

Albert S. Gould Seeks Re-election On School Board

Albert S. Gould, assistant head of Central Staff, is one of two incumbent members of the Kern County Union High School District board of trustees currently seeking re-election.

The second member is Emil Bender, a Shafter area farmer and former trustee of the Richland Elementary School District. Voting is scheduled for Friday, May 21.

The board directs affairs of the district which stretches from McFarland to Lebec and from China Lake to Shafter. The eight high schools included are located at Shafter, McFarland, Arvin, China Lake, Kern Valley and in the city of Bakersfield.

The board is responsible for administering a heavy construction program during the coming year. Work is scheduled on the new Bakersfield Junior College buildings and extensive additions at Bakersfield High School, Burroughs High School and other facilities.

Mr. Gould is past president of the China Lake PTA. He was awarded a life membership in the organization last year.

He has been at China Lake since 1945, and has been a member of the district board of trustees since 1949.



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

TODAY MAY 7

"THEM" (94 Min.)
James Whitmore, Edmund Gwenn
Shorts: "Duck Amuck" (7 Min.)
Armed Forces Screen Report No. 140 (16 Min.)

SATURDAY MAY 8

"THREE SAILORS AND A GIRL" (95 Min.)
Gordon MacRae, Jane Powell
Shorts: "Claws for Alarm" (7 Min.)
Armed Forces Screen Report No. 504 (16 Min.)

MATINEE

"ABBOTT AND COSTELLO IN SOCIETY" (75 Min.)
Shorts: "Droopy's Good Deed" (7 Min.)
"Jungle Drums" No. 12 (13 Min.)

SUN.-MON. MAY 9-10

"PLAYGIRL" (86 Min.)
Shelley Winters, Barry Sullivan
Shorts: "This Wonderful World" (20 Min.)

TUES.-WED. MAY 11-12

"IVANHOE" (106 Min.)
Robert Taylor, Elizabeth Taylor
Shorts: "Alley in Bali" (7 Min.)

THURS.-FRI. MAY 13-14

"LITTLE CAESAR" (80 Min.)
Edward G. Robinson, Douglas Fairbanks Jr.
Shorts: "Popeye's 20th Anniversary" (7 Min.)
"I Remember When" (10 Min.)



ARRANGEMENT of the specimen labeling table at the Desert Wildflower Show was handled by, from left, Mrs. E. R. Toporeck, Mrs. R. M. McClung and Frank Kirby, shown above being assisted by his daughter, Wanda. More than 100 desert plants and flowers were displayed with labels to enable show patrons to identify the flowers that were arranged elsewhere throughout the main hall at the new community building.

More Than 2000 Persons Attend Annual Desert Wildflower Show

Attendance at the ninth annual Desert Wildflower show, held over the past weekend at the new community building, topped the 2000 mark, show officials reported.

Blooms from more than 100 desert plants and bushes were tastefully arranged in the main social hall of the new building by a large committee of volunteer workers, headed by Mrs. David Brink. Exhibits ranged from miniatures displayed in tiny receptacles on a three-tiered mirrored stand, to large clusters of Fremontia, Indian paint brush and purple sage.

Included among the rare desert plants shown were the parry nolina lily, a wild pink California poppy, and a specimen of Bitterroot, the state flower of Montana, which is seldom found in Kern county.

Shadow boxes were utilized to display some of the colorful desert blooms, and oddly colored and shaped rocks and minerals provided by the Rockhounds were blended into other floral exhibits. Desert wildlife exhibited included a live kangaroo rat and a sidewinder, kept in separate cages.

In the south patio off the main hall, a cactus garden was set up to round out the highly varied display of desert flora and fauna.

Grateful acknowledgement for the part they played in making a success of the Desert Wildflower Show was made by Mrs. Brink to the following persons:

Mrs. D. B. Young, co-chairman of the annual event; Mrs. Gale Burton, Mrs. E. R. Toporeck, Dr. Carl Heller and Frank Kirby, for their work of labeling the various flowers displayed; the Vernon and John Carrs and others, who made field trips; Mr. and Mrs. Darwin Tiemann, who provided sketches of

flowers and also the wild life specimens shown; Public Works personnel, including T. J. Little, Lyle MacLaren, Charles Bradley and Thomas Mullin, who helped clean up the building after Friday afternoon's wind storm; Mrs. Sylvia Winslow, whose mural painting of a desert scene decorated one end of the social hall, and A. K. Winslow, who, together with his wife, provided considerable general assistance; J. O. Richmond and Mrs. Ruth Hurley, for general assistance; Security Policeman A. C. Jones, who posted the signs directing traffic to the show and performed a variety of other tasks; Mr. Brink, who was mainly responsible for arrangements of the patio cactus garden; Mrs. Maurice Lipp and Mrs. Hugh Hunter, who were in charge of the clean-up crews following the floral displays; Mrs. John Stroud, Mrs. Lynn Barker and the hostesses, and Major John Griffin.

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Teenage Center Now in Operation At Burroughs High

The long-awaited teenage recreation center located on the Burroughs High School campus was opened last week to the cheers of a large group of students who crowded into the facility for the tape-cutting ceremony.

Bobbie Brim, president of the freshman class, cut the tape to officially open the recreation facility, while Bob Weinland, president of the Student Council, and Jay Parsell, vice-president, looked on with Ben A. Gitchell, chairman of the adult sponsoring committee; Mrs. Gitchell, Mrs. Haskell Wilson, Mrs. Clayton Brown, committee members, and a host of anxious students.

The fountain, equipped for soft drinks, malts and milk shakes, sundaes, and various other confectionary items, will be run by the Navy Exchange, as will be the cold sandwich bar.

Tentative hours of operation are from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., from 3:30 to 5 p.m. and from 7 to 9 p.m. on weekdays. Saturday operation is still under consideration.

A committee of teenagers formed by the Student Council will set up the rules and regulations governing the use of the building, however, adult chaperones will be present at all times. High school teachers will handle this job during the noon hours and immediately after school, but the parents' committee will furnish a chaperone for the evening hours. Persons who are interested in helping in this capacity are asked to contact Mrs. Haskell Wilson, at extension 77951.

Snack Bar Facility At Swimming Pool Now Open to Public

The recently completed outdoor facilities at the Station swimming pool, which includes a snack bar, children's wading pool, tables, beach umbrellas, yacht chairs and plenty of grass for sunbathing, is now open to the public.

Hours for the outside recreation area are from 11 a.m. until 8:30 p.m. seven days a week.

Hours for open swimming in the indoor pool are from 12 noon until 8 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, from 5 until 9 p.m. on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, and from 6:30 until 9 p.m. on Wednesdays.

Hot dogs, hamburgers, malts and milkshakes, as well as a variety of soft drinks and other beverages are available at the snack bar. This facility is being run by the Navy Exchange, under the management of James Gatewood, food services manager.

Mr. Gatewood formerly handled similar facilities at the Jones Beach area in New York.

THE WEATHER

Mostly clear over the weekend. Surface winds light and variable, becoming 10 to 15 knots in late afternoon. Maximum temperature 100, minimum, 60.

Rocketeer

TEMPERATURES

(Housing Area)

	Max.	Min.
April 29	79	47
April 30	65	53
May 1	72	41
May 2	80	39
May 3	89	41
May 4	90	55
May 5	96	54

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AMONG THE FIRST occupants of the new Wherry housing project were Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Wegley, shown moving a sofa into their new home at 106 Durado St. Mr. Wegley, a truck driver in the Public Works Department, has been at China Lake since September 1946. He had been living in Ridgecrest prior to moving to the Wherry subdivision.

Variety of Entertainment Slated For Fiesta Carnival, May 14-16

Dancing to the nation's top jazz band, a beauty contest, and a square dance featuring one of Southern California's top callers are included in the glittering slate of attractions set for China Lake residents and their guests next weekend.

For the ninth straight year, the China Lake Community Council will play host to local residents and throngs of visitors from many miles around at the Fiesta—the once-a-

year event when Bennington Plaza is decked out in its carnival finery.

Opening night, next Friday, will find George Lewis and his Ragtime Jazz musicians on the bandstand to be erected in front of the Station theater. The following evening, Jim Munyon, one of the most sought-after square dance callers in Southern California, will lead the do-si-do's on the Station tennis courts.

Sunday evening, Miss Indian Wells Valley will be crowned following a bathing beauty show featuring entrants from Trona, Ridgecrest, Randsburg, Johannesburg, Inyokern, and Argus as well as China Lake.

Mingled in between the variety of highlights offered throughout the three days of whoop-and-holler will be the midway-like attractions of over 40 concessionaires. Booths displaying everything from hot dogs, fried chicken and barbecued beef to games, novelties and a spook house will be offered by local civic and social groups.

The opening night is sponsored by the Enlisted Men's Club in cooperation with the Community Council, and can probably be termed the outstanding highlight of the three-day affair.

George Lewis was picked by Look Magazine in 1950 as the most authentic jazz-man in the United States today. A popular recording (Continued on Page Five)

Station Families Occupy First Wherry Dwellings

Nearly 20 families have moved into the first group of Wherry housing unit homes to be completed, and another 30 units will be ready for occupancy by next Tuesday, officials of the new housing subdivision reported this week.

The entire housing project is now approximately two-thirds completed, and work is proceeding slightly ahead of schedule.

Plans for completion of additional two and three-bedroom units call for 50 more homes to be finished by June 1 and other increments of 50 homes each to be completed at 15 day intervals through July 30, when all 300 homes are expected to be ready for occupancy.

Landscaping work will be started next week on the new homes now occupied. The Wherry housing management will provide grass seed to tenants free of charge. Fences will be prohibited around front yards in order to give the homes a uniform landscaped appearance from the street, it was reported.

An early California days theme has been followed in naming the streets at the Wherry project. The long main streets, running from southwest to northeast, are named Durado, Robalo and Cisco, while the three short cross streets will be known as Sandora, Nadeau and Arondo.

Latest additions to the list of Sta-

tion personnel eligible to move into the new homes include civilian employees Dale Freeman, Alma Rhyn and Earl Leonard, and two Navy enlisted men and their families, J. C. West, MM3, and Joseph Gonzales, CS3.

Furies To Perform In Armed Forces Day Aerial Show

Fly-over demonstrations of the Navy's new F-J-2 North American swept-wing Fury will be only a part of the big aerial program planned at Armitage field to open the Station's Armed Forces Day program on Saturday, May 15.

Main Gate of the Station will admit visitors starting at 7:30 a.m. Route to the airfield will be plainly marked and there will be ample parking space.

First event at the field will be the memorial service starting at 9 o'clock, conducted by Chaplain James L. Carter. The air demonstrations will begin at 9:30 and run until 11:30.

Rockets fired from planes will include Tiny Tim, the 11.75-inch monster which is one of the biggest rockets carried by any plane. Smaller rockets, as well as cannon will be fired at ground targets.

Saturday and Sunday afternoons from 1 to 5 p.m., tours of the Michelson and the Aeroballistics laboratories, which are not open to the general public other times of the year, will be offered. Buses to the Aeroballistics Laboratory will run every hour from near the postoffice at Bennington Plaza.

New displays at Michelson Laboratory will include the Mighty Mouse, the 2.75-inch folding fin air rocket; a recently developed submarine torpedo from Pasadena Annex, and the 701 IBM calculator for mathematical problems. The latter is one of only a dozen or so now in use in the United States.

The Aeroballistics Laboratory will present simulated firings which will give audible and visual demonstrations of how a missile is fired through the 480 feet of the huge building, and its progress photographed by 23 ultra-high-speed cameras.

Contest Announced To Name New Community Center

A contest to name the new community building was announced this week by the China Lake Community Council.

A top prize of \$25 will be given to the originator of the winning entry, and second and third place awards of \$10 and \$5 also will be offered.

Entries must be limited to two words, preferably having either a nautical or historical flavor, and should be sent to Mrs. George Mayberry at the Community Council office. The contest will end with the close of business on June 1.

Judges of the contest will be Captain T. F. Connolly, recently elected president of the Community Council; Mrs. D. B. Young, wife of the Station Commander, and Mrs. W. B. McLean, wife of the Technical Director.

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Richmond To Retire As Community Manager, June 1

Plans to retire from the position of Community Manager, a job he has held since Jan. 1, 1949, were announced this week by John O. Richmond. He will leave the Station around June 1.

Mr. Richmond has been associated with NOTS since April 1944, when he came aboard to serve as the Station's first Executive Officer. He acted in that capacity for a little more than two years, and upon being relieved returned to inactive duty and assumed the position of the head of the Services Department at China Lake.

J. O. Richmond

The Community Manager is a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy class of 1917, and served on active duty in the Navy from the date of his graduation until 1936, when his health forced retirement.

Recalled to active service at the outbreak of World War II, he was assigned to duty as executive officer of the Naval Ammunition Depot at Hawthorne, Nev., and remained there until being transferred to China Lake in 1944.

As the Station's first Executive Officer, Mr. Richmond played a vital part in the early development of the Station from a barren desert wasteland to a modern research center. His interest in seeing that adequate educational facilities were provided for the youth of the community during his lengthy administrative career here prompted the local school board in 1952 to name one of the two elementary schools in his honor.

EM DANCE SET TOMORROW

For the second straight week, the Newtones, a combo formed by four Naval Air Facility enlisted men, will play at the Enlisted Men's "21-Club," by popular request. The dance is scheduled tomorrow evening from 8:30 until 12.

Candidates File For Council Post

Tuesday at 4:30 p.m. is the deadline for Station residents living in Precinct Five to file petitions as candidates for election to the Community Council board of directors.

To date only two people have indicated their intention of seeking the vacancy. They are John D. Durward and Paul Driver.

Mr. Durward, an ordnanceman engineer in the Rocket Department, has been a China Lake resident since September 1947.

Mr. Driver, an electronics engineer in the Aviation Ordnance Department, has been employed on the Station since September 1945. He was selected for candidacy by the Council nominating committee.

Ann Seitz Named To Manage New Community Center

Ann Seitz, manager of the Anchorage for the past three years, has been named to manage the recently completed community center.

Her new job will be similar to the one she held at the Anchorage. She will handle all scheduling of club meetings and the many organizational, departmental and community-wide activities booked at the new building.

The snack bar located in the building is under the management of James Gatewood, food services manager for the Navy Exchange.

This facility incorporates the fountain service formerly located at Bennington Plaza. All types of beverages, sandwiches, pastries and snacks are available.

Items of necessity, such as cigarettes, candy, toiletries and newspapers also will be available at the snack bar. It is open from 11:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Mondays through Fridays, and from 5 until 9 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Seitz' office hours at the community center will be from 12 noon until 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Her telephone number is 72010. The building itself will be open evenings only for scheduled events and activities.



SPEAKERS at the "Meet-the-Candidates" program are shown with master of ceremonies Carlos Elmer, in center. They are, from left, Ralph Richardson, William C. Farrer, State Senator Jess Dorsey, Assemblywoman Dorothy Donahoe, Constable William Wright, T. J. Little, Sam Stanley and Denny Lyons.

Political Job Aspirants Appear At 'Meet-the-Candidates' Forum

Candidates for re-election to two State of California political posts, and four aspirants for the office of constable of the local judicial district appeared in person to present their qualifications and platforms at a "Meet-the-Candidates" program held Monday night at the new community building.

Some of the highly complex problems of the State legislature were outlined by State Senator Jess Dorsey and Dorothy Donahoe, assemblywoman from the 38th District, who are seeking re-election to their respective offices.

Sen. Dorsey's opponent, James E. Thomason, Democratic nominee, was unable to be present, but sent a telegram expressing his regrets and outlining his platform. Miss Donahoe, a Democrat, is unopposed in her bid for re-election.

Representatives of two candidates for the post of lieutenant governor of the State of California were in attendance at the meeting. They were William C. Farrer, who spoke on behalf of Superior Court Judge Frederick F. Houser, Republican; and Ralph Richardson, who represented Edward R. Roybal, Los Angeles city councilman, who is the Democratic nominee.

Two other Republican candidates for lieutenant governor, Harold H. Powers, the incumbent, and James W. Silliman, were not represented.

All four of the aspirants for the local constable post were on hand to outline their qualifications for the job. They are Bill Wright, the incumbent, T. J. Little, Denny Lyons and Sam Stanley.

Carlos Elmer, assistant to the Station director of education, introduced the candidates, or their representatives, and gave a short biographical sketch on each. The program was concluded by a brief question-and-answer period and the serving of refreshments.

The "Meet-the-Candidates" forum

was sponsored by the local AAUW and the Ridgecrest Business and Professional Women's Club.

Captain Smith To Leave for Duty At White Sands

Captain Levering Smith, Associate Technical Director, will leave next Friday for his new duties as commanding officer of the Naval Ordnance Missile Test Facility at White Sands Proving Grounds, Las Cruces, N.M.

He came to the Station in September 1947 as deputy head of the then Explosives Department, later becoming head of the Rockets and Explosives Department. He assumed his present duties in November 1951.

Graduating from the Naval Academy in 1932, he had sea duty until 1938 when he attended the Academy Post Graduate School studying ordnance engineering. Later he served in the Bureau of Ordnance.

In 1941 he was gunnery officer, then executive officer, on the destroyer Bulmer. Subsequent sea duty included that with destroyers in the Asiatic Fleet, destroyers in the Pacific Fleet; assistant operations officer, Task Force 17 under Admiral G. D. Murray; chief of staff to Commander Cruiser Division Five, and gunnery officer on the cruiser Indianapolis during the Aleutians, Marshalls and Marianas campaigns. He reported again to the Bureau of Ordnance in 1944, serving in the research and development division and dealing with propellants, pyrotechnics, chemical and biological munitions.

Captain and Mrs. Smith were tendered a farewell Station party yesterday evening.

What's Doing

Today

Rebekahs, 7:30 p.m., County bldg.

Saturday

Kids Tennis Clinic, 8:30 a.m., Station Tennis Courts.

Sunday

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

Monday

NOTS Toastmasters, 5:45 p.m., Hideaway. Desert Sports Officials Association, 6 p.m., Training bldg. Sea Scout Ship No. 504, 6 p.m., Scout hall. NOTS Badminton Club, 7 p.m., Gym. Dust Devils Auto Club, 7:30 p.m., American Legion hall. Desert Sportsmen Club, 7:30 p.m., Community Center. Rockhounds, 7:30 p.m., Rockhound hut. IAM Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m., County bldg. DAV Auxiliary, 7:30 p.m., Rowe St. School. Barber Shop Singers, 8 p.m., Legion hall. Repertory Group Chorus, 8 p.m., Music hut, Kelly field. Institute of Radio Engineers, 8 p.m., Rm. 2067, Michelson Lab. Order of the Eastern Star, 8 p.m., Masonic temple.

Tuesday

Rotary Club, noon, Village Cafe. Chi Rho Club, 7 p.m., Og Cuman hut. Rifle Club, 7:30 p.m., Hut 308, Old Contractors area. Lions Club, 7:30 p.m., Village Cafe. Civil Air Patrol, 7:30 p.m., Tower, Inyokern Airport. Fleet Reserve, 7:30 p.m., Hut 9. Fleet Reserve Auxiliary, 7:30 p.m., Community Center.

Community Council Board Meeting, 8 p.m., 301 Parsons. Women of the Moose, 8 p.m., Moose hall.

Wednesday

Troop 35, 6:30 p.m., Scout hall. Troop 3, 6:30 p.m., Scout hall. Masons, 7 p.m., Masonic temple. Blue Angels Auto Club, 8 p.m., Old Navy Locker bldg. IAM Auxiliary, 7:30 p.m., County bldg. Naval Reserve, 7:30 p.m., Rm. 2067, Michelson Lab. Squaresnats, 8 p.m., Community Center. 6517 Army Reserve, 8 p.m., Training bldg.

Thursday

Red Cross, 12:30 - 4:30 p.m., Infirmary. Troop 41, 6:30 p.m., Hut 301, Rowe St. School. Indian Wells Valley Toastmistress Club, 6:30 p.m., Mayfair Cafeteria. Pistol Club, 7:30 p.m., Hut 308, Old Contractors area. 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. Desert Dancers, 8 p.m., Burroughs Kindergarten. Job's Daughters, 7:30 p.m., Masonic temple. Natural Science Club, 8 p.m., Community Center. Eagles Auxiliary, 8 p.m., County bldg. VFW, 7:30 p.m., Memorial hall. FOE Auxiliary, 8 p.m., County bldg.

CONTAGION REPORT

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

Chaplain's Corner

Submitted by

REV. FR. JOHN F. C. RYAN
"The question arises: What has Christ's example taught me?"

"How did Jesus act toward poverty and misery during His earthly sojourn?"

"Certainly his wisdom as redeemer was to liberate men from the slavery of sin, the extreme form of misery. Nevertheless, the greatness of his most sensitive heart could not allow him to close his eyes to the suffering and the sufferers among whom he chose to live.

"Son of God, and herald of his heavenly kingdom, he was happy in bending compassionately over wounds of humanity and the tollered rags of poverty. He was not satisfied with proclaiming the law of justice and charity; nor with condemning with withering anathemas the hard-hearted, the inhuman, the selfish, nor with the warning that the final sentence of the Last Day will have as the form of its judgment the exercise of charity, as the proof of the love of God.

"But he spent himself personally in order to help to heal, to feed.

"Certainly he did not ask whether, and to what extent, the misfortune before him happened because the public and economic order of his time was defective or lasting. He was not indifferent to that.

"On the contrary, he is Lord of the world and of its order.

"But just as his action as Savior was personal, so he wished to meet life's other misfortunes with a love that was personal. The example of Jesus is today, as every day, a strict duty for all."

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.

CHURCH NURSERY—10:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. Sundays at Station Nursery (child care) for convenience of parents attending services at the Chapel. For children 2-6.
JR. HIGH FELLOWSHIP—4:30 p.m., Sunday at Rowe Street Protestant Worship Center.
SR. HIGH FELLOWSHIP—8 p.m., Sunday at Rowe Street Protestant Worship Center. Nursery provided for children.
CHOIR PRACTICE—7:30 p.m. Thursday, Chapel.

ROMAN CATHOLIC

(Station Chapel)
Rev. Fr. John F. C. Ryan
Phone 72247, 71653 or 71506
HOLY MASS—7 and 8:30 a.m. Sunday; 6:30 a.m., Monday-Friday; 8:30 a.m. Saturday.
CONFESSIONS—8 to 8:25 a.m. and 7-8:30 p.m. Saturday. Thursday before first Friday, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

NOVENA in honor of Our Lady of Fatima, every Wednesday at 7:15 p.m.
STATIONS OF THE CROSS during Lent, 7:15 p.m., Friday.
CATECHISM CLASSES—Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grades, 2 p.m. Wednesday; 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th grades, 3:30 p.m. Wednesday; 7th and 8th grades, 6:30 p.m. Thursday. All classes are held at the CYO Hut on the Rowe Street School grounds.

Brinser Gets Third Full Stripe



CDR HARRY M. BRINSER, right, acting head of the Command Administration Department, receives a congratulatory handshake from Captain R. H. Solier, Station Executive Officer, upon receiving the news this week of his promotion to commander. The date of rank is retroactive to April 1. CDR Brinser, former Station security officer, has been at China Lake since November 1952.

Superintendent's Notes

By DR. EARL MURRAY, Superintendent of Schools

The electorate of the State of California will go to the polls on Friday, May 21, to elect school trustee members. This is an important act of citizenship, a distinct American privilege, and a civic duty.

The election at China Lake is an important one this year since the majority of the board will be named at this election. Three of the five members will be elected on May 21.

The high school trustee election will be held at the same time and place, i.e., the Richmond School auditorium. Two of the five members of the high school board will be named at this election.

One person only is running for the three year term on the elementary board. Five good citizens have placed their names on the ballot for the short term. Two of these candidates will be elected.

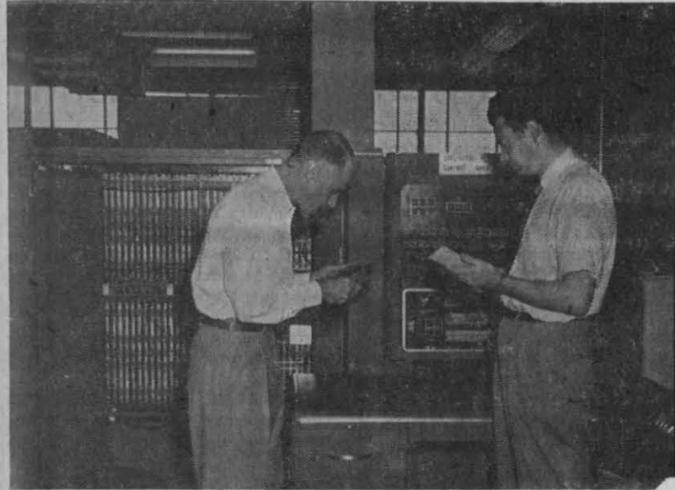
Four persons are running for two positions on the high school board. Two of these four are present incumbents, one being a local resident of China Lake.

A current PTA publication has stated some of the qualifications we should look for in school board members:

1. Devotion to public education as a basic concept in American Life.
2. General interest in child welfare.
3. High standards of personal honesty, integrity, and conduct.
4. Knowledge of the legal and civic responsibilities of school trustees.
5. Willingness to give time and thought to doing the job well.
6. Objectivity and impartiality in making decisions by: (a) Avoiding personal and emotional bias. (b) Being guided by what seems best educationally and financially for the children and the school district. (c) Being willing to hear and consider all sides of controversial questions.
7. Ability to delegate authority to the professional personnel, once basic policies have been determined.

Next Guidance Talks Set On Traffic Safety

Highway Patrolman David Sieppi will be the featured speaker at a program for Station enlisted personnel Wednesday and Thursday, at 1 p.m., in the Station theater. He will speak on traffic and safety. This lecture is a part of the current character guidance series.



HARLEY E. TILLITT (left) head of the computing branch, Research Division, and Bruce G. Oldfield, head of the IBM section, discuss a problem about to be submitted to the calculator in Michelson Laboratory. Mr. Tillitt is now exploring the possibilities of the calculator in searching library files to speed the selection of desired reference items. Mr. Oldfield has prepared a paper on "The Theodolite Data Reduction Problem." Both men attended the IBM conference in New York state this week and were to read their papers.

Weinland To Get Science Award Presented by RESA

Robert Weinland, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Weinland, 4-B Wasp Circle, this week was named to receive the annual award presented by the China Lake Branch of the Research Society of America to the outstanding senior class science student at Burroughs High School.

Weinland will receive his award at the society's annual spring dinner meeting next Thursday evening, at which time new officers of the local RESA chapter also will be installed.

Weinland is president of the high school Student Council, was a Bank of America cup winner in the field of mathematics and science, and is a member of the California Scholastic Federation. He has been accepted for entrance in Stanford University following his graduation from Burroughs.

Dr. Arthur L. Bennett, a research scientist in the Research Department, was elected president of the local group, succeeding Dr. D. S. Villars. Other new officers are Lucien M. Biberman, vice-president; Dr. Gilbert J. Plain, secretary, and Dr. A. B. C. Anderson, treasurer.

Four members of the local chapter who were elected to serve on the committee on admissions are Dr. Alexis B. Dember, Dr. William R. Fish, Robert H. Olds, Dr. Richard D. Potter and A. Greenville Whittaker.

The new officers will be installed at the dinner meeting, which also will feature a talk by Prof. Linus Pauling, director of the Gates and Crellin Laboratories of Chemistry at Caltech. His subject will be "Molecular Abnormalities of Hemoglobin and Their Relation to Disease."

Eighty Midshipmen Tour China Lake

Eighty sophomore midshipmen from the Naval Reserve Officers' Training Corps at the University of Southern California were Station guests last week.

The middies arrived early Thursday morning in two R4D's from Los Alamitos Naval Air Station. They were met by Carlos H. Elmer, who conducted their one-day tour of the Station facilities.

After a visit to the aeroballistics field laboratory, the group traveled to the G-2 ballistics range where they witnessed firings under the direction of Paul Fisher of the Test Department.

In the afternoon, Gordon Bangs of the Rocket Department, showed the potential naval officers the Station film, and reviewed the local rocket program. The midshipmen were then briefed on the Station's part in the Navy guided missile program, and conducted through the facilities of Michelson Laboratory.

UCLA Study Programs Discussion Scheduled

Monday and Tuesday the University of California will have representatives from departments of engineering and mathematics at China Lake to discuss their respective programs.

Louis G. Walters and Philip F. O'Brien from the engineering department will discuss the UCLA study program on Monday from 1 until 2 p.m. in Room 1013, Michelson Laboratory, and Clifford Bell, from the mathematics department, will be available in Room 20107, Michelson Laboratory, from 1 until 2 p.m. Tuesday to discuss the graduate program.

REPORTS FROM

Technical Departments

New 701 Calculator May Be Used To Search Library Reference Files

Harley E. Tillitt, head of the computing branch, mathematics division of Research Department, this week gave a paper on new possibilities of the Station's 701 calculator at an IBM conference in Endicott, New York.

Title of the talk was "An Experiment in Information Searching With the 701 Calculator." Excerpts from the manuscript follow and give a general idea of its text.

"At NOTS an attempt has been made to use the calculator as a tool in the task of searching library files for documents referring to special subjects. The present system includes only reports which have been written in certain agencies throughout the country and does not include periodicals or books. Furthermore, the subjects are for the most part related to the development and testing of items of naval ordnance."

Serves Vital Need

Mr. Tillitt points out the need for finding what has been written on a particular subject when scientists start a new project in that field. And he also stresses the labor involved in conventional searching of library files to list such reference items.

"To avoid some of the difficulty of cataloging documents by subject heading, a system can be used that depends upon a document being described by several single terms called descriptors. In the library application of this system, there is a card for each descriptor. As documents come to the library they are given an acquisition serial number and this number is entered upon as many different descriptor cards as seem necessary to describe the document."

It is then stated that the 701 searching operations are quite simple and go through nearly the same steps as are required in a normal hand search. In a hand search the procedure is to locate the several descriptor cards which together presumably describe a subject of interest and inspect these for any report serial numbers that appear on all the cards. Reports thus recorded are withdrawn and inspected.

The 701 steps are listed as follows:

1. Install the master tape reel on which the file has been written. (The present arrangement of information on the tape is that each descriptor and associated report serial numbers form a unit record.)

2. Load the searching program plus from 1 to 20, cards on each of which are punched the 2 to 8 descriptors, called K's, that describe

the subject of interest. (Each of the 1 to 20 numbers would be for one search.)

3. Report serial numbers which appear under all selected descriptors that are printed.

Time Factor Varies

"It is difficult to estimate the 701 time required for what may become a typical scheduled searching period. This depends upon several factors, including the total number of searches to be made in one period, the number of K's, the number of serial numbers per descriptor, and the location of the descriptor groups on the tape.

"The time required to load the cards, which include the program and the K's, is about 10 to 15 seconds. A search for eight K's through 300 groups, with from 5 to 40 serial numbers each, all located at the front of the tape, requires about 10 to 15 seconds. The minimum time of a search, therefore, is in the range of 20 to 30 seconds."

As the file increases in size, by new descriptor groups being entered and new serial numbers being added to old groups, the time per search will approach that required to read the tape.

"If the present estimate of 4000 new (library) entries per month proves to be correct, there will be about 240,000 plus the present 20,000 in five years. There would be room to load such a file on one 1200 foot tape, and a maximum search would require about the time needed to read the 1200 feet of tape, or approximately four minutes."

The article concludes by stating that the system is at present in the nature of an experiment, and whether or not it will prove to be economical or practical remains to be seen.

New Type Altimeter Developed for Navy

By Armed Forces Press Service

An airplane radar altimeter by which a pilot can tell immediately and exactly his altitude has been developed for the Navy by the Raytheon Manufacturing Co.

The device works by sending signals down to the earth's surface at the speed of light, the Navy Bureau of Aeronautics explains. While the signals bounce back they are measured electronically and changed automatically to the instrument panel, where altitude is read in feet.

The designers of the altimeter say it can function reliably even a few inches off the ground.

News from Pasadena



DOING "FIELD DUTY" at Key West on a torpedo evaluation program are back row, left to right: Anne Graybill, Verne Meyers, Joe Taber, Alice M. Lang, Hal Yost, Bob Hornidge and Ina Squire. Center row, Lowell Chapman, Art Graybill, Frank Masterson, Al Van Hise, Dick Heller, Al Fey, Ray Musgraves, and Jack Zaun. Front row, Don Albert, Don Davey, Bud Kunz, and Bill Galbraith.

UOD Group Praised For Job in Florida

W. H. Saylor, Associate Technical Director for Pasadena, commended a group of Underwater Ordnance Department employees who have been assigned since last February on a torpedo evaluation program at Key West, Fla.

"The men and women assigned to this project have done much to cement our relationship with the Naval Ordnance Unit and with the Bureau," Mr. Saylor said.

The group consists of Hal Yost, Art Graybill, Al Van Hise, Bob Hornidge, Dick Heller, Ina Squire, Alice M. Lang, Anne Graybill, Joe Taber, Al Fey, Lowell Chapman, Bill Galbraith, Verne Meyers, Don Albert, Jack Zaun, Don Davey, Frank Masterson, Ray Musgraves and Bud Kunz.

"Morale in the group is high, even with those who left their families in California," D. J. Wilcox, head of the assessment division of UOD, said. "The team has received many compliments on the results of the job they are doing—they are scheduled to return to Pasadena in June."

Medical Officer Inspects Facilities

The Annex dispensaries and cafeterias were given a "clean bill of health" by Captain P. E. Huth, chief medical officer of NOTS, and John L. Campbell, safety director, during a recent inspection.

Morris Dam and Long Beach facilities also were inspected by the medical officer and safety director.

Entrants Listed For Golf Tourney

Judging by the list of contestants, the Annex's summer golf tournament will be the biggest in its history.

Those who signed up from the Foothill area include: W. M. Staal, Leo Enriquez, Leo Maguire, Glen Sundberg, Cy Martens, H. Bowen, Ray Avis, Wendell Alexander, Bill Shealey, Al Kolesar, A. C. Durdy, Mike Gamiere, Tom Ennis, William Scott, Ed Miletburg and Pat Roubideaux.

Other contestants include: CDR R. M. Tunnell, CDR F. B. Clarke, CDR H. P. McNeal, LCDR L. E. Benitez, Gordon Zima, Ernie Crescenti, Nick Saines, Bill White, A. B. Livingstone, Dick Dippel, LT Dave Howard, Gene Osuch, Ed Vanden Eykel, Dick Wagner, J. Harry Wolf, John Mulhern, Fred Pierce, Bob Murphy, Charles Redmond, Al Fay, Bud Kunz, Cliff Stock and Mabry Van Reed.

Sub Warfare Story Told by Capt. Sellars

The story of submarine warfare and the Navy's torpedo program was told to three different groups last week by Captain R. F. Sellars, OinC.

Captain Sellars addressed Naval Reserve Ordnance Unit, at Santa Monica, the Hi-12 Club at the Pasadena Athletic Club, and the Petroleum Club of Los Angeles at the Statler Hotel.

Captain Sellars will speak on Radar Picket Defense of the United States at a meeting of the Naval Reserve Unit in Paloma on Tuesday.

Sellars Slated To Assume Executive Officer Post

Captain Robert F. Sellars, OinC, will relieve Captain R. H. Solier, Station Executive Officer, sometime in June if the present plans of the Bureau of Ordnance are consummated.

Captain Solier has received orders detaching him from NOTS on approximately June 7, 1954. No orders have been received by Captain Sellars.

Plans concerning a relief for Captain Sellars as Officer-in-Charge at Pasadena are not yet firm. CDR R. A. Thompson, assistant OinC, probably will act as OinC until another officer arrives to assume this duty.

Captain Sellars relieved CDR M. M. Cain as OinC on April 17, 1953. Prior to coming to NOTS, Captain Sellars' last assignment was as Commander Escort Squadron 16 operating out of Newport, R. I.

Armed Forces Day Observance Scheduled May 15 at Pasadena

Annex employees, their families, and the public have been invited to attend an open house at Morris Dam on Armed Forces Day on May 15.

With Captain Robert F. Sellars, OinC, acting as host, Rear Admiral M. E. Curtis will be the guest speaker of the day. Captain Sellars will deliver the welcoming address and W. H. Saylor, Associate Technical Director for Pasadena, will describe the technical program at the Annex.

The gates of Morris Dam will be open to the public at 9 a.m. Guided tours of the propulsion pits and boat rides for the visitors will be started at 9:30 a.m. and continue throughout the day.

The first firing of a torpedo from the Variable-Angle Launcher will be

staged at 10 a.m. and will continue on the hour during the day. One of the special attractions for Armed Forces Day will be the diving exhibitions, under the direction of LCDR R. M. Hendon, diving officer for the Annex.

Because of the nature of the installation, no cameras will be permitted on the premises, LT L. S. Bruson, head of the security branch, announced.

Arrangements for the open house have been made by a committee headed by CDR H. P. McNeal.

12 Bowling Teams Formed at Annex

Twelve bowling teams have been organized at the Annex for the summer tournament, Ron Bottaccini, sports chairman of the Employee Service Organization, announced. Members of the various teams are:

Team 1—Ken Stowe, Bob Groo, Don Parish, Mary Stowe and Dorothy Long; Team 2—Fred MacMasters, George Crawford, Charlie Heller and Barbara Hoadley; Team 3—Glen Snyder, Carl Carlson, Frank Easton, Elsie Pollard and Betty Rothenberger; Team 4—Vern Mattson, Jim Gott, Gene Michel, Dottie Mattson and Belle Brille; Team 5—Tom Warren, Bill Smith, Clint Weaver, Georgia Batters and Dolly Oliphant.

Team 6—Frank Pastore, Johnny Miller, Brent Perkins, LaVerne Reid and Beth Perkins; Team 7—Ed Moore, Bill Knight, Bob Kramer, Bernice Patt and Ruth Stapleton; Team 8—Mel Leis, Mort Heinrick, Bill Richards, Bobbie McNelly and Roma Richards; Team 9—Ed Donoghue, Elanor Delong, Al Pennington, Len Davis and Dorothy Pennington; Team 10—Bernie Pennino, Leo Gonzales, Hank Pfaff, Marie Broshious and Betty Pfaff; Team 11—Lyle Emerick, Bud Jacobs, Harry Caperton, Elaine Colson and Betty Jacobs; Team 12—Earl Duncan, Lyle Forehand, Eldon Clough, Gloria Stephans and Joyce Dean.

Percy Tigh, Clyde McHugh, LeRoy Pascoe and Mike Drabik, Public Works division; C. F. Sapper, Central Engineering division; Frankie Hawkins, Alexander Cox and Mildred Ball, Supply and Fiscal division; Lief Larson, Patricia Williams and Madelene Nelson of Command administration, and Gloria Armijo and Fred W. Pierce, Staff units.

SPORTS

Burros Lose 2 League Tilts

The Burroughs High School baseball team dropped a pair of games over the past week. Trona took the first game 16 to 9, and the Barstow Riffians copped the second tilt, played on Tuesday afternoon, 4 to 2.

Trona sluggers earned their 16 runs on 12 hits. They crossed the plate four times in the second, twice in the third, four times in the fourth, twice in fifth, and added four more in the final frame.

Burroughs took a 4-0 lead in the first inning, but couldn't score again until in the sixth when Tom Cook and Franklin Childs scored on a stinging grounder between short and second, hit by Larry Faulk.

The final three runs for Burroughs were scored by Ernie Gosselein, Gary Stevenson and Cook. Roger Short was the losing pitcher.

Mike Madison took the mound for the Barstow game and hurled a six hitter, but was never able to overcome the three run lead that the Riffs battered out early in the game.

The two runs that the Burros were able to muster came in the third inning when Madison and Bob Wilson scored on an error charged to the Riff left fielder.

The local team's next league match will be played tomorrow against Desert High School on the Desert home diamond. Game time is 2:30 p.m.

Sportsmen to See Trout Fishing Film

A film on "Fighting Rainbows" and a talk on "Fishing in the Local Area" by Don Hall, California State Fish and Game warden from Gartago, will highlight the monthly meeting of the Desert Sportsmen's Association, scheduled Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at the Vieweg Elementary School auditorium.

The film will give many valuable pointers on catching the rainbow trout, and Mr. Hall will discuss the rules and regulations concerning fishing in the immediate area and give advice on practical points to be observed when out on a river, stream or lake.

Also on the agenda for the meeting will be a discussion of the group's plans for the coming China Lake Community Fiesta. Plans are being considered for exhibits of a variety of live animals and birds.

Other club activities currently under way include the construction work on pheasant pens in the Kernville area and an investigation of the possibility of constructing check dams in Sand Canyon, just west of Brown.

This is the closest fishing spot to China Lake.



Ernest J. Crutcher

Crutcher Resigns As Athletic Director

Ernest J. Crutcher, Burroughs High School athletic director, recently submitted a letter of resignation to Dr. Earl Murray, superintendent of China Lake Schools.

Mr. Crutcher first came to Burroughs in 1947 to teach English and social studies. He also coached Bee team football.

For the following three years he headed the football coaching staff and was assigned duties as athletic director. For two years, he also served as secretary of the Desert Inyo League.

Mr. Crutcher received his bachelor's degree in English and dramatics at Transylvania College in Lexington, Ky., and took graduate work at Kentucky University, Louisiana State University and at the University of Utah.



IN THE DUGOUT

With the Little League & Pony League

By BOB FREEDMAN

Let us briefly review the events of the past several weeks and the plans for the immediate future as the Little League and Pony League teams enter their last three weeks before the official start of the 1954 season.

The tryouts for new players in both programs were held on April 17 and 24. These tryouts were followed by the player auctions for the regular Little Leagues on April 27 and the Pony League player auction on April 28. Following the player auctions, each manager was provided with printed postcards to be mailed to each boy on his team informing the boys of the time and date of the first practice session.

A detailed schedule of diamond assignments for practice sessions has been prepared by assistant commissioner Jim Colson and has been dis-

Rockets To Meet Hawthorne Nine After Dropping 9-0 Tilt to Trona

A warm up tilt in preparation for a three game series this weekend with the Marine nine from the Naval Ammunition Depot at Hawthorne, Nev., was staged Wednesday night at Schoeffel field between the Rocket All-Stars and the Trona horsehiders.

The game, an abbreviated seven inning fray won by the Tronans, 9-0, was the first opportunity for Coach Bob McClarry to get a look at some of his charges in competitive action. He took advantage of the occasion to field 16 players.

Another inter-squad game is on tap tonight at Schoeffel field before the Rockets take on the Marines from NAD, Hawthorne, Nev., in a double-header Saturday and a third game Sunday. Games will get under way Saturday at 2:15 and 8 p.m., and on Sunday also at 2:15 p.m.

The Rockets starting battery combination—Richard Gipp on the mound and Dewey Smith behind the plate—played the entire Trona game, but each of the other seven men in the starting lineup were relieved at later stages of the contest.

The Trona batsmen tagged Gipp for a total of nine hits in seven innings, while a sharp single in the first inning by Jack Israel, first baseman for the locals, was all that prevented Al Williams, Trona moundsman, from chalking up a no-hitter in the shortened contest.

Leading slugger for the visitors was Keith Sayre, left fielder, who was credited with three hits, while Larry Knowles rated the runner-up spot in the batting department by getting two hits.

After a scoreless first inning, the visitors tallied three times in the second inning. With two outs on the books, the Tronans got an assist



JACK ISRAEL, Rocket's first sacker, is shown taking a throw from pitcher Richard Gipp in an attempted pick-off play. The Trona runner tagged up just under the toss.

from a bad throw to first base to score one run, and successive two base hits by Sayre and Knowles added to the damage.

In the sixth frame, with nearly an entire new team on the field for the Rockets, the Tronans had another big inning, batting clear around. By the time the dust had cleared the visitors had another four runs on the scoresheet as a result of three hits, two walks, and an error.

The visitors also scored one run each in the third and fourth.

The Rockets' starting lineup, in addition to Gipp and Smith, included Leon Dinkel, left field; Israel, first base; Dick Ramsey, third base; Roy Reim, second base; Carroll Wood, center field; R. Becker, shortstop and Dick Stonelli, right field. Substitutes who saw action were James Crowder, Wade English, Gerold McDaniels, Robert Crawford, Ron Peters, Jim Pryor and Frank Friesen.

The score by innings:
Trona 0 3 1 1 0 4 0-9
Rockets 0 0 0 0 0 0 0-0

2nd Boxing Show Slated for May 19

A second amateur boxing show has been scheduled under the co-sponsorship of the China Lake Little League Association and the Station recreation division.

The coming fisticuffs festival is slated Wednesday evening, May 19, at the Station gymnasium.

Recreation officials reported this week that the second show, featuring the best of local civilian and Navy and Marine enlisted pugilistic talent, has been scheduled due to the public enthusiasm shown at the initial bouts held a month ago.

Workouts are being held each evening starting at 5 p.m. in the gym under the direction of boxing coach Bernie Locker.

Tickets will be available soon.



FIESTA PLANNERS listen to Chairman C. W. "Chuck" Adams tell of locations of the 40 booths at Bennington Plaza for the ninth annual China Lake Fiesta, May 14 through 16. The Fiesta workers are, from left, Jack Springer, Mr. Adams, Mrs. Robert Olsen and Henry Newburgh.

Cooperation Sought In Combating Flies

With the summer season rapidly approaching—a period when many persons take advantage of the extra daylight hours to spend additional spare time in their patios or yards during the early evening—attention was called this week by the medical department to steps that can be taken to make this more pleasurable by eliminating the presence of a large fly population.

There are many small, but effective means of reducing the number of flies in the area. If they are to be effective, however, every individual will have to carry out his own small part in the program, it was pointed out.

It is a well known military strategem that an enemy can be defeated if his supply channel is cut. The fly is no exception. He reproduces in any convenient moist, warm, dark area, such as compost heaps of fertilized flower beds in which the fertilizer and soil may not be well mixed; animal excreta, and scraps of kitchen refuse carelessly dropped near Dempster Dumpsters.

Eliminating such breeding places is a big step in the right direction toward ridding the Station of flies.

Growth of the Station's canine population over the years has resulted in an increasing source of fly breeding material. The only sure way of disposing of such refuse is to take steps to insure that it is confined to a limited area where it may be immediately removed.

This is partially the purpose of the Station order which directs each dog owner to keep his pet on his own premises. The same order directs Security Police to impound any stray dogs at the Station pound.

The owner may regain his dog by paying \$1 for each day the dog is kept at the Station pound. If the animal is not reclaimed after seven days, he may be destroyed.

Fiesta Program . . .

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and concert star, as well as a trumpeteer who plays "the most danciest music ever," Lewis will bring to China Lake traditional New Orleans ragtime, played by musicians who have grown up with jazz, and are partly responsible for the music that has become the nation's contribution to the music of the world.

Big Jim Robinson, trombonist, who has won national acclaim, is a member of the Lewis band.

Tickets for the dance, priced at \$1 each, are now on sale at the Commissary Store, Bank of America and a variety of other places on the Station, as well as through a house-to-house solicitation conducted by enlisted personnel.

Fund Raising Drive To Start Monday For Local Scouts

Approximately 300 adult leaders and friends of scouting will assemble at the Station restaurant Monday at 7 p.m., for a kick-off dessert marking the start of a dusk-to-dusk campaign to raise funds for the local scouting program.

The Desert District, which includes Boron, Tehachapi, Mojave, Monolith, Kernville, Inyokern, Ridgecrest, Trona, China Lake, Randsburg and Johannesburg, has an enrollment of over 900 scouts.

A minimum of \$10 per scout will be required during the next year, in order to give each boy the full benefits of the scouting program. To date only half of the money has been raised. The largest share of contributions have come from outside the Ridgecrest-China Lake and more than half of the boys enrolled are within this area.

Teams of workers, under the chairmanship of Hugo Meneghelli, will conduct the fund campaign on the Station and in Ridgecrest.

Public Schools Banquet Attended By Capacity Crowd at Richmond

More than 200 people attended the banquet held Wednesday evening, April 28, at Richmond School to commemorate the observance of the 35th annual Public Schools Week.

James A. Davis, master of ceremonies, introduced Dr. Earl Murray and other school officials, who in turn presented their staffs.

Principal speaker of the evening was Claude F. Baker, a Bakersfield businessman, who spoke on the topic, "Education Preserves Individual

Freedom and Dignity."

Mr. Baker, who was a military governor under the late George Patton, pointed out that every war in the history of the world has been fought for the dignity of the individual, since the individual has no dignity in slavery. He compared the past conflicts with the Korean situation as evidence that wars first start because some person or persons are trying to enslave or rule the free world.

Mary Wood presented the prize-winning essay, "I Speak for Democracy." Selections were played by the James Monroe Elementary School band, under the direction of Willard Swadburg, and the Burroughs High School Instrumental Ensemble, directed by Dr. C. Paul Harper. The Inyokern Elementary School Glee Club also sang several numbers.

A record crowd attended the open house held at Burroughs High School, according to Kenneth Westcott, vice-principal.

Student work was displayed in each classroom, along with texts, workbooks and teaching aids, and there were also exhibits of student projects in arts and crafts in the industrial and fine arts departments.

A special audio-visual aids display in the library offered visitors an opportunity to record and hear their voices.

Square Dance Clubs Coming for Fiesta

Square dance clubs from the local area will act as hosts for dancers from all over Southern California at the annual Fiesta square dance on Saturday, May 15 from 8 to 11 p.m.

Guest callers from many points in Southern California will be featured and Jim Munyon, well known local caller, will act as master of ceremonies and call several dances.

Definite arrangements for music have not yet been made, but it is hoped to have a lively western combo on hand to furnish melody for the dancers.

The Fiesta square dance has always furnished an evening of entertainment for hundreds of dancers and spectators, and the committee hopes for a large gathering at the tennis courts again this year.

A potluck supper is being planned, preceding the square dance. It will be held at the Richmond Elementary School cafeteria, starting at 6 p.m.

Members of local dance groups whose last names begin with the letters A through K have been asked to bring a cake or two pies, while those whose last names begin with the letters L through Z should bring enough spaghetti or tamale pie to serve 12 persons.

Salad, french bread and coffee will be furnished by the Desert Promenaders.

14 Stops Scheduled For Garden Tour Tomorrow, Sunday

Tomorrow and Sunday Station residents will have the opportunity to witness the accomplishments of 13 local floriculturists.

Fourteen stops have been scheduled for the annual garden tour, sponsored by the Woman's Auxiliary.

Maps and tickets will be sold at 63-B Rodman, the location of the initial display. The tour is scheduled from 2 until 5 p.m. each day.

Ribbons for first and second place in each of four classes—patio, roses, landscapes and lawns—will be awarded. There are a total of 11 entries entered in the competition, and two entered only for exhibition. Mrs. Jesse Williams, Mrs. Paul Means and Mrs. D. T. McAllister are the judges for the tour.

One of the exhibition stops will be the greenhouse used for raising orchids built by Dr. and Mrs. William S. McEwan. The other will be a flower garden at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Clifton.

The final stop on the tour is a reception scheduled at the home of Captain and Mrs. D. B. Young, No. 1 Enterprise. Refreshments will be served each day from 4 until 5:30 p.m.

Proceeds from the tour will be used to purchase children's books for the Station library.

BIRTHS

Boys

Pratt—Daniel Lee, 9 lbs., 5½ ozs., May 2, at the Ridgecrest Hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Alfred B. Pratt, 101-A Entwistle.

Girls

Herman—Debra Gail, 8 lbs., 6¼ ozs., April 29, at the Ridgecrest Hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Herman, 204-B Byrnes.

Hollingsworth—Sherrie Sue, 5 lbs., 8½ ozs., May 4, at the Infirmary to AMI and Mrs. William Hollingsworth, 205-A Langley.

Jones—Andrea Le, 9 lbs., 12 ozs., at the Huntington Memorial Hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Ed Jones Jr., 6365 Barela, Temple City.

Wrzesinski—Diane, 4 lbs., 14 ozs., May 4, at the Infirmary to LT and Mrs. Robert Wrzesinski, 110-B Wasp.