



TWO NEW CITIZENS, Paul J. and David C. Hoffman, both seamen, are shown being congratulated by two of their sponsors, Lloyd Abbey, YN1, left, and LCDR W. L. Sloan, respectively. They received their final citizenship papers in Bakersfield last week. Their third sponsor, Hannibal Robinette, ET1, was not available for the picture.

Identification Office To Close for Lunch

The identification branch office, where processing of Civil Service or military personnel and their dependents prior to the issuing of Station passes is handled, will be closed during the noon hour, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., on a trial basis for the next few weeks.

The change, which will become effective on Monday, is necessary because the curtailment of personnel no longer enables the office staff to stagger its lunch hour and still maintain an adequate working crew, according to George Chilson, identification branch head.



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

TODAY AUG. 27
"THE CURIOUS SAVAGE"
Stage play by China Lake Players, 8 p.m.
No movie.

SATURDAY AUG. 28
"GUY WITH A GRIN" (93 Min.)
James Stewart, Rosalind Russell
Shorts: "Stallion on Parade" (9 Min.)

SUN.-MON. AUG. 29-30
"ON THE WATERFRONT" (110 Min.)
Marlon Brando

TUES.-WED. AUG. 31 - SEPT. 1
"PENNY PRINCESS" (93 Min.)
Shorts: "Hey Rube" (7 Min.)
News (10 Min.)

THURS.-FRI. SEPT. 2-3
"A BULLET IS WAITING" (82 Min.)
Jean Simmons, Rory Calhoun
Shorts: "Birth of a Band" (15 Min.)

2 Local Navy Men Granted Citizenship

Thirty-nine new citizens, of which two were enlisted men attached to China Lake, were given final citizenship papers in Bakersfield, Wednesday, Aug. 18. Among the group appearing before Superior Court Judge Norman F. Main, were Paul J. and David C. Hoffman, both seamen, who were born and raised in Wellington, New Zealand.

The Hoffman twins came to the United States via Vancouver, Canada, where they landed in late December 1950. Shortly thereafter, they went to Seattle, Wash., and then to Long Beach where their family is now living. The two young men immediately filed for citizenship status and then took an oral examination before being granted their final papers.

Their father, Ernest P. Hoffman, entered the United States in 1949. He was born in the Panama Canal Zone about 60 days before Panama became part of the United States. Final citizenship papers will be granted to him in October.

Paul and David entered the Navy in January last year, received 13 weeks basic training in San Diego and then were transferred to China Lake in April. They are presently assigned to the Commissary Store.

LCDR William L. Sloan, commanding officer of enlisted personnel, Lloyd Abbey, YN1, and Hannibal Robinette ET1, sponsored the Hoffman twins for citizenship.

SPECIAL MOVIE PROGRAM

A special program for members of the Children's Film Society will be held tomorrow from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the Station theater to make up for the program cancelled in July. The feature film will be "My Friend Flicka," a technicolor movie of a boy's love for a horse.

Community Council News

With Council election time rapidly approaching, members of the Community Council election committee, headed by Frank Christie, are strongly considering the possibility of rezoning the Council districts to conform with those recently established here by Kern County.

Sixteen election boards and eight precincts were set up by the county for the primary election held in June. In order to avoid unnecessary confusion, the Council is studying the possibility of realigning its various precinct lines, and possibly combining two county precincts within one Community Council precinct.

Community Council election precincts originally were set up on the basis of the various types of Station housing in the belief that residents of the same types of housing units were apt to have problems of mutual concern.

Arrangements for TV reception for dormitory residents are being studied by the Public Works Department, following numerous inquiries on this point received by the Community Council. At the present time, it is undecided whether one or more central antennas for joint use of dormitory TV viewers would be preferable to individual antennas for each set.

Additional funds are needed to finance upkeep and improvements at the Laurel Mountain television repeater station. Council representatives, working with Richard C.

O'Reilly, Community Manager, are laying plans for a fund campaign which will be launched after the maximum improvements have been made on one television channel in order to give viewers an idea of what will be in store for them if funds are provided to enable such improvements on all channels.

Community Council directors also voted this week to loan the Fiesta booths to the Ridgecrest Chamber of Commerce at no cost for use in staging the forthcoming Desert Empire Fair. The Council will cooperate further with the local Chamber of Commerce by sponsoring a display booth at the fair.

Other business included endorsements by the Council of the traffic safety crusade now in progress throughout Kern County and of a national "Clean-up, Paint-up, Fix-up" campaign to be held the last two weeks in March.

Two Council members, Bill Twyman and Marion Olds, are in charge of plans for a Labor Day celebration to be held Monday, Sept. 6, at Kelly field. Fireworks held over from the canceled Fourth of July program will be the feature attraction, along with booths offering novelties and refreshments.

2nd Performance Of 'Curious Savage' Scheduled Tonight

A second performance of the three-act comedy, "The Curious Savage," will be given tonight at 8 at the Station theater by the China Lake Players.

The laugh-packed stage play is being presented to raise funds that will be used to help defray the expense of lighting the Ridgecrest park. The admission price is 75 cents for adults and 50 cents for servicemen and school children, and tickets will be available at the theater box office just prior to curtain time.

Featured performers in the local production of the play written by John Patrick are Grace Allen, as Mrs. Savage, a slightly eccentric woman whose step-children have her placed in a mental institution to prevent her from giving away a fortune; and Ed Romero, Lucia Marvin and Langthorne Sykes, who are seen as Judge Samuel Savage, Lillybell and Senator Titus Savage, respectively, Mrs. Savage's conniving in-laws.

EM DANCE SET SATURDAY

A dance for all Station enlisted personnel has been scheduled for Saturday evening at the Anchorage. Music for dancing, which will be from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m., will be provided by Hal Campbell and the Millionaires. Refreshments will be served by the Enlisted Wives Club.

Mining Celebration Set for Sept. 4-6 In Randsburg

Local residents will have the opportunity again this year to join in the annual three day Rand District Old Time Mining Celebration, to be held on Sept. 4, 5 and 6.

A feature of the festivities will be conducted mining tours through some of the active and inactive mines in the area. There will also be a rocks and minerals exhibit and the desert museum, which displays many relics of the area's boom-town days, will be open.

Judge James Nosser is chairman of the celebration committee assisted by Max Hess, Bob Pruett, Pete Bob and Pete Osdick, who is the official greeter for the annual event.

A rock drilling contest and a gold panning contest will be held again this year, along with the many other events that are conducted in order to give visitors a glimpse into the way of life that existed not too many years ago in the Rand Mining District.

CONTAGION REPORT

There were no contagious diseases reported at the Station Infirmary this week.

THE WEATHER

Generally clear skies over the weekend, with winds south to south-westerly, 25 knots during the day and 10 to 15 knots at night. Maximum temperature 96. Minimum temperature 68.

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TEMPERATURES (Housing Area)

| | Max. | Min. |
|---------|------|------|
| Aug. 19 | 96 | 64 |
| Aug. 20 | 96 | 68 |
| Aug. 21 | 92 | 61 |
| Aug. 22 | 96 | 63 |
| Aug. 23 | 102 | 59 |
| Aug. 24 | 97 | 71 |
| Aug. 25 | 90 | 63 |

AUGUST 27, 1954

Employees Offered Federal Life Insurance

Legislation Passed Establishing Civil Service Group Coverage

Word has been received from the Secretary of the Navy that Congress and the President have passed and approved legislation which authorizes the Civil Service Commission to make available group life insurance to civilian officers and employees of the federal government. The legislation also authorizes the federal government to collect premiums by payroll deductions.

From the information received, it would appear that virtually all civilian employees of NOTS are covered by this legislation with the exception of part time, "When Actually Employed" and most personal service contractors.

The insurance will be effective on Aug. 29 for employees paid on a bi-weekly basis, and will be effective on Aug. 30 for those paid weekly. The deductions will be reflected in the pay check received on Sept. 17 for bi-weekly checks and on the pay check received on Sept. 10 for weekly checks.

From the information received, deductions will be automatic unless a waiver is signed by the employee. However, these waiver forms are not yet available, and Navy Department instructions are to collect insurance premiums until waiver forms are received. No provision has been made for refund of deductions should an employee decide to execute the waiver form.

The insurance is being provided

through private insurance companies with the government paying one-half as much of the cost as is paid by the employees. Thus, for every dollar paid by the employee, the

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Vote Registration To Open Monday At China Lake

Vote registrars will be on duty at China Lake beginning Monday, Aug. 30, and continuing through Thursday, Sept. 9, to sign up citizens eligible to vote in the coming general election scheduled Nov. 2.

To be eligible to vote in the State of California, a person must have been a resident of the state for one year; lived in the County of Kern for 90 days, and in the local precinct for 54 days prior to the election.

All persons who have changed their places of residence since the last election are required to register again, in addition to newcomers who meet the above qualifications.

Registrars will be on duty at the following places and times for the next two weeks:

Lobby of Michelson Laboratory—Monday and Tuesday, Aug. 30 and 31, from 9 to 11 a.m.

Commissary Store—Monday through Friday, Aug. 30-Sept. 3, and Tuesday through Thursday, Sept. 7-9, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., and 2 to 6 p.m.

Public Works Compound—Wednesday and Thursday, Sept. 1 and 2, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

China Lake pilot plant cafeteria—Wednesday and Thursday, Sept. 8 and 9, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Voters also may register at the homes of the local deputy registrars. Their names and addresses are:

Mrs. Lynn Barker, 104-B Ellis; Mrs. Arthur Bissell, 708-B Lexington; Mrs. Gussie Bogardus, 306-A Fowler; Mrs. Dolores Chapman, 304-A Fowler; Mrs. Lillian Dember, 5-B Wasp Circle.

Mrs. James Dobbie, 215-B Byrnes; Mrs. John McBride, 105-B Entwistle; Mrs. G. H. Mayberry, 110-A Independence; Mrs. A. F. Satterthwaite, 68-A Rodman, and Mrs. June Bell, 106-A Bard.

School Fire Caused By Boy Playing With Matches

A boy playing with matches was the cause of a fire which completely destroyed the interior of St. Anne's Parochial School in Ridgecrest, Wednesday afternoon.

The conflagration started in the east end of the building and traveled west destroying the altar and all classrooms. Damage to the structure was unofficially estimated to be in the neighborhood of \$40,000.

The fire occurred following a funeral service conducted about 12:30 by the Rev. Fr. John F. C. Ryan. After the service was over, Fr. Ryan made a phone call in the school office and stated that there was no evidence of any fire at that time. His first knowledge of it was when a boy came to the adjoining parish house and informed him that the school was burning.

Fire fighting units from Ridgecrest and NOTS were summoned to fight the blaze, but it had gained too much

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Station Traffic Safety Crusade Pledges Top 600

More than 600 pledges have been signed by China Lake motorists in the traffic safety crusade now under way throughout Kern County.

Although there is a temporary shortage of the pledges and bumper stickers, it is hoped that local residents will continue to join in the drive to save lives.

Eight dispersal points have been set up where drivers may sign up for the campaign. They are:

At the office of the Naval Air Facility first lieutenant—a hut near the ordnance line; at the Navy Exchange gasoline station; at the China Lake pilot plant safety office; at the Station safety office near the intersection of Knox and Halsey; at the Marine Barracks; at the Station Infirmary; at the First Provisional Marine Guided Missile Battalion, and at the Navy enlisted personnel office in Navy Barracks No. 1.

Local residents having more than one car are entitled to additional stickers, although it is only necessary to sign one pledge.

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Exams Announced For Leadingman, Quartermaster Posts

Competitive promotional examinations for 33 various leadingman and quartermaster positions on the Station have been announced by the board of U. S. Civil Service Examiners.

Applications will be accepted only from permanent, probational or indefinite Civil Service employees of the Station who meet the experience requirements specified in the examination announcements.

Persons interested in taking any of the examinations must file card form 5000-AB no later than the close of business on Tuesday, Sept. 14, with the representative, Board of U. S. Civil Service Examiners, 11th Naval District (northern sector), U.S. NOTS, China Lake, Calif.

Examinations will be held for promotion to the following positions:

Leadingman
Automotive mechanic (body and fender); heating plant operator; truck driver (heavy trailer); electrician (lineman); welder (combination); ordnance mechanic (experimental test); ordnanceman (ammunition and explosives-miscellaneous); ordnanceman (ammunition and explosives-production); and ordnanceman (ammunition and explosives-test).

Quartermaster
Automotive equipment operator; carpenter; diesel equipment mechanic; electrician (lineman); electrician (telephone); engineman (hoisting and portable); machinist, outside; painter; refrigeration and air conditioning mechanic; sewage disposal plant operator; sheetmetal worker; toolmaker; truck driver (heavy trailer); ordnance mechanic (experimental test); ordnanceman (ammunition and explosives-miscellaneous); ordnanceman (ammunition and explosives-production); and ordnanceman (ammunition and explosives-test).

Chief Quartermaster
Ordnanceman (ammunition and explosives-miscellaneous); ordnanceman (ammunition and explosives-production); and ordnanceman (ammunition and explosives-test).

School Registration Period Extended

In order to accommodate parents of an estimated 300 China Lake Elementary School District pupils, who, because of having been on vacation or for some other reason, have been unable to register their children for the new school year, the registration period is being extended one week.

The registration of all pupils in grades kindergarten through eight is necessary so that school officials may plan elementary school attendance zones for the coming semester, which starts Tuesday, Sept. 7.

Parents who have still not registered their youngsters may do so Monday through Friday from 8 to 11:30 a.m. and from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the Burroughs school office. At the present time there are 1319 pupils registered for grades kindergarten through eight, but school officials expect an enrollment of more than 1600.

First Station CO Returns for Visit



REAR ADMIRAL SHERMAN E. BURROUGHS, USN (Ret.), is shown with Captain R. F. Sellars, USN, left, acting Commander, NOTS, during a recent visit to China Lake. Admiral Burroughs, the first officer to be assigned here as Station Commander, commented on the vast changes that have been made since he left China Lake in August 1945. He retired from the Navy on June 30, 1954, and is now assistant to the president of the General Precision Equipment Corp. in New York City.

1 Dead, 10 Injured in Automobile Accidents Over Past Weekend

Violent death came to one woman and serious injuries were suffered by three other people in a series of weekend accidents involving 11 people, according to reports from the California Highway Patrol and safety officials.

Mrs. B. A. Thompson, of Oildale, was killed Monday afternoon, 3 1/2 miles north of the intersection of Highways 6 and 395, when she apparently dozed at the wheel of the 1950 Chrysler she was driving. According to the highway patrol, a soft tire drew the car over onto the shoulder of the road and it overturned. Mrs. Thompson was thrown from the vehicle and killed. Her husband, a passenger in the car, suffered minor injuries.

James E. Noh, 38, of Ridgecrest, suffered a broken hip and severe scalp lacerations Sunday evening, when his car, a 1950 Studebaker, failed to make the curve 1/4 mile east of Inyokern and overturned. Noh admitted traveling at an excessive rate of speed, according to patrol reports. He was taken to the Ridgecrest Hospital for treatment.

In another accident involving local people, three enlisted men from the Naval Air Facility were traveling west on Highway 178, near Weldon, when a right rear tire blew out on a curve. The driver, Leland W. Davis, AE1, lost control of the vehicle and it left the road, overturning twice. Davis is hospitalized at the Infirmary with a broken collar bone. James W. McNally, AE3, and John F. Prineville, AE1, passengers in the car, suffered minor injuries.

A head-on collision occurred Sunday at 1 a.m., when two Marine se-

curity patrols on range patrol collided on a dirt road one mile north of Sandquist Spa. According to safety officials, Pfc. Russell Vinnedge, who was driving a jeep, stated that the lights on his vehicle were not operating properly.

Pfc. Ralph Brown, who was driving a Chevrolet pickup truck, saw the vehicle approaching without lights and went to investigate after turning on his parking lights. Both parties suffered minor injuries.

Thomas H. Kelly, assistant head of Command Administration, and his wife, narrowly escaped serious injury Sunday evening when their car was struck from behind by a vehicle driven by Hoyte S. Rigney, a Station visitor from Washington, D.C.

The accident occurred about 1/4 mile east of the dirt road leading to Sandquist Spa. Mr. Rigney suffered minor lacerations of the forehead.

Employees Named To Aid Emergency March of Dimes

Department representatives were named this week to help conduct the emergency March of Dimes campaign which will continue through Friday, Sept. 10, at China Lake.

The representatives will have charge of the miniature iron lung coin containers set up in the various departments to receive donations. According to officials of the Kern County chapter of the National Association for Infantile Paralysis, an additional \$22,000 will be needed to care for county polio victims for the remainder of 1954 and to help relieve the national situation.

The first report on funds collected during the emergency drive has been scheduled next Friday, Sept. 3, by LT J. C. Hatch, local campaign chairman. March of Dimes representatives in the various Station departments are:

Billie Walston, Central Staff; LT R. E. Anglemeyer, USN, Naval Air Facility; Lib Hockinson, Aviation Ordnance; Ralph Wallace, Test; Beverly Johnson, Rocket; Robert Nelligan, Personnel; Richard Ryberg, Public Works; Florence Joles, Command Administration; J. H. Rhodes, Department of Community Affairs; W. G. Evans, HMC, medical department; H. L. Hancock, DTC, dental department; Richard Gray, Engineering; John Fitzgerald, Technical Information, and LTJG M. A. Luftglass, SC, Supply and Fiscal.

DRIVERS LICENSE EXAMS

State of California drivers license examinations are scheduled next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, August 30 and 31 and Sept. 1, at the Kern County building in Ridgecrest. Hours for the exams will be 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 to 4 p.m.

Superintendent's Notes

By DR. EARL MURRAY, Superintendent of China Lake Schools

Attendance of Wherry Housing residents in the Indian Wells Valley School District or conversely, the attendance of Indian Wells Valley School District residents in the China Lake Schools, poses a few very difficult problems because of the source of funds for the operation of the two school districts.

In normal school districts which have average or above assessed valuation, pupils are frequently allowed to attend districts other than that of residence, on a tuition basis. The amount of tuition is usually computed on a basis of district cost per pupil and payment made upon the difference between the amount received from the state on the average-daily-attendance amount and the cost per pupil.

This method cannot be followed in the case of the two local school districts without each losing money because of our source of funds. For instance, in the case of China Lake residents living in Wherry Housing, and attending the James Monroe School, the China Lake District can collect neither state nor federal funds and hence can pay no tuition. Therefore, the Indian Wells Valley School District would have no income for such pupils except the Average Daily Attendance amount received through the state for such attendance.

In the case of Indian Wells Valley

residents who may attend the China Lake Schools, the Indian Wells Valley District cannot afford to pay the usual difference in costs and the the China Lake District cannot afford to educate them without this tuition, since no federal funds can be collected for their attendance.

A few requests have been received for transfers which are a matter of hardship or inconvenience. These cases will be decided individually, but will be approved only upon a genuine hardship situation.

The policy of the China Lake Board is to grant no entrance of outside residents unless there is definitely room for the particular pupil and a definite hardship case is demonstrated. In no case will permission be granted until after school opens, class rolls are completed, and a hardship case is demonstrated.

English Classification Examination Slated

An English classification examination, for students who are working toward a college degree or who plan to enter a university on a full-time basis, will be conducted Monday from 7 to 9 p.m. in Room 3 at Burroughs High School.

College students must either pass the examination or enroll in an English X course in order to satisfy basic college requirements.

Chaplain's Corner

Submitted by the REV. FR. JOHN F. C. RYAN

"The World's Last Chance"

By William J. Dammarell

Far in the distant future, in a fair and finer age,

A child sits leafing an ancient book, page by dusty page.

With great grave eyes, the child looks up in wonderment and awe, Astonished and incredulous at the record there he saw.

For he'd read the age of the atom, when man stood poised to leap

From the Craig heights of creation, to the suicidal deep.

He read how man had discovered, the secret of things that are;

He read of its profanation, in the sacrifice of war.

The record of ruin had unfolded, how the whole world split in two; How each side death-dared the other, to the fatal and final coup.

And he read how a Pope, whose name was Peace, flung skyward like a lance,

The last hope of humanity, to the Queen of the World's Last Chance.

How he prayed to the Queen of Creation, for the planet of her birth;

How he offered a year to Heaven, in exchange for Time for earth.

When the child looks again in

the volume, and he turns another page;

He smiles as he reads that which follows—it is captioned—"MARY'S AGE."

—From Extension Magazine

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—7:30 a.m.
SUNDAY SCHOOL—9:30 a.m.
MORNING PRAYER—9:30 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
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.

New employees, 17; terminations, 32.

Pasadena

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Underwater Ordnance—Martin V. H. Prince, publications writer.

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Manufacturing—Edward H. Nightingale, Edward Rak, Troy W. Buchanan, Thomas R. Hughes, machinists.

Product and Production Engineering—Harry Wolff, mechanical engineer; Joseph Boiano, production specialist; Robert W. Beard, Herman Marcovici, supervisory industrial engineers; Raymond W. Thomas, industrial engineer.

Public Works—William B. Callo-way, laborer.

Supply and Fiscal — Wallace W. Hadsell, purchasing agent.

Underwater Ordnance — Manfred R. Bottaccini, mathematician; Wolfgang C. Noeggerath, supervisory aeronautical power plant engineer; John W. Hess, electronic engineer; Mark S. Roy Jr., aeronautics, research, development, and design engineer; Robert J. Smith, student trainee in electrical engineering.

China Lake

NEW EMPLOYEES:

Test—Wilbur G. Lager, student trainee.

Engineering—Aubre E. Newell, industrial engineer; Louise A. Kirby, clerk-typist; Albert L. Spangle, Eulis E. Harrison, machinists.

Supply and Fiscal — Evelyn M. Hunter, time, leave, and payroll clerk; Donald Mercer, storekeeper.

Public Works — Lawrence J. Sweeney, electrician, lineman; Lillian E. Bradley, clerk-typist; Amos

Coming and Going

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M. Crowe Jr., automotive equipment operator.

Rocket — Helen Johnson, Goldie Tucher, ordnancemen; Albert Brown, engineering draftsman.

Aviation Ordnance — James Hillman, engineering aid.

Medical—Betty Daniels, fiscal accounting clerk.

TERMINATIONS:

Test—Glen R. Greenwood, John B. Miles, student trainees; Mary M. Lee, file clerk.

Engineering — George A. Leigler, ordnance inspector.

Supply and Fiscal — Vursa Van Buskirk, military payroll clerk; Ernestine E. Huffman, fiscal accounting clerk.

Public Works — John F. Balcom, pipefitter; Loren E. Schroeder, heating equipment mechanic; Marvin C. Benson, leadingman, automotive mechanic.

Research—Walter F. Edgell, chemist.

Rocket—Lanelle Thompson, clerk-typist.

Aviation Ordnance—Victor Stadelman, photo-optical equipment technician; Edwina Henderson, clerk-dictating machine transcriber; Ethelyn Mason, clerk-stenographer.

WHAT'S DOING

Sunday

Adult Bible Class, 9:30 a.m., Groves School.

Monday

NOTS Toastmasters, 5:45 p.m., Hideaway. 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. Barber Shop Singers, 7:30 p.m., Community Center.

Tuesday

Rotary Club, noon, Village Cafe. Rifle Club, 7:30 p.m., Hut 308, Old Contractors area. Lions Club, 7:30 p.m., Village Cafe.

Wednesday

Troop 35, 6:30 p.m., Scout Hall. Troop 3, 6:30 p.m., Scout Hall. Troop 41, 6:30 p.m., Hut 301, Rowe St. School. Masons, 7 p.m., Masonic Temple. Blue Angels Auto Club, 8 p.m., Old Navy Locker bldg. American Society of Mechanical Engineers, 7:30 p.m., Community Center. Moose, 8 p.m., Moose Lodge.

Thursday

Red Cross, 12:30-4:30 p.m., Infirmary. Squadron 503, 7 p.m., Scout Hall. 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., Gymnasium area. Air Force Reserve, 7 p.m., Rm. 1013, Michelson Lab. Supervisors Association, 7:30 p.m., Supervisors hall. China Lake Players, 7:30 p.m., Rowe St. School. VFW Auxiliary, 7:30 p.m., Memorial hall. IOOF, 8 p.m., County bldg.

Station Sells Scrap Aluminum



MELTING WRECKED PLANES and selling the poured ingots and scrap metal to a commercial firm is another way that the Station increases Navy funds. The Howard Sales and Surplus Company of Los Angeles bid \$3143.25 for the estimated 75,000 pounds of mixed scrap from wrecked airplanes at the Station salvage yard and last week set about melting the metal into 10-pound ingots. Here J. J. Spolar, foreman of the Mobile Smelting Co., Los Angeles, a sub-contractor, supervises feeding wrecked parts into the furnace, with the aid of J. B. Lyle (left).

3 Chemistry Professors Serve As Consultants in Research Dept.

Three university professors are at China Lake this summer serving as consultants in the chemistry division of the Research Department and working on specific projects in their fields of specialization.

They are Dr. W. H. Urry, associate professor of chemistry at the University of Chicago; Dr. C. A. VanderWerf, professor of chemistry at the University of Kansas, and Dr. Walter Edgell, professor of chemistry at Purdue University.

This is the fourth consecutive summer here for Dr. Urry, who is concerned with general consulting work and the chemistry of hydrazines.

Upon his return to the University of Chicago, Dr. Urry expects to be involved with another branch of the service, since the university is taking over a big project for the chemical warfare service of the Department of the Army.

Dr. Urry's family, including his wife, Dion; their two sons, Lynn and Steven, and daughters, Katharine and Janis, are living at 3-A Wasp Circle.

Dr. VanderWerf is here for his third summer as a consultant in the organic chemistry branch. In addition to serving as a consultant, he is making a study of the use of ethylene oxide in the preparation of monomers.

When he returns to the University of Kansas he will direct a project for the American Petroleum Institute dealing with the isolation and

The suggestion award was based on an estimated savings of \$8233.

synthesis of nitrogen constituents of petroleum.

Dr. VanderWerf's wife, Rachel, and their four daughters, Gretchen, Klasina, Julie and Lisa, are living at 454-A Essex.

This is the first summer visit of Dr. Edgell, who has been a professor of chemistry at Purdue University for five years. Mainly concerned with theoretical spectroscopy, he is conducting two special courses here this summer—one in applied infrared spectroscopy and the other in the more theoretical aspects of spectroscopy.

Dr. Edgell, his wife, Rene, and their three children, Marshal, Dickie and Colleen, are living at 514-B Essex.

\$235 Award Won By Station Employee

A suggestion for preventing accidental damage to an aircraft target won an award of \$235 recently for Peter T. Siopes, a rigger in the Public Works Department.

Mr. Siopes suggested that two additional lines be fastened to the target and spliced to the two lines used to support it so that the target would be prevented from striking the ground if one of the supporting cables is broken by a salvo. Under the old method, if one of the cables was accidentally broken, the target which costs in the neighborhood of \$8000 would be damaged when it struck the ground. The present use of four cables will prevent this.

REPORTS FROM

Technical Departments

Navy Laboratories Subject of Booklet

Careers at U. S. Naval laboratories on the West Coast are described and pictured in the new 40-page booklet "Research and Development in California" to assist in recruiting scientists for employment at NOTS and five other establishments.

Included in the laboratories are the Station, Naval Radiological Defense Laboratory, San Francisco; Naval Civil Engineering Research and Evaluation Laboratory, Port Hueneme; Naval Air Missile Test Center, Point Mugu; Naval Ordnance Laboratory, Corona; and the Naval Electronics Laboratory, San Diego.

Frontispiece shows seven frames from a movie film made at the Station of small, folding fin rockets just being fired. There are eight other pages devoted to activities at China Lake and the Pasadena Annex.

Two New Officers Now at Air Facility

Two new officers, LCDR Jack J. S. Davis and LCDR Ted N. Spivey, have reported to the Naval Air Facility.

LCDR Davis has been assigned as engineering officer. He came to China Lake from duty on the aircraft carrier Oriskany, where he served two years as executive officer of fighter squadron 193. From 1950 to 1952 he was air officer on the aircraft carrier Saipan and prior to that served as aide to the Commander, Fourth Naval District.

A Navy man since November 1941, LCDR Davis received his commission in July 1942 on completion of flight training at Corpus Christi, Tex. He is also a graduate of the Naval School of Justice at Port Hueneme, Calif.

LCDR Davis, his wife, Immetta, and their son Paul, will reside at 704-B Kearsarge.

LCDR Spivey, who has been assigned as maintenance officer, has been a Navy man since 1928. He worked up through various enlisted grades and received his commission in July 1943. Since that time he has served on the Bunker Hill, NAS San Diego, at Annapolis, Md., and came to China Lake from Utility Squadron Three stationed at Ream Field, near San Diego.

LCDR Spivey, his wife Helen, and their daughter, Sandra reside at 506-B Essex Circle.

DELICATE WORK

The submarine Trout was used to remove U.S. gold and silver from Corregidor during World War II. (From Navy Times)

45 Students Work In 6 Departments During Summer

Forty-five graduate students and student aid trainees have been employed by six Station departments during the summer. They have represented more than two dozen institutions located throughout the country.

The Rocket Department employed most, having 15. Test had 11, Research 8, Aviation Ordnance 7, Public Works 2, Office of the Commander 1, and Engineering 1.

The students and the universities they attended prior to coming to China Lake are listed as follows:

Robert Geiger, John Nakakihara, Sylvan Lafazan, Frank B. St. George, James J. Killackey, Stephen J. Gilbert, Robert E. Atkinson, Roger Warloe and Makato Kato, all from UCLA; Robert Orrick and Harry Wong, University of California at Berkeley, and Edwin Geiger and Charles C. Reader, Pasadena City College.

Andrew Hoyem and Dale Shaw, Pomona; Robert L. Rockwell and Robert L. Beyer, Bakersfield College; Carmen H. Davis, Paul C. Davis and Frank V. Breitenstein, Brigham Young University; John E. Young and Thomas H. Bergeman, Colorado Tech, and Dennis Wilson and Robert Forster, El Camino College.

Abraham Lipschultz and Donald W. Fuhlhage, Kansas University; Alvin L. McGlothlin and C. K. Ogle, Missouri University; Glen R. Greenwood and David K. Pack, University of Utah; Sheldon Shenk, Stanford University; Freeman Stephens, Fullerton Junior College; James Simpson, Purdue, and Clifford Morgan, University of Texas.

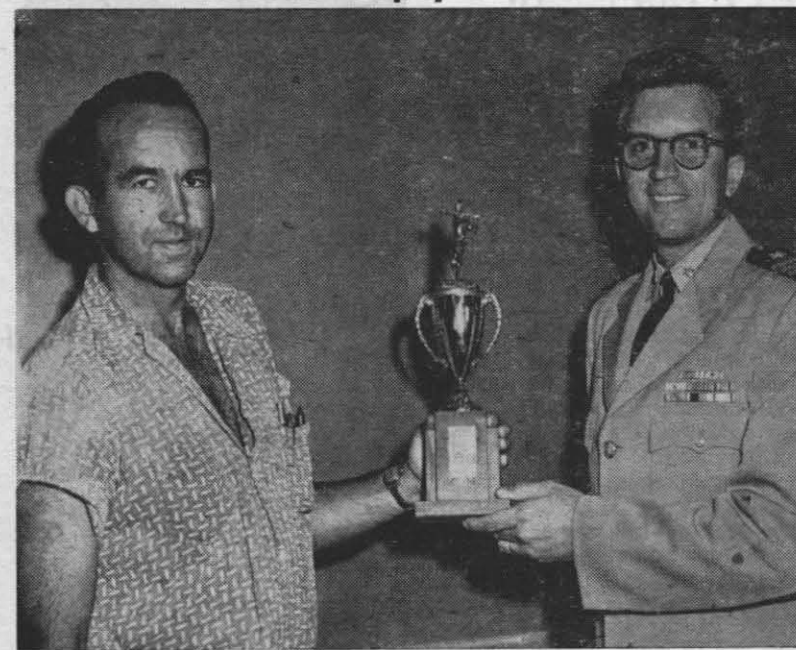
Richard H. Crawford, Colorado School of Mines; Saul D. Barshay, Cornell University; John L. Wells, Long Beach City College; Michael McNamara, Marquette University; John B. Miles, Missouri School of Mines; William Thorn, University of New Mexico; Dwight F. French, Oregon State College; Richard L. Perry, Oregon State; Martin V. Taylor, Reedley College; Nicholas J. Waddock Jr., San Jose State College, and Richard W. Roddy Jr., Texas Tech.

BURROUGHS VISITS ANNEX

PASADENA—Distinguished visitor at the Annex last Friday was Rear Admiral Sherman E. Burroughs, USN (Retired), who was the first Station Commander. Accompanied by W. H. Saylor, Associate Technical Director for Pasadena, he visited Foothill and showed great interest in the Hydrodynamic Simulator.

News from Pasadena

Softball Trophy Presented



KENNETH S. LEISGE presents the hard-won trophy of the Foothill softball team to CDR R. A. Thompson, USN, Officer in Charge, Pasadena Annex. "This was won the hard way," Mr. Leisge said. "We battled through a tie for first place, and then a tie for the play-off with the winners of the first round." The trophy now occupies the place of honor in the commander's trophy case at Thompson Lab.

Heavy Payments Enforce Increase Of Insurance Rates

Because the Federal Life Insurance Company to date has paid more than \$61,000 in health and accident reimbursements and \$14,000 in death claims to Annex employees, as against \$88,304 paid in premiums during the same period, a small increase in premiums has become necessary, according to Margaret Cox, Annex nurse and chairman of the Employees Service Organization insurance committee.

The raise in premiums, amounting to 73 cents per policy, is scheduled to become effective on the anniversary date of the group policy held by the Annex for its employees, Aug. 30. The Employees Service Organization has, however, requested an extension of 30 days before the rate increase becomes effective. Policy holders will be notified of the exact date the new rate schedule will become operative.

Pasadena personnel who transfer to China Lake will be able to continue their insurance with Federal Life. Tommy Rilborn, Code 5541, Room 110, Michelson Laboratory, is the premium collector. The life insurance of persons who terminate will continue for 30 days or can be converted to a straight life insurance plan. The health and accident insurance will expire on the first day of the month following termination.

Wolf Addresses Glendale Group

J. Harry Wolf, technical editor in the reports group of the Underwater Ordnance Department, spoke yesterday at a luncheon meeting of the Knights of the Round Table in Glendale.

The talk was an extension of Mr. Wolf's representation of the Station at the National Resources Conference conducted by the Armed Forces Industrial College last April. One of the basic purposes of this program, was to disseminate information necessary in the event of mobilization for war.

Mr. Wolf, in giving talks to such business men's groups as the Knights of the Round Table, is carrying out the responsibilities assumed by all who attended the conference.

Barbara Kraemer To Wed Art Huston

The Chapel of the Roses in Pasadena will be the setting for the wedding Sunday afternoon of Barbara Kraemer, secretary to Norman J. Newcomb, head, personnel division, and Arthur D. Huston, a professional singer.

Miss Kraemer will be attended by her sister, Mrs. Jack B. Keefe, as matron of honor, and Mr. Huston will have James Arnold as his best man.

The ceremony is to be performed by the Rev. Max Flickinger of the Unity Christ Church.

Employee-Management Council Seeks Improved Communication

Keynote of the Employee-Management Council meeting conducted last week by Frank Hill, chairman, was broader dissemination of information to employees at all levels.

First step in this direction is a "Memo from EMCO," a short resume of meeting minutes which is distributed to all branch heads with the request that they route it to their employees.

More all-hands meetings were recommended, to give employees better opportunities to meet and discuss current problems with management. It was suggested that EMCO could be strengthened by discussions of Station and departmental problems, such as the rate of turnover at the Annex, the work load in Supply and Fiscal, and the dissolution and transfer of functions of the former Design and Production Department.

Blood Donors Needed

The need for regular donors to the blood bank, with possible competition between departments was considered. The Supply and Fiscal Office, with its regular 17 donors, is far ahead in its contributions to the bank.

A reapportionment of representatives to the Council was suggested in the light of recent organizational changes at the Annex.

The need for additional information on reduction in force and retention groups was apparent. Representatives of the personnel division briefly explained that Group I consists entirely of employees with permanent status who have experienced no break in service nor received a promotion since September 1950. This is called the "career" group. Veterans are group IA; non-veterans are group IB.

Employee Groups

Group II is made up of "career conditional" employees who have had either a break in service or a promotion since September 1950. In group III are the indefinites who have been appointed since Sept. 1, 1950 or who never have acquired permanent status. In these groups, veterans are IIA and IIIA, non-veterans IIB and IIIB.

The amount of annual leave for which payment will be made at termination was also discussed. A lump sum equal to six weeks or less will be paid. Employees who have accumulated more than six weeks of annual leave are advised to use up the excess before they terminate or postpone their actual termination date until sufficient leave has been used.

Retirement benefits, council members felt, are not sufficiently well understood by most employees. Members of the personnel division sketched the plan briefly.

Permanent employees are automatically members of the Civil Service retirement system. They pay in 6 per cent of their earnings, and may pay in more, as voluntary contributions, to provide for a larger an-

nity. All service is credited, regardless of breaks in service. They become eligible to receive benefits only when they have a minimum of five years civilian service—military service does not count until five years of civilian service has been achieved.

Retirement Pay

At the close of a person's service, he is entitled to a life annuity, a reduced annuity with benefits paid to widow or widower, a reduced annuity with benefits paid to "person named," or a lump sum payment.

In order to compute the size of a yearly annuity, the average of the highest five consecutive years' earnings in civilian service is established. If this amount is less than \$5000, 1 per cent is figured, \$25 is added, and this amount multiplied by the total number of years of civilian and military service. If the average for five years comes to more than \$5000, 1½ per cent is computed and multiplied by the number of years of civilian and military service.

The four types of retirement and a schedule of lump-sum benefits in the event of a Federal employee's death were also discussed at the EMCO meeting and will be reported in subsequent issues of the Rock-eeter.

Jennison Escapes Injury in Wreck Of Santa Fe Train

J. H. Jennison, head, product engineering division, Underwater Ordnance Department, miraculously escaped serious injury last Sunday when he was riding on the Santa Fe "Chief" which was wrecked near Lomax, Ill.

Riding in the third car from the end of the train, Mr. Jennison said that his sensation was not that of a collision but of a series of collisions. Sitting in his roomette with his feet braced and his arms outstretched, he rode with the lurching from side to side as his car careened off the track. When the cars finally came to rest, there was an instant of quiet, and then the porters went through their usual pattern of opening doors and putting down their little steps.

Walking back, after seeing there was nothing he could do for the injured, Mr. Jennison discovered a rail which had been torn loose at a switch between two main track connections. He surmises that some piece of metal in one of the trucks of the mail or baggage car had given way and when it met the switch the impact was sufficient to derail the

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SAFETY SLOGAN OF THE WEEK

"Think safety and you will work safely."—Virginia Banister, head, receipt control branch, control division, Supply and Fiscal Department.



UNDER THE WATCHFUL eye of Gordon Chantler, class instructor, two boys enrolled in the hunter safety course conducted by the Desert Sportsmen's Association learn the fundamentals of sighting a rifle before they venture out on the range at Sandquist Spa to actually fire their weapons.

Six Boys Finish Local Hunter Safety Course

Six local boys who have successfully completed the hunter safety program conducted by the Desert Sportsmen's Association will receive certificates of graduation and shoulder patches Sunday afternoon at Sandquist Spa.

Gordon Chantler, president of the local sportsmen's group who was in charge of the safety class, will present the awards at a picnic to be attended by hunter safety class members and their families. The affair will get under way at 4 p.m.

Graduates of the course, which is part of a state-wide program to improve safety during hunting season, are David Carter, Thomas Vick, Danny and Gary Kreighbaum, Jim Reynolds and Vance Holley.

A new state law requires that each California youngster under the age of 16 show a hunter safety course certificate of completion before he or she can be issued a state junior hunting license.

Data on forthcoming hunting seasons in nearby areas, compiled by the Desert Sportsmen's Association for the benefit of local nimrods, includes the following:

Dove season—Sept. 1 through 20, and Oct. 12 through 23; **deer season**—Sept. 25 through Oct. 4, except in Inyo and Mono counties where the season opens Sept. 25 and ends on Oct. 17.

Valley quail season—Nov. 20 through Dec. 31; **mountain quail season**—Oct. 16 through 24 (special hunt); and **chukar season**—Nov. 20 through 23 in Inyo and Mono counties.

Hunters are advised to check state fish and game regulations regarding bag limits and territorial restrictions on the above seasons.

Local Deer Hunters May Sight in Rifles At Marine Range

Deer hunters are invited to sight-in their rifles at the Marine rifle range tomorrow from 7 to 11 a.m. The event will be under the supervision of the range officer from the Marine barracks, aided by qualified assistants.

Maj. J. H. Griffin, commanding officer of the Marine Barracks, states that the Marines will furnish targets but not ammunition. He offers the use of the range to Station employees and military personnel.

The range is located in the bomb-disposal area, and is available to the public only at special occasions such as this because of safety precautions.

Satellite Golf Club To Hold Tourney

A 72-hole, medal-play tournament has been scheduled by the Satellite Lake Golf Club starting Sept. 11. It will continue for approximately three weeks.

Trophies will be awarded the winners and runners-up of each of four flights. Contestants will be assigned to flights according to their showing in at least 72 holes played before the start of the tournament.

All members of the club are invited to enter the tourney. An entrance fee of \$2 will be charged. About 15 players have now signed up.

WOMEN BOWLERS REORGANIZE

A meeting will be held Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in the China Lake Community Center for the purpose of reorganizing the China Lake women's bowling league. All Station women who are interested are invited to attend the meeting. Teams will be formed, and rules adopted for the coming season, which is scheduled to start Wednesday, Sept. 15.



Girls' All-Star Nine Downs Lone Pine

The China Lake girls all-star softball team traveled to Lone Pine Saturday for a doubleheader with the Lone Pine team.

The locals won the first game, 8-2, and the second was called after five innings on time with the score tied, 23-23.

In the first game, the Stars came from behind to win. Trailing 2-1 the all-stars broke loose for five runs in the fifth inning to go ahead 6-2. The locals scored two more runs in the sixth inning while holding the Lone Pine team scoreless and finally won the game 8-2.

The All-Stars collected 16 hits for their 8 runs while the Lone Pine girls could gather but 7 scattered hits off of all-star pitcher Judy Parker.

The second game, a real slugfest, was still going strong when the umpire stepped in and called it on time.

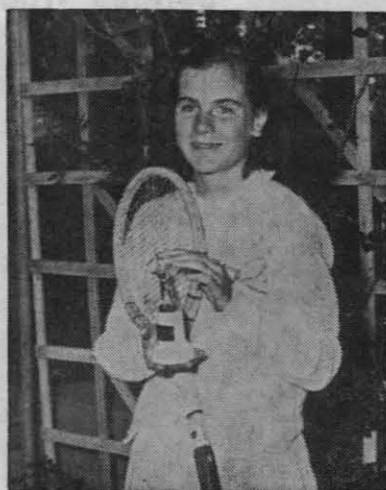
Burros Sportraits

(Editor's note: That early morning nip in the air presages at least one thing, sportwise, and that is the opening of another football season. In order to give local fans some background on the players who will be wearing the green and white of Burroughs, the Rocketeer will run a series of short biographical sketches before and during the coming grid-iron season.)

Woodrow Chartier—senior, 145 lb., 5 ft., 8 in.—with one year of varsity and one of Class B football experience is one of the leading candidates for a starting guard position.

Moving up from Class B competition, he earned a first string berth on the varsity last fall and is expected to take up this season where he left off last. Chartier's speed will prove an asset in leading interference and in downfield blocking.

Harry Smith—senior, 155 lbs., 5 ft., 8 in.—is back for his third season of varsity football at Burroughs. After earning his letter for two seasons at fullback, he is expected to be switched to right half in the new split T offense to be employed by the Burros this fall. The most consistent ground gainer for the team last season, he also was the best blocker in the backfield. A fast and shifty runner, Smith is left handed and may be employed on optional pass-run plays to the left side.



Brooke Williams

Local Girl Wins Santa Ana Tourney

Brooke Williams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. R. Williams, 104-A Byrnes, a local tennis star, recently won the 13-year-old division of the Santa Ana Open Tennis Tourney.

After defeating her strongest opponent, Madeline Mandel, of Beverly Hills, in the semi-finals, by scores of 6-4 and 6-2, she went on to post a win over Betsy Pyle, of San Marino, by scores of 6-0 and 6-0. Miss Williams has entered five tournaments this year, emerging with a record of three wins and placing in the semi-finals in the other two.

She is now taking a series of lessons from her former coach, Reg Garrould of San Clemente. Mr. Garrould was her first tennis instructor.

Station League Softball

(All games at the Beer Hut Diamond)

Monday
Marine Barracks vs. GMB, 6:30 p.m.
Apprentices vs. Public Works, 8:30 p.m.

Tuesday
NAF vs. GMU 61, 6:30 p.m.
Research Dept. vs. China Lake, 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday
Officers vs. Public Works, 6:30 p.m.
Marine Barracks vs. China Lake, 8:30 p.m.

Thursday
GMU 61 vs. Research Dept., 6:30 p.m.
Apprentices vs. NAF, 8:30 p.m.

Managers of the teams are again reminded to call the Recreation Office at 72017, and report the results of each game.

GIRLS' SOFTBALL
(All games at Little League Diamond No. 1)

Tonight
Devils vs. Tigers, 8 p.m.

Monday
Bulldogs vs. Wildcats, 8 p.m.

Wednesday
Wildcats vs. Tigers, 8 p.m.

Friday
Devils vs. Raiders, 8 p.m.

Scores
Devils 24, Bulldogs 12; Raiders 17, Tigers 10; Devils 21, Wildcats 2; Raiders 24, Bulldogs 18.

| Insurance Rate Table | | | | |
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| Annual Basic Salary | | Amount of Deductions Per Pay Period | | |
| More Than | Not More Than | Insurance | Weekly | Biweekly |
| \$ | \$ 1000 | \$ 1000 | \$.13 | \$.25 |
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| 13,000 | 14,000 | 14,000 | 1.75 | 3.50 |
| 14,000 | 15,000 | 15,000 | 1.88 | 3.75 |

Federal Life Insurance Offered . . .

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government will contribute 50 cents. The program was developed as a part of the program of the administration to improve the government's personnel systems. The amount of life insurance coverage in increments of \$1000 is based upon the amount of the employee's annual basic salary.

For example, if the employee's annual salary is greater than \$3000, but not greater than \$4000, the amount of life insurance would be \$4000. The annual compensation shall consist of the annual basic salary and will include night differential pay for wage board employees. The annual compensation for non-IVb employees is determined by the hourly rate to be determined by multiplying the hourly pay rate by 2080. The amount of insurance coverage and deductions are shown in the accompanying table.

Benefits of this plan are considered to be rather substantial and include the following:

- a. Life insurance at a very low cost without requiring a medical examination.
- b. Payment of double indemnity for accidental death.
- c. Payment for accidental loss of one or more limbs or eyesight.
- d. Life insurance after retirement at no cost to the employee; and
- e. Free insurance for employees 65 or older.

New Classes Added To College Program

Two new classes have been added to the list of subjects to be offered during the coming school semester under the Bakersfield College extension program at China Lake.

They are Mathematics A, elementary algebra, which will be given on Mondays from 4:45 to 6:45 p.m. and Wednesdays from 4:45 to 7:45 p.m. in Room 44, Burroughs; and Mathematics 3a, analytic geometry and calculus, scheduled Monday, from 4:45 to 6:45 p.m. and Wednesday from 4:45 to 5:45 p.m. in Room 40, Burroughs.

Prerequisites are one year of high school algebra for Mathematics A, and Mathematics B, C, D or equivalents for admission to the Mathematics 3a course.

or older.

Insurance is payable in the following order: (1) Widow or widower, (2) children, (3) parents, (4) estate, (5) next of kin. It is expected that the Personnel Department will have proper forms for employees who wish to change this order of payment or name a different beneficiary.

For those employees who leave government service, the insurance coverage continues for 31 days during which time the employees may buy, without a medical examination, an individual life insurance policy at standard rates.

This plan will provide an added measure of family security at low cost. It is, however, term insurance and does not carry a cash surrender value or loan privileges.

Further details on this insurance plan will be published in either the Rocketeer or by an "All-Hands-Bulletin" or both, when received.

Train Wreck . . .

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first of the cars. The rest of the cars were subsequently derailed. Mr. Jennison was much impressed with the speed with which help was summoned. Ambulances, command-deered taxis and automobiles, and doctors arrived at the scene of the accident within a few minutes.

The uninjured passengers, including Mr. Jennison, were held until another Santa Fe train, the Kansas Citian, reached the scene. At nine o'clock in the evening, a substitute train with identical accommodations to the wrecked Chief, collected passengers for the remainder of their trip.

Mr. Jennison had been to Washington and then to Newport, R.I., where he visited the Naval Aircraft Torpedo Unit at Quonset Point, the Central Torpedo Office, and Naval Underwater Ordnance Station.

CAPT. HAMPTON VISITS NOTS

Captain I. M. Hampton, USN, Air Officer of Commander Operational Development Force based at Norfolk, Va., visited here yesterday to inspect missiles under development and witness range tests. Accompanying him was CDR William N. Leonard, USN, commanding officer of VX5.

Heads Wives Club



SUSAN KOPPELL, above, was elected president of the Enlisted Men's Wives Club last week, succeeding Mary Tate. Other new officers are Audrey Schermer, vice-president; Anita Perry, secretary and Ila Ruddell, treasurer. Membership in the group, which meets on the first and third Wednesdays of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Anchorage, is open to the wives of all enlisted personnel on the Station.

Troop 35 Plans High Sierra Trek

A week-long pack trip through the Eldorado National Forest will start tomorrow for 13 members of Boy Scout Troop 35 and their four adult leaders. They will start the trip from Fallen Leaf Lake and hike around the southern edge of Lake Tahoe.

Activities will include swimming, fishing and exploring. As an experiment, the boys will carry two kinds of dehydrated foods in the back packs which will not only make them lighter and easier to transport on long trips but will allow the scouts to carry more food.

Scouts who are making the trip are Lance Meneghelli, Chris Horine, Gary MacLaren, Jay Tillitt, Tommy Eslinger, Dennis and Wallace Clemente, Arlon and Ronald New, Alfred Cram, Paul Lafleur, Alan Robinson and Gary Reynolds. The adult leaders are Don Stoffel, scoutmaster, Carlton Horine, Lyle MacLaren and William Leitch.

Station Restaurant To Close Weekends

The Station restaurant will be closed all day on Saturday and Sunday, beginning tomorrow, Navy Exchange officials announced.

New hours of operation at the restaurant will be Monday through Friday from 5:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Food service will be provided on weekends by the Navy Exchange at the China Lake Community Center, which will be open from 7 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. on Saturdays, and from 7 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Sundays.

The Community Center lunch fountain also will be open Monday to Friday from 4:30 to 10:30 p.m.

Registration Opens For New Students At Burroughs High

Registration of new Burroughs High School students will be conducted Monday and Tuesday from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. and from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the high school office.

Only those students who did not attend Burroughs High School last semester or who were not registered last spring are required to register for admission at this time.

The registration procedure will include outlining of the individual student's class schedule.

Eighth grade students from Burroughs, Ridgecrest and Inyokern elementary schools, who designated their curriculum choices and registered for Burroughs High School last spring will not have to re-register at this time.

March of Dimes Benefit Dance Set

A benefit dance for the emergency March of Dimes campaign will be held Thursday evening at the Supervisors Hut on King Street.

The Vagabonds IV will provide the music for dancing which is scheduled to start at 8 and continue until midnight. Tickets priced at 50 cents per person are available from any member of the Supervisors Association or at the door on the night of the dance. All proceeds from ticket sales and the refreshment counter will be given to the March of Dimes campaign.

School Fire . . .

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of a start to enable firemen to save much of the building. Two pumper trucks and a crew, under the direction of Chief J. A. Davis, responded to the call from China Lake.

St. Anne's Parochial school was opened last September and had an enrollment of approximately 160. It was used for the first four elementary grades and was to have been expanded to include the fifth grade this year.

The boy responsible for the blaze has been released to the custody of his parents pending further investigation.

Insurance Premiums Fall Due Wednesday

Monthly payments of Intercoast Insurance Company medical and hospital plan premiums will fall due next Wednesday and will be payable at the Community Services office from that date through Sept. 15.

Community Services personnel will be on duty in the housing office building Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. to accept the payments. Those wishing to pay their monthly dues by mail should send a check or money order made payable to Intercoast Insurance to Box 42, China Lake.