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By GEORGE J. GREWENOW
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For twenty-two years the United States of America have been setting aside a day to pay tribute to our Navy. Our naval history is a long record of achievement in the face of tremendous odds and bitter discouragements which well-nigh turned men's hearts cold within them and caused the light to fade from their eyes. Yet the men charged with the responsibilities of defending our shores and keeping free the paths of the sea gave the last full measure of devotion to accomplish the seemingly impossible. The record is not one primarily of ships and guns, but of unflinching courage, high devotion, and deep faith to the last man. It is well for us to remember this.

This year it is especially fitting to pay tribute to our Navy. The record of the past two years is one that shall glow indelibly on the pages of history and shall stir the coming generation in a manner such as several preceding generations have not been stirred.

We who are privileged to serve in Naval Aviation can be justly proud this Navy Day. From one air station in 1941 to world coverage,—to patrols clucking over convoys like hens over their chicks, to umbrellas over landing operations, to "messages" unerringly dropped on those who set out to destroy us, causing them to change their classification of us from a "sixth-rate power" to one much farther up the scale—such is the panorama of naval aviation. Let us think on these things!

Navy Band News

By SHERMAN U. WILLIAMSON, Music

Last night, a week ago, the Navy Pre-Flight Band staged its Autumn party in the parlor of the band quarters. Dates for all members of the band were secured from various schools in this section of the state, and a fine time was had by those present.

Dinner was served at 1830 around tables placed to form a very timely design, a huge double V for victory. The dinner consisted of chicken, creamed potatoes, peas, rolls, congealed fruit salad and hot tea. Cake, with blue and white frosting, was served with ice cream for the dessert. When dinner was well underway, William Cole, Music, former bandmaster at Hillside High School of Durham, acted as toastmaster and introduced the officers of the Pre-Flight School and their wives.

The officers present included Lieut. Comdr. Lloyd Sauer, USNR, head of the military department; Lt. (jg) Leonard Eiserer, USNR, welfare and recreation officer, and Lt. (jg) George J. Grewenow, Chaplain Corps, USNR.

J. B. Parsons, Music, former bandmaster of Lincoln University and Dudley High School, who now directs the Navy Band, delivered a short welcome address.

On the Lighter Side . . .

Y2c: "Let's take a walk in the park."
Gal: "No, I'm afraid if we do you'll . . ."
Y2c: "No, honestly, I won't . . ."
Gal: "Well, what's the use then."

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Seaman: "May I have next Wednesday off?"
Chief: "Why?"

Seaman: "It's my silver wedding anniversary, my wife's in town, and we want to celebrate."

Chief: "Geez, are we going to have to put up with this every 25 years?"

Personnel Changes

Three officers were detached during the past week, while one reported aboard for duty.

Detached were Lieut. Howell T. Hollis, USNR, platoon officer, going to CAA-WTS, Louisiana State Normal College, Natchitoches, La.; Lt. (jg) Louis A. Young, USNR, of the military department, transferred to NRF, Lido Beach, Long Island, N. Y.; and Ens. Raymond D. Chisholm, USNR, platoon officer, transferred to NAS, Quonset Point, R. I.

The new arrival was Ens. Robert B. McLeary, USNR, from Bainbridge, Md.

Male Call

by Milton Caniff, creator of "Terry and the Pirates"

It Was Rank

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