

Give Service Men A Ride



GOING HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS—Four Nots enlisted men (l. to r.) William Stuegal of Buena Park, Calif., Nelson Crosby of Orangeburg, S.C., Hartman Kite of Mt. Vernon, Ky., and Richard Gregory of Monett, Mo., illustrate how they hope to obtain rides home for the holidays by utilizing the Enlisted Men's Pickup Station located immediately outside the Main Gate. Hitch-hiking is prohibited by regulation and the California Vehicle Code. Only authorized Pickup Stations may be used by service men in obtaining free rides.

Bird Census Will Be Conducted Sunday

Natural Science Club members will conduct the sixth annual Christmas bird census in the Indian Wells Valley area, Sunday, December 21. This is a part of the Audubon Society's national bird count made each year during the holiday season, and is conducted to survey the distribution of wintering bird species. Over the past six years a steady growth in the local bird population has been shown with a total of 46 species counted wintering in this area last year. Participants in the local census will be Wanda Shomate, Dr. Ronald Henry, Dr. Carl Heller, Lloyd Brubaker and Don W. Moore, leader of the group. Other amateur ornithologists wishing to join the group may obtain additional information by calling Mr. Moore, Ext. 76924.

NOTS Civic Concert Association Offers Roger Wagner Chorale, January 6

Celebrating its 11th anniversary year by touring the United States from coast to coast, and aptly climaxing the Indian Wells Valley holiday season, the 30 member Roger Wagner Chorale will interpret tunes ranging from 16th Century airs to Brahms waltzes to excerpts from Porgy and Bess, at the Station Theatre, Tuesday, January 6 at 8:15 p.m. Augmenting the Chorale will be a complement of instruments, plus the brilliant young American duopianists, Stecher and Horowitz, who bring rare qualities to their youthful partnership. The Roger Wagner Chorale was originally formed, and for a long while, functioned as one of the youth choruses of the City of Los Angeles' Bureau of Music, for which Wagner was once youth chorus supervisor. For some time it doubled as an amateur and a professional group, but about three years ago, demands for its professional appearances in concert, films and recordings grew to a point where it could no longer do justice to its avocational and its amateur status as a city-sponsored unit, and its commercial commitments under non-civic auspices. Though the Chorale now varies in size from 10 to 200 singers—as the score requires, the professional nucleus of the group consists of 16 full-time paid professionals who are eligible for concert, radio, screen and television appearances. Wagner also utilizes a non-contract group of 40 to 60 singers, and another 150 non-professionals who supplement the regulars for special Southland concert performances of major works. Roger Wagner was born in France about 40 years ago, and came to the United States at the age of seven to live in Los Angeles where his father became a church organist. Following his father's example, the younger Wagner became choral director and organist of the Church of St. Ambrose when only twelve years old. Roger Wagner later returned to France, spending five years studying organ, completing his undergraduate work in music at the College of Montmorency, and delving into research on church music at Dijon and Lyons. His training under the French masters has given Wagner a rounded background far above that of the average chorus conductor. About the members of his perfectionist group, Wagner says, "To them the Chorale is an ideal, as it is to me, and they dedicate themselves to it with an almost unbelievable devotion." The group sang in London as part of the coronation festivities program, followed by appearances in Paris, Amsterdam and the Hague. In the summer of 1953 the Chorale sang Delshazzar's Feast under the direction of composer Sir Richard Walton in the Hollywood Bowl, and later, sang the chorale in Beethoven's Ninth Symphony conducted by Otto Klemperer.

NOTS Hobby Shop Now Open



FORMAL BEGINNING—The opening of the NOTS Hobby Shop last week signifies a more complete program of leisure-time activities for Station personnel. Some 2,500 man-hours went into the preparation of the old Bake Shop before Captain Harry B. Hahn, Executive Officer (center), saved the ceremonial two-by-four to formally open the facility. Others shown (l. to r.) are: Richard Brenden, AN, Cdr. R. N. Ve-horn, and Leonard Miller, FA.



SHOWING OFF—Proud of the shiny new, well-equipped NOTS Hobby Shop is this assemblage admiring the 10-inch table saw. Shown (l. to r.) are: T/Sgt. Al Hebert, Marine Barracks; Richard Brenden, AN, NAF; Hobby Shop Manager Jack Cochran, AD1, NAF; Charles Rogers, SA, NOTS; Dolphus Rector, SA, NOTS; Bob Adams, SA, NOTS; Leonard Miller, FA, NOTS, and Leathercraft Instructor John A. Haug, GFL, NAF.



NAVY WIVES GREET HOBBYISTS—Mary Miller, president of Navy Wives, greets Capt. Harry B. Hahn as he selects a cookie from the plate offered by Cdr. S. W. Mitchell at opening festivities at the NOTS Hobby Shop. The Navy Wives Club, housed in another portion of the same building, acted as official hostesses for the opening.

Civil Service Regional Director Addresses ASPA Group Here

"Federal employees must sell themselves on the importance of their own work if they are to sell government employment to others," said Bernard Rosen, Director of the 12th Civil Service Region, to members of the China Lake Chapter of the American Society for Public Administration (ASPA) last week. He indicated that Civil Service has been aided by "Know Your Government" programs and by brochures about government occupations written especially for students, but he said the big selling job is up to the more than two million Federal employees themselves. Rosen, who has received an Arthur S. Flemming Award for his outstanding work in the Federal government, presented his views to members and guests of ASPA at a dinner meeting last Monday. Federal Civil Service has been the target of criticism, he said, because of the increase in grade levels that has occurred since 1942. He explained that this criticism is unwarranted because the grade levels of employees in 1942 were abnormally low, and the establishing of super grades, GS-16, 17, and 18 in 1949 has led to false impressions of the total grade structure. Rosen stated that the authorizing of super grades was a sound decision that gave opportunities for advancement to employees who had reached the point where further promotion was not possible. Civil Service public relations have been hurt by Federal employees' criticism of each other and their tendency to think of themselves as being under-graded and their fellow workers as being overgraded, he added. Preceding Rosen's address, the ASPA chapter members elected new officers. Chosen to direct the group's affairs for the coming year are: W. E. Davis, president; R. W. Bjorklund, vice-president; and a council members M. V. Adamson, R. A. Blaise, L. G. Garman, Cdr. J. M. Shea, and S. M. Winard.

Lt. Davis, NC, Reports To Station Hospital

Lt. Jean E. Davis, NC, USN, reports from the U. S. Naval Hospital of Bremerton, Washington, to relieve LCDr. Katherine S. Moore of the Station Hospital. During her eight years in the Navy, Lt. Davis has served at Naval Hospitals at Camp Pendleton; Yokosuka, Japan; and Philadelphia, Pa. Following graduation from Hahnemann Medical College and Hospital School of Nursing in Philadelphia, she specialized for two years there as Operating Room Nurse. Her "hometown" is Pitman, New Jersey.

COMING EVENTS

C. L. Film Society—"Captain's Paradise," starring Alex Guinness, will be the next feature presented by the China Lake Film Society. Two showings of this British film are scheduled—Monday, December 29, at the Community Center, and Tuesday, December 30, at the Anchorage. Curtain time will be 8 p.m. both nights. Season tickets, enabling the bearer to view the remainder of the films scheduled for the 1958-59 year, are still available at the pro-rated cost of \$3 each.

Cactus Squares A potluck supper and Christmas party will precede square dancing tomorrow, Saturday, December 20 at the Burroughs High School Cafeteria. Dinner is set for 6:30 p.m., and dancing begins at 8, called by Bob Beckman.

Quarter Midget Races Quarter Midget races will be held on their track next Sunday, December 21, at 1 p.m. This will be the last race held locally before the Grand National Quarter Midget championship race to be held in Phoenix, Arizona. Billy Beckett, Linda Linsea, Butch Gallagher, Scott Miller, and Rex Payne plan to enter in the national competition. Three members of this group competed in the opening race at the new track in Bakersfield. Linda Linsea won the main heat. Billy Beckett took the trophy dash, but Butch Gallagher failed to get off the ground due to engine trouble. A Christmas party for drivers will be held at the Anchorage today. The Club still has a few openings for drivers and car owners and honorary memberships. Interested persons should contact Henry Linsea, Ext. 74524.

Unitarian Christmas Party The Unitarian Fellowship and their children will hold a Christmas party next Sunday at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Center. Eleanor Lotee will give "The Littlest Angel" and Dr. H. A. Wilcox will tell about Christmas in other lands giving the origin of many of our Yuletide customs.

Rev. Stillwell Farewell An "Open House" farewell party will be held in the church from 7 to 9 p.m. Jan. 5, in honor of Mrs. and Reverend Stillwell following his retirement as pastor of St. Michael's Episcopal Church.

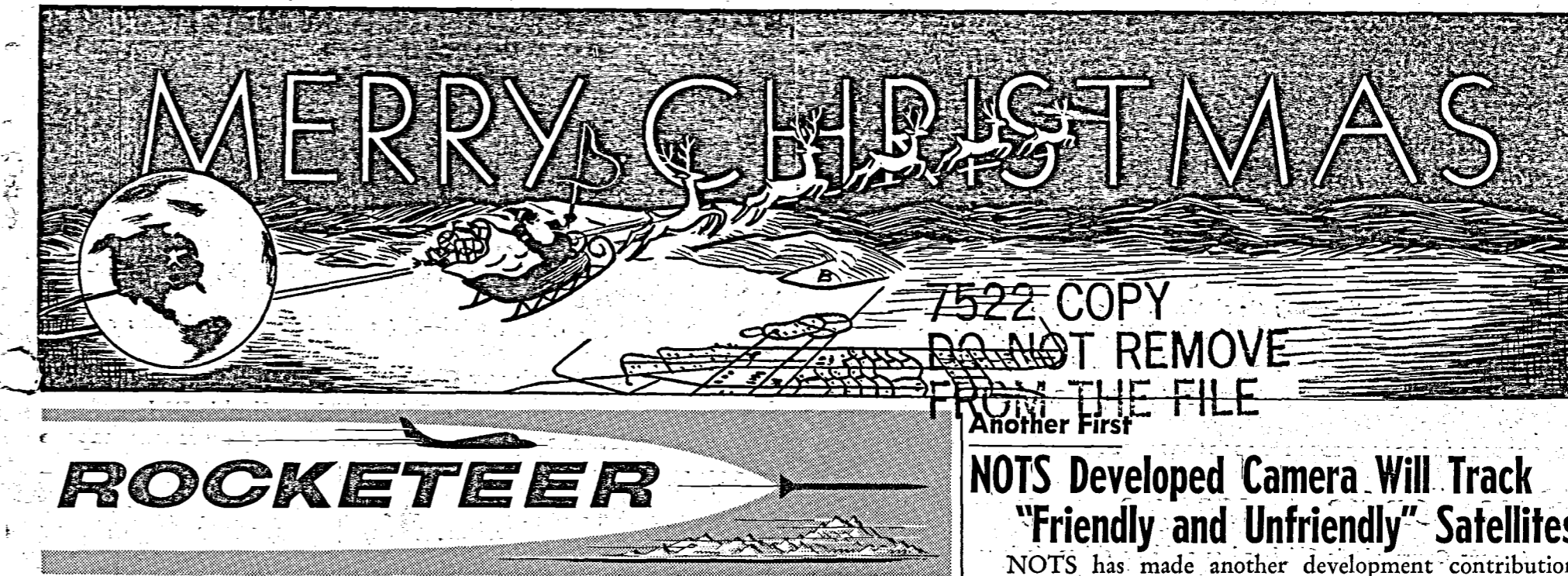
School Notes

Christmas holidays begin for all students today, and will continue through Sunday, January 4, 1959.

Scholarships Burroughs seniors planning to take Entrance Board examinations for college admission may compete for more than 100 four-year scholarships offered by a single corporation. Selection of award winners is made by a group of leading educators representing the entire nation. More complete information may be obtained from the office of Kenneth Westcott, vice-principal.

Basketball Burroughs' basketball season opened November 26 with the Palmdale game, there, followed by two games at the Victor Valley Tournament with Lancaster and Victor Valley. The schedule for games yet to be played is: Dec. 19-22—Kern County Tournament. Jan. 9—Burroughs at Trona. Jan. 10—Burroughs at Barstow. Jan. 16—Burroughs at Victor Valley. Jan. 17—Burroughs at Bishop. Jan. 23—Barstow at Burroughs. Jan. 30—Burroughs at Palmdale. Jan. 31—Trona at Burroughs. Feb. 6—Palmdale at Burroughs. Feb. 7—Burroughs at Barstow. Feb. 13—Victor Valley at Burroughs.

Happy New Year



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Holiday Greetings...

To all civilian and military personnel and their dependents at China Lake, Pasadena, and other NOTS locations, a joyous Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

With the advent of the coming year, the opportunity for achievement in the service of the Nation is outstanding. With great satisfaction in the results of the past year's efforts and looking forward to the future, we wish each and all of you the very best of the Season's warmth and cheer.

W. W. HOLLISTER Captain, USN Commander WM. B. McLEAN Technical Director HARRY B. HAHN Captain, USN Executive Officer F. G. WILSON Associate Technical Director

Cdr. D. E. Bruce, Experimental Officer, Cited for Exceptional Meritorious Service

Commander Donald E. Bruce, USN, Station Experimental Officer in the Office of the Commander, was honored this week when he was presented a Navy Unit Recommendation Ribbon Bar by Captain H. B. Hahn, Station Executive Officer.

The citation was awarded by the Secretary of the Navy and forwarded by the Chief of Naval Personnel to Carrier Air Group NINETEEN personnel for meritorious service aboard the USS PRINCETON, CVA-37, during the periods from December 5, 1950, to August 10, 1951, and from April 15, to October 18, 1952. During the latter period, former Station Commander, Capt. P. D. Stroop, now Rear Admiral and Chief of the Bureau of Ordnance, was commanding officer of the USS PRINCETON. Basis for awarding the citation read, in part: "For exceptionally meritorious service in Air Group 19 aboard the USS PRINCETON during operations against enemy aggressor forces in Korea from December 5, 1950, to August 10, 1951, and from April 15, to October 18, 1952. Throughout these periods, the USS PRINCETON and her embarked air groups consistently maintained a high standard of com-

bat readiness and succeeded in inflicting extensive damage and destruction upon enemy lines of communication, installations, transportation facilities and troop concentrations."

Christmas Broadcasts To Feature Local Talent

A recording of portions of Handel's "Messiah" sung by a 53-voice Community Chorus will be broadcast on radio Station KRKS at 8:30 p.m. Christmas Eve, and on radio Station KRCK at 2 p.m. on Christmas day. Of additional local interest will be a recording of Charles Dickens' classic "Christmas Carol" from 7:30 to 8 p.m. Christmas Eve on KRKS. Enacted by the China Lake Players, a local drama group, the recording was cut by 14-year-old Henry Dubin, Burroughs High student.



COMMENDED—Cdr. D. E. Bruce, Experimental Officer (right) receives a Navy Unit Recommendation from Capt. H. B. Hahn, Executive Officer, at an official presentation this week. He earned the citation for service aboard the USS PRINCETON during the Korean conflict.

Next Edition—Jan. 9

The next edition of the Rocketeer will be on Friday, January 9, as the staff takes its annual leave during the two holiday weeks each year. Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year to all our readers.

Receives Service Pin



20-YEAR MAN—Carl C. McMillan (right), Electronic Technician in Aviation Ordnance Dept., receives a 20-year government service pin from Dr. N. E. Ward. McMillan came to NOTS in 1937 after serving 7 years in the U. S. Navy, 8 years with the U. S. Department of State in Foreign Service, and 5 years with the Department of State, Washington, D.C.

New Law Provides Converting Privilege

Public Law 85-847 allows an indefinite or Temporary employee to file for conversion to career or career-conditional status if between January 23, 1955, and November 10, 1955, his position was removed from the competitive service and placed under Schedule A or Schedule B. (There is little possibility of the above circumstance applying to employees whose Federal service was at NOTS during the period shown, but may apply to those who have transferred here from other activities).

An employee may also file for conversion if he was not converted to a career or career-conditional appointment under Public Law 380, because of an administrative error by his employing department or agency. The provisions of Public Law 85-847 expire November 26, 1959 and employees not serving on a career or career-conditional appointment and who feel that they may meet the requirements of either of the above circumstances are urged to contact the appropriate Personnel Service Branch in the Personnel Department.

(NAVNEWS)—In space travel, just being close doesn't even count. Allowable error is a vital problem in a flight to the planets. In a trip to Mars, for example, a velocity error of one foot per second at a distance of 300 miles from the earth will cause a space ship to miss the center of its target by almost 22,000 miles.

Live among men as if God held you; speak to God as if men were listening. —SENECA

NOTS Developed Camera Will Track "Friendly and Unfriendly" Satellites

NOTS has made another development contribution which may well have as much significance to the nation's defense as has Sidewinder, Zuni, Holy Moses, and Mighty Mouse, though in a different way—by the development of a special camera to detect and record both "friendly and unfriendly" satellites in space.

Development of the new photo smear camera, known as a "synchronized smear camera," was released to the Press last week in Los Angeles, and national wire services reported the event throughout the nation.

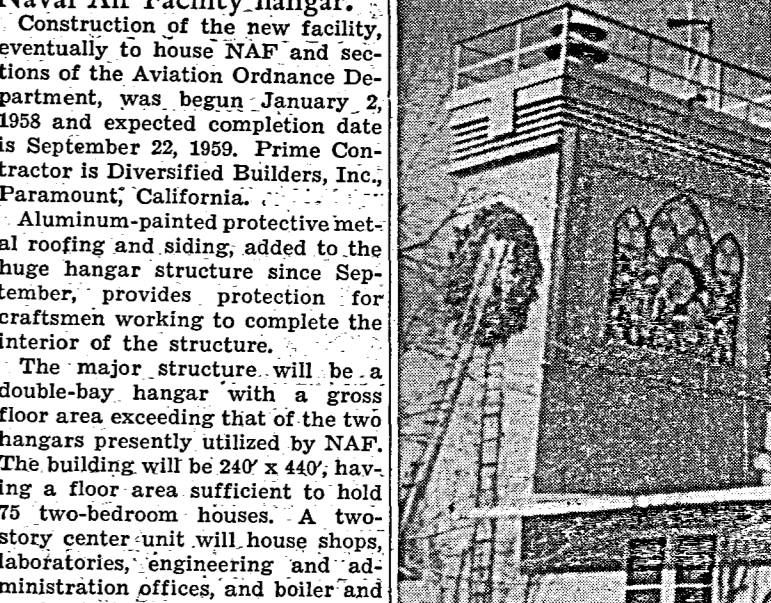
Jack T. Leininger, of the Photo-physics Branch, Test Dept., Instrumental Development Division, is credited largely with the instruments developed. He says it answers the need for a method of detecting and recording the presence of many unfriendly satellites in space. Radio is not wholly adequate for this objective, he points out. Method Used With this camera, method the film travel speed is synchronized with the satellite image. When the angular rate of the satellite can be properly coordinated with the film, the satellite is recorded as a dot. All other recorded astral bodies not traveling at that exact speed will appear as streaks on the film. It represents an important extension of previous smear camera techniques.

Can Cover Sky A network of nine cameras can cover the sky from horizon to horizon, with each unit capable of maintaining a constant photographic watch for as long as three hours. The photo units can obtain an exposure as long as 10 minutes on a satellite. The film used in the camera is 5 1/2 in. wide by 58 ft. in length. The camera is electrically powered, and timing instrumentation is keyed

DEVELOPS NEW CAMERA—Shown at his desk is photo-technologist Jack T. Leininger, intent on other development ideas after his successful development of a special camera to detect and record satellites. A Station employee since July of 1945, Leininger has had extensive experience in the photographic field, obtained with Douglas Aircraft Co., the Fred W. Carter Studios, the Army during WW II in England, France, and Belgium, and operating his own photographic and advertising illustration business. His work has appeared in the Architectural Forum, The Playgoer, Holiday, and U.S. Camera.

Huge NAF Hangar Project Progresses

With the major portion of the \$2,000-square yard parking apron addition of 5 miles of access roads and utilities enlargements complete, effort is now centered on completion of the half-finished Naval Air Facility hangar. Construction of the new facility, eventually to house NAF and sections of the Aviation Ordnance Department, was begun January 2, 1958 and expected completion date is September 22, 1959. Prime Contractor is Diversified Builders, Inc., Paramount, California. Aluminum-painted protective metal roofing and siding, added to the huge hangar structure since September, provides protection for craftsmen working to complete the interior of the structure. The major structure will be a double-bay hangar with a gross floor area exceeding that of the two hangars presently utilized by NAF. The building will be 240' x 440', having a floor area sufficient to hold 75 two-bedroom houses. A two-story center unit will house shops, laboratories, engineering and administration offices, and boiler and mechanical equipment rooms. A four-story radar tower will project above the roof of the center bay. Of the \$3,500,000 contracted for the project, about \$2,500,000 will be utilized in hangar construction while \$1,000,000 will provide for the added road, aprons and utilities.



HOLIDAY HIGHLIGHTS—"The Nativity," painted by Cec Wade and Art Lager, a 12x16" oil, overlooks most of NOTS from its vantage point atop the tower at Fire Station No. 1, and adds to the spirit of the season permeating the Station.

Behold! Christ is Born

"BEHOLD, THE BEGINNING OF THE INFANT CHURCH! CHRIST IS BORN! The shepherds begin to watch, gathering together the flock of the Gentiles who up to NOW had lived as brute animals. They led them into the sheepfold of the Savior, lest they suffer attacks from a spiritual enemy in the darkness of the night. Well do they keep watch, these shepherds trained by the Good Shepherd. The flock is the people; the night, the world; the shepherds, the ministers of God. At Bethlehem, the Savior ordained not only shepherds of this flock; He appointed from the Heavenly Court the very angels as Guardians.

—Father John F. C. Ryan



Christmas-Tide Thoughts

During this Christmas-tide people give gifts to each other, but give nothing to God. What kind of Christmas gift would be suitable to give to God? It is a principle of wise giving that the gift be something that can be used. . . . A Christmas gift to God must be something He can use. . . . He cannot use a person's easy, sentimental admiration for Jesus Christ. Mere words, no matter how beautiful, are no acceptable gift to God.

The gift of your mind—that would be a gift God wants and can use.

Have you made your Christmas gift unto God?

—Robert "Q" Jones, Chaplain, USN

President's Message

As your Commander-in-Chief and as a fellow citizen, it is my privilege to extend Christmas Greetings to the men and women of the Armed Forces of the United States.

Wherever you may be stationed, your basic mission is in keeping with the spirit of Christmas. As Americans, you are giving yourselves, your time and strength to establish and maintain peace on this earth.

Your countrymen are grateful to you. By your service on the frontiers of the world, you enable us at home to live and grow in security. Mrs. Eisenhower joins in sending best wishes to you for a happy holiday season.

DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER

Secretary's Message

To all members of the United States Navy, Marine Corps, our civilian employees and their families throughout the world, warm greetings and sincere good wishes for a merry Christmas and a joyous New Year.

The Christmas season is an excellent time to count our blessings and to look forward to the promise of the coming year. We are blessed with a free and God-fearing nation that is dedicated to the inalienable rights of the individual—the right to worship as we please, the right of free assembly, the right of free speech, and privacy of our homes. As sailors and Marines, wherever you are stationed, you are symbols of the determination of the United States to protect and foster these rights.

As you serve in the defense of these cherished ideals, and especially those of you on foreign stations far from home, your dedicated spirit helps immeasurably to keep the light of hope for a free and untroubled world burning in the hearts of people everywhere.

May the inspiration of Christmas provide the basis for renewed zeal and confidence to meet the challenge of the New Year.

THOMAS S. GATES, JR.
Secretary of the Navy

CNO's Message

Christmas is a joyous season, compounded of warmth and gaiety, and renewal of old ties. It is a season of gifts whose precedents were the frankincense and myrrh offered the Bethlehem Babe centuries ago.

You and your families are offering a very precious gift of your own service to your country. Each of you is helping to maintain and further the "peace on earth, good will to men," inherent in the thought of Christmas.

Your devotion to your duty, to your Navy and to your country enables the Navy to function effectively in the defense of freedom and liberty for the United States and all mankind.

The Navy is proud of you, wherever you are. If you must be far from home, may the Christmas spirit find its way there to bless and keep you, and your families, as well.

ADMIRAL ARLEIGH A. BURKE, USN
Chief of Naval Operations

We Will Be Closed . . .

- Marine Exchange:** Thursday, December 25, through Sunday, December 28, Thursday, January 1.
- Station Library:** Wednesday, after 4:30 p.m., through Friday, December 26. Open for weekend business, as usual. Wednesday, December 31, after 4:30 p.m., through January 1.
- Bank of America:** Closed December 25, 26 and 31.
- Commissary:** Closed December 25 and 30, and on January 1.
- Community Center Dining Room and Snack Bar:** Dining room will be open for business as usual. The Snack Bar will be open at 7 a.m. on December 25, 26 and 31, and January 1.
- Rocketeer:** Next issue will be published January 9, 1959. Office will be closed December 22-26. Office will be open December 29-31.
- Navy Exchange:** Retail Store—Closed December 25-26, and January 1, 1959. Toyland—Closed after December 24. Service Station and Outdoor Shop—Closed Christmas Day only. Golf Course Snack Bar—Closed December 24, 25 and 31. NAF Snack Bar—Closed December 25, 26 and 31. The Laundry, Dry Cleaners, Barber and Beauty Shops, Cobbler Shop and the Portrait Studio will be closed December 25, 26 and 31.

Promotional Opportunities . . .

Up-to-date Forms 58 should be submitted to the Personnel Dept. when applying for the following positions:

Electrician (Aircraft), Code 1838. Services, repairs, modifies, and installs electrical and electronic equipment in drone and control aircraft. File by Dec. 26, 1958.

Ordnanceman A&E Test, Code 1838. Installation and check-out of pyrotechnic items required on target aircraft. File by Dec. 26, 1958.

Electronic Mechanic, Code 3065. Performs fabrication, check-out and maintenance of communication and timing systems. Experience in radio communication; VHF and pulse technique areas desired. File by Dec. 26, 1958.

Physicist, GS-9, PD No. 26850-1, Code 4052. Incumbent will be responsible for research design fabrication and testing of electro-optical devices associated with the branch's work. File by Dec. 20, 1958.

Electrician, Code 3072. Working primarily at the Supersonic Tracks (SNORT, B-4 and G-4). Duties involve propulsion system wiring, installation of fire control equipment, maintenance and repair of control systems and installation of necessary electrical downrange devices. File by Dec. 26, 1958.

General Engineer, GS-11, PD No. 28399 Am. 1, Code 3013. Incumbent is required to prepare evaluation proposals, perform engineering analysis and prepare reports on the TERRIER and TARTAR missile systems and associated equipment. File by Dec. 26, 1958.

Electronic Technician (Instru), GS-9, PD No. 28590-2, Code 3067. Perform operation and maintenance of Electronic Trajectory and position time measurement systems (not Radars) on Ground and Track Ranges. File by Dec. 26, 1958.

Fiscal Accounting Clerk, GS-5, PD No. 20700, Code 3000. Responsible for all fiscal accounting for Test Dept., preliminary budget analysis for the compilation budget estimates and for related services. Perform miscellaneous duties as assigned including working supervision of a fiscal accounting clerk. File by Dec. 26, 1958.

Electronic Technician (Instru), GS-9, PD No. 31001, Code 4012. Performs design, modification, installation, operation, and maintenance of electronic equipment required for testing of warheads and high explosives. File by Dec. 26, 1958.

Clerk (Stenography), GS-5, PD No. 26322 Am II, Code 40. Secretary to Head, Weapons Development Department. File by Dec. 26, 1958.

Mechanical Engineer (Ordnance), GS-11, PD No. 35083, Code 4035. Incumbent will perform Mechanical Design work on fuzing systems and components. File by Dec. 26, 1958.

General Engineer, GS-12, ED No. 33101, Code 4024. Perform evaluation and design of inertial guidance systems and test equipment. File by Dec. 26, 1958.

File applications for above positions with Fawn Haycock, Room 34, Ext. 71514.

Social Worker (Part-time), GS-10, Code 65L. Direction of the Social Casework Program, providing casework service, contact with other Social Agencies, maintaining consultative relationships with local community services, and education of the community and Station management, as to the nature of problems involved and service rendered. File by Dec. 26, 1958.

Refrigeration and Air-condition-

Sport Slants

By "Chuck" Mangold

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who have given me such wonderful cooperation in our Athletic Program since I came aboard the Station last April. I wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Intramural Sports. Program activity will be suspended during the two week holiday season. However, the bowling alleys will be available for open bowling from December 19 to January 4. The gym will be open on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday nights from 6 to 9 p.m. for intramural basketball practice.

In last week's games Bob Olson's high scoring NAF team downed the NOTS' five 84-29. Vern McDonald with 25 points and Walt Richardson with 22 points led the NAF team to the win. In the second game Tuesday night Joe Seibold's AOD team downed the Marine Corps Guided Missile Test Unit quintet, 43-38. Dick Erbe with 20 points for the AOD team was the high point man. In Thursday night's games, Jim Smith's Pilot Plant team beat GMU-61 by a score of 70-18. In the second game, the Marine Barracks five downed the VX-5 team 61-26.

Payment Dates Told By Insurance Group

At the December meeting of the Group Health Insurance Plan members formulated policies to be adhered to concerning payment of insurance premiums.

A 25-cent assessment for all premiums paid after the closing of each monthly payment period was agreed upon. However, according to Sol Sherman, chairman of the Insurance Committee, late payments will be accepted if notice is given in writing prior to the due date citing the need for postponement.

Premium payments will be accepted through the Monday following the tenth of each month, and the office will remain open until 5:15 p.m. on Mondays and Fridays during the payment period.

ance plant processing equipment and machinery, power plant equipment, large pumping plant equipment, and range testing equipment. File by Dec. 26, 1958.

Automotive Mechanic, Code 7077. Disassembles, repairs or replaces defective parts of gasoline or diesel-driven automotive equipment. File by Dec. 26, 1958.

File applications for above positions with Wanda Talley, Room 31, Ext. 71393.

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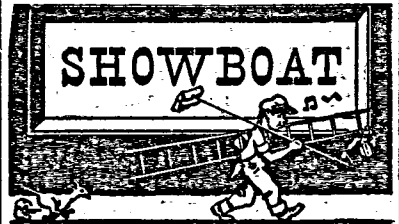
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What's Doing IN RECREATION

By Jean Cone, Recreation Director

A Very Important Person will visit China Lake this week. The latest message from Santa says he expects to be here Saturday morning. He and his helpers will get a first hand view of China Lake when they tour the housing areas on the Station and Wherry from 10 a.m. till 12 noon. Santa is hoping all Station children Division-join me in wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



MATINEE
Saturday and Sunday - 1 p.m.

EVENING
6 and 8 p.m. daily

TODAY DEC. 19
"THE BIG COUNTRY" (156 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 cattle baron's daughter, who 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 it!

SATURDAY DEC. 20
MATINEE
SPECIAL KIDDIES CHRISTMAS SHOW
2 p.m.
Santa Claus will be there! (Children under 12 only)

EVENING
"THE HOT ANGEL" (73 Min.)
Grand Canyon mining company pilot helps girl friend straighten out her brother who is a member of tough motorcycle gang. Action on the highways and skyways!

SUN.-MON. DEC. 21-22
"IN LOVE AND WAR" (107 Min.)
Robert Wagner, Dana Wynter
Story of trio of Marines on Gallico leave their varied backgrounds, and the girls they love before returning to the front.

TUES.-WED. DEC. 23-24
"SINGIN' IN THE RAIN" (103 Min.)
Debbie Reynolds, Gene Kelly
Musical in color.
NO SHORTS

THURS.-FRI. DEC. 25-26
"DAMN YANKEES" (110 Min.)
Tab Hunter, Gwen Verdon
Baseball fan makes a deal with the devil to invest him with supernatural talent in order to beat the Yankees. He reneges on giving up his soul and the fun begins.

SATURDAY DEC. 27
MATINEE
"SARACEN BLADE" (78 Min.)
Ricardo Montalban
SHORTS: "Silent Treatment" (7 Min.)
"Captain Video" Chapter No. 13 (16 Min.)

EVENING
"BANDIDO" (90 Min.)
Robert Reynolds, Glenn Rogers
SHORTS: "Jerry and Jimbo" (7 Min.)
"Trapped by a Blonde" (17 Min.)

SUN.-MON. DEC. 28-29
"THE LAST HURRAH" (121 Min.)
Spencer Tracy, Jeffrey Hunter, Pat O'Brien
Edwin O'Connor's novel of American politics depicts a great politician's fight for reelection. Running for a fifth term, the candidate invites his nephew to have an inside view of his big-fish-fashioned campaign, perhaps the "last hurrah" before vote-getting by radio and TV takes over entirely.

TUES.-WED. DEC. 30-31
"THE TALL MEN" (122 Min.)
Clark Gable, Jane Russell
(No synopsis available)
NO SHORTS

THURS.-FRI. JAN. 1-2
"THE LAST BLITZKREIG" (84 Min.)
Van Johnson, Lise Voudrin
SHORTS: "Gumshoe Magoo" (7 Min.)
"A Lass in Alaska" (9 Min.)

Correct Mail Address Cards Issued Today

Mailing address cards to provide proper information for mailing W-2 Forms, Withholding Tax Statements for 1958, were issued with pay checks today.

Each employee should complete the card with his current mailing address and submit it to his time-keeper or supervisor immediately.



News From Pasadena

A Christmas Message . . .

Each of you can well be proud of your role in the Station's achievements during the past year. As a united team, we have made notable progress, and are confident that during 1959 our individual and cooperative efforts will achieve even more significant results.

For the holidays and for all the days of the New Year to come, we extend wishes for success and happiness in the lives of each of you.

Cdr. C. J. Beers Douglas J. Wilcox

JPL Man Tells Impressions Of Moscow Meet

Writers and scientists hold top prestige in Russia today, reported Dr. Henry L. Richter, Jr., in his speech here last Friday.

Dr. Richter, a staff engineer in the Guidance Research Division of Jet Propulsion Laboratory, recently returned from Russia where he presented a paper at the Fifth Assembly of the Special Committee for the International Geophysical Year held in Moscow. His lecture here covered a summary of scientific experiments reported on by the Russians at the Assembly.

"The Russians spoke freely on the results obtained from their Sputniks," Dr. Richter reported; "but said little about their equipment."

American scientists presented about 18 papers on the Explorer and on rocket work. The British, French and Japanese also participated.

Including some of his impressions of the Russian people and culture, Dr. Richter showed movies and slides of Moscow and commented on the freedom he was allowed throughout the city.

The people were very friendly and interested in the Americans and Dr. Richter was surprised to meet so many who spoke excellent English.

Schedule of Strolling Carolers

Members of the NOTS Christmas Choir, under the direction of Merton Welch, will make their first appearance this season on Monday morning when they sing at the Veterans Hospital in Long Beach, according to James Jenkinson, chairman.

On Wednesday, December 24, the strolling carolers will appear at Foothill and Morris Dam as follows:

8:45 a.m. Between Buildings 14 and 3
9:30 a.m. Building 7 shops
10:15 a.m. South side of Building 9
11:55 Morris Dam

Officials Installed For Coming Year In NFFE Local

Unanimously reelected to serve during the coming year as President of Local 1101, National Federation of Federal Employees, is David G. Hunt of NOTS Pasadena, according to a recent announcement by Nadine B. Robinson, outgoing secretary.

Other offices in the organization held by NOTS employees include that of 2nd Vice President—Joquin Vergara, and 3rd Vice President—Nadine Robinson.

The following officers are held by employees of Los Angeles Ordnance District:

1st Vice President—Stanley Cox
Secretary—Charlotte King
Treasurer—Mary Cushing
Guide and Guardian—Walter Lemke

Guest speaker at the installation dinner was Carl Hoffman, Chairman of the Los Angeles Area Council, who spoke on the anticipated work of the next Congress for Civil Service employees.

New Books

Aku-Aku by Thor Heyerdahl. Eight years after Kon-Tiki, Thor Heyerdahl returned to the Southeast Pacific to solve the mysteries of Easter Island.

The Sword of Pleasure by Peter Green. During his final illness, the Roman dictator, Sulla, looks back over his long and violent career.

Matter, Earth, and Sky by George Gamow. One of the foremost science writers of our day explains in readable language the nature of the Universe.

On My Own by Eleanor Roosevelt. Mrs. Roosevelt's recollections of her personal, political and international activities since her husband's death.

Christmas Party Will Draw Many Tonight

A large turnout is expected this evening at the third annual all-hands Christmas party. The place is El Dorado Inn, 2727 New York Drive, and the time is 5-7 p.m. About 400 persons attended the event last year.

Refreshments and hors d'oeuvres will be served, compliments of the Employees Service Organization. Spouses, girl or boy friends are invited.

Hoopsters Take 56-70 Defeat To Pasc. Policemen

Perkins of the Pasadena Police Department team proved to be the downfall of the NOTS hoopsters in last week's game. Thirty-seven points scored by Perkins put the Police team ahead to win 70-56.

Fighting all the way, NOTS was trailing by just three points at half time but the Police team pulled ahead in the last half to take the game.

Scorers on the NOTS team were: Tom Paine, 16 points; Ray Brooks, 14; John Martin, 10; Wayne Groesbeck, 8; Tom McKinney, 3; Rod Rotter, 4; and Jerry Gold, 1.



Personnel Actions

Catalina Caves from procurement clerk, GS-4, to purchasing agent, GS-5, in Supply Division.

Donald L. MacWhorter from procurement clerk, GS-3 to GS-4, in Supply Division.

Marylouise Brooks from typist, GS-2, to clerk-typist, GS-3, in Purchase Division.

Maxine A. John from clerk-typist, GS-3, to personnel clerk (typing), GS-4, Personnel Division.

Terminations:
Dorothy E. Smith of the Guidance and Control Division, Underwater Ordnance Department.

An Open Letter to All Employees From Officer in Charge, Pasadena

I'd like to thank all of you for contributing so generously to the recently completed Community Chest-Operation Santa Claus drive. The Station Commander has commended Pasadena on its showing. His letter reads in part:

"The unselfish and generous giving of the employees to both of these worthy causes is commendable. I wish to personally extend my heartiest congratulations."

Let's keep up this fine record in our two other charitable drives this forthcoming year.

Charles J. Beers