

Local Photo Society Sponsors Red Rock Canyon Field Trip

An unbeatable recipe for photographic fun has been concocted by the China Lake Photographic Society for use at its Field Trip this Saturday, April 6, at Red Rock Canyon.

The recipe for the outing provides the following ingredients: first of all, a scenic background (picturesque Red Rock Canyon); pretty girls (some of Indian Wells Valley's most photogenic young models will be on hand); western characters (old-timer Pete Osdick will be there along with others dressed in western attire); some interesting animal life symbolic of the West (Pancho, the burro); and finally, lots of picture snappers. All persons interested in photography are invited and a special invitation has been sent to members of the Wind and Sun Council of Camera Clubs which includes photographers from all of Southern California.

In order to properly mix all the ingredients for photographic fun, the program will be started out promptly at 1 p.m. with a series of demonstrations introduced and coordinated by the Society's president, Harold Hockett.

The first demonstration will be by Al Christman who will show the techniques he uses in taking desert scenic photographs for publication and for exhibition purposes.

The second event will be a demonstration by Graham Westmorland on how to make photographic character studies. Modeling for Westmorland (and later for all photographers), will be Pete Osdick—who

University Bestows Entrance Honors On Burroughs Seniors

Two members of the Burroughs High School graduating class have been admitted with Honors at Entrance for next year's freshman class at the University of California in Berkeley according to announcements made this week by the college news service.

Listed in the top percentage of entering freshmen so honored for outstanding scholastic records through high school are Charles Walker and Larry Lapin. The academic recognition is given by the university for receiving top grades in university-required courses.

Both students have maintained consecutive membership in the Burroughs chapter of the California Scholarship Federation and were recently honored as life members of the group. In addition they have been active in student affairs with Walker serving last year as Boys State Delegate, this year as tennis player and Tennis Club president and active three years on the Assembly Committee. He was also athletic correspondent for Burroughs for the past two years and winner in his freshman year of the Achievement Award Cup.

Lapin was last year's school and zone winner of the Lions' Speech

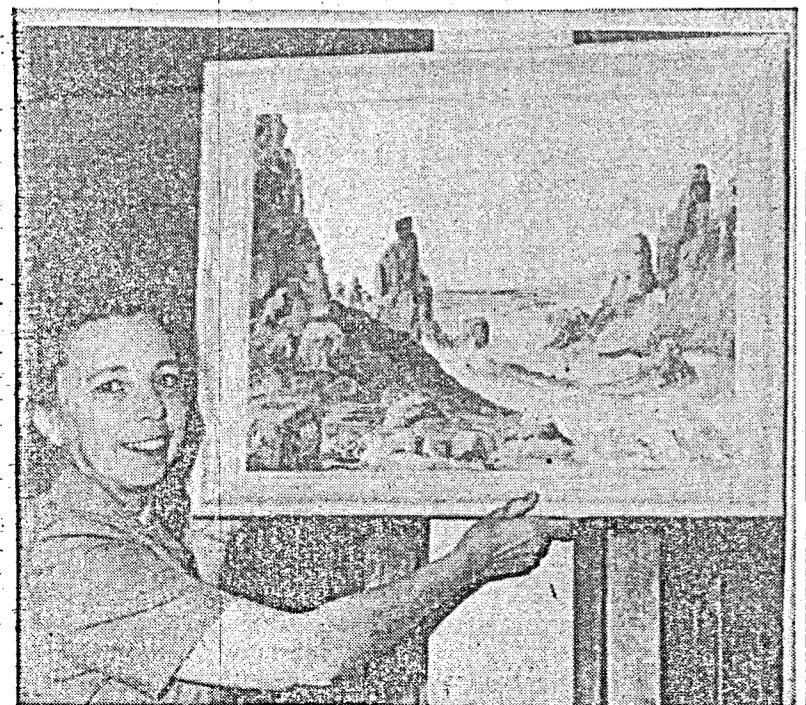


Pete Osdick, Old Westerner

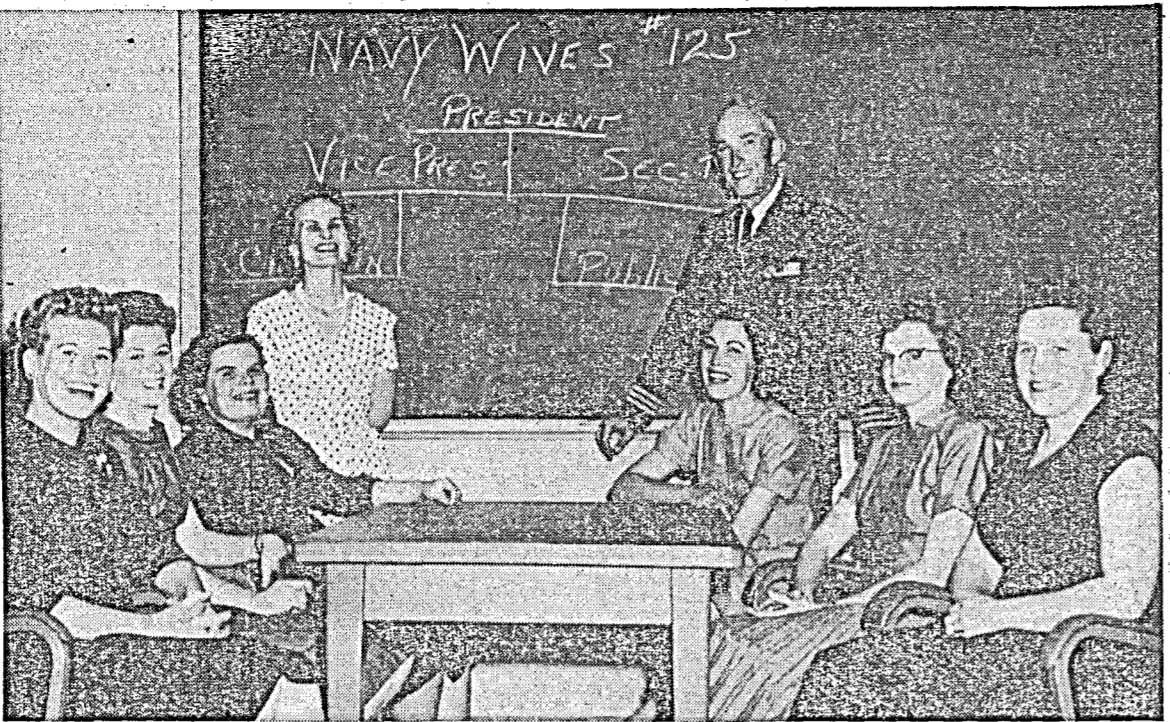
besides being a photogenic individual is one of the real old-timers of this area.

Pete came to Randsburg in the 1890's immediately after the famed Yellow Aster gold strike. Those were the days when there were 19 saloons and 3 dance halls in the town, and there was more noise underground in the mines than there was in the air—as with today's jets. It is expected that Pete will provide the photographers an early day tale or two as well as interesting camera studies.

The third event will be a demonstration by Fred Richards on how to pose models—pretty girls—in natural desert scenery. The models will



ARTIST OF THE MONTH—Maxine Bodley, a long time resident, and mathematician in the Computing Branch of Research Department, has been selected to display a few of her desert landscape oil paintings. Her work may be viewed during the month of April at the Station Library.



CHARTER CLUB BOARD—Newly-formed Navy Wives Club No. 125 elects its first board of directors. Pictured with Chaplain Hester, Installing Officer at candlelight ceremonies this week, (l. to r.) are: Lor-

Sydney Crockett Receives Additional \$200 Award for Lock-Seal Invention

Sydney Crockett, ordnance technician in Aviation Ordnance Department's Aero Mechanics Branch, was awarded a \$200 check for Superior Accomplishment this week by H. G. Wilson, Associate Technical Director. The award was earned for the invention and development of a new and superior method of joining components, known as Lock-Seal.

Last year, Crockett received \$300 for this invention, so his total award for Superior Accomplishment is \$500.

Dr. Hugh W. Hunter, Head of the Propellants and Explosives Department where Crockett was employed when he developed the Lock-Seal, and Dr. Newton E. Ward, Head of the Aviation Ordnance Department where Crockett is now employed, attended the presentation ceremony.

The Lock-Seal joint is superior in strength to the components it joins. It is simple to manufacture and is readily adaptable to a wide range of materials and sizes.

Its value is demonstrated by the fact that the Lock-Seal has been adopted as a standard production

method in the manufacture of the SIDEWINDER gas generator system.

The invention of a new method for joining ordnance components was not a part of Crockett's normal assignments. The need for such a structure occurred to him during the course of his work on another project, and he proceeded to design and fabricate test assemblies in addition to performing his regular duties.

Moreover, Crockett showed exceptional initiative in the early stage of investigations, working as he did, without direct assignment.

After receiving approval from his superiors to devote time and funds to the program, Crockett showed exceptional diligence and ingenuity in developing the Lock-Seal. As a result of his efforts, Lock-Seal was developed from an idea to a valuable, usable technique in a relatively short time.

College of Pacific A Cappella Choir To Appear Here



J. Russell Bodley, Choir Director

The famed College of the Pacific A Cappella Choir will give a concert at the Station Chapel on Thursday, April 11, at 8 p.m. sponsored by the NOTS Community Church.

The choir will present a varied program of spirituals, folk songs, and secular music under the direction of J. Russell Bodley. This is the 22nd year that the liberal arts college at Stockton has sent its top-flight vocalists on tour, and upon completion of this tour the group will travel to Yosemite National Park where they will participate in the annual Sunrise Service on Easter Sunday morning.

Thursday night's program will include Brahms' Motet, Op. 29; Palestrina's "Factae Sunt"; Debussy's "Trois Chansons"; and Bodley's "Gloria Road." A free will offering will be taken to help defray the expenses of the Choir.

Lady: a woman who makes it easy for a man to be a gentleman.

Burroughs Stresses Educational Guides

Coordinated planning for educational aims and goals is being stressed at Burroughs High School this week through preparation of detailed course outlines by all instructors, according to Dr. Earl Murray, principal.

Covering the year's program, the outlines state both general and specific class objectives, describe methods and techniques employed in classroom teaching and list tests and supplementary materials used.

Navy Wives Club Installs Officers In Candlelight Ritual

Candlelight installation ceremonies were held for officers of the newly-organized Navy Wives Club No. 125 last Monday at the Anchorage.

A devotional by the installing officer, Chaplain Hester opened the ceremony; followed by the pledge of allegiance and club song.

Members installed were: Louise Smith, president; Violet Olsen, vice-president; Shirley Burkholder, recording secretary; Ann Smith, corresponding secretary; Lorraine McKindsey, parliamentarian; Patricia Biesinger, treasurer; Rita Coyle, chaplain; and Betty Milton, publicity chairman.

Local guests attending the installation were: Captain and Mrs. F. L. Ashworth; Mrs. George Weir, club sponsor; Captain and Mrs. F. A. Chenuit; Commander C. C. Callaway, Mrs. J. T. Waldron, Helen Michel, and Mrs. J. D. Hester.

Out-of-town guests were Mrs. Robert Nelson, regional vice-president of Navy Wives, and Viria Stread from San Diego; Molly Brown and Marie Mitchell of Long Beach; Navy Wives Club No. 92; and Elinor Williams, National Membership chairman.

Caltech Alumni Set Monthly Luncheons

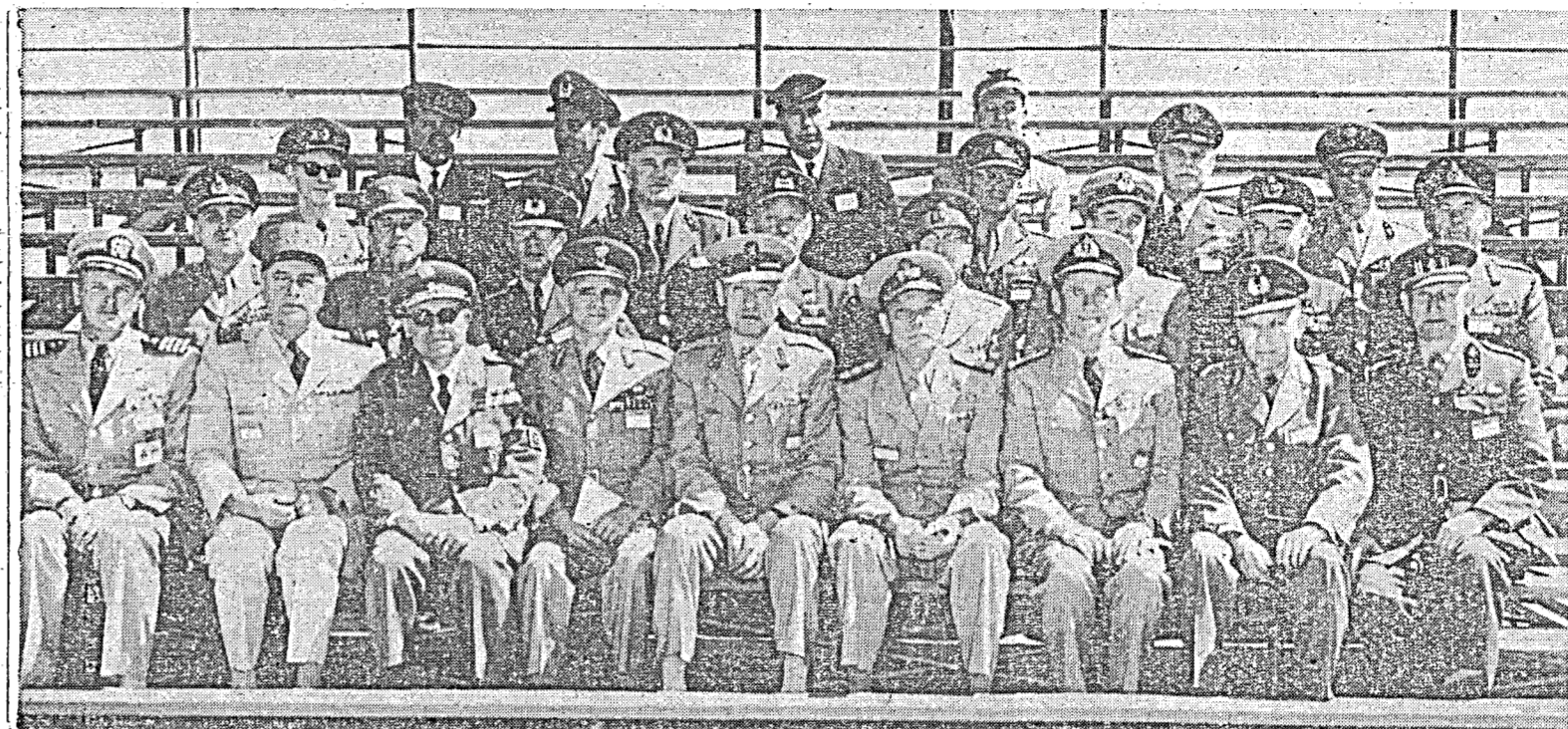
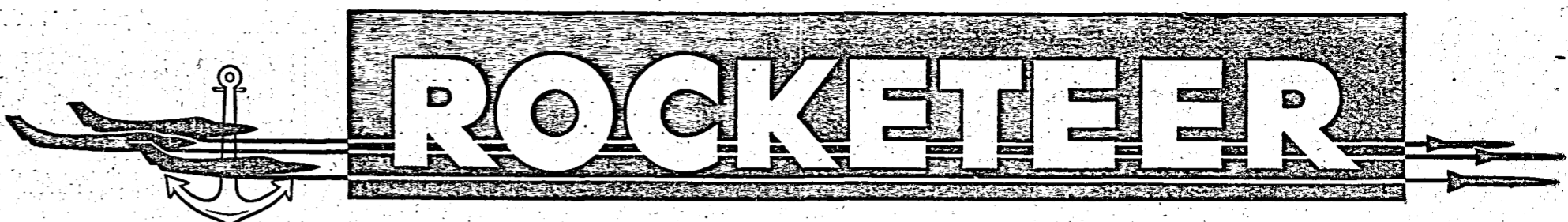
The first of proposed regular luncheon meetings for alumni (both undergraduates and graduate students) and ex-professors of the California Institute of Technology was held last Monday.

Thirteen alumni of a possible total of 30 alumni on the Station attended. As the list of alumni is probably incomplete, all Caltech men are invited to attend future meetings, presently planned for first workday Mondays of each month at 11:45 a.m. Call O. Mitchell, Ext. 72816.

New LCdr.



Former Lieutenant Loren C. Parry celebrated his recent promotion to Lieutenant Commander by knocking down a drone target plane with a SIDEWINDER at last week's NATO range demonstration. LCdr. Parry is Technical Officer of Guided Missile Unit No. 61, and he has been on board four months.



NATO MILITARY LEADERS—Senior military leaders of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) visited the Station last week to witness firing demonstrations during a nationwide tour of military installations. First row (l. to r.) are: Lt. Gen. Ashworth, NOTS Commander; Lt. Gen. Lorillot, France; Gen. Moniz, Portugal; Lt. Gen. Dovas, Greece; Gen. Hasselman, Netherlands; Adm. Qvistgaard, Denmark; Adm. Denny, United Kingdom; Lt. Gen. Heusinger, Germany; Maj. Gen. Harteen, Belgium. Second row (l. to r.) are: Gen. Foulkes, Canada;

Last Civic Concert Stars Adela Gebr

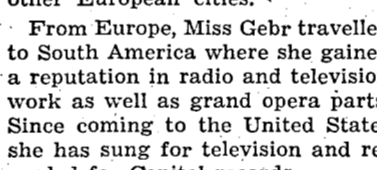
The last attraction in this year's Civic Concert Series takes place Monday night, when soprano Adela Gebr appears in the Station Theatre in a program beginning at 8:15 p.m.

Miss Gebr was born in Czechoslovakia, but fled from the country on skis after Communist domination. She continued her musical training in Rome, Florence, Munich and other European cities.

From Europe, Miss Gebr travelled to South America where she gained a reputation in radio and television work as well as grand opera parts. Since coming to the United States she has sung for television and recorded for Capitol records.

Reviews of past performances have praised her interpretation, vocal quality and dramatic ability. Included in Miss Gebr's program will be Mozart's "Allelujah," Rossini's "Una Voce Poco Fa" from the Barber of Seville, and Gershwin's "Summertime."

Concert series members will receive tickets through the mail, and a few tickets will be available at the box office on the night of the concert.



Adela Gebr

State Laws On Registering Station Wagons

According to a recent bulletin from the California Department of Motor Vehicles, some station wagons fall into the category of commercial vehicles and weight fees are due. However, station wagons operated as family vehicles which are primarily used to transport passengers and which are only occasionally used to transport property are not subject to weight fees and may be registered as passenger vehicles.

Commercial Use

Station wagons are to be registered as commercial vehicles if they weigh in excess of 3000 pounds unladen weight and fall into one of the following classes: (1) They are used or maintained to transport passengers for hire, compensation or profit, (2) When in addition to transporting the driver and/or passengers, the vehicle is primarily used to transport property in excess of that containable in a conventional passenger vehicle.

Extra Form

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NATO Leaders Witness Station's Weapons Show

A group of the world's most important military men were introduced to the Naval Ordnance Test Station last week on a tour that included a near perfect demonstration of Navy weapons and bombing techniques.

The visitors, members of the Military Committee of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and Staff, included in most cases the senior military men of the fourteen member nations of NATO. The group included top officers from Belgium, Canada, Denmark, France, West Germany, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Turkey and Britain. The Station's host group was composed mostly of the senior Commanders at NOTS, with a local officer being assigned to each nation.

Arriving Friday afternoon, the Military Committee and their accompanying staff members were welcomed and briefed on the mission of the Station by Captain Ashworth before retiring to the Commissioned Officer's Mess for a reception and dinner.

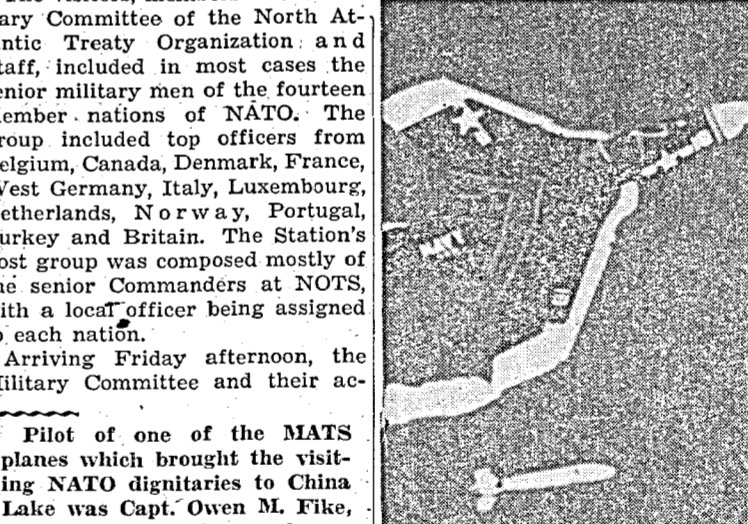
On Saturday morning, the visitors were transported to the range to witness some of the results of this Station's vital research, development and test programs.

The Bureau of Ordnance's TERRIER guided-missile was the first weapon exhibited, and without use of a warhead it sent an F6F drone target plane spiraling to earth—dramatic testimony to the accuracy of the long sleek missile.

The next three displays consisted of Station-developed ordnance items, and included the Dart tow target, the deadly 2.75 rocket, and the more recent ZUNI 5.0 ultra-high velocity, air-to-ground rocket.

Seven different bombing techniques were next executed by Navy, Marine and Air Force pilots assigned to Air Development Squadron Five (VX-5). The demonstrations ranged from medium-angle glide bombing, and low-angle loft bombing, to over-the-shoulder bombing, and the visitors were visibly impressed with this accurate display of bombing techniques.

The reliable SIDEWINDER air-



to-air guided missile brought the firings to a fitting climax, as the visitors saw the high-velocity viper hesitate momentarily, zero in on the target drone, and then blast it from the sky; echoing the success of the earlier TERRIER firing and sending the high priority visitors away with a new knowledge and respect for Navy fire power.

Other points of neglect and eye sores may be corrected during the drive by calling Public Works Trouble Desk, Ext. 7177 for such assistance as replacing broken windows and broken latches, etc. Residents may further help beautify their premises by properly arranging window drapes and curtains.



THERE IT IS!—Portuguese visitors Gen. Moniz (left) and Cdr. dos Santos (right), with Maj. B. H. Rushlow (center), watch a loft bombing.

'Kick-Off' Rally To Launch Clean-Up

A "kick-off" rally, emceed by the Community Manager, R. C. O'Reilly, will launch this year's Clean-Up Campaign, April 7-20, tomorrow at 11:30 a.m. in front of the Station theatre. Approximately 20 organizations will participate in the event which will be recorded for future broadcasts over local radio stations.

Rally Program

Participants in the program will include demonstrations as follows: Firefighters of the Station Fire Branch will enact a skit stressing the importance of awareness of fire alarm box locations and proper usage.

Quarter Midget Racing Association members will display their cars and form a parade led by a Security truck to cruise through the housing area.

Burroughs High School band instrumentalists will provide the music.

The Dusty Four, local barbershop quartet, will bend a few harmony chords.

Club representatives will describe their individual group projects relative to the drive.

Campaign Projects

Indian Wells Valley clubs and organizations contributing to the Clean-Up drive activities are as follows:

China Lake Little Leaguers will clean up, paint up, and fix up Little League diamonds and the immediate area on the school grounds.

Moose Lodge members will paint and repair the lodge and clean up the surrounding area.

Guided Missile Unit No. 61 will clean up the area around the Photo building, the Missile Pre-flight building and the Check-out building at the Naval Air Facility.

China Lake School students will display litterbug pictures in school rooms, clean up school campuses, plant trees and shrubs, construct and distribute car trash bags and present skits emphasizing campaign objectives.

Public Works Department employees will place posters on all the Dempster-dumpster doors and dumpster trucks.

Enlisted Men's Club members will clean up around the EM Club and undertake a landscaping project in front of the club.

DeMolay members will distribute window banners.

Prefab area residents will clean up the area under the supervision of Johnnie Bales.

Dust Devils will pick up stray papers and trash littering the streets, stopping oncoming traffic during the performance of their job.

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NATO Memo From the Commander

From: Commander, U.S. Naval Ordnance Test Station
To: All Hands
Subject: Visit of Military Committee of NATO

1. I want to express my appreciation to all hands for their assistance and genuine interest in entertaining our recent very special guests, the members of the important Military Committee of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

2. The attendance at the no-host reception was gratifying and the hospitality shown and mutual conviviality reflected at this social gathering was heartwarming.

3. Fate smiled on us Saturday in the form of the only beautiful day in a week of bad weather. All other of the myriad details necessary to make our guests comfortable and to conduct a precise and highly successful range demonstration was the result of planning and work and cooperation by a great many people.

4. I believe that your friendliness and your efforts have made good and influential friends for the Naval Ordnance Test Station and the United States.

F. L. Ashworth
Captain, USN

Bakersfield Counselors Meet With Burroughs High Seniors

Requirements, costs and advantages of attending Bakersfield College, the school will participate in the annual visitation day this month according to Kenneth W. Westcott, vice-principal.



THELMA ST. GEORGE—Editor, Rocket Development Department earns a 20-year pin after twenty years in government service.

Stressing the fact that since Burroughs is a member school of the Kern County Junior High School and Junior College District, graduates receive preference in school dormitories and are also paid a monthly mileage allowance, the college representatives described entrance procedures, curriculum requirements and campus life at the college which ranks high in a national rating of junior college.

Following a discussion of general college information by Dr. Orral S. Luke, Supervisor of Testing and Guidance for the school district, the seniors split into small groups to ask questions on all phases of college life. Other college representatives were Leonard McKaig and John J. Collins, instructors and counselors.

Points stressed particularly by the counselors included the curriculum requirements in English and mathematics and the fact that students entering Bakersfield for undergraduate college work should know requirements of the colleges to which they will later transfer.

To further acquaint Burroughs

COMING EVENTS

IRE Meeting

The China Lake section of the Institute of Radio Engineers will feature Chan P. Thomas at the next general meeting Thursday, April 9, at 8 p.m. in Room 2067, Michelson Laboratory.

Thomas, a graduate of Dartmouth College and Columbia University, and presently a sales engineer with the General Electric Company of Utica, N.Y. will present a paper entitled "Synchronous Communications."

Kids' Films

"Drawing With a Pencil," "Pony Express," "Placer Mining," "Surf Safety—Riptides," "Island Adventures," and a Merrie Melodie cartoon will make up the Children's Film Society program tomorrow in the Station theater from 10 to 11 a.m.

Navy Wives Coffee

The United Church Women's Committee will honor the newly-formed Navy Wives Club at a "re-acquainted" coffee next Thursday morning from 9:30 to 11:30 at the Parish house.

Hostesses will be from the Ridgecrest Methodist, Inyokern Methodist, Grace Lutheran, Episcopal, and NOTS Community churches. A nursery will be provided.

Ceramics Sale

A ceramics sale, sponsored by the Ceramics Club, will be held in front of the Commissary next Friday, April 12 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Proceeds of the sale will be used to purchase new equipment for the club.

Women's Guild

The Phoebe Circle of the Women's Guild, NOTS Community Church, will meet at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, April 9 at the home of Gale H. Carrithers, 513 Essex Circle.

Yacht Club

A meeting of the China Lake Yacht Club has been scheduled for next Monday at 8 p.m. in the Community Center.



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., Groves and Richmond elementary schools. Roman Catholic: (Station Chapel) Holy Mass—7, 8:30 a.m. and 4:45 p.m. Sunday 6:30 a.m. Monday through Friday; 8:30 a.m. Saturday. Confessions—8 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.

NOTS ON THE AIR

KRKS (1240) NOTS NEWS

10:30 a.m.—12:05 p.m.—6:30 p.m. Monday through Friday

"OPERATION GUIDED MISSILE"

Friday, Apr. 5—8:05 p.m. Monday, Apr. 8—2:30 p.m.

MUSICAL MEMORIES 8 p.m. Tuesday

NOTS Personality Interview

"OBJECTIVE" Sponsored by the American Chemical Society.

7:15 p.m. — Wednesday

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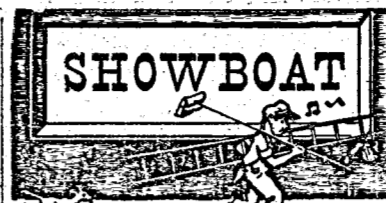
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Sunday, Apr. 7—12:30 p.m.

What's Doing IN RECREATION

By Helen Michel Recreation Director



Starting Times: 6 and 8 p.m. Daily

Kiddies' Matinee (Special Movie) 1 p.m. Saturday

TODAY "MEET ME IN LAS VEGAS" (112 Min.) Don Bailey, Cyd Charisse. A lavish, funny musical. Cyd dances like a million dollars—also is proving to be a very funny comedienne! Guest stars Jerry Colonna, Lena Horne, Frankie Laine.

SAT. "THE TALL T" (78 Min.) Randolph Scott, Maureen O'Sullivan

Outlaws capture a stagecoach and hold the passengers for ransom, including Randy! But Slim goes into action as usual, so fist and gun fly. A western in color. SHORTS: "For Sentimental Reasons" (7 Min.), "Golden Ladder" (15 Min.)

MATINEE "APACHE AMBUSH" (69 Min.) Bill Williams

SHORTS: "Woody in the Rough" (7 Min.), "Overland Trail" No. 12 (15 Min.)

SUN. "MOONFLEET" (89 Min.) Stewart Granger, George Sanders

Blood, thunder, and romance in 18th Century England as our hero leads a gang of smugglers looking for a fabulous diamond. Lots of action and derring-do. SHORTS: "Twenty and Beethstalk" (7 Min.), "Future Baseball Champs" (10 Min.)

MON. NOTS CIVIC CONCERT ASSOCIATION

Adela Gebr 8:15 p.m.

TUES.-WED. "THE BUSTER KEATON STORY" (91 Min.)

Donald O'Connor, Ann Blyth. Comedy, drama. The king of slapstick and the original "poor soul." From Keystone Cam to hilarious pantomime, Buster tops 'em all for being pathetic and roaringly funny. SHORTS: "Go Fly a Kit" (7 Min.), "I'll Be Doggone" (9 Min.)

THURS. "LIZZIE" (81 Min.)

Eleanor Parker, Richard Boone. Drama. Tale of a girl with a triple-split personality, as a drab museum employee, a normal sweet natured person, and a brain man-crazy seductive. Psychiatric, but interesting. SHORTS: "Muscle Beach Tom" (7 Min.), "Speed Sub Zero" (10 Min.)

News from Pasadena Annex



PUBLIC WORKS, MORRIS DAM—This group of young old timers composing the public works shop at Morris Dam, Maintenance and Utilities Branch, have an average length of service at NOTS of seven years. The men, their title, and length of service (kneeling, l. to r.) are: Edward Copple, machinist (maintenance), 1 year; Leroy Reynolds, engine man, hoisting and portable, 9 years; Hugh Armstrong, snapper, machinist (maintenance), 9 years; Francis Rivers, plumber, 6 years. Standing (l. to r.) are: Raymond Moore, painter, 7 years; Ralph Ferguson, joiner, 7 years; Elwood Waltz, electrician, 9 years; Conrado Galvez, rigger, 7 years; Ernest Hendricks, maintenance man, 8 years; and John Geadley, heavy duty equipment mechanic, 7 years. Not present was Charles Jacobs, welder, 7 years. Ken Sherman, head of the maintenance and utilities branch, points with pride to this group of men, who he says "are doing a fine job at Morris Dam in maintenance and upkeep of the facilities and equipment there."

Polio Shots Cancelled

Salk polio vaccinations originally scheduled to be given free to the public starting April 6 have been postponed until a later date according to word received from the City of Pasadena Health Department. The reason given for the delay is a shortage of available vaccine. Announcement will be made in the Rocketeer when the vaccinations are rescheduled.

Son of NOTS Man Is Chosen for Academy

Joe R. Blackington of P8087 recently announced that his son, Charles, has been appointed by Senator Thomas Kuchel to be a midshipman at the Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland.

Blackington's 19-year old son attends Pasadena City College and trains regularly with a submarine reserve unit in San Pedro. He hopes to get submarine assignment after his graduation from Annapolis, four years hence.

Annex Vacancies

Mechanical, General, or Ordnance Engineer, GS-9. This position is located in the Engineering Department, Industrial Division. Duties include investigation and analysis of fleet problems on special weapons, recommending necessity for additional test and evaluation, survey of fleet instructions, visits to fleet and shore stations to observe equipment installation and operation, and interview of personnel concerned. Duties also include preparation of new or revised material for manuals, or review and insertion of changes in a series of manuals. A minimum of secret clearance is required. Call Dorothy Seaman, Extension 103.

Launcher Design Engineer, GS-12. This position is located in the launching systems branch, Missile Development Division, Underwater Ordnance Department. The incumbent of this position will serve as senior project engineer for the development of shipboard launching devices, ready service equipment, and associated equipment for anti-submarine warfare missiles. Duties include design, launcher requirements, conducting design and development, studies, supervising de-



\$200 AWARD—Receiving a beneficial suggestion award of \$200 is Priscilla Estes (left), personnel assistant. Presenting the award is Fred Nathan (right), Head of the Personnel Division, Pasadena.

Priscilla Estes Receives a \$200 Award For Suggestion of Standby Typist Pool

The shortage of short-term and part-time employees prompted Priscilla Estes to submit about a year ago a beneficial suggestion for a means of relieving the situation.

Luncheon Program To Feature Dancing

On Monday, April 8, during the 12-12:30 lunch period, a program of recordings will be presented in the Building 7 conference room for your listening and dancing pleasure.

The following Monday, April 15, a program featuring pictures of Havana, Cuba and Key West, Florida, will be presented by John Sandy.

Her idea was a standby typist-steno pool. Employees in this pool would in effect be "on the rolls" in a non-pay status. When a supervisor desired temporary help for one day, two weeks, or up to six months, he could choose someone from the pool and have her on the job as quickly as one day from the date of his decision.

As the standby employee is already "on the rolls," several problems are immediately dispensed with such as the problem of shortage of applicants, difficulty in securing security clearance, and the time lag before an applicant can be brought on board.

Priscilla's idea has been in operation for six months now and has proven to be successful. Her award of \$200 is based on monetary savings of \$5,000 plus intangible benefits, and her idea will be reviewed again in six months to determine actual savings.

New Employees

P2573. Miss Marlene L. Hall, typist, GS2.
P801. Mr. V. Don Perrin, industrial engineer, GS-5.

SevNav Thomas Says Farewell to Navy

"Monday, April 1, I haul down my flag as Secretary of the Navy. Serving in that capacity is an honor that has come to few men. In my particular tour I have been privileged to serve while the Navy and Marine Corps have been making the most important and far-reaching transition in their history. With the high morale and enterprising leadership the Navy and Marine Corps are moving with bold imagination into the jet-atomic-missile age. I am firmly convinced that the Navy's tasks have never been more vital than they are today. Not only our own country's future well being and security but that of the entire free world are more dependent on American seapower than they have ever been before.

"To those who make the Navy their career may I say there is no finer, more satisfying or worthwhile career. To those whose Naval service is temporary may I say that you will always remember your service to your country with great satisfaction and pride.

"Your new Secretary, Mr. Thomas S. Gates, Jr., is uniquely qualified to serve the Navy in this important office. His outstanding combat career, his long and able service as Under Secretary of the Navy insure that the Navy will have experienced and able leadership in the critical days which lie ahead.

"Good luck, good sailing and God-speed to the new Navy and all hands."

Charles S. Thomas

Superintendent's Notes

By DR. EARL MURRAY, Superintendent of China Lake Schools

The annual election for school board members will be held on the stage of the cafeterium of the Burroughs School on Friday, May 17, 1957. This is a consolidated election for the school boards of the China Lake School District, the Kern County Union High School and Junior College District, and the Kern County Board of Education.

The voters will sign but one roster and receive but one ballot. Election officers will supervise only one election and make only one set of returns. The ballots will clearly identify and segregate the different offices which are to be filled and the names of the candidates for each office. Board members are elected for a period of three years.

A final date for filing declarations of candidacy in the office of the County Superintendent of Schools for this year's election is April 17, 1957. Such declarations can not be accepted later than this date, regardless of the mailing date or any other consideration. Failure to file in time does not necessarily prevent a person from being a candidate; it only prevents the County Superintendent from printing his name on the ballot. The individual may still be a "write-in" candidate.

The three year term of Joseph H. Haycock, who has served two terms on the China Lake Board, will expire this year. He has declared his intentions of retiring from the board. Mrs. Earl W. Anderson of 11-A Entwistle has filed a declaration of candidacy for the position.

Any other elector who desires to file may receive an Application Blank either from the County Superintendent of Schools or the local school superintendent.

The terms of Albert S. Gould of

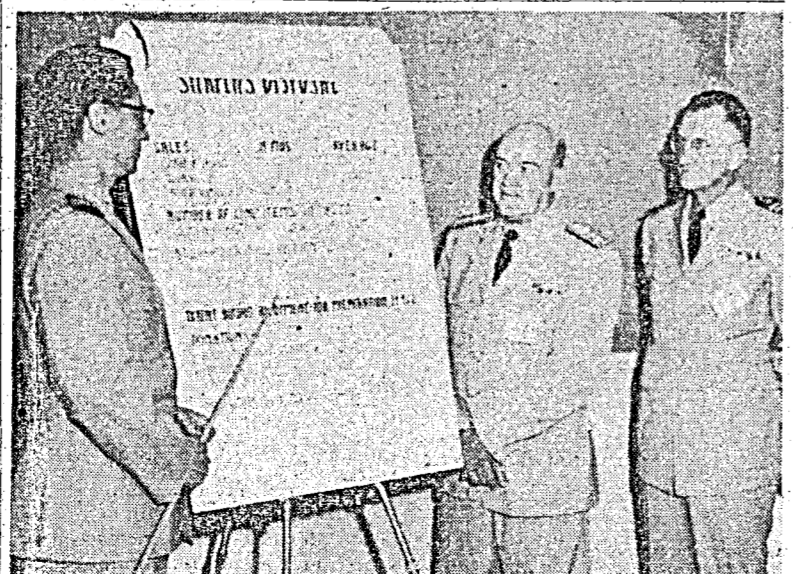
Health Fees Due Apr. 10

Members of NOTS Group Health Insurance are advised that the April payment will be due by the 10th of the month.

All future payments will be payable between the 25th of one month and the 10th of the following month.

HEAVY FUEL CONSUMPTION

The motor fuel used in the Iwo Jima campaign of World War II would have filled a train of tank cars 238 miles long, and the lubricating oil would have filled an additional 125 box cars.



ANNUAL INSPECTION—Capt. C. K. Phillips, Station Supply Officer; Lieut. RADM. W. W. Honaker, IIND Supply Officer (center), and Capt. J. W. Neal, Asst. Supply Officer (right), on chart of surplus disposals and operations of the Supply Dept. during the annual district inspection.

Pony League Banquet

The Pony League and the newly organized Babe Ruth League will sponsor a banquet on Wednesday, April 10 at 6 p.m. in the Community Center. Entertainment will be included. Kind invitations will be awarded to graduates of the Pony League. The price will be \$1.50 per plate.