

Station Club Calendar

OFFICERS MESS

(Open)
FRIDAY, SEPT. 21
C.O.M. HAPPY HOUR
 4:30 to 7 p.m.
CANDLELIGHT DINNER
 Roast Prime of Beef
 Special Fish Dinner
 Served 6 to 10 p.m.
SATURDAY, SEPT. 22
SHIPWRECK PARTY
 Buffet Dinner 7 to 10 p.m.
HAPPY HOUR 6 to 7 p.m.
 Dance to the music of
THE CONTINENTALS
 plus an exciting combo from
 Naval Training Center, San Diego
 8 p.m. to 1 a.m.
 Entertainers from
 Edwards Air Force Base
 Midnight Jam Session
 Party entry tickets are \$1.00
 They are available from your
 Dept. Head or from Club Office
 Dinner tickets are available for
 \$2.00 per person
RESERVATIONS ARE NECESSARY
 Please telephone club for reservations
 Phone 72265 prior to 6 p.m.
 Friday, Sept. 21
SUNDAY, SEPT. 23
 Sunday Buffet 5 to 8 p.m.
 Club and Bar Open at 4:30 p.m.
TUESDAY, SEPT. 24
DINING ROOM CLOSED
 Duplicate Bridge at 1 p.m.
 Bar Open 4:30 to 11 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 25
FOREIGN NIGHT
 German Weiner Schnitzel Holstein
WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 26
DUPLICATE BRIDGE 7 p.m.
THURSDAY, SEPT. 27
TOASTMASTERS DINNER 6 p.m.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 23
 Family Nite at Pool
 from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.
 Breakfast Served from
 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

MONDAY, SEPT. 24
 Club closed until 4:30 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 26
 Package Store open from
 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.
Happy Hour from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.
THURSDAY, SEPT. 27
 Family Nite at Pool
 from 4 to 10 p.m.

PO CLUB
 (1st and 2nd Class)
FRIDAY, SEPT. 21
Crazy Nite Party
 If you have a sense of humor come
 if not, come anyway.
 Party starts at 7 p.m. until 2 a.m.
SATURDAY, SEPT. 22
Jukebox Dance
 Dance starts at 6:30 p.m. till 2 a.m.
MONDAY, SEPT. 24
Shuffleboard Tournament
 Starts at 8 to 12 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 26
 Package Store open from
 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
THURSDAY, SEPT. 27
 A members and Managers Conference
 will start at 8 p.m.
 Please bring suggestions.

EM CLUB
FRIDAY, SEPT. 21
 Dungearee Hour from 4 to 6 p.m.
SATURDAY, SEPT. 22
 Jukebox Dance
SUNDAY, SEPT. 23
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MONDAY, SEPT. 24
 Dungearee Hour from 4 to 6 p.m.
Happy Hour from 6 to 7 p.m.
TUESDAY, SEPT. 25
 Dungearee Hour, 4 to 6 p.m.
Shuffleboard Tournament
 starts at 7 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 26
 Dungearee Hour, 4 to 6 p.m.
 Sports films to be shown
 at 8 p.m. if available
THURSDAY, SEPT. 27
 Dungearee Hour, 4 to 6 p.m.
Shuffleboard Tournament
 starts at 7 p.m.

CPO CLUB

(Open)
FRIDAY, SEPT. 21
 Package Store open from
 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.
 Western Nite - Western Band
 Western Dress
 Dance to Wayne Polzano and
 the Sundowners
SATURDAY, SEPT. 22
 Pool open from 10 a.m.
 to 7:30 p.m.

Home Nursing Course Offered By Red Cross

Two home nursing courses will be sponsored this fall by the Indian Wells Valley branch of the American Red Cross. The first will begin Tuesday evening, Oct. 2, and will be held each Tuesday from 7 to 9:30 p.m. at the Red Cross Hut. Mrs. Ruth Stone, R. N., will instruct the six-week course. A morning class will be taught by Mrs. Marian Sherlock, R.N., to begin on the second Wednesday morning in October from 8:30 to 11 a.m., also at the Red Cross Hut. Both Mrs. Stone and Mrs. Sherlock have completed the ARC instructor's courses in home nursing. Mrs. Frances Sims, home nursing chairman for the local Red Cross, states that these courses

Les Brown To Play At Chief's Club September 28

Les Brown and his Band of Renown will be the featured entertainment at the Chief Petty Officers Club on Saturday, Sept. 28. A buffet dinner will precede the dancing to Les and his orchestra which goes on year after year as the most popular in the nation. Dinner will be served from 5 to 8:30 p.m. The menu will feature baked rib of roast, ham, and chicken. Dinner will be included in the price of admission which is \$2 per person. will teach proper techniques of home nursing for the sick and the aged. Any interested person may call Mrs. Sims at 76112 any week day from 1 to 3 p.m. for further information.

SHOWBOAT

TODAY **SEPT. 21**
"SOLOMON AND SHEBA" (140 Min.)
 Yul Brynner, Gina Lollobrigida
 7 p.m.
 (Spectacle in color) Classic tale of the Egyptian Queen who is sent to undermine the King of Israel who is building a stronger kingdom. Huge battle scenes, sizzling romance, a spectacular deluxe.
SATURDAY **SEPT. 22**
 — **MATINEE** —
"WHEN COMEDY WAS KING" (81 Min.)
 Laurel and Hardy
 1 p.m.
SHORT: "All This and Rabbit Stew" (7 Min.)
"Zorro's Black Whip No. 12" (14 Min.)
 — **EVENING** —
"PIRATES OF BLOOD RIVER" (87 Min.)
 Kerwin Mathews, Maria Landi
 7 p.m.
 (Action in color) Grandson of founder of Huguenot Colony is unjustly accused of crime and is sent to penal colony. Escape leads to pirate crew and a raid on the colony. Explosive action!
 (Adults and Young People)
SHORT: "Trailblazer Magoo" (7 Min.)
"Water Sports Champs" (10 Min.)
SUN.-MON. SEPT. 23-24
"THE BIRD MAN OF ALCATRAZ" (143 Min.)
 Burt Lancaster, Karl Malden
 7 p.m.
 (Drama) The fascinating story of Robert Stroud, a federal prisoner of over 50 years, from recalcitrant to an authority on birds. An interesting, absorbing drama with top performance. Don't miss!
 (Adults and Young People)
TUES.-WED. SEPT. 25-26
"NO TIME FOR SERGEANTS" (119 Min.)
 Andy Griffith, Nick Adams
 7 p.m.
 (Comedy) Mountaineer is drafted and immediately starts a war with the Army. Two left feet and all thumbs makes for rollicking fun—even in the Air Force. (Family)
THURS.-FRI. SEPT. 27-28
"THE 300 SPARTANS" (113 Min.)
 Richard Egan, Diana Baker
 7 p.m.
 (Greek history in color) Greek history has a fascination for the whole world and this recreation of the Battle of Thermopylae, produced in Greece, sticks admirably to the legend. Costumes, battle tactics, background are authentic. (Adults and young people)



CHARITY AFFAIR — Three chairmen of the forthcoming Neptune Ball discuss decoration theme of the valleywide charity event planned for Oct. 19-20 in the Community Center. Decoration chairman Carmen Davis (l), shows a fish for the aquatic scene to arrangement chairman Martha Berthelson (c) and Burma Schwager, treasurer.



20-YEAR PINS — Dr. Gilbert Plain, Assoc. Dept. Head of Research (seated), distributes 20-year service pins to (l-r) department secretary Edith Fallis; Cass Roquemore, electronic technician, and Walter Caffery, electronic engineer, both of Code 5009.



FAIR PAIR — The third couple entered in the annual Desert Empire Fair contest are Thelma Reed and Del Sweany. Thelma owns the Buttons and Bows yardage store in Ridgecrest and Del operates the OK Tire Shop. If they come into the money, both have pledged their prizes to the Cerebral Palsy Fund and the Retarded Children's Fund. A campaign chicken lunch will be served at the clubhouse Sept. 26 under the auspices of their sponsors, the Emblem Club and the Elks Lodge.

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IWV United Fund Luncheon Today

A luncheon meeting of the Indian Wells Valley United Fund officials will be held in the Station Restaurant today to plan the 1963 charitable fund-raising campaign.

Captain J. W. Hough, commanding officer of the Naval Air Facility, has been appointed UF chairman for the China Lake 1963 campaign.

An initial meeting of the 1963 campaigners was held on Monday, Sept. 10, in Ridgecrest, according to Rev. Robert Harvey, acting president of the board of directors. Nominated for the 1963 campaign were Robert Forrester, William Webster, Muriel Freedman, Everett Long and Doug Dixon.

Returning board members are Rev. Robert Harvey, Chaplain Robert Fenning, Emery Bower, Dr. Robert Hamblin, Dorothy Landry, LaV McLean, William Verry, Sylvia Besser and Don Yockey.

Campaign materials have been ordered and final plans are currently being formulated. Current member agencies and community service groups desiring to be added to the UF list must submit their proposed budgets along with publicity material needs to the board of directors.

Memorial Service Today For Lt. Wilson

Memorial services for Lieutenant Fred J. Wilson will be held at the All-Faith Chapel this afternoon at 2:00 p.m. It was announced by Commander S. F. Abele, Naval Air Facility administrative officer. All personnel, both military and civilian, who were friends of Lt. Wilson, are urged to attend. The 29-year-old pilot was killed Monday morning when his F9F crashed at Armitage Field during a training flight. An investigating board is still seeking to determine the cause of the fatal crash. A native of Berea, Ohio, Lt. Wilson attended Ohio State University before entering the Navy in 1952. Commissioned in 1953, he received a bachelor of science degree from the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School at Monterey in March 1962, just before his assignment to NAF. He is survived by his widow, Marion, and three children, Scott, 6; Marion, 4; and Martha, 1, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wilson, Berea, Ohio.



Crash Victim

Safety Minded



CLOSE SHAVE — Joseph Gemello, stockman in Supply Department's Disposal Branch, shows Cdr. Baumann the deep cut in his safety shoe. The Golden Shoe Award recipient avoided serious foot injury by wearing his safety shoes on the job. See Page 3...



THE GLORY OF GREECE—is reflected in the music, dancing and singing of the Panhellenion Greek folk festival which will span 3,000 years of Greek culture when they open the NOTS Civic Concert Association 1962-63 season at the Station Theater on Tuesday, Nov. 27. Sixteen dancers, four musicians and a singer compose the group, currently making its American debut on a sold-out national tour.

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Brilliant Season Ahead For Concert Association

"A kaleidoscope of artists will appear at China Lake in the 1962-63 season," said Dr. G. S. Colladay, president of the board of directors of the NOTS Civic Concert Association, in presenting the concerts at the sales campaign kick-off meeting Wednesday evening at the Richmond School. "Note the word 'Kaleidoscope' comes from the three Greek words for beautiful, form, and variety," he continued, "and that's what our new season contains. The Greeks had a word for everything, and the Greek word we are stressing is Panhellenion, the folk festival of dance, music and song which will open our season on November 27," he said. Making headlines all across the country in concert circles the Panhellenion will open the season in San Francisco, Los Angeles, and Bakersfield as well as China Lake with a program which brings three centuries of Greek culture to local audiences. In its first American tour the Panhellenion, a company of 16 dancers, four musicians, and a singer of demotic songs (songs of the people—another Greek word well-known to Americans as the basis for democracy), has been completely booked long before leaving Athens, the board of directors reported. Walter Pingree, chairman of the kick-off meeting, introduced the slides of the artists along with records made by some of them, and infused the salesmen with his own enthusiasm for the series. (Continued on Page 3)

NEWS ROUND-UP

- **Recruiting Record**
 WASHINGTON — Navy recruiters set a record during fiscal '62 in signing up 102,000 young men—14,000 more than any other year since '56 when draft was utilized.
- **Roofing Contract**
 SAN DIEGO — Rear Admiral Davis, officer in charge of construction and director, SW Div., Bureau of Yards and Docks, announced the award of a \$133,000 roofing repair contract for Michelson Lab to the Pioneer Roof and Shingle Co., L.A. Captain R. A. Davidson, NOTS public works officer, will be the officer in charge of construction.
- **Honesty Pays**
 PORT HUENEME — Donald Bakter, an equipment specialist, received a \$480 superior achievement award for saving the taxpayers his salary — by recommending that his job be abolished — luckily, another was found for him.

West Coast Navy Art Center Here

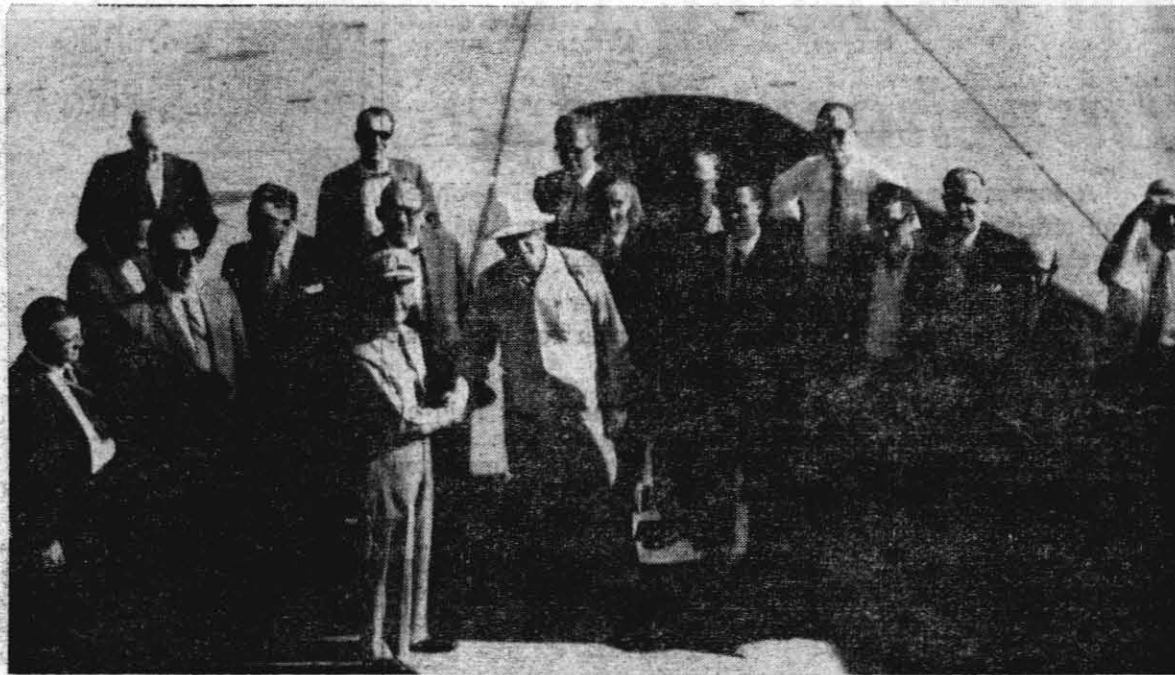
With the inauguration of NACAL—West (Navy Art Cooperation and Liaison Committee) between the City of Los Angeles and the Navy, NOTS will become the Navy's West Coast art center, it was announced today. Full Cooperation Los Angeles' Mayor Sam Yorty, in pledging full cooperation in the joint effort which will bring West Coast artists into the NACAL program, appointed Ken Ross, general manager of the Municipal Art Department, to represent Los Angeles. "J." "T." Bibby, NOTS public information officer, has been named Navy project officer. Bibby added that the NACAL-West program will get underway in mid-October in Los Angeles during the visit of Under-Secretary of the Navy, Paul B. Fay, Jr. He stated that several West Coast artists have already been selected by the NACAL committee for assignments. Initially, NACAL paintings by East Coast artists will form the nucleus of the West Coast collection, he stated. As additional paintings by West Coast artists are received, the exhibit collection will be expanded and an exchange program will be instituted. Space Study Bibby concluded by saying that the paintings will be exhibited throughout the Western states as an important contribution to the national cultural heritage. Currently, a study of space requirements to accommodate the exhibit at NOTS is being made.



'Home Beautiful' at China Lake
 A LAVA ROCK GROTTO, featuring exotic plants and a waterfall, beautifies the patio area of the Lorin L. Madsen family at 44-B Stroop Ave., China Lake. Constructed entirely by Lorin, the steel-reinforced grotto contains a circulating pump for the waterfall and features concealed lighting which affords a strikingly beautiful night-time effect. Other improvements at the Madsen residence include a lava rock border around the front entry way together with an enlarged patio area and sand-filled play area.



FAMILIAR SCENE — Senior Youth Fellowship potluck dinners such as will be held in the East Wing of the Chapel at 4:30 p.m. next Sunday welcome 9th through 12th graders. Familiar faces at these youth church parties (l-r) are: Lloyd Espenlaub, Jim Lytle, Liz Hinz, Jackie Leininger, Duane Fojt.



WELCOME ABOARD—Captain J. W. Hough, Naval Air Facility commanding officer, greets O. T. Peterson, president of the Sonoma County Council of the Navy League, upon the arrival of the 17-member group Wednesday. Members of the newly-formed council spent Wednesday and Thursday at NOTS, touring the facilities and being briefed on current space age weapons developments. They departed NOTS last night.

FOR WEIGHT WATCHERS

If you are overweight, cut down on calories but not the amount of food you eat. Take plenty of fillers—carrot sticks, leafy vegetables, radishes, cucumbers and celery.

Groves School Adds Five To Faculty

New members of the Groves Street School faculty at China Lake for the current school year are: Mrs. Ruth Fleshman, Mrs. Josephine Storey, Mrs. Cheryl Thurm, Wallace Bruce, and Gary Houston.

Mrs. Fleshman, a third grade teacher, comes to China Lake from West Virginia. She holds a degree from Marshall University, Huntington, West Virginia, and has taught in the public schools of West Virginia. Mrs. Fleshman and her husband make their home at 513-B Nimitz.

Mrs. Storey, a graduate of Pasadena College, will be teaching kindergarten. Mrs. Storey is no stranger to the desert, having lived in Ridgecrest for a number of years before leaving to complete her education. She previously has been employed by the district as a substitute teacher. Mr. Storey is also employed as a teacher by the China Lake District. The Storeys, with their nine-year-old daughter, live at 206-B Groves Street.

Mrs. Thurm, a kindergarten teacher, is a graduate of Burroughs High School. She returns to the area after attending Bakersfield Junior College and Fresno State College. She taught the past two years in the Porterville District. Her friends will remember her as Cheryl Goode before her marriage to Ray Thurm, also a Burroughs graduate, who is also employed as a teacher by the China Lake District. The Thurms have been assigned quarters at 202-B Byrnes.

Wallace Bruce has been employed to teach a fourth grade at the Groves School. He holds a B.S. degree from San Francisco State College and did his practice teaching in the Oakland City Schools.

Bruce's wife, Doris, is also employed as a teacher in the district. The Bruces, with their two children, William, age nine, and Jerry, age six, make their home at 36-A Vieweg Circle.

Gary Houston comes to China Lake from San Diego. He attended the University of Arizona, University of California at Berkeley and San Diego State College. Houston has been assigned to teach a fourth grade, which will be his first full-time teaching assignment. The Houstons have one child, Erin Glee, ten months old. They live at 204-A Byrnes.

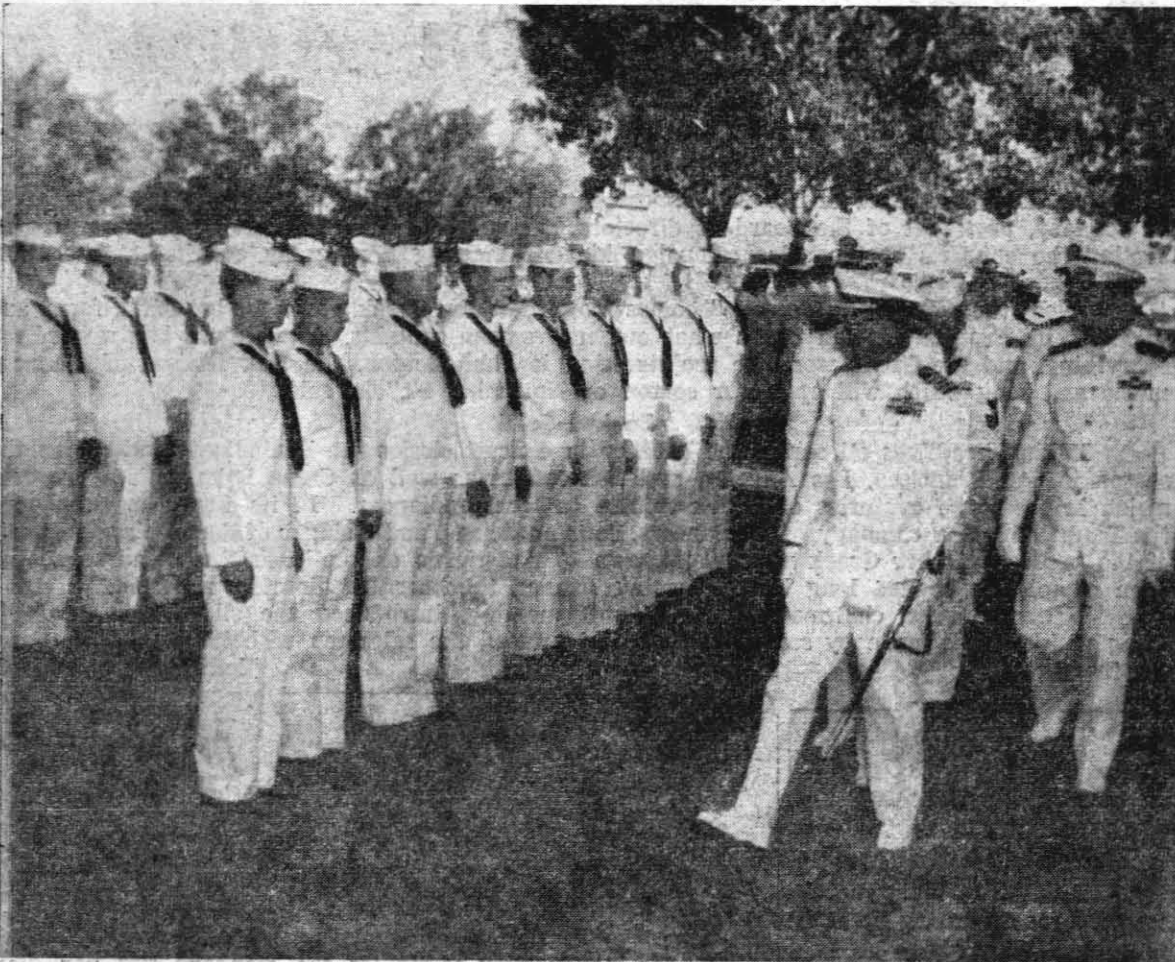
Shipwreck Party To Highlight Social Season

Tomorrow night's Shipwreck Party at the Officers Open Mess promises to be an outstanding success according to its sponsors, VX-5.

Happy hour prices will prevail until 7 p.m., with a buffet dinner from 7 until 10 p.m. Reservations are due in tonight at the latest. They may be phoned to extension 72265 no later than 6 p.m.

Dancing will be to the music of the Continentals. A group of entertainers from Edwards Air Force Base will be a highlight of the evening's entertainment along with the opening of Ethyl's Ethyl Station for shipwrecked mariners.

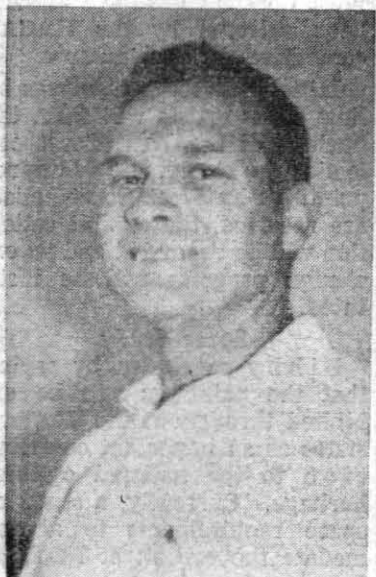
Commander's Inspection



QUARTERLY INSPECTION — Capt. Charles Blenman reviews enlisted personnel at inspection held last Monday on grounds before the Administration Building. Next inspection is scheduled for Nov. 16. Receiving a superior performance of duties certificate was Swen Swenson, MT1. The quarterly inspection is a colorful Navy tradition.

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 8 . . .



PTA LUNCHEON — New teachers to the China Elementary Schools were introduced to the faculty and the PTA board of directors at a luncheon at Groves Street School cafeteria Thursday, Aug. 30. Hospitality Director, Sue Chudzinski (r) is pictured greeting new teachers (l-r) Rhoadan Glen; Mary McPherson; Doris and Wallace Bruce.

SPORTS NEWS

Invitational Tournament Ends in 34-34 Tie

A best ball of twosome home-home match consisting of 22 two-man teams from the Bakersfield Chamber of Commerce and the local China Lake Golf Club participated last Thursday at the China Lake Course.

Taking the Shakespearian quotation to heart, "the harder match'd the greater victory," both teams achieved neither victory nor tasted defeat; the initial meeting ending in a 34½-34½ score.



TEEING OFF — Capt. Bernard McCreery, Bakersfield Mayor Gene Winer ready for tee-off at golf course last Thursday. Capt. Charles Blenman, Jr., Charles Carr and

Welcoming the golfers, which included Mayor of Bakersfield Gene Winer, were Jim Greenfield, president of the China Lake Golf Club, Paul Someson, local pro, and Captain Charles Blenman Jr., NOTS commanding officer.

First foursome teeing off at 10 a.m. included Mayor Gene Winer, Charles Carr, tournament director of the Bakersfield Chamber of Commerce, Capt. Charles Blenman, and Capt. Bernard McCreery.

Other golfers participating in the event included China Lakers Ken Williams, Bill Hampton, Capt. Holmquist, Capt. Reck, LCdr. Lentz, Jim Greenfield, Colin Taylor, Al Adams, Larry Delancy, Bill Mitchell, Hack Wilson, Kel Booty, Kermit Beaver, Warren Murback, Gus Mead, Bill Sarbo, Les Farrell, Joe Seibold, Bob Bracken and Dick Ream.

Bakersfield participants were Dick Stricklen, Fred Diebel, Jack Davenport, Dan Morgan, Merle Thompson, Don Sanborn, Wilbur Sorensen, Phil Crowell, Chuck Kidder, Bill Hawk, Jack Park, Harry Bell, Doc McNaval, Wally Hall, Buz Bussard, Wayne Reader, Paul Meyer, and Bill Wright.

Topping the field was Capt. Bob McCreery with low gross of 79.

A steak barbecue at the golf club featuring "pick your own steak" concluded the golfing day.

A return match is scheduled at the Stockdale course at Bakersfield on November 7.

JUNIOR BOWLERS

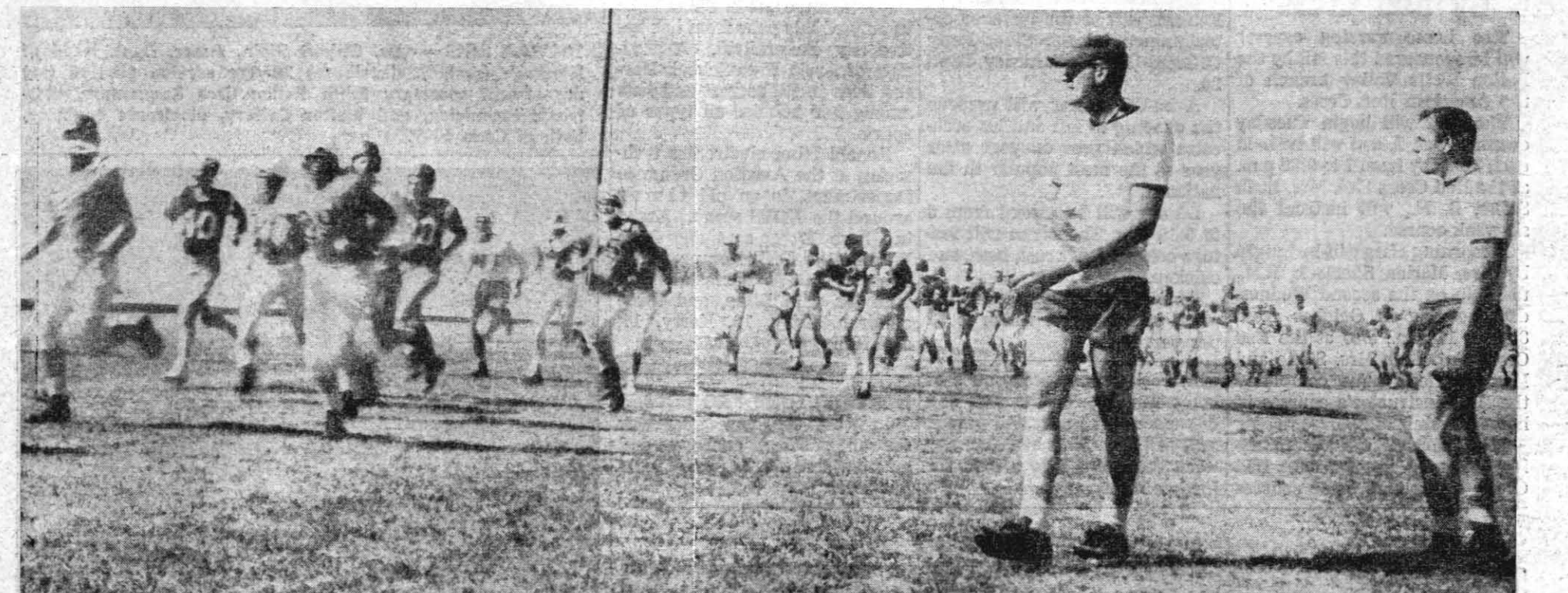
Registration for the American Junior Bowling Congress for boys and girls, 8-18 years old, of the Bantam and Junior leagues will be held on Saturday, September 22, 1962 at the Ridgecrest Recreation Center at 9 a.m.

Applications for registration, signed by the parents, will be on a first come first served basis with a fee of 50¢.

During registration all beginning bowlers must qualify for the coming season bowling.



NEW SPORTS EDITOR — Beginning next week Jim Messner, SN, will handle Rocketeer sports.



SOME GAME RUNNING—Coaches Mike Rambis and James Schult direct part of their 78 turnout B team in conditioning exercises. The B gridders travel to Bishop on Saturday for a 2 p.m. game, the first on their season schedule. Burroughs Varsity gridders play the Bishop Varsity on Burroughs High Field here.



CHEERS AND SONGS — Helping lead the 1962-63 Burros in cheer and song are, l to r, cheerleaders Sheila Evans, Sharon Melia and Lorinda Shacklett. Song girls are Jean Crockett, Margaret Appleton, Janet Rickey, Ann Nelligan and Sylvia Castaneda.



ROUGHING IT — Burroughs High Varsity team scrimmages in some hard contact this past week in preparation for their initial game tonight against Bishop at 8 p.m. Expected to see action tonight are Toby Bessee, QB, Wyman Elliott, C, Bill Guinn, Pete Pifer, and Larry Oney, at backs; Linc Lippincott and Walt Pittman at ends, and Tom Carter and Monte Pooley at guards.

EDITORIAL

Angels in White

Not until sickness or disease necessitates our hospitalization, or illness or tragedy brings us to the hospital bedside of a friend do we fully appreciate or comprehend the service of the professional nurse in our community.

These are invaluable handmaidens of the physician and surgeon. Like the men of medicine, the nurses are indispensable in the practice of the healing arts. Their mission, however, transcends the alleviation of human suffering.

The nurse's work — by its very nature — draws her closer to the patient than the physician who diagnoses the symptoms and prescribes the medicine and treatment necessary for the cure. The nurse is a human bridge of hope for the patient. Her nearness in moments of pain and stress is an immeasurable factor in recovery.

The dedicated nurse — whose value cannot be assessed in the dollars she earns — is indeed a living testimonial of professional persons whose compassionate service is motivated by the genuine spirit of brotherhood.

Although they work tirelessly and devotedly without fanfare, it seems appropriate to note this fine profession which — as in the case of so many blessings in our complex society — we all to often take for granted.

Therefore, we salute the new officers and members of the Indian Wells Valley Nurses Club as they enter their new club year next Monday.

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

By Chaplain R. F. Wicker, Jr.

School! The concept, hated by some, loved by more, became a reality last week. For the old timers, sophisticated in their experience of at least one year, the opening was old hat. But, did you see the bright young faces of those entering for the first time, new lunch boxes in hand, and that uneasy feeling in their collective midsections? What are they facing as they enter that long, arduous path of learning called school?

One of the most important items facing them is the growth of that faith which grounds all education. Most families have already begun the task of imparting to their children a religious faith. Yet, when school starts, the tendency is to pass this task on to the teacher. This parental obligation has been shirked in the past to an astonishing degree, making necessary a court decision which said that it is not the task of the state to teach the child religious faith, but is the primary objective of the family and church. Thus, responsibility is now back where God intended it to be.

Whether your child is a newcomer to school or a veteran of years, his religious faith is the responsibility of the family and the church. This obligation cannot be delegated. It must be met or shirked, and how you do your part will determine your child's future. If he has the proper building materials for living, he can construct a decent life. The boy or girl will have the necessary materials for making choices intelligently, for establishing a life pattern that will be a credit to God and country. If the obligation is shirked, the possibility exists that someday lurid headlines will feature your child who did not have the faith to decide or the courage to say no.

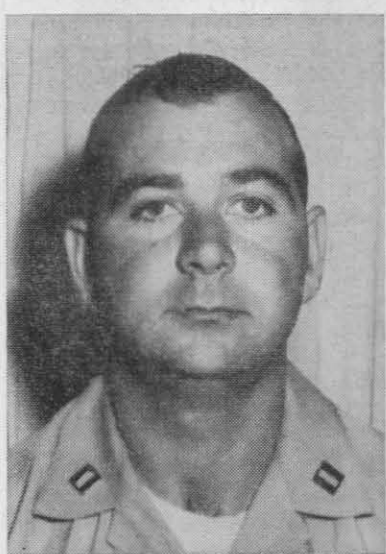
It is your decision. Do you help the school by imparting a strong faith to your child or do you shackle their hands with inactivity and interest? It's your child and your responsibility.

He stated that the services are conducted at 8:15 a.m., in the conference room adjacent to the ward room in Hangar 3. The services are held for the convenience of NAF duty section personnel who are unable to attend regularly scheduled services in the All-Faith Chapel.

Improved highway specifications, materials and techniques promise continually better roads in California, according to the leading statewide group of highway builders, the Engineering and Grading Contractors Association.

Rocketeer Deadlines
News, Tuesday, 4:30 p.m.
Photos, Tuesday, 11:30 a.m.

TEMPERATURES table with Min., Max., Sept 14-20 columns.



NAF FLYER—Lt. Jimmy P. Thompson reports to Naval Air Facility from VRF 32, North Island NAS. His duties will be both pilot and legal officer.

NAF Protestant Services Held Every Sunday

Commander Robert C. Fenning, senior NOTS chaplain, announced today that Protestant services are now being conducted at the Naval Air Facility every Sunday morning.

He stated that the services are conducted at 8:15 a.m., in the conference room adjacent to the ward room in Hangar 3. The services are held for the convenience of NAF duty section personnel who are unable to attend regularly scheduled services in the All-Faith Chapel.

DIVINE SERVICES box with icons of books and a cross.

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

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'Pop' Lofinck Embarks On New Adventure

As a youngster back in Kansas during the fading days of the "Old West," Sewell Lofinck nourished his boyhood ambition of someday becoming an explorer.

Today, better than a half-century later, China Lake's "Pop" Lofinck admits rather wistfully that his ambition was never fulfilled.

"But, I've been able to explore life, anyway. And I think I've enjoyed just as many rewards in discovering interesting people as any true explorer in discovering new lands," he asserted.

In the course of "discovering people" during his 72 years of life, "Pop" has worked as a fur-trapper, goldminer, real estate broker, "commercial traveller" (a refined version of travelling salesman, according to "Pop"), an aviation mechanic and for his past 14 years, a roving security patrolman here at China Lake.

"Pop" is currently in the process of blending his many trades and experiences into a new life as a member of the Public Information Office.

'SAGEBRUSH PHILOSOPHY'

Desert Spawned Civilized World

It seems that the toughest part of writing a column is trying to figure out where to start. So, in this initial effort, I think it might be worthwhile and of interest to our China Lake readers, to learn a little bit about the desert in which we live and the part desert life throughout the world has played in the history of mankind.

It may never have occurred to you, but in my observations of this subject, I came to learn that nearly every great civilization evolved from a desert area. Our sciences, mathematics, astronomy and chemistry, had their beginnings in a desert land. Our alphabet and even the major religions of the west were born in desert regions.

So, there must be something about desert life that is conducive to cerebral activity, a stimulant to thinking on the part of man. Maybe it is the broad horizons, the silent solitude of big, open spaces, the enormous starry night sky that stimulates expansive thinking or creates big ideas. The great Pythagoras (sixth century B.C.) said, "Go to the Desert, or it will come to you."

What he meant was, that if you don't get out to the desert periodically, to get yourself re-oriented, your mind will become like a barren desert! Compared with the forest regions, which provides man with a soothing, relaxing, almost tranquilizing atmosphere, desert existence for man and beast alike, is demanding. To survive its cruelties, man has had to think for himself and do for himself.

The Sandblaster

By JOHN M. HUGHES. Among the delusions offered us by fuzzy-minded people is that imaginary creature, the common man. It is dinned into us that this the century of the common man. The whole idea is another cousin of the Soviet proletariat.

The greatest strides of human progress have come from uncommon men and women. You have perhaps heard of George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, or Thomas Edison. They were humble in origin, but that was not their greatness. The humor of it is that when we get sick, we want an uncommon doctor. When we go to war, we yearn for an uncommon general or admiral. When we choose the president of a university, we want an uncommon educator.

Community And Social News

AAUW Potluck Dinner. The China Lake Branch of the American Association of University Women will launch this year's activity with a potluck dinner next Tuesday, Sept. 25, at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Center patio.

President Carolyn Lindberg urges all members to be present in order to learn the scheduled activities for the coming year and hear a report of what transpired this summer.

Prospective members and members are reminded to be prepared to pay their dues and to have their college diplomas or transcripts handy to simplify application for membership.

Disneyland "All Navy Night". Military personnel may purchase tickets at the Community Center at \$2.65 each for "Navy Night at Disneyland" set for the night of October 27, 1962. Tickets will allow free rides on all of Disneyland's 44 fun-filled attractions.

Community Council. The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the China Lake Community Council will be held next Tuesday, Sept. 25, at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Center.

Committee reports will include discussion of the Fall cleanup campaign and the Desert Empire Fair. The Community Relations Office representative will discuss reclamation housing, the county line problem, the proposed Community Newsletter, and the stocking of fertilizer at the Outdoor Shop.



COMMUNITY WOMEN'S PROJECT — A community calendar of local organizations listing meeting dates and events is being introduced in this area as a special project of the Community Women's Club. Kay Wentink (l), finance chairman, and Dorothy Hewston (r), club president, sell a listing to Bruce Wertnerberger, head of the sales campaign and board member of the NOTS Civic Concert Association.



BUYS FIRST CALENDAR — Capt. Charles Blenman, Jr., launches the annual Girl Scout calendar sale by buying the first one from Brownie Barbara Lewis, Troop 156, (c) and Girl Scout Randy French.

MEET Your Councilman

(This is the 12th in a series offered by the Rocketeer to better acquaint residents with their Community Council precinct representatives.)



Robert Appleton

A veteran of 18 years at NOTS is Robert A. Appleton, a representative at large for the past 10 months on the Community Council, and also an enthusiastic member in community scouting activities.

Bob, a general engineer, is division head of the Range Division of the Test Department and an alternate member of the Community Hearing Board. The graduate of Syracuse University has three children; Bob, Jr., now attending the University of California; Margaret, a senior at Burroughs; and Jimmy, a sixth grader at Murray. Wife Vera is active in Red Cross and election boards.

The Appletons reside at 615 Saratoga Ave.

BJC Panel Talk Set for Tuesday

A panel discussion of community interest on the Desert Division of Bakersfield College will be held next Tuesday, Sept. 25 at 8:30 p.m. in the Community Center lounge.

The panel will consist of Richard Carlisle, a strong supporter of higher education programs in Indian Wells Valley; Albert Gould, president of the Board of Trustees, Kern County Union High School and Junior College District; Omar H. Scheidt, Dean of the Desert Division of Bakersfield College, and Ann Clerley Counselor and Director of student activities at Burroughs High School. Roderick McClung will be moderator.

The audience will be invited to participate in the forum by asking questions of the panel members.

Navy Exchange Remodeling Underway

Patrons of the Navy Exchange Store at Bennington Plaza will find a new pleasure in shopping when the current face lifting and extensive remodeling work is completed, according to the Navy Exchange Officer, Lt. J. R. Covington. Rearrangement of the interior will provide departments for men's and women's wear. Children's and women's wear, formerly folded on display tables, will now be racked. Wider aisles, new show cases and gondola type shelving will make for easier shopping and selection of merchandise. Items will be plainly marked. The remodeling is directed by the new store manager, F. J. Hechenkemper, a retired Army lieutenant colonel, experienced in merchandising, sales and Army PX operation.

NOTS IN REVIEW

Radio Communication Is Big Business at NOTS

By PHILLYS WAIR. When one looks at the vast Naval Ordnance Test Station complex which includes China Lake, Randsburg Wash, Pasadena, and San Clemente Island, an expanse of 200 miles, it becomes apparent why radio communication is the life line of the testing mission at NOTS.

This communication system is composed of eight separate networks, five of which operate on frequency modulation (FM) in the 30-40 megacycle high frequency (HF) band and in the 140-150 megacycle very high frequency (VHF) band. The remaining three operate on amplitude modulation (AM) in the 250-400 megacycle ultra high frequency (UHF) band.

The China Lake Security Department network, composed of both mobile and fixed stations, communicates on the Station, with the Randsburg Wash facility, and the Kern County Sheriff's office through a radio repeater station located atop "B" Mountain.

The China Lake Fire Department, with a system similar to that of the Security Department, maintains communications with the various units on the Station and with the Randsburg Wash facility fire station.

Manpower and equipment arrangements and scheduling information relative to tests conducted at San Clemente Island are exchanged between the Test Department scheduling office, San Clemente Island and the Pasadena scheduling office via an FM repeater network.

This network is made up of a terminal equipment located at Michelson Lab in the office of J. E. Klein, Code 3014; a repeater station on Laurel Mountain 15 miles south of the Station; a second repeater station on Mt. Wilson 75 miles south of Laurel Mt.; and a terminal equipment on SCI, 75 miles from Mt. Wilson. A second terminal equipment is located in the scheduling office at the Pasadena installation.

Test operations are coordinated between the SNORT, Baker-4, and G-4 tracks through a dual channel FM network composed of both mobile and fixed stations and a repeater station located at the SNORT building. Similar facilities are in use for the ground ranges with the repeater located on "B" Mountain. Randsburg Wash operates through a separate network of mobile and fixed stations and a repeater station located there.

Aviation Ordnance Department uses an FM radio network for ground-to-ground control consisting of four operating frequencies. It utilizes two repeater stations located in the hills just south of the Area L Dry Lake (or Airport Lake).

Extensive uses are made of UHF frequencies in the operation of Charlie and Baker-1 range areas which utilize UHF frequencies for their air-to-ground and ground-to-air communications.

PIN - UP SET

- STATION HOSPITAL. ANDERSEN, Robert Pete, Jr., 6 lbs. 10 ozs., born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Pete Andersen, of 341 Cisco, Desert Park on Sept. 10. HIATT, Lyle Wayne, 8 lbs. 1 1/2 ozs., born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lyle Hiatt of 308-A Hornet on Sept. 10. RAMOS, Belinda Mondares, 6 lbs. 11 1/2 ozs., born to Mr. and Mrs. Froilan Monaoag Ramos of 211-B Hornet on Sept. 13.

- RIDGECREST HOSPITAL. ROESSLER, Susan Elizabeth, 5 lbs. 1 oz., and Linda Ann, 4 lbs. 4 1/2 ozs., born to Mr. and Mrs. Francis A. Roessler of 225 Fairview, Ridgcrest, on Sept. 13. SWALLOW, Alan Robert, 5 lbs. 14 1/2 ozs., born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Swallow of 41-A Vieweg, China Lake on Sept. 7. STRICKLAND, Brian Keith, 7 lbs. 7 ozs., born to Mr. and Mrs. Donald E. Strickland of 412 Warner, Ridgcrest, on Sept. 7. WELCH, Robert Alan, 8 lbs. 5 1/2 ozs., born to Mr. and Mrs. Archie R. Welch of 235 Alene, Ridgcrest, on Sept. 9.

- HART, Otho Stephen, 6 lbs. 5 ozs., born to Mr. and Mrs. Otho E. Hart of 202-B Dibb, China Lake, on Sept. 7. CALDERWOOD, Christopher Campbell, 8 lbs. 1 oz., born to Mr. and Mrs. John C. Calderwood of Boron, on Sept. 13. WILLIAMS, Robin Melody, 7 lbs. 13 ozs., born to Mr. and Mrs. James W. Williams of 63 Pana Project, Trona, on Sept. 13. THIBODEAUX, Gary H., 7 lbs. 3 ozs., born to Mr. and Mrs. Jack R. Thibodeaux of 12567 Sugar Street, Boron, on Sept. 13. LATHROP, Susan Ann, 7 lbs., born to Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy N. Lathrop of Brown Road, Inyokern, on Sept. 13. JEFFERS, Lori Ann, 6 lbs., born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Jeffers of 429 Fairview, Ridgcrest, on Sept. 13. CATHEY, Kimberly, 7 lbs. 7 ozs., born to Mr. and Mrs. Richard T. Cathey of 329 Florence, Ridgcrest, on Sept. 13.

New Rabbi Appointed To NOTS Congregation

Philip Rosner, rabbinical student at the Hebrew Union College—Jewish Institute of Religion in Los Angeles, has been selected as spiritual leader of the NOTS Hebrew Congregation for 1962-63. The new rabbi will conduct the worship services for the Jewish holidays beginning with Rosh Hashonah, on Friday evening, September 28. Further information about Holy Day observance will be printed in next week's Rocketeer.