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On The Lighter Side . . .

Chief Electrician's Mate: "Hey, put your hand on one of these wires. Feel anything?"

Striker: "No, sir."

Chief: "Good. I wasn't sure which was which. Don't touch the other one or you'll drop dead."

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Many a sailor has called a spade a spade—until he fell over one.

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Overheard at a movie the other night: "You know, it's wonderful how the movies have advanced in the past few years."

"Yes, first there were silent pictures, then talkies, and now this one smells."

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Recruit: "How far is it to camp?"

Two-Striper: "About ten miles as the crow flies."

Recruit: "How far is it if the crow had to walk and carry a pack and a rifle?"

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A Navy haircut is a patch of hair with white sidewalls.

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Sweet Mama: "I wonder if you love me?"

Gob: "Sure! Why should I make an exception of you?"

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Dolores says: After going out with a few, she can't understand how these aviators rate wings.

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Remember, no one is entirely useless. Even the worst of us can serve as horrible examples.

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TODAY'S SERMONETTE

It may be hard to get meat, butter, shoes, etc., but it's a lot harder to learn Japanese.

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LOST: One lead pencil. By blonde; blue eyes; height five feet; weight 112; age 20; good dancer. Reward if returned. Dial 45893.

. . . Notes On The 58th . . .

Twenty-five months in the Marine Corps, 18 of which were spent in the South Pacific with Carlson's Raiders, is credited to the record of Cadet Buell St. John, G-3. . . Hopes to fly with the Marine Corps if and when he gets his wings. . . Wants to make flying for Uncle Sam his career.

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Only 24 years old, Cadet Hubert Grow, G-3, has 6½ years of service in the Marine Corps to his credit. . . Among other things, he was drill instructor and gunnery instructor. . . He has sea duty with the Asiatic Fleet, and served with the expeditionary force from 1937 to 1940. . . Also he was a member of the All-Star Marine baseball team in China.

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We won't use his name, but a cadet in H-1 had this to say on his questionnaire. Asked to give any additional information which might be used in preparing publicity stories he stated: "Don't smoke or drink. Have very little to do with women. Like good food very much, especially apple pie and cold milk. Enjoy all types of athletics, but would much rather participate in them than watch."

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Cadet Roy Nyden, H-2, was second class Bos'n Mate on Subchaser for 18 months. . . Transferred to V-5 because he felt safer flying over water than on water. . . Hails from Beatrice, Nebraska.

"I'll bet you think twice before leaving that wife of yours alone for an evening."

"I'll say. First I have to think up an excuse for going out, and then a reason why she can't come."

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We can't help but have a great deal of admiration for the little red hen who wanted her coop placed in the middle of the highway so she could lay 'em on the line.

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Just after Pearl Harbor an American businessman in San Francisco became somewhat worried, since his household servants were all Japanese. He was reasonably sure of their integrity, but he decided to summon his Jap valet and question him.

"Cato," he said, "if the Japanese were to invade San Francisco, you wouldn't stab me in the back would you?"

"Oh, no," replied the valet, "that's the gardener's job. Me set house on fire."

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Mother: Now, Junior, be a good boy and study hard, so you will have a chance to be Vice President some day.

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"Vot is ethics? Vell, I will show you. Suppose a lady comes into the store, buys a lot of goods and pays me ten dollars too much when she goes out. Then ethics comes in. Should I or should I not tell my partner?"

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Then there was the little lady who was so dumb that she thought a goblet was a sailor's child.

In the regular Navy for five years, Cadet David Pike, H-1, served two and one-half years aboard ship and two years on foreign shore duty. . . His home is in Littleton, N. H., and while attending high school there he won two letters in football and basketball, one in baseball, and three in skiing.

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For outstanding performance of duty in the Battle of Coral Sea, Cadet James Tisdale, H-1, received a special citation from Rear Admiral F. C. Sherman, USN. . . While aboard the USS Lexington, Cadet Tisdale also participated in the Battle of Salamaua and Lae, and the Battle of Bougainville. . . He has been in the Navy since January 1941, and for a short spell was aboard the USS Card. . . He plans to make Naval aviation his career. . . His home is in Mayesville, South Carolina.

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Seven years in the regular Navy, most of which was spent on the sea, makes Cadet Claude Pearce, H-3, an old salt. . . When he transferred to V-5, he held the rank of Chief Electrician's Mate. . . Wants to go back to the fleet for carrier duty after winning his wings.

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Leader of his high school dance band and winner of the Ohio State Championship in National Clarinet Solo Contests in 1940 is credited to Cadet John Holkko, H-3. . . He has been in the Navy since May of 1941, and was at the Naval Academy from June, 1943, to January, 1944.

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Cadet Webster Gross, whose father is a Commander in the Navy, was present at Pearl Harbor when the Japs made their sneak attack on December 7th, 1941. . . Only 18 now he's looking forward to duty with the Pacific Fleet in the future.

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Four years in the Marines—At Quantico, San Diego, New Caledonia, Guadalcanal, and New Hebrides. . . The name is Cadet Gordon Fleming, G-2, and his father is a Lieut. Comdr. in the Coast Guard. . . Young Fleming served with VMF-112, "Wolfpack," which was third ranking Marine squadron in planes downed on Guadalcanal. . . He also was an instructor in horizontal bombing at first all Marine bombardment-navigation school.

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When Cadet Argus Byrd transferred to V-5, he had six years and eight months of Naval service in his record. . . His last duty was that of Chief Radioman on the USS Kennebec, an Atlantic Fleet Tanker. . . He participated in the invasion of Africa and helped deliver aviation gas to all Atlantic Theaters since the start of the war. . . Decided he would like to burn some of that gasoline himself in the future, so he moved over to V-5.

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Cadet Clarence Heider, H-2, engaged in the Battle of the Solomons, Attu and Casablanca. . . Since enlisting in the Navy in 1940, he has kept a scrapbook on his travels around the world. . . He hails from Long Beach, California.