

The bright lights will shine tonight into the ring of the ABBOT GARDENS with six featured bouts to test whether the leathadeers of the ABBOT are better than those of the ERBEN. The big gun for the MIGHTY "A" - classed as heavyweight will be the genial PARKER - "Sorry" to his shipmates but certainly not corny in the ring. A newcomer to the ABBOT GARDENS is "Stan" McDonald, who will leave the engine rooms and climb into the ring at about 175 lbs; Launching a broadside of surprises in the 165 pound class will be "Joe" F. CAMPBELL, already widely known from the late ball season but also a newcomer to the GARDENS; Also in the 165 pound tiffe will be either "Smilin Ed" Welton or "Big Bill" CURRY (not CURRAN) - the choice there is undecided; Blasting away in the 40mm class at 145 pounds will be "ARGIE" ARENZIO - a popular fighter with the crew and not at all new to the gardens; Opening up to 20mm class with a flurry of salvoes will find "Charlie" RICHARDS at 135 pounds and a million pounds of fighting gameness. It is regretted that we can't give you the names of the opposing lineup as yet but certainly the above list can assure all hands of good clean sportsmanship on board the Prowling "A" come nightfall. Win, draw or lose we know damned well that these men can represent the Fighting Spirit of the "A" the best of any. They are you and I - only they are taking the punches. Come out and give them their only reward - a big hand!

Happy Hy Hyler will be back to officiate the rounds with Chumpin Charlie Simmons on the throaty end of the deal. A special plane is being sent to wend Ralph Lutematra back from his one week stand at the "Clubbe School", a local night spot where Ralph has been knocking em cold. Terrible T. D. WESTBROOK will also be on hand by the ring in the capacity of a judge - and there will be representatives of the ERBEN alongside to make it even steven. An effort is being made to cancel all commercials and put the event on a bow to stern hookup but as yet it is hard to tell just what the outcome will be. Special reporters from the IGN will be present.

SMILE OF THE DAY:

On Whitey Hould's marriage ceremonies - which, we are told, were something on this order:

"Wilt thou, Joseph, have this woman as thy wedded wife to live together insofar as the Bureau of Naval Personnel will allow? Wilt thou love her, comfort her, honor and keep her, take her to the movies and come home regularly to her on the 4:30 bus?"

"I Will"

"Wilt thou, Belle, have this Sailor as thy wedded husband, bearing in mind liberty hours, boat schedules, watches, sudden orders, uncertain mail communications, and all the other penalties of Navy life? Wilt thou obey him, honor him and wait for him, press his uniforms and let him smoke Navy plug in the house?"

"I will."

"I, Joseph, take thee, Belle, as my wedded wife from 4:30 p.m. until 8:00 a.m. as far as permitted by the commanding officer, liberty subject to change without notice, for better or for worse, for earlier, for later and I promise to send thee a weekly letter when on a cruise."

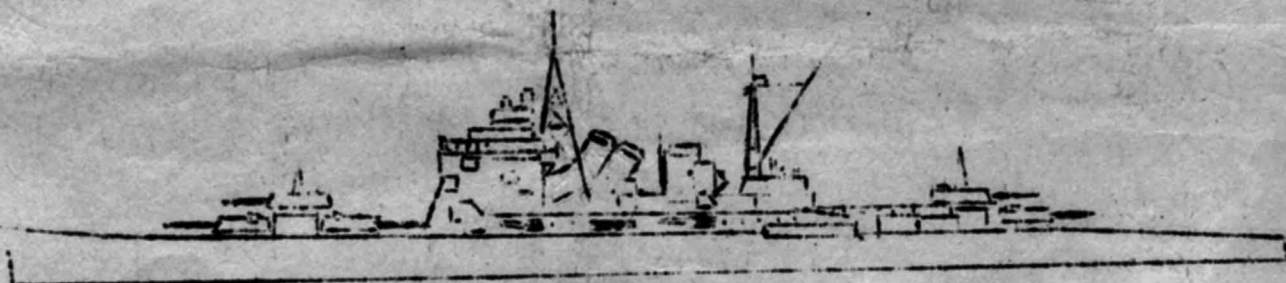
"I, Belle, take thee, Joseph, as my wedded husband, subject to the whims of the officer of the deck, changing residence whenever the ship moves, to have and to hold just as long as my allotment comes regularly and therefore I give my troth." (USNAS, Banana River, Fla. (with alterations))

"THE ABBOT DABBLER"
OCTOBER 16, 1943

LENGTH 650'
BEAM 62'

ATAGO- (CA)

DISP. 9850
SPEED 33



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THE NACHI IS VERY SIMILAR IN ALL BUT ONE RESPECT TO THE ATAGO. NOTICE SHE TOO HAS THREE TURRETS FORWARD- LOW, HIGH, LOW- AND TWO AFT. THE MOST MARKED DIFFERENCE IS IN HER STACK ARRANGEMENT. WHEREAS THE ATAGO'S STACKS FORMED PART OF THE LETTER A, THE NACHI'S STACKS CAN BE SAID TO FORM PART OF THE LETTER N. TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN THESE TWO SHIPS IS NOT TOO IMPORTANT FOR THEIR ATTACKING POWER IS THE SAME. ABOVE YOU SEE THE TWO SHIPS DISPLAYED FOR COMPARISON.

LOST AND FOUND DEPT.

LOST-

ONE GOLD SHEAFFER FOUNTAIN PEN BELONGING TO FEDERROW.
IF FOUND PLEASE RETURN SAME TO HIM OR TO THE SHIP'S OFFICE.

NOTE: THE ABBOT DABBLER IS PROUD TO ANNOUNCE THAT OUR LAST
ADD WAS SUCCESSFUL- HOW ABOUT IT COOKIE-