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What's Doing IN DECRETION

By Jean Cox, Recreation Director

When the Compton Cuties softball team comes to China Lake they will be facing the NOTS All-Stars in a game that will bring lots of laughs from the fans, if past performances are any criteria of local softball enthusiasts.

The Compton Cuties are a men's novelty softball team attired in all the finery of their feminine counter-

parts, including high heels in many instances. Behind the female garb is a crew of top-notch softball players from Southern California. China Lake softball fans won't want to miss the Compton Cuties in action August 9 when they play the NOTS All-Stars in a game beginning at 8:30 p.m. at Schoeffel Field.

RAFT News

Saturday night will be Western Night at the RAFT. "Doug Reid and His Valley Boys" will play. This will be one night when jeans will be permitted after 8 p.m. as everyone is urged to wear their best western dress for the occasion.

A RAFT band is being formed. They still need a sax player and a pianist so if you can play either of these instruments please contact any staff member this week. In fact, any kind of talent is needed for future shows. A talent audition night is going to be held on Friday, August 8, so you'd better start polishing up your routines if you want to come out on top in those tryouts.

Table Tennis Club

The China Lake Table Tennis Club will meet at the Anchorage on Thursday evening, July 31, at 7 p.m. All interested persons are invited to attend. For further information please call Mr. Sprankle, Ext. 72874.

Pilgrimage Play Tickets

Exchange certificates which entitle you to a discount on tickets to the Pilgrimage Play in Hollywood are now available at the Community Center from 12 to 5 p.m. Mondays through Fridays.

This is the 28th season of this world famous pageant of the life of Christ. These discount certificates will be good from July 29 through August 23.

The executive director for the play this season is John Arnold Ford who plans to include a new Crucifixion scene. The role of the Christ will be essayed by Joseph Jefferson.

Local Two-Year-Old Child Killed When Struck by Car

Ann Marie Martin, age two years, was struck and killed by an automobile in front of her home at 58-A Rowe St., at 11 a.m. on Tuesday of this week.

The fatal accident occurred when the child reportedly darted into the street in front of a car driven by Mrs. George Thuering who lives at 52-B Rowe.

The accident victim is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles C. Martin.

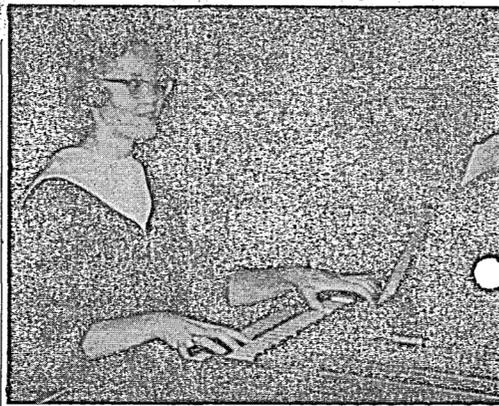
New Insurance Plan Enrolling Underway

Solicitation of members for the new NOTS Group Health Insurance program got underway last Monday, July 21. Representatives of the insurance company will continue to meet with personnel from the various divisions throughout next week.

It is very important that all persons previously insured under the outgoing plan turn in their evidence of insurability forms prior to August 1 in order to prevent any lapse in coverage. Persons not previously covered should also apply at once so that their coverage may become effective August 1. Forms for this purpose are available at the meetings and at the insurance office in Room 10, Housing Office Building.

There will be a health insurance representative of the Public Employees Service Association on duty in the insurance office all next week from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, July 28 to August 1. Employees or their dependents who have individual problems. A meeting for the general public will be held in the Community Center Monday, July 28, at 7:30 p.m.

Checks should be made payable to NOTS Group Health Insurance for both registration fee and payment of premiums.



CONCERT ARTIST—Kristin Highberg, talented young high school student, will present an organ concert at the All Faith Chapel next Tuesday evening at 8:15. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ivar Highberg.

Valley Philharmonia Association Presents Kristin Highberg in Free Organ Concert

The Valley Philharmonia Association will present Kristin Highberg, talented young high school musician, in a free organ concert at the All Faith Chapel next Tuesday, July 29, at 8:15 p.m.

The local artist is a junior at Burroughs High School. In addition to her scholastic activities she practices at least forty-five minutes every day during the school year and has been playing for more than two hours daily this summer.

Studying for Eight Years

Miss Highberg has been studying piano for the past eight years and the organ for the past two years. Her organ instructors have been Catherine Marcus and Marguerite Ledger. The latter also presented an organ concert last January under the auspices of the Philharmonia Association. Kristin's piano instructor has been her mother, Mrs. Ivar Highberg.

In addition to being the organist for the Junior Choir of the NOTS Community Church, Miss Highberg plays for the chapel worship services.

Program

The local artist will include the following selections in her program Tuesday evening: "Christe, du Lamm Gottes" by J. S. Bach; "Adagio" by Caesar Franck; "Prelude and Fugue in B Flat Major" by J. S. Bach; "Adagio" by Mendelssohn; "Capriccio" by E. Lemaigre; "To a Wood Violet" by William Felton; "The Swan" by Saint Saens; and "Carillon" by Louise Vierne.

Rockhounds to Discuss Gem Display Technique

Ralph Dietz, local mineralogist, collector, lapidary, and charter member of the NOTS Rockhounds, will speak at the next meeting in the Rockhound Hut on Monday, July 28, at 7 p.m.

His address will be based on "What a Judge Looks for in a Winning Display." Emphasizing the display of gems and minerals, the information should be particularly useful to anyone planning or arranging an exhibit of crystals, cabachons, or novelty lapidary work.

John McBride, past president of the NOTS Rockhounds, has been appointed chairman of the club's Gem and Mineral Show scheduled for early November. McBride will be present at the meeting to discuss plans for the show and make arrangements for the numerous committees needed.

Three Courses Added To Adult High Schedule

Due to an increased demand for science and mathematics, the Evening High School will add three new classes to its Fall schedule. Physics and Plane Geometry, in addition to United States History will be available.

A complete list of all subjects scheduled may be obtained in the Adult Education office at 91 Halsey St.

The first United Nations cemetery was dedicated in Pusan, Korea, six years ago.

EMCO Reports...

Reports on Wherry Housing compliance with improvement requests as well as old and new business of a general nature were discussed at the July 9 meeting of the Employee-Management Council.

EMCO Election of Officers Newly-elected officers of EMCO were Tim Daniels, chairman, and Louis Sidney, vice-chairman.

Wherry Housing A request for a light to be placed over the Desert Park sign at the entrance of the Wherry Housing area was denied due to the overloading of transformers should one more light be added to the circuit.

Public Works will investigate the feasibility of lighting a new pedestrian walkway in the Wherry area. The Wherry Office will take action on painting street signs on both sides so that they can be read from either direction. Although lights are needed over the recreation Park, the Wherry Office deems the installation of floodlights too expensive.

Referral Items

The Station's Contract Section, Code 70, will investigate the possibility of painting the unsightly contractors buildings at the entrance of the Station's Main Gate.

A report is pending from the Park Planning group on the final determination of the use of the arid block bounded by Ringgold, Renshaw and Knox which was recently plowed. If the original plan has been abandoned, it should be planted to suppress the sand blown into the surrounding houses.

New Business

It was reported that a Safety Shoe Store has been established in the Safety Division of Command Administration Dept. for the sale

Final Space Film Slated Next Friday

The last showing of the 17-week series of Space Technology films which have been viewed in the Station Theatre at 1 p.m. each Friday is scheduled for next Friday, August 1. Titles and abstracts for today's showing appeared in last week's Rocketeer.

Next week's final film will be a panel discussion on "What the Future Holds." Several people who are in a position to have a broad view of the development of space technology present their own estimates of future problems and future progress.

Panel members are Dr. Simon Ramo, Executive Vice-President of the Ramo-Woodbridge Corporation, Dr. Arthur Kantrowitz, Director of the AVCO Research Laboratory, and Dr. Richard W. Porter, Communication and Control Consultant for the General Electric Company.

Weather Reports table with columns for date and temperature (Max, Min).

Radio Station KRCK Expands News Coverage for China Lake

Starting next Monday morning, July 28, radio station KRCK (1360) will initiate a full-scale Information Service program designed to keep residents of Indian Wells Valley informed throughout the day on all news-developments at local, national, and world-wide levels.

Operating on a sunrise to sunset schedule, the Information Service (IS) program will be heard Monday through Friday weekly covering complete weather forecasting of official temperatures, humidity, and wind conditions; latest headline news at home and abroad; sports; and late breaking news at all levels will be broadcast intermittently.

Of significant interest to residents of China Lake and Ridgecrest will be the "China Lake Report" portion of the morning news roundup which is scheduled to start at 7 a.m., and the "China Lake Headlines" report scheduled for 12 o'clock noon.

Individuals and organizations are invited to submit news items in writing, in person or by mail directly to the station located at 350 West Ridgecrest Blvd., Ridgecrest. These news items will be broadcast in the daily China Lake "Reports" or "Headlines."

The success of this enterprise depends on the interest and cooperation of Station residents in submitting stories and news of local interest. News items which will be submitted by the Rocketeer staff alone cannot supply a sufficient coverage of all activities at NOTS which KRCK is offering for Station news.

This revision in programming at KRCK is a result of recent changes and additions to the station's staff. The present staff, among which are broadcasters of significant radio experience, consists of Bob "Cabby" Lybion, station manager; Denny Gadhos, sports director and public relations; Joe Gallagher, production manager; Norman Woodruff, program coordinator; Lee Maddox, promotion specialist; and Elaine Sunderland, secretary-bookkeeper.

Following is a schedule of the Information Service program which has been compiled to guide listeners in selecting programs of their choice:

- Station KRCK (1360) Morning News Roundup: National News 7-7:45 a.m., China Lake Report 7:45-7:10 a.m., Sports 7:10-7:15 a.m., 12 noon. Weather Forecast: Every hour on the half hour. Nutshell Headline News: Every hour on the half hour. Spot of Sports: Every hour 15 minutes before the hour. News That's Live at 55: Five minutes before every hour.

George Silberberg To Appear On TV

M-45 Tracking Cameras used extensively by the Test Department of the Station, will be featured on the "TODAY" program on NBC television, Tuesday, July 29.

George Silberberg, in Metric Photographic Branch, will describe the instrument and its uses on the NBC-TV program.

Actual broadcast time is anticipated at 8:25 a.m. in Los Angeles the program emanates from KRCA, Channel 4, and will be broadcast on all NBC stations in the West.

Selected



FORMER CO—Capt. F. L. Ashworth, former commanding officer at NOTS from August, 1955, to September, 1957, was one of 39 Navy line officers to be named by a selection board and approved by President Eisenhower for promotion to grade of Rear Admiral. Actual promotion is still indefinite.

Stores Close For Inventory

The Commissary Store will close for inventory at 12 o'clock noon next Tuesday, July 29, and will re-open next Thursday, July 31, at 10 a.m.

The Navy Exchange Retail Store will be closed for inventory all day next Tuesday and Wednesday, July 29 and 30.

\$6.7 Million Contract Awarded For "A" Sub Navigation Systems

Navigation systems for the first atomic-powered Polaris missile-carrying submarines will be produced by Autonetics, a division of North American Aviation, Inc., it was announced today by the Navy's Bureau of Ships.

Autonetics has been awarded a \$6.7 million contract to design and fabricate the systems which are regarded as the key to the successful launching of Polaris-type Fleet Ballistic Missiles. The Special Projects Office of the Navy's Bureau of Ordnance, which administers the Fleet Ballistic Missile Program, said that the self-contained navigation system must precisely pinpoint a missile-carrying ship's position in latitude and longitude beyond the sight of land or beneath the sea without use of external references, earthbound or celestial.

The Navy has previously announced placing orders for three atom-powered, Polaris-missile submarines. The first two of these are now being built at Groton, Conn., by the Electric Boat Division of General Dynamics Corp. The third is under construction at the Mare Island naval shipyard at Vallejo, Calif.

The BuShips' submarine navigation system contract follows the highly successful completion of the first phase of tests and evaluation of this system over the past several months aboard the Navy's experimental ship USS Compass Island. An indication of that system's successful testing was recently voiced by Capt. L. L. Shook, head of Special Projects' Navigation Branch. Speaking to the Institute of Navigation at New York's Hay-

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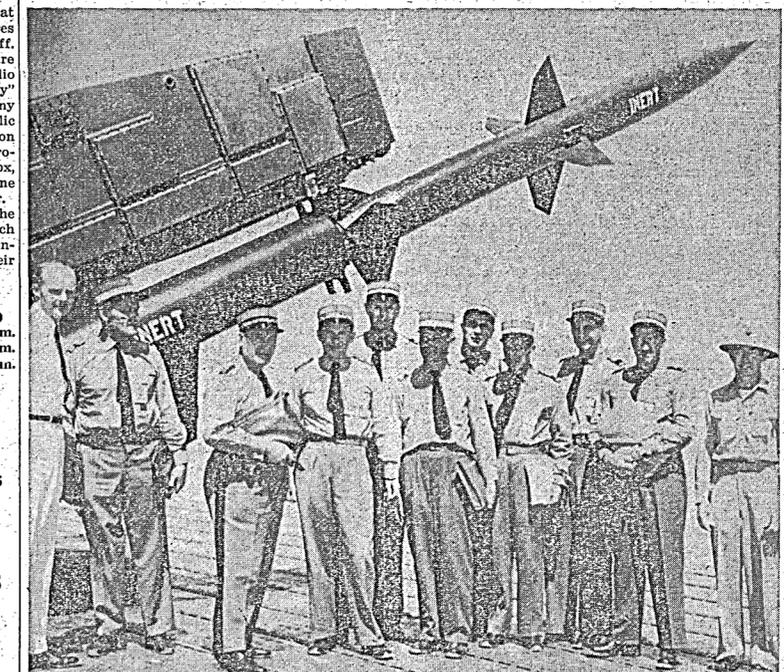
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Foreign Military Experts Tour Station



SWISS MILITARY VISITORS—Nine Swiss military experts visited the Station last Wednesday to observe the Station's missile testing facilities and to witness a Terrier missile firing by the Marine Guided Missile Test Unit. Visitors and their escort (l. to r.) are: John Lewis, NOTS escort; Col. Othmar Bloetzer, Chief, Planning Sect., Swiss Air Force; Col. Brig. Rudolf Mayer, Head of Mission and Commander Anti-Aircraft Troops; Col. Etienne Primut, Chief of the Swiss Air Force; Lt. Col. Werner Koch, Arming Test Unit. Visitors and their escort (l. to r.) are: Ed Forces Attache, Swiss Embassy, Washington, D. C.; Col. Oskar Keller, Chief, Material Section, Gen-

Station On Verge of Rationing Water

Tenants Asked to Cooperate with Conservation Appeal

Any increased water usage over that recorded during the recent hot spell will cause Station management to commence water rationing. We were using all that it was possible to produce during this period.

On peak days the pail is about empty. Let's all cooperate and assist in conserving water. Use what is essential but do not waste it down the streets or in over-irrigation of grass and trees.

So far there have been two days in July when the consumption of water nearly matched our ability to produce the needed supply. This happened on only one day last year.

Your cooperation is requested to conserve water. Your efforts will be appreciated by Station management.

Use Water Wisely



GOING AWAY GIFT—Paula and Ed Bruer (foreground) are presented a still life painting as a "going away gift" by Betty and Conrad Neal on behalf of the Missouri School of Mines Alumni Association. The Bruers depart for Point Mugu today. Bruer, an MSM Alumnus, has been a NOTS employee for five and one-half years.

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WV Top Swimmers to Compete In County Championship Meet

Some thirty-three of the area's top swimmers will represent Indian Wells Valley at a county-wide swimming meet which starts at 10 a.m. today at the Rio Bravo pool in Bakersfield.

NOTS ALL STARS—Representing the Naval Ordnance Test Station in the 11th Naval District Softball Championship at San Diego will be the NOTS All Stars. Under the management of Don Gladden, this team will leave for San Diego about August 4. Front row (l. to r.) are: W. Vaughn, T. Meeks, C. Rodgers;

CAP Official Will Review Squadrons

California Wing Commander of the Civil Air Patrol, Lt. Col. C. L. Ashlock, will visit the Station this Sunday for the purpose of inspecting the China Lake CAP Squadron 84 and the Inyokern CAP Composite Squadron 82.

Diamond Chatter

This is the last week for the regular season of the Station Intramural Softball League and the Chiefs are now way out in front with no one having even a slight chance of catching them. They currently have a fabulous record of 21 wins and no losses with little possibility of losing a game this week.

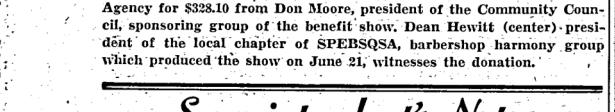
D. Mitchell, C. Castle, D. Walker, R. Radcliffe, N. Gilbertson and T. Coffman. Back row (l. to r.) are: D. Gladden, A. Cristwell, J. Brown, G. Nelsen, D. Irving, C. Autobe, D. Bowles, G. Lakin, O. Stephens, G. Piper and E. Weisenbut. These players were selected from Intramural League teams.

Superintendent's Notes

A recent pamphlet entitled "As We See It" published by the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics states, "Interest in the improvement of the teaching of mathematics is more widespread than at any other time in recent years."

Bishop Overcomes China Lake All Stars

China Lake's Little League All Stars traveled to Edwards AFB Friday evening, July 18, and won their first game in the District playoffs, beating Edwards 3-2.



QUARTET SHOW BENEFIT—Dr. Max Dubin (left), president of the Desert Area Family Service Agency, accepts a benefit check for the Agency for \$328.10 from Don Moore, president of the Community Council, sponsoring group of the benefit show. Dean Hewitt (center) president of the local chapter of SPEBSQSA, barbershop harmony group which produced the show on June 21, witnesses the donation.

New Branch Head Brisch Directs Tests At SCI

Walter F. Brisch has been appointed to head the range operations branch, Test Division, Pasadena, according to Tom Mico, division head.

Discount Tickets Offered by ESO

The Employees Service Organization offers many discount tickets to employees, including a limited number to the Pilgrimage Theater, July 29-August 23, and the Greek Theater, August 5-28.

News From Pasadena

Security Personnel Commended For Superior Group Performance

Security men at NOTS Pasadena last week received a superior group achievement certificate accompanied by a monetary award.



Walter F. Brisch

Schneider Earns Master's, Lauds Education Policy

William J. Schneider, Jr., has received a Master of Engineering degree from the University of Southern California. Schneider is a project engineer in the electronics and instrumentation branch of UOD's Missile Development Division where he does digital circuitry design.

Divot Diggers Win Team Play Finals

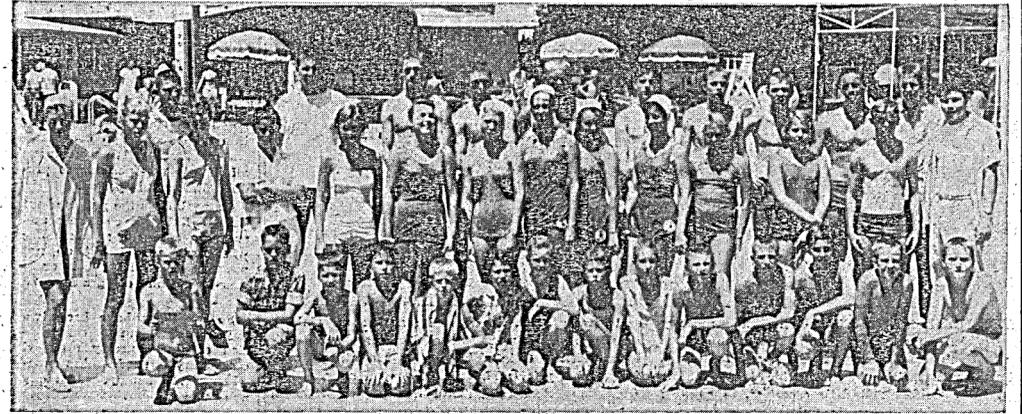
The NOTS gold tournament finals are underway with team play already completed. Taking first place by a runaway was the Divot Diggers (Wendell Alexander, Bill Aitchison, John Trzcinka, and Bill Shealy).

Seven Junior Professionals Begin Year's Development Program

Junior Professional employees reporting to the Underwater Ordnance Department now number six with one more due to arrive next week.

Secretaries Discuss Procedures

NOTS Pasadena secretaries (one of three groups pictured above) meet to discuss clerical policies and procedures. Periodic conferences of this type are designed to acquaint or refresh personnel with procedures on messages, telephone, line plugging, documentary control, visitor control, travel, correspondence and mail, and stub requisitions. Respective branch heads conduct the discussions.



REGIONAL SWIM MEET WINNERS—Winners in the regional swim meet held last Saturday at the Commissioned Officers' pool (l. to r.) are: First Row—George Haberer, Lanny Powell, Frank Irby, Andy Stokes, Phil Jackson, Patricia Gill, Barbara Winder, Chris Westcott, Regina Hupka, Darrel Parrot, Jerry Goodall, Jimmy Hutchinson, James Auler, George Kew. Second Row—Lorraine Dickinson, Gael Dickinson, Judy Warr, Louise Babine, Lynn Campbell, Sue Gross, Sharon Houck, Carol Ay, Donette Maxwell, Jimmy Grieco, Kathy Hoodman, Bonner Brown, John Hamilton, Gerald Troy. Third Row—Bert Griffey, Gerald Van De Vender, John Cramer, Jim Morris, John Hoyem, Jack Frost, Jerry Bates, Donnie Maxwell, Dave Grieco, Bob Kirchmeier. Contestants face county-wide competition in Bakersfield today.

Softball Standings table with columns for Team, Won, and Lost.

Softball Schedule table with columns for Team, Time, and Date.

Job Opportunities

Supervisory Passenger Traffic Clerk, GS-5. This vacancy is in the Travel and Transportation Branch of Command Administration Department. It requires three years experience, one and one-half of which must be specialized.

Book of the Week

Good Housekeeping Book of Home Decoration by Mary Brandt. A pictorial guide to decorating that's keyed to your taste and your budget.

AAA Terriers Pull Surprise Triple Play

Terriers defeated the Senators 14-8 in the "AAA" Little League game played Wednesday, July 16. A spectacular triple play which was truly tremendous for these eight and nine-year-olds took place in the first inning when the Terriers allowed the first three batters to get on-base with walks.