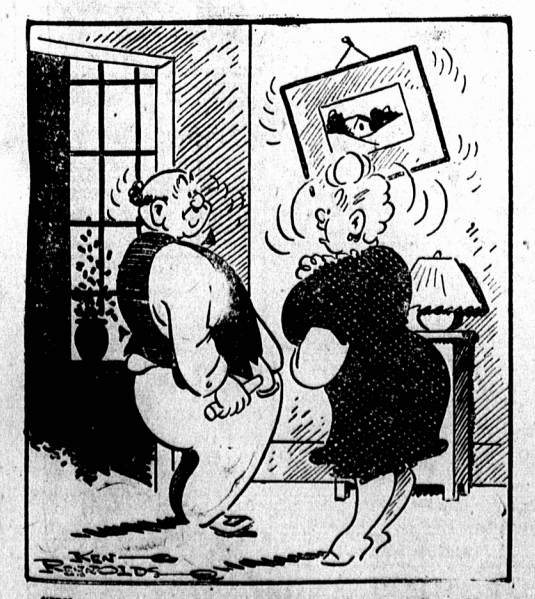
THIS IS TOPS IN NAZI NERVE

Bert Brandt, famous Acme Newspictures-NEA Service frontline photographer, poses, above, wearing one of the souvenirs he brought back from the German front. One of a large stock found in Gestapo headquarters in Aachen, it is a Nazi "Victory Cap". Brandt says that he was told in Aachen that the Germans were so sure of crushing the Allies that they had not only designed, but had actually produced this gaudy headgear, to be worn by German officers in the victory parades in Paris, London, Moscow and, likely enough to the Nazi mind, Washington. It is flashy and cocky-looking, but like so many things Nazi, its phony quality becomes apparent on close examination.

Mail from home! It's a big moment for this Canadian soldier in Holland and he shares his happiness with a smiling Dutch woman by showing her the snapshots that came in his letter. "Flight 6", the National Film Board's new Canada Carries On production, depicts the efficient, swift air mail system that speeds mail from home to Canada's fighting men on all war fronts. Huge bombers, streamlined for speed and added cargo space, also rush their letters back home, serving fighting men and civilians alike. The soldier above is Trooper C. Bongfeldt of Sprague, Manitoba.

Cpl. Ruby I. Newell, selected as the most beautiful WAC in England in a contest sponsored by Stars and Stripes, the Army newspaper, stands beside the B-17 named for her. She's from Long Beach, Calif., and was honored by the 385th Bombardment Group of the 8th Air Force's Third Bombardment Division.

QUICKIES By Ken Reynolds



"When we rented this house with that Guardian Want Ad I told you the walls were crooked!"

CENTRAL GUARDIAN

This column is reserved for news of local interest, but advertising of a newsy nature may be inserted at five cents a word, strictly payable in advance.

THE POLYCLINIC will be closed all day, December 26th. 1226-1i.

CITY'S FISCAL YEAR ends December 31st. After that date all taxes in arrears are subject to interest at the rate of 6%. 12-21-4i.

BATT & MacRAE will be closed December 27th and 28th for Stock Taking. 12-22-1i.

NEW YEARS EVE CELEBRATION at the Charlottetown. Supper served at ten o'clock, dancing to commence at midnight. Make table reservations early. Tickets $2.50 each. 12-16-4i.

SPENT CHRISTMAS IN MONTREAL—Mrs. Samuel Martin, Vernon, accompanied by her daughter Mrs. Clifford Lea and her grandson Master Paul Lea of Vernon River, spent Christmas in Montreal with two other daughters of Mrs. Martin's, Mrs. Harold Crosman and Mrs. E. Coventry.

HOME FROM HOSPITAL — Dr. H. L. Stewart, of Halifax, N. S., who has been staying with Rev. Dr. and Mrs. W. Orr Mullen, Melville avenue, Westmount, to be near Mrs. Stewart, who has been a patient in the Western Division of the Montreal General Hospital for two months, left for home last night accompanied by Mrs. Stewart. — Montreal Star.

AT THE SAM.—On Thursday evening Mr. Leonard Jordan and Miss Ena McLeod of the Y.P.U. of Trinity Church entertained the Sanitorium patients with choruses, carols, solos and instrumental music. The soloists were Miss Winnie Downe and Corp. Ian Holmes, R.C.A.F. Instrumental numbers were rendered by Miss K. Beck and Leonard Jordan. The various numbers were introduced by Mr. Lorne Finley. Pianist for the evening was Miss Louise Cox.

BUTTER COUPONS — Butter coupons 90 and 91 in Ration Book 5 become valid on Thursday, December 28 and will remain valid until they are declared invalid. All butter coupons in Ration Books 3 and 4 expire on December 31. All other coupons in these books also expire at the end of the month. Butter coupons will become valid singly after January 1 instead of in pairs as was the case formerly. Validity dates will be the second, third and fourth Thursdays in the months January, February and March, and the first, second and third Thursdays in the month of April. These coupons also will remain valid until they are declared invalid.

THEFT OF WATCHES—Nineteen watches were taken off the person of Wilfred Bradley, 257 Dorchester Street, when the City Police arrested him in Hickey and Nicholson's yard at 3.20 Saturday morning. About 3 o'clock Saturday morning Constables MacPhail and MacLeod, cruising about in the patrol car, received a radio call that the jewellery store of John Williams on Great George Street had just been burglarized. Hurrying to the scene, the officers saw three men running from the store and immediately gave chase. The fleeing men separated in the vicinity of the War Monument and the officers, seeing it was impossible to catch all three, concentrated their energies on one man. They found him hiding in the yard of the Hickey and Nicholson tobacco plant and, after removing the watches from his person, locked him up. A few hours later, other officers of the City Police took two other young men into custody. Police report a quantity of jewellery was found on both men.

PLEASANT GROVE SCHOOL CONCERT

A very enjoyable entertainment was held in Pleasant Grove Hall, Friday evening, Dec. 15th. A beautiful Christmas tree stood in one corner. The hall was crowded. Mr. Leo Morrison in his courteous manner acted as Chairman and a well performed programme was carried out.

The teacher was presented with a lovely gift from the pupils — a bed comforter, a tablecloth and a box of powder.

The pupils received gifts from teacher, also a treat of chocolate bars. The W.I. treat was oranges and candy.

Music was furnished by Teacher; Jeanette MacVittie; Marshall and Charles Alyward.

The following is the programme:—

Welcome— Alfred Morrison.

Recitations — Helen Lamphier, Jimmie Morrison, Carol Hardy, Clayton McCormack, Mary Morrison.

Song; Lullaby — Margaret Lamphier and Luella McCabe. Encore —Dear Old Santa Claus.

Dialogue — Spring Cleaning — Agnes Caswell, Marion Murray, Beatrice MacDougall, Reta Lamphier, Luella McCabe.

As we look up — Sadie Clow.

All he wants — Lloyd MacDougall.

Xmas Quiz — Dannie Lamphier.

To Santa Claus — Sterling Clow.

Dialogue — Mock Wedding.

Recitations — Elizabeth Clow, Rose and Liddy McCormack, Orville Roberts.

A Xmas Dilemma — Luella McCabe.

What Santa Calls Her — Margaret Lamphier.

Recitation — Alfred and Eddie Morrison, Francis MacDougall.

Dialogue — Eating a la Mode — Charles Morrison and Sterling Hardy.

I Know — Teresa Curran.

To Santa Claus — Aletha Clow.

Dialogue — An Official Visit— by 15 pupils.

Closing Chorus — Snowflakes— by school.

Arrival of Santa Claus who distributed gifts to pupils and Teacher.

National Anthem.

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Now in Holland

Mrs. C. R. Burt of Granville has received word that her husband Pte. C. R. Burt has arrived safely in Holland.

Mess Room Chatter

WITH THE R.C.A.F. OVERSEAS Dec. 21 — (CP) — Shuttle-bombing was employed for the first time by the R.C.A.F. Typhoon fighter-bomber wing in Holland when it attacked and destroyed lock-gates on two important inland canal systems.

Nearly 50 Typhoons swarmed over the two targets after leap-frogging their way from their base to the first target, back to a midway airfield, then on to the second target and back home.

Two full squadrons acted as fighter cover and anti-flak escort but no opposition of any kind was encountered.

One set of double locks was at Sneek, northeast of Zuider Zee, and the second at Grijpskerk, connecting two inland lakes on the inland coast.

Airmen participating in the attacks included FO. Walter Ward of 29 East St., Toronto; Flt. Lt. Donald Banting, Fort San, Sask.; FO. Dean Washburn of Fernie, B. C.; FO. Bob Spooner of Victoria; Flt. Sgt. Robert Fox of Regina; FO. Bernard Swingler of 351 Wolesley St., Port Arthur, and FO. Ivan Smith, Calgary.

Wing Cmdr. F. G. Grant of 2515 Mayfair Ave., Montreal, led the operations.

Now the Iroquois Squadron has converted to Canadian-built Lancasters the unit's unofficial mascot —"in a fever of excitement" as the R.C.A.F. puts it—has taken to flying on "ops" with the boys.

The mascot is a Red Indian ragamuffin doll. Her name is Minnie Simcoe, the surname from the Ontario town which is the Iroquois' sponsoring organization.

Minnie has her own logbook. She has flown as second pilot twice, wireless operator's mate once. She attends briefing before an operation and interro ation afterwards.

Billy Poag of Listowel, Ontario, had to work underground in a mine to earn money to learn to be a flier. Today he is Wing Cmdr. W.F. Poag, recently appointed commanding officer of an R.C.A.F. anti-submarine squadron in Iceland.

His work in the mine gave him enough money for an aviation course and finally he won his commercial pilot's licence.

"Then I bothered Algoma Air Transport so much they gave me a job flying prospectors and supplies to remote lakes from their base at South Porcupine, Ont.," he said. "I started bush flying with only 110 hours on my log book."

Poag joined the R.C.A.F. in November, 1939.

Roaring down the slopes of 8,000-foot mountains in Norway, rocket-firing Beaufighters of the R.C.A.F.'s Buffalo squadron in Coastal Command led by FO. Louis Boileau of Fort Francis, Ont., attacked five enemy ships in a fjord. An explosion occurred aboard one medium-sized ship; another was badly damaged; and one of three coasters was left burning.

"It was just like tobogganing back home," was the way FO. A.E. Foord of 230 Salem Ave., Toronto, described the attack.

SOUTH WINSLOE W.I.

The regular meeting of the South Winsloe Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs Earl Rodd on Dec. 6th.

Meeting opened with the creed. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Roll Call was answered by thirteen members and three visitors. Collection amounted to $1.36.

Three pairs of gloves and twenty-seven wash cloths were handed in to the Red Cross Committee. The school committee reported new blinds were needed. It was moved and seconded that the committee in charge buy the blinds. Sick committee reported fruit sent to one member.

Correspondence was then read. Several letters wanting donations and a letter of thanks for fruit.

It was moved and seconded that $5.00 be given to T.B League; $10. to the Navy League; $3.50 for a treat for the school children at Christmas.

Two new members joined and paid their fees.

Next meeting to be held at the home of Mrs. O.W. Campbell, January 3rd, Roll Call to be answered by a New Year's resolution. Lunch committee— Mrs. Earl Rodd, Mrs. Roland Sellick, Mrs Perley Taylor. Programme committee— Mrs. O.W. Campbell.

A paper on group hospitalization was read and a discussion followed. The contest for the evening was very interesting and the first prize was won by Mrs. O.W. Campbell and Mrs. Archie Auld. The booby prize being won by Mrs John Ford and Mrs Emerson Ford.

After the meeting an auction sale was held. The articles being donated by the members and the net proceeds were $14.15. Cash on hand $31.40.

AIDED AIRBORNE ARMY

In addition to giving protection against enemy aircraft R.C.A.F. fighters of the 1st Allied Airborne Army making its descent into the Netherlands, sought out and silenced enemy flak positions.

THE KIRK PULPIT

Preaching the Christmas sermon on the text, "When the fulness of the time was come, God sent for His Son, made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons." (Galatians 4:4-5), the minister, the Rev. T. H. Bussell Somers, said: Why was the glory veiled? Because a blinding glory could only blind us, whereas a veiled glory beckons and we follow. "This shall be a sign unto you." There you have a gracious word. Think of a sign directing you to some well-loved place. It does not reach out hands to coerce you. It does not say you must go: it says you may go. It is the promise of someone who has been there that you are on the right road. It is both a signature and an invitation. "This shall be a sign unto you: ye shall find the Babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a mangen"

If God had revealed Himself in sky-writing, we might have doubted our eyes. If He had spoken in thunder, we might have doubted our ears, or been afraid. If He had come as an angel, we might have shielded our faces, or asked what angels can know about death. If He had come like King Arthur "from a seventh great wave" of the sea or panoplied in full manhood, He would have been a stranger. But a Babe, wrapped from the cold, homeless in a stable! That is the living signature of God! That is the Sign at the world's crossroads! We shall keep coming back to that corner till we follow. There is no coercion in Christ, no blinding glory; rather Deity in flesh. We cannot be estranged from Him, for He was "born of a woman, born under the law". We cannot be hopeless or unforgiven or doomed if we come to Him, for there is on His face the light of another world. "God sent forth His Son".

What a stir Christmas makes, what a saving stir in the soul! The Bible is a homely and prodigious book. Its Christmas ranges the centuries to make them one: "When the fulness of the time was come." Then it climbs the sky to explore eternity: "God sent forth His Son". Then it suddenly brings Christmas to the street where you and I live: "that we might receive the adoption of sons." Ponder that word "adoption". You have been a slave to what you call the "laws of the universe" or to "duty" or to "conscience" and there has been no remission of the servitude? You have been orphaned in a baffling world, with more baffling death awaiting you? You have been in prison to remorseful memory and the bondage of dark habit? Then God offers you adoption. Duty becomes the friendship of Father and child, the baffling world becomes a home and death only a door to the Father's nearer presence; and the prison of sin is opened to a Voice which says, "This my son was dead, and is alive again; was lost and is found." That word "adoption" is a tremendous word. It means that Christmas, apprehended in the mind, held in the surrendered will, is a new world.

Emergency Shelter Administrators To Be Appointed

OTTAWA, Dec. 22 — (CP) — Far-reaching emergency shelter regulations to ensure the best possible use of available housing accommodation in congested areas and providing an administrative organization to work in co-operation with local authorities were announced by the Federal Government today.

The regulations provide:

1. Administrators may prescribe how any premises capable of being used as a dwelling shall be used, or take possession of and use any shelter or require any person to rent any shelter.

2. Every person in a congested area shall co-operate with administrators of shelter so that hardships shall be prevented and alleviated.

3. No landlord may refuse to rent to tenants on the ground they have children unless by the permission of an administrator.

4. To prevent further aggravation of the shelter situation, no premises such as barracks, hostels, houses, apartments, rooms or flats may be closed or their use for dwelling purposes restricted without the concurrence of the administrator.

5. All listings of available shelter will be centralized in the local administrator's office. He will coordinate all existing agencies, private or government, which takes listings of properties or applications for accommodation.

6. As part of the effort to make spare rooms available, field surveys and registrations will be taken in the affected areas, to determine that potential shelter is available.

Finance Minister Ilsley, whose Department includes the Prices Board under which rental regulations are placed, has written Provincial Governments advising them that under the regulations the board will be prepared to appoint emergency shelter administrators in certain areas to be specified shortly, and in which serious congestion exists. These appointments will be made unless the municipalities concerned oppose them.

The regulations have been passed by order-in-council, and the Government now is awaiting the response of the municipal authorities to the proposal that administrators be appointed.

Officials said that the Federal Government has the authority to impose the regulations in a congested area even if the local administration opposed them, but this was not likely to be used. If the local authorities would not accept the Dominion regulations, then the government would leave the problem with them to be dealt with.

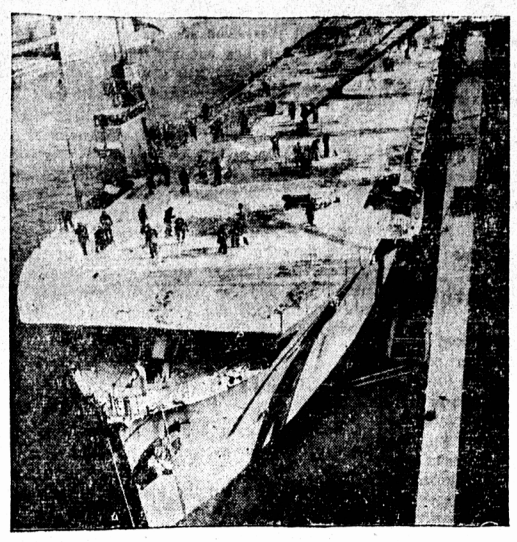
Mr. Ilsley said it was not expected that the appointment of administrators by the Prices Board would suddenly solve the "troubles of everybody in finding shelter in these congested areas."

But with the improved organization under the administrators and an effort on the part of all those concerned to help themselves and help others, the situation should be "considerably eased."

BIG COFFEE PRODUCER

El Salvador has about 12,000 coffee plantations, or fincas, with a total of about 140,000,000 trees.

Canada's Double-Duty Carrier



Pigmy aircraft carriers, like the one pictured above, do double duty for the Royal Canadian Navy — serving as cargo ships and as bases for aircraft protecting convoys against U-boats. In photo above, taken at a Canadian port, crew members clear snow off flight deck of converted merchant ship while toward stern long grain funnels deliver 7000 tons of wheat into the hold.

SEASONAL NOTES ON THE YEAR 1944

By J.A. Clark, D.Sc. Superintendent, Experimental Station, Charlottetown.

The mean temperatures during the winter months of 1942-44 were low, but the lowest temperature, 7° below zero on February 9, compared favorably with 14° below on Feb. 16, 1943. The March mean temperature 23.8° was two degrees below a 35 year average, indicating, according to correlation data worked out by the Superintendent of the Charlottetown Experimental Station, a late spring season and yields of farm crops above average in 1944. The spring season was backward with a late frost May 21. The forest trees did not appear green until May 23 and the apple blossoms opened on June 1, 1944.

Grass and Clover

The grass and clover winnered well under a heavy blanket of snow; 72 inches fell in three months. Taste was no January or February thaw that did more than settle the snow, which over the fields and meadows was about 33 inches deep February 28, and 15 inches deep on March 11. The winter's snow went rapidly about March 25, when a temperature of 46°F. cleared off many fields. There was very little soil erosion at that time as the melted snow soaked quickly into the unfrozen ground.

By April 10 most of the snow banks had disappeared and the ice had gone from the rivers and harbour. An area of blueberry bushes was burned over satisfactorily at Allisten on April 19. The grass and clover made slow growth until the warm rains of June. Haymaking was late.

The first clover was cut at the Experimental Station on July 4, there followed splendid conditions for making hay for three weeks. The last week of July was showery and wet, but most of the hay crop, which yielded above average, was well saved in good weather.

Precipitation

Precipitation in February, June, October and November was above average. April, May, July and August were dry months with a total rainfall of 7.9 inches, or only two thirds of the average of 12 inches for a forty-four year period. The total precipitation in 1944 to date was 39 inches or 3 inches below the average. There was a rainfall of 1.15 inches in May, the lowest since May, 1920 when only .93 of an inch fell. June, with a rainfall of 5.14 inches was the wettest since 1936 when 5.27 fell. This was followed by a dry July with only 1.91 inches of rain, the lowest July rainfall since 1935 when 1.79 fell.

The cool fine weather during May was ideal for farm operations, and the seeding of farm crops which started May 3 at the Station was completed earlier than usual. Germination was rapid. Cereal test plots at Charlottetown were outstandingly good. This work of testing varieties of grain was also conducted at country points in co-operation with the Division of Illustration Stations and in most cases very satisfactory results obtained. It was noted that plots of the same varieties grown in Eastern Kings County were about two weeks later than similar plots in other districts.

Harvesting

The dry weather of July, August and September was very favourable for haymaking and harvest. Grain harvesting commenced at the Station on August 8. Yields of Regent wheat, Erban oats, and Ch'town No. 80 barley were above average. Scarcely any grain was injured by storms and most of the heavy grain crop in the Province was saved in good condition.

Pastures showed great promise during June but were dried out before the middle of July and were only fair throughout the summer. They recovered during the heavy rains in October and November and were in good shape when winter came.

The summer was fine and hot, the temperature reached 93°F. on August 12. Since records were kept at the Station, this temperature has only been exceeded once, on August 19, 1935 with 95°F.

Corn made a very slow start but with the hot weather yielded above average. Vegetables were good and gave yields above average. Potatoes were generally well sprayed and were relatively free from blight, except in Western Prince County, where unfavourable weather conditions prevailed in late August and September and there was much rot, except in blight resistant varieties. The 1944 potato crop was above average with few small potatoes.

The root crop germinated well but made slow growth during the dry weather. In late September and during October roots grew rapidly and a crop above average was saved during favourable weather that continued into late November.

The first killing frost came October 30. The frost free period was 161 days compared with the average period of 153 days.

Good Fruit Season

The season of 1944 was favourable for all fruits. Small fruits yielded about average. Apples coloured well, were of extra quality, and yielded about average. Plums and cherries were below average and the robins ate many cherries before they ripened.

The Autumn was very open and free from serious frost. Plowing and fall work was well completed. During November there was a period of 12 days with continuous North East wind and moderate temperatures, greatly extending the period of outdoor farm work. The freeze-up on December 14 was the latest recorded at the Station, except in 1935 when the plow was not stopped until December 19. That year, however, there was a killing frost October 3 and the ground froze and thawed out several times before the final freeze-up.

Magnificent Effort

In closing, I wish to express my appreciation and admiration for the farmers and their families who made such a magnificent contribution under difficult conditions, in growing, harvesting and saving the largest and most valuable of farm crops ever produced in Prince Edward Island.

They also have prepared for next season more arable land for general crops than in any previous year. A few have taken the precaution to prevent soil erosion. The most approved methods being: reforesting steep slopes; leaving in grass those slopes that wash badly; working across the slope of the land all areas that are left red during the winter; and seeding winter rye wherever possible to prevent sheet erosion.

"And moreover, this is New Year's eve," said Wallace, as if that ought to settle the matter. "Cheer up. Let's go to the Officers' Club and join in the fun."

George Martin shook his head. Before he could welcome the approach of another year he had a troublesome decision to make. The crowded streets, the milling people, the babbling groups headed for Times Square — none of these signs of the coming of 1945 had power to lift him from his depression. His voice was solemn.

"Look at my problem from the personal angle," he said. "Tell me, Wallace, how would you feel if you had been told you couldn't return to the school ship after the holidays?"

"I'd feel bad, naturally. But not as if the world had come to an end."

"You're not a sailor," returned Martin. "You don't understand what the school ship gets to mean to a fellow. It gets in the blood under a man's skin."

He listened carefully as Martin continued: "You should have seen Doyle's face when the Cadet Council told him he was through. It went white. It's not only the way a fellow feels about it himself, it's a fellow's family . . ."

Wallace was saying: "The school ship's not the only place of its kind in the world. A fellow can still work his way up from the fo'c'sle, you know, and become just as good an officer."

They were walking along a waterfront street, now, past seamen's lodging houses. A row of men stood in line before the doorway of a Sailors' Mission.

"Shipping' bad," volunteered one of the men. "No more ships. Can't get a job for love nor money. Got a cigarette?"

Martin pulled a package of them from his pocket, offered it. The

You're to report back to the school ship January 3.

sailor took a cigarette eagerly, waited for a light. "Thanks, buddy."

"See what a fellow's up against?" Martin said. "Even old-timers can't get ships. A youngster would have no chance at all."

At the next stand he purchased a newspaper. He stood under a neon sign and opened it to the Want ads. "Look. Here are your shore jobs. Wanted: an office boy. Must run elevator. Wanted: boy to distribute handbills. Wanted: soda clerk. Are these anything for a fellow who really wants a sea career—a merchant officer's career, the whole world ahead of him, and a captain's berth at the end?" He threw down the newspaper. "I've made up my mind. Come with me," he said.

At a small hotel for sailors, he turned in and inquired: "Doyle stopping here? Thomas Doyle?"

The clerk thumbed through the register. "Number 1215."

As George Martin entered the room, Doyle sprang to his feet. He had been stretched out on the narrow bunk, his face buried in the pillow.

"I heard you hadn't gone home, Doyle," said Martin.

Doyle's eyes were swollen and red. "I thought I'd rather stay here, sir . . . until after the holidays. Then I thought I'd get a ship—or a shore job. I couldn't face them at home, sir . . . I just couldn't."

Martin took out his watch. "If you can get out to the airport by one o'clock, you'll catch a night plane to Bangor. That's where you live, isn't it? Got enough money?"

"Yes, I have. But . . ."

"Do as you're told," said Martin. "Your case has been up for consideration since the holidays started last week. I've been thinking it over carefully, and will veto the action of the Cadet Council. You're to report back to the school ship on January third, with the others. It'll be up to you to make good. Those are orders."

The boy's face was radiant. "Happy New Year, sir! That's all I needed, sir, to change the whole world for me—another chance at the school ship!"

"Funny old world," said George Martin, superintendent of the Nautical Training School, as he rejoined his friend in the lobby. "Another chance at the school ship . . . that's all Doyle needed to face New Year."

This Army

"Think I'll have m'lunch, who's got a cork-screw?"

BINDING