

Ralph Boal Injured During SNORT Test

Ralph Boal, SNORT project engineer, was seriously injured Thursday, May 10 in an accident during a test run being made at SNORT. Sustaining injuries to his right knee and leg, caused by a 5.70 HVAR motor tube that ripped off a track sled at high speed, he was rushed to the Station infirmary where emergency measures were taken. He was subsequently transferred to San Diego Naval Hospital where his leg was amputated before he was taken on Sunday to the Naval Hospital in Oakland. Mrs. Boal, who was visiting relatives in Idaho, arrived at San Diego on Saturday and accompanied Mr. Boal to Oakland. Quick action on the part of test engineer John Gardner, engineer Nate Rekosh, electricians R. E. Fitzgerald and W. A. Jones, and the infirmary ambulance crew enabled Boal to receive urgently needed attention and quick transfer to the infirmary. Exact cause of the accident is being investigated.



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

TODAY MAY 18
 "TOY TIGER" (87 Min.)
 Jeff Chandler, Lorraine Day
 Shorts: "Busy Buddies" (7 Min.)
 "Italian Memories" (20 Min.)
 SERVICEMEN'S SHOW at 8:30 p.m.

SATURDAY MAY 19
 "THE FIRST TEXAN" (82 Min.)
 Joel McCrea, Felicia Farr
 Short: "Once Over Lightly" (18 Min.)
 SERVICEMEN'S SHOW at 8:30 p.m.

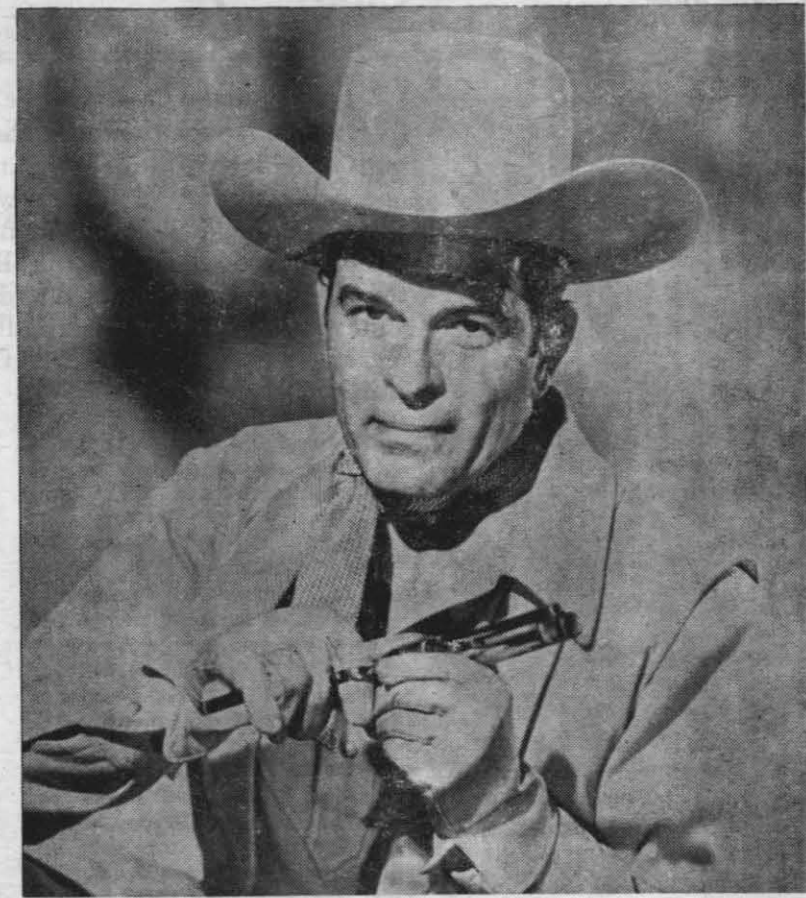
Armed Forces Day movie program
 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. (Sat.-Sun.)

SUN.-MON. MAY 20-21
 "COCKLESHELL HEROES" (95 Min.)
 Jose Ferrer
 Shorts: "Unexpected Pest" (7 Min.)
 "Carolina Court Champs" (10 Min.)

Complete schedule not available at press time — call Station Theater — 71413.

AFD Edition Of ROCKETEER
 A special edition of the ROCKETEER is being distributed today with the regular Friday issue. The special edition is dedicated to Armed Forces Day programs at NOTS China Lake and Pasadena. The edition will be distributed to Armed Forces Day visitors as well as to Station employees.

'Western Marshal' Will Lead Parade Pony and Little Leagues Open Next Thursday



KIDS' FAVORITE ON TV is Steve Donovan, known as the "Western Marshal." Donovan has been selected by Little and Pony League officials to appear here next Thursday night to lead the "Grand Parade" for ceremonies celebrating the opening of kids' baseball season. Donovan's TV program, The Western Marshal, is a National Broadcasting Company production and recently received an "Emmy" for its excellence in the Western Show category.

Bon Voyage!



NOTS OVERSEAS CLUB leaves tonight from Burbank on a flight to New York where they will board a charter flight on May 20 to Europe. Members of the club, front row (l. to r.) are: Bernice Atwater, Mary Williams, and Elsie J. Rehfield. Second row (l. to r.) are: Irene McBride, Geneva V. Snyder, Clara M. Fitzgerald, Ora H. Lewis, Nova Semeyn, and Ann Lindberg. Back row (l. to r.) are: Charles E. Snyder, Peter N. Modesto, Earle S. Eccleston, and Leonard A. Semeyn.

Opening night of the 1956 "Little League and Pony League" baseball season will be held at Schoeffel Field next Thursday night at 7:30 o'clock with Ty Blair as master of ceremonies. Opening night, always a great pageantry here at NOTS, will feature Steve Donovan. TV's "Western Marshal" on NBC. All events will honor China Lake's Pony League, American Little League and the National Little League.

Highlight of the evening will be a baseball game between the Captain Ashworth Rockets and Steve Donovan's Western Marshals. Players will be chosen by a special drawing that night to be made by Steve Donovan. Prior to game time, a grand parade will be held on the infield featuring the baseball teams, the El Toro Marine Band, a Marine and Navy Color Guard, League officials and Steve Donovan. Introduction of team members will be made by the "Western Marshal."

The league season will officially open when Steve Donovan makes the first pitch to batter Capt. F. L. Ashworth with Dr. Wm. B. McLean as the umpire. Following this, Father J. F. C. Ryan will give the Invocation and the band will play the National Anthem.

A special "Souvenir Program" is being printed for the big event and will contain messages from the Station Commander, the Technical Director, and officials of Little and Pony Leagues. The program will be distributed that evening at no cost to those attending.

Local Red Cross Drive Nets \$4,000

The annual fund-raising drive of the American National Red Cross closed recently after reaching a total of \$4,000 in the Indian Wells Valley area. The drive was conducted simultaneously in Ridgecrest, Inyokern and China Lake. While the goal of \$6,000 was not reached, the amount contributed exceeds sums collected in previous years, and is considered adequate to support a broad range of local and national Red Cross services, according to Richard Gray, Station co-chairman. Mrs. W. B. LaBerge, local Red Cross chapter chairman, and campaign co-chairmen Cdr. J. M. Shea, USN, Bernard Smith, and Richard Gray expressed appreciation to contributors and to campaign workers for their cooperation and support.



THE WEATHER
 Terrible high cloud over weekend. Visibility 10 to 20 miles. Surface winds becoming southwesterly 15 to 25 knots during afternoons. Temperature range maximum 95 to minimum 55.

Rocketeer

TEMPERATURES (Housing Area)

	Max.	Min.
May 10	75	41
May 11	71	52
May 12	72	50
May 13	74	44
May 14	80	49
May 15	87	41
May 16	94	46

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President's Armed Forces Day Message

Each year on the third Saturday in May, the Armed Forces of the United States, including the Reserve components and auxiliary services, make a special effort to increase public understanding of our national defense program which is, and has been from the beginning of our Republic, dedicated to achieving and maintaining peace.

In the present world situation, it is most important that our own people, and others throughout the world who believe as we do, should be cognizant of all aspects of our national strength—the spiritual and the moral, as well as the material and the military—and be reminded of our continuing efforts for peace.

The purpose of Armed Forces Day is to increase public understanding of, and to emphasize, our peaceful aspirations. I hope that all Americans, as well as many of our friends in other countries, will accept the invitation to visit our Armed Forces at this time.

DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER
 President of the United States

Gates to Open For 7th 'AFD'

Tomorrow morning the Station gates will open wide to welcome thousands of visitors to the Seventh Annual Armed Forces Day Open House at NOTS. Every effort has been made by Station management to give visitors and families of employees an opportunity to get a good insight into the highly important defense work being accomplished here.

Open House this year will be a two-day show, but Saturday will be the main day. The overall program consists of visitations to Michelson Laboratory, Aeroballistics Laboratory, firings at SNORT, and the NAF Air Show. Details can be found in the souvenir edition of the ROCKETEER, which is being distributed today.

Much publicity has been given the Open House. This morning, over television station KNXT in Los Angeles, Capt. F. L. Ashworth, Lcdr. Ralph Stell (Armed Forces Day Chairman), and Dr. Frank Cartwright appeared on "Panorama Pacific."

Stations KERO and KBAK in Bakersfield featured 15 minute films telling of NOTS and inviting the public to attend the Open House. Newspapers all over Southern California have carried news releases and photographs telling of Armed Forces Day at NOTS.

Among visitors attending tomorrow will be a plane load of television, radio, and newspaper personnel from the Los Angeles area who will gather news for their respective news medias. Also attending tomorrow will be several bus loads of high school students from various cities in Kern County. A special press conference will be held for high school editors and cameramen. The gates will be open to the public at 8 a.m. tomorrow. No passes will be needed to enter the Station.

Cameras Allowed

The Secretary of the Navy has authorized general visiting to naval stations and ships during Armed Forces Day. In compliance with this general visiting, persons viewing Armed Forces Day activities will be allowed to bring cameras and take pictures of Armed Forces Day activities and exhibits.

Persons bringing cameras aboard the Station will not be required to register such cameras nor will they be restricted from using the camera within the areas of Armed Forces Day observances. Unauthorized areas will be clearly marked and patrolled by Station police, thereby eliminating visitors from taking pictures in restricted areas.

Aero Lab To Be Named

Approval has been received to rename the Aeroballistics Laboratory to Thompson Aeroballistics Laboratory in honor of Dr. L. T. E. Thompson, former Technical Director of the Station. This announcement was made by E. C. Barkofsky, head of ballistics instruments branch, Research Department. The official ceremony will be held in the fall.

Station's Annual Fiesta Opens Tonight: Entertainment Stated for Young and Old

The Station's tenth annual Fiesta will open tonight at 6 p.m. in Bennington Plaza with approximately 20 booths featuring the traditional vendors of various wares. Orange Empire Shows and Kemsley's Kiddie Karnival will be located at the west end of the plaza to provide children and adult rides. The annual event is sponsored by the China Lake Community Council.

James H. Madden, president of the Community Council, will preside at the formal opening ceremonies scheduled for Saturday noon at the plaza. The fiesta will end Sunday evening.

Organizations that have contracted for booths are as follows:

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| Organization | Type Booth |
| Eastern Star | Mexican Food and Popcorn |
| Rockhounds | Gems and Stones |
| Apprentice Association | Hot Dogs, Pop and Coffee |
| Boy Scout Troop 35 | Dart Game |
| Machinists Auxiliary | Novelties |
| Ridgecrest P-TA | Sno-Cones |
| Ceramics Club | Ceramics |
| NAACP | Fried Chicken |
| Pony League | Orange Julius |
| Public Works (OinCC) | Hamburgers and Soft Drinks |
| Supervisors Association | Beer |
| Moose Auxiliary | Penny Pitch |
| Boy Scout Troop 3 | Cokes and Ice Cream |
| National Little League | Dart Game |
| Lions Club | Cotton Candy |
| Junior Archery Club | Peonies |
| China Lake Community Council | Information, change, games |
| Ridgecrest Chamber of Commerce | Mobile display |
| Cactus Squares | Tennis, Court Square Dancing |