SNORT Tests Artillery Shell Recovery Track Sled Air-Snatches Projectile In Army Ballistics 'Baseball' Game

"We've got 'em both!" Just four, casual little words emanate from 1st Lt. Willam S. Fiske, U. S. Army project coordinator, as the two holes, created by the captured artillery projectile, appear at the rear of the recovery sled. But the placid tone of his voice does not conceal his exuberance as months of intricate mathematical calculations and precise timing click to complete the third in a series of successful 'double-shots" of the CATSHELL project here on February 10, 15, and 24.

The "Catshell" program, a name coined at NOTS for the Army's Army's Double Pitch nique method of "soft-recovery" of an artillery shell, has been under ay at the Station's Supersonic Naval Ordnance Research Track (SNORT) since January, 1960, with the assistance of and for Picatinny Arsenal. Bill Moore, general engineer in the Supersonic Track Division of Test Department, is the local project engineer.

Due to Picatinny's lack of supersonic track facilities, NOTS has supplied the use of SNORT to test the newly devised "double-shot" application of the program which was conceived, engineered and refined by Picatinny Arsenal, the Army's Research and Development Center for ammunition and special weapons at Dover, N.J. The new concept will cut down the cost of the study by some \$300,000.

Since the tests started here last March, 22 shell firings, most of which were single shots, out of 26 sled runs were successful. The four Here comes the double "pitch" . failures were due to poor sled performance which, in turn, prevented the guns from firing. Earlier successful "single-shot" tests were conducted on the rocket sled track at Holloman Air Force Base near Alamagordo, New Mexico

Although on Temporary Additional Duty at NOTS, Lt. Fiske is assigned to the Experimental Test and Evaluation Section of the Technical Services Laboratory at Picatinny. A detailed article on Catshell, based on information compiled by Lt. Fiske, appears in the February, 1961, issue of the Western Aviation, Missiles and Space publication under the heading "Artillery Shells Snagged in Flight by Rocket Sled May Aid Missile Research.

Army Uses Baseball Tactic

further study. The "ball" is a live 155 mm artillery shell. The "glove" which catches it is a rocket sled traveling at Mach 1.4 and the "pitcher" is a milli-second triggering system which fires the Howitzer.

The idea for this novel project originated as an answer to the requirement placed on Picatinny to find a means by which special of limitations of the track, and weight and aerodynamic limits on the artillery shells could be recovered after firing, intact and undamaged. sled. Since the target area is relatively small, steps had to be taken Wichita Falls, Tex., the 560,000 Conventional methods were unsuitable for use in recovering the 155 to insure that no damage would be done to the costly track facilities in watt transmitter will be five times mm artillery shell because an extremely low predictable deceleration the event the "catcher" muffed the "ball." To satisfy this end the gun as powerful as the largest television catch was required. Several new methods were considered as feasible but the rocket sled method proved to be the most promising.

This method was predicated on the theory that it would be possible together at a precise moment or they will never meet. to intercept and capture an airbourne projectile with a rocket sled moving in the same direction. A sled, filled with suitable soft recovery material, was designed by Aircraft Armaments, Inc., with the aid of NOTS engineers, for use as the recovery vehicle. The basic theory proved to be more than just feasible with a series of 16 highly successful single "catches" at China Lake

From Theory to Actual Practice

Enroute to proving their theory, and in going from feasibility studies to actual practice, the project engineers met and overcame many

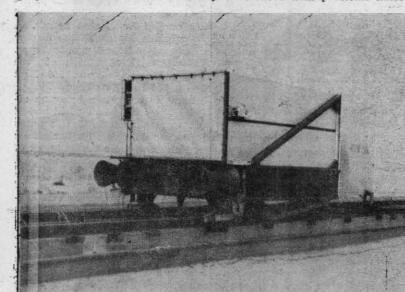
The sled itself was the first unknown. Specially designed and built for this project, the sled is 23.5 feet long and weighs 13,000 pounds. It rides on steel shoes and maintains a metal to metal contact with the track at all times. Could it be made to attain the desired peak velocities? At Holloman, the testers began by using three rocket motors but the present set-up requires five rocket motors which develop a combined thrust of 250,000 pounds.

"Glove" Is Ensolite-filled Box

The box used for the catch and capture of the shell is mounted on the sled and is filled with sheets of Ensolite, the material finally selected as most suitable for recovery. Other materials tested include polyurethane celotex and foam rubber but these were discarded due to requirements for a flameproof cushioning material.

The box is made of ribs of structural steel covered by sheet aluminum, except in the rear, where the shell goes through a thin sheet those of the firing device itself. (0.018") of steel before its capture. The recovery box is ten feet long, and presents a target area at the rear of four feet by five and one-

After solving the problems presented by the eatch vehicle, the



CATSHELL SLED-The Army's "soft-recovery" vehicle is composed of dinary photograph taken with a 70 mm "ballistic 1,450 ft. per second. Intercept occurs 1,000 feet from three parts: the main wedge in the forefront; the recovery box filled synchro" camera, which revolves at same relative Howitzer's muzzle to recover an undamaged prowith Ensolite, a sponge rubber material, mounted on five 50,000 lb. speed as sled, shows projectile overtaking rocket jectile. The shell's blunt nose is only a test feature



PROJECT COORDINATOR-1st. Lt. William S. Fiske, U.S. Army project coordinator assigned to the Catshell test program at NOTS, turns from the 25-powered binocular in the fire control booth at SNORT after tracking a successful double-shot sled run



They're both in the pocket!

Right in the "mitt" . . .

ent with the ballistics of a 155 mm Howitzer shell.

Characteristics of the "Ball" A shell fired from a Howitzer normally flies high along a curve The Army's version of the nation's favorite sport, baseball, is reflected in their soft-recovery technique of retrieving fired missiles for used in the testing was sunk unto the ground alongside of the track Being Built by Navy so that the muzzle of the gun was 0.8 feet below track level. Maximum height of shell trajectory is now just below the highest limit of the recovery box.

The size of the target area at the rear of the sled is fixed because is fired from one side of the track, and its line of sight to the target is transmitter. It will "feed" one of on a slight diagonal. This means that the shell and the sled must come the world's longest antennas.

Precision Timing Throughout

Since the shell had the most predictable peak velocity, a triggering can be inoperative without affects system had to be set up to insure that the sled reached the correct ing the others. velocity and was at the right place at the right time for intercept. Two | The Navy Space Surveillance electrical triggers were set-up 500 ft, apart.

As the sled passes over the first trigger the electrical power to fire ting for two and a half years. It the gun is turned on and this power is applied to the gun firing circuit has two complexes, one extending when the sled passes over the second trigger provided the sled has attained the required speed.

The sled starts 3000 ft. behind the gun and reaches its peak velocity tween. The gap will be closed this just prior to passing the gun. The intercept occurs 1000 ft. from the year by the new transmitter. gun muzzle. At the time of the catch, the shell is traveling at 1625 ft. Each complex of the system conper second and the sled is traveling at 1450 ft. per second, giving a sists of a transmitter midway bevelocity of 175 ft. per second.

Although the track is 4.1 miles long, it is necessary to use a water brake to prevent the sled from running off the end of the track.

Thus far the outcome of the "ball games" have always been highly ccessful. It seems the Army has the game rigged in its favor. The Army stresses that the artillery shells under test are nev

ncluding new fuzings, casings and in some instances new designs. Many of the new components had never been tested for dynamic increasing signals reflected to each

loadings even though the materials themselves had undergone tensile receiver. The receivers in one com-

This in-flight laboratory, as it were, eliminates all loadings except

There were two other proposals for accomplishing the same objective, but they proved too costly in terms of both money and time.

The idea for the rocket sled recovery was conceived in March, 1958. A new English class for lowers will start next Monday night First attempts at Holloman took place the next month. Work in New at 7 p.m. at Burroughs High School. project coordinators from Picatinny were faced with problems inherMexico led to a re-design of the entire technique which is now in use Enrollments will be taken at BHS

The Catshell project is considered an open-end one and a new from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Instructor phase will begin late this year. Anthony Gogliucci is the Army arsenal's will be Miss Ann Cierley.

Huge Detection Unit

mitters is being built to plug the gap in the Navy's silent satellite de+

The mile-long antenna will have nine sections, each 576 feet long by 24 feet wide, aranged so that one

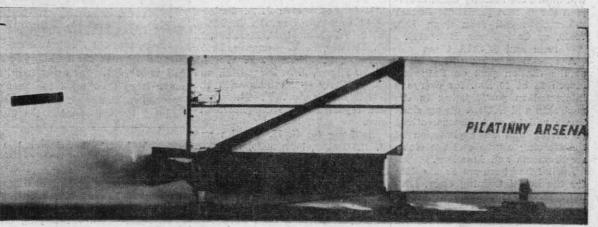
System (SPASUR) has been opera-

tween two receivers spaced 500 miles apart. Data from the two receivers, picking up signals bounced off a satellite, are automatically sent to the Space Surveillance Operation Center at Dahlgren, Va.

The new addition in Texas will extend the range of the system by plex normally receive only those signals from their own transmitter.

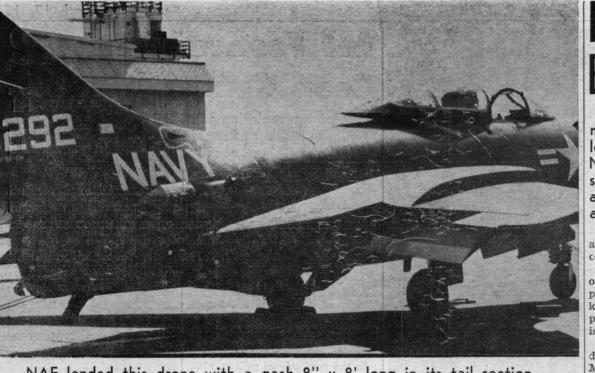
English Class Starts

office Monday through Thursday



thrust motors which are separately primed but simultaneously fired. sled at SNORT. At time of catch, 118 lb. shell is to reduce catch velocity.

CAMERA STOPS FLIGHT ACTION-This extraor- traveling at 1,625 ft. per second and the sled at



NAF landed this drone with a gash 8" x 8' long in its tail section.



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April 4 through 7.

science instructor.

who enters an exhibit.

Elementary School

Don Edinger, Kern County Science

Student Recognition

Tomorrow —

Exhibits in the fields of biology,

chemistry, physics, mathematics.

school art exhibits are mounted in

Exacting Preparation

Projects are developed and ex-

is further stimulated by the distinc-

tive aura of inquisitiveness which

dominates the modern world. These

young people perform a variety of

give impetus to the learning-teach-

SCIENCE FAIR PROJECT - Kar-

en Plain, Burroughs High School

senior, demonstrates her contribu-

tion to the annual Science Fair. The

mechanical Lissajous Figure Gen-

erator, which compounds two sim-

ple harmonic motions at right

angles, is one of the many projects to be displayed this weekend. Karen

was a recent recipient of the Bank

of America and the 1961 ReSA

Student Awards for her outstand-

ing accomplishments in the fields of science and mathematics.

Kern County Science Fair which morrow.

the library.

an added attraction this year, high the library.

OFFICE, HOUSING BLDG., TOP DECK

China Lake Players To Stage extensive section.
Henni Science Fair Will Reveal 'Everyman' As Area Gift

Good Deeds

Messenger-

Cowardice

Beauty ...

BHS Student Capabilities

This weekend's highlight in ended sectarian in any way," states tertainment will be the Chine Lake Players' production of the Englay. The theme, which is the lone-lie Alpha, in a landing condition The fifth annual High School Science Fair, to be of Everyman" in the All-Faith lizes that he must die and his the approach held from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. tomorrow on the Burroughs Chapel Sunday night, March 19, at search for some enduring values in Berthelson brought the drone

Campus, will demonstrate the ingenuity and creativity employed by students interested in will be held in Bakersfield during of friends and patrons of the China believer, for those of little faith, control over to McIlmoil for the Lake Players and the support of or for those who have found no landing. Chaplain Jones and Monsigner faith at all, the director added. An invitation has been extended John F. C. Ryan the colorful drama The cast will wear colorful, mephotography, and home economics to the elementary schools to par- will be offered as a gift to the com- dieval costumes which will be enwill be displayed in the chemistry, ticipate on a noncompetitive basis, murity for the Lenten season and hanced by the beautiful setting of centering had a hard right tendenphysics, and photography rooms. As Their displays may be viewed in no admission charges will be re- the All-Faith Chapel. A full gamut cy. He waved it off and called of human characteristics will be

"Although the play has religious enacted by the following cast: These exhibits are coordinated by significance, it cannot be consider- Everyman

Consultant: Wanda Shomate, curriculum coordinator for the China plored according to the age and Lake Elementary Schools; and Questionnaires Out ability of the students, and interest Lloyd Brubaker, Murray School To Tenants for Data Jesse D. Stockton, Superintendent On Rental Analysis

scientific experiments and thus of Kern County Public Schools, will The China Lake Community present certificates of award to Council has been requested by Staeach elementary class and student tion Command to compile data for the Station Housing Rental Board Cousin instructor and general chairman of It is hoped that the public will for their current study of the rental the 1961 Science Fair, states that take this opportunity to inspect rates structure at NOTS. The the exhibits will again be judged by these interesting projects. This is Board is required to conduct this Faith NOTS scientists. High School en- an ideal step toward understanding survey every three years.

tries are competitive and eligible the aims of the science programs A task committee of Community for cash awards which are provided in the schools if we are to provide Council members has compiled and the proper educational facilities for distributed 600 questionnaires this Winners will be entered in the our scientists and engineers of to- week to a random selection of Station tenants in all types of houses.

All qusetionnaires must be comday, March 23, in the enclosed selfaddressed envelopes to the China Lake P.O. Box 200. The return of all questionnaires will supply the committee with the information needed to submit an accurate report to the Rental Board by April 1. The task committee consists of Bob Biller, chairman; Joe Dinsmore; Dr. Herb Larsen; Cal Fallgatter; Dick Felton; Clara Erickon; and Hazel Coleman.

Bibles to be Displayed This Sunday in Chapel

some of them printed in other than English and some brought to the desert by early California pioneers, will be part of a display in the East Wing of the All-Faith Chapel this This display will be open to the

public after both morning worship services.

Attend Annual	TEMPERATURES			
	0.10		Max.	Min.
	Mar.	10	71	38
The state of the s	Mar.	11		
Science	Mar.	12	73	37
The Residence of the State of t	Mar.	13	76	42
Fair	Mar.	14	79	47
-	Mar.	15	60	47
Tomorrow	Mar.	16	58	40

By Skillful NAF Pilots

Last week veteran NAF pilots LCdrs. Walt Henning, Andy Berthelson, and NAF drone aircraft controller LCdr. John McIlmoil, saved the taxpayer and the Navy an estimated \$100,000 by their quick thinking and skill when they safely landed an F9F-6K drone aircraft after it was hit by a missile over G-Range which damaged the drone's rudder controls.

on the ground during the take-off F8U Crusader carrying two missiles period from a small control cart, swept into the pattern at over 500 known as a Foxcart, but once the miles per hour in pursuit of his pilotless craft is aloft its control prey. is transferred to a control plane.

McIlmoil last Wednesday as he seconds later. lifted the F9F off the runway was to end two hours later in moments of anxiety for he and pilots Henning and Berthelson. Things began calmly as the F9F

was airborne and the two FJ-3 jets chase planes piloted by Henning and Lt. Bill Chaney took over control of the drone and began their climb to 26,000 feet above G-Range

Over G-Range ground control personnel at the remote control sta-

Ralph Claassen

Marge Pezzuto

Descretion Norm Van Zandt

Conceit-Five Wits Ruth Schuyler

.. Gary Wydra

Betty Kruk

Damaged Drone Saved

\$100,000 is the estimated cost of | tion took control of the drone and tern for the missile test.

The drones are controlled from Lt. A. S. Newman piloting an

As zero time approached the What was just another routine wingtip flares on the drone were rone flight for ground controller ignited, but were carried away

Newman Zeros In

On zero Newman closed in and fired one missile. With the wingtip flare gone, the missile lacking a better source of heat to seek, homed in on the jet engine of the drone and eight feet long on the tail sec-

After the firing, Henning, who was flying as Charlie 1, closed in with his chase plane to bring the drone down to a lower altitude. It was then that he discovered the extensive damage in the tail area

Henning radioed Chaney, Charlie 2, and they started bringing the drone down to the 10.00 foot level. checking the drone's controls during the descent. At 10,000 they had lish morality play "The Summoning liness of a man's soul when he rea- with wheels and flaps down for

his life, is one which has the great- down from 10,000 to 200 feet and at Due to the generous contributions est significance for the confirmed two miles from runway turned

McIlmoil made a control check

bring it in again.

On the second approach McIlmoi Robert Pinney Ed Romero had solved the difficulties - he counteracted the hard right turn tendencies with a steady left turn - and brought the drone onto the runway. It landed on the left side of the runway and angled to the right for a distance of 7,000 feet before it came to a stop.

Thanks to the skill of these men - a drone was saved to fly Ruth Rekosh another day.

At the present time, NAF has Alan Fouse ten flyable F9F-6k jet drones, Jim Rhodes Joan Leipnik seven Ryan KDA-4 Firebees radio Joan de Groot controlled drones, and five Beech-Mary Wickenden craft KDB missile target drones, Martine Brown and four F6F Grumman Hellcats Betty Hughes drones which are prop jobs. James Bray



TOUCHING MOMENT-Everyman (Robert Pinney) pleads with Death (Ralph Claassen) for one more day in a dramatic scene from "The Summoning of Everyman" set for 8:15 p.m. Sunday night in the All-Faith -Bob Belisle Phote Chapel. The drama is not a church service.



Club prexy John Machowsky. Roby and Stevenson dedicated support of golfing in this area.

TOURNAMENT WINNERS-Capt. W. W. Hollister won over field of 70 entrees in the 36-hole event Marcelle Engle, Elinor Field, Bruce presents the "Hollister Cup" to Earl Roby and which was played on the local course last weekend. Haig, Ed Hammerberg, Russ Huse, Garry Stevenson, winners of the annual "Best Ball The China Lake Golf Club Association established Richard Nazareth, Hazel Porter, of Partners" tournament, with the approval of Golf the "Hollister Cup" to honor Capt. Hollister for his Ruth Samons, Adeline Williams,

those not bringing their own.

Range Operations."

Conference Room A. Tom Mico.

Head of the Pasadena Division of

Test Dept. will discuss "Sea Test

on the Easter cruise to Lake Mead.

Grass," both by Isaac Dinesen.

Commissary Store

Closes For Inventory

The Commissary Store will

close for inventory beginning

10 a.m., Thursday, March 30.

Sports Slants

Roby-Stevenson Take Station's Golfing Title

Putting together four rounds of 32-31-32-32, Earl Roby and Gary Stevenson paired to demonstrate their marked with orange ribbon. Heavy supremacy over the local links. This marked the first shoes and gloves are necessary in division will compete in a countyrunning of the "Hollister Cup," a Lamar, Lois Peterson, Hazel Kruse, partnership event over 36 holes. Thelma Baldwin, and Merle Min-They were followed by the teams shew.

All Events (Handicap) - Jeanne of Billy Herron-Mel Morrison and Chuck Fritchman-Bob Kochman Krausman, Thelma Baldwin, Charlotte DeMarco, and Ernie Lamar. All Events (Scratch) - Marie Saturday's round found the eventual winners playing a steady game L'Hommedieu, Edith Zissos, Laura

PROMOTIONAL

OPPORTUNITIES

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insidered. The purpose of this ad is

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File applications with Pat Dettling, Room

34, Ext. 7-2032. Deadline for application

two strokes off the pace set by Rorex, and Angie Damico. Fritchman-Kochman who turned in the best round of the first day at 61. Five strokes off the pace was Herron-Morrison with a 66. Morrison turned in the best single effort of the day by earning a birdie on number 1 with a 135 yard chip

Roby-Stevenson scrambling to ov- to-date Form 58. The fact that positions are ertake the leaders as Bob and Chuck continued their superlative goif for the next nine holes. How-ever, the law of averages made its Leadingman (Laborer Heavy), \$6281.60 to \$6822.40 p/a, Code 7044. Persons on the move and their score soared to 36 as they tied for second place with round, Herron-Morrison earned a tion because they held the same rating or a

Volunteers Needed

Progress on the nine hole exten- 7530. Secretary to Head of Library Division. written by Erich Fromm. sion is approximately one month ahead of schedule. The mains are now in and work is starting on the smaller piping. Water has been run through the main pipes and all and repairs machine shop's tools, jigs, fit appears satisfactory. There is still tures and gages. Setting up and operating quite a bit to do and more volun- various metal working mad teers are needed in order to take | File applications for above positions with advantage of the time element. Pat Gaunt, Room 31, Personnel Building, Ladies Golf Ext. 7-1393. Deadline date for application

Doris Sorge won the March put- March 24. ting contest with fifteen putts. In Ordnanceman (A & E-Production), salary the odd hole event, the winner was range \$2.75 to \$2.97, Code 3052. Clear May Machowsky. Tied for second repairs, reworks and loads cartridge case place were Reggie Hibbs and Jay and other projectiles and explosive assembly Mueller. Nina Maxwell and Bernice
Rice took top honors in the Hidden

The transfer of the tran Partners tourney. Evaluation Division.

Volleyball Schedule Tuesday, March 21 6:30 p.m. March 24. Redeye vs Test Dept.

VX-5 vs Marine Barracks 7:30 p.m. AOD vs Bounders 8:30 p.m. NAF No. 2 vs NAF No. 3 6:30 p.m. Six Swimmers Win Thursday, March 23

NAF No. 4 vs Personnel 7:30 p.m. 18 Firsts In Meet Women's Bowling Tourney Paul Hupka, Regina Hupka, Roy rose garden to be

Entries from Shina Lake and Compton, Martha Williams, Arnold Ridgecrest seem to have fared Adams, and Tom Holliday, garner- located at the equally well in the Women's An- ed three first places each in a field Community Centnual City Tournament. Final stand- of 85 swimmers in last Saturday's ings were tabulated in the follow- Indian Wells Valley preliminary er. The presenta-

Team Event — Bud Eyre Chev- Patti Carlin, Bobby Jones, Kay during last Sunrolettes, Hildreths, Hi-Lo's, and Beresford, and Diane Baty came

Doubles - Eileen Rivers and first place division. Nancy Bannister, Pat Maddux and The first and second place win-Ruth Huber, Jean Brown and ners in Saturday's event will form Station Theatre. Jeanne Thornburg, Jeanne Kraus- the Indian Wells Valley team which will compete with the "Blue Fins"

Singles - Bette Guth, Virginia from Bakersfield in an April meet Owens, Marie L'Hommedieu, Ernie here.

Art Festival Attracts

locally by the Desert Art League, Elizabeth Elmer and Rickey Mor-

Kern County Parks and Recreation Department. County-appointed ter Amyx and Norma McClure. 600 paintings, thought by many to Reyes.

be the finest selection ever dis-A beautifully set stage displaying objects of creative talent, including sculpture and mosaic crafts,

livided the professional and nonprofessional entries. Professional Exhibits

In the professional gallery, visitors viewed contributions by some of our top talent. Displaying items from their collections were Elizabeth Anderson, Frank Breitenstein, Frank D'Leon, John Drow, Bruce Conner and Sylvia Winslow.

Awards for distinguished work vere presented for the first time by the Desert Art League. Winners Meetings... were Merle Rivette, Henry Dubin and James Howell. Judges were Adeline Williams, Frank Breiten-PEBBLEPUP field trip will be stein, and Marcelle Engle.

eld tomorrow in the Sugarloaf Mtn. The pictures voted most popula area. Rendezvous is at 9:30 a.m. at in the show were Pam Jacobsen's the dirt road to the right of Hwy. "Sun Dancers" and Barry Schil-395, 2 miles north of Little Lake. berg's "Foothills." County Festival Selections

The first place winners in each addition to the usual equipment. wide Art Festival to be held in Eye glasses will be furnished to May at Bakersfield. Selected for this competition were the follow NROC 11-1 will meet next Wed- ing entrants: nesday at 7:30 p.m. in Mich. Lab. Adult Division

Barry Schilberg and Dolores High School James Freeman, William Lewi

BOAT CLUB members will meet and Nancy Curtis. next Monday at 7:30 p.m. in the Elementary Station Restaurant. A film will be Hope Dietrichson, Jenny Reyes shown on "Vacation Safety" and Neil Ruben, Gay Austin, Gary Pitt-Tom Chapman will speak on re- man, Ann Gates, Tonya Davis, Lin-

AAUW Book Review Study Group 23 Foreign Students dinner meeting to be held March 27 to apply for the positions listed below. Ap- will meet at the McAllister home, plications should be accompanied by an up- 510-A Essex next Monday at 1:30 p.m. Ruth Ohler will review "Out Tour Here Monday

of Africa" and "Shadows on the Twenty-three foreign students wili tour NOTS Monday as guests The Social and Economic Probof the Station and the China Lake lems Study Group will hold their Rotary Club. The students are from meeting next Tuesday at 8 p.m. in 14 countries which include Chile. the Zilmer residence, 501-B Lex-128. Turning in the day's best the position who are eligible for re-promo- ington. Carolyn Lindberg will re- Republic of China, England, France, West Germany, Holland, view "Escape From Freedom" and JoAnn Milburn will review "The India, Kenya, Nigeria, Greece, Ja-Clerk-Typist, GS-4, PD No. 29060 Aml, Code Sane Society." Both books were pan, Panama, Jordon and Argen-

The tour is being sponsored by the Pasadena Rotary Club and Driving Tip of the Week

The students will be accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. G. Wyman Hope the handling characteristics of the and Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Crane. car. Get the "feel" of the car in March 28 at 12 noon and all | Local Rotarians L. G. Garman and turns, try the brakes and learn the day Wednesday, March 29. Clarence Weinland will act as positions of the wipers, lights and Business will be resumed at guides during the students tour other controls before trying to

GIVE - Capt. W. W. Hollister accepts a plaque from Nancy Kirchmeier signifying the Girl Scouts gift of a swim meet held at the Station Pool. tion was made SCOU through for two wins each in the day's Juliette Low

Keen Competition

Art appreciation was at its height last weekend as a large number of spectators visited the Art Festival held at the China Lake Community Center. Supported

Sweepstakes winners in the adult, high school and elementary divijudges were Vivian Tucker, Ches- sions respectively, were: Barry, Schilberg, James Freeman, and co-The colorful array boasted some winners Ann Gates and Jenny



ASSISTANT FOR WARFARE -Lt. Charles W. McComis reports to the Experimental Officer's Office as Assistant to the Warfare Officer. His last year at General Line graduate School at Monterey was preceded by two years as Commanding Officer of the USS Ely, a reserve training ship on the Great Lakes, and 2 years as Gunnery Officer on the USS Damato. He received his commission in 1955 at OCS, Newport, R.I. He and his wife, Anne, and their four sons occupy quarters at 54-A Randolph.

Adviser to Discuss Stock Market Trend

The Mojave Desert Section of the American Institute of Chemical Ensuscitation. Information available da Anderson, Steven Schrieber, gineers has invited C. K. Halsey, ecount adviser with Dean Witter and Co., to be guest speaker at a at 6:30 p.m. at the Hideaway.

Entitled "The Soaring Sixties," his talk will deal with the effect that recent national and world developments should have on the stock market, with particular emphasis on the chemical industry.

Guests are welcome and reservations may be made with Marie Jenkins, Ext. 71681 or James O. Dake, Ext. 9217, no later than next

on a long trip, be sure you know maintain highway speeds.

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What's Doing in Recreation

Friday, March 17, 1961

Famous Hypnosis Expert **Accepts Station Booking**

Dr. Zarro, one of the world's leading authorities on hypnotism, is bringing his exciting stage show for a one day run to the Station Theatre on Saturday, March 25. A matinee will be staged for the | Bob Elbrader, 718-89882. Mission Fiesta

"PASSPORT TO CHINA" (75 min.)

lot and secret agent Inside Communist China

ritory, Pretty American agent has men

SHORTS' "Shorty Sherlock Orch" (10 min.)

"AFSM No. 577" (10 min.)

MATINEE 1 P.M.

"FOREST RANGERS" (85 min.)

Fred MacMurray

SHORTS: "Alpine for You" (7 min.)

"Capt. Marvel No. 11" (17 min.)

EVENING

"1001 ARABIAN NIGHTS" (76 min.)

Mr. Magoo

6 and 8:15 P.M.

(Cartoon in Color) Old near-sighted is

agdad lamp shop proprietor with a teen-

ge nephew, Aladdin, who gets a magic

agoo who doesn't know its value. But o

urse they get it back. The kids from six

SHORTS: "Funny Four Legs" (10 min.)

"THE GRASS IS GREENER" (105 min.)

Gary Grant, Deborah Kerr,

Robert Mitchum, Jean Simmons

(Adult Comedy in Color) An Earl open

sitor falls for his wife. The Earl gets wis

when she returns from a hairdresser with

ekend and a duel results. Here's a

SHORTS: "Ballet Oop" (7 min.)

"G. I. BLUES" (104 min.)

Elvis Presley, Juliet Prowse

6 and 8:15 P.M.

ney to buy a statewise night club but the

ger a sum that Elvis can seduce a vivac-

each other. Light fun and a half dozen

SHORTS: "Hoppy Daze" (7 min.)

"SECRET PARTNER" (91 min.)

Stewart Granger, Haya Harareet (co-star

of Ben Hur)

blackmailed for a past incident, maligned by

his wife, deserted by his intimate friends and

SHORTS: "Touche Pussycat" (7 min.)

"AFSM No. 584-A" (12 min.)

DR. ZARRO

America's Sensational Hypnotist

Two Appearances

1 P.M. and 7 P.M.

Crew's News

By B. C. Sipin, PN1

Welcome aboard: J. A. Carlson,

(Adults-Young People)

(Adults-Young People

MARCH 25

(Comedy in Color) G.I. singing trid

mansion to the public for a price, and a

sixty will love this one.

SUNDAY-MONDAY

TUESDAY-WEDNESDAY

HURSDAY-FRIDAY

SATURDAY

Richard Basehart-Lisa Jastoni 7 P.M.

youngsters at 1 p.m. The 10 cent charge will also include a movie. The evening performance is sched- 18 and 19, celebrates the return of uled for 7 p.m., admission per per- the swallows to Mission San Juan son will be 25 cents. The internationally famous hyp- be a parade at 2 p.m. followed by

notist will present his remarkable a Bar-B-Q. Events for Sunday in-



Dr. Zarro

and hilarious demonstrations in hypnotism in which any persons in attendance may participate in the experiments. Dr. Zarro claims his feats are 100 percent authentic and offers \$10,000 to anyone proving that he used confederates in any of his tests.

New Policy Instituted In accordance with recommendations made at the last Navy-Civilian Recreation Council meeting, a charge of 75 cents per person will be made for Station dances sponsored by Special Services. The charge was formerly \$1 for men.

The new policy will be in effect at the adult Station dance to be held at the Community Center on Friday, March 24, featuring the 10-piece COMCRUDESPAC band. Reservations for groups of eight or more are being taken at the Community Center, Ext. 72010.

Cribbage Champs Winners of the Station-wide Cribbage tourney held last Monday were "Prissy" Williams, twotime champ from Test Department, and Chief R. M. Tims, NAF. Competing in the final play-offs were Don Strietzel, Propulsion Lab, and George Harrigal from En-

These tournaments are open to all Station personnel and are played the second Monday of each

Chess Tournament In anticipation of the 1961 Armed Forces Chess Championship tournament, the China Lake Chess Club is sponsoring a local tournament for all military personnel.

April 6. However, all prospective players are urged to attend and participate in the weekly meet, in order to prepare for the coming SATURDAY competition. The Club meets each Thursday evening at 7 p.m. in the Community Center lounge. No entry fees or dues will be charged and assistance from experienced tournament players will be avail-

In addition, the local Chess Club will award the military chess champion \$10 as first prize. For further Skin and SCUBA Class

There will be pool demonstrations fice. of diving and an explanation of So Long to: G. H. Vaughn and the training course and the club's J. R. Crosby, both SA's, who left requirements and functions. | for the Nuclear Weapons course at

April 1 has been set as the date NTC Great Lakes; D. L. Balmer. After a total of 17 years with that capacity for five years. be available at the March 25 meet- left for the Patternmaker School Order Branch. ing. Classes are open to everyone 16 at San Diego. years old and over; minors must The Third Division send best as a WAVE at China Lake. On With her husband, Arthur, and the Navy in action. have non-responsibility forms sign- wishes to D. I. Hudson, GM1, who discharge from the Service, she four-year old son Steve, Virginia

For further information contact at San Diego.

News From Pasadena



TOUR - Business-Industry-Education sponsored by the Pasadena Chamber of Comerce, was observed at NOTS Pasadena last Friday with 18 teachers touring facilities and learning of our future occupational needs. School representatives shown standing by the ASROC missile are: Linda Cade, San Rafael Elementary School; Donovan Bal-(Action) Ex-pilot, owner of Hong Kong lard, John Muir Senior High; Yvonne Engholm, Edi son Elementary; William Glenn, Education Center; Donald Hill, Jackson Elementary School; Marion ized data urgently needed by U.S.A. Action | Hallickson, Eliot Junior High; Paul Trivers, Pasadena High; Dorothy Zimmerman, John Marshall Junior High; Doris Josephson, Education Center; sen, Andrew Fabula, and Glenn Carley.

Ralph H. Bush, Education Center: Aleen Plagge Webster Elementary; Helen Williams, Cleveland Elementary; Frank Welch, Education Center; Jean Clark, Roosevelt School for Handicapped Children; Robert Carter, Wilson Junior High; Jack Davis, Pasadena High School; Rosalind Minnifield, George Washington Elementary; and Mildred Redford, Lincoln Elementary, Cdr. E. P. K. King, Technical Officer, greeted them and outlined activities and type of personnel needed in the future. Meeting with the teachers in the morning to discuss the role education plays in our society were Roberta Jogen-

Victim Receives First Aid Treatment



FIRST AID INSTRUCTION—Bob Gratton is the victim whose broken leg is being treated in the final session of a First Aid Training Course here at Pasadena next Friday, at Foothill. Mrs. Lois Crosby instructs the class. Another Class started March 24 and Monday, March 25last week under the supervision of Edward Sorver. Each class runs two days only. five weeks and each session runs for two hours. The classes and instructors are courtesy of the American Red Cross-one of many services to be there when needed! provided by that organization.

New Building at Foothill Set For Occupancy



information call Jean Cone, Ext. GM2 to Sixth Div., R. S. Mora, 72010, or Carl Bitzer, Ext. 8423. YN2 to Personnel, R. Martinez, L. NEW QUARTERS—Chief Fred VanDenBrouck, Head of Physical R. Meaney, S. E. Sampson, B. E. Security, sees the finishing touches go on the exterior of his new office. ficial Navy collection of historical A special meeting will be held Stewart, F. Veltre, B. E. Worrell, The addition to the building, located West of the Main Gate at Foot- art were started in the months at the Station pool on Saturday, K. R. Miguel, J. A. Piagentini, and hill, is scheduled for completion within the week at which time he will preceding the Pearl Harbor attack March 25 at 10 a.m. for everyone D. P. Utley - all SA's with the move from Building 4 to the new location. The move will facilitate in 1941. Soon after the outbreak of interested in participating in the next skin and SCUBA diving class. SA, reported to the Chaplain's Of-building located opposite the Credit Union.

War, the Navy commissioned a small number of ranking profes-building located opposite the Credit Union.

Virginia Banister Leaves Station

for the initial training class. Div- G. E. Jones and R. D. Rowe, all NOTS, Virginia Banister of Supply | She was married at China Lake lived in sub-zero climates, undering students must have a current FA's, who left for Shipfitters terminated last Friday, March 10. and in February 1951, transferred went strafing and bombing attacks physical examination before being School at San Diego; W. H. Piper She was a Supervisory Procure- to Pasadena. Active in employee and sweltered in jungles as they accepted. Physical exam forms will and S. L. Parrish, both FA's who ment Agent with the Buying and services, she has been Chairman of graphically recorded military life

> Virginia first joined the Station past several years. is confined to the Naval Hospitai switched over to civilian employ- resides in Covina. ment and was with China Lake in

Recent Emergency Brings Red Cross With 3-Hour Help

First Aid Classes are well known to many. There are, however, many other areas in which Red Cross services are not so well known.

For instance, right here in our wn back yard Red Cross help was of invaluable service just two weeks ago. The case involved an enlisted nan at San Clemente Island whose father had passed away.

Within three hours of notificaion of the emergency, Red Cross had arranged for a flight from Los Angeles to Chicago and a connecting flight to Detroit. By the time the young man had gotten in from the Island. Red Cross had a check waiting for him at the Los Angeles. International Airport. Fast action and there when needed!

the American Red Cross will be held

Won't you take this opportunity

You . . . You . . . and You!

Navy Combat Art Goes On Display To General Public

next Wednesday will be the Navy's famed traveling display of combat art, created during World War II and the Korean conflict. The public is invited to attend this free ex-

Called "Operation Palette," the display consists of about 120 paintings, selected from 3,000 works of art created by combat artists. Beginning March 22, the display will be open from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m.

daily through 30 March at the Singer Stores, 526 and 528 East Colorado Blvd., Pasadena. Plans to bring into being an of-

sional artists as the nucleus of what is now the Combat Art Section of the Navy Exhibit Center.

These combat artists landed on the beaches with the first troops. the Canteen Service Board for the from the viewpoint of the fighting man. Their work tells the story of

The display in Pasadena is under the sponsorship of the U.S. Naval Reserve Training Center.