



CNO VISITOR HONORED—Capt. Eugene Fairfax, USN, (right) receives honorary membership in GMU-61 from Cdr. Gordon Duncan, Operations Officer of the local unit, following his firing of two Sidewinder missiles during a two-day visit here on Sept. 19. Capt. Fairfax is head of Air Launch Branch, Guided Missile Division, CNO.

Women's Quartet Harmony Chapter Being Organized

Plans have been announced for the formation of a local chapter of a barbershop harmony organization for women known as the "Sweet Adelines, Inc., an international non-profit group designed to educate its members in the art of four-part harmony, without instrumental accompaniment. Its motto is "Harmonize the World."

A feminine counterpart of the local chapter of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barbershop Quartet Singing in America, Inc. (SPEBSQSA), well-known for their annual harmony festivals and contributions in community fund-raising campaigns, the membership is limited to women of amateur standing in the singing of barbershop harmony. A trained voice, or technical musical background is not necessary, but an "ear" for music, or some knowledge of harmony is desirable.

Each individual chapter is an asset to its local community activity. Sweet Adelines are the first to offer their talent for entertainment at civic events and charitable functions. In addition, a Sweet Adeline chapter promotes harmony among women, both vocally and spiritually. The structure of the national organization was set up in Tulsa, Oklahoma, in October, 1947, and presently boasts almost 200 chapters with individual memberships of over 5,000.

Women interested in developing their talents along the "harmonious" avenues of barbershop quartet singing are invited to attend the first meeting to be held tonight at

Grade Schools Slate Back-to-School Nite

Each year parents of students attending China Lake Elementary Schools are invited to attend Back-to-School Night functions to become acquainted with the school system and classroom curriculum. This year the annual affair has been scheduled for next Thursday, October 2, according to Harold E. Pierce, assistant superintendent.

Objectives of Back-to-School Night are to give parents an opportunity to become better acquainted with the teachers, the year's instructional program and the class materials used by the pupils. The program will include an oral presentation by the teachers according to the following schedule: Morning kindergartens and grades one, two, and five in all schools will be presented from 7 to 7:45 p.m. Afternoon kindergartens and grades three, four and six will be presented from 8 to 8:45 p.m.

The staggered schedule is planned to give parents with more than one child the opportunity to hear at least two grade level presentations. The 15-minute break between scheduled presentations will allow time for parents to move from one classroom to another or even between different schools where this is necessary.

Parents are reminded that Back-to-School Night is not a time for individual conferences. The fall parent-teacher conferences have been scheduled during the weeks of November 3 through 13. Plans for Burroughs Junior High School Back-to-School Night will be announced at a later date.

8 p.m. in the Anchorage.

To launch the event, the local "Dusty 4" quartet; Judy Randall, Vice Regent of the 11th District; the popular Coronettes from Pasadena and another quartette from Bakersfield have been invited. Husbands and boy friends are welcome.

Joins Supply



John L. Steward, PHOT, USN

With over 17 years civilian and Navy experience in photography and photographic administration, Warrant Officer John L. Steward, PHOT, USN, is well qualified to assume duties of Technical Assistant for Photographic Material, Supply Department. Coming to NOTS from the Light Photo Squadron 61, NAS, Miramar, Mr. Steward served there as Asst. Photo Officer.

Screen Star Visits

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manner. Direct testimony to the appeal of one of the most natural, friendly and untheatrical personalities to venture out of the movie capital, she was besieged for autographs after both performances by moppets, teen-agers, and even adults.

Adroitly Handles Role—Connie's teen-age role in "Rock-a-Bye Baby" proved that she is pert, pretty as a pin-up and just plain terrific as she takes advantage of every opportunity offered by a witty script, and adroitly handles the small-town-girl characterization.

Radio Interview—Her unscheduled introduction to China Lake movie-goers came when visiting a friend, Barbara Mussler who informed her that "Baby" was playing at the Station Theatre. Miss Stevens was accompanied to NOTS by Gary Clark, star of "Dragstrip Riot," a movie in which she also played. While here, both were interviewed by Budd Gott, Rocketeer Editor, over radio stations KRCK and KRKS.

Lived in Ridgcrest—Born in Brooklyn, the talented young star was introduced to the Ridgcrest area when her musician father played at the Village, a local night club. Her first movie role came at 16. Since then, she has played in "Eighteen and Anxious," "Dragstrip Riot," and "Party Crashers," the latter released earlier this year. Connie's latest vocal album, "Conchetta," has just been released by Warner Brothers.

Two Personal Appearances—Making two personal appearances during the evening, she was introduced by Russ Bjorklund, Associate Head of Staff for Finance, at the 6 p.m. show, and by Ernie George, Station Information Specialist, at the 8 p.m. show. Miss Stevens and Clark were houseguests of Barbara Mussler, a Station employee, who sang with Jimmy Wakely and his band at the Adult Station Dance at the NOTS Community Center last weekend.



AUTOGRAPH HUNTERS—Screen star Connie Stevens is flanked by Special Services personnel Garry Ferrin, PNI, (left) and Charles Brown, MM3, who served as bodyguards when besieged for autographs during her personal appearance last Sunday at the Station Theatre.

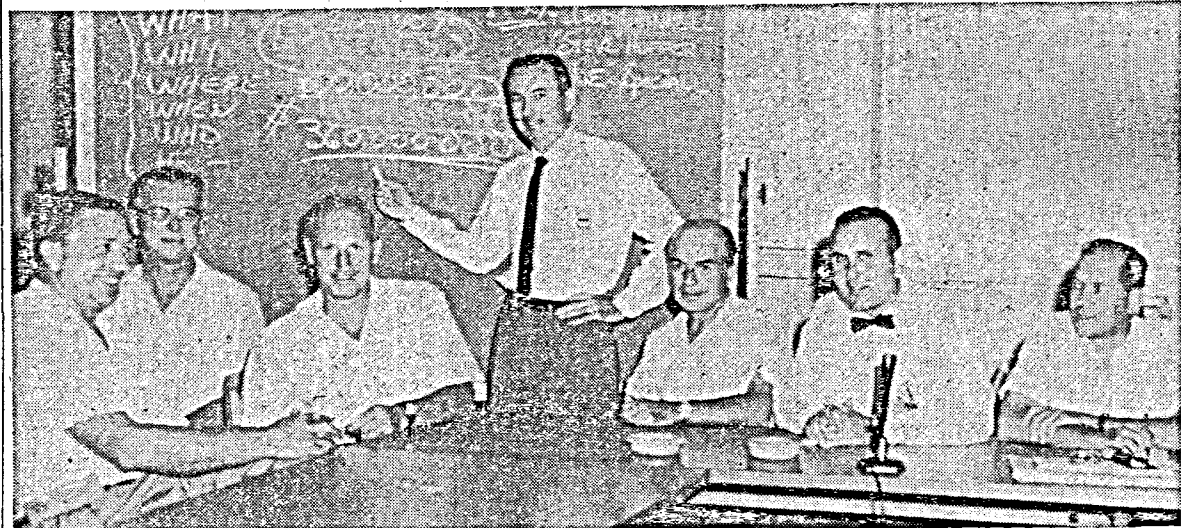
P&E Instruction Program Implemented For Engineered Performance Standards

Thirteen Public Works Department planners and estimators are receiving training in the application of Engineered Performance Standards at the Station. A team from the 11ND Public Works Office is conducting the three-months-long instruction and on-the-job training program which, when completed, will enable the P&E's to submit more realistic estimates of the time it should take to perform maintenance work. More effective manpower utilization means more effective support to operating units.

Men receiving the specialized training are: Hugh Ross, Supervisory P&E; Frank Andreasen, Ed Attkisson, Howard Auld, Manuel Bonnaud, Tom Bost, George Hartzell, Roy Kreighbaum, Leo Lane, Bill Parks, Monty Pryor, Bill Reynolds and Larry Sullivan, all of the Maintenance Control Division.

Capt. W. W. Hollister, Capt. G. J. Anderson, division heads and their assistants, last week, attended the initial program in EPS implementation. After a short Maintenance Management film, Cdr. R. L. Hall, of the San Diego office, explained the functions and benefits of the Performance Standards. During the following discussion period, it was emphasized that EPS is a refinement of the Maintenance Management Program in operation at the Station for several years.

Members of the 11ND team are Cdr. Hall; H. O. Bishop, Director DPWO Maintenance Division; S. A. Hoffer; R. P. Connell and J. V. Special.



EPS ORIENTATION CLASS—Three Public Works Shop supervisors are pictured at the Engineered Performance Standards orientation session conducted this week by members of the EPS training team from 11ND offices in San Diego. Shown (l. to r.) are: Ed Shaw, Bill Hager; EPS instructors H. Bishop, Bob Connell, Joe Special and Steve Hoffer. E. J. Seybold is at far right.

Financial Responsibility Requirements; California Vehicle Law Changes Noted

Recently, the Secretary of the Navy and the Commandant, 11ND, issued instructions regarding control and regulations of privately owned motor vehicles on Naval shore establishments.

One of the requirements was that before a permanent vehicle pass was issued evidence of adequate public liability insurance must be shown. In September, 1957, the California State Vehicle Code was amended to the effect that the State Motor Vehicle financial responsibility law now requires that proof of ability to respond in damages must be at least \$10,000 for injury or death of one person, \$20,000 for injury or death of two or more persons and \$5,000 for property damage.

Other changes to the California Vehicle Code affecting Station vehicle owners are:

Limit Line—The solid white line, not less than 12 nor more than 24 inches wide, extending across roadway to indicate point at which traffic is required to stop in compliance with legal requirements.

Display of License Plates—No covering shall be used which is not of a type approved by the California Highway Patrol.

Age Limit for Operators—An op-

Desert Art League Plans Unique Show

A novel art show for art enthusiasts is planned by the Desert Art League for the evening of October 11 from 8 to 10 in the Anchorage.

Oil paintings by prominent local artists will be exhibited and tickets at \$3 each will be available for drawings on the paintings and prints which are valued at \$25 and up. The purpose of the art show is to raise funds to enable the local group to invite guest artists and traveling art exhibits to this area. Donations of 50 cents will entitle visitors to view the exhibits. Refreshments will be served.

Among the artists contributing to the display are: Captain H. L. Anderson, Pat Cox, Mike Eaton, Donald Fay, Ed Fortier, Ed Hammerberg, Wendy Minnich, Hazel Porter, and Lorraine McClung.

Nothing is more restful than a warm, crackling fire in the living room—if you have a fireplace.

close as to constitute a hazard during the turning movement.

Parking Lights—No vehicle shall be driven upon a highway with the parking lights lighted except when the lights are used as directional signals and when the headlights are lighted at the same time.

Tennis Tournament

The China Lake Tennis Club will hold a fall tournament on the weekends of October 11 and 12, 13 and 19. Events will include men's singles and doubles and women's singles.

There will be a charge of 50 cents for entrants in each event. Interested persons should contact Tom Atchison, Ext. 71471 or Ridgcrest 84522.



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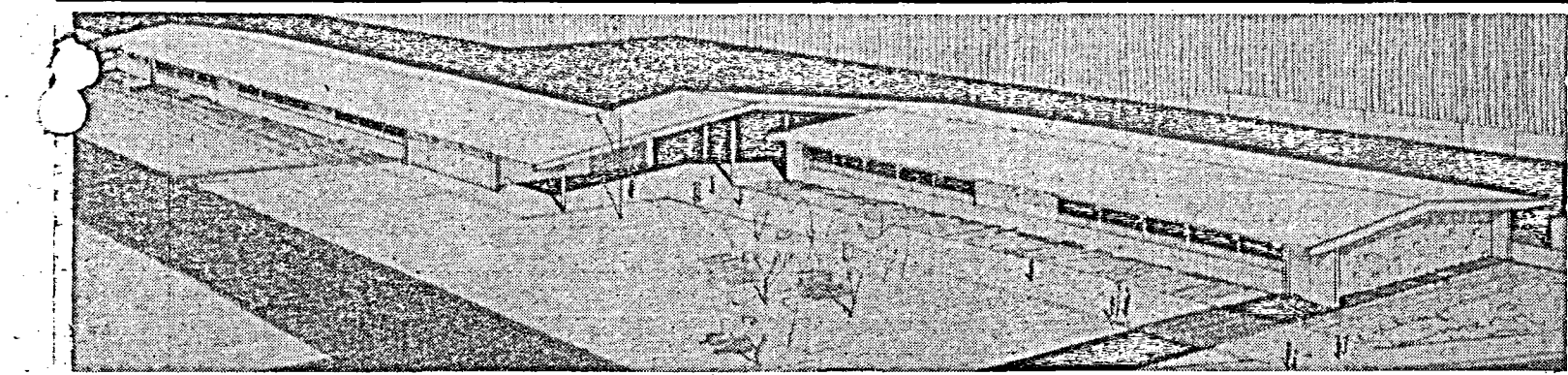
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IT'LL LOOK LIKE THIS—Architect's sketch of the elementary Murray School, for which grading and leveling was started this week, as it will appear when completed next September. The first increment will include two kindergarten rooms, three classrooms and offices.

Murray School Project Starts

All plans for the new Murray School have been approved and construction by William D. Drennan, contractor, was started this week, according to Dr. Earl Murray, district superintendent of schools.

The \$168,000 school plant was designed by architects W. J. Thomas and H. B. Leydenfröst of Bakersfield who stated that the basic construction and design of the building will be the same as the new Burroughs High School now under construction. The school will have two connected kindergarten rooms in one unit. Three classrooms, a small administrative unit, maintenance, janitorial and rest rooms will be housed in another wing.

Separate Play Areas—According to the architects, during a recent conference with Dr. Murray, there will be a chain link fence around the kindergarten play area and playground equipment will be installed in separate areas for kindergarten and primary youngsters.

Other features of the new building include adequate cabinet construction in all rooms and a sprinkling system for a small area of lawn in front of the building. Landscaping of the grounds will be handled by the China Lake Elementary School District. Desert cooler air conditioning is to be provided for each room.

Due Next September—Thomas stated that the building contract is set for 180 construction days and the building is expected to be completed by September, 1959. The school will be located on the north side of the Dorado and Searles Street intersection in the Wherry Housing area.

The building has been designed for future additions. The master plan includes 12 classrooms, in addition to the two kindergarten rooms being built this year, a multi-purpose room and an administrative area.

Supply Employees Receive Big Awards

Sharing a \$500 award for their suggestion "Counter Height Bins" W. D. Giano and J. H. Holton, both of the Material Division, also share honors as "Mug of the Month" recipients.

With an expenditure of \$167 in miscellaneous supplies, shelving in Auxiliary Stores 21 and 42 was cut down to counter height, providing accessibility to and visibility of the hundreds of small pieces of equipment stocked by these stores. Estimated savings are nearly \$110,000. All shelving in auxiliary and shop stores at China Lake and Pasadena are to be converted to counter height by the suggested method of cutting down existing seven-foot shelves. Excess shelving, worth \$60,000, will become available when the job is completed.

For four Beneficial Suggestions, six Supply Department employees received awards totalling \$720 from Lt. C. K. Phillips, Director of Supply.

Raymond J. Young, Disposal Branch, Control Division, received \$250 for his suggestion concerning recovery of scrap metal. An inclusion of nine words in scrap content (Continued on Page 2)

Summer Time Ends—Fall Time Starts



CLOCK STOPPERS—Miss Summertime, Wanda Talley (left) personifies Pacific Daylight Saving Time which officially ceases at 2 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 28, while Miss Fall Time, Barbara Mussler, turns back the clock one hour for Pacific Standard Time. If you can't stay up that late—set your clocks back one hour before retiring Saturday night.

Station to Host Olympic Winners During Participation in Next Week's Desert Fair

Adding world-wide color to the Desert Empire Fair next weekend will be at least six Olympic Games track and field champions, who, during their stay here, will be guests of the China Lake Naval Ordnance Test Station.

Joe E. Brown, stage, screen and TV comedian, has tentatively accepted an invitation to join the Olympic stars in the parade moving north on China Lake Boulevard Saturday morning.

Each of the athletes to appear here is one of the nation's top representatives in recent and past international sports competition. Definitely scheduled to arrive in time to participate in Ridgcrest's celebration are Rafer Johnson, UCLA student body president, recent breaker of the world's Decathlon record; Harold Connolly, who gained the world record in the hammer throw in Helsinki's 1956 competition, and his wife, Olga, Czechoslovakian gold medal winner in track and field event competition two years ago.

Middle distance runner Melvin Whitfield represented this country in the 1948 and 1952 international games and set the world record in the 800-meter run. Dorothy Foynton, one of the best all-time diving and swimming champions, first competed in the 1928 Olympics at 12, and last joined American athletes in the 1938 trip to Berlin. Jricia McCormick, a double winner in swimming events in the 1952 Games, also accepted the invitation extended by the Station, and Fair officials.

Accompanying the world-known athletes will be Bill Schroeder, director of the Helms Foundation in Los Angeles.

Plans for public appearances other than the parade have not yet been completed, but it is expected that the record-holders will arrive next Friday, in time to attend the

Grade Schoolers to Participate in Fire Prevention Week

Fire Prevention Week, sponsored each year by the NOTS Fire Department, will be observed in the China Lake Elementary Schools from October 5 to 11. The schools will participate by co-sponsoring a poster contest; according to Harold E. Pierce, assistant superintendent of schools.

Kindergarten through sixth grade youngsters will create original posters depicting the theme: "Don't Give Fire a Place to Start." A framed certificate of award will be given for the poster judged the best in each grade group. An additional certificate will be awarded to a child in the Special Class. These awards will be presented by A. C. Wright, Fire Chief; Navy officials, and Harold Pierce.

In addition to the poster contest all students will be given a Sparky coloring book and fire evacuation drills will be held in all schools. Instructional units in safety and fire prevention will be conducted by the teachers.

Fair Lady to Appear on TV, Over Local Radio

The winner of the "Our Fair Lady" contest will make a personal appearance Tuesday, September 30, on the Red Rowe Show, Channel 5, at 8:30 a.m. Early morning viewers will also see a preview of the turtle race to take place during the Desert Empire Fair, October 2 through 5.

Local radio stations KRKS and KRCK will carry a musical salute to the Fair Thursday, October 2, from the fairgrounds "Big Top" on opening night. Station personnel will conduct the broadcast and interview the "Our Fair Lady" contestants.

Christian Emphasis Week Slated Here

Christian Emphasis Week, sponsored by the NOTS Community Church from October 5 through 9, will give the people of Indian Wells Valley the opportunity to hear the Reverend George C. Baker, Jr., Ph.D., D.D., noted minister, author, world traveler, and professor of evangelism at Southern Methodist University's School of Theology in Dallas, Texas.

The purpose of this series of meetings is to strengthen the mission of the church and enrich the spiritual life of the community.

Dr. Baker has traveled in all parts of the world in the interest of missions and as a delegate to various world religious conferences. He has just returned from Oxford, England, where he was a delegate to the Institute of World Methodist Theological Studies. His wide experience on college and university campuses during Religious Emphasis Weeks will give his message a special appeal to young people.

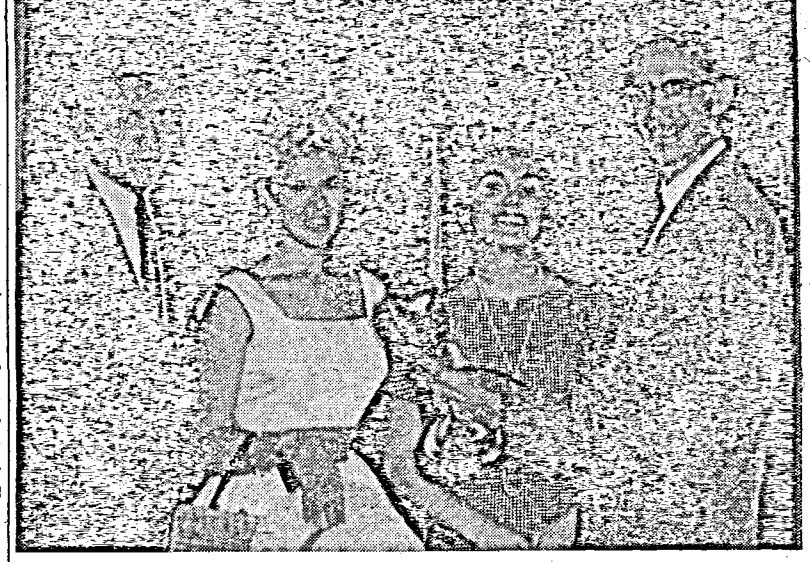
Dr. Baker will speak at both worship services Sunday, October 5, at 9:45 and 11 a.m. on the subject "Test Factors In Your Faith," and five evenings, Sunday through Thursday at 8 p.m. He will also be available for personal counseling by calling the Church office, Ext. 72787 for appointment.

All services are open to the public and will be held at the All Faith Chapel. A nursery for children six months to five years of age will be provided at the Parish House, 77 Hussey, at no charge.

Screen Star Makes Personal Appearance At Station Premiere of 'Rock-a-Bye Baby'

Movie-goers attending Paramount's "Rock-a-Bye Baby" at the Station Theatre last Sunday evening received an unexpected bonus when blonde Connie Stevens, who co-stars with Jerry Lewis in the film, made a surprise personal appearance.

Introduced from the stage the audience with her "girl-next-door" petite 20-year-old enchanted the (Continued on Page 4)



HOLLYWOOD STARS—Unexpected visitors at NOTS last Sunday were (l. to r.) Gary Clark and Connie Stevens at the opening of "Rock-a-Bye Baby" in which Miss Stevens co-stars with Jerry Lewis. Hostess Barbara Mussler and Budd Gott, Editor of the Rocketeer, are pictured with them at one of the two local radio interviews held following their personal appearance at the Station Theatre.

