

The Distaff Side



Sylvia P. Tillitt

In conjunction with the opening of the fall school semester, petite, blonde and energetic Sylvia P. Tillitt, the only woman principal in China Lake schools, is chosen as a timely personality for presentation this week. She is the wife of Harley E. Tillitt, who currently heads the mathematics division of research department. Sylvia is principal of Vieweg school and newly reactivated Rowe street elementary school.

Born in Coachella, California, where she attended both elementary and high school, Sylvia attended Ventura Junior College for two years. She completed her last two years of college at University of Redlands where she majored in elementary education and English. She has since obtained her masters degree in school administration.

After one year of teaching in Coachella, her budding career came to a sudden halt, much to the disgust of the school board, to marry Harley. They were members of the same graduating class at Redlands.

The next few years were devoted to motherhood and substitute teaching. Her son Jay is a sophomore at Burroughs High School, and her daughter Kay is a freshman.

When Harley went to Oak Ridge, Tennessee, she joined him and taught at Robertsville elementary school and then at Fairview where she supervised the primary grades in addition to teaching third grade. During this period, she was asked to write her concept of unit methods of teaching social studies in elementary schools. Her article was later published in Tennessee Teachers' Magazine, a monthly publication.

Her husband joined NOTS Pasadena Annex at Green Street in 1946 and a year later, they transferred to the Station. Sylvia started teaching that year at Burroughs annex, later known as Byrnes street school and presently the site of the community council building. She became principal in 1949.

Since then, the school plant was moved temporarily to Rowe Street huts in the early part of 1951 and finally, in December, 1952, the Vieweg school plant was completed and Sylvia occupied her present position as principal of the permanent installation. Sylvia is frequently amused when mistakenly addressed as "Mrs. Vieweg." Often, her small pupils are puzzled when they learn that they don't have a 'boy principal'.

She is a member of Delta Kappa Gamma, a society for women in the educational field; vice-president of central section of California Association for Childhood Education, an international organization; team captain of NOTS Civic Concert Association; a member of American Association of University Women; California Teachers Association; past vice-president of Desert School Administrators; and holds an honorary life membership in P-T-A. When IVV United Fund was organized in this area two years ago, she was a member of the board. She served as president of United Fund last year.

One of the highlights of Sylvia's career is her present directorship of the gifted children program in the China Lake elementary schools.

Military Urged To Observe State Code on Auto Licensing

The Safe Driving Council desires to bring to the attention of NOTS military personnel information regarding the validity of driver's licenses and the registration of motor vehicles in the State of California. The Council hopes to eliminate the confusion and misunderstandings which exist among service personnel regarding licenses and registration by presenting the following pertinent points of the California Vehicle Code.

Driving a motor vehicle on public streets and highways is a privilege granted by the State. It is not a right.

Adult Cotillion Unit Organized to Study Art of Social Dance

An association for social recreation has been organized for single and married adults at NOTS who are interested in developing the art of ballroom dancing. The group is known as the adult cotillion association and the first introductory class is slated for Saturday, September 29 at 8:30 p.m. at the Supervisors' hut on King street.

Dan Slay of Pasadena, a professional dancer and former associate of nationally known dance studios, will conduct a 10-lesson course in fox-trot, waltz, swing, rhumba, samba, tango and mambo. All classes will be on Saturday evenings and will be staggered throughout the next six months. Each class will consist of one hour of instruction and one hour of practice. A donation of \$2.50 a person per class will be required to complete the course.

A junior social cotillion was recently formed for 7th and 8th grade students. The success of the group was enlarged to warrant the formation of a senior social cotillion for 9th and 10th graders. The adult social cotillion is an outgrowth of these organizations formed at the popular request of parents and single persons.

Ski Club Schedules First Season Meet

NOTS ski club invites all ski enthusiasts to attend an informal membership gathering to renew acquaintances and enlist new members next Tuesday, September 18 in the Community Center from 5 to 7 p.m. According to Diane Sheffield, first vice-president, the nominating committee will announce its proposed officer candidates for the 1956-57 season at this time. Refreshments will be served and a drawing for three "skiers" door prizes will take place at 6 p.m.

Elections will be held the following Tuesday, September 25, at the first regular membership meeting in the Community Center at 8 p.m. All future monthly meetings will be held on the third Tuesday of each month for business discussions to be followed by skiing programs for the season.

Members will again rent a cabin with cooking facilities at Mammoth Lakes for use during the winter. Skiers also sponsor volunteer ski instructions and maintain rental equipment for club members. Summer skiing and the chair lift at Mammoth leads skiers to anticipate another successful season on the slopes.

This is an educational program for children of superior academic ability, designed to provide additional avenues of growth and extend the range of skills and knowledge to challenge their mental facilities. Last summer, she conducted a workshop session for teachers interested in the program from all over the U.S. at Pacific Oaks Friends School in Pasadena.

Her favorite hobby is her career. She is very interested in art and music. She loves to cook, dance and travel. She devotes her Christmas vacations to extensive travel such as her recent trips to Mexico and Honolulu. On the subject of sports, Sylvia classifies herself as an "active sports spectator."

Any nonresident service man under the age of 21, whether or not holding a valid driver's license from another state, must obtain a California driver's license within 10 days after his arrival in California if he wishes to operate a vehicle. This is true even if his automobile is registered in the state from which he holds a driver's license.

Any nonresident service man over 21 years of age, holding a valid driver's license from another state, must obtain a California driver's license not later than one year after his arrival in California, no matter in which state his vehicle is registered.

Nonresident service men may continue to register their vehicles in their home state of record, but if their vehicle is registered in another state where the owner was stationed, other than his home state, renewal must be in California.

Intra-Mural League Football Will Open Season On Tuesday

Intra-mural league "flag football" featuring nine-man teams will get underway here next Tuesday night on Schoeffel field at 7 p.m. Six squads will make up the conference with the Naval Air Facility, Marine Barracks, Navy Barracks, VX-5, Navy guided missile unit and Marine guided missile test unit participating.

Marine barracks has been picked on the pre-season dope sheet as the team most likely to cop the pennant with VX-5 being the dark horse in league play. Rumors have it that the Naval Air Facility pigskinners have had some hot practice sessions and also could be dangerous competition. No word has been received on the guided missile squads or the Navy barracks team but anything could happen and probably will. Predictions at this point can only be good or bad guesses but after opening night next Tuesday football fans will be able to make some fair predictions.

Scheduled to open the season are the Marine barracks and Navy barracks squads. Both teams will have heavy lines and fast backfields and sportsmen are predicting some fancy passing will take place.

All games will be played under the lights at Schoeffel field with quarters being 10 minutes in length with 10 minutes for half-time activities. Games will begin promptly at 7 p.m., according to Athletic Officer Lt. (jg) J. C. Alex.

Football fans, according to Alex, are invited to attend and root for their favorite teams. Three games a week will be played with contests every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights. "If you want to see a fast game," says Lt. Alex, "come out to Schoeffel field on any Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday night."

TV Film Sponsored By Education Group

Local scheduling of the nationwide television premiere for the National Education Association's hour-long feature film, A Desk for Billie, for the week of September 16-23, was announced this week by Mrs. Lena Waddock, president of the local teachers' club.

The film, which tells the story of Miss Billie Davis' life as a "hobo kid," will be shown over all local television stations and there is a possibility the time period will extend to the following weekend of September 29-30.

Miss Davis, whose life story has been told in both novel and motion picture medium, is a graduate of East Bakersfield High School and is a well-known lecturer in educational groups of the area.

ROCKETS USED IN 1232

Self-propelled weapons (rockets) were first used by defenders of the city of Kaifeng, China, in 1232. The Chinese later developed a fireworks rocket.

School Opens



FLAG-RAISING CEREMONY—Opening of schools is officially underway with the flag-raising ceremony taking place on Richmond elementary school grounds. Participants (l. to r.) are: F. G. Summerlin, SN; Michael Montague, 6th grader; Gerald Hayes, 6th grader; Sgt. Haney, USMC; and Cpl. M. S. Collins, USMC, Bugler.



JOINING THE RANKS—Kindergartners arrive at their destination for the first time to join the ranks of over 2000 elementary school children on opening day of schools at China Lake.



THIS IS THE PLACE—Pictured on opening day of schools are newcomers in the primary grades at Vieweg school studying the impressive building where they will spend many hours during the coming year.

Coming and Going

New Employees:

Command administration — Luana J. Wolfe, Ruth A. Ohler, Hedi M. Johnson. Public works — Ollie R. Swain, Neil F. Johnson, Lester M. Tucker, Louis Avila. Aviation ordnance — Roger W. Hough, Jack R. Basden, Diane Sheffield, Harry L. Daasch, Frances J. Argo.

Rocket development — Edward Dimitroff, Mario J. Falbo, Philip G. Schuyler. Central staff — Mary L. Hinz, Milton S. Rogers, Ann M. Askey. Community affairs — Helen M. Maxwell. Personnel — Janice M. Howard, Dorothy E. Adair. Office of the commander — Ernest M. George. Supply — Romelia C. Ochoa, Shirley M. England.

Terminations:

Rocket development — Edna Cleo Coleman, Charles N. Adkins, Albert E. Gould Jr. Test — Gabriel G. Skitek, Brian H. Morrison, William R. Bullis, Kathleen Cleary, Donald J. Burcher, Ernest J. Gosselin, Richard J. Baggott, Lindsey L. Parks. Supply — Archie V. Adams, Jeanine McAlbee, Janet H. Waldron, Phyllis J. Oswald. Engineering — Seymour Lauretz, David L. Pruitt, James R. Bowen, Bertram O. Stull, Fletcher R. Phillips Jr. Public works — Charles G. Wilcock, David A. Conrad, John B. Van Ausdal. Aviation ordnance — John W. Vanderbosch, Leslie F. Sproul, Kenneth S. Steifel, Richard T. Vann, VanOlin Nicolai, Donald O. Jones, Henry J. Wong, Albert J. Jaske, John J. Bennett. Command administration — Jeanette R. Erdman, Gerald E. Holton, Dorothy E. Adair. Research — George Axelrad, Burl E. Bryant, Aaron S. Filler, Richard M. Gillette, Clifton T. Whyburn, Malcolm H. Skolnick, Kenneth A. Ross, Richard L. Schowen. Technical information — Ellanora H. Kramer, Emily Ann Lipp. Propellants & explosives — Bruce A. Jagger, Michael H. Mainz, Peggy S. Vandaveer, Wilford D. Scott, Elliot J. Elliot, James R. MacIse, Phyllis Jean Earle.

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China Lake Personnel Eligible for FHA

Hagen Outlines FHA Financing Rules For Home Building by Station Personnel

Congressman Harlan Hagen this week outlined procedures to be followed in obtaining financing by the Federal Housing Administration of dwellings for civilian personnel engaged in research and development on military installations.

A recently enacted statute authorizes such construction by private builders where a demand is created by a concentration of civilian personnel.

Hagen said east Kern County will benefit from the legislation in that he anticipates the areas adjacent to both the China Lake Naval Ordnance Test Station and Edwards Air Force Base will be eligible for housing in the area and community stability.

The Congressman reported he has consulted on implementation of the new statute with officials of FHA and the Defense Department Office of Properties and Installations, which will coordinate the military's participation.

Hagen said he is advised station commanders will receive instructions in a few days on steps to take to participate in the program

List Adult High, College Classes

Due to inadequate registration for some of the courses offered in Bakersfield College and adult evening high school, classes have been dropped from the original schedule, according to Wilbur J. Shortt, director of the adult evening program. College enrollment will continue to be accepted in Burroughs school office next week, Monday through Thursday, September 17-20.

Bakersfield College classes to be dropped from the schedule are: ceramics 6b; engineering 1b; English 1b; french 2; history 4a; investments 78; reading improvement 81a; and digital computers 72.

Evening high school classes to be dropped are: drama and music; hooked and braided rug making; library training; machine shop math; needlework and yarn craft; advanced sewing; and advanced shorthand.

Evening High School Teachers Adult evening high school teachers employed and courses offered are: Richard Becker, shorthand and typing, beginning; Mary Bischoff, swimming and lifesaving; Paul Bevis, astronomical instrument design; Victor Casados, Spanish, conversational; Ralph Dietz, mineralogy; Eleanor French, sewing, beginning and needlework, intermediate; Ruth Kirley, piano, group; Jack T. Leininger, photography; beginning; Twain C. Lockhart, electronics, basic, 2nd semester; Olive McNeill, ceramics, beginning; Grant C. Pinney, advanced algebra, high school; Ernest J. Vines, arithmetic and language review; and Lloyd E. Lundstrom, woodshop; Mrs. Rod O'Meara, art; Arthur McNeill, blueprint reading and drafting.

Bakersfield College Teachers Bakersfield College teachers employed and courses offered are: Lloyd W. Brubaker, astronomy 1; Grant C. Pinney, business administration 1a and economics 1a; E. P. Gauthier, business administration 18a; Jack Donnan, chemistry 1b; John Trent, Engineering 8, and college algebra math 1; Pauline Sand, English X, and English 1a; Wayne Harsh, history 17a, and journalism 10a; Lee Richardson, math d intermediate algebra; Robert Sewell, math 2a, geometry and calculus, and math 32 slide rule; Ruth Kirley, music history 21b; Sylvia Besser, psychology 1a and psychology 33; Ernest Vines, reading improvement 81a; Murlie C. Rizer, speech 1a; Frank Grober, math C-plane & spherical trigonometry; Donna Howe, hygiene 1.

New Librarian



RUTH A. OHLER—A graduate of Simmons College with a B.S. degree in library science, Miss Ohler transfers here from Edwards Air Force Base. Previous U.S. Armed Forces assignments were with Army posts in Nuremberg, Munich and Hellbronn, Germany.

Experts To Discuss Home Ownership

Pros and cons of a home ownership will be presented by members of the California Real Estate Board and a prominent Southern California financier next Friday, September 21 in the Community Center at 8 p.m.

Residents who have questioned the economic soundness of building versus paying rent are urged to take advantage of this opportunity to discuss the topic with experts.

Community Manager To Make Survey Of Personnel Home Ownership Needs

Family housing for essential civilian employees at military research or development installations was approved by the 84th Congress in Public Law 574. The program is now being implemented by the Department of Defense and NOTS is one of several military installations eligible for participation in the housing program that will provide home financing through the Federal Housing Administration.

The Station has received instructions from the Secretary of the Navy outlining conditions of the law. It is anticipated that Community Manager Richard O'Reilly will soon make a survey of the needs of NOTS employees and will determine the number and kinds of dwellings necessary to alleviate what is now a critical housing situation in this area. Under Public Law 574, NOTS employees can build or buy homes in the Ridgecrest-Inyokern area with FHA financing.

Under past conditions no FHA financing was available for the purchase or construction of homes. FHA ruled that the Ridgecrest-Inyokern area was not eligible for benefits in that there is insufficient business and industry in the area to sustain the community (other than the Naval Ordnance Test Station.) It was established that should NOTS be moved to another location that most of the population would be forced to seek employment elsewhere and that should this occur, FHA would stand great losses in home financing. This no longer is the case under the new law where essential civilian employees at NOTS may now secure FHA financing for housing.

Under Public Law 574, the Department of Defense (or the military department involved) will guarantee the Federal Housing Administration against mortgage insurance loss. Secretary of the Navy Charles Thomas, in instructions to eligible research and development units, points out that the program is only for installations having a critical housing shortage and that the program is open only for essential or key workers. The law does not provide for temporary employees.

The Federal Housing Administration will provide finances in this area for employees to purchase existing buildings, to construct new buildings and also to purchase two and four family dwellings if the owner resides in such two and four family dwellings. Standard FHA regulations will govern all housing purchases or construction.

All NOTS personnel (other than temporary employees) who desire to purchase or build a home in the Ridgecrest-Inyokern area will be eligible under the Law to secure FHA financing. Special financing arrangements apply in each case and in all instances approval of Command will be necessary.

Employees interested in purchasing or building homes in the Ridgecrest-Inyokern area should contact the Office of the Community Manager, Ext. 71310 or make a personal visit to that office. Every effort will be made to explain the details of the new law and the requirements set forth by the Federal Housing Administration.

Housing List Open For New Applicants

Entries for the Station housing list for the quarter beginning October 1 will close Friday, September 21. Persons who wish to apply for family housing or change their present application should do so now at the housing office.

Applications should be filed at the housing office if a person is a new employee and has never before applied for housing, or if an employee has received a promotion or has had a change in dependency status that would affect his housing application.

Employees who wish to be considered for other housing for which they are eligible, even though they have been assigned family quarters, including trailers, also should file an application.

Those carried correctly on the July housing list, who have not been assigned or offered family housing, need make no further application at this time. Further information may be obtained from C. J. Fallgatter, head, housing division, Ext. 72222.

Adm. Burke To Guest On TV Show Sunday

Chief of Naval Operations, Admiral Arleigh A. Burke, is slated to appear on College Press Conference, ABC-TV, channel 7 next Sunday, September 16 at 1:30 p.m., Pacific Daylight Saving Time.

Former NAF Officer Heads Squadron 194

Commander J. J. S. Davis, USN, is the new commander of Fighter Squadron 194 at NAS, Alameda, according to information received this week. Former engineering officer and project pilot at Naval Air Facility, Cdr. Davis relieves Lieutenant Commander H. P. Streep, USN, as skipper of the Banshee Squadron.

Mrs. U. S. Navy Contestants Televised

All Navy personnel in connection with the Mrs. U.S. Navy contest will be featured on NBC network television show "It Could Be You" today and tomorrow at 9:30 a.m. Pacific Daylight Time. Secretary of the Navy Charles S. Thomas was scheduled to appear as guest on today's show.

Travelers' Present Europe Color Slides

A showing of 35mm color slides taken by NOTS Overseas Group during the spring 1956 tour of Europe will be shown by Ann Lindberg at the Community Center next Tuesday, September 18 at 7:45 p.m. Plans have been started by the group for a similar tour of Europe in 1957.

The estimated cost will be \$29 and will include transportation from Los Angeles to Europe and back, transportation abroad, hotels, meals, sightseeing fees, tips and taxes. Further information may be obtained from Leonard Semeyn, Ext. 725663.

TEMPERATURES

Table with columns for Max. and Min. temperatures for dates from Sept. 6 to Sept. 12.

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Photographs Of the Week



HONORED—Henry M. Vega, AN, has been selected as "Blue Jacket of the Month" at the Naval Air Facility for the month of August. His selection was based on the following factors: proficiency in rate, military bearing and general appearance, military courtesy and conduct, and performance of military duties.



MIDSHIPMAN—Sending a message from the USS BLAIR is midshipman Anthony V. Miller during the Navy's midshipman training cruise. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur H. Miller, 100-B Dobb Road, China Lake. A University of Southern California student, Miller participated in the cruise with students from 52 universities.



SERVICE PIN AWARDS—Employees of utilities division in public works department receive service pins. Pictured above (l. to r.) are: L. P. Parsons, 5-year pin; Frank LaCombe, 10-year pin; Alonzo Brooks, 5-year pin; Chauncey D. Mitterling, 20-year pin; Frank Young, 5-year pin; and James Long, 10-year pin.



'Water Ballet' Classes Begin September 20th

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BENEFICIAL SUGGESTION AWARDS—Employees of the plumbing shop in utilities division of public works department are presented monetary awards by L. J. L. Huffman, shops engineer (left). Recipients pictured in front row (l. to r.) are: Charles R. Mead, \$10; Henry M. Linsee, \$30; and Frank L. Whittier Jr., \$15. Shown in back row (l. to r.) are: Jess Gerard, \$120; Howard F. Bowington, \$10; and Gavin S. Robertson, \$10.



THE NOTS FORMULA—Robert Mather sets machinery in motion on the new NOTS self-pak display on September 17. The autopyro meterlog to be shown that will be shown at the 11th Annual Instrument-Automation Conference and Exhibit in New York City is the only one in existence. (See story.)

FISHIN' AND HUNTIN'

By E. L. Robinson

Trout fishing over the recent holiday weekend ranged from good to poor. Those who encountered poor fishing can attribute it to the fact that there were so many of their fellow "Isaac Waltons" out for their last fling of the season. The trout simply went into hiding when so many anglers began wading the streams and walking the banks. September and October are usually the best months in the Sierra. The higher lakes improve from now on until they freeze over, so look for steady improvement in trout fishing until the season closes.

Fishermen reported that sharp blows were essential equipment to get through the brush to the good fishing spots on the Owens river and Pleasant Valley lake, located in Bircham's canyon. NOTS anglers who caught the limit in spite of the 100 or more other anglers in the area, were CPO and Mrs. Jack Stith, CPO Cliff Adams, Jim Herlin and LCDR. G. P. Blackerby.

Kern River and Lake Isabella have been slow as usual except for an occasional flurry when some lucky angler locates a hole with hungry trout or bass in it. The north shore and the "old grave yard" area of the lake have been the best producers of bass. Small plugs and lures are the best.

Eud Deffes, Russ Hurt and Hal Moore report they caught 30 bass at Lake Hawasu near Needles. Russ caught the largest, a 6 pound 5 ounce beauty. The boys didn't keep any of the small ones, every fish they brought back weighed over 3 1/2 pounds.

Dove season opened September 1 with few birds being taken by local sportsmen. Lake Isabella, Walker Pass and Red Rock Canyon yielded the best hunting. Most of the birds shot were local ones. It will take a "cold snap" to bring down the thousands observed to the north. Shooting of doves is legal from sunrise to sunset.

Dear season opens in Inyo and Mono counties September 15 and continues to September 28. Waterfowl season will open October 20 and continue through January 7. Pheasant season will begin November 17 and continue through December 2.

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NOTS Will Exhibit Display At Coliseum in New York City

NOTS will have a display in the Navy exhibit at the 11th annual Instrument-Automation Conference and Exhibit at The Coliseum in New York City between September 17th and 21st.

Focal point of the NOTS display prepared by the Technical Information Department will be the autopyro meterlog, a device used to determine the detonation-reaction time of propellants and explosives. The use of the device will be demonstrated at the exhibit by Robert T. Mather of the research department's organic chemistry branch.

The autopyro meterlog was selected for the exhibit because it is a good example of a product of NOTS cooperation with private industry to supply unusual Station instrument needs. The autopyro meterlog to be shown in New York is the only one in existence.

Unusual instruments, such as the autopyro meterlog, are frequently required on the Station for research, development, and test work. If standard instruments will not meet a particular need, the Station works with private industry to develop new devices. Although the Station's work is first of all the development of new weapons, a number of measuring, recording and control instruments have been produced as a result of the Station's unusual work and requirements.

Some of these devices are developed and produced entirely by private industry under contract with the Navy. In other cases scientists and engineers at NOTS write specifications, build prototype models, and prepare production specifications. Skill other instrument-development tasks are handled at the Station entirely, from original design to the production of the final operational instrument.

Also in the New York display there will be two panels of photographs showing other unusual NOTS instruments and telling some of the story of the Station's work.

Superintendent's Notes

By Dr. EARL MURRAY, Superintendent of China Lake Schools

By the time this comes off the press the School Board will have made some far reaching conclusions regarding the use of the Rowe Street School. Operating under the policies that students should be placed in schools which are near the place of residence, that all schools and rooms should be filled to capacity, that class size should be balanced, and that available transportation is limited, the school administration published the zoning for school children for the opening of school.

1. About forty parents, many of whom were also speaking for other parents, attended the Board meeting of September 4 to reason with the Board concerning the placement of children in the Rowe Street School. The announced plans provided for the use of seven classrooms, one each for grades kindergarten through six, with children assigned from the immediate area.

The chief objections of the parent group to the plan were:

1. If the announced policy were followed, the residents of that immediate area, could expect their children to spend the remainder of their elementary school years, grades kindergarten through six, in a temporary and sub-standard school.

2. The school grounds, play areas, and general adequacy of the school is below that of our established schools.

3. Facilities which enrich the living of children such as multi-use room, cafeteria, and music opportunities cannot equal those of the other schools.

4. An emotional strain and disappointed feeling would exist in those students who had spent previous years in the Groves or Vieweg Schools and were required to change.

The school administration made a complete report to the Board at a meeting on Friday, September 7, at which the Board took action as follows:

1. That it is not feasible to move the Rowe Street huts to any of the

What's Doing IN RECREATION

By Helen Michel, recreation director

Here is more information on the wide variety of recreation activities at NOTS. Some of a strenuous nature and some less so. The China Lake film society was formed several years ago by a group of cinema enthusiasts who wanted to see films of unusual interest not otherwise available in the desert area.

This season they have planned an excellent program of foreign and domestic film classics to be shown from September through January at two week intervals. The schedule includes "Lost Horizon," an American film classic with Ronald Coleman, "On Approval," a British film with inimitable Beatrice Lillie, British comedienne, "Happy Time," the American film version of Rogers and Hammerstein's Broadway hit with Charles Boyer and Louis Jourdan, "Henry V," the brilliant Sir Laurence Olivier production which captures the genius of Shakespeare's original play. It is an academy award winner in technicolor.

"The Barber of Seville," an Italian picture filmed on stage of La Scala Opera House in Milan during an actual performance starring Tagliavani and Nelli Corradi with Deems Taylor as narrator, "Edge of the World," a British documentary film of life among the fishermen on a Scottish island, "Mussorgsk," an outstanding film biography of one of Russia's foremost composers, and "Topaze," a French film, in which Fernandel, France's top comic, plays a school teacher who discovers that his copybook maxims are not good guides for life and that money is not necessarily the root of all evil.

The films are shown on two consecutive evenings at 8 p.m. at Richmond school auditorium. Membership is open to all residents of the Mojave desert. The first film on the schedule will be on September 26 and 27 at which time membership may be purchased. For more information contact Mrs. J. H. Bryden, ext. 725282 or Bob Boschan, ext. 71749.

Civilian Bowling League
The Monday night five-even scratch trio league has completed its summer tournament at bowling alley no. 2 near the Anchorage. The Keds, winner of the season, won 30 games and lost 12. Members of this team consisted of L. Bladen, B. Comings, J. Emery, D. Davidson, and H. Keyzers.

In this league, high team series was claimed by the Keds with a total of 1646. First high team game was won by the Stoops with 589. John Emery with 608 claimed high individual series and Bill Harmon with 245 claimed individual game.

The winter bowling league for civilians is forming its schedule now. Monday night the Scratch League and Public Works handicap league will get under way. For more information about this group call Bob Freedman, ext. 73183. The Midway handicap league will bowl on Tuesday nights. They need more bowlers so contact Bill Specht, ext. 73072. The Women's League will bowl on Wednesday. They also need more bowlers. Call Carol Smith, ext. 77232, president of the China Lake women's bowling league for more information.

Those interested in bowling on Thursday nights with the Desert league handicap league may contact Ken Williams, ext. 9296. Friday nights will see a mixed foursome handicap group. Those interested in this may contact Bill Specht, ext. 73072.

All bowling is done under ABC or WBC regulations. An urgent call is made for pinsetters at Bowling Alley No. 2. Contact Mrs. Zurn, ext. 72006 or 76922.

Station Dance
Another dance for all adult personnel residing on the Station is being planned by the recreation division. Plan now to reserve Saturday night, September 22 for this occasion. More information about details will be available next week.

Trip to TV Hill
As a new member of this community, I am wondering how many have stopped to consider how fortunate they are to have some men who volunteer their time—not only their time, but hard physical labor many Saturdays and many days after regular working hours to keep TV operating in this area.

What has to be done to make this booster station more efficient? The men have been working to install a power line which means digging deep holes, operating the crane for lifting the poles into place, aligning the poles, strapping the wire (all this up the side of a mountain which requires a mountain goat's ability) and other work which is necessary to make this thing operate—all so that TV can be really in Indian Wells Valley. Kudos for these men!

Ruth Oler, Station librarian, Evelyn Dewey, technical librarian and I had the pleasure of taking the lunches to the twenty or more men who had been laboring since 6 a.m. Saturday morning. They came in from work at noon, relaxed a moment, ate an excellent lunch and returned to the task of installing more poles to the powerline. They worked until 7:30 that night and needless to say returned home very tired. Much had been accomplished towards completing the powerline, but there is still much more difficult work to be done.

The TV booster drive is still going on. Please send in your contribution immediately so that this work may be continued and completed.

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

TODAY
"THE MOUNTAIN" (104 Min.) Robert Wagner, Spencer Tracy, Claire Trevor. A drama of men against Alpine mountains, fearful respect of the mountain by one brother and cocky eagerness by the other weave a dramatic story. Picture scheduled for release in October. SHORTS: "In the Bag" (8 Min.)

SAT.
"FRISKY" (97 Min.) Gino Lollobrigida, Vittorio de Sica. An Italian film. A gay and farcical story of an Italian soldier's girl caught in the webs of a con artist. An earthquake and Gino hit town on the same day. ADULT fare. SHORTS: "Swim and Survive" (9 Min.)

SUN.-MON.
"CRY IN THE NIGHT" (74 Min.) Edmund O'Brien, Brian Donley. The old story about the hulking boob more likely to kill a girl than kiss her has been modernized in this melodrama. Psychological reasons are given for this and not treated with disdain and disgust.

TUES.-WED.
"PILLARS OF THE SKY" (95 Min.) Jeff Chandler, Dorothy Malone. Chandler is strong and stalwart as the scout who tries to ward off the U.S. Cavalry from building a fort in Indian territory. Love is a baffling factor to interestingly neurotic young woman. SHORTS: "Talking Dog" (7 Min.) "Hunters of the Sea" (10 Min.)

THURS.
"HALLS OF MONTEZUMA" (103 Min.) Richard Widmark, Robert Wagner. The fighting Marines hit the beach in Korea and this epic of Gung Ho battling faithfully captures the character of combat personnel. SHORTS: "Trailblazer Magoo" (7 Min.) "Ten Pin Wizards" (10 Min.)

News from Pasadena Annex

Cdr. J. J. O'Brien Assumes New Duties At Pasadena Annex

Pasadena's new Officer in Charge, Commander John J. O'Brien, has been at the Annex for the past year. He has been assistant officer in charge since August 1955, and during that time has become familiar with the Pasadena operation and acquainted with its personnel.

A native of St. Louis, Missouri, Cdr. O'Brien graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1942. He later studied at Harvard University under a physics-electronics program and received his master's degree in physics.

During World War II, Cdr. O'Brien served in destroyers. His duties included tours as executive officer of the destroyers USS RADFORD and USS DENNIS J. BUCKLEY, as commanding officer of the destroyer USS VAMMEN, and as air defense officer on the staff of Commander, Cruiser-Destroyer Pacific. He reported to NOTS Pasadena from duty as commander of Escort Division 92, based at San Diego.

Cdr. O'Brien holds a Korean Presidential Unit Citation and has received a Letter of Commendation. With his wife Elaine and their two sons, John, 11, and Michael, 6, Cdr. O'Brien lives at 2402 S. Mayflower, Monrovia.

Annex Welcomes New Employees To Branch Staffs

The supply department has added three new members to its staff—Mrs. Maxine A. John, clerk-typist, Marlene D. Bennett, typist, and Mary F. Krueger, property and supply clerk.

Mrs. Margaret M. Larsen is a new clerk-stenographer in engineering. Robert A. Arko, mail clerk, has been added to the staff in command administration.

In the underwater ordnance department, Mrs. Nola H. Ford has joined the torpedo development division as a clerk-typist, and guidance and control has added Mrs. Wilhelmina Fortuna, clerk-stenographer.

David L. Pruitt has joined RAT development division as a machinist, and Mike A. Shlycov is an engineering draftsman (general) in the product engineering division.



Commander John J. O'Brien, Officer in Charge

May I say thanks to all those who have extended their congratulations and good wishes on my taking over the job of Officer in Charge. It should not be necessary for me to add that I am indeed proud to be associated with such a fine organization as NOTS Pasadena. The skilled, able, and devoted people here have put this laboratory in the front rank of those institutions which are remaking the U.S. Navy for the nuclear age. I am happy to be with such people; I will do everything I can to promote understanding and teamwork for ever more effective research and weapon development.

JOHN J. O'BRIEN
Commander, USN



RECEIVES AWARD—Irma Martens, center, is pictured here with her supervisor, Ken Sherman, left, and the public works officer, LT Jg J. T. Cantwell, as she receives her award last week.

Irma Martens, Public Works Division, Wins Superior Accomplishment Award

Irma Martens, convalescing from a recent operation, paid a visit to Foothill last week to accept her check and certificate for superior accomplishment. The award was presented by Captain W. T. Groner—his last official presentation.

Irma's job in the public works office brings her into contact with a great many people at the Annex. One of her duties is the handling of "trouble calls," which requires special skill and knowledge of the trades in order to deal with these calls expeditiously. It is here that her good nature, as well as her efficiency, is especially valuable.

Irma's recommendation for her award noted that "her knowledge of operations and the application of her aptitudes in an industrious and energetic way have been a tremendous asset to the branch, the division, and the entire Annex."

Irma is one of the Annex's several husband-and-wife teams. Her husband, Cy Martens, is a leadman in public works.

Annex Singers in Winning Chorus

Three Annex employees, Neoma Ward, Erma Switzer, and Ginny Cortese, are members of the Crown City Chapter, Sweet Adelines, Inc., 1956 regional award winners in the annual chorus competition.

The Crown City Chapter placed first among seven competing choruses in the competition held September 1 in Monrovia for Southwestern Region No. 11. Monrovia, last year's winner, was the hostess chapter for this year's competition.

Second place in the competition was won by Tucson, Arizona, and third place went to Long Beach, Calif.