

Residents Say Keep Council Independent

The China Lake Community Council with its elected Board of Directors must be kept in operation to serve as the sounding board for the citizens of the Station according to the repeated wishes of some fifty people who turned out to discuss the Council's problems at the town meeting held in the Community Center Wednesday night.

The key service that the Council can offer the Station residents, stated Community Manager R. C. O'Reilly in answer to questions from C. E. Weinland, past president of the Council, is to act as a focal point of interest to develop a planned program for community advancement. By establishing priorities for items in this program based upon the wishes of the community, the Council serves both the people and the Command.

Results of the opinion poll taken at the close of the three-hour meeting indicated that the people are strongly in favor of having the Council retain its independence. To do this those who took part in the poll backed a plan of operation in which the Directors not only would continue to engage in all possible fund-raising activities but would also supplement the Council's operating funds by working out some system for voluntary contributions from the residents of the Station. Various methods for raising funds and getting contributions were suggested, including the possibility of a door-to-door canvass by volunteer solicitors. The need for a strong program of activities to justify these contributions was pointed out by many.

The opinions presented at this meeting will serve the Board of Directors as guides in developing plans for their future activities, stated R. H. Dudley, Vice President of the Council and presiding officer at the town meeting. It was clearly evident that the people want the Council to continue its many activities and to furnish a place for the people to get together to discuss community problems.

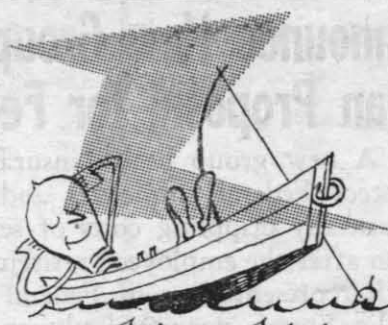
C of C Aviation Committee Will Tour NOTS Facilities

Members of the Oakland Chamber of Commerce Aviation Committee, approximately 40, will be visitors to the Station this Sunday and Monday. They will tour NOTS facilities.

The tour will include ground ranges, the witnessing of various firings including SNORT, the Aeroballistics Laboratory, Michelson Laboratory and other NOTS facilities.

The group will depart NOTS at four p.m. Monday.

The U.S. Naval Hospital, Portsmouth, Va., is the Navy's oldest hospital—first commissioned in 1830.



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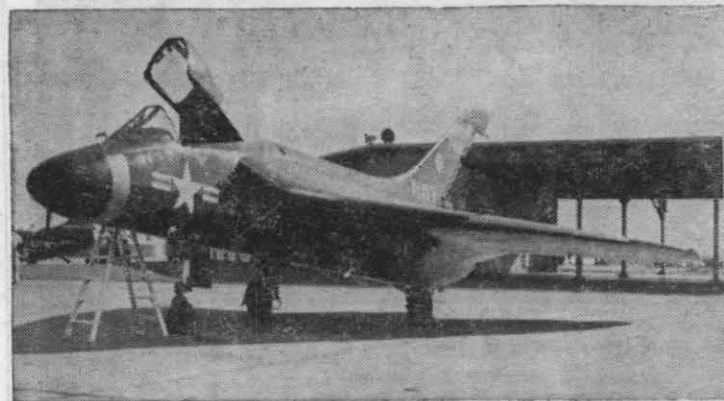
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LOWER TAXES

GRASS SEED NOW AVAILABLE

Grass seed is now available to Station residents, it was announced today by Station Horticulturist Oscar Glatz.

Before the seed will be issued it is necessary that an inspection be made of the area to be seeded. To schedule an inspection of your lawn, call extension 72636.



THE DOUGLAS F4D is the subject matter for LIFE magazine photographers now at the Naval Air Facility shooting shots of the plane in action. The Douglas F4D is a jet fighter plane now in mass use by the Navy (See story below.)

Require Radio Hams To Register with Station

All amateur radio operators having short-wave stations within the boundaries of NOTS are required by the Federal Communications Commission and the Chief of Naval Operations to register with the Station Communication Officer. This rule applies to mobile as well as fixed radio stations.

The following information must be submitted by each radio operator to Lt. (jg) Michael Bedwell, Communication Officer, Code 854, extension 72266, not later than Monday, April 2:

The name, address and call letters of the operator and station.

Operators who do not register with the Communication Officer by April 2, will run the risk of having their license suspended.

LIFE Cameramen 'Shoot' Here Today

A contingent of photographers representing LIFE magazine arrived at the Station today to begin shooting a series of pictures of an F4D (Douglas) in action at the Naval Air Facility. The photographs will be part of a sequence of aviation pictures in a special LIFE feature that will appear on the stands later this year.

Arrangements for the F4D and a pilot were made by BAR, El Segundo, at Douglas. NAF is providing a helicopter and pilot to fly the photographers about as they shoot the F4D from takeoff through climb, according to NAF Public Information Officer Lt. Floyd Ellis. The F4D is a jet fighter plane now in use by the Navy.

Job Opportunities

Ordnance Engineer, GS-9 or 11. Duties as project engineer, Test Department, include planning, coordinating and evaluating test of rockets, guided missiles, and their components. Experience as an electrical, electronic, mechanical or aeronautical engineer, physicist or electronic scientist suitable. Knowledge of test range facilities helpful. For further information, call extension 71514.

Photographer, GS-7. An opening exists in the development branch of the Technical Information Department for a photographer with creative ability and a photojournalistic background. The photographer filling this position will take photographs in black and white and color to illustrate articles and publications on major Station facilities and programs as well as photographs to be used in Station displays. Interested applicants contact Mrs. Betty Schorr, Code 6535, extension 71648.

Clerk Stenographer, GS-4. Office of Community Manager, Department of Community Affairs.

Duties include taking dictation from assistant to Community Manager, typing date for reports, preparation of personnel action requests, maintaining general and personnel files, receiving visitors, and relaying information pertaining to the community. Call extension 71577.

Electrical Engineer, GS-12. Public Works Department, engineering division, design and engineering branch. This position is head, electrical section, and incumbent supervises a group responsible for all electrical engineering studies and reports, electrical design, and development of plans and specifications. Contact Mr. Dille, extension 72218.

Mechanical Engineer, GS-11. Engineering Department. Study and evaluation of mass production methods of fabrication of metal components. Interested in stress analysis and capable of developing instrumentation for the collection of data in determining properties of metals and alloys at elevated temperatures. Interested personnel call extension 71648 or 71393.

THE WEATHER

Mostly clear over weekend. Visibility unrestricted. Surface winds will be light and variable, becoming southwesterly 15 to 20 knots. Maximum temperature 82 and minimum 38.

Rocketeer

TEMPERATURES (Housing Area)

	Max.	Min.
March 15	66	28
March 16	72	26
March 17	78	39
March 18	82	33
March 19	75	50
March 20	78	37
March 21	82	38

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COM11 Authorizes Time Off for 'EM' For 'Good Friday'

A recent notice from the Commandant of the Eleventh Naval District has been distributed providing information on the observance of Good Friday, March 30, 1956.

The notice states that it has been the custom of Christian churches in the United States to offer their members special services on Good Friday between the hours of 12 noon and 3 p.m. General invitations have been extended for service personnel to attend these services and Chaplains of all activities have been furnished additional information concerning church services available in the immediate areas.

Commanding Officers are requested to disseminate information concerning the availability of special services and are encouraged to provide personnel with appropriate opportunity, as practicable, to attend such services in the chapels of their command or in local churches in the vicinity of the command.

'Vets' Eligible For Exemption

More than one million veterans in California will probably file for their \$1,000 annual constitutional tax exemption before noon of May 28th of this year.

The filing period officially opened on the first Monday in March and closes at noon the last Monday in May—the 28th of that month. Last year some 980,000 veterans applied for the exemption, continuing a steady rise in total applications filed each year.

The exemption, which has been part of California's Constitution since 1911, applies to a veteran of any war or recognized campaign or expedition, honorably discharged, who owns less than \$5,000 worth of property and is a legal resident of this State. Persons in military service at the present time also are eligible.

Veterans' widows also are eligible; so are widowed mothers if there is no widow, and veterans' pensioned fathers or mothers.

If either the veteran or his wife owns \$5,000 or more, the exemption cannot be taken.

Civil Service Wants Non Governmental Training Program

An administration proposal, vesting in the President the executive responsibility for providing outside-government training for Federal workers assigned to unusually complex and specialized jobs, has been sent to Congress by Philip Young, chairman of the Civil Service Commission, and the President's personnel adviser.

Major purpose of the program, Mr. Young said, is to give the Chief Executive better management tools to improve efficiency and economy in Government by improving the training of selected personnel.

The bill replaces the present complex array of training laws for the executive branch with a single, broad law covering training of employees of one Federal agency by another, and joint training activities by Federal agencies.

It also, for the first time, extends to the great majority of Federal agencies the authority to send personnel for training to such non-Federal facilities as institutions of learning; laboratories; trade, labor, agricultural, or scientific associations; foundations; industrial or commercial organizations; and agencies of State, county, local, or foreign governments.

New Medical Officer



CAPTAIN HUBERT L. ANDERSON, Senior Medical Officer, replaces Lt. Robert Martin. Capt. Anderson's last assignment was with Naval Administration Command, Naval Training Center, San Diego, before reporting on the Station on March 7. He and his wife, Beverly, and 5-year-old daughter Sue Ellen, reside at 509 Essex Circle.



RADM. ATKESON, head of the on-site survey party, is met on his arrival by Capt. F. L. Ashworth. They are pictured here as the group arrives; Capt. Ashworth is at left. (See story below.)

On-Site Survey Party Arrives; Group Head Is RAdm. Atkeson

On-Site Survey Party No. 2 of the Navy Inspector General's Office in Washington, D.C., consisting of 22 regular members and 2 guest members, arrived at the Naval Air Facility here last Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock. The survey party is headed by Rear Admiral C. L. C. Atkeson, senior member. The group was greeted by Station Commander Captain F. L. Ashworth.

The Office of the Navy Inspector General is charged with the responsibility of coordinating all surveys and inspections of Naval Shore Establishments, including industrial activities and shore-based fleet activities.

The "On-Site Survey Party" will primarily be concerned with: studying and appraising operation and management efficiency; reviewing mission and task, operational and administrative procedures; utilization of manpower; and compliance with prescribed policies, doctrines and technical instructions. In brief, they will study the effectiveness of operations at this activity.

Members of the party, technical experts in various fields of naval administration and management, are as follows: RAdm. C. L. C. Atkeson, senior member; Capt. W. D. Rowley, executive assistant; Capt. D. W. Lyon Jr. (MC), medical, dental and chaplain matters; Capt. E. L. Hansen (CEC), construction, contracts and public works matters; Capt. T. A. Ahroon, BuAer representative; Capt. J. M. Lietwiler, communication, intelligence and hydro matters; Capt. E. H. Conklin, engineering matters; Col. W. F. Lyster (USMC), security and Marine Corps matters.

Other members of the survey party and the matters they will be concerned with are: Capt. E. E. Christensen, ordnance matters; Capt. W. H. Hilands, aeronautical engineering matters; E. H. Kuhl, office methods and punched card installations; F. C. Lewis, civilian personnel matters; J. J. Wood, transportation equipment matters; Cdr. J. W. Seager (SC), industrial budget and fiscal matters; Cdr. J. C. Young (CEC), industrial public works matters; Cdr. W. P. Buerschinger, military personnel matters; Cdr. C. Koenigsberger Jr., OP-03 temporary member; Cdr. J. L. Whitcomb (SC), supply matters; Cdr. G. J. Braun (SC), comptroller matters; R. R. Weitershausen, industrial management matters; Lt. (jg) J. F. Stader, secretary-recorder and aide; H. A. Howard, YNC, Admiral's writer and assistant to secretary-recorder.

The two guest members of the survey party are: Dr. Ralph Bennett, technical director, Knolls Atomic Laboratory, General Electric Company, Schenectady, New York, and R. R. Hough of Bell Telephone Whippany Laboratories, Whippany, New Jersey.

Reports of the complete studies of the survey party will be submitted to the Station Commander, COM 11 BuOrd, and to the Secretary of the Navy.

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Takes New Post



George Todd, head of project engineering division of the Test Department, will leave the Station to accept employment in private industry on March 30th. Todd has been employed here at NOTS for more than nine years, three years at Pasadena and six years at China Lake.

Todd's new position will be that of Field Test Representative at Edwards Air Force Base for the Ramo-Woodridge Corporation of Los Angeles. As yet, no replacement for Todd has been announced.

Og Cuman Holds Election Of Officers

The Og Cuman of China Lake held elections on Monday evening, March 19 at which the following new officers were elected:

President, Joe St. Amand; Vice President, Alice Sullivan; Recording Secretary, Caroline Jeffries; Corresponding Secretary, Mary Shewan; Treasurer, Phil McCormick.

Father Tasy, the Club Chaplain, appointed Barbara Jeffries as Religious Chairman.

The term "Og Cuman" is Gaelic, and when translated means "young peoples' society". The Club was founded in 1950 and its purpose is to promote the religious, social and cultural life of its members.

Industrial Accident Rate Is Improving

A computation of the Industrial Accident Rate for both military and civilian personnel on the Station at NOTS and Pasadena since 1953 shows a downward trend in the frequency figure (disabling work injuries per million man hours) but an increase in the severity figure (days disability per million man hours).

The frequency and severity rates since 1953 for each year are as follows:

Frequency	Severity
1953—4.32	1953— 86
1954—3.02	1954— 58
1955—2.84	1955—118

Total disabling work injuries amounted to 31 while the total days of disabilities from accidents amounted to 1,292 for 1955.

Motor Accidents Rate

The Station Traffic or Motor Accidents Rate for both military and civilian amounted to 56 accidents for the year 1955.

NEWCOMER



COMMANDER HAROLD F. LANG reports aboard and is assigned to the Experimental Officer's branch. His last assignment was with Staff of Commander Fleet Air, Hawaii. He resides at 601 Saratoga with his wife Virginia, and their three children Janice 10, William 8, and Patricia 6.

Howell Appointed to School District Board



A. W. HOWELL, right, is pictured here chatting with School Superintendent Dr. Earl Murray following his appointment to the School District's Board of Directors. Howell replaces James Colson who transferred to the Los Angeles area.

Superintendent's Notes

By DR. EARL MURRAY, Superintendent of China Lake Schools

Three notices of election of County Boards of Education, seven members, and members of governing boards of the China Lake Elementary School District, two members; and the Kern County Union High School District, one member, have been posted in China Lake.

These notices posted by the County Superintendent of Schools are at the post office, the bank, and on the entrance door to the Burroughs School.

These notices state: "Notice is hereby given to the voters of the above named school districts of Kern County, California:

"That a consolidated election will be held on Friday May 18, 1956, for the purpose of electing members of the County Board of Education of Kern County, State of California, and members of the governing boards of the districts as indicated above."

"That seven (7) members shall be elected at large to the County Board of Education, with one member residing in each of the seven trustee areas heretofore designated by the County Committee on School District Organization; which designation is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, and to which reference is hereby made for further particulars."

"Forms for declaration of candidacy for the office of member of the County Board of Education, or members of the governing board of any of the above named school districts may be obtained at the aforesaid office of the County Superintendent of Schools."

"The last day for filing declarations of candidacy at the aforesaid office of the County Superintendent of Schools is April 18, 1956."

The above procedure is a new one which was passed by the 1955 State Legislature. Up to this time,

County Board members have been appointed, one from each supervisorial district in the County, and by the County Supervisor of that district. While local district board members have been elective for some time, two separate ballots, one for elementary and one for high school district, were provided and a voter signed two registers and voted both ballots at the same election. Beginning this year on May 18th, these three elections will be consolidated and the names of all candidates for the three boards will be printed on one ballot.

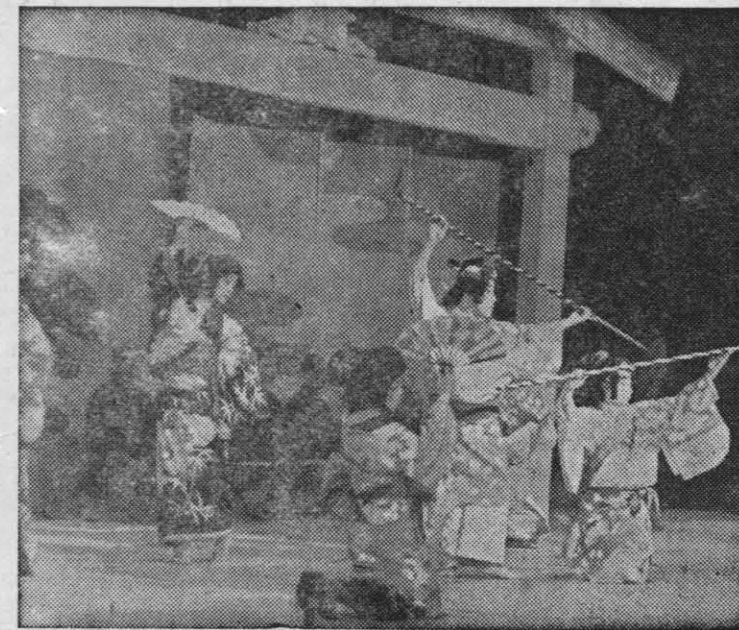
At the present time the notification of the boundaries of the County district which includes China Lake have not been received from the County Office. Announcement will be made as soon as the boundaries are known.

It is hoped that one or more electors from China Lake will submit his declaration of candidacy for the County Board.

Your Superintendent has blanks upon which any qualified elector may file his candidacy. He also has blanks which candidates may file for the local China Lake Elementary School Board. Your local school board invites you to take advantage of this opportunity.

Later Superintendent's Notes will describe the powers and duties of the County Board of Education.

At the end of December 1955 the Department of the Navy had 381,832 employees in pay status.



World Famous Japanese Kabuki Dancers Will Perform Here on Monday, April 2

An artistic event of exceptional interest will take place on Monday, April 2 when the famous Azuma Kabuki Dancers and Musicians from Japan perform here at NOTS. Only one performance will be given by the group and it will take place at the Station theater beginning at 8:15 p.m.

Exponents of the centuries-old art, the Kabuki Dancers and Musicians were brought to America in 1954 by S. Hurok for their initial appearance outside Japan.

Sponsored by His Imperial Highness, Prince Takamatsu and the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the company appearing in this country was chosen from the finest exponents of the Kabuki Art, that the Western world might see this great art at its best.

Each number is mounted with oriental splendor of color, richness of materials, lavishness of costumes, yet with that uncluttered beauty of setting that constitutes true art. The program will be a fascinating combination of dance, drama and music, unfolding stories of comedy, tragedy and romance.

Costume changes of the Kabuki Dancers are made directly in view of the audience. They are made with the aid of a stagehand, who is dressed in black presumably to be invisible. Often the dancer is

dressed in several layers of costumes and makes a complete change by peeling off the outer layer. Sometimes the costume is simply turned inside out.

Every member of the Kabuki troupe of dancers and musicians is part of a Japanese dynasty whose history goes back hundreds of years. Tokuhō Azuma, director, is the fourth to bear her name. She is the daughter of Uzaemon XV, one of the most brilliant Kabuki dancers in the history of the Japanese theater. The family has been associated with Kabuki almost since its beginnings over 350 years ago.

The musicians do not sit in the pit, as do western orchestras. They are seated on a specially constructed oblong platform on the stage and their visual performance is considered as important as that of the dancers.

Fiesta Chairman Asks Groups to Attend Meet

The first organization meeting for the 1956 Fiesta has been called by Chairman Joseph Hall for 7:30 p.m., Monday, March 26, at the offices of the Community Council at the corner of Halsey and Parsons Rd. Anyone interested in having a booth at the Fiesta is invited to attend this meeting. Preliminary plans will be worked out so that the organizations can get started with their individual programs. The Fiesta will be held over Armed Forces Day weekend, May 18-20.

Got Useless Records?
Throw 'Em Away!

Announce New Group Health Insurance Plan Proposal for Federal Employees

A new group health insurance proposal, which would protect Federal employees and their families against the financially crippling costs of serious or prolonged illnesses, even after the employee's retirement, was discussed this week with representatives of Federal employee organizations by Philip Young, personnel adviser to the President and chairman of the Civil Service Commission.

Designed to supplement the employees' own basic health insurance coverages, the proposal would cover all active Federal employees insured under the Federal employee group life insurance program and their eligible dependents. It would not cover employees retired prior to the date the program would go into effect.

Within certain maximums ranging up to \$10,000, the plan would provide for payment of 75 percent of medical, hospital, or surgical expenses which are in excess of certain basic amounts to be paid by the employee or through his own basic health insurance plan.

These basic amounts for active Federal employees under 65 years of age are: \$100 (up to \$200 for higher salaried employees) for covered medical costs, \$250 for surgical services, and \$500 for hospital costs. For employees over 65 or who retire after the program is in effect the basic amount is \$200 total for surgical, medical costs, and hospital costs, except board and room. Use of different formulae in providing the benefits for the two groups is necessary to provide the best possible benefits to each, Mr. Young said.

The maximum benefit payable to an active employee under 65 years of age is \$5,000 in any one calendar year for himself or each dependent, with a lifetime maximum of \$10,000, and liberal provisions for reinstatement of the maximums. The maximum benefit for employees over 65 or eligible future retirees after the program is in effect is a \$2,500 family maximum in any one calendar year with a \$5,000 lifetime maximum. There are no provisions for reinstatement of maximums for these employees.

The proposal would amend the Federal Employees Group Life Insurance Act to provide the additional protection at no further out-of-pocket cost to the employee and would round out the contributory employee insurance program begun in 1954 with the passage of that Act, Mr. Young said. The 25 cents now contributed biweekly by the employee for each \$1,000 of life insurance carried would defray his share of the cost of the expanded program. The requirement for this contribution on the part of the employee would cease after he reaches age 65 or retires on an immediate annuity.

The Government would double its present contribution, which is 12 1/2

cents biweekly per \$1,000 of life insurance now carried under the life insurance program. This would result in the employees and the Government equally sharing the cost of the expanded program which would then provide four-point financial protection against the catastrophes of death, accidental death, dismemberment, and major medical expense. The total additional yearly cost to the Government of the expanded program is estimated at \$32,500,000.

In discussing the proposed amendment, Mr. Young emphasized that it was designed to supplement the employee's own basic health insurance coverages which generally provides ample protection for him and his dependents against the costs of illnesses which involve short hospital stays and normal surgical services.

"It will be the Government's policy to encourage all Federal employees to acquire this basic protection," he said.



Starting Times: 6 and 8 p.m. daily
Kiddies' Matinee (Special Movies)
1 p.m. Saturday
Matinee: 1 p.m. Sunday

TODAY MARCH 23
"THE EGYPTIAN" (140 Min.)
Edmund Purdom, Gene Tierney

SATURDAY MARCH 24
"THE KETTLES IN THE OZARKS" (81 Min.)
Marjorie Main, Arthur Hunnicut
Shorts: "Fortune Seekers" (8 Min.)
"Round World Revue" (15 Min.)

MATINEE
"THUNDER OVER SANGOLAND" (73 Min.)
Jon Hall
Shorts: "Of Rice and Hen" (7 Min.)
"Perils of Wilderness No. 3" (16 Min.)

SUN.-MON. MARCH 25-26
"HELL ON 'FRISCO BAY'" (98 Min.)
Alan Ladd, Edward G. Robinson
Shorts: "Broomstick Bunny" (7 Min.)
"Hollywood Goes Fishing" (10 Min.)

TUES.-WED. MARCH 27-28
"BAD DAY AT BLACK ROCK" (81 Min.)
Spencer Tracy, Robert Ryan
Shorts: "Slap Happy Lion" (7 Min.)
"Copters and Cows" (20 Min.)
(Schedule for Thursday and Friday not available at press time.)

Ten Public Works Employees Get Awards



CAPTAIN G. H. CARRITHERS, Public Works Officer, distributes Benny Sugg awards to employees of the department. The recipients (seated l. to r.) are: Mira W. Lemons and Ann Stith. Standing (l. to r.) are: George R. O'Connor, William T. Schmid, Frank L. Whittier Jr., Capt. G. H. Carrithers, Hans A. Wurster, Harold E. Harney, L. R. Sproul, and C. R. Fike. Elmer H. Westby, another recipient, is not present for the award ceremony.

Foreign Student Will Attend Local High School Next Year

Attendance at Burroughs High School next year of a Foreign Exchange Student was assured through the success of a drive to collect the required amount of \$650, officers of the California Scholarship Federation announced this week.

Sponsoring the student exchange as their service project for the year, the local scholastic honorary members feel it will contribute materially to development of international understanding among local students.

Arrangements for the student program are being made through the American Field Service. Scheduled to be a member of the junior class, the student will come from Finland, Greece or France. A request for a girl delegate has been made.

Living in a typical American home for the academic year, the student will complete a regular academic course at Burroughs.

Funds for the project were raised through member contributions and collections with each member pledging a total of \$10. Local organizations contributing to the fund included the Women's Auxiliary of the Commissioned Officers Mess and Job's Daughters.

School organizations which donated to the fund include the Class of 1955, the sophomore class, the Library Club, Pep Club, Girls' Athletic Association and the Future

2 Sam Battalion Officers Are Promoted to Captain

Two first lieutenants of 1st TERRIER SAM Battalion at NOTS were promoted to the rank of captain on Monday, March 11.

The new captains are: Melvin E. Dell, Test Unit Launcher Commander; and Walter G. Horais, "B" Battery Executive Officer.

It Doesn't Pay To Shrug it Off

We are fast approaching an era when an employee who attempts to shrug off safety, as something for the birds, is no longer a desirable employee, and as time goes on this type character will have more and more difficulty finding employment in industry.

Thank Heavens! These characters are very much in the minority in all well regulated plants; that is a blessing we should appreciate inasmuch as it only takes a few of these irresponsible individuals to cause plenty of trouble, spelled with a capital "T".

Here at NOTS, our present safety record is indicative of the fact that very few of our employees fall within the above mentioned category.

Our record is good, our situation is healthy and everyone has the right to a feeling of pride as each day comes to an end, and the score is marked upon the board; it tells us that another work day has been completed with safety for all and injury to none!

Visitors Observe Primary Classes

The programs in the primary grades of China Lake Schools was interpreted to a group of visiting teachers from the Bakersfield area this week during a one-day visitation directed by Mrs. Wanda Shomate, coordinator-consultant of the local elementary schools.

Opening with observation of reading in the first and second grades at Groves School, the morning included a tour of the construction area at the Rowe St. Annex and a visit to the social studies classes at Vieweg School.

Following luncheon, the group saw a folk-dancing exhibition and the phonics, music and social studies programs at Richmond School.

A brief tour of the laboratory lobby and a social hour and evaluation period completed the day's activities.

Local teachers participating included all first and second grade instructors. Miss Carol Jorstad and Miss Nina Francis were consultants with the visiting group.

Wee Folk to Hear Stories Of Banshees, Emerald Isle

Station children between the ages six to ten are invited to the Station Library tomorrow at ten o'clock when the story lady, Alice Floyd will waft them to Ireland to visit with the wee folk and the banshees of the Emerald Isle.

Those who plan to attend should be prompt as late comers will not be admitted, according to Alice Kirwan, Station librarian.

Honored



Gordon Begbie

Gordon K. Begbie, AB1, of the Catapult Division, Operations Department, Naval Air Facility has been selected as "Bluejacket of the Month," according to a recent announcement received this week from NAF.

He is 25 years old and was born in Nyack, N.Y. After enlisting in the Navy in August 1948, he received his initial training at Great Lakes Training Center; attended Technical Training School, Corpus Christi, Texas; AN (P) School, Memphis, Tenn.; AB (A) School, Philadelphia, Penn.; and Crash Fire Fighting School (C) at Adak, Alaska.

Prior to his assignment to the Station in March, 1954, Begbie served aboard the USS Kearsarge, USS Oberon, USS Salisbury Sound and the USS Antietam. He has been attached to FASRON 8 and the Naval Station at Adak, Alaska.

Begbie has been awarded a good conduct medal twice and his unit earned a Presidential Unit Citation during the Korean conflict. He also is the recipient of the Asia Occupation ribbon, the National Defense ribbon and the China Service ribbon. He has been awarded the Korean Defense ribbon four times.

He belongs to the Veterans of Foreign Wars organization. Basketball was his favorite sport in high school and hunting is now his favorite hobby. Begbie is married and has two children.

Pasadena Profiles



Willard R. Nary

Bill Nary came to NOTS in 1947 at the end of military service with both the Army and the Air Force. He had taken his B.S. degree in mechanical engineering at the University of Illinois in 1941 and worked for the Army Ordnance Department in Washington and Philadelphia designing gages for ordnance before entering the armed forces.

Bill has worked at both China Lake and Pasadena as a project engineer, as head of the rocket section, and as branch head of rocket production engineering. Now, as head of the engineering branch, industrial division, Engineering Department, at Pasadena Annex, he provides consulting service to Station contractors in the fields of ordnance engineering, packaging, tooling, gages, and the preparation of end-product drawings and documents.

With two small daughters, Bill finds his inclination toward extensive travel curtailed, but with his wife Julie, who used to work at the Annex, he fills his off-duty hours with photography, hi-fi, and the invention of secret formulas for outdoor cooking.

Annex Vacancies

Supervising Power Plant Engineer, GS-12. Requires special knowledge in fields of chemical and mechanical engineering and familiarity with electrical and electronic engineering. Plans test programs, supervises section activities, and insures safety procedures. Spends about fifty percent of time on consulting and planning with research and development divisions personnel at Foothill.

Section conducts experimental tests required in research development, and evaluation of propulsion systems and components, special fuels, and missiles. Contact Bernie Silver, Foothill Extension 110.

Survey Party Will Visit Annex

The On-Site Survey Party from the Office of the Navy Inspector General, which arrived at China Lake on Tuesday, will make its survey of Pasadena Annex next Monday, March 26, to study the effectiveness of operations at this activity.

The sixteen-member group from the full Survey Party will be headed by Rear Admiral C. L. C. Atkeson, and will include Dr. Ralph Bennett, Capt. W. D. Rowley, Capt. D. W. Lyon, Jr. (MC), Capt. E. L. Hansen (CEC), Capt. J. M. Lietwiler, Capt. E. H. Conklin, Col. W. F. Layer, Capt. E. E. Christensen, Mr. E. H. Kuhl, Mr. F. C. Lewis, Mr. J. J. Wood, Cdr. J. W. Seager (SC), Cdr. J. C. Young (CEC), Cdr. W. P. Buerschinger, and Cdr. J. L. Whitcomb.

Annex Golf Teams To Be Organized For 1956 Season

All annex golfers interested in the 1956 tournament are asked to sign up at once with Cdr. J. J. O'Brien, who has agreed to organize this year's teams. Tournament play will not start until the week of April 30—after the beginning of daylight saving time—but Cdr. O'Brien would like to know as soon as possible the number of people who will want to play this year. A preliminary meeting will be called to establish regulations.

Tournament play will be on week-day afternoons, after work, at Santa Anita. The greens fee is \$1.00 for the nine-hole course. The entrance fee for members of Annex teams will be \$1.50. Funds obtained in this way will be used to buy prizes. Plaques or cups will be awarded to the winning team and the winning individual in the handicap tournament.

If enough women are interested, 1956 will be the first year to see an Annex women's team.

Two Checks Received By Annex Employees

Two ten-dollar awards for beneficial suggestions were delivered to Annex employees last week. Jack H. Slaton, electronic scientist in the guidance and control division of UOD, received his check for suggesting the use of a dark curtain for clear and efficient use of the microfilm reader; and Averil M. Hanna, experimental machinist in P8084, received his award for suggesting relocation of an electrical outlet box to reduce fire hazard in the shop.

Got Useless Records? Throw 'Em Away!

News from Pasadena



LCdr. Leighton J. Brunson

Security Officer Leaves Annex

Leaving NOTS on April 30, LCdr. L. J. Brunson will report to the Commandant, Twelfth Naval District, San Francisco, for temporary duty in connection with the conversion and commissioning of the USS Thetis Bay, on which he will serve as engineer officer. The Thetis Bay, whose home port will be San Diego, will be commissioned in July as one of the Navy's first helicopter carriers.

LCdr. Brunson has been stationed at Pasadena Annex since January 1954, and in the performance of his duties as Security Officer, he has earned the liking and respect of everyone. With his home port in San Diego, and his mother, sister, and niece living in Covina, it is hoped that he will be welcomed back frequently as a visitor.

On March 15, LCdr. Brunson completed twenty-one years of service in the Navy. He was commissioned as a warrant officer in September 1942, and as an ensign in October 1943. He has served on both cruisers and destroyers. During World War II he served as engineer officer aboard a 2,100-ton destroyer in the Pacific.

One of his most interesting tours of duty was thirty-three months from 1949 to 1952, spent in Manila as assistant naval advisor to the Philippine government during the rise of Magsaysay.

From Manila he went to Sandia Base, New Mexico. As commander of a Sandia-trained team, he served aboard the carriers USS Midway and Franklin D. Roosevelt until coming to NOTS in 1954.

Machinists Take Submarine Trip

Al Stoltze, Fred Beauchea, and Mervin Coleson, three men-of-the-month from the P8094 shops, took off from Long Beach and spent Wednesday, March 14, aboard a submarine. The men were given this trip as a reward for having won elections as man-of-the-month; Stoltze for December 1955, Beauchea for January, and Coleson for February 1956.

Three Annexites Get Promotions in March

March promotions to date include Henry L. Alden of the Engineering Department, from Industrial Engineer, GS-14, to General Engineer, GS-15; Lemoyne Daugherty of Underwater Ordnance, from Ordnance Mechanic (Experimental Test) to Ordnance Mechanic (Experimental Test) Snapper; and Carl A. Jack of Supply, from Inspector (General Equipment) A to Supervising Inspector (General Equipment) A.



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'Pony League' Tryouts Begin

Boys between the ages of 13 and 14, who are interested in playing baseball for one of four teams in the Pony League are invited to attend tryout sessions beginning this Saturday. The tryouts will begin at nine in the morning at Schoeffel Field.

Application blanks have been distributed to the various schools on the Station. Before boys can compete, they must have these applications signed by their parents granting permission for them to play baseball.

Boys qualifying for Pony League play will be assigned to one of the four teams comprising the Pony League. This player distribution will take place on Monday, April 2.

Spring Is Here; Coach Announces Baseball Workouts Will Begin

Spring is here.

Proof exists in the fact that baseball workouts for the 1956 edition of the NOTS nine are scheduled to begin next Monday at Schoeffel Field. NOTS will play in the Mojave Desert Inter-Service League.

Practice sessions will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. The team will be "all military" with civilians not being eligible to play. A squad of approximately 18 players will be selected by Lt. (jg) J. C. Alex, who will coach the team.

Military personnel interested in coming out for the team should bring their own gloves, shoes and practice equipment. When the tryouts are concluded and a team has been selected, practice equipment and uniforms will be issued by the Station.

Intra-Mural Softball Program Scheduled

Athletic Officer Lt. (jg) J. C. Alex announced this week that the Station Recreation Council again has authorized the Recreation Department to hold an Intra-Mural Softball Program for military and civilian personnel. The league will be formed in April and begin play either in the latter part of April or the first part of May.

Lt. Alex requests all interested groups to get in touch with him at the Recreation Office, Bldg. 35, Ext. 72017, no later than April 13. In order for the league to be formed and playing schedules made up, interested groups must have a roster of players ready to submit at that time.

Additional information about league rules, equipment, and practice diamonds must be obtained by calling the Recreation Office.

Burroughs Varsity Baseball Squad Announced



STARTING LINEUP for the China Lake High School "Burros" in baseball for the 1956 season is as follows: (kneeling l. to r.) Gerald Senn, catcher; Gary Koehler, shortstop; Coach Rod O'Meara; Dallin Childs, second base, and Don Cobb, right field. In the back row (l.

to r.) are: Don Wright, catcher; Larry Jeffris, left field; Roger Short, third base; Gery Van de Vender, center field; and Bob Short, first base. The team to date has played three practice games; league play will begin week after next.

Play in Rehearsal



TWO GUYS AND A GAL in the eternal triangle of love will be the plot for the play "The Lowland Sea" that is to be presented in the Station theater on April 02. Shown in rehearsal (l. to r.) for one of the many scenes are: Larry Hatfield, Donna Rinehart, and Jim Kennedy.

Supply Department Elects EMCO Officials



CAPTAIN R. L. MYERS, Supply Officer, meets with newly elected EMCO officials from the Supply Department. Pictured above (l. to r.) are: Betty Sheridan, secretary, Capt. R. L. Myers, Michail Columbia, president, and Joseph Martin, Pasadena Supply representative.

Red Cross Far Short of Goal

Reports from the departmental captains on the progress of the Red Cross fund drive indicate that there is still a long way to go if the local chapter is to reach its goal of \$6,000. At the mid-point of the campaign, Cdr. J. M. Shea, co-chairman of the drive, reports that only \$1,700 has been pledged. This total includes a sum of \$736 that was donated to the Red Cross through the United Fund.

Although interim reports have been turned in by most drive captains, there are still some to be heard from. The Inyokern contributions to date total \$47, but there is not yet a report from the Ridgecrest area. The 1956 drive will continue throughout the entire month of March in order to give everyone an opportunity to contribute. It is particularly important that the goal be reached this year, points out co-chairman Bernard Smith, in order to help the Red Cross rebuild its strength after the exceptionally heavy demands made upon its disaster fund last year.

OBSERVATION

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Practice observation to develop a suggestion. Beneficial Suggestions win monetary awards. "nuf sed!"

Seniors Hear Guidance Talk

Burroughs High School seniors attended this week a character guidance lecture on "Preparation for Marriage" given by Chaplain James L. Carter. The activity was completed as part of a unit of study in the senior problems class- es.

This is the fourth year local senior students have been invited to participate in the lecture series given nation-wide to all enlisted Navy personnel as a part of the moral and spiritual training program.

A film presented with the lecture, given at the Burroughs Cafetorium by Chaplain Carter, pointed out problems faced by young couples contemplating marriage.

Featuring problems faced in contemporary society, the character guidance lectures generally include the presentation of a film in addition to the chaplain's lecture. Subjects covered in previous sessions include "Leadership," "The Family," "Religion," and "Discipline."

Safety First

SACRAMENTO—Bicycle riders are involved in ten traffic accidents each day says the California Highway Patrol.

"This fact was taken from our file of accident records which also indicates failure to obey the rules as the leading cause of traffic accidents involving bicycles," Patrol Commissioner B. R. Caldwell declared. "Frequently, when a bicycle rider disobeys the rules or takes chances, he comes into violent contact with an automobile or other motor vehicle.

"When a 90 pound bicycle meets a 3000 pound mass of metal the bicycle rider always loses," Caldwell said. "To avoid accidents and secure more pleasure from bicycle riding the following rules should be obeyed:

1. Keep to the right—always ride with traffic.
2. Obey all traffic signs and signals.
3. Use a white light in front and a red light or reflector in the rear when riding after dark.
4. Wear some article of white clothing at night.
5. Ride single file and only one person on each bike.
6. Keep your bicycle in good mechanical condition.
7. Do your stunting off the streets and highways.
8. Stay off freeways that are marked for motor vehicles only.
9. When in doubt about the rules ask any traffic law enforcement officer to explain them to you.

Submarine nets are made of thousands of intertwined steel rings called "grommets," about 16 inches in diameter.

Keep America Singing



SWEET ADELINE will find expression when the Dusty Four sing out at the annual Harmony Festival of the SPEBSQSA on Saturday, March 31, at 8 p.m. at the Station theater. (See story →)

Army, Air Force Officers Write Letters of Praise About NOTS

Two letters of appreciation praising the excellence of service rendered by NOTS personnel have been received by Station Command. One letter was from Major General J. L. Holman, U.S.A., Commanding Officer of Ordnance Corps, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., and the other from Commander R. G. Nester, Fighter Squadron 152, U.S. Pacific Fleet Air Force, San Francisco, California, and was accompanied by an endorsement of appreciation from Commander W. A. Shryock, Commander of Carrier Air Group Fifteen. The endorsement praised the efficiency and coordination of services rendered here as noteworthy and commendable.

In his letter Maj. Gen. Holman said, "... The success of the program was to a large extent due to the wholehearted cooperation of personnel of the Naval Ordnance Test Station. I wish to express my sincere appreciation to the following men for the very able assistance rendered to the personnel of the Ballistic Research Laboratories, APG: G. J. Todd, B. R. Egbert, D. Fairbanks and J. S. McBride of the Project Engineering Division; Ray Nelson, Paul Fisher and Brooks Levan of the track operations branch; Q. S. Dalton, R. H. Brady, D. L. Farnham and R. C. Gould of the Atmospheric Studies branch. Mr. Fairbanks' efforts in making initial arrangements and in providing assistance for the execution of the program was particularly appreciated. The services of Mr. Dalton and Mr. Brady in obtaining the meteorological data at the time of the detonations was invaluable. The untiring efforts of Mr. J. S. McBride in securing equip-

ment and his assistance in placing and recovering instruments was outstanding. Without his assistance the task would have been impossible."

Cdr. R. G. Nester wrote, "... The excellent results attained were a direct function of the willing, cheerful and efficient work of the range crew on Charlie Range, directed by Mr. Duane Mack. Their prompt delivery of accurate target evaluation information made possible assessment of each pilot's technique shortly after each flight. This is a very desirable situation and seldom possible. The friendly interest shown by this range crew was noteworthy and commendable.

"In addition, the coordination and control of fleet operations with those of development units, effected by Mr. James L. Heflin, gave maximum utilization of available facilities.

"The advantages accruing to a squadron engaged in any form of bomb delivery, working with this type of range and caliber of crew, is so great that it is hoped that similarly equipped ranges will be installed at other west coast weapons training air stations."

Cdr. W. A. Shryock added his endorsement to this by stating, "... The assistance provided Fighter Squadron 152 by China Lake personnel is thoroughly appreciated by this command. The cooperative attitude and technical excellence demonstrated by the range crew and others enabled squadron pilots to achieve maximum results during this most important phase of their operational training."

BUY U.S. SAVINGS BONDS

'Barber Shop' Quartets Sing Here March 31

The local chapter of SPEBSQSA (Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barbershop Quartet Singing in America, Inc.) will present their annual Harmony Festival at the Station Theatre on Saturday, March 31 at 8 p.m.

The program will include prize-winning quartets of the Far Western District, namely: the West-Coasters of San Gabriel, 1955 champions; the Verdugo Dons of Los Angeles, 1954 champions; the Wha Zat Four from Pomona Valley; the Four Bits of Harmony from Long Beach; the Greenhorns and the Sweet Adelines of Bakersfield. The Dusty Four and the Discords, the two quartets of the local chapter, will blend their voices with the local chorus under the direction of "Slats" Robinson to complete the array of talent. Harley Tillitt will emcee the performance.

The traditional "Afterglow" will be held at the Community Center after the performance where community singing with quartet participation will be conducted on an informal level. Charlie Sargent of Lancaster, whose name is synonymous with Barbershop singing throughout Southern California, will be in charge of music direction at the "Afterglow."

Clyde Hazen, chairman of the ticket sales committee warns against being disappointed at the box office by procuring your tickets early. Tickets may be procured from members or by calling 72095, 72959, 76-633 or Ridgecrest 82866. Admission is \$1.25 for adults and 75 cents for children and servicemen.

Tryouts Scheduled For Detective Story

Tryouts for "Detective Story", a three-act production to be produced by the China Lake Players, will be held next Tuesday and Wednesday in room 216 of the Training Building at 7:30 p.m.

The cast calls for 24 men and 8 women with heavy and comic roles including detectives, burglars, lawyers, eccentric citizens and others on both sides of the law.

The production will be under the direction of Valerie Bales and the proceeds will be applied to benefit the Navy Relief fund. Miss Bales attended the Pasadena Playhouse where she received her degree as a directing major last June.

Anyone interested in acting or production is urged to attend the tryouts. Previous stage experience is not necessary.

For further information contact the director in the evenings by calling Ridgecrest 8-3691.