

# THE GREAT WAVES LAKES

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## FASHION DECREES: WHITE CAPS FOR WAVES

### LT. DAILY SPEAKS

The WAVES Drill program today features as guest speaker, Lt. Mary Daily of the Chicago Office of Procurement, who will discuss the reaction of the public to women in the service.

An "Indoctrination Please" program, starring two teams of WAVE storekeepers and yeomen, will follow Lieutenant Daily's talk.

Questions concerning Navy Indoctrination will be fired at the WAVES by Lt. (jg) Irene Harris, who will be "Professor Quiz". A board of experts composed of Ensigns N. Hale, M. Knight and K. Cruise, will decide the results of the contest. The five-man teams will be captained by Schultz, Y3c, and Mulligan, SK3c.

Indoctrination movies have been tentatively planned for next week's drill, April 22.

The series of WAVES Drills was opened last week by Captain E. A. Lofquist, Chief of Staff. Military Discipline and bearing was the theme of this drill hour, and was the subject of a talk by Ensign E. J. Clements. A movie, "Why We Fight", was also shown.

Silk stockings and dress shoes....

All this and white-tops too, for WAVES this summer.

Confirming all the glorious scuttlebutt relative to banning lisle hose and low-heeleders, the newly announced summer uniform regulations decree that:

WAVES will go into white top-covers and gloves April 15---today.

The summer work uniform (navy blue cotton gabardine, tropical worsted or such - plus white hat covers, plus white gloves plus black shoes) will be optional from April 15 to June 30 when it will become the uniform of the season. (Cont'd on Page 2)

### ABOUT THAT WEDDING DRESS...

Here's the latest dope straight from Washington

As a bride you no longer are obliged to say your "I do's" in Mainbocher blue. Those who wish to wear a wedding dress may receive special permission to do so if they send their request to the Chief of Naval Personnel...It is understood that this is one request that is always granted.

## WHITE CAPS FOR SPRING (Cont'd)

With the summer work uniform, WAVES may wear whatever hose they are able to buy--be it nylon, silk or rayon (you can be certain, sales of lisle will slump)--and dress shoes (oxfords, cadets or pumps with 2" heels -- no higher). Hose must be medium beige in color. Incidentally, mesh stockings are definitely out.

The Service Dress Whites are compulsory for officers for dress; optional with enlisted women. Service Dress Whites call for white jacket and skirt, white shirt (long-sleeved for officers, short sleeved cotton for enlisted women), white hat covers, white shoes, white gloves. White covers of cotton, rayon or wool, will be provided to fit over handbags. Shoulder straps may be removed from bags.

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### TO A SPRING BONNET

Oh, for a new spring bonnet with  
feathers and flowers and such,  
To wear on Easter morning for  
that eternal feminine touch!

But, alas, that cannot be,  
For U. S. WAVES are we--

Yes, WAVES, who've left at home  
all the fluffy and frilly things  
To don a uniform of blue--and all  
the duties that it brings.

Yet, proud we are indeed  
To help our country meet her need.

Oh, we have our new spring bonnet  
of white and navy blue,  
And to us there's not a hat of  
better quality or hue!

So, away with feathers and veils  
'Til victory our country hails!

Betty Bourn, Y3c

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## "SOUP'S ON".....

WAVES Officers of Chicago will be entertained by Great Lakes WA Officers at dinner in the Officers' Club next Tuesday at 1830.

The dinner is planned to give Chicago WA officers an idea of the magnitude of the Great Lakes station and to give Chicago and GL Officers an opportunity to become better acquainted.

The distinguished guest list, we hear, will include the Admiral.

Ensign Sally Stapleton heads the Arrangements Committee. She is being assisted by Lt. (jg) Irene Harris, Ensign Marian Knight and Ensign Maxine Kennedy.

## NEWEST OFFICER ARRIVALS

It's a full house at the W.O.O. these days with the arrival of eight new WAVE officers who reported in this week.

The District Communications Office claims six of the eight Ensigns Enid Hartshorne, Indianapolis; Laura Henry, Peoria; Lois Horlick, Chicago; Camille Gannett Skalak, Cleveland; Elaine Eppler, Detroit; and Jeanne Hollister, Portland, Oregon.

Ensign Jeanette Oberndorfer of Milwaukee is assigned to the U. S. Naval Hospital in charge of the WAVE hospital apprentices. She will have quarters at the hospital.

The eighth new Ensign, Sara Elva Brown, of Columbia, Pa., is on temporary duty in the legal office.

## SKIPPING THE SURF

Detach the Michigan State ping-pong Champion and handicap the Dartmouth College Star (once in a while) - and a WAVE will be the Great Lakes Champ.

Ensign Adeline Jay Geo-Karis is a ping-pong enthusiast of top-ranking abilities. Her speedy table-top ball-hitting technique has won the admiration of game-room habitués.

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Ensign Nancy A. Hale has done it again...completed another Navy correspondence course with a blue-ribbon mark. This time it's the course in Security on which she scored 3.96. Not long ago, it was Navy Regulations... She was the first GL WAVE to finish that course.

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It's nice to know a person as generous as Janice Kapple in the Chief Clerk's office. Because of her, the girls living at the Baum House now enjoy a piano. She very generously loaned her piano to the WAVES a few days ago. From now on there will be music in the air at Baum House.

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We hear that misfortune befell "Victoria" LaSalle recently. Holding true to her natural grace, her 5,000 pounds (the "estimated situation") gently gave way with the greatest of ease. She lost her "air".... and left several WAVES stranded between Highland Park and the GL Station. But two gallant lieutenants, by the names of Seig and Bockroft, came to her assistance and in no time she was back on all "fours" and had the WAVES to work on time. Ensign Geo-Karis, owner of "Victoria", takes this opportunity to thank the Lieutenants.

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On hand to meet Bidu Sayao, the Metropolitan Opera Star when she arrived in Chicago early yesterday, were two WAVE officers. Bidu Sayao is singing on the Station tonight at 1930, Ross Auditorium.



There are rumors going about that the Liaison Officer, 9th ND-WR, sits up nights on Pullmans, writing her own speeches. We suggest she enlist the services of the TIKBALANG, a most obliging little Philippine pixie.\* Of course, we won't vouch for the results.

\*(Gremlins to you...but to the Philippines, pixies who sit in fig trees and scare children)

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The 11-year-old daughter of a GL officer who is being detached for overseas service, had plenty to say about her Dad's new plans.

"You know, Daddy, there's two reasons why I'm glad you're going. It's going to give me something to brag about to the kids at school... and it's going to give you a chance to make something of yourself".

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On a flying visit to Toronto went Ensign Marjorie Lytle last week.....her leave.

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A Red Letter Day was April 9th. Lt. (jg) Irene Harris, Ensign Linda Cruise -----and Mary Pickford all celebrated their birthdays. For Ensign Lucille Clark, April 12th was the day.

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Lt. Irene Williamson, formerly attached to the WAVES school at Indiana-University, has been transferred to the WAVES school at the University of Wisconsin.

GUEST EDITORIAL - - -

There's no effort too great to make if it is expended in the endeavor to live up to what those whom we respect and admire expect of us. This is true because people are people and cannot be other than they are made. If it was true before we became "Women in the Service", it is doubly true now because of an awareness that it is our privilege and responsibility to build a tradition for the WAVES that will be worthy of the long honored United States Navy of which we are now a part.

This might be an arduous assignment, if barriers were placed in our way. But we are fortunate indeed that the Skipper of our ship, Admiral Downes, and the officers under his command, who so ably reflect him, believe in us and confidently expect to point with pride to our achievements. This is concretely evidenced by the steady flow of cooperation offered by these officers toward the end of achieving our welfare and advancement. Under these circumstances, for the WAVES of Great Lakes "the word impossible does not exist."....  
.....Nancy V. Forsman, Lt. (jg)

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THANK YOU,  
ADMIRAL DOWNES, THANK YOU

That fine tribute which Admiral John Downes paid the WAVES when he broadcasted April 3 over WLS "Meet Admiral Downes" program, is a tribute treasured by Great Lakes WAVES.

Said he, in part:

"Believe me, it is a real pleasure to welcome these young women aboard. Even the most hardened old salts have come to recognize what a wonderful job the WAVES are doing. They have carved out a real niche for themselves in your Navy."

On this program, Lt. (jg) Nancy Forsman had an opportunity to express her reaction to the inspection of the Cedar Falls WAVES school, in answer to questions put to her by the Admiral.

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FORMAL INSPECTION.....

Outstanding event on the Baum House calender last week was the formal inspection of quarters by Captain F. M. McWhirter, District Security Officer.....(remember two weeks ago when we predicted a four-striper would be making an inspection?). Captain McWhirter, the first male officer at GL to inspect the enlisted women's barracks, pronounced quarters and personnel "ship-shape."

Following the inspection, Captain McWhirter spoke on the necessity and reason for discipline, and reminded the yeomen and storekeepers once again of the oft-proved statement that even though one cannot see behind the scenes, "the Navy has a reason, and a good one."

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## BAUM BARRACKS BY-LINES

### MANY HAPPY RETURNS.....

Great was the occasion for celebrating last Friday night. It was the birthday of our priceless cook, Mae, and big doings took place in "little Baum Barracks" i.e., Jerry and Gerda's apartment. Scuttlebutt Alley was well represented, also, Aanich and Przymus from the upper deck. Mae was given many toys and games to amuse her in her "off" moments and, for a special remembrance, the girls gave her a Navy sweetheart pin..for if ever there was a real sweetheart to the Navy, it's Mae...And she has our very best wishes for many, many more happy birthdays.

### MYSTERY NOTE.....

Where was Dede during Captain's Inspection on the eighth? No, not Storekeeper Dede Whelan (we're sorry to report that she was confined to the hospital) but there's another Dede now..... it's a turtle making itself at home in Billet 2. That is, it's ordinarily at home in Billet 2, but during Captain's Inspection it was hiding out in the back living room on the first deck. The following morning D. the T. was missing but the mystery was solved when it was found in back of the radiator. A little cold water effected a complete revival, we're happy to say.

### IN THE SPRING.....

The date is now set for the Doris Groves-Thomas Dunstan nuptial. May eighth it is - at Detroit. An added romantic note is that they will be married by the minister who married the groom's mother and father.

### FIRST TO "LEAVE".....

We are now eligible to apply for leave and first to go is Jane Ives, Y3c, who will depart for her home in Woodlyn, Pennsylvania, on April 17th, for eight days. Have a good time, Jane!

### "HOSPITALIZING".....

The charm of good health woven around Billet 4 all winter has been broken. Last week two of the inmates, Scully and Schuster, were sent to the hospital at the same time. Get well soon, you yeomen....also, Julia Zelenka, Y2c, who is recovering from a severe cold.

### SHE RATES.....

Baum Barracks now boasts of a Ship's Company of all rated "men", as Mary Nagley joined the ranks of Storekeepers last week.

### NON-RESIDENTS.....

All but two of the yeomen and storekeepers at Great Lakes live at the Baum House. The exceptions: S. L. Staricka, SK3c, and H. H. O'Heron, SK3c, who live at home...Kenosha and Chicago respectively.

## "AT HOME"

April 7 was moving day for the 30 WAVE Hospital apprentices at Great Lakes.

Bag and baggage, they moved into their brand-new barracks near the Hospital Gates.

Their white, two-story home, which has accommodations for 200, boasts a recreation room on each deck. Everything, we hear is strictly regulation except for one lavendar bathtub.

Proud of the WAVES in commissary are we. They "Hup-two-three-four" so well that during commissary officer drill, the trio, Lt. (jg) Dorothy Quinn, Ensigns Ruth Reed and Sally Stapleton, were selected to be drillmasters.

## MORE "E" AWARDS

WAVES are being well represented at Army-Navy "E" awards in Chicago.

Honored guests at the Armour & Company award ceremony April 13 were Ensign Sally Stapleton and Ensign Audrey L. Hollingsworth. A tour of the plant and an informal luncheon at the Saddle and Sirloin Club were events on the day's program.

Ensign Mirian Fullbright will attend the ceremony honoring the Shure Brothers of Chicago, April 18; and Ensign Elizabeth Clements, that of the Thordarson Electric Company of Chicago, April 20.

## CAPTAIN LOFQUIST SAYS\*-----

"Military discipline and the Navy way of doing things are not for show. They are not just a "hangover" from outworn tradition. Your Navy has won a position of supremacy on the seas of the world because of the high degree of efficiency at which it operates under all conditions. The Navy way has proven to be the successful way. It is essential that the new additions to the personnel of the Navy help to keep the high standard which has been set. It is the responsibility of you WAVES to do your part.

"That responsibility may sometimes mean the curtailment of your personal liberty at a highly inconvenient time. Remember that you now have a type of duty in which there is considerable personal freedom. Enjoy it, because it may not always be so. You may be called upon to make sacrifices comparable to those made by men serving in war zones. Their schedules are subject to constant change, and they are prepared to accept such inconveniences as part of the service -- the service to which you now belong. It is in preparation for such responsibilities that so much emphasis is placed on military discipline and cheerful obedience."

\* The keynote of the new indoctrination program was set by Captain E. A. Lofquist when he addressed the first WAVES DRILL April 8. This is an excerpt from his talk.



THE DIFFERENCE.....

Admiral Downes Explains It.....

We understand Admiral Downes was a shade insulted when he discovered, via the ALWAV, that Navy Officers are now known as MAN-WAVES (Vol.I, No. II).

But Admiral Downes is not one to let such an appellation go by unchallenged.

TOWIT: His memo of last week containing a quotation from Charles MacCarthy, the Wooden Man, with this penciled notation - "This explains the difference between a WAVE and a MAN-WAVE".

The MacCarthy quotation: "My definition for the WAVES is the gals who go down to the sea in slips".

Lest you haven't heard the story behind the term "MAN-WAVE"....It all happened at Northampton.

Naval Officers who got the WAVE officer training school at Northampton as an assignment, instead of requested sea duty, suffered long and miserably through the wise-cracks of their colleagues.

But the last straw.....the crowning blow.....came from a 5-year-old lad who tugged at his mother's coat with one hand; pointed at the Ensign with his other, and lustily announced: "Look, Mummie, there's a MAN-WAVE".

## ON THE BEAM

Did you get "caught short" when you boarded what probably was your first ship since you entered the service? What we're hinting at is ---did you remember to salute the flag and the quarterdeck?

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Scrambled eggs on hats rate salutes, greetings---not stares. That's something well worth remembering, even if your instinct is to stop dead in your tracks the first time you actually meet an Admiral.

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District orders pertaining to uniform regulations and the seasons (white-tops) apply to WAVES personnel as well as male officers. The Women's Reserve is a part of the regular Navy--remember?

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### WHEN IN CHICAGO - DROP IN

The CORDON CLUB of Chicago has most graciously voted to extend the privileges of the club to the WAVES for the "DURATION".

According to plans announced by Mrs. Roy Dickey, President, the club will be available to officers during the week for luncheon or in any other manner practical for them and to enlisted WAVES on Saturday and Sunday afternoons and evenings. There will be hostesses in attendance. The club is located at 410 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago.

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### "SUNDAY LEAVE" PARTIES

The Variety Club Party staged last Sunday for the first time with WAVES, WACS and SPARS as guests, will have "Repeat Performances" each Sunday.

GL guests at the first one, which inaugurated the series, included LaVina Fowell Y2c, Maxine West Y3c, Betty Bourn Y3c, Kay Schultz Y3c, S. J. Ives Y3c, B. M. Parsons SK3c, and D. Ullrich SK3c.

With WACS from Fort Sheridan and SPARS from Chicago, they arrived at 1300 at "BBM Studio in the Wrigley Building where they met their escorts--Soldiers from Fort Sheridan, Sailors from Navy Pier, Coast Guardsmen from the U. S. Customs House. From there, it was a show at the Chicago and Oriental Theatres and then dinner at Ricardo's. Returning to the studio they were guests at the Sunday Leave program for girls in uniform, which is sponsored by the Variety Show. LaVina Fowell, as hostess, appeared on the program and introduced among others, Taylor Holmes, star of "The Doughgirls". Dancing followed the broadcast.

Invitations for next Sunday's party will go to five more G.I. WAVES, one of whom will be interviewed on the Sunday Leave program.

### IOWAVES

One thousand "Iowaves" from the Cedar Falls School (largest of the WAVES schools in the Ninth Naval District) had a memorable day April 2 -- when Admiral Downes inspected their ship from stem to stern, watched them march smartly by in their first formal review, and thrilled them with an inspiring graduation address, the theme of which was "Mission Completed".

Our S.O.P. enjoyed the signal honor of accompanying the Admiral and his aide, Ensign Bernays, on this tour. When asked for comments, she said she understood now what was meant by esprit de corps. She wanted to go right down and offer her services to the United States Navy all over again.

In a reading mood? If you are you'll be interested in the WAVES officers' Book Club now getting underway. There are no dues. All you have to do is purchase one book and you can read all the rest in the club. Time limit per book--one week. For details see Lt.(jg) I. Harris, Ensign N. Hale, Ensign M. Gillette or Ensign R. Cruise.