

'Suds in Your Eye' Set for Sept. 29-30

The fall production of the China Lake Players, "Suds in Your Eye," will be staged in the auditorium of the James Monroe School on Friday and Saturday evenings, Sept. 29-30.

Ruth Rekosh will head the cast as Mrs. Feeley, the warm-hearted junk dealer. Jackie Austin will be seen as Miss Tinkham, a music teacher who has come down in the world and who finds a home in the junk yard. Kay Thoms plays the role of Mrs. Rasmussen who finds in Mrs. Feeley the kindness and understanding which are denied her by her own family.

The play is set in wartime San Diego and the plot is taken from several incidents in the novel "Suds in Your Eye" by Mary Lasswell. The hero is the handsome sailor, Danny, Mrs. Feeley's nephew, played by Dick Rusciollelli. He is pursued by a bar girl, Conchita, played by Betty Hughes, whom he met on his last leave.

Reception to Honor Exchange Student

All members of the community are invited to attend a reception honoring this year's foreign exchange student, Marit Fjeld, from Oslo, Norway, in the Burroughs High School library at 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, September 10.

Following the reception, a 30-minute film on the American Field Service activities, narrated by Robert Montgomery, will be shown at 4 p.m.

Sponsors of the event, the China Lake Chapter of the American Field Service, are offering this opportunity to residents interested in the Foreign Exchange Student Program to meet the exchange student as well as to inform them on the procedures and policy of the Americans Abroad committee prior to the interviews and decisions to be made in October for next year's selection.

General chairman of the reception is Edith Karner. Jane Wilson is in charge of invitations to clubs and organizations of the area that have shown interest in the AFS program.

There will be a brief review of Marit's activities since she arrived at NOTS last July. A report will be given on John (Bucky) Anderson's meeting with his family in Sweden under the Americans Abroad program for the fall and winter term.

Marit will be a BHS senior this fall and is making her home with the Duane Mack family at 209-A Wasp Road.



NEW CAPEHARTS AT SITE "B"—Looking north on Young Circle towards Rove Street are shown seven of the eighty-six three and four bedroom duplexes which are almost complete at Site "B." Don Leach,

project engineer for the J. W. Bateson Co., Inc., reports that his firm hopes to turn over the 86 units to the Navy for occupancy on November 1. Five units on Burroughs Avenue will be complete by Monday.

Health Plans ...

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The steps which employees are to take after they make up their minds to change or not to change their enrollments are simple.

An employee who decides not to make any changes does nothing. He simply keeps the new brochure on his plan and the identification cards he already has.

An employee who decides to make a change does the following:

- Obtains a Health Benefit Registration Form (Standard Form 2806).
- Completes the form no later than Oct. 16 to show the change he elects.

Participating Plans Three categories of health benefits plans will participate in the program during the next contract period. These are: The Government-wide plans, Federal employee organization plans, and comprehensive medical plans.

The Government-wide Service Benefit Plan and the Government-wide Indemnity Benefit Plan are open to all eligible employees.

Federal employee organization plans are open to eligible employees who are or become members of the sponsoring organization.

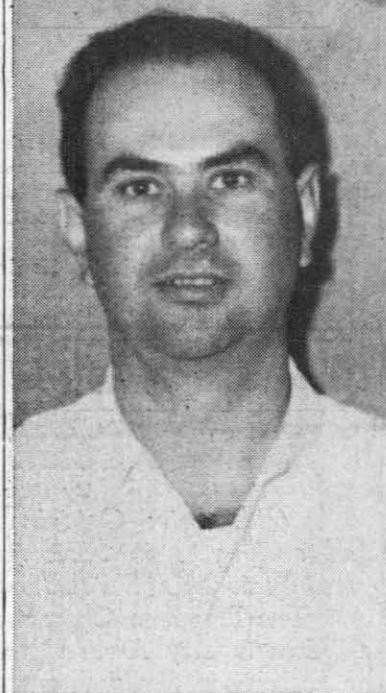
Slattery to Explain Plans Joe Slattery from the Civil Service Commission's branch office, Los Angeles, will visit the Station on September 12 to explain the plans to Personnel Department keymen and others engaged in the administration of the Health Benefit program.

In addition, a representative of the American Federation of Government Employees will be aboard the Station September 18-22 to outline the AFGE Health Benefit Plan.

The California Counties Foundation will not participate in the forthcoming program, according to Austin Ross. Letters have been mailed to NOTS employees who selected the plan last year that the program will not be offered in this area after October 31, 1961.

Two Research Men Attend Symposia

James G. Moore of the Atmospheric Physics Branch in the Research Department leaves this week to attend the "International Conference on Cosmic Rays and the Earth Storm" to be held next week at Kyoto, Japan. His paper



Dr. Meyer Silver

is entitled Monochromatic Red Aurora Arc.

Dr. Meyer Silver of the Crystal Physics Branch has recently returned from Williamstown, Massachusetts where he attended the Eighth Field Emission Symposium held at the Williams College campus. The symposium was sponsored by the General Electric Research Laboratory.

His paper covers a field emission study of chlorine on tungsten.

Dr. Silver also attended the Seventh Field Emission Symposium held last year at Linfield College at McMinnville, Oregon.

'Picture of the Year' Contest Open to Military Photogs

Assigned military photographers and information personnel on active duty will have an opportunity again this year to enter the Picture of the Year contest.

Military entrants will have a separate category and will not be competing against professional photographers in the contest, which is sponsored jointly by the National Press Photographers Assn., the University of Missouri School of Journalism and the World Book Encyclopedia.

Five categories of black-and-white pictures will be judged. They are: news, either of scheduled or non-scheduled events; features, including general news events where there was an opportunity for prior planning, and pictures of human interest; pictorial, design and mood pictures, land and seascapes, patterns or gimmicks; portraits and personality studies (human), and documentary, including picture stories.

Rules for the competition state that all entries must be pictures taken between Jan. 1 and Oct. 5, 1961 and must be postmarked not later than Oct. 15, 1961. Awards will be made in May 1962.

All photographs are to be on 16 by 20 mounts, either vertical or horizontal, and captions must be on the back of the mount. No more than 20 prints may be submitted by any one contestant, except that an entire picture story is considered as one print. Either glossy or mat prints are acceptable, but no toned prints will be considered.

Stateside entrants may obtain entry blanks from any of three sources:

- National Press Photographers Assn., Robert Boyd, Competition Chairman, 2892 N. Hartung Ave., Milwaukee 10, Wis.
- Clifton C. Edom, 18 Walter Williams Hall, School of Journalism, University of Missouri, Columbia, Mo.

James Colvin, The World Book Encyclopedia, Merchandise Mart, Chicago 54, Ill. Personnel stationed overseas do not need an entry form, but are to include on the reverse side of all entries their name, rank or rate, position or duty assignment, duty station and present address.

All entries shall be addressed to Picture of the Year Competition, 18 Walter Williams Hall, School of Journalism, University of Missouri, Columbia, Mo.

Burroughs Greet 12 New Teachers

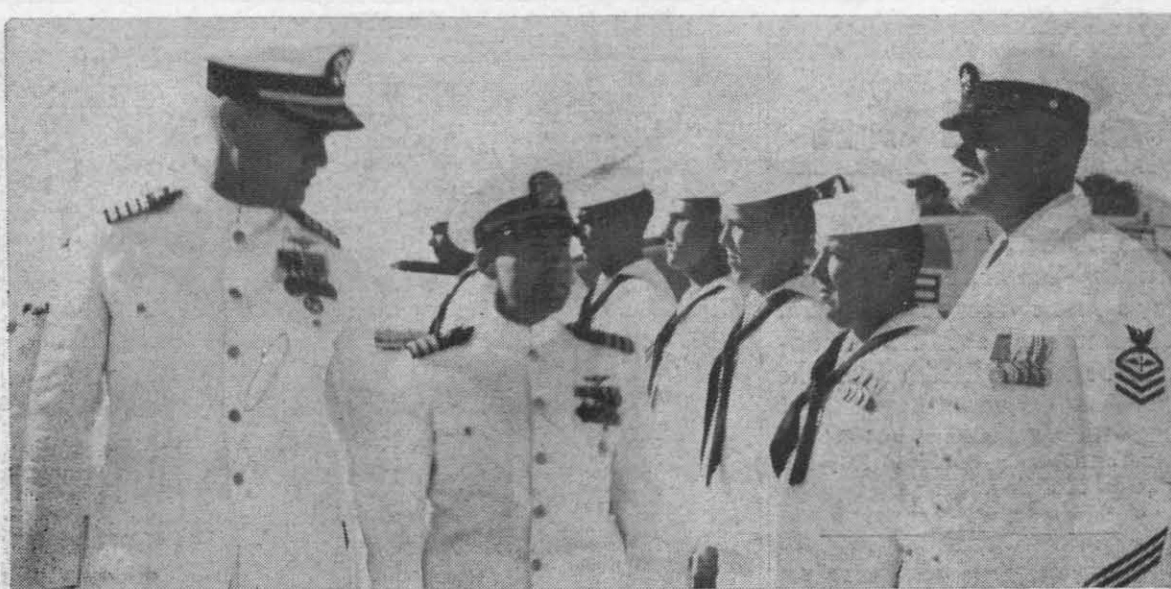
Eleven teachers new to the Kern County Union High School and Junior College District, and one transfer within the district, assumed teaching duties at Burroughs High School as school reconvened last Tuesday for the fall semester.

Returning from sabbatical leave and leaves of absence granted them during the past school year are four previous Burroughs teachers: Martha Harrod, home economics; Adeline Williams, art; John Donan, chemistry; and Darwin Howe, attendance.

Ann Kasper, English and social studies. Shown in front row are: Ann Uehling and Suzanne Hough, English and social studies; Katherine Wagner, special education; Peggy Davenport, Spanish; Mary Louise Stolz, girls physical education. Miss Hough, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hough, 206-B Mitscher, is a graduate of Burroughs High.



INCOMING CO—Cdr. William A. Schroeder, Jr., reads his orders assuming command of the local Air Development Squadron Five. He reports from NPGS, Monterey.



VX-5 CHANGE OF COMMAND—Captain Van Meter and Cdr. Schroeder inspect troops before reading their orders at change of command ceremonies last Wednesday morning held at NAF.



OUTGOING CO—Captain Karl S. Van Meter reads his orders as he turns over his command of VX-5 to Cdr. Schroeder. His next duty is PMR, Ft. Mugu.

A large graphic banner for 'THE ROCKETEER' newspaper. It features the title in large, bold letters, a stylized rocket ship flying across the top, and a small table of weather forecasts on the right side. The text 'Budd Gott, Editor' is on the left, and office information is on the right.

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Defense Department Issues New Standards of Conduct

Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara has issued new instructions on "Standards of Conduct" for the Defense Department's civilian and military personnel.

The directive (5500.7) reflects the high ideals and ethical conduct proposed by President Kennedy in his message to Congress April 27 in which he proposed a revision in the conflict of interest laws.

It was explained that the individual military departments have had detailed regulations on the subject with some variance for a long period of time. The new directive, however, is the first comprehensive DOD order on the subject.

Highlights of the new directive are: All DOD personnel, military and civilian, are required to avoid not only any activity which would place them in a position of conflict between their private interests and the interests of the United States but even all activities which would give the appearance of such conflict.

DOD personnel are prohibited from accepting any favors, gratuities or entertainment, not only affecting their impartiality in government matters but even where it might give the appearance of affecting such impartiality.

DOD personnel are required to report to superiors any possible conflict of interest with respect to matters on which they might be working and to withdraw from such matters.

The directive contains a very tight definition of selling in order to close loopholes that have been troublesome in the past.

For the first time for the entire DOD, a procedure was established whereby former officers of the Armed Forces who have served eight years or more on active duty are required to complete a form enrolling them with the department with which they propose to do business prior to conducting any business with that department.

For the first time, civilian as well as military personnel are prohibited from using their official titles in connection with commercial enterprises.

It was explained that while this was not applicable to military personnel not on active duty, the military department has been given authority to restrict inactive and retired military personnel from using their military titles in connection with public appearances overseas.

The new directives also prohibit all Department of Defense personnel from accepting outside employment which might interfere with performance of their official duties.

The Defense Department explained that the new directives are designed to implement the principles of ethics in government proposed by President Kennedy in his message to Congress in which he



PROPULSION OFFICER — Cdr. Robert H. Wertheim reports to the Experimental Officer's Office as assistant for propulsion. His duties will be concerned primarily with projects in the Propulsion Development Department. Formal schooling leading to his MS in nuclear physics from M.I.T. included two years at New Mexico Military Institute and a bachelor's degree from the U.S. Naval Academy. During his last duty in the Special Projects Office in Washington, D.C., he worked with former NOTS officers, Capt. Levering Smith, Adm. Ashworth, RADM. Hayward, and Dr. L. T. E. Thompson. Cdr. Wertheim, his wife, Barbara, and their two sons have been assigned temporary quarters at 54-A Randolph.

Major Paul F. Curtis, Commanding Officer of the Marine Barracks, will be relieved by Major Maurice Rose at change of command ceremonies next Friday, September 15, at 10 a.m. on the lawn of the Administration Building. All personnel, military and civilian, are invited to attend the colorful and traditional ceremony.

Open Season Will Start In Oct. for Health Plans

To change or not to change their enrollments is the question which will face more than 1,800,000 Federal employees and annuitants enrolled in the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program during the Open Season scheduled for October 1-16, 1961.

In addition, eligible employees who elected not to enroll at their first opportunity will be given a chance to obtain coverage.

The Civil Service Commission, which administers the health benefits program, is preparing for employees detailed information concerning any changes scheduled in the rates and benefits of each of the plans and has developed a detailed plan and timetable to assure that all employees receive the information they will need to make their decisions.

There will be no increase in employee contributions under the two Government-wide plans this year. Rates for other plans are not yet known.

The Employees Management Relations Division is preparing this information for Station employees and will distribute it as soon as possible.

The Rocketeer will publish more information as it is received. During the Open Season, enrolled employees will be able to change:

- From one plan to another;
- From one option to another in the same plan;
- From self-only to self-and-family enrollment;
- From self-and-family to self only enrollment.

Effective Date Changes which an employee elects will become effective on the first day of his first pay period which begins after October 31, 1961.

Under present Commission regulations future "open season" for employees will be provided not less often than once every three years. Employees will continue to be able to make changes in enrollment when certain events occur, such as change in marital or family status.

In addition, if an employee is interested in joining an employee organization which sponsors a plan, he may obtain a brochure on the plan from his Personnel Service Division.

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Rising Rent Provokes Rebuke

Earlier this year, the China Lake Community Council produced a comprehensive study indicating tangible costs of isolated deductions noted by Station residents in a questionnaire poll. This information, which has played an important part in determining previous rents, was integrated into the latest NOTS-recommended rental structure.

The final decision governing rental rates, however, comes from off-Station authority and it appears that the tangible cost data was not given due consideration. This exclusion has resulted in a significant rise in utility costs reflected last month, and an additional anticipated boost in shelter rents.

Responding to requests for representative action, the Council invites all citizens to attend the open forum meeting scheduled for September 12 in the main auditorium of the Community Center at 7:30 p.m. Every effort will be made to determine immediate and effective courses of action.



NEW TO BHS FACULTY—Twelve new teachers join the Burroughs High School staff this fall swelling the staff to 55 teachers. Shown standing (l-r) are: James Schutt, mathematics; Rowena Martino and Elaine Morgan, English and social studies; Jack Hofer, mathematics; Charles Humphreys, Latin, Spanish; Jane Riles, French; and Mary

