

Kindergarten Tots May Be 'Skipped' to 1st Grade

Kindergarten children with exceptional aptitude may be "skipped" to first grade, the China Lake School Board of Trustees announced this week.

The decision is in accordance with a law passed by the California Legislature in its recent session. A child who is judged by the administration of a local school district to be ready for first grade work may be admitted to that grade at the discretion of the administration and the consent of the parent.

Therefore, the China Lake board adopted the following requirements as the policy for special placement:

1. The child must be five years three months of age on or before Sept. 2 of the year in which he was legally enrolled in kindergarten.
2. The child must attend kindergarten for a time long enough to enable school personnel to make an evaluation of his ability.
3. The child must be in the upper five per cent of his age group in terms of general mental ability as determined by tests authorized by the school psychologist and achieve an "A" grade on the Metropolitan Reading Readiness Test as administered by a member of the school certificated staff.
4. The physical development and social maturity of the child shall be consistent with his advanced mental ability as determined by district certificated staff personnel.
5. The parent or guardian of the child must file with school district written application for placement in first grade.

Parents who are interested in the procedures to initiate the request or have questions about the policy may contact school

Robt. L. Biggers Guest Speaker At ASPA Luncheon

Robert L. Biggers, a member of the NOTS Advisory Board, will be the guest speaker at the luncheon meeting of the China Lake Chapter, American Society for Public Administration, next Thursday, Oct. 31.

The luncheon at the Commissioned Officers Mess will begin at 11:45 a.m.

To further the chapter's current membership drive, a register will be present to advise potential members.

President Ken Heyhoe points out that ASPA is the only professional society active in this area with a primary interest in management and the social sciences. He emphasized recent changes in the ASPA policy.

For instance, there is now provision for an associate membership with relatively nominal dues to appeal to those holding membership in other professional societies. Also, it is now permissible for ASPA to take a position on public policy questions.

Consequently, the China Lake chapter may adopt a position on matters significant up to the state level and recommend to the parent organization on matters of national import.

Appropriate among these could be federal compensation and Department of Defense contracting practices.

For further information on membership, contact Fred Nathan, Ext. 71786 or Joe Doucette, Ext. 72676.

principals, the school psychologist, or the district office at Murray School.

Cdr. Anne Check Reports Aboard

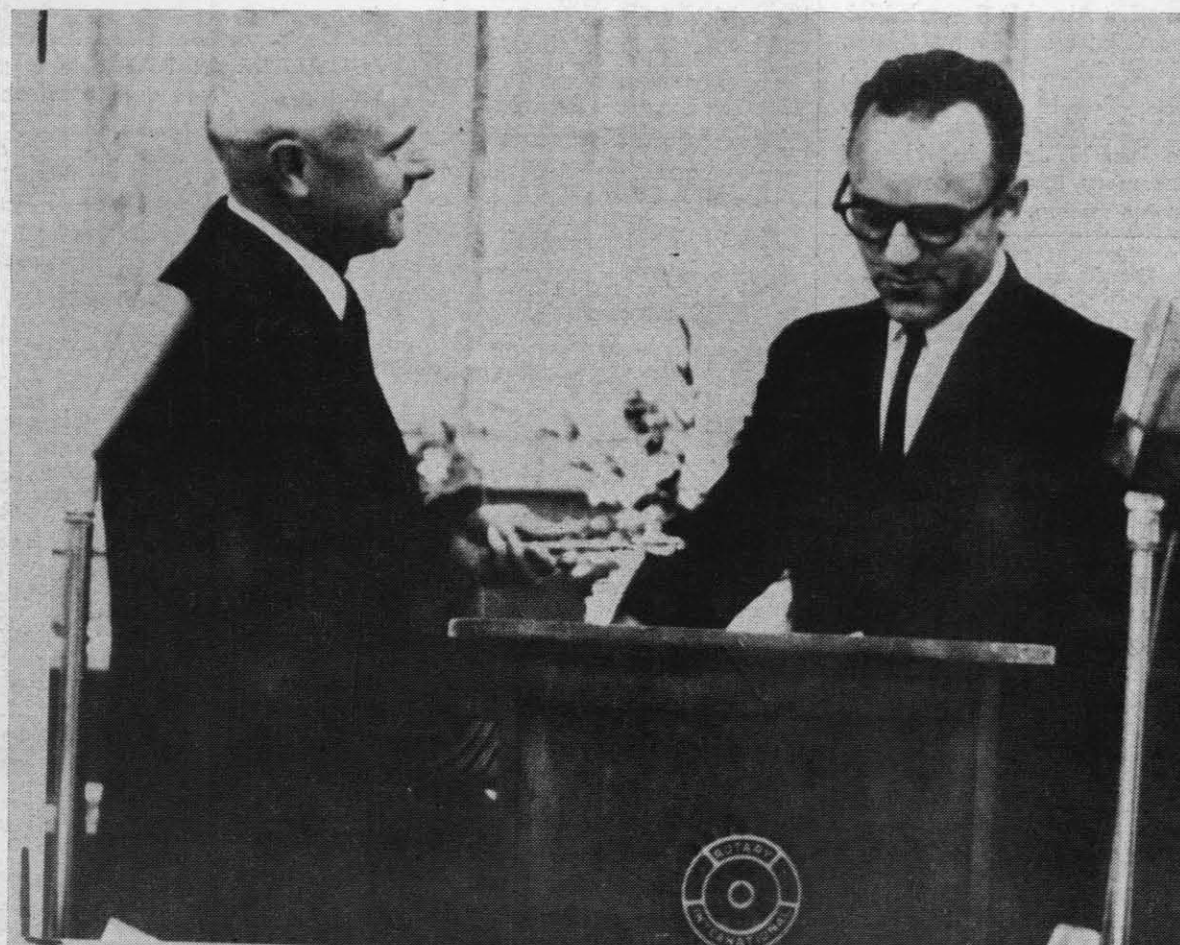


CDR. ANNE CHECK

Cdr. Anne Check, a 23-year veteran of the Nurse Corps, reports here from the Naval Hospital, Jacksonville, Fla., to relieve Cdr. Frances Nelson as senior nurse.

Cdr. Nelson plans to retire from the service in the near future and will make her home at Orinda, Calif.

A graduate of the Elizabeth General Hospital School of Nursing, Elizabeth, N. J., Cdr. Check also holds a B.S. degree from Rutgers University and an M.A. degree in nursing administration from Columbia University.



'GOOD NEIGHBOR' policy was exemplified this week during annual Taff Home Show which was dedicated to the Naval Ordnance Test Station. Station's Supply Director, Capt. Bernard L. McCreery, representing NOTS, ac-

LCdr. White Will Relieve McAllister

LCdr. Robert K. White reports aboard to relieve Assistant Public Works Officer Cdr. John A. McAllister who has received



LCDR. ROBERT K. WHITE

orders to report to the Naval Station, Adak, Alaska, as Public Works Officer.

A Georgia Tech graduate, Cdr. McAllister began his tour of duty here in September of 1961.

LCdr. White's last assignment was at the Naval Submarine Base, New London, Conn., where he was Asst. Resident O-in-C of Construction.

He holds a BS degree in civil engineering from Northwestern University and MS degree, also in civil engineering, from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

He entered the service through the NROTC Program in June of 1953.

Changes in Plane, Bus Schedules

Effective Sunday the following changes will occur in the plane and airport shuttle bus schedule:

- Flight No.**
481 Lv Inyokern 6:20 a.m.
481 Arr LAX International 7:14 a.m.
- Shuttle Bus**
China Lake to Harvey Field — AM.
BOQ-A Lv. 5:15 a.m.; Sta. Rest. 5:17 a.m.; Adm. Bldg. 5:20 a.m.; Mich. Lab. 5:21 a.m. Arr. Harvey Field, Inyokern — 5:50 a.m.

'Caring for Its Own' A Goal Of Navy Relief

By CARRIE RECK

Navy Relief has been available to service men at China Lake for years, with all details cared for by the Chaplains. More recently this practice was frowned on by superior officers.

In February of 1962 a class of



NAVY RELIEF VIPs who visited China Lake recently were Mrs. Laura Walter, Executive Secretary, Long Beach Auxiliary, Miss Barbara Blair, National Executive Secy, Washington D. C., and her assistant, Mrs. Helen Coony. Mrs. Rhea Blenman entertained the visitors and all China Lake volunteers at a luncheon.

volunteers for interviewing was graduated under the instruction of Mrs. Laura Walter, Executive Secretary of the Long Beach Auxiliary. Mrs. Roscoe Davidson became chairman of interviewers. Space in the sacristy of the All Faith Chapel was made available for interviewing. For a time this office was open five mornings a week. With the backing of Capt. Blenman, President of China Lake Branch of Navy Relief and Mrs. Blenman, Honorary Chairman of all volunteers, classes were started in July of this year. Chaplain Fenning, who is Executive Secretary of China Lake, gave informative talks on the types of cases most often handled here.

Mrs. Laura Walter gave final instructions to a group of over 20 volunteers on Aug. 1. With such enthusiastic response the office is now completely staffed from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. with Mrs. Carrie Reck as Chairman of Interviewers.

Rose McAllister was designated as co-chairman but had hardly gotten adjusted to the routine when her husband received orders to Alaska. The present co-chairman is Toni Hoppe who had previous Navy Relief experience before coming to China Lake.

On September 27, Miss Barbara Blair, National Executive Secretary of Navy Relief from Washington, D. C., and her assistant Mrs. Helen Coony accompanied by Mrs. Laura Walter, Executive Secretary from Long Beach inspected Navy Relief activities here and met all the local volunteers at a luncheon at the home of Mrs. Blenman.

The Navy Wives Club act as salesladies at the WACOM Thrift Shop where half of the profits are turned over to the Navy Relief Society. They also do sewing and knitting.

Civilian ladies also get Navy Relief hours for knitting, as in the case of Maxine Booty, who knits sweaters in her spare time.

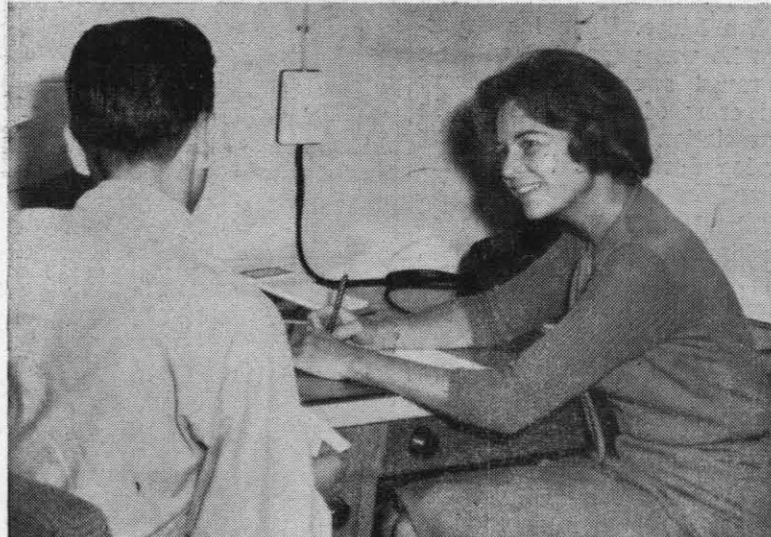
A small band of China Lake workers nourish traditions of helping others help themselves through their work with Navy Relief Society. Pictures help tell their story. —Photos by Lee Mascarella, PH2



HOSPITALITY Chairman Helen O'Connor, Leila Updike of housing office and co-chairman Louella Fenning display some of the useful items new Navy families may check out while awaiting their own household effects.



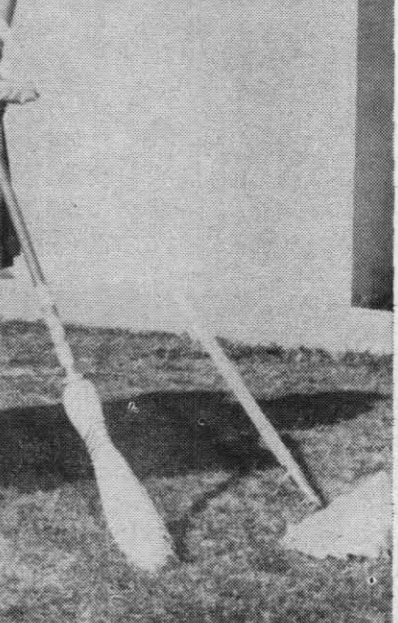
CONSULTATION ON EMERGENCY case involves Toni Hoppe, co-chairman of interviewers, Carrie Reck, Chairman of interviewers and Chaplain Robert Fenning, Executive Secretary of China Lake Branch of Navy Relief.



SERVICE MAN seeking assistance is interviewed by Toni Hoppe at Navy Relief office in sacristy of All Faith Chapel.



SEWING LAYETTES in room 323 of Station Hospital on Wednesday mornings are Kate Hertel, Sue Byrd, Chairman of sewing, Colleen Russell, Alene Morgan and JoAnn Boyd.



MAXINE BOOTY knits at home on her 7th sweater for Navy Relief and last year received her 100 hour pin for volunteer work turned in.



BETTY CLASEN, Chairman of Records totals hours of all volunteer workers and turns them in to Washington Headquarters. She also is an interviewer.



BEHIND-THE-SCENES secretaries Olga Swift and Eloyda Treet in the Chaplains' office keep case files, receipts and multiple forms up to date.



SELLING AT WACOM Thrift Shop, where 50% of profits go to Navy Relief Society, are members of Navy Wives Club Lynda Mayo, Janora Salvaggio, Maryland Rogers and Dolores Fisher with Thrift Shop Chairman Helen Fletcher.