



MISS SONAR
of 1954

Donnaruma, Cindy Lord, Ballinger, Callahan.

In November, 1953, while tied up to the *USS Yellowstone* in Newport, R. I., the Sonarmen of the *Keppler* had as their special guest Miss Cindy Lord, MGM Recording Star. Cindy, a resident of Medford, Massachusetts, was chosen Miss Sonar of 1954 by the Sonarmen while they were undergoing refresher training in Cuba. Veryl Baker, SO1, and Al Levine, SN, immediately set out to make a plaque to present to Miss Lord when she visited the ship. Don Renton, SO3, and Al prepared a script to be inscribed on the plaque and after several weeks of shellacking and printing they had a plaque as shown in the picture below. Miss Sonar was accompanied by Miss Rochelle Levine, Mr. Surabian and Mickey Maguire, a newspaperman.

After being welcomed aboard by Veryl and logged in on the quarterdeck by the Sonarmen, she was shown about the ship on a "Cooks' Tour." Visiting the galley and sampling the Southern Fried Chicken she was to have for lunch she nodded approval to the Ship's Cook, Vince Donneruma.

After dinner that afternoon the Captain announced a holiday routine for the crew and all hands joined on the foc'sle to watch a star-studded show featuring Cindy. Accompanied by the band of the *USS Yellowstone* (AD 27), Cindy sang a number of her latest hits including "Happy Happy Heart" and "Guessing." Special guests were Captain Laning of the *Yellowstone*, Commodore Brown of our division, and Chaplain Sieders, our Squadron Chaplain.

One of the special features of the afternoon was Mike Sikofilos, BMSN, of the 2nd Division. Mike who fancies singing, added to the party when he sang a song with Cindy. Mike received a great round of applause and was recalled by popular request by his shipmates to sing "From Rags to Riches."



Mike Sikofilos



Lou, Cindy, Miss Levine, Mr. Surabian, Mr. Maguire



Baker, Cindy Lord.

