

National Youth Fitness Week

WASHINGTON, D.C. (NAVNEWS)—The President of the United States challenged young people to be "physically as well as mentally and spiritually prepared for American citizenship," as he proclaimed May 3 the beginning of National Youth Fitness Week.

"In our concern for political, economic, social, cultural, and other problems affecting the national and international scene," President Eisenhower cautioned, "we tend to overlook one important fundamental... that national policies will be no more than words if our people are not healthy of body, as well as of mind, putting dynamism and leadership into carrying out of major decisions."

In an effort to make Americans more aware of the need to improve the fitness of our youth, National Youth Fitness Week is observed annually to specifically bring to the public's attention the objectives of the President's Council on Youth Fitness, as stated above by President Eisenhower.

There are many opportunities for the Armed Forces to cooperate fully with the Council and to undertake activities internally and in neighboring communities which would help to accomplish the objectives of the program.

Our position in today's world is one that demands strength. The continued health and vigor of this country's young citizens will guarantee the future of America.

Cdr. I. A. Robinson Reports to NOTS

Cdr. Irving A. Robinson, USN, reports to the Experimental Officer's Office as the new Air-to-Air Guided Missile Officer for Code 1421. His assignment to NOTS was in answer to his request.

His last tour of duty was as Com-



Cdr. Irving A. Robinson

manding Officer of Fighter Squadron 102 aboard the USS Forrestal where he served in the Mediterranean for the last eight months. Prior duty was 16 months at Cecil Field, Florida.

A graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, class of '44, with a B.S. degree in electrical engineering, Cdr. Robinson has had tours of duty with four fighter squadrons and one assignment as project pilot at NATC, Patuxent River, Md.

He and his wife, Margaret, and their 11-year-old son, Shannon, have been assigned temporary quarters at 306-B Groves.

Tournament Winners

The Civilian-Military Golf Tournament played last Sunday was won by the Civilians by a score of 30-18. Leo Enriquez had the low gross with an 81. Cdr. M. O. Greaney wound up with the low net, a 69. The next tournament will be held Sunday, May 31. All personnel desiring to participate should contact Grant Gorman, Ext. 71829.

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Community Passes

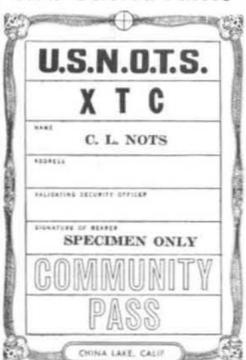
(Continued from Page 1) This new system of colored passes has been devised to satisfy security requirements that replacement passes be different from the invalidated pass and to permit immediate detection of the year in which a pass expires. By making close inspection unnecessary, the flow of traffic through the entrance gates and in the Commissary, Exchange and Theatre will be greatly expedited.

All persons obtaining new passes from the Personnel Security Branch are requested to utilize the parking lot east of the RAFT Club (Old Chapel) and to report to the Branch receptionist via the north entrance of the Housing Building.

Birth months will be used as actual expiration dates and passes will be made valid on a cyclic basis. The new colored passes will be initially issued for two, three or four-year periods. Passes will be good for a three-year period, except for off-Station business representatives whose badges will be invalid one year after issuance.

Pass holders will be responsible for procuring a new pass prior to the expiration date of his current pass. Spot checks will be made by the Marine sentries for the purpose of reminding personnel of the expiration date during the year in which the specific color becomes invalid. Obsolete passes will not be recognized for admission to and exit from the Station, nor for admission to the Commissary, Theatre or Exchange.

New Colored Passes



REQUIRED - Community passes will no longer look like this—they'll be blue, purple, yellow or red, depending upon the year in which they expire. Presently utilized clear plastic passes will not be honored after December 31, 1959. Valid passes will be issued each Thursday, starting May 7, by the Personnel Security Branch, Top Deck, Housing Building. See story on Page 1 for further details.

Book of the Week

Books for "A better read, better informed America," now available at the Station Library include: "The American High School Today" by James B. Conant. A penetrating analysis of the problems and needs of our high schools based on the nation-wide survey recently made by one of the country's top educators.

VISITORS - A portion of the 2300 who attended this year's Wildflower Show are pictured. The Parry Nolina, striking cousin of the Yucca and the Joshua Tree, is shown right center against the curtains. In spite of this having been a dry year, almost every variety of wildflower was exhibited.



YOUNG SCIENTISTS—Prize winners of the Bakersfield College Science Fair examine Albert A. Michelson's equipment and notes in the lobby of Mich Lab during their two-day visit to the Station this week.

Kern Science Fair Winners Visit Station

All of the first and second place and superior achievement winners of the Bakersfield College Science Fair toured the Station last Tuesday and Wednesday, as an extra prize, besides their monetary awards. This Science Fair, held from April 7-11, in the College Gymnasium, was conducted for high school students of Kern County and all exhibits entered were accompanied by students enrolled in grades 9, 10, 11 or 12.

All of the winners, including six Burroughs students, were assigned quarters in BOQ(A) upon arrival here on Tuesday evening. A dance sponsored by the Burroughs Student Council was held that evening and on Wednesday, the 27 students were introduced to the Station and to some of its activities. The trip to NOTS was sponsored by the U.S. Naval Reserve Training Center in Bakersfield.

Burroughs students who were Bakersfield Science Fair winners

ASPA Speaker



Dr. Henry J. Reining

Contaminated Contact Lens Cleanser Revealed

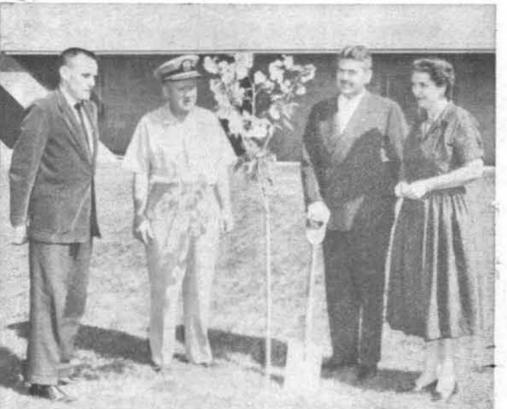
The Food and Drug Administration issued a warning to the public this week to avoid using a contact lens cleanser which is contaminated with a potentially dangerous form of bacteria.

According to Station Pharmacist Gerald Rafkin, his records show that he held in stock a supply of the contaminated batch which bears the code number 010159. However, there exists no assurance that any sale was made from this stock before he returned it to the company.

An FDA announcement identified the cleanser as "Barnes-Hind Wetting Solution" produced by Barnes-Hind Ophthalmic Products, Inc., Sunnyvale, Calif.

Efforts are being made by the company and the Government to recall stocks outstanding. The solution is used to clean plastic contact lenses before being placed against the eyeball.

USC DEAN—Dr. Henry J. Reining, Dean, School of Public Administration at USC, was the guest speaker at last week's meeting of the American Society for Public Administration. Dr. Reining, who is past national president of ASPA, informed the local group that there are now 65 chapters throughout the world and related his experiences in visiting 30 of them. While here he conducted two lectures in Michelson Lab for Station management personnel.



THANKS FROM ABROAD—The pink blossoms of the "Kwanzan" Cherry tree recently planted on the lawn of the All Faith Chapel between the sanctuary and the East Wing signifies a gracious thank-you from the International Christian University in Japan for a gift from the NOTS Community Church. Church representatives admiring the tree (l. to r.) are: Rev. John L. Buncie, Minister of Christian Education; Chaplain Robert "Q" Jones; Rev. John L. Reid, Jr., Pastor, and Charlotte Gould, chairman of the Missionary Committee.

Assist Your Local Navy Relief Society Fund Drive May 4 to June 6

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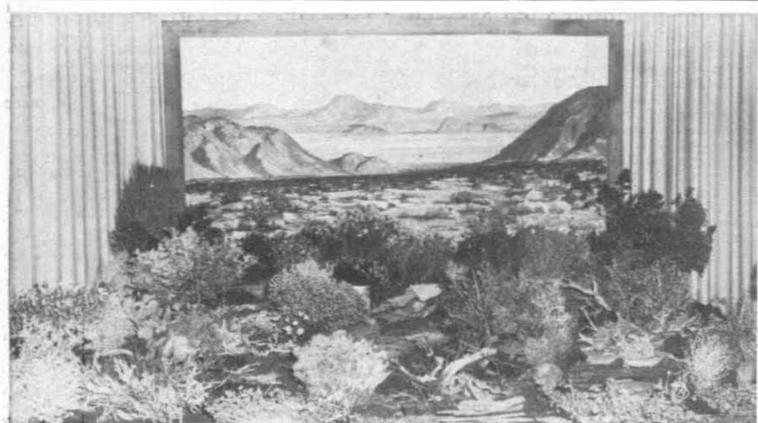
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TEMPERATURES	
Max.	Min.
Apr. 23	89 58
Apr. 24	83 69
Apr. 25	75 59
Apr. 26	72 55
Apr. 27	84 47
Apr. 28	88 50
Apr. 29	96 68



ARTISTRY IN VIEW—Using her painting entitled "Pilot Knob Valley" as a background, Sylvia Winslow arranged the spectacular theme display on the stage of the Community Center for the Wildflower Show. Special lighting effects provided by the China Lake Players showed "The Awakening Desert" to its best advantage from darkness to dawn to bright sunlight. Organist Mel Braun supplied the music.

Wildflower Show Record Attendance Set; Arrangement Winners Receive Ribbons

More than 2300 visitors to the fifteenth annual Desert Wildflower Show last weekend signed the registers and viewed the displays of wildflowers, desert artifact and the spectacular Parry Nolina, a member of the Yucca family, the hit of the show. Elizabeth Sears and Jeanne Bruce were chairmen of the 1959 event.

Judges for arrangements were Jo Ann Garrett of Trona, Pam Jacobsen from Inyokern and Lynn Nowels of Ridgecrest. Ribbons were awarded in adult and junior divisions to a total of 43 winners. Senior winners and arrangement categories were: "The Sleeping Desert"—1st, Fred Richards; 2nd, Louise Richards; 3rd, Savola Condy. "The Awakening Desert"—Savola Condy, 1st; Elizabeth Hise, 2nd; Rusty Sholes, 3rd. "Desert Gold"—Mrs. R. H. Caldwell, 1st; Elizabeth Hise, 2nd. "Desert Gold"—Rusty Sholes, 1st; Donna Tate, 2nd and Joan deGroot, 3rd. "Mojave Mosaics"—Joan deGroot. "Arrangements in Metal Container"—1st and 2nd, Joan deGroot; 3rd, Rusty Sholes. "Arrangement in Ceramic or Glass Container"—1st and 2nd, Donna Tate; 3rd, Rusty Sholes. "Arrangement in Basket or Woven Container"—Dorothy Johnson, 1st; Elizabeth Hise, 2nd. "Miniature Arrangement"—Joan deGroot. "Arrangement of Flowers with Accessories"—1st, Mary Louise Dumont; 2nd, Donna Tate; 3rd, Rusty Sholes.

Ribbons were awarded to Junior arrangers as indicated: "The Awakening Desert"—Kathy Heflin. "Desert Rhapody"—1st and 2nd, Karen Zost; 3rd, Sue Ellen Anderson. "Desert Gold"—Nick Klein-schmidt, 1st; Tommy Erickson, 2nd; Bonnie Sholes, 3rd. "Cactus Caucuses"—Charles Bruce. "Mojave Mosaics"—Kathy Heflin, 1st; Pam

Annopolis, Md. (AFPS) - The mild, elderly visitor wanted to see Capt. Slade Cutter, athletic director for the Naval Academy. He didn't mind having to wait more than five hours.

It wasn't exactly the best of days to call on Capt. Cutter. He'd spent hours talking with Navy's football coach, Eddie Erdelatz, after his bombshell decision to quit.

And now here was this elderly gentleman. "He was clean and neat, but had on an inexpensive suit that was slightly frayed," Cutter recalls. "He had no tie and was wearing work shoes. He came to Annapolis by bus, traveling about 600 miles."

Why? Well, it seemed that he was an old Navy enlisted man himself, and a bachelor, and he didn't drink or smoke...

And he had this \$23,000 he wanted the Navy to take to establish an athletic scholarship fund...

He had it, all right!—in neat stacks of \$100 bills. It turned out that this "all Navy" vet had already contributed more than 1,000 to the now-under-construction Navy and Marine Corps Memorial Stadium.

For Cutter it was "the nicest thing that could have happened to me that hectic day." He refused, however, to accept all of the proffered cash, persuading the caller—who insisted on remaining anonymous—to keep at least \$6,000 for an emergency.

The remaining \$17,000 will establish a trust fund, the income from which will help Annapolis-bound athletes through prep school.

Star to Visit



JAYNE'S COMING!—Star of stage, screen, and TV, Jayne Mansfield, will visit the Station Friday, May 8, for the purpose of dedicating the Enlisted Men's Club Patio at 8:30 p.m. and to make a personal appearance at the Chief Petty Officers Club.

Liaison Officer Change

Joseph H. Hibbs, Head, Aircraft Instrumentation Branch of Aviation Ordnance Department's Development Division No. 3, took over the desk of the NOTS Liaison Officer in Washington, D.C. Hibbs' six-week assignment will extend through June 5. With the expiration of his tour, W. E. Vore leaves Washington today to return to the Station.

Navy Relief Society Conducts Annual 'Call for Contributions'

Last year, 133 military families at NOTS "told it to the Chaplain" and received financial assistance from the Navy Relief Society. Of the total of \$9,596.86 distributed by the Chaplain only \$315 was an outright grant; \$9,281.86 was loaned to Sailors and Marines and will be repaid by them.

Incorporated in 1904, the Navy Relief Society is the Navy's own organization to assist, financially and otherwise, the personnel of the Navy and Marine Corps and their dependents in time of need. The work of the Society is supported entirely by private contributions.

Navy Relief Society is not an official Government organization, and its sole mission is to give financial and other assistance in time of need. This includes dependents of retired and deceased personnel.

Navy Relief conducts its "annual Call for Contributions" during the 34-day period of May 4 through June 6. These dates commemorate the Navy-Marine sea and air battles of the Coral Sea and Midway during World War II.

Speaking as the Navy's number one military man and as President of the Navy Relief Society, Chief of Naval Operations Admiral Arleigh Burke states, "I am personally familiar with the Society's activities both from the humanitarian viewpoint and its contribution to high service morale. I know that the work is necessary, important and well done. It is my confident hope that the interest and support of all Navy and Marine Corps personnel will insure a generous response to the appeal."

With every Navy and Marine group and their auxiliaries contributing to the Society, the Navy, in effect, takes care of its own to a great extent.

As Station Commander, Capt. W. W. Hollister is president of the local Navy Relief Society. As regulated by the Society's by-laws, NOTS Local Officer, Cdr. G. T. Boland, serves as Treasurer, and as Secretary, Chaplain Robert "Q" Jones interviews all applicants and distributes money where needed.

Throughout the year, military organizations and their auxiliaries complete projects to aid servicemen and their dependents. At the present time the CPO Wives Club is asking for willing hands to complete layette articles. Knitting, crocheting and general sewing is needed. For further information, contact Bobbie Grohs, Ridgecrest 86396.

Chaplain Jones states that since available Society funds are extremely low early contributions would be greatly appreciated.

All Community Passes, known also as "Activity," "N-Series" or "Dependent" passes, issued under the new directive, will be colored to show the year of expiration. Passes expiring in 1960 will be blue; those expiring in 1961, purple; yellow will distinguish passes invalidated in 1962; and those Community Passes expiring in 1963 will be red.



EARLY GIFT—Ten days before the annual Navy Relief Society's "Call for Contributions" begins, Chaplain Robert "Q" Jones receives a \$300 check from Billie Hise (left) and Virginia Miller. Funds received from the sale of donated articles at the WACOM-conducted Thrift Shop made possible the presentation. All money contributed to Navy Relief is utilized in assisting servicemen and their dependents in need.



TTS TOPS:—Now, the Pentagon requires a few forms to be filled out, says General Powers (Lew Ward, left) to Kretton, the visitor from space (Phil Marsh). "Would you say you've come here as a tourist?" he queries in this scene from the China Lake Players' production of "Visit to a Small Planet" tonight and tomorrow night at the James Monroe School in Ridgecrest. Both performances of this timely comedy begin at 8:15 p.m. and tickets will be on sale at the door each evening.

Los Angeles Dodgers 1959 Home Schedule

Table with columns: Date, Team, Time. Lists the home schedule for the Los Angeles Dodgers from May 11 to September 17, including opponents like Philadelphia Phillies, Pittsburgh Pirates, Milwaukee Braves, etc.

What's Doing Clip and Save

Published once a month as a community service. Lists various community events, meetings, and activities such as 'Monday AFGE, 2d, Community Center, 7 p.m.', 'Tuesday Alkali Angels (Model Airplanes), each, Hobby Shop, Ridgecrest, 7 p.m.', etc.

Sport Slants

As the Intramural Softball League swings into the second week of the season the fans are still talking about last week's fantastic pitching. There were four no-hit no-run games pitched. Hank Green of the Clippers pitched the first no-hitter, beating the Test Department 3-0 Monday night. On Wednesday night we had two no-hitters pitched—Bob Galloway of the Engineers downed the Test Department 4-0 and Ron Cordes of the VX-5 team pitched his no-hitter to whip the CPO Club 8-0.

Thursday night's ball game was one of the best ever played on the Station—the Pilot Plant team winning over a fine NAF ball club 1-0 in eleven innings. In this no-hit no-run game pitched by Bob Cochran 27 batters were struck out. Dave Morgan and Bert Smith divided the pitching chores for NAF allowing only five hits while striking out sixteen. From the looks of last week's play, we feel that this will be the best league we have had in years. There are two games each night, Monday through Thursday starting at 6:30 and 8:30 p.m. The Navy Exchange has a refreshment truck out to all of the games for the convenience of the fans. For an evening of fine entertainment for the whole family, come out to the Beer Hut Softball Field Monday through Thursday evenings.

Our Station baseball team plays the Camp Irwin ball club next Friday, May 8 at 8 p.m. at Schoeffel Field. The Camp Irwin nine had a championship team last year winning the Mojave Desert Inter-Service League title and are greatly improved this season with the addition of Pvt. Vic Rehm, a southpaw pitcher who belongs to the Milwaukee Braves. Pvt. Pehm posted an 11-5 record last season for the Wichita team of the American Association. This is the first season in several years the Station has had a baseball team. Our men have shown steady improvement and with a little more experience we feel they will be able to hold their own with any of the teams on our schedule. Last Friday our ball team lost to a real good ball club at the Naval Air Facility at Santa Ana 7-2. Tomorrow we travel to Tehachapi for a return game.

'Mom' Hudgins, Station Notable, Dies in L. A.

Mrs. J. D. (Emilie) Hudgins, affectionately known as "Mom" to a host of servicemen at NOTS, died in her sleep last week in Los Angeles. Interment services were conducted at the Forest Lawn Cemetery last Monday. "Mom" has been living in Los Angeles since her husband's death a year ago.

New 'Babe Ruthers' Try for Team Posts

All boys trying out for the China Lake Babe Ruth Baseball League on April 11 who were not regular members last season have been assigned to teams as listed below. These young men will compete for positions on the teams, each of which have a roster of 15 players. Cardinals, managed by Capt. R. C. Millard, 511-B Essex: Danny Tommac, Paul deHam, Gary Miller, Larry Gill, Picky Sullivan, Ricky Irvin, Jack O'Brien, Dan Dennison, Toby Bessee, Art Donaldson, Joe Jennings, Edil Knoblauch, Robert Robinson, Bruce Wilson, and Charles Sisson. Cubs, managed by Kenneth Seaman, 50-A Franklin: Scott Depew, Dwight Morgan, Gary Luttel, Martin Stewart, Richard Mead, Larry Graves, Duane Fojt, Larry Shull, David Riveria, Don Antrim, Tom Frisbee, Gary Hines, Tom Pott, Larry Totton and Wayne Beck. Indians, managed by Quinton Embree, 332 Toro, Wherry Housing: David Larson, Raymond Kelson, Rod Buck, Harlan Hersley, Robert Hams, Nicky Hopper, Mike Hayton, Mike Anderson, Jerry Foster, Ricky Hensley, Jim Koch, Tim Tiffany and Joe Alpert. Reds, managed by Raoul Landry,

Promotional Opportunities

Only persons currently employed on this Station may apply for the following positions and up-to-date Form 58 should be submitted when applying. Clerk-Stenographer, GS-4, PD 30091, Code 651. Incumbent is employed in the Employee Management Relations Division of the Personnel & Community Relations Department which carries out program responsibilities and furnishes staff guidance in the Employee Management Relations area. Incumbent provides stenographic, typing and clerical support to the Division. Clerk-Stenographer, GS-4, PD 18544, Code 01. WAE position in the Office of the Technical Director. Duties include taking dictation, typing correspondence and filing. Industrial Engineer, GS-13, PD 31706, Code 4550. Plans and coordinates Industrial Engineering studies of Department. Trains supervisory and non-supervisory personnel in industrial engineering techniques and methods. Evaluates and reports results of studies. Editorial Clerk, GS-4, PD 22263AH-1, Code 7511. Duties consist of copyreading, marking for composition and editorial proofreading. Supervisory Chemical Engineer, GS-13, PD 31319-1, Code 4532. Serves as Branch Head for Program Planning Branch. The Branch assists Project Engineers of the Department in planning development programs and assists in designing experiments for establishing design parameters and assuring product reliability. File applications for above positions with Mildred Beck, Personnel Bldg., Room 26, Extension 72723 by May 8, 1959. Secretary (Stenographic), GS-5, PD 33035, Code 18. This position is secretary to the Commanding Officer, Naval Air Facility. Incumbent serves as secretary and receptionist for the Commanding Officer. Receives all official visitors, makes appointments, takes dictation and prepares all official correspondence and manages the Administrative Office. Clerk (DMT), GS-4, PD 26643-2, Code 4052. Incumbent is secretary to Head, Medium Range Missile Branch. Duties are transcribing from dictating machine, typing reports and memos, answering phones, making appointments, drafting simple correspondence, routing mail, and other clerical duties. File applications for above positions with Fawn Haycock, Personnel Bldg., Room 34, Ext. 71514 by May 8, 1959. Supervisory Chemist (Area, Fuels Research), GS-12-13, PD 32413, Code 5054. Position is that of Head, Inorganic Chemistry Branch. Will conduct basic research in inorganic chemistry and have supervision over Branch members. Mechanical Engineer (Ord), GS-8-10-11, PD 12945, Code 5552. Responsible for the engineering and design of mechanical components of rocket and missile systems, responsible for the preparation of finished drawings and documents for use in large quantity procurement. Planning, engineering and liaison on and acts as consultant on production engineering program during experimental pilot, and final production. Ordnance Technician, GS-1692-11, PD 12993-1, Code 5551. Responsible for the preparation of Ordnance Classification of Defects and all support or correlated documents such as Design Objectives, Inspection Flow Charts, Configuration Charts, etc. Will work closely with those in Military Specification and Engineering Drawing development. Mechanical Engineer (Ord), GS-8-10-11, PD 12964, Code 5551. Engineering problems principally in mechanical and electronic engineering. Responsible for the completion of engineering documents for weapons and weapon components being processed by Mechanical Engineering Division. File applications for above positions with Wanda Buller, Personnel Bldg., Room 31, Ext. 71393 by May 8, 1959.

SHOWBOAT

MATINEE Saturday and Sunday - 1 p.m. EVENING 6 and 8 p.m. daily. TODAY: "GUNFIGHT AT DODGE CITY" (80 Min.) Joel McCrea, Julie Adams. Western. Pre-release synopsis not available. SHORTS: "Lodge Brother Magoo" (15 Min.) "Wine, Women, and Song" (15 Min.) SATURDAY: "QUENTIN DURWARD" (101 Min.) Robert Taylor. SHORTS: "Posse Cat" (7 Min.) "The Iron Claw," Chapter No. 1 (25 Min.) EVENING: "THE GREAT ST. LOUIS BANK ROBBERY" (85 Min.) Steve McQueen, Molly McCarthy. Four man robbery is based on a true event. A falling-out between thieves brings law and order. A crime-drama not for kids. SHORTS: "Fit to be Tied" (7 Min.) "Winter Wonder Trails" (9 Min.) SUN.-MON.: "SOME CAME RUNNING" (136 Min.) Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Shirley MaLaure. Discharged G.I. goes back to small town and meets pretty teacher and the town gambler. Bright friend follows him. Superb story of "Don't Miss" caliber. NO SHORTS. TUES.-WED.: "FACE OF A FUGITIVE" (80 Min.) Fred MacMurray, Dorothy Green. Western Drama. Outlaw who is known by reputation, not by sight, is blocked from leaving small town. Sliding in against the tough element gets his guns hot and the action hotter. SHORTS: "Swedish Jets Zoom" (9 Min.) "AFSM No. 560" (18 Min.) THURS.-FRI.: "FLOODS OF FEAR" (82 Min.) Howard Keel, Anne Hayward. Drama. Killer convict escapes prison only to have his freedom further imperiled by a flood. Suspense and action. SHORTS: "Merry Minstrel Magoo" (7 Min.) "Vista Vision Visits Spain" (16 Min.) SATURDAY: "SNOWFIRE" (73 Min.) Dan and Molly McGowan. SHORTS: "Dime to Retire" (7 Min.) "Iron Claw," Chapter No. 2 (25 Min.) EVENING: "CURSE OF THE UNDEAD" (79 Min.) Eric Fleming, Kathleen Crowley. Horror story. Pre-release synopsis not available. SHORTS: "Sleepy Happy" (7 Min.) "Swingin' and Singin'" (15 Min.)

Meat Dept. to Close During Alterations

The Commissary Store's Meat Department will be closed Monday and Tuesday, May 11 and 12, for major alterations. Frozen fresh meat will be available in limited quantity. Meats and meat products normally carried in the delicatessen and frozen food cases will be available in adequate quantities.

300-A Fowler: Jim Landry, Mike Montague, Brian Cowan, Tom Ward, James Cherry, Jim Clemons, Paul Greedy, Dan Kojickish, Leon Robinson, Pete Volckmer and Tom Carter.

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What's Doing IN RECREATION

By Jean Cone, Recreation Director



NEW RECEPTIONIST CENTER—Lcdr. R. H. Bradshaw is Ann Seitz' first customer at her new location in the foyer of the Community Center.

The latest innovation to the Station's Special Services program is the new receptionist center which has been installed in the foyer of the Community Center building. The purpose for this installation was to centralize the services of the staff to make them more accessible to Station personnel. Your Recreation Director now occupies the office in the Community Center from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Ann Seitz, manager, will be in charge of the new receptionist center. Ann, a familiar personality at China Lake, has lived on the Station for the past 12 years and has worked for Special Services for eight years. Until the Community Center was built in 1954 she managed the Anchorage recreation center. The modern, up-to-date Community Center facilities which surround her today, she states, are vastly different from the makeshift accommodations of the earlier Anchorage days. Another VIP at the Community Center is the man behind the scenes—Jim Manning, AEI-3, NOTS Div. 3. As with countless other Servicemen, the charm of the desert makes him wish for an extended tour at NOTS. In the evenings at the Community Center you will find either Sgt. Joe Davison or Cpl. Jackson Wey. The popularity of these young Marines is undoubtedly due to their accommodating service and patient good humor with all participants in programs held at the Community Center. Services now available at the Community Center are: bookings for recreation facilities which includes the Anchorage, Community Center, Station Theatre, and Sandquint Spa. Issuance of tickets and discount certificates currently includes Disneyland, Marineland, Ice Capades, and the San Bernardino Orange Show. Information on Los Angeles, Las Vegas, Death Valley, and many other popular recreation areas is now available at this location. An additional service we hope to bring you by this change is information on dates of future recreation.

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Adult Station Dance It's dance time tonight at the Community Center. All Station adults are invited to this admission dance featuring the Showcase band and top variety acts. Dancing starts at 9 p.m. and showtime will be 10 p.m. You're sure to have fun tonight if you enjoy dancing to good music or merely wish to visit with your friends and enjoy some outstanding entertainment.

China Lake Film Society The next showing of the China Lake Film Society will be a series of short features, including "Colorful Nikko," "Images Medievales," "Henry Moore" and "Grandma Moses." This showing will be at 8 p.m. on May 4 and 5 in the Community Center.

RAFT Club News This is the week for all RAFT Club members to renew their club memberships. All members be sure to come in to the Club before May 15 and renew your cards. Prospective members may come to the Club office at any time during Club hours and apply for membership. Membership cards are now good for one year at the cost of \$1.80. More and more of the RAFT members are realizing the benefits of belonging to this teen-age center. The monthly and semi-monthly Saturday dances are increasing in popularity, and a fine schedule of indoor sports activities and summer recreation plans are now being formulated. Get in on all these well planned "Good Times."

Club members must be sure to submit their nominations for candidates for the offices of President, Vice-President, and Secretary for the Club. Also suggestions as to necessary committee members and plans for future dance motifs are most welcome. Come in and see Mr. Hoggan or Miss Delys and give them your suggestions for more and more constructive club activity. Saturday evening, April 23, was the scene of a very pleasant Birthday Dance. Club members wished "Happy Birthday" to Barbara Davivode, and to all others with an April birthday, but too shy to admit it. Bob LaRosa decorated the bandstand and arranged fine lighting effects for the dance, and "The Medley Men" supplied the music.

PLAN AHEAD Armed Forces Day May 16, 1959

Safety First

The driver who follows the car ahead too closely may be a figurative "pain in the neck" one minute and a literal one the next, declares the California Highway Patrol. "The whip-lash caused by a rear-end collision is really much more than just a mere 'pain in the neck'—it can be and often is a serious and permanent injury," states Bradford M. Crittenden, Commissioner of the Patrol. "Most of these accidents are inexcusable," he continued. "Drivers who follow the car ahead too closely ignore the physical laws involved. Reaction time and distance required to stop a car must be considered in determining the safe distance to maintain. A good rule-of-thumb is one car length for each ten miles of speed. This will normally allow for safe stopping on dry pavement, but should be increased on wet pavement or under other adverse conditions."

News From Pasadena

Public Works Head Merits Retroactive Rank of Lieutenant



It's Lieutenant R. W. Auerbach, Jr., now! He has been Head of the Public Works Division at Pasadena since January, 1958. A 1951 graduate of Worcester Polytechnic Institute in Worcester, Massachusetts, Auerbach worked for the Construction Division of the Dupont Company for three years. In 1954, he enlisted in the Navy and was selected for OCS. He was commissioned as Ensign in December, 1954, in the Naval Reserve and augmented in the regular Navy in 1956.

OinC Names George Pollak As Deputy for Administration

George Pollak, former Head of the Management Analysis Group for Pasadena, was named this week as the Deputy for Administration by Cdr. C. J. Beers. The position was formerly held by Ed J. Jones who recently transferred to China Lake as Associate Head of Staff for Management.



Pollak joined NOTS Pasadena in October, 1956, as Head of Management Analysis Branch, UOD Staff, coming from three years work with the U.S. Army Ordnance District, Los Angeles. His first experience with the NOTS organization came during 1952, when he was enrolled in the Junior Management Assistant Program as a budget specialist in the Budget Division of Central Staff at China Lake. Two years of military service followed his China Lake duty. Pollak, born in Vienna, Austria, came to the United States at the age of ten. He attended the University of California at Los Angeles, and received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science in 1951 and a Masters in Public Administration the following year. He is a member of the American Society for Public Administration and as a bachelor, makes his home in Los Angeles.

Olson to Preside At Disaster Meet

The final meeting of the joint Disaster Nursing Conference will be held May 4 at the Stuart Community Building. Presiding as Chairman of the meeting will be Virginia Olson, R.N., disaster nursing vice chairman, Pasadena American Red Cross Chapter. One of the speakers at the second conference was NOTS Passive Defense Officer, Elmer P. Price. The topic of his talk, "Let's Get Our Feet Wet," related the Station's efforts in passive defense during two simulated exercises held during the past few months. Participating in the four weekly meetings were the Pasadena Red Cross Chapter, California State Nursing Association, District 22, City of Pasadena Civil Defense Authority and Los Angeles County Health Department.

Promotional Opportunities

Test Mechanics (Experimental Ordnance Equipment), PAR P-309-66, Code Pasadena 309. Required to perform assembly, test, repair, fabrication and modification operations on experimental ordnance and ordnance equipment. A primary duty will be work on experimental electro-hydraulic-pneumatic missile launchers. The duty station is Long Beach and approximately 50 percent of the incumbent's time will be at the San Clemente Island test range. Contact Maxine John, Ext. 103/104, Code P659.

Nielsen Son Wins Bank's State Achievement Award

Norman Nielsen, son of Dr. Russell A. Nielsen, P8088, was one of the four first-place winners in their categories to receive Bank of America's annual state-wide Achievement Award, according to a recent announcement in the Pasadena Star News.

Pasadenans Receive Certificates for Completion of Red Cross First Aid



FIRST AID GRADUATES—Receiving certificates for completion of the first basic Red Cross First Aid course at NOTS Pasadena (seated, l. to r.): Patricia Williams, Bernice Jones, Sue Burg, Dorothy Kendall, Cathy Wood, Ina Squire, Katherine Atkins, Bernadine Morrison, Octavia Whalen. (Second row, l. to r.): Erna Schweitzer, Milton Blatt, Beatrice Humason, John Nairn, Lloyd Barber, Ivan Carlson, Robert Hollister, Howard Wheeler, Robert Gratton, Virginia Olson, A. B. Wilson, Red Cross Instructor, William Parker, David Hunt, Robert Crescentini, William Smith, and John Gannon. Not present for the picture are: Charles Grandall, Carl Hanson, and Roberta Jorgensen.

Suggestions Pay \$80

Marge Johnston, P802, has received an award check of \$50 for a Beneficial Suggestion regarding a NOTS Form, "Reprint of Transmittal Notice." Darrell Schermerhorn, P8053, has received a \$20 award and Morton Metersky, P805, \$10, for suggestions they submitted.