

## Navy Schedules PO Testing in August For Three Grades

Washington (AFPS) — The Navy has released dates and details of fleet-wide promotion exams to be held this August for sailors in three pay grades.

Third class petty officer tests will be given Aug. 14; second class, Aug. 21, and first class, Aug. 28, the Bureau of Personnel said. All test dates fall on Tuesdays.

Eligible personnel in all rates will be examined with the exception of printers and aviation electronicsman. Men in those rates will be permitted to take tests for lithographer and aviation electronics technician.

Change of rate exams will also be given to those desiring to switch over to guided missileman, aviation guided missileman, and aviation fire control technician.

The bureau said that seamen attached to commands having photographer's mate third class allowances may compete for that rating if qualified in all other respects.

The CAA certificate normally required for advancement to all pay grades in the air controlman rating will be waived in the August exams for those not assigned to control tower duties.

As announced earlier, stenographic performance tests for first class petty officers in the yeoman rate will no longer be waived.

However, all methods of taking dictation, including stenomask, will be acceptable, the bureau said.

## Coming & Going

### New Employees:

Propellants & Explosives — Richard L. Mahan, Phyllis J. Earle.  
Aviation Ordnance — Virgil E. Lewis.

Medical—Paul R. Cuykendall.  
Research—Joan B. Young.  
Public Works—Lillian D. Thomas.

### Terminations:

Propellants & Explosives — Sterling D. Gochner, Ronald E. Sulladie.

Public Works — Jesse J. Dunlap, John J. Kirby, Brent J. Cook, Chester Venturi, Hallie A. Short.  
Engineering — Harold Smullen.  
Community Affairs—Hazel Temple, Patricia M. Hernandez.  
Central Staff—Joyce R. Walker.  
Test—David D. Reiter.

## NOTS Golf Driving Range Will Open Next Monday

Recreation Office officials announced today that the Golf Driving Range here on the Station will be opened next Monday and will remain open the year around from now on. The Range will be open on weekdays from 5:30 to 10 p.m.; on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays it will be open from 12 noon to 10 p.m.

## Message To China Lake Residents

We would like to thank residents of the community for their splendid efforts in behalf of the Clean-Up Week program and their outstanding contribution to the China Lake community.

We have noted with considerable pride the activity of Station residents during the Clean-Up Campaign. Many improvements have been made, with landscaping, planting, painting, fence-building, cleaning of yards and general areas being the main points of concentration during this period, which all tend to make our community a more attractive and pleasant place to live.

The primary purpose of this campaign has been accomplished and a sound foundation for community beautification and civic progress has been established. Participation of all China Lake residents and neighborly cooperation will go far in keeping this program on a continued basis and will make the campaign even more successful as the year progresses.

Signed/F. L. Ashworth  
Captain, USN  
Commander

Richard C. O'Reilly  
Community Manager  
James H. Madden  
President  
China Lake Community Council

## Marines Come and Go



A RETIREMENT AND RE-ENLISTMENT ceremony takes place at NOTS Marine Barracks as M/Sgt. Douglas A. Wilson (left) retires after 20 years of active service, and Sgt. Rex W. Leach (right) re-enlists for 6 years after three years of service. Lt. Col. H. V. Joslin (center), Commanding Officer of the unit congratulates both men.

## Winners of Americanism Essay Contest



WINNERS in the Americanism Contest sponsored by the Ladies Auxilliary of the American Legion Post in Group I (standing l. to r.) are: Geraldine Reinhardt, 1st prize; David Ashworth, 2nd prize; and Carol Anderson, 3rd prize. Group II winners are: Martha Pike, 1st prize; Kathleen Thompson, 2nd prize; and Jackie Leininger (not present), 3rd prize. Seated (l. to r.) are: Bessie Pooley, president, Ladies' Auxilliary; and Tillie Mayberry, contest chairman.

## Vets Families Are Ineligible For Treatment

Families of veterans are not entitled to Veterans Administration hospitalization, L. C. Chapman, manager of the VA Regional Office at Los Angeles said today in answer to numerous inquiries.

Only veterans may be hospitalized by VA and then only under certain circumstances, Mr. Chapman said. "The exceptions are those so-called humanitarian cases who are brought to us in emergencies because our hospitals are the closest to the scene of the emergency."

Even then, non-veteran emergency cases may be provided hospitalization only for the period of the emergency, Mr. Chapman said. He explained they are required to leave the hospital as soon as they can be moved with medical safety and then are billed for whatever care and treatment they have received.

"The treatment is not free for emergency non-veteran cases as it is for eligible veterans," Mr. Chapman said.

## FCC Officials Due For TV Conference

A meeting of local personnel and officials of the Federal Communications Commission from the Los Angeles office scheduled to be held at the Community Center next Monday evening at 8 p.m. has been announced this week by George Sutherland, head of Electronics Communication Division, Command Administration Department.

Bernard Linden, officer in charge, and Bob Stratton, senior engineering officer of the Los Angeles FCC office will be on hand to discuss TV interference, its causes and cures. Among the highlights of the discussion will be a report on Part 15 (Incidental and Restricted Radiation Devices), a new ruling of the Commission. This rule pertains to reradiating receivers and should be of utmost interest to all TV owners.

George Sutherland urges all TV technicians and TV merchants to attend, and all interested TV owners are welcome. Questions from the floor will be invited.

## Adrienne Young Chosen To Represent Precinct 4

Adrienne Young, 616-C Sangamon, was elected to represent Precinct 4 by the Directors of the China Lake Community Council at their regular meeting last month held at the Community Building. Mrs. Young replaces Hershel H. Hicks and will serve for the remainder of his term.

If there's doubt in your mind, stay behind.

### THE WEATHER

Partly cloudy to cloudy. Scattered snow showers above 8000 ft. Winds south to southwest 20 to 25 knots with gusts to 30 knots. Temperature range minimum 55 to maximum 85.

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## TEMPERATURES

(Housing Area)

	Max.	Min.
April 26	67	49
April 27	72	49
April 28	77	43
April 29	83	42
April 30	83	47
May 1	88	48
May 2	92	55

## Second Series Polio Innoculations Slated Next Week

The second series of poliomyelitis inoculations will be given at the Station hospital next Tuesday, May 8 for military dependents six months through 14 years of age, it was announced here today. The inoculations will begin at 3 p.m.; they are by appointment only. Letters of appointment have been mailed to approximately 175 military dependents.

On Friday, May 11, the U. S. Public Health Service will administer polio inoculations to all children in the China Lake-Ridgecrest area between the ages of 6 months and 14 years. The inoculations will be given in the Elks Building in Ridgecrest between 9 and 11 a.m. and 1 and 3 p.m. No appointment is necessary.

The quantity of polio vaccine available at the Station hospital for dependents of military personnel will not be sufficient to provide second inoculations for all military dependents. Those dependents that have not received letters of appointment for second inoculations, are advised to take the inoculation in Ridgecrest on Friday, May 11.

## New Safety Record Established in April

April stands out, safety-wise, as accident-free for both NOTS and NOTS Pasadena Annex, according to an announcement received this week from LCdr. C. E. Hackwith, safety officer of the Safety Division, Command Administration Department.

There were no government motor vehicle accidents accountable against the Station with over 500,000 miles travelled; and no industrial accidents accountable against the Station with over 1,000,000 man-hours worked.

This is the first full month without a motor vehicle accident in 10 years, although other full months have been recorded without industrial accidents.

LCdr. Hackwith expressed satisfaction in the record established for April and hopes the record may be duplicated in May.



A NEW UNIT IS BORN as Lt. Col. Norman Pozinsky reads activation orders for a Guided Missile Test Unit. Officer-in-Charge of the new unit is Major Bruce Rushlow (facing Lt. Col. Pozinsky). Behind Major Rushlow, officers and enlisted men of the new unit stand at attention during the reading of the activation orders.

## New Marine Corps Guided Missile Unit Activated Tuesday at Formal Ceremony

Tuesday marked the establishment of a new Marine Corps Guided Missile Test Unit (MCGMTU) at China Lake. In formal ceremonies, Lt. Col. Norman Pozinsky, commanding officer of the 1st Terrier SAM Battalion presented Major Bruce Rushlow (USMC), officer in charge of the test unit, activation orders creating the new guided missile group. MCGMTU's mission is to test and evaluate selected guided missile systems and components for the Marine Corps and to assist NOTS in Terrier evaluation.

Forty-four enlisted personnel and six officers will make up the unit's manpower. The officer in charge is Major Rushlow; executive officer is Captain Lynn Bath; operations officer is Captain Lytton Bulwer Jr.; launcher officer is Captain Melvin Dell; supply officer is 1st Lt. D. S. Fenstermacher, and radar officer is CWO Walter Bell. First sergeant of the unit is M/Sgt. Alvin Hinton.

MCGMTU will continue the work of the 1st Terrier SAM Battalion

## Admiral Felt Relieves Sixth Fleet Commander

Washington (AFPS)—Vice Adm. Harry D. Felt, veteran naval aviator, has assumed command of the Sixth Fleet in the Mediterranean, replacing Vice Adm. Ralph A. Ofstie.

Adm. Ofstie, commander of the Sixth Fleet since March 1955, has returned to the U.S. for medical treatment.

that is transferring to Twenty-Nine Palms. All officers and enlisted men of the newly-formed unit are former members of 1st Terrier SAM Battalion. Most of these men have served with other MarCorps guided missile units previous to becoming members of SAM Battalion.

The director of the Marine Corps Development Center, Marine Corps Schools, Quantico, Va., by copy of an official letter from Chief, Marine Corps (CMC), is assigned control responsibility for the new unit in matters related to test and evaluation of selected guided missile systems and components for the Marine Corps. The Bureau of Ordnance and the Naval Ordnance Test Station will exercise coordination and technical direction of MCGMTU.

Headquarters for the test unit is B-1-B. The same telephone numbers assigned to 1st Terrier SAM offices will be used for the offices of MCGMTU.

## Housing Critical Congressman Hagen Sponsors FHA Bill

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Congressman Harlan Hagen announced this week that he had introduced legislation which would establish a special program of FHA mortgage guarantees of private sales housing to be sold to essential employees at military research and development facilities. Congressman Hagen revealed that this legislation would tend to relieve housing shortages in communities around the Naval Ordnance Test Station and Edwards Air Force Base in Kern County.

Hagen stated: "The communities of Ridgecrest, Boron, Mojave and Rosamond in my district have had difficulties providing housing for civilians employed at nearby military research facilities because of the unavailability of the usual FHA loan guarantees.

"The legislation I have introduced will partially solve this problem by providing a special program of guarantees for houses to be occupied by essential workers at these installations upon certification of need for private housing for them by the Secretary of Defense. Without this special FHA program, adequate housing cannot be provided for the essential scientists and technical personnel vitally needed for our military program in spite of the fact that private builders and investors stand ready to provide the same.

"I have been working with local people in the communities mentioned on this question, and this legislation would appear to be a partial solution of their problem."

## Turner Elected Prexy Of Local Radio Club

A meeting of local radio ham operators was held last Monday at the Community Center for the purpose of formally organizing a radio club and to elect officers.

Officials of the newly formed club are: J. J. Turner, president; O. L. Mitchell, vice-president; S. M. Little, secretary; and J. Evans, treasurer.

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## NOTS Civic Concert Association Program for 1956-57

Artists Scheduled for 1956-57 Season

### JEROME HINES . . . . . November 15th

Metropolitan Opera's leading basso ("Don Giovanni", "Boris Godunov", "Mephistopheles"); also TV and radio ("Voice of Firestone", "Toast of the Town"); American born and trained; graduate of UCLA (B.A. 1943, chemistry and mathematics), Hollywood Bowl, and San Francisco Opera Co.; ice-skater, skin-diver, hypnotist; six-foot-six, dark, handsome, rugged.

### DE PAUR OPERA GALA . . . . . February 5th

Lebnard de Paur (de Paur Infantry Chorus) presents Inez Matthews, mezzo-soprano (title role in the Broadway "Carmen Jones"), Lawrence Winter, baritone (New York City Opera), and Luther Saxon, tenor, with orchestra and mixed chorus, in concert-version excerpts from "Four Saints in Three Acts", "Carmen Jones", "Porgy and Bess".

### EGER PLAYERS . . . . . March 5th

Joseph Eger, French horn (first horn, National Symphony, Los Angeles, and Hollywood Bowl Orchestras); Gideon Grau, violin (concertmaster, Fort Wayne Philharmonic Orchestra; leader, Baltimore Chamber Music Society Ensemble); Jules Eskin, cello (first cellist, New York City Opera Co.; 1954 Walter Naumberg Award); Irene Rosenberg, piano (Mrs. Grau; student of Rudolf Serkin; concert tours in Europe and America; National Music League Award) in a variety of combinations.

### WALTER GIESEKING . . . . . April 8th

World-renowned piano virtuoso and interpretive genius (perhaps none greater: Grand Prix International du Lingue and recently France's highest decoration, the Legion of Honor!); proponent of playing each composer's works in the composer's own particular style; tours since World War II in Europe, Asia, North and South America; native of Lyons, resident of Hanover; hobby, entomology—with one of the finest extant butterfly collections (14,000 specimens).

## Make Seat Selections For Concert Season

Members of the China Lake Civic Concert Association are reminded that next Wednesday, May 9, is the last day to indicate whether they wish to hold the same seats they held last year.

Present members who wish to choose different seats for the 1956-57 season may do so at the Community Center on Thursday evening, May 10, between 6:30 and 9 p.m.

Prospective members making advance payment may select seats at the Community Center on Friday evening, May 11, between 6:30 and 9 p.m.



FULL FLEDGED JOURNEYMEN hold certificates of graduation from the NOTS Apprentice Program following graduation exercises at the Community Center. Their names and trades are listed in the story below.

## 29 Apprentices Get Certificate At Ceremony

Twenty-nine apprentices received graduation certificates at Apprentice Graduation Exercises held last Friday in the Community Center. The exercises were conducted under the chairmanship of Ed C. Shaw, master mechanic of the Station's Public Works Department.

Captain F. L. Ashworth, Commander NOTS, delivered the welcoming address wherein he emphasized the importance of apprentices in the government structure, and the bearing this training contributed to the background of such famous Americans as George Washington and Benjamin Franklin. The invocation was conducted by Commander J. L. Carter, Chaplain; Harold D. Langley, Personnel Director, Bureau of Ordnance, delivered the main address.

Presentation of Associates of Arts Degrees was performed by John Van Osdel, District Apprentice Coordinator, Kern County Unified High School and Junior College District; certificates were presented by H. G. Wilson, Associate Technical Director, NOTS; and Apprentice's Acceptance Speech was given by Oscar Hape, Electronic Apprentice. Individual presentations were made by Local 729, IBEW, Local 551, SMWIA, and Local 442, IAM. Dr. Paul C. Buchanan was highly praised by Ed Shaw for his success in directing such a smooth functioning operation.

The graduating apprentices were as follows:

Aviation Ordnance Department: Glen D. Bray, Electronic Mechanic; Harold S. Duff, Machinist; Oscar R. Hape, Electronic Mechanic; Riley K. Kline, Machinist (Inside); and Adrian D. McGrede, Electronic Mechanic.

Engineering Department: Grover Armstrong, Machinist; Andrew C. Cullinane, Machinist; Roy J. Ger-

ard, Machinist; Wilfred J. Hainley, Jr., Machinist (Inside); Louis E. Jeanjaquet Jr., Machinist; and Emerson P. Luttrell, Machinist (Inside).

Propellants and Explosives Department: Rudolph O. Garza, Carpenter; Anthony B. Hernandez, Machinist (Inside); and Ronald L. Hunsinger, Plumber.

Public Works Department: Robert Aguilar, Plumber; James F. Bettis, Sheetmetal Worker; Howard F. Bowington, Plumber; Walter E. Burfeindt, Electrician; Albert E. Fowler, Pipe Coverer & Insulator; Duane W. Goff, Pipe Coverer & Insulator; Cyril D. Hansen, Refrigeration & Air Conditioning Mechanic; Kenneth Paul Jones, Painter; Richard E. McLaughlin, Machinist (Inside); Bill G. Owen, Electrician; and Floyd P. Walters, Electrician.

Rocket Development Department: Amos S. Etheredge, Machinist; and Wilbur O. Hamilton, Electronic Mechanic.

Test Department: Lester J. Dalton, Electronic Mechanic; and Gaylon L. West, Electronic Mechanic.

## Fiesta Plans Near Completion for AFD

Twenty booths have been contracted by Station organizations for participation in the Fiesta, sponsored by the Community Council, for the weekend of May 18, 19 and 20.

There is one booth available at this time for an organization interested in selling home-made cake and coffee. Any organization interested in contracting for this space should contact Mrs. George Mayberry, extension 72290 Monday through Friday, of next week, between 3:30 and 5:30 p.m.

An entertainment program featuring five adult rides, includes a ferris wheel. Rides for children, and Bob Cornelius' Pony Rides also have been announced by Joseph Holl, chairman.

## Misguided Missiles

Safety was in the news in 1955. But death and destruction made the headlines. With foresight and ingenuity, safety was built into our automobiles to an extent never before accomplished. With skill and inventiveness, compelling slogans of care were broadcast through every medium of communications. With indifference and utter unconcern, the motoring public produced the greatest number of casualties in highway history.

Because of a slight decrease in deaths and injuries in 1954, there seemed some cause for optimism. However, this proved to be another of those fatal fallacies which characterize the field of highway safety. For in 1955, we compiled the regrettable total of 37,800 deaths, an increase of 6 1/2% over 1954, and 2,158,000 injuries, an increase of 10% over 1954. Thus, the trend has reversed itself in what was the most safety-conscious year in our history.

These blunt and bloody statistics again substantiate the often repeated thesis of these booklets. In driving, there is no substitute for self-reliance. Safety belts, special padding, and other mechanical features all help but reliance on them is a fatal fallacy. Straighter, wider roads are welcome but reliance on them is a fatal fallacy.

Reliance on the other driver or pedestrian to follow the rules of the road to the letter is a fatal fallacy. And by definition, a fatal fallacy is a mistaken belief that leads to disaster.

This is not to dismiss all the advances that have been made in alleviating the seriousness of accidents. Every one of these steps is a stride in the right direction. But it is the driver's mind harnessed to his reflexes; plus his body harnessed to his seat, which is going to produce fewer accidents. It is brainpower not horsepower; the power to steer and brake; not power steering or power braking which is the ultimate solution to the safety problem.

Safety is more than a slogan. It is an attitude of mind and a way of life. And as the road of all virtues is strewn with temptations, so is the path of safety. We call them fatal fallacies. The following are a few of the deadliest.

Hitting speed reflexes against the modern automobile's super-horsepower.

Feeling free to "pour it on" on the straightaway, no matter how clear the day, how dry the road,

how straight or wide the highway.

Driving while intoxicated or weary in the vain hope that the homing instinct will assure safe arrival.

Reliance on built-in safety features to compensate for lack of care.

Believing, with the supreme confidence born of experience, that rules of the road are meant for beginners.

These are just some of the fatal fallacies which caused grievous death and injury on the highways of America in 1955. More than 80% of all casualties occurred in accidents where there was some driving violation.

This leads to the inescapable conclusion that accidents do not "just happen." And to believe that avoidance in the past means immunity in the future is the most fatal fallacy of all.

## Rating Announced For School Paper

Awarding of a second place certificate in a national contest to the Burroughs High School student newspaper, the BLOCKBUSTER, of 1954-55, was announced this week by officials of the Columbia Scholastic Press Association of New York.

Receiving a score of 773 out of a possible 1,000 points, the school paper rated highest in essential writing fundamentals and page make-up. The three divisions of judging considered included writing techniques, make-up and the general considerations of typography, photography and art work.

Papers from high schools of the nation were rated on a scale of first place, (850-1,000), second place, (750-849), third place, (650-749), and fourth place, (649 and below). Previous standings in the contest were not considered in the judging.

## Job Opportunities

Clerk Stenographer or Typist (grade optional) for one or two month tour of duty at Albuquerque, New Mexico. Secret clearance required. Travel covered. Call 71471 or 72032.

Clerk Stenographer, GS-4, in Rocket Development Department. Call 71471 or 72032.

## 'Job Safety Week' Set By President Eisenhower

President Eisenhower has designated May 13-19 as "Job Safety Week" and has called upon all citizens to join him in making the week a success. Federal agencies and departments are lending wholehearted support to the campaign.

## P&E Employees Win Benny Sugg Awards



PROPELLANTS & EXPLOSIVES employees who have earned monetary awards for Beneficial Suggestions (l. to r.) are: Dominic Rusciollielli, \$20; Dorothy Morris, \$20; Elsa Simmons, \$25; Jack Christy and T. R. Watson (not present) Joint Award, \$75. Shown in second row (l. to r.) are: Albert J. Guerrero, \$25; Quentin Elliott, Department Head; and Burton Clemons, \$25. Pictured in third row (l. to r.) are: Francis W. George, \$25; and Victor Castaneda, \$10. In back row (l. to r.) are: Richard Eppinger, \$15; and Henry W. Wedaa, \$15.

## Earn Superior Accomplishment Awards



PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEES are commended for above-average sustained performance during the period March 31, 1955 to September 30, 1955. Captain G. H. Carrithers, Public Works Officer (seated) presents the awards to Thomas W. Boyd (left), and Maurice C. Lipp (right). Both netted a monetary award of \$300 each. Another recipient not present when the picture was taken is William E. Davis who earned a \$200 monetary award.



## Depend on Navy Today More Than Ever Before

The United States depends on the Navy more today than ever before. The Free World is an oceanic confederation bound together by mutual security treaties. A keystone of United States policy is collective security. The strength, unity, and collective security of the Free World depend on the U. S. Navy's ability to control the vital sea communications of the oceanic confederation.

## 'Let's Take Care Of Our Own' Is '56 Navy Relief Slogan

"Let's Take Care of Our Own" is the slogan for this year's Navy Relief Drive that will take place from May 7 to June 4, drive chairman Commander Kenneth Wallace announced today. The NOTS campaign is part of a nation-wide appeal for financial assistance in aiding the Navy and Marine Corps servicemen when they have an emergency need.

"No solicitation of civilian personnel will be made during this campaign. However, civilian friends of Navy and Marine Corps military members can make contributions if they wish," Commander Wallace said. Civilian contributions can be made by placing the donation in an envelope and giving it to any sailor or marine on the Station. The money will be turned over to military solicitors for the drive.

Navy Relief is the Navy's way of TAKING CARE OF ITS OWN. One out of every five NOTS servicemen used this service in 1955, and it is expected that one out of every four will use the Relief Fund during 1956.

The Fund is administered at NOTS by Chaplain J. L. Carter, Commander E. V. P. Horne, and Alice Floyd, secretary to the legal officer. Approved emergency needs are: medical and dental care of military dependents; funeral expenses; emergency transportation expenses for the military member or his dependents; and food, clothing and shelter for dependents.

The following figures indicate the financial aid provided by Navy Relief at NOTS during 1953, 1954 and 1955:

Financial assistance cases handled	1953	1954	1955
cases	121	147	266
Loans, gratuities	\$9,111.70	\$11,505.50	\$17,109.81
Total donations	3,008.39	1,157.56	2,491.68

The door is always open to servicemen at the Chaplain's Office or at the Station's Legal Office. In extreme emergency money can be in the applicant's hands within 15 minutes; otherwise—within 45 minutes. Chairman Wallace says this is an admirable record of speed in an emergency and doubts it can be beaten anywhere.

During recent contributions to the United Fund Drive, more than 100 persons directed their donation to the Navy Relief Fund. Commander Wallace has written to each of these contributors thanking them for their contribution and their interest in the Navy Relief Fund. Should any of these persons wish to make another contribution, they may do so by placing it in an envelope marked

## School Announces Closing Activities

Scheduling of closing week activities for Burroughs High School with the highlights of graduation and an awards assembly was announced this week by Kenneth W. Westcott, vice-principal.

Final activities for the Class of '56 will open with Baccalaureate at the Station Chapel at 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, June 3. Continuing with a banquet for seniors, their teachers and counselors at the Burroughs Cafeteria at 6:15 p.m., Tuesday, June 5, the week will close with commencement exercises at 8:30 p.m. Friday, June 8 at the Station theater.

Scholarships, medals and certificates will be presented to outstanding students at the annual awards assembly to be held in the Station theater at 1:30 p.m. Thursday. Also featured will be dedication and distribution of the 1956 yearbook, the EL BURRO.

Parents of senior students will hold the annual graduation party for seniors and guests at the cafeteria following the commencement exercises.

School for the academic year of 1955-56 will end officially with distribution of final report cards on Friday, June 8.

### South Gate Now Kept Open Until Midnight

A new schedule of operation of the Station's South Gate has been announced this week by Commander F. R. Whitby Jr., Head of Command Administration Department.

#### Workdays

6:30 a.m. to midnight.  
Saturday and Sunday  
6:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Navy Relief Fund and give it to any serviceman on the Station.

Members of the Guidance Committee for the 1956 drive are as follows: Captain L. E. Bulwer Jr., SAM Battalion; Lt. T. S. Rogers Jr., Guided Missile Unit 61; Lt. (jg) Herdman, Guided Missile Unit 25; Lt. (jg) Michael Bedwell, NOTS Officers; 1st Lt. W. J. Henderson, Marine Barracks; Lt. R. E. Anglemeyer and Lt. H. F. Tipton Jr., Naval Air Facility; LCdr. E. C. Knight, General Mess; Ensign R. M. Rice, Commissary Store; Chief Master at Arms J. A. Petty, General Detail, Navy Barracks; Lt. J. M. Deatley, Medical Department; and Captain R. C. Millard, Dental Department.

Working with the above named committee there will be 1 enlisted man soliciting funds from 30 others. Names were not available at press time.

Final results of the Relief Fund Drive will be published in the ROCKETEER.



EACH WISHES THE OTHER SUCCESS as they shake hands and say farewell. Lt. (jg) Kenneth Hinsen (left) is being relieved of command of GMU 25 by Lt. Samuel Bell Jr. (See story.)



TODAY MAY 4

"THE MAN WHO KNEW TOO MUCH" (119 Min.)  
James Stewart, Doris Day

SATURDAY MAY 5

"FORBIDDEN PLANET" (102 Min.)  
Walter Pidgeon, Anne Francis  
Short: "Foxed by a Fox" (7 Min.)

#### MATINEE

"RETURN TO TREASURE ISLAND" (75 Min.)  
Tab Hunter  
Shorts: "Greek Mythology" (7 Min.)  
"Perils of the Wilderness" No. 9 (16 Min.)

SUN.-MON. MAY 6-7

"THE SEARCHERS" (119 Min.)  
John Wayne  
Short: "Three Cornered Tweety" (7 Min.)

TUES.-WED. MAY 8-9

"SCREAMING EAGLES" (81 Min.)  
Tom Tryon, Jan Merlin  
Shorts: "Magoo Goes West" (7 Min.)  
"Thar's Gold in Them Thar Hills" (10 Min.)

THURS.-FRI. MAY 10-11

"GOODBYE MY LADY" (95 Min.)  
Walter Brennan, Phil Harris  
Shorts: "Rabbitson Crusoe" (7 Min.)  
"Navy All-American" (9 Min.)

### 'Song of a Nation' Is Kid's Film Showing Tomorrow

"Song of a Nation" (the story of the Star Spangled Banner), "Stop and Go—The Safety Twins", "Uncle Jim's Dairy Farm", 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.

People who insist on drinking before driving are putting the quart before the hearse.

## Guided Missile Unit Command Change

Change of Command ceremonies were held this morning for Guided Missile Unit 25, when Lt. Samuel Bell Jr. relieved Lt. (jg) Kenneth Hinsen as commanding officer. Lt. Hinsen departed NOTS following the change of command and will report to Boston Navy Shipyard to board USS GYATT (DDG 712), where he will serve as prospective missile officer of the ship.

Lt. Bell has been missile officer aboard the USS NORTON SOUND for the past three years. Previous shipboard experience includes: USS TARAWA, USS J. P. KENNEDY JR., and USS ZELLERS. He is a graduate of the University of Louisville where he majored in electrical engineering.

The new commanding officer of GMU 25 will reside here on the Station at 514-A Essex Circle. With him are his wife, Carolyn, and their four children, Benny, Chris, Nancy and Susan.



Christian Science: (Chapel Annex)

Sunday School—9:30 a.m.  
Morning Service—11 a.m.

Episcopal: (North end of chapel annex)

Holy Communion—7:30 a.m.

Sunday School—9:30 a.m.

Morning Prayer—11 a.m.

Protestant: (Station Chapel)

Morning Worship—9:45 and 11 a.m.

Sunday School—9:30 a.m., Graves and Richmond elementary schools.

Roman Catholic: (Station Chapel)

Holy Mass—7, 8:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

Sunday

6:30 a.m. Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. Saturday.

Confessions—6 to 8:25 a.m., 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, Thursday before First Friday—4 to 5:30 p.m.

NOTS Hebrew Temple—Halsey Street.

Services every second Monday and fourth Friday, 8 p.m.

## New Employees For the Annex

Two transfers from other branches of the civil service are numbered among the new employees at Pasadena Annex.

Elmer Canavin, publications writer in P8096, comes to NOTS from White Sands Proving Ground, where he was chief of the technical information office. Jennie Oshiro, clerk-stenographer in P8023, is a transfer from the Army's Los Angeles Ordnance District.

Arthur Kuhn, whose father, Carl Kuhn, is already employed here in the industrial division, is now an engineering draftsman in P8089.

Other new UOD employees are: George Fortier, machinist, P8094; Shelby Sullivan, electronics engineer, P8000; and Jack Springer, engineering draftsman, P8092.

Bradford Hutchison has joined the guard force, and Beatrice Moffett is the new clerk-typist in personnel.

## Naval Lab Editors Form Committee

Dr. Catherine Campbell, head of UOD's publications branch, attended a meeting on April 26 at Port Hueneme of chief editors of the seven West Coast Naval Laboratories. The decision was taken at this preliminary meeting to form a permanent editorial sub-committee of the Inter-Laboratory Committee on Facilities.

## Consolidation Advice Offered by Elmer Price

All units can do themselves a favor, according to Elmer Price, records management officer, by consolidating classified material during the current changeover to combination padlocks. The more consolidation, the fewer combinations to fuss with, as Mr. Price puts it, and being economy minded, he emphasizes that each lock costs \$5.00.

After May 31, units using key padlocks will be liable to security violation notices.

## Annex Vacancies

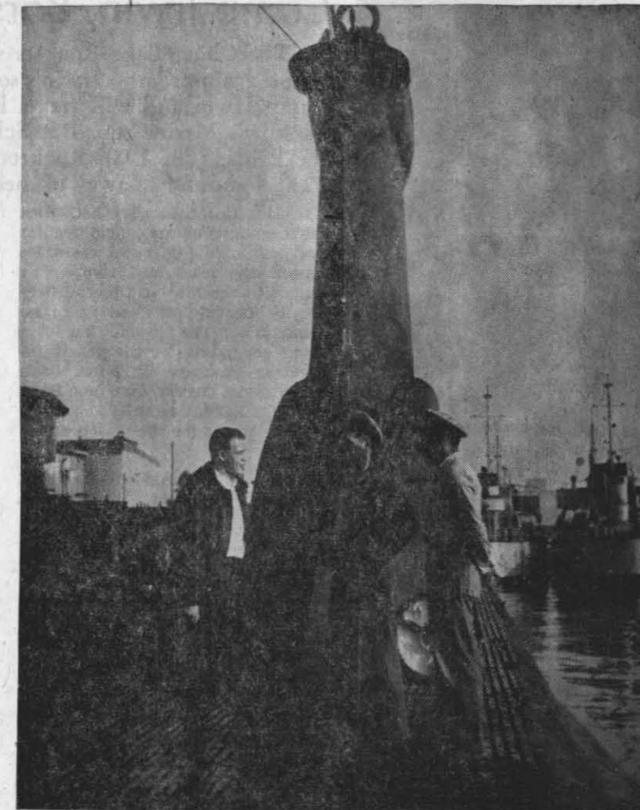
**Metalsmith.** Underwater Ordnance Department. Contact Dorothy Seaman, Extension 103.

**Mechanical Engineer, GS-9.** Complete mechanical facilities planning; including design and analysis of mechanical devices, hydraulic systems, torpedo and missile launcher and auxiliary equipment, and mechanical test equipment.

**Supervisory Torpedo Design Engineer, GS-13.** Responsible for conducting the design and development of underwater weapons. Must direct the efforts of mechanical, structural, electrical, and propulsion engineers and be familiar with current anti-submarine torpedoes. Contact Bernie Silver, Ext. 110.

## News from Pasadena

### Sea Duty for UOD Employees



USS REMORA was the scene of this conversation between Navy chiefs and Bill Kloefer, one of a group of Underwater Ordnance Department employees who spent a day aboard last month. Bill, who will complete his training under the professional development program next month, is a range engineer in P8023. Gathering run data was his job on this trip—hard as it is to convince desk-bound colleagues that this is really work.

## EMCO Representatives Meet Wednesday, All-Hands Meetings May 16, 17, 18

All EMCO representatives will meet next Wednesday, May 9, at the El Dorado Inn for their regular monthly luncheon meeting. Final plans will be made for the All Hands Meetings, twice postponed but now definitely scheduled to be held on May 16, 17, and 18.

Times and places for unit meetings are listed below, together with the names of EMCO representatives who will be in charge of the various meetings.

**Wednesday, May 16**

8:15 a.m.—P709 (Public Works),

Carpenter Shop, Stanley McDonald.

9:30 a.m.—P80, P801, P4509, P9806,

P7502, P754, P7523, P9506, P9509,

Conference Room, Bldg. 7, Virginia Lane.

11 a.m.—P19, P659, Conference

Room, Bldg. 4, Georgia Smith.

1:00 p.m.—P807, Division Office,

Bldg. 3, John Watkins.

2:30 p.m.—P808, P8083, Conference

Room, Bldg. 7, Margaret Kaa.

**Thursday, May 17**

8:15 a.m.—P55, Leard's office,

Bldg. 14, R. D. Robideaux.

9:30 a.m.—P250, P252, P256, P257,

P258, P259, Office, Bldg. 17, Dick

Lovelace.

10:45 a.m.—P802, P0102, P0129, Di-

vision Office, Bldg. 3, Marjorie

Johnston.

1:00 p.m.—P809 (except P8096),

Conference Room, Bldg. 7, John

Busik.

3:15 p.m.—P804, Division Office,

Bldg. 5, Julius Stegman.

**Friday, May 18**

9:00 a.m.—Morris Dam, Torpedo

Shop, Bob Graf.

2:00 p.m.—Long Beach, Bldg. 59,

Fred Lux.

## Reserve Officers Visit Foothill, Morris Dam

Pasadena Annex received visits from two groups of reserve officers this week. On Monday fourteen officers, attending an industrial relations seminar under the coordination of E. John Hanna of the Long Beach Naval Shipyard, arrived by bus for a tour of Foothill facilities in the morning and in the afternoon visited the Morris Dam Test Range.

Today approximately twenty-five reserve ordnance officers, who are participating in a two-week active duty training program designed to acquaint them with the technical programs and facilities of NOTS, arrived at Foothill. They will receive explanations of the programs of the Underwater Ordnance Department and tour the facilities at Morris Dam.

## Annex Golfers Start Tournament

Play started this week in the ten-week tournament of Pasadena Annex golfers. Twenty-six players have signed up, according to Cdr. J. J. O'Brien, who is in charge of the tournament, so that there will be six teams and two alternate players.

Team captains are Wendell Alexander, LCdr R. G. Douglas, Gene Osuch, Kenneth Simmons, Bill White, and Frank White.

## Man-of-the-Month



Martin Nuss

An experimental machinist at Pasadena Annex since the 1948 conversion, Martin Nuss has been selected Man-of-the-Month for April by his fellow employees in the P8094 shops.

Beginning his federal employment at the Philadelphia Navy Yard, Martin Nuss spent six years at the San Diego Naval Air Base starting in 1937.

He has served as shop steward for the IAM for the past three years, and acted as observer and data collector for the Annex on the recently completed wage survey.

# Rockets Open Season May 14

## Rockets First 2 Games Against Camp Irwin, Barstow Marines



THE 1956 ROCKETS BASEBALL TEAM is ready for action and will hold their first home game of the season Tuesday night, May 15, under the lights at Schoeffel Field. Pictured above (first row l. to r.) are: Winfred Johnson, Jim Taormina, James Hines, Grady Glass, Dick Weber and Tony Osborne. In the back row (l. to r.) are: Paul Mounter, Bob Culpepper, De DeCesari, Neo Lauderdale, Don Markle and Coach Lt. (jg) J. C. Alex.

### Aw, Come On Ump!



"CAUGHT YA, didn't I, so get that foot back in the batter's box!" Umpire Wanda Talley chastises batter Dick Weber, SA, as catcher Jim Taormina, SA, waits patiently for the "rhubarb" to cease. Actually, Jim Taormina is a pitcher on the Rockets nine, and of course, the umpires won't be dressed in white when league games start on May 14.

### 'Clean-Up Campaign' Winners Announced

Winners of the two-week Clean-Up, Paint-Up, Fix-Up Campaign received their awards at a dance held at the American Legion hall last Saturday night.

Station residents to receive awards were: Clarence Goken, 110-B Hornet, first prize; George Manters, 216-B Ellis, second prize; and Don Beresford, 413-A Nimitz. C. E. Howell, 1200-B Smith, and Russell E. Johnson, 202-B Mitscher received honorable mention.

### SCUTTLEBUTT



The China Lake Rockets will open their 1956 baseball season against Camp Irwin's soldiers on Monday, May 14 at Camp Irwin and will travel home the next day and meet Barstow's Marine squad at Schoeffel Field at 8 p.m. under the lights. The 1956 Rockets schedule calls for 24 games, 12 at home and 12 away in enemy territory.

Rockets Coach Lt. (jg) J. C. Alex has been giving the squad regular workouts for the past two weeks. He expects the team will have a fair chance in the Mojave Desert Inter-Service League but will make no predictions. The league has five teams competing for the pennant—Barstow, Edwards Air Force Base, Camp Irwin, George Air Force Base, and NOTS China Lake.

Home games for the season are as follows:

DATE	TEAM	TIME
May 15	Irwin	8 p.m.
May 22	George	8 p.m.
June 4	Irwin	8 p.m.
June 11	Edwards	8 p.m.
June 19	Barstow	8 p.m.
June 26	George	8 p.m.
July 9	Irwin	8 p.m.
July 16	Edwards	8 p.m.
July 24	Barstow	8 p.m.
July 31	George	8 p.m.
August 13	Irwin	8 p.m.
August 20	Edwards	8 p.m.

All home games will be played under the lights at Schoeffel Field and

### Council Launches Fund-Raising Drive

Members of the Community Council voted last week to sponsor a fund-raising campaign. The decision was made following a "Town Meeting" of the Council and China Lake residents. At the "Town Meeting" residents urged Council members to engage in sufficient fund-raising projects to enable the Council to conduct its business properly. The fund drive will begin May 23 and end June 4.

Chairman of the drive is Henry Nowak. He will be assisted by "Sol" Sherman, Otho Hart and Frank Gagliardi. Volunteer members of the China Lake Community Council who reside on the Station and in Ridgecrest are being asked to canvass door-to-door for voluntary contributions of \$1 per family per year. This will enable the Council to continue its program of community representation.

Interested personnel may contact Mrs. George Mayberry, extension 72290, between 3:30 and 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

"Here today—gone tomorrow." But it won't be if you put part of your earnings in United States Savings Bonds.

will begin at 8 p.m. No admission charge will be made to spectators and Coach Alex invites everyone to become a Rockets booster by coming out to all the home games.

### Can Take 2 Limits In Inyo-Mono Area

Anglers planning to fish the popular Inyo-Mono Lakes and streams along the east side of the Sierra will have the opportunity this year to bring home two limits of trout.

Under new regulations approved recently by the State Fish and Game Commission, fishermen may possess a second or additional limit of trout taken in Mono or Inyo Counties as often as three times during the season providing they comply with the following provisions:

1. Before attempting to take or possess a second limit of trout the angler must first obtain a set of trout licenses in Inyo or Mono County. A set consists of three individual tags and each person may obtain only one set per year.
2. After his first limit has been completed and before attempting to take a second, the angler must detach one of the tags, punch clearly the month and day (as indicated on the tag) the trout limit were taken, then attach or keep with fish until consumed.
3. Only one limit may be taken on a given day and he cannot have more than two limits in his possession at any time.
4. Trout caught in Mono or Inyo Counties cannot be shipped by common carrier and must be brought home by the person who caught them.

### Dr. Brode to Address ACS Monday in Trona

Dr. Wallace R. Brode, Associate Director of the National Bureau of Standards and former NOTS employee, will address the local chapter of the American Chemical Society at a dinner meeting next Monday evening at 6:30 p.m. at the Trona Coffee Shop.

Brode is scheduled to speak on "Chemical Research and Facilities at the National Bureau of Standards" at approximately 8 p.m.

## Photographs Of the Week

It Pays to be Good!



BOBBI RICE, Secretary in the Employee Management Relations Division of the Personnel Department, is enthusiastically presented with an Outstanding Performance Rating for above-average sustained performance for the period of one year in addition to earning a monetary award for Superior Performance in the amount of \$200. R. W. Anderson (left) Department Head, makes the presentation, wife LeRoy M. Jackson (right) Division Head, looks on enviously.

### A Fine Kettle of Fish



NOTHING TO IT according to Bob (left) and Jim, sons of R. A. Appleton of the Test Department. They pose here with their string of 17 trout caught on opening day at Lake Crowley. Old timers—take note—you are in for some competition.



By "Dutch" Dremann

Fishin' poles or ice skates?

Opening day of the '56 fishing season, two would-be Isaac Waltons, Cpl. Glen Fowler and Pfc. Joe Davidson, of Marine Barracks, were on their way . . . thoughts of a big catch filled their minds . . . soon they arrived at Onion Valley (above Independence) . . . now the plot thickens—in the valley they found snow, but did this deter our heroes—it did not . . . onward and upward they went . . . crunch, crunch, (crunchy snow), crunch . . . bearing their fishing gear the stalwart figures trudged on, intent upon the mission—depletion of the fish population . . . and then . . . there it was! Mirror-like Pothole lake, smooth-surfaced Pothole lake, after 8 miles of snow, glassy, icy Pothole . . . icy?! Crunch, crunch, crunch, back down to the car . . . 8 miles, 8 weary miles back. Ah, dear old FROZEN Pothole lake . . . anybody for skating?

Well, let's make the rounds . . . Haley at the EM Club volunteers the following good news—beer in kegs will be stocked for those summer parties . . . already chilled, too . . . let's help make 'em last. On the 12th, the "Moonlighters" have their Anchorage premiere . . . come on over and give a listen . . . girl vocalist, no less.

Big doings coming up—Armed Forces' Days (19-20 May) . . . also, coming up—a servicemensponsored, servicemen produced variety show—some servicemen are even in it!! This show has got everything—singing, dancing, comedy, the works! Format of the show is a takeoff on the 'Ed Sullivan Show' (imaginary sponsor) with a variety of talent . . . some special features here—brand-new talent never seen here before, a 6 piece combo formed just for the show, staging almost completely effected with lighting . . . I'll let you know When and Where . . . gad, those footlights are bright.

LODR. J. T. Waldron, Recreation Officer, sez to all you guys about the 10 sets of golf clubs (all new goodies) that'll be available around May 15 . . . set consists of No. 1 and No. 2 woods, in the iron dept. there'll be No. 2, No. 5, No. 7, and No. 9 diggin' tools . . . also, for the more particular players, a putter . . . all this comes in a bag, of course.

On the Servicemen's summer bowling league—needed are four more men's teams, three more mixed-foursomes . . . remember—target date is May 15 . . . see ya in two weeks.



### A Gallon of Gas!

Not in your car - but in your HEATING AND COOKING. The average household use was 800 gallons last year.

Summer is almost here! WHY heat your home with more burners than you normally need to do your cooking?

The gas bill was \$184,000 of which \$150,000 was spent in the NOTS housing area. TEN PERCENT of \$184,000 is \$18,400.

It's YOUR dollar \$ 1.00  
SAVE A DIME - .10  
LOWER TAXES