

Military Sponsors Radio Ham Contest

The Navy, Army and Air Force are co-sponsoring a program for the participation of amateur radio operators in celebrating Armed Forces Day, May 19th. Local amateurs are planning to participate in the Navy-wide celebration by transmitting and receiving messages over the nation, according to Orson Mitchell, chairman pro-tem of the newly formed NOTS Amateur Radio Club.

Code Wave Receiving

A code wave receiving competition will be part of the national program and will feature a message from the Office of Defense in Washington, D.C. All amateur operators are eligible to participate, and certificates of merit will be issued to each amateur sending and receiving perfect copy. Transmissions will be at the rate of 25 words per minute.

Navy Department radio stations transmitting the Secretary of Defense's message will be NSS in Washington, D.C., and NPG in San Francisco.

Five Minute CQ

Each transmission will commence with a five minute CQ call. It will not be necessary for participants to copy more than one station, and no extra credit will be given for doing so, according to the Chief of Naval Operations. Transcriptions should be submitted "as received". Messages should be mailed to Armed Forces Day Contest, Room BE1000, The Pentagon, Washington 25, D.C. Time, frequency, and call letters of the station copied should be indicated.

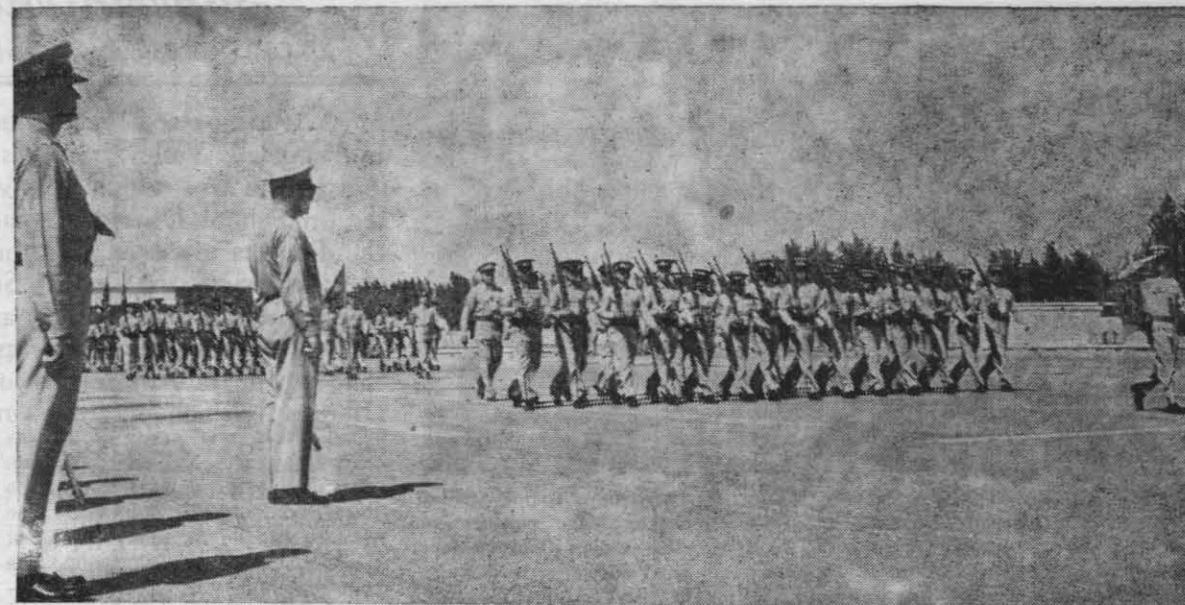
Further information about this contest can be obtained by calling Lt. (jg) Michael Bedwell, communications officer.

China Lake Firemen Praised by CNO Burke

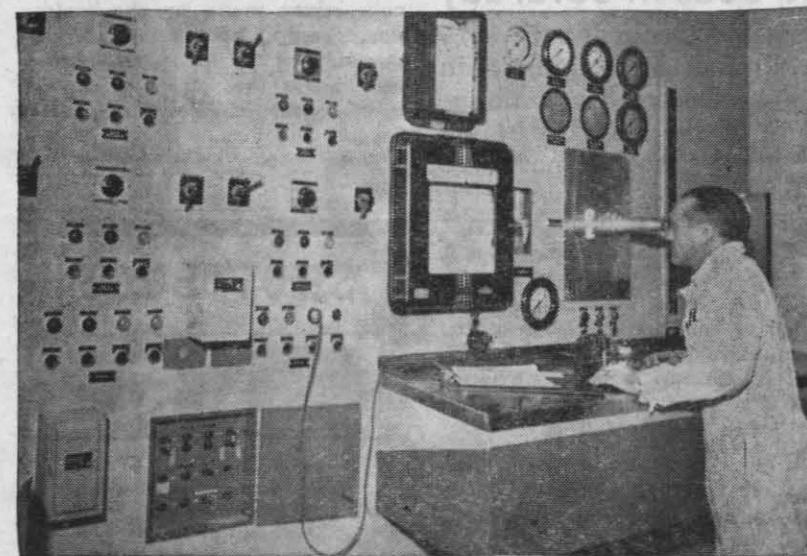
One hundred and sixty five naval shore establishments participated in the 1955 Fire Prevention Week Campaign, but only 31 were named to receive "Certificates of Merit" for their outstanding accomplishments in this worthy educational project. Of the 31 naval units recognized, only two were from the 11th Naval District — NOTS, China Lake, and Naval Hospital, Corona.

As a result of their excellent fire protection programs, NOTS and the Naval Hospital at Corona came in for a pat on the back from the Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Arleigh Burke who said, "To all personnel who participated in this important program I extend a hearty well done."

Marines Say 'Farewell' to China Lake



PASSING IN REVIEW before Commanding Officer of Troops, Lt. Col. Norman Pozinsky, First Terrier SAM Battalion bids farewell to the Station in true military fashion prior to their moving to Twenty-Nine Palms in May. This scene shows the battalion in action at the ceremony which took place in the Bank of America parking lot last Friday afternoon. The unit was assigned to the Station in January, 1950.



TYPICAL OF FACILITIES to be seen in the NOTS film "Extrusion of Rocket Propellant Grains" is this Control Room for an extrusion press at the China Lake Pilot Plant. NOTS movie goes may see this film next Sunday and Monday at the Station theatre.

NOTS Presents-

A new NOTS documentary motion picture describing the extrusion of rocket propellant grains at the China Lake Pilot Plant will be shown on Sunday and Monday as a part of the regular bill at the Station theatre. Further Station films will be shown at the rate of one per week. These film reports are produced by the documentary film production branch, Presentations Division, Technical Information Department, headed by veteran movie-maker Everett B. Baker, whose headquarters are located at the Pasadena Annex. The China Lake Section of the Branch is supervised by Richard H. Clark Jr., and the Pasadena Section is headed by Royford George.

Waiting Groups

Approximately fifty members of the Aviation Committee, San Bernardino Chamber of Commerce will tour the Station this afternoon. Their tour will include visits to the danger areas, Michelson Laboratory, and the community area.

On Sunday, twenty-five Naval Reserve Ordnance Officers will arrive to commence an intensive fourteen-day training course, which will include lectures on major Station technical programs and visits to principal NOTS facilities at China Lake and Pasadena.

For further information on these items contact Presentations Division, Technical Information Department, Code 752.

AOD Personnel Receive Praise

Employees of "Charlie Range" were given high praise last week in a letter received by Captain F. L. Ashworth. The communication was from D. W. Davis, Commanding Officer, Pacific Fleet Air Force, Fighter Squadron 113, San Francisco.

The letter of appreciation read as follows:

"It is with sincere pride and gratitude that I wish to highly commend all hands concerned with the support and training received by this command during our deployment to China Lake from February 19 to 24, 1956.

"Mr. Duane Mack and his excellent crew at "Charlie Range" are to be highly commended for their fine spirit and cooperation in the best interests of our pilots' training. The help given by the operations department support personnel was excellent in all respects. This squadron is looking forward to its next China Lake deployment."

CNO Burke Asks Backing for 'NRS'

Adm. Arleigh Burke, chief of naval operations, has asked navy and marine corps personnel and friends of the service to give enthusiastic backing to the Navy Relief Society drive, May 4 to June 6.

The NRS is the Navy's own relief organization, which provides personnel and their families with needed financial assistance, loans and counseling. During 1955, the society granted \$498,259 and made loans of \$3,662,431.

THE WEATHER

Partly cloudy to cloudy skies. Visibility good. Winds south to southwest 20 to 30 knots with gusts to 40 knots. Temperature range maximum 80 to minimum 60.

Rocketeer

TEMPERATURES

(Housing Area)

	Max.	Min.
April 19	80	45
April 20	83	47
April 21	87	48
April 22	91	49
April 23	88	56
April 24	87	52
April 25	76	58

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AF Day Committee Shaping Final Plans

Final plans were shaped up by members of the NOTS Armed Forces Day Committee, headed by LCdr. Ralph Stell, this Wednesday at a meeting of the committee in the Community Center. LCdr. Stell reviewed all plans with each department and announced that he believed NOTS would have one of the greatest demonstrations ever for the public to witness on May 19-20.

Once a year at China Lake the gates are thrown open to John Q. Public and he gets the opportunity to see some of the real values of his tax dollar. NOTS this year has planned an extensive two-day observance of "POWER FOR PEACE."

This Station, the only one of its kind in America, will welcome the public and make every effort to let the public see as much of the intensive program carried out here as possible. Much of the Station's technical programs involve secret operations and, of course, this part of China Lake will not be displayed publicly.

LCdr. Stell distributed to all departments special invitations to be sent out over California to citizens who have indicated a special interest in China Lake and its activities. Each department will in turn send out these invitations that allow John Q. Public to attend the Armed Forces Day celebrations that are to take place here.

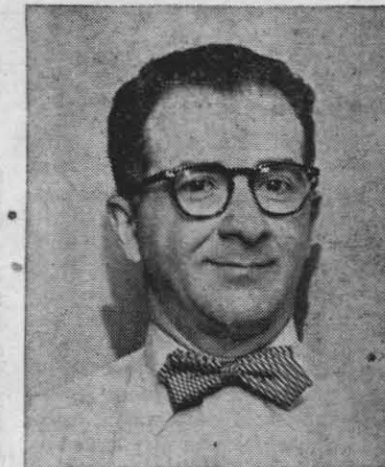
A special feature is included in this year's activities and that is the invitations being sent to California high schools allowing these student bodies to attend the event. High school newspaper editors will be invited to attend with their high school student bodies and have an opportunity to take pictures and write about their visitation. The ROCKETEER will be host to these editors.

Among other plans for the occasion are radio and television programs telling the NOTS story and inviting the public to attend Armed Forces Day here. A special appearance of NOTS personnel will be made on "Panorama Pacific," a television program in the mornings on channel two. Television appearances of NOTS personnel will be made over station KERO in Bakersfield and movie film of NOTS will be televised over many Southern California Stations.

Extensive publicity through newspapers and radio stations is planned, and here again NOTS people will

be interviewed. Every phase of publicity is being considered and extensive plans are being carried out by the committee. Posters telling of the program offered here are being prepared by the Technical Information Department; a special souvenir edition of the ROCKETEER will be available to all visitors and Station personnel telling of Armed Forces Day; the Community Council will hold its Fiesta, and many other events will take place on May 19-20.

Joins Northrop



HAROLD SMULLEN, head, methods development branch, Engineering Department leaves today after 8 years at NOTS. He has accepted a position as research engineer for Northrop Aircraft Company in Hawthorne, California.

Rear Admiral John Sides Named to Missile Post

Washington, (AFPS) — Rear Adm. John H. Sides has been named deputy to the special assistant to the secretary of defense for guided missiles.

In his new post, Adm. Sides will assist Dr. Eger V. Murphree, who was recently selected by Defense Secretary Charles E. Wilson to head the department's guided missile activities.

NOTS Officials Greet SecNav Thomas



THE HONORABLE CHARLES S. THOMAS is shown chatting with NOTS officials shortly after his arrival. Pictured (from l. to r.) are: Dr. Wm. B. McLean, Technical Director; Charles S. Thomas; Captain F. L. Ashworth; and RADM. R. L. Campbell, Commanding Officer of the Naval Base, Long Beach, a member of the visiting party.

First Visitation To China Lake As 'SecNav'

The Honorable Charles S. Thomas made his first visit to China Lake last Monday as Secretary of the Navy. He arrived at China Lake's Naval Air Facility by plane early Monday morning and spent the greater part of the day visiting NOTS facilities and witnessing technical events.

Secretary Thomas was met on his arrival by Captain F. L. Ashworth, Dr. W. B. McLean and other Station officials. During the visitation, Secretary of the Navy Thomas viewed new developments in the Station's research and development programs, a firing of a guided missile, and heard of the significant work being accomplished here at the Navy's largest ordnance station.

The visit to China Lake by Secretary Thomas was part of a four-day tour of the 11th Naval District.

In a conference at 11th Naval District Headquarters with Rear Admiral C. C. Hartmann, Commandant, Secretary Thomas stated, "The Navy today is going through the greatest transition in its entire history. All at one time it is changing from steam to nuclear power, from

guns to missiles, from gun power to atomic weapons and in the air from propeller plans to supersonic jets."

Secretary Thomas predicted an all-atomic U.S. Navy within 10 to 15 years and further predicted that the United States had built its last battleship. The Secretary concluded his West Coast tour with a visit to the California Institute of Technology at Pasadena.

Burroughs Class Aids In Editing Rocketeer

The Burroughs High School Journalism Class, as a part of Public Schools Week activities, assisted the ROCKETEER editor in publishing this week's edition of the ROCKETEER. Journalism instructor Wayne Harsh supervised the group's writings while assignments were made by the editor.

To learn how the actual make-up of a paper is completed the journalism class studied at the ROCKETEER office in groups of three, writing cut-lines, stories and learning how to proof-read.

Members of the journalism class are Carole Blackerby, Florence Childers, Karen Cone, Louanne Downey, Diane Jackson, Glenda La Fortune, Bobby Martin and Mina Moye. Working on the Blockbuster, the Burroughs School paper, for this week are Nancy Newell and Margaret Waldron.

Advance Your Clock

This weekend is the time we change to daylight saving. Advance your clock one hour.