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# Providence Celebrates Birthday

## PROVIDENCE Slugs Way To Two Victories Over Army Team

Playing the same Army team that defeated them just before we left on the last trip, the PROVIDENCE softball team more than evened the score by trouncing the 7th Replacement Depot team 6-2 and 18-3 in a double-header Monday night.

With the 6th Div's Fogg and Foehlinger pitching and catching respectively, the first game started when Right Fielder Schmidt slugged a two-bagger that went through the center fielder for a home run, putting the PROVIDENCE team in a one-point lead.

As the Army tied up the score in the second, the ship's ten settled down to business in the fourth, which started with singles by McIntyre and Kibbe, plus a walk by Andrews. Tom Heenan then singled, scoring McIntyre, with Kibbe out at the plate, leaving Andrews and Heenan on base. 3rd Baseman Stedman then singled to center, bringing in Heenan and Andrews for a score of 4-1 at the end of the fourth.

As the Army remained scoreless, the Navy again levelled its batteries and started the sixth as Schmidt singled, McIntyre walked, Kibbe filled out to center and then Andrews singled to bring in Schmidt. As Heenan grounded out on the next play, McIntyre scored to bring the score to 6-1.

The Army brought in one run during the first half of the seventh, and the PROVIDENCE walked off victors by 6-2.

With "Smoky" Andrews pitching for the Navy, the second game was simply a slaughter of the "all-stars" of the 7th Repot Group. The Navy got about 2 hits per man and ended winning 18-3.

Exactly one year ago today the USS PROVIDENCE was commissioned in the Boston Navy Yard, as Rear Admiral Felix Gygax handed over command of the ship to Captain William B. Jackson in an impressive commissioning ceremony attended by many citizens of Providence Rhode Island as well as relatives of the new ship's personnel.

Today, in celebration of its first birthday, the PROVIDENCE has full plans to mark the occasion. For its birthday breakfast, fresh sunny-side-up eggs will pour from the steam tables, while roast chicken and all the trimmings will be on the menu for lunch.

Just before lunch a mammoth birthday cake will be set up in the new crew's lounge, at which time pictures will be taken preparatory to cutting the cake.

In the afternoon, a gala stag beach party will be held on a sandy beach not far from Naples, with transportation for officers and men leaving the ship at 1300. There hotdogs and beer will be served, the men can swim, and softball and volleyball games will be held. This party will be duplicated on Thursday for the port section.

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The band is expected to play for the beach party, which will last until about 1900. Transportation back to Naples and to the ship will start shutting at 1700 until the beach is cleared by 1900.

Swimming suits and towels should be brought, as well as athletic gear for those who feel energetic.

Club 82 will be open as usual on both nights, although it will be impossible to carry out a proposed plan to serve free beer and sandwiches, due to the limited quantity of beer in Naples.

Dates For Your Cruise Calendar

17 Nov	-	Arrive Palermo, Sicily
22 Nov	-	Visit Naples, Italy
25 Nov-1 Dec	-	Marseille; Admiral James
3 - 9 Dec	-	Piraeus-Athens, Greece
Christmas	-	Naples, Italy
26 Feb	-	Capt. Jackson relieved
19-27 Mar	-	Nice and the Riviera
5 -9 April	-	Istanbul, Turkey
26-30 April	-	Beirut, Lebanon
1 -5 May	-	Alexandria, Egypt

# SPORTS

## Red Sox and Cardinals Take Lead As Teams Steady Down For Season

When the Yanks set the Boston Red Sox down by a 2-0 score the other day, they prevented the Sox from establishing an American League record for the longest consecutive winning streak in one season. The previous record of 15 in a row was tied by the Red Sox, but the powerful Yankees thought it was about time someone put an end to the luck of the Beantowners.

As the editor sees it, the recent splurge of the Sox is the last one that they'll be making for some time, since the only thing that has kept them up there in the first place has been the miraculous hitting of Ted Williams, Bobby Doerr, and the rest of the batting order. Boston's pitching has been mediocre so far this season, and a team can't keep up the pace when it wins all the ball games 14-12, 12-10 and 10-9 as the Sox have been doing.

The dark horse of this race is the Detroit Tigers, who have been in a hitting slump. Their pitching has been excellent, and when the big bats of Barney McCoskey, Pat Mullins, and Dick Wakefield, together with the slugging of Big Hank Greenberg, start opening up, the Tigers are going to begin moving right up toward that first place.

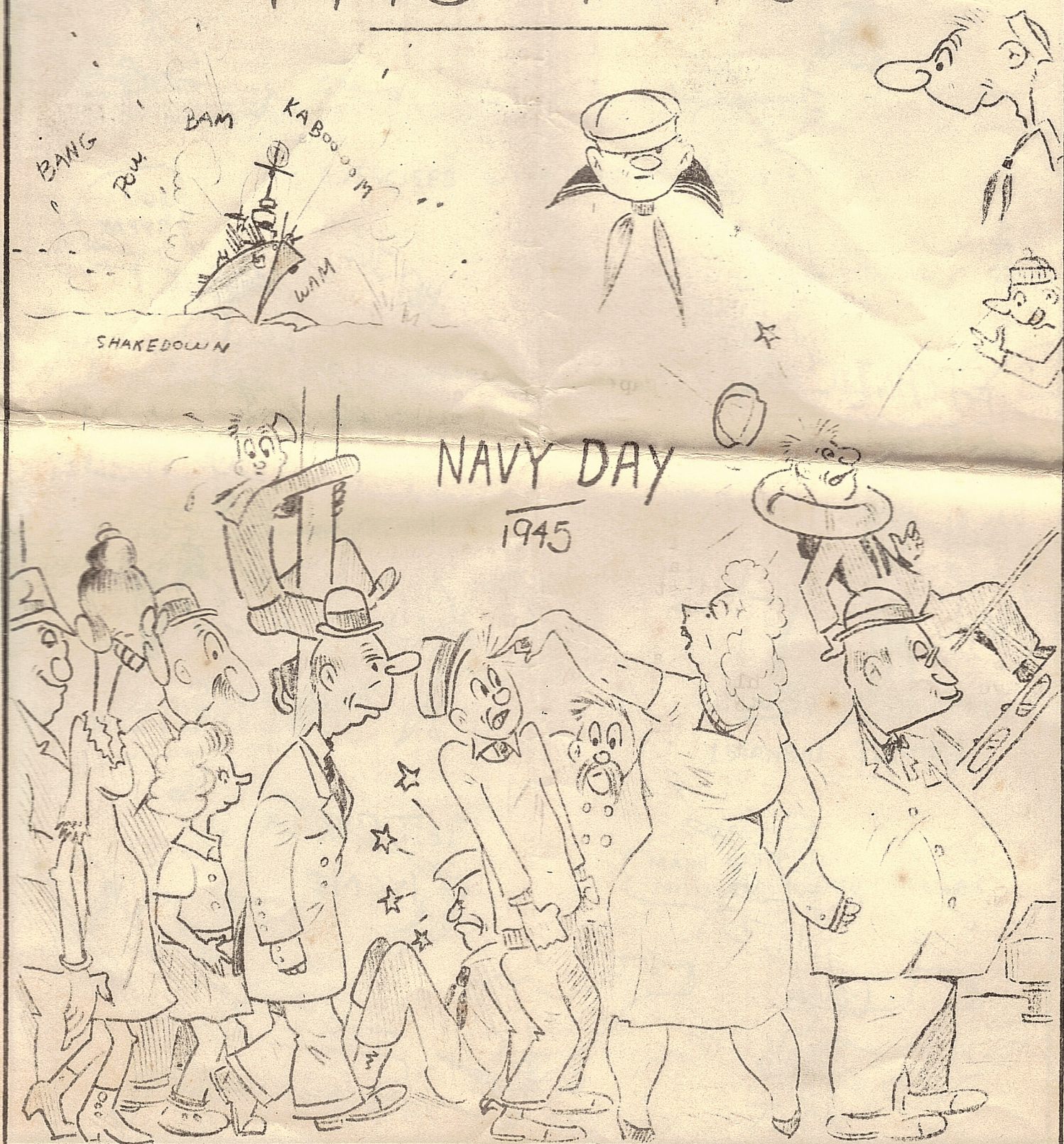
Supporters of the Cleveland Indians can take pride in their favorite pitcher, Bobby Feller, but outside of that consolation, the Indians won't go very far this season. Reason: No hitting and no pitching to go with the speedballs of Rapid Richard.

The Cardinals at present look like they're hanging on the ropes to keep the Dodgers at bay, but the story will take on another aspect when the Western teams start their Eastern swing. The power of the National League lies in the Western nines this year, and the Cards, with six 20-game winners on the payroll can't help but increase their lead. The Cubs have no outstanding stars, but are a steady team with a good manager, and ought to give Brooklyn a rough time for this year's second place honors.



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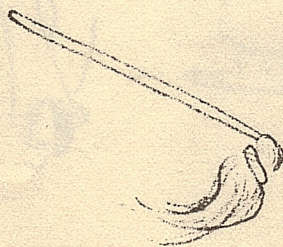


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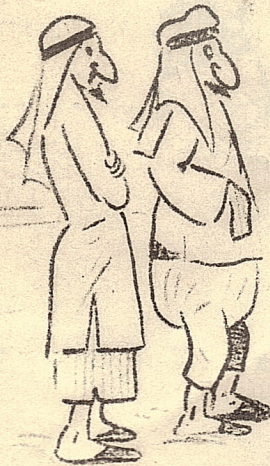
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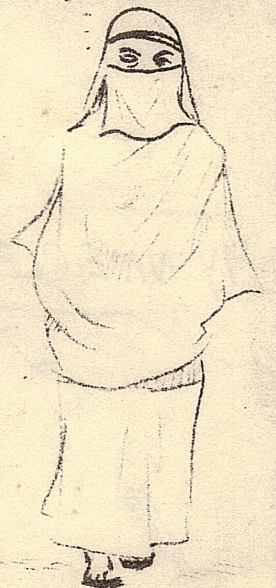
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