

THE WEATHER
Mostly clear with
scattered high clouds.
Surface winds
variable 6 to 12 knots.
Temperature range min-
imum 42 to maximum

Rocketeer

TEMPERATURES
(Heaving Area)

	Max.	Min.
March 29	79	32
March 30	81	45
March 31	67	43
April 1	59	40
April 2	64	34
April 3	66	34
April 4	76	31

MAY Do 'Hatch Act'

Commission rulings specify employees the right to VOTE Government employees may political subjects and candidates

badges and buttons or display political posters or pictures in their home or on their automobile. They do not make a political display of any kind while conducting the public business.

Spouse's Activities
A Federal employee's wife (or husband) MAY engage in political activity independently, upon her (or his) own initiative. This must be in her (or his) behalf provided the spouse's activity is not for the purpose of accomplishing a political objective prohibited to the employee. Federal employees MAY engage in non-partisan political activity in connection with candidacy for a public office which is to be filled in a wholly non-partisan election where none of the candidates are running as representing a political party.

Government employees MAY make voluntary contributions to a regularly constituted political organization, provided such contributions are not made in a Federal building or to some other Federal employee within the scope of the duties.

Employees MAY hold state, territorial, county, or municipal office concurrent with their employment provided it does not interfere with their Government work. The holding of such office must not violate Hatch Act or Civil Service regulations or restrictions on political activity.

Navy Policy
As a matter of policy, the Navy DOES NOT approve of an employee holding a position in which the power of arrest or restraint is vested.

NOTS employees who are in doubt about a particular activity and want further information on the subject should contact their Personnel Services Group. Questions which cannot be answered locally will be referred to the Civil Service Commission for a definite ruling.

Must Know the Law
It is presumed that ALL employees know that Hatch Act and Civil Service Commission regulations are controlling factors governing Navy Department employees with regard to political activity. Ignorance of these regulations will not excuse violations.

Civil Service Commission Regulation 1982 is posted on various bulletin boards over the Station. The regulation explains "Partisan Political Activity Restricted by Law." A copy of this regulation is available on the bulletin board in the area, call extension 71509 or Civil Code 651 in writing.

CS Exams Open For NOTS Jobs

Civil Service examinations for vacancies at NOTS have been announced recently by the Executive Secretary, Board of U.S. Civil Service Examiners, Eleventh Naval District (Northern Sector).

Appointments will be made for candidates in the following trades: Carpenter; Electrician (Lineman/Communication); Electronics Mechanic; Instrument Maker; Machinist; Painter; Pipefitter and Insulator; Pipefitter; Plumber; Refrigeration & Air Conditioning Mechanic; Sheetmetal Worker; Toolmaker and Welder (Combination). The above positions will pay at the rate of \$1.71 per hour.

Another Civil Service examination announcement has been released for Liquid Fuels Distribution System Operators at the rates of \$2.16, \$2.25 and \$2.34 per hour. Further information regarding these announcements may be obtained at the Personnel Department and at the local Post Office.



Burroughs Student Wins 'Spelling Bee'

Honors as champion speller from Kern County in the Central Valley eliminations this week were won by Sonja Tucker, eighth-grade student in the Burroughs Junior High Class instructed by Mrs. Grace Mitchell.

Presented with a \$50 War Bond for the county, Sonja will enter the Central Valley finals to be held in Sacramento, May 5. Offering more than \$2,500 in prizes, the spelling contest is sponsored annually by the McClatchey Newspapers and Broadcasting Company.

'Clean-Up, Paint-Up, Fix-Up Week' Approaches



BE A PROUD CITIZEN and clean that place up. "Clean-Up, Paint-Up, Fix-Up Week" is just around the corner and China Lake citizens are urged to beautify their home areas. Pictured above helping to "kick-off" the clean-up campaign (l. to r.) are: Bernice Atwater, Jim Nesby, Dick O'Reilly, Capt. F. A. Chenuit, "Hank" Wedaa, Virginia Beresford, and Helen Hyles.

Scientists, Engineers Get Salary Increases

Entrance salary increases for junior scientists and engineers at the GS-5 and GS-7 levels have been approved by the Civil Service Commission. This new pay level serves to increase the annual salary of a GS-5 from \$4,345 to \$4,480 per annum, while a GS-7 is increased from \$4,930 to \$5,325 per annum.

All salaries of junior scientists and engineers, currently employed, shall be adjusted upwards to the new pay levels. Information as to the effective date of the increase was not available at Rocketeer press time.

April 14 Deadline Set For Windshield Stickers

A notice has been issued by Station Command announcing that windshield stickers must be renewed for all privately owned Station vehicles.

The new windshield stickers are being issued by the Security Division at the Main Gate from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily except Sundays. After April 14, the temporary stickers and the old type decals will no longer be honored at the Station gates, according to Security Officer Cdr. E. V. F. Horne.

New Vestments Shown



REV. FR. J. F. C. RYAN displays a set of gold vestments presented to him by the China Lake Altar Society as a result of a year-long fund-raising program. The hand-made vestments are imported from Belgium and are worn in celebration of Solemn High Mass.

State, County Requirements For Voting Told

The following is a "brief" for voters. This is how and what you must and can do to vote in the June primary election. If you want to vote, you MUST register. If you are already registered, then you must make certain that you meet the requirements set forth by the state and county.

Who is eligible to Vote?
You are eligible to vote in California if, on the day of election you are:

1. A citizen of the United States for 90 days;
2. At least 21 years of age;
3. A resident of California for one year;
4. A resident of Kern County for 90 days;
5. A resident of your precinct for 54 days;
6. Able to read the Constitution in English and write your own name (except in case of physical disability);
7. Not disqualified by reason of having been convicted of a felony;
8. Duly registered.

Who Has to Register?
California has permanent registration. Therefore you have to register only if you:

1. Have not registered in California before, or;
2. Failed to vote at both the primary election and general election in any even numbered year, or;
3. Have moved since you registered, or;
4. Changed your name since you registered.

How Do You Register?

You may register for any election at any time except within 54 days preceding that election. You register by filing an affidavit or registration with the County Clerk. This is done by going to the office of the County Clerk, or to the offices of any of the City Clerks, or to other designated places in various communities throughout the county and answering the following questions:

1. Name, including given and middle name;
2. Address;
3. Occupation;
4. Height; and

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Play, Style Show Will Mark Annual Public Schools Week

A dramatic interpretation of the California Teachers Association's recently adopted "Statement of Educational Policy" will be given by the Burroughs High School Future Teachers Club and the Burroughs Chorus at 8:15 p.m., Tuesday, April 24, in the Burroughs Cafetorium. This will be a part of the school observance of the 37th Annual Public Schools Week.

Titled "We Hold These Truths . . .", the play accents the literary, historical and musical aspects of American culture as taught in the California public high schools.

The production, which will feature Sandra Witt as narrator and the student chorus under the direction of George A. Carson, will follow the Public Schools Week Banquet which will be held at the Elks Hall in Ridgecrest at 6:00 p.m.

Style Show and Open-Houses
 Other features of the annual week, which is designed to honor the public schools of California, will include a style show by the Burroughs High School home economics department to be given in the Burroughs Cafetorium at 8:00 p.m., Thursday, April 26. The style show will follow the Burroughs Schools' open-house which will be

from 7-8:00 p.m.

Open-house for the China Lake and Indian Wells Valley Schools will be held at the Richmond, Vieweg and James Monroe Schools on Monday night, April 23, and at the Groves and Indian Wells Valley Schools on Wednesday night, April 25. The public will be shown various phases of the school activities from 7 to 9 p.m.

Volunteers Needed For 'Flower Show'

The 11th Annual Desert Wildflower Show, sponsored by the Women's Auxiliary of the Commissioned Officers' Mess, will be held at the Community Center on Saturday and Sunday, April 28 and 29. Volunteers are needed to help gather wildflowers on the eve of the event, April 26 and 27, according to Mrs. Frank Jandi, general chairman of the committee. Interested persons are requested to call Mrs. Jandi at Ext. 74654.

Sylvia Winslow, local artist, will make available one of her large desert landscape paintings for the occasion, and also will assist in the arrangement of floral portraits and table exhibits.

There will be a showing of films on animal life and growth in the desert titled: "The Blooming Desert"; "Life in the Desert"; and "Wonders of the Desert". Live specimens of desert reptiles and insects also will be shown.

The exhibition will be open from 2 to 10 p.m. on Saturday, April 28, and from 12 noon to 10 p.m. on Sunday, April 29.

Daughter of NOTS Pioneer Family Weds



SUE GREENFIELD, daughter of long-time residents Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Greenfield of 706-B Kearsarge, China Lake, becomes the bride of S/Sgt. Wm. C. Schindrop Jr., USMC, at a fashionable wedding in the Station Chapel. The Greenfields have been on the Station for more than nine years and Sue is a graduate of Burroughs High, class of 1955.

Photo by Arthur, Navy Exchange Studio

His Voice Was the Declaration Of Independence — Yours Is the Ballot!

More, perhaps, than any other man, Thomas Jefferson has formed and molded the American mind and spirit. Remembered best as a great president and author of the Declaration of Independence, he won fame as a statesman and diplomat.

He held that all men were created equal, and did more than any man of his time to bring about equality among men in America. He held too that men make government, and helped to develop the machinery through which men could actually have a share, not only in setting up their government, but in controlling it.

Jefferson believed one of the greatest duties a citizen has in a democracy is to take part in the work of government by voting . . . that voting is an obligation as paramount as that of obeying

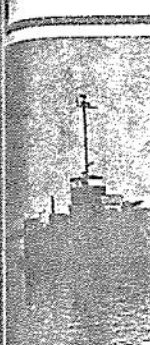
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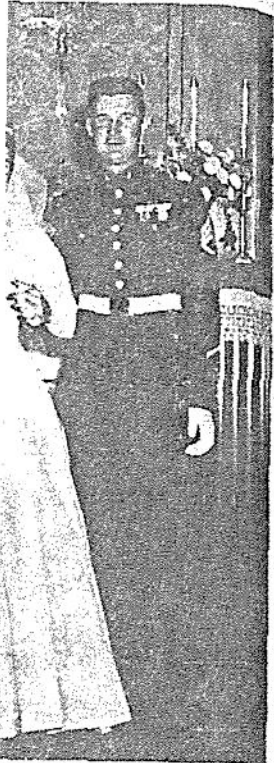
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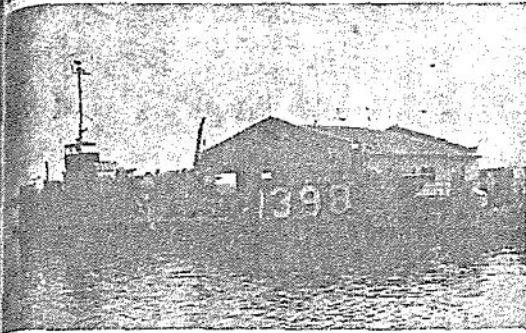
Pioneer Family Weds



Long-time residents Mr. and Mrs. J. M. ... a Lake, becomes the bride of S/sgt. ... fashionable wedding in the Station ... on the Station for more than nine ... High, class of 1955.

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News from Pasadena



LATEST ADDITION to the NOTS Navy is this LCU which is to be modified and added to the fleet of NOTS surface vessels. The LCU 1398 will provide a new hull for the equipment of the *TRYGON*, NOTS' deep-depth anchoring and test facility.

Mathematicians Receive Outstanding Ratings



EDWARD P. PERRY, left above, and **Thomas L. Cloer Jr.**, right, have received outstanding performance ratings for the 1955 March-to-September rating period on the basis of their participation in the Bureau of Ordnance tests of the RAT system. Bud Kuntz, Cliff Stock, and Joe Yester have already received outstanding ratings for their work in the same program. Perry's area of responsibility was the specification of the entire data collection system, and Cloer, by assisting him, coordinated the processing of the collected data.

Name Operation Santa Claus Committee

The command has placed Operation Santa Claus on an organized basis for 1956 by establishing a committee responsible for implementing the operation and for disbursing its funds.

Corra Harding of Supply will be chairman; Carney Brewer will represent UOD; Ellen O'Brien, Personnel; Stanley MacDonald, Public Works; Shirley Moitz, Engineering; and Elmer Price, Command Administration and Independent Offices. Yako Dragicevich has agreed to act as custodian of funds and will be an *ex officio* member of the committee.

In addition to distributing food, clothing, and toys, Operation Santa Claus last year spent approximately \$1,000. Of this, \$420 in cash was

given to needy families, and \$200 to NOTS employees with emergency needs; \$180 was spent for food, \$150 for toys, and \$50 for repairing and cleaning toys and clothing.

In order to apportion the work of renovating wheeled toys throughout the year, the committee asks that employees who wish to donate repairable toys begin immediately to leave them with a main gate guard at Foothill. After repair, these toys will be stored until Christmas operations begin.

Line Supervisors Conclude Workshop Sessions Today

The final two-day session of the six-day workshop for line supervisors meeting at 1030 E. Green Street, will conclude this afternoon.

Fred Anderson, Jim Fletcher, Ted Gaultsch, Dave Jones, and Bob Leard discussed various phases of contracting procedures and relationships yesterday morning. In the afternoon, Dr. Robert Brumfield led a discussion on the means of stimulating creativity. Small group discussions were held in the morning and afternoon of both days.

Under the general heading of "Perception," Dr. Paul Buchanan this morning provided information on the psychological factors affecting the way people respond to supervision and work situations. Don Steel talked on discussion groups and democratic behavior.

At today's luncheon session, Dr. Ghaseen Rezal of the University of Teheran gave his observations on the American administrative process.

Committee Seeks Time and Place For Spring Dance

Committee members have been reconvening this week to secure a date and location for the spring dance, according to Sue Burg, liaison member for ESO. Tom Corse of Morris Dam has been named chairman of the committee, and serving with him will be Eva Young, Jeanne Gorman, and Bill Kloepper.

Man-of-the-Month



ALBERT BENKART, who has been a machinist since 1935, was elected Man-of-the-Month for March by the P8094 shops. His first civil service began in 1918 at the Boston Navy Yard. He worked as a machinist for Caltech from 1938 to 1945, part of the time on the 200-inch telescope. He has been at Pasadena Annex since the 1946 conversion.

Pasadena Profiles



Jack W. Hoyt

Jack Hoyt takes advantage of the opportunity NOTS affords to combine education with advancement. He came to NOTS Pasadena after having received his B.S. in mechanical engineering from Illinois Institute of Technology in 1944 and having worked for four years with the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics in Cleveland as an engineer on gas turbines, running torpedo engine tests.

In 1948 he began his career at NOTS with the propulsion division, where he first headed the turbine section, next the turbomachinery branch. He has worked on high-energy fuel problems, turbines, propellers, and other propulsion devices for torpedoes. He is now a research division power plant engineer.

In 1952 he received from UCLA his M.S. in engineering, which he earned completely through part-time study. Some of the courses were given in the Pasadena plant. A NOTS fellowship during the spring semester last year allowed him to carry substantially a full-time program of work toward his Ph.D. This year he is continuing this work through part-time study.

Jack likes to work with power tools, and between 1948 and 1950 he built his own house in West Covina.

Annex Vacancies

Engineering Draftsman (General) GS-6. Engineering Department, Industrial Division. Contact Dorothy Seaman, Extension 103.

Ordnance Inspector (General) GS-8. UOD, Product Engineering. Source Inspector to perform inspections on various items of ordnance and related equipment. Inspections will be performed in vendors' plants and at NOTS. Technical writing and reporting will be required. The position will require a maximum of initiative as the incumbent will represent the Station to industry in the area. Contact Bernie Silver, Extension 110.

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BURROUGHS VARSITY TRACK TEAM members pictured here (front row l. to r.) are: Jerry Segler, Bill Standard, Orville Milhollin, Jack Butler, Joel Christie and Clay Carroll. Standing (l. to r.) are: Bill Sturgeon, Ned Pierce, Dennis Clemente, Bernard Graham, and Ivan Weightman.



BURROUGHS "B" TRACK TEAM members shown above (front row l. to r.) are: Ron Garner, William Lackie, Mark Aguirre, Jim Morris, Craig Ellis, and George Weil. In the back row (l. to r.) are: Terry Murray, France Adamson, Bob West, Gary Jacobs, Larry Fletcher, and Don Garner.



BURROUGHS "C" TRACK TEAM members shown above (kneeling l. to r.) are: Paul Nelson, Perry Martinez, Ronald LaRosa, James Downard, John Drozco, Cliff Barton, and Colin Ryan. Standing (l. to r.) are: Bill Bohanan, Bill James, Doug Chartier, Gary Maxwell, Floyd Furnish, Tommy Zurn and Calvin Joy.

Shooting Exhibition Scheduled April 22

Ken Beegle, internationally famous marksman, will give a demonstration of his "shooting ability" at the Navy's Sandquist Spa. The exhibition is under the sponsorship of the Desert Sportsmen's Association and will be held Sunday, April 22 at 2 p.m.

"Everyone who shoots is curious about how the other fellow does it and likes to try anything new in the shooting line," says Beegle. "Many of the fellows who watch me shoot go home with the 'If he can do it, so can I' idea and start in practicing some of my shots. And they can 'do it,' too, if only they will not become too easily discouraged and will keep on practicing until they develop the proper timing.

"Proper timing is the essence of all shooting at moving targets. Once the shooter learns to make the gun practically a part of himself, learning to shoot with efficiency becomes comparatively easy. Good shooting is not beyond the reach of anyone who has a healthy body, steady nerves or nerves which can be controlled, and fairly good eyesight. Once the fundamentals of shooting become so firmly entrenched in the mind that they are a sort of second nature, it is easy for him to graduate from the status of a mediocre shot to that of an excellent marksman.

Beegle's exhibition is replete with thrilling feats of marksmanship which seem almost impossible to the average sportsman. He uses fourteen different types of guns and is equally proficient with rifle, shotgun and pistol. His lecture on proper and safe gun handling, which runs throughout his exhibition, is one which every father should have his young son hear.

Mrs. Beegle assists her noted husband in all of his exhibitions. She loves all phases of outdoor life.

Tryouts Scheduled for Little Leaguers



SPRING BECKONS the junior athletic crop at NOTS to report for tryouts for Little League Baseball tomorrow morning at 9:30 at the Little League Ball Park. Boys between the ages of 8 and 12 are eligible providing they have completed application with parents' signature.

Red Cross Life Saving Course Starts Tuesday

Classes for a Water Safety Instructors Course for men and women, sponsored by the American Red Cross, is scheduled to start next Tuesday, April 10, at 5:30 p.m. at the Station pool according to an announcement received this week from Carol Chatterton, swimming instructor.

The three-hour classes will be given on Tuesday and Thursday evenings until the entire 30-hour course is completed. Servicemen are urged to attend.

In order to qualify, persons must be over 18 years of age, and be qualified Senior Life Savers. Persons completing the course satisfactorily will be qualified to teach swimming and life saving in any Red Cross sponsored class.

Local Little League Tryouts Tomorrow

Little League baseball tryouts for boys between the ages of 8 and 12 will be held tomorrow at 9:30 a.m. at the Little League Ball Park. Application blanks have been distributed by league officials to the various schools in the area. The boy must have his parents' consent before he will be allowed to try out for one of the teams to be formed.

Boys qualifying will be assigned to one of the Little League teams and will be eligible to play during the 1936 season. Player distribution will be made on Monday, April 23.

During World War I, a total of 4,800,000 men and women served in the combined armed forces. Well over twice that number served in World War II.

Field, Relay Events Make Up 'Carnival'

The Fourth Annual Desert-Intero Relay Carnival will be held at Burroughs High School tonight at Kelly Field. Field events begin at 6 p.m. and the relays will start at 6:30 p.m. Feature event of the meet will be the Captain Frederick L. Ashworth Special Mile Run. There are 18 different events scheduled: 1 field and 12 relay.

Schools participating in the Carnival are: Burroughs, Barstow, Bishop, Trona, Desert, Mojave, Randburg, Lone Pine, Victor Valley, and Tehachapi.

Admission is 75 cents and the public is invited.

Offer Special Rates For Olympic Trials

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Federal employees have been invited to attend and special rates have been extended to this activity. NOTS employees may attend both night sessions for a total of \$3.50. Applications for tickets should be directed to Athletic Officer LL (Jg) J. C. Alex, Code 835.

The deadline for reservations to attend the Olympic Trials has been set at April 20. Full information on reservations, costs, attendance, etc., can be obtained by calling the Recreation Office, Ext. 72011.

Baseball Officials to Meet

The Desert Sports Officials Association will hold a baseball umpires meeting next Tuesday evening at 6 o'clock in the Training Building. President Herbert Guest urges all members to attend.



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The Outlook

By "Dutch" Dremann
Where we go, servicemen, column is for you. By, and about military men. Once a month this column appear in the Rocketeer news 'n happenings of interest to you. Mind you—gossip, just the facts.

... you got some hot scoop of somebody who does, so the number's 71655—give us a call and we'll do the rest.
... operation over let's get down to business... Saw Barnes and a few new managers at the EM this week. They tell me a former group called the "Trail Blazers" will corral a few tunes tonight in the "21" room at the club... three dances this month at the service weekends of the 14th... "Millennaires" are booked for these sojourns... next month a buffet will appear at the Annex—more on this later... are in the mill for the new and the snack bar—I'll keep posted on the progress.

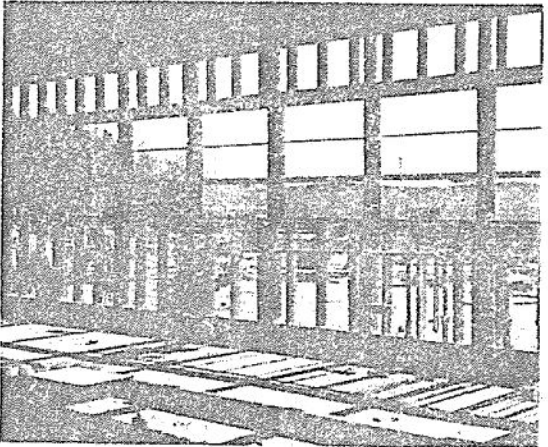
... hopefuls turned out for all—and Lt. (jg.) J. C. Alex... see he'll pare down to 16-18 men... Schedule includes about 30 games including... Still some open for experienced players... 2 years in any organized base game... Come on out and... BALL! How about you non-supporting the team—go to games, that is... Lifeguards are needed at the station pool summer (must have senior lifeguard from the Red Cross to assist). Call LT(jg) Alex on 72017.

... to secure... This column service Navy and Marine Corps of interest... Let me hear your suggestions are welcome. See you in two weeks.

Class Scheduled
Advanced Typing
... class in Advanced Typing begin on Tuesday, April 10, at High School. It was announced this week. The course is given for those who wish re-work for Civil Service examination.

... Class will meet on Tuesday... Thursday nights from 7 to 9... for a period of 8 weeks. Students register at Burroughs School, Monday through... between the hours of 7:30 p.m.

New School Construction Underway



GROVES SCHOOL CAFETERIA is scheduled for completion in July. The 70x90 ft. building will include an auditorium, stage, and an outside patio and will be available to school students, faculty and Station group meetings.

'Clean-Up Week' Program Announced

The Ceramics Club program for the awarding of prizes to the winning groups or individuals who have contributed the most to the success of the area annual Spring Clean-Up campaign scheduled for April 15 through 23 has been announced by Mrs. G. G. Silberberg, club president.

Prizes will be awarded for Ridgecrest and China Lake separately. The Rotary Club will contribute three trophies for the Ridgecrest area and the Ceramics Club will donate three articles of ceramics for the China Lake winners.

The judging will take place Friday afternoon, April 27. The Ridgecrest committee of judges will include Mr. W. A. Robb, Mrs. Jessie Smith and Mrs. Ray Johnston. The China Lake judges will be Rev. John L. Reid Jr., Mrs. J. H. Shenk, and Mrs. J. M. Greenfield. The judging will be based on yard improvement, general cleanliness, maintenance, painting of fences and arbors and new planting.

Since it will be impossible to check every house during the limited time allocated for this purpose, the judging committees request that they be notified of residences which should be especially considered. This can be done by calling Mrs. Silberberg at 77931 on the Station or Mrs. Ray Johnston at 83641 in Ridgecrest.

The finale of the campaign will be highlighted by a dance to be held at the American Legion Hall on Saturday evening, April 28, sponsored by the Auxiliary and Post, at which time the prize winning awards will be presented.

'Operation Pick-Up' Slated for NOTS

A program to make better use of material and supplies for yard maintenance furnished to Station tenants is being sponsored by the Public Works Department and the Department of Community Affairs as "operation pick-up" has been scheduled to take place on Monday, April 23.

This is how it works. If you have any lumber left from your fence construction job, an extra gallon of paint, a few extra feet of sprinkler system pipe, or any other issued surplus material, these may be picked up without any inconvenience to you. This helps make it available to others.

Designated employees of the Public Works Department will cruise the housing area in trucks from 7:30 to 10 a.m. on Monday, April 23, to pick up the materials. All you need do is to place the material near the street on the morning of "operation pick-up".

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LAW IN ACTION

INTERSECTION TRAFFIC LAWS EXPLAINED

California traffic laws are simple, yet many people don't know them. Most mystifying are those about "right of way" at an intersection.

To grasp laws about intersecting traffic, start off with the idea that all streets have the same "dignity". It is safest to assume that all drivers crossing your path have the same claim to the right of way as you do. As a rule, give the right of way to the driver who gets to the intersection first, or who will get there first.

Give the right of way to the driver on your right at intersections with a stop sign or a flashing red signal on each of the four corners. If you are not already in the intersection give the right of way to the first car to get there and come to a full stop.

Suppose two cars the same distance from the intersection get there at the same time. The driver on the left should yield the right of way to the driver on his right.

But don't depend too much on the other fellow's courtesy. Do not assume that the other driver is going to do what he should. Assume that he may not, and be prepared to act accordingly. He may be the kind who "digs out" or only hesitates at the corner. Keep a "proper lookout" and your car under "proper control."

What do you do at street crossings where you find one through street, like a highway, and another street with a stop sign? At such places give the right of way to cars which approach so closely that they are a danger to you. Don't go ahead, cross, or turn into the traffic on a through street until you can do so without interfering with it. Wait, if an approaching car will get into the intersection before you clear it.



Don't break the rules of right of way when making left-hand turns at intersections. When turning left, make the proper signal and always be on the inside (or center) lane before you turn. Let all oncoming cars already in the intersection pass through. Even with the intersection clear, do not turn unless other oncoming drivers can see your signal and are far enough away to slow down and let you turn safely.

Stay in the inside lane until you complete your left-hand turn. Then ease over to the right hand lane. Do not swing wide into the center lane. To do so is unlawful, and dangerous.

Incidentally, the Department of Motor Vehicles has an excellent booklet on the Motor Vehicle Code. You may have it for the asking at any one of their offices.

NOTE: The State Bar of California offers this column for your information so that you may know more about how to act under our laws.

Merit System Is Essential To Efficient Government

Operation of today's complex Federal Government would be impossible without the present civil-service merit system, Civil Service Commissioner George M. Moore declared on a recent television broadcast.

Moore said the merit system provides this country with a more efficient work force as well as preventing discrimination in the choosing of that force from among our citizens.

"I firmly believe that, if we did not have the civil-service merit system today, it would be impossible to run the Government's business."

The Commissioner pointed out that the Federal Government's activities are becoming increasingly complex and important to the Nation and the world and that a work force of more than 2,000,000 persons is needed to carry on its activities.

"Without the merit system which provides for selection of the best qualified people available for Government employment, we would not have one of the best governments in the world today—we'd have one of the most inefficient."



COLLEGE COUNSELING with students and parents was featured at Burroughs High School recently when Bakersfield College counselors conducted their annual visitation. Discussing college offerings (l. to r.) are: Dr. Oral Luke of the college staff, Eugene Gastineau, senior student and his mother, Mrs. Perry Fletcher.

Annual Art Festival Set for Tomorrow

The annual Kern County Art Festival will be held tomorrow at Burroughs High School cafeteria for residents of China Lake, Ridgecrest and Kernville. The winning paintings will be exhibited in the county final Art Festival to be held at the Cunningham Art Gallery in Bakersfield during the annual Spring Festival, May 5-7.

Judging will begin at 9 a.m. by a committee composed of Bernie Mauldin of Edwards, Jim Rorex and Arleen Woodburn of Bakersfield, according to Patricia Gallup, chairman of the local art contest. Approximately 200 entries have been submitted by students and adults from China Lake, Ridgecrest, Inyokern, Johannesburg and Randsburg for the competition.

Ribbons will be awarded for three pictures in each media in addition to honorable mention ribbons which were earned in the opinion of the judges. The exhibits will be open to the public following the judging.

A backlog of United States Savings Bonds gives you that cool, relaxed feeling—even in the heat of summer.

Local Seniors Hear College Information

Information on college life was stressed for Burroughs High School seniors recently by a group of visiting counselors from Bakersfield College.

Outlining college requirements, work opportunities, registration and housing, and college rules and regulations, the counselors met with classes, individual students and, at an evening program, with parents and students.

The information stressed, though related to Bakersfield College specifically, also pertained to student problems at any campus. Since many graduates of Bakersfield transfer to four-year schools, the program of academic work arranged by the college to avoid loss of credit was explained and the merits of such an arrangement were pointed out on a financial and scholastic basis.

This counseling program is conducted annually by the college which is a member school of the Kern County Union High School and Junior College District. Students from Burroughs may attend it without payment of tuition.

Credit Union Staff Serves NOTS



THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS are handled monthly by the efficient NOTS Credit Union staff. Shown above (l. to r.) are: Mary Martin, loan clerk; E. K. Martin, manager; Ruby Shriner, cashier; and Grace Kelley, bookkeeper.

NOTS Credit Union Belongs to YOU — It Exists Solely for It's Membership

The NOTS Credit Union has only two reasons for existing and that is to benefit its members by helping them save money regularly, safely, and with expectation of reasonable dividend. The Credit Union is also here to loan money on items that are purchased by members. By lending members money to pay cash for the article, or financing the balance of a purchase at a moderate interest rate, it saves



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

TODAY APRIL 6
"BENEATH THE TWELVE MILE REEF"
(102 Min.)
Terry Moore, Robert Wagner, Gilbert Roland
Short: El Toro (9 Min.)

SATURDAY APRIL 7
"TIME TABLE" (79 Min.)
Mark Stevens, Felicia Farr
Shorts: "Frankie Carlo Orch. (10 Min.)"
"AFSA No. 534 (17 Min.)"

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"BAD MAN'S GOLD" (58 Min.)
Johnny Carpenter
Shorts: "Fright to the Finish" (7 Min.)
"Perils of the Wilderness" No. 5 (16 Min.)

SUN.-MON. APRIL 8-9
"TRIBUTE TO A BAD MAN" (97 Min.)
James Cagney, Robert Francis
Shorts: "Professor Tom" (7 Min.)
"Florida Fin-Artics" (10 Min.)

(At Rocketeer press time, the complete movie schedule for next week was not available. Further information on movies to be shown here next week can be obtained Monday by calling the Recreation Office, extension 72017.)

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Snack Bar Changes Operational Hours

The Navy Exchange Snack Bar at the Community Center is now observing new hours of operation on weekends. Weekday hours of operation remain the same. The new weekend hours are from 10 to 11 p.m. every Saturday and Sunday. Hours quoted last week were in error.

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Make This Vacation Land Fly Free

The ant, fly and mosquito problem is once more at hand. Therefore it becomes the duty of all persons to help fight this problem. It is impossible to eradicate all insects but we can help to bring them to a minimum. Some of the simple things to do around our homes that will help are:

- Keep dumpster doors closed.
Keep areas around dumpsters clean.
If garbage and trash is spilled on the way to the dumpster, clean up immediately.
Supervise your children to avoid spilling in this area.
Call 7177 when dumpster requires emptying.
Call 7177 when trash and boards have been piled up for removal.
Wrap garbage in newspaper before disposing of it.
Wash home garbage containers with hot water and soap periodically (at least once or twice a week).
Bury dog or animal droppings found around your house. This fertilizer is wonderful for flowers.
Keep screen doors repaired and closed. Call 7177 for repair.
Avoid puddles of water in tin cans, around leaky sprinklers, etc.
In any possible container where a teaspoonful of water can collect. Mosquitoes breed here, and if you breed them just outside your door you are inviting unwelcome guests to your patio parties.
Close your bedroom to disturb your sleep and to your children's play area and your baby's crib.
These few hints will bring better health to all aboard.

Signed/H. L. ANDERSON
Captain, USN
Medical Officer

Who Belongs to YOU or It's Membership

Who has only two reasons for existing is its members by helping them to live more fully, and with expectation of a better future. Credit Union is also here to loan money purchased by members. By lending you cash for the article, or financing your purchase at a moderate interest rate, it saves you the member money!

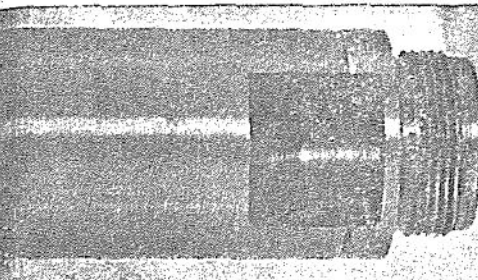
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DIVINE SERVICES
SUNDAY SCHOOL
WORSHIP
PRAYER

- Science (Chapel Annex)
Navy School—9:30 a.m.
Prayer Service—11 a.m.
Chapel (North end of chapel annex)
Communion—7:30 a.m.
Navy School—9:30 a.m.
Prayer—11 a.m.
Station Chapel
Worship—7:45 and 11 a.m.
Navy School—9:30 a.m.
Graves and Almond elementary schools.
Catholics (Station Chapel)
Mass—7, 8:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.
Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m.
Saturday, 8 to 8:25 a.m., 7 to 8:30 p.m.
Sunday, Thursday before First Friday—10 to 1:30 p.m.
Hebrew Temple—Halcy Street.
Services every second Monday and fourth Friday, 8 p.m.

Superior Achievement Awarded S. R. Crockett For 'Lock Seal' Idea

Sydney R. Crockett, employee of the Propellants and Explosives Department, is a recent recipient of a local maximum \$300 Superior Achievement Award under the Navy's Incentive Awards Program. The award was for the invention of a "lock seal" for joining ordnance components.

In the March 16 issue of the Rocketeer, it was erroneously reported that Sydney Crockett was the recipient of a Superior Performance award for outstanding work over a period of six months. The Superior Achievement Award differs from the Superior Performance Award in that no time element is involved and that the Achievement Award is often given for one outstanding contribution by the employee.

SAM Battalion Member Gets Promotion



NEW WARRANT OFFICER Charles C. Bland is pictured here as Mrs. Bland proudly pins on her husband's new bars. Warrant Officer Bland has just received his warrant from Commanding Officer Lt. Col. Norman Pozinsky. He is being assigned duties as Radar Officer with "B" Battery, First Terrier SAM Battalion.

Superintendent's Notes

By DR. EARL MURRAY, Superintendent of China Lake Schools

Any registered voter is eligible to be a member of the county board of education except the county superintendent of schools, any member of his staff, or any employee of a school district. Some of the duties and responsibilities of the county board are as follows:

- Issue and renew teachers certificates.
Adopt text books, supplementary books, and approve all apparatus for teaching for all the school districts in the county.
The board must meet at least once a month. Other meetings may be held.
Adopt rules and regulations not inconsistent with the laws of this State, for their own government.
Keep a record of their own proceedings.
Review and make recommendations on the annual budget of the county superintendent of schools before its submission to the county board of supervisors.
Review and make recommendations on the annual county school service fund budget of the county superintendent of schools before its submission to the Superintendent of Public Instruction (State Superintendent of Schools).
May approve contracts with the governing board of any school district within the county for rendering by the county superintendent of schools to any district of any service which a county superintendent may legally provide to any district, upon the terms and conditions agreed upon by the county superintendent of schools and the governing board of the district.
The board of supervisors may allow to each member of the county board of education as compensation ten dollars (\$10) a day for his services and may allow mileage at the same rate as other county officials.
China Lake is located in Trustee Area number 7 which comprises all of the area of Kern County which lies east of the Sierras. The school districts in this area are: China Lake, Indian Wells Valley, Johannesburg, Randburg, Mojave Unified, Murro Unified (Edwards), and South Kern County Union (Rosamond).
The last day for filing declarations of candidacy at the aforementioned office of the County Superintendent of Schools is April 18, 1956. Filing blanks may be obtained from your local superintendent. It is urged that at least one candidate from China Lake shall file for this election.

Childrens Film Society Show Set Tomorrow

"Instruments of the Orchestra", "Man Without a Country", and three Bugs Bunny cartoons will comprise the Children's Film Society program at the Station Theater tomorrow from 10:00 to 11:20 a.m.

Parents are requested to caution their children against running in the aisles and lobby of the theater. Such behavior is unsafe, and may result in the child's being requested to leave the theater during the performance.

Photographs Of the Week

Assistant SecNav Pratt Visits NOTS



ALBERT V. PRATT, Assistant Secretary of the Navy confers with NOTS officials this week while on a tour of West Coast naval establishments. Shown above (l. to r.) are: H. G. Wilson, Associate Technical Director; the honorable Albert Pratt; and Captain F. L. Ashworth, Station Commander.

Leo Lapin Gets the Bone



NEWLY INSTALLED OFFICERS of the local Toastmasters Club are pictured (l. to r.) above: Steve Little, secretary; Bob Ragsdale, first vice-president; Leo Lapin (getting the bone for letting someone get away with the club's gavel), president; Rex Smith, second vice-president; and "Mel" Creuser, treasurer.

Future Teachers Observe Methods



MEMBERS OF THE BURROUGHS HIGH SCHOOL Future Teachers Club saw theory in practice recently when they attended a teachers' workshop conducted at the Station under the direction of Mrs. Wanda S. Shomate, coordinator-consultant. Observing kindergarten teaching in Mrs. Helen McCandlish's room at Richmond School (l. to r.) are: Suzanne Hough, Nancy Hunter and Margaret Waldron.

Local Chemical Units To Hold Joint Meet

A joint meeting of the local sections of the American Chemical Society and the American Institute of Chemical Engineers will be held next Tuesday, April 10, at 8 p.m. at Viweg School. Dr. Harry L. Fisher, director of the rubber technology foundation and professor of chemical engineering in rubber technology at the University of Southern California, will be the featured speaker.

Dr. Fisher, a graduate of Williams College and Columbia University, is a former national president of the American Chemical Society. He is a recognized authority on the chemistry and technology of natural and synthetic rubber. Among his many awards is the Goodyear medal of the ACS.

Preceding the meeting, there will be a dinner at 6 o'clock. Members are urged to note the earlier hour. Reservations for the dinner should be made by Friday noon. Call Dr. William Finnegan at NOTS 72931, or Michael Conway at American Polish and Chemical Co. in Trona, extension 262, for reservations.

Students to Conduct Next P-TA Meeting

Parents will be offered an opportunity to hear "the other side of the story" at the Sherman E. Burroughs Parent-Teachers Association meeting on April 12 at 8 p.m. at the Burroughs Cafeteria. Vice-Principal Ken Westcott will be moderator of a panel of high school students who will discuss the high school as viewed by the students.

Participating in the panel discussion are representatives from the following grades: seniors, Douglas Cowan, Alice Cotner, Roger Evars, and Diane Deem; 11th grade, Charles Walker; 10th grade, Judy Wilson and Sandy Witt; 8th grade, Charles Fisher; and 7th grade, Marian Searly.

Adm. Dennison Slated To Command 1st Fleet

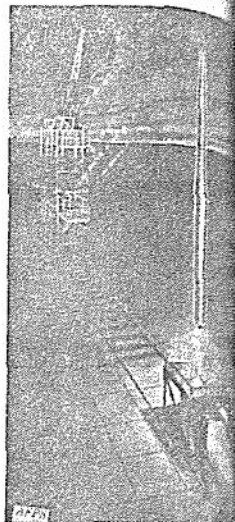
Rear Admiral Robert L. Dennison, assistant chief of naval operations for plans and policy, will be the new commander of the 1st Fleet.

Adm. Dennison, who has been nominated for a third star, was ordered to relieve Vice Adm. Herbert G. Hopwood. Unofficial reports say Adm. Hopwood will be the next commander-in-chief of the Pacific Fleet.

Station Library Closes for Inventory

The Station library will be closed for inventory next Wednesday and Thursday, it was announced today by Alice Kirwan, librarian. It is mandatory that all OVERDUE books be returned to the library prior to the inventory.

Up She Goes!



Here is an artist's conception of the three-stage launching rocket that will place the earth satellite in its orbit. The vehicle will resemble a giant rifle shell complete with bullet. The rocket assembly is designed and built by the General Martin Co., Baltimore, for the Navy.

State Requirements For Voting Told

(Continued from Page 1.)

5. Place of birth. You must swear that you will be the citizenship, age and residence requirements by the day of the next succeeding election; naturalized citizens must show citizenship papers.

You are also asked your party affiliation. In California the parties presently qualified to appear on the ballot are (a) Democratic, (b) Prohibition and (c) Republican. If your party is not one of these or if you decline to state your party affiliation, the ballot you receive at the primary election shows only the issues and the non-partisan offices for tests, and you are not permitted to vote in any of the contests to nominate party candidates.

If You Have Just Moved. If you have moved into Kern County within 90 days of the election but have a valid registration in another California county, you may vote in your old county precinct by either going to your precinct on election day or by absentee ballot.

If you have moved into a new precinct within Kern County, within 54 days of the election, you have a valid registration in your old precinct, you may vote in your old precinct by either going to your precinct on election day or by absentee ballot.