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The Recreation Committee Works For YOU

BY

CTC W.R. MIDYETTE

Tandem bicycles are some of the latest equipment obtained by Special Services for use by station personnel. This is just another item in our ever increasing inventory of equipment that Special Services is buying for use by You. The money they spend in the way of recreation is actually



CTSN and Mrs. L. GEIGER and CT2 and Mrs. S. GROOM

your money, so make sure that your desires are made known through your representative of the Recreation Committee. This article is written in order to express to each individual how to go about making his interests known and how they are acted upon on the line.

The Commanding Officer has control of non-appropriated funds just as he does of appropriated funds. In the case of non-appropriated funds, the CO has two committees which he relies upon to ferret out items that are needed. They counsel him accordingly. These committees are the Recreation Committee and the Recreation Council. The Recreation Committee is composed of assigned personnel from throughout the command. The committee meets once a month to discuss and vote upon items which have been brought to their attention by You. If you haven't spoken up about an item that interests you, the chances are that the committee won't be aware of your desire and understandably nothing is going to be done about it.

The committee notes are forwarded to the Recreation Council for further discussion, and if approved, to the Commanding Officer for final action. The council is composed of the Executive Officer and other officers from various departments of the command. They are actively concerned with the welfare and recreation program because it directly affects all personnel therefore, each item is going to receive careful attention.

After final approval by the CO, the project (e.g., buying new sporting equipment or having a Luau) is returned to the Special Services Officer or Recreation Committee for accomplishment.

At the last meeting of the recreation committee a recommendation was made and approved by the CO to have a HAWAIIAN LUAU, on April 27 at the Galeta Bohio area. Plans are now being made to make this a glorious affair. There will be a band, good food, drinks and all in the atmosphere of a real Hawaiian Luau. Tickets will be sold for 25 cents and there will be a ticket drawing plus prizes for the best Hawaiian dressed man and woman. The Luau will probably be one of the last parties held during the dry season so everyone should buy their tickets and mark this date on their calendar.

Members of the Recreation Committee include the following persons: Chief Midyette (Chairman), CT1 Broadus, CT2 Guckian, CT2 Sandusky SGT. Lowden, CT3 Powers, CT2 Meyer, SK2 Wolfe, YN3Aker, SN Miller, and SN Rollo.

81% Authorized

PO Rates Expand

EXAM RESULTS ARE IN! Galeta can boast a banner 81 percent advancements as a result of the February exams. Taken by 79 men, we have 64 authorized to be advanced in rate on April 16. The Command and the CROSS-ROADS wishes to extend their congratulations and a "Well Done".

POC

PORTER D.L.
WALLACE; R.L.

PO1

ABIBA, J.S. EISLEY, E.C.
APODACA, J.F. SMJETANA, S.
COFFEY, R.F. THROWER, J.S.

PO2

BRADLEY, R.J. BURCH, B.
BRAZEAL, N. CONNER, J.D.

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Ferroni & Simmons to be Piped Over the Side

CTC Louis FERRONI, SKC Clinton SIMMONS and families will be departing Galeta on April 25th via the SS CRISTOBAL to return Stateside and transfer to the Fleet Reserve. Chief FERRONI, a veteran of 21 years Navy service, has no firm plans for the future "as long as the money holds out" Chief SIMMONS will be rounding out over 20 years service and he plans to call Easton, Maryland, home when he hangs up his hat. The CROSS-ROADS wishes Lou and Clint the best of luck.



SKC SIMMONS and CTC FERRONI

ON BOARD



NOTES FROM THE COMMANDING OFFICER

CDR G. W. COX

SAVE MONEY! How often have we all seen or heard that expression in advertising, in the papers or magazines, and in particular in the federal government and the Navy. Billions of dollars are spent each year for defense to provide for national security and to furnish the best possible equipment and support for American naval and military men the world over. As we all know, though, Uncle Sam has just so many dollars to use in meeting the nation's needs, and should the limit be exceeded and resources wasted, serious economic problems could develop. It is easy to think that such problems are too big for us to handle and are beyond our coping with them, but as is often the case, the easy answer is not always the right answer. In this instance, all of us, officer and enlisted personnel, have a part to play. How can you and I help keep the lid on wasting resources? It's back to that phrase again - **SAVE MONEY!**

Saving money, or more generally, conserving resources including money as well as manpower and material, can be accomplished in many ways. Three good rules of thumb to use in the search for ways to save are -

- *Buy only what is needed.
- *Buy the best materials for the job at the lowest possible price..
- *Figure out a cheaper way to do the same or better job.

You and I, the men on the many jobs at this station, must be constantly alert to discover and develop better and less expensive ways of doing things. The responsibility doesn't stop there. You should put your ideas in writing and send it up the line for evaluation and possible implementation. If your idea is a good, practical one, it could benefit this station and, perhaps many other activities, too.

There is something else in this for you, too. There is professional satisfaction, of course, but there could be a tangible benefit as well. You may receive a cash award for your beneficial suggestion (BENNY SUGG).

In addition, the money or manhours saved as a result of a good suggestion are usually used to perform some other useful, needed project within the command, probably in your own division or shop.

Get on the BENNY SUGG bandwagon! We all need to help make cost reduction an everyday effort.

CROSS-ROADS

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Oops We're Sorry

In the last edition of the CROSS-ROADS we left out Miss Susan Swanstrom who took home two ribbons from the George Washington Swim Meet. A second place ribbon for the 100 yard free style and a tie for the third place ribbon in the 50 yard breast stroke, girls 11 and 12. Our apologies (and congratulations) to Miss Swanstrom.

THE LOG LINE

BY "WALLY"

Dedicated to the support of NavSecGru's -- Las Vegas book makers give you 5 to 1 odds that the PN2 WAGONERS (Lennie & Connie) have another set of adorable twins, boys or girls! Jeff SK2 Wolfe made it home to Kentucky 2 days before his wife gave birth to a little girl. AsstAsst MAA SN Tommy ROLLO is in Calif preparing for the role of "Joe College" opening this coming fall. The "Sheriff of Nottingham" BMC (CMAA) WYATT departs our midst this month for duty on board the USS MISSISSINEWA (AO-144) at Newport, R. I. Cupid struck again and shot an arrow accurately towards YN3 Skip Aker who plans the fatal step down the aisle in August. Anyone notice the new "Bachelor-About-Town" YN1 Arnold RIGSBEE, he's been making the banquet tour of "Gold Row" since the Mrs. (Peggy) is in CONUS seems he suffers from the habit of "Home Cooking". After an absence of a year, Doc HM1 HARRINGTON has his little black "road-runner" back in operation again, everyone check your insurance policy! The chaperone for BMC WYATT on the SS CRISTOBAL sailing 25 APR is "Clint" SKC SIMMONS who is turning in the ole Green ID card for a Grey one! Big "Bobby" Habel (CSSN) finally made the big jump to E-3 on none other than "April Fools Day". And yet another page in the life of the "Grey Hornet" 61 Corvaire of PC2 Mike OLSON which we'll call the flatest trip to Panama City. Seems in the wee hours of a Saturday Morning recently Fred "Bookkeeper", PN 3 DICKENSON was in the pilot's seat, PC2 Mike as co-pilot and CSSN "Mosquito Bite" HABEL as Navigator when they chose a small strip along side the road as a rest stop (enroute to PC) and as a reward received all flat tires (only on the bottoms) because the area was covered with broken glass, nothing like picking a good place to stop!

Scuttle Butt has it that CSC "LOU" GASNICK sneaked in to the Exchange for his annual supply of HAIR cream. Adios til next month..

It's Your Responsibility

BY CTCS WILLIAM C. HOGAN

The right to vote in free elections is one of the most cherished privileges of citizenship. Voting is a fundamental and essential part of every citizen's duty to his government. Free government and our American way of life can be guaranteed only if we as citizens take an active part in the choice of our public officials. With the Presidential election coming up on Tuesday, November 5 1968 and some state primaries being held as early as April, the time to prepare yourself for voting is now. The desire to vote must come from the

serviceman himself. He must see that he is registered, that his ballot is properly filled out and that he is informed on the candidates and issues. Each State makes its own laws regarding qualifications that must be met before its citizens may vote. These vary from State to State. Personnel should check with the Training Office to find out the requisites for voting in their home States. Remember, as members of the Navy, you make a continuing and special contribution to guarantee our way of life. Your vote becomes more important each year.

Parson to Person

In accordance with the Chaplain's wishes the CROSS-ROADS is presenting a list of the churches that are available on the Atlantic side.

... Editor

ATLANTIC SIDE RELIGIOUS SERVICES

Coco Solo	
Coco Solo Union Ch.	0915
Fort Davis	
Catholic	0930, 1230
Protestant	1100
Fort Gulick	
Catholic (Spanish)	0830
(English)	0930
Protestant	1100
Jewish	1900

Margarita	
Catholic	0730, 0930, 1130, & 1715
Episcopal	0730
	0930
First Baptist	1100
	1900
Lutheran Redeemer	1015
Margarita Union Ch.	1100
Church of God	1100
Church of Christ (Gatun)	1100
Nazarene (Mt. Hope)	1045

NYE selected for NESEP

CT2 Richmond NYE, USN, has been accepted as a candidate for the highly competitive Navy Enlisted Scientific Education Program (NESEP) and is scheduled to depart Galeta Island in May.

NESEP is a Navy program which allows the enlisted man to obtain a four year college education and a commission.

NYE will report to the Naval Training Center, Bainbridge, Maryland for a ten week college preparatory course. Upon graduation from college with an engineering degree he will be Commissioned an Ensign in the regular Navy.



Richmond NYE



More from sec. Four WITH THE COZ

Section Four extends its congrats to CTC GALLA. He has been chosen to replace CTC ENSLEY, who is leaving this month for Marietta, Washington. I am sure the Chief will go golfing with the choice sportsmen in the section.

In case anyone has been wondering why Guy Mosebrook's head looks fatter, it is because of the smile he has been wearing that is pushing his ears out about an inch on each side. The reason for his great glee is that Mrs. Mosebrook, known to Guy as Agnes, and the younger Mose arrived in Panama late last month.

Other items of interest this month are- Steve MILLER was seen going to a hair stylist - R. GUZMAN is really ZORRO - and last but certainly not least, it has just been revealed to me that Ralph PRICE is actually only thirteen years old and that he lied about his age in order to fulfill his military obligation before entering high school.



SMILING?-On April 4, 1968 CSC Lou GASNICK was awarded an annual 15ND safety award for the Prevention of Accidents. The Chiefs crew completed a year without a single major accident.

Editor's Note:

In keeping with the CROSS-ROADS policy of publicizing places to visit in the Atlantic area, this month we are featuring PanCanal maintained Summit Gardens located midway across the Isthmus.

Here in Panama is a man-made paradise of floraculture and natural beauty. Summit Gardens in its picturesque grandeur is an ideal place for picnickers and picture takers alike, open from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. daily. For the adults, there is the beauty and serenity amongst the flowers and trees. The children can delight in the zoo and playgrounds. A large picnic area is available, equipped with barbecue pits. If you prefer, the Gardens also features a snack bar with a variety of sandwiches, soft drinks and snacks, all at nominal cost.

Summit Gardens is easily found by taking the first right hand turn after passing thru the rain forest on Gaillard Highway. Plenty of free parking is available.

The CROSS-ROADS wishes to share with you the following pictures of a memorable and enjoyable trip to SUMMIT GARDENS.

SUMMIT



GARDENS



*Photos by
CTSN Larry Geiger*



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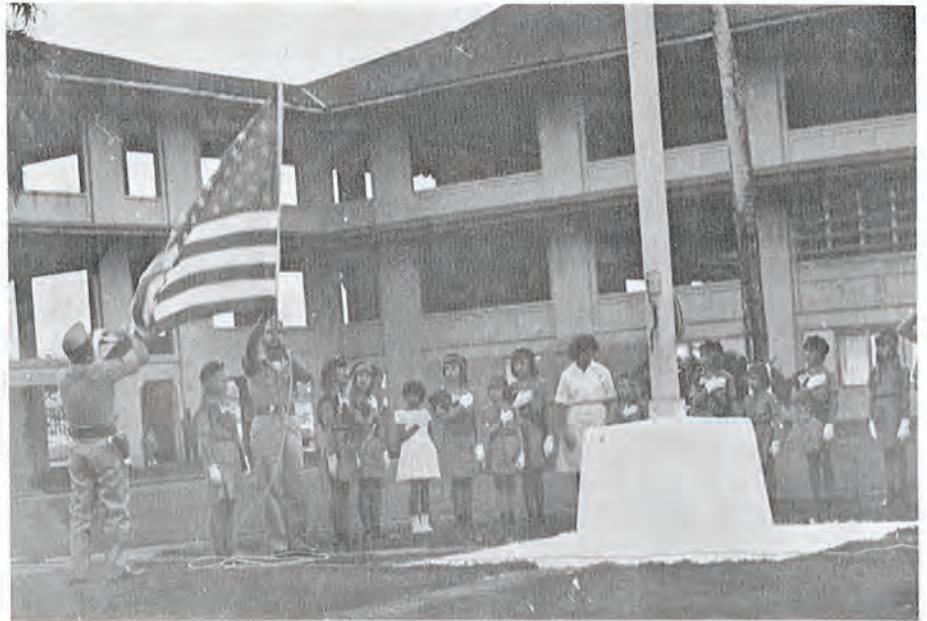
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- INGHAM, A.T.
- JENNINGS, F.M.
- KASPER, J.C.
- KELLY, G.D.
- KOZACK, W.J.
- LOMONTE, R.J.
- MARSHALL, L.L.
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- MEYER, J.W.
- MITCHELL, J.D.
- MITCHELL, R.W.
- OLIVA, F.
- SAWYER, R.J.
- SEEGARS, J.F.
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- WOLFE, J.W.

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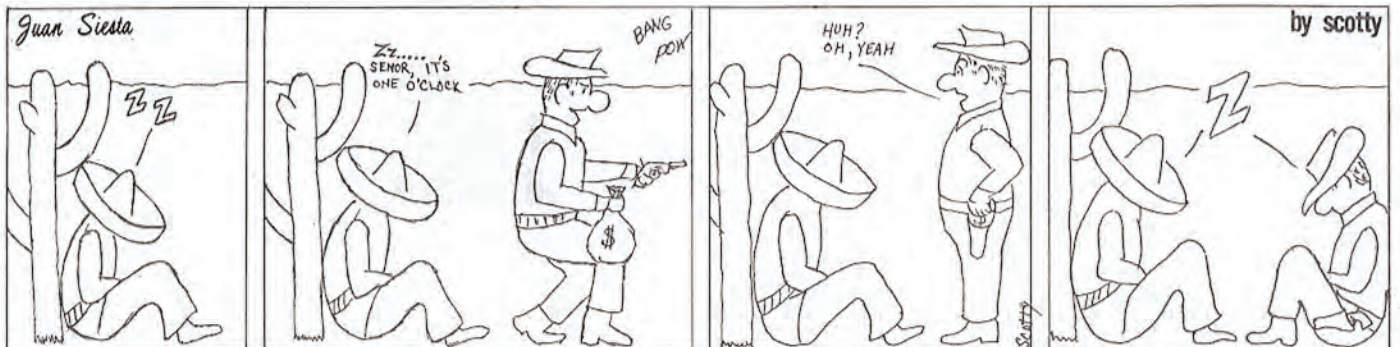
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- MULLEN, P.J.
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- SILAR, R.D.
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- STEWART, R.
- TILLOTSON, L.
- WATTS, C.M.
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EXCHANGES LOSS - Mrs. Katie Taylor was awarded 5 year service pin by LT. Don Block, O-i-C, Navy Exchange, in a ceremony held on April 1, 1968, while manager SHC Jerrold Pierce looks on. Her husband, GMGC Robert G. Taylor and Mrs. Taylor are scheduled to depart in July.



"And One Nation Under God". Celebrating National Girl Scout Week, the Galeta sponsored Girl Scout Troop #28 along with Brownie Troop #64 and the Marine color guard for March 12, 1968 struck the evening colors at Galeta with the Pledge of Allegiance and our National Anthem.





TENNIS TEAM - Pictured above are CT3 D. Tomasko, CT2 B. Burch and CT2 R. Greenwood. Not available for picture was CT3 P. Lockhart.

From The Stands

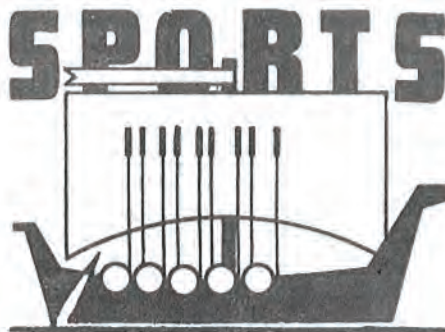
BY CTC GARY MCGLOTHLIN
Athletic Program Coordinator

The Galeta Vikings have maintained their lead in their quest for the coveted AAIC Commander's Cup.

In the tennis competition the Vikings team, composed of Lockhart, Tomasko, Burch and Greenwood, placed second in overall competition with Hdqtrs AAIC sweeping first place honors. First Four Places for the Cup are as follows:

TEAM	POINTS
Galeta Vikings	400
AAIC	387 1/2
Hdqtrs Ft. Gulick	287 1/2
Hdqtrs 4/10	267 1/2

It looks as though the Flag Football season got underway on April 15th. Many new faces are seen on the Vikings' grid iron and, I might add, some excellent talent. With the race for the Commander's Cup as tight as it is a good showing in football and bowling is a must, so all available talent in these two remaining sports is certainly a welcome sight. We had an excellent football team last year, and with the new and returning members, let's hope for an even better season. And for all you fans, keep up your fine support only this year bring a buddy to the games with you.



Navy Mixed Doubles

Alley Cats Take First

BY CTC JACK BAKER

The Navy Mixed Doubles Winter League came to an end on the night of Friday, March 22, 1968, when our awards and presentation banquet was held.

It was a close league throughout with only six games separating the second place team from the seventh place team. The third place position was determined the final night of bowling with five teams in contention for that position.

The first place team is the Alley Kats whose members are Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Knight, CTC and Mrs. Dwayne Olson and CT2 and Mrs. Thomas Emmart.

Second place went to the Bouncers who are LCDR and Mrs. King, BM1 and Mrs. Cecil Hamilton, and CT2 and Mrs. Richard Coffey.

Third place position was won by the Budweisers, composed of CTC and Mrs. Don Phillips, CTC and Mrs. Victor Walker, and CT1 and Mrs. Richard Armstrong.

The last place consolation prize was presented to the Lucky Strikes, whose members are PN1 and Mrs. Jerry

Honeyman, CT1 and Mrs. James Abiba, CT2 and Mrs. Joseph Kasper, and CT3 and Mrs. Thomas Carpenter, who filled in after the Honeymans were transferred.

The winners of the individual awards were as follows High Average went to Mrs. Coral Olson 154 and CTC Wendell Midyette 166, High Game Scratch to Mrs. Mary Myers 189 and CTCs Jack Baker 221, High Series Scratch to Mrs. Coral Olson 536 and CTC Wendell Midyette 557, High Game with Handicap to Mrs. Gayle La Fave 215 and YN1 Arnold Riggsbee 237, High Series with Handicap to Mrs. Anne Phillips, Most Improved to Mrs. Ann Knight and CT2 Joseph Kasper.

TEN PIN CORNER

Ten Pin Action - Summer League Bowling opened on Friday April 5th at the Margarita Bowling Center. Thus the Galeta Men's Handicap Keglers have started a 15 week schedule, (two rounds with a position nite in between) with 8 four man teams, which will end in July.

Electea League Officers are CTC Gary McGlothlin (President), PNC Wally Wallace (Vice-president), and CT2 Rich Coffey (Secretary/Treasurer). The prize committee appointed by the President is Wally Wallace, PN2 Lennie Wagoner and CT3 Al Powers. At press deadline time, standings and individual statistics were not available, however based on past performance it is expected that Al Powers and Lennie Wagoner will fight it out for high average.

More Lane Lingo next month plus the standings and averages.

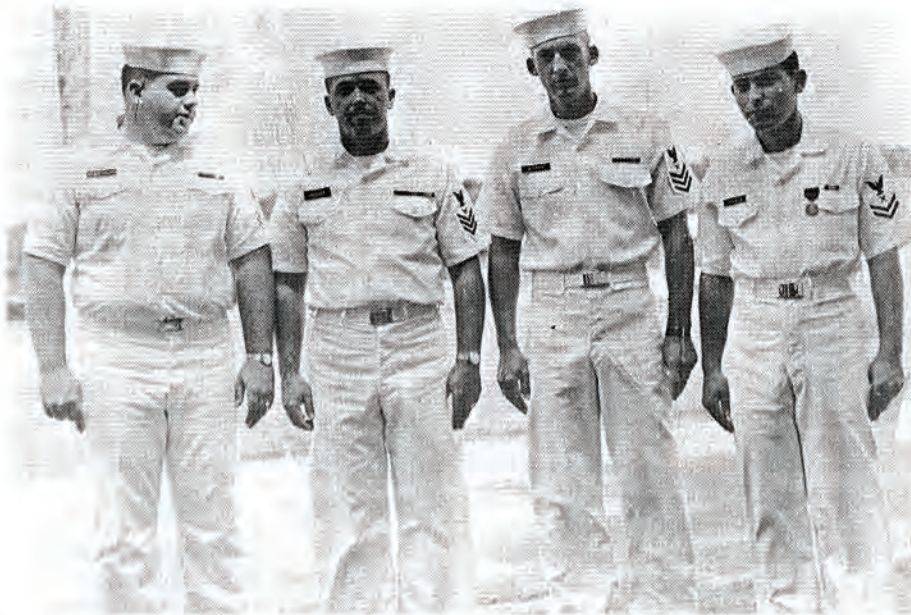
....."Wally"

Golf Tourney Scheduled

Special Services is sponsoring a station Golf Tournament to be played on the Fort Davis Golf Course. It will be a single elimination match-play, handicap tournament. Those not having a handicap established at the Club will be required to turn in a minimum of three cards to the Special Services office no later than April 28, 1968.

The entrants will be paired according to their submitted handicaps on April 29 with the Tee-off scheduled for May 1, 1968. The tournament will continue until the final 36 hole play-off between the first and second place entrants.

Special Services will provide a nominal amount of balls and the two trophies for the contest.



RECEIVED AWARDS: CT1 Richard Armstrong received his second Good Conduct Award, YN1 Arnold Rigsbee and CT1 James Bozarth earned their High School GED Diplomas and CT2 Tom Guzman received both the High School GED Diploma and his first Good Conduct Award on March 8, 1968 during a presentation by CDR G. W. Cox.

Admin Quips

The Admin Office joins the CROSS-ROADS this month with CT 2 "Gomer" CONNER still trying to remember his locker combination. Has that "crow" gone to his head or has something else? Rich "pepperoni" LABATE -the new man on the POD- is thinking of "shipping" for his choice of duty stations--Naples, ITALY, San Vito, ITALY, Gaeta, ITALY. What's the matter, Rich, can't hack Panamanian pizza? CT1 Ken SAVOIE is offering his services to anyone who needs tubeless tires changed. He does great work as long as you don't mind losing an air valve. Why has CT 2 Bill KOZACK been walking around singing "I Wonder Who's Kissing Her Now?" Word has it that his girl is back home. How is it that CTC LESHER has acquired the nickname "FINGERS"? Change any combinations lately, Chief? And why is it that Paul MULLEN is going around saying, "No news is good news"? Could it be because he received an invitation to to his OWN wedding?

Softball Champs 'Day Workers Next'

BY LESTER ERNEST

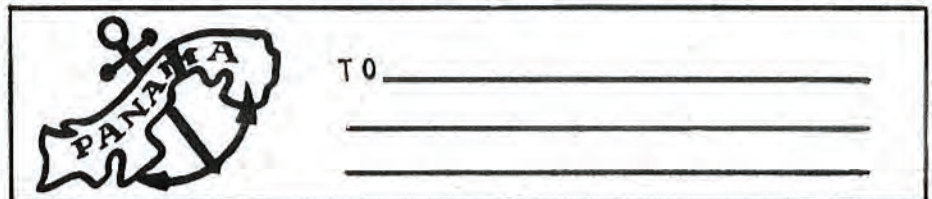
The Section Two "GUD GUYS" have had the sweet taste of victory once again. As we predicted in the last CROSS-ROADS we slaughtered Section Three in a 10 to 1 Miss-Match. With the out-standing pitching of Section Two's pitching ace Tex Matthys, and the explosive hitting power of the GUD GUYS, defeat was imminent for the 'THUGS' of Section Three.

Now the problem is competition. We have been thinking about the Boy Scouts, or maybe the Navy Wives, but before we go this far we thought that we would challenge the Coco Solo Day Workers, if they have enough sporting initiative they may give us a better game. So what do you say, Day Workers? We are willing to talk over the details any time, anywhere, under any conditions.

Our man in Panama, Joe GRASSO, has just returned from the cool resort area of BOQUETE. Joe strongly recommends this trip to anyone who has the time and the

interest to explore Panama. It's a grand opportunity to use some of those packed-away sweaters you may have, as the temperature drops into the fifties at night. Although the atmospheric temperature is relatively low, the warm hospitality of the inhabitants is consistent with Latin American tradition.

I'm convinced, Joe. I'll be heading my wheels up the Pan-American Highway the first chance I get!



AT THE BOHIO

Saturday, April 27, 1968

Hawaiian LUAU

Dancing under the stars
to the music of the
ENDLESS CHAIN

Free Daiquiris - 1730-1900

Hawaiian Style Food

Starting at 1400

ADMISSION \$.25