

# Captain Hough Takes NAF Helm



Capt. Hough

**INCOMING** — Capt. J. W. Hough, 1939 Annapolis graduate and Naval Aviator for more than two decades, will assume command of the Naval Air Facility here tomorrow morning. The former Chief of Staff to the Commander, Naval Forces, Philippine Islands, has led an active naval career.

Captain J. W. Hough, formerly assigned as Chief of Staff to the Commander, Naval Forces, Philippine Islands and a Naval Aviator who won his wings in early 1942, joins the Naval Ordnance Test Station command complex this week as Commanding Officer, Naval Air Facility, China Lake.

He is to relieve Captain T. A. "Tag" Grell tomorrow during formal change of command and retirement ceremonies scheduled to start at 8:30 a.m. in Hanger 3.

A Nebraska City, Neb., native who was graduated from Annapolis with the class of 1939, Captain Hough earned his sea legs in pre-World War II days while assigned to the USS Ranger.

He subsequently served in destroyers, USS Upshure, Eberle and Bristol and was enrolled in flight training at Pensacola in 1941.

## NAF Change Of Command Program

- 8:30—Concert by the Marine Corps Supply Depot Band, Barstow, California.
- 8:50—Naval Air Facility Parade Formation.
- 9:00—Prayer by Chaplain Wicker.
- 9:05—Reading of retirement orders for Commander F. A. Yourek by Captain T. A. Grell.
- 9:10—Certificate of Retirement for Captain T. A. Grell presented by Captain Charles Blenman, Jr., or his representative.
- 9:35—Reading of official orders: Captain T. A. Grell — Captain J. W. Hough.
- 10:05—Prayer by Chaplain Fenning.
- 10:10—Air Salute, Pass in Review.

Designated a Naval Aviator more than two decades ago, Captain Hough's wartime duties included service with Patrol Squadrons VP-74 and VP-204.

Assigned duties in the research and development fields during the closing days of World War II, Captain Hough was assigned to the Bureau of Ordnance and gained his first command two years later over VP-143. He returned to Bureau duties following this command for assignments in anti-submarine warfare.

Captain and Mrs. Hough and their two sons, Jack, Jr., 16, and David E., 11, will live temporarily in quarters at 3A Wasp Circle. He will occupy permanent quarters at 602 Lexington at a later date.



Capt. Grell

**RETIRING**—Capt. T. A. "Tag" Grell, skipper of Naval Air Facility here since 1959, ends 25-year Navy career tomorrow morning. The veteran Naval Aviator will make his home in Virginia. Capt. Grell won Navy's Silver and Bronze stars for World War II air combat in Europe and Pacific.

**Important Housing Change Notice On Page 3**

## 'Godspeed, Safe Voyage' Offered Captain Grell

The close of one career and the beginning of a new one occurs tomorrow morning for Navy Captain T. A. "Tag" Grell, Commanding Officer of China Lake's Naval Air Facility since July 1959.

Like his successor, "Tag" Grell served his first tour of sea duty in the USS Ranger, following graduation from the U. S. Naval Academy in 1938.

And, though a tour of destroyer duty was spliced in between his Ranger cruise and enrollment at Pensacola in flight training, the retiring four-striper recalled for a ROCKETEER reporter recently, "There was never any doubt in my mind about becoming an aviator."

"Flying today is perhaps one of the most formidable challenges a young man in the Navy faces. The complexities and refinements of our modern planes

leave little room for error.

"But, the challenge in my early days was one of a different nature," he reminisced. The challenge presented in becoming a Naval aviator, twenty years ago, according to the Detroit, Mich., native, "was a very personal one."

A man of medium height and powerfully built, "Tag" Grell earned his Navy wings at a time when America was teetering on the brink of what later burst into World War II.

His training was predicated on mortal combat and victory, two elements that guided him successfully through engagements from the continent of Europe to the far-flung islands of the Pacific.

He helped rack up one of the Navy's most impressive combat records while serving with (Continued on Page 3)

## SHOWBOAT

### SPORT SLANTS

# Intramural Softball Enters Second Half

#### Softball

With the Station intramural softball season at the half-way mark, the Ridgecrest Merchants team seem to be headed for another undefeated season. This fine club is managed by Denny Cramer who also does the catching. Other players are Bob Kochman, Bert Andreason, Bob Forrester, Bill Underwood, Buddy Deffis, Bill Martin, Bob Crawford, Max Smith, Bob Short, Lyn Johnson, Chuck Fritchman, Bill McCulley and Jack Zavalinga.

#### Wilson Signs Contract

Another former Station baseball player, Bill Wilson, who played short stop on last season's team signed a bonus contract with the Boston Red Sox last week. Bill will play with the Red Sox team in the Instructional League in Arizona this winter and will report to Seattle Red Sox farm club of the Pacific Coast League for the 1963 season.

Dave Martin, last season's catcher, is working out with the Los Angeles Rookie team at Dodger Stadium and will probably sign a professional contract next week.

#### Softball Schedule

- July 2: NOTS vs NAF ..... 7 p.m.
- Staff vs VX-5 ..... 9 p.m.
- July 3: VX-5 vs NAF ..... 7 p.m.
- Merchants vs NOTS ..... 9 p.m.
- July 5: Genge vs Saltwells ..... 7 p.m.
- Staff vs Marines ..... 9 p.m.
- July 7: NOTS All-Stars vs L.A. All-Stars, Beer Hut Diamond ..... 8 p.m.

#### T-BALL AND AAA STANDINGS — JUNE 22

T-Ball	Won	Lost
ORIOLES	2	0
Senators	1	0
Buccaneers	1	1
Lions	0	1
Terriers	0	1
Ducks	0	1
AAA	Won	Lost
REDS	2	0
Hawks	2	0
Padres	1	1
Angels	1	1
Mounties	0	2
Cubs	0	2

#### All Stars

The NOTS All Stars defeated Kernville last Friday by a score of 20 to 10. Tony Scanlan was the winning pitcher. Scanlan pitched seven innings, giving up 6 runs on 5 hits, striking out 8.

### Swimming Classes At Station Pool

A summer program in water safety will be conducted by the Red Cross in conjunction with the local elementary school district beginning July 9.

The swimming classes are not restricted entirely to the younger set, however, as a senior life-saving class will also be offered for anyone over 16 years of age.

The classes are scheduled to begin July 9 for the elementary school and on July 10 for senior lifesavers and will be conducted in the station pool. The five week course will be held daily from 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. for the elementary classes and from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. for the senior lifesavers.

Carol Chatterton, Red Cross water safety chairman for China Lake, is in charge of the program. Last year 680 children participated in the program.

He was relieved in the 8th inning by Jack Gann who pitched the last two innings. Gann gave up 4 runs on 2 hits. The All Stars clobbered Kernville with 15 hits, 3 of which were home runs, 1 by Frank Lueder from NAF and 2 by Al Williams from NOTS.

The All Stars have improved considerably with the addition of new players, more are still needed however, so all military personnel interested in trying out for the team are urged to contact Lt. Pollard at 84943.

#### Bowling

The China Lake Bowling Association held their annual meeting Thursday night and elected the following officials, President — Jim Peck; Vice Presidents — Del Prescott and Jim Poore; Executive Directors — Cliff Maxwell, Harold Moore, John Strommen and Bert Kaucher; Secretary-Treasurer — Ev Yelland; and Assistant Secretary-Treasurer — Bob Owens.

**NOTICE:** The Gear Issue Room will be closed July 3rd and 4th.

### Local Girls Complete Aquatic School

Christine Leininger, 201 Shangrila Circle and Mary Delancey, 701-B Nimitz, last week completed a 10-day course in water safety at the American Red Cross National Aquatic School, Lake Sequoia, Miramonte, California.

Christine and Mary were selected by the Kern Red Cross chapter to attend the school on scholarships provided by the Women's association of the Commissioned Officers mess and the Ridgecrest Rotary club. They'll use the specialized training in teaching swimming for the local summer school swimming program.

Both are Burroughs' high graduates. Christine was named "Girl of the Year" by the Girls Athletic association. Mary was president of the Girls Athletic association. Both were swimming team members and helped in coaching.

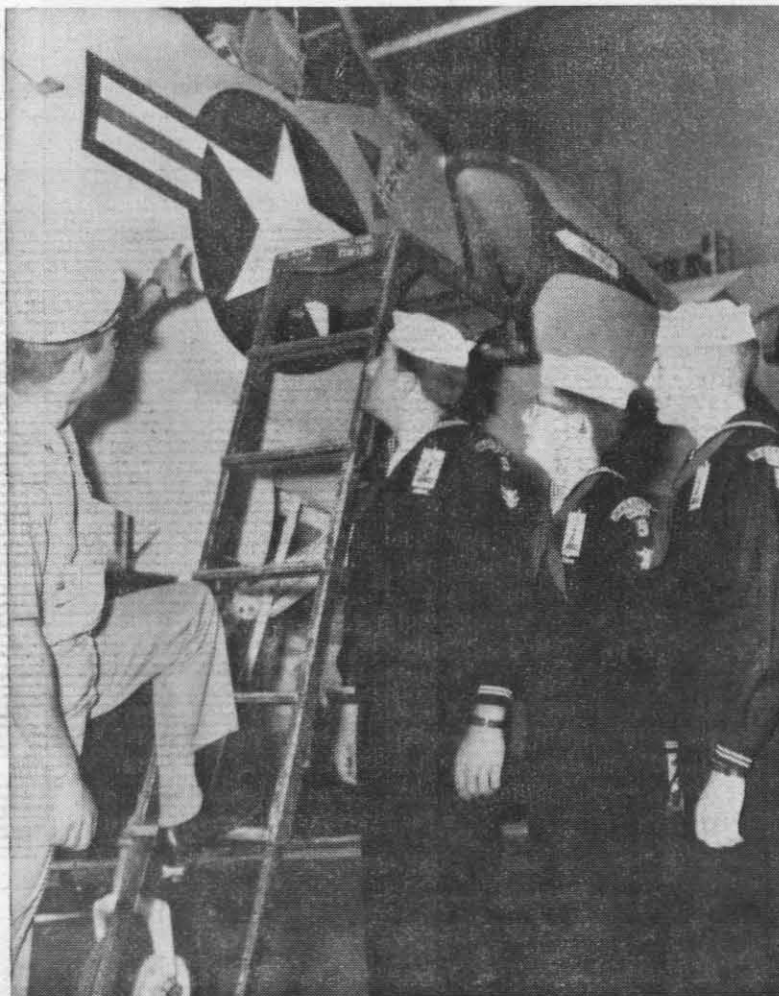
### Meetings...

**MAD HATTARS**, a newly formed motorcycle club, will hold a meeting Monday evening, 7:30 p.m. at 604 Atkins street for the purpose of meeting new members.

**ENGINEERING DEPT.** Recreation association will sponsor a spaghetti dinner and swim party at the NAF pool on Tuesday, July 3, from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. More information may be obtained at 84941.

**NAVY WIVES** will hold their biweekly meeting Monday, July 2 at 7:30 p.m. in their pink hut on Halsey Ave. New station arrivals are particularly urged to attend.

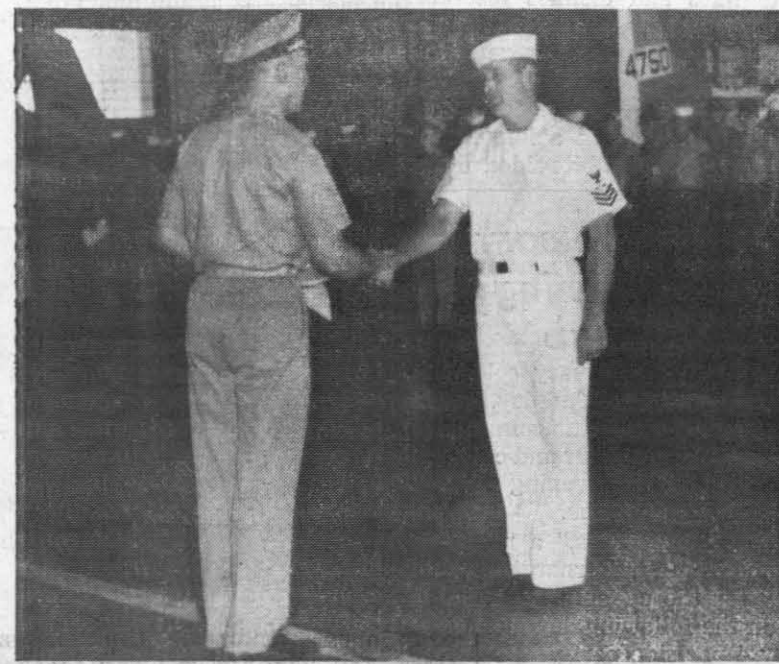
**CHIEFS CLUB** will hold a Luau for members this Saturday at 6:00 p.m. Dress is Hawaiian style and entertainment will feature a Hawaiian band from Los Angeles. The pigs will be put in the ground the night before and removed Saturday noon. More information may be obtained from Chief Duncan at the club.



**FONTANA'S SEA EXPLORER SHIP FIVE** crew members, left to right, Ken Clements, Jerry Burley and Harry Hart, listen intently as Lt. Donald D. Smith explains the capabilities of a Navy fighter at NAF. The Sea Explorers toured the Station last week.



**INAUGURATION DANCE** — China Lake teen-agers turned out last Thursday at Officers Club for the first summer dance of the season. An outside swim-dance party is to be held July 12 at the club, according to Mrs. F. F. Reck, Chairman of the Youth Activities Committee. Nearly 130 of the younger set were on hand for the most recent affair.



**REWARDED FOR** his contribution to VX-5's sports program since 1957, Billy G. Mathews, ADJ-P1, receives a certificate of appreciation from Cdr. Joseph E. Schwager. Mathews also received a fielder's glove from the softball team. —Photo by Petree, AN



**DESERT DANCERS** — Evelyn Grasing and Dwight Fine give a graphic demonstration of the fun and ease in learning folk dancing. You're invited to participate in free lessons currently offered by the Desert Dancers.

### What's My Line?

Two newcomers to NOTS from different parts of the country are this weeks What's My Line candidates.

Richard S. Hughes, a recent graduate of La Sierra college at Riverside, is working at the Explosives and Pyrotechnic division in the Explosives Research branch. In college he majored in physics and minored in mathematics. Born in Tacoma Park, Maryland, he moved to California 14 years ago. He presently lives in China Lake at 206B Byrnes with his wife, Eve Lou and 14 month old son, John Richard.

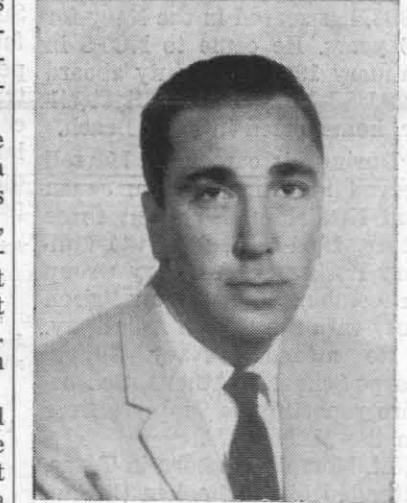
Barbara Barton comes to NOTS from Wheeler, Texas and has been employed at the station for the past two weeks. She has a four week old son, Ronald Wayne. She is presently working at the Budget division of the Central staff as a clerk typist.



**OFFICE HOUSING BLDG., TOP DECK : PHONES 71354, 72082, 71655**  
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## Pasadena Man 'Outstanding' In Southern California

George Pollak, deputy for administration at NOTS, Pasadena, was awarded the Harry F. Scoville Award for 1962 by the Los Angeles Chapter of the American Society for Public Administration, at a meeting of the society last Wednesday.



George Pollak

Pollak, 33, a 1952 graduate of the University of California at Los Angeles with a master's degree in public administration, has spent his entire working career in federal civil service. At one time he served as a budget specialist at NOTS, China Lake. He went to NOTS, Pasadena in 1956 as a management analyst.

In 1960 he received an award for outstanding performance and superior accomplishment based on the development of a new laboratory policy formulation regarding contractor and government laboratory relationships.

In his current assignment Pollak is responsible to the officer in charge for maintaining an effective public, community and management relations program at Pasadena. Additionally, he coordinates management policy and administration.

## Safety Check Procedures Apply To All Personnel

Beginning with this issue the ROCKETEER will publish a weekly series of articles explaining the provisions of NOTS Notice 5560 which concerns the changeover to new motor vehicle permits.

This article contains a general explanation of the Notice together with the major required administrative actions. Later articles will detail procedures to be followed by station personnel in making the changeover.

The notice will apply to all privately owned motor vehicles that are driven or parked within the boundaries of NOTS, China Lake.

Procedure for changing to new permits at NOTS, Pasadena will be issued by the officer in charge there. (Continued on Page 3)

## NEWS ROUND-UP

### New Medal Due

**WASHINGTON** — The list of actions for which the new Armed Forces Expeditionary medal will be awarded is nearing final completion.

The State Department has approved a list of actions submitted by the Joint Chief of Staff. Pentagon approval is now needed before awards can be made.

Medals will go to those who served in engagements since July 1958 in which they encountered foreign armed opposition or imminent hostile action even though it did not materialize.

### ANNAPOLIS — "Soldiers of the Sea"

Col Heini's controversial history of the Marine Corps, has now been cleared for publication by the Defense department. The book was twice refused clearance by the Defense department because of the interservice rivalry present in one of the chapters.

### Fireworks At China Lake

Fourth of July fireworks will again come to China Lake. The Little League is sponsoring a fireworks display at Mirror Lake. The activities are scheduled to begin on Field No. 1 at 6:15 p.m. with the raising of the flag by the Little League Color Guard.

An exhibition between 12 year olds from "A League" will then take place. The blue team under manager Robin Fuller will consist of players from the White Sox, Pirates, and Yankees. The blue team managed by Lee Gilbert will include players from the Dodgers, Giants and Red Sox.

Following the game will be the crowning of Miss Little League and the presentation of certificates to Little League sponsors.

Because of the program, an "Open House" will be in effect from 5:00 p.m. until after the completion of the fireworks display.

### Like to Draw? Here's Your Chance

Ever think that you'd like to become a cartoonist? Well, here's your chance.

The Rocketeer is searching for an artist to serve as a part-time member of its staff.

In conjunction with the Rocketeer's "New Look," due for debut July 6, it is planned to include one cartoon panel weekly.

Cartoonist candidates may be male or female, but in either case, possess that rare

talent of seeing in his fellow man and surroundings the lighter side of life. Then, projecting this humor into the form of a cartoon.

Think you qualify? Give it a whirl by submitting samples of your work today to the Rocketeer office, Building 35, topside. Better yet, stop by and meet some of the Rocketeer staff members.

For the most part, they're the lighter side of life.

### 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.



Staff Photo by John Wedgewood



Independence Day-- A Day Of Dignity

Next Wednesday, July 4, our nation will observe its 186th birthday. Independence Day, the day on which the Declaration of Independence was adopted, ranks as one of the world's most meaningful anniversaries.

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

Gifts To The Poor

By Chaplain R. F. Wicker, Sr. Based on the "vision of Sir Launfal" a certain story relates how the young knight was as generous as most of us in his gifts to the poor, but living as he did in the splendor of his castle, those less fortunate meant nothing to him personally.



Christian Science (Chapel Annex) Morning Service-11 a.m. Sunday School-11 a.m. Nursery facilities available. Protestant: (All Faith Chapel) Morning Worship-9:45 and 11 a.m. Sunday School-9:30 a.m., Graves and Richmond elementary schools.

SUMMER SESSION

Burrough's high school summer session that began June 11 has an enrollment of 204 reports vice-principal Lloyd E. Lundstrom.

PASADENA REPORT

Cdr King Departs For New Duty; Lcdr Norton Subs



Commander E. P. K. King

Technical Officer Leaves For Sea Duty Tour

Commander E. P. K. King, NOTS Pasadena technical officer, leaves Pasadena today to assume duties as executive officer of the submarine tender USS HOWARD W. GILMORE out of Charleston, S. C.

Charleston as technical officer and temporary officer in charge following detachment of Captain Charles J. Beers, Cdr. King has been at NOTS Pasadena since September 1959.

Prior to his NOTS assignment, Cdr. King served as commanding officer of the submarine USS TORSK out of Norfolk, Virginia.

Since being graduated from the U. S. Naval Academy, Class of 1945, most of his service has been aboard submarines, including the SKEEFISH during WWII, the old SKIPJACK during the 1946 Bikini tests and since that time, the BLOWER, GREENFISH, and SABALO.



LIEUTENANT COMMANDER Earl W. Norton, operations officer, San Clemente Island, reports to Pasadena for temporary duty as assistant to the Officer in Charge until the arrival of the new technical officer who will be relief for Commander E. P. K. King.

Supply Assistant Receives 2nd Stripe

Congratulations are in order to newly-promoted Lieutenant Billy Joe Merrell, SC, USN, assistant to associate director of Supply, NOTS, Pasadena. His promotion from Lt. (j.g.) was effective June 1.

Lt. Merrell, commissioned in 1958, has served in the Navy for 16 years. He came to NOTS in January 1961 from duty aboard the USS MANATEE, a fleet oiler, homeported in Long Beach.

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Purchasing Is Number One In Nat'l Volume

The BuSanda Purchasing Review of May 31, 1962 provides an interesting insight into the purchasing activity of the NOTS Pasadena Purchasing Office.

In the percentage of purchases placed with Small Business, NOTS ranked third with 87.4 percent; but this is still a significant showing, since the two activities exceeding NOTS in this category had from 93 to 95 percent less purchasing volume.

Also significant from the Review, according to Cdr. T. A. Cassin, Associate Director of Supply (Pasadena Annex), is the fact that NOTS is running 12 percent higher in purchase-transaction volume and 30 percent higher in purchasing dollars placed for the first two quarters FY'62 than for the same period in FY'61.

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Lt. (j.g.) Brundridge

New Comm Officer Reports Aboard

Lieutenant junior grade Harry L. Brundridge, who began duties this week as communications officer, came to NOTS from the USS Klondike where he served as operations officer and navigator.

He participated in support operations off Korea before serving a tour at the Recruit Training Command, San Diego. He was commissioned in 1960.

Lt. Brundridge resides with his wife, Wilma, and children, Harry Jr., 14, William, 10, and Carol, eight, at 33A Ashworth.

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Lt. Montross Assigned To Research Dept.

Lieutenant Robert M. Montross, assigned this week to the Research Department, came to NOTS from duty aboard the USS Wahoo as operations officer and navigator.

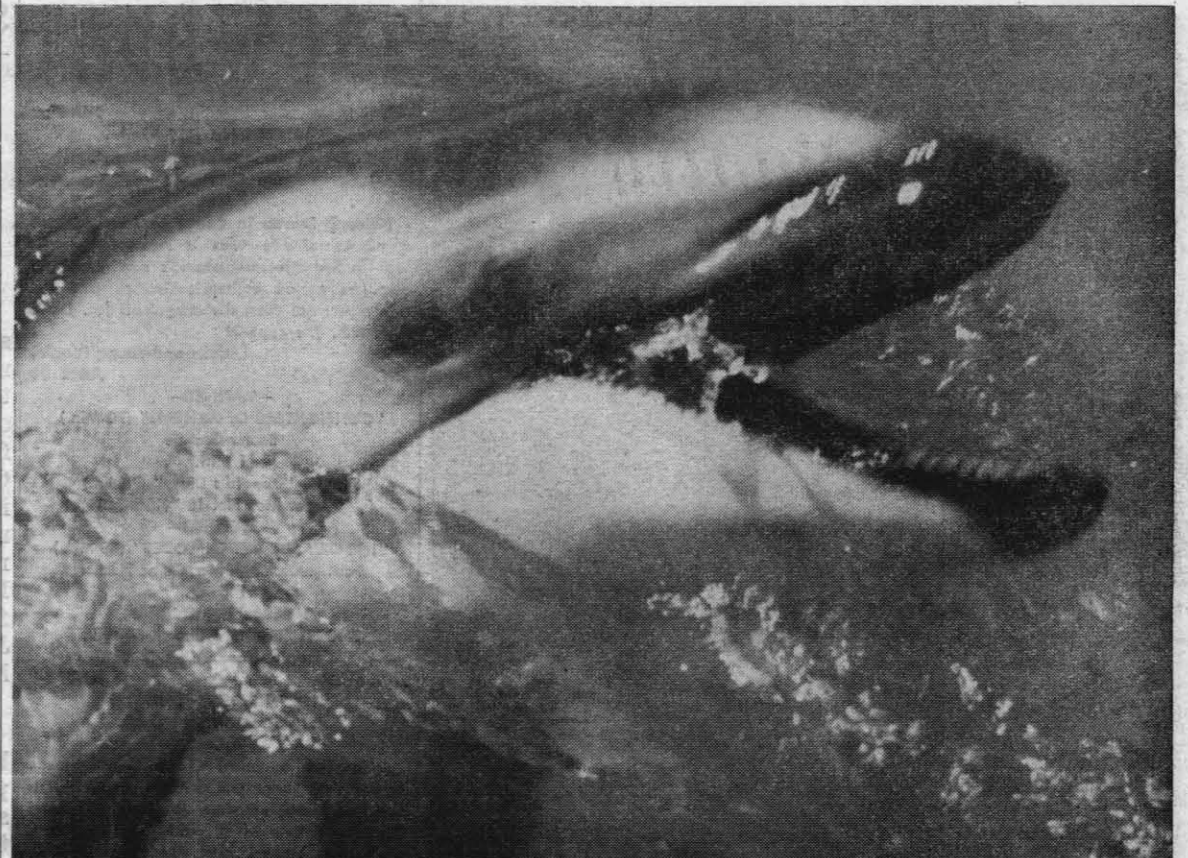
A native Californian, Lt. Montross spent two years at Fresno State College before entering the U. S. Naval Academy from which he graduated in June 1954.

Submarine duty followed completion of the Officer's Basic Submarine School. Immediately before assignment to the Wahoo Lt. Montross served as personnel officer and squadron secretary on the staff of the Commander, Submarine Squadron Seven at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

He resides with his wife, Carol Elaine, and children, Lisa, three, and Christopher, two, at 102 Coral Sea Circle.

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"COOL, MAN, COOL," smiles this porpoise as he relaxes at Point Mugu after being taken from Pacific waters last week. He and two others, captured at the same time, will aid NOTS scientists in their study of hull friction and underwater communications.

Housing Policy Changes

The Housing Office has announced an extension of the application deadline for the July housing lists. All residents soon will receive NOTS Notice 11101.

Further information may be obtained by calling Extension 71378, China Lake.

Tape Available For Safer Glass

Want to make sure you don't walk through the next invisible glass door or large glass window you don't see?

Before her death in December 1961 she disproved a long-held theory that the white-sided dol-

Porpoise Study Resumed at Mugu

NOTS scientists this week resumed hydrodynamic studies with the capture of three porpoises off Catalina Island, according to Dr. Rene L. Engel, project director.

Through continuing research NOTS scientists hope that the porpoise will lead the way to improved underwater communications, reduced hull friction and related improvements.

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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.

Safety Check . . .

(Continued from Page 1) plication forms. The specific cut-off date will be announced in the ROCKETEER and by separate NOTS notice.

18th Anniversary Party Upcoming At Officers' Club

The next article will deal with the procedure for changeover to the new vehicle permit system. This will include application, procedure for affixing decals, and a list of the safety check stations.