

Pictorial HiLights



SIGNS SHIPPING PAPERS — Nicholas R. Dillon, HM2, attached to Station Hospital and a former member of the Navy's Antarctic Support Force, signed up last week for four years required to fill out his twenty-year career. Capt. Quense, Executive Officer, swore Dillon in.



FRIENDS OF THE MUSEUM — The recent antique show, a fund-raising project for the Maturango Museum, proved to be such a huge success that a repeat performance is contemplated next spring. The committee shown here made the initial show possible.



GET THE BALL ROLLING — Bob Freedman, China Lake Little League president, accepts a check for \$200 raised by NAF personnel. Lt. W. A. Pollard (l) who spearheaded the drive and LCDr. A. L. Berthelson, vice president of the major league teams, submitted the funds for Red Sox sponsorship. Other monies received were from Test Dept. for the Yankees, Engineering Dept. for the Tigers, and Assoc. Aero Science for a Triple A team.

JUNE WILKERSON, WOW!

'Will Success Spoil Rock Hunter' Due

Will Success Spoil Rock Hunter?

To get the answer to that question, you're advised by Special Services Officer C. L. Vancil to get in line now for tickets to the second in a series of summer stage presentations on the way to China Lake.

He pointed out this week that tickets go on sale May 1 at the Community Center.

A Broadway production that drew wide acclaim from columnists, "Will Success Spoil Rock Hunter" . . . China Lake version . . . will co-star June "Playboy" Wilkerson and Dick Patterson. Lieutenant Vancil reminded

China Lake personnel that all NOTS employees, regardless of place of residence, are eligible to buy tickets for the show, scheduled to play here Tuesday, May 22.

Produced by Service Theater Productions, the upcoming play will come here from a week-long stand in the San Diego area.

Editor's note: Sorry fellas, we just couldn't publish those promotion pictures of lovely June Wilkerson. They may be viewed from their place of prominence at the Rocketeer offices, however, on a first-come-first-serve basis!

Summer Season Opens May 5 With Big Splash

The Commissioned Officers Mess starts the summer season on May 5, with the Americana Swim Fashion Show. The Fashion Show will commence at 5 p.m., and will feature the latest in swim wear modeled by many of the more glamorous members of the club.

This will enable the ladies of the club to decide on their choice of swim suits for the year, and at the same time send many of us back to our calorie counters, in order that we may shed the results of our winter hibernation.

Leah Little has coordinated the fashion display from a collection of the latest styles supplied by Bonnie's and Millers of Ridgecrest.

Male members of the club will be able to see the latest in styles for themselves, while they carefully survey their own waistlines (back to the diet, boys), and will be permitted, if they dare, a wolf-whistle at the ladies' fashions in return for the privilege of paying the freight on their wives' and daughters' selections.

A Buffet Supper (family) will be available from 5:45 p.m., and it is rumored that Paul Wendell, the Club Manager, is having each dish labeled with the number of calories for the benefit of those who have been sufficiently chastened.

Music will be provided throughout by the Esquires, and a skillful demonstration of how NOT to dive will be given by the Comedy Diving Team of Jessie VeDall and Phyllis Haig.

The Club Pool opens for the season at 10:00 a.m. to start another swinging summer season.

Pony League

Tryouts Tomorrow

All boys planning to try out for the Indian Wells Valley Pony League are reminded to have their application blanks submitted or plan to take them to the tryouts. No one will be allowed to try out without a completed application.

Pony League tryouts are scheduled for tomorrow at 9 a.m. on Schoeffel Field. Those born between August 1, 1947 and July 31, 1949 are eligible for Pony League baseball this year.

Applications may be obtained from Joe Hibbs at 700-A Kearns, Ken Roberts at the Union 76 Station on China Lake Blvd., or from the junior high and high schools in the area.

What's My Line

You've probably talked with E. A. Moser at one time or another during the past six years. As dispatcher for the base taxi service, the genial husband of Anne Moser and daughter, Glenna, live at 214½ Ridgecrest Blvd.

Moser joined the China Lake family as a member of Public Works in 1949 and claims his job with taxi section "gives me real satisfaction in my work."

The chances are slim that you've ever met our Navyman, Jerry L. Kolb, ACAN. As a tower controlman at NAF, the young bluejacket reported here six months ago from schooling at Olathe, Kan.

Married to Ardythe Kolb and the father of an infant daughter, Debrah, Jerry and his family live at 206B Langley.

Though he, too, "meets" hundreds of other members of our NOTS family weekly, his acquaintances are generally made over the radio.

Recreation Bill

CPO-Acey Ducey Club Book Dixieland Revue

The Acey Ducey and CPO Clubs announced the planned appearance next week of Ronnie Bartley and the Gas House Six. They are slated for the Acey Ducey Club on Tuesday, May 1 and at the CPO Club the following Thursday.

Featured with this Dixieland laugh riot, is "Bilo," a vivacious dancer loaded with . . . personality! She gives a rousing routine starting with the Charleston to the latest in modern dance.

Dancing begins at 9 p.m., concluding at 1 a.m. Just enough time to take listeners from the Roaring 20's to the Swinging 60's.

New Dining Hours

Jack Walls, Acey Ducey Manager, also announced the new dining hours. The lunch schedule is from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The dining room will be open Monday through Thursday from 6:30 to 8 p.m.; Friday and Saturday from 6:30 to 9 p.m.; and Sunday from 5 to 7:30 p.m.

Queen for a Night

A take-off from the popular TV show has been planned by the military wives at the Officer's Club next Tuesday evening. Sponsored by the Naval Air Facility, contestants will make a pitch for the title with their hilarious presentations.

Festivities will open with dinner at 7:30 p.m., and reservations may be obtained from each designated military group representative.

Servicemen Invited

The Los Angeles Community Concert Association has made available free admission for servicemen and their guests for two performances of the Mormon Choir of Southern California, to be held at the Shrine Auditorium on Saturday April 28, at 8:30 p.m. and on Sunday April 29, at 3 p.m.

SPORTS SLANTS

Eight Team League Launch Softball Play

The Station intramural softball season begins play next Monday with eight teams vying for the championship. The league is composed of NAF, VX-5, Marine Barracks, NOTS, Salt Wells, Staff, Genge Engineers, and the Ridgecrest Merchants.

Two games are played each night Monday through Thursday. Game times are 7 and 9 p.m. The Ridgecrest Merchants, defending champs, are favored to win; Grant Gorman is their new manager.

From what we have seen in the practice games, we look for a more balanced league with the military teams stronger than they have been in years.

Schedule

Date	Time
April 30	
VX-5 vs NOTS	7 p.m.
NAF vs Salt Wells	9 p.m.
May 1	
Merchants vs Marines	7 p.m.
Genge vs Staff	9 p.m.
May 2	
NAF vs Merchants	7 p.m.
VX-5 vs Genge	9 p.m.
May 3	
Salt Wells vs Staff	7 p.m.
NOTS vs Genge	9 p.m.

Golf

Registrations close this Sunday for the annual Hollister Tournament. Thirty-six holes of golf on medal (stroke) basis with full handicap is the planned schedule.

Two players team in stroke play, each playing his own ball. The sum total of low net scores over 36 holes will represent the team's score. Winning teams will be determined on total low net score.

Travel Ban Lifted
WASHINGTON — Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara announced Wednesday that travel of dependents of military men stationed abroad will be resumed immediately.

Families have been banned from going with or joining servicemen stationed overseas since last September. The cut-off was ordered, in part, to cut spending of dollars overseas and improve the U. S. balance of payments situation.

SHOWBOAT

TODAY APR. 27

"THE GEORGE RAFT STORY" (105 Min.)
Ray Danton, Jayne Mansfield
7 p.m.

(Biography Drama) Professional hooper drifts into racketeer mob between engagements, finally breaks into Hollywood under the alert eye of the police.

SHORT: "Quackodile Tears" (7 Min.)

SAT. APR. 28

—MATINEE—

"SNOW WHITE AND THREE STOOGES" (107 Min.)

1 p.m.

SHORT: "Tasty TV" (7 Min.)

"Radar Men No. 3" (13 Min.)

—EVENING—

"THE PIRATES OF BLACK HAWK" (72 Min.)

Mijanou Bardot, Gerard Landry
7 p.m.

(No Synopsis available)

SHORT: "Military Magoo" (7 Min.)

"Arctic Roundup" (27 Min.)

SUN.-MON. APR. 29-30

"BAD DAY AT BLACK ROCK" (81 Min.)

Spencer Tracy, Robert Ryan, Walter Brennan
7 p.m.

(Outdoor Drama) One-armed stranger enters small, lonely desert town and is met with hostility at every turn. Tough tries to good him into a fight and he's marked for murder by the town "Boss." It's taut drama at it's best. (Adults and Young People)

SHORT: "Hopalong Casualty" (7 Min.)

"Wonderful Hong Kong" (20 Min.)

TUES.-WED. MAY 1-2

"THE ERRAND BOY" (92 Min.)

Jerry Lewis, Brian Donlevy
7 p.m. Tuesday — 6:30 p.m. Wednesday

(Comedy) Economy-minded Hollywood studio hires Jerry as a spy to report extravagance. As a messenger he interrupts filming, office routine and creates havoc galore. Here's a chance to see a studio (Family)

SHORT: "Perry Popgun" (7 Min.)

"Lend a Paw" (7 Min.)

THURS.-FRI. MAY 3-4

"JULIUS CAESAR" (121 Min.)

Marlon Brando, James Mason, Deborah Kerr
7 p.m.

(Drama in Color) A prestige Shakespearean drama delving into the character and reasoning of the people who plotted the great Caesar's assassination. Spectacular cast of stars in this epic. (Adults and Young People)

152 NOTS Navymen 'Splice Mainbrace' May 16 Promotions In VX-5 Tops 51 Percent Mark

Preparations for advancement in rate paid off handsomely for 152 NOTSmen who will be upped to next higher pay grades May 16. Naval Air Facility, with 78 personnel named on the promotion list issued last week by the Bureau of Naval Personnel, has the largest number of promotions.

Air Development Squadron Five gained advancements for fifty-one per cent of those candidates who early this year were examined for the next higher pay grade.

Thirty-six NOTS Station per-

NEWS ROUND-UP

Command Changes Fleet Swaps Open

WASHINGTON — The Navy's larger air stations will be classified as "major commands" for aviators next year and there will be about a 62 percent opportunity for non-aviation line captains of year group 1942 to get a major command, according to the Bureau of Navy personnel.

The decision concerning "major command status of air stations means that some aviation officers will meet their major command requirement without skippering a carrier. They will, however, gain sea duty requirements following air station command duties.

PEARL HARBOR — Pacific Fleet sailors homesick for a tour of duty with the Atlantic Fleet are being offered a not-too-frequent opportunity to swap fleets.

The attack carrier Lexington and the guided missile test ship Norton Sound are being transferred from PacFlt to LantFlt. Men desiring to stay aboard may do so and PacFlt Navymen wishing to go the east coast duties are being invited to request duties aboard the east coast-bound ships.

Police Chief Issues Curfew Law Warning

Existing curfew laws in Kern County will be strictly enforced, it was announced this week by Station Police Chief Groth following several minor incidents in which China Lake youths were involved.

Generally, the law requires that minors, under 18, be accompanied by an adult parent, guardian or in the care of an adult between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. the following day, if on Kern Country streets, in public gathering places or places of entertainment.

For the People's Benefit
"I would like to point out that we are not trying to restrict the social activities of our youngsters or in any way diminish their pleasures."

He said his department would be happy to provide anyone with doubts concerning the full provisions of the curfew law with full details on request.

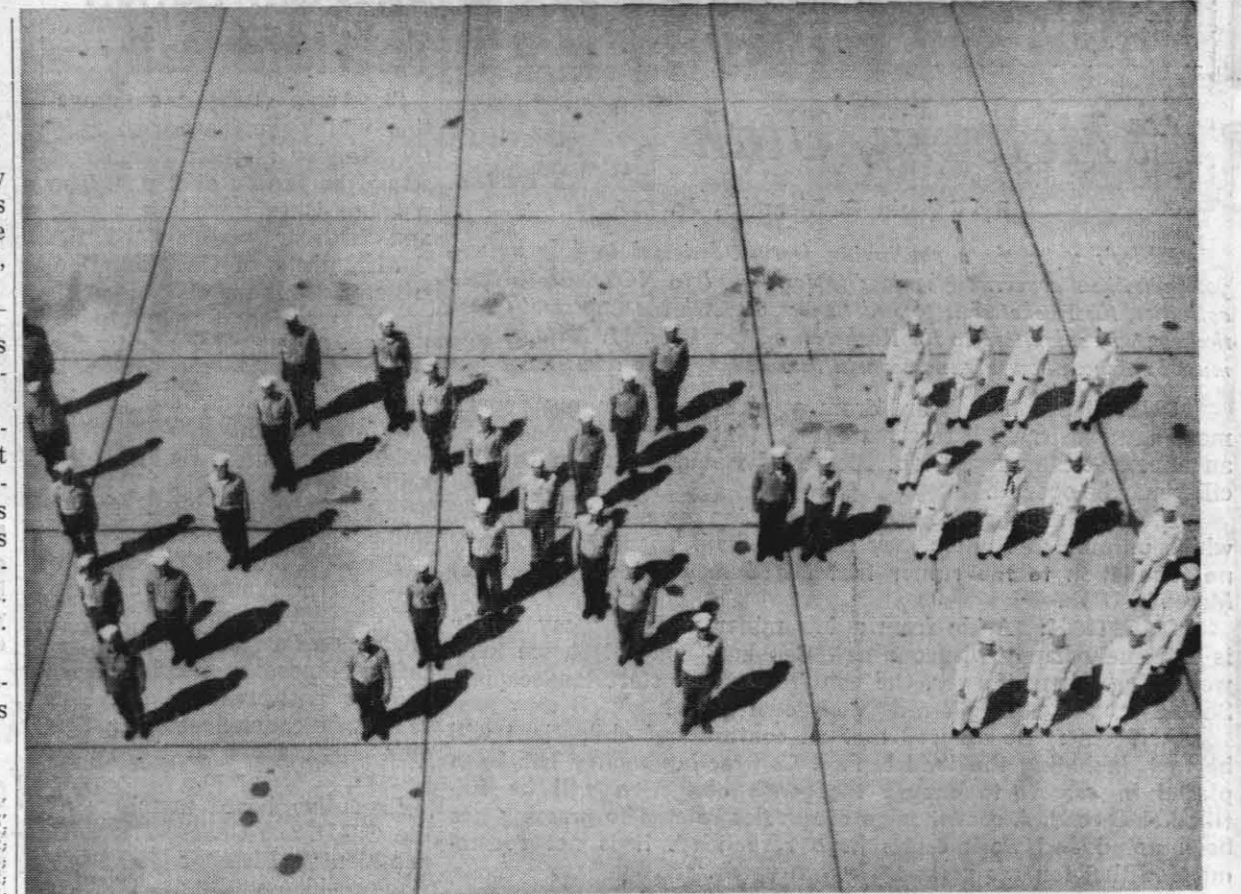
Stay Loose — Sidewinders Spotted!

It's "Sidewinder" time again! This was the warning put out this week by Public Works' Robert F. Conway, following the discovery of several reptiles by gardeners.

Conway said one of his men didn't see a snake until after he had clipped it in half while on a hedge-trimming chore.

Medical Department officials this week passed the following information on for the benefit of snakebite victims:

1. Don't panic. Keep victim as calm as possible.



SPELLING IT OUT — Successful candidates in this year's Navy-wide examinations, all members of Air Development Squadron-Five, display their pride in NOTS facility. Squadron personnel topped fifty-one percent in earning new rates that become effective May 16. VX-5 bluejackets excelled in athletic field recently by sweeping all intra-mural honors on Station. — Photo by Ernest O. Shifflett, PHC



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Luncheon For HS Dedication is PTA Project For Year

A fried chicken luncheon planned by the school's cafeteria staff and supervised by the PTA will highlight the Burroughs High School dedication festivities slated for May 5.

Tickets are available at the Burroughs High School office, and from members of the PTA Executive Council. Service club members may obtain tickets from Ed Snearly, Lion's Club; Bud Sewell, Rotary; Leroy Jackson, Kiwanis, and Mel Bens, PTA.

120 Years of Service Noted at Pasadena

PASADENA — Service totaling 120 years was recognized here recently with the award of 20 year service pins to six NOTS-Pasadena employees.

Receiving the service awards were Robert Beresford, Homer Lineberry, Helen Hahn, Jack Smith, Brooks Poynter and Ivan Carlson.

All of those recognized in this recent ceremony are members of Underwater Ordnance Department.

Loyalty Day Proclaimed

In accordance with the President's proclamation, Loyalty Day will be observed by the people of the United States and patriotic, civic and educational organization May 1.

Armed Forces participation, on a local basis, is encouraged to an extent considered appropriate and feasible, according to a dispatch received from 11 ND headquarters this week.

New Dual Pay Bill Plan To Affect Many Retirees

WASHINGTON — A compromise dual compensation bill finally has been agreed upon in the Administration. It is expected to go to Congress in the next few days. The measure would bring thousands of new exempt military men under restrictions affecting their employment with the federal government.

First hearings will be held before the House Post Office and Civil Service Committee. Present laws restrict virtually all healthy, retired Regular officers from employment with the federal government. Regular officers retired for disability may earn a combination of retired pay and federal salary of not more than \$10,000 annually. Those with combat disabilities are exempt. So are most Reservists and all enlisted men.

But the new law would blanket in nearly everyone except those with combat incurred disabilities. Here are the details of the measure slated for Congress:

- Most retired military men would be able to draw their federal salary and the first \$2000 of their annual retired pay and 50 per cent of the remainder of it.
- Enlisted men would be brought under the same formula, although they are now exempt.
- Career Reservists, now exempt, would be similarly restricted.
- Reserve officers who retired under Title III of Public Law 810 would be under the restrictions if they have more than six years of fulltime, continuous active duty. These are officers who do the bulk of their Service

HABIT FORMING

Navy 'Angels' Repeat Role In Life Saving Action

PASADENA — For the second second time within one week, Navymen at San Clemente Island have received the grateful thanks of an abalone fishing boat crew.

Notified by the Coast Guard last Friday that a fishing boat was sinking in the vicinity of Wilson Cove, a NOTS TRB-9 within minutes had the 46foot Jackie Dianne under tow for Saturday. They returned to Newport Beach under Coast Guard escort after minor repairs were made.

Just one week prior to this rescue, Navymen had been credited with saving the life of an abalone diver who had suffered the bends by fast action in getting him into the decompression chamber at the Island.

'ASK THE CAPTAIN' No New Facility At Mercury, Utah

By Captain C. Blenman, Jr.



Editor's note: As a continuing feature designed to help answer your questions concerning various topics related to NOTS China Lake activities, the Rocketeer is pleased to present "Ask the Captain." Questions may be submitted to the Rocketeer offices, Bldg. 35. All questions must be signed, however, names will be withheld upon request.

QUESTION: I've heard from several people in my department and confirmed it to some extent, that NOTS will soon open an annex at Mercury, Utah. Please advise us on when this facility may be opened.

ANSWER: Again, here we have the excellent means by which unfounded rumors may be squelched. There is absolutely no foundation to the rumor that NOTS may open a facility at Mercury, Utah.

QUESTION: Aside from a few minor problems, my family is extremely happy with our new Capehart home. But, we keep wondering when, if ever, the contractors will start landscaping. Should tenants start planting their own grass?

ANSWER: Be assured that all contractual obligations will be met, including the landscaping. Contracting money has been placed in escrow to ensure that each obligation will be fulfilled as agreed. A recent seige of queries related to grassing has been noted and work crews have responded. It is not recommended that tenants grass their own yards.

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

This is One Account We Can't Ever Juggle

By Chaplain R. F. Wicker, Jr.

This business of moral living confuses a lot of people. Some intricate thinking and reasoning goes into this confusion and the end result is usually like this: everyone advocates moral living and very few practice it. It's like prohibition in my home state; everyone votes dry as long as he can stagger to the polls.

Realistically, what's wrong? Why is morality so often taken as a sign of weakness? Why is moral strength regarded as sissy while the great god of dissipation is worshipped daily? I feel the answer lies in the date of payday. The Navy pays twice a month. Overdraw one payday and you get nothing the next time. Our accounts are based on a semi-monthly reckoning. Abuse the system and retribution is sure and swift.

God, however, doesn't pay on Saturday. He pays at the end of the job. The daily expenditures and deposits are added up and

the final accounts are balanced only once. We get no sum totals, just final results. So, we fool ourselves. We think we can cram for God as we used to cram for exams in school. It is a hard system but the only one worthy of a free responsible man.

Suppose God punished for immorality as the Navy can and should! Suppose spiritual courts martial were as prompt and just! Men would change, wouldn't they? But, does it matter when the trial comes, if you know for sure that it's coming?

A law of physics says that for every action, there is an equal and opposite reaction. We think we'll get away with immorality. We think God will forget or have mercy on us. We may be forgiven but the wound is still there. For every sin, there is a reaction. For every evil, there's an opposite force of good to contain and ultimately to destroy that evil. God's payday comes at the end of life. Will you have anything at all on the books?

St. Ann Parish To Hold Rally

St. Ann's Catholic congregation will kickoff a parish rally this Sunday at their Ridgcrest school beginning at 2 p.m. The purpose is to introduce a new and broader program of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, which is the official parish program society devoted to religious education for and by the laity.

An introductory talk by the Rev. William Richardson, director of the local C.C.D., opens the rally. Demonstrations, workshops and displays will follow immediately.

The local C.C.D. is divided into five specific groups. Each group will conduct a concentrated demonstration for staggered periods. Informed personnel will be available to answer questions. The rally will conclude with a Solemn High Mass at St. Ann's Church at 4:45 p.m.

Executive board members of the C.C.D. are George Harrigal, president; Fletcher Phillips, vice-president; Mrs. Charles Mitchell, secretary; John Kleine, treasurer; Don Strietzel, Don Stoffel, and the Mmes. Earl Donaldson, Don Stoffel, and Frank Greedy.

Peacetime Record

WASHINGTON — The House voted Wednesday a peacetime record \$47,839,491,000 to bolster and deploy American military might around the world in the coming year.

A roll call vote sent the government's biggest money bill to the senate for its consideration.

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again be resumed.

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DESERT MEDICAL SOCIETY — Inaugural meeting of medical group was held Friday, Apr. 20 at NOTS China Lake. Featured speaker at dinner meeting was Captain C. K. Holloway, Chief of Surgery, Oakland Naval Hospital. Local Navy doctors (from left) Lt. John D. Tolmie and Cdr. R. B. Speaker,

Annual Switchover To Daylight Saving Time Slated Sunday

Residents of the State of California will lose an hour of time this weekend when the annual changeover from Pacific Standard Time to Pacific Daylight Saving Time will be made at 2 a.m. on Sunday, April 29.

This will be the time when the hands of the clock will be whirled ahead one hour in order to provide an extra 60 minutes of sunlight during the summer months.

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Defense Team Here For Two-Day Study

An 11-man study group touring key west coast Navy installations arrived here yesterday for a two-day visit at NOTS China Lake.

The group, headed by Dr. John Adkins, Assistant Chief Scientist, Office of Naval Research, is scheduled to depart here late this afternoon.

Included in the group is Willis B. Foster, Office of Director of Defense; Edward M. Glass, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force; Commander Olyce T. Knight, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense; Kermit B. Mohn, Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense;

Peter K. Ogloblin, Office of Director of Defense; Howard C. Smith, Bureau of Naval Weapons; Sidney Tarbox, Deputy Director of Los Angeles Civil Service Region; Peter J. Uihlein, Office of Industrial Relations, Navy Department; William E. Williams, Jr., Civil Service Commission; and Charles E. Woodside, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army.

New Department Designation Made

Establishment of the Safety Department, designated as Code 20, was announced this week by the Commander, NOTS.

The reorganization was directed in order to meet current and future requirements of the research, development, test and evaluation program of the Station.

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UCLA Office States New Course Added; Refund Checks Arrive

The Education Division of University Extension (UCLA) plans to schedule the course Education X 315AB for the latter part of the current semester.

The course deals with the adolescent and contains an analysis of cultural trends and problems which have an impact on youth. It discusses the role of the counselor, teacher, and parents in assisting young people to meet their vocational and personal problems.

The 30-hour course carries 2 units. The fee is \$30, Sylvia Besser instructing. Prospective students must call the Education Office, Ext. 71759, to confirm the schedule.

Teachers will receive credit toward the Secondary, Administrative, and Pupil Personnel Credentials. A minimum enrollment of 15 is required.

The Education also states that refund checks for UCLA 1961 fall courses are now available in Room 1004, Michelson Lab.



HOME FROM THE SEA — Twenty-five area youths returned home last week from an overnight cruise aboard the San Diego based ship, USS Skagit. Cruise was sponsored by area Navy League officials. Group shown above departed from Armitage Field.

PROMOTIONAL OPPORTUNITIES AT NOTS

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.

Mechanical Engineer, GS-11 or 12, Code 4534 — Design and development of electro-mechanical devices and controls systems for rockets, missiles, and associated equipment. Work will be directed toward advancement of the state-of-the-art as well as towards specific applications.

Control and Shop Branches of Manufacturing Division. Mechanist, \$3.02 to \$3.28 p/h, Code 5545 — Sets up, adjusts and operates all types of machine tools as well as specialized machines that have been developed, works from blueprints, drawings or specs. Works on various metals of all sizes and shapes including heavy plate.

Electronic Engineer, GS-11 or 12, PD No. 130066, Code 3073 — Performs electronic engineering and design of radio-line and land-line telemetering and direct record data acquisition systems applied to superconductive track test stands. Works with FM/FM, PDM, and PCM telemetering systems, and magnetic tape and oscillographic direct record systems, and the associated transducers, power supplies, control and calibration facilities, applied to these systems. If filled at GS-11 level, it will be considered a training position for GS-12.

Public Health Nurse, GS-6, PD No. 188001, Code 8829 — Duties concern community health services and assistance at clinics.

Supervisory (Clerk), GS-5, PD No. 055079, Code 5541 — Supervises and trains accounts maintenance clerks and clerk-typists, responsible for all records, cost control, clerical and secretarial requirements of both Production

San Clemente Island Filled With Intrigue

(Ed. Note: This is the third in a series of articles on the history of San Clemente Island. We are indebted to Col. Lawrence B. Bixby, U.S. Army, Retired, curator of the Riverside Municipal Museum, for these articles.)

Prehistoric Animals During alternating periods of upheaval and weathering, some clues to San Clemente's past were left in the form of prehistoric shells and fossilized sea plants. These were formed under the ancient seas, later buried, and then elevated with the land to several hundred feet above the present water level.

An anonymous writer, said to be a Navy Chaplain stationed on the island in 1955, tells of the remains of a prehistoric shark some sixty feet in length found in Chalk Canyon. The remains were found in 1937 by Corporal William E. Davis of the 10th Marines. One tooth was said to be four and a half inches in length; the second largest tooth of its kind on record, and found with other remains of the shark 600 feet above sea level. Such a shark would date back to the Pliocene Geological Period when there were great upward earth movements, over a million years ago. The tooth was later placed on display in the San Diego Museum.

Climate

Scientists believe the climate of the Channel Islands has been through many changes. Whatever the past has been, one writer who knew the islands well, maintains they are "as nearly perfect, climatically, as one can find in the world." Some may disagree with this, but of course it is impossible to find any climate that appeals to all people at all times.

The island has no frost, but "winter," which may be considered to last from about 1 December to 30 April, is supposedly the rainy season. The amount of rain is unpredictable.

It may come any time between November and January, and if it is heavy enough through the so-called winter months it changes the tall wild grasses which cover the hills to bright green and, by April, produces wild flowers of unbelievable variety.

After April the days grow warmer and the grass turns brown. Cool winds blow from the ocean and around three o'clock in the afternoon bring a rush of "silver fog" from the open sea. Long streamers of fog climb up the valleys and pour over the tops of the hills — sometimes startling newcomers to the island — but it does bring

cool moisture that holds back the intense heat that otherwise might develop. Afternoon fogs continue throughout the summer then taper off in September and October, when the days are still warm.

Scientists have found that since 1955, the west coast waters from Peru to Alaska have been getting warmer. By late summer of 1957 the water ranged up to eight degrees warmer than the 30 year average, with an average increase in temperature of four degrees.

This change has already had a profound effect, bringing warmth and humidity farther north in California and resulting in many northward movements of warm water fish. The winter of 1957-58 was the wettest California winter of the century, but whether the trend will continue only the future can tell.

Whatever the rainfall may be, most of it runs into the sea. There is a clear spring near Pyramid Cove at the southern end of the island, and a few wells were drilled by ranchers in the past, but otherwise the island is without water.

This situation presents something of a mystery when we consider the size of the island and the Indian population which lived here before its discovery by Spanish explorers.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

How Much Do You Know About Pay Bill?

Editor's note — Because of the many inquiries being received from federal employees and others about the President's proposal for salary reform, the Civil Service Commission has prepared the following questions and answers about the background and effects of the proposal. They will be presented in a continuing series.

Q. Is any provision being made for higher pay for shortage-category positions?

A. Yes. A more flexible method is being proposed for attracting candidates for hard-to-fill positions. Instead of raising entrance pay above the minimum and leaving the maximum of the grade at the same level, a new bill would provide for raising rates for the whole grade. For example, if \$9,380 was the minimum and \$12,215 was the maximum of GS-12, and it was decided to raise the entrance salary for a certain job to \$10,640 (5th step), an increase of \$1,260, each succeeding step would be raised by the same

amount for a total of the entire 10 steps, making the maximum \$13,475. In no case could the entrance salary be raised above the normal maximum of the grade.

Q. Could hiring at a salary above the minimum of the grade be done in individual cases?

A. Yes. In order to attract high-quality personnel to the Federal service, individuals with exceptionally high qualifications could be hired at salaries above the minimum of the grade. This is also a practice in private industry.

Q. When would the raises be effective?

A. The proposed increases would be spread over a 3-year period, effective in January of 1963, 1964, and 1965, respectively, in order to prevent undue budgetary and economic impact in any one year. The first raise would be the largest.

PART II



INTRAMURAL CHAMPS — VX-5's volleyball and bowling teams swept the field in this year's command competition and led squadron mates to possession of Commander's Trophy for third consecutive year. Volleyball team in top photo, from left standing, B. G. Mathews, R. P. Andersen, G. M. Hall, J. G. Shaw, E. Brooks and G. D. "Killer" Girard. Front row, from left, J. B. Akana and W. H. Walton. Bowling champs, in bottom photo, rear row, from left, are Lt. R. V. Rice, A. G. Ullsperger, and Lt. W. H. Byng. Front row, from left, are L. E. Eggerman, W. E. Laux, D. D. Kingsbury and G. E. Tisor.

Public Schools Week Observance Slated

RIDGECREST—Public Schools Week observance in the Indian Wells Valley will be climaxed this year with events planned for Saturday, May 5, including the dedication of the new Burroughs High School at China Lake.

From 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., a luncheon will be served and open house held at the high school. From 2 to 3 p.m. formal dedication ceremonies will be held in the gymnasium.

Admiral Sherman E. Burroughs, first commanding officer of the Naval Ordnance Test Station and for whom the school has been named, is expected to be present.

The annual banquet is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. in the Murray School Cafeteria on Thursday, May 3.

Monday evening will be visit-

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WHAT'S MY LINE?

How good are you at guessing a person's occupation? As a continuing feature with a two-fold purpose, the Rocketeer will publish pictures of personnel employed here. It'll be your job to guess their occupations. Once you do, of course, you'll also have had the chance to meet some of the people who make ours the world's finest command. See page four for their identities.



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New Dual Pay Bill Plan

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with the Reserve forces but not on active duty and subsequently retire at age 60.

This is where the compromise was effected. The Bureau of the Budget wanted all Title III men included in the restrictions. The Defense Department wanted only those with more than eight years of active duty covered. They compromised on six years of "fulltime, continuous active duty."

Another major point is the

end of veteran's preference for retirees which is called for in the bill. This preference gives those with military service extra points on their civil service examinations which persons without military service do not get.

Congress will undoubtedly make some changes in the bill which is being sponsored by the Civil Service Commission. The lawmakers may change the proposal particularly as it affects enlisted men and Title III retirees.