



NEW MARINE EXEC.—Major Paul F. Curtis (left) takes over the Executive Officer duties of the Marine Barracks from outgoing Lt. Col. P. J. Mulrooney after deepsixing the old name plate.

Maj. P. F. Curtis Is New Marine Exec

Major Paul F. Curtis, USMC, relieved Lieutenant Colonel P. J. Mulrooney, Executive Officer of the Marine Barracks on June 29, 1958. Lt. Col. Mulrooney had been stationed at China Lake since September, 1956. He was transferred to the Marine Corps School, Quantico, Va., where he will attend the Senior Amphibious Warfare Course.

Major Curtis reported from the First Marine Division at Camp Pendleton, California, where he served as Executive Officer of the 1st Anti-Tank Battalion. A veteran of World War II and the Korean conflict, Major Curtis brings to his new job a broad background of experience gained from service ranging from Europe to the Far East.

Entering the Service in 1937, Maj. Curtis served as an enlisted man until 1944 when he received a field commission. In addition to his campaign medals, he wears the Silver Star medal, the Bronze Star medal, and the Purple Heart.

While stationed at China Lake, Maj. Curtis, his wife, and three sons will make their home at 601-A Nimitz.

Community Council Reports...

Negotiating a new group health insurance plan for NOTS employees was the principal topic of business at the June 24 Community Council meeting as Mr. Eugene Street, insurance agent, and Mrs. Dee Cox, Station insurance administrator, discussed the status of the present contract with Mutual of New York.

Each year the Community Council, acting as agent for all Station employees, negotiates a group medical policy with a major insurance company. The present plan, initiated last August, has offered unusually broad coverage for employees and their dependents and has proved most successful operation-wise.

Mr. Street pointed out, however, that unforeseen heavy use of the policy has created a situation where the existing surplus of premiums over claims does not cover administrative costs. Furthermore, hospital costs are going up continually at the rate of 6 per cent per year, so that it is expected that the current benefit schedule will have to be revised upward in order to be accepted by the local hospital.

From 80 to 250 youngsters have made use of the facility each night it has been open in recent weeks, and there have been surprisingly few incidents where it proved necessary for the Director to intervene.

A wide range of activities is now being offered, including movies, supervised dances, miniature golf, volleyball, croquet, and other sports. Instruction in ballroom and square dancing is also available.

Evidence that the RAFT Club is filling a definite need for teenage recreation is particularly gratifying to Community Council members since it was in the Council that the proposal for a teenage center originated.

The Nominating Committee reported that Harry Porter had consented to be nominated to fill the vacancy in Precinct No. 1 and was accordingly elected by a voice vote.



GROUP AWARD—Employees of the Mail, Files and Records Branch of Command Administration receive a group Superior Achievement Award of \$280 for improving work methods to assume additional workload despite reduced personnel. Pictured (l. to r.) are: T. H. Kelley, Head, Department Staff; recipients Mary Anne Gibbons; Pearl R. Douglas; Nita M. Smith; Martha G. Carson; Anna Boyd Clifton, Branch Head; Evelyn G. Limuti; and Cdr. S. W. Mitchell, Department Head.



FISH STORY—Lovely Joyce Nizari poses with the little one that didn't get away at the Miami, Fla., waterfront. It's hard to imagine that any fish wouldn't want to be hooked by such a handsome fisher-lady.

Coming Events

AFGE Monthly Meeting

The American Federation of Government Employees, Lodge 1781, will hold its regular monthly meeting in Room "A" in the Community Center at 7 p.m. next Monday, July 14.

Yacht Club Meets

The China Lake Yacht Club will meet next Monday, July 14, at 8 p.m. in the Anchorage to discuss plans for the next cruise.

Navy Wives Slate Sponsor's Tea

The Navy Wives Club will hold its annual Sponsor's Tea next Wednesday, July 16, from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Anchorage. Baby sitters will be available.

Guest of honor will be Mrs. H. V. Joslin, wife of Lt. Col. H. V. Joslin, Commanding Officer of the Marine Barracks at NOTS. As the Club sponsor for the past year, Mrs. Joslin has generously contributed much time and energy to furthering the club objectives.

All wives of enlisted men are invited to attend. For further information please call Ann Smith, Ext. 77033; Mickey Wight, Ext. 74141; or Phyllis Thorpe, Ext. 725181.

The Civil Service Act, 75 years old in January 1958, provides for competitive examinations open to all citizens.



ALL HANDS TURN TO—Age is no barrier when it comes to lending support to a popular community project such as the 6th annual Ice Cream Social to be held on the lawn of the RAFT Club next Tuesday, July 15, from 7 to 9 p.m. Crew members (l. to r.) are: Jane Wilson, Sid, Jim, Robert, and Mrs. K. G. Clemans.

Church Guild Plans Ice Cream Social Tuesday, July 15

The sixth annual Ice Cream Social sponsored by the Women's Guild of the NOTS Community Church will be held on the lawn of the RAFT Club next Tuesday, July 15, from 7 to 9 p.m. The traditional event will feature home-made ice cream, pies and cakes. In addition there will also be special entertainment for the children, featuring clowns and a magic show, according to Mrs. Haskell Wilson, general chairman of the event.

Per Diem Personnel Granted Pay Raise

Nineteen hundred and ninety-seven NOTS ungraded per diem employees of which 1,798 are at China Lake and 199 are at Pasadena will receive an average hourly increase of 18 1/2 cents or 7.9 per cent, according to Rudy Sausser, the Station's Wage and Classification Division Head.

Table with 4 columns: Job Title, Pay 1st, 2nd, 3rd. Includes Laborer (cleaner), Laborer (Heavy), Shop Learner, Helpers, Ordnance Wkr. (A & E), and Fireman.

Tickets are 50 cents for adults and 25 cents for children. They may be purchased from any member of the Guild or at the NOTS Community Church office or at the Social.

Persons attending from off station may obtain a visitor pass from the Marine Sentries at the gate by stating they are attending the NOTS Community Ice Cream Social.

More than 700 persons attended the event last year. It is held for the purpose of providing old-fashioned community-wide fellowship and to raise money to support the various missionary projects of the Women's Guild.

For the past several years the Women's Guild has contributed support to ministry work among the migrant workers in the San Joaquin Valley, to missionary work in Peru, and has given financial aid during the past three years to a young Japanese girl who has been studying in the United States.

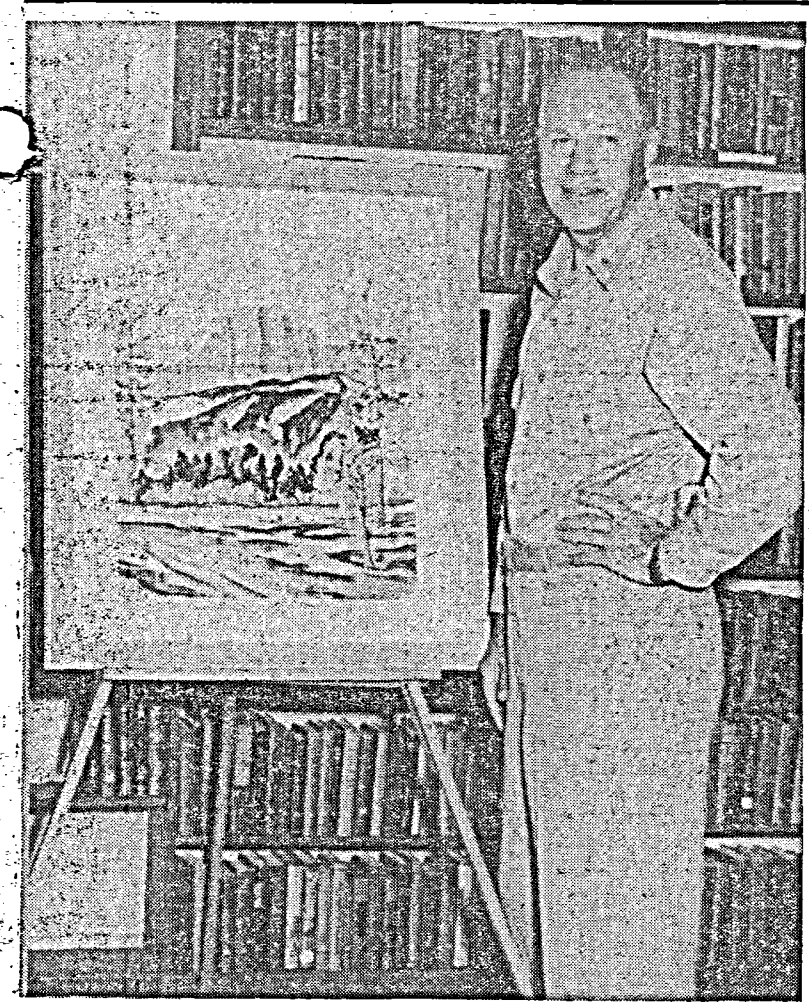
Committee members assisting in preparation for the event are: Mrs. Robert Atkinson, ice cream; Mrs. William Ward, cakes; Mrs. George Silberman, beverages; Mrs. Robert Blaise, hostesses; Mrs. Richard Murphy, children's entertainment, and Mrs. H. L. Anderson, tickets.

Station Quarters Due For First Paint Job

A contract has been awarded for painting the exterior of the Card St. apartments and all the Old Duplexes south of Halsey Ave. The work started last Monday, July 7, and is due to be completed by mid-January, 1959.

Residents in the quarters involved are being notified one week in advance to remove prized plants or personal property within six feet of the building to protect them against damage. Colors for each building have been selected according to a schedule from which no deviations can be made.

There are 14 million people in the United States over the age of 65. Of those who have retired, 60 percent of them are receiving monthly Social Security benefits.



ARTIST OF THE MONTH—Capt. H. L. Anderson is shown with one of his seven landscapes on exhibit during July in the Station Library.

Captain H. L. Anderson, Medical Officer, Designated Artist-of-the-Month for July

Captain H. L. Anderson, Medical Officer at the Station Hospital, has been selected Artist of the Month for July. His art work will be on display at the Station Library during the entire month.

Landscapes are Capt. Anderson's favorite category. Seven of his collection are on exhibit, one oil painting and the rest in watercolor, his favorite media. He was awarded two blue ribbons for his watercolors at the Kern County Art Festival this year in addition to honorable mention.

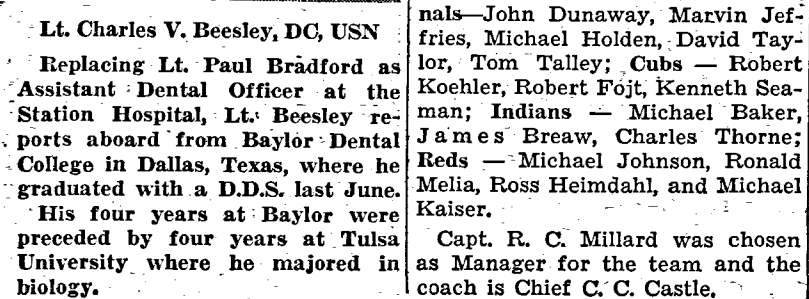
Capt. Anderson became interested in painting about ten years ago while he was stationed at Camp Pendleton. An adult art class which met on weekends was started in Oceanside, and he joined "just for kicks." Since then, he has finished about 150 paintings, all 22" x 30".

Four of his paintings, which he alternates periodically, are on exhibit at all times in the Southern California Music Company in San Diego. He has even sold some "for fun," he says.

At each new station, Capt. Anderson has made it a point to take brush-up courses, even during furlough assignments such as Japan and Hawaii. His hobbies are not limited to art work. He also plays the clarinet and the saxophone.

Of immediate concern to him is the status of approximately 50 of his paintings which he stores under the bed. Recently, his daughter's pet kangaroo rat escaped from his cage and it was five or six days before Capt. Anderson retrieved him.

What damages that rat may have done to his collection of canvasses during his escapade is yet unknown. Capt. Anderson is afraid to look.



Lt. Charles V. Beesley, DC, USN Replacing Lt. Paul Bradford as Assistant Dental Officer at the Station Hospital, Lt. Beesley reports aboard from Baylor Dental College in Dallas, Texas, where he graduated with a D.D.S. last June. His four years at Baylor were preceded by four years at Tulsa University where he majored in biology.

Hundreds Witness Holiday Fireworks

A spectacular Fourth of July fireworks display witnessed by hundreds of community residents and their guests last Friday night was the result of volunteer efforts of individuals and organizations as well as the sponsors, the China Lake Little League Baseball Association.

Members of the Station's Fire Branch and the Security Officers investigated and removed any safety or fire hazard preliminary to the firings. Experienced ordnance personnel who handled the explosives were: Ellisworth Everett, Wesley Watson, Alvin Rector, Philip Palm, Charles Stanifer, and Michael Mammula.

Special guests who contributed this year were officers from the Navy Postgraduate School in Monterey, California, presently undergoing an orientation and training course on the Station. Their contribution was a simulated A-bomb explosive launched for the finale of the fireworks display. The guests who participated were: LCDR Jack Carter, Lt. Randolph Rhodes, Lt. Richard Hoyt, and Lt. Raymond Tuszynski.

Following a welcoming address by Duane Fojt, and the reading of the Declaration of Independence by Paul DeHam, the six judges, consisting of two boys from each League, reviewed the nine contestants vying for the honor of Miss Little League.

After the introduction of contestants, a brief huddle of the judges revealed Miss Little League for 1958-59 to be 12-year-old Margaret McDaniel.



MISS LITTLE LEAGUE—Margaret McDaniel (right) is crowned Miss Little League 1958-59 by last year's winner Kelly Maxwell at the Fourth of July celebration at Kelly Field last Friday. She was selected from nine contestants by six Little League judges.

Events leading up to the fireworks display were two "AA" League games at 7 p.m., played on Diamonds No. 1 and No. 2. In the two "AA" League games the White Sox lost to the Braves 9-4 and the Cards won a slugfest over the Eagles 28-22. In the "A" League games the Giants beat the Dodgers 10-7 and the Tigers took the Pirates 7-2.

All in all the 4th of July events were enjoyed by everyone.

NOTS Employees Receive \$595,597 Retro Pay Today

A total of \$595,597.31 in lump sum retroactive pay raise checks will be distributed to NOTS employees today.

67 New Junior Professional Employees Report Aboard To Take Station Positions

Engineers and physical scientists from 35 colleges and universities located in 16 states have reported to China Lake for permanent assignments, according to R. C. Nelligan, Head of the Personnel Department's Recruitment Branch.

With the quota of new junior professional personnel reduced by some 25 per cent this past academic year because of employment restrictions, 67 new graduates have already reported with approximately 20 additional to arrive on or before September 15.

Among these new professional personnel there are 41 engineers and 26 physical scientists disclosing schools in California and Missouri most prominently represented.

The following is a list of recent graduates who have reported, their technical departments where initially assigned in the Professional Development Program, their professional fields, and schools:

Table with columns: NAME, FIELD, SCHOOL. Lists graduates like William D. Balmer, Ernest E. Rogers, M. J. Schneider, etc.

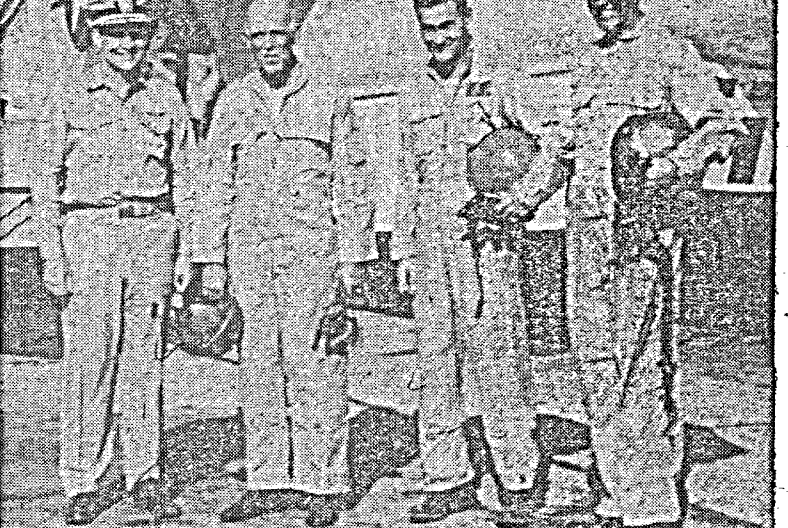
All Stars To Play Edwards July 18th

Eighteen Little Leaguers are starting practice for the Little League All Star Team which enters into the playoffs Friday, July 18. The local boys will be competing in their first game against Edwards AFB at 7 p.m. at Edwards. Other teams competing in District playoffs are Bishop and Lone Pine.

Those on the Little League All Stars and their team affiliations are listed below:

Yankees — David Larson, Cam Metcalf; Dodgers — Mike Benton, Larry Shull, Danny Tomac, Larry Graves, Richard Searly; Giants — Mike Montague, Jim Landry, Paul DeHam, Tom Ward; Pirates — Robert Sorge, Dwight Morgan, Danny Hogue, Jack Pierce; Red Sox — Tom Mathers, Bryan Cowan, J. Pinky Sullivan.

The All Star manager this year is Raoul Landry and the coach of the team is Major William C. Benedict.



VX-5 VISITOR—RADM. W. K. Mendenhall, Jr., Commander Operational Development Force, is shown here this week after a familiarization flight in an A3D-2 "Skywarrior." Pictured with him (l. to r.) are: Capt. R. A. Beveridge, VX-5 Commanding Officer; RADM. Mendenhall; Cdr. Dale Cox, VX-5 Executive Officer; and Capt. H. C. Maynard, Officer-in-Charge, GMEU-1, San Diego.

Weather Reports table with columns: Date, Max, Min. Shows temperatures for Thurs, Fri, Sat, Sun, Mon, Tues, Wed.

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Photographs Of the Week



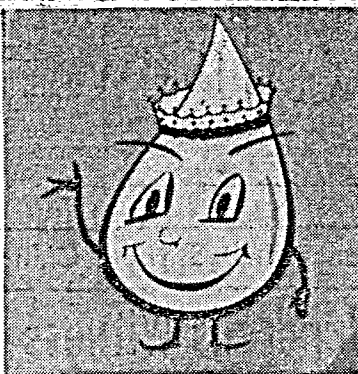
NAVY WIVES ELECT—New 1958-59 board of directors for China Lake Navy Wives Club meet to plan for the coming year. Shown (l. to r.) are: Betty Fenstermacher, treasurer; Pat Gerke, chaplain; Mary Lou Farmer, vice-president; Gloria Hubert, recording secretary; and Ann Smith, president. Publicity chairman Phyllis Thorpe is not present.



CHIEF TO ENSIGN—Roy C. Olsen, AOC, from NAF has been appointed Ensign effective July 2, 1958. Olsen entered the Navy in 1940 at Portland, Oregon, and in November, 1944, made the rate of Chief Aviation Ordnanceman. He reported aboard NAF in December, 1956, from VS 21 at San Diego. Olsen has been appointed Assistant Ordnance Officer at NAF, and in October will leave for Indoctration School at Newport, R. I. Shown in front row (l. to r.) are: Keith, Carol and Eric Olsen. In back row (l. to r.) are: Capt. G. J. Anderson, Commanding Officer at NAF, Ensign Olsen and Mrs. Olsen.



RETIREES AFTER 22 YEARS—Master Diver George W. McCullough (left) receives a Fleet Reserve Certificate from Capt. W. W. Hollister signifying his entry into the Reserves after 22 years of active duty. His last duty was at the Morris Dam Test Range. McCullough will now be employed as a civilian diver by NOTS Pasadena on Polaris testing.



Little Drip Says: THANKS, FOLKS FOR USING WATER WISELY

July 1957 9,303,000 gallons per day.
July 1958 8,647,000 gallons per day — 7% less this year.

What a relief to see that, in spite of the recent warm weather, the use of water is below that of last year. The above figures are not the maximum for any one day, but are the average for this period of the year.

When the temperature stays below 95 degrees the daily water usage stays below 8 million gallons a day. When the temperature reaches 105 degrees, the daily water usage climbs to 9.7 million gallons a day.

Since our water usage has remained below this figure during recent warm weather, it means you are being more careful with lawn watering. Your cooperation is appreciated.

The lawns around the Station appear to be in good condition and we hope they stay that way. Actually, too much watering is detrimental to lawns. It can cause rot and is very likely to cause rust.

If you have seen a black or brown scum appearing on the ground under your lawn turf, it is rust and is caused by over-watering. Such areas can be cleared up by making sure they are allowed to become dry and exposed to the sun between waterings.

USE WATER WISELY

NOTS Aids Desert Water Emergency In Randsburg Area

A critical water shortage situation was averted for 800 residents of the nearby desert communities of Randsburg, Johannesburg, Red Mountain and Atolia, by quick action of the Station yesterday. Station authorities immediately dispatched a tank load of 3,000 gallons of water when an emergency call came in from the Randsburg Water Co. after their main well pump ceased functioning. A total of 20,000 gallons is expected to be delivered to the area over a period of three or four days, according to Capt. W. W. Hollister, Station Commander.

"With the high summer temperatures in this Mojave Desert area, water can be the difference between life and death," Capt. Hollister said. "The Navy serves in peace as well as war, and we are glad to have been of help to these people at this critical time."

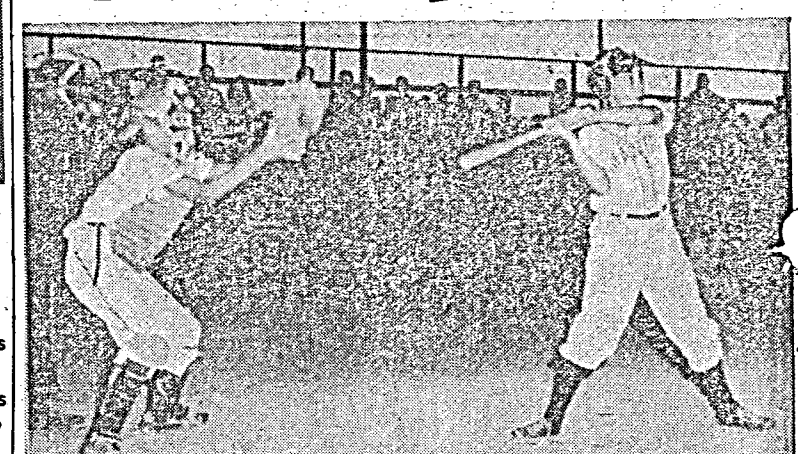
Bakersfield Artist Exhibits Paintings

An art exhibit of the works of Clayton Rippey, art instructor at Bakersfield College for six years, is being held in the Ridgecrest Library during the month of July under the sponsorship of the Desert Art League. Presently on a painting trip to Mexico, this exhibit is opened for the general public who missed his previous local showing on June 15 on the Station. The artist earned his B.A. and M.A. from Stanford University.

NOTS Pasadena Man To Speak on Channel 13

Frank White, NOTS Pasadena key man on the Polaris project will appear on Dr. Martin Kline's television program on Channel 13, July 15, at 9 p.m. A NOTS film on the Polaris "Pop-up" will be shown in addition to a table scale model of the San Clemente Sea Range.

SPORTS



GIANT HITTER—Bob Barney, watches a high one sail by in the July 4th game on Diamond No. 2. The Giants won 10-7.

Diamond Chatter

By Ed Townsend

Due to the long holiday weekend, only three days of softball were played last week.

On June 30, the Chiefs took care of any hopes that NAF might have had of getting into first place by beating NAF 8-0. Bob Kochman pitched a beautiful game and beat Miller and Morgan who pitched for NAF. After getting a few runs behind, the NAF team seemed to fall apart and couldn't get back into the ball game.

The Chiefs certainly look like they will walk away with the first place slot in the league but the leader for points towards the Commander's Trophy in the Intramural Softball League is the NAF team which is presently in third place.

Continuing with the results of last week's ball games, in the second game of the evening on the 30th of June, the Hospital beat the VX-5 Officers 10-5. On July 1 GMU 61 & 25 took the Crackers 7-0 and the Chiefs won a big one from Chub Vaughn and the Marine Test Unit 7-3. July 2 found NAF trouncing the P&E Dept. 17-3, and the Misfits pulling an upset over the VX-5, beating them 7-5.

Golf Entries

For you golf players who intend to enter the Military Intramural Golf Tournament, the last day for entries is July 18. All Unit and Department entries must be registered with the Special Services office on or before that date. Get those entries in, now!

That's it in the world of sports for this week.

Softball Standings

Team	Won	Lost
CPO Club	16	0
Engineers	14	3
NAF	14	4
MCGMTU	13	6
Hospital	10	6
GMU 61 & 25	10	6
VX-5	10	7
Misfits	9	9
Marine Barracks	6	10
P&E Dept.	5	13

Softball Schedule

Team	Time
Marine Barracks vs VX-5	6 p.m.
Misfits vs CPO Club	8 p.m.
July 15	
MCGMTU vs Misfits	6 p.m.
Marine Barracks vs CPO Club	8 p.m.
July 16	
Hospital vs GMU 61 & 25	6 p.m.
VX-5 vs Engineers	8 p.m.
July 17	
Misfits vs Marine Barracks	6 p.m.
CPO Club vs GMU 61 & 25	8 p.m.
July 18	
CPO Club vs Kernville	8 p.m.
BASEBALL AT SCHOEFFEL FIELD	
July 26	
Trona vs Lone Pine	8:30 p.m.
August 9	
Compton Cuties vs NOTS All Stars	

Book of the Week

The Living Past by Ivar Lissner. A panoramic view of the civilizations of the Ancient World covering some seven thousand years of history and prehistory.

CHIEFS' PITCHER—Bob Kochman, showing the form which has won for him in the past 13 years 390 out of approximately 400 softball games that he has pitched.



Bob, now 35, is this season utilizing his talents in behalf of the CPO Club, who currently are in first place in the Station Intramural Softball League. He is married and lives with his wife, Marie, and daughter, Cindy, at 305-B Princeton, and is employed here at NOTS by the China Lake Pilot Plant.

Little League Standings

Team	Won	Lost	Tie
Giants	12	5	0
Dodgers	10	5	2
Red Sox	10	7	1
Yankees	9	8	0
Pirates	6	11	0
Tigers	3	14	1

Divine Service

(New All Faith Chapel services effective Sunday, Nov. 3, 1957)
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. Protestants (All Faith Chapel) Morning Worship—9:45 and 11 a.m. Sunday School—9:30 a.m. Groves and Richmond elementary schools. Roman Catholic (All Faith 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—Halves Street. Services every second Monday and fourth Friday, 8 p.m.

Social Security Facts

Social Security benefits to a retired worker and his wife both over age 65 is about \$105. A widow with two or more children receives an average of \$140 a month from Social Security.

What's Doing IN RECREATION

By Jean Cone, Recreation Director

Next Friday night there will be another adult Station Dance at the Community Center. Dancing will begin at 9 p.m. and admission is free. The "Skylarks," a sixteen-piece band, not only delights audiences with their "music designed for dancing," but also entertains them with featured soloists and novelty songs by the entire orchestra.

In addition to the "Skylarks," Mr. NOTS will also be featured. This will be his first appearance at China Lake. He tells me he'd particularly like to meet and greet all of you newcomers to China Lake next Friday evening.

RAFT News Dance classes will begin this month for members of the RAFT. Next Monday night will be your last chance to register for the class which will begin on July 21. Two dance instructors will be available to teach beginning dancing or specialized dance steps. The next time you are in the Club, ask Dodie Gorrone or Stefa Delys about their dance instruction plans.

Tomorrow night, July 12, the Pug Pitcher combo will play for dancing. These Saturday night dances start at 8:15 p.m.

Swimming Pool Hours Starting this week, the Station swimming pool will be closed for cleaning until 5 p.m. every Wednesday.

Automotive Hobby Shop The hours of operation at the automotive hobby shop are: Monday through Friday, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.; Saturdays, 12 noon to 9 p.m.; Sundays, 12 noon to 5 p.m. All enlisted personnel are eligible to use these facilities. Membership fees are \$1. For further information call the manager, W. E. Tornquist, EN1, Ext. 72274.

Desert Dancers The "Desert Dancers" have announced their summer teaching program. The basic steps of the two-step, polka, waltz, mazurka, schottische and tango will be taught in addition to dances of twelve na-

Space Technology Film Subjects Told

Space Technology films continue to be shown at 1 p.m. each Friday in the Station Theatre. Titles and abstracts for today's showing were given in last week's Rocketeer.

Subjects for next week's lectures are: "Human Activity in Space—Cabin Design and Personal Equipment" by Alfred M. Mayo of Douglas, El Segundo Division; and "Human Activity in Space—Crew Performance" by Dr. Craig L. Taylor of UCLA.

Mr. Mayo's lecture will include discussion of structural specifications: overall dimensions, pressure shell, insulation, radiation and meteorite shielding, apertures, and weights. Specialized equipment: hydraulic and pneumatic, chemical and biological systems; electrical and optical systems; control and navigation, data processing and presentation, and communications.

Personal equipment will be discussed, including clothing, pressure suits, seats and bunks, and survival and emergency equipment. The influence of the duration of the mission will be considered.

Dr. Taylor will describe the adjustment to stress including single and combined stresses, time relationships of exposure to stress, pressure and temperature extremes. He will also discuss automation versus human operation, navigation, operation and monitoring of equipment, data recording and communication to base, and tactical decisions. Fatigue, psycho-physical phenomena (claustrophobia and hallucinations) will also be discussed.

Job Opportunities

Editorial, Clerk (Writer) GS-4 or 5. Major duties are writing news stories, feature stories, and proof-reading for a government publication. Interested persons, contact Ann Carter, Ext. 72218.

Electronics Engineer, GS-13. This position is for Head, Instrument Development Branch, Propulsion Development Department. The Branch is responsible for designing, developing, and specifying instrumentation systems and servo mechanism applications for the Department.

Experience required in electronic circuit design, servo mechanisms, and some communications. Applications will be received until July 17, 1958. Contact Code 6531, Ext. 72976 for details.

We wouldn't worry so much about what people think of us if we only realized how seldom they did.

News From Pasadena

Present Insurance Plan Expires Soon, New Plans Offered

The present group insurance plan, which is a combination of Blue Cross and Federal Life Insurance Company, will expire August 1, according to Virginia Olson, chairman of the NOTS Pasadena Insurance Committee.

Blue Cross notified the Employees Service Organization that they will terminate our contract on the expiration date unless NOTS Pasadena guarantees 75% participation. During this year, there has been approximately 50% participation in the insurance plan.

The Federal Life Insurance Company will not cancel their part of the insurance.

The insurance committee reviewed various group insurance plans which are being presented to employees. After the presentations are completed, ballots will be distributed for all employees to vote on the plan they prefer.

Hicks To Head Supply Office

Cdr. Harry J. Hicks Jr. replaced Cdr. Michael J. Knapp as the Assistant to the Director of Supply at NOTS Pasadena on June 13.

After graduating from Washington College in Maryland in 1939, Hicks attended the University of Maryland Law School, Harvard University Graduate School of Business, and Stanford University



Cdr. Harry J. Hicks, Jr. Graduate School of Business. Hicks received his commission as Ensign in the Supply Corps, USNR, in February 1941 and was ordered to active duty in June. After three months' indoctrination at Harvard University, he reported as the Assistant to the Supply Officer on the USS PELIAS, and was in Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941.

He also served aboard the USS NIORRARA as Supply and Disbursing Officer, and the USS SAIPAN as Supply Officer.

Cdr. Hicks' shore duty included duties as Assistant to Officer in Charge and later Officer in Charge of Material Redistribution and Disposal Office, Detroit, Michigan; Senior Assistant to Supply Officer, Naval Air Station, Corpus Christi; Assistant to the Supply Officer, Naval Air Material Center, Philadelphia; and Force Supply Officer in the Marianas.

During World War II, he served in the Atlantic, European, and Pacific Theaters, and received four battle stars.

Hicks lives in LaCanada with his wife, Marcelle, and 10 children—Gregory, 11-years-old; Therese, 10; Christopher, 9; Mary Margaret, 8; Peter, 7; Patricia, 6; Bernadette, 4; and Timothy, 3 months.

"I am happy to be associated with the spirit of team work which exists here, and I will do all I can to foster it."

Sustained Superior Performance Award Presented To D. J. Wilcox

Douglas J. Wilcox, head of Underwater Ordnance Department, received a check for \$300 and a certificate for sustained superior performance for the period June 1957 to June 1958.

H. G. Wilson, associate technical director, presented the award to Wilcox on Tuesday, July 1, at China Lake.



Douglas J. Wilcox

Bullington Praised By Management for Canteen Board Work

Cdr. Beers, Officer in Charge, Pasadena, on behalf of management, expressed his appreciation to Leo Bullington, retiring chairman of the Canteen Service Board for the energetic and devoted service he has given during his term of office.

He said, in part: "Bullington has been successful in urging a renovation program for the Coffee Port which is being put into effect this month. He has been most effective in calling to the attention of management the need for an improved and more attractive operation at this facility."

Canteen Service Board New members, who have been appointed to the ESO Canteen Service Board, are: Dorothy Argue, Gene Jackson, Sergeant Lakes, and Ida Lavis (secretary). Members remaining on the board from last year are: Virginia Banister, Joe Galante, and Gene Thirkill. Retiring members are: Leo Bullington, chairman; Nova Semeyn, secretary; and Otto Nass.

"I would like to extend my appreciation to the members who have served with me on the ESO Canteen Service Board," says Leo Bullington.

Clean-Up Program Is Launched Here

The Management group, consisting of heads of major organizations at Pasadena, made a physical inspection of the laboratory in June and recommended that NOTS Pasadena start a clean-up campaign to improve the appearance of the grounds and storage areas.

A committee was appointed to classify and tag each item in the storage areas. Committee members from Underwater Ordnance Department, Public Works Division, and Supply are: Bill Parker, Orrin Albert, Jesse Rowe, Bill White, Mabry Van Reed, Fred Anderson, Cy Martens, and Vernon Hayes. E. J. Jones Jr. and Carney Brewer are coordinating the work of the committee and have designated storage spaces.

Personnel Statistics Promotions

UOD—Albert F. Benkard to inspector, per diem; and Howard Ramsey to mathematician, GS-7. Test Division—Raymond R. Brooks to physicist, GS-7; and Richard C. Vaskat to physicist, GS-7. Supply Division—Patricia Riensch to clerk-typist, GS-3.

New Employees

UOD—William W. Lowe, electronics scientist, GS-5. Test Division—Joseph J. Swatta, electronic technician (instrumentation), GS-11. Supply Division—Armando Lira, contract specialist, GS-7.

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