

Pictorial HiLights



COACHING, BRIBING, OR BOTH? — Kenneth Day (l) and LCDR. R. F. Doerpinghaus, members of rival teams in tomorrow's Donkey Baseball game, attempt to win special attention from their four-legged support member. The event will be staged at 7 p.m. on Schoeffel Field as a benefit for the Indian Wells Valley Pony-Colt Leagues. Opposing teams are the China Lake Sidewinders vs. Ridgcrest Scorpions. Admission fee is \$1 for adults and 50 cents for children under 12.



OATH OF ALLEGIANCE — NOTSman Sven Svenson, MT1, a 15 year Navy veteran, last week reenlisted for the six-year cruise that will take him into retirement zone. Capt. C. Blenman, Jr., ComNOTS, shipped Svenson over. Assigned to GMU-25 before its dis-establishment, Svenson and his wife, "Marty," live at 205-A Hornet.



P-TA SUPPORTS MUSIC CAMP — Ethel Ritchie (l), vice president-elect of the China Lake Elementary Schools P-TA presents a \$100 donation to the scholarship fund for the students' music camp held annually at Arrow Bear. Mirth Hammerberg accepts the funds on behalf of the sponsors, Music Parents Club.

Story Hour Slated At Station Library

All Station children from 6 to 10 years of age are invited to the Story Hour at the Station Library tomorrow at 10 a.m. Story tellers will be Sue Ann Davis of Burroughs High School, and Ruth Ohler, Station Librarian. The program will include "East of the Sun and West of the Moon," "The Mountain Witch and the Peddler," "Sebastian and the Dragon," and "Lentil." All those attending are asked to please be on time.

SHOWBOAT

TODAY MAY 25
"EXCUSE MY DUST" (82 Min.)
Red Skelton, Sally Forrest
7 p.m.
(Comedy in Color) Hoopskirts, skimmers and the "Gasmobile" as 1905 inventor creates havoc in small town with persistence that his homemade car will replace horses. A howl (Family)
SHORT: "Capri" (24 Min.)
SATURDAY MAY 26
BALLET
"La Boutique Fantasque" 10 a.m.
—MATINEE—
"KATHY" (99 Min.)
Don Duryea
1 p.m.
SHORT: "Convict Concerto" (7 Min.)
"Radar Men No. 7" (13 Min.)
—EVENING—
"COLORADO" (111 Min.)
James Cagney, John Derek, Ernest Borgnine
7 p.m.
(Western in Color) Trainman mistakes a pair for bandits and throws moneybags to them. Mistake is discovered and one is made sheriff, the other a deputy, but trouble brews! (Adults and Young People)
SHORT: "Case of the Red Eyed Ruby" (7 Min.)
SUN.-MON. MAY 27-28
BALLET
"La Boutique Fantasque"
Sun. Only — 2 p.m.
"LIGHT IN THE PIAZZA" (101 Min.)
Olivia DeHaviland, George Hamilton
7 p.m.
(Drama in Color) Intricate story of a mother and her beautiful, but mentally retarded daughter who visit Italy. The girls falls in love with a young Italian and the mother faces a dilemma of whether to let her marry. Top cast. (Adults and Young People)
SHORT: "High Steaks" (7 Min.)
TUES.-WED. MAY 29-30
"FOLLOW THAT DREAM" (110 Min.)
Johanna Moore
6 and 8:15 p.m.
(Comedy and Music in Color) Family on relief decides to visit Florida. They exercise homestead rights on State property, outwit the local gamblers and defeat a welfare worker determined to break up the family. Laughs and songs! (Family)
THURS.-FRI. MAY 31-JUNE 1
"SWEET BIRD OF YOUTH" (120 Min.)
Paul Newman, Geraldine Page
7 p.m.
(Drama in Color) Tennessee Williams' off-beat story of a drunken movie actress on the downgrade and her gigolo boy friend who return to a small town. He attempts to renew friendship with a former girl friend whose political father opposes him. Characterizations are superior and intriguing in this low key tale. (Adult)

CIVIC CONCERT ASSOC. will hold its annual business meeting next Monday in the Community Center at 8 p.m. The financial statement will be presented and K. H. Robinson will discuss the next season's artists. Three new members will also be elected to the Board — all ticket holders may vote.

RECREATION BILL

Local Performers Offer Ballet - 'Pops' Concert

Ballet performances of "La Boutique Fantasque" and an informal concert by the Community Orchestra promises to delight weekend audiences. Exciting backstage preparations for 30 youthful members of the China Lake Ballet Society mark the opening as the curtain goes up on a setting depicting a fantastic toy shop in Southern France during the 1860's. Tickets (50 cents) may be purchased through the schools or at the box office. All proceeds are directed to the scholarship funds of the sponsoring organizations—Burroughs High PTA, and the Elementary Schools Music Parents Club. **Concert At COM** An informal concert, sponsored by WACOM, will be held on the lanai this Sunday at 5 p.m. This is one of a series of social events at the Commissioned Officers Mess designed to appeal to a wide segment of the membership. Members are urged to arrive early for a swim, hear the concert, and remain for the buffet supper which follows. The Desert Community Orchestra is composed of 42 local musicians under the direction of Theldon Myers. The orchestra has presented several public concerts, and two of its instrumental groups were invited to play in last week's "Festival of Chamber Music" in Bakersfield. Sunday's "Pops" concert will include selections from "Show Boat", "Serenade", "The Student Prince", "Sleeping Beauty", "Hopak", and "Perpetual Motion".

SPORTS SLANTS

Registration Opens For Junior Golf Program

Youngsters from ages 10 through 15 will have the opportunity to get free golf instruction beginning June 12. Registration is now being conducted at the Pro Shop and instruction will be held each Tuesday at the golf course.

There is a minimum fee for the use of golf balls, and participants are required to bring at least one club. Anyone wishing to donate clubs that could be repaired or modified for Junior golfers, are asked to leave them at the Pro Shop.

Softball
The NOTS Military Softball Team travels to Tehachapi tomorrow to take on the prison nine at 1 p.m., and the Club returns to play the N.Y. Life Insurance team from Bakersfield at 8 p.m. The game will be held at the Beer Hut softball diamond.
May 28: NAF vs Merchants 7 p.m.; VX-5 vs Marines 9 p.m.
May 29: Staff vs Marines 7 p.m.; Genge vs NOTS 9 p.m.
May 31: NOTS vs Staff 7 p.m.; Salt Wells vs Marines 9 p.m.
Trailers at Isabella
The Special Services Division has four house trailers at Lake Isabella that may be reserved

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FIRST-HAND REPORT was given visiting Secretary of the Navy during his visit to China Lake this week. Program was highlighted by tour of Michelson Laboratory in addition to other key facilities. Frank Kneemeyer, Head, Weapons Development Dept. (second from left) gave brief presentation on weapons development and, in this photo, obviously captured interest of (from left) Capt. Holmquist, Secretary Korth, Dr. McLean, RAdm. Stroop and Captain Blenman. Korth's next stop was PMR at Pt. Mugu.

NOTS Joins National Savings Bond Campaign

The "Freedom Bond Drive" conducted at NOTS this month, is designed to help strengthen and stabilize the national economy, and also stimulates the practice of personal thrift required for individual and community welfare. "NOTS has always maintained a pace well ahead of other commands in programs requiring enthusiastic, collective support," according to Captain C. Blenman, Jr., ComNOTS.

"I am confident that our command will regard the Freedom Bond Drive as a challenge as well as a sensible and systematic savings program."

Station departments have designated an employee as their Payroll Savings representative. Anyone wishing to enroll in this program need merely fill out the Authorization Card which they received with their checks last week and leave it with his representative. The same procedure applies for an allotment increase.

Carpenter Orbits!

Rocketeer readers, being well informed people, all know by now that Astronaut Scott Carpenter's spectacular orbital flight was successfully completed yesterday amid the anxious hopes and prayers of the world. And, though it may seem a bit superfluous to mention the fact, the Rocketeer could not be tied to bed without acknowledging on page one this magnificent achievement.

Former ComNOTS Dies in New York From Heart Attack

Captain David B. Young, U.S. Navy (Ret.), a former Commander of the Naval Ordnance Test Station, China Lake, was buried with full military honors last Monday at Arlington Cemetery following his death last Wednesday.

A pioneering aviation ordnance officer, Captain Young held command here from 1953 to 1955. It was while serving in the Navy's Bureau of Aeronautics that he developed specifications for the first installation of 20 millimeter guns in naval aircraft. Following World War II he continued his work in ordnance, aiding in the development of numerous guided missile programs. An executive with General Electric, Captain Young died in New York from a heart attack. He is survived by his wife, the former Jane Thornton Jones, a son, Lieutenant David B. Young, Jr., U.S. Navy, now serving at Jacksonville, Fla., and a daughter, Mrs. Jane Thornton Latimer of Lemoore, Calif.

Poppy Day Sale

Poppy Day — a memorial to America's war dead — was launched yesterday and will be observed through tomorrow. All funds realized from the sale of poppies are channeled for the rehabilitation of disabled veterans or their families.

NOTS Personnel Draw A-F Day 'Well Done'

To the men and women of NOTS . . . military and civil service alike . . . I wish to extend my heartiest congratulations for the splendid presentation in which each of you played a major role during this year's observance of Armed Forces Day.

I am confident that our Open House guests, both at China Lake and Pasadena, were truly impressed by the exhibits, displays and demonstrations provided during their visit with us.

As Commander of the Naval Ordnance Test Station, I wish to commend you on the cooperative spirit and enthusiastic efforts required in this year's program. I know that I share the same degree of pride for your work as those who were fortunate enough to visit our command last Saturday.

C. BLENMAN, JR.
Commander, NOTS.

How Important Is A Vehicle Check?

Good car care is as important to your automobile as medical care is to your health. The motorist who treats his car to regular checkups assures himself maximum driving safety, economy and efficiency. Of all the vehicle accidents that occur, over 10% result from faulty equipment. Last year, over 3,800 persons lost their lives as a result of operating vehicles that were not in proper condition for the road. Special attention should be given to tires, brakes, lights, steering mechanism and safety accessories. The only way you can be sure of the condition of your vehicle is to have it inspected by trained mechanics.



ARMED FORCES DAY guests at NOTS China Lake, estimated at 10,000, gaped at static displays, probed aircraft exhibits and gawked at facilities opened for annual observance. From early morning hours until gates closed, there was something for all ages to explore. SNORT sled firings and VX-5 flight demonstrations highlighted 13th Armed Forces Day observance at China Lake. NOTS Pasadena reported huge crowds that witnessed variable torpedo launchings and enjoyed boat rides throughout day. The excellent presentations and demonstrations prompted Command praise.

