

ARTIST OF THE MONTH—Lela Warr supplies the art interest in the Station Library this month with a display of eight watercolors, her favorite media. Portraits are her specialty. One of her works, "Child Sleeping," won a district award at the local County Art Festival last spring and an honorable mention in the county exhibit in Bakersfield.

COMING EVENTS

Babe Ruth League Benefit

A Bake Sale will be held near the Commissary today from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. to raise funds for Babe Ruth League baseball uniforms and equipment.

NOTS Ski Club

Next Tuesday, December 16, at 8:15 p.m. in the Community Center, NOTS Ski Club members will hold a brief business meeting and Roland von Huene will show colored slides taken while he was in Austria last year. A Christmas party will follow.

Desert Dancers

A Scandinavian theme will prevail at the Desert Dancers potluck supper and dance, 7 p.m. Thursday, December 18 at the Anchorage.

Photo Club

Discussion of more adequate darkroom facilities to be set up in the new Hobby Shop and the showing of slides will compose the meeting of the Photo Club, Wednesday, December 17, at 8 p.m. in the Photo Hut.

NROC-11-1

Lt. R. G. Blackwood, USN, Ordnance Officer at NAF, will speak on "All Weather Bomb Directing Systems," at next Wednesday's meeting of NROC-11-1, at 7:30 p.m., in Room 1001, Michelson Laboratory.

Unitarians

"An Introduction to the 'Messiah'" will be given by Opal Norris to the IYW Unitarian Fellowship, Sunday, December 14 at 7:15 p.m. at the Anchorage. Following Mrs. Norris' talk members will attend the "Messiah" at the All-Faith Chapel.

Women's Guild

All members and friends of the Women's Guild of NOTS Commu-



NAF TEAM WINS TROPHY—Capt. G. J. Anderson, NAF Commanding Officer, presents the 1958 Station Intramural Football Trophy to Coach A. A. Bloom representing the winning NAF football team pictured in the background. Each team member holds an individual trophy presented to him at the recent NAF personnel all-hands inspection.

SHOWBOAT

MATINEE Saturday and Sunday - 1 p.m. EVENING 6 and 8 p.m. daily

TODAY "THE MAN INSIDE" (89 Min.) Jack Palance, Anita Ekberg Detective follows trail of a fabulous stolen diamond to Lisbon, Madrid, Paris, and London. Lovingly got also hunts the treasure as they race around the continent. SHORTS: "The They Go-o-o" (7 Min.) "Jungle Monarch" (8 Min.)

SATURDAY MATINEE "THREE MUSKETEERS" (126 Min.) Gene Kelly SHORTS: "Just Ducky" (7 Min.) "Captain Video" Chapter No. 11 (16 Min.)

EVENING "ROONEY" (88 Min.) Barry Fitzgerald, Muriel Pavlow A "sleeper!" Story of a garbage collector who is a star athlete on weekends. He has to move from quarters constantly to dodge matrimonial-minded landladies and retain desired bachelorhood. SHORT: "Andy Plays Hockey." (18 Min.)

SUN. "RELUCTANT DEBUTANTE" (96 Min.) Rex Harrison, Kay Kendall A comedy from giggles to slapstick when London banker's wife forces her daughter into the society "season" and she goes for an American drummer. Snappy dialogue and laughs galore. SHORT: "The Dog House" (7 Min.) "Down the Magdalena" (9 Min.)

MON. FIRST SHOW "RELUCTANT DEBUTANTE" (96 Min.) Rex Harrison, Kay Kendall SECOND SHOW "THE SPORTSMEN" on stage in person plus "THE BLUE ANGELS" (16 Min. Film)

TUES.-WED. "SENIOR PROM" (82 Min.) Jill Corey, Louis Prima, Keely Smith, Bob Crosby, Ed Sullivan Musical. No synopsis available. SHORTS: "Love Comes to Magoon" (7 Min.) "AFSM No. 555" (19 Min.)

THURS.-FRI. "THE BIG COUNTRY" (136 Min.) Gregory Peck, Jean Simmons, Burl Ives Super western in CinemaScope-COLOR filmed in Red Rock Canyon. Superior drama of a former sea captain, fiancée of a baron's daughter, enters feud over water rights. He navigates the huge domain, loves the schoolmarm, and ruffles the toughs. A sure Academy Award winner! Don't miss this one!

Kids Under 18 Require Work Permits to Work By California law, anyone under 18, whether going to school or not, is required to hold a work permit before being employed on any job. These permits may be obtained only from Darwin E. Howe, attendance officer at Burroughs High School.

Basketball Our congratulations are extended to the NAF Basketball Team which has already played two outstanding games. The starting team, composed of W. C. Richardson, ATAN, and Coach R. R. Olson, AN, forwards; V. S. McDonald, center; S. H. Wheeler, AMSAN, and M. R. Heberd, AMSAN, guards, present a formidable squad. The first victorious game of the season brought in a 69-34 score against the Marine Corps Guided Missile Test Unit, last Thursday. C. Mallett, ATC, guard, played an excellent all-around game.

Last Tuesday's game with NOTS netted an NAF victory of 84-29. This score set a record for points scored in a single basketball game in the Station gym. V. S. McDonald, with 25 points, was high scorer.

The next game will be with GMU-61-25, Tuesday, December 16, at 8 p.m. in the gym.

EMCO Reports...

Station movie selection, emergency travel assistance, Wherry check-lists and NOTS' promotion policy were among the discussions at the November meeting of the Employee-Management Council held at the Community Center.

Regarding travel assistance in case of an emergency occurring after the close of business, the traveler should contact the Officer of the Day, who will then, in turn, contact the proper authorities in giving assistance in travel itineraries.

It was learned that in order to avoid being charged for damage to Wherry Housing done by an earlier tenant, each incoming tenant is now given a check list by the Housing Division. The new renter is asked to check his unit thoroughly and to note on the check list those items which need repair or maintenance. Upon checking the tenant out, the list is taken to the unit by the Wherry manager and items listed are not charged against the outgoing tenant. If a person fails to turn in the check-list as instructed, he may be liable for all damage evident in the rental.

Eating Facilities Management reported that the Naval Exchange Ship's Stores Office of New York had surveyed the eating facilities in the Community Center and had reported the physical layout inadequate for the kind of service desired. No commitments have been made regarding the proposed plan to relocate food services of this nature on the Station.

Keep Dogs Leashed The Station regulations on keeping dogs on leash are enforced by one full-time man assigned to Animal Control during the day. There is no patrol at night, but complaints are answered. Around the first of the year a Kern County animal control officer will assist in the roundup of unlicensed dogs on the Station. The County will conduct an animal clinic in Ridgecrest in the near future where licenses and inoculations may be obtained at a special rate. After clinic's closing owners of dogs without rabies tags will be cited and will be required to report to Bakersfield.

Two Ordnancemen Injured in Mishap Two ordnancemen of the Chemistry Division, Research Department, were injured by a flash explosion which occurred while they were mixing igniter composition at 10:30 p.m. on December 4 in Michelson Laboratory.

Charles D. Stanifer, one of the ordnancemen, sustained the most serious injuries with third degree burns on the face, hands and lower arms, with involvement of both corneas of the eyes. The extent of his injuries required his transfer to the U. S. Naval Hospital in San Diego where he is presently undergoing treatment.

Duane M. Pearl, the second ordnanceman, suffered second and third degree burns on hands and arms. Following treatment at the Station Hospital, he has since returned to work.

Safety Division officials are conducting an investigation to determine the cause of the explosion.

Handel's Messiah... (Continued from Page 1) Steele, Dorothy Viellenave, Barbara Walker, Joanne Washmuth, and Virginia Wiseman.

Tenor and bass choristers include: Marvin Backman, Albert T. Camp, Jim Chote, Murray English, Herb Foster, Perry Stone, Warren Stump, James Wiseman, Bass: Bob Chapman, John Daniels, Eldon Dunn, Ernie George, Ronald Hise, William Leder, George C. Y. Lee, Robert McCullough, Adam Marsh, Daniel P. Scholl and Dean Skeels.

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Junior Archers Compete In Tournament Tomorrow All Junior Archers may compete in an archery tournament to be held tomorrow, December 13, at their archery hut at 57-B Rowe, according to instructor Joe Stone.

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COMMUNITY COUNCIL OFFICERS—Newly-elected 1958-59 officers of the Community Council were installed at their annual banquet on December 2 in the Hideaway. Shown (l. to r.) are: Don Moore, President; Margaret Egbert, Recording Secretary; Austin Kirby, Executive Secretary; Dorothy Fetter, Vice-President; and Jack Kirby, Treasurer. Local and Kern County officials attending the installation were: Judge-elect Robert Pruett; County Clerk Vera Gibson; Assemblywoman Dorothy Donahoe; and State Senator Walter Stiern.

Christian Science Lecturer Due Here

How understanding the supremacy of God's power meets and solves problems of everyday living will be the topic of a free, public lecture on Christian Science to be given at China Lake next Sunday, December 14, at 4 p.m. by W. Norman Cooper of Los Angeles.

A member of the Christian Science Board of Lectureship, Mr. Cooper will speak in the Chapel Annex, east of the Anchorage, under the auspices of the Christian Science Society, China Lake. His subject will be "Meeting and Solving Your Problems Through Christian Science."

A native of Winnipeg, Canada, Mr. Cooper served in the United States Army during World War II. Since that time, he has devoted his full time to the public practice of Christian Science healing. He became an authorized teacher of Christian Science in 1952.

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CS Region Official To Speak to ASPA

Bernard Rosen, Director of the Twelfth Civil Service Region, and Sidney Tarbox, Deputy Regional Director, will visit the Naval Ordnance Test Station next Monday and Tuesday, December 15 and 16.

During their visit, they will be guests of the China Lake Chapter of the American Society for Public Administration (ASPA) at their dinner meeting Monday at 7 p.m.

Before his present assignment, Mr. Rosen directed the Federal Government's Incentive Awards Program at the central office of the Civil Service Commission. He will speak to the local ASPA group on the topic "Why Work for the Federal Government?"

In addition to Mr. Rosen's talk, the ASPA group will elect new officers. The meeting is open to all interested persons.

Reservations for the dinner should be made with Stanley Winard, Code 6533, Ext. 71648.



Linda Shea Chosen As 1959 Foreign Exchange Student Linda Shea, Burroughs High School junior, has been chosen to represent her school in a foreign country next summer under the American Field Service program.

It was through the sponsorship of this group that Lynda Elder traveled to Sweden last summer, and that Hans Von Durckheim is now attending Burroughs.

Linda was one of three finalists chosen by the local Field Service committee. Other candidates were Anna Gey and Sue Cotner, who both ranked high in scholarship, school and community service and as students capable of representing America in another country.

American Field Service Committee members who chose Linda included K. W. Westcott, vice-principal of the high school; Anne Woolfenden, California Scholarship Federation sponsor; June Nelson, local AFSC treasurer; Art Bissell, representing the community; Allen Robinson, Burroughs student and Linda Elder, last year's foreign exchange student.

Now that Linda has been chosen to represent Burroughs, the next step will be to obtain approval from the national offices of the AFSC, where a "foster" family will be chosen for her. This family will have similar tastes and interests to those of her own parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Shea, 64-A Randolph, who Linda states, are as thrilled as she is about her prospective visit to a foreign land during next summer's vacation.

Percentage figures for Ridgecrest and Inyokern participation are not available, since the campaign, in those towns, was handled in a slightly different manner from NOTS' campaign.

Although the Drive officially closed Sunday, November 30, mop-up operations will continue until those individuals or organizations not contacted during the actual campaign have been given the opportunity to contribute, stated Ev Long, Campaign Manager.

Handel's 'Messiah' to be Sung Sunday By Composite Choir at All-Faith Chapel

One of the traditions of the Christmas season—the "Messiah" by George Handel, will be presented to the Indian Wells Valley by a 53-voice combined community chorus on Sunday, December 14, at 8 p.m. in the All-Faith Chapel.

Directed by George Carson, the "Messiah" will be sung as the Christmas gift to the community from the choral group.

Vocalists from the Episcopal and Community Methodist Churches in Ridgecrest; from the All-Faith Chapel and from the Trona Community Church will be accompanied by organist Marguerite Ledder, and pianist Jane Birch.

Soloists will be Elizabeth M. Hoover, Sally A. Skeels, soprano; Hildegard H. Weinhardt, contralto; Albert T. Camp, tenor and Eldon Dunn, bass.

The Christmas portion of the "Messiah" was presented in Trona last Sunday by the chorus. Soprano members of the combined chorus are: Barbara Auld, Judy Campbell, Lee Carson, Charlotte Colony, Alice Floyd, Emma Jane Graves, Elizabeth M. Hoover, Mary McCullough, Juanita Mock, Dorothy Ousley, Felice Plain, Lorene Scholl, Sally Skeels, and Shirley Wheat.

Altos are: Priscilla Austill, Lois Carr, Pauline DeYoung, Ann Dunn, Lynn English, Lillian Folt, Holly Foster, Nancy George, Beth Hunter, Janet Long, Rebecca Mader, Andra McGuire, Margaret Maxfield, Susan Rich, Marie Sims, Sharon (Continued on Page 4)

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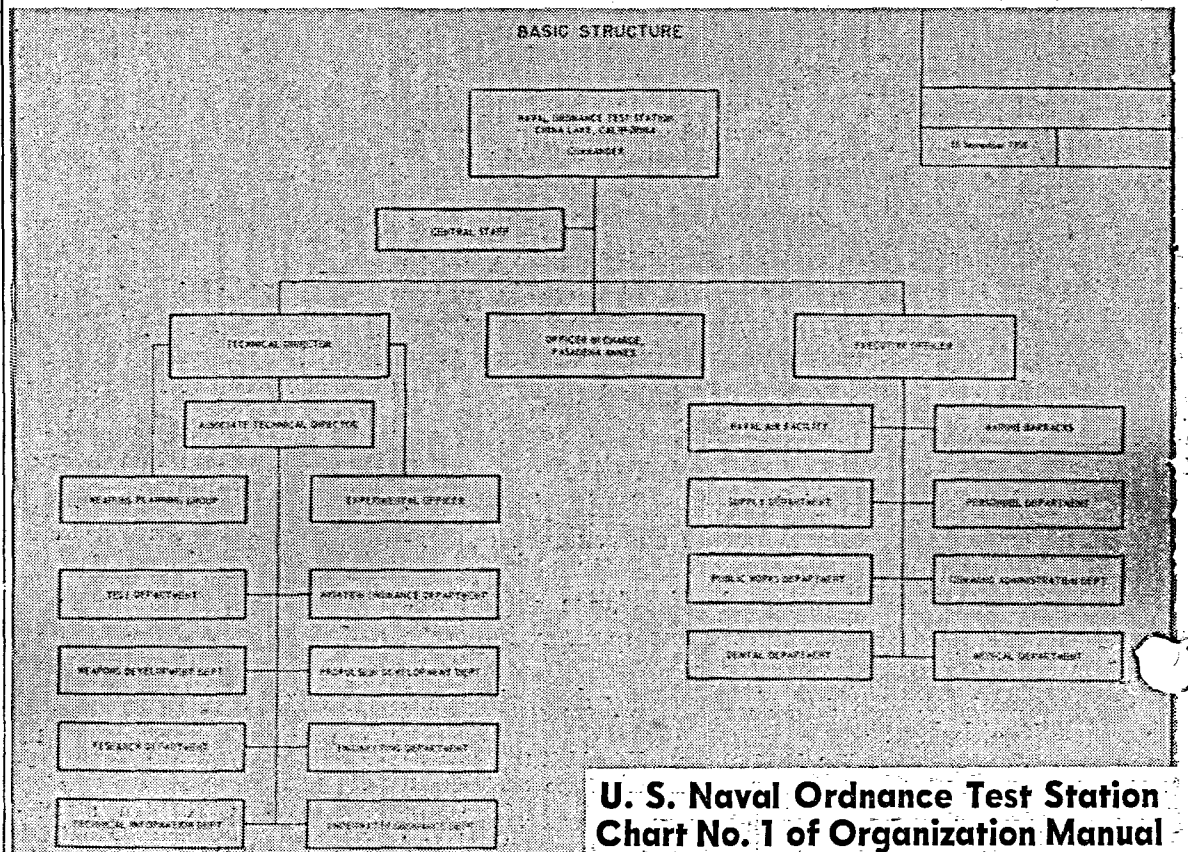
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U. S. Naval Ordnance Test Station Chart No. 1 of Organization Manual

NOTS BASIC STRUCTURE—Newly-revised organization chart, dated Sept. 15, 1958, reflects changes in the Station's basic structure since the last one was published Dec. 31, 1957. Copies will be distributed later for insertion in the Station Organization Manual, BuOrd Report 5201-1.

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Nellis AFB Commander Lauds NOTS Personnel for Support

A letter of appreciation, directed to Capt. W. W. Hollister, from Colonel William L. Curry, USAF, Commander, 474th Tactical Fighter Wing, Cannon AFB, Clovis, New Mexico, is quoted, in its entirety, below.

"In August 1958, the 474th Tactical Fighter Wing was tactically deployed to Nellis Air Force Base for qualification and live firing of the GAR-8 air to air missile. Shortly after our arrival at that station, the missile training items were withdrawn.

Col. William L. Curry, USAF

Promotion Opportunities

Up-to-date forms should be submitted to the Personnel Dept. when applying for the following positions: Clerk-Typist GS-3, PD 13721, Code 55.

What's Doing IN RECREATION

There will be outstanding entertainment for everyone aboard the Station this weekend as the famous "Sportsmen" quartet will be making many appearances.

The Steak House at the Community Center will be the setting for the "Sportsmen" on Sunday the 14th from 6-7 p.m.

The quartet will appear in place of the regular 8 p.m. movie on Monday the 15th at the Station Theatre.

The "Sportsmen" will highlight the EM Club dance Monday evening. Dancing will be from 8-12 p.m.

Children's Christmas Party The annual Christmas party for Station children will be held at the Theatre on Saturday, December 20.

Station Theatre Hours Starting immediately, the movies will begin promptly at 6 p.m. and 8 p.m.

Musicians Wanted Military personnel interested in forming a dance band, please contact Mel Cohn, AN, extension 8351.

Supervisory Printing & Publication Officer GS-11, PD 29023-A, Code 7312.

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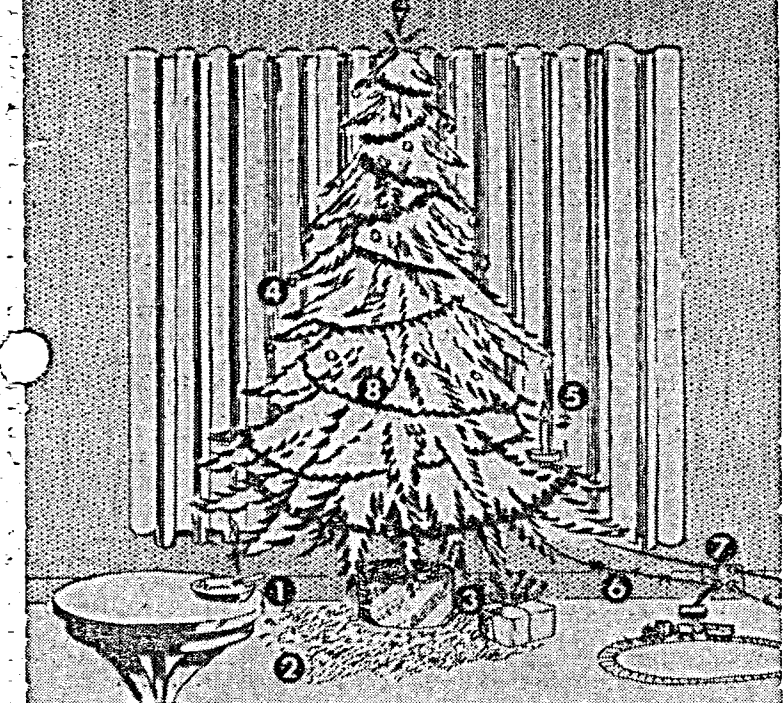
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What's Wrong With This Picture?



Listed below are the most frequent violations of fire safety in the home during the holiday season.

- Careless handling of cigarettes, matches and lighters near the tree or anywhere in the house could lead to disaster. A dry Christmas tree is a great fire hazard; keep the trunk of yours in water at all times.

Baskets - - Not Cards

If you do not receive a Christmas card from an old or close friend from this community this year, do not assume that your friendship has been severed.

The idea is to contribute the money which would be spent for postage and cards between friends in the community to a fund to provide Christmas baskets for underprivileged children in this area.

Originaly suggested by Eldon Williams of Weapons Development Department and officially approved as a within department policy, the plan is intended to operate on a voluntary basis.

Several departments are now in the process of designating collection points. The funds will be submitted to Sara Chedester, Code 1702, Room 201, Administration Building.

Christmas Parties

A list of department Christmas parties has been compiled by the Rocketeer staff for the convenience of Station employees.

- All will be dinner-dance or buffet-dance affairs except a dance-midnight-breakfast event sponsored by the Weapons Development Department. Departments and their Christmas party date, time and place are listed below:

News From Pasadena

Eleven Families To Receive Aid In 1958 Operation Santa Claus

Can you spare one hour of your time during the next ten days. Many helpers will be needed to prepare Christmas packages for distribution to our eleven needy families.

Since inauguration of the project in 1949, it is estimated that about a thousand persons, mostly children, have been helped—not only at Christmas, but at various times throughout the year.

Each year, NOTS employees themselves submit the names of families who are desperately in need of help. To these families, this food and clothing are essential to life and health.

Carolers Ready For Christmas Week

Rehearsals of the NOTS Christmas Choir indicate that Pasadena will have a real treat in the Christmas music arranged for them this year.

Under the direction of Merton Welch, the carolers will on December 22 sing at Morris Dam and at the Long Beach Veterans Hospital, and on December 24 at Foothill.

Members of the carolling group are: Orrin Albert, Agnes Anderson, Dorothy Argue, Fred Bellomy, Glenn Bowlius, Sue Burg, Ida Davis, Stella Dirksen, Dave Elliott, John Gannon, Mary Hendrickson, James Jennison, Marie Lascor, Mabel Mann, Marion McCrady, Tom McKinney, Morton Metersky, Jim Mills, Arnold Moline and Gerald Motteler.

Travel Club Holds Saturday Meeting

Discussion of plans for their charter flight to Europe will be the main topic at a meeting of the NOTS Overseas Club tomorrow afternoon, 1-2:30 p.m.

Briefly Speaking

Andy Juhasz reports that there is an extreme shortage of reading material at San Clemente Island. He asks that persons having books or magazines which they've finished to please deposit them in a marked box at the Foothill main gate entrance.

Final Total Given For Fund Drive

Final fund drive figures show a total contribution of \$3,799.29, almost a thousand dollars more than last year, reports Ken Sherman, chairman of the drive.

Name Missile Subs For Noted Americans

The Navy will turn from traditional denizens of the deep to illustrious Americans in naming its first Polaris missile-firing submarines.

JPL Engineer To Present Lecture On Russia's Progress

Presenting a summary of important scientific experiments being carried out in the Russian IGY rocket and satellite programs, Dr. Henry L. Richter, Jr., Jet Propulsion Laboratory Staff Engineer, will speak today at 1:30 p.m. in the Building 7 conference room.

Ralph Jones Plans Life of Retirement



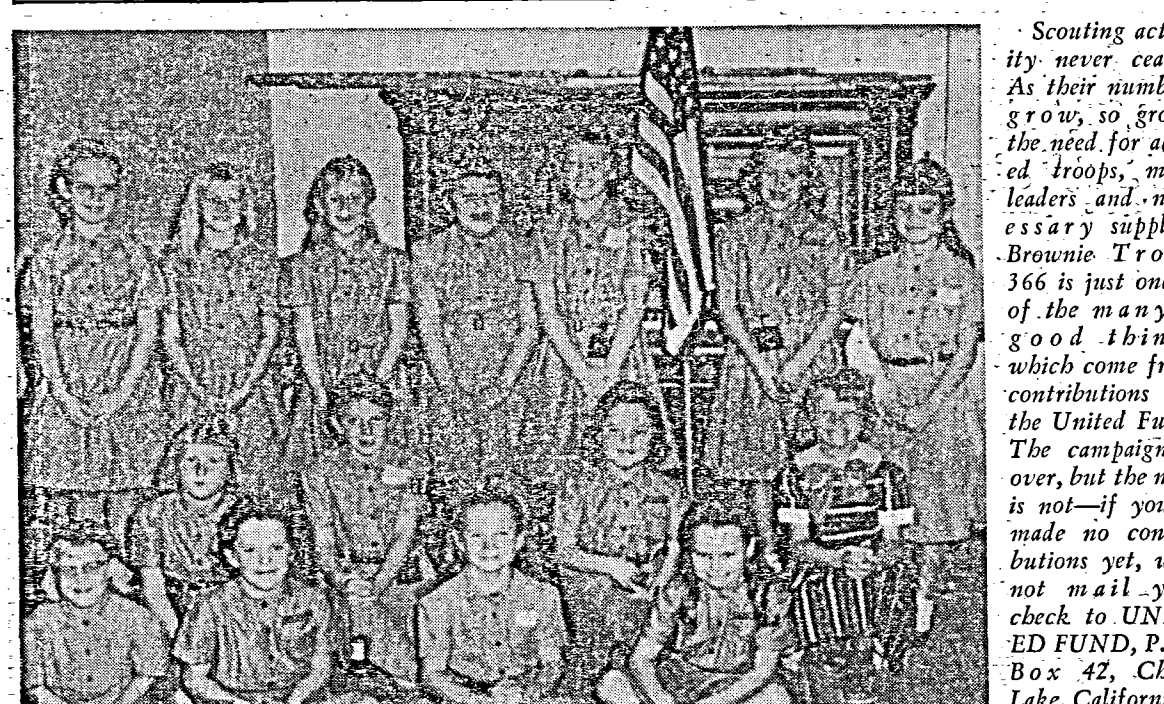
Planning to retire from government service at the end of this month is Ralph J. Jones, an experimental machinist in the Underwater Ordnance Department.

An employee of NOTS Pasadena for the past seven years, he was born in Harpers Ferry, West Virginia, on Christmas Day, 1888.

For 37 years, he lived in Washington, D.C. It was here that he married Bernice R. Jones, also employed at NOTS, in P809, during the first World War, he worked for the Navy Gun Factory.

Congressmen Visit Island Test Range

Visiting operations at San Clemente Island test ranges on December 3 were members of Defense Subcommittee, House Appropriations Committee. The visit was made in conjunction with a ten-day tour of west coast facilities.



BROWNIE SCOUTS—Ten girls were investitured into Brownie Scout Troop 366 recently, and at the same time, gold star year pins were awarded for completion of the first year of Scouting activity to five girls.