

# ZERO-HOUR



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SERENADERS' TRIO PLAYS THIS EVENING  
IN HONOR OF MACON SHIPS COMPANY

LIEUT TOM HAMILTON ASSEMBLES WEST  
COAST NAVY TEAM TO PLAY MARINES

The musical program which the Serenaders' Trio from San Francisco offered to put on in honor of the Macon's coming is to be presented this evening in the Auditorium of the Recreation Building and all hands on the Station are invited. Those who were present at the first show put on by this clever trio of young ladies will no doubt be among the early arrivals for the event and need not be urged to choose seats near the stage.

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LEGATION GUARD NEWS RECEIVED FROM  
PEIPING, NOW IN STATION LIBRARY

The first number of the Legation Guard News published by the Marine Guard in Peiping, China, was received in the Station Library yesterday and it is hoped will be always on hand hereafter. The Legation Guard news is published twice a month. The present editor is Sergeant Alvin L. Cromer. Walla Walla, the Marine service publication in Shanghai is also on the Library list, three copies having been received to date.

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LONG BEACH PRESS TELEGRAM ISSUES  
FINE 14-PAGE NAVY DAY SUPPLEMENT

The Long Beach Press Telegram in its edition of last Friday included a 14 page special supplement dedicated to the Navy in honor of Navy Day. The issue was replete with news stories of various sorts, pictures of all ranking officers and many ships, detailed accounts of the Navy's particular activities with many complimentary references and tributes on nearly every page.

Lieut. Tom Hamilton begins today the assembling of the material for his West Coast Navy team that is to play the San Diego Marines for the President's cup. Ensigns Magruder; "Gridder" Tuttle; "Blimp" Bowstrom, "Soupy" Campbell, and "Bullet Lou" Kirn are expected to be among his aids in choosing and coaching the team. Efforts are being made to have the date of the Marine game moved back from 26 Nov. to 3 December to give the Navy squad a little more time for conditioning. Some 32 linemen who tried out for last year's great team and 18 former backfield men are expected to be on the squad when it is assembled.

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MACON, HOME AFTER 50 HOURS OVER

SOUPY SEA, ENDS 1ST WEST COAST HOP

After flying for 50 hours above a sea of impenetrable fog that hid from them any glimpse of the land or the sea, with only an occasional view of a mountain peak that pierced the soupy sea over which they whirred, the Macon seemed happy to be home again on Saturday evening from her first trip away from her California hangar. The only persons who reported they saw her at Long Beach or San Diego were the North Island aviators who had gone 14,000 feet high in a plane to make their regular weather observations. The Macon sailed with 14 officers and 56 men and 10 civilians when she left here on Thursday with approximately 35,000 pounds of water ballast; 70,000 pounds of fuel, besides thousands of pounds of other supplies including drinking water and food.

ADMIRAL SELLERS SAID TO BE SLATED  
TO HEAD NAVAL ACADEMY NEXT AUGUST

It is likely that Admiral David F. Sellers, present commander-in-Chief of the United States fleet, will go to Annapolis to take up his duties as superintendent of the academy next August, when his term as commander of the fleet expires. He will then revert back to rear admiral, the only permanent high rank in our navy. Admiral Sellers has held some of the most important billets in the navy. He was the first commander of the local training station, went to the scouting force as chief of staff to the late Admiral Ashley H. Robertson, former commandant here, and then was commander of the special service squadron, and still later judge advocate general of the navy. He served as commander of battleships, and as commander-in-chief of the United States fleet.

(From San Diego evening Tribune)

SWIMMING CUP FIRST GIVEN BY PRES.  
FOR ATLANTIC NOW FOR U.S. FLEET

When he was assistant secretary of the Navy, President Roosevelt donated a large silver cup that was to be presented for excellence in swimming, an exercise in athletic competition that has been foremost in the president's career for many years. The cup is engraved as follows: "Trophy for excellence in swimming, presented by Franklin D. Roosevelt, assistant secretary of the navy, to the battleship of the Atlantic fleet, excelling in annual competition". When the trophy was presented, there had been no division of the fleet, and there were no battleships permanently stationed in the Pacific. Since the navy is located in Pacific coast waters, the president has given permission to have the wording changed to "United States fleet", in order that competition may be resumed.

The sea lawyer was standing by for a summary court martial, but seemed highly confident of the final outcome.

"I'll make out all right," he assured one of his pals. "This is going to a battle of brains".

"Oh, yeah!" was the reply. "Then what are you going to use for ammunition?" - (Our Navy).

SEND THE ZERO HOUR HOME

ASKING MEN TO DIE RIDING IN  
TORPEDOES FOR JAPANESE NAVY

London, (I.N.S.) Japanese naval men are to be asked to volunteer for certain death, according to a Towio dispatch to the Daily Herald. Recruiting will start in the new year for men prepared to act as "Human torpedoes" in naval engagements, according to the Herald. The decision to invite volunteers for this death brigade was made when it became known Japanese naval engineers have perfected a new type of torpedo fitted with a steering gear and having room for a steersman. The volunteer will be in the torpedo when it is launched from the Japanese ship and easily can hit the mark.

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GRIEF FOR BLACK BOTTOM MELTS IN  
ODE; SNOWSHOES LALENTS AND WAITS

The pent-up grief occasioned by the kidnapping a week ago of our Black Bottom, the inky tigress of the hangar jungles, has at last broken out in verse and one hardy spirit lamenting under the non-de-plumee of Snowshoes sends the following dirgeful ode to the Zero Hour:

To A Cat

There was a cat of somber hue  
But of a nature gay,  
She stood each watch with J-4's  
crew

Both of the night and day  
But some benighted so-and-so  
Has stole our cat away.

That will conclude this direful  
tale

But one thing I will say:  
Collectively the J-ship gang  
Anticipates the day  
When we will meet the scurvy guy  
Who stole our cat away.

## NAVY MAN WINS \$100,000

Oakland, (A.P.) Lieut. Charles E. McDonald, 33, United States navy officer and engineering student at the University of California, won a jury verdict for \$100,000 here for injuries received when a fly wheel broke apart in an Oakland factory last Junary. The verdict was against the Standard Gas Engineering company of Oakland and its president Charles A. Winslow. Lieut. Louis D. Sharp, injured in the same accident, has a \$50,000 damage suit pending.