

SPORTS CAR Winners in the last rally sponsored by the Indian Wells Valley Sports Car Club were Jerry Royce (driver) and navigator. The next Club rally is Sunday at 2 p.m. at the corner of Burles and Ward. Entry fee is \$2.50 for the 3-hour rally and picnic.

MCGMTU Men Right on Target

The Marine Corps Guided Missile Test Unit personnel proved last week that they can fire more than just TERRIER guided missiles with unerring accuracy, when 40% of the Unit qualified as experts with the M1 rifle at the annual requalification firing.

An expert has to score 220 or above out of a possible 250. Usually, 15 or 20% of a unit might establish this feat, but the local unit qualified an amazing 17 out of 43.

High man was S/Sgt. Don Gladden, with 236 bulls-eyes out of 250 shots. This tied T/Sgt. Walter Vaughn's 1954 record, which is also unofficially a Station record.

Those qualifying as experts, and their scores, were: Maj. Bruce A. Rushlow, 224; Capt. Melvin E. Dell, 224; 1st Lt. Denton Fenstermacher, 224; 1st Lt. Richard M. Condrey, 226; M/Sgt. George Travis, 220; T/Sgt. Joe Hendrick, 226; T/Sgt. Richard Dykstra, 229; S/Sgt. Don Gladden, 236; S/Sgt. Earl Hatton, 223; S/Sgt. Harold Perry, 223; Cpl. Arthur Gaudet, 225; Cpl. Neil Jasserson, 220; Cpl. Kenneth Keller, 228; Cpl. Donald Nelson, 223; Pfc. Melvin Hansen, 223; and Pfc. Leo Weakland, 226.

Limited Personnel May Qualify for Exam-free Insurance

Employees who were on leave during the enrollment period July 29 through August 31 will have an opportunity to join the new Group Health Plan under Mutual of New York without a physical examination. Coverage will become effective October 1.

This may be effected by showing evidence of leave in the form of a statement from the employee's supervisor substantiating the leave and presented to the Insurance Office, Room 12, Housing Office Bldg. This evidence will be accepted through October 4.

The popularity of this new health insurance plan is indicated by an enrollment exceeding that of former plans offered here at NOTS.

Present members are reminded of the importance of making their premium payments promptly within the collection period which is from the 25th of one month through the 10th of the month for which they are paying.

Hours of Collection
25th to 1st.....7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
1st through 10th.....7:30 a.m.-5:15 p.m.

Further Service Cut Slated for Military

Secretary of Defense Charles E. Wilson has ordered the Armed Forces to cut an additional 100,000 men to bring force levels down to 2.6 million shortly after July 1, 1958.

The new military personnel cut-back, approved by President Eisenhower, follows by only two months the July 16 edict to trim a similar number from the rolls by December 31.

Added reductions ordered in the new September 19 directive are: Army 50,000; Navy 15,000; Marine Corps 10,000, and Air Force 25,000.

It is important that these reductions be made "as promptly as possible," Mr. Wilson said in a memorandum to the service secretaries.

Strength ceilings fixed for next June 30, the end of Fiscal Year '58 are: Army 900,000; Navy 645,000; Marine Corps 188,000, and Air Force 875,000 for a total of 2.6 million. Although the Marine Corps will be required to drop 10,000 more men to a level of 180,000 at least, 8,000 of the latest reduction in force will be delayed until early FY '59, eventually bringing total military strength to 2.6 million.

According to August 31 reports, estimated strength by service was: Army 990,000; Navy 678,000; Air Force 922,000, and Marine Corps 193,500.

Between now and June 30, 1953, the Army will lose 90,000 men, the Navy 33,000, the Air Force 47,200, and the Marine Corps 2,000, or a total reduction of 181,700 from the current active duty strength of the Armed Forces.

These objectives can be accomplished, Mr. Wilson declared, within the framework of a balanced military program and without impairment of our national security through: (1) "Improvement of efficiency and elimination of non-essentials and duplication in administrative and logistical support activities;" (2) "Capitalizing on technical advances;" (3) "Devoting to the fullest extent the effective combat capabilities of smaller, more mobile forces;" and (4) "Reducing turn-over of trained, effective combat-ready personnel, and thereby reducing the number required to be in training pipelines for replacement purposes."

Except for previously announced troop reductions in Japan, the force economies are to be achieved without "materially" affecting major combat units overseas, Mr. Wilson added.

The retiring Defense Secretary, who relinquishes his cabinet post to Neil H. McElroy in October, also requested the service secretaries to submit to him by Sept. 27, 1957, monthly plans to make "maximum rate of reduction" designed to reach the ordered objectives.

Concert Preview Group to Study Season Program

Due to a successful program of concert previews conducted last year by the local branch of American Association of University Women, a similar series will be repeated this year. All concert patrons are invited to attend the first preview scheduled to be held on Tuesday, October 1, at 8 p.m. at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Ivar Highberg, 507 Essex Circle.

The first program to be previewed will be the Miss Blanche Theobom concert, scheduled to open the concert series at the Station Theatre on October 7.

Mrs. Wallace Allan, Mrs. Max Dubin and Mrs. John Daniel will assist Mrs. Highberg in discussing the composers whose works will be heard at the first concert of the 1957-58 Community Concert Series. Among the composers to be discussed will be Beethoven, Richard Strauss, Bizet, Bellini, and Brahms. Also illustrated will be themes from the numbers which Miss Theobom will sing by means of piano renditions, vocal selections, and recordings.

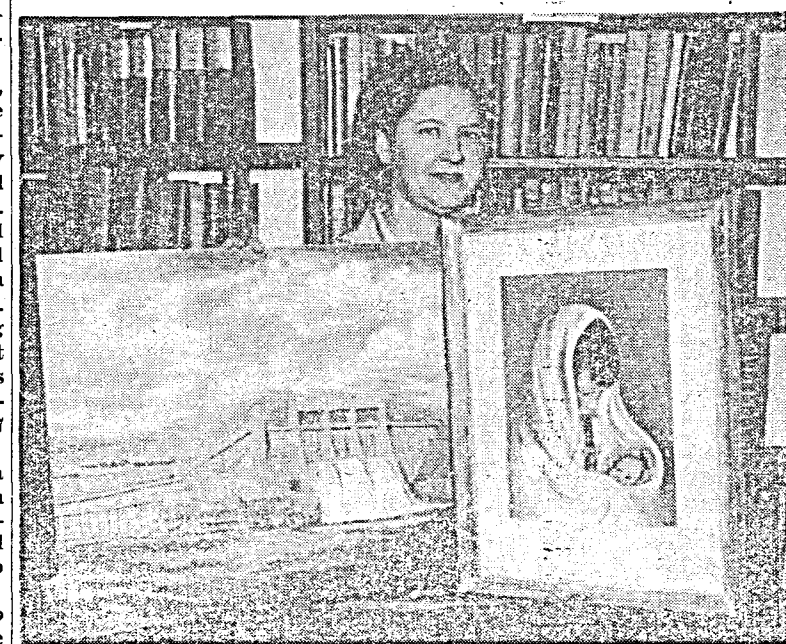
The concert preview group was organized for the purpose of giving concert patrons more enjoyment of the programs by providing an opportunity to study the background of the music to be presented.

Nursery Education Course to be Given

A course in Nursery Education and Procedures, offered by the Adult Education Division, will start October 15 in the Nursery School Office. The ten-week course will be instructed by Ruth Newland, Director of the China Lake Nursery School, on Tuesday nights from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Enrollment is limited to a class of 30 persons. Interested persons may enroll at the Burroughs School Office from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. any Monday through Thursday before the classes are scheduled to start.

Remember to complete and return Census Data cards and Station Directory cards.



ARTIST OF THE MONTH—Agnes F. Blew, employee in Cost and Analysis Branch of Central Staff, displays some of her oil paintings which can be viewed in the Station Library this month. With only two years of painting instructions, her first entry "Madonna of the Nursery" won a sweepstakes award in a Kern County Art Contest.

Superintendent's Notes

By Dr. EARL MURRAY, Superintendent of China Lake Schools

A child's education is not limited to the activities of the classroom. This is obvious if one considers education to be the total development of the individual. So-called "homework" is as essential as ever, but it changes in types and amounts as we progress in the development of the laws of learning.

In the modern classroom guided by a skillful teacher, much that the pupil does and learns is an extension of his daily living. The teacher's part is manifested by encouragement and guidance. The pupil is encouraged to develop and expand his particular abilities and interests. He learns from many sources including his classmates. He learns facts, skills and attitudes in a setting that is a part of his life and not apart from his life. When he leaves the classroom at the end of the day there is no sudden crossing of the border from the land of the taskmaster to the land of freedom. He has been guided to live and grow in wisdom and self-direction in the classroom and it can be expected that this growth will be manifested in his conduct outside the school. A desire has been fostered to pursue his interests outside the classroom. With his teacher and his fellow pupils during the day he will have planned his after school program.

A kind of activity, largely self-generated but organized through considerable planning in the classroom, now becomes his homework. It is no longer a stint of drudgery to satisfy a taskmaster; it is a means of fulfilling the child's normal desire to learn.

Homework now takes on many aspects, some familiar in appear-

ance and others quite different. It may be taking a trip or writing a report. It may be the careful observation of the shapes of flowers and trees or the planting of some seeds in a flower box to see them germinate and grow. It may be an excursion into art or music. It may be watching a particular television program, followed by a family discussion of its significance. It may be a conference with a local scientist. It may be the collection of a home reference library, indexed and annotated. It may be trying out a new game with brothers and sisters. It may be memorizing poetry. It may be drill and practice for some learning in which a pupil recognizes that his automatic response is essential such as in the use of number facts. It may be anything constructive that a child would normally do alone or with his playmates or with his family, except that now he undertakes it with an immediate or remote purpose that is high in his scale of values for a well ordered life.

Homework of this kind which grows out of a vitalized classroom is possible and desirable at all grade levels. Obviously, due consideration for age differences and for the basic needs of all children for adequate play and rest is essential. While the young child is not likely to become involved to any great extent in a self-propelled program outside the classroom, the adolescent in junior and senior high school who has been encouraged to develop over the years competency in a sustained, self-directed program of personal development can be expected to accept considerable responsibility for his educational activities outside the classroom. At every age, of course, the child's total day needs consideration. To do school work is not his only function. He needs time and energy to grow. He needs adequate opportunity for free play and rest. His schedule should not be so full that continuous pressure to get things done robs him of his childhood rights. Not all education is associated with school. Family life itself is important. The school cannot intrude unduly on out of school time.

This concept of in-school and out-of-school learning and development of the child requires close and continual contacts and cooperation between the teacher and parent. It is the duty of both the school and the home to foster this type of cooperation.

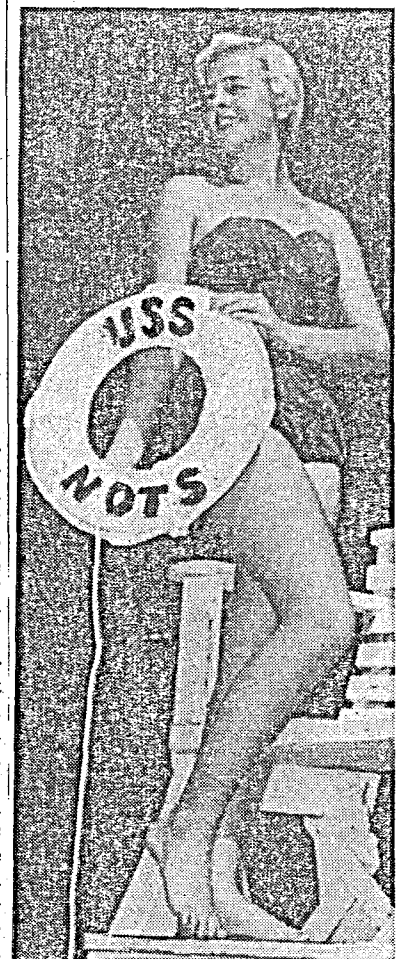
ACS Radio Show Lists Time Change

The American Chemical Society's radio program "Objective," presented locally on radio station KRKS by the Mojave Desert Section of the A.C.S., is to be heard at a new time.

Beginning Thursday, October 3, the program will be broadcast at 8:45 p.m. every Thursday instead of 7:45 p.m. every Wednesday.



SUBTLY Darlene Lynn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Noel G. Lynn of China Lake, gives a little collegiate flavor to the United Fund queen contest. Darlene is a sophomore at Bakersfield College. Makes one want to do a little graduate work.



LIFEGUARD ANYONE?—Bobbette Deem, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Deem of Ridgecrest, is another Queen hopeful. She's a senior at Burroughs High. She might not have a lifesaving certificate, but she can throw us a line anytime.

North High 26, Burroughs 7

Avenging last year's 34-0 trouncing, Bakersfield's North High football juggernaut rolled over the local Burroughs eleven, 26-7, last Friday night in Bakersfield.

The first quarter was scoreless, but North suddenly came to life when quarterback Ezell found Fisher behind the Burroughs secondary and uncorked a pass that was good for 63 yards to set up the first TD.

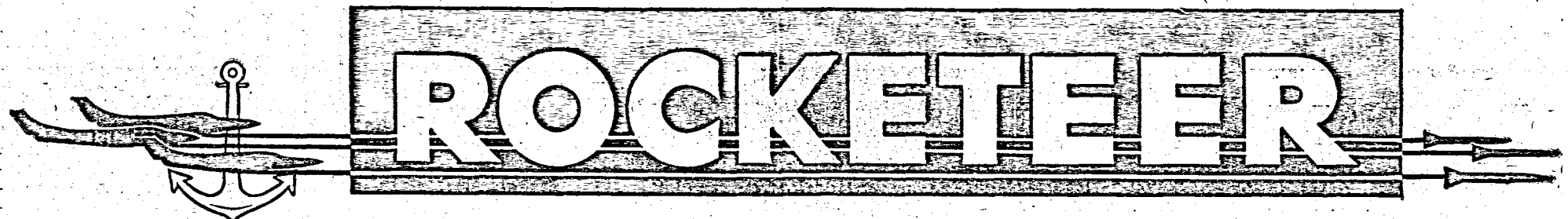
Later on in the same period Ezell connected with Burke for a 37-yard touchdown pass and the conversion was made bringing the score to 13-0.

Burroughs broke into the scoring column when Gary Maxwell hit Brewster with a touchdown pass from 18 yards out. Bill Oakes converted and the score stood at 13-7 at halftime.

Two more long passes set up a pair of North High touchdowns in the second half and both conversions were made, making the final score 28-7. North also had two touchdowns called back.

The North High "E" team also whipped the Burros "E's" by a score of 48-0.

Tonight, the Burros meet Lone Pine under the lights at Kelly Field. Kick-off time is 8 p.m. The locals will be heavily favored to pick up their first win of the season.



Station Hosts 24 Members of Italian Ministry of Defense

Twenty-four members of the Italian Ministry of Defense arrived today at NOTS accompanied by six Department of Defense officials, and military and civilian personnel.

Sponsored by the Department of Defense, the Italian group is interested in problems concerned with the TERRIER surface-to-air guided missile, which is tested for the Bureau of Ordnance here at NOTS. The group includes 12 military men, including one Lt. General and three Major Generals, and 14 civilians; all associated with the Italian Ministry of Defense.

The visitors were welcomed by Captain W. W. Hollister this morning at Michelson Lab and were shown a TERRIER film by Major B. A. Rushlow of MCGMTU before witnessing an actual firing of the missile at the Marine firing facility later in the morning.

Commentaries at the TERRIER firing were given by Captain J. H. Miller, Executive Officer of MCGMTU, and W. E. Vore, Head of Test Department's Project Engineering Division.

This afternoon the visitors from Italy toured TERRIER missile check-out facilities under the guidance of Lt. D. E. Roberts of GMU-25 before returning to Michelson Lab for a discussion of the missile test and evaluation program here at NOTS.

Missile Lethality Conferences Earlier in the week, on Wednesday, thirty persons from government agencies, universities, and private industry attended the "Missile Lethality Conference" here on the Station. The program dealt with problems of mutual interest in the field of target vulnerability to guided missiles.

Included in the group were representatives from NOL-Corona; Bu-Ord; NOL-White Oak; Johns Hopkins University; Aberdeen Proving Ground; Elgin AFB; New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology; U.S. Naval Air Development Ctr.; The Rand Corporation, and NOTS. Local representatives were John Pearson, Bob Grasley, and Henry Wedaa.

The tours were arranged and conducted by Bill Hampton, Station Technical Presentations Coordinator, with the aid of John C. Lewis and Billie Davis.

The visitors were welcomed by Capt. F. A. Chenaull, Executive Officer, before travelling to SNORT and Area "R" to witness test firings. A technical discussion was held in the afternoon.

United Fund Sets '57 Campaign Fund Goal at \$40,000

The United Fund goal this year is \$40,000, according to a recent announcement by Mrs. Evie Ashburn, Indian Wells Valley Chapter president.

This figure covers the entire budget for the total community welfare drive objectives, she said, and is part of the overall national United Fund figure of \$380,000,000 quoted by President Eisenhower.

In his August 17 letter to the heads of executive departments and agencies of the U.S. government, President Eisenhower said, "This fall, United Funds make their annual appeals across the land and among federal, civilian and military personnel for the support of many thousands of charitable organizations. These include such national agencies as the Red Cross, USO, and those working to eliminate disease and secure the health of us all. For these splendid purposes, they seek to raise more than \$380,000,000."

"We, in government, want to assume our full share of support of the many private health and welfare organizations which make up the great humanitarian heart of the national community. The United Fund campaign provides us with an opportunity for exercising the traditional American quality of neighborliness."

All the people of Inyokern and Ridgecrest, as well as the government employees of China Lake will have this opportunity to do their own exercising of that American neighborliness quality about which the President spoke, when the Indian Wells Valley United Fund campaign opens in October, Mrs. Ashburn said.

United Fund captains for China Lake this year are: Johnnie Bales, 621-C Sangamon; Maxine Booty, 601, Essex Circle; Emma Ericson, 21-B N. Mitscher; Dorothy Monson, 58-A Franklin; Ken Powers, 304-A Fowler; Max Rorick, 216-A Ellis; Bud Sewell, 675-B Rowe; and Bill Thorpe, 313-B Princeton.

Turn Back Clocks

China Lake—and the rest of California—goes off Daylight Saving Time Sunday as the official time for turning clocks back is set for 2 a.m., Sunday morning, Sept. 29.

This will end the annual five-month period when California is one hour ahead of the sun. As the time for changing is 2 a.m., most citizens will, for convenience, turn back their clocks when they retire tomorrow night.

Very simple. Unless, of course, you run a clock store.



SUPERSONIC—Cheryl Hugo, 18-year-old daughter of Mrs. Marcella Suddeth of China Lake, fits right in with the smooth lines of an FJ-4 Fury jet. Cheryl is one of the United Fund Queen Contest entries.



HONORED—Dr. Wm. B. McLean, Station Technical Director, presents a bronze plaque to its first recipient, Mrs. Sylvia Besser, in honor of her achievement as past Executive Director of the Desert Area Family Service Agency. The Sylvia Besser Award was established to be given annually in recognition of outstanding contributions by persons or organizations to the community in the field of mental health.

Sylvia Besser Presented First Social Work Award in Area

The first award ever made for service in the field of social work in the Indian Wells Valley was presented to Mrs. Sylvia Besser of China Lake last Monday evening at a dinner meeting of the Desert Area Family Service Agency.

A bronze plaque, with a certificate commending Mrs. Besser for her work with the Agency, was presented by Dr. William B. McLean, Station Technical Director and ex-officio member of the board of directors of the Desert Area Family Service Agency.

The plaque will be known as the Sylvia Besser Award. Each year, the name of the individual or group to receive the award will be engraved on the plaque under that of Mrs. Besser and a certificate similar to the one she received Monday will be presented to the honored recipient.

Mrs. Evie Ashburn, a member of the board of directors for three years, related the history of the Agency and the part Mrs. Besser contributed to its growth.

The official organization of the Agency took place in January, 1951, but the first steps toward formulating the group began 10 years ago when the China Lake Branch of the American Association of University Women undertook a special project. This was to make a study of mental health problems at this new Navy Station and determine what facilities were available locally.

Results of the study revealed that a great need existed; but no facilities were available. In Bakersfield, they found that the Kern General Hospital had one ward for mentally ill patients; a child guidance clinic; the services of one psychiatrist; one psychologist; two trained social workers; and a long waiting list of children. Children from this area, the group was told, would be given an initial interview and then wait as long as one year for treatment.

There were a few psychologists in the Kern County School system, but it was seldom that one was able to get to the east Kern area. It looked as though nothing could be done for the Indian Wells Valley, but finally, in 1950, an incident occurred that changed the entire picture.

Virginia McDonald, then president of the local AAUW, was invited to attend a budget hearing of the Community Chest. The discussion centered on helping Boy and Girl Scouts and other character building organizations in addition to an emergency relief fund for monetary help to individuals and families. Mrs. McDonald suggested that the money earmarked for emergency relief might be better spent for counseling service for needy persons. She contended that proper

All Station personnel are urged to have their cars inspected. (Continued on Page 2)

Tomorrow Last Day for Free Auto Safety Check

The last of a series of two free auto safety checks will be held tomorrow on the Schoeffel Field parking lot from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Members of the Royal Order of Moose, China Lake Lodge 253, Rod Morgan and Rae Leonard are volunteering their time and labor on this project.

Results of last Saturday's checks show that 54 out of 148 cars were rejected due to faulty mechanism. All Station personnel are urged to have their cars inspected.

DISTINGUISHED VISITORS—Touring the Station last Monday at the beginning of a state-wide tour were four Congressmen from the San Joaquin Valley. Seated (l. to r.) are: Hon. Harlan Hagen, 14th District; Hon. Clair Engle, 2nd District; and Hon. John McFall, 11th District. Standing are: Capt. W. W. Hollister; Hon. B. F. Sisk, 13th District; and Dr. Wm. B. McLean.

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Besser Awarded...

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 counsel given in time would eliminate the need for emergency relief.

The merit of Mrs. McDonald's plan was recognized by the board of directors and a sum of \$1,000 for a counseling service was allocated, providing a trained social worker and suitable facilities could be found.

Several trained social workers were available at China Lake, and at that time, but they all felt too close to the people of the area, and contended that a stranger would be more successful because people would feel freer to discuss intimate problems.

About that time, Dr. Eli Besser, a new arrival at China Lake, and his wife, Sylvia, who had several years experience as a social worker and was completing a course of study at the University of Minnesota were contacted. The outcome was that Sylvia agreed to work one day a week for a period of one year.



Cdr. George Weir Retires After 22 Years of Service

Commander George T. Weir, Commanding Officer of Enlisted Personnel here for more than two years, will retire Monday after 22 years in the Navy.

Enlisting in the Navy in December of 1934, Cdr. Weir was commissioned an Ensign in 1942 and attended Diesel Engineering Schools at the University of Illinois and in Beloit, Wisconsin. During his Navy career eighteen years were spent in diesel and steam engineering while the last five were involved with administrative duties.

Cdr. Weir served as Engineering Officer aboard the USS MONROVIA, USS ADAMS, USS O'BRIEN and USS OZBOURNE. Aboard the USS CIMARRON he was Executive Officer and Navigator. During World War II he was attached to ComMinesPacStaff as Assistant Maintenance Officer of ComMinesDivOne, during minesweeping operations in Japanese and Chinese waters.

During the Korean conflict he helped place 25 ships into commission and return them to active status for minesweeping operations as Engineering Officer of Sub Group Two of the Atlantic Reserve Fleet's Com Texas Group.

Cdr. Weir arrived at NOTS in January of 1955 and has served as Commanding Officer of Enlisted Personnel since. He will continue to live at 173 Farragut St. in Ridgecrest with his wife Hazel and their two sons, George and Walter, and plans to enter the insurance business.

Job Opportunities

Clerk, GS-3. This vacancy is in the Test Department. The incumbent will be responsible for scheduling use of IBM 701 and 704 computers involving the determining of workload and priority of work and keeping records of usage time. Only persons with Career or Career-Conditional status should apply. Call Fawn Haycock, Ext. 71577 or 71514.

Equipment Specialist, GS-7. This opening is in Test Department. The occupant of this position will serve as a Departmental representative in Plant Account matters pertaining to coordination of inventory, identification, record keeping, local reporting procedures, surveys, actions and interdepartmental liaison on Plant Account and Transportation Equipment matters. Call Fawn Haycock, Ext. 71514 or 71577.

Head, Projects Branch, Vacancy in Projectile Range Division, Test Department. Planning, directing and supervising branch developmental test programs for various types of fuses for projectiles, rockets and guided missiles and for other ordnance equipment. As required, acts as Division Head. Call Fawn Haycock, Ext. 71514 or 71577.

Personnel Clerk (General) (Typing), GS-4. This position is in Public Works Department's Administrative Division, Personnel Branch. This requires two years clerical experience, one year of which must be in the Personnel field. Call Ann Carter, Ext. 72218.

Clerk, GS-3. Incumbent of this position will be in the Official Visitor Control Branch in Command Administration Department. Those interested should contact Ann Carter, Ext. 72218.

Mail Clerk, GS-2. This vacancy exists in Supply Department, Administrative Division. Contact Ann Carter, Ext. 72218.



Michael Cavallante, CWO To USS Boston

Chief Warrant Officer Michael Cavallante, USN, leaves the Station Monday to go aboard the USS BOSTON (CAG-1), the Navy's first guided missile cruiser.

At NOTS for the last 19 months, Cavallante has served as Missile Launching Officer at G-1 Range for Test Department, and also with the Propellants and Explosives Department as Explosives Control Officer.

A 26-year Navy veteran, Cavallante enlisted in 1930 and has served as gunners-mate and gunner aboard numerous battleships and cruisers. He is a survivor of the USS VINCENNES, sunk off Guadalcanal in 1942.

He is a native of Vanderbilt, Pa.

SHOWBOAT

Matinee Sat. and Sun. - 1 p.m.
 Evening 6 and 8 p.m. daily

TODAY "MAN WITH A THOUSAND FACES" (121 Min.) James Cagney, Dorothy Malone

SAT. "GUNSIGHT RIDGE" (85 Min.) Joel McCrea, Mark Stevens
 SHORTS: "Ruray Ridinghood" (7 Min.) "Harris' Around" (16 Min.)

MATINEE "DESERT SANDS" (86 Min.) SHORTS: "Cagey Bird" (7 Min.) "Lost Planet" No. 8 (16 Min.)

SUN.-MON. "JEANNE EAGLES" (108 Min.) Jeff Chandler, Kim Novak
 SHORTS: "Bermuda Cockleshells" (8 Min.)

TUES.-WED. "MR. ROCK AND ROLL" (85 Min.) Alan Freed, Rocky Graziano
 SHORTS: "Simple Things" (7 Min.) "Solar the Leaper" (8 Min.)

THURS.-FRI. "UNHOLY WIFE" (95 Min.) Diana Dors, Rod Steiger
 SHORTS: "Lambert the Sheepish Lion" (7 Min.) "Swamp Boat Sports" (9 Min.)

NOTS ON THE AIR KRKS (1240)

NOTS NEWS 12 noon and 8 p.m. Monday through Friday

MUSICAL MEMORIES Tuesday, 8 p.m.

NOTS INTERVIEW Tuesday, 8:30 p.m. Cdr. C. C. Callaway, Executive Officer, Naval Air Facility.

KRCK (1360)

NOTS NEWS 12:15 daily

NOTS INTERVIEW Sunday, 12:30 p.m. Dr. Gilbert J. Plain, Associate Head of Research Dept.

NOTS Overseas Club

Would-be travelers who would like to tour Europe at no cost are invited to attend a showing of colored slides taken by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dudley during their NOTS Overseas Club tour of Europe last spring.

The showing will be held at the Community Center next Monday at 8 p.m.

Little League Meet

The China Lake Little League's annual meeting will be held at the Burroughs Cafetorium at 8 p.m., Wednesday, October 2. Annual reports will be given and officers elected for the coming year.

Civic Leaders Needed For Community Council

Nomination of candidates for a position on the Board of Directors of the China Lake Community Council are now being accepted by the Directors of the Council.

China Lake and Ridgecrest residents are urged to submit their names for nomination by October 8 to their precinct directors or to Mrs. G. H. Mayberry, at Ext. 72290 from 3:30-5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The China Lake Community Council serves as the community's elected representatives in matters of civic interest. Voting this year will be held in the homes of Council directors, and the location of polls will be published in the Rocketeer before election day November 5.

Fire Prevention Week—October 6-12

(Editor's note: This is the first in a series of articles by Fire Chief A. C. Wright dealing with the most common causes of fires and the way that we can prevent them.)

Thoughtless Smoker, a Firebug

Another year and the careless smoker has led the pack; being the direct cause of 14 fires at China Lake and 21 fires in the Ridgecrest district.

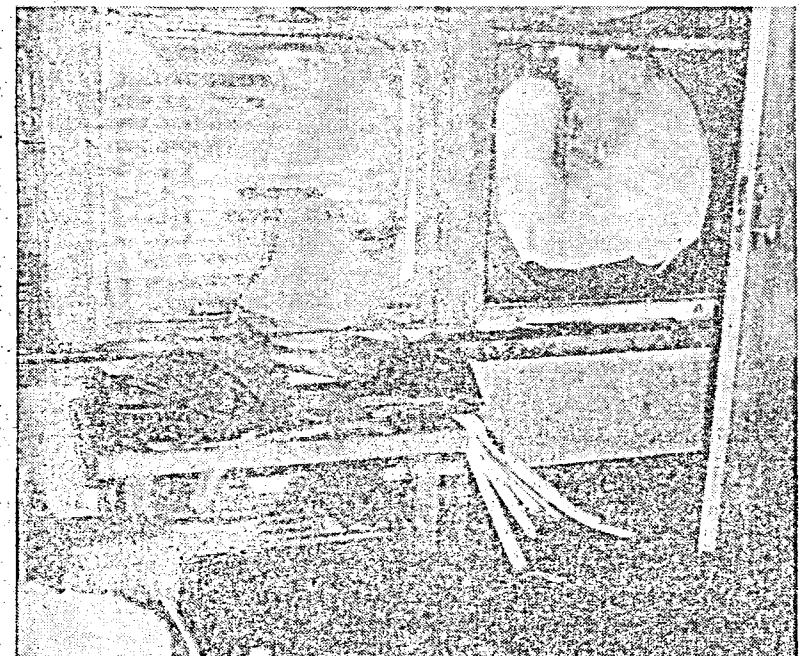
Match heads and cigarettes have no brains—and the same can be said for the 200,000 smokers in this country who persist in setting our homes and forests on fire each year.

On the average, according to Fire Chief A. C. Wright, the thoughtless smoker starts about 200,000 fires of all kinds in a year.

The sad part of it is, the Chief says, is that we almost always make the mistake of placing the blame for these fires on the match and cigarette rather than on the unthinking person using them.

Chief Wright recommends being ever mindful of these simple rules:

- If you smoke in bed, break this deadly habit at once. It is one of the most common—and correctible—causes of fire death.
- Make certain your matches and cigarettes are completely out before disposing of them. Break the match between your fingers and grind the cigarette until the lighted end is cool to the touch.
- Have plenty of ashtrays around your house and office. Make sure they are non-combustible, non-spillable, non-tippable and large—but not so large as to substitute for the waste basket.
- When driving, discard your matches and cigarettes in the car's ash tray.
- After parties and every night after retiring, look beneath sofa cushions and around stuffed chairs for cigarettes that may have fallen unnoticed into such highly combustible hiding places.
- Remember—don't give fire a place to start.



CIGARETTE DAMAGE—This fire in an old duplex was started by a careless cigarette smoker resulting in \$1500 damage.

Capt. Hollister Lauds Ground Defense Unit

"The Commander takes great pride in the outstanding performance of the Naval Emergency Ground Defense Force in combating the major forest fire in the Greenhorn Mountains, Sequoia National Forest, on September 9 and 10.

"The prompt and effective assistance provided by the Naval Emergency Ground Defense Force contributed to the early containment of the fire, thereby preventing a great loss of forest land and the wild life of the area.

"I extend to each of you a hearty 'well done.'"

Signed
 Capt. W. W. Hollister
 Station Commander

Listing Changes For Station Directory

Residents desiring to make changes in the Station Directory information submitted earlier this month may do so up to Friday, October 4, 1957.

Another Directory Listing card should be completed in full on both sides and turned in to the Telephone-Business Office with the word "CHANGE" written in the upper right corner to avoid duplication.

Corrections cannot be accepted after October 4 as printing will be in process after that date.

Pool, Gym to Close

The Station Gym and Swimming Pool will be closed during the month of October for complete renovation, according to a recent announcement by the Special Services Division.

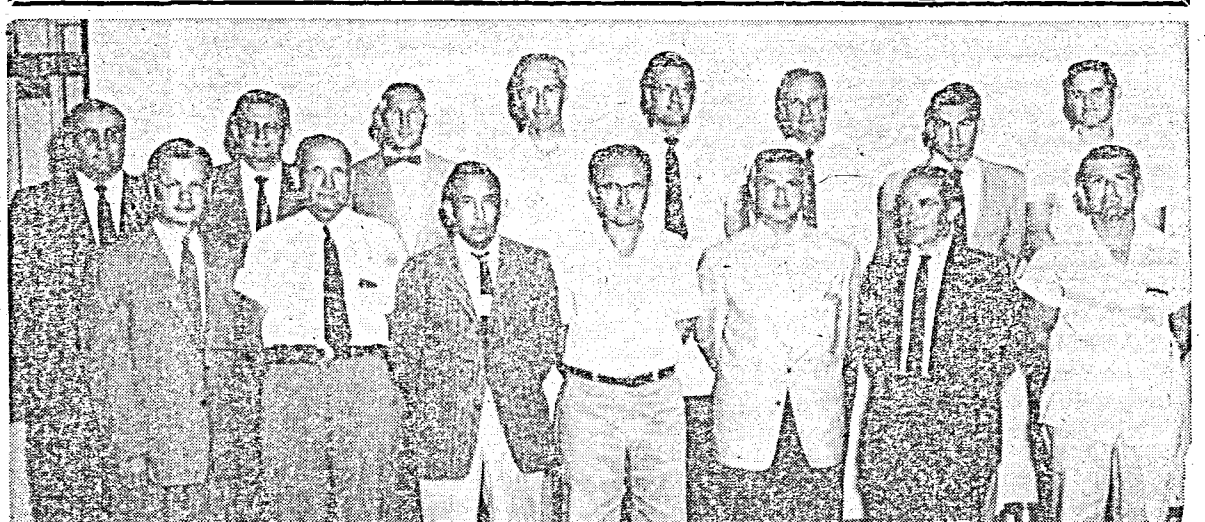
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| Sept. 20 | 80 | 49 |
| Sept. 21 | 83 | 49 |
| Sept. 22 | 83 | 47 |
| Sept. 23 | 87 | 48 |
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AT EASE—Servicemen congregate at their newly opened recreation center to play chess, one of the many activities planned for leisure fun at the Parish House on Hussey Rd. Shown seated (l. to r.) are: L. E. Liddell, A. P. Jeske, and N. L. Greenfeldt. Standing (l. to r.) are: Ralph Jones and Jerry Williams.

News from Pasadena



AWARD CEREMONY—Superior Accomplishment awards for work in connection with development and evaluation of the RAT weapon system are presented at ceremonies in UOD's Systems Operations Division. Shown above are awardees and supervisors who presented the awards. Front row (l. to r.) are: D. J. Wilcox, Head of UOD; awardees Frank B. Millard, Luis Marquez, Raymond A. Muskus, Richard K. Heller, H. A. P. Smith and Jack N. Zaun. Back row: D. A. Kunz, Head of Systems Operations Division; C. D. Stock, former head of range branch; Milton D. Blatt, head of laboratory branch; awardees Robert Beresford, Edward P. Carpenter, James W. Taylor, Dale E. Willhite and Thomas L. Cloer. Awardees not present are Gerald A. Nelson and Herman A. Torkelson.

Systems Operations Division Presents Award on RAT Weapon System Work

For contributions to the program during development and evaluation of the RAT weapon system, thirteen men of Systems Operations Division, Underwater Ordnance Department, received Superior Accomplishment awards. Respective branch and section heads presented the awards totalling \$290 to awardees who are listed below with the amounts received, periods covered, and the areas in which contributions were made:



BENNY SUGG AWARD—Dolly E. Oliphant (right), security branch clerk, and CHELCTECH G. E. Wilkes, Security Officer, look over the form letters devised by Dolly and netting her \$80 in beneficial suggestion.

Visit Clearance Form Letters Earn \$80 For Security Clerk

Two beneficial suggestions have paid off for Dolly E. Oliphant, security branch clerk in charge of processing official visitors at NOTS Pasadena. Checks totalling \$80 were presented to Dolly by CHELCTECH G. E. Wilkes, Security Officer, at a recent ceremony in Command Administration Division.

Dolly's suggestions consist of two form letters which expedite the processing of requests for official visits to the station. The new forms save approximately eight minutes per letter resulting in a monetary savings of almost \$600 per year.

NOTS Golf Tournament Fifteen Promoted During September

Golfers at NOTS Pasadena are participating in a tournament to determine the individual golf champion at the Annex. The tournament is broken up into three flights—the championship flight, and Flight A and B.

In the finals of the championship flight are Wendell Alexander and Bill Shealy. At press time, the schedules of Flights A and B were not known.

Annex golfers are planning in the near future to organize a team to challenge a China Lake team to a match to be played on a course in the Antelope Valley, about halfway between the two locations.

NOTS Overseas Club

Members of the NOTS Overseas Club who were on the 1957 European tour met last Saturday evening at the Leonard Semeyns in Monrovia, A. barbecue dinner was served after which Fred VanDen Brouck showed movies taken on the tour. Thirty-three members of the "group" from Pasadena and China Lake were present.

Fifteen employees at NOTS Pasadena have received promotions this month as follows:

Supply—Virginia E. Banister to supervisory purchasing agent, GS-8; Grace Naylor to purchasing agent, GS-7; Juanita G. Patterson to procurement clerk, GS-4; and Arleen K. Melohn to clerk-typist, GS-3.

Personnel—Madge L. Davis and Betty T. Butler to personnel clerks (general) (typing), GS-5.

Public Works—Claude L. Wooley to Laborer, step 3.

Underwater Ordnance—John H. Campbell to engineering aid (ordnance), GS-6; Fred A. Anderson to production specialist (general), GS-13; Mike A. Slivcov, engineering draftsman (mechanical), GS-4; Richard K. Heller, to physicist (general), GS-13; Joseph H. Taber to supervisory ordnance engineer, GS-13; Calvin W. Sweat to aerodynamic development engineer, GS-9; Veronica Forde to secretary (stenography), GS-4; and George W. Curtis to engineering draftsman (mechanical), GS-4.

Concert Ticket Sales Drive Ends Monday

Area residents are reminded that the fall ticket sales campaign for the 1957-58 concert series by the NOTS Civic Concert Association will end September 30, one week before the first concert.

Vouchers sold during this campaign may be exchanged for tickets and seat reservations on October 2 between 5 and 8 p.m. in the Community Center.

Persons unable to exchange vouchers at this time may do so the following Friday, October 4, at the Station Theatre ticket office from 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

United Press Man Visits China Lake, Pasadena

Glenn Stackhouse, famed United Press writer, visited the Station recently for the purpose of doing a story on the C-Special Test Range (better known as Charlie Range) here at NOTS. He also toured NOTS Pasadena facility.

Accompanied by Station Information Specialist Ernie George, Stackhouse's visit also enabled him to witness the aerial maneuvers of the "Blue Angels" who were performing overhead during the feature writer's stay at NOTS.

While at China Lake, he interviewed Dr. N. E. Ward, Dr. Ivar Highburg, Captain W. W. Hollister, and Duane Mack, head of operations at Charlie Range. At Pasadena, he talked with Commander J. J. O'Brien, D. J. Wilcox, M. Van Reed, Tom Mico, A. J. Tickner and L. Z. Maudlin.

Toyland Opens Oct. 4

The Navy Exchange Toyland will open Friday, October 4 at 1 p.m. Its location this year will be in the Dallas Hut located adjacent to the tennis courts at the rear of the Station Theatre.

As in previous years, an attractive array of toys of all descriptions will be displayed. A ribbon cutting ceremony is planned for the grand opening.



HERE THEY COME—Shown (l. to r.) are Station Information Specialist Ernie George, UP Writer Glenn Stackhouse, and Movie Director Bill Blume as they watch the Blue Angels zoom overhead. Stackhouse was invited to NOTS for a possible story on Charlie Range and also visited the Pasadena facility to cap a busy week. Phil Lilly was operating the tracking camera.