

# Head Parade Pony and Little Leagues Open Next Thursday

Opening night of the 1956 "Little League and Pony League" baseball season will be held at Schoettler 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 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 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 begin when Steve Donovan makes his first pitch to batter Capt. P. Ashworth with Dr. Wm. B. McMan as the umpire. Following this, another 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 ended recently after reaching a total of \$4,000 in the Indian Wells Valley area. The drive was conducted simultaneously in Ridgecrest, Yorkern and China Lake.

While the goal of \$5,000 was not reached, the amount contributed exceeds sums collected in previous years, and is considered adequate support a broad range of local and national Red Cross services, according to Richard Gray, Station chairman.

Mrs. W. B. LaBerge, local Red Cross chapter chairman, and campaign co-chairmen Cdr. J. M. Shea, W. Bernard Smith, and Richard Gray expressed appreciation to contributors and to campaign workers for their cooperation and support.

**THE WEATHER**  
Variable high cloudless over weekend. Visibility 20 to 20 miles. Surface winds blowing southwesterly at 25 knots during day hours. Temperature range maximum to minimum 55.

# Rocketeer

**TEMPERATURES (Housing Area)**

|        | Max. | Min. |
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| May 17 | 93   | 51   |
| May 18 | 93   | 59   |
| May 19 | 87   | 50   |
| May 20 | 96   | 59   |
| May 21 | 98   | 55   |
| May 22 | 97   | 43   |
| May 23 | 96   | 62   |

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## All-Time Record Set For AFD Visitors

More than 20,000 persons were in attendance at the Armed Forces Day celebration at NOTS last weekend setting an all-time record of attendance for the annual event. It was estimated that more than 7,000 vehicles were passed through NOTS entrances by the Marines on duty.

Top attraction during the event was the "Air Show" put on by the Naval Air Facility. It is estimated that approximately 16,000 persons were on hand to witness the spectacular. Jets blasted flames and roared their fury to the delight of the present. Rocket firing, demonstration of the desert catapult and presting gear, fire fighting, and many exhibits were other features of the "Air Show."

Labs Draw Many Visitors  
Michelson Laboratory and the Aeroballistics Laboratory were also prominent parts of the program. It is estimated that some 4,000 people viewed Michelson Laboratory and many others witnessed the fabulous battery of cameras at the Aeroballistics Laboratory. SNORT firings proved exceptionally popular with thousands who thronged the area during the three demonstrations.

Stell Says Thanks  
Armed Forces Day Chairman LCDr. Ralph Stell stated he was more than pleased with the results of the various programs. He expressed appreciation to all those who helped make Armed Forces Day the large show that it was. He said the large attendance was proof of the great amount of work accomplished by the Day Committee and indicated that it was a pleasure to work with them.

**Buddy Poppy Sale  
Held Today, Tomorrow**  
Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 4084 will conduct their annual Buddy Poppy campaign today and tomorrow, according to Cora Myers, campaign chairman of the Lloyd E. Frost Ship.  
Once each year the VFW, through the sale of Buddy Poppies, makes its annual appeal to the general public for funds on behalf of the needy and disabled veterans of their community.



Dr. A. B. Dember



Willis E. Vore



Fred M. Ashbrook



George H. Schrieker

## Test Department Appointments Announced by Dr. I. Highberg

Dr. Ivar E. Highberg, Head, Test Department, announced this week the appointment of Alexis B. Dember as Assistant Head, Test Department, and the appointments of W. E. Vore as Head, Project Engineering Division, Fred Ashbrook as Head, Instrument Development Division, and G. R. Schrieker as Head, Instrument Operations Division.

**Did Infrared Research**  
Dr. Dember came to NOTS 8 years ago from Fort Belvoir, Virginia, where he had been in charge of infrared research and development for the Army Corps of Engineers.

He obtained his PhD in physics from the German University of Prague in 1953, spending the following year as instructor and research assistant at the University of Istanbul, where he studied photoelectric effects in semiconductors. He came to the United States in 1937 and joined the staff of Cal Tech as research fellow in physics, where he later met his wife, Lillian, then a bacteriologist. His fields of research at Cal Tech were the structure of photographic emulsions, cryogenics, and crystal physics. Between 1944 and 1947 Dr. Dember headed the Research Section of the Friez Instrument Division Bendix Aviation Corp. at Baltimore. This group was primarily concerned with meteorological instrumentation techniques.

Coming to NOTS as Head, Photographic Development Branch, he became Head of the Instrument Development Division in January 1951.

**Wittenberg Graduate**  
W. E. Vore graduated from Wittenberg College, Springfield, Ohio, in 1940, with a BA degree in Mathematics. Following employment as a teacher of math and physical science in the Lorain, Ohio high school he entered the Navy in 1943, attending radar school at Harvard and MIT. Further Naval service included duties as electronics material officer with ComCruDesPac and as radar officer aboard the USS Bradford.

He arrived at NOTS in July 1946 to work in electronic instrumentation for Exterior Ballistics, Research Department, transferring in 1949 to electronic counter-measures in Test Department. He was appointed Chairman of the Guided Missile Evaluation Committee in 1953 and became acting head of TERRIER Branch in 1955.

Fred Ashbrook graduated from Cal Tech with a BSEE degree in 1942. He then spent four years on the staff of the Radiation Laboratory at MIT, specializing in development of microwave radar receiving equipment and development of counter-countermeasure techniques. Coming to NOTS Test Department in January 1946, he worked on the development and operation of the first radio-link timing system used on the ground ranges. After serving as the acting head of the Electronic Development Branch from September 1950, he was appointed Branch Head in August 1951.

**Consultant to BuOrd**  
In addition to his regular duties he served as consultant to BuOrd on the Missile Radar Problems Committee. A charter member of the TERRIER and SIDEWINDER BuOrd Evaluation Committees, and was instrumental in organizing the China Lake section of IRE, having been chairman, vice chairman and member of the executive committee.

**Nebraska Graduate**  
A registered professional engineer of the State of California, and a member of the Institute of Electrical Engineers, Mr. Schrieker graduated from the University of Nebraska in 1939 with a BS degree in Electrical Engineering. After working with the Pioneer Electric Company at Lincoln, Nebraska, he joined the Engineering Division of North American Aviation, Inc., Inglewood in March 1941. In September 1948, after two years in private business, he entered the employ of Northrop Aircraft, Inc., Hawthorne, as research analyst on instrumentation of the SNARK missile. While with Northrop Aircraft he served on temporary assignment at Holloman Air Force Base, acted as Engineering Administrator to the Head, Special Weapons, was Research Engineer and Head of N-25A missile instrumentation, and became Head of Instrumentation Systems Engineering in December 1951.

Arriving at NOTS in May 1953, he was Head, Special Problems Section of the Metric Electronics Branch, and instrumentation coordinator on SNORT. He was appointed Acting Head, Metric Electronics Branch in April 1954 and Associate Head, Instrument Operations Division in November 1954.

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CONGRATULATIONS to France Adamson, Burroughs High senior who won a State Scholarship Award this week, are extended by Dorothy Donahoe, State Assemblywoman, and Dr. Earl Murray, principal of Burroughs, as Adamson works at the Station Service Station.

## Local Senior Wins Top State Honors

More scholastic honors came to France Adamson, president of the Burroughs High School student body when he was named this week as a winner in the newly established State Scholarship Award Program for the academic year 1956-57.

Adamson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vaughn Adamson of 309-B Princeton, was named last week as the winner of a four-year tuition scholarship to Pomona College. He was also chosen as the most valuable senior student by the local Elks Club.

In addition to being a life member of the Burroughs' chapter of the California Scholarship Federation, Adamson won the Bank of America Achievement Award Cup for excellence in the field of science and mathematics and took third place in the district finals of the program. Twice winner of the Burroughs Achievement Award Cup for outstanding student in his sophomore and junior classes, he has been manager and player on the Burroughs "A" football squad.

Voted by the 1955 session of the state legislature, the State Scholarship Award Program is to assist high school graduates who have demonstrated financial need, high moral character, good citizenship and dedication to American ideals.

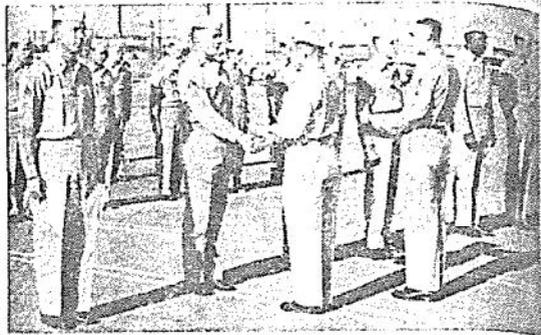
Preliminary screening of candidates was completed through the Scholastic Aptitude Test of the College Entrance Examination Board. Final selection was made by a state committee.

## Job Opportunities

Electronic Engineer, GS-11, Head, Telemetry and Special Instrumentation Unit, Supersonic Track Division, Test Department. Responsible for all telemetry systems for SNORT, B-4 and G-4 Track Ranges. Call Dave Samons, Personnel Department, extension 71577 or 71514.

Mail Clerk (Typing), GS-4. Vacant position is that of Assistant Head, Distribution Staff, TID. Duties require supervision of distribution office, coordination of distribution lists for technical reports and operation of a control center for highly classified documents. Call Personnel Services Branch No. 5, extension 71648 or 71393 for information or arrangements for a placement interview.

## Six Marines Receive Promotions



GUIDED MISSILE TEST UNIT holds a promotion ceremony for its servicemen. Major B. A. Rushlow (left foreground) makes the presentation with the assistance of M/Sgt. A. J. Hinton (right foreground). Three men to receive promotions from Sgt. to S. Sgt. (l. to r.) are: Donald L. Gladden; Paul H. Mounter (shaking hands with Major Rushlow); and Doyle R. Sprick (to immediate right of the Major). The remaining three men to receive promotions from corporal to sergeant are: Harold J. Smith; James C. Mitchell Jr.; and Richard J. Galvanon.

## Safety First

As the number of vehicles increase on our streets and highways today, so also does our need increase for greater care in driving and dependence on safeguards. Therefore, to increase our chances to survive in this advanced automobile age we must conform to certain rules.

These rules are simple and are compounded from our past driving experience. Like many safety precautions these rules are written to prevent repeating an incident that has caused injury or death to individuals. Some of the major rules are listed. See if you can add rules for your own special use:

- Slow down and live—Speed killed over 12,700 persons in motor vehicle accidents in 1955.
- Do not insist on having the right-of-way—Violation of right-of-way killed 3,610 persons in 1955.
- Get frequent car check-ups—Faulty car equipment caused over 1,800 deaths in 1955.
- When driving, don't drink—Over 3,600 persons were killed in cars where drivers had been drinking in 1955.
- Stop your car and rest, if tired or sleepy—Over 7,000 persons were killed in 1955 due to driver fatigue.
- Pedestrians—Always assume that a driver cannot see you at night or in conditions of poor visibility—Over 6,000 pedestrians were killed in 1955 while walking in or across streets and roadways.

**We Serve With Pride**  
At home or on distant stations, we serve with pride, confident in the respect of our country, our shipmates, and our families.



## Recognition Earned By NAF Employee

Luella E. Eschbach, secretary of the Administration Department of the Naval Air Facility, was presented a Superior Performance Award and a check for \$200 at a civilian award ceremony last Wednesday.

Earlier this month, Luella received a letter from Captain L. E. Ewoldt, commanding officer of NAF, congratulating her on the Outstanding Performance Rating she earned for the reporting period ending March 31, 1956.

This, in turn, was submitted to the command's Performance Rating Board where a unanimous approval was reached to nominate her for a Superior Performance Award on the basis of her sustained superior performance.

## 'Open House' Postponed At Laurel Booster Station

The "Open House" at Laurel Mountain Booster Station has been postponed and will not be held planned for this weekend. A new date will be set and announced later in the ROCKETEER.



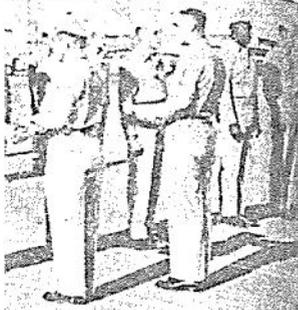
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### Receive Promotions



Major (left foreground) makes the presentation to M/Sgt. A. J. Hinton (right foreground). Promotions from Sgt. to S Sgt. (l. to r.) are: Hinton (shaking hands with Major), Hinton (immediate right of the Major). The other promotions are from corporal to sergeant: Mitchell Jr. and Richard J. Galvanon.

## Pasadena Recognizes Ten - Year Service



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### Pins Presented by Capt. Groner to 138 at All-Hands Meeting

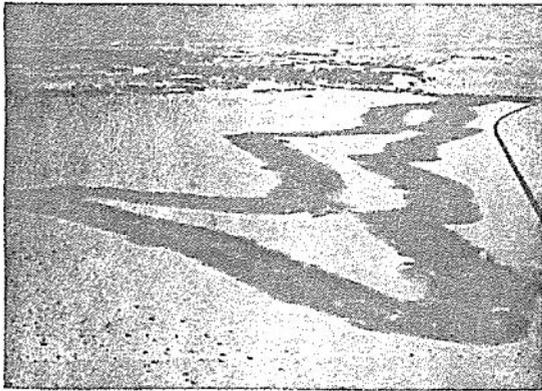
One hundred and thirty-eight Pasadena Annex people received pins in recognition of ten years' service to NOTS last week in official presentation ceremonies which were a part of the all-hands meetings held on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

The names of all ten-year employees are listed below under the department in which they work.

- Supply Department**
  - Marie G. Broschious, Shirley I. McAnigal, Mary A. Kirkbride, Albert Nowlin, Chester B. Curtner, Clinton Weaver, Virginia Banister, Richard A. Lovelace, Robert A. Arquist.
- Engineering**
  - Robert M. Leard, Blanche M. Faust, Philip P. Foster, Norman P. Edson, Ruth Tobler, Isabel J. Ben, Louise Westerman, Clarence A. Hanna, Robert W. Hallberg.
- Public Works**
  - Dirk J. LeMair, Herbert L. Nash, Edward A. Davey, Wilma C. Rorer, Irma C. Martens, Robert W. Johnson, Leo C. Bullington, Kenneth R. Sherman, Lowell G. Rickard, LeRoy O. Reynolds, Hugh J. Pace, Edward C. Gallagher, Cyril R. Martens, Aram Mallan, Otto Schweska, Harry C.

- McLaren, George E. Reed.
- Richard J. Edler, Elmer J. Hall, Lucien C. Forteville, Harry J. Wells, Doc Brooks Jr., Jimmie L. Storms, Ernie P. Feyrer, Percy T. Tigh, Marcelino M. Rameriz, William S. Staal, Leonardus M. Blom, Burney M. Watts, William Atchison Jr., Robert E. Swanstrom, David A. Evans, Dominick Calvano.
- Command Administration**
  - Madeline M. Nelson, Ethel L. L. Nichols, Catherine L. Wood, John L. Campbell, Carl O. Hanson, E. Keefe Sheehan, Glenn R. Carley, Bruce E. Lawrence, Pauline M. Richards.
- Underwafer Ordnance**
  - Nicholas A. Renzetti, Thomas C. Mico.
- Development Division (EX-2)**
  - Gary Gordon, Robert N. Hollister, Chester C. Wheeler, Frederic N. Eaton, Riley B. White, Glenn H. Bowlus, Otto F. Nass.
- Udene E. Younger, Nick M. Saines, Earl S. Knowlton, Donald R. Williams, Orrin W. Albert Jr., Donald E. Albert, Homer Cain, Pasquale M. Bredice.
- Research Division**
  - Mary Z. Madden, Neri Cornford, John G. Waugh, H. Irving Scribner, Carl D. Runge.
- Development Division (RAT)**
  - DeViri A. Kunz, Allen K. Billmeyer, Gleb A. Spazsky, Beatrice M. Humason, Ina Louisa Squire, Eunice K. Schweitzer, Margaret T. Kaa, Greydon B. Dodge, Louis W. Reeder, Charles E. Grandall, Joseph P. Strapp, Joe D. Rogers, H. Wallace Dow, Audrey H. Smith, Helen B. Hahn.
- Ernest Crescenti, Bernard Pennino, Arthur E. Backlund, Ceil E. Ballard, Norman G. Wyman, Fred W. Lux Jr., James H. Marsh, Lauren L. Sterling, Lewis C. Anderson, Robert A. Graf, David G. Hunt.
- Herman A. Torkelson, John D. Bascom, Milton D. Blatt, Clarence

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Aerial View of New China Lake Golf Course

## New \$90,000 Golf Course Officially Opens June 30; Committee Planning Ceremonies

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The following article is the first of a series that will appear in the ROCKETEER about the new golf course. Full details will be given about rules, regulations, fees, hours of play, and eligibility.)

The new \$90,000 golf course will officially open for play on June 30, it was announced this week by LCdr. J. T. Waldron, recreation officer. The course has 9 holes and is open only to China Lake residents.

A "kick-off day" is being planned and is to be highlighted by the play of a group of professional golfers from Southern California. Residents desiring to play on opening day will "tee off" following the special exhibition by the professionals. Spectators are invited to attend the opening.

Planning for the golf course has been under the direction of an interim committee composed of military and civilian personnel. This group is under the chairmanship of Cdr J. L. Hardy, Station experimental officer.

The committee has prepared and submitted to the Station Commander a list of proposed rules and regulations to govern play on the new course. It is intended that a few months following the opening of the course that the committee will be abolished and a permanent club would then assume all responsibility necessary to maintaining the course and prescribing regulations, fees, and other policies.

Under present plans the following regulations will apply:

• **ELIGIBILITY** — Civilian residents who have Navy Exchange privileges and military personnel are eligible to play. Guests and guests-

in-fact will be permitted to play when accompanied by eligible personnel. Civilian patrons must show NOTS identification cards.

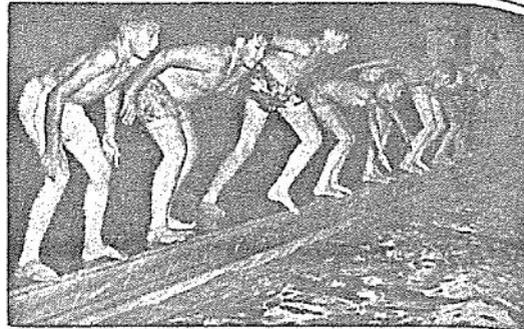
Restriction of play to NOTS residents is necessary in that only those persons eligible to participate in the Station's Recreation Fund are eligible to actively use the golf course. The course has been financed completely by recreation funds.

• **MEMBERSHIP FEES** — A monthly membership card for July can be purchased at the Golf Driving Range. Membership card sales will begin July 10. Monthly membership cards for individuals or for families will be sold. Prices will be quoted in the next article appearing in the ROCKETEER about the golf course.

### Dust Devil Drag Races Cancelled Until June 17

Dust Devil drag races scheduled for May 27 at the Inyokern Airport have been cancelled, according to an announcement by Bernie Partridge, secretary.

As the regional national drag races are to be held in Los Angeles on that date, the local drag races will be held on Sunday, June 17 at 9 a.m.



GET SET, GET READY, GO is the signal used here for Station swimmers as they participate in a joint swimming meet at the Station gym. Pictured (l. to r.) are: Richard Case, Keith Emerson, Jay Bunnagan, Dave Ashworth, Tom Hunter, Harry Majors, Sam Gregory and Bob Appleton.

## Boy Scout Troops 35, 41 Hold 'Swim Carnival' at Station Gym

Boy Scout troops 41 and 35 combined forces recently put on a "Water Carnival" that had all the aspects of an official Olympic tryout, according to Russ Huse, public chairman for the United Fund. Local scout troops receive the major part of their financing through the aid of United Fund and as a result of this support, scouts in this area "learn through doing."

Events at the "Water Carnival" were arranged to permit every age group to participate. Scoutmasters Jim Bray and Irv Sheffield, in cooperation with their Troop Committeemen, planned and staged the show.

In the free-style backstroke race, David Ashworth of Troop 41 placed first with Harry Porter of Troop 35 coming in second. Porter got off to a false start, swam the entire distance solo only to find he had to do it all over again.

Randy Hardy of Troop 41, in the underwater event, swam the length of the pool to win the event but mistaking his pursuing team mate Roger Chedester for a competitor he touched the back wall and swam more of the distance just for good measure.

Interest in the water meet was exceptional according to Scoutmasters Bray and Sheffield. Both leaders indicated the event was highly successful and an excellent medium in encouraging good sportsmanship.

The listing of swim events and winners follow:

| Event                             | Winner           | Troop |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|-------|
| Underwater (1 length)             | 1st-R. Hardy     | 41    |
|                                   | 2nd-R. Chedester | 41    |
|                                   | 3rd-D. McLean    | 41    |
| Back Stroke (free style 1 length) | 1st-D. Ashworth  | 41    |
|                                   | 2nd-H. Porter    | 35    |
|                                   | 3rd-R. Chedester | 41    |
| 100 Yard Medley                   | 1st-R. Hardy     | 41    |
|                                   | 2nd-Thomas       | 41    |
|                                   | 3rd-H. Majors    | 35    |
| Candle Relay (side stroke)        | 1st-Bat patrol   | 35    |
|                                   | 2nd-Rat'snake    | 41    |

| by patrol                  | 3rd-Panther      |
|----------------------------|------------------|
| Freestyle (1 length)       | 1st-T. Hunter    |
|                            | 2nd-R. Chedester |
|                            | 3rd-R. Hardy     |
| Freestyle (4 length relay) | 1st-T. Hunter    |
|                            | 2nd-G. McLaren   |
|                            | 3rd-M. McLaren   |
| Penny Recovery             | 1st-G. McLaren   |

### May 31 is Deadline For Absentee Filing

May 31 is the deadline for eligible voters to file absentee ballots according to County Clerk, Vera Gibson.

Kern county ballots may be obtained by going to the county clerk's office, 1160 South P Street, Bakersfield, where the ballots may be obtained or by written application to the clerk's office in the last county where the absentee was registered.

The written application must state the applicant's home residence and the reason for request. Persons who have moved to another county prior to March 7, or those who have moved to another precinct on April 12 are not entitled to an absentee ballot, as specified in elections' code.

### Swimming Pool Hours Announced for May 30

The Station swimming pool, located in the Gymnasium building will be open on May 30 from noon to 4 p.m., and from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., according to an announcement from LCdr. J. T. Waldron, Recreation Department.



Harry E. Isbell

### NAF Sailor As Auto Victim

Harry E. Isbell, Naval Air Facility last Saturday afternoon at 12:05 when the car was driving on the control on a curvilinear southwest of Troop automobile overturned. Isbell was driving the driver's seat and was crushed when the car rolled over him. Isbell was rushed to a hospital a few minutes after the accident but was pronounced dead on arrival.

Isbell was a native of Alabama. His body is being held there for funeral services 19 years old and a Naval Air Facility Staff Sergeant.

### Fell 'Travel' Flight Plan

In compliance with a recently issued command, proper cancelling reservation procedures must be followed. In order to ensure adequate passenger service, passengers who find themselves unable to make a flight reservation should be notified in time to inform the Transportation Branch, 71378, so that all necessary arrangements can be made. On numerous occasions space has been denied to passengers who could have been accommodated had the Transportation Office been notified in time.



The signal used here for Station swimming meet at the Station Gym...

### Scouts 35, 41 Hold Meet at Station Gym

35 combined forces recently met at the Station Gym... Local scout troops received support, scouts in this area...

- by patrol) 3rd-Panther
- Freestyle 1st-T. Hunter
- (1 length) 2nd-R. Chedester
- 3rd-E. Hardy
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- Penny 1st-G. McLaren
- Recovery

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Harry E. Isbell

### NAF Sailor Killed As Auto Overturns

Harry E. Isbell, AN, of the Naval Air Facility, was killed last Saturday morning at 12:05 when the automobile he was driving went out of control on a curve 8 miles southwest of Trona. The automobile overturned several times throwing Isbell from the driver's seat. He was crushed when the vehicle rolled over him before coming to a stop.

John Lane, Wallace Weber, and Stanley Kirby were passengers in the car at the time of the accident but sustained only minor scratches and bruises. They were asleep in the back seat of the vehicle. Isbell was rushed to the Trona hospital a few minutes following the accident but was pronounced dead on arrival.

Isbell was a native of Dunavant, Alabama. His body is being returned there for funeral services. Isbell was 19 years old and came to the Naval Air Facility Sept. 17 of last year.

### Tell 'Travel' About Flight Plan Changes

In compliance with NOTS Notice 1956 recently issued by Station Command, proper procedures for cancelling reservations on Southwest Airlines have been outlined. In order to ensure maximum utilization of space by maintaining an accurate passenger manifest, passengers who find that they will be unable to make a flight for which they have a reservation are requested to inform the Travel and Transportation Branch, phone 71321 or 71378, so that all available space can be used efficiently.

On numerous occasions, flight space has been denied to passengers who could have been accommodated had the Travel and Transportation Office been notified of cancellation.

# EMCO Report

A meeting of the Employee-Management Council was held on May 9 in the Community Center at which time several matters of interest to Station residents were discussed.

Business discussions were as follows:

- Transportation possibility of bus service: Captain F. A. Chencault reported that a letter has been written to the Navy Ship Store in Brooklyn to inquire about the possibility of being provided with one or two small commercial type buses for paid on-Station bus service at NOTS. A survey will have to be made to determine whether or not the anticipated fares would maintain the cost of wages, gasoline, etc. A special exception would have to be obtained if dependents of Station employees were to ride the bus. Replies must be received from the Navy Ship Store, Brooklyn, and the Eleventh Naval District, San Diego, before further action can be taken. If decided practical, it would probably be four or five months before it could be put into operation.
- NOTS Notice on "Excused Absence for Exercise of Voting Rights": subject notice has been released for publication. The draft of this notice was distributed to the department representatives in February for review by their department Employee Councils. They reported back in April that the proposed notice had been accepted without adverse comments.

- J. P. Philbin, Civil Service Commission, a visitor to the Station at the time, indicated he felt that the proposed policy was very generous. If an employee has a legitimate reason for requesting an exception, it can be submitted for consideration by his supervisor or department head. However, it is desirable to encourage the use of absentee ballots when possible.
- Possibility of adding a bedroom to two-bedroom type houses: additional funds for this purpose were not requested from the Bureau of Ordnance since it was felt this would jeopardize chances for new housing. BuOrd has been approached unofficially on this question, and it is hoped that it will be possible to make additions sometime in the future; but at the present time, sufficient improvement funds are not available for this purpose.
- Two large improvement projects are planned for this year at the Naval Air Facility and the ranges. The critical need for three and four bedroom houses is recognized, and the Station will continue to work on it.

- Members suggested that the enclosure of porches by tenants with the Station providing materials might alleviate the problem. It was pointed out that construction requirements limit personnel allowed to build porches, but Mr. O'Reilly, community manager, stated that he

would look into the possibility of obtaining materials for this purpose.

- Proposal to use craft supervisors from other stations to evaluate Forms 57 in promotional examinations: current Station practice of having Forms 57 in promotional examinations evaluated by craft supervisors is believed desirable, however, since the supervisor's opinion might be biased if he were an acquaintance of an applicant, it was suggested that other activities be contacted to determine whether or not they would be interested in having their supervisors evaluate Forms 57 for NOTS, and in return NOTS would evaluate Forms 57 for them.

This item was referred to the Personnel Department to pursue the possibility of administering such a program and put into effect if feasible. This would require cooperation from other activities and a mutual agreement.

- Strenuous requirements in examinations for Navy driver's licenses on Station: one particular portion of the driving test was questioned (the driver's ability to read figures with bright lights shining in his eyes). It was pointed out by Mr. G. R. Cotner, Head, Safety Division, that this portion of the examination determines glare resistance and the ability to recover from on-coming lights, and is requested for night driving only.

The failure of this portion of the test would not in itself result in the failure of the entire examination, but merely restrict night driving. Due to the 20-mile an hour speed limit on the Station, and the difficulty in scheduling work, which might result from an employee who is restricted from night driving, a supervisor could submit a special request for consideration of a license permitting night driving on-Station with a restriction of no night driving off-Station.

The request for a driver's license as signed by the employee's supervisor determines the type and size of vehicle the employee is required to operate in order to pass the test. If the employee desires to retake the examination, he may do so. The test being used at NOTS was recommended by the Office of Industrial Relations and is considered to be valid.

- Request for more telephone trunk lines between Ridgecrest and China Lake: prior to March 29, 1956, there were five one-way trunk lines from the Station to Ridgecrest, five one-way trunk lines from Ridgecrest to the Station, and five two-way trunk lines between the Station and Ridgecrest. Since March 29 there have been ten one-way trunk lines from the Station to Ridgecrest, and

ten one-way trunk lines from Ridgecrest to the Station. As a result of a communications survey, it was felt that this is as much as the Station can support at the present time.

- Need for street lights in poorly lighted residential areas such as trailer court: it is expected that street lights will be installed in the trailer court within the next six weeks. Additional lights may be installed at a later date.

- Original intent of rule of three in filling positions from promotional registers: it is a supervisor's responsibility to select personnel; if it were mandatory that he hire the top person on a register, this would provide him no choice. Therefore, he is given a limited choice of three as a compromise. This compensates for discrepancies that might exist in the examination and allows the supervisor to use his judgment in considering grades together with experience, adaptability, etc.

- Keeping fence cleaner along China Lake Boulevard: the State Highway Department cleans up this area periodically, but not on a regular basis. If and when Ridgecrest becomes incorporated, they could be approached with this problem.

However, the individual merchants do not seem willing to accept the job. Navy prisoners will not be used for this purpose as it is outside government property.

- Approach signs to NOTS: excellent cooperation has been received from the State Highway Department. They are planning to erect junction signs between the Station and Bishop, and between the Station and Los Angeles.

- Necessity for better security patrol in Wherry housing area: the Wherry homes are considered as part of the Station for some purposes such as use of the Commissary and schools. In other cases, such as delivery of mail and patrol of the area, it is considered off-Station.

At the present time, there is one patrol in the afternoon, and several before midnight. When new Wherry houses are completed, and if additional billets are available, it is planned to increase the number of patrols. The Station has close cooperation with the Deputy Sheriff, who also answers calls and occasionally makes patrols.

- Opening Commissary Store on Saturday: due to the shortage of personnel, it is impossible to lengthen the hours at the Commissary. There has been a cut in the military personnel; and due to the remote area and low rate of pay, it has not been possible to replace military personnel with civilian employees as directed.

At the present time, it is necessary for the Commissary staff to report to work at 7:30 a.m. to arrange produce in order to open at 10 a.m.



A documentary film in color on ASD Pilot Seat Ejection Tests at SNORT, the latest in the series of films about Station facilities and activities will appear as part of the regular bill at the Station Theater on Sunday and Monday, May 27 and 28.

## NOTS Presents-

Last week a new mobile display on NOTS solid propellant development was added to the series of displays that depict the major areas of Station work. The display was developed jointly by the Presentations Division of the Technical Information Department and the Propellants and Explosives Department, and covers one of the major activities of the China Lake Pilot Plant — pilot production and testing of solid propellants for use in rockets and guided missiles.

The new display was exhibited in Stran Steel No. 1 for the Armed Forces Day Open House celebration last weekend. It is now at the Administration Building of the China Lake Pilot Plant.

Eleven members of the Meteorological Working Group, a sub-committee of the Inter-Range Instrumentation Group will be visiting NOTS from May 22 to 24, for the purpose of becoming acquainted with Station facilities and programs, particularly those dealing with aerology.

On May 26 and 27, six Naval Reserve groups consisting of approximately 78 officers from Ventura, San Diego, Long Beach, Santa Barbara and Oxnard will tour Station facilities and attend a series of lectures and film presentations on NOTS.

Joining the touring reservists on May 26 will be 70 members of the Fresno Flying Club, who will land at Harvey Field in 50 private planes.

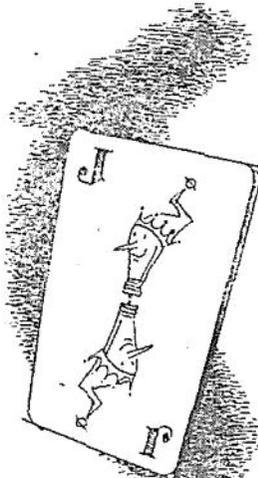
### Suggestors Collect Rewards



PROPELLANTS AND EXPLOSIVES Department employees receive cash awards for submitting beneficial suggestions that have been adopted by their department. R. V. Sutton (left) head, Plant Operations Division congratulates George Maniere, Leadingman (right) on winning his \$160 award. E. C. Stevens, Machinist (center) is the recipient of a \$75 award.

### Watt's the use!

Electricity is cheap . . . . .  
. . . . . and we can afford to use a lot of it.



## The JOKER

is the phrase "USE IT"

We can't afford to . . . . . "ABUSE IT"

Each person employed at NOTS (Military or Civilian) used about \$125 worth last year.

Each household used about \$170 worth.

Altogether it was \$617,500

Ten percent saved is \$61,750

it's YOUR dollar \$1.00  
SAVE A DIME = 10

LOWER TAXES

## SHOWBOAT

Starting Times: 6 and 8 p.m. (Sun. & Kiddles) Matinee (Special Matinee) 1 p.m. Saturday  
Matinee: 1 p.m. Sunday

TODAY MAY 22  
"LEATHER SAINT" (86 Min.)  
Paul Douglas  
Shorts: "Marie Fix Fleas" (7 Min.)  
"Theatrical Born" (10 Min.)

SATURDAY MAY 23  
"QUINCANNON FRONTIER SCOUT" (80 Min.)  
Tony Martin, Peggy Castle  
Shorts: "Kitty rolled" (7 Min.)  
"April in Portugal" (10 Min.)

MATINEE  
"ROOKIE FIREMAN" (63 Min.)  
Bill Williams  
Shorts: "Slinging and 2/8th" (7 Min.)  
"Perils of the Wilderness" No. 12 (17 Min.)

SUN.-MON. MAY 27-28  
"RAWHIDE YEARS" (85 Min.)  
Tony Curtis, Arthur Kennedy  
Shorts: "Newcomer Sunny-gard" (7 Min.)  
"Melbourne Olympic Champs" (9 Min.)

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Wendell Corey  
Short: "Tugboat Granny" (7 Min.)

THURS.-FRI. MAY 31 - JUNE 1  
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John Wayne, Maureen O'Hara  
Short: "Swing, Rascal and Sock" (10 Min.)

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

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"LEATHER SAINT" (85 Min.)  
Paul Douglas  
Shorts: "Horse Fe' Feat" (7 Min.)  
"Theobald & Barn" (10 Min.)

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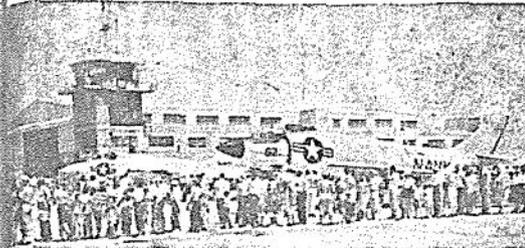
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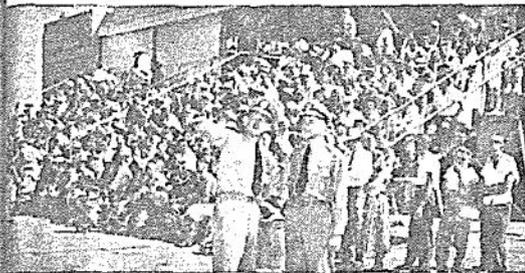
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## Photographs Of the Week

### Scenes from Armed Forces Day



McDonnell and Douglas aircraft viewed by thousands.



Captains Ashworth and Ewoldt discuss NAF "Air Show"



A camera catches a "close-up" of the fire-fighting demonstration.



Thousands thronged to SNORT range to witness firings.

## Council Fund Drive Launched Tuesday

The first fund drive ever to be attempted by the China Lake Community Council was launched Tuesday night at the regular meeting of the Council and will continue through Monday, June 4. Because the normal method of raising funds by local taxes is not possible at China Lake, the Council, acting upon the advice of the citizens indicated at the recent Town Meeting, is calling upon Station residents to support their representatives by voluntary contributions.

### \$1 Asked of Each Family

If every family contributes \$1, pointed out Henry G. Nowak, council treasurer and chairman of the drive, the Council will have funds sufficient for a year's activities. Members of the Council and their helpers will attempt to visit every family on the Station and NOTS employees living in Ridgecrest and the surrounding area. Contributions also may be left at the Council office between 3:30 and 5:30 p.m. on week days.

### Council Purpose

The primary purpose of the Community Council, stated Nowak, is to represent the people of the Station and their needs to the Community Manager and the Command of the Naval Ordnance Test Station. Services and activities that have been provided by the Council include the following: free notary public service, hospital equipment at minimum rental, secretarial and mimeograph services, and sale of vitamins; sponsorship of hospital insurance, the Fiesta, and the 4th of July fireworks program; liaison with the State Highway Commission, the Ridgecrest Chamber of Commerce, and other civic organizations; and continuing long-range projects such as the medical survey and work of the recreation committee to organize a teen-age center.

### \$200 Month Needed

To carry on its program, the Council finds it necessary to spend about \$200 per month to cover secretarial services, insurance and taxes, supplies, upkeep on equipment, and similar miscellaneous expenses. A contribution of \$1 per family, said Nowak, will assure the residents and employees of the Station of continuing independent representation and will allow the precinct representatives to devote additional time to the various committees.

## Local Girls in 'Ballet Recital'

An evening of ballet will be presented by the Stefa Delys Ballet Dance Studio of Ridgecrest and Pasadena tomorrow evening at 8:15 in Richmond school auditorium under the sponsorship of NOTS Repertory Group.

The first half of "Ballet en Blanc" will feature local dance students in Petit Valse as follows: Cheryl Richards; Barbara Jones; Cynthia Strand; Caroline Jones; Cheryl Ann Allen; and Darrell Dobson. Legato Adagio will feature the following: Jeanie Crockett; Janie Evans; Laura Brockman; Sharon Glaviano; Teddi Irwin; Patricia Heckman; Heidi Herzog; Angelina Martinez; Caroline Bothwell; and Jo Ann Phillips.

The second half of the performance will include dance diversions presented by artists of the Pasadena studio. All choreography and direction will be under Stefa Delys, former soloist with Agnes DeMille Ballet group and MGM Studios.

Admission will be free but donations will be accepted to apply to the NOTS Repertory Group scholarship fund.

## 'TV Booster' Fund Contributions Slow

The Supervisor's Association reported this week that the TV Booster Fund drive was lagging. The fund raising campaign this year is to finance the construction of a power line to the TV booster station which will replace the worn out diesel generators. Failure of the generators could seriously curtail, if not stop, TV reception for an indefinite period.

The Supervisors are conducting a concerted campaign at the present time. In addition to their efforts, donations may be made at the Services Branch, Department of Community Affairs (Rent Collection Office). Checks may also be mailed to the Recreation Officer, NOTS, China Lake, California and a receipt will be mailed.

## Pasadena Recognizes Ten Years of Service

(Continued from Page 3)

J. Berry, Joe R. Blackinton, Herbert C. Riggins, James W. Taylor, Harold E. Donze, Richard P. Hamilton, Herbert E. Howard.

### Product Engineering

James H. Jennison, Mary Hendrickson, Willy Hillmer, Joapula Vergara, Kenneth S. Lelsge, George Sada, Samuel A. Brown, Marsha A. Wittersheim, Howard C. Kendall, Leo J. Maguire, Fred A. Anderson, John G. Eusik, James E. Cruikshank, John W. Gibson, Wendell L. Alexander, Hubert S. McCammon, Clifford F. Shellman, Catherine C. Campbell.

## Annex Vacancy

Production Analyst (General), GS-10. Assists Station development groups in obtaining private industrial services for manufacturing of ordnance items, primarily electronic in nature. Contact: Dorothy Seaman, Personnel Division.

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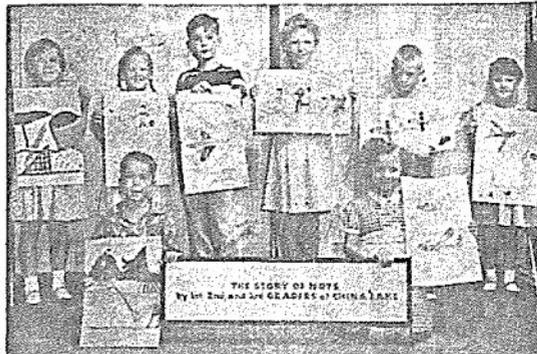
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### Station Commander Buys First Poppy



POPPY DAY officially opens on the Station as Capt. F. L. Ashworth buys the first Poppy from Chris Thurman (left) and Debra Lynn Thurman (right). Chris and Debra are the grandchildren of Cora Spiers, Poppy show.



PRIZE WINNING student exhibit their works of art as they are awarded top prizes for their Armed Forces Day contribution. Exhibitors in the front row (l. to r.) are: Walter Ray Brookhart, and Penny Lee Kochman. Back row (l. to r.) are: Christine Moran, Cathy Haymaker, Donald Bowman, Gail Allen, Craig Tozer, and Virginia Shea.

### Students Show Art in 'AF Day' Project

Students in the first, second and third grades of China Lake schools participated in the Armed Forces Day Open House program by submitting drawings on NOTS. The best entries in each grade were selected by three judges on the basis of originality, imagination, and over-all quality.

First grade winners were: Craig Tozer, 1st prize (Richmond); Walter Brookhart, 2nd prize (Vieweg); and Cathy Haymaker, 3rd prize (Vieweg). Honorable mentions were: Michael Becker, Margaret Allen, Chris Olds, Robert Elliott, Danny Skaar, and Tommy Erickson.

Second grade winners were: Christine Moran, 1st prize (Richmond); Virginia Shea, 2nd prize (Richmond); and Penny Lee Kochman, 3rd prize (Vieweg). Honorable men-

tions were: Stephen Gniwek, Chuck Anderson, Robert Ross, Juliana Newman, Doug Dahms, and Alice Lytle.

Third grade winners were: Richard Potter, 1st prize (Vieweg); Gail Allen, 2nd prize (Richmond); and Donald Bowman, 3rd prize (Vieweg). Honorable mentions were: Edmund Anderson, Glenn Tierney, Margaret Kelly, Quentin Dalton, Tommy Knapp, and Bob Sutherlen.

The drawings depicted either the student's idea of work carried on at the Station, or some phase of Station work done by the student's parent, friend or relative.

All drawings were displayed by the Presentations Division of the Technical Information Department as part of the ordnance display in Stran Steel No. 1, during Armed Forces Day.

### Business Executive to Deliver Address At Burroughs High School Commencement

"Optimism and Human Relations" will be the topic of the eleventh annual commencement address to be given by Golden K. Driggs, Fresno business executive, in commencement exercises at the Station Theater at 8:30 p.m., Friday, June 8.

Approximately 130 graduates are scheduled to receive diplomas from Albert S. Gould, local member of the Board of Trustees of the Kern County Union High School and Junior College District, according to Dr. Earl Murray, principal of Burroughs High School.

Now serving as manager of the Fresno Branch Office of the New York Life Insurance Company, Mr. Driggs has been with the organization for more than 30 years. The Fresno agency is the largest rural agency in the United States and during the 1955 year wrote more than eighteen million dollars of life insurance.

The author of books now in national use on the subject of selling, Mr. Driggs has become noted for his abilities as a speaker before professional, civic and school groups. He has held many positions of leadership in the latter-



Golden K. Driggs

Day Saints Church and is at the present time a member of the High Council of the Fresno State.

Other details of the commencement program will be announced at a later date according to Norman E. Young, senior class advisor.

### Channel 4 Will Tell of NOTS

Paul Pierce's half-hour show "Get the Facts," will feature NOTS on TV station KRCA, channel 4 tomorrow afternoon at 3 p.m. The program is jointly sponsored by station KRCA and the Los Angeles Herald-Examiner.

The subject to be discussed will be Naval research activities. Members of the panel presenting the show will be H. G. Wilson, associate technical director of NOTS, China Lake; D. W. Steel, head, underwater ordnance department of NOTS, Pasadena; Arthur Laufer, physical science administrator of the Office of Naval Research at Pasadena; and Mansel Keene, deputy regional director, U.S. Civil Service Commission.

The program will consist mainly of questions directed toward the panel about research and development work of naval activities. Assisting Wilson in his presentation will be Lynn Nowels, an illustrator of the Technical Information Department, who will draw sketches representing different ideas being discussed by Wilson on NOTS weapon development work.

In addition, there will be short films on work of the Station. Part of the discussion will cover what NOTS is and what kind of work it does. The television audience will be told how NOTS transforms ideas into new weapons for the fleet. There will also be an explanation by Wilson of the philosophy behind the establishment of NOTS.



LAWRENCE MASON receives Supply's Mug-of-the-month from Capt. R. L. Myers, (left) Supply Officer. The award was made on the basis of having submitted sixteen beneficial suggestions during the month.

### May 28 is Deadline To File Tax Exemption

Veterans who wish to file for exemption must do so before May 28, according to H. Campbell, Kern County Deputy Assessor.

The assessor may be contacted at 315-B Langley, extension 72906, tonight and Monday, 7 to 9:30 p.m.

THE WEATHER  
Today's high cloud  
cover overcast  
visibility 15 miles. Sur-  
face winds becoming  
westerly 15 to 25  
knots to 35. Tem-  
perature range maxi-  
mum 93 to minimum

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### Observance of Station's War

Honors were paid to  
military dead for the  
year at the Station  
the presence of civilia-  
n personnel and rep-  
resentatives of the  
Allied Veterans' As-  
sociation.

Ceremonies conducted  
by the Administration  
were led by Joseph F. Kid-  
der of the event and  
the Veterans' Council,  
which formed at  
the

following the singing  
of the National Anthem, led by the  
Boy Scouts, and the  
Pledge of Allegiance.  
The address was given by the  
well and an address  
delivered by Captain  
Commanding Officer  
of the Memorial Day  
ceremony by Floyd L. Ming  
and by a wreath placing  
ceremony. Present  
the Gold Star Mothers  
of America War Vete-  
rans and American Veterans

of Foreign  
Military, American Le-  
gion, Fleet Reserve As-  
sociation, China Lake and the Elk  
Lodge.

Benediction was given by  
John F. C. Ryan after  
the playing of "America"  
by the brass and spectators. The  
ceremonies of the  
band rendered a  
fine buglers blew taps.



L. HONORS were paid  
in Memorial Day ce-  
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Building. Symbolic  
ceremonies were con-  
ducted by the Allied V-  
eterans' Council, which  
acted as chairman.