

### 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

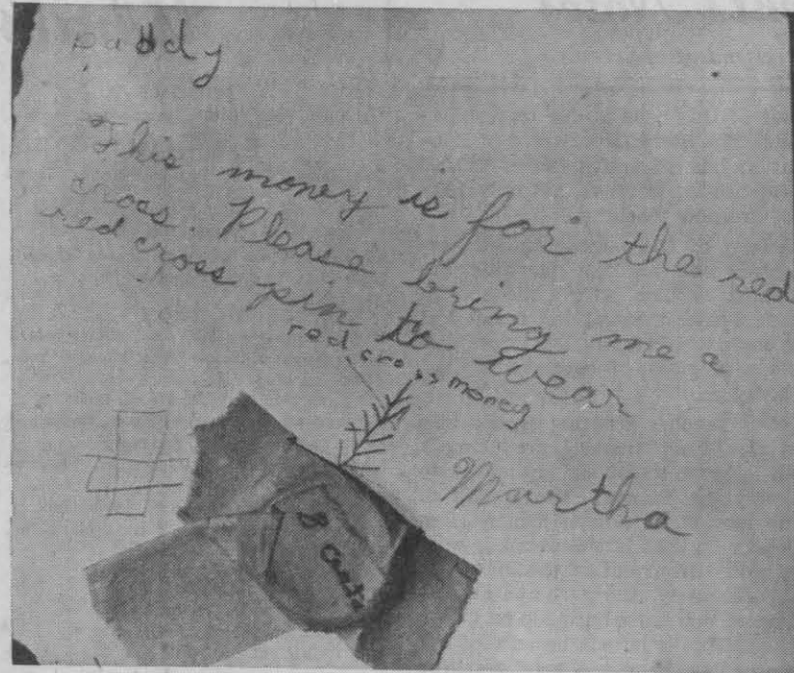
#### TUES.-WED. MARCH 30-31

"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.

### Explosives Reduction-in-Force Cuts 29 Employees; More to Follow

First reduction-in-force notices were issued by the Personnel Department last Tuesday as a result of planned reductions of personnel involved in the closing of the Explosives Department.

These notices are effective April 16 and were issued to the following group of personnel: 21 munition workers, 3 laborers, 2 security inspectors, 2 painters and 1 general helper.

All of the personnel affected were in retention group III, meaning that they were serving under indefinite appointment and do not have reassignment rights under the reduction-in-force regulations.

It is further planned to issue reduction-in-force notices effective

### Employee Injured In Highway Mishap

George M. Reger, acting assistant head of the Test Department photographic laboratory, suffered painful head injuries in an automobile accident Saturday morning, eight miles south of Mojave when his car and a truck collided on Highway 6.

Also injured were his passengers, Mrs. Reger, who received chest injuries, and Mrs. Vera Greenfield, Station resident, who suffered an arm injury. All were taken to the Mojave hospital for treatment and remained there until early this week.

April 30 to additional personnel as follows: approximately 21 munition workers, 2 laborers, 1 security inspector, 3 carpenters, 1 joiner, 2 electricians, 2 pipecoverers and insulators, 2 painters, 3 pipefitters, 1 welder, 1 general helper and 1 nurse.

These persons are also in group III with the exception of the nurse.

Hereafter it will be necessary to issue reduction-in-force notices at approximately two-week intervals on the basis of a schedule established by the Explosives Department and approved by the Station Commander for closing the Explosives Department operations in the latter part of July.

The Personnel Department has also assigned a representative of the employment division of Explosives for the purpose of negotiating reassignments and transfers to vacancies on the Station. These transfers will for the most part involve personnel in Groups I and II and will minimize to a large extent the necessity for formal reduction-in-force procedures.

The Personnel Department plans to issue information from time to time on the progress of this program, both from the standpoint of employees separated by reduction-in-force and those transferred to vacancies. It is expected that reduction-in-force will largely be confined to employees in group III.

### 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.

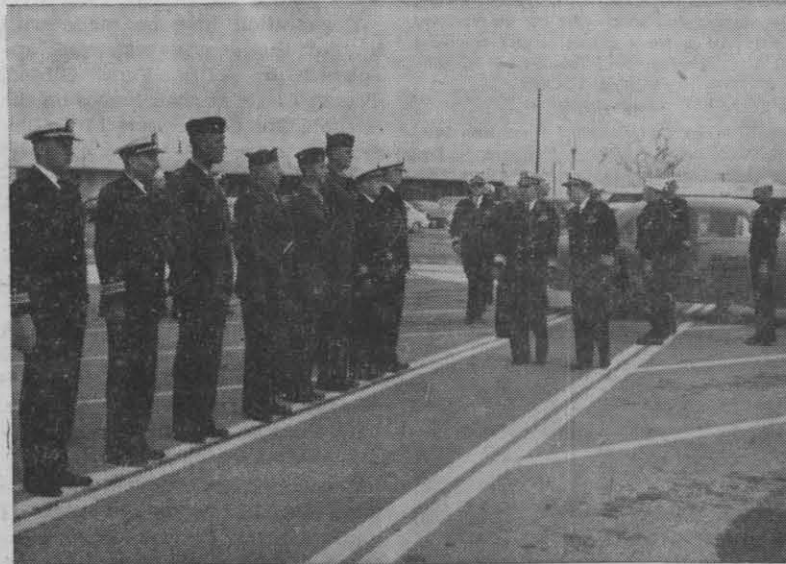
The Public Works Department leads the list in total contributions of \$411.50, with Command Administration \$348.31 placing second, and Supply and Fiscal Department third, with a total of \$304.48.

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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