

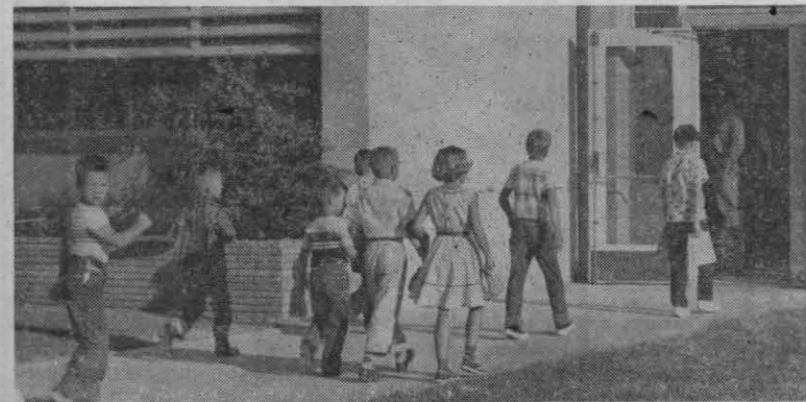
Burroughs Schedule Begins with Assembly



FIRST ASSEMBLY of the new school year for Burroughs High School students was held at the Station Theater Tuesday morning. The initial program is held as a means of orienting new students and it also serves to introduce new teachers to the student body. Dr. Earl Murray, superintendent of China Lake Schools also uses

the session to discuss plant facility improvements, room changes and to give a general school philosophy. The pupils are given an idea of what the school expects of them with regards to studies and deportment. According to school officials the present enrollment of 650 is approximately 70 more than for the same time last year.

★ Back to School ★



VIEWEG SCHOOL CHILDREN joined the annual "Back to School" parade Tuesday morning as the old school bell rang calling the youngsters back to their books and studies. Total enrollment for the China Lake School District was in the neighborhood of 2500 students, a considerable increase over the number attending last year. Local School District officials have been busy for many weeks formulating class lists and school assignments. As the accompanying article by Dr. Earl Murray explains, although a child is assigned to a certain school, it may be necessary in the next few days to reassign him or her to another area for reasons of health, or other extenuating circumstances. The reassignments will be made only where they are absolutely necessary.

★ School Days Are Here Again ★



STATION YOUNGSTERS returned to their classrooms again this week to begin their five-day-a-week sessions in learning the three "R's." Included in the student body returning to Groves School were: Peggy and Vicki Peterson, of 306-B Groves, who are entering the first grade; Bobby Foster, second from left, of 412-A Hornet, starting in the fourth grade; and Michael Childers, of 308-A Independence, a fifth grade student. Why he also can't go to school seems to be a mystery for the puppy, held by Foster.

Extensive Planning Went Into Opening Of Local Schools

By Dr. Earl Murray

Much planning has been done for the opening of school aside from the obvious such as securing teachers, supplies, and preparing the physical plant. Reference is made here primarily to zoning, class balance, the kindergarten placement, and to transportation.

Zoning, or school unit placement, is a problem for the kindergarten and first six grades. As preparation for this, a large map showing each house on the Station, was placed on the wall in the office of the assistant superintendent. A pin was placed on each house in which an elementary pupil resides. Each grade level has a different color. From these data we were able to draw up our school zone lines, and to determine how many classrooms within each school should be devoted to a particular grade level. This must be done within the existing facilities at each school.

In order to keep all rooms full and to prevent over crowding in some rooms it is necessary for some pupils to attend a school which is not the nearest one to their residence. Also it is occasionally necessary where there is more than one child in a family for one child to attend one school and for the other child to attend a different school.

Kindergarten placement is one in which many first choices cannot be granted, either as to the attendance center or the time of day. This is the reason for controlled registration which will be used in the placement of morning or afternoon attendance. It can have little influence on the zone lines since distance and transportation facilities are necessary factors.

Afternoon sessions are necessary, as they are in all communities, because building shortages all over the State make it necessary that all school facilities be used to capacity. Transportation is limited to one school bus with a capacity of 50 elementary pupils and fewer junior high school pupils. The bus schedule was printed in last week's Rocketeer.

It will be necessary to make some changes in zone lines for attendance after the pupils are actually in school, since preliminary studies cannot be absolutely accurate. Also transportation times and routes may need to be changed.

Since we are such a compact community, only a few real hardships will occur in attendance and transportation. In such cases, parents are requested to state the case in writing to the assistant superintendent with reasons for requesting the change. If the reason is one of health, a doctor's statement should accompany the request.

Flag Raisers



FLAG RAISING ceremonies at Richmond Elementary School this week helped to emphasize the fact that schools are again in session. Many improvements in local school facilities have been made in order to make school attendance as pleasant as possible.

Officials Announce Red Cross Classes

Local Red Cross officials today announced that two classes and a conference will take place in the next three weeks. A class on "Parent and Child Care" begins next Monday; a "Home Care of the Sick" class will start on Sept. 26; and a Home Care of the Sick Instructors' Conference begins here on Tuesday Sept. 20.

There will be no tuition fees charged for the classes and there is no age limit placed on enrollment. Teachers are needed for the classes; for teaching applications or further information contact Jane LaRosa at 304-a Forrestal St.

THE WEATHER

Mostly clear over the weekend. Light variable winds increasing in the afternoons with gusts from 35 to 40 knots. Generally cooler with the maximum temperature at 100, minimum 68.



Rocketeer

TEMPERATURES (Housing Area)

	Max.	Min.
Sept. 1	106	65
Sept. 2	106	63
Sept. 3	108	69
Sept. 4	109	61
Sept. 5	109	63
Sept. 6	110	62
Sept. 7	108	65

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300 NEW HOUSES FOR CHINA LAKE



DISCUSSING PLANS for the new 300-unit Wherry Home Tract is "Cal" Fallgatter (left), head of the China Lake housing division, and Richard Hibbard (right), manager of the China Lake Housing Corporation.

Ground Breaking for Wherry Tract Expected To Begin Late this Month

Ground breaking for the new 300-unit Wherry home tract is expected to take place before the end of September in the area just west of the present Desert Park Wherry Homes, according to Alfred Barrett, son of H. J. Reed Barrett, of Pasadena, owner of the China Lake Housing Corporation.

It was stated that FHA financing has been arranged for the project, total cost of which is expected to be approximately \$2,200,000. Interim financing will be through the Bank of America of Van Nuys, with permanent financing through an eastern bank not as yet specified.

Completion of the first units is expected to be within five or six months after starting, Barrett said, depending on the weather. The entire project should be completed within eight to nine months, with units being completed at the rate of about 25 per week.

Design of the new homes will include a pitched roof in place of the existing flat type, steel kitchen cabinet equipment, desert evaporative coolers, wall heaters and cement-floored carports. Stoves and refrigerators will be standard equipment. The plans also call for plumbing to accommodate automatic washing machines.

Rental figures will be slightly above that for the original Wherry Homes; rentals for two, three and four bedrooms is \$72-75, \$82.75 and \$92.75, respectively. Rentals will be restricted to military personnel and their dependents, and to NOTS civilian employees. Rentals will be handled through the NOTS Housing Office.

Among other features in the tract will be additional storage space for each home, landscaping and some playground equipment in an area of about an acre set aside for that purpose.

SECNAV



Secretary of the Navy Charles S. Thomas, in Long Beach to present the Navy's Distinguished Public Service Award to Clinton Furrer (chairman of the armed services committee), reviewed future plans of the Navy and its connection with the atom.

All Nuclear Powered

"In the future, all the Navy's fighting ships are to be nuclear powered," he said. "They will bear no resemblance to the fighting ships of today, or ships as we know them."

Won't Know Them

"The conventional guns on the cruisers will be gone, and they will be armed with guided missiles. Jet seaplanes will have a terrific future, for they will be able to travel anywhere in the world."

Circle World Three Times

"And the NAUTILUS—she is more effective than we thought. She can circle the world two or three times without resurfacing. The only limitation is the crew—they can't stay submerged that long."

Secretary Thomas' remarks were made before guests and members of the Long Beach Chamber of Commerce.

'Great Books' Unit To Hold Orientation Session at Center

A three-day orientation session at the China Lake Community Center starting Sept. 29 will mark the beginning of the third year of organization for the local Great Books Discussion Group. The meetings, on each of the three days, will begin at 7:30 p.m.

A series of 16 discussion programs, to be held on alternate Wednesdays during the year, have been scheduled and interested persons are invited to participate in this program of adult self-education.

Included on the discussion agenda will be selections from the Bible, Theoclydides, Plato, St. Thomas Aquinas, Rabelais, Shakespeare, Bacon, Voltaire, Gibbon, Dostoyevsky Freud and other writers who have dealt with the basic issues of mankind.

Leading the forthcoming three-day discussion sessions will be John Lyons, of the Los Angeles Public Library, who is also a director for the Great Books Foundation.

Persons interested in participating in the program are urged to contact members of the group to arrange for their reading material in advance. The third-year set of 16 readings is now available for \$9.25.

'BHR' Conversion Cost \$70-Million --But Worth It!

Navy Department recommissioning ceremonies for the USS BON HOMME RICHARD (CVA-31), Essex-class aircraft carrier, were held at San Francisco Naval Shipyard last Tuesday. The vessel received a \$70-million conversion which included a new angled deck, new clipper bow, two new deck-edge elevators, and the latest electronics equipment the Navy could provide.

New Commanding Officer of the "Bonny Dick" is Captain Lamar P. Carver. Thousands of guests were present for the recommissioning, including the Secretary of the Navy.

'Navy Times' Tells China Lake Story

Heralded as a feature story about the "Navy-built city within itself," the Navy Times for Sept. 4 carries a page and one-half illustrated article about the Station. The item was prepared by the Technical Information Department and channelled through the Times' Los Angeles office for publication in Washington, D.C.

First PTA Meeting Slated Thursday

The first meeting of the newly organized Burroughs Parent-Teacher Association will be held in the Cafeteria next Thursday Sept. 15, at 8 p.m., according to President Kenneth H. Robinson. The PTA group covers grade 7 through 12.

