



SWING ALONG WITH EASE — The Crescendos, Antelope Valley's finest musical group led by outstanding bandmaster James Sheldon, make their appearance tonight at the adult dance in the Communi-

ty Center. A popular resurgence of "swing" promises to draw a capacity crowd, and reservations will be held only till 9:30 p.m. Personnel attending must be at least 21 years of age.

What's Doing In Recreation

From the Special Services Office

In order to facilitate advance planning for the Christmas season, the Special Services Division will conduct a public drawing next month to determine priority for choice of facilities and dates.

All interested departments and organizations must submit their request to participate no later than next Monday by calling Ext. 72010. The drawing will be held October 2 at 9 a.m. in the Community Center.

Party facilities for use during the holidays are: the social hall and lounge areas in the Community Center, and the recreation hut. Information governing building availability, janitorial services, fees, etc., can be clarified by building manager Ann Seitz.

A list of scheduled parties will be prepared and distributed to all participating organizations.

Cactus Squares
It is reported that the square dance class for beginners is off to a flying start. Over 60 enthusiastic people registered the first night and the last opportunity for registration is next Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at the Recreation Hut.

The Cactus Square's kickoff for the fall season is a dance tomorrow at 8 p.m. in the Community Center... bring sandwiches for the after-

State Educationist Speaker for CACE

Dr. Robert W. Reynolds, Jr., consultant in elementary education for the California State Department of Education in Sacramento, will be guest speaker at the first meeting of the school year for the Cactus Branch of the California Association for Childhood Education.

This will be a dinner meeting scheduled at 6:30 p.m. next Thursday at the Community Methodist Church located at 619 Norma Street in Ridgecrest.

According to Maxine Smith, president of the local branch, the dinner meeting is open to all members of the community who are interested in childhood education and who are concerned with the impact of education on the present international situation.

Tickets for the dinner are \$2.25 per person and may be obtained through representatives in each of the schools in the Ridgecrest, China Lake, Inyokern, and Trona areas. It is necessary that reservations be made by September 15.



ASSISTANT CHAPLAIN — Lt. Richard F. Wicker, Jr., reports aboard to assist Chaplain Robert C. Fenning of NOTS All-Faith Chapel. He received his BA degree at the University of Mississippi and his BD degree from Southern Methodist University. Before entering the Chaplaincy in 1955, he served as a Naval aviator and has since served with the Marine Air Group 26; Destroyer Squadron 30; NAS Pensacola, Fla., and the 3d Marine Division in Okinawa. The Chaplain and his wife, Louise, and their two small sons are in temporary quarters at 410-B McIntyre pending assignment of their permanent quarters at 110-B Wasp Road.

Students Insurance Coverage Offered

Application forms for student insurance coverage have been distributed to parents of children in the China Lake Elementary School District again this year.

Children will be covered during the entire school year and during summer school within one hour before and after school, and while on field trips. Interscholastic athletics are not covered by the policy.

The insurance provides for up to \$5,000 in medical expense benefits for each accident; accidental death up to \$1,500, and dental injuries up to \$30 per tooth.

Parents may mail the application with their check for \$3 to the Fidelity Life and Income Mutual Insurance Company of Beverly Hills.

In the event of accident, claim forms will be available in the school nurse's office in Hut 53 on the Murray School campus. Claims must be filed by the parent within 20 days from the date of the accident.



SHAPE OFFICIALS — Captain Charles Blennman greets E. C. Williams, director of SHAPE's air defense technical center at The Hague, Netherlands, as he arrives at NAF by Army helicopter this week. He is accompanied by E. J. Bobyn, also of SHAPE, on his brief four-hour tour of NOTS ranges and range instrumentation facilities.

ROCKETEER logo with a rocket graphic. Text: The good need fear no law; it is his safety, and the bad man's awe. — Ben Jonson. Systems exercise the mind; but faith enlightens and guides it. — Voltaire.

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TEMPERATURES table with columns for Max. and Min. temperatures for various dates in September.

Captain C. O. Holmquist Reports Aboard To Technical Director's Office Duty

Captain Carl O. Holmquist reported aboard last week from the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Navy in Washington, D. C. to serve as Special Assistant in the Office of the Technical Director at NOTS.

A native of Salt Lake City, Utah, where he attended public schools, Capt. Holmquist attended the University of Utah for two years prior to entrance into the U. S. Naval Academy in 1939. After graduation from the Academy in June, 1942,

with a bachelor of science degree in science, he spent a tour of duty as Gunnery Officer aboard the USS Dunlap where he received the Commendation Medal for actions during the Battle of Vella Gulf. Graduate Student He continued graduate studies in the field of aeronautics at the U. S. Naval Postgraduate School at Annapolis where he obtained his B.S. degree in aeronautics in 1950, followed by additional study at the California Institute of Technology where he received his degree as aeronautical engineer in 1951 and his PhD in aeronautics in 1953.

His two most recent assignments before coming to NOTS were as Special Technical Assistant to the Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Air followed by Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research and Development, James H. Wakeelin.

Contributes Papers Capt. Holmquist is a member of Sigma Xi and the Institute of the Aeronautical Sciences. He has been a contributor of papers to various scientific journals such as the Journal of the Aeronautical Sciences and to other magazines such as Our Navy, Armed Forces Management, the Navy Management Review and the Naval Institute Proceedings.

The family consists of his wife, Pat, and their four children, Kurt, 12, Derek, 10, Kristen, 7, and Gunnar, 5. They have been assigned quarters at 503 Essex Circle.



Capt. C. O. Holmquist

Council Meet Draws Record Crowd On Impending Housing Rental Boost

Reaction of China Lake residents to the proposed rent increase for Station housing was heard Tuesday night during a three-hour session of the Community Council's public forum at the Community Center.

"The purpose of this meeting," Council president John Cox told the standing room only audience, "is to present you information regarding the proposed rent increases and allow you to express your opinions concerning this information."

"I want to make it clear," he continued, "that this meeting is called by your elected representatives in your behalf. Your board of directors considers it is their duty to provide you information as well as to lead the community on those issues which citizens feel are important."

We hope we will be able to attain our short range goal of a more equitable settlement of the total rental charges to tenants," Cox told the audience.

"As a longer range goal," he said, "we contemplate actions which could lead to strengthened power for local determination of issues. Issues which are best understood and evaluated locally."

"We hope to see a strengthening of the NOTS spirit which provides an atmosphere which attracts and holds capable people," he added.

Presentations Following presentations by Bob Biller, Council vice president, on shelter rent factors; Frank Wentink on the recent boost in utilities; and John Gardner's presentation of graphs illustrating the change in rents and utilities, the meeting was opened for discussion and questions from the floor.

A point brought out during the discussion was that the rent increase decision was made by an off-Station authority.

Five candidates have filed for election to the post from the local Division Two. One from Kernville, one from Rosamond, and three local residents: J. Elliott Fox and Kenneth Smith of Ridgecrest, and Williams K. Webster, a physicist with Weapons Development Department and a NOTS employee since 1952.

Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on September 26. China Lake residents in precincts 1 and 2 are instructed to cast their votes at Richmond School; precincts 3 and 4, Community Center; precincts 5 and 6, Murray Junior High auditorium; precincts 7 and 8, Vieweg School; and precinct 9 (Wherry residents), Burroughs High School.

Also, that a Station recommendation based on the local Rental Board's survey was modified in this decision.

In addition, it was noted that local rental boards will be established and an off-Station authority will conduct its own studies to arrive at decisions on rentals in the future.

An information desk, manned by Community Council members, will be set up in the Community Center this Friday from 3 to 5 p.m. to supply any further information for China Lake residents interested in this issue.

Next week the desk will be manned from 3 to 5 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday to assist residents.

Recruiter Speaks "We must recognize that economical housing costs are a significant recruiting factor to obtain well qualified people that will be able to carry out the mission of the Station in the development of weapons for defense," commented Rod McClung, Chairman of the Recruitment Panel for Professional Personnel.

"We can expect to be at a disadvantage whenever we are recruiting personnel of scarce skills or training," he added.

"Under these circumstances," McClung said, "it is reasonable to expect that we will have to settle for graduates in the lower part of their class for most of our new professional employees."

Fatal Highway Accident Takes Life of Navy Man

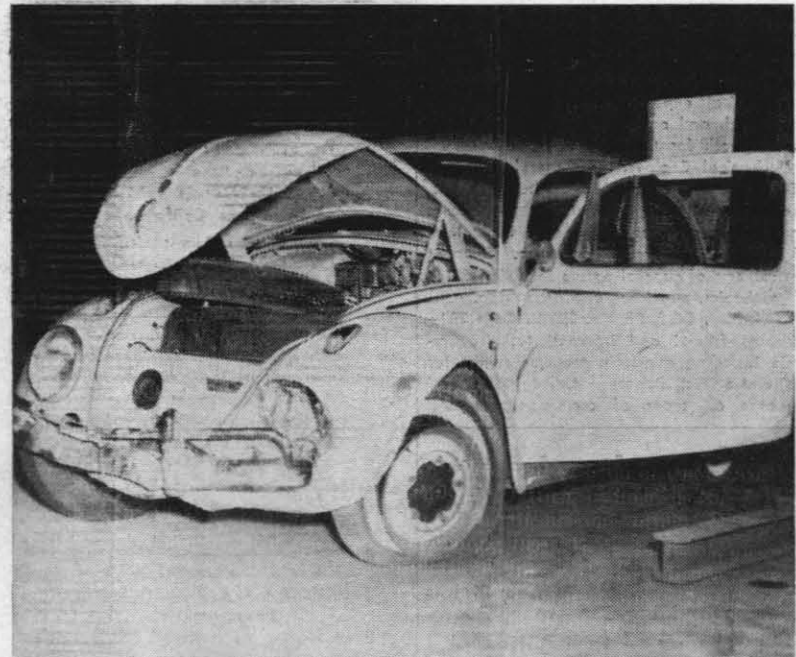
One enlisted man is dead and another is hospitalized with injuries resulting from a one-car accident which occurred last Friday at 8:30 p.m. on Highway 190 near the Saline Valley turnout.

Dead is Leonard J. Greco, 21, an aviation electronics technician of NAF, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard O. Greco of Grafton, New Hampshire. Greco was taken to the South Inyo Hospital at Lone Pine where he succumbed from skull fractures early Saturday morning.

Injured is Walter L. Massey, 23, a NOTS aviation storekeeper, who was driving the 1960 Volkswagen. He is confined at the Station hospital suffering lacerations and shock.

The California Highway Patrol noted that excessive speed caused the accident when the driver failed to navigate a sharp curve 1.8 miles past the turnout to Saline Valley. The vehicle struck a rock embankment and cartwheeled, ejecting both occupants.

Station safety officials are of the opinion that the fatality might not have occurred if the vehicle had been equipped with seat belts.



EXCESSIVE SPEED — Leonard Greco, AT2, of NAF lost his life in a one-car accident due to excessive speed on a curve in the above Volkswagen driven by Walter Massey, AK2, of NOTS. See story above.

Major Rose Takes Command Of Marine Barracks Unit

Major Maurice Rose, USMC, assumed command of the Marine Barracks unit at 10 a.m. this morning during change of command ceremonies held on the front lawn of the Administration Building.

Major Paul F. Curtis relinquished his command to Rose Tuesday, September 20, he will be leaving his wife, Louise, and their three sons, at NOTS because no family accommodations are available at his next duty station. The Curtis family has been on the Station since June, 1958.

The new Marine commanding officer reports from Okinawa where he served as Executive Officer, 3d Anti-Tank Battalion, 3d Marine Division for the last year.

Prior to his Okinawa duty, Maj. Rose attended San Diego State College where he obtained his BA degree as a general major. This was preceded by a tour of duty as instructor, LanForTrng Unit, Colorado.

He entered the service through the Marine V 12 program at Salt Lake City, Utah, his hometown, in March, 1943, and was commissioned 2nd Lieutenant in August, 1945.

In-service schools which he attended were the Platoon Commander School, the Officers Junior School, and Instructors Orientation Course all at Quantico, Va., and the School of Justice, Port Huenehue, California.

Military decorations include the Bronze Star; Navy Commendation Medal; Good Conduct Medal; Ko-

rean Service Medal; WWII Victory Medal; and the United Nations Medal. He and his wife, Mary Patricia, and their two children, Michael 4, and Kathleen 1, have been assigned temporary quarters at 102-A Bard pending assignment of permanent quarters.

Committee Conducts Civil Defense Study

A Station committee has been reviewing and updating existing disaster plans, including civil defense, for this area.

As progress is made on these plans it will become necessary to obtain community participation in developing the "Individual Action" portions of the plan.

The committee expects to make its report to the community within the next few weeks.



COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER — Lt. Paul F. McCarthy, Jr. reports to VX-5 to serve as Communications Officer. His last duty was as Operations Officer with Attack Squadron Twelve at NAS, Cecil Field, Jacksonville, Fla. He received his commission from the Massachusetts Maritime Academy in 1954 and has a BS degree in marine and electrical engineering. He and his wife, Sandra, and their small son are in temporary quarters at 213-B Dobb Road.

We wonder if those biologists who claim there isn't a perfect man on this earth, ever heard a campaign speech?

UF Pledge Payments Received by Agencies

Ev Long, United Fund Chairman for Indian Wells Valley, states that payment of pledges for the third quarter in the amount of \$1,787.07 was forwarded last week to participating agencies. The following tabulation shows the current distribution of funds:

Table listing agencies and their pledge amounts: American Red Cross (\$2,804.56), Boy Scouts (3,154.32), Girl Scouts (2,804.56), Desert Area Family Service (5,960.06), Desert Area Emergency Relief (839.84), Indian Wells Valley Recreation Council (1,788.16), Salvation Army (1,401.19), Ridgecrest Little League (175.38), China Lake Little League (349.75), Babe Ruth League (349.75), Miscellaneous health and welfare agencies (638.00), Total (\$20,265.57).

Fourth quarter payment of pledges will be indicated in the final tabulation at a later date.

Some agencies have not yet registered their request to be included in the forthcoming United Fund drive. It is imperative that these agencies make their wishes known no later than next Friday, September 22.

California Passes Cal-Vet Legislation

One of the first of the new laws for veterans, emerging from the 1961 session of the California Legislature, is now on the statute books to become effective September 16, 1961. It is Senate Bill 52, affecting certain California veterans of Japanese ancestry previously denied eligibility for Cal-Vet benefits.

This legislation will add a section to the California Military and Veterans Code and will provide that any person of Japanese ances-



GIVES UP ROCKING CHAIR — Dr. Roy Leipnik (insert) leaves his favorite chair at NOTS today as he reports to the University of Florida at Gainesville. His one-year residence there as visiting professor of mathematics will bring him in contact with former Stationite Dr. John Maxfield and Dr. H. S. Green of the University of Adelaide, Australia, who served at NOTS in the consultant field.

Full details on its application may be obtained at the local Veterans Service Office, 236 W. Ridgecrest Blvd., Ext. 83231.



FEDERAL AWARD — Three Aviation Ordnance Department employees received Federal Service pins in recognition of their individual twenty-year service record.

AFGE Official Will Visit To Explain Health Ins. For Station Employees

Irving T. Goddard and Irvan Cary, National Representatives for the American Federation of Government Employees (AFGE) will be aboard the Station for four days next week for the purpose of explaining the advantages of belonging to AFGE.

Pension Eligibility Broadened for Vets

A new Federal law recently signed by President Kennedy now permits the inclusion of active service time during World War I, World War II, or the Korean Conflict to meet the 90-day active wartime duty period required for pension qualification.

They will also answer questions concerning the AFGE Federal Employee Organization Health Benefit Plan. Brochures on the plan will be available for persons who request them.

Indications are that the Federal Veterans Administration will not make an automatic review of its files to ascertain who may have been denied pension under the previous statute.

Monday and Tuesday Michelson Lab Cafeteria 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Bennington Plaza 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. Community Center 6 - 8 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday CLPP Cafeteria 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Bennington Plaza 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. Community Center 6 - 8 p.m.

NOTS Represented At Conference Held On Oceanography

The 24th annual meeting of the American Society of Limnology and Oceanography, sponsored jointly by the Marine Sciences Division of the Instrument Society of America, drew four NOTS employees to the conference site at Woods Hole, Massachusetts this week.

Red Cross to Issue Hospital Equipment

Residents of Indian Wells Valley who have need to borrow hospital equipment may now obtain such items from the local branch of the American Red Cross. The equipment was originally purchased by the China Lake Community Council and, until recently, had been loaned through the Community Relations Office in the Personnel Department building.

Evening BHS Sets Enrollment Record

Approximately 607 individuals enrolled in 23 classes offered by Burroughs Evening High School last week, setting a school record at 856 class enrollments.

Due to late enrollments, the English 4 and the Sheetmetal Layout classes have been rescheduled. Both classes will meet at 7 p.m. on Wednesday; English 4 at Burroughs High, and the Sheetmetal class in the Training Building on Halsey. Deadline for additional enrollments is September 20.

If It's News Call the Rocketeer Ext. 71354, 71655, 72082

SHOWBOAT Promotional Opportunities

Present Station employees are encouraged to apply for the positions listed below. Applications should be accompanied by an up-to-date Form 58. The fact that positions are advertised here does not preclude the use of other means to fill these vacancies.

Meetings...

AAUW BOOK REVIEW Study Group will meet next Monday at the Merriam residence, 702-A Essex, at 1:30 p.m. Jean Larsen will review "National of Sheep" by Wm. J. Lederer.

Parents Warned About Capeharts

Captain R. A. Davidson, Resident Officer in Charge of Construction, wishes to remind parents that the Capehart Contractors' area is designated as a restricted area.

Blue Cross Ins. Agent To Visit September 28

A Blue Cross Insurance representative will be aboard the Station on Thursday, September 28, in the Housing Building Conference Room, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Activities Start for High School PTA

The Burroughs High School PTA held its first meeting of the 1961-62 school year at the high school library last night.

EM League Planned

Several more persons are needed to complete the mixed couples league scheduled to bowl Monday night at the enlisted men's bowling alley.



AVIONICS OFFICER — Ensign Ronald G. Patterson reports aboard as the Assistant Avionics Officer for VX-5. He entered the service in 1952 and was selected for the Navy Enlisted Scientific Education Program in 1957.

Chaplain's Corner

"When I visit a parish, I hope the pastor will tell me about some of his people who have changed recently, who have come into a new sense of adventurous fellowship with their Lord."

Established At NOTS

The F8U-1 "Crusader," a production model carrier fighter, was the first operationally equipped jet plane in history to fly faster than 1,000 miles per hour.

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Sports Slants

By Chuck Mangold, Athletic Director Station bowlers are asked to bear with the delay incurred in opening of the league season.

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Commander's Trophy

Table with columns: Team, Won, Lost. Rows include NAF, GMU-25, NX-5, and NOTS.

Mixed Couples

Table with columns: Team, Won, Lost. Rows include Road Runners, Team No. 5, Riff Raff, ABR-TV, Stew-Burners, Hull Bents, and Team No. 6.

BHS Bus Schedule Changes Announced

Effective next Monday, September 18, the bus schedule for Burroughs High School students living at China Lake will be altered as follows.

French Circle Resumes Programmed Meetings

French-speaking residents of China Lake and the surrounding area are invited to attend the first programmed meeting of the season of the "Cercle de la Langue Francaise" (French Language Circle).

Personnel Statistics

Supply—Marietta T. Smith. Test—Leonard Schmidt and Ralph W. Myers. Personnel—Carrutte J. Hayden (WAE).

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News From Pasadena

ESO Reports On Discount Tickets

The Employees Service Organization provides, among its other services for employees, a discount ticket counter — located in Building 3, Room 3A52.

COMSUBFOR Pacific Fleet and Party Visit NOTS Pasadena Early This Week

NOTS Pasadena last Monday hosted a visit of Rear Admiral Roy S. Benson, Commander Submarine Force, U. S. Pacific Fleet.

Employees Service Organization Council



Providing services for employees throughout all areas of NOTS Pasadena is the Employees Service Organization. Pictured above (l-r) are: Jack Hughes; Winnie Haynes, Recording Secretary; Don Ayers, President; and Doc Strohmeier, Vice-President.

Engineering Talk By Pasadena Man Slated For PCC

Scheduled to address the Engineering Lecture Class at Pasadena City College next Tuesday is Gerald G. Mosteller of UCD's Propulsion Division.

New Equipment Is Available in P1903

Synchronized slide-narration programs may be prepared with new equipment recently received in the Presentations Office.

Grundmann Transfers

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Rear Admiral Benson is shown as he arrived at China Lake following his tour of the Pasadena facilities.

Golf Season Ends, Trophies Presented

The NOTS Pasadena Golf League has completed season play and this week presented trophies to the winning teams, reports Don Ayers, ESO President.

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WINNERS — Team 3, captained by Bob Marimon, takes first place. Receiving their trophies (l-r) are: Bob Marimon, Arnold Livingstone, Mort Heinrich, and Mike Santeramo. Their win was on the basis of most match games won.



RUNNERS UP — Team 2 takes second place on the basis of most points scored. Accepting trophies for their team are Bill Shealy and George Dippel. Not present are Pat Roubideaux, Team Captain, and John Mulhern.