

SHOWBOAT

"THE YOUNG RACERS" (83 Min.)
Mark Damon, Wm. Campbell
7 p.m.
(Action in Color) Win-at-any-cost driver steals a writer's girl friend so the writer follows him over the Grand Prix circuit of England, France, Belgium and Monte Carlo seeking revenge and the reason for the playboy's behavior. Screaming wheels all the way. (Adults and Young People)
SHORT: "Chicken Little" (7 Min.)
"AFSM No. 611" (18 Min.)

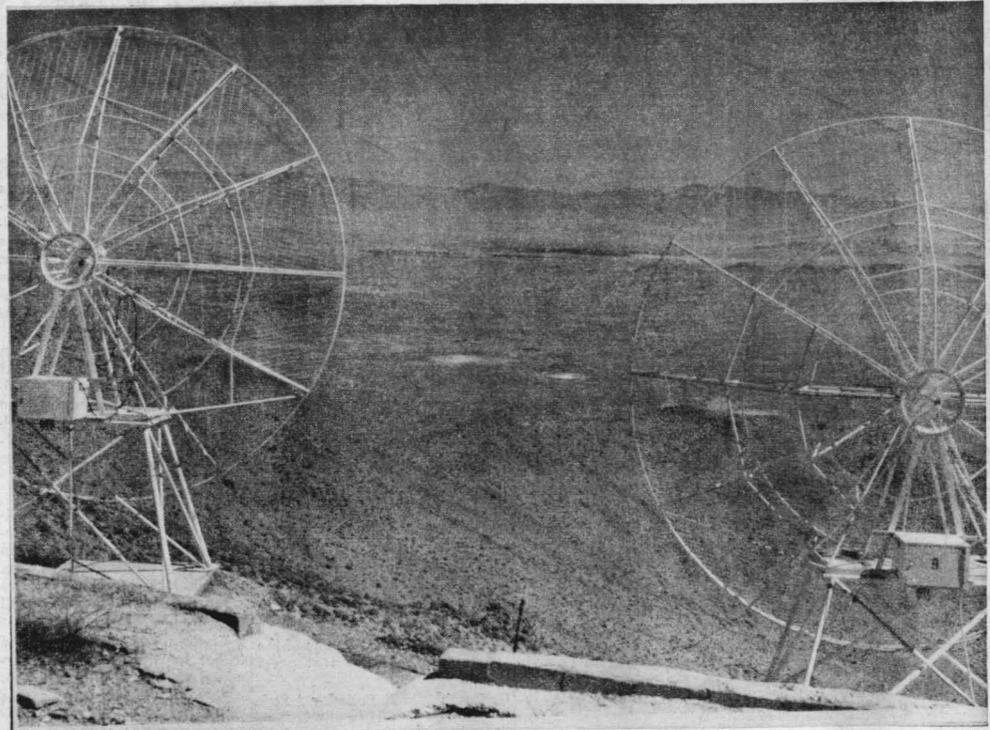
SATURDAY — MATINEE — JULY 27
"FIVE WEEKS IN A BALLOON" (104 Min.)
Red Buttons
1 p.m.
SHORT: "Nonsense Newsreel" (7 Min.)
"Iron Horse No. 57" (16 Min.)

— EVENING —
"THE BLACK ZOO" (88 Min.)
Michael Gough, Jeanne Cooper
7 p.m.
(Horror in Color) Frightening tale of the mad proprietor of a small California zoo who uses his animals to create revenge on those who cross his evil path. (Adults and Young People)
SHORT: "Robin Hoody Woody" (7 Min.)
"A Picture for Jean" (10 Min.)

SUN-MON. — JULY 28-29
"SHOWBOAT" (108 Min.)
Howard Keel, Kathryn Grayson
7 p.m.
(Musical in Color) Here's all the color and gaiety of Captain Andy's riverboat and "Ol' Man River" as the heroine falls for the slick gambler amid memorable lifting tunes. A classic! (Adults and Young People)
SHORT: "Bell Hoppy" (7 Min.)

TUES.-WED. — JULY 30-31
"HUD" (112 Min.)
Paul Newman, Melvyn Douglas, Patricia Neal
Tuesday, 7 p.m.
Wed., 6 and 8:15 p.m.
(Western Drama) Modern-day Texas forms the setting for conflict between a soul-of-integrity rancher and his son, a moral opposite. Frankest dialogue and dramatic scenes highlight the adult theme. (Adult)
SHORT: "Good Snooze Tonight" (7 Min.)

THURS.-FRI. — AUG. 1-2
"THE GREAT CARUSO" (109 Min.)
Mario Lanza, Ann Blythe
7 p.m.
(Musical Drama) The life of the unforgettable Enrico Caruso, as only Lanza could play it. From his early arrival in New York through marriage and success—even though he led a lonely life due to rejection by society. A bitter-sweet life.
SHORT: "Shutterbug" (7 Min.)



MICROWAVE STATION ATOP Laurel Mountain will beam its signals to China Lake's "B" Mountain relay point (to right of antennas) by October. Conversion of microwave and re-broadcast of VHF signal to television in area will enhance viewing without need of high, complex antennas, according to engineers. China Lake has the nation's only FCC licensed booster station — television signals are received here from Mount Wilson, then relayed to China Lake.

A Link In New TV Chain

Baumgartner's 4th Year As Summer Consultant

Missouri School of Mines' professor George Baumgartner keeps returning as a summer consultant to the Pubil Works "much like the return of the swallows to Capistrano," he says. But in reality it's only the professor's fourth summer at NOTS. An assistant professor of mechanical engineering at the Rolla, Missouri, campus, Baumgartner serves as a consultant to the Mechanical Engineering Group of Public Works during his summers here. He earned both his B.S. and M.S. degrees in mechanical engineering at the Missouri School of Mines. Professor Baumgartner says his summers spent at NOTS serve a two-fold purpose. They bring him up to date on new engineering procedures and provide him with new information to take back to his engineering students. The summer consultant served a hitch with the Army Corps of Engineers at Ft. Leonard Wood,



Mo., following the Korean Conflict. He is married to the former Marsha Newton of Mountain Grove, Mo. They have two children, George Jr., 5, and Allan, 3.

Navy Relief . . .

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chairman; Toni Hoppe and chairman Carrie Reck, who have conducted the interviewing program for the past year. Attending the class are Mmes. Helen O'Connor, Betty Clasen, Virginia Ritter, Irish Minor, Ann Meyer, Donna Showman, Charlotte Crombie, Angie Tambini, Arlene Morgan, Sally Sikes, Polly Callahan, Charlene Jones, Kate Hertel, Colleen Russell, Ginny Shulte, and Penny Kistler.

EM Wives To Hold Swim Party Tonight

Tonight's the night for the big party at the NAF Swimming pool being sponsored by the Navy Wives Club. There will be swimming, dancing and a barbecue. Bring your own meat and everything else will be furnished. Nursery service will be available at the Parish house located on the corner of Blandly St. and Hussey Rd. Please call in your reservation if you plan to use the nursery to, Frances Simpson, FR 5-4724, Luella Fenning, 71369 or Norma Kee, FR 5-2889.

Rocketeer Photo Wins Praise for Cameraman

The Navy's Chief of Information issued ROCKETEER photographer Lee Mascarello, PH2, an editorial pat-on-the-back this week, via its monthly Newsletter. Commenting that "we see the usual array of ceremonial-type photographs twice a year as men are promoted. A bright spot in shots which appeared this past May was the photograph published in the ROCKETEER." The article, aimed at obtaining better news photographs throughout the Navy, used the

Bluejacket . . .

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couple during their weekend stay. A member of the Operations Division at NAF, Davis' division chief, R. H. Thacker, ACCM, lavished praise on NAF's top enlisted man. "He's a sincerely dedicated individual that, by improving himself, brings credit upon the Navy!" The Polaris-firing submarine Henry Clay (SSBN-625) was launched recently at the Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock Company, Newport, News, Va. She is 425 feet long and has a 27-ft, 9-inch beam.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Answer to Previous Puzzle

ACROSS

- Part of body
- Amid
- Flap
- Moscow
- Toil
- Greek letter
- Abate
- Greek letter
- The ones here
- Insect
- Genus of maples
- Cloth measure
- Nuisance
- Jewish festival
- Crowd
- Bishopric
- Symbol for tantalum
- Canine
- Armed conflict
- Note of scale
- Warm
- Excavated
- Secluded valleys
- Nerve network
- Bow
- Comfort
- Paddle
- Chimes
- Fur-clad
- Defeated
- Before
- Water wheel
- Period of time
- Goal
- Mollusks
- Arid

DOWN

- Man's nickname
- Anger
- Glued
- Toward the sheltered side
- Personage
- River in Siberia
- Bow
- Snatch
- Indian tents
- Devoiced
- Prohibit
- Fragment
- Vigor
- Shade tree
- Stop
- Base
- Trades for money
- Plague
- Land measure
- Evil
- Pistol
- Walks unsteadily
- Tacked away
- Sailor (colloq.)
- Endured
- Organ of hearing
- Charge the account of
- Lease
- Girl's name
- Toll
- Vase
- Female deer
- Be mistaken
- Period of time
- Note of scale

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'Thumbs-Up' Symbol for NAF Crew

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Temperatures

	Max.	Min.
July 19	104	68
July 20	102	69
July 21	102	70
July 22	102	75
July 23	104	69
July 24	102	72
July 25	102	66

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Wherry Power Off
All electrical power will be shut down Sunday, July 28— from 5 to 6:30 a.m. Officials of the California Power Company said the shutdown in power is to make changes in the Ridgecrest transformer.

COMMUNITY STUDY PART II

Housing Policies Affect Conversion Of Community

(Editor's Note: This is the second in a series of articles being published to acquaint the citizens of China Lake with information concerning the "Open" community study.)
This article will discuss the present Naval Station housing situation and the effect which an "open" community would have on housing. Such matters as priorities, sales prices, lot lines, easements, etc., as they were handled at other government-owned cities will be explained.
Department of Defense and Navy Department policies as they affect Station housing will be discussed, and answers will be provided to such questions as:
Questions To Be Answered
Why should I buy? What about the improvements I put in? Who gets first crack at houses? What happens to duplexes? What about County building codes? Who sets rents and how?
As was stated in last week's article, the purpose of this series is to make as much information as possible available. After all the known facts are laid out, the citizens of China Lake and Naval Station management will be in the best position to form an opinion about the desirability of an "open" community at China Lake.
Housing Work Reviewed
Construction of housing at the Naval Ordnance Test Station began in 1944 with the building of 670 "old duplexes," 20 "SOQ's," 58 "JOQ's," and 106 "old apartments." The other Station housing, exclusive of the Wherrys and Capeharts, was built between 1947 and 1951.
The Wherrys were completed in 1954 and 1957 and the most recent housing, the Capeharts, were completed in 1962. The prefabs and Bishops which have been disposed of as housing units.



"BLUEJACKET OF THE MONTH" Donald A. Davis Jr., AC2, a key man in the control of air traffic at Naval Air Facility, will go to Bakersfield with his wife next weekend for expense-paid visit to that city. Davis was Command's 7th Bluejacket to be honored.

NOTS Medallions Due For Sale To General Public

The commemorative medallions honoring the visit of President Kennedy to China Lake and the Twentieth Anniversary of the U.S. Naval Ordnance Test Station, will be placed on sale at the Maturango Museum and the Jolly Cone Drive-In in Ridgecrest soon.
An announcement released this week, said that the medals are expected to be here in early August, and would be sold on a "waiting list" basis.
Several major breakdowns in the dies from which the medals are cast could curtail the supply to be sold. For this reason, sales are limited to two medals per customer. They are to be sold for one dollar each.
The date when sales are to begin will be announced in the near future.

NOTS Featured

Featured treatment of the visit of President John F. Kennedy to China Lake is given in the August edition of Naval Aviation News Magazine, due for local distribution early next month.
Advance proofs of the picture feature story received here this week shows the President addressing his China Lake audience before departure from NAF as a cover photo.
A three-page picture spread is included, depicting the R & D demonstration, tour of the Station and crowd scenes.

NAF'S TOP MAN

Don Davis Wins 'Bluejacket' Nod

Donald A. Davis Jr.'s self-improvement program started paying handsome dividends here this week. Selected to represent the Naval Air Facility as "Bluejacket of the Month," the slender, quiet-spoken Navyman admitted "this is one honor I didn't study for!"
An air controlman second class, Davis is one of 19 men assigned to tower duties at NAF. The area, process clearances for cross-country flights and coordinate range air control.
"It's a job that keeps a man on his toes," commented the Tampa, Fla., tar.
The challenge of his job in the Navy is what spurred Davis into what he calls a "self-im-



"KILL PLAQUES" bring big grins to local pilots during award ceremonies in office of Capt. Jack Hough (second from left), NAF Skipper this week. Bill F. Briney, representing Ryan Aircraft Company, maker of the Q2C target drone, made awards to (third from left) Maj. Robert A. Walker, Lt. James L. Kistler and Lt. Earl P. McBride.

Council Seeks Candidate to Fill Precinct Vacancy

Here's your chance to serve the China Lake community in an active way.
The Community Council needs a representative for Precinct 6, with dual responsibilities as a member of the Board of Directors.
Persons interested in this vacancy are asked to contact Bill Hattabaugh by phone at Ext. 723293 for information concerning the vacancy.
The Council will select a representative for the Precinct at its scheduled meeting on Aug. 13 at the Community Center.
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From _____

TO _____

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CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

How Big Are Your Enemies?

By CHAPLAIN ROBERT C. FENNING



Ever hear about the man who once prayed: "God, please put to naught my big enemies; I'll take care of the little ones myself."?

Of course he forgot a most important rule of any successful strategist: "Never underestimate your enemy, no matter what his size."

The fact is that the forces that war against the character and soul of man are sometimes deceptively minute. Too often they seem to be not worth bothering about.

We once read about the demise of a huge western tree. It was a seedling when Columbus discovered America. It was only half grown when the Pilgrim Fathers landed on Plymouth Rock. It was struck by lightning many times; it survived the storms of centuries. Age did not wither it. But it fell—to an army of beetles very small in size.

We are a lot like that tree. We rally to the challenge of a gale and somehow weather it. But we too often fall in defeat before the daily army of small beetles—worries, fears and frustrations.

Applications Open For Summer Camp At Horseshoe Lake

The NOTS Protestant congregation is sponsoring its own summer camp between August 4 and 11 at Horseshoe Lake in the Mammoth area.

The program is for children from grades five through eight.

The idea of a China Lake-sponsored camp has proven popular with members of the local congregation. Many have donated their labor to improving the campsite to ensure the success of the program.

Applications are still being accepted. Persons interested in sending their children to camp may contact Chaplain Fenning at Ext. 72247 or 71506.

A nominal charge of \$15 is being made per child.

Heart Attack Fatal To Supply Employee

Lester W. Hammond, 57, Supply Department employee succumbed to a heart attack in Ridgecrest last Thursday. Employed as a warehouseman with the Traffic Division, Hammond had just received his 20-year service pin on July 16.

Hammond began his Civil Service career with the Long Beach Naval Shipyard in 1942. His service was interrupted from 1943 to 1945 by a stint in the Army after which he returned LBNS. He transferred to China Lake in 1950.



HAMMOND

PROMOTIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Electronic Technician, GS-9, PD 355036, Code 5515 - Performs periodic calibration and checkout of precision instrumentation used for accurate measurement or for checking test equipment, to insure accuracy and conformance with controlling standards. Assists in the provision of measuring techniques and application of standards for new or unusual situations.

Engineering Technician, GS-11, PD 13989-1, Code 5551 - Assumes responsibility for portion of technical documentation reserved for acceptance inspection of ordnance equipment being produced or procured by development personnel. Examines product and its design, by means of discussion, observation, etc., and prepares inspection documents for ultimate distribution and use.

Clerk-DMT, GS-4, 13916, Code 5522 - Types correspondence and reports, acts as office receptionist, files and performs general clerical duties for Branch Head and Branch personnel.

File Application for above with Pat Dettling, Bldg. 34, Room 31, Phone 71393. Housing Project Assistant, GS-5, PD 30014, Code 1132 - Assigns a segment of the Station's housing units, and serves as initial contact with tenants living in those units.

Clerk-Typist, GS-3 or GS-4, PD 365015, Code 6522 - Receptionist for Personnel Department, Clerical and typing duties.

File application for above with Mary Watts, Bldg. 34, Room 26, Phone 72676. Deadline for filing applications is August 2.

COMPETITIVE EXAM A competitive promotional exam for Leadingman Electrician (Lineman), at China Lake, Announcement No. NOTS-IV-9(63). Applicants must be Career or Career-Conditional employees of NOTS China Lake/Pasadena. File Card Form 4155-AB and Standard Form 57 with the Civil Service Representative, China Lake, Bldg. 34, Ext. 72657, no later than August 5.

MEET Your Councilman

(This is the third in a series offered by the Rocketeer to better acquaint residents with new Community Council precinct representatives.)



JEAN A. ROLLINGSON

Precinct 9 representative to the Council and a resident of China Lake for the past 17 years is Jean A. Rollingson. She and her husband, Del, are both employees of the Aviation Ordnance Department.

Jeann works for the Planning Staff in Mich Lab while Del works for the Experimental Equipment Branch in the Sight Lab at NAF.

Elected to the Council last fall, Jean serves as chairman of the Community Improvements Committee, which is conducting a feasibility study of improving McBride Park.

In addition, she is a member of the Council's Housing and Community Services Committees.

The comely AOD employee came to China Lake in July, 1946, when her father, Edwin Gifford, transferred to NOTS Public Works Department from the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard.

She met Del in 1946 and they were married in 1947. Del has been a resident of the area since 1932. Del's father was an employee at the West End Chemical Company.

The Rollingsons have two sons, Paul, a sophomore at Burroughs, and Larry, an eighth grader at Murray, who also plays for the Cubs in the Pony League.

Jeann has served as a Cub Scout den mother and was secretary of the China Lake Little League for two years.

'DESERT PHILOSOPHER'

Earl Marshall, Happy Cowpoke

By "POP" LOFINCK



Not many people these days are really happy and well adjusted to life-environment and themselves.

So it is always a pleasure to get acquainted with an individual who is thoroughly adjusted and happy in his career.

Such an interesting character is Earl Marshall—a career cowpoke, who lives alone within sight of Pilot Knob.

Although Earl has lived alone most of his life, he is not anti-social—he likes people—he enjoys visitors.

Earl has lived so close to nature for so long that he has become a part of nature and nature has become a part of him. Which makes him so likeable. Nothing phoney.

As is usual with this vanishing class—he is the son of a career cowpoke.

BORN IN TEXAS, RAISED IN NEW MEXICO Earl was born August 17, 1897, in West Texas, Comanche country, where his grandfather raised cattle and horses.

When Earl was a baby his father and mother migrated to New Mexico—where Earl was raised, around Lovington. His father "run cattle" in that area the rest of his life. So Earl grew up with cattle and horses.

The term "run cattle" doesn't mean they chase steers all over the landscape. It means they manage cattle—look after cattle—vaccinate and doctor the sick ones—clean out springs—keep windmills operating far from springs—watch feed conditions, and so on. It's a busy life.

WEDS NEW MEXICO GIRL Earl was married in New Mexico in 1924. Has one daughter born in 1926. His wife lived with him for eight years until 1932. She got fed up with cattle and horses and cow camps and left him—to live in the city. He never re-married. Has no regrets.

Except for that eight years of marriage and the time he lived at home, as a kid—he has lived alone all his life. And likes it. It isn't that he doesn't like people—he loves nature more.

WOULDN'T TRADE COWPOKE CAREER Earl has never worked at anything but cattle and horses. Has never wanted to—wouldn't trade his cowpoke career for any other kind of a job. It is a way of life. He would probably be a misfit as a farmer.

His only hobby has been hunting—deer, elk, bear, antelope. And going to see old friends on his once-a-year vacation.

CAME TO CALIFORNIA In 1941 he came to California from New Mexico—to run cattle in valleys and canyons adjacent to San Joaquin Valley. Running cattle in those areas gets plenty rough when the snows come. Most of the cattle mosey down off the hills when a storm is coming—but not all—some have to be rescued.

In 1955 he came to his present job. He loves this north-west Mojave Desert better than anywhere he's been.

CARRIES HIS HORSE IN PICKUP He rides his range mostly in a pickup truck with high sideboards—loads a horse in the back of the truck. No troubles getting his horse in the truck without the benefit of a ramp. He just leads the horse over to the tailgate and the horse jumps in—and then looks around to see if the tailgate is shut.

Horses like to ride. And they have that much sense—they don't want to slide out the back of the truck.

Earl's horses run loose—come into the corral every night to get fed alfalfa. If he wants to get a horse during the day he just drives out to where they are and waves a nose bag—the horse knows that canvas bag contains oats or alfalfa pellets and it comes to him. The horse jumps in the truck and Earl is on his way—while the horse eats its oats out of the nosebag.

HAS HELP AT ROUND-UP TIME Earl works alone most of the time, of course. But at round-up time a round-up crew of 5 or 6 cowpokes help him gather the 2-year-old steers for market.

It's a great life he lives—satisfied and at peace with nature and himself. He doesn't need to read newspapers—he gets the news over the radio.

His daughter visits with him on occasion. She has children—so Earl is a grandfather.

While Earl is away on his annual vacation—other cowpokes take his place riding the range, of course.

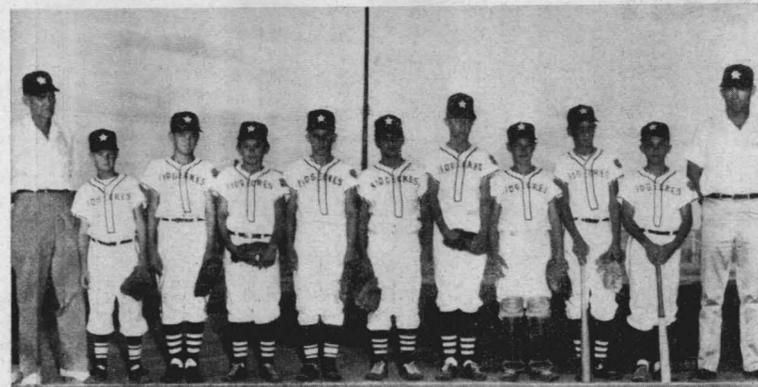
FIRST EXPERIENCE WITH VANDALISM A few months ago someone broke the lock on his cabin and stole his groceries—all of them—everything—while he was in town on business. That was Earl's first experience with vandalism of that nature after all these years.

He wasn't mad. He said "Maybe they were stranded and needed those groceries. Possibly they might bring back a load of groceries when they're out this way next time." How about that? If they do I'll be surprised!

Now he leaves his cabin unlocked—with a sign — "Help yourself—but bring some back, if convenient."

What a character! But he might be tough on vandals caught in the act. Earl doesn't hate anybody or anything. Nor is he afraid of anybody. So the vandals might have an experience to remember if they were after anything of much value.

Ridgecrest-Inyokern Wins Tournament Playoff



TOURNAMENT WINNERS—Ridgecrest-Inyokern All Stars swept opposition aside to win Area 2 championship laurels last Friday night. The victory over China Lake brings the Ridgecrest-Trona team into competition with Area 51 at Lancaster tonight. (From left) Coach Vern Gallaher; Jerry Crow, ss; Ted Bachman, 3b; Bobby Payton, 1b; Roger Beach, 2b; Tony Cozzucoli, LF-P; Glenn Griffith, cf; John Beach, c; Kenny Ziegler, rf; Mike Kennedy, p, and Gene Harrelson, mgr. Team downed China Lake 16 to 10.

China Lake All-Stars Trounced 16-10 in Final Game Saturday

In one of the wildest, error-filled tournament games ever witnessed at China Lake, The Ridgecrest-Inyokern All-Stars defeated the China Lake All-Stars 16-10 Saturday evening to capture the Little League Area 2 championship.

Saturday night's win advances the Ridgecrest-Inyokern All-Stars to the District 51 competition at Lancaster tonight where they meet the Quartz Hill team of Palmdale at 7:30 p.m. The game will be played on Lancaster's Parkview Diamond on Avenue J.

The Ridgecrest-Inyokern team battled from behind to defeat the Edwards All-Stars 7-3 on Friday night which earned them the right to meet the China Lake All-Stars who had trounced the Boron All-Stars 16-6 Thursday in the first round of play.

First Inning Wild China Lake's Gary Bell started Saturday night's game by singling into center. As indication of the many things to follow Glen Griffith kicked the ball for an error and Bell kept running until he scored.

Trailing 1-0, Ridgecrest came to bat for the first time determined to rectify the situation.

Jerry Crow walked and Ted Backman singled. After Randy Reid struck out Bobby Peyton, Don Robinson the China Lake catcher threw wildly trying to pick Crow off third. Roger Beach and Tony Cozzucoli walked leading the bases.

Backman scored as Glen Griffith grounded to the shortstop, Griffith being safe as John Gomez dropped the low throw from Sam Gee.

Gomez then threw wildly to the plate allowing Roger Beach to score. John Beach followed with a triple to deep right-center scoring Cozzucoli and Griffith and scored himself on Kenny Ziegler's ground out to the first baseman.

Reid finally got the third out by retiring his opposing pitcher, Mike Kennedy, on strikes, but Ridgecrest scored 6 runs on 2 hits and 3 errors.

Second Inning China Lake came back in the second inning. Gomez, Steve Roberts, and Bell singling to load the bases with one out.

Also, making the trip with the squad were pitchers John Martin, Mike Sorge, and Danny Mangapit.

However Jerry Crow made the play of the game as he leaped high to snag Craig Clark's line drive, robbing him of a sure

hit that would have scored two runs and putting a big damper on the China Lake rally.

Spirited by Crow's fine play, Ridgecrest tallied 3 times in the bottom of the second. With two out Peyton singled, Roger Beach doubled, Cozzucoli singled driving in Peyton and Griffith's double plated Beach and Cozzucoli.

The only hit of the inning was a mighty three-run homer by Randy Reid to deep centerfield which led to Kennedy being replaced on the mound by Tony Cozzucoli. Tony got the side out after three errors and one run.

The score now read Ridgecrest 10, China Lake 8, but not for long.

John Beach started the fifth for Ridgecrest by blooping a single to right but was cut down trying to stretch it to a double. Ziegler singled and Larry Thatcher was hit by Reid. Ziegler scored on another wild pickoff play after Crow flied to center.

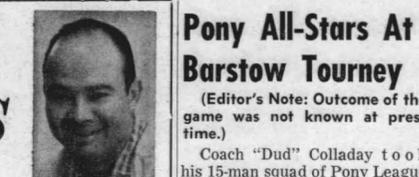
Backman singled in Thatcher. Peyton walked and after a hotly disputed play Backman was allowed to score when a wild throw was made attempting to catch Peyton stealing second.

Before the inning ended Ridgecrest had scored 6 times on 5 hits and 3 errors, making the score Ridgecrest 16 and China Lake 8.

China Lake tried to pull it out in the top of the sixth. Gee and Mike Oliver singled and scored on pinch-hitter Mike Barker's sizer down the third-base line. Tony Cozzucoli bore down though and retired Jimmy Erickson on three mighty swings to end the game and take Ridgecrest to the district level and make them Indian Wells Valley Little League champions.

RIM SHOTS

By BILL VALENTEEN



It seems to be the fashion these days for everyone to "do something" in sports. No longer is it enough to sit in a frigid stadium and cheer the gladiators on to victory, or, even better, watch the proceedings on TV from the cozy confines of your friendly neighborhood chair. The pressure is on you to work up a real do-it-yourself sweat. And some of us, bone-lazy, say that all this muscle flexing is odious and the heck with it.

SPORTS IS ALSO A WOMAN'S FIELD Not so long ago most well-brought-up females were supremely content to sit on the sidelines and flutter their handkerchiefs prettily; today they're right in there pitching or jumping or diving or heaving at some sport or another. Most of them will end up with thick ankles and a complexion like an old suitcase, but they're not to be dissuaded; and you, guys, if you don't want to be known as a creep, are expected to play along.

For those of us who regard the very concept of physical exertion as being for somebody else, there is a way out. Just because you wisely prefer to spend your leisure time with a blonde, beer, or Balzac doesn't mean that you should have to feel unclean.

YOU, TOO, CAN BE A PSEUDO ATHLETE Playing a sport is one thing; being a sport is something else again, sometimes, but nevertheless, you can have the whole name without the game. You, too, can be an athlete, without ripping even one single flabby muscle.

There are several ways that one can avoid the physical side of things. One is Verbal Participation (innuendo, jargon, and expertise); and another is Situational Psychology. Let's apply these concepts to one of our most revered activities.

SKIING TERRIBLY POOSH Skiing is terribly posh these days, so let's take a whack at it. Read the literature, learn the jargon. If you're of the sound opinion that a weekend in the snow belt is a fate colder than death, you have to make your reputation as a retired, or out of action skier.

First, you've got to get some trophies to place around the house, (a broken ski is always good) and maybe a clay pipe or something.

Then, before the week is too far along, you call all of your girl friends who like to ski and ask them over for a frolic at your house.

When they get there, they see all the trophies, a broken ski, et., and man, you got it made right there. But don't forget, read the literature, learn the jargon.

Now, if you decide that a weekend in the mounds would be pretty cool, here's another method of handling the situation without having to actually step into a pair of bindings.

This time, you rent some equipment and a cane. You put on an oversize sweat sock and hobble into the lodge. (Reliable statistics show that 86% of all the snow bunnies would prefer to sit around the fireplace and mother wounded skiers than get out on the slopes themselves.)

Thus prepared, you engage in conversation. When you've been asked the inevitable questions, you say you must be slipping. Never so much as a twisted tendon in competition, and now you clobbered yourself on an easy run. Ah?, your listeners say, "you used to race?"

POSSIBILITIES UNLIMITED You see the possibilities? The psychology is sound, the effort small, the rewards great; the concept can be easily adapted to any form of activity. How simple it all is! You can pick a sport and get yourself a solid reputation without a strain, sweat, or trouble. All it will really set you back is a big liquor bill. When you hold an audience entranced with lengthy dissertations on Your Legend, the least you can do is spring for the drinks.

Keep smilin', Sport! See you next week!

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Christian Science (Chapel Annex) Morning Service—11 a.m. Sunday School—11 a.m. Protestants (All Faiths Chapel) Morning Worship—8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday School—9:30 a.m., Groves and Richmond elementary schools. Roman Catholic (All Faiths Chapel) Holy Mass—7, 9:30 a.m. and 12:30, 5:30 p.m. Sunday, 6 a.m. Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. Saturday. Confessions—8 to 8:25 a.m., 7 to 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Thursday before First Friday—4 to 5:30 p.m. NOTS Hebrew Services (East Wing All Faiths Chapel) Every first and third Friday, 8:15 p.m. Sabbath School every Saturday morning.

NOTS Pasadena News

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HAROLD C. VICKROY

Vickroy Youngest Post Commander

"The Youngest Post Commander in American Legion Department History," is Harold C. Vickroy, age 28, packaging expert in the Development Branch, Product Engineering Division, Underwater Ordnance Department. "Vick" commands American Legion Post No. 425 of Rosemead, Calif.

Besides holding this most exalted post and displaying proficiency in his packaging profession, he is also very much "wrapped up" in many and varied extra-curricular activities.

He is presently a member of — Rosemead Park Commission Advisory Committee, Veterans Advisory Committee for State Employment Board, AOA Packaging Committee, Americanism and Naturalization Committee of the State of California, Active Reserve-USMC, and he is manager of the NOTS ESO Softball Club.

Works With Youth

Past associations have included — Coach of Little League for two years, Commissioner of Little League and Pony League in Rosemead for one year, Chairman of the Board of the Rosemead Youth Association for one year, Business Manager Rosemead American Legion Baseball Team, Post Adjutant of No. 425 American Legion, and Public Relations Chairman of the same Post.

On the job, he is responsible for design, test, prototype procurement, and evaluation of reusable shipping containers for missile and torpedo components. He is involved with vendor liaison, investigation of new cushioning systems, involving shock and vibration analysis.

If "a busy man is a happy man," Vick has found Utopia!

Car Pools

Chief Fred VanDenBrouck, Head of Physical Security, reminds employees that the area just west of the Main Gate, is reserved parking for car pools, and asks employees who wish to join an existing car pool to call him.

Anyone who wishes to form a new car pool should submit to him the names of four or more persons who will share the pool. He adds that preference will be given for the reserved spots based on the size of the car pool.

Speakers Circuit July Activity Told

Talking up a storm this pleasant month of July, are members of the NOTS Pasadena Speaker's Bureau. As of the middle of the month, four representatives of the station have devoted time and energy to tell various audiences what it is all about — the mission of the U. S. Naval Ordnance Test Station, its facilities, projects, and future goals anticipated through research.

NOTS speakers presented programs of general orientation and specialized fields to Service Group and Naval Reserve Units.

Speaks To Reservists

Gerald Mosteller, physicist in the Propulsion Division, spoke to the Naval Reserve Composite Co. 11-2 in Alhambra on July 8, using slides to illustrate his subject — Hydroballistic Research and Modeling.

Mosteller has been with the station since 1946 working particularly in modeling of underwater missiles. He has been an active member of the Speaker's Bureau for a number of years, holding letters of commendation on his excellent presentations.

Speaks to Lions

Leonard Semeyn, a project engineer in the Missile Branch, Systems Operations Division, gave an orientation on NOTS mission and facilities, using a film "Expanding Frontiers in Ordnance," to the Inglewood Lion's Club on July 16. Many questions were asked indicating a keen interest in the program.

Semeyn has also been with the station since 1946, having spent 10 years at China Lake.

Speaks to Rotary

On July 18, LCDr. W. M. Place, Assistant Technical Officer for ASW, addressed the East Pasadena Rotary luncheon meeting. He explained the mission of the station. LCDr. Place has been extremely active on the speaker's circuit presenting many and varied programs on and off station since reporting aboard in October 1962.

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Boys Club Hears Summers

July 18 was a busy day for NOTS Speaker H. J. Summers who reports he had an unusually interesting and gratifying experience at the Boy's Club of Pasadena. Summers' audience consisted of some of America's future researchers — boys and girls from 7-17 years of age. Speaking on Oceanography-Waves, the program was further enhanced with a film on Internal Waves, a NOTS film service project.

According to Summers, the youngsters were unusually attentive, winding up the session with many questions showing intelligent interest.

Further success of the program was indicated by numerous requests for the speaker's autograph. Summers is a General Engineer with the Airborne ASW Branch, Systems Development Division, UOD.

Employees Urged to Join

We have mentioned only a few of the recent programs presented and take this opportunity to express appreciation for the valuable contributions made to the Station by the willingness of Speaker's Bureau members to sacrifice their spare time to inform interested audiences of our mission here at NOTS Pasadena.

New members are encouraged to become a part of this fine organization. No special qualifications are required except a thorough knowledge of the subject to be presented. According to present members, each new speaking engagement is a stimulating experience.

SSP Award

William H. (Bill) Price, Plant Account Representative for Underwater Ordnance Department



BILL PRICE

was recently honored with a Sustained Superior Performance Award.

Bill has been with NOTS since 1950, having previously worked at the Long Beach Naval Shipyard. He has completed 21 years of federal service.

Leo J. Maguire Passes Away

Leo Joseph Maguire, Metallurgist at NOTS Pasadena from 1945-1962, passed away at his home last Saturday, July 20. He had been with UOD in the Product Engineering Division, Materials and Mechanical Engineering Branch, when he retired last year. He leaves a sister, Mrs. Earl Wallace, and a brother, Alfred L. Maguire.

HOW I MISS MY STENO

My steno has gone on a holiday My steno has gone on a spree My steno has gone on holiday A bring bacq mu steno to me. Bling bac% oK sring back Oh Bynk b4ck mu steno to mi, tu mo. Btung bicq oscilng' ack Ah 'lunch B ! ! mytl/2psy to ml/4.

Word of the Week

Serendipity — The gift of finding valuable or agreeable things not sought for.

Fashions in Safety

A New York department store is featuring a line of auto seat belts for the man who has almost everything. You can buy the belts in genuine ocelot (\$35), mink (\$50) and chinchilla (\$100).

RAdm. F. J. Harlfinger Visits NOTS Pasadena



LEAVING BUILDING 9 to begin tour of facilities are RAdm. F. J. Harlfinger, COMSUBFLOTONE, and Capt. E. I. Malone, Officer in Charge, NOTS Pasadena. RAdm. Harlfinger and his staff visited the station on July 16. They were accompanied by RAdm. F. G. Selby, USN (Ret.). Hosted by Capt. Malone and D. J. Wilcox, Head, Underwater Ordnance Department, the visitors were briefed on current station projects, procedures, and techniques. On July 17, the official party toured NOTS, China Lake, and San Clemente Island.

Keglers Tell Scores At Half-Way Mark

With nine rounds of play reached in the NOTS Friday Nighters Bowling League, leading with 24 points are the Tigers — Bill and Irene White and Len and Nova Semeyn.

In close contention, however, only one point behind, are the Pin Folks — Jim and Phyllis Henry and Al and Jane Cahagen. They have 23 points.

Other standings are: Pin Heads 19; Four Aces 18; Knot Heads 15; Two-O-Each 9.

Seven rounds of play remain in the summer league.

Season Honors

In scratch play, holding honors for men's high series is Bill Aitchison with 640, one game being 224; Bill White, high game 215; women's high series, Dory Aitchison with 501, one game being 206; and women's high game, Carol Curtis with 172.

With handicap, Don Curtis holds men's high series with 609; Jim Henry, high game, 240; Phyllis Henry, women's high series, 606; and Dory Aitchison, high game with 230.

Weekly Scoring
In scratch play, Roy Wishart took high series last week with 547; Mert Welch had high game of 198; Nova Semeyn scoring for women's high series with 437; and Dory Aitchison women's high game with 183.

With handicap, John Aitchison took high series with 583; Leonard Semeyn, high game with 225. On the women's side, Janet Cardwell had high series with 539; and Nova Semeyn high game with 198.

Personnel Statistics
New Employees
UOD — Howard C. Wheeler, Mechanical Engineer; Donald M. Gimbel, Mechanical Engineer.
TID — Leland W. Hansen, Motion Picture Production Specialist.

Softball Games Set

Softball schedule for Foothill team versus the San Clemente Island team is July 30 at 1 p.m. Foothill meets the Long Beach team on August 7 at 3 p.m. at Reeves Field.

Terminations

P.W. — Robert E. Wilson, Mechanical Engineer.



NAF'S NEWEST Lieutenant Commander — upped to that rank last week—is former Lt. J. M. Morgan, asst. project officer. LCDr. Morgan's wife, Alene, helped pin new collar devices in place during brief ceremonies held in Capt. Hough's office at Naval Air Facility.

Navy Relief Volunteers In Training

A new class of Navy Relief Volunteers has been organized and will receive two weeks training in the basic principles of interviewing, Navy Relief applicants, it was announced this week by Carrie Reck, Chairman of the Volunteer Workers. Chaplain R. C. Fenning is assisting the group under instruction.

On Thursday, Aug. 1, Laura Walter, Executive Secretary of the Long Beach Auxiliary, will discuss interviewing techniques and problems relating to Navy Relief with the new class of Navy and Marine Corps officers' wives.

Rhea Blenman is one of the sponsors of the course. Present will also be Rose McAllister, co-

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'SeaBees' Cited for Proficiency

China Lake's Construction Battalion Division 11-2 which has won 10 "E" Awards added further to its laurels last week when nine of its complement were awarded the coveted Naval Reserve Meritorious Service Ribbon.

Seven chiefs, one equipment operator first class, and one builder third class were the recipients.

The men who have fulfilled with distinction the obligations to wear the Meritorious Ribbon are Chiefs Dura Pinkerton, "J" Thatcher, Wallace Knoblauch, Frank Menard, Herbert Belisle, William Thorpe, Frank DeLeon, First Class Louis Pipkin, and Third Class Timothy Frederick.

The ribbon is given for proficiency in rate, leadership qualities, and for outstanding participation in the Naval reserve program. The ribbon takes precedence next after the Naval Reserve Medal.

Five Advance In Rate

Five men received their advancements in rate during the inspection. David Larson, Noel Cade, and David Miller were advanced to construction apprentice, while Ronald Willett and his twin brother, Donald Willett, were advanced to constructionmen.

Donald is attending a three-month Utilitiesman course at the Naval Battalion Construction

Center at Port Hueneme.

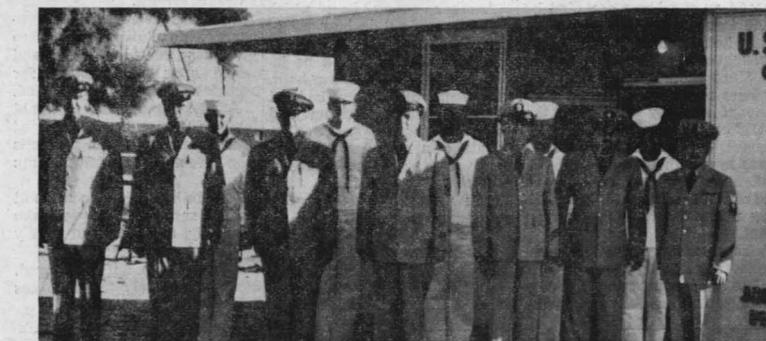
The "Can Do" outfit was formed here in October, 1954, as a non-pay group, and in October, 1956, attained pay group status.

Open to Inactive Officers

Inactive Naval Reserve Officers in the area may join the local SeaBee unit regardless of designation, according to LCDr. Erickson.

The unit meets one weekend per month, on Saturday and Sundays and performs 14 days of active duty training each year.

Pay, travel and credit toward the Armed Forces Reserve Retirement System are among the advantages of belonging to the unit.



WIN PROMOTIONS AND RIBBONS—Members of the local SeaBee unit pose for picture following inspection by their commanding officer, LCDr. Paul O. Erickson. Awarded the coveted Naval Reserve Meritorious Service Ribbon in front row (l-r) are Chiefs Dura Pinkerton, "J" Thayer, Wallace Knoblauch, Frank Menard, Herbert Belisle, William Thorpe, and Frank DeLeon. Promoted to construction apprentice (back row, l-r) are Noel Cade, Ronald Willett, David Larson, David Miller, and Louis Pipkin, who was awarded the Meritorious Service Ribbon. Others who won promotions but not present for picture were Timothy Frederick and Donald Willett, twin brother of Ronald Willett.

Report Tells Air Crash Hazards At China Lake

While no one willingly anticipates aircraft accidents here at China Lake, Naval Air Facility safety personnel realize planes can crash, causing property damage and possibly the lives of not only crew members but innocent bystanders.

Recognizing this hazard of the aviation industry, a report has been published which deals with potential air crashes in the area and rules to follow to minimize personal and property damage.

The first concern at the time of an aircraft accident, according to the report, must be the protection of human life and property.

Security Needed

When this is accomplished, the wreckage must be secured until competent authority can arrive to determine the full se-

curity measures needed.

Accident investigation, the report points out, is extremely important to the military, the civil authorities and the public. Knowledge gained from the investigation of accidents aids in the prevention of further accidents of the same nature. And, such knowledge may well prevent the needless loss of life, property and resources to the country.

Photography Discouraged

Most military aircraft today carry equipment which is closely associated with the security of the United States, the report states. It is for this reason that photography by bystanders or the curious, is discouraged. The intent is not to prevent the public from knowing what caused the accident, rather to insure se-

curity of vital military equipment.

One of the most serious aspects to aviation accidents is the safe conduct of emergency equipment to the scene of a crash. Only through close coordination with law enforcement agencies can required movements of emergency vehicles be successfully employed.

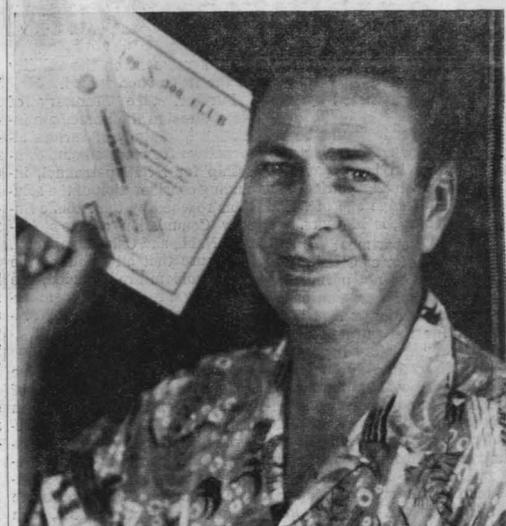
Procedures Listed

The following procedures by China Lake residents and those living adjacent to the Station were recommended by the report, in the event of an air crash:

Reporting an Accident

1. In the China Lake area, call the NAF Officer-of-the-Day, collect, ext. 8472, 8473 or call the nearest military installation stating that you wish to report an

Idea Nets \$\$\$'s



PUBLIC WORKS' CLARENCE G. JOHNSON HOLDS CHECK WHICH ELECTED HIM TO NOTS 300 CLUB

Johnson's Idea Nets Him \$300 Benny Sugg

Clarence G. Johnson's idea of utilizing pumping equipment during off-peak hours of power consumption to supply China Lake its water has netted the veteran Public Works employee \$300.

Johnson tapped the Benny Sugg till with his suggestion of installing a power demand re-

order in the main pumping plant so operating personnel would have visual evidence of the Station's power consumption at all times.

This enables the water systems controlmen to program their water pumping operations during off-peak hours thereby not exceeding the Station's contract rate of kilowatt hours.

Programming pumping operations during low periods of power consumption will result in an estimated saving of \$6,100 annually for the Federal Government and the taxpayer.

A leadingman in the Utilities Operations Section, Johnson began his Civil Service career at the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard in 1939 following a hitch in the Navy. He was at Pearl when the Japs struck on Dec. 7, 1941. Johnson transferred from PHNS to NOTS in 1948.

He and his wife, Lorraine, have five children. Harvey, 24, works for the Ridgecrest Post Office; Dale, 19, is in the "SeaBees" at Adak, Alaska; Wayne, 17, is a '63 Burroughs graduate; Renee, 15, is a sophomore at Burroughs, and Kayjean, 13, attends Murray School.

All were born in Honolulu except Kayjean who was born in Trona.

ated devices as they are ejected by explosive force.

Do not raise, move, pull or tamper with arm rests or handles on crew member's seats. These arm rests and certain handles activate the ejection seats and are extremely dangerous.

Take measures to prevent further loss of life or injury from explosion or fire. Do not release names of accident victims involved in the aircraft. The military will handle this aspect of the crash.

If there is no military medical aid available, call on civilian doctors to treat injured.

The report emphasized the importance of the testimony witnesses to a crash can offer. What they saw of any event leading up to a crash may determine the success of an investigation.

COMMUNITY STUDY

PART II

Legislation Controls Housing Property Sale

(Continued from Page 1) requirement if Naval Station houses were purchased by individuals.

Such standards would be required on new additions or major revisions in basic parts of the house, such as electrical systems. The average age of Naval Station housing is 14 years.

Current Department of Defense criteria for construction of new housing do not permit any construction of new houses on the Station at the present time, even if for the purpose of replacing any existing houses.

No Indirect Subsidy Allowed Rents for Naval Station houses are established according to requirements in Bureau of the Budget Circular A-45. In this circular reference is made to the Act of June 20, 1874, which states that the salary of federal employees is not to be supplemented through indirect subsidies, such as an unreasonably low rent.

Up to about two years ago, the Naval Station administered the setting of rents and was generally in control of the entire housing program. At that time the responsibility of administering the housing program was assigned to a higher level.

Appraisers Made Study It was directed that rents at China Lake be set on the basis of comparability with nearby year around communities. A firm of private appraisers made a study which resulted in significant rent increases being proposed.

The Station appealed this proposed increase to the Secretary of the Navy two years ago. As a result a new survey was ordered which resulted in proposed increases which were again appealed.

SecNav Directives The Secretary of the Navy directed that these increases be effected over a one year period beginning July 1, 1963. The Secretary also directed that a new appraisal be made during this period in time to permit it being applied by March 1, 1964, and in view of the difficulties which have arisen from previous appraisals that steps be taken to insure that all concerned are in

basic agreement on the validity of the instruction issued.

Further, the Secretary of Navy directed the immediate initiation of a study of various alternatives for private home ownership for NOTS personnel, including consideration of the solutions reached by the Atomic Energy Commission at Los Alamos, N. M., and Oak Ridge, Tenn. To insure that all facets of the local problem are included, the Secretary directed that membership of the Study Group shall include personnel from NOTS.

Alternatives Proposed Alternatives to change the system for the administration of Naval Station housing have been proposed, but have not been accepted. Under the present system, home operating and maintenance costs slightly exceed income from rents. These costs are exclusive of improvements, such as conversion of heating systems in the houses.

The renting of government housing to civilians on as large a scale as at NOTS does not exist elsewhere in the Navy Department. The AEC has had experience in the renting of government housing on such a scale, so studies of AEC communities were made to determine their experience in managing such housing.

Although there are differences between NOTS and the AEC communities, there was an amazing similarity between NOTS and the AEC problems.

Special Legislation Required In any consideration of the pros and cons of China Lake going to an "open" community, it should be remembered that special legislation would be required before government homes are sold, because only Congress can make this final decision.

When Congress authorized the sale of the AEC communities of Oak Ridge, Richland and Los Alamos it stated that the morale of the citizens of these communities was essential to the national effort.

To not adversely affect morale and still dispose of the homes presupposes that sales prices must be acceptable and attractive. There is no way in which sales can be forced on employees.

Protest Made to Congress

At Richland, Wash., for example, the citizens felt that the appraisals were too high and protested to Congress. The properties were re-appraised and then all but 19 of over 4,000 were bought at the first opportunity.

The FHA appraisals in the AEC communities took many things into account. The age and state of repair were considered. The fact that the communities are "one industry" towns was part of the evaluation.

Distance to the nearest large urban area was also a factor. Saleability was also included. As a rule, the appraisals were favorable to the tenants.

Discount Authorized In addition to acceptable appraisal, Congress authorized a deduction (discount) of 15 or 25 per cent. If the buyer took only the 15 per cent deduction, the government guaranteed the mortgage against reduction in employe strength and the population of the community. If the buyer did not take this indemnification, he received the 25 per cent deduction.

At Richland, only one person took the 15 per cent. A further benefit which the law provided was credit for any improvements which the tenant had made on the home he was occupying.

An example of this would be a home on which the tenant had added a bedroom. The appraisal price showed the value of the addition and buyer received credit for it.

Credit for Improvements This credit for improvements made on the home occupied by the tenant could be applied on any home which the tenant bought under this law.

Since there are so many duplexes at China Lake, the problem of how they were sold at the AEC communities is of major interest. Whether or not the AEC was to sell them as two cooperative units hinged on the cost of conversion and their insurability under the National Housing Act.

This was determined after engineering studies were completed (this is presently going on at Los Alamos). If it was de-

termined that they could not be sold to each tenant, one or the other was allowed to purchase the whole building. A priority system decided which tenant could buy.

AEC Makes Decision

The method of establishing the priorities was left up to the AEC, which decided that length of residence in the particular duplex would be the determining factor. There are any number of possible methods ranging from length of service to drawing by lot.

How this could be done at China Lake would depend on many factors which have not yet been evaluated. The AEC law simply directed that priorities be uniform, gave preference to tenants, and took into consideration the project mission.

At the time of the sale to one tenant, the other tenant could lease his half for one year at rents set by the AEC. The AEC also guarantees the lease to the buyer.

Lots Sold to Employees

At the three AEC communities, building lots were made available for purchase by employees. The lots were sold at reasonable prices and many employees built their own homes.

Again, this was provided for in the legislation as part of the announced policy to dispose of the AEC communities, while considering the morale of the employes and the performance of the mission. Presumably, if any legislation was established for the sale of China Lake housing, there would be such a provision.

Question on Property Lines

Another question which comes to mind is how would property lines be defined and what easements would be included. As China Lake was built, the housing blocks were laid out for engineering efficiency and no consideration was given to private ownership or resale. This was true at most government-owned communities.

This means that the entire community would have to be surveyed and plotted so that property lines could be established. Some oddly shaped lots would result, but lot size and shape would be considered in

evaluating the property.

Easements for power lines above ground and pipelines below ground were normal in AEC communities. Also, some commonly shared driveways had to be easements.

Purpose of Report

It is hoped that the foregoing information will be helpful as a first step in understanding the present housing situation at China Lake and the way in which the AEC communities have been and are being disposed of. The effect upon housing is but one part of the problem of whether or not to go to an open community.

There are many others which will be discussed in later articles. One conclusion which can be drawn from the AEC experience is that the sale of homes had to be on favorable terms to the tenant, else the AEC would have stayed in the housing business.

Letters requesting further information concerning this aspect of the Open Community Study should be addressed to the China Lake Community Council or the editor of the Rocketeer.

CSC Seeks Change In Retirement Rule

The Civil Service Commission has asked Congress to change the retirement provisions of the Civil Service Retirement Act to provide mandatory separation of employees at age 70 who have completed five years of Federal service.

Present rules require at least 15 years service.

CSC feels the change would encourage appointing officers to give more consideration to and would open opportunities for candidates who are older than 55. At the same time, it would tend to reduce the number of overage employees on the rolls who have not completed 15 years service.

Appointing officers could still re-hire retired employees who are fully qualified, but they could be more selective.

The change, if approved, would apply only to employees hired after its passage.

Fleet Reserve Assn. and Auxiliary Officers Installed



FLEET RESERVE ASSN. OFFICERS who will guide Branch 95 for the coming year (l-r) are Don Dobbs, secretary-treasurer; Harold Simpson, vice president; Tim McClendon, president; Terry Driver, installing officer; Harold Stalnaker, outgoing president; Norman Thompson, outgoing secretary-treasurer; and George Schneider, director. Installation was held at Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall in Ridgecrest.



AUXILIARY OFFICERS who will direct the activities of the group (l-r) are Alice Cutsinger and Cleo Church, directors; Shirley Schneider, vice president; Moneta Terrebonne, director; Martha Stalnaker, junior past president; Verna Wheeler, installing officer; Grace Driver, president; Phalba Hatzenueler, secretary; Dorothy Strans, treasurer; Joyce Tompson, director; Natalie Dodd, chaplain; and Rose Thompson, historian.

17 MAN CREW

Keeps NAF Planes Aloft

Work never stops for a 17-man check crew assigned maintenance duties at the Naval Air Facility. And, minor miracles are performed daily in keeping NAF's 47 aircraft in flying condition.

Split into four work crews, the maintenance unit under Lieutenant Todd Crombie, follows the Class "C" Naval Aircraft Maintenance program, applying their aviation structural mechanic skills on 16 types of aircraft.

Night Crew on Duty The lights under which they work in hangar three blaze through the night as a special crew takes over, relieving normal, daylight check men at the end of a work day.

Supervisor of the unit, Russell W. Lister, AMHC, claims, "this is the finest crew I've ever served with," and attributed its enthusiasm toward their work to "the challenging problems our people face."

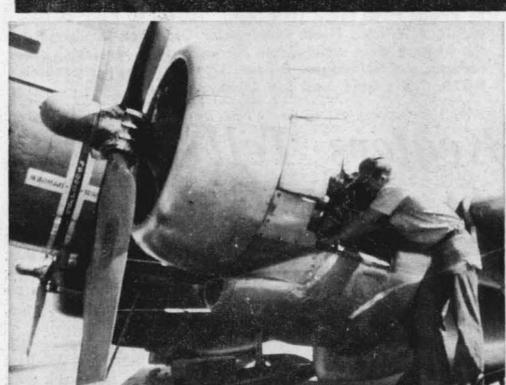
Diversity Challenging

He explained that maintenance on aircraft involved in weapons research and development programs is perhaps the most diverse of any in the Navy.

Included in his unit are William J. Hicks, AMH1, Merrick L. Miller, AMS1, Walter F. Foster, AMH2, Donald N. Beazley, AMH3, Robert E. Kerran, AN, Joseph E. Blunt, AMH3, Dean Cullison, AMHAN, Arthur L. Duke, AMH2, Virgil Guy, AMS2, William M. Hawkins, AMH3, Jack M. Ollum, AMH2, Videen N. Synstelien, AMS2, Robert S. Reid, AN, Michael D. Wicklund, AMHAN, Oren M. Summer, AMHAN, Marvin L. Taylor, AMH1, and William T. Vincent, AMSAN.



"THUMBS-UP" SIGN has become a symbol for maintenance men on ground (from left) Marvin L. Taylor, AMH1, and Jack M. Ollum, AMH2, the "Okay" sign following test hop. —Photos by Lee Mascarello, PH2



CREWMAN Michael D. Wicklund, AMHAN, typifies spirit of those assigned to NAF unit, as he works on command's R4D. R4D.



R4D WORKHORSE gets attentive maintenance of check crewman Videen N. Synstelien, AMS 3.



SMILES OF SATISFACTION are flashed by Chief Russell W. Lister and Lt. Todd Crombie, as they check status board and find that all work projects are moving ahead on schedule.

CHECK CREW maintains 47 aircraft at NAF, including 16 types, using spaces in hangar as their workshop.



CREW UNITY is symbolized in photo taken during weighing process of R4Y. (From left) Robert S. Reid, AMSAN, Robert E. Kerran, AN, Donald N. Beazley, AMH3, and Walter F. Foster, AMH2, handle nose jack that lifts plane off ground.