

4th Public Works Amateur Show Date Announced

Entry blanks are now available for the fourth annual Public Works amateur show, at the Public Works personnel building, according to Nate Rekosh, chairman of this year's show.

The date for the show has been set for Thursday, May 6, at the Station theater.

Over \$200 in cash prizes will be given away to winners in the event. Contestants will be grouped according to age.

Entry into the show is open to all amateurs in both China Lake and Ridgecrest. Contestants do not necessarily have to be Station employees, or dependents of a Station employee, according to Mr. Rekosh.

The first try-outs for the show will be held Thursday evening from 7:30 to 9:30 at the Anchorage. Other try-outs will be scheduled throughout the month of April. These dates will be announced in the next issue of the Rocketeer.

COMMISSARY TO CLOSE

The Commissary Store will be closed all day next Wednesday, March 31, for the purpose of conducting its regular monthly inventory, according to LTJG William C. Hamilton, commissary store officer.



Starting Times: 6 and 8 p.m. daily.
 Kiddies' Matinee (Special Movies):
 1 p.m. Saturday
 Matinee: 1 p.m. Sunday

TODAY MARCH 26
 "MA AND PA KETTLE AT HOME" (88 Min.)
 Marjorie Main, Percy Kilbride
 Shorts: "Bugs and Thugs" (7 Min.)
 "Heart of a Champion" (10 Min.)

SATURDAY MARCH 27
 "WORLD FOR RANSOM" (82 Min.)
 Dan Duryea, Gene Lockhart
 Shorts: "Monroe Doctrine" (17 Min.)

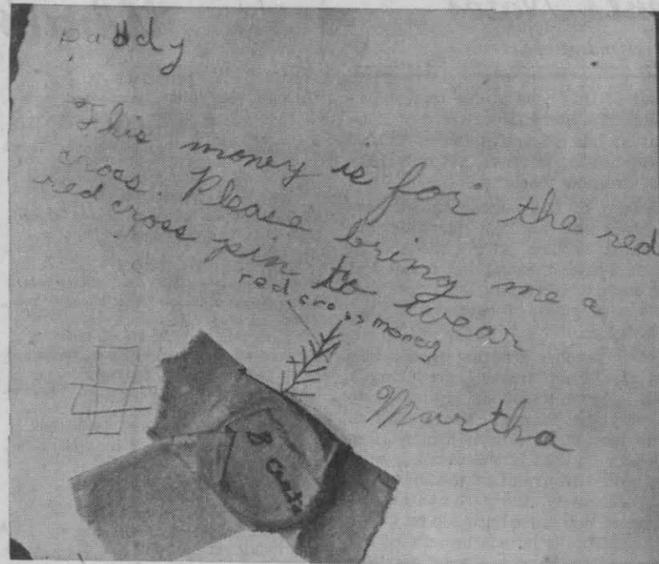
MATINEE
 "ON THE OLD SPANISH TRAIL" (75 Min.)
 Roy Rogers
 Shorts: "Dare-devil Droopy" (7 Min.)
 "Jungle Drums" No. 6 (13 Min.)

SUN.-MON. MARCH 28-29
 "MOGAMBO" (117 Min.)
 Clark Gable, Ava Gardner

TUES.-WED. MARCH 30-31
 "CASANOVA'S BIG NIGHT" (85 Min.)
 Bob Hope, Joan Fontaine
 Shorts: "Perils of the Forest" (18 Min.)
 News (10 Min.)

THURS.-FRI. APRIL 1-2
 "RAILS INTO LARAMIE" (82 Min.)
 John Payne, Mari Blanchard
 Shorts: "Smoked Hams" (7 Min.)
 "Do Someone a Favor" (10 Min.)
 News (10 Min.)

EVERY LITTLE BIT HELPS



MARTHA'S MITE IS WELCOMED by the American Red Cross here in its present campaign for funds and members. Martha Pike, eight-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Pike, 606-A Essex Circle, left this note and eight cents on the table for her parents when they returned home one evening last week. She is a third grade student at Richmond School. Her father, a consultant in Test Department, represents the department on the planning committee that is aiding the local campaign. CDR Leo W. Roberts, chairman of the campaign, said Martha's action earned for her a Red Cross pin and card making her a member of the Red Cross for 1954.

High School Grads Now Eligible For OCS Training

Educational requirements for Navy warrant officers and enlisted personnel applying for the 16-week course at Officer Candidate School in Newport, R.I., have been lowered, according to a report received this week.

OCS training is now open to high school graduates. Previously the training was only open to those who had completed two or more years of formal education, or the equivalent.

High school graduates, however, must have a GCT or ARI test score of at least 60 to qualify.

Warrant officers and chief warrant officers must have completed three years of active service in grade by June 30 of the year in which appointment to ensign is made. Enlisted personnel must have completed four years service in the regular Navy prior to appointment. Chief petty officers have the option of qualifying under either of the two requirements.

There is no restriction as to the number of a candidate's dependents.

Eligible personnel must submit requests for consideration to their commanding officer by July 1, in order to make the selection for OCS trainees next year.

Successful candidates will be commissioned ensigns in the Line or Supply Corps and Civil Engineer Corps upon graduation from the Newport school.

School Trustee Candidacy Slate Open Until April 21

Local residents planning to run for election to the China Lake Elementary School District board of trustees have until April 21 to file for candidacy at the office of the district superintendent of schools.

Candidates must declare themselves as seeking either the regular term of office—a three year term—or one of the two additional offices being created for the first time this year, one of which will be a two-year term and the other a one-year term.

The candidate receiving the highest number of votes for the two new board positions will serve for the two-year term, and the runner-up will be elected for the one-year term.

In order to be eligible, each candidate for the office of trustee must be a registered voter of the district.

DRIVER'S EXAMS SET

Examinations for driver's licenses will be conducted at the County building in Ridgecrest next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Hours for the examinations will be 8:30 to 11:30 and from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.

THE WEATHER

Mostly clear with high scattered clouds over the mountains. Surface winds light to variable. Maximum temperatures 65 to 70.

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TEMPERATURES (Housing Area)

	Max.	Min.
March 18	59	28
March 19	58	40
March 20	60	42
March 21	62	43
March 22	53	43
March 23	57	39
March 24	56	39

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Central Staff Leads Per Capita Figures In ARC Campaign

Central Staff has contributed \$135.65 to the 1954 American Red Cross campaign for funds and members to take the lead this week with a per capita contribution of \$2.11, according to CDR Leo W. Roberts, campaign chairman.

Included in Central Staff are the offices of Technical Director, Associate Technical Director, and Central Evaluation Group.

The campaign will officially end next Friday, having been extended from next Wednesday to permit both civilian and Military personnel, who have paydays on Thursday and Friday respectively, to make final contributions.

Second high was the Department of Community Affairs with \$1.91 per capita and third was GMTU No. 61 with \$1.41.

CDR Roberts pointed out that some military group per capita contributions are low because of the military personnel having to make heavy expenditures during the past month in readiness for the Commandant's military inspection here last Saturday. He stated that these groups are concentrating on the April 1 payday.

The Public Works Department leads the list in total contributions of \$411.50, with Command Administration \$348.31 placing second, and Supply and Fiscal Department third, with a total of \$304.48.

Total contributions received, as of last Monday, were \$2,691.70, an increase of \$1,135.09 over last week.

Total contributions by Station Departments, Staffs and Facilities, and the per capita contributions, are as follows:

Activity	Total Contrib.	Per Capita
Central Staff	\$135.65	\$2.11
Com. Affairs	86.00	1.91
GMU No. 61	24.00	1.41
Personnel	72.00	1.38
Dental	10.00	1.11
Command Adm.	348.31	1.06
Research	184.00	.92
Design & Pro.	140.50	.71
Supply & Fiscal	304.48	.63
Off. of the Comdr.	16.00	.48
Medical	26.00	.48
Public Works	411.50	.45
Rockets	298.58	.43
Test	222.25	.42
1st Prov. MGM Bn.	35.31	.36
AOD	66.75	.23
NAF	86.31	.17

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RADM GEORGE C. DYER, Commandant, 11th Naval District (left), and **Captain D. B. Young**, Station Commander, are shown as they started the military inspection last weekend. First on the inspection list are, from the left, **LCDR A. S. Yesensky**, OinC, Guided Missile Training Unit 61; **LCDR W. L. Sloan**, commanding officer of enlisted personnel; **Captain James D. Grounds**, executive officer, and **Major John Griffin**, commanding officer of Marine Barracks; **Major Robert Moore**, executive officer, and **Lt. Col. J. O. Blackwell**, commanding officer of the First Provisional Marine Guided Missile Battalion; **CDR C. C. Schmuck**, executive officer, and **CDR S. W. Vejtasa**, commanding officer of the Naval Air Facility.

Commandant, 11th Naval District Commends Station On Inspection

Despite a damp, dismal morning spotted with sharp winds sweeping in from the High Sierras, Rear Admiral George C. Dyer, Commandant of the Eleventh Naval District, conducted an inspection of Station military personnel last Saturday.

Included in Admiral Dyer's inspection party were Captain John F. Goodwin, chief of staff; Captain W. H. Sanders Jr., assistant chief of staff for personnel; Colonel P. A. McDonald, USMC, District Marine officer and commanding officer of Marine Barracks, Naval Station, San Diego; LT J. A. Beaubouef, flag lieutenant and aide to the Commandant; Captain D. B. Young, Station Commander, and Captain R. H. Solier, executive officer.

Summer Work Plan Shelved This Year

Employment of local high school and college students on a part-time basis this summer is not planned by the Station.

A considerable number of such students who reside on the Station were employed during past summers in non-technical positions. Large scale reductions-in-force in the Explosives Department are given as reasons for this move.

The program for employment of undergraduates and graduate students majoring in physical sciences and engineering, however, will be continued if a request for temporary increase in certain ceilings are granted by the Bureau of Ordnance.

Two Navy Men Receive Medals For Heroic Action

Two Navy enlisted men attached to the China Lake Command have recently received medals and citations earned while serving on the front lines in Korea, according to a report from LCDR W. L. Sloan, commanding officer of enlisted personnel.

Lloyd S. Viveros, AOAN, received the Navy and Marine Corps Medal from the President of the United States, and Horace M. Lucich, AC1, was awarded an Air Medal from the Commander, Naval Forces, Far East.

The citation accompanying the Navy and Marine Corps Medal, signed by the Secretary of the Navy, states, in part: "For heroic conduct . . . on board the USS Essex during flight operations against enemy aggressor forces in the Korean area on 14 December 1952. When a 100-pound general purpose bomb was released and fell to the deck, arming the tail fuse and possibly arming the nose fuse . . . Viveros immediately ran to the armed bomb and assisted in carrying it to the disposal chute, personally withdrawing and disposing of the armed tail fuse. By his daring initiative and prompt action in the face of grave personal risk, Viveros was instrumental in . . ."

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Early Release Program Extension Now Being Planned

The current program of separating enlisted Navy personnel two months before their normal expiration of enlistment is expected to be extended to Dec. 31, according to Navy Times this week.

Vice Admiral James L. Holloway Jr., Chief of Naval Personnel, has advised all Fleet Commanders by dispatch that the Navy is contemplating such a move, and that final approval by the Secretary of the Navy is expected in the near future.

The early release policy was inaugurated by the Navy last June in order to equalize losses of fiscal years 1954 and 1955 and to reduce fluctuation in enlisted recruiting and training systems.

The program currently under way only effects enlistments due to expire through Oct. 31.

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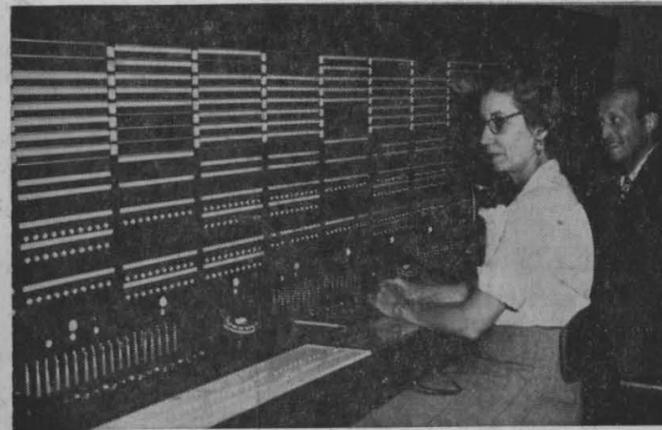
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LOIS STEVENSON, chief telephone operator, and Edwin A. Seeburg, head of the telephone branch, look over the new six position switchboard which was put into use for the first time yesterday.

New Switchboard Cut-in at Station Telephone Office

A new six-position telephone switchboard was cut in for the first time yesterday at the Station telephone office, replacing a four-position switchboard previously in use.

The new board, which is actually six switchboards in a row, will handle half again as many lines as the old board and has more trunking facilities for outlying satellite telephone stations, according to E. A. Seeburg, head of the telephone branch.

The new board was required to keep pace with expanding telephone services on the Station, which had virtually outgrown the capacity of the previously-used four-position switchboard, officials reported.

STORY HOUR SCHEDULED

Takeoff time for another flight of the Story Hour magic airplane is scheduled for 10 a.m. tomorrow, at the Station library. All youngsters going on the plane's first springtime jaunt, which will include visits to young animals in their native haunts, are asked to wear jeans and bring a pillow to sit on, according to Alice Floyd, the Story Lady.

Annex Spring Dance Plans Under Way

PASADENA—Plans for the annual NOTS Spring Dance will be made by a committee appointed by Cecil Emerson, president of the Employe Service Organization.

The committee is composed of Bill Griffith, chairman; Yako Dragovitch, Judy Hamilton, Ledr. R. M. Hendon, Fred Richards, Georgia Batters, Wanda Endeward, Wade Ashley, and Chief H. J. Ling.

Girl Scout Leaders Training Course Set

A 16-hour basic leadership training course is currently being planned for Brownie and Intermediate Girl Scout leaders by the Indian Wells Valley Girl Scout Council.

Mrs. Albert S. Gould, volunteer trainer, will be the course instructor. Classes are scheduled at the Girl Scout troop house on Monday and Tuesday, and April 5 and 6, from 9 to 11 a.m. and from 1 to 3 p.m.

Persons interested in this training should register with Mrs. J. E. Snearly, training committee chairman, extension 77253, not later than Tuesday, March 23. A \$1 registration fee will be charged for persons outside the local council, it was reported.

Voters Must Register By Sunday For School District Election

Sunday is the deadline for China Lake voters to register for the school district trustee election. The election is May 21, but registration must be completed by Sunday for those voters not already officially on the voting rolls.

Registration may be made with any of the deputy registrars, appointed by Miss Vera Gibson, County Clerk, at their homes on the Station. The deputies are Mrs. Gussie Bogardus, 306-A Fowler; Mrs. Lynn Barker, 104-B Ellis; Mrs. Arthur Bissell, 708-B Lexington; Mrs. James Dobbie, 215-B Byrnes; Mrs. John McBride, 105-B Entwistle; Mrs. Carter Vick, 58-A Rodman; Mrs. Thomas Chapman, 304-A Fowler; Mrs. Barbara Cotner, 200-A Halsey; Mrs. Lillian Dember, 5-B Wasp; Mrs. James Greenfield, 706-B Kearsarge; Mrs. A. F. Satterthwaite, 68-A Rodman, and Mrs. G. H. Mayberry, 110-A Independence.

School district election will take place in the Richmond School auditorium on Friday, May 21, between the hours of 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

These registrars will also accept registrations for the direct primary election of June 8 and the general election of Nov. 2. Deadlines for registration are April 15 for the primary, and 54 days prior to the general election.

In order to be eligible to register, a person must have lived in the state for a year, the county for three months and the precinct for 54 days.

Loss of previous registration is defined like this: If you have previously registered but failed to vote in both the Presidential primary and general election in 1952 you have lost your registration and must re-register. It is likewise true that you have lost your registration if you have changed your residence out of the precinct of your last registration. Precinct maps will be at each registrar's location.

To aid voters to register at various points around the Station as well as at the registrars' homes, the following schedule has been announced by John O. Richmond, community manager.

Public Works transportation building, April 1, 2, 5 and 6 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. China Lake Pilot Plant Cafeteria, April 2, 5, 6 and 7, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Commissary Store at Bennington Plaza, April 1, 2, 5 and 6, from 4 to 6 p.m., and April 12, 13, 14 and 15 from 2 to 6 p.m.

Michelson Laboratory main (south) lobby, April 12, 13, 14 and 15, from 9 to 11 a.m., and 2 to 4 p.m.

Daily registration from Monday through Friday each week may also be made with Mrs. G. W. Mayberry at the Community Council office at 301 Parsons Road.

Enlisted Wives Club Committee Heads, Directors Appointed

Newly elected officers presided over this week's meeting of the Enlisted Wives Club.

Headed by Mary Tate, president, the slate includes Beverly Hansen, vice-president; Fern Woods, secretary, and Hilda Wise, treasurer.

At the last meeting of the club, main items of business included the appointing of a board of directors and committee chairman.

Phyllis Ellis, retiring president, Mary Alice Lindmark, Betty Grace and Lois Nix were appointed to the board of directors. Committee chairmen include Bonnie Romkee, recreation; Susan Koppell, historian and publicity; Heidi Bloom and Anita Perry, welfare, and Shirley Rich and Barbara Versteeg, refreshments.

Membership in the club is open to wives of all Station enlisted personnel. Meetings are held on alternating Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. in the Enlisted Men's Recreation Center. The next meeting is scheduled April 7.

TYPING CLASS OFFERED

A beginning typing class is now being offered through the Adult Education program here. Registration for the class will be held in the Burroughs High School main office Monday and Tuesday evenings.

7 New Members Elected To Family Service Board

Seven new board members were elected for three year terms last Saturday at the third annual meeting of the Desert Area Family Service Agency.

The new members include Marshall V. Adamson, Gordon L. Cooper, Mrs. Will A. Field, Mrs. W. B. McLean, Rev. John L. Reid Jr., Mrs. Bernard Smith and Mrs. Delbert E. Zilmer.

Holdover members are Dr. John W. Odle, president; Harold Pierce, vice president and treasurer; Mrs. Barbara Zernikov, secretary; E. V. Ashburn, CDR James L. Carter, Mrs. Gerald Hurst, Dr. Ivar Highberg, Hardin Lineback, Mrs. Arlo Mueller, Virgil Nowells, Delmar Post, George W. Sullivan, Mrs. William Wright, Mrs. William Ragan, Dr. and Mrs. Fred Feldman and Mr. and Mrs. Eli Besser.

Dr. Feldman, psychiatric consultant for the local organization, was the featured speaker for the evening. He compared the function of family service in the three agencies—San Diego, Los Angeles and the local Desert agency—for which he works.

Superintendent's Notes

By DR. EARL MURRAY, Superintendent of Schools

Lyle M. Spencer, president of Science Research Associates, Chicago, recently pointed out before the state-wide Teacher Recruitment Conference sponsored by the Illinois State Chamber of Commerce that:

"The financial problems faced by our schools are not new. They have been accumulating for at least 25 years. During that period the proportion of the national income spent on public education has declined from 3.3 to 1.8 per cent, a drop of about 45 per cent. Salaries of teachers have increased only about 60 per cent as fast as wages in other professional groups.

Last year 60,000 trained teachers left the profession, mainly to take higher paying jobs in other fields. In no other profession has this sort of mass exodus occurred, where career people have left to take other jobs in fields in which they are essentially unskilled.

The March 1954 California Parent-Teacher Magazine reports a need for 14,000 new teachers in California each year for the next five years at least. These figures are computed by summing up the needs which are occasional by death, retirement, resignation, and increased enrollment for both the elementary and high school. It is significant that nearly

half of this need is due to resignation. The State Department of Education has an active file of 200,000 credentialed teachers, yet only 100,000 are now teaching.

Many of these credentialed personnel who are not teaching are married women with children. In such a case the training is not lost to society. Nevertheless, it does create a shortage of teachers for the classroom.

Our teacher training institutions in California are not producing a sufficient number of graduates to supply the demand. Nearly half of the new Kern County Union High School District last September were recruited from out of the state.

Fortunately, the shortage has worked very little hardship on China Lake. This is largely because of our good salary schedule, good teaching conditions, a fine community in which to work, and the presence of so many wives in the community who are credentialed and experienced teachers.

We are now canvassing our teacher needs for next year. Those already in the community or those who know of qualified teachers who might wish to come here, should contact the Superintendent in the near future.

ST. MICHAEL'S SERVICE SET

Bishop Sumner Walters of Stockton, Bishop of the Missionary District of San Joaquin, will preach and administer confirmation at St. Michael's Episcopal Mission in the north end of the Chapel Annex Sunday evening at 8 o'clock. The public is invited to attend.

Church Call

Call the clergymen for baptisms, weddings, or special help.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

(Chapel Annex)

SUNDAY SCHOOL—9:30 a.m., Chapel Annex.
MORNING SERVICE: 11 a.m. Sunday.
TESTIMONIAL MEETING—8 p.m. first and third Wednesdays.
READING ROOM—7-9 p.m., Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

EPISCOPAL

(North End of Chapel Annex)

Rev. F. E. Stillwell
Phone 718-83511
HOLY COMMUNION—8 a.m.
SUNDAY SCHOOL—9:30 a.m.
MORNING PRAYER—11 a.m., except for Holy Communion on the first Sunday of each month.

PROTESTANT

(Station Chapel)

Chaplain James L. Carter
Phone 72247, 71369 or 71506
The Rev. John L. Reid Jr., Pastor
NOTS Community Church
Phones 725881 or 72740
MORNING WORSHIP—9:45 and 11 a.m., Sunday.

SUNDAY SCHOOL—9:30 a.m., Groves Elementary school.

JUNIOR CHURCH—11 a.m., Sunday, Rowe Street Protestant Worship Center.

Today
Test Dept. Party, 8 p.m., Anchorage.

Saturday

Kids Tennis Clinic, 9 a.m., Station Tennis Courts.

Sunday

Adult Bible Class, 9:30 a.m., Groves School.
Skeet Club, 10 a.m., Ridgcrest field.

Monday

NOTS Toastmasters, 5:30 p.m., Village cafe.
Desert Sports Officials Association, 6 p.m., Training bldg.
Sea Scout Ship No. 504, 6 p.m., Scout hall.
Boy Scout No. 3 Supper, 6:30 p.m., Anchorage.
NOTS Badminton Club, 7 p.m., Gym.
Dust Devils Auto Club, 7:30 p.m., American Legion hall.
Barber Shop Singers, 8 p.m., Legion hall.
Repertory Group Chorus, 8 p.m., Music Hut, Kelly field.

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Troop 3, 6:30 p.m., Scout hall.
Masons, 7 p.m., Masonic temple.
Desert Promenaders, 7:30 p.m., Anchorage.
Blue Angels Auto Club, 8 p.m., Old Navy Locker bldg.

Thursday

Red Cross, 12:30 - 4:30 p.m., Infirmary.
Junior Stamp Club, 4:30 p.m., 105-B Entwistle.
Troop 41, 6:30 p.m., Hut 301, Rowe St. School.
Squadron 503, 7 p.m., Scout hall.
Pistol Club, 7:30 p.m., Hut 308, Old Contractors area.
Supervisors Association, 7:30 p.m., Training bldg.
China Lake Players, 7:30 p.m., Rowe Street School.
VFW Auxiliary, 7:30 p.m., Memorial hall.
Elks of Valley, 8 p.m., Pappalardo's Supper Club.
Athletic Club, 8 p.m., Training bldg.
Sandblasters Motorcycle Club, 8 p.m., Sandblasters Hut.
IOOF, 8 p.m., County bldg.
Desert Dancers, 8 p.m., Burroughs Kindergarten.

Sunday Mass Time Change Announced

A change in time for Mass at St. Jerome's in Ridgcrest has been announced this week by the Rev. Fr. John F. C. Ryan.

Starting Sunday, Mass will be held at 10 a.m. instead of 9:30 a.m. as previously scheduled.

Lenten devotions, regularly held at China Lake on Wednesday evening, Novena, at 7:15 p.m. will continue throughout Lent. Stations of the Cross will be held at the Station Chapel on Friday evening at 7:15.

Daily Mass is held on Station at 6:30 a.m., Monday through Friday, and at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday.

Fleet Reserve National President Heard at Banquet

Ed Keeley, national president of the Fleet Reserve Association, and Captain D. B. Young, Station Com-



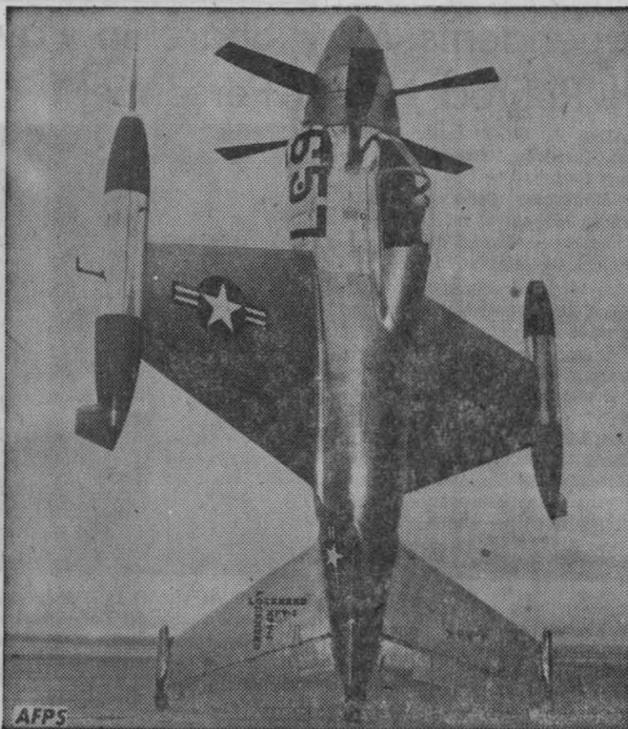
CAPTAIN D. B. YOUNG, Station Commander (left) and Ed Heeley, national president of the Fleet Reserve Association, were the featured speakers at the local branch banquet.

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Mr. Keeley, who is from Vallejo, Calif., but maintains his office in Washington, D.C., gave a brief rundown of past accomplishments of the association, and discussed future plans for the organization on a national scale.

Among the other honored guests were CDR S. W. Vejtasa, commanding officer at the Naval Air Facility, and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Davis, officials of the Long Beach FRA branch and auxiliary.

Over 60 members and guests were present for the banquet.



ANOTHER NAVY FIRST was unveiled this week when details on the revolutionary Lockheed XFY-1, as well as a similar Convair plane, were made public. These two new planes can take off and land on their tails.

CLPP Tour Slated On Orientation Program Agenda

The next supervisors' orientation program, a part of the overall 11-week orientation program directed by Carlos H. Elmer, acting assistant director of education, is scheduled for 12:30 p.m. Wednesday and will feature a comprehensive tour of the China Lake Pilot Plant.

This plant, which is composed of 140 individual buildings constructed and equipped at a cost of over twenty million dollars, is one of the nation's most complete facilities for the experimental processing and loading of propellants.

This tour will be led by B. E. Barsell, head of the Rocket Department's experimental production branch.

Seven more Station employes have reportedly enrolled in the orientation program, in addition to the list published by the Rocketeer last week.

They are David K. Hart, head, propulsion division, AOD; Charles M. Havlik, section head in the processing engineering branch, Explosives; William C. Morgan, head, process division, Explosives; Fred A. Parish, head, product and production division, D&P; George S. Shriner, acting head, instrument engineering branch, Test; Bernard Smith, head, project branch "A," Rocket; and Colin A. Taylor, head, product evaluation section, Rocket Department.

Radically Different Fighters Unveiled

From Armed Forces Press Service

The Navy has this week unveiled two radically new fighter planes operating on a principle of vertical flight.

Both planes, three years in the making, are designed to fly straight up from a standing start, level off into high-speed conventional flight, and then ease down vertically to a pinpoint landing on their tails.

Engine and pre-flight tests are now underway on the Convair XFY-1, built by Consolidated Vultee, at San Diego, Calif. It has swept-back wings and is powered by contra-rotating propellers turned by a turboprop engine.

The Lockheed XFY-1 is undergoing preliminary tests at Edwards Air Force Base. The Lockheed plane resembles a four-fin torpedo with short, straight wings. It rests on its tail—composed of four fins equidistant from each other in an "X" pattern.

Both fighters work on the same principle. Their power plants provide thrust greater than the weight of the plane. This makes possible the vertical flight and remarkable rate of climb.

These revolutionary planes can provide most Navy ships with individual aerial protection. Each ship may be able to carry its own fighter, and a convoy could send aloft an umbrella of fighters in a matter of minutes. The plane can land in an extremely small area.

REPORTS FROM Technical Departments

Public To Get First View of SNORT At Test Department Open House

An open house featuring rocket firing demonstrations and displays of field data recording equipment will highlight the fourth birthday celebration of the Test Department.

Open house activities will start tomorrow at noon at the SNORT area and will last until 5 p.m. Also on the agenda for the anniversary event will be a hard-times party and dance tonight at the Anchorage.

The dance, featuring the music of the Keynotes, will get under way at 8 o'clock and continue until midnight. The admission price is 75 cents per person.

Tomorrow three bus tours, at 1, 2:15 and 3:30 p.m., will be made through the SNORT and Baker 4 range areas. During the tours, guests of the Test Department will be able to observe tests at each range.

There will be a continuous program at the SNORT area, during which the facility and track-type testing will be described and major

pieces of operating equipment will be displayed.

Electronic and photographic instruments used on the Station's guided missile and rocket test ranges also will be displayed and guides will be present to explain their use. Other exhibits will feature film-reading, data-plotting and other devices used in converting field records of tests into useful performance data on test weapons.

This will be the first public showing of the recently completed four-mile SNORT facility. This test facility was constructed for the track testing of ordnance items, such as guided missiles, at velocities extending into very high supersonic speeds and under conditions of high acceleration and deceleration.

Check Cashing Fee Set by Comptroller

A standard fee for cashing out-of-town checks at the local bank has recently been set by the Comptroller of the Navy in a notice effective April 1 covering banking facilities at naval and marine corps bases.

The notice states, in part: "A charge (is contemplated) for each personal check cashed, except those checks drawn on the bank operating the facility and other local banks.

"The amount of the charge for cashing such personal checks shall conform to established charges in the local community. If it is not customary for local banks to make a charge for cashing such checks, the charge shall be 10¢ per check."

No charge will be made by banking facilities for federal checks, or at hospitals for cashing checks for hospitalized patients.

Component Confab Dates Announced

The 1954 Electronic Components Symposium, the fifth of a series of national meetings on electronic component parts and materials, is scheduled to be held on May 4, 5 and 6 in the Department of the Interior Auditorium, Washington D. C. The theme of this year's symposium is technical progress in component development, fabrication and use, with emphasis on new advances in the art.

Attendance at this symposium requires Secretary of the Navy approval. Requests for attendance should be forwarded immediately to the Office of the Director of Education, Code 0103.

TELEPHONE OFFICE CHANGE

Hours at the telephone branch business office will change, effective Thursday. The hours for the first half of the month will be from 7:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. instead of until 5:30 p.m. Hours for the 16th through the 30th of each month will remain unchanged.

5 Civil Engineers Tour Local Facilities

A group of five civil engineers from the Los Angeles area toured Station facilities last week.

The group, headed by Sterling S. Green, design and testing engineer for the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, included George G. Youngclaus, field representative of the Portland Cement Association; Walter B. Hollingworth, city engineer of Vernon, Calif.; Charles R. Compton, assistant chief engineer, Los Angeles County sanitation district, and Richard C. Gerke, sales engineer for the Bethlehem Pacific Coast Steel Corporation.

Mr. Green is also the president of the Los Angeles Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers.

The group was led on a tour of the Michelson Laboratory, the Aeroballistics Field Laboratory, the new G-4 ballistics ramp now under construction, and SNORT. Daniel W. B. Jones, a Public Works Department employe, and Carlos H. Elmer from the office of the director of education, conducted the tour.

New Army Officer Reports to Annex

Replacing Col. F. F. Reed, retired, Lt. Col. John Savage has assumed his duties at the Annex as the Army Ordnance representative with the Naval Ordnance Test Station.

Lt. Col. Savage comes to the Annex from the 2nd Armored Division in Western Germany where he served for 2½ years. Prior to that time he was in the Office, Chief of Ordnance in Washington and dur-



Lt. Col. John Savage

Photo by Jeanne Smith
ing the war he was in England. He served on the Chaney mission prior to Pearl Harbor.

After the war Lt. Col. Savage went to MIT where he obtained his master's degree in mechanical engineering. He received his undergraduate training at UCLA and the University of California.

Holder of the Meritorius Service Ribbon, Lt. Col. Savage was awarded the Order of the British Empire for his work in England in connection with the search light tank development and production program. During this period he served under Colonel Reed whom he replaces here.

Lt. Col. Savage, his wife, Margaret, and their two children, Carol, 7, and Lynn, 4, reside at 1120 Revery Way, Altadena.

During his tour of duty at the Annex, the Army Ordnance representative will observe the cooperative projects of the Army and Navy.

Mr. Sterkel, a senior at the Fullerton Junior College who will enter SC next fall, scored an average of 14.66 points per game during the season. The Annex employe has another son, Jack, who was known as the "Iron Man" at the Pasadena City College where he piled up records in track, pole vaulting, high and broad jumping.



Benny Sugg

Benny Sugg Caricature Drawn By Annex Artist

Meet Benny Sugg, designed by Technical Illustrator Jack Lewis of the Design and Production Department.

The little character was created for the promotion of the Beneficial Suggestions Awards program at the Annex.

Prior to coming to NOTS, Mr. Lewis studied at the Chouardart Art Institute and the Jepson Art Institute in Los Angeles. He studied for two years at the Pittsburgh Art Institute before the war.

During the war, Mr. Lewis served with the 2nd Armored Division at Fort Benning, Georgia and then transferred to the Air Corps for pilot training. He flew transports with the 46th Troop Carrier Squadron in the South Pacific. He is now a member of the organized reserve squadron at Covina.

Mr. Lewis and his family reside at 824 Dancove Dr., West Covina.

Thirteen Signed For Annex Team

An organizational meeting of the Annex softball team will be held Friday to set up practice schedules, try-outs, and select a team manager, Ron Bottaccini, sports committee chairman of the Employee Service Organization, announced.

Among those who have signed up for the softball team are John Rayburn, Bob Selin, Clarence Ramsted, Lou Lopes, John Pedi, Henry Hawkes, Jack Sayer, Bill White, Mark Roy, Ed Vanden Eykel, Paul Warnhuis, Tom Cloer, and Tom Miller.

Gil Roth Appears On Television Show

Gil Roth of the Underwater Ordnance Department shared honors with Pat O'Brien on the "Place the Face" television show Thursday night.

Back in 1946 Mr. Roth and Mr. O'Brien paced the halls of St. John's Hospital in Santa Monica together. Born to the Roths was Stephana and to the O'Briens was Bridget.

Mr. and Mrs. Roth reside at 324 Pasadena Ave., South Pasadena.

News from Pasadena

Annex Blood Donors Needed To Meet Anticipated Demand

Employees and their families used 98 pints of blood from the Annex Red Cross blood bank last year, Mrs. John Cox, head nurse at the Dispensary, announced.

However, unless more employes volunteer as donors there will not be enough blood in the bank to answer the demands this year, Mrs.

Cox said. "Because the Red Cross blood service in most cases is considered a "bank"—many erroneously accept



Mrs. John Cox

it at just that; a place where blood can be stored indefinitely and drawn upon in the near, or far, future.

"What is seldom considered is that blood in the bank is quite different from, say, money in the bank. Blood cannot be stored forever. Blood only lasts for approximately 21 days—after which it can no longer be used as whole blood," Mrs. Cox said.

"Actually, the blood service should be considered a type of insurance. And, as in the case of insurance, periodic "premiums" are necessary if the insurance is expected to insure. You give your blood from time to time, and your mounting blood credit remains on call to protect you, and your immediate family, in time of need," Mrs. Cox said.



J. Harry Wolf

Photo by Jeanne Smith

staff course for high ranking military officials into 40 hours, is to provide officers and civilians for leadership in the event of mobilization and strengthening the Credit Union in this service merits the highest commendation," Captain Sellars said.

In addition to Mr. Terrell, Captain Sellars commended the following officers and committee members:

Wanda Endeward, W. G. Derby, C. A. McCallick, Eugene F. Tangherlini, Gerald P. Foster, Herbert J. Summers, Gordon T. Stuart, J. B. Wolfe, R. W. Beart, H. Carl How, R. M. Leard and A. E. Tyler.

Sellars Lauds Work Of Credit Officials

Osar Terrell, retired president of the Federal Credit Union, and other officials of the organization for 1943 were commended for their activities by Sapt. Robert F. Sellars, OinC this week.

"The Credit Union movement in which you have performed so well, has a real significance and has been of important service to your fellow employes. Your part in developing and strengthening the Credit Union in this service merits the highest commendation," Captain Sellars said.

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SPORTS



LITTLE LEAGUER John Dragovich Jr. sold the first two tickets to the forthcoming Station boxing show to Captain D. B. Young, Station Commander, this week. Young Dragovich is the son of John Dragovich, China Lake Little League commissioner. The boxing show, being put on to benefit the Little League Association, is scheduled for Wednesday evening, April 7, in the Station gymnasium.

Boxing Show Scheduled April 7; Navy Challenges Marine Corps

The date has now been set for the much awaited fisticuffs festival. Wednesday night, April 7, the pugilistic talents of Station Marine and Navy enlisted men will be spotlighted in the Station gym.

The show is being co-sponsored by the Station recreation division and the China Lake Little League Association. Proceeds from the bouts will benefit the Little League treasury. A certain percentage will also be set aside for the promotion of further boxing shows in the future.

Tickets have been distributed to all Station Departments and various other sponsors of Little League teams. The ducats, priced at 50 cents apiece, will also go on sale today in front of the Commissary Store.

Captain D. B. Young, Station Commander, purchased the first two tickets for the show last Tuesday from Little Leaguer John Dragovich Jr., son of the China Lake Little League commissioner of baseball. Other first tickets were picked up by Captain R. H. Solier, Station executive officer, and CDR W. G. Bacon, supply and fiscal officer.

Eight matches and a judo exhibition are scheduled for the evening, but Marine Corps participation is sadly slight, according to boxing coach Bernie Locker. All participants are military personnel who are donating their services to raise

money to augment the local kids' baseball fund.

A galaxy of valuable prizes will, however, be given to winners in the matches. Names of the fighters and their ring background will be given in next week's issue of the Rocketeer.

Swimming Pool Schedule Given

A new schedule of hours for the Station swimming pool has been issued this week by LT W. E. Cupp, special services officer, for the period of April 1 through June 7.

Open swimming will be held from 12 noon to 8 p.m. on Saturday and Sundays, from 5 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, and from 6:30 to 9 p.m. on Wednesdays.

The pool is reserved for school use from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday through Friday, and Adult Education swimming instruction is conducted from 4:30 until 6:30 p.m. on Monday and Wednesdays.

Military personnel only are allowed in the pool from 12:45 until 4:30 p.m. Mondays.

Two qualified life guards are on duty at all times when the pool is open for swimming. Minors under 12 years of age will not be allowed in the pool at any time unless accompanied by an adult.

Burro Tracksters Drop Triple Bill To Victor Valley

Burroughs High School cindermen will travel to Victor Valley tomorrow to avenge their triple loss last Saturday when the Jackrabbits topped the varsity 64-25, outscored the Bees 50-36 and dropped the Cee squad 37-22.

Burroughs took first place in nine of the twenty-seven events. Larry Faulk was the only double winner, with a 5 ft., 4 in., high jump and a pole vault of 9 ft. 6 inches in Class "A" competition.

A humorous note was injected into the meet held last Saturday, despite the inclement weather, when it was discovered that the Cee 100 yard dash time was not a new league record, the tape had been mistakenly placed at the 90 yard marker.

The local trackmen have invited seven teams to participate in the second annual running of the Desert-Inyo League Relay Carnival scheduled next Friday evening here. Invitations have been sent to Trona, Bishop, Lone Pine, Victor Valley, Barstow, Tehachapi and Maricopa.

Barstow took first place in the first running of the relays last year at Kelly Field.

The program for this year will include a special event—the Captain David B. Young Special Mile. The winner will be presented with a cup by the Station Commander. This run is set to start at 8:30 p.m.

The meet is scheduled to start at 6:30 p.m. under the lights, with events taking place in the following order: Varsity 660 yard; Bee-2420 yard; Cee-660 yard; Bee-440, and Varsity mile and one-half. Starting at 7:15: Cee-mile; varsity-shot put; Bee broad jump and high jump; varsity-880; Bee-880; varsity-1760 yard run. At 8:30, the Special Mile and varsity pole vault; Cee-880; Bee-3960, and the varsity mile will wind up the meet.

Initial League Ball Game Set Tuesday at Trona

High school horsehiders will travel to Trona Tuesday for their first Desert-Inyo League tilt against the Tornados.

Tentative starting line up for the game slates Roger Short on the mound and Lowell Radcliff behind the plate; Frank Childs, first; Jim Norris, second; Gary Stevenson, short; Ernie Gosselin, third; Larry Faulk, left field; Tom Cook, center, and Jim Furgason, right field.

Burros play so far this season has been confined to practice games. Last Friday the locals measured Lone Pine 9 to 3 at Schoeffel field, but then agreed on a tie in a rematch game Tuesday after a seventh inning 15-all stalemate.

Final Play Set In Golf Tourney

Play in the Satellite Lake Golf Club annual match-play tournament has proceeded to the semi-finals, according to a report this week by Paul Someson.

The tournament should be completed tomorrow and Sunday on the club's sand course, according to the report.

Results in last week-end's matches are as follows:

Championship flight — Jim Ford downed Jerry Rafkin 5 and 4, and Lee Richardson defeated Kermit Beaver 2 and 1.

First flight—Henry Wedaa defeated Waldo Griffin 3 and 2; Ed Park dropped John Miller 6 and 5, and Jon Rice edged Al Hinton 1 up.

Third flight — Al Zernickoff defeated Grady Newkirk 4 and 2 and also defeated John Pigaty 5 up; John Medaris toppled Joe Scoggin 5 and 4, and Jack Lewis won over Ed Hill 5 and 4.

No play was recorded in the second flight.

The date for the trophy presentation dinner, held each year upon completion of the tournament, has not yet been set, but will be announced in the near future.

Golf Driving Range Under Construction By Richmond School

Station golfing enthusiasts will soon find a grass driving range added to the many local recreational facilities.

Public Works Department surveyors plotted out the 6.6 acres allotted to the facility early this week, and bull dozers have ripped loose the brush now covering the area, just north of Richmond School, in preparation for grading and the installation of a sprinkler system.

The project, which also calls for installation of flood lights so that Station residents can use the facility in the cool summer evenings, is being sponsored by the Station recreation division in cooperation with the Satellite Lake Golf Club.

The range is planned to be equipped with from 12 to 15 tees.

Volunteer help, however, is needed in the initial stages of the driving range construction. Strong backs, according to golf club officials, are needed this weekend and for several days to come, to help clear off the brush and rocks in a general clean-up campaign over the area.

It was pointed out that if enough volunteer help is enlisted, the range will be ready for planting within two or three weeks.

Persons interested in helping on the project are asked to call Paul Someson, at extension 77141, after 4:30 p.m.; Jim Gallien, at 76094, after 4:30 p.m., or Jim Ford, at 77182, after 6 p.m.

Linda Westfall To Vie Tomorrow In Area Contest

Linda Westfall, Burroughs High School student who recently won the local Indian Wells Valley Lions Club student speakers contest, will compete with the Lions Club winners from several other communities tomorrow evening at Trona in the area meet.

Student orators from Trona, Boron, and Randsburg as well as the China Lake entry, will compete in the Trona Recreation building, starting at 7:30 p.m., for the right to enter the regional contest, set for Saturday, April 3, in Ridgecrest.

Certificates of Merit will be awarded zone winners at the regional contest. The ultimate winner of the District Four contest, which includes California and Nevada, will receive a \$1500 scholarship to any accredited junior college, college or university of his choice.

Joe C. Barter, member of the Trona Lions Club, will act as chairman for the event.

All talks are to be on the topic of "What the Constitution of the United States Means to Me."

Inspection . . .

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Ordnance Test Station, Inyokern, his officers and men and those of subordinate commands on a very fine inspection.

"The inspection board was unanimous in its opinion that marked leadership at command level had produced first rate results.

"I rated officers and chief petty officers excellent to outstanding. Many of the divisions were outstanding. A few of which you know of, needed considerable attention, haircuts and marking of hats. Keep up fine work."

Captain Young, in a letter to all commanding officers of subordinate Station commands, stated: "I would like to express my personal appreciation and gratification . . . for the outstanding performance of duty resulting in the receipt of (the letter from Admiral Dyer).

"I am thoroughly cognizant of the extensive preparatory effort required, but I should like to observe that effort alone does not inspire the enthusiasm, high morale, and marked leadership qualities which were reflected in the inspection and denote the difference between just an excellent and an outstanding performance.

" . . . officers, chief petty officers, and enlisted personnel are to be commended. It is with real pleasure that I give a 'well done.'"

CONTAGION REPORT

There were twenty cases of measles, four cases of mumps and three cases of chicken pox reported at the Station Infirmary this week.

College Concert Choir To Be Aired on KAVL

The first in a series of three broadcasts featuring the College of the Pacific a capella choir will be heard Saturday morning from 11:15 to 11:45 a.m. over Station KAVL in Lancaster, 1340 on the radio dial.

The two following programs, presented as a feature of Don Schmidt's Music from the Desert, will be heard at the same time on succeeding Saturdays.

These three programs were recorded at the Station Chapel during the choir's recent concert here. The choir director is J. Russell Bodley, professor of theory and composition at the College of the Pacific.

Two Navy Men . . .

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mental in preventing heavy damage to the Essex and in undoubtedly saving the lives of many men in the immediate vicinity of the bomb . . ." Lucich received the Air Medal for meritorious achievement in aerial flights as a member of a patrol plane crew during operations against enemy forces, participating in 20 patrol and reconnaissance missions in areas where enemy aircraft and anti-aircraft fire could be expected.

FIELD TRIP SCHEDULED

Members of the Natural Science Club have rescheduled their field trip to Darwin Falls for next Sunday morning, April 4. Those interested in taking the 120-mile round trip are asked to meet at Schoeffel Field at 8 o'clock. For further information contact Don Moore at 72835.

BIRTHS

Boys

Fanasci—Mark Anthony, 6 lbs., 10 1/2 ozs., March 18, at the Ridgecrest Hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Fanasci, 140 Helena, Ridgecrest.

Polley—Forest Lealon, 8 lbs., 5 ozs., March 15, at the Ridgecrest Hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Forest Polley, 120 Haloid, Ridgecrest.

Thompson — Bruce Edward, 8 lbs., 1 1/2 ozs., March 16, at the Infirmary to T/Sgt. and Mrs. Thompson, 609-B Lexington.

Girls

Fox—Barbara Lynn, 7 lbs., 7 1/4 ozs., March 20, at the Infirmary to ENS and Mrs. Robert T. Fox, 710-B Nimitz.

Goudy—Sue Anne, 8 lbs., 3 1/2 ozs., March 16, at the Infirmary to Major and Mrs. Jack B. Goudy, 609-B Lexington.

Pirrman—Joy Helen, 7 lbs., 5 1/2 ozs., March 20, at the Infirmary to AEAN and Mrs. Donald K. Pirrman, 201-A Hornet.

Scanlon—Dolores Rae, 7 lbs., 13 1/2 ozs., March 19, at the Infirmary to MM3 and Mrs. Richard E. Scanlon, 355-C McIntire.

Dependents May Share In Pay Of Retired Naval Personnel

RADM J. B. Ricketts, Pacific Coast Inspector General for the Supply Corps, spoke last Monday on the Uniformed Services Contingency Option Act of 1953 to a large audience of naval and marine personnel in the Station theater.

After being introduced by Captain D. B. Young, Station Commander, he divided his program into the first half of describing the Act and showing slides of typical options, then the second half of answering questions.

The Act was passed by the 83rd Congress in recognition of the need for liberalizing regulations governing retirement compensation on behalf of military personnel, he pointed out. It became effective Nov 1, 1953.

This grants to personnel of the uniformed services, including retired naval personnel, the opportunity to share their retirement compensation with their surviving dependents.

Personnel may now elect to receive a reduced amount of retired pay and thus provide an annuity for their dependents. The term "retired pay" as used here includes retirement pay, equivalent pay, and retainer pay. Members heretofore retired, entitled to receive retirement pay but who are not presently in receipt of retired or retainer pay, may also obtain the benefits afforded by this act.

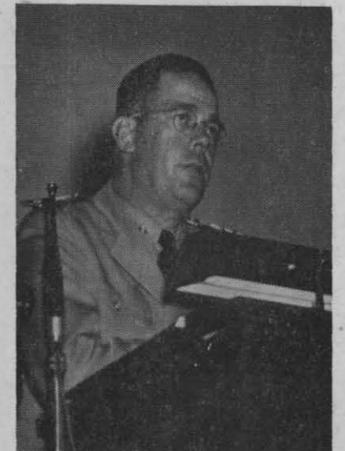
The act applies to all officers and enlisted personnel of the Regular Navy, Fleet Reserve, and Naval Reserve, including personnel on active and inactive duty and on the retired rolls of the naval service.

It permits the election of a reduced amount of retired pay so as to provide an annuity equal to 1/2, 1/4 or 1/3 of the reduced amount of the retired pay, the annuity to be payable on the death of the member to the surviving widow (widower) and/or children. Reduced retired pay is gross pay less an amount computed from the percentage shown for the member's specific situation as outlined in NavPers 15867.

The amount of the reduction will therefore depend upon the option or options elected and the attained ages of the members and beneficiary on the date of retirement.

Four types of annuities may be elected: Option 1, annuity for a widow. Option 2, annuity for the child or children. Option 3, annuity for the family. Option 4, annuity with provision to cover contingency of beneficiaries predeceasing the retired member or otherwise becoming ineligible.

In general, all naval personnel who wish to be covered by the provisions of the subject act must make an election prior to the completion of 18 years of service which is creditable in the computation of basic



RADM J. B. RICKETTS, Inspector General of the Supply Corps, Pacific Coast, is shown speaking to naval and marine corps personnel this week at the Station theater on the Uniformed Services Contingency Act of 1953.

pay. However, personnel who, as of Nov. 1, 1953, have completed 18 years of service creditable in the computation of basic pay and personnel who, as of that date, are entitled to retired or retainer pay, are given the opportunity to participate in the benefits of this law if they make an election prior to April 30, 1954.

Also eligible until April 30 are those personnel who subsequent to Nov. 1, 1953 have completed 18 years of creditable service.

Naval personnel are reminded that it is important to execute their elections or Form NavPers 591, with emphasis on the need for proper and accurate completion of it and accompany it with substantiating documents or evidence. Also the proper safeguarding of both the duplicate copy retained in the individual's record or jacket and the triplicate copy retained by the individual himself.

Red Cross . . .

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Explosives	38.77	.08
CL Schools	103.29	.07

Totals	\$2,608.70	.41
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Contributions of an additional \$83 were received from the following, bringing total contributions as of March 22 up to \$2,691.70: Bank of America employees; W. E. Kier Construction Co.; Dr. Earl E. Karner; American Legion Auxiliary; and Desert Chapter No. 259, National Sojourners.

Persons who have not yet contributed to the campaign may do so through their unit Red Cross Planning Committee member, or to the office of CDR Roberts, Room 1021, Administration building.