



FIRST PLACE YARD DECORATION—Dr. and Mrs. Julian Thompson from 409-A Fowler at China Lake



SWEETSTAKES WINNER—Ruth and Jody Samons, 307-A Thompson, China Lake

Christmas Home Decoration Contest Winners Named

Results of the annual Christmas Home Decoration Contest which were judged Friday, December 23, show six winners in the China Lake area, four from Ridgecrest, and two from Wherry Housing.

First place winners in the sweepstakes division were Mrs. Ruth Samons and her daughter Jody of 307-A Thompson. Runners-up were Mrs. William Oakes, 1639 Simms St., Ridgecrest; Harold Munn, 311-A Fowler.

First place winners in the yard decoration division were Dr. and Mrs. Julian Thompson, 409-A Fowler. Runners-up were E. L. Anderson, 245 Fire Opal Drive, Ridgecrest; and LCDr. L. H. Lippincott, 111-B Blue Ridge.

Winners in the door decoration division were Mrs. Fred Santangelo, 302-B Forrestal; David Vernon, 412 Warner St., Ridgecrest; and Loretta King, 201 Cisco, Wherry housing.

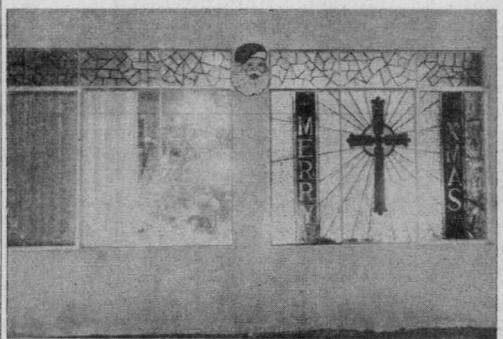
The window decoration winners were: Mrs. Hartley Van Pelt, 416 Jean St., Ridgecrest; Pauline Hardin, 200 Segundo, Wherry; and Bill Casaroff, 700-B Kearsarge.

Judges Henry Martin of Troma, and William Martin of Red Mountain made their selections from 48 entries. Cash prizes in the sweepstakes division were \$50, \$20, and \$10. The winners in the remaining categories received \$15, \$10, and \$5.

The Ridgecrest Chamber of Commerce contributed the cash prizes and the winners received additional prizes from the China Lake Community Council consisting of colored photographs of their entries and ceramic gifts to first place winners. The rockhounds donated other winners with polished stone pendants hung on a chain.



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BEST WINDOW—Mrs. Hartley Van Pelt, 416 Jean Street, Ridgecrest

Social Cotillions for Youth to Start Soon

The sixth season for the Social Cotillion conducted for the youth at NOTS is scheduled to start Saturday, January 14, at the RAFT Club, under the direction of Stefa Delys.

Instructions will include ballroom dancing, such as swing step, fox trot, waltz, and cha-cha-cha. Particular emphasis is placed on social conduct, proper dress, manners, and social customs.

The course will consist of ten lessons for each age group every other Saturday starting with the first session on January 14. Two of these will be special parties: St. Patrick's dance on March 11; and a Spring dance on April 22 featuring the music of a dance combo.

Two age groups will meet on the same nights as scheduled: Junior Cotillion sessions consist of seventh grade students and start at 6:30 p.m.; Senior Cotillion groups meet at 8:30 p.m. and consist of eighth graders and high school students.

Cotillion sessions are not primarily party functions but supervised instructions by trained directors in ballroom dancing techniques and social graces. The aim is to develop self-confidence and poise of boys and girls during their formative years in social culture.

Registration for the Junior Cotillions should be made with Maxine Sutherland, Ext. 724252; the Senior Cotillion with June Nelson, Ext. 77351; or the treasurer, Sue Compton, Ext. 77613.



WINNING DOOR—Mrs. Fred Santangelo, 302-B Forrestal, China Lake

Navy Recruiter Due In Area Next Week

Navy Recruiter Donald T. McLees, Chief Petty Officer, has announced that he will be in this area on January 12. He will be available to explain the many opportunities for travel, education, and training open to young men interested in a Navy career.

For further information, inquiries may be directed to the Navy Recruiter at the Kern County Firehouse on Station Street in Ridgecrest between 8 a.m. and 12 noon next Thursday.

All-Navy Cartoon Contest Launched

Announcement has been made by the Bureau of Naval Personnel of the annual Sixth All-Navy Comic Cartoon Contest now under way. All Navy personnel on active duty and their bona fide dependents are eligible to submit entries.

Cartoons must be in black ink on 8" x 10 1/2 white paper or illustration board, have a Navy theme or background, must be in good taste and suitable for general use.

A contestant may enter as many cartoons as desired, but each entry must contain the following: name of originator, rate or grade, serial or file number, duty station, home town and home town newspaper, Command recreation fund administrator, statement certifying the cartoon as original and giving all rights to the cartoon to the Department of the Navy.

Entries must be received by the Chief of Naval Personnel (Attn: Pers-G11) no later than March 1, 1961. Anyone interested should refer to BuPers Notice 1700 dated November 18, 1960, for full particulars.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETS JANUARY 10

School Board meetings will be held the second and fourth Tuesday in January according to information received from Grant Pinney, Ass't. Superintendent of the Elementary School District.

The change, for this month only, was prompted by the recent holiday schedule.

Meet Your Credit Union Directors . . .

5 Qualified Men Head Vital Credit Committee

This is the third in a series of background sketches on directors and committee members of the NOTS Employees Federal Credit Union. Today's article deals with members of the Credit Committee whose function is to approve or disapprove applications for loans.

Gordon Chantler, Chairman of the Credit Committee for the last two years, is the Supervisory Engineering Technician of the Design and Drafting Section, Range Design and Development Branch, Test Department. He served as a committee member for three years prior to his chairmanship.

Chantler has been with Test Department ever since he came to NOTS 11 years ago. He served in the U. S. Army for five and one-half years during World War II and received citations for military service which included five battle stars, European theater of operations, Pearl Harbor, Good Conduct, Presidential Citation, Purple Heart, Silver Star, and Infantry Rifleman.

His most absorbing enterprise during his spare time for the last seven years has been working at the Triangle Sport Shop in Ridgecrest. He became the owner last January. He is past president of the Desert Sportsman's Association, and member of VFW, Ridgecrest Rifle Club, National Rifleman's Association, and IWW Trap and Skeet Club. His pet recreations are hunting and fishing and telling tall tales about them.

He and his wife, Charlotte, and their three children live at 405-A Tyler.

Dean R. Hewitt, Head of Personnel Service Division 3 in Personnel Department, is clerk of the Credit Committee. He first served with the CU on the Credit Committee in 1957.

Except for an 8-month absence in 1956, Hewitt has been employed at NOTS since 1954. He was recruited as a Junior Government Assistant and worked for a period as Administrative Assistant in Weapons Development Department. His Division services Research, Engineering, Public Works, and Technical Information Departments. He obtained his AB degree in Political Science from Occidental College in Los Angeles, and is a native of Crystal City, Mo.

He is an active member and past president of the local men's barbershop harmony chapter and sings tenor in their Dusty Four quartet. In addition, he directs the Singing Sands chorus of the women's barbershop harmony group, the Sweet Adelines. His wife, June, is a member and sings lead in the China Dolls quartet of the women's organization. Barbershop harmony is a family affair with the Hewitts.

The family consists of two small sons, Todd and Scott, and they live at 108-A Independence.

Earl W. Smiley, Mechanical Inspector in the Controls Inspection Branch, Public Works Department, started to serve on the Credit Committee last September. He was appointed to replace Larry Sullivan.

He came to NOTS from private industry in Newport Beach, California, in June, 1950, and has worked with the same department here since the beginning. Smiley is a native Californian from San Diego and served four years as Chief Motor Machinist Mate in the Navy. He was released from military service on Navy Day, 1945.

His wife, Neola, is an Editorial Clerk in the Editorial Branch of Test Department. They have a 14-year-old son, Ricky, and a married daughter, Diane. He is a member of the Lions Club and a charter member of the Elks Club, and his pet pastime is bowling. He and his family live at 411-A Princeton.

Cdr. Clifford H. Selden, Head of Command Administration Department, was appointed to the Credit Committee shortly after reporting to NOTS last May.

His last duty was at Coronado where he served as Officer in Charge of the Naval Beach Group School and also of the Amphibious Support Training Unit.

A native of Clarkburg, West Virginia, Cdr. Selden attended Salem College, and graduated from Ohio University before entering the ser-

vice via the U. S. Naval Academy Midshipmen School.

His military career has been diversified and filled with a background of active duty in the conflict areas during World War II. Some assignments were amphibious campaigns at Makin, Kwajalein, Eniwetok, Linguyen Gulf and Iwo Jima.

It was while serving aboard the Leonard Wood (APA-12) that he was awarded the Navy Unit Commendation ribbon, and later aboard the Leon (APA-48) during the Linguyen Gulf assault, he received the Bronze Star.

Cdr. Selden and his wife, Doris, and their two daughters have been assigned quarters at 503 Essex Circle.

William D. Giano, Head of the Material Division, Supply Department, was appointed to the Credit Committee shortly after his arrival at NOTS in November, 1956.

He came here from 13 years at the Naval Air Station, Barbers Point, Hawaii, where he had also been active in Credit Union administration. In fact, he still holds the No. 1 account number from the NAS Credit Union.

In July, 1959, he earned the distinction of receiving the annual "Thinker" award in conjunction with James H. Holton of the same department for their adopted beneficial suggestion to modernize merchandising display in auxiliary and shop stores.

Giano was born in Del Rio, Texas, and has served six years in the Seabee reserves as a chief construction mechanic. He is a member of the Elementary School P-TA, the Masonic Lodge, and the Elks.

His wife, Rosemary, whom he considers an excellent cook and fisherman, and their two sons, Tommy and Billy, live at 418-A Nimitz.

Meetings...

NROC 11-1 will meet Jan. 11 at 7:30 p.m. in Conf. Rm. A, Michelson Lab. LCDr. P. Wagner, USNR, CO at the Naval and Marine Training Center at Bakersfield will speak on "Leadership".

CHINA LAKE PLAYERS meeting will be held next Wednesday in the 81 Halsey Hut at 8 p.m. A new play for the spring season and one-act plays for the Spring Drama Festival at Bakersfield will be discussed. For further info, contact Mary Wickenden, Ext. 74161.

UNITED CHURCH WOMEN will hold their annual business meeting next Tuesday, 8 p.m., at the NOTS Community Church. All interested women are invited.

QUARTER MIDGET RACES will be held Sunday, Jan. 8. Time trials start at 1:30 p.m. and racing will follow. For further info, call Glenn Gallaher, Ext. 73532.

PEBBLE PUPS will meet next Monday at 5 p.m. in the Groves School Cafeteria. Parents are urged to attend. Lee Humiston will discuss crystals found in pegmatite formations and will exhibit samples of crystallized minerals and gem crystals found in his tourmaline mine.

Vehicle Search . . .

(Continued from page 1) by Marine guards in conjunction with Security Police and a representative from one of the technical organizations or units at NOTS.

Periodic spot checks of Station vehicles are authorized by NOTS Instruction 8510.2C which states that at the time the windshield decal is issued to Station residents, the acceptor signifies in writing that he agrees to a search or spot check of the vehicle at such time as is deemed advisable by proper authority.



Mark V blasts off!

Kern Military CO's Accept Panel Bid

The fourth Business Outlook Conference in an annual series to render vital information on Kern County's economic prospects has been scheduled for January 18 at the Stockdale Country Club in Bakersfield.

Joining the panel of informed speakers at the Board of Trade parley are NOTS Commander, Capt. W. W. Hollister and Edwards Air Force Base Commander, Brig. Gen. John W. Carpenter, III.

Walter Kane, conference general chairman and publisher of the Bakersfield California, expressed gratification for their willingness to contribute to the evaluation of the area's 1961 economic outlook.

Kane noted that the remarks made by these distinguished officers will be of great value and significance because of the national importance of these military establishments and their impact upon the County's future planning.

UCLA Extension Class Scheduled

A course dealing with the interrelationships of the physical and life sciences through the study of natural history will be offered for the Spring semester.

Described as Outdoor Science Education X326.5CD, the course will be taught by L. W. Brubaker, Junior High School science teacher; it will carry two units of credit and the fee is \$25.

The first meeting for orientation and class enrollment will be held tonight, at 7:30 p.m. in Room 14B at Murray School. Additional information may be obtained by calling Brubaker, Ext. 77133.

Student Counselling
UCLA Counsellors Prof. Phillip F. O'Brien, Engineering Department and Prof. Henry Tallman, Physical Sciences Extension UCLA, will be available for students counselling next Tuesday, January 10. Appointments may be made in the Education Office, Room 1004 Michelson Lab., Ext. 71759.

Search Launched For Painting Lost 15 Years

A request by the Commandant of the Eleventh Naval District has touched off a search for a lost painting entitled "The Revenge In Action In English Channel off the Coast of Dover-1778" by John P. Benson.

The painting was last observed on display in the former Submarine Officers' Club at the San Diego Naval Station in April, 1945. No information on the painting subsequent to that time is available.

It is hoped that the memory of some individual may lead to its recovery.

I am no herald
to inquire of men's
pedigrees; it suffices
me if I know
of their virtues.—
Sir P. Sidney.

ROCKETEER

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Student Scientist Fires Own Rocket at NOTS

Marshall Kriesel got his second chance, and reportedly a successful one, when he fired his home-made Mark V rocket on schedule at 3:35 p.m. on G-2 range here at NOTS on Wednesday, December 21. His previous attempt on September 28 fizzled due to the failure of a 10-cent fitting.

The 20-year-old sophomore is majoring in aeronautical engineering at the University of Minnesota, and has labored over his rocket dream for nearly five years. His rocket is considered one of the most complex amateur missiles ever built.

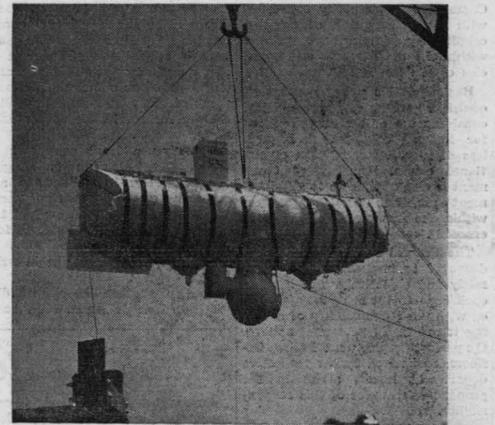
The 11-foot missile, five inches thick, was designed to go 6,000 yards down range and 3,000 yards in elevation. Although it ascended only 300 feet and traveled approximately 300 yards down range the exuberant Kriesel considered the shoot successful. He personally conducted the count-down from a concrete blockhouse 500 feet away. According to project engineer

Dick Harris, the propulsion system worked very well. "It is believed that a misaligned control fin caused the right down maneuver which terminated the flight prematurely," he said.

Representatives from all media of the press were on hand to witness the firing. Kriesel is the first amateur rocket builder to use NOTS facilities and receive assistance from NOTS engineers and scientists to test his project.

Young Kriesel remained at China Lake until January 2 to analyze data from recording devices including high-speed cameras whose film, slowed down, will stretch the seven-second flight into an hour.

Due to the low velocity impact, the missile was not demolished. The nose cone and guidance section broke off and the main part of the missile was bent, but most of the components are re-usable. The missile is to be shipped to Kriesel's home.



TRIESTE, Navy bathyscaph makes record dive—seven miles down!

NEL Deep-Sea Scientist To Relate Project Tasks

The Station's keen interest in deep sea research will be stimulated next week when Dr. Andreas B. Rechnitzer, noted scientist, delivers two lectures at China Lake. He will address the American Chemical Society Monday evening, January 9, at the Club at 8 p.m. The following day, he is scheduled to present a technical lecture in Conference Room A, Michelson Laboratory, at 8:30 a.m.

Dr. Rechnitzer is in charge of the U. S. Navy Electronic Laboratory's projects for probing the ocean depths in the Navy's most unique submersible, the bathyscaph Trieste. Assisting him at NEL is Giuseppe Buono, Italian engineer who is currently under a special authority appointment. Buono is the only person in the world qualified to act as an advisor on the construction and history of the bathyscaph, having aided the Piccards with its construction and has participated in all dives.

Record Dive
On November 15, 1959, Dr. Rechnitzer—native Californian, and Jacques Piccard—French scientist, descended 18,600 feet in the bathyscaph, thereby bringing the manned descent depth record back to the United States. Topping this in January of the following year, the Trieste descended 37,800 feet, more than seven miles, in the Marianas Trench off Guam—the deepest known place in the world's oceans.

A biological oceanographer with a BS from Michigan State University and a PhD from the University of California, Los Angeles, Rechnitzer was awarded the Navy Distinguished Civilian Service Award by President Eisenhower in February, 1960 and the Richard Hopper Day Memorial Medal by the Philadelphia Academy of Natural Science the following month. He was also granted a life membership.



Dr. A. B. Rechnitzer

Vehicle Spot Check Still Part of Station Security Procedure

The new Station exit procedure which became effective Nov. 21, 1960, eliminating the need for outgoing residents to show the gate sentry their Station pass is reported to be satisfactorily meeting the objective for which it was initiated, according to Cdr. W. H. Burns, Security Officer.

While the main object of the new concept is to provide more freedom to Station personnel by simplifying exit procedures, it also reflects a saving in manpower and money, and releases Marine sentries for other duties.

Eliminating the requirement of showing Station passes when leaving the Station does not indicate a relaxation of vigilance by Security personnel.

All residents are still subject to random search of their vehicles at unannounced times and locations. These searches will be conducted (Continued on page 4)

Festival Quartet

Chamber Music Artists Slated for Next Concert

The fourth concert of the season sponsored by the NOTS Civic Concert Association will be the Festival Quartet, four artists who play together for the joy in music-making, next Thursday, January 12, at 8:15 p.m. in the Station Theatre.

A program of chamber music by four top-flight solo artists will be heard by the NOTS concert audience.

Russian-born Victor Babin is the quartet's pianist. He made his fame in Europe and later in America as the "husband" half of the two-piano team, Vronsky and Babin. His compositions are also widely known.

Szymon Goldberg, the distinguished violinist, studied in Poland and has played concerts all over the world. He and his wife were interned by the Japanese for three years during the war, but both have resumed their careers. Mrs. Goldberg is a sculptor. Mr. Goldberg also conducts and directs the new Netherlands Chamber Orchestra.

William Primrose, Scottish-born, was a violin prodigy before he turned to his real love, the viola. He is celebrated as the world's greatest exponent of the solo viola, and has done much to enrich its repertoire by commissioning new works.

Nikolai Graudan, cellist, like Victor Babin will leave a partner-wife for the duration of the Festival Quartet tour. With his wife, Joanna, this musician has toured all over the world. The attractive couple is one of the few cello and piano teams professionally before the public today.

Hughes had been hospitalized at the Long Beach Memorial Hospital since the accident. Funeral services were held at the Station All-Faith Chapel at 1 p.m. Tuesday, December 27, followed by interment at Ridgecrest's new Desert Memorial Park.

San Clemente Accident Claims Second Victim

Robert B. Hughes, 36, Ordnance man in Code 3081 of Test Department, died Friday morning, December 23, from injuries received from the explosion of a rocket motor at San Clemente Island on December 13.

Hughes had been hospitalized at the Long Beach Memorial Hospital since the accident. Funeral services were held at the Station All-Faith Chapel at 1 p.m. Tuesday, December 27, followed by interment at Ridgecrest's new Desert Memorial Park.

Survivors are his wife, Billie, a clerk with the Photographic Laboratory Branch, Test Department, and their three children.

His death was the second to occur as a result of the accident, Hubert Stanfill was killed instantly and two others, J. E. Moss of Pasadena and J. Crowder, a contractor employee of the Whitney Agency, were seriously injured. No further reports have been received concerning the conditions of the two survivors.

Navy's Policy on Non-Discriminatory Employment Practices Is Re-stated

On January 18, 1955, the President of the United States established the Committee on Government Employment Policy. This Committee is primarily concerned with the effectuation of non-discriminatory employment policies within the departments and agencies of the Federal Government.

Basically, this policy assures all qualified persons of equal and just consideration of their applications for Federal employment, regardless of race, color, religion or national origin. Equality of treatment is also applicable to all placement practices and procedures within the framework of the Government.

The Federal Government has endeavored to implement this policy fairly and objectively. The head of each department or agency is vested with the responsibility of carrying it out in all personnel actions. Deputy Employment Policy Officers, designated by the respective department heads, assist in the proper performance of this responsibility.

The Station's Executive Officer, Capt. J. A. Quense, serves as Deputy Employment Policy Officer at NOTS.

The Deputy Employment Policy Officer serves as an advisor with respect to the preparation of policy regulations and reports. Complaints of alleged discrimination in personnel matters are submitted to him for investigation and original settlement. He also maintains a close watch on personnel operations to insure a uniform adherence to fair employment practices.

Regulations adopted by the President's Committee are designed to facilitate the processing of discrimination complaints. An employee or applicant must file a complaint within 45 days of the alleged discrimination unless it involves a discharge action in which case the specific time limit is 10 days.

The burden of developing sufficient facts to resolve the issues in

the case rests on management—except in cases involving disciplinary action.

The complainant is entitled to receive a summary of relevant facts disclosed by the investigation, and has the right to receive a fair hearing. If subsequent adjustment is still unsatisfactory, the entire case will be forwarded to the Department of Navy Employment Policy Officer for review and determination.

In filing a local complaint in which discrimination is alleged, the originator is entitled to address the complaint to the Executive Officer, Code 11. A copy of the complaint letter should also be forwarded to Code 651.

Each complaint must be in writing and must:

- Specify whether the alleged discrimination is based on race,

color, religion or national origin.

- Disclose the specific action or personnel matter about which complaint is made.
- Identify the position involved, the grade or rating, and the organizational location.
- Identify the official responsible for the action, if known.
- Give the date of the action.
- Contain all factual information which the complainant may have to support the allegation of discrimination.
- In addition to the foregoing, a complaint involving a disciplinary action must set forth sufficient fact or circumstances to form a substantial basis to support the specific allegations of discriminations as opposed to the complainant's mere denial of the "letter of charges" on which the disciplinary action was based.

Headlines Roundup of 1960

January 8—Prof. H. S. Green, Australian physicist presents 16 lectures covering 8 topics of theoretical nuclear science.

January 15—Local Post of AOA receives charter.

January 22—Brazilian Admiral and Aides welcomed for NOTS tour. Station Restaurant management change announced.

January 29—YX-5 receives three Douglas A1D-2V jets; group given development projects.

February 5—Naval Research Advisory Committee studies NOTS facilities during Station visit.

February 12—First stage Polaris motor fires successfully during initial use of new \$650,000 rocket thrust test facility.

February 19—Teamwork expands NOTS-Canadian research program in heat radiation studies.

March 18—NOTS hosts 400 Navy and civilian scientists at Pasadena for annual Navy Science Symposium.

March 25—British test team completes seat ejection tests at SNORT for England's Blackburn NA39 jet. Residents alerted to 18th Decennial census to begin April 1.

April 1—Dolphin, training vehicle for Polaris, launched in preliminary underwater test at San Clemente.

April 8—Four plans designated for Federal Employee Health Benefits Program. . . becomes effective first pay period after June 30, 1960.

April 22—Polaris launching at San Clemente makes coast-to-coast headlines.

May 6—E. W. Price and R. A. Henry receive Thompson Award at Advisory Board Luncheon.

May 13—CPO Club dedicates \$60,000 swimming pool.

May 20—NOTS-based Army and Marine personnel assist Convair in Redeye evaluation. Station opens gates for Armed Forces Day.

May 27—Driver Education Center initiated at NOTS. AOA confers Adm. Blandly award on Dr. McLean.

June 10—Kern County honors LeRoy Jackson for leadership in civic affairs.

June 24—NOTS-developed ASROC undergoes public demonstration at Key West, Florida. Marine GMTU deactivates after 10 years

at NOTS.

July 8—McLaughlin Memorial Park dedicated in July 4th Ceremonies. Carol Chatterton named "Women of the Year" by the Kern Chapter of the American Red Cross at Bakersfield. A. S. Gould elected president of the board of trustees for Kern County Union High School and JC District.

July 15—OIR receives upgraded "additional pay" system.

July 23—All Navy housing management control assigned to BuDocks in centralization move.

August 5—Revised housing maintenance procedures announced by public Works Officer.

August 12—Station gets nod on Capehart housing; construction to begin in early 1961.

August 19—Corazon Desamito, Foreign Exchange Student arrives from Manila to make her home with the Russell Huse family.

September 9—Construction under way for new Systems Laboratory.

September 23—NOTS prepares for tenth annual Desert Empire Fair.

September 30—Station gives assist to student scientist Marshall Kriesel in experimental rocket firing.

October 7—NOTS-developed RAPEC seat ejection system proves worth during first emergency use by Marine flyer. It worked!

October 28—Supervisor Woodlomes announces appointment of LeRoy Jackson to Kern County Planning Commission.

November 11—New Station exit procedure outlined for Station employees.

November 18—Station Consultant J. I. Bujes is awarded the Navy Superior Civilian Service Award by RADM. E. A. Ruckner at Advisory Board Luncheon.

December 9—Cdr. Jacques-Yves Cousteau, French explorer, inventor and author addresses overflow audience at Community Center. VX-5 devises adapter for use with Mk 106 practice bomb rack.

December 16—Wherry tenants advised of pending transfer of Wherry ownership and management to Navy jurisdiction effective January 1, 1961. Marshall Kriesel gets second chance to fire his homemade rocket.

Pensioners Aided With Income Query

Because of the complexity of income questionnaire cards this year, Veterans' Administration pensioners are urged to take advantage of the help available at the Veterans Service Office in Ridgecrest.

Cards and instructions were mailed with the December checks to be completed and returned before February 1, or pension payments will automatically be stopped as of that date. Four different sets of cards are sent this year depending on type of pension received. Questionnaires will not be sent to pensioners whose awards were approved after October 20, 1960.

Further information on completion and handling of these questionnaires can be obtained from Juanita Cox, Ridgecrest telephone 8-3231.

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PROMOTED—Captain T. A. Grell, Commanding Officer of the Naval Air Facility, congratulates Cdr. Wilbur J. Ennis, Tactical Air Weapons Officer at NAF, on his promotion to the rank of commander on December 14. Cdr. Ennis is the first of four officers recently selected at NOTS to receive promotion.



CAP CHANGE OF COMMAND—Outgoing Commanding Officer of CAP Composite Squadron 82 Major Paul H. Miller (l) reads his orders to incoming Commanding Officer 1st Lt. Rex Stassart (r). Lt. Col. S. Lukacik, Commander of the Eastern Sierra Group 22 which serves the China Lake, Inyokern, Bishop and Lone Pine area, stands by.

Inyokern CAP Squadron 82 Holds Change of Command

Major Paul H. Miller, Commanding Officer of the Inyokern Composite Squadron 82, Civil Air Patrol, for the past two years, formally relinquished the command of the squadron to his Executive Officer, 1st Lt. Rex Stassart at ceremonies held last Monday night at their Inyokern Airport headquarters.

He resigned his command to accept an appointment as Group Air Inspector and Flight Safety Officer of the newly formed Eastern Sierra Group 22 which has its headquarters in Bishop, California.

Since 1952, Major Miller has held several staff positions in Squadron 82 in addition to holding other titles

Aliens Must Report In Month of Jan.

Every alien who is within the United States on the first day of January of each year shall, within 30 days following such date, report his address and any additional information required to the Commissioner, Immigration and Naturalization Service, according to a release from the U. S. Department of Justice.

Any alien who willfully or inexcusably fails to report as required is liable to be taken into custody and deported. In addition, imprisonment or fines may be levied before deportation.

Procedures are broken down into four steps: go to any U. S. post office or immigration and naturalization office; ask for the alien address report card Form I-53; complete all items; and hand the card to a clerk in the office where you obtained the card.

Real Estate Course Offered Residents

Residents of China Lake who are interested in obtaining or renewing a real estate salesman's or broker's license will have the opportunity to attend a real estate lecture and film showing next Tuesday, January 10, at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Center.

Robert Snell, realtor-lecturer and educator from UCLA will present the program for the general public free of charge.

The lecture will be an introduction to a series of real estate classes which he will conduct at China Lake starting Tuesday, January 17.

In addition to preparing students for exams to obtain a state license, the course includes a warranty and certificate and is designed to instruct participants in the terms and forms regarding real estate transactions when buying or selling through realtors or brokers.

For further information, call Billie Davis after 4:30 p.m. at Ext. 7-6834.

Sports Slants

Station's Sports Program Offers Wide Selection in '61

By Chuck Mangold, Athletic Director

The Station's Intramural Sports Program offers a wide selection of athletic endeavor such as, basketball, softball, football, bowling, volleyball and golf. Not to be outdone, the individual sports program includes boxing, horseshoes, weightlifting, swimming, tennis, badminton and table tennis.

Teams organized and participating in the Station intramural program have an Officer or Petty Officer assigned as manager by the Personnel Officer. Civilian managers are assigned by their Department or Division Head.

The Commander's Trophy is awarded to the military command or unit having the greatest number of points. Points are awarded on entries and final standings in team sports, and on the military command or unit's authorized strength. Competition for this perpetual trophy begins July 1 and terminates at the conclusion of the softball league the following year.

Intramural Sports Calendar
January—basketball; February—basketball, Volleyball; March—Volleyball; April—softball; May—golf, softball; June—golf, softball; July—golf, softball; August—softball; September—football; October—football; November—football; December—basketball.

League bowling is held throughout the year, but the heaviest participation is enjoyed during the winter season.

What's Doing in Recreation . . .

Big Crowd Hails New Year At Gala Dance

By Jean Cone, Recreation Director

A throng of enthusiastic merry-makers greeted the New Year at the Community Center as The Crescendos' strains of Auld Lang Syne floated above the din. Approximately 400 persons attended the community party.

We hope this wonderful community response signals the start of top recreation program support in 1961. A big "thank you" to those who helped decorate for the New Year's Eve party—it would have been difficult to meet the schedule without their able assistance.

The next adult station dance scheduled at the Community Center will be on Friday, January 27. Reservations for groups of eight or more will be taken.

Cribbage Tournaments
Starting in January and continuing once a month throughout the year, a Cribbage tournament will be held at the Community Center. In addition to individual trophies, the winners will also have their names engraved on a plaque which will remain at the Community Center.

The January tournament will be held Monday, Jan. 16, at 7 p.m. in the Community Center lounge. This

All Hands Notified Of Liquidated Companies

Policyholders with the National Automobile Insurance Company of Charleston, West Va., and the National Automobile Insurance Company of Wilmington, Delaware are placed on notice that these two companies have been placed in receivership.

It is, therefore, imperative that Assureds immediately obtain other insurance coverage.

SHOWBOAT

COMMUNITY TREE
Marilyn Monroe, Yves Montand. 6 and 8:15 p.m.

(Color) Billionaire visits stage play rehearsal and falls for leading lady so he joins cast and gets Crosby, Gene Kelly and Milton Berle to help him get closer to Marilyn. Lotsa songs and laughs. (Adults) JAN. 7

MATINEE—1 p.m.
"ABBOTT AND COSTELLO MEET KEYSTONE COPS" (79 Min.)
SHORTS: "His Better Elf" (7 Min.)
"Return of Capt. Marvel" (31 Min.)
EVENING
"ENEMY BELOW" (98 Min.)
Robert Mitchum, Curt Jurgens 7 p.m.

(Adults)
SHORT: "Cannery Woe" (7 Min.)
SUNDAY/MONDAY
"HEROES DIE YOUNG" (76 Min.)
Erika Peters, Scott Borland 7 p.m.

(War Drama) Despite unknown cast this is a fine film about a small band who infiltrate Nazi lines to set signal fires to guide U. S. bombing planes on the famed Ploesti raids. A lot of suspense and believable action highlight the story. (Adults)
SHORT: "Mysteries of the Deep" (24 Min.)
TUESDAY/WEDNESDAY
"STRANGERS WHEN WE MEET" (117 Min.)
Kirk Douglas, Kim Novak 6 and 8 p.m.

(Color) Talented, married, architect falls for his neighbor's wife as he builds a luxurious home nearby. His wife arranges a party and invites her rival, unknowingly. The old "triangle" is given a new twist and comedy a-la-Kovacs. (Adults) JAN. 12

NOTS CIVIC CONCERT FESTIVAL QUARTET
8:15 p.m.

FRIDAY
"JOURNEY TO THE LOST CITY" (97 Min.)
Debra Paget, Paul Christian (Color) 7 p.m.

(Adults-Young People)
SHORTS: "I Was A Teenage Magoo" (7 Min.)
"Two's A Crowd" (7 Min.)

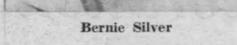
News From Pasadena

Personnel Man Earns Master's Degree

A recent recipient of a Master's degree in Public Administration is Benard Silver, Head of Personnel Division at Pasadena. He received the degree from USC where he has been attending night classes under the Station's educational benefits program.

He holds a B. S. degree in Public Administration from UCLA.

With the Station for seven years, Silver has headed the Personnel Division here since September 1959. Before coming to NOTS, he was a Program Supervisor with the Bureau of Census in Los Angeles.



Bernie Silver

Butternut Hosts Boy Scout Troop

USS Butternut Skipper Lt. William Gerrity recently took on an extra crew—13 lads of Scout Troop 756 of Rolling Hills, California. For seven hours, they saw details of the Ship's spaces and machinery, stood watches as look-outs, steersmen, etc. with regular Navy watchstanders, and ate dinner aboard the ship. They were accompanied by Assistant Scout Masters E. A. Danko and G. H. Mangrum.

"We were happy to have them," says Lt. Gerrity, and I know the crew enjoyed their role as escorts and instructors." He added: "These youngsters were 'sharp' in their viewpoints and questions. They impressed us all as being a very well behaved, disciplined and courteous group."

The tour aboard the Butternut was in keeping with the Navy's role of cooperation with all services of the Boy Scouts of America, and in familiarizing the nation's youth with the objectives, customs, and traditions of the U. S. Navy.

GEBA to Become Active at Pasadena

Applications are now available at NOTS Pasadena for employees to join the Government Employees' Benefit Association, an organization which provides immediate monetary relief for the beneficiaries of its deceased members.

It works like this: Upon the death of a member in good standing, the sum of \$1,000 is given to the beneficiary usually within 24 hours. Immediately thereafter the secretary-treasurer notifies all members that an assessment of \$1.10 is due from each.

Any station employee is eligible to join this plan. There is an initial fee of \$4.25 to join, with assessments as mentioned above on the death of a member.

Pasadena employees may obtain full details of the plan, including a copy of the By-Laws, from Curley Richards.



REPORT ABOARD—Boy Scouts of Troop 756 of Rolling Hills report aboard the USS Butternut for a seven-hour tour of duty, obtaining tactical data in local harbor areas. Above, they are shown with men of the Butternut.

Former Employee Dies

WORD RECEIVED—Albert F. Benkart, former NOTS Pasadena employee, passed away on Sunday, December 18, 1960, at Sawtelle Veterans Hospital.

A machinist, Benkart was with UOD from 1948 until his retirement in May, 1959.



Al Benkart

Mosteller To Head Dual Fund Drives Starting January 23

Named as chairman of the 1961 Federal Service Joint Crusade and the current National Health Agencies campaign is Gerald G. Mosteller of UOD's Propulsion Division.



Gerald Mosteller

He will be assisted by Don Ayers as Operations Chief; Jack Springer, Treasurer; Dick Frederick, Publicity Chief, and numerous collection key men throughout NOTS Pasadena.

Both drives are scheduled to run for a three week period beginning January 23, 1961.

In the weeks to come, employees will receive descriptive literature on all agencies to benefit from the fund drive.

Carolers Praised For Vet Hospital Singing Services

The NOTS Pasadena Choral Group were recipients of a "thank you" letter from the Veterans Administration Hospital in Long Beach for the Christmas carols presented on December 21 to the patients in the Spinal Cord Injury and Pulmonary Disease Services.

The letter stated in part "The rich, full voices of these talented singers, sending their harmony into the air, radiated warmth and inspiration to all who were privileged to hear this excellent musical treat."

"Please convey our thanks to each member of the group for taking time from their busy Christmas schedule to carol for our hospitalized veterans. Their generous contribution toward patient welfare and progress is appreciated."

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