



LCDR JAMES T. WALDRON, USN, right, was appointed to the post of Special Services officer this week, relieving LTJG Raymond J. Orrock, USN, who is being released to inactive duty.

VETERINARY HOURS SET

Doctor Perry Stone, veterinarian, who has been relieving Dr. Arnold Snyder during the latter's vacation, will be available to consultation and treatment of both large and small animals during the following times: Mondays, 1 to 5 p.m., by appointment; Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. His office is at the Station kennels. He may be contacted at extension 72650.



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

TODAY JULY 1
"ONE DESIRE" (93 Min.)
Ann Baxter, Rock Hudson
Shorts: "Banquet Busters" (7 Min.)
"Barking Champs" (10 Min.)

SATURDAY JULY 2
"ALBERT, R.N." (88 Min.)
Anthony Steele, Jack Warner
Shorts: "Double or Mutton" (7 Min.)
"Historical Oddities" (9 Min.)

MATINEE
"THE COWBOY AND THE PRIZEFIGHTER"
(59 Min.)
Jim Bannon
Shorts: "Holiday Land" (7 Min.)
"Buffalo Bill" (16 Min.) No. 10

SUN.-MON. JULY 3-4
"SEVEN LITTLE FOYS" (93 Min.)
Bob Hope, George Tobias
Shorts: "Moose for Sale" (7 Min.)
"White Magic" (10 Min.)

TUES.-WED. JULY 5-6
"CHICAGO SYNDICATE" (86 Min.)
Dennis O'Keefe, Abbe Lane Cugat
Shorts: "Madcap Magoo" (7 Min.)
"Les Brown Goes To Town" (15 Min.)

THURS.-FRI. JULY 7-8
"WE'RE NO ANGELS" (104 Min.)
Humphrey Bogart
Shorts: "Goofy Ganer" (7 Min.)

Beneficial Suggestion Awards Presented 6 Station Employees

Six beneficial suggestion awards were made recently to Station employees, totaling \$130 and based on an estimated annual savings to the Navy of \$1025 and other intangible benefits.

James Knight and Ted Arnold, storekeepers in the Supply and Fiscal Department, shared the top award of \$40. Their suggestion concerned expediting and facilitating the loading and unloading of trucks and storage racks. The use of a 10 foot roller designed to fit the Hyster fork lift trucks, to eliminate the handling of large, bulky items was the basis for their idea.

Colburn L. Ingle, a sheetmetal mechanic in the Engineering Department submitted a group of charts for use with the different welding machines in use on the Station. He suggested the use of a series of charts for the settings on welding machines since each machine must be set differently depending on the work to be performed.

His award of \$35 was based on an estimated annual savings of \$625 to the Navy during the first year of operation.

James Knight, previously mentioned as having shared an award with another employee, was the recipient of another award of \$20 for a suggestion dealing with the securing and storage of sheet metal. His idea was for the use of "C" clamps to secure sheetmetal stored in the yard next to warehouse 1042. This would eliminate the possibility of the sheets being blown from the pile in high winds and being damaged to the point where they were useless.

The award was based on an estimated annual savings of approximately \$400.

Florence P. Walker, an employe in the Test Department, was presented with a \$15 award for suggesting a method of determining the validity of job orders.

She suggested that a note be inserted after the new job order indicating that it supersedes all previous ones and thus preventing several jobs being entered on the old number.

The award was based on intangible benefits.

Bruce Wertenberger, an employe in the Aviation Ordnance Department, suggested that the door on the radar tower on Michelson Laboratory be counterbalanced thus preventing its being left open and causing an overload on the air conditioning system as well as warming the fourth floor of the building.

His award was based on intangible benefits.

The final award presented was given to Dora Laughlin, an employe in the Supply and Fiscal Department, for her suggestion concerning the use of an asterisk in indicating the technical meetings, off-Station, which require the approval of the Secretary of the Navy. This would eliminate the necessity of forwarding the information to numerous Station departments and branches.

DANCE WAS BIG SUCCESS

PASADENA — Winner of the clock-radio at the annual Annex Spring Dance was Margaret Fraser, personnel clerk and assistant to Bernard Silver. More than 200 people attended the festive affair, including Dr. and Mrs. William B. McLean and Mr. and Mrs. John Cox from China Lake. The music of Blake Reynolds' six-piece band was most enjoyable, and was highlighted by a drum solo performed by Allen Bleamire.

New CNO Praises Destroyer Force

Washington (AFPS) — Rear Admiral Arleigh A. Burke, newly designated Chief of Naval Operations, has relinquished what he called "my last command at sea."

In turning over command of the Atlantic Fleet's Destroyer Force to Rear Admiral John C. Daniel, Admiral Burke heaped praise on the officers and men of the Navy's destroyers.

During a change-of-command ceremony aboard the destroyer tender Yosemite, at Newport, R.I., Admiral Burke said "the whole success of our Navy... sinks or swims with the ability of our destroyers and the men who man them."

Immediately after the ceremony, Admiral Burke flew to Washington, where he will succeed Admiral Robert B. Carney on Aug. 16.

Waldron Named Recreation Officer;

A new Special Services officer, LCDR James T. Waldron, USN, was named to relieve LTJG Raymond J. Orrock, USN, as head of the recreation division, this week.

This will be LCDR Waldron's second assignment at China Lake, having been here from September 1946 to December 1947 as housing officer.

The new recreation officer is a native of Massena, Iowa, but he regards National City, Calif., as his home town.

A Navy man since April 1929 when he enlisted as an apprentice seaman, LCDR Waldron has served on various ships of the fleet and shore stations.

Navy Relief Fund Donation



CAPTAIN R. F. SELLARS, USN, Executive Officer, was handed a check for \$576.44 by H. E. Dremann Jr., PH1, USN, to be added to the Navy Relief Fund. This check represented the profits from the Enlisted Recreation Committee's show "What On Earth!" Dremann, a member of the committee, directed the show.

THE WEATHER

Mostly clear over the weekend with light variable winds at night and mornings increasing to 10 to 20 knots in the afternoons. Maximum temperature 105, minimum 70.



TEMPERATURES

(Housing Area)

	Max.	Min.
June 23	98	65
June 24	96	56
June 25	92	59
June 26	92	60
June 27	95	53
June 28	96	62
June 29	93	66

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REAR ADMIRAL J. S. RUSSELL, USN, Chief of the Bureau of Aeronautics, center, arrived on the Station last week for a one-day briefing on NOTS programs. With him in the picture are, right, Captain Robert F. Sellars, USN, Executive Officer, and Dr. W. B. McLean, Technical Director.

Wage Increase Signed This Week By President

A new wage schedule for all per diem employes at China Lake and Pasadena was authorized in a dispatch dated Tuesday, June 28, from the Office of Industrial Relations. The new schedule will become effective Sunday, July 24. An announcement was also received indicating that President Eisenhower had signed a bill into law authorizing a pay increase of 7.5 per cent for all per annum employes. Additional details will be found in another article in this issue.

The newly authorized wage schedule for per diem employes provides for an average increase of 7 cents per hour for all wage board employes. Typical increases include 7 cents for bench mark trades and 6 cents per hour for laborers. The new wage schedule is a direct result of the Bureau of Labor statistics survey completed in March 1955 which included most of the traditional trades in the Los Angeles harbor area. The last wage increase granted to per diem employes was in September of last year.

New wage schedules reflecting the appropriate hourly rate for all per diem employes will be published on or prior to the effective date of the authorized increase.

Pay Raise Voted For All Per Annum Federal Employes

President Eisenhower this week signed into law a bill authorizing a 7.5 per cent pay increase for more than one million per annum Federal service employes. The last increase for this group was in 1951.

The "across the board" increase is retroactive to March 1 of this year and will go to approximately 983,057 classified Civil Service employes throughout the nation and some

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Local Marine Dies In Rifle Accident

Private First Class Richard Merrill Dennett, 18, USMC, a member of the First Terrier SAM Battalion at the Station, died last week following the accidental discharge of a rifle in his barracks.

The accident is under investigation by battalion officers.

Private Dennett leaves his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Merrill G. Dennett, 5428 South Cedar Street, Tacoma, Washington.

An escort accompanied the body from here to Tacoma, and an honor guard from the Marine base at Bremerton, Washington was to be present at the funeral.

Submariner Commands Station; Filling Billet of Naval Aviator

Contrast marks the duty of Captain Robert F. Sellars, USN, submariner, who is now the Commanding Officer of the U.S. Naval Ordnance Test Station in California's Mojave Desert. Customarily the position is filled by a naval aviator.

While hunting enemy shipping in the Pacific Ocean as commanding officer of such submarines as the USS S-31, the USS Blackfish and the USS Remora. Captain Sellars had little reason to expect that one day he would be the first submariner to head the huge research and development station where aerial and ground missiles are created and tested within a reservation larger than the state of Rhode Island.

He has assumed command of the Station, however, following the retirement of Captain David B. Young, USN. Captain Sellars will remain the commander until the arrival

of Captain F. L. Ashworth, USN, a naval aviator.

As if this were not enough contrast in his seafaring career, Captain Sellars will take command of the USS Norton Sound, AVM-1, guided missile ship based at Port Hueneme, California, when he relinquishes command of NOTS in August. Here, again, the commanding officer of the Norton Sound is usually a naval aviator or a surface ship Navy man.

Captain Sellars is a native of Minnesota. He received his early education in Oregon, then attended the U.S. Naval Academy and was graduated in 1934.

His sea service began aboard the USS Saratoga during 1934-1936. The period 1936-1937 found him on COMBATFOR Staff, and then he served at the Naval Air Station at Pensacola, Fla., 1937-1938.

Submarine duty began aboard the USS S-34, and he served in all

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Memorial Services Conducted Here For Station Employee

Edwin Seeburg, 42, a telephone engineer in the Public Works Department, died last Friday at the Ridgecrest Hospital. Cause of death was listed as a lung condition for which he had been treated on several occasions since his arrival at China Lake in May 1953.

The former head of the telephone branch was a veteran of 12 years experience with the Army Signal Corps Engineering Laboratories at Fort Monmouth. He was chief of the Manual Switching Equipment Unit and was responsible for the development and design of telephone and telegraph switchboards and associated equipment for military use.

He headed a group of six engineers that developed both forward and fixed station communications equipment for the Army.

Born in New York City and educated in the East, Mr. Seeburg was a graduate of the Pratt Institute of Brooklyn. He was also a regularly ordained Baptist minister.

Memorial services for Mr. Seeburg were conducted Sunday at the Station Chapel by CDR James L. Carter, USN, Station Chaplain, and the Rev. John L. Reid, Jr.

He is survived by his wife, Ruth, now living at 51-B Dewey.

Three-Day Midway To Be Featured On July 4 Weekend

A festive Fourth of July program has been planned for local residents of Indian Wells Valley, by the China Lake Community Council, according to Mrs. Marian Olds, president of the organization.

A midway, featuring hot dogs, soft drinks, popcorn, and a series of rides for the youngsters will be featured on each of three nights—Saturday, Sunday and Monday, opening at 6 p.m. each evening.

On the evening of the Fourth, beginning at 8 p.m., there will be a program featuring a short talk by Captain Robert F. Sellars, USN, Station Commander, a vocal solo rendition of "The Star Spangled Banner," musical selections by the elementary school honor band under the direction of Mrs. Ruth Kirley, and a reading of the Declaration of Independence by Max Braswell, of Ridgecrest.

The fireworks show is scheduled to get underway about 8:45 p.m., and will continue for approximately one hour.

George Cooper, a private concessionaire from Compton, will provide the children's rides on the midway.

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Residents Told of Curfew Law; Deputy Sheriff Issues Warning

Residents of Indian Wells Valley were reminded again this week of the 10 p.m. curfew for children under 18 years of age. The reminder was issued by Sgt. Chester Ebbert, of the Kern County Sheriff's office, since, Sgt. Ebbert stated, "parents either are unaware of the curfew or they do not realize what it means to them and their youngsters."

The law originally read, in part, that youngsters were required to be in their homes by 10 a.m. each night. It has been modified recently to read "under supervised entertainment, such as the drive-in theater, Ridgecrest theater, or any function specifically for teen-agers, such as parties or dances, which are supervised by an adult, in such instances, it will be permissible for the children to remain out until 12 p.m. midnight."

It will be permissible for them to remain out until after midnight if the youngsters have been in attendance at the Crest drive-in theater since its movie program quite often is not concluded until after that hour. However, the children are required to go immediately to their homes from any late function and are asked not to stop and patronize any business establishments in the vicinity.

"It is necessary to bring the curfew law to the attention of local parents since many of them do not understand it completely and possibly some of them are unaware that it exists. Last Friday night it was necessary to take 14 youths into custody at one of the local drive-ins—for violation of the curfew law," Sgt. Ebbert stated.

"Violation of the curfew law, first offense, will mean a referral slip will be made out on the offender and will require his appearance before the county juvenile probation officer. A second offense will probably result in the youngster being placed on probation to his parents

and a third offense could mean a charge being placed against the parent," according to Sgt. Ebbert.

Any adults or organizations planning to hold parties or other entertainment for teen-agers, which will not be concluded until after midnight, are asked to contact Sgt. Ebbert at the Sheriff's office on Ridgecrest Boulevard and notify him to that effect. This will help to prevent the youngsters being picked up on the streets after curfew.

Station Employee Joins Local Deputy Sheriff's Force

James E. Hurr, a cinematographer in the Test Department, will terminate and leave the Station soon to become a deputy sheriff in the local sub-station in Ridgecrest, according to information received this week.

He will receive his regular deputy's commission today and go on duty the next day, Friday, July 8. Hurr has been a special deputy since last January and for two and one-half years prior to that time, served as a deputy constable.

The new officer will relieve Herbert H. Dodd, who is being transferred to the patrol division of the sheriff's office in Bakersfield.

Hurr graduated from Burroughs High School in January 1947 and since 1950 has worked on the Station on several occasions. Following his graduation from Burroughs, he attended San Jose State College.

The new deputy is the son of Mrs. Ethel R. Hurr, a receptionist at the Station Hospital and resides in Ridgecrest.

Sergeant Chester Ebbert is in charge of the local sub-station of the Kern County Sheriff's office which now has four regular and four special deputy sheriffs as well as two deputy matrons.



CDR T. J. Walker, III



CDR J. I. Hardy

Hardy to Succeed Walker Soon As Station Experimental Officer

Commander J. I. Hardy, USN, will succeed Commander Thomas J. Walker III, USN, as Experimental Officer at the Station next Wednesday. Commander Hardy has been Assistant Experimental Officer since November 1954.

Commander Walker became Experimental Officer in June 1954. He plans to take a year's course at the Industrial College of the Armed Forces in Washington, D.C.

The new Experimental Officer is a native of Minnesota, and, after re-

ceiving his early education in that state, attended the U.S. Naval Academy and was graduated in 1940.

He was aboard the USS Pensacola during the period of 1940-1942 and when World War II began he was in the South Pacific campaigns that included Guadalcanal, the Coral Sea, Midway, Solomons, Santa Cruz and Cape Esperance. He was designated a naval aviator in 1954.

Commander Hardy attended the Annapolis postgraduate school during 1945-1947, taking a course in aeronautical engineering; he was with OPNAV Guided Missiles during 1947-1948.

He was executive officer of Patrol Squadron One during 1949-1951 and saw service in Korea. In the period of 1951-1953, he was with the Bureau of Aeronautics, then, during 1953-1954, was commanding officer of Patrol Squadron Twenty-two in Honolulu, T.H., and Kodiak, Alaska.

Commander Hardy holds the Air Medal, and campaign ribbons for National Defense, Pacific Campaign, American Theater, Occupation, China Service, World War II Victory Medal, Korea and United Nations'.

He and Mrs. Hardy and their two children, Randall W. and Janet C., reside at 509 Essex Circle.

Changes Announced By Intercoast Insurance Company

Premium rates will be raised slightly and some benefit payments lowered, effective Monday, Aug. 1, according to a letter received by the China Lake Community Council from the Intercoast Insurance Company.

The letter, which was read during a meeting of the group held Tuesday evening at the Council offices, indicated that the following changes in policy and premium rate structure will take effect: Single employe premium, increased from \$3.75 to \$4.25; two party coverage, from \$7.50 to \$8.95; family of three or more, from \$11.75 to \$11.95.

The surgical schedule will be reduced from \$350 to \$300. A reduction will also be made in the diagnostic x-ray and laboratory benefits from \$75 to \$25, and a \$12 per day limit for hospital board and room will be placed in the contract rather than the current ward rate allowance. The Council's insurance committee is currently evaluating the insurance program.

Other business brought up at the meeting included the election of Maurice Curtiss to succeed Miss Mary A. Sweeney as Precinct One representative. Miss Sweeney resigned from the Council recently following her acceptance of a teaching position with Bakersfield College.

Station Facilities To Close Monday

Monday, July 4, will be a holiday for all Civil Service employes on the Station. Nearly all Station facilities will be closed including the following: Community Center, Michelson Laboratory cafeteria, library, Commissary store, post office, and the Bank of America.

All Navy Exchange activities will be closed excepting the swimming pool snack bar which will be in operation during the hours from 12 noon until 8 p.m.

Activities which will be open include the theater, swimming pool and the Enlisted Men's Club, which will observe a holiday routine, opening at 2 p.m. The Station restaurant will also be open on Monday, July 4, from 7 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Combined Employment Time 150 Years



VETERAN EMPLOYEES of the Engineering Department last week received awards for length of service. Names and "duration" are, front row left to right, August Robinson, 20; C. R. Jordan, 30; Captain R. F. Sellars, USN, Station Commander; K. H. Booty, department head; N. Waddock, 20; Back row, left to right, Earl Ellington and William Kummings, supervisors; Frank Steed, 20; Earl Harrison, 20; Dwight Lowry, 20; and E. P. Turse, 20.

Technical Information Names Arnold to New Coordinator Post



Charles D. Arnold, Jr.

Charles D. Arnold Jr., industrial engineer in the Engineering Department, was appointed this week as Technical Program Coordinator, presentations division, according to K. H. Robinson, head of the Technical Information Department.

In this position Arnold will serve as primary coordinator for official visitors to the Station, planning, preparing and conducting, in connection with the Station technical and support personnel, technical information programs.

Programs presented will vary from those given in a few hours or one day to those covering ten working days which are given twice yearly to reserve ordnance officers. More than 2000 official visitors were conducted through Station facilities during 1954.

Receiving his B.S. degree in mechanical engineering at Purdue University, Arnold has also completed courses at the College of William

and Mary and the University of Southern California.

In addition to serving as mechanical engineer in the electro-motive division of General Motors Company, he has worked as production supervisor for the Container Corporation of America.

Arnold has worked as an industrial engineer in the Engineering Department since January 1954, moving with the department to China Lake in July 1954.

He was recently appointed commander of Flight "F", 9447 VAR Squadron at China Lake.

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

HOLY COMMUNION—7:30 a.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL—MORNING PRAYER 9:30 a.m.—With Holy Communion on the first Sunday of each month.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP, at 6:30 p.m.

PROTESTANT

(Station Chapel)

Chaplain James L. Carter

Phone 72247, 71369 or 71506

Rev. John L. Reid Jr., Pastor

NOTS Community Church

Phones 72787 or 72740

MORNING WORSHIP—9:45 and 11 a.m., Sunday.

SUNDAY SCHOOL—9:30 a.m., Groves and Richmond Elementary Schools.

What's Doing

Today

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

Saturday

Junior Rifle Club, practice and qualification shoots, 8:30 a.m., Sandquist Spa range.

Sunday

Adult Bible class, 9:30 a.m., Groves school.

Monday

NOTS Toastmasters, 5:45 p.m., Hideaway.

Desert Sports Officials Association, 6 p.m., Training bldg.

Junior Rifle Club, 6:30 p.m., VFW hall.

NOTS Badminton Club, 7 p.m., Gym.

Barber Shop Singers, 7:30 p.m., Community Center.

Elementary Music Parents Club, 7:30 p.m., Burroughs Cafeterium.

Emblem Club, 8 p.m., Elks Lodge.

Og Cuman, 8 p.m., Og Cuman hut, Rowe St. school.

Ceramics Club board meeting, 8 p.m., Community Center.

Explorer Post No. 504, 8 p.m., Scout hall.

Tuesday

Rotary Club, noon, Village Cafe.

Chi Rho Club, 7 p.m., Og Cuman hut.

Rifle Club, 7:30 p.m., Old Contractors area.

Ceramics Club, 7:30 p.m., Community Center.

Knights of Columbus, 7:30 p.m., K. of C. hall.

Lions Club, 7:30 p.m., Village Cafe.

Civil Air Patrol, 7:30 p.m., tower, Inyokern field.

American Legion Auxillary, 7:30 p.m., Legion hall.

Wednesday

PTA Mothersingers, 9:30 a.m., Hut 71, Burroughs High School.

Junior Stamp Club, 4:30 p.m., 105-B Entwistle.

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.

Civil Air Patrol, Squadron 82, 7 p.m., Hut 301, Rowe St. School.

Desert Promenaders, 7:30 p.m., Community Center.

ASME, 7:30 p.m., Community Center.

Blue Angels Auto Club, 8 p.m., Old Navy locker bldg.

Thursday

Red Cross, 12:30-4:30 p.m., Infirmary.

Water Ballet Class, 6 p.m., Station pool.

Toastmistresses, 6:30 p.m., Community Center.

Squadron 503, 7 p.m., Scout hall.

Dust Devils Auto Club, 7 p.m., American Legion hall.

Pistol Club, 7:30 p.m., Hut 308, Old Contractors area.

Supervisors Association, 7:30 p.m., Supervisors hall.

China Lake Players, 7:30 p.m., Rowe St. School.

N.F.F.E., 7:30 p.m., Community Center.

VFW Auxillary, 7:30 p.m., Memorial hall.

IOOF, 8 p.m., County bldg.

Desert Dancers, 8 p.m., Community Center.

Elks of Valley, 8 p.m., 731 China Lake Blvd.

Athletic Club, 8 p.m., Training bldg.

Sandblasters Motorcycle Club, 8 p.m., Sandblasters hut.

Desert Falcons Motorcycle Club, 8 p.m., Ralph's Cycle Shop.

Chaplain's Corner

By CHAPLAIN JAMES L. CARTER

The Fourth of July, "Independence Day," will mean little to some other than another holiday. But to a man in Phoenix, Arizona, it will have real significance, and also to hundreds of Americans he has taught.

For more than 344 years, Harry L. "Dad" Osborne has been preparing aliens for naturalization. In his classes on Americanism, he trains those seeking citizenship. Federal authorities in the Southwest have long since learned to refer applicants for citizenship to Dad Osborne. Almost every major country has been represented in his classes. Each class, held at the YMCA lasts six weeks. If he were to charge a nominal fee, he could have been moderately wealthy; but he has never accepted any money for his teaching. Small gifts given to him are in turn given to some charity.

All this is done because Dad Osborne believes in America, and in her new citizens. He tells his candidates: "In America, the ideal is not to live and let live, but to live and HELP live. You will get a great deal from Americanism, but you will also have to contribute toward it. It's like love—the more you show, the more you receive."

Photo Deadline — Monday, 4:30 p.m.

Bureau of Aeronautics Visitor



REAR ADMIRAL LLOYD HARRISON, USN, (center) Deputy Chief of the Bureau of Aeronautics, came to the Station on Tuesday for a short study of programs under way here. He is shown with Captain Robert F. Sellars, USN, Station Commander, and Dr. W. B. McLean, Technical Director.

Group Reading Session Set Wednesday at Community Bldg.

The first of ten Wednesday reading sessions on modern literature, including fiction, essays and poetry, will get underway Wednesday, July 6, at the China Lake Community Center and will continue weekly thereafter until Sept. 14, according to Jim Tracey, a member of the Great Books group which is sponsoring the program.

The sessions are called "exposures" because there will be no lectures, no books to obtain and no

advance reading will be required. Persons taking part in the sessions will read various selections to the group. The meetings are scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. and will last approximately two or two and one-half hours.

The scheduled list of readings, copies of which can be obtained in the Station library, includes the following modern writers: E. M. Forester, Ernest Hemingway, Gertrude Stein, Andre Gide, Henry James, Edmund Wilson, W. H. Auden, W. B. Yeats, Dylan Thomas, Ezra Pound, Antoine DeSaint-Exupery, Katherine Anne Porter, Shirley Jackson, James Joyce, and D. H. Lawrence.

For additional information call James Tracey, extension 71725, or John Newbauer, extension 71741.

Glancing Back

(From the files of the Rocketeer)

One Year Ago

Headlines: Steps taken to prevent spread of poliomyelitis; LT R. O. Thurston, Commander's aide, is polio victim; New look given many buildings as Station office moves continue; Poll planned for relocation of Burroughs High School.

Five Years Ago

Headlines: Captain Criddle due Friday as Executive Officer; Liberty Bell caravan to be here Thursday; Navy policy board visits China Lake.

Ten Years Ago

Headlines: Seventh War bond drive now in full swing; CDR J. T. Fuller heads smooth running dispensary staff; Edition devoted to publicizing activities at Station Informary.

(Ed. Note) The above column is being printed this week, and will be printed weekly hereafter whenever space allows, to give China Lake residents, new and old, a view of the gradual progress of the Station. The headlines listed are taken from Rocketeer files, and at that time, were the top stories of the week.)

Local Craft, Recreation Classes Begin Tuesday at Station Schools

Youngsters previously registered in the summer crafts and recreation classes, sponsored by the China Lake Elementary School District, and those in the fourth grade and above who plan to enroll for the summer session, were reminded again this week that the program will get underway Tuesday.

Primary Development Program

The primary program for pre-kindergarten, first, second and third grades will be held in each of the three elementary schools, Groves, Richmond and Vieweg. The organized activities including, rhythms, arts and crafts, and the story hour, are planned in the morning from 8:30 to 11:30. Survey returns resulting from questionnaires sent to parents in May did not indicate enough interest to justify afternoon programs at any of the elementary schools nor a primary recreation program on the Burroughs School campus. Children whose parents requested the Burroughs School as their attendance preference have been assigned to the elementary school nearest their home and should report at the designated school at the proper time Tuesday morning.

Late registration for this phase of the program will be held at each of the elementary schools from 8:30 to 9 a.m. Tuesday. Class lists and room assignments for all registered pupils will be posted at all schools. If a child's name is inadvertently omitted from a class list or is assigned to the wrong school, parents are asked to re-register the child in the nearest school office as soon as possible.

Effective Program

Registration for the elective developmental program planned for grades 4 through 12, will be held Tuesday in the high school cafeteria from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Classes will convene on Wednesday from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Courses off-

ered in this program include Red Cross life saving, beginning, intermediate and advanced swimming; solid and flying model building; beginning and advanced ceramics; beginning and advanced leather and copper work; beginning arts and crafts; sectional and complete band instruction, physical education; archery; woodshop; photography; beginning and advanced typing; library and dramatics. All boys and girls must be officially registered before participating in the program.

Remedial Academic Program

The remedial academic program is scheduled in the afternoons on the Burroughs campus beginning Tuesday. This program is planned to give help to those children in grades 1 through 8 who are having difficulty in academic works. As a result, the child, in order to be eligible for this program, must be recommended by the child's teacher. If late registration is desired for this program, arrangements must be made in the Burroughs School main office between the hours of 10 and 11:30 a.m. Tuesday.

Transportation

Transportation will be furnished for the Desert Park (Wherry Housing) area only. Pick-up will be made at the regular school bus stop at Nadeau and Dorado. The morning pick-up will be made at 8:15 a.m., and the return trip will be made at 11:30. For the afternoon academic pupils, a pick-up will be made at 12:15. The return school bus will leave the Burroughs campus at 3:30 p.m. Adjustments may be necessary in this schedule after the program is underway. In case of a change, notices will be sent home with the children.

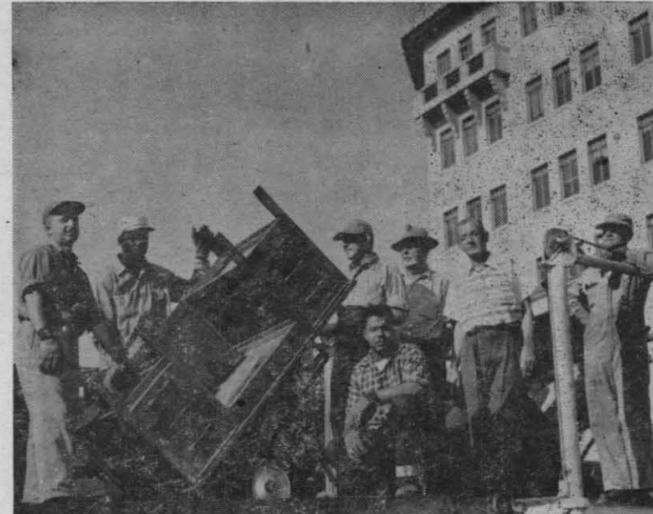
The summer program is organized on several different levels and is designed to meet the needs and interests of children in China Lake. Money to finance the program is received from State funds and is based on actual attendance of the children enrolled. Parents are asked to encourage regular attendance of their children to insure adequate financing of the activities.

NEW TELEPHONE NUMBER

Public Health Nurses Doris Whitely and Edith Hurst this week issued a reminder to the residents of China Lake to the effect that the telephone number at the Public Health office is 71683, however, since they are out of the office for most of the day making house calls, persons wishing to contact them may call the Department of Community Affairs. Messages for the two nurses will be taken on extension 72239.

News Deadline — Tuesday, 4:30 p.m.

Goodbye Thompson



LAST DESK goes aboard the last truck leaving Thompson Lab. Left to right are: Henry F. Fenske, Sherlie A. Powell, Gordon V. Gillespie, Ernest E. Hendrickson, Waino F. Jarvi, Leroy Pascoe, and (kneeling) Harold Bias. Lewis I. (Ike) Hoover was too busy to get in the picture.

Consolidation Move to Foothill Completed Right on Schedule

When Captain W. T. Groner, USN, said that Thompson Laboratories would be vacated by July 1, 1955, he meant it. And with the help of everyone, he did it. Every stick of furniture, every scrap of paper, every cog of machinery has been carted away from the seven-story structure that has been, successively, the Vista del Arroyo hotel, an Army hospital, and NOTS' Thompson Lab.

It was five months ago that Captain Groner announced the July 1st deadline. R. J. Love, head of Central Staff, was put in charge

of space arrangements and moving, with Fred Pierce as coordinator. The original schedule set up by Mr. Love and put into effect by Mr. Pierce has in many cases been anticipated, with some groups moving a week to ten days ahead of the prescribed date.

Credit for the smooth move is due the personnel of Central Staff, the cheerful Public Works crews, and the patient telephone operators and Mail, File, and Records people who through some magic always managed to "find your man." It is a job well done.

Hello Foothill



OBSERVED in a rare moment of inactivity is the crew that squeezed employees and their gear into the Foothill quarters. Back row: Harry C. McLaren, Marcelino Ramirez, Stanley D. McDonald, Richard Edler, and R. Q. Nutter. Front row: Doc Brooks, Robert E. Swannstrom, and Bruno C. McHugh.

News from Pasadena

ESO Balloting Set for Friday

Balloting for the representatives of the Employees Service Organization will take place on Friday, July 8 instead of on July 1, as announced previously, according to Arnold Livingstone, president. Ballots will be attached to paychecks on that date.

Petitions have been filed nominating the following from Foothill: Richard Lovelace, Bess Johnson, Robert M. Johnson, Walt Tenner, George Hughes, John Padi, Hal Yost, Doc Brooks, Leon Jenkins, Mary Yamagata, E. S. Cornwell, Waldo Bemis, Sue Berg, and Carl Runge.

The following have been nominated from Morris Dam: Chuck Bailey, Dick McKee, and Ralph Ferguson. Ballot boxes will be placed in strategic positions on election day, July 8. It is hoped that every employe will indicate his choice of representative in this organization which serves us all through the insurance program, the blood bank, the cafeteria, the canteen service, and in numerous other ways.

The new members will be seated on July 15, at which time the president for the coming year will be chosen.

New Information Officer Aboard

By GLORIA MIKLOWITZ

This is my last issue as Annex reporter. Beginning July 1, I return to the full-time job of brochure and film writer in the Technical Information Department.

Warner Baylor, new to the Station, will assume the duties of technical editor in the publications and photography branch, UOD, and will also act as public information officer and Rocketeer correspondent for the Annex. He may be reached at Ext. 35, Foothill.

In joining the Station, Mr. Baylor, 32, retires from active duty as a lieutenant commander in the Military Sea Transport Service, Fort Mason, San Francisco. At MSTSS, he acted as Service Information Officer, writing technical news releases and reports.

A graduate of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, at Kingspoint, N.Y., he received his B.S. degree in marine engineering in 1944. He has since attended Indiana Technical College, the Richmond Business College, and George Washington University. He is married, and has 2 children.

CONSTRUCTION UPPED

From 1946 to 1954 yearly U.S. expenditures for the construction of new ships averaged approximately \$340 million.—(from AFPS)



RAISING OLD GLORY at Foothill are Guard Harry Levenbach and Sergeant Harold C. Lakes.

Holiday Message From Capt. Groner

Captain W. T. Groner, USN, Officer in Charge, Pasadena Annex, sends this Independence Day message:

"I sincerely hope that everyone of us here at the Annex has a most pleasant Fourth of July weekend with our families and friends, and that each of us takes time to give due thought to the meaning of this day to the United States and to the world. This is the birthday of our Nation, a nation, to quote Lincoln, 'conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.' These are the principles we stand for: liberty and the rights of the individual man, and we are once again engaged in a struggle, on a world-wide scale, to uphold and preserve these basic principles. It is a relatively bloodless struggle at the moment, to be sure, but it is a struggle of the deepest and most lasting meaning to all of us and to all of our children. Let each one of us be sure he appreciates its importance, and does his share to keep us free."

CREDIT UNION HOURS

Hours for deposits at the NOTS Pasadena Federal Credit Union are now as follows: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 3 to 5 p.m., and in addition from 1 to 2:30 on the per annum pay day. In case of holidays falling on Monday or Wednesday, hours are the following Tuesday or Thursday from 3 to 5 p.m.



"Spotlights from the Sideline"

Elaborate plans are being laid for the important Pony League exhibition game double-header to be played on Saturday, July 9, at Schoeffel Field. The two top teams of the local league—the Cubs and the Reds—will play the top two teams of the San Bernardino Pony League, the Giants and the Engineers.

The visitors will be joined by a lively rooting section made up of parents and friends of the visiting league. It is planned to have the local players host their opposite numbers for this important weekend in Pony League play at China Lake.

The big surprise of the week came from the Cards who picked up their first two wins of the season at the expense of the Indians and the Reds. Gary Maxwell got his second nad Denny Kehaiaian his first circuit clout in last week's play. The cubs, with wins over the Cardinals and the Reds, clinched the first half standings.

League Standings

	Won	Lost	Tied
Cubs	6	1	1
Reds	4	4	0
Cards	2	4	2
Indians	2	5	1



"Chatter from the Diamond"

The first half of the Little League season ended Thursday night, June 23, with the Braves topping the Nationals with a 6-3 won-lost record. The Braves will play the winner of the second half of the season in a two out of three game series for the National Little League championship.

China Lake Little League champions will be determined in a three game series between the National and American League winners.

Pirates 13 — Red Sox 11

A seven-run rally in the third inning brought the Pirates from behind to win after the Red Sox built up a six-run lead in the first frame. Dennie Sorge was the winning pitcher.

Braves 5 — Giants 3

In the second game of Tuesday's double-header, the Braves cooled off a sixth inning rally by the Giants and saved the game for David Taylor who gave up only one hit for the first five innings.

Braves 16 — Red Sox 1

The Braves seized first place with a vengeance Thursday, overwhelming the Red Sox by the score of 16 to 1 in the final game of the first half. Gene Fata's one-hit pitching prevented the Sox from threatening.

Pony League Cake Sale



DOZENS OF CAKES and boxes of cookies were sold last week by mothers and friends of Pony League players and officials at Bennington Plaza for raising league funds. The ladies in front of the table are, near the camera, Mrs. L. J. Gibbons, 62-B Ringgold, and Mrs. G. A. Pruitt, 59-A Rodman. Behind the table are, from the left, Mrs. J. E. Sturgeon, 102 Sandora; Mrs. Homer Maxwell, 408-B Thompson; Mrs. Eugene Cowley, 230 Coso, Desert Park; and Mrs. Ruth Westcott, 415-A Blandy, chairman of the sale.

Supply, Fiscal Dept. Presents Awards To 19 Emloyes

Awards for superior accomplishment, accident prevention, time on the Station and beneficial suggestions were made to Supply and Fiscal Department personnel last week by Captain R. L. Myers, USN, Supply and Fiscal Officer, and CDR Leo W. Roberts, USN, his senior assistant, in a ceremony at the Community Center.

Mrs. Beulah H. Glidewell, department secretary, received a superior accomplishment award "for outstanding service during the period April 1, to September 30 1954." With the award was a check for the sum of \$200. Such awards are based on "superior and sustained work performance or special acts or service that are over and above the normal work requirements of an individual."

Industrial accident prevention awards went to N. G. Lynn and B. D. Proehl as supervisors who completed four years without a lost time accident; J. S. Morin, three years; J. H. Holton and G. L. Bowles, two years; and A. W. Schaeffer, one year.

Shops cited for completing the calendar year 1954 without a lost-time accident included the labor stores branch; warehouse area 1 (storage branch); and the storage branch.

Safe driving awards for completing one or more years without a lost-time accident, went to C. E. Igou, eight years; J. E. Rutledge Sr. and C. J. Behrens, seven years; Eddie Grider, four years; M. G. Hammer, two years; and B. D. Brown and J. G. Conner, one year each.

Five year pins went to Gaylord Smith, accounting division, and V. S. Wilson, material division.

Beneficial suggestion awards went to Dallas J. Knight, two suggestions for \$20, and half of a \$40 award for a suggestion made jointly with Ted Arnold, a former employe; to Mrs. Barbara A. Kasal, \$20; and Mrs. Dora M. Laughlin, \$10.

Lt. M. L. Conard Pulls Fast One

PASADENA — A surprise birthday cake presented by his staff was only the beginning of a big day for Lt. M. L. Conard, Supply and Fiscal Department, last Friday. Not until early this week was it announced that he not only celebrated his birthday but his wedding on July 24. At the Community Church in Claremont, the lieutenant took as his bride Miss Anne Corby of Arcadia. The newlyweds spent the week-end at Palm Springs, and plan a more extensive honeymoon in July.

An increase was also voted for all per diem employes in Federal service. Additional details on this pay boost may be found in another article in this issue.

Naval Academy transferred from to Newport, R.I.—May 5, 1861.

News Deadline — Tuesday, 4:30 p.m.



MRS. BEULAH GLIDEWELL received a superior accomplishment award of \$200 last week from Captain R. L. Myers, SC, USN, Supply and Fiscal Officer, for her performance as a secretary, in a presentation program that included many other awards. In the back row they are, left to right, CDR Leo W. Roberts, SC, USN, senior assistant supply and fiscal officer, Mrs. Barbara A. Kassal, Mrs. Dora M. Laughlin, and Dallas James Knight, all of whom were award recipients in the field of beneficial suggestions.

Navy Relief Returns Submariner . . . Total Over \$2300

A preliminary donation total of \$2301.66 has been announced for the recently completed Navy Relief Week celebration, according to Mrs. Alice Floyd, drive treasurer. Several departments still have not submitted any figures on funds collected.

The above mentioned total included \$1464.17 which was reported last week, plus \$261.05 from tickets turned in nad \$576.44 which was received from the recent Station play "What On Earth." A final round up will be given in next week's Rocketeer.

Mrs. Floyd has asked that all department representatives and other persons who still have Navy Relief donation tickets out, please turn them in as soon as possible so that a final accounting of the funds may be made.

Pay Increase . . .

(Continued from Page One) 90,205 others in a number of government agencies with separate pay systems. This means an average increase of about \$325 per year. More than three million men and women in the Federal Service have now been given pay raises which will cost the taxpayer approximately \$1,250,000,000 a year.

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Submariner . . .

(Continued from Page One) departments up to executive officer. During this period he was designated a submariner. Then came submarine combat duty as noted previously.

The years 1946 to 1948 found him back at the Naval Academy teaching electronics. He then commanded the USS Harwood, 1948-1949, and next attended the Guided Missile School at Ft. Bliss, Texas.

Service during 1950-1952 was as the Bureau of Ordnance Technical Liaison Officer at the Pasadena Annex of NOTS. He became Commander of Escort Squadron Sixteen during 1952-1953, which was followed by duty as Officer-in-Charge of the Pasadena Annex.

Among decorations he has earned are the Silver Star with Gold Star, Commendation Ribbon with Star, and ribbons for the Philippine Liberation, World War II Victory Medal, Asiatic Duty and Occupation, the American Theater, and the Asiatic Pacific Theater. He also wears the submariner's insignia for seven successful combat missions in the Pacific.

Captain Sellars became Executive Officer at NOTS in June 1954. He and Mrs. Sellars have two children, Robert F., Jr., and Marianne.

INSURANCE PREMIUMS DUE

Monthly Intercoast Insurance premiums are now due and payable at the Community Services office. Payment may be made in person between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Fridays from the 1st through the 15th of each month.

Superintendent's Notes

By DR. EARL MURRAY
Superintendent of Schools

The regular education and developmental summer program will open in all China Lake Schools on Tuesday, July 5.

This program has great significance for the children of China Lake in that it supplements the regular school program by making available broader and deeper experiences in many fields which are only touched upon in the regular school program. The program has been built up and revised over a period of years according to the needs and requests of the community, available teachers and facilities. While the program is recreational in part, that is not its main purpose. Only those recreational activities are approved which are definitely also educational and developmental.

The program is divided into three parts. The primary division has a set three hours program for children who have completed the kindergarten, first or second grade, and for those children who are eligible to enter kindergarten next September. No swimming will be given to this group because of lack of facility since the pool is only available to the school for four hours daily.

The elective program carries a large variety of activities from which choices may be made and is for children and youths who will be in grades 4 through 12 next year. The program for this age group is rich in educational and developmental activities.

A remedial academic program is provided in the afternoon at the Burroughs School for students in grades 1 through 8 and will provide instruction in reading, spelling and arithmetic.

This total program is unique in the State and Nation and is another service provided by your school system.

Transportation will be provided for students from the Wherry Housing area.

Details of the program and instructions for the first day will be found in another article in the current issue of the Rocketeer.

BIRTHS

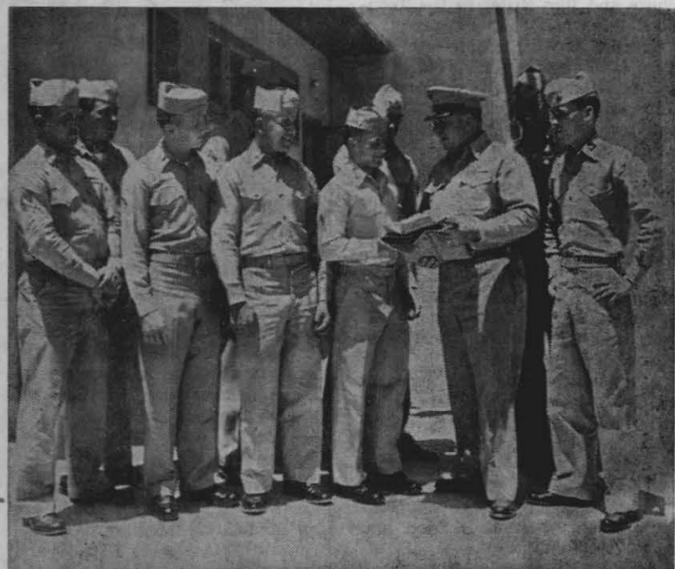
Burrows—Corbi Jo, 5 lbs., June 22, at the Station hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Allen C. Burrows, 407-A McIntyre.

Stevenson—Tamara Lee, 7 lbs., June 22, at the Ridgcrest Hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Donald D. Stevenson, 133-A Hornet.

AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY

Aerial photography for purposes of reconnaissance was first used by American forces under Gen. John J. Pershing along the Mexican border in 1916.—From AFPS

Cagers Receive Awards



MARINE BARRACKS WINNERS of the second place spot in the Station basketball league were presented with their awards by Major J. H. Griffin, Commanding Officer, this week. The players are, left to right, D. E. Cragger, Albert Lopez, Bernard Tackett, "Buddy" Story, Carl E. Zajac, Don McGinnis, Clifton Minshew, Major Griffin, Robert D. Clouser and Carl Divers.

In the first inning, the Rockets sent only four men to the plate, Israel being the only one to reach first as the result of a walk. Norton opened up and showed their power, however, when Fistler, the first man up singled and went to second on an error by Israel. LaRose got to first on an error and LaVelle sacrificed both runners another base. Hike and Hoffman then hit scoring the two base runners and Lescher struck out to end the inning with Norton leading 2-0.

Norton held the Rockets scoreless for the next four innings, while scoring two more runs in the fourth frame.

Going into the fifth inning, the Rockets sent four men to the plate, Lopez went out pitcher to first, Oberbo walked, Martin and Reim flew out ending the inning.

Norton's first three batters in the bottom of the fifth went down, leaving the score 4-0 in favor of the visitors.

Going into the sixth inning the Rockets were able to score one run when Osborne singled, Israel struck out, Les Weekes doubled, scoring Osborne, Oliverson fouled out to

the catcher and Brun grounded out short to first.

"Marty" Martin, pitching for the Rockets, put the next three Norton batters away with little trouble, and the score going into the seventh was Norton 4, Rockets 1.

In the top of the seventh the Rockets were able to push across another run, but in the bottom Norton really turned on the steam pressure. Hike, the first man flew out. Hoffman then homered, followed hits by Lescher, Silas, and Pelletier. Wilson went out third to first, Fistler hit and LaRose struck out. Four runs scored on five hits.

In the top of the eighth inning, the Rockets were still handcuffed by Hike, pitching for Norton. The first man up, Israel, walked and was forced out at second when Weekes got on with a fielder's choice. Oliverson flew out and Cragger, pinch-hitting for Brun, grounded out second to first.

Norton's first two batters in the bottom of the eighth walked and Gipp came in to relieve Martin on the mound. The "Gipper" promptly put the handcuffs on Norton, forcing Hoffman to pop out to second, and striking out Lescher and Silas.

The big ninth stanza for the local team saw Lopez walk, Overbo popped out to third, Gipp hit safely, Reim hit, scoring Lopez; Osborne flew out to left field, Israel hit scoring Gipp; Weekes doubled scoring both Reim and Israel, Oliverson brought Weekes in and Cragger grounded out second to first, to end the game.