

Second 'Big Snow' Blankets NOTS Desertland



The white cloak of winter wraps the desert—



and heralds a carpet of blooms in the Spring.



A study of icicles promoted by Gus Swiersz.

January '49 Snowfall Piled Up 6 to 12 Inches With Minimum of 9 Degrees

Monday's Storm Heaps Snow 6 to 8 Inches With Record Low of 6 Degrees

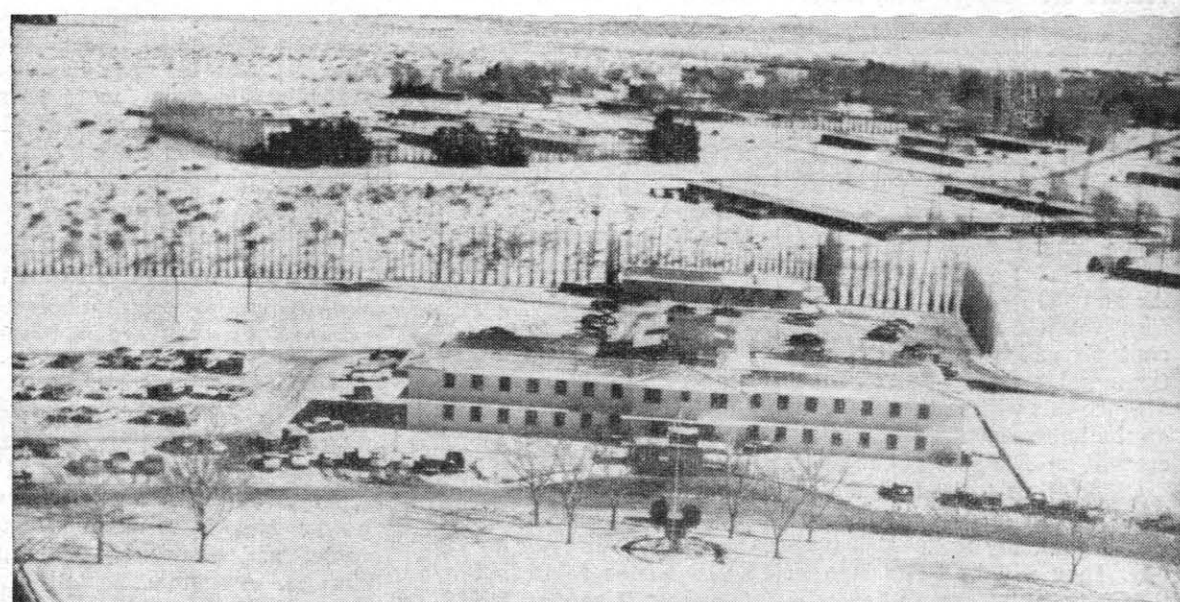
Many Indulge In Snow Play For First Time **Winter Snows Promise Spring Desert Blooms**



Inevitable Snow Lady.



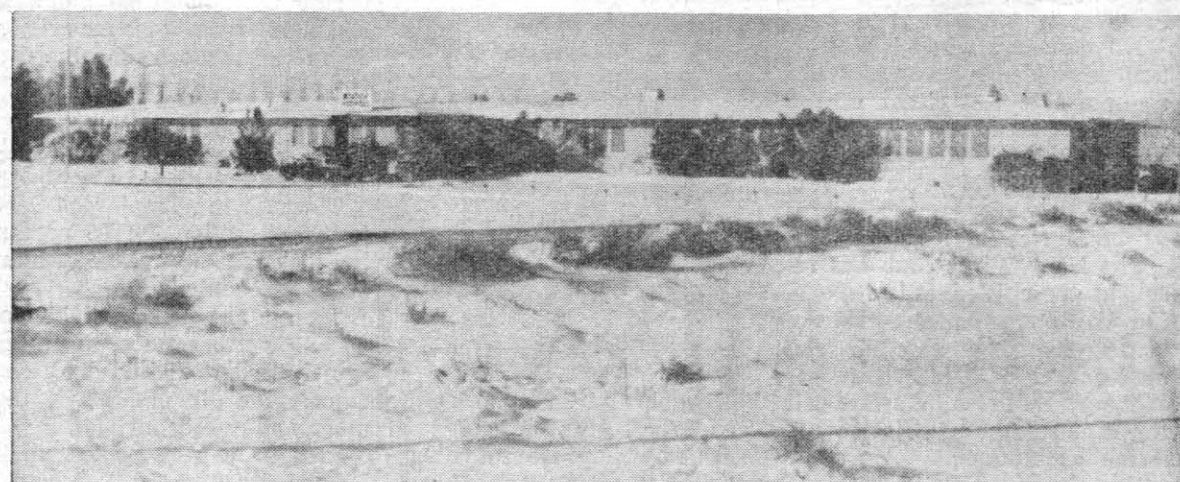
The C. J. Fallgatter brood and Buck.



Aerial shot of Administration Building by Sam Wyatt.



Winter driving hazards will surely follow.



Station Hospital stands quiet and peaceful.

SHORT of CASH? Then Try a Benny Sugg!

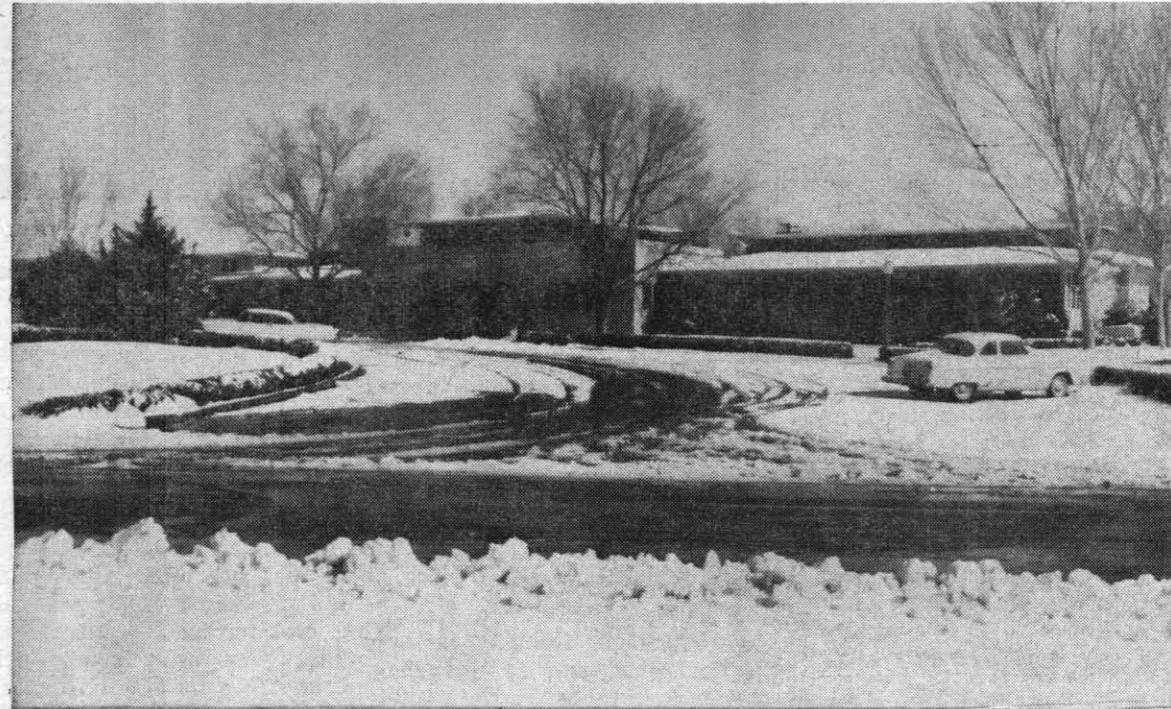
ROCKETEER

Office, Housing Bldg., Top Deck Phones 7-1354, 7-2082, 7-1655

TEMPERATURES (Recorded by NAF)

Max.	Min.
Jan. 19... 64	32
Jan. 20... 50	42
Jan. 21... 42	32
Jan. 22... 33	22
Jan. 23... 43	21
Jan. 24... 53	23
Jan. 25... 52	23

Budd Gott, Editor U. S. Naval Ordnance Test Station, China Lake, California Friday, January 26, 1962



NEW APPEARANCE—The Officers' Club which has served as the center of social functions for its members for the past 18 years takes on a new look with last Monday's blanket of snow.

Officers' Club Center Of Activity For 18 Years

The Commissioned Officer's Mess (Open), more commonly referred to as the Officers' Club by most residents, has served as the center of social functions and official receptions for visiting dignitaries for the past 18 years.

The Club as we know it today was being utilized by its members as early as October 16, 1944, though physical completion of the Club wasn't until March 3, 1945.

The forerunner of the present China Lake Club was a 20 ft. by 48 ft. Westward hut at Harvey Field, constructed at the cost of \$1,925 in November of 1943. It later burned but the fireplace still stands in mute testimony to the early pioneers of the Station.

Authorization by the Chief of the Bureau of Naval Personnel allows Station professional personnel who are associated professionally and on equal footing with Naval officers to participate in a limited use of the facilities of the Commissioned Officers' Mess (Open).

Membership Requirements
Civilian NOTS employees, holding professional rates from GS-5s and up are eligible for membership. Other IVb employees, GS-9 and above are eligible. In the per diem category, quartermen and up, are eligible for membership.

Candidates applying for membership require the sponsorship of two current members of the Club.

An Advisory Group meets once a month to pass on the eligibility of the candidates for membership.

In addition the key person and those personnel of Station support activities who are employed on the Station and are equivalent to eligible Civil Service personnel are eligible for membership.

Those support activities include the Navy Exchange, Post Office, Bank, Station Chapel, China Lake Elementary Schools, Burroughs High School, dental, medical and pharmaceutical groups.

WACOM Formed in '43
The first mention of WACOM, the Women's Auxiliary of the Commissioned Officers' Mess, occurs in the NOTS News of March 23, 1945, mimeographed fore-

Annual Meeting Slated for COM Members at Club

The annual meeting for members of the Commissioned Officers' Mess (Open) will be held at the Officers' Club (instead of at the Community Center as previously announced by letter) on Monday, January 29, at 7:30 p.m.

A desire expressed by members that the meet be held in the Club brought about the change in the meeting place.

Capt. Blenman, who serves as the Mess President, urges all members to attend for the important purpose of electing a new Advisory Group.

It is through this group that the membership has a voice in the operation and management of their Club, Capt. Blenman stated.

A slate of candidates will be presented to the membership by the nominating committee. Nominations may also be made from the floor.

Also on the agenda will be a report by Cdr. W. O. Baumann on the financial status of the Club and preview plans for redecorating the Club.

Higher Salaries For GS-9, 11 Scientists And Engineers Due

The Civil Service Commission has announced increased pay rates for government engineers and scientists at grades GS-9, 10, and 11 which are applicable world-wide.

Effective February 4, all Station employees in GS-9 and 11 professional engineering, physical sciences and mathematics positions who are presently at a pay level lower than the 5th step in the GS-9 grade or lower than the 4th step in the GS-11 grade will receive pay adjustments to that level on February 4. No GS-10 grades in these fields exist at NOTS.

All salaries of GS-9 employees below the 5th step in the above occupational groups, including new appointees, will be raised to \$7095, and GS-11 salaries below the 4th step and new appointees will be raised to \$8340.

These pay adjustments will not step up or retard the due dates of "within grade increases" or affect attainment of between grade promotions for personnel involved, it was pointed out by the Station's Employment Division office.

Worst Snowstorm In 13 Years Hits NOTS

The worst snow storm since January, 1949, swept across Indian Wells Valley with below freezing temperatures Sunday night and Monday morning bringing to a stop some of the Station's work, the closing of schools in China Lake, Ridgecrest, and Inyokern, the operations of NAF and VX-5 at Armitage Field, the cancellations of mail and passenger flights, and the Civic Concert appearance of Charles Laughton.

All but essential employees were excused from work at mid-morning Monday. On Tuesday only the range crews and outside workers in hazardous trades were granted excused-leave.

The crazy, mixed up weather, that spewed snow on San Francisco, its heaviest in 75 years, and on Los Angeles, its first in five years, dumped six to eight inches in the local area. Whipped by winds of 40 to 50 mph, it piled up into drifts two to five feet deep in some range areas and at Inyokern.

Monday morning, Public Works pressed into service four road graders as snow plows to clear the streets, roads and Bennington Plaza. Two transit mixers were dispatched to sand the Pilot Plant hill road while two wreckers pulled 25 to 30 cars back onto the roadway that had slid into the ditch as employees were attempting to get to work.

In addition to the transit mixers, three dump trucks and four pickups were used throughout the day to sand streets and road intersections.

Public Works Clears 395
Monday afternoon a weak sun broke through but not enough to melt the ice on the sweeping curve six miles this side of Little Lake on Highway 6 and 395.

A traffic pile-up on the treacherous ice of six tanker trucks, a truck and trailer loaded with sheep, a prime mover and 50 ft. trailer, and nine passenger cars, brought a call from the California Highway Patrol to the Station for assistance in clearing the road.

At 2:30 p.m. a crew of 12 Public Works men from the Operations Branch of the Transportation Division left for the scene with a 10-ton wrecker, a 50-ton

low-boy loaded with a bulldozer, a 1-ton pickup, a jeep, equipped with portable lights, and a pickup, equipped with radio to maintain radio contact with the Station and the Highway Patrol.

On arriving at the scene, the 12-man group, headed by Walt Wilson, and consisting of F. W. Donnelly, Sid Smith, Larry Larsen, Gene Harrelson, Billy Martin, Gene Blurton, Les Knigge, Henry Sprouse, Leo Enriquez, Don Brown and J. F. Peck, found that 40 more vehicles including two Greyhound buses and a Tanner line bus, lined the highway unable to pass.

Road blocks were established by the Highway Patrol the other side of Little Lake, the intersection of Highway 395 and 6 at Bradys, and at Mojave.

The men worked in freezing 40-50 mph winds until after midnight in clearing the traffic snarl.

Few Accidents
Aboard the Station accidents were of a minor nature. Only three were reported. A pickup turned over on South Knox Road, a two-car bumper collision, and a pickup backed into a lamp standard.

The Fire Department responded to only three alarms. Two to Warehouse 25 due to malfunctioning sprinkler heads and one to the Trailer Court where a leaking valve to a propane tank was corrected.

Rocketeer's New Look

If you read your Rocketeer in less time than usual this week, it doesn't mean that you are developing a faster reading technique. It's just that we have selected new type faces in keeping with modern newspaper design. We like it! We hope you do, too!

Rocketeer Photographer Contest Winner



NAMES EM CLUB—Don Preuninger, PH3, manager of the enlisted men's club, congratulates W. D. Cambridge, PH3 (1), Rocketeer staff photographer, for submitting the winning entry in the "name the club" contest. Selection of "The Diamond Head" netted Cambridge a \$25 cash award. His photo essay of the "big snow" appears on Page 4 of today's Rocketeer.

Propulsion Development Dept. To Decrease Pilot Production

Due to the capacity to produce small caliber rocket motors in other government facilities and in industrial concerns more economically and efficiently, Station management has determined to decrease the present pilot production in the Propulsion Development Department.

Present plans call for continuing the applied research effort at its current level and developing more sophisticated model-shop propulsion facilities to continue the Station's leadership in research design development and producing prototype models of propulsion systems.

The effect of this decision will be the movement of approximately 126 employees from the Propulsion Development Department over a three-month period by three methods:

• Some functions and the employees performing these functions have been transferred to other departments where they will be integrated into the receiving department;

• A large number of employees are being moved to vacancies which exist in other departments. As much as possible this movement will be by mutual agreement but subsequent reduction-in-force actions are feasible;

• Reduction in force itself. Involved will be employees who choose to go to lower level vacancies by reduction in force and

those employees who are excess to the needs of the Station. Although all of these actions have not been completed, and reduction-in-force actions have not been initiated, the current prediction is that it will be necessary to separate approximately 10 ungraded employees. All possible effort will be made to find suitable employment for these people in the local area and other communities.

Classes Added To UCLA Schedule

The UCLA Extension Program at China Lake is offering the following courses for the 1962 spring semester. Students may register in the classroom at 6:30 p.m. preceding the first class meeting. Payment of fees in full constitutes official enrollment. A minimum enrollment of 15 is required to continue the courses.

Education XL 139 — Audio-Visual Media of Instruction. This is applicable to State of California Kindergarten, Elementary and Secondary Credentials. Two units, \$33, begins January 29 from 7-10 p.m. in Room 1000, Michelson Laboratory.

Education X 313.4AB — Discipline and Control in the Modern School; also applicable for credentials as stated above. Two units, \$30, begins February 9 from 7-10 p.m. in Room 41, Murray School.

Recital Slated For Concert Pianist

Dr. Theodore Ullmann, noted concert pianist, makes an appearance at the Station Theatre for the third program of the Youth Concert Series next Tuesday at 3:30 p.m. under the auspices of the Music Parents Club, China Lake Elementary Schools.

An alumnus of the University of Wyoming, New York University, Columbia University, Newark University and the Juilliard School of Music, Dr. Ullmann's vast training also includes study at The Sorbonne, Conservatoire de Paris, and Shrivenerham University in England. He is also a former faculty member of Biarritz American University in France.

Tickets for the remaining four concerts are available at each school office or at the box office. Single tickets for this performance may also be obtained; 25 cents for students and 50 cents for adults.

Meetings...

AAUW members will hold a general meeting January 30 at 8 p.m. in the Community Center lounge. At 8:30 p.m. the public is invited to hear guest speaker Dr. Arthur L. Bietz, prominent Los Angeles psychologist. His topic will be "The Key to Leadership."

AAUW INTERNATIONAL Relations Study Group will meet February 1 at the Phillips residence, 47-A Ashworth Place, at 8 p.m. Nan Krueger will report on the rise of Mao Tse-tung and Charlotte Ostermann will discuss the relations between U. S. and China beginning with the World War II years.

IWV COUNCIL FOR RETARDED CHILDREN will meet in the East Wing of the All Faith Chapel, Thursday, February 1, at 8 p.m. Featured speaker will be Clair W. Burgener, third vice president of the National Assoc. for Retarded Children.

SHOWBOAT

FRIDAY CHILDREN'S THEATRE JAN. 26

AAUW Presents
"The Emperor's Clothes"
Admission 50 cents

EVENING
8:30 p.m.
"BAINTREE COUNTY" (116 Min.)
Elizabeth Taylor, Montgomery Clift
7 p.m.

(Drama in Color) Southern mansion owner returns home and breaks up romance between a local couple. She tricks him into marrying her despite her hallucinations that she has Negro ancestry. Outbreak of the war and her rapid decline make this emotional story a dramatic classic. Taylor's finest performance. (Adult)

SAT. —MATINEE— JAN. 27
1 p.m.
Cameron Mitchell
"ESCAPEE IN JAPAN" (93 Min.)
SHORT: "Working for Peanuts" (7 Min.)
"Cody of the Pony Express No. 5" (16 Min.)

—EVENING—
"HELL BENT FOR LEATHER" (82 Min.)
Audie Murphy, Stephen McNally
7 p.m.

(Western in Color) Cowboy is beaten and robbed of his horse but wounds the gunman who drops a fancy shotgun. He then is mistaken for the bandit and threatened with shooting by the crooked sheriff. It's bang-bang all the way. (Adults and Young People)
SHORT: "Turtle Scoop" (7 Min.)
"Bahama Holiday" (10 Min.)

SUN.-MON. JAN. 28-29
"BACHELOR FLAT" (95 Min.)
Tuesday Weld, Terry Thomas
7 p.m.

(Comedy in Color) Laugh all the way through this one about the professor who rents his fiancée's beach house and unknowingly meets her teenage daughter who keeps her mother's secret. The coeds all have romantic ideas for him and a little Dachshund steals a lot of the scenes. It's light. It's fun. (Adults and Young People).
SHORT: "Woody's Knockout" (7 Min.)
"King of the Keys" (8 Min.)

TUES.-WED. JAN. 30-31
Concert of Youth
Music Parents Club
Presents
Pianist Theodore Ullmann
Tuesday Only
8:30 p.m.

"FRANCIS OF ASSISI" (105 Min.)
Bradford Dillman, Delores Hart
7 p.m.

(Religious Drama in Color) 13th Century Lad heads the Pope's plea to fight to liberate Sicily. A voice tells him to return home and he's branded traitor. The voice tells him to rebuild a ruined church and he establishes a new order. His journey to the Holy Land as a peacemaker against the Crusaders is dramatic inspiration. (Family)
SHORT: "Egg-napper" (7 Min.)

THURS.-FRI FEB. 1-2
"TWIST AROUND THE CLOCK" (82 Min.)
Chubby Checker, Vicki Spencer
6 and 8 p.m.

(Musical in Color) Novelty story of an enterprising promoter who discovers this latest craze in the boondocks but can't cash in on it because he loves one of the dancers instead of the daughter of a big talent agency head who can help him. Back'n' Roll is dead, man, dead! This is only for the hep crowd. (Adults and Young People)
SHORT: "Cat's Meow" (7 Min.)
"Pies and Guys" (16 Min.)

Mr. Charles Laughton regrets the cancellation of his program last Tuesday evening January 23 due to the adverse weather conditions and a breakdown of transportation and looks forward to seeing all NOTS Concert patrons Sunday, March 25 at the Station Theatre.

UCLA Counselors Due Next Friday

Professors George A. Rahe of the UCLA Department of Engineering and Stanley P. Franklin, counselor for mathematics and physical sciences will be available for consultation at the Education Office next Friday afternoon, February 2.

Students should make appointments for consultation through the Education Office, Room 1004, Michelson Lab, Ext. 71759. Discussions with the UCLA representatives should be kept brief and confined to academic questions.

Receive PTA Awards



Helen McCandlish and Carol Chatterton

Helen McCandlish, third grade teacher at Groves School and Carol Chatterton, principal of the summer school swim program were honored with Life Membership Awards at last week's Founders Day meeting held by the China Lake Elementary PTA. The tribute was made in recognition of their ability and dedicated efforts in teaching and training our youth.

A native of Minnesota, Helen first began her teaching career in Rochester, and as was the custom in rural areas, she resided with a local family, accepting room and board as part of her salary.

Living and teaching in often adverse conditions was apparently instrumental in the development of a pioneer attitude and flexibility to meet almost any requirement.

Upon her arrival at China Lake in 1946, teaching facilities were still in the construction stage, but her determination proved equal to the challenge. She stayed on to achieve the distinction of having the longest tenure here of any teacher on the rolls.

The mutual admiration shared by Helen McCandlish and students, parents, and teachers alike, attests to the real enjoy-

ment and satisfaction she derives from her work.
Chatterton
Swim team sponsor for several summers and substitute teacher, the elementary school youngsters are well acquainted with Carol Chatterton. She has given of time tirelessly to promote a competitive swim team in the valley and, over a four-year period, has organized a program that includes over 100 participating children and 9 instructor-coaches. The swim team, which meets five days a week during the summer for training, holds 5 local swim meets a year and three out-of-town competitions.

At China Lake since 1951, Mrs. Chatterton is also principal of the summer program which accommodates over 300 youngsters daily. In spite of this heavy schedule, she also finds time to attend the Red Cross National Aquatic Schools and is the Indian Wells Valley chairman for the Red Cross Water Safety Program.



WACOM officers and staff

Officers' Club...

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In 1961, WACOM contributed over \$3,000 to charitable organizations which was earned from its operation of the Thrift Shop. One half of the sum went to Navy Relief.

Present Station officers are Rosemary Fisher, president; Jeanne Robcke, vice president; Doris Valitckha, secretary; and Marie Tull, treasurer.

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.

Editorial Clerk, GS-5, Code 003 — Located in the newly organized Public Information Office, the position edits and writes news releases, serves as Public Information liaison in absence of PIO, acts as receptionist for the office and provides clerical support and supervision as directed.

Credit Union Annual Meeting Reveals Operations for 1961

Board directors were elected and a Financial and Statistical Report on operations for the year 1961 was presented at the NOTS Employees Federal Credit Union's 14th annual meeting on Wednesday, January 17.

Topping the list of soaring statistics was the announcement of the sum of dividends declared for 1961 shareholders amounting to \$115,233.22, over \$22,000 more than last year.

Other reports, compared with last year's, showed an increase in membership from 4,249 to 4,423; a gross income of \$184,699 to \$226,066; total assets from \$2,527,045 to \$3,071,276; and accordingly, an operating expense increase from \$59,001 to \$69,563. During the year, 2,561 loans were made amounting to \$2,747,865.

At a special caucus held since the annual general meeting, officers of the Board of Directors were elected and committee members were appointed as follows:



Board of Directors: Henry H. Wair, president; William P. Koonz, vice president; Robert C. Holloway, treasurer; Michael H. Kauder, secretary; and Evelyn See, Lt. Carl Vancil, W. R. (Dick) Hitt, directors.

What's Doing In Recreation

From the Special Services Office
The China Lake Film Society is opening the second half of its 1961-62 season on January 29 and 30 with the Japanese film version of "The Magnificent Seven" presented in the Community Center at 8 p.m.

Since this will be the first film on the half-season program, tickets will be available at the door. Other films to be included in the half-season will range from English comedy to Spanish tragedy. They will be "The Man in the Raincoat," "The Red and the Black," "Open City," "The Devil's Daughter," and "Privates Progress."

News From Pasadena

German Federal Ministry of Defense Team Tours NOTS Pasadena



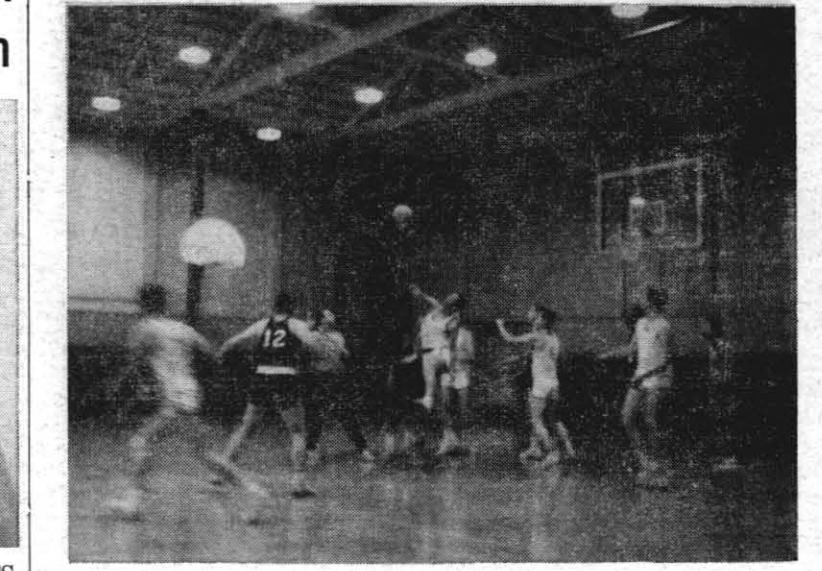
NOTS HOSTS GERMAN VISITORS—NOTS Pasadena last Saturday hosted a visit of German Federal Ministry of Defense Team members here on an orientation tour. In photo above (l-r) are Capt. Thomas Turner, USN, Ministry of Western Defense Team, Paris; NOTS personnel Dr. W. B. McLean, Technical Director, Lcdr. E. P. K. King, NOTS Pasadena Technical Officer and D. J. Wilcox, Head, Underwater Ordnance Department and Defense Team members Helmut Stoessel, Lcdr. Otto Werth, Prof. Albert Wangerin, Capt. Hans Meckel, Reinhold Fuhrmann, Capt. Friedrich Goerdes and Friedrich Schueler.

Public Works Man Leaves for Oregon



After 10 years with NOTS, Theodore G. Lampman, electrician with Shops Division, Public Works, terminated January 19 to make a new home in Medford, Ore. He and his wife have resided in Monrovia for 15 years with their children ages 18, 16 and 14 year old twins.

NOTS Hoopsters Defeat Giannini Controls



NOTS SCORES—Ray Brooks of the NOTS Basketball Team takes a jump ball from Giannini Control during skirmish in last week's game. NOTS took the match 37-15, with 12 points scored by Brooks and 10 points each by John Grove (No. 12) and Tom McKinney. Coach Rod Rotter says he finally convinced the boys it was OK to work up a sweat in their new uniforms. This was their second win in five starts.

PROMOTIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

To apply for position below, contact Nancy Redden, Pasadena Personnel Division, Extension 104.
Electrician, hourly pay range \$2.97-\$3.21, Code P7122. Duty Station: Pasadena — Install, maintain and repair electrical power and lighting lines and cables and associated parts of circuits. Assemble, install and test electrical fixtures, apparatus, control equipment and wiring used in office buildings and shop areas. Some experience on special modern machine control is desirable.

Discount Tickets

Through the Employees Service Organization, NOTS personnel may take advantage of numerous discounts.
Tickets are now available for an auto wash service, to professional basketball and hockey games, for dinners, plays, theaters and to Disneyland.



FACILITIES VISITED—Cdr. T. A. Cassin (left), Associate Director of Supply, explains Pasadena supply functions to new Station officers (l-r) Capt. F. F. Reck, Code 011; Lt. Col. D. L. Ritter, Code 40504; Lcdr. O. F. Rapelyea, Code P1903; and Lt. D. W. Johnston, Code 16, during an orientation tour of NOTS Pasadena. Officers met with personnel of all divisions of the Pasadena organization during a two-day visit last week.

Men, Here Is The Answer

"Why don't you shave?" Men, here is the answer to that question when your wife or sweetheart thinks that you haven't shaved for a week. Whisker density on the male face varies from 325 to 550 per square inch on the cheeks and from 260 to 780 per square inch on the chin. These hairs grow at the daily rate of 15/1000 of an inch, although a man could never convince his wife that they don't grow that slowly.

Chaplain's Corner

By Monsignor J. F. C. Ryan

"I will, be thou made clean!" says our Lord to the leper. The beauty of purity!

God loves this virtue and the pure soul. The Holy Spirit Himself admires the beauty of such a soul. "How beautiful is a chaste generation" the Holy Spirit exclaims, "its memory is immortal; it is honored, loved by God and men."

Man may lose this precious gift but he never loses respect for it. Even the old pagan Roman loved it and respected it. The maidens whose office it was to maintain the fires upon the altar of the goddess VESTA had to be virgins, and even the proud Roman in corrupted Rome had to stand still and bow while a Vestal virgin was passing by.

God loves purity. He is Purity itself. All that proceeds from the immaculate hands of God is immaculately pure. Pure is the snow that falls from heaven, pure is the air on the mountain tops before it descends into the valley, pure are the rays of the sun that spread the purest light. If these material creatures reflect the purity of God and are so pleasing to Him, how much more men, the living spiritual images of God.

Bible Course Offered

"The Synoptic Gospels, Matthew, Mark, and Luke," will be the subject of a Bible Study Group which will begin January 30 at 7:30 p.m. Classes will meet weekly for four sessions in the East Wing of the Chapel.

The first class will concern developments in historical research concerning the Gospels and the early Christian communities. The other classes will cover the material in the three Gospels by comparison and elaboration.

The course will be taught by Chaplain Wicker and will be a part of the Protestant Chapel program. All interested are invited to attend.