

## SubRon Four Party And Minstrel Show For Admiral Murray Is Huge Success

Admiral S. S. Murray, Commander of Submarines, Atlantic Fleet, and his staff were honored at one of the liveliest and most enjoyable naval social functions in Key West at a party given by SubRon Four officers Wednesday evening at Fort Taylor. Over 200 officers, their wives and guests attended the affair which began with cocktails and a sumptuous buffet supper served from flower-bedecked tables from 6:30 to 8:30 p. m.

A minstrel show followed in which SubRon Four officers proved that some play and not all work makes Jack Tar a happy man. Guests were tagged at the door with clever name cards of blackface troubador cutout designs.

In the reception line were Rear Admiral Murray, Capt. and Mrs. J. W. Davis and Capt. and Mrs. A. H. Dropp. The men wore informal clothes. Mrs. Davis was gowned in soft yellow with a yellow and red-orange orchid corsage. Mrs. Dropp wore a white gown touched with crimson by a red rose shoulder corsage.

A shower of rain dampened the open dance floor but not the spirit of the congenial gathering and the minstrel show was only slightly delayed getting underway. In the band shell, the U.S.S. Howard W. Gilmore (As-16) musical combo, The Salty Six, played for dancing and backed the hilarious minstrel show which was directed by Mike Jacobs, aviation boatswain's mate.

Capable and jolly interlocutor was Comdr. Frank Walker, Jr.

Originality and humor was evident in the script prepared by Mrs. William Wood; songs by the wives of SubRon Four officers with Mrs. John H. Turner, who also headed the arrangements for the event and acted as hostess; Mrs. Walter Schleich and Mrs. F. D. Walker, Jr.

Singers in feminine specialty class included Mrs. Thomas B. Denegre, Jr., Mrs. Robert Carroll and Mrs. I. D. Putnam.

The minstrelmen, dressed in various assorted funny outfits topped with startling top-hats (including one 1812 vintage Admiral's fore-and-aft dress hat), paraded to their places on stage waving tamborines and clapping white gloved hands. The black-face makeup concealed the identity of most of the officers for some time. Loudest shirt was worn by Capt. Davis who sported a fireman's red decorated with sky blue coin-dots and a tie to match. Capt. Dropp's cufflinks looked suspiciously like rhinestone clips and for size and brilliance earned him the extra nickname of Diamond Dropp. The two were members of the endmen combine and responded to T-Bone and Ham Bone, with the ham going to Capt. Davis, also known as Dirty-Neck Davis.

Other endmen with jokes to end all endmen jokes, were Comdr. W. F. Schleich, as Crisco (he got fat laughs); Lt. Don Horan (he knows about horse-play); Comdr. John Lajaunie (Johnnie-On-the-Spot), and Cdr. J. H. Turner as B. Boscoe Denison who "had to leave school on account of pneumonia. He couldn't spell it." Alias for Horan was Euphus P. Murray, and for Lajaunie, Rufus T. Hydeaman, with "admiral" puns.

Gags, cross-over skits by Mike Jacobs and ditties with sly double-takes were the order of the night's entertainment. The ensemble's first song is worth noting, it was sung to the tune of "My Merry Oldsmobile" and was titled "My Murray Submarine," with pointed lines about "sailing the Car-ri-bean in a frantic submarine." The cast also added lyric to the old favorite, "Way Down Upon The Suwanee River." Excerpt:

"Way down upon the Caribbean,  
Far from Washington,  
While Sublant in New London  
shiver,  
We fish in the tropic sun—

All the VIP-S are coming,  
Coming for a rest,  
Way down upon the Caribbean,  
Way down in old Key West."

The chorus was made up of officers Bill Johnson, John Vile, Skeeter Kossert, Harry Brown.

### STRICKEN MAN

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Guard picket boat and rushed to the Naval hospital. Lt. Clem Pearson, Coast Guard commander announced today.

The Oregon Sword notified Key West at 10 last night that their second mate was choked up and could not breathe easily, that his temperature was more than 101 degrees.

The Coast Guard responded by sending out the picket boat to the Sea Buoy, seven miles out. The man was brought aboard, into port, and taken to the hospital where his illness is being diagnosed. Brooks' next of kin is C. A. Brooks, at his home address 5730 Newport street, Houston, Tex.

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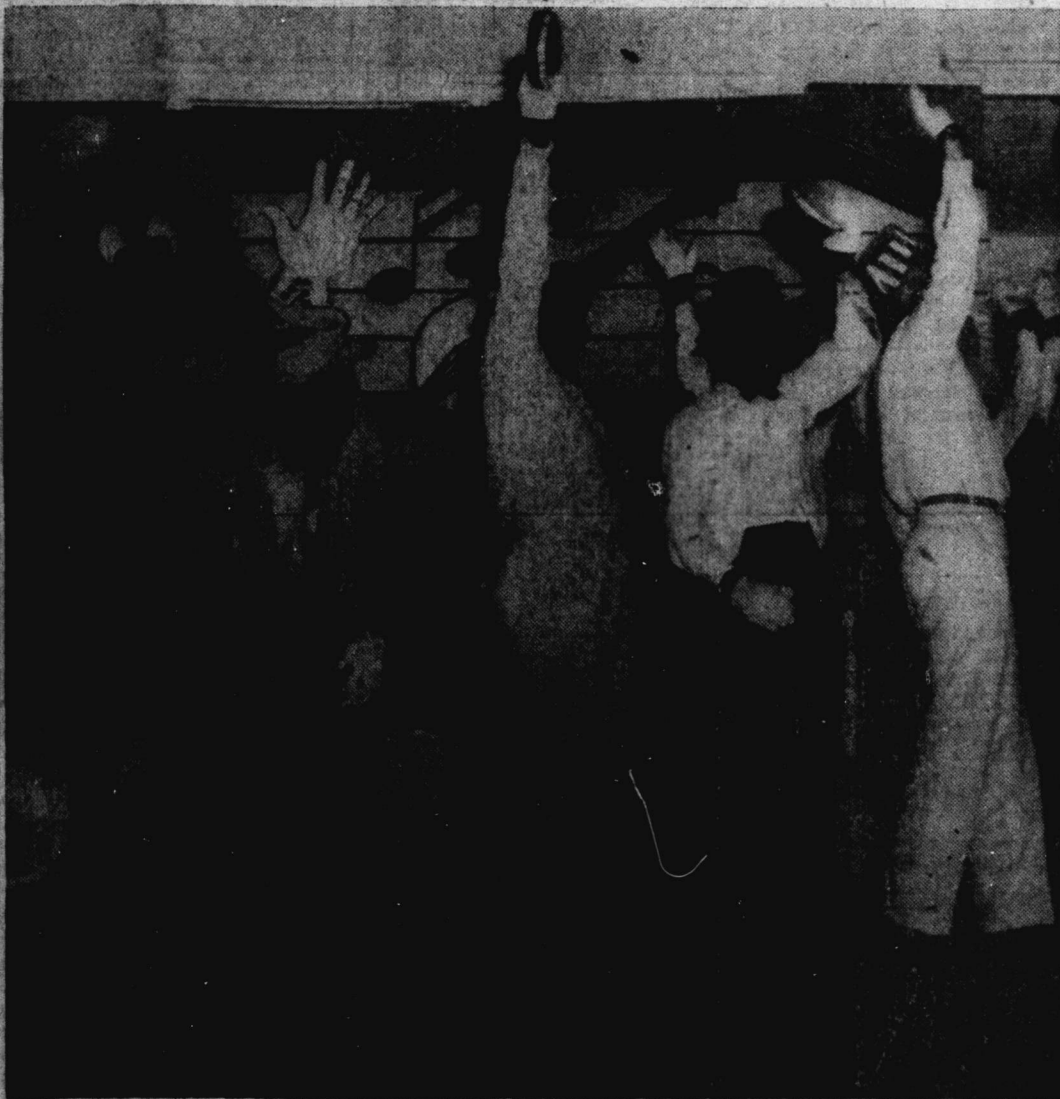
## The Admiral Gets Into The Swing



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WHERE THERE'S A WILL, THERE'S A SWAY, and Dotty Carroll, wife of Comdr. Robert Carroll, skipper of the USS Amberjack, persuades Rear Admiral S. S. Murray, Commander of Submarines, Atlantic Fleet, to join in a hula. The Admiral, properly be-decked with a Hawaiian lei obliged with smiling dignity. Commentator at the mike is Comdr. Frank Walker, Jr., Commander SubDiv 42, who was interlocutor at the occasion, a party and minstrel show given by SubRon Four officers at Fort Taylor, March 26. Admiral (Sunshine) Murray was guest of honor with his staff.

## They Cut The Corn Navy Style



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MINSTREL SHOW ENDMEN went into action Wednesday evening firing jokes at the audience with abandon. Left to right are Lt. Cdr. D. G. Horsman of the USS Howard W. Gilmore (As-16), Cdr. J. R. Turner of Submarine Squadron Four, and Capt. A. H. Dropp, of the Gilmore. They hued to the corn line (let the quips fall where they may). The entertainment was the highlight of a party in honor of Rear Admiral S. S. Murray and his staff.

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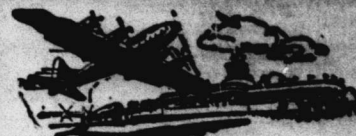
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