seem to be quite an international set.

Mr. Massouda was born in Egypt and has lived there almost all his life. He attended a French high school and then went to the University of Cairo. He graduated from there with a degree in business administration. While at Cairo U., he was quite interested in rowing and soccer. At one time he was very interested in music and plays several instruments, including the piano. Mr. Massouda has spent a great deal of time in Paris, which he calls "magnifique." He has spent only two years in the United States, but he plans to remain here and become an American citizen. He is a member of the Dept. of Foreign Languages.

Mr. Madan, Spanish teacher, hails from Cuba. While in Cuba, he was Director of Athletics as well as a teacher at the Cuban School. He held this position for fourteen years, until he was forced to flee for speaking out against Communism. Mr. Madan attended the University of Havana, where he first prepared himself to teach physical education, but later went on to major in Sugar Chemistry. He was a member of the Cuban Olympic Team in 1952, and later became a coach for the 1958 team. He is also an expert squash player, having come close to winning several world championships. Here at Farragut he not only teaches Spanish, but is an assistant football coach and will handle Junior varsity basketball.

Mr. Birchall, junior English teacher, originally came from Thanes Ditton, England. He attended Wellington College and Emanuel College, Cambridge, from which he graduated in 1954. His major was history. He was captain of the field hockey team, and also participated in soccer. Mr. Birchall has been in the United States for only a short time, as he spent three years in British Columbia before coming to the U.S. He is interested in the photography club, and is thinking of starting a sports car club. Along with his other activi-

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## Corps Watches Daily Progress of Building

On returning from summer leave, the Corps of Cadets observed the framework of the new Cadet Activities building, which is to be named after a distinguished graduate, Alan B. Shepard, Class of 1941.

Since the opening of school, however, the bare framework has been transformed into a more definite resemblance of the future Activities building. Daily, the workmen have made new additions to it in the hopes of having it ready for use by the Cadets in early 1962.

In just five short weeks, the following have been completed: cement work, roof, inside wall supports, cement laid for the basement floor, and the installment of electric wiring. The addition of the colored window frames gives the exterior a bright finish, too.

## R. Rissel Appointed Batt. Commander

Cadet Richard C. Rissel, of Sea Girt, N. J., has been appointed Battalion Commander for the 1961-62 school year, with the rank of Lieutenant Commander, according to the Temporary Cadet Officer List published on November 27.

Charles Jackson will serve as Battalion Executive Officer, Alvin Gerber as Adjutant, Clinton W. McLemore as Battalion Ensign, and Edward F. Massaglia as Battalion Chief Petty Officer.

Company Commanders include Robert S. Dow (First), Thomas Black (Second), Ronald Leiser (Third), and Fritz Burkhart (Band). Company Execs are Peter Wedemann, Thomas Hayes, Peter Konanez; Company Ensigns, Cyrus Radford, Carl Ardleigh, Bryant Crouse, Douglas Brown, Earl Knight, Alan Rabinowitz, and Wm. Masciangelo. Chief Petty Officers include Laurence McClure, Keene Edenfield, George Kimball, and Edward Gasperski.

1 PO — Glicker, Barrie, Bradley, Kiefer, Daniels, Hughes, Saitta. 2 PO —Bailey, R., Enos, Marzano, Britton, Hill, Brown, A., Parry. 3 PO—Lucas, Fosdick, Kovacs, Mitchell, Howell, Ronald Pizzi, Leonard, and Hollander, Davidson, Hembrough, Knabe, Motter, Price, Novitch, Elwell, Joslin, McGee, Freit, Woodstock, Turner, Kurz.

GM 1/c, Albert; HC 1/c, Bohorquez, HC 2/c, Neary, HC 3/c, Tutela; CG 2/c, Belefonte; YEO 2/c, Wilson; BM 1/c, Boyce, BM 3/c, Blonk, BM 3/c Pratt.

## Memory Feats Wow Cadets In Audience

Every year the Corps is presented with a series of shows chosen by the previous year's Activities Committee. One of these programs, presented on November 18, was a memory act called "Mind in Action," by Orville G. Fitzgerald.

Mr. Fitzgerald, a memory expert, arrived on campus an hour before the show. At this time, he was introduced to thirty cadets by their first and last names. Later on in the program, he invited to stage every person he had met, and greeted each one correctly. At other schools, he performed this feat with as many as 175 people.

During the show Mr. Fitzgerald demonstrated evidence of his ability to recall names, faces, figures, and details. Explaining his methods as he proceeded, and by using volunteers from the audience, he was able to show that the normal student has a more nimble mind than he really gives himself credit for.

The speaker claimed that he based his method on psychology, philosophy, and common sense. He said, "Anyone can remember anything he sees and everything he hears if he is sufficiently interested to want to do it."

## First Farragut Grad To Attain Flag Rank

Farragut's first alumni to attain flag rank in any of the branches of the armed forces is Thomas B. Whitehouse, Class of 1934, a Brigadier General in the U. S. Air Force. Word of this was received last August from Colonel Harry C. Harvey '36 also of the Air Force.

General Whitehouse is presently Deputy Chief of Staff, Plans, Programs and Operations, Headquarters, Air Training Command, at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas. He is a graduate of the U. S. Military Academy at West Point, is married to the former Anne Adler, and has two children, Leon K. and Wendy A.

During World War II, General Whitehouse served as Deputy and Group Commander of the 14th Fighter Group, based in Italy, during which time he flew 71 combat missions in P-38 Lightnings for a total of 351 hours of combat flying. He is credited with destroying 6 enemy aircraft. His decorations include the Silver Star, Legion of Merit, Distinguished Flying Cross with 1 Oak Leaf Cluster, Air Medal with 10 Oak Leaf Clusters, Croix de Guerre with Palm (French), and Military Cross (Greek).

LCDR W. Masciangelo, Public Relations Officer, said that an invitation has been extended to General Whitehouse to review the Corps of Cadets whenever he is in this area.

**Intercompany Standings**
**(As Nov. 18, 1961)**

First Company ..... 278
Second Company .... 283
Third Company ..... 344

## C. O. Candidates Get Leadership Course

In accordance with a renewed emphasis on Leadership by the Navy, a leadership course was instituted at Farragut last year for Cadet Officers. Like last year, Cadet Officer Candidates were requested to return to school a week early in order to cover the first part of their course before the new cadets reported.

A study period was set aside each morning to cover the Drill Manual, Rules and Regulations of the Academy, and various leadership papers. This was followed by a meeting for discussion of papers studied during the preceding period.

In the afternoon, drills were held in the sword manual and manual-of-arms, as well as drill without rifles. The evenings were devoted to motion pictures on leadership, followed by a group discussion of points brought out in the pictures.

Prior to Thanksgiving, Captain R. O. Dodge, Headmaster, issued an order recognizing all plebes to a Recognized Classman status.

Plebing, a custom followed at Farragut, is the orientation of new boys to military customs and courtesies, Academy history and traditions, and Naval background.

## Fall Testing Program Given To Corps in Oct.

The Cooperative Testing Program was held on October 9, 10, and 11. These tests were the Fall series of this nationwide testing program. There is also a Spring series.

The new Cadets were primarily effected by these tests because the results are used for placement of the new boys. The old boys were not neglected, however, for they had the Kuder Test, for evaluating vocational traits, and a P.C.E. Psychological Test for evaluating mental capacity, and a Study Survey Test to help them in their study habits.

The Cooperatives have always been a definite part of the routine at Farragut, for they enable the School to obtain an idea of a Cadet's abilities and habits.

## Adm. N. R. Curtin Reviews Cadet Corps

Rear Admiral N. R. Curtin, USN, Ret., reviewing officer for the parade on November 12, is a graduate of the U. S. Naval Academy, Class of 1928. While at Annapolis, he was a member of the soccer and lacrosse teams.

After graduation, most of his sea duty was spent on destroyers and cruisers. He commanded the USS Gherardi at the Normandy landing, and a mine sweeper division in Japan at the end of the war. Later he served on the staff of Commander-in-Chief U. S. ATLANTIC FLEET, then commanded the USS Chilton and a destroyer squadron. He retired as Professor of Naval Science and Tactics at Villanova University. His decorations consist of the Silver Star, French Croix de Guerre with silver star, and numerous WWII campaign medals. He is currently serving as Executive Director of The Pennsylvania Working Home For the Blind.

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## 3 Pantomimes Given, Black Combo Plays

Friday, evening, November 17, the Dramatics Club, under the direction of Dr. Lee B. Roach, presented three comedy pantomines. They were: "Blue Beard's Thirteenth Wife," "The Lighthouse Keeper's Daughter," and the Camel and the Vampire."

Intermission entertainment and sound effects were provided by Tom Black's Combo, the Earthquakes, consisting of Black and Britton on the guitars, and Kelley back them up with the drums. drums.

Present at the showing was the Corps of Cadets, the Administration, members of the Faculty, and parents.

The Dramatics Club had worked on these pantomines since the middle of October. The club has already begun rehearsals for the Christmas Concert at which they will share a billing with the Band and the Glee Club in presenting the traditional Nativity.

## Senior Class Rings Have Full Meaning

Shortly after the opening of school, 1962 class rings were delivered to many First Classmen. These had been ordered last June from the Balfour Company of Massacuhsetts. The rings are of ten-karat gold with a blue stone set in the face.

Careful planning went into the design of the rings and each characteristic has a significance of its own. On one side is the School seal as it appears on the Academy colors. The chevrons on the base represent cadet petty officers in the First Class, while the chain stands for strong unity. The crossed Navy swords represent the commissioned officers. In the center of a ship's wheel is the U.S.S. Hartford, Admiral Farragut's flagship. Atop the wheel perches a spread eagle symbolizing strength and security for the Class of '62. Above the eagle is a trident.

Traditionally, when a senior receives his ring, he dips it in Toms River and sings the Alma Mater as he dons his ring for the first time.

## Active Role This Fall For Marching Band

The marching band this year is one of Farragut's largest. It consists of forty-five members, directed by D. O. Newton. The band company commander is Fritz Burkhart.

Throughout the years, Farragut's band has played an important part in almost all school activities. It's main function is playing at weekly parades. It has often been asked to perform for various military and civilian activities off campus.

A branch of the marching band is the Concert Band, which performs at all social activities during the school year. Presently, the Concert Band is preparing for its annual Christmas concert.

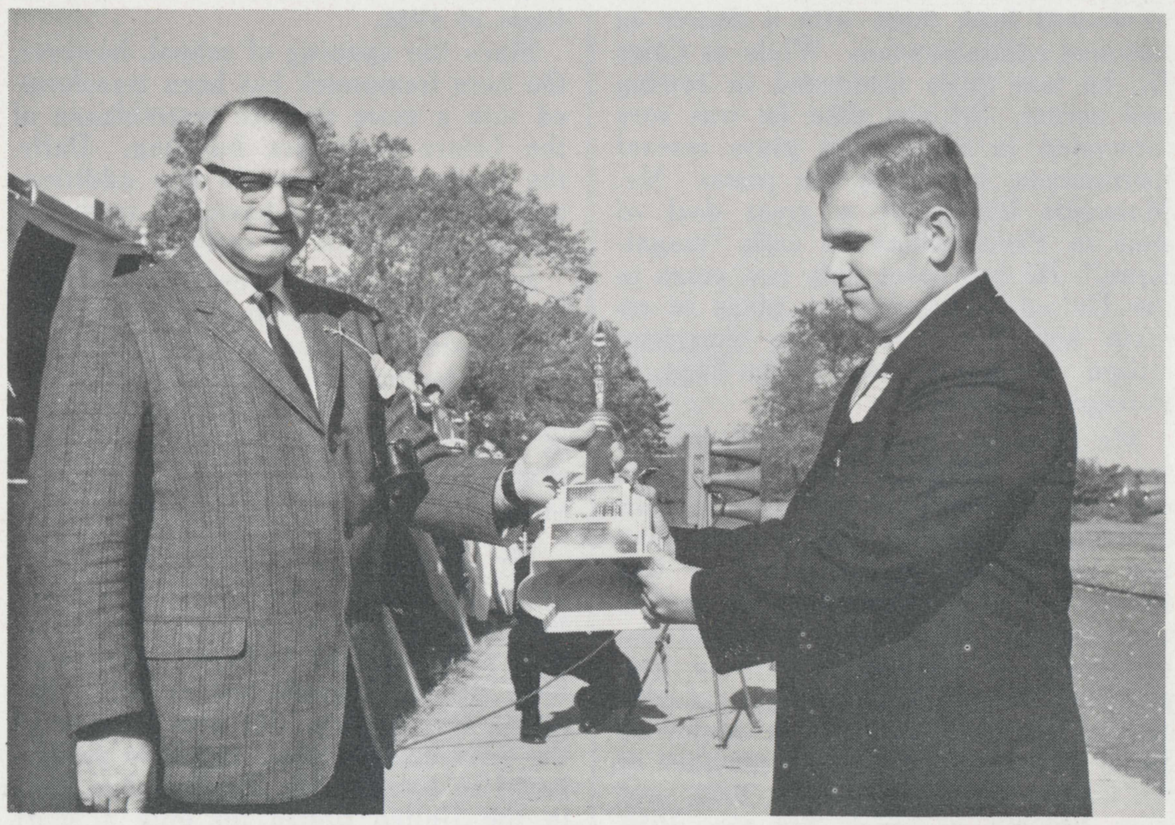
### Dr. Guy Recovering At Home

Dr. Frank S. Guy, Director of Admissions, is recovering from an illness at his home in Toms River, after a short stay at the Community Memorial Hospital during the middle of November.

The members of the Corps and the Academy Staff send him best wishes for a speedy return to his duties in the Admissions Office.

***FOR SHEPARD HALL— A check for $1750 is presented to Captain Dodge by President Hurt as the Association's contribution toward the payment of a $5,000 pledge for the construction of the lobby of Shepard Hall, now being built.***

***LONG DISTANCE AWARD—President Phil Hurt gives prize to Burns Cameron '56 for travelling the greatest distance to attend this year's October 28 Homecoming Day reunion. Cameron came from San Diego, Calif.***



***TOP CLASS TRUSTEE—Mel Hellem '59 accepts Theobald Fund Trophy from President Phil Hurt at Homecoming Day parade. Award was made to the Class of 1959 for having the highest percentage of participation in the 14th Alumni Fund. The Class topped all other classes to win the award.***

# *Good Turnout Here For Homecoming Day Reunion on Saturday, Oct. 28*

More than 200 alumni and guests attended the annual Homecoming Day program here in Saturday, October 288. It was one of the most successful reunions ever held, according to Wm. R. Masciangelo, Alumni Secretary.

Captain Raven O. Dodge, Headmaster, addressed the graduates at the annual business meeting of the Association in the morning, outlining the improvements and changes that have been made for the current school year.

M. Girard Kelley '57, of Bradley Beach, presented the Academy with a bronze plaque from the crew of the new U.S.S. FARRAGUT (DLG-6), of which he was a "plank owner." ( A plank owner is a member of a ship's original crew.)

Alumni and their guests enjoyed a luncheon in Farragut Hall at 12:30, after which special photographs were taken of the reunion classes of 1936, 1941, 1946, 1951, and 1956, who were observing their 25th, 20th, 15th, 10th, and 5th anniversaries respectively.

A special parade by the Corps of Cadets in honor of the visitors was held at 2:00 p.m., during which time President Philip Hurt '38 led the Cadets and the audience in a short memorial service in memory of two former staff members, CDR C. E. Shappell and LT Harry E. Norris, who died this past summer.

Mr. Hurt also presented to Captain Dodge, in behalf of the Alumni Association, a check for $1750 to the Academy's Building Fund. A Long Distance award was given to Burns Cameron '56 of San Diego, Calif., for traveling the greatest distance to attend the program. Melvin Hellem '59 of Staten Island, was the recipient of the George Theobald Fund Trophy for leading his class to first place in the 14th Alumni Fund. The award is based on the highest percentage of participation.

Pingry School marred the afternoon's football game by beating the Middies 13-0, although the game was very hard-fought and proved of interest to the returning grads.

The game was followed by a "Post Game Huddle" at Peterson's Sunset Cabin, Lakewood, after which there was dining and dancing from 5:30 until 9:30 P.M.

## Three In Exam Are Commended

Three First Classmen have been honored for their high performance on the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (NMSQT), given last spring. Each student who is endorsed by his school receives a formal Letter of Commendation signed by his principal and the president of the National Merit Scholarship Corporation.

Captain Raven O. Dodge, headmaster, has announced that the commended students are: Cadets Thomas Francis Hayes, Peter Lawrence Konanez, Jr. and John Kimber Warsaw.

John M. Stalnaker, president of the National Merit Scholarship Corporation, stated:

"In recognition of their excellent performance on the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test, nearly 25,000 students throughout the United States are being awarded letters of Commendation.

"The Letters of Commendation provide tangible recognition of the commended students' high ability," Mr. Stalnaker continued. "It is our earnest hope that the recipients will continue their education and thus benefit not only themselves but also the nation."

## Headmaster Serves On Evaluation Committee

Captain R. O. Dodge, Headmaster, spent four days on November 27, 28, 29, and 30 as a member of the Evaluation Committee of the Commission on Secondary Schools, which is part of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

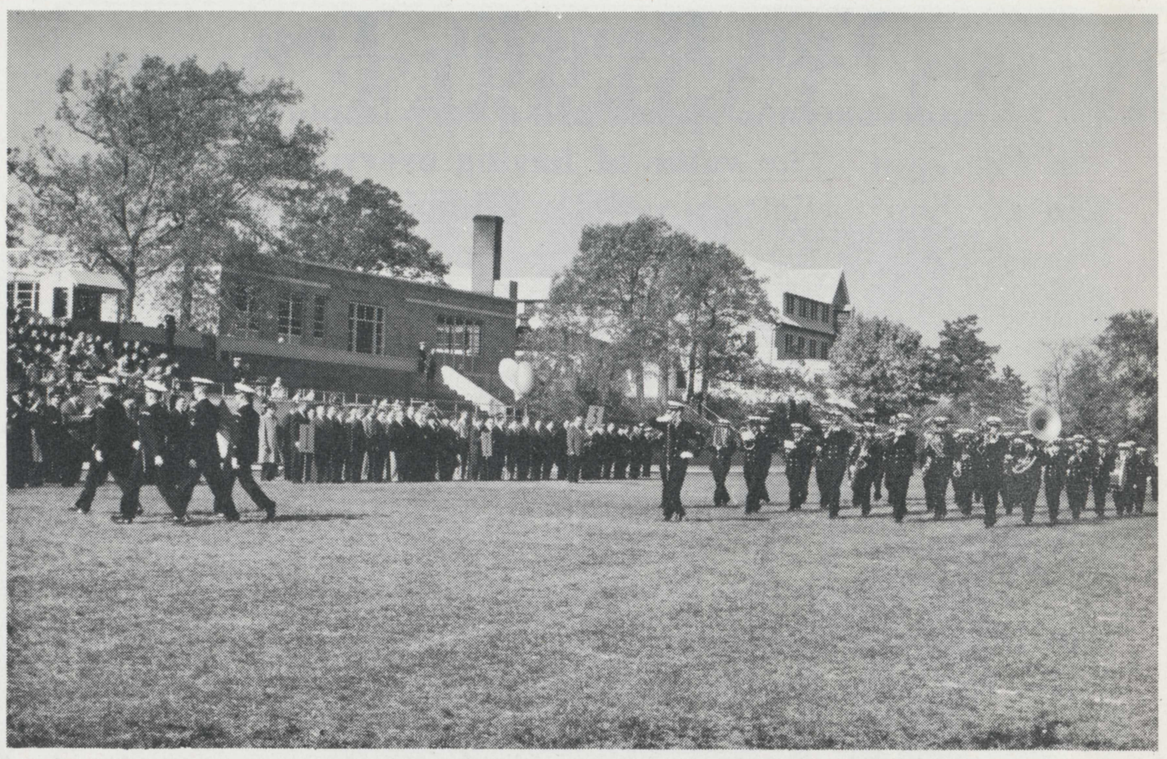
Captain Dodge, who served as Vice Chairman of the group, evaluated every phase of the Englewood School for Boys, Englewood, N. J. The inspection included physical facilities, as well as all academic and extra-curricular programs.

## Space Program Given By John Bartram '46

On October 23, The National Aeronautics and Space Administration gave a science exhibition. The Space Administration, sponsored by the Franklin Institute in Philadelphia, sent John T. Bartram, Class of 1946, and Dr. Donald U. Cox, to explain and demonstrate the latest developments in rockets at Cape Canaveral.

Mr. Bartram and Dr. Cox exhibited scale models of the Mercury Capsule and most of the other missiles that are being developed today. They also showed films of the Saturn rocket being tested before actual outer space flight.

This two-man exhibition team is one of four mobile units that the Franklin Institute sponsors. Through science shows, the Franklin Institute and NASA hope to foster more interest among young people toward the space age and its developments.



***PASSING IN REVIEW—Battalion of Cadets passes in review before Alumni visitors during Homecoming Day parade on October 28. Shepard Hall is shown in background.***

U. S. NAVAL AIR STATION
Lakehurst, New Jersey

Dear Captain Reinhard:

I wish to extend my sincere thanks to you and the members of your staff for their wholehearted assistance in the salvage of the helicopter that crashed in the Toms River on 31 July. The immediate availability of your boats and facilities enabled the salvage crew to remove the helicopter in minimum time, thus preventing destructive corrosion from setting in. It now appears that this aircraft can be returned to service with minimum repair.

It would be appreciated if you would convey to the members of your staff the Navy's thanks and a hearty "Well Done," for this valuable assistance.

Sincerely yours,
F. N. KLEIN, JR.
Captain, U. S. Navy

### New Water Cooler Is Gift

A new electric water cooler has been installed in lobby of Robison Hall, through the generosity of an anonymous donor. The new cooler replaces the old porcelain water fountain located on the left wall of the lobby.

***REUNION CLASSES—Special anniversary reunion class members at this year's Homecoming included the following: (first row, l to r)—Carl Erickson, Bud Ifill, Til Sinagra, Jim McDonald, Harry Harvey, Bill Howie, Ernie Camisa, and Ray Herschmann, all of the Class of 1936. Second Row —George Husovsky and Joe Shepherd of '41, Len Kleigman, Dick Sears, Fred Gambke, Perry Chappen, harlie Hashagen, and Tom Cabelus, all of '46. Third Row—Ed Ordway, Matt Barbour, Phil Lloyd, Eric Emslie, Clint Finger, Burns Cameron, and Joel Todino of '56.***

# You Benefit, Too

**Intercompany sports are a very important activity at Farragut. The value of having everyone participate in a school activity promotes school spirit, and at the same time fosters good virtues among cadets.**

**Each Cadet is provided with an opportunity of gaining physical fitness and habits of regular and healthful exercise through participating in these sports. Besides having fun, Cadets find they gain self-confidence, good sportsmanship, and a spirit of cooperation through these games.**

**These activities should not only be considered for their worth in company points or individual merits, but also for their benefit to each participant.**

# Hail To Thee, Blithe Spirit

**As you receive this belated Capstan, I am sure that if you were to look out the window, you might see a maze of white covering the landscape. This white, commonly known as snow, is to many the signal that winter is on the way. To me, it is a signal that fall has come to an end, and along with it, another football season is over. Actually, I do not mean just 'another' football season, because of the time I have spent at Farragut I have not seen a season quite like this one.**

**I can safely say that the spirit this year has surpassed the spirit of the last four years. First mention must go to the football team, whose morale always seemed to be on the rise, even after losing a game. This team spirit seemed to catch onto the Corps, and before we knew it, booster activities reached a fever pitch. Posters were nailed on all available surfaces, thanks to the work of budding artists. Effigies of opposing teams seemed to mysteriously appear overnight, and a Cadet wouldn't be surprised to find his sheet being used as a banner at the next football game.**

**Now that we have started rolling, let's not stop. Since we have twice as many sports in the winter, we need twice as much spirit!**

***WELCOME, SIR — Captain Fred. Klein, USN, Commanding Officer at nearby Lakehurst Naval Air Station, returns salute after being piped aboard by Cadet group prior to his inspection of campus and review of the Battalion parade on October 29.***

***FOR THE ACADEMY—M. Girard Kelley '57 presents bronze plaque from crew of new USS FARRAGUT to Captain R. O. Dodge, Headmaster, who accepted on behalf of the Academy. Looking on is Alumni President Philip Hurt '38.***

# Newest U.S.S Farragut Joins Fleet Heads Ten Guided Missile Destroyers

Recently, the USS Farragut was commissioned into the United States Navy. This vessel, under the command of CDR Roger E. Spreen, has already taken her place at the head of the ten FARRAGUT-class guided missile destroyers. The fifty-million-dollar Farragut and her nine sister ships each carry a quadruple punch consisting of guided missiles, 5-inch and 3-inch gun mounts, anti-submarine rockets, and torpedo tubes.

This "cruiser-hull" vessel has an overall length of 520 feet, and a beam of 52 feet. The living accommodations for her peacetime complement of 18 officers and 335 enlisted men are the very newest and areas are fully air-conditioned. Adequate space is available to fill out the crew to a 440-man wartime allowance.

The Farragut, of course, is named for Admiral David Glasgow Farragut, the Navy's first four-star Admiral. During the Civil War, Commodore Farragut was given command of the West Gulf Blocking Squadron. In his famous flagship, the USS Hartford, he advanced up the Mississippi River, passed Forts St. Philip and Jackson below New Orleans, silenced the Chalmutte batteries and captured that important Confederate city on April 25, 1862. Continuing upriver, Farragut passed the batteries at Vicksburg and, after a heavy battle, hoisted the flag of the United States over Port Hudson on July 9, 1863.

Admiral Farragut's most brilliant victory took place on 5 August 1864, when he led his squadron into Mobile Bay, silenced the forts, destroyed the remaining Confederate fleet and finally sealed off the Confederacy.

It was during this action, while trying to maneuver the Hartford and a gunboat lashed to her side out of a mined area, that he shouted the often misquoted, "Damn the torpedoes! Ring four bells! Eight bells! Sixteen bells! Captain Drayton, go ahead! Joulett, full speed astern!" Captain Drayton was the commanding officer of the Hartford; Joulett, of the gunboat.

Farragut had achieved the impossible. He had caused wooden vessels to conquer stone forts, an accomplishment unparalleled in the history of naval warfare to that date. His method: "The best protection against your enemy's

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# F. McK. Burkhart '62 Trident Editor

Cadet Fritz Burkhart has been selected to head up the destinies of the 1962 Trident, according to an announcement of staff selections made by the Headmaster's Office on November 13. Burkhart, who is commander of the Band Company, is also a member of the varsity rifle team.

Managing Editors are Peter Konanez and William McClure.

Other appointments include: Editorial Staff—Charles Jackson, Ronald Leiser, Erling Benson, Richard Rissel, Thomas Hayes, and Keene Edenfield. Art Staff—Malcolm Enos, Toby Brooks, and Alexander Jesudowich. Photography Staff—Peter Konanez, and Hollister Moore.

The Business Staff includes Peter Wedemann, Alan Bolte, Richard Marzano, Alvin Gerber, Ion Glicker, Michael Price, Steven Ledewitz, Earl Knight, and Joseph King.

Wedemann, Gerber, and Ledewitz are Business Manager, Advertising Manager, and Sales Manager respectively.

All photographs of the Corps were taken during the middle of November, and forms for the First Class to complete have been prepared for distribution.

Cadet Wedemann called for all possible assistance from members of the Corps to secure advertising for the '62 edition of the Trident, since this is of great importance in meeting the production costs of the publication.

LCDR W. Masciangelo and LCDR K. Sheesley are advisors to the book.

## SAYS THANKS

Mrs. Ella Norris, widow of the late LT Harry Norris, has requested the use of the pages of the Capstan to thank all Staff members, Alumni, and friends for the flowers, letters, and kindnesses extended to her during her bereavement.

# *Alumnus Aboard S.S. Hope Says Ship Heads Toward World Understanding*

Sept. 23, 1961

Wm. R. Masciangelo
Alumni Secretary

Dear Mr. Masciangelo:

I would like to thank you for the Certificate of Merit presented to me during my absence last Spring. As you know, the S. S. Hope has visited two countries in Southeast Asia during the past year.

The mission of the Project Hope is twofold. It is primarily the exchange o. medical knowledge and experience with members of the medical profession i.. countries where problems of health are very great, using an American hospital ship as the nucleus of its teaching program.

A second and very definite aspect o. Project Hope is not related to medicine itself, but perhaps just as important, is the promotion of friendship and understanding on an individual people-to-people basis. The S.S. Hope visited areas where no American Ship had visited and no American had been seen. But no matter where the S. S. Hope went, the people were exceedingly friendly, hospitable, and generous and with a vast reservoir of good will toward America.

This first voyage has been a pilot program and many problems remain to be solved, but the effect of this voyage, both among the medical profession i. Indonesia and Viet-Nam and among the people themselves, has been tremendous —far beyond the fondest expectations. Those of us who have been with Project Hope for the past year feel that his has been a success and will set a precedent for things to come. Our experience has shown that such a project is a stepping stone toward world understanding.

I am indeed honored that Admiral Farragut Academy chose to award this certificate to me, and especially happy that this work of Project Hope is recognized and appreciated. Thank you very much.

Sincerely yours,
Richard O. Elliott, M. D.
Senior Medical Officer

## Record Number At Parents' Day Event

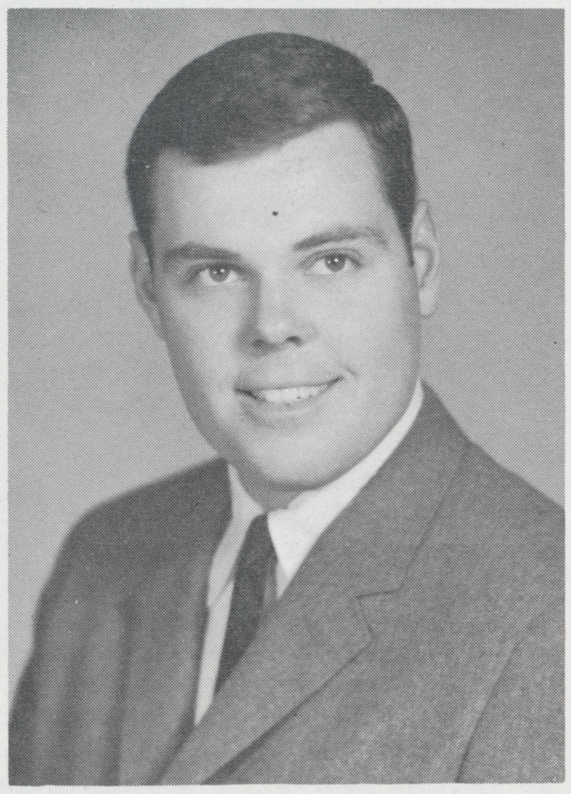
Parents' Day has become an intricate part of Farragut tradition, providing an opportunity for parent-teacher relationships to develop. Too often, a parent knows nothing of his boy's progress or his problems, but this is not the case if the parent meets with his son's advisor.

This Fall, Parents' Day fell on Sunday, October 15, beginning with Chapel in Robison Hall. A larger crowd of parents attended than was originally estimated. After Chapel, a meeting of all parents was held, and Captain Dodge reported on the progress of the new building, Alan Shepard Hall, and conducted a question-and-answer period.

After the meeting, parents were allowed on the decks to visit their sons' quarters. They were also given the opportunity to meet with their sons' advisors and teachers. This is the most important aspect of Parents' Day.

A parade was held at 1600, reviewed by the Academic Staff. This was the first parade of the season and was won by the Third Company.

Following the parade, the cadets were permitted to go on liberty with their parents, bringing an end to a busy weekend.



## Death of '56 Grad In August Reported

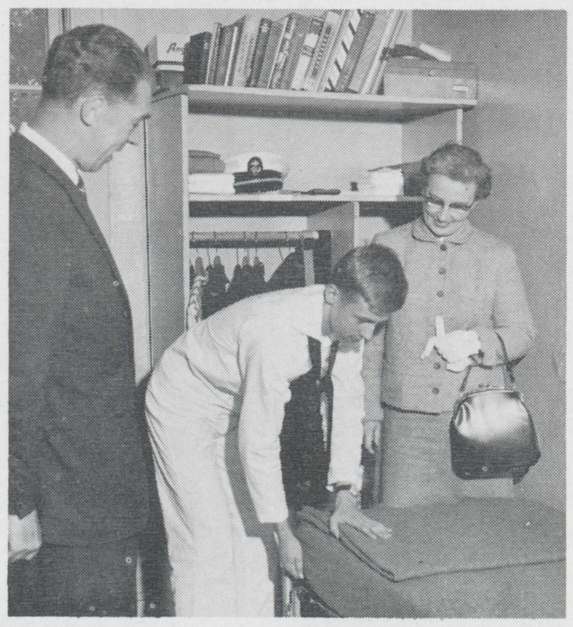
Robert F. Weldon, Jr., a member of the Class of 1956, died of natural causes at his home in Westfield, N. J., on August 23rd. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. Weldon of 100 Gol. Edge, and the brother of Richard T, a member of this year's Corps of Cadets.

He was born May 23, 1937.

After graduating from Farragut he attended Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, receiving his degree in Business Administration there in 1960. While at Miami, he was a member of the Economic Society and was on the Dean's list during his senior year.

Since graduating he has been associated as a trainee with the Weldon Asphalt Corp. He was also a member of the Mantoloking Yacht Club and Ducks Unlimited.

Bob spent three years at Farragut, and while a Cadet was active with the Capstan Staff, Booster Club, Monogram Club, Chapel Club, Trident Staff, Activities Council, Hop Committee, and Cotillion Club. He also captained the varsity basketball team, and participated in varsity track and baseball. He was a member of the 2nd Company and held the rank of Lieutenant (JG).



***LESSON FOR PARENTS — Cadet T. Ferguson, Jr. shows his parents, who live in Hawthorne, N. Y., how bunks are made during visit to his quarters on Parents' Day, held on Oct. 15.***

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***LEARNING THE STORY—Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin D. Morris, Rome, N. Y., are shown with son, Eric, discussing his progress with his advisor, Mr. Richard Weyte, a member of the History Dept., during special interview period held for visiting parents on Oct. 15.***

# Gridders Post 2-3-1 Record For Fair Season

While the varsity football team produced two wins, one tie, and three losses for a mediocre season's record, the "Big Blue" nevertheless played a good brand of ball in meeting its six opponents. The Slabymen even showed signs of greatness as they mounted wins over Blair Academy, and Delbarton School, and in a thrilling 19-19 tie with New York Military Academy. However, they failed to generate sufficient offensive strength against Peddie, Pingry, and Valley Forge, losing 25-14, 14-0, and 12-0 to these clubs respectively.

Against Peddie on October 7th, the first quarter was an even battle between the two teams. However, in the second quarter the Peddie offense began to find holes in the Navy defense, and using this to their advantage, they scored two touchdowns on end plays. At the half, the score was 13-0 in favor of Peddie.

The second half found the Middie team aroused, but Peddie still managed to score twice on pass plays before the Navy offense could get up steam.

Finally rolling, Farragut made a touchdown on a pass play from Rich Rissel to Carl Jacobson. The extra point attempt was successful. On a spectacular punt return halfback Bill Ritter took the ball into the Peddie end zone on a 60 yard run for another Farragut TD.

But time ran out, finding the "Big Blue" eleven points behind the experienced Peddie team.

### Blair Academy

Seeking revenge for their opening loss, the Sailors played Blair on October 14 on home ground and beat them 6-0.

In the first quarter, Navy lifted anchor and sailed with Farragut making two touchdowns, only to have them both recalled for penalties.

After these two disappointments, the "Big Blue" marched 70 yards for the only touchdown of the game. This was made possible by the running of 'Tex' Brown and Tom Hayes. Brown was credited with this needed Middie TD.

### Delbarton School

Traveling to Morristown on October 21, Farragut romped over the Green Wave of Delbarton, 26-6. The Middies got their only TD of the first half on a two-yard plunge by Brown, following his 67-yard punt return to the Delbarton 2-yard line. The extra point was not made, however. Delbarton then retaliated with a touchdown via a 50-yard punt return, and the half ended in a 6-6 deadlock.

In the second half, the first time the revitalized Sailors got the ball, they made a touchdown, with Tommy Hayes carrying the ball the final two yards for the score. Rissel booted the extra point. Then Carl Jacobson intercepted a Green Wave pass and ran 60 yards for another Middie TD. Once the Big Blue got the ball again, Rissel hit Jacobson with a 28-yard pass, and he made a TD again.

### Pingry School

With two wins in their pocket, the Sailors came out in front of an Alumni Homecoming Day crowd to play Pingry on October 28. The Middies lost the game 14-0.

The "Big Blue" kicked off to Pingry and the visitors then marched into the Farragut end zone on the third play of the game. Fighting back, the Middies reached Pingry's 20-yard line, but penalties killed the drive.

Most of the second half proved to be uneventful. The Middies suffered a loss when Rich Rissel was knocked out of the game. With the game nearing its end, Pingry scored again to clinch the contest and hand the Middies their second defeat.

### New York M.A.

On November 4, Navy played New York Military Academy in the annual "Little Army-Navy" game. It was 12th in the series played between both schools. This game resulted in a 19-19 tie. Previous to this, Farragut had won six games and New York five in this annual competition.

The Middies took the lead in the second quarter with Rissel tossing to Jacobson for a 59-yard TD. New York Military Academy came back with two TD's in the same period, scoring on runs, and their extra point attempt was successful.

Farragut hopes ran high once again when Rissel scored twice on quarterback sneaks. Jacobson kicked an extra point, but New York tied the game by scoring with one minute left in the game.

### Valley Forge M.A.

Hoping to end their season with another win, the Farragut Eleven traveled to Wayne, Pa., to play Valley Forge Military Academy. Because of the superior weight average of the Army team, Farragut could not move its offense and lost 12-0.

The entire first period proved scoreless as both teams held ground.

A Farragut penalty gave Army the ball on the Middie 30-yard line. From there Valley Forge ran a TD. The extra point was unsuccessful. Neither team scored until the last minute of the game when a soldier halfback broke loose around the end to score once more for Valley Forge.

## Grid Squad Feted After VFMA Contest

On November 11, immediately after the Farragut-Valley Forge game, Mr. and Mrs. Edward N. Howell held a buffet supper for the Middie football team. The Howells live in Wayne, Pennsylvania, only a short distance from Valley Forge.

The team arrived at the Howells a. about six o'clock, and were followed by the coaches, and also Capt. and Mrs. N. F. Reinhard, and LCDR and Mrs. W. Masciangelo.

A large turkey and ham dinner was served to the guests, followed by large helpings of apple pie.

After the dinner, the team was given a chance to relax, with music provided for dancing. The Cadets seemed to be quite amazed with a color television set, which many of them watched for the rest of the party.

Mr. and Mrs. Howell's son, Ted '63, was first string center on this year's grid squad. Mr. Howell is a 1937 Alumnus of Farragut.

***GOOD YARDAGE—Halfback Tom Hayes is shown on his way for a good gain against Pingry. Knight (35) and Crouse (30) head for blocking opportunities that are shown developing.***

***PINGRY MOVES—Rich Rissel and Tom Hayes, defensive backs, converge on Pingry School player making an attempt to skirt his own right end during Homecoming Day game on October 28.***

***MAKE WAY—"Big Blue" football squad, led by co-captains Rich Rissel (12) and Earl Knight (35) are given a send-off cheer by members of the Corps prior to Pingry game on October 28.***

## Fathers-Sons Dinner Honors 33 Gridders

Thirty-three members of the varsity football squad received their letters and certificates at the annual Fathers-Sons dinner on November 18, The affair was held at the Ye Olde Cedar Inn, Toms River.

Cadets Richard Rissel and Carl Jacobson, both First Classmen were singled out for recognition as the Parents' Association, sponsor of the dinner, presented them with special awards. Rissel, co-captain and quarterback of the team, won the Most Valuable Back Award, while Jacobson, an end, took similar honors as the Most Valuable Lineman.

Head Coach Stan Slaby and Line Coach Lew Speck presented the awards to the individual team members. Joseph D. Ardleigh, president of the Parents' Association, told his audience that the Association, in sponsoring this year's dinner, was glad to participate in as many Cadet projects as possible. Captain Raven O. Dodge, Academy Headmaster, commended the squad for the excellent spirit its members displayed this season. A film showing outstanding football game action was shown after the award. Dr. Arthur C. Tutela was chairman of the dinner and served as toastmaster.

Major Awards presented:

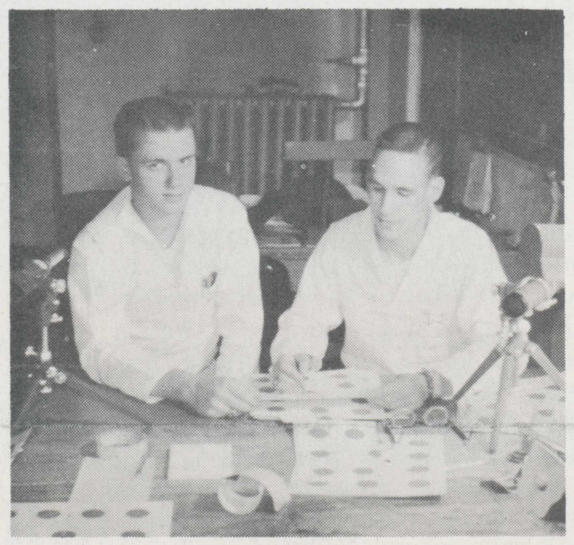
Tom Hayes, Rich Rissel, Bob Tams, Gerry Robinson, Keen Edenfield, Bob Hartl, Bill Ritter, Carl Jacobson, Ted Crouse, Tom Kedersha, Dick Marzano, Bill Masciangelo, Gary Daniels, Ion Glicker, and Herb Robinson.

Minor Awards:

Bob Gilray, Dan Winer, Dick Blasi, Jack Smith, Kurt Kiefer, Jim Miggs, Ed Fiedler, Pete Slosson, Mike Price, Alan Applegate, Carl Ardleigh and Dave McElvein.

Managers receiving awards were: Steve Ledowitz, Ken Fosdick, Bill Strouse and Jon Schor.

***WELL DONE—Coach Stan Slaby is shown admiring trophies presented to Rich Rissel (center) and Carl Jacobson at Fathers-Sons dinner on Nov. 18. Cadets were honored for being the Outstanding Back ond Outstanding Lineman of this year's squad.***



***PLANNING AHEAD — Rifle team co-captains Ron Leiser (left) and Fritz Burkhart look over records as they anticipate to winning season for the Rodmen this year.***

## Past Tense

Seen at the Alumni Homecoming game on October 28th were two past members of the Academy Staff: CDR Holman (Holy) Lee, former Head of the Naval Science Department, and his wife, and Mrs. Caroline Merganthaler; secretary to Captain Dodge for many years. CDR Lee is head of the Math Dept. at nearby Central Regional High School, while Mrs. Merganthaler, who retired several years ago, still lives on Springfield Avenue, Pine Beach.

She's three years old now, but Dave and Ruth Towers are the proud parents of Kimberlee Ruth. Mr. Towers used to be a member of the History Dept., and now resides in the Collingswood, N. J. area.

Former English instructor Kenneth Keskinen, sends his best wishes to all of his Farragut friends. He is still at George School (Pa., and has spent some of his spare time in writing plays. One of them was presented at the School in October.

Franklin V. Fischer, former head of the Music Dept., continues to live in Toms River, where he is busily engaged in music and politics. In addition to operating a music school with his wife, Elsie, he recently ran for Dover Township Committee and was elected. In August of this year he was voted "The Young Man of the Year" by the Toms River Junior Chamber of Commerce.

## Burkhart, Leiser Head Rifle Team

Heading the Rifle Team this year are Co-captains Fritz Burkhart and Ron Leiser. Although they have had to work with a majority of new cadets on the range, things are now rolling. Capt. Paul C. Crosley and Sgt. Edward L. Speck coach the team.

On October 28 the team outshot the Soldiers of La Salle Military Academy in a postal match, with final scores totaling 1224 to 1321. Burkhart was high man on the team, finishing with a 281 out of a possible 300. The other top five members of the team were: Leiser —273, Tony Fegley—269, Al Jesudowich —257, and John Woodstock—254.

In their second match, the Middies lost to Xavier High School of New York City.

### Two Picked On All-Opponent Team by New York M. A.

Carl Jacobson '62 and Adin Brown '64, both members of this year's varsity football team, were selected on the New York Military Academy's All-Opponent team.

Jacobson, an end, and Brown, playing both offensive fullback and defensive end, were picked on the basis of their outstanding play in the 19-19 tie played against the Soldiers on Nov. 4.

## SPORTS STANDOUTS

The athletes for this month are Carl Jacobson and Tom Hayes, chosen for their outstanding playing in the Blair game, which Farragut won 6-0.

Carl Jacobson, the Middie's 6'2" left end, hails from Chester, New Jersey. Carl attended Morris Regional High School, and in his final year there was chosen for All-County second team.

This year, Carl has done an equally fine job playing varsity left end, and is noted for his receiving. He is an all-around athlete who plays basketball in the winter and baseball in the Spring.

Tom Hayes, who plays varsity right halfback, came to Farragut with two years of ball behind him. Tom earned his previous letters at Manasquan High as a quarterback. Last year, weighing 145 pounds, he earned his first Farragut letter in the backfield. This year, weighing 155 pounds, he has shown great running ability. In the Spring, Tom plays baseball and shows the same skill and enthusiasm in that sport as on the gridiron.

***Tom Hayes (left) and Carl Jacobson.***

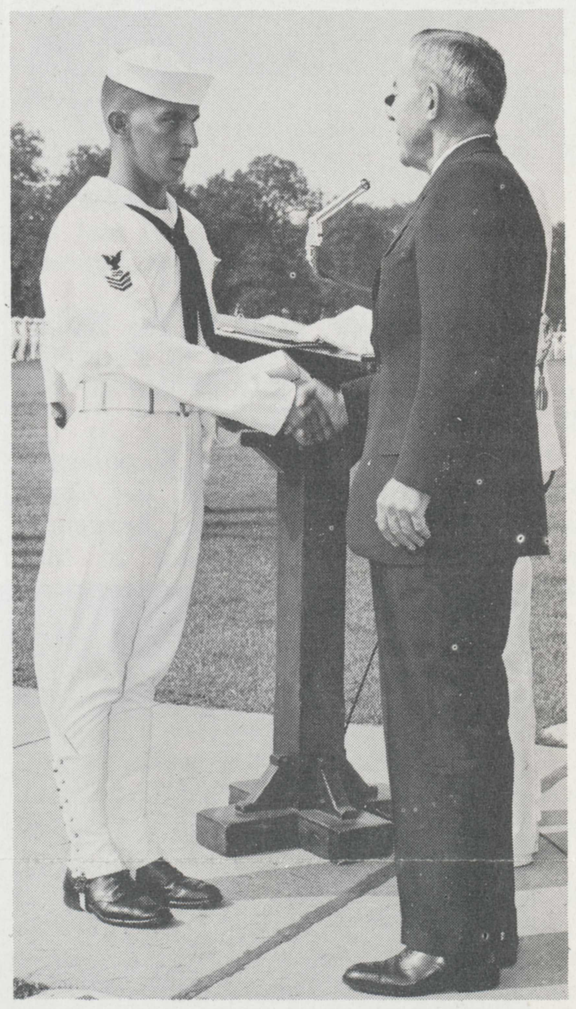
## Nautical Theme For Thanksgiving Informal

The first dance of the year, the Thanksgiving Informal, was held in Robison Hall on the evening of Oct. 21.

The general theme of the dance was nautical, rather than the customary idea of harvest gathering used in previous years.

Music was provided by George Hughes and his Orchestra, which performed before an audience of 180 cadets and their dates.

Looking ahead, the next scheduled dance is the Christmas formal due to be held on December 9, six days before the beginning of Christmas leave.



***HONORMAN—Jessie Sprandel '60 is shown being congratulated by Orlando W. Wilson, Supt. of Police, Chicago, Ill., for being selected Honorman at the Recruit Graduation Review, U.S. Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill. He was presented with an engraved plaque and certificate as outstanding Seaman Recruit.***

### CAPSTAN STAFF VISITS ASBURY PARK PRESS

On October 10, the editorial staff of the Capstan, several reporters, and two faculty advisors visited the facilities of the Asbury Park Press and the nearby Schuyler Press.

The editorial staff included Jackson, Edenfield, Burkhart, Bolte, Wedeman, Knight, and Rabinowitz. The reporters and photographers included Aldi, H. Moore, Bell, Hollander, and Crouse. Mr. Lankford and Mr. Weyte were the faculty advisors.

The group first visited WJLK, the radio station of the Asbury Park Press, located in the same building as the printing equipment. Next, the group saw the linotype machines in action, how galley copies, and page copies were made, and watched news chatter in on the teletypes of the wire agencies.

The trip concluded with a tour of the Schuyler Press. This shop was of particular interest to the group, as this is where all of Farragut's printing is done, from conduct reports to the Capstan itself. Mr. Schuyler showed the boys around personally.

# FACULTY SPOTLITE

## Captain Crosley

Captain Crosley, Head of the Naval Science Department, came to Farragut in 1957. Previous to this, he had served 35 years in the U.S. Navy.

Upon graduation from Woodberry Forest, Virginia prep school, the Captain attended the U. S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, thus following in his father's and brother's footsteps.

Graduating from the Academy with a commission, Captain Crosley became a member of the fleet that visited Australia. He was later transferred to the staff of the Commander-in-Chief, Asiatic Station, with headquarters in Shanghai and Manila.

Returning from China, he had a tour of duty on battleships, destroyers, and cruisers. Just before Pearl Harbor he was serving on the staff of the Commander-in-Chief Pacific Fleet. Shortly after the war broke out he was transferred to the Navy War College to await the command of a ship. While at the War College he was ordered to Washington to organize a Navy Mail Service for wartime use.

After much struggle to get away from Washington, Captain Crosley obtained command of an attack transport in the Pacific, where he carried troops to various Pacific landing sites. After the war, he was ordered to take his ship to the Bikini Atom Bomb tests as a target vessel. Here it became so radioactive that he was forced to leave it to be sunk.

From the Pacific, he was ordered back to the Naval War College as an instructor, and then to Washington again to serve with the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

When the Captain was able to get to sea again, he was ordered as Chief of Staff to Commander Cruiser Division Five in Japan. He was cruising in those waters when the Korean War broke out. After participating in the various landings and bombardments of the Korean action, he was transferred to the Staff of Commander Eastern Frontier in New York City. From this assignment he retired after 35 years of naval service.

## WHO SAID . . . ?

Have you killed your giant for today?

Nothing means anything.

What I wanna say is what I wanna say.

What do you want to be next month?

All you guys gets is liver.

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WHO eats grits and sleeps in the sweat room?

That's the wrong uniform for turning out, Conklin!

Don't cry Bobby, your voice will change in a few years.

Watch those whiteworks, Morris.

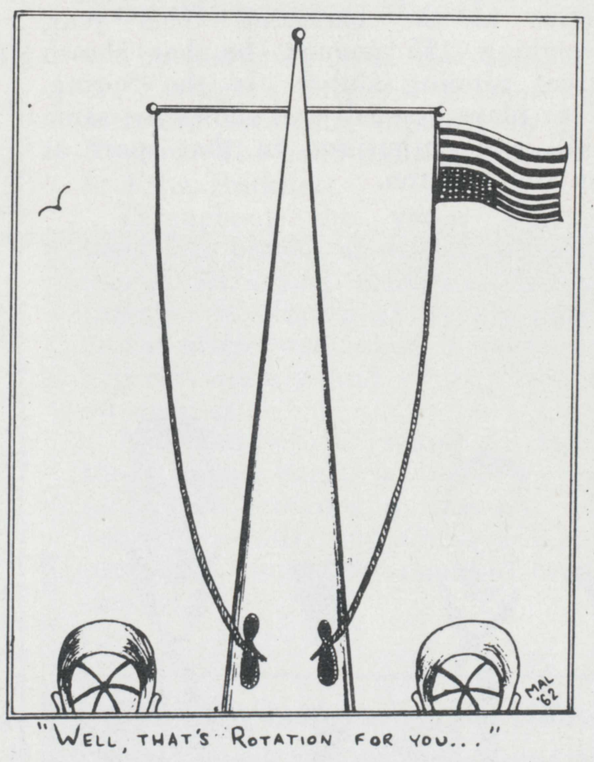
Hey, Rollo, how many numbers are you accurate to?

Since when are cadets on the 300 deck supposed to wear Manasquan High School sweat shirts?

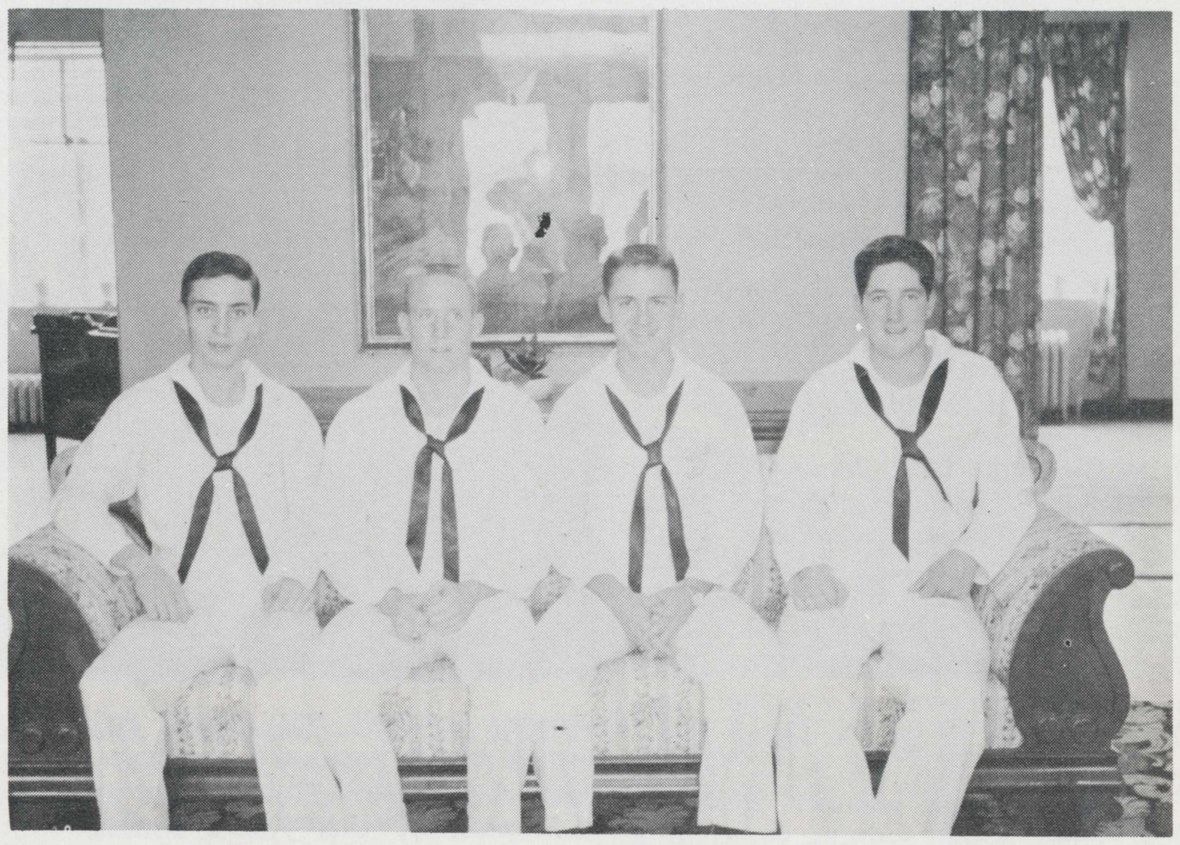
Hey, that squeek must be Steiner!

What faculty member has permanent ocelot claw marks on his face?

***NEW STAFF—Five of seven Cadets appointed to guide the destinies of this year's Capstan Staff are shown above. They are (seated) Keene Edenfield (News Editor), Charlie Jackson (Editor), and Fritz Burkhart (Managing Editor). Standing are Pete Wedemann (Circulation Manager), and Earl Knight (Sports). Al Bolte (Feature Editor) and Al Rabinowitz (Co-Sports Editor) were missing at the time picture was taken.***




# SENIOR CELEBS



***SENIOR CELEBS—Posing handsomely for the Capstan photographer are this issue's First Classmen selected for the first edition of Senior Celebs. They are: Charles Jackson, Richard Rissel, Ronald Leiser, and Thomas Black.***

### CHARLES JACKSON

Charles Jackson, coming from Jedda, Saudi Arabia, has accomplished many things at Farragut. Entering as a freshman in 1958, Charlie attained a P.O. 2/c rate in his second year, and a commission as an ensign during his third year. As a senior, Charlie started the year as Battalion Executive officer and also did a hitch as Battalion Commander.

Last year, Charlie commanded the Drill Team that represented the Academy at various military occasions, including Armed Forces Day at Lakehurst.

Jackson has traveled considerably, since his father is with Trans World Airlines. Jackson has worked as a translater for a foreign agency for the last two summers. In his spare time, he enjoys underwater fishing and sports cars.

Charlie plans to enter Georgetown University next September, majoring in International Affairs and foreign languages.

### RICHARD RISSEL

Rich Rissel, from Sea Girt, New Jersey, entered Farragut four years ago in 1958.

Playing on the football team every year, Rich now leads them as co-captain and quarterback. He has shown outstanding ability in each game 'The Big Blue' has played. Rich is an all-around athlete, participating in basketball and track. Last year, Rich had the highest scoring average on the basketball team.

Rich has also made a good showing in academics. He has received several academic awards during his years at Farragut.

Rich is now in command of the Battalion.

Rich hopes to attend the Air Force Academy next year.

### RONALD LEISER

Ronald Leiser, from Queens, N. Y., came to Farragut, in the Junior School, five years ago. That same year, he attained the rank of 3 P.O. After graduation from the Junior School, Ron was made a Yeoman 3/c, and an ensign in his junior year. This year Ron is in command of the Third Company. He also served a hitch as Battalion Commander.

Aside from Ron's military duties, he participates on tne Rifle Team, of which he is co-captain, and in the Glee Club.

Ron spent a relaxed summer touring Europe before returning to School in September. He found great pleasure in visiting Germany, which he called the highlight of his trip.

Upon his graduation, Leiser plans to go on to college as a major in business administration.

### THOMAS BLACK

Tom Black entered Farragut as a freshman in September 1958. In his third year he was made a Petty Officer, and this year, as a senior, is Second Company Commander.

Tom has taken an active interest in most phases of Farragut. He has participated in everything from Chapel Club to the Dance Band.

Tom plays the guitar and leads a combo of his own called the 'Earthquakes," very popular on the Jersey Shore over the summer. The 'Earthquakes' have often played at school dances. Tom plans to attend Bucknell or Rutgers next fall, where he will major in business administration.

Tom's advice to underclassmen is, "Pick your friends wisely at Farragut, because they will be your friends the rest of your life."

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fire is a well directed fire from your own guns."

In November 1864, Admiral Farragut was ordered home in the Hartford and was received in New York City with great public honor, including the thanks of Congress. On 22 December, Farragut was made a Vice Admiral. In 1866, grade of Admiral was created, and Admiral Farragut became our first four-star Admiral.

The name of Farragut is afloat once more on the fourth U.S. Navy vessel to bear his name. The USS Farragut will serve as a reminder of a naval tradition that his inspired five generations of American fighting seamen.

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ties, he has occasional games of soccer for those people interested in that sport.

Mr. Sweeney, assigned to the math and science departments, graduated from Pennsylvania State University in 1960. While at Penn State, he was Vice President of the Student Council, Editor of the Penn State Engineer, and President of the Geophysical Society. Here at Farragut he plans to sponsor the Chess Club and a Math Club. Mr. Sweeney teaches Physical Science and Analytical Geometry.

Mr. Weyte, history teacher, will be included in the next issue in an article on the Capstan faculty advisors.