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Tenth Birthday For Oak Knoll



It was a Bright Day in the annals of Oak Knoll when early members of the military staff and civilians on duty since 1942 lunched at the Officers' Club Tuesday in commemoration of the hospital's tenth anniversary. In photograph (1) RADM A. H. Dearing, third CO and present District Medical Officer, looks on while Mrs. F. E. Porter, wife of the first Commanding Officer, cuts the first piece of birthday cake, slicing into the third deck, "right where Captain Porter had his office." Watching the procedure are Captain Gordon, Captain Porter, Mrs. A. M. Snell, and Dr. Paul Michael, first Chief of Pathology. (2) Ladine Burton and Lillian Seaver, laundry workers, and Edwin F. Buker, pipefitter, were among the "plank-owners" honored, as was Dorothy Hager of Personnel and Records, recognizable in the background. (3) Captain Norman, Executive Officer; Captain H. H. Carroll, member of the consulting staff, and Dr. Dwight Wilbur, former member of the medical service now in practice in San Francisco and a Basic Science lecturer here, make up this illustrious group. (4) LCDR A. B. Montgomery, first Administrative Assistant, now retired, talks over the old days with Captain and Mrs. Porter. (5) CWOHC O. G. Haines and his commissary staff prepared the delicious meal that began with prime ribs of beef and ended with this masterpiece of cake construction. Visible in the background are Edna Bourdase, secretary to the Administrative Officer, Claire Martini and Lois Wilson of Personnel and Records Division. (6) Among the faithful employees Captain Gordon introduced at the party were Mary Pacheco, who helps keep the polish on the "new" Administration Building, and Essie L. Mullins, who feeds the night crew.

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† † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

I AM AN AMERICAN

Of ourselves, the fact that we are Americans gives us nothing to boast about. It does, however, give us something to be thankful for. We were born into a land of plenty, where the greatest opportunities in the world are offered to the average man. Here in the land of the free the fundamental rights of man are acknowledged.

We must never forget that it was Almighty God who so arranged matters that we may say with pride, "This is my own, my native land." Everyone has not had the same chance, therefore we should not take for granted all the gifts which are ours. We should be most grateful for them.

Our Declaration of Independence acknowledges man's dependence upon God. But why quote this to others when they have proof that millions of Americans forget it, or at least the phrase, "With firm reliance upon the protection of Divine Providence."

To a large extent, many Americans are living on the glory of those who went before them, real Americans prepared to work, to sacrifice, and to suffer for the America they loved so dearly. Too few of us are as they.

We should be proud to be Americans, but our pride is justified only when we act as becomes real Americans. There is a great future ahead for America because she is now looked upon as the leading nation of the world. She can lead the world along the easy road of self-indulgence, extravagance and sinful pleasure. Or, America can lead the world along the harder way of self-discipline, self-sacrifice and self-subjection to the laws of God Almighty. She can lead it along the sane path of morality and religion. When all Americans come to this realization, they will truly be worthy leaders in a world that desperately needs them.

—A. T. WALLACE, Catholic Chaplain

K-Vet Bills to Conference Group; Passage Before Session's End Sought

Washington (AFPS)—It looks like a conference committee will have to smooth out differences in the K-Vet Bill before it comes up again in both Houses for final passage.

The Senate Labor and Public Welfare Committee has reported its version of the K-Vet Bill which differs in some respects from the House-passed version. While most of the provisions of both bills are exactly

the same, an important difference in the exact apportioning of money to the veterans still remains to be settled.

Under the House-passed bill the veteran would receive \$110.00 a month if single and \$150.00 a month if he has dependents. Out of this he would pay his own tuition, using whatever is left for living expenses.

The Senate bill will allot \$80.00 a month for single men, \$105.00 a month for men with one dependent and \$130.00 a month for men with two or more dependents. In addition they would receive up to \$360.00 a year for tuition.

The Senate Committee also eliminated a House provision that would give the veteran wage credits of \$160.00 a month under Social Security for time spent in the Armed Forces. It also eliminated certain housing provisions of the House bill.

Intact in both bills, however, is the mustering-out-pay clause as well as provisions for on-the-job training and loan guarantees.

Commenting on the possibility of a K-Vet Bill passing before the fall college term begins, Sen. Lister Hill (D-Ala.), said that he "will work as hard as I can" to obtain congressional approval of the bill this session.

Most congressional observers agree that Senator Hill's feeling toward the bill is shared by most members of Congress.

Red Cross Ramblings

MOVIEGOERS

The ward movie for this week will be "Red Ball Express," a drama starring Jeff Chandler and Alex Nicol. The second feature is "San Francisco Story," an adventure-drama with Joel McCrea and Yvonne DeCarlo.

SHIP AHOY

Last Thursday 60 patients set sail on the briny deep of San Francisco Bay for a day of relaxation, thanks to the combined efforts of Commodore Cletus Traverse and members of the Oakland Yacht Club, who so generously donated their craft to make this trip possible. It was a very scenic tour of the shore line of the Bay Area, cruising under the Bay Bridge out toward the Golden Gate, passing Fisherman's Wharf and the Presidio. After time out for chow, during the return up around Sausalito the men saw the bay seals, splashing and turning in the water. It seemed that they knew many of the men aboard had never seen a seal close-up so went through all their antics near the boats.

REMEMBER WHEN?



HMC M. E. Nye, Chief Master-at-Arms at Oak Knoll, last week signed re-enlistment papers for another six years in the the Navy. A veteran of 24 years, five months service in the Navy, Chief Nye reported to Oak Knoll on 10 September 1951 for his second tour of duty here. During his years in the Navy he has served at the San Diego, Brooklyn, and Coco Solo Naval Hospitals, aboard the USS RELIEF, USS MOONSTONE (PYC-9), USS ATTALA (APA-330), and USS KANKAKEE (TAO-39), at three Naval Air Stations, Coco Solo, Olathe and Whidbey Island, and also at Guam; Mare Island; Norfolk; Colon, Panama; Bainbridge; Bremerton and Shoemaker. He is married and has a son and two daughters. His citations and decorations include the Good Conduct, Silver Star, China Service, American Defense, Bronze Star, American Theater, South Pacific Theater and World War II Victory.

The first Red Cross Ramblings appeared in THE OAK LEAF way back in 1942 and the Red Cross Club, along with Ship's Service and other facilities, called what is now the Officers' Mess its home. Edgar Bergen and Charlie (Moe 'em down) McCarthy visited the wards; Kay Kyser, Judy Conova and 20 members of the Kyser Band who were appearing in the Bay Area arrived at the hospital to entertain; Oakland Navy Mothers contributed funds to the Hospital for the purchase of a 16 mm. projector, and also provided films each week for the wards; Dinah Shore arrived from Hollywood to sing and was billed as "that lovable and dynamic bit of warbling dynamite." Patients went to San Francisco to see "Hammering Hank" Armstrong, former world's champion, versus "Frisco Fritz" Zivic. This was to be Hank's big chance to prove whether or not he could make the grade on that old comeback trail. Zivic was one of the best. Wonder what the final decision was? Hostesses from the University of California made their debut at the Red Cross Lounge around this date, too. Henry Busse played on the wards and also in the patients' Mess Hall.

FORE!!!

Like to play golf? If your doctor approves this recreation for you, tell one of the Red Cross Workers on your ward. The trip leaves each Tuesday at 1200 for the Alameda Municipal Course and returns at 1600. There is time to play nine holes.

ELKS CLUB

The Alameda Elks Club brought musical entertainment to the wards last Tuesday evening, thanks to the efforts of Mr. Paul Hillyer of Alameda. We are also grateful to the Elks for their generous contributions to and sponsoring of our Oak Knoll Chess Club.

Dinner Invitation

Forty to fifty Oak Knoll patients have been invited to an evening featuring a good dinner and lots of entertainment by the Cerrito Club, a group of El Cerrito and Albany businessmen.

Date for the occasion is Thursday, 10 July, and transportation will leave Oak Knoll at 1700. Anyone wishing to attend must sign up at Special Services.

Red Cross Trainees Begin Course Here

Nine Red Cross trainees last week began a three-week course at Oak Knoll to prepare for work as recreation aides and case aides in military hospitals.

The course will include seminars and lectures by key administrators and personnel of the hospital and Red Cross staff workers, and will be under the direction of Miss Annabelle Story, recreation training supervisor; Miss Vera Wilkeson, assistant field director (social work); and Miss Winifrid Eley, assistant field director (recreation).

Recreation trainees will be an actual part of the hospital recreation program, and case aides will assist with routine case work activities.

Members of the training group are Mary Beyer, Seattle, Wash.; Betty Lou Brooke, Oakland; Phyllis Easley, Berkeley; Ruth Hazen, Seattle; Miriam Jamison, Bakersfield; Elizabeth Pitman, Caldwell, Idaho; Gladys Rector, Odebolt, Iowa; Barbara Smelker, Tucson, and Marion Tanous, Sunnyvale, Calif.

Divine Services

Hospital Chapel at Main Gate
 PROTESTANT

BIBLE SCHOOL — SUNDAY 0945
 SUNDAY WORSHIP — 1100
 FELLOWSHIP HOUR — MONDAY
 1930 — In Chaplains' Office — Ward 67A

CATHOLIC

SUNDAY MASSES
 0600 - 0800 - 0900 - 1215
 DAILY MASSES — 1150 & 1630
 Confessions before Mass
 CHOIR PRACTICE:
 TUESDAY 1900

Catholic Oratory in back of Chapel
 CHAPLAINS' OFFICES IN
 CHAPEL & 67A
 NAVY RELIEF OFFICE—
 IN CHAPEL

MORMON SERVICE: SUNDAY 0900
 in Staff Conference Room,
 Adm. Bldg. Annex

Chaplains of other faiths will be called upon request

BUS TO AND FROM CHAPEL ON
 SUNDAYS 0845 & 1045

Growth During First Decade Tremendous



The menu was no surprise to Olga M. Hinrichs, first cook at the Commissary, pictured here with LaRilda E. Holder and Eva H. Premo of Nurses Quarters, Rafael Jimena, and Alfred G. Pauli, gardeners. The corsages Mrs. Holder and Mrs. Premo wear were gifts of the Navy Nurse Corps officers of the staff.

Ten-year civilians at the party but not pictured on these pages are Hope Sink and Elizabeth Tom of Personnel and Records; William P. Gross, Arthur N. Kerby, and Fred A. Robinson of Maintenance. Others listed in a souvenir booklet published for the occasion but unable to attend because of illness or leave are Genevieve T. Smith, Finance; Margaret L. Amaral, Laundry; Bernard Garcia and Louis V. Hernandez, Maintenance.

Two early staff doctors who are now serving as consultants were present. They are Dr. Harold Rosenblum, San Francisco cardiologist, and Dr. Edwin M. Taylor, Oakland surgeon.

Others joining in the celebration were Doctors William D. McCarthy, Sydney K. Smith, Floyd O. Due, Charles F. Greenwood, Thomas C. McCleave, Jr., Jefferson Larkey, and James V. Campbell, all of Oakland; LT J. H. Olsen, MSC, USN, now at 50 Fell Street, Chief Pharmacist's Mate on duty in Property and Accounting when the hospital opened, and ChPharm Raye Thompson, first Transportation Officer, now retired and living in Oakland.



These two "plank-owners" at Oak Knoll got together to talk over the day 10 years ago when the Colors were first raised over the newly-commissioned Oakland Naval Hospital. Mrs. Eva Premo, Housekeeper at Nurses' Quarters, recalls that there was only one nurse at Oak Knoll on the day of the commissioning and at that time the hospital was considered so far out in the wilds it was sometimes difficult to find employees. LCDR W. S. Swofford, first Commissary Officer at Oak Knoll, is the only officer now aboard who was here for the commissioning. He has the added distinction of having served under all six of the hospital's commanding officers. Here for a third "stretch," he now heads the Personnel and Records Division.

Six Wards Ready at Commissioning; Now 202 Buildings Cover 345 Acres

For most of the personnel at Oak Knoll Tuesday, 1 July, was nothing more than another sunny day, of interest, if at all, only because it was but three days before the holiday.

But a few "old-timers," when they saw Colors raised over Gendreau Circle, thought back to another 1 July, just a decade ago, when the Flag was raised for the first time in front of a raw new structure proudly labeled the Administration Building of the U.S. Naval Hospital, Oakland, California.

It was on 1 July 1942 that the new hospital, located on the 183-acre site formerly occupied by the Oak Knoll Golf and Country Club, was commissioned.

Six ward buildings with a capacity of 204 beds were ready for occupancy the day of the commissioning, and other buildings were rapidly going up to accommodate World War II casualties from the Pacific. There is an old saying in the Navy that there is nothing so permanent as a temporary Navy building, and those temporary redwood buildings, with others erected as the hospital expanded to its present total of 202 buildings seem to be bearing out the truth of that statement.

CAPT Frederick E. Porter, retired, called back to active duty to serve as the hospital's first commanding officer, now lives in Berkeley. His relief, RADM F. R. Hook, retired, for a time held an active position with the California Cancer Commission but is now a patient at U. S. Naval Hospital, San Diego. Third Navy Medical Officer to command Oak Knoll was RADM A. H. Dearing, MC, USN, who is now serving as Inspector of Pacific Coast Navy Medical Activities and 12th Naval District Medical Officer, with headquarters in San Francisco. His successor, RADM Carl A. Broadus, is now on duty at the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, Department of the Navy, Washington, D. C., and the hospital's fifth CO, RADM S. S. Cook, was recently appointed Medical Officer for the 5th Naval District, with headquarters in Norfolk, Va.

CAPT J. N. C. Gordon has been in command of the hospital since 10 March 1951. His executive officer is CAPT I. L. V. Norman.

In 1945, shortly after VJ Day and during Admiral Dearing's command, Oak Knoll reached its peak in patient and staff personnel, when adequate medical care for more than 6,000 patients required the services of 1,783 enlisted personnel—hospital corpsmen and WAVES—460 nurses, 250 doctors, and some 700 civilians.

Following the war there was a gradual decline in patient and staff population at the hospital, but a number of significant developments took place. Research activities increased, and the training program for interns and residents in the various medical specialties was improved and expanded. The hospital in February 1950 was designated as the Navy's West Coast Center for treatment of neurosurgery, neuropsychiatry, amputee, and cancer cases. It is also the West Coast Center

for handling of plastic surgery cases.

On 27 August the first casualties from Korea arrived, and since then, 2,176 have been treated at Oak Knoll before being sent on to hospitals near their homes, discharged from the service, or returned to duty. Also on the roster are the names of 961 Navy men and Marines who have received psychiatric care after service in the Korea battle area.

On 20 January 1951 the dormant San Leandro Naval Hospital, used as a psychiatric center during World War II, was reactivated and annexed as a part of U. S. Naval Hospital, Oakland, bringing the total area of the hospital to 345.76 acres and the total number of buildings to 202.

More than 201,000 names (exclusive of dependents) are listed on the hospital's all-time roster, and the daily census is now averaging around 1,700. The present staff includes 1,090 military personnel and 960 civilian employees.

The Hospital's Future?

At the anniversary luncheon, Captain Gordon spoke of the hospital's past, crediting members of the civilian and military staffs for making it the fine activity it is today.

He spoke of the hospital's future, telling of long-range plans that include eventual building of a steel and concrete hospital on the hill above the amphitheater—a permanent structure that could be erected on that particular site without disrupting the work of the present hospital. He also indicated that Oak Knoll may one day become the Navy Medical Center of the West.

Mrs. Burr Commended; Honored at Dinner Party

Mrs. Ella C. Burr, Employment Superintendent in the Civilian Personnel Office prior to her resignation last week, was presented a commendation by the Commanding Officer for more than nine years of government service.

The commendation said, in part, "The effective manner with which you have met the problems of your office, and the efficiency with which you have successfully solved them, has made a favorable and lasting impression both in your contacts with the military staff of this hospital and your contacts with other government activities throughout the area."

Mrs. Burr was also honored by members of the Civilian Personnel office staff at dinner at Oakland's floating restaurant, the Showboat.

Springfield, Ohio (AFPS) — City Manager R. M. Hoisington ordered the police here to crack down on jaywalkers. One of the first seven tickets given to violators went to City Manager Hoisington.



CAPT A. R. HIGGINS, MC, USN

CAPT Higgins Off To Cairo, Egypt

CAPT A. R. Higgins, MC, USN, at Oak Knoll for the past five years (a record tour of duty so far as anyone here has been able to determine) will be detached on 7 July to report to a new assignment halfway around the world. He has been ordered to Cairo, Egypt, to serve as Commanding Officer of the Naval Medical Research Unit 3, an activity chiefly concerned with study of the endemic diseases of Egypt.

Since reporting to Oak Knoll on 3 July 1947, CAPT Higgins has held three key assignments concurrently. He has been Chief of the Medical Service, Executive Secretary to the Training Committee, and Director of the Metabolic Research Facility, and in each job has made valuable contributions to the hospital and the Navy Medical Department. He has played a large part in the organization and development of the Metabolic Research Facility, and through his efforts the unit has recently been approved for radioactive isotope research.

Dr. Higgins began his Navy career immediately after completing his medical training at McGill University, Montreal, in 1932. He has since served at the Naval Hospitals in Philadelphia, San Diego, Chelsea and New Orleans, and aboard the USS WEST VIRGINIA, USS BLACK HAWK (AD), USS ASHBILLE (PG) and during the war was aboard the USS TRANQUILITY.

From 1940 to 1944 he served in the Planning Division, Hospitals and Ship Section, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, and for his outstanding work in helping design hospital ships of the HAVEN class he received a commendation from the Secretary of the Navy. He reported to Oak Knoll after a post-graduate course in internal medicine at the University of Pennsylvania.

Captain and Mrs. Higgins are saying goodbye to their many friends here this week and will leave Monday for Washington, where he is to have two weeks' indoctrination in his new work, before they sail.

CAPT Christopher C. Shaw, MC, USN, relief for CAPT Higgins, reported aboard 1 July from the Army Medical Service School, Army Medical Center, Washington, D. C., and is now becoming acquainted with his new duties.



A copy of Barnaby Conrad's *Mata-dor*, a current and gripping literary rage, is now at your disposal in the library. It is the morning of Francisco Torres Pacote's last fight . . . and the story builds up to one of the most magnificent and realistic descriptions of a bull fight in literature. We expect our copy to be worn to a frazzle in no time, so get on the list but quick!

The compound's Philip Wylie fan will be overjoyed to learn that we have augmented our Wylie collection by three sturdy volumes. The two-in-one edition of Wylie and Balmer's *When Worlds Collide* also contains *After Worlds Collide*. Science-fiction fans who saw the cinema will want to follow the adventures of Hendron Tony, Eve, et al, on Bronson Beta. Another multi-story Wylie volume is *Three to Be Read*. These stories appeared first in the Saturday Evening Post and you may have missed them. They are *The Smuggled Atom Bomb*, *Sporting Blood* and *Experiment in Crime*. And if you have ever wondered how the egregious Wylie got his start, try our new copy of *Finley Wren*; this was his first best seller, published in 1934, and it still is in print.

Taylor Caldwell's *The Devil's Advocate* might be called an American version of George Orwell's *1984*. In Caldwell's socio-political novel the time is 1970, and we find a very unhappy America suffering under a vicious dictatorship. The account of a group of brilliant and desperately fearless persons who succeed in overthrowing this tyranny makes both absorbing and thoughtful reading.

Gods, Graves & Scholars by C. W. Ceram is the story of Archaeology. But with 49 photographs and 72 drawings, it is no ordinary history. The discovery of Nineveh, Babylon, Troy, Crete, the Valley of Kings, Karnak, Pompeii, Ur, Chichen-Itza and many other famous diggings is told in non-technical terms, replete with anecdotes about the men who made these fundamental additions to the knowledge of our past. If you thought digging up old cities was dull, it is time to junk this stuffy attitude.

Stand and Deliver by Patrick Pringle sets out to prove that the real highwaymen are even more fabulous than the fictitious ones who have been the subjects of many novels.

LIBRARY CONCERT

Three well-known works of three well-known composers will be heard at the weekly recorded classics concert at the Crew's Library on Thursday, 10 July, between 1200 and 1300. They are:

"Romeo and Juliet Suite," by Tchaikovsky, played by the NBC Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Arturo Toscanini.

"Violin Concerto," by Mendelssohn, with Jascha Heifetz as soloist and the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra under Sir Thomas Beecham.

"Symphony No. 8," by Beethoven, with Pierre Monteux conducting the San Francisco Symphony Orchestra.



LTJG W. R. CARTER, USN

Purple Heart to LTJG W. Carter

LTJG W. R. Carter, USN, was presented a Purple Heart Medal and Ribbon by the Commanding Officer on Monday, 30 June, for wounds he received in combat as a pilot of an F9F Fighter while in the Korean Area aboard the USS PHILIPPINE SEA.

LTJG Carter was wounded on 4 April 1952 while on a rail-cutting mission near Samho when anti-aircraft shells hit his plane.

A veteran of nine years in the service, LTJG Carter had been overseas with the PHILIPPINE SEA approximately five months when wounded.

He is married and his home is at Whidbey Island, Washington.

Blankets, Pillows Now Navy's Property

Under a new system which became effective on 1 July, male enlisted personnel in the Navy are now issued blankets and pillows as Government property for individual use and custody.

The items are to be returned by the individual upon his discharge or release to inactive duty.

The blankets and pillows will be marked, "USN," but the individual's name will also be stenciled on his gear, since he is the custodian of it. Each man issued the items now signs a custody receipt and a statement of understanding that the blankets and pillows are Government property and must be returned to the Navy.

The issue will no longer be charged against initial monetary clothing allowance credit on the individual's pay record.

Men needing to replace their blankets and pillows may do so by turning in their gear and getting replacements under the new system. However, enlisted men may still purchase blankets or pillows from Clothing and Small Stores as personal property to effect replacement.

Enlisted men possessing personally owned blankets and pillows which have not been turned in for exchange will be allowed to keep them upon discharge or release.

Bristol, R. I. (AFPS)—Verginio J. Derocha lost his Rotary Club pin two years ago. While dressing a duck here recently he found the long-lost pin in the gizzard.

Welcome and Farewell

The staff census at Oak Knoll suffered another drop last week, as a total of 21 new Knöllites reported aboard, compared to 31 that left the hospital. Of those transferred, 17 were sent to new assignments, seven returned to civilian life, and seven more were released to inactive duty.

Reporting aboard were LTJG Shirley A. Dobbs, NC, USN, from temporary duty; LTJG Golden D. Romney, MC, USNR, from inactive duty; LTJG Charles D. Miller, MC, USNR, from First Marine Division; LT Richard O. Rutland, Jr., MC, USNR, from USS ALGOL; and 15 interns, LTJG Floyd J. Dickson, DC, USNR, LTJG H. A. Carswell, MC, USNR, LTJG James Mushovic, MC, USNR, LTJG C. J. Wilson, MC, USNR, LTJG R. R. Periman, MC, USNR, LTJG S. V. Hiltz, MC, USNR, LTJG R. W. Miller, MC, USNR, LTJG G. F. Monohan, Jr., MC, USNR, LTJG G. W. McGregor, MC, USNR, LTJG R. G. Whitfield, MC, USNR, LTJG W. A. Glenn, MC, USNR, LTJG B. M. Kennedy, MC, USNR, LTJG G. J. Floyd, MC, USNR, LTJG D. E. Smith, MC, USNR, and LTJG J. D. Oremland, MC, USNR, all from inactive duty.

HMC's R. Lyons from NRS, Treasure Island, and L. L. Smith from USNH No. 3923; HM2 D. J. Goddard from USS HAVEN; HN's M. L. Overall from HCS, Great Lakes, and D. C. Reeder from USNH, San Diego; HA's J. K. Mann, J. G. Poehling, A. Shoda and W. C. Rielly, all from HCS, Great Lakes, and DA's G. D. Norton, M. W. Farris and V. M. Emter, all from NTC, San Diego.

Transferred were LTJG Eugene W. Earl, MC, USNR, to MSTs, Pacific Area; LT Leo B. Meyer, MC, USNR, to Auxiliary Landing Field, Fallon, Nev.; LTJG Eugene N. Solovieff, MC, USNR, to NSC, Oakland; LT Raymond E. Flake, Jr., MC, USNR, LTJG Harold S. Shuler, MC, USNR, LT Ralph W. Jacobs, MC, USNR, LT Rita M. Schmitt, NC, USNR, and LTJG Beverly H. Isberner, NC, USNR, all to civilian life; LT Mack M. Hill, Jr., MC, USN, to Clarksville Base, Tenn.; LTJG Thomas A. E. Datz, MC, USNR, to Naval Shipyard, Mare Island; LTJG William Peters, MC, USNR, to Naval Magazine, Port Chicago;

HMC F. Bak to Camp Pendleton; HM2's K. C. Workman and D. A. Packard, both to civilian life, and E. E. McCarty, Jr., C. L. Bond and E. E. Jenkins, all to inactive duty; DTG2 R. G. Dunn to inactive duty; HM3's N. S. Lawnick and D. K. Herrick, both to inactive duty; and HN's C. A. Ritter to inactive duty, A. P. Williams to NAS, Pensacola, R. W. Outland to NAS, San Diego, H. Cornejo to NSC, Oakland; J. W. Grau, Jr., to USNS, Adak, Alaska; R. E. Duke to NMU, Tripler Army Hospital, Oahu, T. H., and K. M. Alexander, T. L. Hager, T. R. Watkins, W. B. Hamlin and C. W. Simon, Jr., all to Camp Pendleton.

VACANCIES LISTED

Four vacancies for civilian employees were listed this week by the Civilian Personnel Office. They are:

Three nurses, GS-5, current registration in any state acceptable.

One Dietician, GS-5, bachelor's degree with major in dietetics or institutional management, plus one year's experience necessary.

Life Begins at Oak Knoll

22 June

DILLON, Stephen Patrick, to wife of J. D. Dillon, M/SGT, 9 pounds, 4 ounces.
FINE, boy, to wife of Charles Fine, CPL, 5 pounds, 12 ounces.
PALMER, Lauren Rae, to wife of Gary Palmer, LTJG, 8 pounds, 1 ounce.
GRIER, Judith Inez, to wife of Paul Grier, HM3, Staff, 8 pounds, 6 ounces.
WILSON, Gayle Jo, to wife of Robert Wilson, CPL, 5 pounds, 14 ounces.
LONGWAY, James Robert, to wife of Francis Longway, HM2, 7 pounds, 5 ounces.

23 June

HILL, John Hilton, to wife of John Hill, GM, 8 pounds, 8 ounces.
DANIELS, Scott, to wife of Jessie Daniels, A/2c, 7 pounds.
MULVANY, Meg Eileen, to wife of Paul Mulvany, CAPT, 7 pounds, 12 ounces.
ALARID, Joseph Ernest Jr., to wife of Joseph Alarid, AD1, 6 pounds, 12 ounces.
LEE, Linda Teresa, to wife of Johnny Lee, SN, 8 pounds, 11 ounces.
BOWMAN, April Kay, to wife of Paul Bowman, AN, 6 pounds, 11½ ounces.
BISBY, Joseph Brice, to wife of Joseph Bisby, A/1c, 8 pounds, 3 ounces.
MILLER, Zella Mary, to wife of Joseph Miller, CSG2, 7 pounds, 15 ounces.

24 June

CLUTE, girl, to wife of John Clute, SR, 7 pounds, 12 ounces.
HEARON, Terry Ann, to wife of Wilford Hearon, BM3, 7 pounds, 6 ounces.
ARMISTEAD, Katherine Sue, to wife of Sidney Armistead, CMCN, 7 pounds, 2 ounces.
LEWIS, Mark, to wife of Floyd Lewis, ET2, 5 pounds, 10 ounces.
MARSHALL, Joyce Loraine, to wife of Charles Marshall, PN3, 7 pounds, 6 ounces.
FUGE, Grian Douglas, to wife of Fred Fuge, YNT2, 8 pounds, 2 ounces.
JONES, boy, to wife of John Jones, AK2, 6 pounds, 15 ounces.
CLARY, Kathleen Marguerite, to wife of Thomas Clary, 7 pounds, 1 ounce.
KRECH, Melanie Ann, to wife of Melvin Krech, AD3, 6 pounds, 14 ounces.

25 June

MOULTON, Elizabeth Ceona, to wife of Wilson Moulton, HM3, 6 pounds, 10 ounces.
HANSEN, Richard Glynn Jr., to wife of Richard Hansen, LTJG, 7 pounds, 1 ounce.
CASSEL, Gary Russell, to wife of Russell Cassel, MAJ, 8 pounds.
McQUONE, Dorinda Cay, to wife of Howard McQuone, RM1, 6 pounds, 6 ounces.
GARNER, Marguerite Montez, to wife of George Garner, BM1, 8 pounds, 8 ounces.
BIRDSONG, Ramona Francine, to wife of Roy Birdsong, AD2, 8 pounds, 1 ounce.
BAGGETT, Patrick Edward, to wife of Richard Baggett, S/SGT, 7 pounds, 7 ounces.
BRUMFIELD, girl, to wife of Eugene Brumfield, AL2, 8 pounds, 2 ounces.
SPAHN, Patricia Marie, to wife of James Spahn, QM1, 5 pounds, 8 ounces.
CHAUVIN, Marsba Kay, to wife of Hugh Chauvin, S/SGT, 7 pounds.
DUNCAN, girl, to wife of James Duncan, DC3, 8 pounds, 1 ounce.

26 June

HINCHEN, Daniel Dennis, to wife of Terrence Hinchin, AM3, 8 pounds, 10 ounces.
SCHLIEWE, girl, to wife of Max Schlieve, CDR, 6 pounds, 13 ounces.
KAHN, Susan, to wife of Theodore Kahn, MAJ, 6 pounds, 6 ounces.
BALLMES, Glenda Jean, to wife of Glenn Ballmes, PFC, 6 pounds, 11 ounces.
THOMASON, David Raymond, to wife of Eugene Thomason, CS1, 5 pounds, 11 ounces.
ETHERIDGE, Linda Jean, to wife of Richard Etheridge, S/SGT, 7 pounds, 8 ounces.
TYBURCZY, James Albert, to wife of Joseph Tyburczy, CDR, 6 pounds, 12 ounces.

27 June

CLINE, John Robert, to wife of Raymond Cline, AD1, 8 pounds, 5 ounces.
McDONALD, Melody Gale, to wife of Glen McDonald, AK2, 5 pounds, 10½ ounce.
BENSON, Patti Alice, to wife of Melvin Benson, S/SGT, 6 pounds, 11 ounces.
TOBIAS, Samuel James, to wife of Norman Tobias, AM3, 5 pounds, 2 ounces.
GYGAX, Rex Jr., to wife of Rex Gygax, LT, 6 pounds, 11 ounces.
KROUSE, Sherry Jean, to wife of Merlin Krouse, SH3, 6 pounds, 2 ounces.
CODY, Terry Faye, to wife of Gerald Cody, SA, 6 pounds, 14 ounces.
McCARTHY, Patricia Ann, to wife of Cornelius McCarthy, LCDR, 8 pounds, 3 ounces.
MARSH, Thomas Dorn, to wife of Richard Marsh, CPL, 8 pounds, 2 ounces.
O'NEAL, Johnson Herbert Jr., to wife of Johnson O'Neal, SD1, 6 pounds, 5 ounces.

28 June

WRIGHT, John Michael, to wife of Marvin Wright, T/SGT, 8 pounds, 2 ounces.
REDMON, Krista Allison, to wife of George Redmon, LT, 6 pounds, 12 ounces.
DAWSON, Richard Lee, to wife of William Dawson, HM1, 8 pounds.
GRANADOS, Elaine Eleanor, to wife of Louie Granados, BM3, 8 pounds.

Two Houses Differ On Reserve Acts

Washington (AFPS)—A joint conference to iron out differences in the Armed Forces Reserve Act looms as a summer certainty now that the Senate Armed Services Committee has reported its version of the bill for a calendar vote.

The Senate bill, while holding intact many of the provisions of the House bill, differs sharply with it on certain important questions.

The House bill passed last fall established three categories of vulnerability for recall: the Ready Reserve, the Standby Reserve and the Retired Reserve.

The Senate bill does away with the Ready and Standby Reserves, thereby eliminating any differences in vulnerability. The Retired Reserve designation remains intact.

The Senate bill does, however, reduce the vulnerability of reservists who have served in the Korean combat zone. This category of reservists would not be recalled unless other reservists with similar qualifications were unavailable.

One important provision of both bills will undoubtedly be in the final version. This is the reservists contract provision which would allow a member of a Reserve component to sign a five-year contract making him less apt to be released from active duty involuntarily.

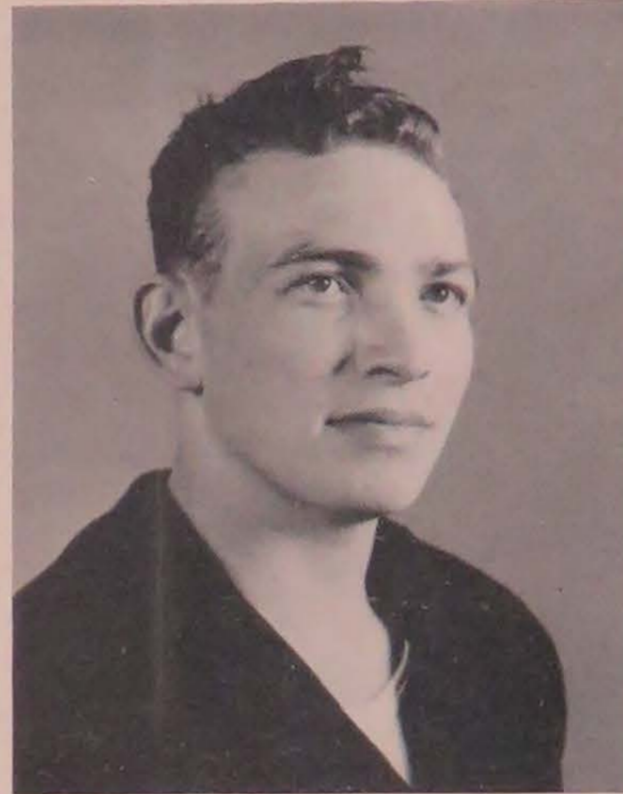
Generally, though, both bills correct many of the administrative difficulties plaguing the Reserves.

Staff Personalities

Another person that could be considered among the "old timers" of the civilian staff at Oak Knoll is Mrs. Helen Williams, Supervisor of the Materiel Branch of the Finance Department. Mrs. Williams has been a Knollite for seven years, nearly as long as she has been a Californian. Prior to coming here she owned and operated a juke box business in Las Vegas, Nevada. A native of Breckinridge, Minn., Mrs. Williams attended the University of Minnesota, where she majored in education. Between her work at Oak Knoll and her 14-year-old daughter, a senior in high school, Mrs. Williams says she has no time left for hobbies. Her daughter attends Fresno high school.



A Kansan who is still a Kansan in spite of more than three years in California and who will be heading back toward Kansas in slightly more than 70 days is John Hawkins, HN, USN, currently assigned to Central Supply. Hawkins will complete his four-year enlistment in the Navy in September and plans to return to his home town of Ellinwood, and his old job with the Stanley Oil Company there. Hawkins has a good idea of ward duty at Oak Knoll. Prior to his present assignment, he worked on Wards 62, 61, 41A and B, 45A and B, 75A and B, 73 and 72. He went to Boot Camp at Great Lakes, and then traveled down to San Diego for Corps School. His main leisure interest is sports.



VA Relaxes Rules For Needed Treatment Of Post-Korea Veterans' Disabilities

Post-Korea veterans who need outpatient treatment for disabilities that are presumed to have resulted from their service will be provided needed treatment by Veterans Administration until VA can determine whether their disabilities are actually service-connected.

Under existing regulations, outpatient treatment may be given only for service-connected disabilities after VA has determined that the disabilities actually are service-connected and has authorized the treatment.

The change to permit treatment for presumed service-connected disabilities before final determination has been made applies only to veterans who served in the active mili-

tary or Naval forces any place in the world on or after 27 June 1950, the start of the Korean hostilities, and before a date yet to be set.

These post-Korea veterans also must have been discharged or released from such service under conditions other than dishonorable, or have been retired.

Where VA later finds that disabilities are not service-connected, outpatient treatment will be discontinued from that date; but, where VA finds that the disabilities are actually service-connected, outpatient treatment will be continued and the veterans, if sufficiently disabled, will receive VA compensation for the degree of their disabilities.

Appropriation Bills Signed by President

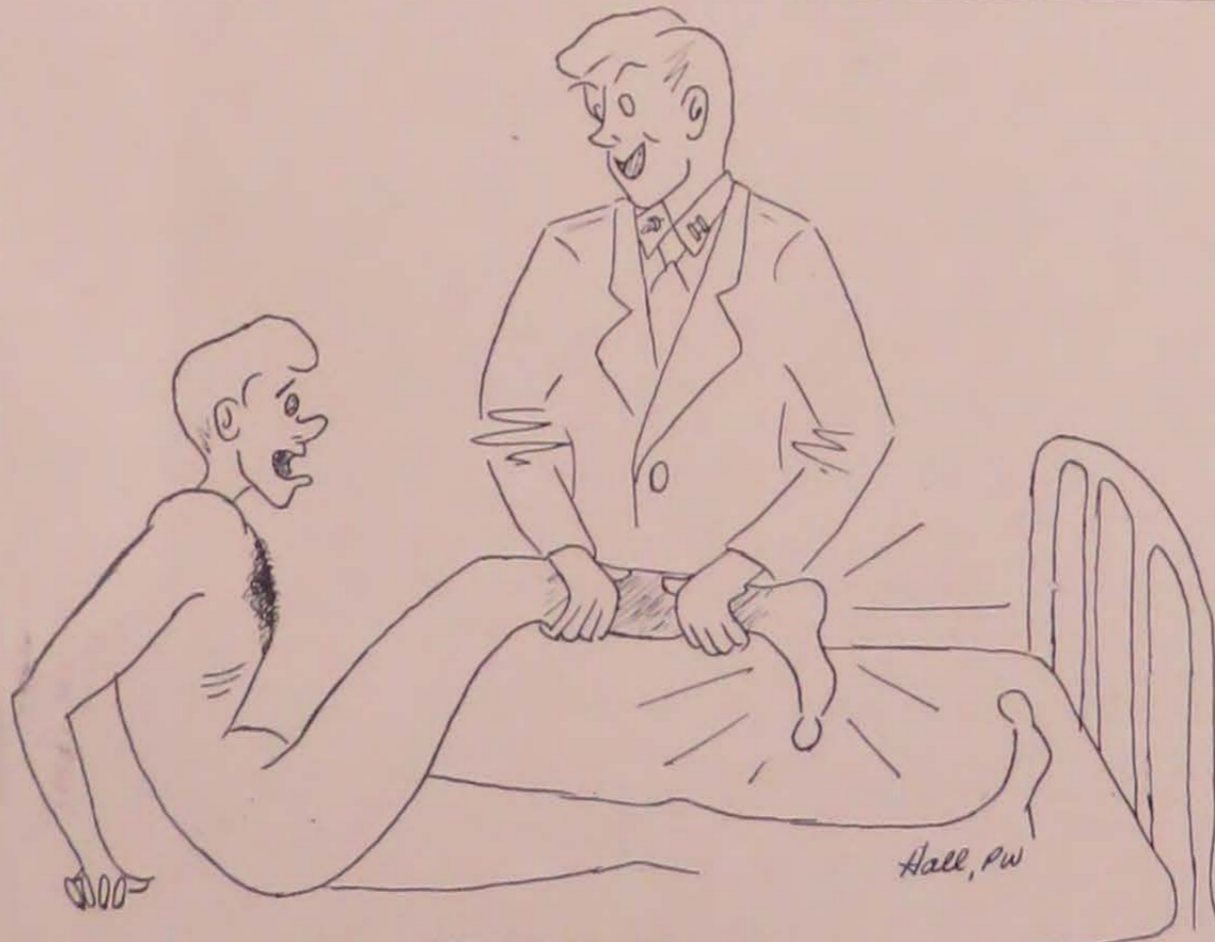
Funds to provide automobiles for seriously disabled veterans and to pay indemnity claims to dependents of deceased servicemen were made available to the Veterans Administration in a bill recently signed by the President.

The Third Supplemental Appropriations Bill provides VA with more than \$285,000,000 for veterans' benefits which includes \$25,000,000 for automobiles and \$2,300,000 for servicemen indemnity claims.

Also included in the Bill are \$148,000,000 for subsistence and tuition payments for veterans receiving education or training under the GI bill; \$60,000,000 for compensation and pension payments; and \$50,000,000 for extra-hazardous deaths under the National Service Life insurance act.

The law providing automobiles applies to eligible disabled veterans of World War II and those who served in the Armed Forces on and after 27 June 1950. To be eligible for automobiles and other conveyances, these veterans must be entitled to compensation for either service-connected loss or permanent loss of use of one or both feet, loss or permanent loss of use of one or both hands, or complete loss of sight in both eyes or permanent impairment of vision of both eyes to the degree as to constitute virtual blindness.

San Francisco, Calif. (AFPS) — Service station attendant Jack Moody slammed down the hood of a car which had just driven in for oil and then decided to take one more look. Sure enough, a Pekingese dog was perched on the engine.



"What? That hurt?!"

SPORTS

Baseballers Grab Win From NSC

Oak Knoll's high flying baseball team moved within a half-game of second place in the Bay Area Armed Forces National League on Thursday, 26 June, by squeezing past the team that now holds that spot, NSC, Oakland, by a score of 11-10.

The win made Oak Knoll's record read twelve wins and eight losses, compared to NSC's 12-7. Two Rock Ranch Station is out four games ahead of Oak Knoll in first place with a 16-4 count. Only a half game behind Oak Knoll is Pt. Chicago Marines, with an 11-8 record.

In the NSC game Oak Knoll very nearly lost the game in the last inning when they saw an 11-5 lead dwindle away under the barrage of NSC bats. After the Center team had scored five runs on two doubles, two singles and a hit batter, the rally was finally quenched just one run short of a tie.

Anderson went the route on the mound for Oak Knoll, giving up a total of 12 hits, while his teammates were garnering 11. Oak Knoll jumped into a 2-1 lead in the first inning on a combination of an error, a base on balls, a stolen base, and a single by Catcher Dick Seastrand, clutch-hitter extraordinary.

The hospital crew went on to add one in the second, three in the fifth, four in the seventh, and what turned out to be the winning run in the eighth, on a base on balls, a fielder's choice, a stolen base, and a single by Basques which scored Dinuzzo.

Dinuzzo, Basques, Seastrand, Anderson and Irving all came through with two hits during the contest, one of Basques' good for three bases and one of Anderson's a double. Amos also contributed a single.

On Tuesday, 1 July, Oak Knoll was

Softball Crew Still Undefeated

The undefeated Oak Knoll softball team kept its record intact on Wednesday, 25 June, by winning easily over District Communications by a score of 7-1.

Again credit must be given to Oak Knoll Hurler Harrison, who limited the Communications team to two scratch singles for the afternoon. In the last 14 innings he has pitched. Harrison has allowed only three hits, good for only two runs. In the four games thus far this season, Oak Knoll opponents have scored a mighty total of four runs on eight hits, for an average of two hits and one run per game.

In the usual big first inning, Oak Knoll jumped off to a nice lead with two runs. Three more runs were added in the fourth on a walk, a double by Hinds and a single by Brown. The final two were added in the seventh as Hinds boomed out his second double.

Hinds led the Knoll bitters with his two doubles, while Brown, Jacobson and Davis each collected a single.

Roark, right fielder for Communications, got both the hits given up by Harrison.

On Wednesday, 2 July, the Knollites were slated to go against the Y.B.I. Air Force, but results were not available when THE OAK LEAF went to press. Next week, on Wednesday, 9 July, the hospital crew will start the second round of the district tourney when they meet NAS, Moffett Field, there.

slated to go against Twelfth Naval District Communications, but results were not available for publication. After a bye on Thursday, 3 July, the Knollites will tangle with Pt. Chicago Marines there on Tuesday, 8 July, and will meet Tiburon Net Depot in the final home game of the season on Thursday, 10 July.

Hospital Crews Lead Class B Competition

Oak Knoll is piling up points toward a repeat win of the Commandant's Trophy for top place in Twelfth Naval District Class B athletics. As of this week the hospital teams are ahead of class competitors in both baseball and softball.

The station softball team, undefeated in four starts, is far ahead in its league, and, unless there is a major upset, appears headed for the championship.

In baseball, ruling out games against National League leading Two Rock Ranch Station, an army team, Oak Knoll holds a slim lead in current standings with an 11-5 record. Only percentage points behind, however, is Naval Supply Center, with a 12-6 count.

On down in the standings are Port Chicago 9-5, Tiburon Net Depot 8-8, District Communications 7-9, and Mare Island Marines 1-13.



Sixty patients from Oak Knoll last week were guests of the Oakland Yacht Club for a cruise around San Francisco Bay aboard the yachts of club members. Here a group of patients, along with Mrs. Rosamond Williams, Red Cross Gray Lady from the Oakland Chapter, Mrs. "Trader" Scott, one of the yacht owners, and the skipper of one of the yachts, are shown aboard one of the craft during the trip, which covered the entire waterfront of the Bay.

PREVIEWS

Sunday, 6 July
IT'S A BIG COUNTRY—All Star Cast, DRAMA. This is an attempt, considered successful by some, to tell the story of America in eight separate episodes. The first is a conversation on a train; the second is supposed to show the power of a free press; the third concerns the role of the Negro in America; the fourth is a story of an immigrant; the fifth is about religious prejudice; the sixth is about Texas; the seventh is about a minister, and the eighth is about children wearing glasses. The prologue correctly warns the audience that the movie is pure flagwaving. Reviewer's rating: Very good. Also a one-reeler in color, "Fishing Feats," and a newsreel.

Monday, 7 July
ON MOONLIGHT BAY—Doris Day, Gordon MacRae, MUSICAL. Here is an old one, released in late July of 1951. By the names of the two leading players it is easy to deduce that there is a lot of singing, and by the title it is clear that the songs are the old favorites. It comes in color, and has a reviewer's rating of very good.

Tuesday, 8 July
JUMPING JACKS—Dean Martin, Jerry Lewis, COMEDY. This is the latest of the Martin and Lewis movies, this one released just last month. The plot, what there is of it, concerns the efforts of a group of paratroopers to put on a series of camp shows that will please their general. To put the show over, Martin contacts his ex-vaudeville partner, Lewis, and smuggles him into the Army for just one show. Unfortunately for the Army, Lewis is trapped into staying in against his will. Reviewer's rating: Excellent.

Wednesday, 9 July
THE RAINS CAME—Myrna Loy, Tyrone Power, DRAMA. First released in September, 1939, which is about 13 years ago, this movie was reissued last month. Since you were probably too young to enjoy it when it made the rounds the first time, this would be a chance to catch up on movie history. No yellowed and tattered reviews are available, unhappily.

Thursday, 10 July
SNOW WHITE AND THE SEVEN DWARFS—Disney, CARTOON. Here is an even older one. This one, first put out in December, 1937, was reissued by RKO in February. No doubt the parents, or big brother or sister took you to this one, and you thought it was pretty and a fine movie for children. But maybe you noticed that the parents or big brother or sister liked it too. It's still as good as it was then.

Friday, 11 July
WE'RE NOT MARRIED—Ginger Rogers, David Wayne, Fred Allen, COMEDY. From the very old to the very new in the space of 24 hours. This one is not scheduled for release until later this month, so of course no reviews are available. However, the title is unusual, and it has been several moons since unemployed radio comedian Fred Allen has graced the movie screen with his mournful face. Also a one-reeler in black and white, called "Jungle Land," as well as a newsreel.

Saturday, 12 July
STARLIFT—All Star Cast, MUSIC. For a short run down, actors and actresses in this movie include Doris Day, Ruth Ro-

3 Picnics Slated For This Month

With the month of July turning up on the calendar, the time for picnics has definitely arrived, and thus far a total of three are scheduled for the month.

On Sunday, 13 July, 50 patients have been invited by the American Legion Post No. 5 to attend a picnic at the Oakland Zoological Gardens, just down the road a piece. Transportation will be provided and will leave the hospital at 1200 from the Community Services Building. Anyone wishing to attend must sign up with Special Services by Wednesday, 9 July.

The day before, on Saturday, 12 July, 25 patients have been invited to another picnic, this one at Marsh Creek. Transportation for this all-day event, which will include steaks for good eating, will leave the hospital at 0900, and sign-ups must be completed by Thursday, 10 July.

And the monthly staff picnic, with good food, refreshment and entertainment, will be held at the Orchard Area of Redwood Regional Park on Saturday, 26 July. Transportation will again be provided.

On Sunday, 13 July, there will be another in a series of weekly concerts by the Hungarian String Quartet at Mills College.

Two ball games which patients may see as guests of the Alameda County Employees Association are slated for this month. On Thursday, 10 July, the Oaks will meet the team from Portland at Emeryville, and on Thursday, 24 July, will tangle with their trans-bay rivals, the San Francisco Seals. Transportation will be furnished to both games.

The second Swim-Dance of the season will be held by the staff on Friday, 11 July, with music to be provided by Maurice Anger and his orchestra.

man, Gordon MacRae, Virginia Mayo, James Cagney, Gary Cooner, Phil Harris, Randolph Scott, Jane Wyman, Patricia Wymore and Lolly Parsons. All of this is tied to the story of a visit to a California Air Force Base of a group of movie stars. Not much story, but who wants story? Rating: Good.

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PFC. ALVIN GREEN, USMC.

Marine Survives Direct Shell Hit

They build them tough in the Marines—or else Providence was with Marine PFC Alvin Wade Green on 9 May 1952 when an 81 mm. mortar shell scored a direct hit on him. He is still alive to tell about it, but he lost his right foot.

This type of shell is two feet long, weighs about 20 pounds, and has enough explosive power to put a tank out of action.

"All I remember," Green, now a patient at Oak Knoll, said, "is being hit and hearing a terrible lot of noise and seeing smoke all around me. Then I looked down and saw my foot just hanging there by a shred. A corpsman ran over to me and administered aid, and that same day I was on a hospital ship where they removed the rest of my foot."

Green was a rifleman with the First Battalion, Fifth Regiment, First Marine Division.

Chief Nations Named Limb Fitter Consultant

HMC Raymond D. Nations of Oak Knoll's Artificial Limb Department has been selected as a consultant to the artificial limb fitters assigned to the College of Engineering at New York University.

Chief Nations left for the College's Research Division on 11 July for a period of instruction from 14 July to 25 July. He will serve as consultant limb fitter in the construction of the Navy Below Knee Soft Socket and Navy Below Knee Suction Socket and will supervise the fabrication of these sockets by limb fitters there.

Chief Nations was a member of the first class to graduate from the Navy's first Orthopedic Appliance Technicians' School at Mare Island Naval Hospital in May, 1947. He has been assigned to the Oak Knoll Artificial Limb Department since 12 Nov.

2 Staff Doctors To London Meets

Two members of the Oak Knoll medical staff, CAPT Robert L. Gilman, MC, USN, Head of the Department of Dermatology, and LCDR Carrie G. Chapman, MC, USNR, Chief of the Physical Medicine Service, left this week en route to meetings in London, England.

CAPT Gilman, during the week of 20 July, will attend the International Congress of Dermatology, sponsored by the University of London, to be held at that University and at affiliated hospitals. Following the Congress he will spend a 28-day leave visiting dermatology clinics in Germany and France.

While in Europe he hopes to visit his daughter, a secretary on the staff of the High Commissioner of Germany in Frankfurt, and before leaving he will visit briefly at his home in Cheyney, Pa.

CAPT Gilman came to Oak Knoll last July from U.S. Naval Hospital, Philadelphia, where he had been Chief of the Dermatology Service for the past five years. A graduate of the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, he is a member of the American Academy of Dermatology, of the American Dermatological Association and of the American College of Physicians.

LCDR Chapman, a member of the American Congress of Physical Medicine, will attend the First International Congress of Physical Medicine in London from 14 to 19 July. Dr. Frank H. Krusen, Physical Medicine Chief at Mayo Clinic, under whom she studied from 1946 to 1949, will be one of the principal organizers at the London Congress.

LCDR Chapman, at Oak Knoll since February, 1951, was appointed since February, 1951, was appointed a Fellow in Physical Medicine at Mayo Clinic in 1946 and at the conclusion of her training there in 1949 set up the department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at the Acuff Clinic, Knoxville, Tenn.

CAPT C. C. Shaw Assumes Post As Oak Knoll Chief of Medicine



CAPT C. C. SHAW, MC, USN

CAPT Christopher C. Shaw, MC, USN, has assumed his new duties as Chief of the Medical Service at Oak Knoll. He reported aboard on 1 July to relieve CAPT A. R. Higgins, MC, USN, who has been transferred to Naval Medical Research Unit 3, in Cairo, Egypt.

CAPT Shaw came to Oak Knoll from the Army Medical Service Graduate School at the Walter Reed Medical Center in Washington, D. C. He had been under instruction there since September, 1951.

Entered Navy in '41

A graduate of the University of Maryland School of Medicine in Baltimore, CAPT Shaw entered the Navy as a Lieutenant Commander in 1941. First stationed at the U. S. Naval Hospital, Chelsea, Mass., he subsequently served at the NSB Dispensary, Portsmouth, N. H., and then attended the Navy's school for Aviation Medicine in Pensacola.

He stayed on as instructor at the school until he was assigned to the USS SOLOMONS (CVE-67), and later became Chief of Medicine at the U. S. Naval Hospital, Corpus Christi, Texas.

Assigned to Bureau

He was Assistant Chief of Medicine at the U. S. Naval Hospital, Philadelphia, and then was assigned to the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery in Washington, D. C., where he was director of the Bureau's Research Division. He left the Bureau to attend the Army Medical Service Graduate School.

CAPT Shaw, whose home is at Wallingford, Pa., is married and has three children. His family expects to join him here later this month.

He is a Diplomate of the American Board of Internal Medicine and of the National Board of Medical Examiners, is a Fellow of the American College of Physicians, a Service Fellow of the American Medical Association and a member of the Association of Military Surgeons.

ENS Farrell to Wed, But Will Keep Name

Some girls are eager to change their names, but not so ENS Romayne A. Farrell, NC, USNR, whose diamond ring is the gift of LTJG Paul E. Farrell, DC, USNR.

Miss Farrell, now on pm duty on 41A and B, has been on duty at Oak Knoll since April 1951. Doctor Farrell, interning in dentistry, has been aboard since the first of March 1952. They are planning an August wedding in the Chapel.

54,000 Men Trained During First Year

Bainbridge NTS, Md. (AFPS) — Completing a year's service since reactivation, the Navy recently graduated 3,500 recruits from one of its largest postwar training classes here.

Since it reopened, the training center has trained more than 54,000 men. In WWII some 250,000 sailors were sent from here to fighting fleets.

Industrial Safety Award Won By Hospital

Oak Knoll has been named one of 85 shore activities to win the Secretary of Navy's Award for Achievement in Industrial Safety for the calendar year 1951, according to an announcement in the June issue of *Safety Review*, published by the Office of Industrial Relations.

LTJG M. V. Perry, CEC, USNR, Assistant Maintenance Officer, said the award was presented on the basis of the reduction in lost-time accidents in 1951 over 1950. In that comparison, Oak Knoll's time lost as a

result of accidents dropped 55 per cent.

The industrial workers at the hospital doubled the number of man hours worked over 1950, and at the same time reduced the number of lost-time accidents.

Oak Knoll, one of eight Naval Hospitals to win the Award for 1951, won once before, in 1946.

While LTJG Perry said the industrial supervisors are the ones who should receive first credit for the award, he also praised the Safety

Office and the Industrial Health Officer, who, he said, were equally responsible for keeping employees physically fit for work.

He particularly commended the Treatment and Examination office for making medical care for minor injuries more readily available, thus curtailing the amount of time lost by returning injured workers quickly.

Award certificates are being prepared and will be presented to the activities winning during 1951 in the near future.

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† † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

Once upon a time there was a portly gentleman who lived in the Twentieth Century. He was very much discontented with himself and his environment. It was election year. Life was cheap, and food prices were sky high.

Now this portly gentleman had never assisted his wife with the shopping chores since the early days of World War II. One day the portly gentleman demanded from his wife where all his hard earned money was going. Now she was a "modern Twentieth Century gal," and in equal tones she asked that he stand sideways in front of the mirror, and he would receive his answer. He did and his silence amazed his good wife. Peace was restored within the home.

Have you recently stood in the reflection of God's love, and had a long look at your own soul? What did you see? Were you willing to look upon that reflection? Through the medium of worship we can gain great insight into the breadth, length and depth of our subconscious minds, it is worth investigating. For is it not true that the food which feeds the soul is found in our constant feasting on the knowledge of God's love and mercy for us? The amount of effort we put forth reveals the size of the soul.

It is fun to grow and mature spiritually, there are no boundaries for the growing soul. We can never forget a great soul, for a large soul portrays justice, judgment, forgiveness and mercy. How can such be forgotten? The more difficult the times, the greater is the need for great souls. May God help us in our spiritual growth. Why not worship this coming Sunday at the Navy Chapel? You will be happily received. Let us grow along together.

—R. E. JENKINS, Protestant Chaplain

Knowledge Lessens A-Bomb Effect

NOTE: The best method of combating the effects of an atomic explosion is thorough indoctrination of all personnel. The following information, originally in the form of a memorandum from the Officer-in-Charge, Naval Advance Base Personnel Depot, San Bruno, is published in THE OAK LEAF in a series of articles as a step toward such indoctrination.

There is nothing mystic or supernatural about atomic warfare. Atom splitting is just another way of causing an explosion. On a large scale,

such explosions would produce the elements of blast, heat, and shock as in a high explosive bomb, but with the added hazard of radioactivity.

In the event of an atom bomb explosion, particularly if you happen to be beneath it, the chances of survival are slim. Anywhere within one-half mile of the center of explosion your chances of escaping are about one out of ten. However, if you are from one-half to one mile away, you have a fifty-fifty chance. From one to one and one-half miles out, the odds that you will be killed are only fifteen in one hundred. Beyond two miles the explosion will cause practically no deaths at all.

You can tell when a bomb explodes even before the sound reaches you, because the initial blast causes a flash or a general whitening of the atmosphere brighter than sunlight. Even if you have only a few seconds advance warning, there is one important thing you can do to lessen your chances of injury from blast. **FALL FLAT ON YOUR FACE.** More than half of all wounds are the result of being bodily tossed about or being struck by debris. If you are inside a building, try to flatten out close against the cellar wall or, next best, lie down along an inside wall or under a table or a desk. Definitely avoid spots opposite doors or windows, in order to avoid shattering glass. If caught out of doors, drop down alongside the base of a building or jump in any handy ditch or gutter. Protect your face for at least ten or twelve seconds after the explosion.

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Chaplains of other faiths will be called upon request

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Red Cross Ramblings



These are a few of the 35 attractive new hostesses recruited through Berkeley, Oakland and Alameda Red Cross Chapters, and now serving in the Red Cross Lounge every Tuesday, Thursday and Friday evening. Shown with them are a group of patients enjoying the hospitality of the Lounge and Miss Lucille O'Neill, Red Cross Staff Member. From left to right are Walter Martin, SA; James R. Brown, SA; Christine Campbell and Janella Center, both of Oakland; Anthony Fraone, SN; Carl Barton, SH1, Wayne Bohannon, Shirley Compton of Berkeley; Richard Kuep, BM3, and Russell Downward, YNTSN.

ANNIVERSARY NOTE

The last visit of the Bill Irwin Post of the American Legion in Oakland marked the fourth year of a monthly program of bingo on the wards here. This well-organized group of men has set a fine example of community spirit and interest in the welfare of the patients at Oak Knoll. Verbal applause and congratulations are in order with a special handshake to Mr. T. H. Bonham and Mr. Thos under whose leadership the group has functioned so admirably and faithfully.

MOVIE FANS

The current duo of films on the wards for this week holds some promise of adventure and suspense for those in attendance. "Macao" with Robert Mitchum and Jane Russell featured is the billing on one circuit with the latest Tarzan picture "Tarzan's Savage Fury," being shown on the other.

TV FEATURE

The only stamp television show on the West Coast, which originates from station KPIX, recently featured news and comments about the Oak Knoll Stamp Club. Mr. Al Hendry and Miss Elizabeth Patton who appear regularly on the program were recent visitors at the hospital and were sincerely impressed by the enthusiasm of our hospital club. As a result of the program, philatelists in the Bay Area have been contributing material which will be most useful in promoting the club's activities. If you are a collector or interested in starting this fascinating hobby, please contact a Red Cross worker and make yourself known. We have the fixin's!

IT TAKES ALL WAYS

Random inquiry among patients as to how they chose to celebrate the glorious Fourth revealed a wide variety of diversions. ALBERT C. MARMON, CMCN, from 63B, explored the Valley of the Moon in the

Napa district and reports the county fair there was excellent. GERALD A. POTTGEN, VTCP, in company with RICHARD KNUDSEN, ET3 celebrated locally, taking in the fireworks spectacle at Lake Merritt as part of their tour. It seems paradoxical that JAMES C. DILL, SH3 of the same ward chose Independence Day to place an engagement ring on the hand of a very attractive young lady. GEORGE W. SNEPARD, AN, on 43B, had a happy reunion with his new son and heir in Monterey. A barbecue party in Joaquin Miller park brightened the day for MILTON MOORMAN, DC3, and JAMES CURL, USMC, (Ret.), joined his family at Redwood Estates for a quiet reunion on the holiday.

NATO Forces Planning 'Main Brace' Exercise

Washington, (AFPS) — Ship planes and men of eight North Atlantic Treaty Organization nations will participate in "Main Brace," a 13-day exercise to be held in northern Europe in September.

More than 150 warships and hundreds of aircraft will resist a theoretical enemy flank attack in that area. Carrier, antisubmarine and convo operations will begin 13 September.

The maneuver, largest of its kind ever conducted, will be under the dual leadership of Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway, USA, Supreme Allied Commander Europe, and ADM Lynde D. McCormick, USN, Supreme Allied Commander Atlantic.

Fast carrier forces made up of British and American units, and aircraft and other ships manned by Canada, Denmark, France, the Netherlands, Norway and Portugal will support NATO's northern flank.

Possibly the reason that God made women last was that He didn't want any advice while creating men.

Life Begins at Oak Knoll

29 June

BACIGALUPI, Douglas Glen, to wife of Donald Bacigalupi, FN, 6 pounds, 10 ounces.
 VOIGTSBERGER, Theodore Andrews III, to wife of Theodore Voigtsberger, Jr., S/SGT, 6 pounds, 5 ounces.
 LOPEZ, Kery Douglas, to wife of Eddie Lopez, EMFN, 7 pounds, 7 ounces.
 GONZALES, Charles Michael, to wife of Charles Gonzales, BT2, 8 pounds, 5 ounces.
 YOUNG, Girl, to wife of Ronald Young, SKD3, 7 pounds, 13 ounces.
 ELDRIDGE, Patricia Linden, to wife of Robert Eldridge, CDR, 8 pounds, 4 ounces.
 ELY, Yvonne Mary, to wife of Leonard Ely, AE2, 8 pounds, 14 ounces.
 AUGER, Jeffrey Thomas, to wife of Thomas Auger, LT, 8 pounds, 5 ounces.

30 June

SMITH, Linda Louise, to wife of Paul Smith, LTJG, Staff, 7 pounds, 9 ounces.
 McINTOSH, Robert Vernon, to wife of Ivan McIntosh, T/SGT, 8 pounds, 15 ounces.
 SKINNER, Carol Ann, to wife of Melvyn Skinner, GMC, 4 pounds, 10½ ounces.
 UPMANN, Walter Carl, to wife of Robert Upmann, SN, 7 pounds, 7 ounces.
 BUCKLEY, Linda Lea, to wife of Burnett Buckley, HN, Staff, 6 pounds, 4½ ounces.
 COWLES, Boy, to wife of Homer Cowles, A/1c, 4 pounds, 10 ounces.
 VAN DYKE, Jacqueline Dell, to wife of Jack Van Dyke, A/1c, 8 pounds.
 SHEPPARD, John Charles, to wife of James Sheppard, LT, 7 pounds, 11 ounces.
 KIZER, Donna Sue, to wife of John Kizer, SA, 8 pounds.
 LOCKIN, Steven Wayne, to wife of Theodore Lockin, YN3, 6 pounds, 1 ounce.
 MCGOWAN, Larry Buster, to wife of Charles McGowan, A/2c, 5 pounds, 8 ounces.
 RAY, Susan Patricia, to wife of Corbit Ray, SGT, 7 pounds, 3½ ounces.
 WESTCOTT, Terry Lee, to wife of Kirk Westcott, AN, 6 pounds, 5 ounces.
 NELSON, Linda Marie, to wife of Roy Nelson, LT, 7 pounds, 11 ounces.
 LA RUE, Janise Annette, to wife of Ronald LaRue, AN, 6 pounds, 4 ounces.
 WEAVER, Gwen, to wife of Claudius Weaver, BM3, 7 pounds, 13 ounces.

1 July

LYCKMAN, Christy Elizabeth, to wife of Harold Lyckman, AM3, 8 pounds, 14 ounces.
 TYLER, Girl, to wife of Lockland Tyler, LT, Staff, 6 pounds, 10 ounces.
 NOE, Terri Lynn, to wife of Allyn Noe, CPL, 4 pounds, 3½ ounces.
 LASHUS, Edward Scott, to wife of Edward Lashus, LT, 6 pounds.
 WILLIAMS, David N. Jr., to wife of David Williams, GM3, 6 pounds, 15 ounces.
 WATSON, Gregory Allen, to wife of Bruce Watson, BMC, 8 pounds, 13 ounces.
 BLANKINSHIP, Boy, to wife of James Blankinship, MASN, 7 pounds.
 SALEM, William Albert, to wife of Albert Salem, CPL, 7 pounds, 15 ounces.
 JACKSON, Debra Jean, to wife of Venton Jackson, PFC, 6 pounds, 14 ounces.
 ROWLAND, Gary Wayne, to wife of Wayne Rowland, 1st LT, 6 pounds, 12 ounces.

2 July

TAYLOR, James Dean, to wife of Leslie Taylor, AL2, 7 pounds, 15 ounces.
 SCHENCK, David Wayne, to wife of Glenn Schenck, PN1, 6 pounds, 7 ounces.
 HERVEY, Boy, to wife of Jack Hervey, AK1, 8 pounds, 7 ounces.
 NELSON, Paulette Kay, to wife of Glen Nelson, ET1, 5 pounds, 9 ounces.
 HART, Girl, to wife of Eugene Hart, AC2, 5 pounds, 15 ounces.
 DRENNEN, Diana Jean, to wife of Robert Drennen, AD2, 6 pounds, 14 ounces.
 HANSON, Michel Lynn, to wife of Forrest Hanson, AMC, 7 pounds, 11 ounces.

3 July

POSEY, Girl, to wife of Fred Posey, SGT, 6 pounds, 14 ounces.
 STONE, Mary Ann, to wife of Reuben Stone, FN, 7 pounds, 6 ounces.
 BRACKEN, Girl, to wife of Donald Bracken, M/SGT, 6 pounds, 12 ounces.
 FITZSIMMONS, Bob Stewart, to wife of Bill Fitzsimmons, CPL, 7 pounds, 12 ounces.
 CARROLL, Girl, to wife of Joseph Carroll, LCDR, 7 pounds, 8 ounces.
 OBORNE, Mark Stephen, to wife of Laurance Osborne, AL2, 6 pounds, 12 ounces.
 PEET, Carol Jean, to wife of Frank Peet, CPL, 7 pounds, 4 ounces.
 STRICKLAND, Kathy Diane, to wife of Marion Strickland, AD1, 8 pounds, 5 ounces.
 FOLLOWILL, Gwendolyn Maureen, to wife of Murray Followill, SN, 8 pounds, 4 ounces.
 RICHARDSON, Boy, to wife of Francis Richardson, BM1, 6 pounds.
 SCOTT, Georgiana Rae, to wife of George Scott, T/SGT, 7 pounds, 11 ounces.

4 July

HAYNES, Lee Vincent, to wife of Lee Haynes Jr., EM3, 7 pounds, 8 ounces.
 ADAMS, Girl, to wife of John Adams, RMC, 7 pounds, 13 ounces.
 REUTLINGER, Josanne, to wife of Robert Reutlinger, MM2, 6 pounds, 14 ounces.
 RAMIREZ, Steven Lee, to wife of Anthony Ramirez, ACAN, 6 pounds, 2 ounces.
 ZARDIN, John Aleck, to wife of Aleck Zardin, SKC, 7 pounds, 9 ounces.
 ENGLISH, Rodney Bruce, to wife of Ray English, AD3, 8 pounds, 12 ounces.
 CORNISH, Charles Winston, to wife of Charles Cornish, S/SGT, 7 pounds.



Mrs. Jeanne Myers, telephone attendant at Oak Knoll, assists S/SGT Charles Cummings, Jr., USMC, in making a call. She spends each day touring the wards at Oak Knoll ready to help anyone with a telephone problem.

Patients Receive Personal Service From Touring Telephone Operator

Mrs. Jeanne Myers, the Bell Telephone Company's attendant at Oak Knoll, could easily model as the Voice with the Smile girl. She is a familiar and welcome visitor to the wards as she wends her way about the compound to help anyone with a telephone problem.

Her main job is to supply patients with change. She makes a daily tour of the hospital wards, Monday through Friday, from 1200 to 2100.

She also assists patients in making calls. "Occasionally," she says, "I even talk for them."

Mrs. Myers is here by courtesy of the Bell Telephone Company to help in any way possible to better the telephone service.

Would you like to call Japan, Argentina, the Philippine Islands? She has placed calls to these and other far-distant stations for patients. She advises overseas calls to be placed several days in advance so that conditions may be just right. Also, foreign calls must be billed to a private residence or business; you can't make them through a coin box. Reason: boxes can't hold all that money.

Mrs. Myers has been with the telephone company fourteen years, part

of that time as a long-distance supervisor. She was at Oak Knoll during World War II on the pay stations and returned on 8 May 1951 to her present position.

MYERS, Boy, to wife of Walter Myers, AD3, 6 pounds, 8 ounces.
 CUTHERS, Jonna Layne, to wife of John Cuthers, SGT, 6 pounds, 14 ounces.
 CAMARA, Shirley Ann, to wife of Homer Camara, HM3, 6 pounds.
 COLLINS, Colleen Louisa, to wife of Jack Collins, AD3, 8 pounds.
 GREENFIELD, Deborah Christine, to wife of Melvin Greenfield, ACAN, 7 pounds, 2 ounces.
 FUNDERBURKE, Tim Melton, to wife of Willard Funderburke, SOC, 16 pounds.
 MILLER, Pamela Irene, to wife of Richard Miller, AM2, 7 pounds, 7 ounces.
 CISNEROS, Michael Phillip, to wife of Salvatore, Cisneros, SGT, 10 pounds, 4 ounces.
 IGOE, Thomas Joseph, to wife of Robert Igoe, LTJG, 2 pounds, 12 ounces.

5 July

McFADEN, Donald Alan, to wife of William McFaden, CSC, 7 pounds, 4 ounces.
 CASTRO, George Thomas, to wife of John Castro, AN, 5 pounds, 11 ounces.
 JOHNSON, Mark Douglas, to wife of Robert Johnson, HM3, Staff, 8 pounds, 5 ounces.
 JURASIN, Mark Raymond, to wife of Norman Jurasin, HM3, 5 pounds, 7 ounces.
 DILLINGHAM, Karen Elaine, to wife of Floyd Dillingham, SN, 6 pounds, 5 ounces.
 HOLLOWAY, Douglas John, to wife of Elmer Holloway, SN, 7 pounds, 5 ounces.



The July shipments are cluttering up the librarians' office, and we would much rather have them cluttering up your quarters. This pile of books includes seven science-fiction titles, nine new westerns, eight new detectives, over 30 general fiction titles, all new, and 37 non-fiction and drama titles. Come and get 'em!

The **American Fisherman's Guide**, edited by Bill Bueno, is a bueno job, filled with articles on every aspect of fresh-water fishing. **Best Sports Stories 1952** also contains the year's best sports pictures and presents a choice selection of the top press and magazine coverage of last year's athletic season.

Monsoon Seas, by Alan Villiers, is a personal narrative about the history of the Indian Ocean, filled with adventures and background material and illustrated with nine maps and 13 full-page photographs and prints. Villiers, a sort of regional Richard Halliburton, has sailed with the Arabs in deep-sea dhows, pearled in the Persian Gulf, skipped the Joseph Conrad around the world in 1938, commanded a fleet of lend-lease craft in Burma, Rangoon and Singapore in the recent war, and is a scholar in the field of old Portuguese records of fifteenth-century explorations of the Indian Ocean. Tom Critchon's **Sailboat Tramp** is another book in the same vein; reading like fiction, it tells of the pleasures, trials and hardships of the author's 4,000-mile voyage across Europe and the Near East in a 25-foot sailboat.

Anthony Gilmore's **Space Hawk** continues the Hawk Carse series. The first two books were **The Weapon Makers** and **The Weapon Shops of Isher**. The library now has the complete trilogy. If this confuses you, remember: Anthony Gilmore is A. E. van Vogt.

Shiloh, by Shelby Foote, is the most gripping account of a battle that we have ever read. Based on the actual words used by such leading figures as Grant, Beauregard, Johnson, Wallace and Buell, the story of the second big battle of the Civil War is told by participants on both sides. As good as seeing the battle on television!

The Rogue from Padua, by Jay Williams, is an historical novel set in that most fascinating period, the early years of the Reformation. Arminius, a fabulous rogue and scholar, graduate of Padua, master of Alchemy, astrology, love philtres and pickpocketing, gets wrapped up in the peasants' war and has a thrilling time of it.

Vacancies Listed

Four vacancies among civilian personnel positions were announced this week by the Civilian Personnel Office. Persons interested in the openings should contact the office by 15 July. The vacancies are for:

Two nurses, GS-5, current registration in any state acceptable.

One Dietician, GS-5, Bachelor's degree with major in dietetics or institutional management, plus one year's experience required.

One guard, CPC-4, must be veteran with competitive civil service status.

Patients Can See Oaks Play Seals

Activity moved up to a fast pace this week end in extracurricular events, starting with the staff's second Swim-Dance of the season last night at the Swimming Pool Patio, and continuing today as 25 patients attend a steak dinner picnic at Marsh Creek as guests of a group of Concord residents.

Tomorrow (Sunday) another 50 patients will attend the American Legion Post No. 5 picnic at the Oakland Zoological Gardens, while another group will go to Mills College to hear the weekly concert by the Hungarian String Quartet.

There will be another in the concert series at Mills on Sunday, 20 July.

Still ahead for this month is the July staff picnic, to be held Saturday, 26 July, at the Orchard Area of Redwood Regional Park. The usual good food, games and transportation will be provided.

Forty patients have also been invited to see the Oakland Oaks play the San Francisco Seals at Emeryville on Thursday, 24 July, as guests of the Alameda County Employees Association. Transportation will be furnished to the ball park.

Two Dances Slated For Officers' Club

Two dances have been scheduled this month for the Officers' Clubs.

On Friday, 18 July, there will be a square dance from 2000 to 2400, and a party dance is slated for Saturday, 26 July.

Tickets for the party dance will cost \$1 per person, and baby sitters will be provided for both affairs.

Seventeen New Interns Begin Training

Three Are Dental, 14 Medical Corps

Seventeen interns, three Dental Corps and 14 Medical Corps, began their training at Oak Knoll the first of the month. The Dental interns will spend six months at this hospital, and another six months at Bethesda, Md. The Medical interns will be at Oak Knoll a year, during which they will be rotated through the various services.

Eleven are veterans of previous service in the Armed Forces, three of them having served as Navy Hospital Corpsmen. All but four of the group are married.

The members of the group:

LTJG H. A. Carswell, MC, USNR, from Gracewood, Ga., a graduate of the Medical College of Georgia. He is married and has two daughters, and served as an enlisted man in the Coast Guard from 1939 to 1945. His first assignment here is Medical Service and Cardiology.

LTJG James Mushovic, MC, USNR, a graduate of Tufts Medical School whose home is at Greenfield, Mass. During World War II he served 37 months in the Navy, released with the rank of Ensign. He is married and has an 18-month-old son. He is assigned to Women's Medicine.

LTJG C. J. Wilson, MC, USNR, was married just three weeks ago. A resident of Galveston, Texas, he graduated from the University of Texas School of Medicine. He lists sports as his favorite hobby. He is currently assigned to E.E.N.T.

LTJG R. R. Periman, MC, USNR, is one of the bachelors of the group. He is also a graduate of the University of Texas School of Medicine, and his home is at Dallas. He is now assigned to Pediatrics.

LTJG S. V. Hiltz, MC, USNR, came from White Salmon, Washington, and is a graduate of the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine. He served nearly two years during World War II as a Hospital Corpsman, with part of his service in the Bay Area. He is married and has an 18-month-old son. He lists music and mountain climbing as his top extracurricular activities. He is assigned to OB and GYN.

LTJG R. W. Miller, MC, USNR, served three years during World War II as an enlisted man in the Army's Field Artillery. His home is at Wyncote, Pa., and he is a graduate of Hahnemann Medical College in Philadelphia. He is married and has a son, age 7. He lists fishing and photography as his hobbies. He is also assigned to OB and GYN.

LTJG G. F. Monahan, Jr., MC, USNR, is from Portland, Maine, and graduated from McGill University School of Medicine. He was a sergeant in the Air Force from 1942 to 1946, and is a bachelor. His hobbies are photography, painting and music. His first assignment is the Orthopedic Service.

LTJG G. W. McGregor, MC, USNR, is a graduate of the University of Minnesota Medical School, and his home is in Minneapolis. He is married. He is currently assigned to Urology.

LTJG R. G. Whitfield, MC, USNR, is a Californian, from Campbell, and graduated from Stanford Medical School. He was an ensign in the Naval



New interns who began their year's training at Oak Knoll the first of the month posed for the hospital photographer with CDR L. J. Pope, MC, USN, Assistant Chief of Medicine (extreme left), and CAPT C. C. Shaw, MC, USN, Chief of the Medical Service. Shown are (back row, left to right) LTJG B. M. Kennedy, MC, USNR; LTJG R. W. Miller, MC, USNR; LTJG James Mushovic, MC, USNR; LTJG G. W. McGregor, MC, USNR; LTJG G. F. Monahan, Jr., MC, USNR; (second row) LTJG D. E. Smith, MC, USNR; LTJG C. J. Wilson, MC, USNR; LTJG R. R. Periman, MC, USNR; LTJG J. D. Oremland, MC, USNR; LTJG H. A. Carswell, MC, USNR; and (front row) CDR Pope, LTJG W. A. Glenn, MC, USNR; LTJG R. G. Whitfield, MC, USNR; LTJG G. J. Floyd, MC, USNR, and CAPT Shaw. LTJG S. V. Hiltz, MC, USNR, also an intern, was not present when the picture was taken.

Air Corps during his two years, and three months service in World War II. Married, he has a four-year-old daughter. He is assigned to the Surgical Service.

LTJG W. A. Glenn, MC, USNR, is another graduate of the University of Texas School of Medicine, and his home is at Tyler, Texas. He is a veteran of four years' service as an enlisted man in the Marine Corps, and has two daughters, aged 6 years and 14 months. Tennis and fly-fishing are his favorite hobbies. He is assigned to Women's Surgical.

LTJG B. M. Kennedy, MC, USNR, is from Coopersburg, Pa., and a graduate of the Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia. He served as a Hospital Corpsman from 1943 through 1946. He was married a month ago, and his wife is also a doctor, currently interning at Highland Hospital.

When he has time for hobbies he prefers travel and reading. He is assigned to the Medical Service.

LTJG G. J. Floyd, MC, USNR, graduated from the University of Arkansas School of Medicine, and his home is at Nashville, Ark. After a six-year hitch in the regular Navy from 1940 to 1946, he was discharged as a Chief in the Hospital Corps. He is married and has two sons, aged 3 and 4. Golf is his favorite sport. He has also been assigned to the Medical Service.

LTJG J. D. Oremland, MC, USNR, is another bachelor. From Rock Springs, Wyoming, he is a graduate of Stanford School of Medicine, and lists color photography as his hobby. He is assigned to Anesthesia.

LTJG D. E. Smith, MC, USNR, is from Royal Oak, Michigan, and attended Wayne University College of

Medicine in Detroit. He is married and has five children, three daughters and two sons. During World War II he served two years as an enlisted man and as a cadet. He is currently assigned to Contagious Diseases.

LTJG Floyd J. Dickson, DC, USNR, is from Haskell, Okla., and is a graduate of the Washington University School of Dentistry in St. Louis. Dr. Dickson is married. Golf and fishing are his hobbies.

LTJG S. L. Brown, DC, USNR, another bachelor, is from Philadelphia and is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania School of Dentistry. Sports are his main interest in off-duty hours.

LTJG R. P. Hansen, DC, USNR, previously served in both the Naval Air Corps Cadet program and as an enlisted man. He is a graduate of the University of Minnesota School of Dentistry and a resident of Minneapolis. He is married, and music is his hobby.

U. of C. Graduate New Librarian Here

A former teacher at the University of California in Los Angeles and a former timber scout for the Forest Service is now librarian at the Oak Knoll Crew's Library.

He is Mr. Theodor B. Yerke, who began his work here recently following his graduation from the Library School at the University of California, where he was awarded the degree of Bachelor of Library Science.

A native of Montana but a Californian since 1932, Mr. Yerke also has his Bachelor of Arts degree in German from UCLA, and taught German there before entering Library School.

At one time he also served as publicity photographer for North American Aviation at Inglewood.



The three new Dental interns at Oak Knoll are (left to right) LTJG Richard P. Hansen, DC, USNR, LTJG S. L. Brown, DC, USNR, and LTJG Floyd J. Dickson, DC, USNR. They began their six months' course here last week.

Staff Personalities

Welcome and Farewell

The staff census at Oak Knoll dropped again last week with a net loss of 22, as 39 former staff members left the hospital, and 17 new members reported aboard. Of those transferred, 22 went to new duty assignments, 13 were released to inactive duty, and four returned to civilian life.

Reporting aboard were LTJG George A. Brennan, Jr., MC, USN, from Naval Medical School, Bethesda; LTJG Lawrence A. Campodónico, MC, USNR, LTJG Arthur B. Carfagni, Jr., MC, USNR, and LTJG Jack E. McCleary, MC, USNR, all from inactive duty; LT Russell R. Frew, MSC, USNR, from MSD, Oakland; CAPT Christopher C. Shaw, MC, USN, from Army Medical Service School, Washington, D. C.; LTJG Richard P. Hansen, DC, USNR, from inactive duty; WOHC John L. Sullivan, USN, from USS POMODON; LTJG Seymour L. Brown, DC, USNR, from inactive duty; LTJG Alice R. Shipley, NC, USNR, from Inyokern, Calif.;

HM2 E. J. Minetti from NTC, Great Lakes; HN's M. E. Kaiser and A. E. Siekmeier, from HCS, Great Lakes, and HA's J. N. Lute, P. E. Ryan and R. F. Pickens, all from HCS, Great Lakes, and J. E. Toussaint from HCS, San Diego.

Transferred were LTJG Carl A. Dillaha, Jr., MC, USNR, to NAS, Point Mugu; LTJG Earl H. Ninow, MC, USNR, to NAS, Pensacola; LTJG Beverly H. Isberner, NC, USNR, and LTJG Anne T. Cronin, NC, USNR, both to civilian life; LT Gaylord F. Pierce, MSC, USN, to FMF, Camp Pendleton; LT Rivers G. Harwell, MSC, USN, to Naval School of Hospital Administration, Bethesda; LTJG Milton T. Smith, MC, USNR, to civilian life; LT Alice L. Horrer, NC, USNR, to USNH, Camp Lejeune; LT Charles G. Kramer, MC, USNR, to Naval Recruiting Station, San Francisco; LTJG George J. Williams, MCR, USNR, to USNH, Corona; LTJG Sterling B. Suddarth, MC, USNR, to MSTs, San Francisco; LTJG Richard O. Rutland, Jr., MC, USNR, to inactive duty; LT James P. Ahstrom, Jr., MC, USNR, to Naval Recruiting Station, San Francisco; WOHC Timothy P. Fitzgerald, Jr., USN, to USS POLLUX; LTJG John V. Corbett, MC, USNR, to USNH, Camp Pendleton; LTJG Warren W. Douglas, MC, USNR, and LTJG Hubert M. Upton, MC, USNR, both to USNH, Mare Island; LTJG William B. Epps, MC, USNR, to USNH, Yokosuka; LTJG James B. Landis, MC, USNR, to Naval Shipyard, Bremerton; LTJG James L. Laubach, MC, USNR, to NAS, Seattle; LTJG Frank K. Root, Jr., MC, USNR, to NAS, Oakland; LTJG Samuel L. Stillings, MC, USNR, to NAS, Denver;

HM1's C. G. Nelson to Camp Pendleton, W. D. Bowles to civilian life, and D. F. Kleber and R. H. McCann, both to inactive duty; HM3's B. E. Ditmore to civilian life, and R. H. Burkett, Jr., J. N. Hall, R. E. Hamm, L. D. Robinson, M. K. Shanahan, R. K. Smith, F. F. Summers and R. H. Webb, all to inactive duty; HN's D. G. Hanna to inactive duty, and R. L. Rogers and T. E. Paillette, both to Camp Pendleton, and DKSJ J. J. Gauntt to USS ORCA.

O. L. "Jake" Jacobson, HMC, USN, is gaining considerable fame as the captain and manager of the championship Oak Knoll softball team. Chief Jake came to Oak Knoll 18 months ago, and after being assigned to Physical Therapy, is now a member of the Special Services Staff. A veteran of nearly 13 years' service in the Navy, Chief Jacobson is a native of Wisconsin. He is married and has a son three months old. During World War II his service included a tour aboard the USS BLACKHAWK in the Asiatic Fleet, at Fleet Hospital 111, and as assistant to the Fleet Medical Officer, Commander, Forward Area, Central Pacific. Before coming to Oak Knoll he was on LSM 397 operating out of Norfolk.



A ten-hour hike to the top of a 12,050 foot mountain may not be your idea of fun, but it appeals to Bob Birrell, HM2, USNR, currently Night Master-At-Arms at the Corps Quarters. When he is released to inactive duty later this month, and before he re-enrolls in the University of Utah in Salt Lake City, Bob plans to go to Provo to make his seventh trip to the top of Mt. Timpanogos. Called back to active duty early in April, 1951, Bob has five quarters ahead of him at the university before he receives his degree with a major in Biology. Bob served three years in the regular Navy during World War II, mostly at NAS, San Diego, and aboard the USS BOXER. His hobbies are photography, reading and music.



★ ★ CHUCKLES ★ ★

The mountain lad wanted to marry the girl, but was much too shy to come right out with the words "marry" or "marriage." So, after giving the problem much thought, he asked her in a whisper one evening: "Julia, how would you like to be buried with my people?"

The only way to save money nowadays is to have low pockets and short arms.

"How's the world treating you?"
"Very seldom."

"This morning I touched the floor with my chin without bending my knees."

"Trying to reduce?"
"Nope. Fell out of bed."

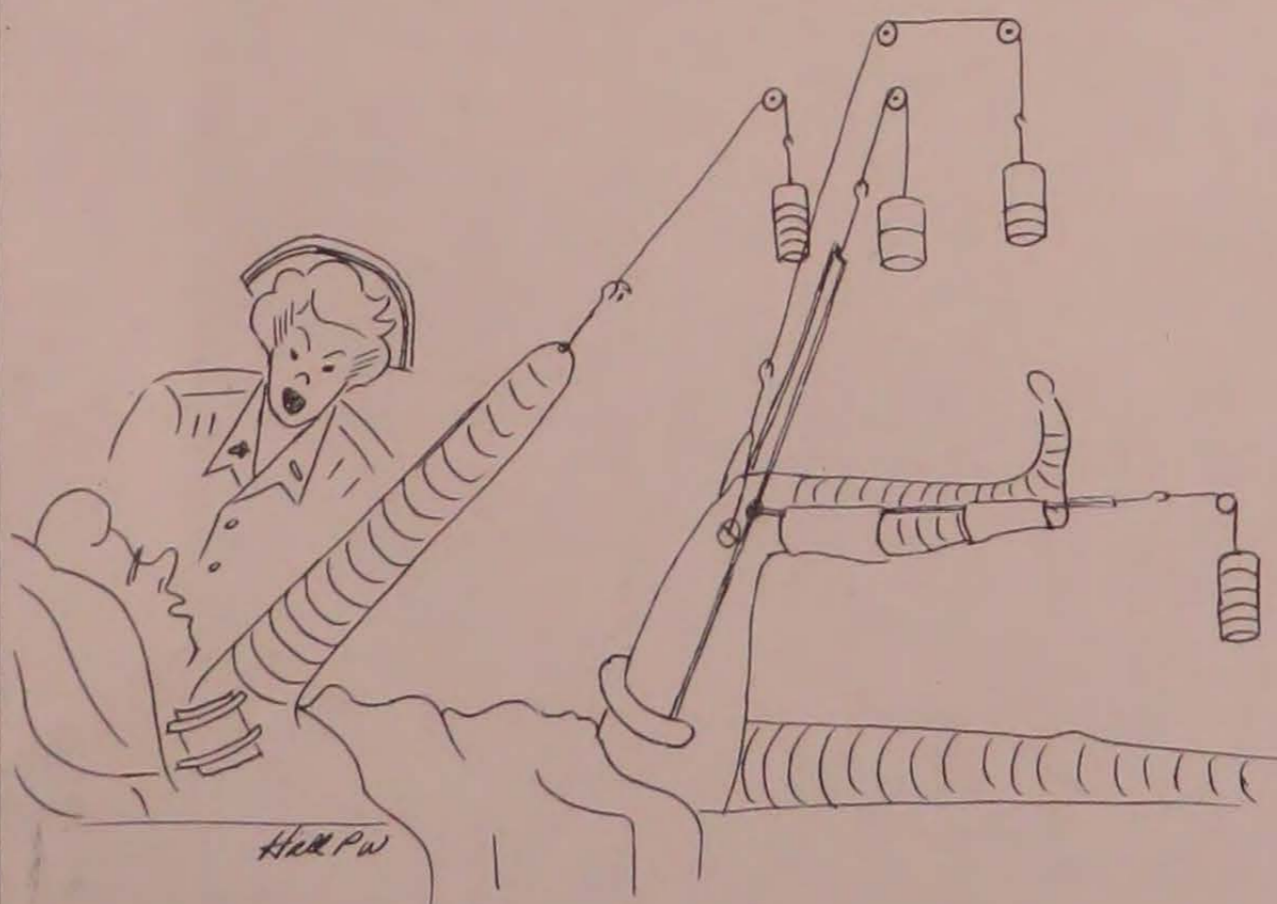
"Like short skirts, Mike?"
"Naw, they get lipstick on me shoit front when I dance wit' 'em."

Why was the Pharaoh's daughter like a broker?
Because she got a little prophet from the rushes on the banks.

In defending his state a native was saying, "All we need is a better type of settler and more water."

"When you come to think of it," retorted the tourist, "that's all that Hell needs."

"Daddy, don't the witches make their brew any more?"
"Sure. Only now they call it coffee."



"You comfortable?"

Atomic 'Family' Said Possibility

Washington (AFPS) — A complete family of atomic weapons for use "not only by strategic bombers, but by ground support aircraft, armies and navies," was declared a definite possibility recently by Chairman Gordon Dean of the Atomic Energy Commission.

Chairman Dean told a House appropriations subcommittee that "recent revolutionary developments" in the field of atomic weapons has "radically revised" the entire concept of atomic warfare.

"No longer," Chairman Dean said, "are these weapons looked upon only as devices to be used in a 'Hiroshima-type' way against cities and industrial areas. The Department of Defense is very much aware of this change in concept and atomic weapons are being incorporated into operational plans of all three Armed Forces."

At the same time other testimony by top Army officials revealed that the Army has developed a 90-mm self-propelled anti-tank gun to improve the striking power of airborne units, and a fire control device for use in directing fire of 90-mm and 120-mm anti-aircraft guns and anti-aircraft guided missiles.

LIBRARY CONCERT

Three well-known composers will be represented at the weekly recorded classics concert at the Crew's Library between 1200 and 1300 on Thursday, 17 July. They are:

Dukas' "Sorcerer's Apprentice," played by the NBC Symphony, conducted by Arturo Toscanini.

A Chopin Recital, with Wilhelm Bachaus, pianist.

Tschaikovski's "1812 Overture," played by the Boston Pops Orchestra, conducted by Arthur Fiedler.

The concert will be the last until the first Thursday after Labor Day in September. Requests for records in the Library's collection will be played on Wednesday afternoons, however.

Some Reserve Officers Allowed to Resign

Washington (AFPS) — Certain Naval Reserve officers who have been released to inactive duty since 25 June 1950, may now resign from the Naval Reserve, according to the Bureau of Naval Personnel.

Eligible for resignation are those officers who have reached the age of 35 and performed active duty, including enlisted service, for a period of 90 or more days between 7 Dec. 1941 and 2 Sept. 1945. They also must have maintained continuous membership in the Naval Reserve and been released to inactive duty since 25 June 1950.

Time served in government-sponsored training and educational programs may not be counted for fulfillment of active duty requirements.

The Navy also announced recently that regular or Reserve officers and enlisted men released or discharged from active duty since 25 June 1950, who will become members of the Organized Reserve, shall not again be ordered to active duty involuntarily. This of course precludes a call-up in time of war or national emergency declared by Congress.

SPORTS

Harrison Hurls No-Hit Shut-Out

The apparently unbeatable Oak Knoll softball team did it again last week on Wednesday, 2 July, as it rode rough-shod over the Y.B.I. Air Force Unit to win 15-0.

After four and a half innings of no-hit, no-run pitching by Oak Knoll's Harrison, and after two Y.B.I. pitchers had been pushed all over the field, the Flyboys conceded the win to Oak Knoll, packed their bags and went home.

Only three Y.B.I. men reached the base paths during the afternoon. Two got on in the first inning, one on an error, the other on a fielder's choice. The other was walked by Harrison in the last inning.

For Oak Knoll, however, things were different. Nine men came to bat in the first inning, and three runs were scored as Hinds walked, Brown singled, Hendrix lived on an error, Davis and Hillan singled, and another error put Cruzan on.

Three more runs were added in the second, nine in a big third inning on eight hits, several errors and three walks, and one more in the fourth.

Brown led the way at the plate as the team moved to its fifth win against no losses. In four times at bat Brown collected a single, a double and two triples. Hendrix did his part by booming out two doubles, and Jenkinson got one. Davis and Cruzan both got two singles, Hinds, Jacobson, Hillan and Harrison each got one.

On Wednesday, 9 July, the Knollites were slated to meet the only team in the Twelfth Naval District League that they have not beaten, when they travel to Moffett Field.

On Wednesday, 16 July, the hospital team will start the second round of the league schedule against NAS, Alameda, on the home field.

Baseball Chances Hurt by Defeat

Chances of Oak Knoll's baseball team reaching the Bay Area play-offs were dimmer this week as the Knollites took a 12-9 beating by a slugging Port Chicago Marines crew.

The hospital team, with Anderson on the mound, kept things well in hand until a disastrous fifth inning. Leading at that point by a count of 4-2, they saw the Marines put together two walks, an error, a home run, a triple and two singles for five runs.

Oak Knoll came back to tie the score 9-9 after their half of the eighth but Port Chicago came through with three more runs in the last half of that stanza, and Oak Knoll attempts to rally in the ninth were futile.

The Knollites got their first two runs in the second as Basques singled and Irving boomed out a homer. Two more were added in the third on two Port Chicago errors, and a single by Seastrand. In the big seventh, Dinuzzo singled, Amos tripled, Basques lived on an error and Irving smashed out a double for the three runs.

Irving was the power at the plate, getting a total of three hits, a homer and two doubles, in four times at bat. Dinuzzo also helped lead the attack, getting four hits, three singles and a double, in five times at bat. Seastrand contributed two singles, Amos a triple and Basques a single for a total of 11 hits. The Port Chicago crew racked up a total of 16 hits during the afternoon.

Horseshoe Tourney Slated for Hospital

Athletic Director W. Johnson this week announced plans for an Oak Knoll staff horseshoe tournament, slated to start on Monday, 21 July.

Johnson is planning two contests, singles and doubles. The singles will be in a double elimination bracket, the doubles contest a single elimination. The meet will be held at the athletic field.

Johnson asked that entries be completed with Special Services as soon as possible so that pairings may be made as soon as possible.

Super Carrier's Keel To Be Laid in July

Newport News, Va. (AFPS)—A new era of naval air power will be inaugurated by the keel laying of the Navy's super carrier, the James Forrestal, this month. Defense Secretary Robert A. Lovett will lay the keel.

The Navy estimates the 60,000-ton ship will go into active service some time in 1954.

The \$218,000,000 flattop is designed to launch and recover atom bomb-carrying planes, jet fighters and torpedo-toting aircraft. Able to maneuver anywhere on the globe, the ship is being built by the Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock Co.



Mrs. Lee Ballard, radio and television singer, stepped up to the microphone at the CPO Club Western dance and party last week to sing a few songs, accompanied by a member of the orchestra. Mrs. Ballard's appearance was of more than passing interest. She is the daughter of HMC M. R. Morrison of the Oak Knoll Master-at-Arms force. The party was a huge success.

Communications Beats Knollites

Hitting power, usually very evident in Oak Knoll baseball, was sadly lacking on Tuesday, 1 July, as the Hospital team went down to defeat before Twelfth Naval District Communications by a score of 10-4. It was the ninth loss against 12 wins for the season.

Communications started off fast, scoring five runs in the first inning on a double, three singles and two bases on balls. Oak Knoll wasn't able to get started, but managed to score a single run in the second when Seastrand and Schoenbachler walked and McCann lived on an error.

Things looked better in the third as the home team added three more runs on singles by Basques and Webb and Communications' errors that gave life to McCann and Amos.

But that was the best Oak Knoll could do. Communications added another run in the second, three more in the fifth and one in the eighth. Rocky Haile went the route for Oak Knoll; Ashby was the Communications hurler.

Basques and Webb led what hitting there was with two singles each. Seastrand and Pitzer added singles.

On Thursday, 10 July, Oak Knoll was slated to meet Tiburon Net Depot in the final home game of the league schedule, but results were not available for publication. On Tuesday, 15 July, Oak Knoll has a bye, and on Thursday, 17 July, will travel to Mare Island to meet the Marines in the last scheduled game of the season.

Huntington, Ind. (AFPS)—Bessy's last meal gave her quite a shock. The dead Guernsey was found with a half-eaten electric light bulb and socket in her mouth.

Hartford, Conn. (AFPS)—A job survey asked state employees how much time they spent at each of their duties. An elevator operator replied, "Up 50 per cent, down 50 per cent."

PREVIEWS

Sunday, 13 July

LADY IN THE IRON MASK—Patricia Medina, Louis Hayward, ADVENTURE. This is another movie which uses the famous musketeers — D'Artagnan, Porthos, Aramis and Athos — to tell a story of the France of yester-year, and a villainous nobleman who plotted against the monarchy. Louis Hayward, as D'Artagnan, is the hero in a plot in which Miss Medina plays the double role of twin sisters, who are princesses. It seems that in order to preserve the monarchy, it was necessary to keep the birth of the twins a secret and one of the girls is spirited off to a dungeon where she is kept in an iron mask. D'Artagnan rescues the poor girl, as you might expect, but there is a lot of doing in it. Reviewer's rating: Good. Also "Satan and Blades," a one-reeler in black and white, and a newsreel.

Monday, 14 July

MR. ACE — George Raft, Sylvia Sydney. DRAMA. Here is one of the oldies that made Mr. Raft a big success in the movie business. Originally released in August, 1946, it was re-issued by Astor Pictures in June of 1951. It has received a rating of "good" and even if you saw it when it was new, it would be interesting to see it again. Also a one-reeler in black and white with wrestling as its topic.

Tuesday, 15 July

FRANCIS GOES TO WEST POINT — Donald O'Connor, Lori Nelson. COMEDY. Here is a new one in the "Francis" series, released just this month. In the movie, Francis, the talking mule, gets O'Connor into West Point and tutors him in the various Point requirements. There are the usual complications until both the commandant and the coach of the football team begin to rely on the mule. Rating: Very Good, if you like this sort of thing. Also a one-reeler featuring Buddy Morrow and his orchestra.

Wednesday, 16 July

LAURA — Gene Tierney, Dana Andrews. DRAMA. Here is another reissue, that came out the first time back in October, 1944, and was re-released last May. Little information is available concerning it, except that it got a rating of good. Also a one-reeler in color, called "Flat Foot Fledgling."

Thursday, 17 July

THE HAPPY TIME—Charles Boyer, Marcia Hunt, COMEDY. This is a brand new one, not yet scheduled for release by its makers, the Columbia studios. No information as to its content is available and no reviews have been published. Also a one-reeler in black and white, "Rosalind Rogues."

Friday, 18 July

THE LION AND THE HORSE — Steve Cochran, Black Knight, ACTION. This is about a man's love for his horse, takes place in the great outdoors and is in color. Mr. Cochran rounds up wild horses for a living, finds one he likes, but it is sold before he can raise the money to buy it. He works around the rodeo circuit and finally finds the horse, being treated cruelly by his owner as a freak attraction. He frees the horse, loses it again, runs from the law; the horse fights a lion, and naturally is the winner. Black Knight is the name of the horse, not the leading lady. There doesn't seem to be any lady. Rating: Good. Also "Water, Water, Every Hare," a one-reeler in color, plus a newsreel.

Saturday, 19 July

JUNGLE SIREN — Ann Corio, Buster Crabbe, ? ? ? ? ? No information of any kind available on this one. It is made by Astor Pictures, but whether new or old, good or bad, is not known. Better see it and draw your own conclusions. Also a one-reeler on wrestling.

Golf Team Members Badly Needed Here

Athletic Director W. Johnson this week sounded a plea for candidates for membership on the Oak Knoll varsity golf team, as transfers and discharges cut deep into his links crew.

Currently standing among the "also-rans" in Twelfth Naval District competition, the golf team would be given a considerable boost if it had the required number of members.

Anyone who can tour the course in anything like a reasonable number of strokes is urged to contact Johnson as soon as possible.

Doctor: "Sergeant, your wife has just presented you with quadruplets!"

Sgt. Smith: "Four cryin' out loud!"

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CAPT R. D. Fletcher, MC, USN, (left) Head of the Training Branch of the Professional Division of the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, was at Oak Knoll during the past week to inspect facilities here in connection with the training program for residents and interns. He was accompanied by CAPT C. L. Andrews, MC, USN, (right) who will be his successor. They are shown here conferring with CAPT I. L. V. Norman, MC, USN, Executive Officer. While at Oak Knoll CAPT Fletcher met personally with residents and interns. The visitors left the hospital on Wednesday to go to the hospital at Bremerton for a similar visit.

K-Vet Bill Approved by Congress; Mustering-Out Pay Is Retroactive

Washington (AFPS)—As promised, Congress delivered the eagerly awaited K-Vet Bill in time for the fall school term. The President promptly signed it.

The Bill would give educational loans and unemployment benefits, as well as mustering-out pay, on-the-job and on-the-farm training to veterans who served in the Armed Forces on or after June 27, 1950.

The big problem posed in the conference committee was how much the veteran would receive to pay for his subsistence, books and tuition. It had already been agreed that he would receive the money himself from which he would pay all expenses including tuition.

The final version of the bill gives him \$110.00 a month if single, \$135.00, if he has one dependent and \$160.00 if he has more than one dependent. This of course would be for full-time schooling.

For three-quarters time schooling he would receive \$80.00 single, \$100.00 a month with one dependent and \$120.00 a month with more than one dependent. Provisions are also made for half-time students and students who attend less than half-time.

No limitations have been set on the amount of money a student-veteran can earn privately. Schooling time will be computed on the basis of one-

and-a-half days for each day of active service not to exceed 36 months.

Mustering-out pay remains on the same \$100.00, \$200.00 and \$300.00 ratio which appeared in the Senate Bill. Men with less than 60 days' service would receive \$100.00. Men with more than 60 days' service who spent their active duty in the U. S. would receive \$200.00 and men who served overseas would receive \$300.00. Officers above captain or lieutenant in the Navy would be ineligible for mustering-out pay.

Those released prior to the passage of the Bill would still be eligible for mustering-out pay on a retroactive basis.

The Bill also gives a flat \$26.00 for 26 weeks to unemployed veterans. But the machinery would be carried out by the state and conform to its own labor rules and standards. As for home loans, farm loans and business loans, they would be the same as those granted WWII veterans.

Cut Fares Extended

Furlough fares for men in uniform have been extended through 31 January 1953 by American Association of Railroads. All personnel are reminded that they must travel in uniform to be eligible for the reduced rate, according to ALNAV 26-52.

Congress Passes New Reserve Bill

Washington (AFPS)—Congress has passed the long-awaited Reserve Bill. Most provisions will take effect six months after the President signs the Bill.

The Bill would limit the strength of the Ready Reserve to one-and-one-half million men. However, all reserve obligations would remain the same as set by previous bills.

The Ready Reserve may be called to active duty during an emergency declared by the President but it would be up to Congress to determine the number of men to be called.

The Bill also prohibits the President from extending enlistments in an emergency without special legislation. The Standby Reserve could be called only in time of war or national emergency declared by Congress.

Also stipulated in the Bill is the "sense of Congress" to recall those men who suffered the least hardship during their previous service. This particularly refers to Korean combat veterans who would only be available when others who had sacrificed less were already called.

The Bill also makes officers' commissions valid indefinitely and retains the active duty contract clause for reservists. Those officers who currently hold reserve commissions could allow them to expire.

Three Big Events Slated for July

Three main events are left on the calendar for the remainder of July in the field of extracurricular activities.

First of these will occur on Thursday, 24 July, when forty patients have been invited by the Alameda County Employees Association to see the Pacific Coast League-leading Oakland Oaks tangle with their trans-bay rivals, the San Francisco Seals. The game will be played at Emeryville and transportation will be provided.

On Saturday, 26 July, staff members will congregate again at the Orchard Area of Redwood Regional Park for the monthly staff picnic.

The last in a series of concerts by the Hungarian String Quartet will be presented at Mills College on Sunday, 27 July.

Atlantic Fleet Joined By Sub Squadron 12

Washington (AFPS)—The Atlantic Fleet's "silent service" has been increased with the recent addition of Submarine Squadron 12, consisting of two divisions, the Navy announces. RADM George C. Crawford, Atlantic Submarine Force Commander, reports that Divisions 121 and 122 will be activated at Key West, Fla.



Miss Margaret Hagan, (right), National Director of Red Cross activities at Service and Military Hospitals, and Consultant in Social Work to the Surgeon General in the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, was a visitor at Oak Knoll the past week. She is shown here conferring with Miss Marie Adams, (left) Red Cross Field Director at Oak Knoll, and Miss Perle Dow, Director of service in Military Hospitals at the Pacific Area Office in San Francisco. Miss Hagan was at Oak Knoll at the request of the Navy to study the Red Cross and social work program here.

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A LESSON IN LOGIC

Modern man can rightly be called an enigma because of the many unintelligible practices in which he indulges. Of these the one that will prove most damaging is the practice of living as though God does not exist while believing that He does; of living as though there were no "after life" while being convinced that there is.

If there is a God (and surveys show that most men in America believe that there is) it is inconsistent to live as though there is no God. Yet man does live as though there is no God if he never prays to God; if he never tries to find out what God wants him to do; if knowing what God wants him to do he does what he feels like doing even though it is contrary to the law of God.

If there is an "after life" this life on earth must be its prelude. Since each man is endowed with free will, his behavior during this prelude must be the determining factor controlling the state of his being hereafter. Otherwise God would be unjust. The exercise of free will as a foundation predicated a structure upon it of punishment or reward.

Modern man lives as though death marks the complete and absolute end of his being while believing that death is but the door to eternal life. Why? Partly because of ignorance, partly because of weak will, partly because of malicious intent.

A fool is really a damned fool only as he experiences the fortunes of hell. Sadly enough, though, foolish inconsistent living on earth can have only that one result in the life hereafter.

J. J. KILLEEN, Catholic Chaplain

Knowledge Lessens A-Bomb Effect

NOTE: This is the second of a series of articles concerning the best method of combating the effects of an atomic explosion. The information originally appeared in a memorandum from the Officer-in-Charge, Naval Advance Base Personnel Depot, San Bruno.

Flash burns from the atom bomb's light and heat caused about 30 per cent of the injuries at Hiroshima and Nagasaki. People more than a mile away may be seriously burned, while

the heat can be felt on the bare hands and face at from four to five miles. To prevent flash burns, try to find a shelter where there is a wall, high bank, or some high object between you and the bursting bomb. Even slight covering of cloth or boards will help prevent flash burns.

With the exception of underwater or ground explosions, the radioactivity from atomic bursts is much less to be feared than blast and heat. This radioactivity is not a mystery; in fact, we know more about radioactivity than about colds and some of the common diseases. Radioactivity acts similarly to sunlight. If we stay in the sun's hot rays for some time, a burn may result. While a bad sunburn on limited portions of the body may hurt, it is not normally serious; however, if your body is entirely sunburned the consequences become dire. In the same way, the harm that can come to you from radioactivity will depend on the power of the rays and particles that strike you, upon the length of time you are exposed to them, and how much of your body is exposed.

Prompt radioactivity occurs at the moment of the explosion and is a powerful burst of rays and particles, which promptly die. Danger from these lasts about a minute. For a normal air burst, danger does not range over a mile. Radioactivity alone caused only about 15 per cent of all deaths and injuries in the explosions in Japan. Prompt radio-

Red Cross Ramblings



July birthdays on Ward 43A were honored with the traditional ice cream and cake being served by Red Cross Gray Lady Mrs. Claire Claeboe of Oakland Chapter. Honorees were SGT. W. H. Spurrier, USMC; CPL James Smith; Dean Keenan, FN; and N. J. Clark, AA. The beautifully decorated cake was supplied as a courtesy of the East Bay Unit of the 91st Division Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the ice cream is a regular monthly contribution from the Corpus Christi Church Guild of which Mrs. Claeboe is a member. Salvos to these July celebrants.

SUMMER THEATRE AGAIN!

Our first trip this season to the popular Straw Hat Revue in Lafayette included a number of patients from Ward 41A: R. H. KULP, BM3; W. L. BOHEMNAN, AMAN; T/SGT J. E. LAWRENCE; R. H. EIEMAN, A/3c; A. M. GOMSHANY, AKAN; and T/SGT W. L. HILL. This theater group has been most generous in sharing their hilarious performances with Oak Knoll and it is with great pride Red Cross offers this unusual opportunity to various wards each week. Mrs. Moulton, Entertainment and Instruction Chairman of Berkeley Chapter, is responsible for securing their interest.

BALTIMORE VISITOR

During the past two years, a most generous contributor of philatelic material for the Oak Knoll Stamp Club has been Mr. G. Bernard LeRoy of Baltimore, Md. Mr. LeRoy decided to make a vacation trip to the West Coast and naturally looked up the hospital for which he has been soliciting contributions. His impressions were most favorable and his enthusiasm for supplying patients' needs in stamp collecting was heightened by the experience of meeting several club members. Mr. LeRoy tells us he contacts various veteran groups as well as stamp dealers and collectors in the East and these in turn through him have provided much essential material. Sincere congratulations on a noteworthy project!

activity is far less of a danger in ground and underwater bursts.

Initial radioactivity sets up at short range artificial or induced radioactivity which rarely offers any great danger. Bandages and first-aid materials in medicine cabinets will not be made dangerous, nor will canned or bottled foods spoil unless the containers are broken open.

ENTERTAINER FROM MSTs

Several orthopedic wards had the good fortune of seeing and hearing Chanteuse Stella Martin last Friday afternoon through the courtesy of Military Sea Transportation Service Neal Hopkins, the MSTs public information representative, escorted the attractive young singer and her accompanist. In addition to a wide variety of selections, she generously sang some request encores. "I'll Walk Alone" was called for by HILBERT RANGEL, SA, on Ward 41A. Other favorites requested on that ward were "Body and Soul," by LOREN SULLENDER, SKSN, and "A Guy Is a Guy," by R. H. EIEMAN, A/3c.

THE INCIDENTS AT GULPING GULCH

No reports of poison ivy or oak have been received from the patients who frolicked at an improvised picnic ground known as "Gulping Gulch" in the Red Cross lounge last Monday afternoon. But there was much evidence of great hilarity and good fun derived from the humorous setting and games planned by the girls of the current Red Cross training class PVT HAROLD B. CORNWELL, 48B was in charge of the popcorn booth which did a sell-out business. The traditional baseball game was umpired by G. H. NEWSON, SA, from 80B. Players boozing this frustrated official were W. H. DISON, SA; SGT R. VARILA, and W. E. KINSEY, SN all from 65A. Attendance from the wards totaled about 75 men of whom a dozen were noble participants in a beauty contest.

First Round Knock-Out

Add—Quotable Quips:

One night last week Chief Ha of Oak Knoll's Photo Lab pulled up the easy chair in front of the TV set and tuned in the Republican Convention. His three and a half year old daughter, an ardent TV fan, cried happily, "Look, Daddy, the fights are on!"

Divine Services

Hospital Chapel at Main Gate
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BIBLE SCHOOL — SUNDAY 0945
 SUNDAY WORSHIP — 1100
 FELLOWSHIP HOUR — MONDAY
 1930 — In Chaplains' Office — Ward 67A

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 Confessions before Mass
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Catholic Oratory in back of Chapel
**CHAPLAINS' OFFICES IN
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 NAVY RELIEF OFFICE—
 IN CHAPEL**

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 in Staff Conference Room,
 Adm. Bldg. Annex

Chaplains of other faiths will be called
 upon request

BUS TO AND FROM CHAPEL ON
 SUNDAYS 0845 & 1045

Life Begins at Oak Knoll

6 July

- HULSE, Sheryle Lee, to wife of Clarence Hulse, BM3, 6 pounds.
- DETRICK, George William III, to wife of George Detrick Jr., S/SGT, 5 pounds, 12 ounces.
- DeLOACH, Cynthia Dawn, to wife of Charles DeLoach, ADE2, 5 pounds, 2 ounces.
- JONES, Suzanne Elaine, to wife of Harold Jones, BM1, 6 pounds.
- FLETCHER, Richard Edward, to wife of William Fletcher, SGT, 6 pounds, 7½ ounces.
- BARR, Boy, to wife of Ronald Barr, AK3, 6 pounds, 4 ounces.
- WADE, Patricia Sue, to wife of William Wade, LTJG, 6 pounds, 9 ounces.
- PERONA, Girl, to wife of Paul Perona, PN2, 6 pounds, 6 ounces.

7 July

- McCLUEN, Susan Joy, to wife of Robert McCluen, CAPT, 7 pounds, 6 ounces.
- PAULSON, Pamela Lee, to wife of Douglas Paulson, AK2, 7 pounds, 15 ounces.
- CLEMENSON, William Edwin, to wife of Lowell Clemenson, BM3, 8 pounds, 3 ounces.
- GUTIERREZ, Vincent Daniel, to wife of Osmundo Gutierrez, TN, 7 pounds, 7 ounces.
- COVERT, Sandra Marie, to wife of Richard Covert, S/SGT, 8 pounds, 3 ounces.

8 July

- McKEE, Darcy Lynne, to wife of Carlos McKee, SK3, 8 pounds, 7½ ounces.
- STILES, Rick Alan, to wife of Donald Stiles, HM3, 7 pounds, 1 ounce.
- STONE, Boy, to wife of Francis Stone, PRAN, 6 pounds, 4 ounces.
- VACLAVIK, Diana Lynn, to wife of Delvin Vaclavik, AB3, 8 pounds.
- STEWART, Mark Allen, to wife of Ronald Stewart, DK3, 6 pounds, 8 ounces.
- NOLAN, Boy, to wife of Robert Nolan, AD2, 6 pounds, 3 ounces.
- LUKE, Shirley Ann, to wife of Robert Luke, EN1, 5 pounds, 15 ounces.
- KETTENHOFEN, Jean Ann, to wife of Robert Kettenhofen, T/SGT, 7 pounds, 2 ounces.
- BURINGTON, Mark Stephen, to wife of Jesse Burington, S/SGT, 7 pounds, 3 ounces.
- SHRADER, Suzanne Annette, to wife of David Shrader, CE2, 8 pounds, 3 ounces.
- BUTLER, Robin Joyce, to wife of Ramsey Butler Jr., DKCA, 7 pounds, 14 ounces.
- THOMURE, Lynne Marie, to wife of Joseph Thomure, S/SGT, 6 pounds, 10 ounces.
- VAN NESS, Russell Norman, to wife of Gerald Van Ness, ACAN, 7 pounds, 2 ounces.
- BOSSE, Gregory Lee, to wife of Derwood Bosse, S/SGT, 8 pounds, 2 ounces.

9 July

- FLANAGAN, Thomas Michael, to wife of John Flanagan, CS3, 7 pounds, 3 ounces.
- CLAYTON, Mark Thomas, to wife of George Clayton, AM2, 6 pounds, 12 ounces.
- MULLINS, Boy, to wife of Donald Mullins, OMC, 6 pounds, 11 ounces.
- PEGG, William Ervine Jr., to wife of William Pegg, AKAN, 7 pounds, 4 ounces.
- JOY, Chester George II, to wife of Chester Joy, MM1, 7 pounds, 3 ounces.
- FRALEY, Lucy Jean, to wife of Lewis Fraley, FTSN, 5 pounds.
- DAWKINS, Boy, to wife of Booker Dawkins, SGT, 7 pounds, 10 ounces.
- DAMON, Charles Warren Jr., to wife of Charles Damon, DKC, 7 pounds.
- RIZZO, Claudia, to wife of Claude Rizzo, 2nd LT, 6 pounds, 10 ounces.

10 July

- HALE, Keith Alan, to wife of Alan Hale, AN, 5 pounds, 5 ounces.
- SANDERS, Girl, to wife of Hunter Sanders, ET1, 6 pounds, 15 ounces.
- KELLEY, Marla Marie, to wife of Harold Kelley, BT3, 8 pounds, 2 ounces.
- ALMOND, John David, to wife of John Almond, YN2, 5 pounds, 12 ounces.
- WILKES, Ann Margaret, to wife of Ben Wilkes, LT, 8 pounds, 5 ounces.
- WAYMIRE, Claude Edward Jr., to wife of Claude Waymire, SN, 6 pounds, 12½ ounces.
- RATEKIN, Deborah Jean, to wife of Earl Ratekin, PFC, 8 pounds.

11 July

- RAMEY, Linda Darline, to wife of Leslie Ramey, SN, 7 pounds, 9 ounces.
- STONE, Michael Wayne, to wife of Earlyn Stone, ET3, 6 pounds, 8 ounces.
- HICKS, Margo Renee, to wife of Aubrey Hicks, CAPT, 6 pounds, 5 ounces.
- WALKER, John Adams, to wife of William Walker Jr., BMC, 6 pounds, 9½ ounces.
- SCARBOROUGH, Judy, to wife of Harry Scarborough Jr., LT, 8 pounds, 11½ ounces.
- HALLMARK, Brian Curtis, to wife of Almon Hallmark, A/2c, 8 pounds, 14 ounces.
- CAVANAUGH, Edward Duane, to wife of Duane Cavanaugh, AA, 6 pounds, 7 ounces.
- SHIELDS, Linda Diane, to wife of Robert Shields, AN, 8 pounds, 5 ounces.
- PECHAR, Gerald Lyn, to wife of Robert Pechar, ENC, 5 pounds, 8 ounces.



Two rehabilitation specialists were able to exchange viewpoints this week when Miss Helga Smedberg of Helsinki, Finland, visited Oak Knoll and conferred with Mr. Charles Asbelle. Miss Smedberg is rehabilitation specialist in a Disabled Ex-Servicemen's Association hospital in Helsinki, and Mr. Asbelle holds a similar post here.

Finnish Rehabilitation Specialist Examines Facilities at Oak Knoll

Oak Knoll was host this week to a distinguished guest in the person of Miss Helga Smedberg, of Helsinki, Finland. Miss Smedberg is Chief Nurse in Medical Social work at the rehabilitation center there operated by the Disabled Ex-Servicemen's Association.

In United States under the auspices of the United Nations, Miss Smedberg spent Monday and Tuesday at Oak Knoll, studying the rehabilitation program here. She visited the Artificial Limb Center, the amputee wards, Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy.

Miss Smedberg was especially interested in the very seriously disabled, since in her work she deals only with cases where the disability

amounts to 100 percent. She explained that the Disabled Ex-Servicemen's Association in Finland is subsidized by the government, and is in charge of all hospitalization and vocational and training schools for the disabled.

Before coming to the United States Miss Smedberg spent some time at the United Nations information center in Switzerland, then spent two and one-half months in England.

She arrived in the United States on 6 April and will leave on 17 August. Since she has been in this country she visited the Woodrow Wilson Rehabilitation Center in Virginia, the Veterans Administration Hospital in Richmond, Va., and was in New York for six weeks attending a seminar in rehabilitation.

She will remain in the Bay Area visiting various medical units here until 23 July, then will go to Los Angeles before returning to Washington, D. C.

Thank You, Oak Knoll

Dear Captain Gordon,
I would like to commend your staff of doctors, nurses, attendants and corpsmen upon the efficient and pleasant way they cared for me and my new young son, Kent.

In particular, I want to praise Miss Joan Tyrrell. Her gentle, efficient manner and quiet sympathy made itself felt and gave me courage and strength. She even stayed overtime in order to be in at the delivery. I shall always remember her with great affection.

Sincerely,
Francys G. McMillan

12 July

- PHILLIPS, Charles David, to wife of Charles Phillips, ALAN, 6 pounds, 15 ounces.
- HUGHES, Steven Dean, to wife of Norman Hughes, BM2, 6 pounds, 12 ounces.
- TURNER, Gary Lee, to wife of Donald Turner, AN, 7 pounds, 10 ounces.
- COUCH, Kennette Diane, to wife of Kenneth Couch, SN, 6 pounds, 12 ounces.
- BERGERON, Debra Yvonne, to wife of Leonard Bergeron, SN, 7 pounds, 6 ounces.
- KOLSTAD, Richard Michael, to wife of Richard Kolstad, AD1, 10 pounds.
- CASTLEBERRY, Michael Dale, to wife of Morris Castleberry, BM3, 6 pounds, 15 ounces.
- HINTON, Connie Rae, to wife of Donald Hinton, AN, 8 pounds, 5 ounces.
- WEST, Buena Flora, to wife of Richard West, SD3, 6 pounds, 4 ounces.

Patients Invited To Attend Picnic

A busload of patients from Oak Knoll has been invited to attend the 17th annual picnic of the West of Market Boys, to be held at Linda Vista Park, Mission San Jose, on Sunday, 27 July.

Each patient attending will be provided with a date, and fried chicken lunches will be provided by the girls. There will also be a water show, a folk dancing exhibition and refreshments.

Transportation will leave Oak Knoll at 0830. Anyone wishing to attend must sign up with Special Services by Wednesday, 23 July.

OAK LEAF Prose Gets Wide Attention

Few Knollites are aware of the wide-spread influence of THE OAK LEAF in the journalistic world. The singing prose of THE OAK LEAF's articles have attracted attention far and wide. As a case in point, the Shelbyville, Mo., HERALD, recently was so taken by the beauty of an article printed in THE OAK LEAF that the article was reprinted, with due credit to THE OAK LEAF, in its original form, without alteration of a single well-chosen word.

For the edification of those Knollites who were so lax they missed the article when first published, it is herewith printed again:

"French lawyer pleading for an attractive client: 'Gentlemen of the jury, shall this charming young lady be cast into a lonely cell or shall she return to her beautiful little apartment at 22 Rue Neuve, telephone 88-39-54?'"

Officers Schedule Dance for 26 July

The popular Leonard Auletti orchestra will be on hand Saturday, 26 July, to furnish music for the Officers' Club party-dance for staff officers and their friends. The affair is slated to begin at 2100 and will last until 0100.

The dance will be semi-formal, and tickets are on sale at \$1 per person. Baby sitters will be provided.



Eight graduates of the Oak Knoll school for Operating Room Technicians received certificates Friday, 11 July, upon completion of the six-month course. The certificates were presented by CAPT E. H. Dickinson, MC, USN, Chief of the Surgical Service. The graduates are (front row, left to right) D. R. Harlan, HN; L. S. Davis, HN; W. Webb, HM3; S. E. Sturch, HM3; and (second row, left to right) D. M. Tinker, HM3; R. E. Wilson, HN; R. R. Kruase, HM3; and D. R. Cambra, HN. Standing in the rear are LT. E. M. Daughtry, NC, USN, Operating Supervisor; CAPT Dickinson and LT M. W. Johnston, NC, USNR, Operating Room instructor. A new class, made up of nine members, began the course during the past week.



HMI Harold R. Hensle, USN, is congratulated by CAPT J. N. C. Gordon, MC, USN, Commanding Officer, after Hensle was sworn in last week for another six-year enlistment. Hensle, currently assigned to the Staff Personnel Office, has been at Oak Knoll since June of 1951. This is his second tour of duty at Oak Knoll, and he has also been assigned to U.S. Naval Hospital, San Leandro, and to four Marine Corps units, at Guam, Camp Lejeune and at Pearl Harbor.

Vacancies Listed

Four vacancies among civilian personnel positions were announced this week by the Civilian Personnel Office. Persons interested in the openings should contact the office by 22 July. The vacancies are for:

Two nurses, GS-5, current registration in any state acceptable.

One dietician, GS-5, Bachelor's degree with major in dietetics or institutional management, plus one year's experience required.

One guard, CPC-4, must be veteran with competitive civil service status.

The smallest man we know of is the sailor who slept on his watch.



If you have an appetite for exploration and Naval history, don't fail to get in on the only reprint in 98 years of Commander William Lewis Herndon's **Exploration of the Valley of the Amazon**. There's quite a story back of this; one of the lesser-known annals of American exploration. Herndon was born in Fredericksburg, Virginia, in 1813; he entered the U. S. Navy in 1828 as a midshipman and became Lieutenant in 1841. During the Mexican war he was commander of the steamer *ISIS* in the Gulf of Mexico. After the war he is found at the Naval Observatory in Washington. He was soon assigned to foreign duty again, and while lying at anchor on the *VANDALIA* in the harbor of Valparaiso, Chile, he received notice in September 1850 of his orders to explore the Amazon valley. The background of this development laps over into international relations, involving King Dom Pedro II of Brazil. The preface by Hamilton Basso to the present edition of Herndon's work furnishes information about that.

In the 1850's Herndon's account, published in two volumes by the government, influenced many persons, among them Mark Twain, who resolved to make his fortune in South America. Mark Twain's **Life on the Mississippi** owes much to Herndon indirectly. Twain set out on our greatest river for New Orleans, hoping to reach South America. He didn't make it this time, but he gathered the material en route for his own work.

Herndon's book has been dormant nearly a century. But it makes exciting reading today, and his journey was one of the first reliable botanical, zoological and topological accounts



LT Robert A. Ogden, USNR, and his bride, the former LTJG Betty Silgen, NC, USNR, leave the Oak Knoll chapel under an arch of swords formed by the groom's fellow officers from the USS *WINDHAM BAY* after the couple's wedding ceremony on Wednesday, 9 July. In the background are LTJG Mary M. Wentzel, NC, USN, the bride's attendant, and AMMC J. J. Ogden, USN, who served as best man for his brother. The bride is an instructor in Oak Knoll's school for Neuropsychiatric Technicians.

LTJG Betty Silgen, LT Robert Ogden Married at Oak Knoll Chapel Ceremony

In a colorful military ceremony at 1600 Wednesday, 9 July, LTJG Betty Silgen, NC, USNR, of the Oak Knoll staff, became the bride of LT Robert A. Ogden, USNR, of the USS *WINDHAM BAY*. The service was held at the Oak Knoll Chapel, with LCDR A. T. Wallace, CHC, USN, Catholic Chaplain, officiating, and Chaplains Eugene McCarthy of the *WINDHAM BAY* and James J. Killeen of Oak Knoll witnessing the ceremony.

The bride was given in marriage by CAPT J. F. McMullin, MC, USN,

of the main branch of the world's largest river.

The British are always frightfully good at presenting concise, comprehensive and fascinating survey books. Now here comes Ritchie Calder, science editor of the *News Chronicle*, United Nations delegate to UNESCO, and author, with a little volume entitled **Profile of Science**. One might almost suspect that Mr. Calder wrote this book mainly for Americans, since it is divided into four parts which deal with aspects of modern life that have profound, often neurotic importance to Americans, the atom, radar, Penicillin, vitamins.

Profile of Science is an experiment in expounding not only the facts of science, but their implications. The book is written with the broad, clear humanistic approach to the problems of science which marks the great achievements, literary and laboratory, of nineteenth-century investigators. This type of scientific writing is too rarely seen these days.

Anderson, Ind. (AFPS)—Donald R. King's two dogs proved little help in a search for his six-year-old boy. The pair trailed eagerly behind the frantic parents, neighbors and police through woods and alleys. Then Mrs. King peered into the doghouse. Donald Jr. was there—sound asleep.

Chief of the the Psychiatric Service while the traditional wedding music was played on the chapel organ by Thomas Mannion, HM3, USN, a staff member.

The bride's dress was of nylon net, ballerina length, and with it she wore a starched lace cap and carried a colonial bouquet of white rosebuds. Her only attendant, LTJG Mary M. Wentzel, NC, USN, wore a yellow eyelet organdy dress and carried yellow carnations.

Chief Aviation Machinist's Mate J. J. Ogden from the U. S. Naval Auxiliary Air Station, El Centro, served as best man for his brother, and officers of the *WINDHAM BAY* formed the arch of swords through which the couple left the chapel.

Immediately following the ceremony the wedding party left for Naval Air Station, Alameda, where a reception was held before the couple left for a week's honeymoon in Yosemite.

Mrs. Ogden has been on duty at Oak Knoll since last October and is now serving as an instructor in the school for Neuropsychiatric Technicians. She and her husband met at the Officer's Club at Oak Knoll.

LT Ogden attended the University of California and Webb Institute of Naval Architecture, New York City, and was engaged in engineering work in the Bay Area before he entered the Navy.

ADM W. M. Fechteler Tours Pacific, Far East

Washington (AFPS)—ADM William M. Fechteler has begun his first tour of the Pacific and Far East Naval installations since becoming Chief of Naval Operations. Accompanied by RADM Robert Foldthwaite, director of the Fleet Operations Division, ADM Fechteler will go to Hawaii, Guam, the Philippines, Hong Kong, Formosa, Tokyo and Korea on a month-long trip.



Two Japanese doctors and a Japanese student visited Oak Knoll last week to see how a large Naval Hospital operates in the United States. They visited various departments during their stop here, one of several they will make while in this country under the auspices of Moral Re-Armament. The visitors, shown here with CAPT F. P. Kreuz, MC, USN, Chief of the Orthopedic Service, included (left to right) Goro Sukarai, a staff worker for Moral Re-Armament, who served as translator for the visitors; Dr. Y. Domori; Shozo Shimizu, a student, and Dr. Ryozo Ohno. Dr. Domori is also a member of the Japanese Senate.



Two Houston, Texas, Marines got together at Oak Knoll this week to talk over the harrowing experience they had on Sunday, 6 July. PFC Carl W. Griffith (left) and PFC R. E. O'Neal, along with another Marine friend, were at Sharp's Park last Sunday, and started down the face of a steep and rocky cliff to examine a wrecked car they spotted at the bottom. PFC Griffith lost his footing, however, and slid and rolled about 100 feet to the bottom, suffering severe lacerations and bruises from the sharp rocks. O'Neal and the other member of the party, PFC T. P. Gibson, made their way to his assistance, and while Gibson helped Griffith back up the cliff, O'Neal scurried to the top to summon an ambulance. Griffith cannot remember how he got back up the cliff, but O'Neal says the injured man was able to walk most of the way with Gibson's help. Griffith, now a patient on Ward 76B, was stationed at 100 Harrison St. O'Neal is stationed at Hunter's Point and Gibson at Treasure Island.

Radio Script Writing Experience Offered

Actual experience in radio script writing and program production is being offered Naval Personnel in the Bay Area during off-duty hours in connection with a proposed series of Naval Reserve programs to be produced by an inactive Reserve officer.

Cooperating in the venture will be the Twelfth Naval District Public Information Office and the District Reserve Coordinator.

The programs, to be produced on a volunteer basis for taping and recording, will be offered to stations in northern California, Nevada and Utah. They will feature each of the varied programs offered to Reservists: surface, submarine, Seabee, electronics communications, sea transportation, supply, aviation, composite, civil engineering, dental, medical, law, harbor defense, and many others.

Experienced radio writers and those who would like to widen their skill with actual on-the-job experience are requested to contact LCDR George R. Concannon, 681 Market Street, San Francisco, telephone DO 2-2800 for complete details.

Milwaukee, Ore. (AFPS)—Selective Service board clerk Mary Bell reported an 18-year-old youth registered and handed her a \$1 bill. She explained there was no charge. "You mean I don't have to pay?" he exclaimed. "Gosh, it's worth it!"

Welcome and Farewell

Another slight drop in the staff census was recorded last week as 17 persons reported aboard for duty, while 24 left the hospital. Of those leaving, five were discharged at the expiration of enlistment, five were returned to inactive duty, and 14 were transferred to new duty stations.

Reporting aboard were LTJG Lloyd C. Rohrs, MC, USNR, from inactive duty; LTJG Gus A. Raney, MC, USNR, from inactive duty; LT Margaret B. Jenkins, NC, USNR, and LT Mary A. Martin, NC, USN, both from USNH, Yokosuka, Japan; LTJG Van V. Chambers, MC, USNR, from inactive duty; LTJG Robert C. Doeringhaus, CEC, USN, from Port Lyautey, French Morocco; CWOHC William Kuziara, USN, MSD, Oakland; LTJG Leonard F. Kellogg Jr., MC, USNR, from inactive duty; LT Earl F. Hickey, MSC, USN, from NMMC, Bethesda; LT Daisy M. Rhodes, NC, USN, from USNS, Long Beach.

HMC's T. B. Cheney from USNH, Camp LeJeune; O. W. Williams, from USS LST-1138, and J. W. Dickerson from Sub Group II, Atlantic Reserve Fleet, Portsmouth, Va.; HM1 H. C. Ballard from NAS, Corpus Christi; HN's C. W. Buhlman and F. T. Wilinski, both from USNTC, Great Lakes, and SA W. L. Niday from USNRS, Treasure Island.

Transferred were CDR Herbert Wilson Jr., MC, USN, to USNH, Newport, R. I.; LTJG J. R. Heckman, MC, USNR, to USNS, Treasure Island; LTJG Sidney D. Jones Jr., MC, USNR, to NAS, Whidbey Island, Wash.; LTJG Paul W. Smith, MC, USNR, to Puget Sound Naval Shipyard, Bremerton; CAPT Alton R. Higgins, MC, USN, to NMRU 3, Cairo, Egypt; CDR John W. Thomas, MC, USN, to NMU, Tripler Army Hospital, Oahu, T.H.; ENS Donald L. Phelps, MSC, USN, to NMMC, Bethesda; LTJG Ann E. Smith, NC, USNR, and LTJG Leonard F. Kellogg Jr., MC, USNR, both to inactive duty; LTJG Nancy L. Harrigan, NC, USN, and LT Jean C. Fralic, NC, USN, both to USNH, Yokosuka, Japan;

HMC L. E. Mullen to USS REPOSE; HM1 R. M. Love Jr., to inactive duty; HM2's D. L. Henderson and J. G. Caudillo, both to civilian life, J. K. Church to Camp Pendle-



Another staff member planning to return to college when released to inactive duty is Dick Seastrand, HM3, of the Staff Detail Office. Dick was in his senior year at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah, when recalled last August, and will go back to finish his work for a degree in Business Administration. Dick, who is first-string catcher for the Oak Knoll baseball team, also played baseball in college and lettered in that sport. Since he has been at Oak Knoll Dick worked first on Ward 60B before being transferred to his present job. He served two years in the Navy during World War II, with his longest tour of duty at the Naval Hospital in Corona. He is single.

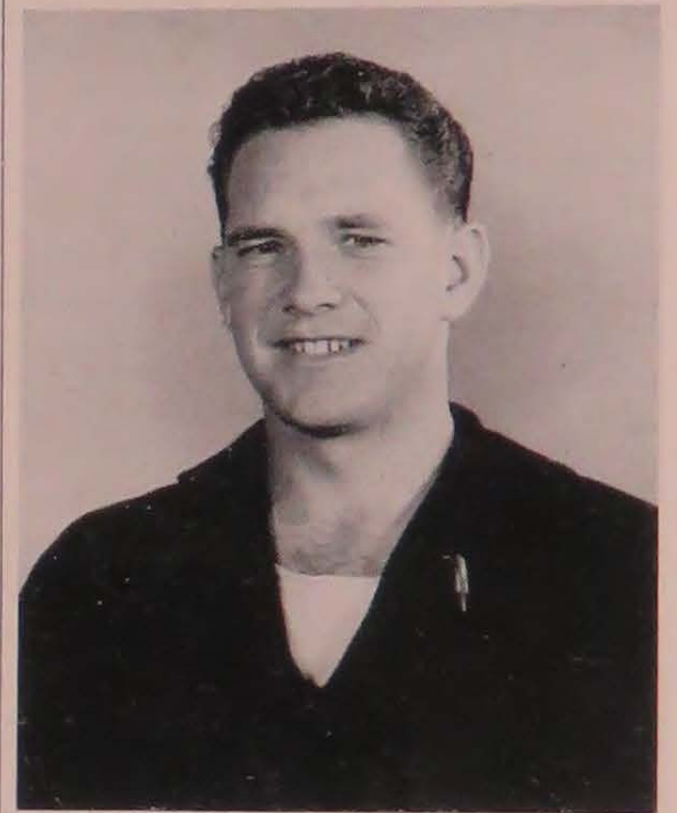
ton; T. E. Lawless, G. Pedersen and H. Hergenrader, all to inactive duty; HM3's L. P. Ryon to Camp Pendleton, R. R. Mascarenas and D. E. Watson to civilian life, and G. C. Cooksey to inactive duty; and HN's G. F. Costa and H. R. Pendley, both to Camp Pendleton, and R. A. Hillman to civilian life.

Memphis, Tenn. (AFPS)—Education must run in the Davis family. Dr. Jim Davis, University of Tennessee professor, has an 18-month-old daughter who won't go to sleep without a copy of "Outline of College Algebra" in her hands.

Nettleton, Miss. (AFPS)—Steaks are expensive nowadays—in fact, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Sisk paid \$2,000 for some. Lightning killed a registered bull valued at that price. They put the meat in deep freeze.

Staff Personalities

Take it from someone who knows. Grace Johnson, of the Medical Survey Board staff, first worked for the Army at the Madigan General Hospital near Tacoma. Later she worked for the Air Force at McChord Air Force Base, also near Tacoma. Then 15 months ago she came to Oak Knoll. Which does she like best? The Navy of course. A native of Tacoma, Miss Johnson attended Pacific Lutheran College in Parkland, Wash., and Washington State at Pullman. She states proudly that she is a Scandinavian, and adds that she has an identical twin sister who is married and lives in San Francisco. Although she has lived in California some seventeen months, she still claims Washington is best.



'Human Centrifuge' Knocks Doctors Dizzy

JOHNSVILLE NAS, Pa. (AFPS)—Doctors in the Naval Aviation Medical Acceleration Laboratory here are literally knocking themselves dizzy to discover what pilots must face in flying sonic speed aircraft.

They ride in the world's largest and most powerful "human centrifuge," a round aluminum gondola suspended in double rings. It can be rotated by motors mounted on the arm from a dead stop to 173 mph in less than seven seconds.

The giant whirligig exerts a force equal to 40 times the earth's gravitational pull on a pilot seated in the gondola at the end of a 50-foot rotating arm. Sometimes Navy pilots take the ride but all the doctors have tried it. They discover at first hand the human limits to acceleration.

On each ride the passenger is accompanied by motion picture cameras and high-speed television. Visible to researchers only when the centrifuge is motionless, he is photographed and X-rayed while reacting to the increased speed.

One of the largest vertical direct-current motors ever built, capable of developing 16,000 horsepower, powers the centrifuge. The new machine is better than older types for experiments, for it exerts gravitational force speedily. The machine was designed specifically to build up the largest possible stress in a minimum amount of time.

Larry: "What do they call a man who is lucky in love?"
Brad: "A bachelor."





Oak Knoll Squeezes Past Tiburon In 13-Inning Baseball Marathon

It seemed like a long afternoon, but even though it took thirteen innings to do it, Oak Knoll on Thursday, 10 July, battled it out with Tiburon Net Depot to win a Bay Area Armed Forces National League baseball match, 4-3.

The win was worth the trouble. It moved Oak Knoll into a tie with NSC, Oakland, for second place in the league, and into a tie with the same team for the Twelfth Naval District's Class B baseball championship. Both teams have one game left on the schedule. Oak Knoll was scheduled to meet Mare Island Marines on Thursday, 17 July, the same day NSC tangles with Port Chicago Marines.

Of the two, Oak Knoll appears to have the advantage. Mare Island is at the bottom in league standings, while Port Chicago is running a very close fourth. The two teams will have a play-off if both win their last game. The team that comes out ahead will move into the Bay Area play-offs with American League winners, and will also cop the Class B championship.

As for the marathon game last week, it is ironic that Tiburon asked and Oak Knoll agreed that the game start an hour earlier than usual because the visitors were in a hurry to get back to their base.

But when the long afternoon finally ended, Oak Knoll was on top, and there was no lack of heroes on the winning team. Rocky Haile gave an astounding exhibition on the mound, as he went the entire thirteen innings, and apparently was getting stronger as the game moved along. He gave up a total of 10 hits.

And Gordon Anderson, who usu-

ally stars on the mound for Oak Knoll, moved over to second base to fill a gap in the infield and pounded out two doubles and a single during the afternoon. And then there was Sam Amos, whose home run in the twelfth was all that kept Oak Knoll hopes alive.

Tiburon scored first, getting two runs in the fourth inning on a double and three singles. Oak Knoll wasn't able to do much until the last half of the ninth when the hospital crew sent the game into extra innings by tying the score as Basques lived on an error, Anderson, Pitzer and Schoenbachler followed with singles, and Hurler Rocky Haile saved his own game by booming out a double.

It looked bad when Tiburon squeezed across a run in the first half of the twelfth. But after two outs in the bottom half of the inning, Sam Amos smashed his home run that saved the day.

In the last half of the thirteenth Oak Knoll hopes soared again when Irving wound up in scoring position on second base after Tiburon's short-stop threw wild past the first baseman. Irving moved to third when Pitzer grounded out to the first baseman unassisted, and came streaking home as Schoenbachler laid down a bunt that the Tiburon pitcher played to first base.

Oak Knoll racked up a total of 11 hits during the game. Anderson got three of them, Amos two and Schoenbachler two, while Seastrand, Basques, Pitzer and Haile each added one.

Softball Crew Upset by Moffett

"It had to happen, and now that it is off our chests we can quit worrying."

That was what Oak Knoll softballers had to say last week as their untarnished five game win streak was burst apart by Moffett Field by a score of 5-1.

It was just a case of Oak Knoll meeting a good team on a day when the hospital crew was not at its best. Oak Knoll got five hits in the game, Moffett Field counted six.

Oak Knoll scored first in the first inning on singles by Brown and Jacobson. But after that, although they filled the bases once with only one out, the Knollites were unable to push across another run.

The Moffett Fielders counted twice in the fifth on two singles and a double, and scored three times in the sixth on a combination of an error, a walk, a single and a double.

Jacobson and Irving shared hitting honors with two singles each, while Brown accounted for the other one.

The loss moved Oak Knoll into a three-way tie for first place in the Twelfth Naval District League. The Knollites have a single loss charged to them, as do Moffett Field and Alameda, the other two top place teams.

Some change in that standing should be apparent by the time of publication, however, as Oak Knoll was slated to meet Alameda for the second time on Wednesday, 16 July. In a game with the same team earlier in the season, Oak Knoll won easily by a score of 10-0.

On Wednesday, 23 July, the Knollites will go against District Transportation on the home field.

The recruit complained to the sergeant that he had a splinter in his finger. "You should have had more sense," was the harsh comment, "than to scratch your head."



Singer Sheron O'Shea, Mistress of Ceremonies for the stage show presented at the Oak Knoll auditorium on Tuesday, 15 July, nearly brought the house down with her rendition of "The St. Louis Blues."

Variety Program Draws Big Crowd

A good-sized crowd was at the auditorium on Tuesday, 15 July, to see a 90-minute variety show staged by Mrs. Esther England and the Alameda Disabled American Veteran Chapter.

In a show that ran the gamut from torch singers to ballet dancers, the sponsors presented some of the best amateur talent in the area.

One of the favorites of the audience was the team of Bill and Coo, pantomimists who gave their version of the "Tennessee Waltz," and "To Young," and later were brought back for two additional numbers.

Other acts that made a big hit were Gary England, tap dancer; Doris Burke, accordionist; Wendy Brophy, ballet dancer, and Joan Wills, vocalist.

Miss Sheron O'Shea was mistress of ceremonies for the afternoon, and won the applause of the audience with her torrid interpretations of "St. Louis Blues," and "Mountain Gal."

A modern dance was presented by Miss Jean Young, who later teamed up with Shirley Hayes for a hula number the likes of which had never been seen at Oak Knoll before.

Howard Eastwood, pianist, opened the show with a medley of songs, and later provided accompaniment for the other acts. Others on the program included Rod McKuen, vocalist, and a duo of Mombo dancers.

More Entries Needed In Horseshoe Tourney

Entries are rolling in for the proposed intra-hospital horseshoe tournament, but Athletic Director W. Johnson hopes several more will be made before the tourney's scheduled opening date Monday, 21 July.

There will be two contests, singles and doubles. The singles will be in a double elimination bracket, the doubles contest a single elimination tourney.

Entries should be filed with Johnson as soon as possible.

PREVIEWS

Sunday, 20 July

SON OF PALE FACE—Bob Hope, Jane Russell, COMEDY. Here is Hope's newest one, not set for public release until next month, so you have a chance to see it first. Hope, as a Harvard graduate, goes out to the Wild West, seeking the fortune presumably left him by his late father. Miss Russell is the leader of a bandit gang (some leader), and Cowboy Roy Rogers is a government agent. The three tangle in many hilarious adventures interspersed with a half-dozen songs and musical numbers. No reviewer's rating as yet. Also a one-reeler in color, "Cat Choo," and a newsreel.

Monday, 21 July

FLYING DUCES—Laurel and Hardy, COMEDY. No information can be found on this movie. It must be rather old, since what Laurel and Hardy could be classed as recent? These two comics are tested by time, however, and if you like zany entertainment, this is it. Also a one-reeler on wrestling.

Tuesday, 22 July

LURE OF THE WILDERNESS—Walter Brennan, Jean Peters, MELODRAMA. This one is so new nothing has been published concerning it, except that it comes in color. Still not scheduled for public release, here is another chance to steal a march on the general public and see it first. Also a one-reeler in black and white, called "Little Anglers."

Wednesday, 23 July

TO THE SHORES OF TRIPOLI—John Payne, Maureen O'Hara, MARINES. This is a reissue of a very successful movie by Twentieth Century-Fox. First released way back in March, 1942, during the days of World War II, it was re-released just this month. It comes in color, and according to the record, lasts 86 minutes. How convincing a Marine John Payne could make is a question, but Maureen O'Hara should be very nice as the leading

lady. No reviewer's rating is available. Also a one-reeler in color, called "Time Gallops On."

Thursday, 24 July

CRIPPLE CREEK—George Montgomery, Karin Booth, WESTERN. This is a real outdoor Western, photographed in color, with much action and suspense. Montgomery plays a Secret Service agent, just before the turn of the century, who is assigned to probe the hijacking of gold ore which the country, in a state of depression, needs badly. He and his partners worm themselves into the confidence of the ringleader who runs a gambling house and hotel in Cripple Creek and before you know it they are part of the gang. Montgomery soon finds that the hijacked ore is being delivered to an underground smelting plant, where the molten gold is poured into lead ingots and shipped to China. The female lead, Miss Booth, turns out to be the wife of the ringleader. Reviewer's rating: Good.

Friday, 25 July

AFRICAN QUEEN—Humphrey Bogart, Katherine Hepburn, DRAMA. The quality of this movie was proved when Mr. Bogart was awarded an Academy Award for his part in it. Miss Hepburn plays the role of the sister of a British missionary in Africa. Bogart is the unkempt, slipshod captain of a 30-foot launch which plies the river. After her brother is killed, Miss Hepburn and Mr. Bogart start down the river to sink a German gunboat in a large lake. They sink the boat, eventually, but they fall in love first, and go through startling experiences in getting down the river. Rating: Excellent. Also a newsreel.

Saturday, 26 July

MINSTREL MAN—Benny Fields, Gladys George, MUSICAL. No information is available on this movie, but from the names of the leading characters it would appear it is not new. However, it should have some historical value.

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WAVES Mark Tenth Birthday



USS ANTIETAM Cruise Scheduled

Wednesday, July, 30, will mark the tenth anniversary of the WAVES.

This is the tenth year that women have served as a part of the Navy, and the ninth year that they have served at Oak Knoll.

In February of 1943 the hospital's first three WAVES added their names to the staff lists. Five weeks later came ten more WAVES, and one officer. The complement steadily increased until October of 1945, when Oak Knoll boasted 355 enlisted women and 24 women doctors and officers.

They were at first assigned to duty only in offices and departments, but increased numbers and a corps school gradually furnished personnel for direct ward duty. There is hardly a department on the compound that has not had a WAVE on its muster lists at one time or another, since the first three women reported aboard.

Today, the tenth anniversary finds 34 enlisted WAVES, three officers, and one warrant officer, serving in 18 different jobs and departments at Oak Knoll. With the exception of two yeomen, a disbursing clerk, and a journalist, all the enlisted women are in the Hospital Corps.

Oak Knoll's WAVES will observe July 30 as a regular work day, but a group of them will participate in a Twelfth Naval District celebration scheduled for today (Saturday). WAVES from all over the District will go on a day-long cruise aboard the USS ANTIETAM.

Boarding a boat at Treasure Island that will carry them to the ship, a large group of WAVES will be greeted by the ship's Commanding Officer, CAPT B. B. C. Lovett, and taken on a guided tour. A flight deck parade, an exercise in the sounding of general quarters and manning battle stations, and other exercises are on the day's program.

Vice Admiral B. J. Rogers, Commandant Twelfth Naval District, will arrive on board by helicopter and will be greeted by CAPT Lovett, after which the Admiral will address the WAVES and ship's crew.

After sailing under the Golden Gate Bridge at the end of the day's cruise, the Antietam will dock at NAS Alameda. There, Vice Admiral J. L. Hall, ComWesSeaFron, and ComPacResFlt, will board the ship with Mrs. Hall to greet the WAVES and to present their 10th anniversary cake.

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Pictured above are the hospital's enlisted and officer WAVES who gathered on the steps of the Administration Building just a few days before the tenth anniversary of women's service in the Navy. (First row): LTJG Norma M. Brown, SC, disbursing officer; Pauline Lemich, HMC, X-ray; Judy Kleiner, HN, OPD, Ann Badolato, HM3, occupational therapy; Virginia Hughes, HN, physical therapy; Barbara Stevenson, HM3, women's ward 40B; Marion E. Cramer, CWO, physical therapy. (Second row): Joan Frazee, HN, NP ward 56; Dorris Linsea, JOSN, OAK LEAF; Dolores Davies, HN, women's ward 40A; DeChantel Hoefner, HN, nursery; Gertrude Wentzel, DKSA, disbursing; Bobbie O'Neal, HN, ward 75B. (Third row): Joyce (Meyer) Baker, YNCA, physical evaluation board; Bunnie Kerr, HN, obstetrics; Rhea Miller, HM3, nursery; Gwen Mirasol, HN, OPD; Shirley Gore, HN, obstetrics; Yolande Belheumer, HA, nursery. (Fourth row): Kathyne McCormick, HN, nursery; Donna Mattox, HM3, OPD; Edith Rush, HMI, X-ray; Rita Moore, HM3, X-ray student; Irma Heidell, HM3, OPD. (Back row): Flora Reando, HMI, electrocardiography; and Arlene Normington, HMI, NP ward 55. LCDR Lila Suiter, MSC, research facility, WAVE representative at Oak Knoll, was not present when this picture was taken.

Captain Rubin Transferred to Great Lakes

CAPT Morris M. Rubin, MC, USN, a member of the staff at Oak Knoll since 30 August 1949, and Head of the Department of Obstetrics, left this week for his new assignment as Chief of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the U.S. Naval Hospital, Great Lakes, Ill.

CAPT Rubin came to Oak Knoll from Tripler General Hospital, Honolulu, where he also served as Head of the Obstetrics and Gynecology Service.

After attending the Pasadena city schools, CAPT Rubin graduated from the University of California at Berkeley, and received his M.D. from the U.C. Medical School in 1931. He began his internship at Los Angeles County General Hospital and finished in the Navy after being commissioned a lieutenant junior grade in 1931.

Throughout his Navy career he has concentrated on the field of Obstetrics and Gynecology. In 1939 he took

a post-graduate course at Cook County Graduate School of Medicine, Chicago, and was subsequently

appointed Chief of the Dependents' Service at the Naval Hospital, Brooklyn.

He reported for duty at the Naval Station Dispensary, Honolulu, in 1940 and was on hand to care for Pearl Harbor casualties. Later, while serving aboard the aircraft carriers, USS LANGLEY and USS WASP, he was Staff Medical Officer for Admirals McCain, Ragsdale, Bogan, Price and Harrill. In that capacity he participated in most of the Navy's major engagements in the South Pacific from the time of Hollandia to the Battle of Okinawa.

He is a diplomate of the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology and a member of the American College of Surgeons and of the American Academy of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

He will be accompanied to Great Lakes by Mrs. Rubin and their son, Roy, who will start high school there.



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† † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

It is difficult for us to learn that God comes first.

He should be always our first consideration, our primary objective. The reason this is so is simple. God has made us for Himself and our allegiance to Him, our loyalty to His desires and our perseverance in His service must be our first concern. But most of us try to wean ourselves away from Our Blessed Lord. We try experiments in different kinds of living and different kinds of law. For example, the First Commandment God gave us is to adore and worship Him. Many humans, even though they may not realize it, are worshipping at their own shrine. The time and attention due their God they pay to themselves. They try to lift their ego to the heights when they should be on their knees before their God and their All. Some become a law unto themselves, overlooking the wise Commandments of God. They make their own laws, as it were, and they become their own executioners. Any man or woman who places anyone or anything ahead of God is guilty not only of idolatry but also of foolishness. Put God first in your thoughts and in your desires and all things else fall into place. Everything is in place when God comes first; everything is out of place when He doesn't.

C. B. KNIGHT, Catholic Chaplain.

Knowledge Lessens A-Bomb Effect

NOTE: This is the third and last of a series of articles concerning the best method of combating the effects of an atomic explosion. The information originally appeared in a memorandum from the Officer-in-Charge, Naval Advance Base Personnel Depot, San Bruno.

Lingering radioactivity comes from left-over bomb wastes and may become a danger when atomic bombs are exploded on the ground, underground, or in the water. These totally invisible radioactive particles act as everyday, ordinary dust. Lingering radioactivity can be avoided by shielding yourself if outside, or stay-

ing under cover for a time following the blast. If an explosion has been underground or underwater it may be necessary to stay indoors for three or four hours or more. No type of radioactivity is contagious, so do not hesitate to help those afflicted. Outer clothing will automatically serve as a "trap" for most of the radioactivity you may pick up. Clothing should, therefore, be removed if heavy contamination is present. You should also manage to take a bath or shower if you have been in an area of lingering radioactivity. Warm water and soap are ideal for removing radioactive materials. Pay particular attention to your hair and fingernails. Be careful about getting contaminated particles in the mouth from smoking, eating, drinking or from the hands. Open wounds should also be protected.

While we cannot see, hear, feel, smell or taste radioactivity, its presence can be readily detected with Geiger counters and other instruments.

Your chances for survival without serious injury depend greatly upon good housekeeping practices: (1) Prevent the unnecessary accumulation of trash and loose papers, which would constitute a fire hazard; (2) Keep all small articles under cover in drawers or cabinets so they won't become flying missiles.

Remember these six survival secrets: (1) Try to get shielded. (2) Drop flat on ground or floor. (3) Bury your face in your arms. (4) Do not rush outside right after bombing. (5) Don't take chances with food or water in open containers. (6) Don't start rumors.

Red Cross Ramblings

DANCE LESSONS

A large number of patients are attending the weekly dancing lessons given by Miss Reni of the Reni Dance Studio in Oakland at the Red Cross Lounge on Tuesday afternoons. Under her skilled instruction the fellows are becoming regular "smoothies" on the dance floor. Beginners are especially welcome and they will be introduced to all types of popular ballroom routines.

PLATTER-SPINNERS

Every Tuesday afternoon is recording time in the music room of the Red Cross Lounge with Mrs. Frances Thurston, Gray Lady from Oakland, and Mrs. Edythe Vandivor, Berkeley, assisting any patients who wish to make their own records. B. J. KUYKENDALL, SA, and PFC ROBERT H. COOPER, both vocalists, made some choice numbers which they hope to keep as souvenirs of some of the lighter moments at Oak Knoll. The recording facilities and blank discs are available at all times by appointment with the Lounge Red Cross worker.

CORNER DRUGSTORE

Several Gray Ladies with "soda-jerker" experience set up shop on Ward 63A last Thursday evening and passed out some dazzling menu cards featuring such fountain specials as "Corpsman's Delight," "Hangover Fantasy," "Oak Knoll Special," "Red Cross Tutti-Fruitti," and the perennial favorite "Banana Split." It was no mirage, agreed PAUL B. HOWARTH, AMC, HUGH CUNNINGHAM, TN, EUGENE MULL, SN, and JAMES WILLIAMS, QMQ2, as they incredulously placed their orders for the attractive dishes.

HERE AND THERE

While rambling through various wards, the Red Cross craft shop, and the lounge, we turned the spotlight on a few individuals making use of the opportunities afforded them there: JOHN A. DROVAT, FN, 41A, engrossed in the maneuvers of Swedish weaving as taught by Gray Lady Mrs. Elsa Niemann of Mt. Diablo Chapter; T/SGT W. L. HILL checking out a car model; BILLIE MITCHELL, FN, 79A, receiving a few professional tips for his carved leather purse; J. E. KAUFFMAN, SN, and W. S. RENO, SN, of 44A, hurrying off for a golfing session with Gray Lady Mrs. Sutter of Alameda, toting extra balls and other supplies; black and white studies in photography being created by RICHARD E. WEBB, SA, 80B; Disc-jockey DAVID MARSH, SA, 49A, trying to please all the stylists and RAYMOND V. LARROGUE twirling one of the pretty hostesses at the regular Tuesday night dances; seated in a neat foursome were W. P. HOOK, DK2, R. O. BUCHOLTZ, SA, J. E. DALY, YNSN, and L. MILLER, AN, at the daily session of double pinochle with brief intermissions at the snack bar; in spite of warm weather, GARY ROBBINS, SA, 49A, and JAMES R. BROWN, SN, 48B, joining a group for ice skating at Berkeley, and DON HOFF, AT2 42A, applying chess strategy with an opponent from the Hayward Chess Club.

YACHTING EXCURSION

A group of officer patients had the pleasure of a cabin cruiser trip around the bay through the courtesy

of Mr. Floyd A. Lundstrom of the Oakland Yacht Club. Mr. Lundstrom is president and manager of Peterbilt Motors Co., and his yacht, the "Alloyd," proved a summer day's luxury to those aboard. Those making the trip were ENSIGNS ROBERT O'DONNELL and NICHOLAS VYTLACIL, LIEUTENANTS WILLIAM HAUGHTON, EDWARD CRONIN, T. M. O'REILLY and CHARLES A. SEWELL, and CAPTAINS JOHN MIZE and "DUSTY" BANKS.

MONDAY EVENING IN THE LOUNGE

Ever see a mountain lion close up? Jay C. Bruce Jr., of Hayward, son of State Lion Hunter Jay C. Bruce, who has spent 30 years with the California Division of Fish and Game, will discuss lion hunting in the Sierras. The father has killed over 800 and Mr. Bruce Jr., has over 125 to his credit. This is a world record for bagging these animals. He will also bring his black and tan hound, who has accompanied him on these hunting treks. Don't forget the date—Monday, 28 July, at 1900.



LCDR C. B. KNIGHT, CHC, USNR

Chaplain Knight Reports Aboard

LCDR Charles B. Knight, CHC, USNR, Catholic Chaplain, reported aboard at Oak Knoll last week. He replaces LCDR A. T. Wallace, CHC, USNR, who has been transferred to the USS MACON.

The new Chaplain comes to Oak Knoll after two years' duty at the Repair Base at Subic Bay, P.I. This is his first permanent duty assignment at a Naval Hospital, although he was temporarily assigned to the Naval Hospitals at Portsmouth, Va., and Philadelphia. This is also his first assignment on the West Coast.

In the Navy for ten years, Chaplain Knight is a native of Indianapolis, and is a graduate of Catholic University in Washington, D.C.

During the war Chaplain Knight was aboard the USS MINNEAPOLIS in the Pacific Theater for 18 months. He also has served at NAS, Corpus Christi and at Great Lakes, and over a two-year period served aboard five transports in the Atlantic Fleet.

LCDR Wallace left for his new assignment early in the week. He had been at Oak Knoll nearly two years. Before being recalled from civilian life he served St. Elizabeth Parish in Washington Heights, New York City.

Divine Services

Hospital Chapel at Main Gate
PROTESTANT
 BIBLE SCHOOL — SUNDAY 0945
 SUNDAY WORSHIP — 1100
 FELLOWSHIP HOUR — MONDAY
 1930 — In Chaplains' Office — Ward 67A

CATHOLIC
 SUNDAY MASSES
 0600 - 0800 - 0900 - 1215
 DAILY MASSES — 1150 & 1630
 Confessions before Mass
 CHOIR PRACTICE:
 TUESDAY 1900

Catholic Oratory in back of Chapel
CHAPLAINS' OFFICES IN
CHAPEL & 67A
 NAVY RELIEF OFFICE—
 IN CHAPEL

MORMON SERVICE: SUNDAY 0900
 in Staff Conference Room,
 Adm. Bldg. Annex

Chaplains of other faiths will be called upon request

BUS TO AND FROM CHAPEL ON
SUNDAYS 0845 & 1045

Welcome and Farewell

The staff personnel office at Oak Knoll was busier than usual last week as traffic both to and from the hospital increased. At week's end, a total of 28 persons had reported aboard for duty, compared to 33 who left the station. Of those transferred, five returned to inactive duty, four to civilian life and 24 to new assignments.

Reporting aboard were LT Kenneth Tessler, DC, USNR, from First Marine Aircraft Wing, FMF; CDR Scott Whitehouse, MC, USN, from USNH, Philadelphia; LTJG Donald E. Tyler, MC, USNR, and LTJG William S. Payne, MC, USNR, both from inactive duty; LCDR Charles B. Knight, CHC, USNR, from Subic Bay, P.I.; LTJG Jack L. Robbins, MC, USNR, from inactive duty; LT Edmund J. Shurtleff, MSC, USN, from NMSD, Oakland;

HMC's C. P. Larcom from USNH, Chelsea, C. E. Wilson from NNM, Bethesda, R. M. Greene from USS SANBORN, R. P. Lance, from USN Dispensary, Washington, D.C., J. R. Kelly from USN Medical Materiel Office, Brooklyn, and W. Smith from USNAS, Whidbey Island, Wash.; HM1's C. C. Canfield from NNM, Bethesda, R. L. Stafford from USN Dispensary, Washington D.C., R. J. Montgomery from Camp Lejeune, N.C., A. T. Stratton from USNH, Portsmouth, Va., B. C. Evans from USNTC, Bainbridge, P. J. Shugart from NNM, Bethesda, H. D. Barracough from NAS, Patuxent River, Md., and R. E. Hardval from USNAAS, Pensacola, Fla.; HM2's L. M. Warren from USNAAS, Whiting Field, Fla., A. S. McClelland from USNH, Corpus Christi, and T. R. Kennedy from USNH, Camp Lejeune; HM3's W. R. Vaughn from USNAB, Coronado, and J. W. Doby from USNRS, Seattle; HN D. W. Herr from USNH, Bremerton, and HA F. C. Dumm from HCS, Great Lakes.

Transferred during the week were LT Stuart H. Martin, MC, USNR, LT Harold L. Sanders, MC, USNR, and LTJG Marshall V. Perry CEC, USNR, all to inactive duty; LTJG Waunie L. Shelton, NC, USNH, to USS GENERAL A. E. ANDERSON; LTJG Robert S. LeMasurier, MC, USNR, to USS HAVEN;

HMC's R. P. Lance to Twelfth Naval District Medical Office, H. J. Proffitt to USNH, Philadelphia, W. J. Stafford to USNS, Long Beach, and R. E. Johnson to COMNAVFE; HM1's F. J. Cavitarucco to inactive duty, S. B. Hendrix to USS SPERRY, and L. G. McKinnon to USN Powder Factory, Indian Head, Md.; HM2's R. K. Tyrer to inactive duty and P. S. Guiland to USNPGS, Monterey; HM3's G. Calles and L. A. Lee both to civilian life, H. Alcantar to Camp Pendleton, D. M. Tinker to USNH, Corona, R. R. Krause to USNH, Corona, J. E. Sturch to USNS, Long Beach and W. Webb to USNTC, San Diego; HN's J. L. Kenmar and B. L. Buckley, both to civilian life, J. W. Coble, F. R. Krueger and B. W. Albrechtsen, all to Camp Pendleton; L. S. Davis to USNOTS, Inyokern; R. E. Wilson to USNA Facility, Phoenix, D. R. Harlan to USNH, Mare Island, D. R. Cambra, also to USNH, Mare Island, and A. L. Bernard Jr., to USNM,

Commendation To HM1 John Reische

John V. Reische, HM1, USN, on Monday, 21 July, was presented a commendation by the Commanding Officer for "a keen sense of initiative, judgment and devotion to duty."

Reische, who left this week for Portsmouth, Va., where he will attend Independent Duty school, came to Oak Knoll on 27 October 1950. He was first assigned to the patient transfer section of the Personnel and Records Division, and more recently to the office of the head of that division.

The commendation stated, in part, "During the past 10 months, through instructions taken in your spare time, you have become highly proficient in the operation of a teletype machine and in the handling and routing of official dispatches. You often substituted ably for the regular teletype operator. Your keen memory and ability to learn rapidly were of valuable assistance to the office in which you were assigned, particularly in the internal routing of all correspondence for the division and in screening reports and correspondence which originated in the division.

"During the period of rapid expansion of this hospital following hostilities in Korea, you worked long hours diligently and unhesitatingly at the tasks necessary for transferring combat casualties and evacuees to hospitals nearer their homes with the least possible delay, frequently with only a few hours sleep nightly."

Student Makes Perfect GCT Score Second Time

Richmond, Va. (AFPS)—A perfect score on the Navy's general classification test occurs about once in 500 times. Two were almost unknown—until Ralph W. Biddlecomb tackled the examination.

The 21-year-old student enlisted recently and posted his second 100 percent. He took the test first in April, 1951 and was granted an educational deferment. In June he was graduated from Hampden-Sydney College here and has since joined the Navy.

Fastest way to become a man about town is to run into a speeding train.

Port Chicago, and DN's J. W. Wishard and C. P. Stone, both to COMSTSPAC, San Francisco.



Staff Personalities

One of the mainstays of the N.P. Department staff at Oak Knoll is Tom Manion, HM3, USN, a native of Kalamazoo, Michigan, who will complete his four-year enlistment in October. Tom came to Oak Knoll two years ago after completing N.P. Technicians' School in Philadelphia. Before going to that school he was stationed at the Naval Hospital in Memphis, Tenn. After he completes his service in the Navy, Tom plans to study music, and is considering attending college. He said he will probably teach music after he completes his education. At present he plays both the organ and piano, and frequently furnishes music for weddings at the Oak Knoll chapel.



Soon to complete seven years' service in the Navy and return to civilian life is Virgil Sessions, HM1, USN. Virg came to Oak Knoll just a year ago, and after a brief assignment on the Clinical Board staff, assumed his present duties. He is now a Chaplain's assistant, is on the staff at the Navy Relief Office and is the Latter Day Saints Servicemen's Group Leader for the hospital. Before coming to Oak Knoll Virg served two and a half years at Guam. When his hitch is up in December he plans to enroll in Pre-Med at the University of Utah. He is a native of Salt Lake City, is married, and has two daughters, two years old and two months old. The youngest is a native Knollite.



First Carrier Trip Made Around 'Horn'

(AFPS)—The barren rocks and foaming whirlpools of Cape Horn played host recently to the first aircraft carrier ever to brave its straits.

The USS Oriskany, the Navy's fourth largest carrier, rounded the fabled cape as a multi-colored winter sunrise put a halo around its jagged skyline. Accompanying the Oriskany were the destroyers USS William C. Lawe and USS Power.

A brief respite between two antarctic storms permitted destroyer refueling and the taking of photographs from the ship's helicopter. Coming around the Cape the ships bucked winds of gale force and battering swells while 2,600 "moss-backs" industriously practiced "spitting to wind'ard."

A chrysanthemum by any other name would be easier to spell.

OAK LEAF Reporter Back From P.I. School

THE OAK LEAF welcomed back its WAVE Journalist, Dorris Linsea, this week, from the Armed Forces Information School in Fort Slocum, N.Y., where she received a six-week course in Public Information.

The school is one of four unified schools of the Department of Defense and is the only one which offers instruction to enlisted as well as officer personnel of all of the services.

Miss Linsea was one of six WAVES, WACS, and Women Marines that were enrolled with over 60 students representing the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marines.

Courses in the program included press writing, radio script writing and production, television techniques, public speaking, policy and operational procedures of the Armed Forces, photography, and background information in history, economics and government.

Miss Linsea has been on the OAK LEAF staff since November 1951, when she was assigned here from the Naval Journalist School, Great Lakes, Ill.

Free Passes Tonight For Fireman's Ball

Looking for something to do tonight (Saturday)?

Special Services has on hand free passes to the variety stage show and Twenty-first Annual Firemen's Ball to be held at the Oakland Auditorium.

The tickets will be handed out on a first come, first served basis, so pick yours up early. The ball will feature the music of Del Courtney and his orchestra.

SPORTS

Baseballers Win Last League Tilt

Oak Knoll finished its schedule in the Bay Area's National Baseball League in grand style on Thursday, 17 April, trouncing the Mare Island Marines 19 to 6 in a seven-inning game.

The win, coupled with a win by NSC, Oakland, over Port Chicago Marines, threw Oak Knoll into a three-way tie with NSC, and Port Chicago for the Twelfth Naval District Class B Championship. However, NSC's win gave that station undisputed ownership of the Number Two spot in the National League behind league-winning Two Rock Ranch Station, and a spot in the Bay Area play-offs with the American League winner and runner-up.

In the National League standings, Oak Knoll finished in a deadlock with Port Chicago for third place with each team counting 14 wins and 10 losses. NSC had a record of 15 wins and nine losses. In Class B games all three teams had a record of 13 wins and seven losses.

Hitting power again led the way to the Knollite victory over Mare Island. The hospital crew battered two Marine pitchers for 12 hits, while Knollite Anderson held the Islanders to eight bingles. He also racked up a total of 12 strike-outs in the seven innings.

After both teams scored a single run in the opening frame, any doubt as to the outcome of the game was dispelled as the first Mare Island pitcher went to pieces and Oak Knoll scored eight runs in the second inning. Three straight walks were issued to Anderson, Irving and Pitzer, then Schoenbachler singled, Wolfe and Seastrand walked, Amos boomed

Softball Crew Drops Alameda

Oak Knoll's softball team got back into the win column last week after dropping their first game the previous week, as the Knollites pounded out a close 5-3 win over Alameda Naval Air Station.

Prior to the game Oak Knoll, Alameda NAS and Moffett Field NAS were in a three-way tie for first place, but the Oak Knoll game narrowed the top contenders to only one other team.

Oak Knoll Hurler Red Harrison displayed his usual talent on the mound, holding the Alamedans to a lone single and striking out nine batters in the seven innings.

All of Oak Knoll's runs were scored in the second inning. First Baseman "Jake" Jacobson started that inning with a smashing home run, and then Davis walked, Irving and Hinds both singled, Harrison lived on a fielder's choice and Brown on an error before the fire was put out.

On the other hand, Alameda scored all its runs in a big fourth inning, on a combination of two walks, a single, an error and a fielder's choice.

Jacobson and Irving led the Knoll batters as they each gained credit for two hits in three times at bat. Jacobson bashed out a double to add to his homer, and Irving had two singles. Hinds and Brown each got a single.

On Wednesday, 23 July, the Knollites were slated to go against District Transportation, and the next week will be out of action because of a gap in the schedule.

out a single, Basques smashed a triple and Irving doubled.

Basques and Schoenbachler led the hit parade, each getting three in four times at bat. Basques had two triples and a single, Schoenbachler's were all singles.

Irving came through in his usual fashion with a triple and a single; Anderson had two singles, Amos a single and Pitzer a double.

More Members Sought For Dixieland Combo

Staff musicians, take note. A group of Dixieland enthusiasts at Oak Knoll are attempting to form a Dixieland Combo but need a few more musicians to fill out the band. Particularly needed are a pianist, a drummer, a tenor sax man and a bass player.

Instruments are available for any one interested, and more information can be obtained from M. C. Walter at Special Services.

Hartford, Conn. (AFPS)—A state motor vehicle inspector, given a lift to work, was asked by the driver, "Do you think I drive all right?" Assured that his driving was first rate, the motorist replied, "Good, guess I'll go in and take my test for a driver's license."



Part of a group of 41 Medical Reserve Officers Training Corps Cadets who visited Oak Knoll last week are shown here with Rehabilitation Expert Charles Asbelle. The Cadets were at this hospital on Wednesday, 16 July, and visited the Artificial Limb Department, Occupational Therapy and Physical Therapy Departments. They are attending summer training camp at Letterman Army Hospital.

PREVIEWS

Sunday, 27 July
THE MERRY WIDOW—Lana Turner, Fernando Lamas, **MUSICAL**. This movie could be called, without a shadow of doubt, a new one, since its public release has been set for September. In color, the story of this operetta has been changed somewhat from that written for the original Lehar score. The story—the mythical kingdom of Marshovia is near bankruptcy when the king sends a cable asking that the widow of a Marshovia blacksmith who made a fortune in America return to Marshovia. The idea is to get her married to one of the country's noblemen, and some of her money can be used to get the nation out of hock. Needless to say, the romance comes off and the country is saved. Rating: Excellent. Also a newsreel.

Monday, 28 July
TEN TALL MEN—Burt Lancaster, Jody Lawrence, **DRAMA**. The ten tall men are French Foreign Legionnaires, the tallest, the strongest and the bravest of whom is Mr. Lancaster. The plot is somewhat fanciful, but the movie has all the standard ingredients—dancing Arab girls, sandstorms, chases, hand to hand combat and good-natured horseplay. Lancaster leads a detachment of Legionnaires into the desert to divert the Arab hordes, thus saving the outpost until the full regiment returns from maneuvers. Lancaster kidnaps the bride-to-be of the villainous Riff chieftain. Lancaster is caught, saved, wins the girl, etc. Rating: Good.

Tuesday, 29 July
DON'T BOTHER TO KNOCK—Richard Widmark, Marilyn Monroe, **DRAMA**. Widmark, an airlines pilot, and his girl friend, a singer, break up when the girl thinks Widmark has no matrimonial designs. How they are brought together again in one strange night in a mid-town New York hotel is the story. Responsible is Miss Monroe, a pretty but mentally unbalanced baby sitter who grieves too long and too well for her dead fiance. Slated to come out next month; no reviewer's rating as yet. Also "Foolish Duckling," a one-reeler in color.

Wednesday, 30 July
THE BLACK SWAN—Tyrone Power, Maureen O'Hara, **DRAMA**. This movie, in color, is a reissue by Twentieth Century-Fox. It came out first back in October of 1942, and has been given a rating of good. No information is available, except that it is 85 minutes long. You probably missed it back in '42, so here is a chance to see it now. It must be good or the producers probably wouldn't have reissued it. Also a one-reeler in color, "Flipper Frolics."

Thursday, 31 July
RAINBOW 'ROUND MY SHOULDER—Frankie Laine, Billy Daniels, **MUSICAL**. This is another new one, not even scheduled as yet for public release. No reviews are available, no information as to plot. One thing you can be sure of—there will be plenty of music. Also a two-reeler in black and white, called "Groomed and Bored."

Friday, 1 August
WHAT PRICE GLORY?—James Cagney, Dan Dailey, **DRAMA**. Another new one, set for release next month. Those fighting, friendly enemies of World War I, Captain Flagg (James Cagney), and Sergeant Quirt (Dan Dailey) are engaged in trench warfare against the Kaiser's armies and at the same time battling one another over the affections of the pretty daughter of a French tavern keeper. Highlighting the drama and its comic overtures are several musical numbers.

Saturday, 2 August
THE FAMILY SECRET—John Derek, Lee J. Cobb, **DRAMA**. The problem that confronts Derek in this movie is whether he should confess to the police that he has accidentally killed his closest friend. Morally he is blameless since he killed the boy in self-defense. The working out of the problem and its solution form the basis of the story. Rating: Good.

177th Birthday For Army Medics

The Army Medical Service will celebrate its 177th anniversary on Sunday, July 27, with 90,000 physicians, nurses, medical specialists and enlisted men and women on duty.

The Service was organized by the Continental Congress in 1775 at the behest of General George Washington.

In 1836 Army Surgeon General Joseph Lovell established a collection of medical books that later became known as the Surgeon General's Library. Still later it was changed to the Army Medical Library and finally, this year, became the Armed Forces Medical Library. It has grown to be the greatest collection of medical reference books in the country.

During the Civil War period, Congress authorized the appointment of 107 "brigade surgeons." One of the medical officers, Surgeon Jonathan Letterman, won prominence by devising the present-day system of speedy evacuation of the wounded. Letterman Army Hospital, here in the Bay Area, is named after him.

Horseshoe Pitchers Needed for Tourney

A lack of entries is holding up the opening round of Oak Knoll's horseshoe tournament, Athletic Director W. Johnson reported this week.

Plans call for two contests, singles and doubles. The singles will be in a double elimination bracket, the doubles contest a single elimination tourney. At last report, Johnson needed eight more entries in the singles contest, and five more teams in the doubles.

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MRS. EDNA BOURDASE

Honors Awarded To Mrs. Bourdase

Mrs. Edna R. Bourdase, civilian employee here for the past ten years, has received a superior accomplishment pay increase of \$125 a year from the Navy Department and with it a commendation from the Commanding Officer.

Mrs. Bourdase was among the first civilian employees to report for duty at Oak Knoll following its commissioning in 1942 and has held a responsible position as secretary to the hospital's Administrative Officer since that time. Her husband, Henry E. Bourdase, worked in the transportation department for several years and recently returned to a new job here after serving for more than a year as a storekeeper for the Veterans' Administration Hospital in downtown Oakland.

Mrs. Bourdase's commendation and pay raise are based on her record of outstanding performance of the many and complex duties of her position.

In addition to working here, where she punches the clock at 7:30 every morning and often remains at her desk until after 5 o'clock, Mrs. Bourdase has reared two sons and a daughter and now has a 10-month-old grandson who demands much of her attention after working hours.

Photography Fans Get Club Invitation

The Camera Club of San Leandro has issued an invitation to patients at Oak Knoll who are photography fans to attend the club's meetings on the first Wednesday of each month.

The meetings are held at Roosevelt School, at 951 Dowling in San Leandro.

Staff Members Chosen for OCS

Two more Oak Knoll staff members, T. J. LaBeau, HN, and R. B. Olsgaard, HN, have been selected to attend Officers Candidate School at Newport, R.I.

The two Knollites will be members of the class scheduled to begin on 26 August, and after completion of the four-month course will be commissioned General Line officers with the rank of ensign.

Both men are college graduates, LaBeau with a Bachelor of Science degree in zoology from Michigan State College in East Lansing, and Olsgaard with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Chemistry from Concordia College in Moorhead, Minn.

The two men enlisted in the Navy the same day, 31 August 1951, and both attended Boot Camp and Corps School in Great Lakes.

Previews of Progress To be Shown Monday

Oak Knollites on Monday, 4 August, will have an opportunity to see amazing new developments of science when the General Motors show, Previews of Progress, is presented at the auditorium at 1900.

One of the outstanding features of the show is the demonstration of 75 years of progress in lighting, from the first incandescent lamp to a tiny tube one-fifth as bright as sunlight.

Those attending the show will also see a model of the first jet engine developed more than 2,000 years ago, and will hear the deafening roar of a model of today's Dyna-jet.

Also to be demonstrated is the breaking of a drinking glass by means of a musical note, the carrying of sound on a beam of light, the making of synthetic rubber and a demonstration of how increasing compression of an internal combustion engine gives more power.

Payday Schedules Told by Disbursing

The schedule for payday was announced this week by the Disbursing Office. Enlisted staff members will be paid on Monday, 4 August, at 0830 at the Disbursing Office, or at 1030 at Commissary No. 1. Patients will be paid at the Disbursing Office at 1300, also on Monday.

There will be pay for stragglers at the Disbursing Office on Tuesday, 5 August, at 0830; and bed patients will be paid the same day, at 0900.

Marine payday, also set for Monday, 4 August, will be 0900 to 1100, ambulatory patients; 1100 to 1400, bed patients, and 1430 to 1500, stragglers.



If you look closely you may be able to spot some of the 16 Oak Knoll WAVES that are scattered through the above formation. WAVES from all over the 12th Naval District went aboard the USS ANTIETAM last week to join in the district's observance of the 10th anniversary of the Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service. A tour of the ship, the sounding of general quarters, gunnery test firing, and other exercises and tests were in the day's program. The cruise took the ship to the Farallone Islands, off-shore from San Francisco, and ended when the 27,000 ton carrier docked at NAS, Alameda. The above formation was made on the carrier's flight deck as the ship sailed under the Golden Gate bridge. (Oakland Tribune photo)

Only Veterans Already Released Get Mustering-Out Pay in Lump Sum

Washington (AFPS) — Personnel on active duty can expect their mustering-out pay in \$100 installments, the Defense Department has announced.

Regulations and procedures for administering mustering-out pay authorized by the recently signed K-Vet Bill were also outlined in the announcement. Only veterans already honorably discharged or released will receive the payment in a lump sum. They must, however, request payment through application.

The new law stipulates that mustering-out pay will be paid to enlisted personnel and officers below the grade of major and lieutenant commander. The exact sum of the payments are given as \$100 for less than 60 days service, \$200 for more than 60 days service without foreign duty, and \$300 for more than 60 days service including foreign duty.

Personnel honorably discharged or released after June 26, 1950, are eligible for the pay except:

1. Personnel transferred or returned to the retired list who receive retirement or retainer pay. Those retired or separated because of physical reasons are excepted.

2. Personnel who are discharged or released on their own request to accept employment and have not

served outside the continental limits of the U.S.

3. Personnel whose total period of service has been as a student in a civilian institution.

4. Personnel discharged to enter the U.S. Military Academy, Naval Academy or Coast Guard Academy.

5. Personnel whose only service has been as a cadet or midshipman in the three Service academies or in a prep school for candidates to one of the Service schools.

6. Personnel ordered to active duty merely for training or physical examination for a period of less than 60 days.

Personnel who are honorably discharged in order to re-enlist will also receive mustering-out pay in monthly \$100 installments. They will have the option of collecting the money either at the time of discharge or at the end of their re-enlistment period.

Personnel who have been discharged to re-enlist before the passage of the K-Vet bill and who are eligible for the mustering-out pay should first contact their personnel officers for verification of their separation and then their Finance officers to begin processing their claim for payment.

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"THE POOR YE HAVE WITH YOU ALWAYS"

These words of Jesus, spoken so long ago, are so true. Wherever I went in Europe there were so many poor people; ragged, hungry-eyed children; weary, broken, old people; human beings with little to live for; hopes and dreams long ago forgotten in the daily struggle for bread. This was especially true in Southern Europe and North Africa. The few lira, Drachma or francs that one could give seemed such a hopeless answer to the great need. Through the centuries there has been this great host of population which has suffered under the burden of poverty. Our modern society is trying to solve this age-old problem.

Jesus also said, "I am come that ye might have life and have it more abundantly." Most people in America have never begged for bread and few wear cast-off clothing; few live in hovels without shelter or medical care; yet many are terribly poor in God's sight. Why?

Because they have eaten so little spiritual food, have strayed so far from the shelter of the Lord's care, have learned so little about the rich treasures that are eternal. Poverty of the soul is more devastating than lack of bread, for it creates a vacuum that is soon filled with fears, hatreds, unhappiness and dissatisfaction with one's self. Then the joy of living is gone and shadowy despair stands as a gateless wall.

Practical Religion studied and applied systematically to one's own soul is the dietary cure for the spiritually poor. Those hungry for food of whom Jesus spoke do all they can to secure food for the body. It should be even more important for the soul-hungry to properly satisfy their need. Churches, religious instruction, the Holy Scriptures, the opportunity for meditation, Christian fellowship are available for all those who desire to "Have life and have it more abundantly," instead of simply being some of "the poor with us always."

J. A. WHITMAN,
Protestant Chaplain.

Nearly 120,000 Veterans to Receive Increased Compensation Next Month

Almost 120,000 blind, crippled and tuberculous veterans of all wars and peacetime service will receive increased payments in their compensation checks due 1 September, according to Veterans Administration.

VA said the increases are automatic for those veterans who are re-

ceiving compensation checks for the disabilities specified by the new law. However, veterans who are not on the compensation rolls and are covered by the new law should apply at the nearest VA Regional Office.

Veterans who will receive the increased checks are those who have been awarded statutory allowances for the loss, or loss of use, of either or both hands or feet, for blindness, and for total deafness (in combination with total blindness).

Veterans who are receiving a minimum monthly rate of compensation for arrested tuberculosis will also receive increased checks.

The new law made the following increases for veterans disabled in wartime or since the Korean conflict started:

1. Monthly statutory allowance for the anatomical loss or loss of use, of one hand, one foot, or blindness of one eye increased from \$42 to \$47. This is payable in addition to monthly rate of compensation.

2. Monthly rate of compensation for the anatomical loss, or loss of use, of both hands, both feet, blindness, a total deafness (in combination with total blindness, and various combinations of such disabilities) increased from a range of \$240 to \$360, to a range of \$266 to \$400.

Red Cross Ramblings



A group of women from Castro Valley, under the sponsorship of Mr. Clarence Wilson, Hospital Chairman of the Associated Sportsmen's Club sent 16 pies ranging from apple to pecan to be served Monday evening at the Lounge. Miss Jean Erickson, Red Cross Gray Lady, Oakland Chapter, is shown assisting in the serving. To her right is Michael McKeon, O/SEA from the HMS Sheffield, who is now a patient on Ward 43B.

Red Cross Lounge	
Mon. through Fri.	1300-1630
	1900-2100
Sat.	1300-1630
Red Cross Craft Shop	
Mon. through Fri.	0930-1130
(Except on Tues. Morning)	1300-1600

MOVIEGOERS

The ward schedule for next week will include "The Cimarron Kid," a rootin' tootin' Western starring Audie Murphy and Beverly Tyler. The second feature is a drama, "The Lion and the Horse," starring Steve Cochran and Black Knight. Watch for one of these full length movies on your ward.

SIGHTSEEING DELUXE

Some of the patients interested in the scenic wonders of the surrounding areas spent a day at Palo Alto and at the Stanford campus. It was most exciting to U. F. FANENE, MEGEN, USN, of Ward 76B, from Samoa, who before his hospitalization here had never seen these famous California landmarks. Sharing the station wagon with him on this jaunt were PFC R. H. ERERMAN, USMC, Ward 41A, SGT W. L. HILL, USMC, Ward 41B, R. P. KELLY, SKSN, USN, of Ward 76B, and D. R. CORNELIUS, SA, USN, Ward 76B. After completing their tour they had a picnic lunch at a nearby park.

HOT SUMMER EVENINGS

Last Friday evening the Companions of the Forest, Verbano Circle, entertained the patients on Ward 80B. Bingo was played and ice cream was served with homemade cookies. The ice cream was a big hit with the men, with the thermometer hovering in the eighties all day.

DID YOU KNOW?

SGT RICHARD HINER, USMC, of Ward 42B, plays a "mean" piano, ranging from the classics to boogie woogie. Last Monday evening when the Gray Ladies brought a party to the ward, Mrs. Susan Muller, Red Cross Gray Lady from Oakland Chapter aided at the piano. When the musical quiz was completed and

Hit Parade song sheets were passed around to the patients, Dick accompanied Mrs. Muller at the piano for the rest of the evening.

VISITING FIREMEN

Three Royal Marines from the HMS Sheffield visited at the Red Cross Lounge last Friday and had a chance to exchange stories with Marine Corps patients here. The three men, Corporal Wilkinson and Marines Hands and Clark, later visited with patients on Wards 42A and B.

Joan Fletcher, LTJG Burns Wed

Joan Marie Fletcher became the bride of LTJG Thomas W. Burns, MC, USNR, of the Oak Knoll Medical Service, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence S. Fletcher, Piedmont, on Saturday, 26 July.

After a reception which followed the ceremony, the newlyweds left for a honeymoon in the Pacific Northwest. Upon their return they will reside in the East Bay area.

The bride attended Stephens College and the University of California. LTJG Burns, staff member at Oak Knoll since 16 July, 1951, is a graduate of UCLA and the University of Utah College of Medicine.

Oak Knoll Visited By Austrian Officials

Dr. Karl Durrheim of Vienna and Dr. Erich Lehner of Linz, Austria, visited at Oak Knoll on Thursday, 24 July. The two men are spending 100 days in the United States studying methods used here for the rehabilitation of the handicapped.

At Oak Knoll they visited the Artificial Limb Shop, Occupational Therapy and Physical Therapy.

Dr. Durrheim is the chief of the section dealing with administrative and financial problems in the Austrian Ministry of Social Administration, while Dr. Lehner is the vocational adviser in the Provincial Labor Office for Upper Austria.

Divine Services

Hospital Chapel at Main Gate
PROTESTANT

BIBLE SCHOOL — SUNDAY 0945
SUNDAY WORSHIP — 1100
FELLOWSHIP HOUR — MONDAY
1930 — In Chaplains' Office — Ward 67A

CATHOLIC

SUNDAY MASSES
0600 - 0800 - 0900 - 1215
DAILY MASSES — 1150 & 1630
Confessions before Mass
CHOIR PRACTICE:
TUESDAY 1900

Catholic Oratory in back of Chapel
CHAPLAINS' OFFICES IN
CHAPEL & 67A
NAVY RELIEF OFFICE—
IN CHAPEL

MORMON SERVICE: SUNDAY 0900
in Staff Conference Room,
Adm. Bldg. Annex

Chaplains of other faiths will be called
upon request

BUS TO AND FROM CHAPEL ON
SUNDAYS 0845 & 1045

Life Begins at Oak Knoll

20 July

MINTER, Frances Jean, to wife of James Minter, ETC, 7 pounds, 2 ounces.
 SPRUILL, Sharon Renee, to wife of Lindsey Spruill, BM3, 6 pounds, 13 ounces.
 SHIPLEY, Van Allen, to wife of Norman Shipley, CDR, 7 pounds, 13 ounces.
 CLARK, David Michael, to wife of Lewis Clark, AE3, 7 pounds, 3 ounces.
 MUSGRAVE, David McVean, to wife of Charles Musgrave, CAPT, 8 pounds, 1 ounce.
 PIKE, Diane Elizabeth, to wife of Donald Pike, YN3, 6 pounds, 7 ounces.
 LAMBERT, Barbara Ann, to wife of Wymar Lambert, 6 pounds, 2 ounces.

21 July

McTAMMANY, Wynne Sawyer, to wife of John McTammany, LTJG, 5 pounds, 1 ounce.
 SCHNEIDER, Betty Lou, to wife of Walter Schneider, BOS'N, 9 pounds, 5 ounces.
 AMMERMAN, Kathleen Lillian, to wife of Earl Ammerman, Jr., ADC, 8 pounds, 5 ounces.
 ELLIOTT, Gary William, to wife of William Elliott, SH1, 8 pounds, 9 ounces.
 KEMMERLING, Donald Robert, Jr., to wife of Donald Kemmerling, AC3, 8 pounds, 8 ounces.
 HUTCHISON, David Michael, to wife of Donald Hutchison, ACAM, 9 pounds, 5 ounces.
 LUNDIN, Christine, to wife of Eugene Lundin, A/2c, 6 pounds, 13 ounces.
 NICHOLS, Girl, to wife of Raymond Nichols, AT3, 7 pounds, 13 ounces.
 DeBONIS, Susan Renee, to wife of William DeBonis, ADG1, 7 pounds, 15 ounces.
 GADDY, John Carroll, Jr., to wife of John Gaddy, AM2, 5 pounds, 15 ounces.

22 July

NICHOLS, Boy, to wife of Marlo Nichols, AT3, 8 pounds, 4 ounces.
 BRIGGS, Raymond Lee, to wife of Ralph Briggs, EN3, 5 pounds, 5 ounces.
 GUDMUNDSON, Kenneth Lee and Keith Robert, to wife of Bliss Gudmundson, AL1, 6 pounds, 9 ounces, and 6 pounds, 11 ounces.
 MUSHOVIC, Gary Douglas, to wife of James Mushovic, LTJG, Staff, 7 pounds, 1 ounce.
 DUISEN, Barbara Ellen, to wife of Darrel Duisen, QM3, 7 pounds, 3 ounces.
 STEPHENSON, Janice Irene, to wife of Richard Stephenson, EM3, 9 pounds.
 NASH, Nnette Alberta, to wife of Albert Nash, AMS1, 7 pounds, 3 ounces.

23 July

DONAHUE, John Danielle, to wife of Thomas Donahue, EN3, 7 pounds, 12 ounces.
 SMITH, Shelly Ann, to wife of John Smith, AD3, 8 pounds, 7 ounces.
 TINLIN, Barbara Diane, to wife of Robert Tinlin, AEAN, 7 pounds, 8 ounces.
 BUCHER, Gary Charles, to wife of Richard Bucher, MM3, 8 pounds, 8 ounces.
 FORD, Jack James, to wife of Jackson Ford, AM3, 6 pounds, 10½ ounces.
 WOOD, Girl, to wife of Fred Wood, HM2, 6 pounds, 7 ounces.
 LOCKHART, Gary Dean, to wife of Harold Lockhart, SH1, 6 pounds, 14 ounces.
 EVANS, James Lester, to wife of James Evans, AN, 7 pounds, 4 ounces.
 COLLINS, Michael Joel, to wife of Joel Collins, YN1, 6 pounds, 7 ounces.
 BARR, Thomas Arthur, to wife of Arthur Barr, QMC, 8 pounds, 14 ounces.
 EARNHART, Dennis Lloyd, to wife of Ivan Earnhart, RD2, 7 pounds, 12 ounces.

24 July

BREAUX, Steven, to wife of Leroy Breaux, SKSN, 5 pounds, 4 ounces.
 SAHAIDA, Michelle, to wife of John Sahaída, LCDR, 6 pounds, 9 ounces.
 KNAUER, Cathleen Ann, to wife of Robert Knauer, FN, 6 pounds, 9 ounces.
 SAMUELS, Ricky Alan, to wife of Alvin Samuels, SN, 6 pounds, 13 ounces.
 STROM, Richard, to wife of Donald Strom, SN, 7 pounds, 15 ounces.
 BEDELL, Phillip John, to wife of David Bedell, SH2, 7 pounds, 4 ounces.
 DOLAN, Patrick, to wife of Jack Dolan, AMC, 7 pounds, 10 ounces.
 WINFIELD, Roberta, to wife of Robert Winfield, LT, 7 pounds, 2 ounces.
 PIERATT, William Scott, to wife of Merle Pieratt, AC1, 7 pounds, 2 ounces.
 CAVALLERO, Karen Ann, to wife of Thomas Cavallero, ET3, 6 pounds, 2 ounces.
 HOLAYTER, Boy, to wife of William Holayter, AM3, 6 pounds, 2 ounces.
 McMASTERS, Lisa Annette, to wife of Leroy McMASTERS, ETC, 8 pounds, 3 ounces.

25 July

CAVANAUGH, Michael Patrick, to wife of Gerald Cavanaugh, HM3, Staff, 7 pounds, 10 ounces.
 REED, Barbara Jean, to wife of Harvey Reed, BT3, 7 pounds, 2 ounces.
 DUPREY, Thomas Michael, to wife of John Duprey, AG3, 8 pounds, 15 ounces.
 LUBEN, Lyndall Elise, to wife of Edward Luben, ADAN, 7 pounds.
 JOYNER, Gayla Eileen, to wife of Alan Joyner, AN, 7 pounds, 13 ounces.
 RIVERS, Charles Paul, to wife of Charles Rivers, AC1, 6 pounds, 7 ounces.
 CLARK, Rosemarie, to wife of James Clark, AMAN, 8 pounds, 12 ounces.
 FRIEL, Diane Elizabeth, to wife of Edward Friel, SN, 7 pounds, 7 ounces.
 ELLIOTT, Jack Keith, to wife of Ted Elliott, ADP1, 6 pounds, 8 ounces.
 CALLOWAY, Pamela Sue, to wife of Al-



CAPT J. N. C. Gordon, MC, USN, Commanding Officer, last week presented pins in recognition of five or more years' service at the Oak Knoll Navy Exchange. The employees are (left to right) Kathryn McIntyre, Veda Clarkson, Louise Quinlan, John Baghidigian, John Joyce and A. L. Smedberg.

K-Vet Bill Offers More Benefits To Those With Longer Service

Ambitious staff members at Oak Knoll whose enlistment will expire within the near future, or who are scheduled to be returned to inactive duty shortly, have a golden opportunity to help both themselves and the Navy.

According to present Staff Personnel figures, 33 staff members will return to civilian life in August, 36 in September and 43 in October. As they return to civilian life, they will become eligible to receive the benefits of the new G. I. Bill, signed into law by the President last month.

Most attractive to the majority of these discharges will be the education and training provisions, which allow a veteran one and one-half days of training for each day in service after the outbreak of the Korean fighting — regardless of where the service was performed — up to a maximum of 36 months.

But use a little mathematics. Suppose you have been on active duty 16 months. That entitles you to 24 months of education or training. But that may not be enough time to complete the training or college course you plan. And here is where the golden opportunity comes in.

If you are a reserve you may extend your active duty time, for one month, three months, six months, nine months, or until your enlistment in the reserve expires. If you are in the regular Navy, you may join the Naval Reserve, and voluntarily serve another year on active duty.

The point is this: For each additional day you remain on active duty, you will gain one and one-half days of benefit under the training and education provisions, which appears to be a mighty easy way to extend your benefit eligibility to the amount required.

The Navy will benefit from this too,

lison Calloway, SN, 5 pounds, 12 ounces.

26 July

BOMBER, Jacquelyn, to wife of George Bomber, TD1, 6 pounds, 8 ounces.
 BOHE, Vicki Lee, to wife of Edward Bohe, 1st LT, 6 pounds, 10 ounces.
 CZERNIEJEWSKI, Wayne Bruce, to wife of Joseph Czerniejewski, RD2, 7 pounds, 7 ounces.
 SIMAS, Boy, to wife of Joseph Simas, GM2, 7 pounds, 7 ounces.
 BARR, Kenneth Patrick, to wife of Gerald Barr, SN, 6 pounds, 3 ounces.
 BARNES, Barbara Lynn, to wife of James Barnes, LT, 5 pounds, 6 ounces.

since it will gain the use of the experience and training you have received while on active duty.

Veterans on GI Bill training will receive an education and training allowance each month from the Government to meet part of the expenses of their training and living costs. Rates for veterans in full-time training in schools and colleges are \$110 a month if there are no dependents; \$135 if there is one dependent, and \$160 if there is more than one dependent. Those in training less than full time will receive lower monthly rates.

Top monthly amounts for on-the-job trainees are \$70 without dependents; \$85 with one dependent, and \$105 with more than one dependent. The maximums for institutional on-farm trainees are \$95, \$110 and \$130 respectively. The law requires that on-job and on-farm rates be reduced, at four-month intervals, as the training progresses and the veteran's own earnings increase.

The new GI Bill places a \$310-a-month ceiling on job training, regardless of dependency status. Should a veteran's training allowance plus his earnings as a trainee exceed this amount, VA will reduce the allowance accordingly. There's no ceiling, however, on what he may earn.

Those staff members scheduled to return to civilian life in the next three months can easily determine how much training or education they are entitled to by contacting the Staff Personnel office. There, too, they can get complete information concerning extension of active duty service, to make them eligible for more training. Information is also available on enlistment in the Naval Reserve for regulars whose enlistment is about to expire.

CDR Allen Appointed New Social Chairman

CDR Wallace E. Allen, MC, USN, has been appointed senior member of the entertainment committee for the Officers' Club, replacing CDR Richard Ohl, who has been ordered to the USS HAVEN.

Six 5-Year Pins Awarded by C.O.

Six Oak Knoll Navy Exchange employees were presented pins by the Commanding Officer last week in recognition of five or more years service to the Navy. Four others, also eligible to receive pins, were on leave and not present at the ceremony.

In presenting the pins, the Commanding Officer congratulated the employees for their achievement and thanked them for their loyalty and service.

Those receiving the awards were Veda Clarkson, store employee, eight years service; A. L. Smedberg, civilian store manager, seven years; John Baghidigian, barber, seven years; Kathryn McIntyre, cashier, seven years; Louise Quinlan, store employee, seven years, and John Joyce, cleaning shop manager, six years.

Others eligible for pins but not present at the ceremony, include Tony Soares, presser, eight years; Kenneth Fowlkes, watch repair shop, five years; Martin Clifton, cobbler, seven years, and Alfreda Clausen, store employee, six years.

Six-Inch Jet Engine Is Developed by Navy

Washington (AFPS) — A new pulse-jet engine with an operating life of 200 hours has been developed by the Navy.

The engine has a six-inch diameter and runs at approximately 150 mph. It is expected to find military use primarily in expendable applications, such as the guided missile field.

Because the long operating life compares favorably with the normal flight time before overhaul of conventional reciprocating aircraft engines and because the engine is light, simple and easy to construct, it is expected to advance the application of pulse-jet engines to helicopter rotors.

The engine has no pistons, flywheels, or well-defined combustion space and the theory of its operation has not been fully determined. Consequently, the Naval Research Laboratory feels it is not practicable to predict all of the engine's potential uses or even its ultimate capabilities.



CDR RICHARD OHL, DC, USN

Dental Officer Ordered to HAVEN

CDR Richard Ohl, DC, USN, who has been on the Dental Service at Oak Knoll since 17 August, 1949, has been detached from his duties here and will report to the USS HAVEN on 12 August.

During his stay at Oak Knoll, Dr. Ohl became equally well known for his work as a dentist and for his efficient handling of "extracurricular" activities. As secretary-treasurer and senior member of the entertainment committee for the Officers' Club, he organized many successful parties for staff officers and their wives. He was an active member of the United Fund committee last fall, publicizing the drive with the zany cartoons that also embellished his announcements of club parties.

CDR Ohl received his DDS from the University of Pittsburgh in 1936, interned, and had a year's residency at West Pennsylvania Hospital, Pittsburgh. Then, just to break the monotony, he went on a world cruise (one of eight passengers on a British freighter) before going into practice with his father in Pittsburgh.

Since receiving his commission in the Dental Corps 11 years ago, Dr. Ohl has held a variety of assignments in the states and overseas. During the war he was on duty at MOB 7 and Base 6 Hospitals in the South Pacific. He came to Oak Knoll following a tour of duty at the Naval Hospital on Guam.

This time Dr. Ohl is not so eager to travel, for he leaves on his 1½-acre "ranch" at Upper Happy Valley, Lafayette, his wife Martha, his daughter, Wally, 7, and his son, Richard, nearly 6—to say nothing of 3 dogs, 5 pups, 3 peacocks, 30 banties, 60 parakeets, and 10 ringneck doves.

Booklet Describes Absentee Voting Rules

Washington (AFPS) — Although Congress failed to pass the "Service-man's Voting Act of 1952," there is no change in the absentee voting procedures previously outlined in the voting information booklet compiled by the Office of Armed Forces Information and Education.

The booklet describes the methods which the State Legislatures have set up for absentee voting by servicemen and women. The bill in Congress would have ironed out some of the obstacles that might cause service-

Welcome and Farewell

The fast-decreasing staff census at Oak Knoll took another blow last week, as a total of 32 former Knollites departed and only 14 new staff members reported aboard. Of those leaving, 27 went to new duty assignments, three were released to inactive duty and two were discharged to civilian life.

Reporting aboard were CDR John H. Atkins, DC, USN, from Naval Dental School, NNMC, Bethesda, Md.; CDR Thomas A. Harris, MC, USN, from Naval Dispensary, Navy Department, Washington, D.C.; LCDR Wilma L. Jackson, NC, USN, from NROTC Unit, Columbia University, N.Y.C.; LTJG Carlene M. Ratican, NC, USNR, from USS GENERAL ANDERSON; LTJG Robert D. Hass, MC, USNR, LTJG Francis T. Day, MC, USNR, LTJG Lawrence R. Irish, MC, USNR, and LTJG Robert J. Daschbach, MC, USNR, all from inactive duty;

HMI F. W. Cannon from USNRS, San Diego; HM3's R. E. Roberts and S. C. Spencer, both from USNTC, Great Lakes, and W. F. Finney from USNH, Great Lakes; HN C. W. Green from MobConBatt No. 3, and JOSN D. L. Linsea from AFIS, Fort Slocum, N.Y.

Transferred were CDR Richard W. Ohl, DC, USN, to USS HAVEN; LCDR George C. Beattie, MC, USN, to Camp Pendleton; LCDR Anthony T. Wallace, CHC, USNR, to USS MACON; LT Martha E. Clark, NC, USN, to NRS, San Diego; LT Nellie H. Queen, NC, USNR, to inactive duty; LT Donald E. Lloyd, MC, USN, to Naval Training Center, San Diego; LTJG Lawrence A. Campodonic, MC, USNR, to Camp Pendleton; LTJG Jack E. McCleary, MC, USNR, to USNH, Mare Island; ENS Ann M. Dieckmann, NC, USNR, to civilian life;

HMC's H. S. Jones to NAS, Alameda, A. Andy to USNTC, Bainbridge, and L. J. Effenberger to Camp Pendleton; HMI's F. B. Reando to civilian life, G. C. Ott to Receiving Station, Brooklyn, N.Y., J. V. Reische to USNHCS, Portsmouth, Va., G. Pattillo to NAS, Pensacola, D. P. Drexler to USNAS, Hutchinson, Kas., and H. H. Harvey to Camp Pendleton; HM2's J. M. Wade to Naval Shipyard, Mare Island, H. H. Huff to USNAAS, Chincoteague, Va., W. M. Foggan and E. P. Harvey to USNH, Philadelphia, N. D. Harding to Naval Dispensary, 50 Fell St., San Francisco, and M. C. Hedgpath to USNH, General Line School, Monterey; HM3's F. B. Jones to USN Dispensary and J. C. Marshall and B. W. Veltus, both to inactive duty; HN's B. S. Lyndon and H. M. Hawett, both to NAD, Hawthorne, Nevada, and K. L. Haye and R. C. LePage, both to USN General Line School, Monterey, and HA D. L. Lillemo to Marine Corps Headquarters, San Francisco.

men some difficulty in casting their ballots in a few states.

The Senate had passed the proposed voting measure and sent it to the House. But it was never reported out of the House Administration Committee.

Some state legislatures have themselves, however, eased some of the requirements. These have been announced through supplements to the original I & E booklet.



H. W. Petersen (left) and George Delmar were presented awards for beneficial suggestions last week by the Commanding Officer. Mr. Petersen was awarded \$65 for his idea to prevent door stops from being torn from the mountings, and Mr. Delmar was presented \$10 for his idea of installing Braille type stop signs on the compound.

Two Employees Receive Awards For Beneficial Suggestions

Two civilian employees at Oak Knoll were presented Beneficial Suggestion awards totalling \$75 by the Commanding Officer on Monday, 28 July.

Henry W. Petersen, electrician in the Maintenance Division, was awarded \$65 for his idea to prevent door stops from being torn from their mountings due to continued attempts to force them into holding position. He suggested that a suitable strip of abrasive material be imbedded in the asphalt tile or linoleum, causing the door stop to adhere to the material and allowing the door to remain open. It is estimated

that the suggestion will result in an annual saving of approximately \$1,450.

It is the second award that Mr. Petersen, an employee here for four years, has won.

George Delmar, Administrative Assistant in the Maintenance Division, was given a \$10 award for his idea to install Braille Type stop signs on the compound. The Awards and Incentive Committee determined that this type sign is visible from a greater distance and will result in reduced painting costs.

Mr. Delmar has been an employee here for 15 months.

Self-Preservation Requires Training

"Self-Preservation is the first law of nature." This was obviously true before the present age of mechanical gadgets in every home, millions of automobiles on the highways and various combustible and explosive materials a part of everyday living—it is just as true today, though perhaps less obvious.

Now the average person takes all these things for granted and becomes careless in their use. We go to the nearest service station, get a gallon can of cleaning fluid, clean a paint brush, throw the rags in the waste box in the garage workshop, stick the highly inflammable can of solvent on the shelf already overcrowded, and forget it.

We take that bundle of old newspapers to the garage, set it down on the floor—later to give it a shove, and still later another shove nearer the automatic water-heater. In time the edge nearest the on-and-off flame gets pretty dry and finally a little gust of wind swings the blaze over. P-fff—the fire has started. We've "lost everything in the costly blaze"—according to the newspaper account later.

We get in the family car, back out of the garage and take our place on the highway with "everybody and his grandmother," in almost every kind of vehicle on wheels. The traffic light a quarter of a mile ahead is red—we'll pass a few of these slowpokes and hit the next green light. On the wrong side now, and a car has just turned the corner. It was a BIG chance. We made it that time—or did we?

Now, on the job, they are pounding home "safe practices." What they really are pounding home is "self-preservation." The boss wants his men alive—not stretched out on a slab at the morgue—not all done up in plaster of Paris casts at the hospital—not worried to death because his wife or daughter or young son is a hospital case due to his own carelessness or because he did not train his own children in self-preservation.

Training is not nagging; it is teaching a person to do things in the proper manner, and safety training is training people to preserve their own lives and limbs and not to endanger another person's life and limbs—to be alert to unsafe practices on the job, at home or wherever life leads.

We must use our brains—and our training, if we are lucky enough to get it—to meet the present-day hazards. Instinct alone is not sufficient to meet our present-day needs for self-preservation.

—Rough and Ready Acorn



Scalpel, by Horace McCoy, starts out with the introspective roar of a hundred-car freight train, and keeps roaring right to the finish. It is one of those rare works of fiction in which an ordinary and good plot is transfigured by brilliant style into a first rate literary experience. It's a medical novel, an American novel, located in the coal country of Pennsylvania. Dr. Tom Owen, like any first-rate protagonist, has to overcome his own foibles, weaknesses and indecisions. Horace McCoy tells the story with a fast, snapping, convincing prose that reminds one of Dos Passos, James T. Farrell and the early Steinbeck.

Lands Beyond is a product of that successful combination, L. Sprague de Camp and Willy Ley. This time it's a geography of the lands of imagination: Atlantis, Mu, Lemuria, El Dorado — in short, all the Ultima Thules in the literature of antiquity, the Middle Ages, the renaissance and the early works of the New World. De Camp and Ley handle the subject with great humor and meticulous attention to detail. A must for lovers of adventure and speculation.

Charles Mills' **The Alexandrians** is a great panorama of the South. Critics say it takes its place among the most distinguished novels of the South written in this century. That's saying a lot. A total of 675 pages trace the streams of life in a Georgia town from 1839 to 1939. **The Alexandrians** is the sort of book that you live with and in while reading it.

Isaac C. Parker was the sole judge over Western Arkansas and the Indian Territory from 1875 to 1896. He sentenced 172 men to the gallows and actually hanged 88. **He Hanged Them High** is Homer Croy's humorous and high-spirited biography of old Hanging Judge Parker. With the perspective of half a century, it sounds like a Gilbert and Sullivan opera. But if it sounds that way today, it is still a tragic opera.

Our Western fans will be overjoyed to learn that the Library has augmented their grubstake with **Tough Company** by Clem Colt; **Navajo Canyon** by Tom W. Blackburn; **Sourdough Gold** by J. B. Hendryx, and **High Mesa** by Tex Grady.

Science-fiction fans should try Fletcher Pratt's **Double Jeopardy**, Lewis Padgett's **Robots Have No Tails** and Clifford D. Simak's **City**. Detective addicts can puzzle out Rhode's **Death in Wellington Road** and Thayer's **Flood on the Knight**.
—THEODOR YERKE

Largest Non-Rigid Ship Now at Lakehurst NAS

Lakehurst NAS, N. J. (AFPS) — The largest non-rigid airship ever built is now assigned to this Naval Air Station.

The ZPN, as the new ship is called, is 324 feet long and 35 feet high. Its cruising speed is 80 mph and it can slow down or speed up to keep pace with surface craft or submarines.

Considered far superior to the WWII K-type sub hunters, the ship is a helium-filled craft with dual controls.

Staff Personalities

Getting ready to celebrate his first year in the Navy is Leonard L. Johnson, DN, USN. Leonard joined up on 6 August last year. After being sent to recruit training and dental technician school in San Diego, he was sent to the dental clinic here last March. He worked as a grocery store clerk and went to school in his native Pueblo, Colo., before his enlistment. In 1955, he plans to enroll in college and, influenced by the job he's doing in the Navy, will become a dentist. Fishing and building model ships are his diversions.



Looking forward to the day when she will soon be Mrs. Conrad Mejza, civilian, is ENS Helen T. Sullivan, NC, USN, of SOQ Ward 66A. ENS Sullivan, originally from Medford, Mass., is a Knollite of seven months' standing. She received her nurse's training in a South Boston hospital, worked for a while as an obstetrical nurse in Boston, until she joined the Nurse Corps in May 1951. She was first stationed at the Naval Hospital in Newport, R.I., and remained there until her transfer here. After her discharge she will join her husband, an ETC with the submarine service, in New London, Conn.



★ ★ CHUCKLES ★ ★

Housewife: "Are those eggs strictly fresh?"

Grocer (to his clerk): "Feel those eggs, Jim, and see if they're cool enough to sell yet."

St. Peter (to applicant): "Where are you from?"

Applicant: "From southern California."

St. Peter: "Come on in, but I don't think you'll like it."

Stalemate: Husband who keeps telling the same jokes.

"My girl plays the piano by ear."
"That's nothing. My old man fiddles with his whiskers."

Exercise kills germs, but the trouble is to get the darn things to exercise.

Pat: "Dad and Dooley have been fighting for 20 years, but, begorry, they've quit."

Mike: "Buried the hatchet, eh?"
Pat: "No, they buried Dooley."

Druggist: "Did the mudpack I suggested improve your wife's appearance?"

Customer: "It did for a few days, but then it wore off."

Doctor: "I can't quite diagnose your case. I think it must be drink."

Patient: "All right, Doc, I'll come back when you're sober."

"I never heard a man talk so fast in all my life."

"He comes by it naturally. His father was a tobacco auctioneer and his mother was a woman."



"Just a little sample of blood, Matey."

High Grades Open For 373 Reserves

Washington (AFPS) — The Navy has announced that 373 reserve enlisted men on active duty have been authorized to enlist in the regular Navy in the two highest enlisted grades.

The men listed are those who successfully passed the service-wide competitive examinations for chief petty officer held Jan. 29, 1952. They are also among those who indicated their desire for such enlistment and have been recommended by their commanding officers.

Included in the listing are reservists on both general assignment and in continuous active duty billets in the Naval Reserve program. They may now be discharged from the Naval Reserve for immediate enlistment in the regular Navy provided they meet all eligibility requirements.

There were 1,067 Naval Reserve candidates who passed general service rating examinations for chief petty officer. Of this number, 373 indicated their desire to enlist in the regular Navy.

Mustering-Out Pay Application Rules

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Veterans discharged or released before the passage of the bill have until July 16, 1954, to submit an informal application for the lump sum payment. Included with the application must be the original copy of Report of Separation from the Armed Forces of the United States (DD214).

The application should be on 8x10½-inch paper and contain the following:

- Veteran's name and address, printed or typed.
- Service number, serial number or file number.
- Statement that he was not discharged or released from active duty to accept employment without service outside the U.S.
- Statement that he is not now serving on active duty.
- Statement that he has not received any mustering-out payment or that he has not or will not make any other application for the mustering-out payment for service after June 26, 1950.
- Statement as to whether or not he has had any foreign service and the date of his return to the U.S.

Restrictions Listed For Combat Duty Pay

Washington (AFPS) — Under the recently passed Combat Duty Pay Act of 1952 entitling Korean veterans to extra compensation, certain restrictions have been outlined.

To be entitled to combat pay during a month the individual must have been subjected to hostile fire for not less than six days while serving with a combat group, vessel or aircraft. However, if the individual received incentive or special pay (aviation, submarine, parachute, medical or dental), he is not entitled to combat pay for that month.

Claim forms will be distributed by the Department of Defense in the near future for those veterans entitled to the payment.



Horseshoe Meet Pairings Listed

Pairings have been completed for the singles and doubles horseshoes tournaments scheduled to get under way at Oak Knoll on Monday, 4 August.

In the doubles tourney, Kallemeyn of the MAA Force and Jacobson of Special Services will tangle with Brown and Newman, both of Laboratory, in the first round. Other matches find Cullum and Bailey, both of the Dental Department, going against Sessions and Greer, both of the Chaplains' Office, and Chaplain Jenkins and CDR Christoff versus Anderson of 47B and Irving of Surgery II. The other team, Amos of 43B and Trnka of 74A, drew a bye in the first round.

In the singles matches, Jacobson will tangle with Brown, Jenkins with Newman, Cullum with Kallemeyn in the top bracket, and Bailey will meet CDR Christoff, Amos goes against Trnka and Anderson will play Sessions in the lower bracket. Greer in the top bracket and Irving in the lower drew byes for the first round.

Guy Zimmerman, California state horseshoe champion, will meet the winner of the singles tourney in an exhibition match on the final day of the tournament.

Dependents' Swim Classes Available

Swimming classes for dependents are now available at the Oak Knoll swimming pool. There is a class for children from ages four and one-half to 12, as well as a class for adults.

Anyone interested is urged to contact either Al Spensley at the pool or Athletic Director W. Johnson at Special Services.

NP Department Softball Champ

Oak Knoll's N.P. Department staff reigned this week as hospital champions at the conclusion of the Intra-Hospital softball league, which began last 19 May.

The N.P. Department finished the schedule with a spotless record of eight wins and no losses. The Laboratory crew ended up in second place with a 5-3 record for the season, followed in order by the Backbones, 4-4, EST School, 2-6, and Staff Personnel, 0-8.

The sixth team of the league, the WAVES, failed to finish the schedule.

Baseball Crew Hits Play-off

FLASH: Oak Knoll won the Class "B" baseball championship on Thursday by defeating Port Chicago 16-13. Complete story next week.

Final standings in Twelfth Naval District Class B baseball competition were to be decided this week as the three teams tied for first place met in two "sudden death" play-off games.

On Tuesday, NSC, Oakland, and Port Chicago met at NSC in the first of the two games, and on Thursday, also at NSC, Oak Knoll was slated to take on the winner of the first match.

Each of the teams finished the regular schedule with a record of 13 wins and seven losses. During the season Oak Knoll defeated each of the other teams twice and was defeated by each twice.

In the Bay Area National League competition, NSC beat out its two rivals to grab second place and move into the league play-offs.

Oak Knoll to Host District Tennis Meet

Oak Knoll, for the second straight year, has been chosen host for the annual Twelfth Naval District tennis tournament, to be held on 19, 20 and 21 August.

Athletic Director W. Johnson, who last year as an Oak Knoll staff member successfully handled the arrangements for the tourney, again will be in charge of the play.

All Hands Are Invited To See 49er Workout

All hands at Oak Knoll have been invited to attend "49er Day" at Treasure Island from 1500 to 1700 on Wednesday, 6 August, when members of the San Francisco professional 49er football team will engage in a full-dress intra-squad scrimmage.

Transportation will not be furnished to Treasure Island for the event, but anyone off duty has been invited to attend.

Moffett Flyers Down Knollites

Oak Knoll's hopes for undisputed first place in the Twelfth Naval District's softball league faded away on Wednesday, 30 July, as the Knollites were defeated in a very tight game by Moffett Field, 1-0.

The loss dropped Oak Knoll into second place, and left Moffett Field alone in first place.

All hope was not lost, however. Next week, on Wednesday, Moffett Field will tangle with Alameda. If Alameda should win, as they did in the only other meeting of the two teams, there would again be a two-way tie for first place and Oak Knoll would get into the play-offs.

However, regardless of the outcome of the game next week, Oak Knoll appears to be a cinch for the district Class B softball championship, since both Moffett and Alameda are Class A teams. Oak Knoll has easily won over all Class B competition met in the league.

The game Wednesday was a pitchers' duel from beginning to end, and it was not Oak Knoll Hurler Harrison's fault that that single run scored. It happened in the second inning, when Noreen of Moffett Field got the only hit his team could manage all afternoon.

He singled between first and second base, stole second and went to third on a passed ball. Harrison retired two men via the strike-out route, and then caused the next man to ground to third base for what should have been an easy third out. However, the throw to first was bad, the runner was safe and the single score went up on the scoreboard.

The Oak Knoll sluggers did no better than the Moffett Flyers. Hurler Bach kept them swinging all afternoon, and a sharp single by Brown in the sixth inning was the only hit Oak Knoll got. Brown died on the base paths.

Naval Security Group Openings Announced

Washington (AFPS) — A recent Navy Department Circular Letter has announced that enlisted men with yeoman, personnelman, teleman, radioman, and electronic technician ratings may apply for duty with the Naval Security Group.

The men must have three years obligated service remaining with not more than 10 years total military service behind them. Personnel accepted may normally expect foreign duty within six months after transfer. They will also be expected to qualify for and request change in rating to communications technician within a period of one year.

Interested personnel should apply through their commanding officers to the Chief of Naval Personnel.

Rockville, Md. (AFPS) — The five children of Alvin B. Viers kept steady watch on the development from eggs of four baby wrens. Each day they checked the progress. One day they saw two of the birds and a 15-inch garter snake in the nests. Mr. Viers was called and he got to work. A quick incision in the snake and the missing wrens stepped out alive amidst cheers from the kiddies.



Sunday, 3 August
BELLE OF NEW YORK—Fred Astaire Vera Ellen, MUSICAL. The story doesn't count for much in this movie, but brief this is it: Playboy Astaire sees Vera Ellen in the uniform of the women's reform movement during the gay nineties. He falls in love with her, pursues her and, after some complications, takes her as his bride. To show that they are really in love, the film has them walking on air—literally. What does count is the dancing of Mr. Astaire and his ideal partner, Vera Ellen. Mr. Astaire does one number on and around the top of the Washington Square arch and both go dancing up in the sky at the final Rating: Good. Also, a two-reeler in black and white, called "Madison Square Garden," plus a newsreel.

Monday, 4 August
PREVIEWS OF PROGRESS stage show replace regular movie at 1900.

Tuesday, 5 August
LOST IN ALASKA—Bud Abbott, L. Costello, COMEDY. Abbott and Costello in turn-of-the-century San Francisco, save the life of a wealthy gold prospector, who has tried to commit suicide after being spurned by the belle of the Yukon. The comedy team follow the prospector back to Alaska where they become involved with some of the territory's toughest characters. No rating available. Also, "Perez Prado," two reels in black and white.

Wednesday, 6 August
BLACK HILLS AMBUSH—Rocky Lane, WESTERN. This movie has all the elements of a successful Western. There is a gang of crooks, holding up stages and stealing the gold. There is a pretty girl who gets kidnapped by the bandits, then saved. And there is a hero who can fire seven fast shots from a six-shooter. Rating: Good. Also a one-reeler in black and white, entitled "London."

Thursday, 7 August
LAST TRAIN FROM BOMBAY — J. Hall, Lisa Ferraday, DRAMA. No information is available on this movie. A Columbia product, it is so new that no reviews have been published, and no synopsis of plot disclosed. The title is alluring, however. Also a two-reeler, black and white called, "Ginks at the Sink."

Friday, 8 August
DREAMBOAT — Clifton Webb, Ginger Rogers, COMEDY. Here is a movie that crowds will line up for a block to see when it is released later this month, and you can see it now. It should be a doozy. TV is the butt of most of the jokes in this comedy in which Clifton Webb, a college professor finds his peace and security suddenly shattered when some old films he made many years ago bring him new prominence on TV. Webb goes to New York for a showdown with the TV station and Ginger Rogers, his former leading lady who is using the films to exploit a perfume company. The films are kept off TV, but he renews his friendship with Miss Rogers, and returns to making movies—for theaters. No rating available. Also a one-reeler, "Football Review," and a newsreel.

Saturday, 9 August
SIROCCO — Humphrey Bogart, Martin Toren, DRAMA. This movie concerns the Syrian resistance to the French occupation troops in 1925. Mr. Bogart plays the role of an American gun-runner who sells arms to the rebellious Arabs. He is later killed for his trouble, but not before he changes the course of the world, as it were. Rating Good.

Marine Corps League Sends Picnic Invitation

A busload of Oak Knoll patients on Sunday, 10 August, will be the guests of the Marine Corps League at a picnic at the Oakland Zoological Garden.

Transportation will be provided and those wishing to attend are urged to sign up at Special Services.

On Thursday, 14 August, 40 patients will be the guests of the Alameda County Employees Association as the Oakland Oaks meet the Los Angeles Angels at Emeryville.

And on Friday, 15 August, the monthly staff dance, featuring the music of Maurice Anger and his orchestra, will be held. If weather permits, the dance will be at the Swimming Pool Patio.

Wapakoneta, O. (AFPS)—Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wehrle, Jr., have things down to a science. Their children, Laura Joan, Nancy Jane, and George Joseph, all celebrated birthdays on June 19.

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Staff Mourns Shipmate's Death

Members of the staff were saddened this week by the death of Frank Campbell, war hero, radio man, teacher, former shipmate, and friend.

Frank was one of the many fine reservists called back to duty after the outbreak of the Korean war and everyone who knew him felt it was a privilege to have him here. His knowledge of books and their writers made him a "natural" in the Crew's Library, and while he was detailed there, he wrote for THE OAK LEAF each week a book column that was of professional caliber, and he originated the Thursday noon classical record concerts that continue to bring pleasure to those who enjoy the best music.

During World War II, Campbell, an HM1, was awarded the Navy Cross for devising a plan whereby a tank could be used to shield the wounded as they were evacuated from the battlefield under fire.

Just before he was recalled to active duty and assigned to Oak Knoll, Frank was teaching radio writing at San Mateo Junior College, of which he was a graduate, and he was associated with Radio Station KSMO, over which his program "The Magic Key" was broadcast.

Campbell died in Palo Alto Hospital Monday as the result of injuries he received in a fall last Saturday night. He is survived by his step parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Waugman, with whom he has lived since his release to inactive duty last May, a sister, Mary Campbell, a brother, Lewis, all of Menlo Park; and an uncle, Raymond M. Campbell, of San Mateo.

Dancer, Miller Get NavCad, OCS Notice

Two more Oak Knoll staff members were informed this week that they have been selected for training as Naval officers. They are Don L. Dancer, HM3, who will attend Naval Aviation Cadet training in Pensacola, and William F. Miller, HN, selected for Officers Candidate School in Newport, R.I.

Dancer, on the Oak Knoll staff since 4 June, has been in the Navy slightly more than four and a half years. He has served aboard the USS FLOYD B. PARKS and the USS HENDERSON, and just before reporting here attended E.E.G. Technicians' School at San Diego. He is from Grass Valley, Calif.

He will report at Pensacola on 21 August and after completing the 18-month V-5 training course will be commissioned an ensign.

Miller, who came to Oak Knoll on 20 April after Hospital Corps School

Picnic Planned At Hearst Ranch

Staff members have a big treat in store for them this month. Plans have been completed to hold the August staff picnic at the Old Hearst Ranch, described as the world's largest and most popular dude ranch, on Saturday, 23 August.

Two hundred tickets have been purchased for staff members and their dependents wishing to attend. Transportation for those needing it will leave the hospital at 1200.

Many of the facilities of the ranch, including swimming, dancing and tennis, will be free to ticket holders. And at 1400 Knollites will be served a barbecue at the ranch house veranda by the ranch hands.

Numerous other facilities at the ranch, including horseback riding and golfing, will be available to picnickers at their own expense.

Admission to the ranch will be by ticket only, and those planning to attend are urged to pick up tickets for themselves and their dependents at Special Services by Friday, 15 August. Anyone unable to use his tickets because of later plans should be sure to return them to Special Services, so that they may be turned in and a refund received.

Cartoon Curtain Call

Nearly a year ago, on 29 September, 1951, THE OAK LEAF published a full-page cartoon entitled "All Depends On How You Look At It," drawn by Roy A. Zetterholm, at that time a staff member here and a regular cartoonist for THE OAK LEAF.

Almost immediately there was a huge demand for extra copies of that particular issue and the supply was soon gone. Requests for permission to reprint the cartoon in publications at other Naval Hospitals were numerous, and requests for it are still coming.

This week all these requests are answered. Mr. Zetterholm's masterpiece appears on Page 5.

35 Patients Invited To Annual State Fair

Thirty-five Oak Knoll patients have been invited to attend the California State Fair at Sacramento on Friday, 5 September, Disabled Veterans Day. Transportation will be furnished to the event and further information may be obtained by contacting Special Services.

and Boot Camp at Great Lakes, will be in the OCS Class beginning 26 August, and upon completion of the four-months' training will also be commissioned an ensign.



Three Hospital Corpsmen, all of whom lost a leg while serving with the Marine Corps in Korea, are now patients on Oak Knoll's amputee wards. Shown as they got together to talk over experiences in Korea are (left to right) L. G. Porter, HM1; Bob Van Wagner, HM3, and Harry Herder, Jr., HM3.

Three FMF Corpsmen Amputees Swap Similar War Stories Here

Adequate proof that Navy Hospital Corpsmen are in the thick of combat in Korea has never been lacking, but the fact was underlined recently at Oak Knoll where three wounded Corpsmen are among the casualties on the amputee wards.

Each of the trio lost a leg as a result of stepping on a land mine while serving with the First Marine Division on the Korean front. Their names are Lionel G. Porter, HM1; Harry J. Herder, Jr., HM3, and Bob Van Wagner, HM3.

Porter, a veteran of ten years in the Hospital Corps, was wounded on 14 October, 1951 after a week in the front lines. He was on a combat patrol with a Marine platoon when he stepped on the mine that blew his right leg off below the knee.

Herder and Van Wagner were wounded in the same way, Herder on 13 March, 1952 and Van Wagner on 3 July, 1952. Herder lost his left foot and Van Wagner's left leg was amputated below the knee.

The situation is summed up by Van Wagner, who commented, "There's no story in it. It's just part of a corpsman's job to be where the fighting is, that's all."

Both Herder and Porter would like to stay in the Navy. Says Porter, "I'm fighting to get them to let me stay in the Navy. It's been my life for ten years. It's what I know best and it's all I want."

Herder says he would like nothing better than to remain a hospital

corpsman. "But I'll probably go back and help my father on the farm. He can use my help."

Porter is from Beaumont, Texas; Herder from Red Wing, Minn.; and Van Wagner from Morenci, Mich.

CAPT McMullin Gives First Aid, Saves Life

CAPT J. F. McMullin, Chief of the Neuropsychiatric Service, was this week credited with saving a life, but since his good deed was strictly extracurricular, his friends might never have known, had they not read about it in the local news columns.

Doctor McMullin was at his home on 38th Avenue when he heard a crash out front. Jake Ariansen, an East Oakland publisher, had been thrown into the windshield of a car, the jagged glass severing his jugular vein.

"Only the presence of a Navy doctor, J. F. McMullin, kept Jake from moving into Valhalla," the Tribune said.

Questioned about the incident, CAPT McMullin said he did not hold Jake's severed vein together with his fingers as the paper and Jake both claimed, but he admitted that he "just applied pressure at the right places and stayed with the patient till he arrived in surgery at Highland Hospital."

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You have heard the statement, "The eye expresses everything." Well, did you ever look into the eyes of one whose body for seven years has been twisted and bent with suffering and pain? What did you see?

When I had this experience happen to me sometime ago, I expected to see dark hate, fright and a look of utter hopelessness. On the contrary, there was a look in his eyes as though he were opening a door into the inner court of his soul. Everywhere there was the sign of welcome. The deep sparkling blue of his eyes twinkled; they sent out a spiritual radiance that elevated my own poor soul to a new height. Then, like riding on the crest of a wave, I continued to look into his eyes and feast on the strength of his soul.

You see, this man had mastered the art of living with pain. He had attained and possessed the full rounded meaning of the word patience. It is not a false idea then that as Christians we "glory in tribulations: knowing that tribulation worketh patience. And patience, experience; and experience, hope: And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts."

The compensation which comes through pain and suffering can be a crown of blessing to us; if like this man we can attain unto a heavenly patience where the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts. God can bless those who suffer and help them to attain to the full meaning of patience in their lives.

R. E. JENKINS,
 Protestant Chaplain.

K-Vet Bill Lists Provisions for Protection Of Veterans Buying Homes

Loan provisions of the new GI Bill for post-Korean veterans are similar to the GI loan program now in effect for World War II veterans, according to the Veterans Administration. Some changes have been made, however, to protect the interests of home-buying veterans.

Home loans may be guaranteed for up to 60 per cent of the loan, but the guaranteed portion may not exceed \$7,500. Other real estate loans may be guaranteed up to 50 per cent, with a \$4,000 top. And non-real estate loans,

such as GI business loans, may be guaranteed for up to 50 per cent with a \$2,000 ceiling as to the guarantee. All such loans also may be insured.

VA's direct loan program has been extended to veterans who served since Korea. Under the program, VA may make loans directly to veterans, but only in certain areas where four per cent GI loan money is not available.

GI loan safeguards, written into the new law, apply both to World War II veterans and those with post-Korean service. Among them are the following:

A veteran's property must meet or exceed minimum requirements for planning, construction and general acceptability. This provision doesn't apply to construction started within 60 days after 17 July, nor to houses which have been completed at least a year before they were purchased with a GI loan.

VA may refuse to appraise any dwelling or housing project owned or built by anyone who has attempted to take unfair advantage of veterans in the past.

In the case of World War II veterans who have returned to active duty, their unused loan entitlement under the World War II GI Bill will be replaced by the same amount of entitlement under the new law. The result is that they won't be bound by the GI loan deadline of 25 July, 1957, set up in the earlier law; instead, under the new law, they'll have 10 years from the end of the present emergency to obtain GI loans.



Three new Red Cross workers reported to Oak Knoll recently to join the Red Cross staff. Two of them will work in the Recreation division, the other in social work. They are Miss Elizabeth Pitman (left) of Caldwell, Idaho, who received an A.B. degree in music from San Jose State College in June and will be a recreation worker; Miss Alida Quick (center) of Santa Rosa, who attended Pomona College and is a graduate of the College of the Pacific in music and education, and who also will be on the recreation staff, and Miss Phyllis Easley of Berkeley, who graduated from the University of California in June with a major in speech, and who will be a social worker.

Red Cross Ramblings

MOVIEGOERS

The ward movie schedule for the coming week will be "Pat and Mike," a comedy filled with laughs starring the great team, Spencer Tracy and Katharine Hepburn. The second feature is "The Winning Team," a sports drama with Doris Day and Ronald Reagan.

49ER NITE IN THE LOUNGE

Paper money in bundles will be much in evidence at the Red Cross Lounge Monday evening when the B'Nai B'Rith of Oakland will entertain the patients. All types of games will be set up around the room and the men may play as little or as much as they like with the paper money distributed to them when they enter. When all the games are completed, prizes will be given to the lucky holders of the largest number of "greenbacks."

TELEPHONE GALS

The Telephone Volunteer Service Girls of San Francisco will be out today (Saturday) for a party in the Red Cross Lounge. They will have a program of their own talent, singing and dancing during the afternoon. Homemade cakes and punch will be served. This group spends two afternoons each month at the hospital.

WATCH THAT LINE

Sixteen patients turned Izaak Waltons for a day on Wednesday, 6 August, and deserted the sun-baked hills surrounding the compound for the lure of the deep waters where the big ones are found. They sailed from Half Moon Bay loaded with poles and all types of gear, and returned tired but happy. If you are a fisherman, how about joining our Oak Knoll Rod and Reel Club? We have literature available on the subjects of deep sea and fresh water fishing. Should your hobby be tying leaders or repairing fishing gear, we can use your nimble fingers for these projects. DON FESSLER, BCW3, of Ward 46B, a native son from Santa Maria, Calif., and a fisherman from "way back," has been spending his

leisure hours setting up the gear to make these trips possible.

EL NIDO RANCH BREAKFAST

The Sunday Morning KLX radio broadcast parties continue to be popular. The Rancho is situated in the Lafayette hills and the outdoor swimming pool glistens in the sunlight while reflections of the gay-colored beach umbrellas are a tempting scene well worth the trip. SGT O. A. BATEMAN, of Ward 80B, received a free telephone call to his home in North Carolina as the patient farthest from his home town.

WARD SHOW

Patients on Ward 42B were entertained last Tuesday by the Disabled American Veterans, Chapter No. 8 of Alameda, with a four-act variety show. Miss Jean Young, currently appearing at the Fairmont Hotel in San Francisco, danced waltzes, jitterbugs and hulas. The Lee Brothers, an acrobatic team; Gladys DeMeler, singer of popular songs, and Howard Eastwood, staff pianist of Station KFRG, completed the program. Mrs. Teana Dunn, Gray Lady from Oakland Chapter, escorted the show to the wards.

NROTC Entrance Tests Scheduled for December

Washington (AFPS)—Tests for entrance to the Navy's college training program (NROTC) will be held for enlisted personnel 13 December, 1952, the Navy announces.

Personnel interested in participation in the program should apply to their commanding officers on form NAVPERS 953-A. After proper recommendations, physical exams and eligibility reviews, they will be allowed to take the test.

If they successfully complete the test, they will be sent to the U. S. Naval Preparatory School, Bainbridge, Md., before entering one of the 52 universities having NROTC units.

Divine Services

Hospital Chapel at Main Gate
PROTESTANT

BIBLE SCHOOL — SUNDAY 0945
 SUNDAY WORSHIP — 1100
 FELLOWSHIP HOUR — MONDAY
 1930 — In Chaplains' Office — Ward 67A

CATHOLIC

SUNDAY MASSES
 0600 - 0800 - 0900 - 1215
 DAILY MASSES — 1150 & 1630
 Confessions before Mass

CHOIR PRACTICE:
 TUESDAY 1900

Catholic Oratory in back of Chapel
**CHAPLAINS' OFFICES IN
 CHAPEL & 67A
 NAVY RELIEF OFFICE—
 IN CHAPEL**

MORMON SERVICE: SUNDAY 0900
 in Staff Conference Room,
 Adm. Bldg. Annex

Chaplains of other faiths will be called
 upon request

BUS TO AND FROM CHAPEL ON
 SUNDAYS 0845 & 1045

Life Begins at Oak Knoll

27 July

FURNELL, Loren Michael, to wife of Loren Furnell, ALCAP, 8 pounds, 10 1/2 ounces.
 ROSARIO, Nanette M., to wife of Florencio Rosario, SDC, 6 pounds, 9 ounces.
 LOUGH, Norman Michael, to wife of James Lough, ENS, 6 pounds, 1 1/2 ounces.
 FOREST, William Roy and Brian Thomas, to wife of Hugh Forest, LT, 5 pounds, 5 ounces, and 4 pounds, 14 ounces.
 NANGLE, Wanda Leslie, to wife of Ira Nangle, Jr., TE3, 6 pounds, 7 ounces.
 LEWIS, Linda Gayle, to wife of Robert Lewis, RMS, 3 pounds, 8 ounces.

28 July

ANDERSON, Audrey Ann, to wife of Arlan Anderson, FA, 7 pounds, 1 ounce.
 MILNER, Denise Blair, to wife of Budd Milner, AN, 7 pounds.
 WICKLINE, Cherry Susan, to wife of Robert Wickline, ETSN, 7 pounds, 12 ounces.
 FREDERICK, Jon Charles, to wife of Charles Frederick, AD1, 8 pounds, 6 ounces.
 CAIN, Deborah Ann, to wife of Edward Cain, Jr., SGT, 7 pounds, 8 ounces.
 HODGE, Judy Ruth, to wife of William Hodge, AD1, 7 pounds, 1 ounce.
 WILLIAMS, Dwight Shannon, to wife of Willard Williams, SN, 7 pounds, 3 1/2 ounces.
 GOWER, Girl, to wife of Richard Gower, T/SGT, 8 pounds, 1 ounce.

29 July

TAYLOR, Kenneth Charles, to wife of Charlie Taylor, HMC, 6 pounds, 11 ounces.
 HUBBARD, Boy, to wife of Norman Hubbard, SD2, 5 pounds, 10 ounces.
 GREENE, Meredith Lynn, to wife of James Greene, Jr., CAPT, 8 pounds, 3 ounces.
 RUD, Julie Ann, to wife of Merle Rud, SA, 6 pounds, 10 ounces.
 COLLINS, William Calvin, to wife of William Collins, LTJG, 8 pounds, 12 ounces.
 ATKINS, Sally, to wife of William Atkins, UTC, 7 pounds, 2 ounces.
 SCHOENBERG, Richard Alan, to wife of Richard Schoenberg, SN, 7 pounds, 6 ounces.
 MacLEAN, Richard Paul, to wife of Richard MacLean, AD2, 8 pounds, 8 ounces.

30 July

SEATON, Sylvia Marie, to wife of Douglas Seaton, AT3, 6 pounds, 15 ounces.
 KIRK, Robert E., to wife of R. E. Kirk, BMC, 9 pounds, 10 ounces.
 MEADOWS, Cheryl Ann, to wife of Donald Meadows, AD1, 9 pounds.
 NEWMAN, Stephen Mack, to wife of Billy Newman, CSSN, 7 pounds, 11 ounces.
 KEY, Sherry Lynn, to wife of William Key, ET3, 7 pounds, 6 ounces.
 WILLIAMSON, Boy, to wife of Jack Williamson, ChPCLK, 7 pounds, 2 ounces.
 RUDE, Deborah Bess, to wife of Richard Rude, CS2, 6 pounds, 12 ounces.
 SCOTT, Valerie Ann, to wife of Ward Scott, HMI, Staff, 7 pounds, 10 ounces.
 HARRIS, Timothy Alan, to wife of Stanley Harris, HN, Staff, 8 pounds, 1 ounce.
 WALLACE, William Edward, Jr., to wife of William Wallace, CDR, 8 pounds, 3 1/2 ounces.

31 July

DAVIS, Karen Mari, to wife of Benjamin Davis, YN3, 8 pounds, 8 ounces.
 THORVALD, Shelley Anne, to wife of Leonard Thorvald, CS3, 7 pounds, 5 ounces.
 SELF, Kenneth Michael, to wife of Kenneth Self, EM, 7 pounds, 13 ounces.
 VENNE, Pamela Joyce, to wife of Harold Venne, HM2, 6 pounds, 6 ounces.
 FOSTER, Susan Kaye, to wife of Billy Foster, AD1, 6 pounds, 5 ounces.
 GAVIOLA, Robert, to wife of Francisco Gaviola, CK1, 7 pounds, 1 ounce.
 McAfee, Thomas Allen, to wife of Daniel McAfee, AD3, 7 pounds, 4 1/2 ounces.
 LACY, James Raymond, to wife of James Lacy, ENS, 7 pounds, 15 ounces.
 SCHOLAR, Cheryl Lea, to wife of Arthur Scholar, AT2, 7 pounds.
 ROSE, Debra Lynn, to wife of Frank Rose, PFC, 7 pounds.
 CAMPBELL, Glen Michael, to wife of Fletcher Campbell, PFC, 6 pounds, 13 ounces.
 KELLY, Robert Kevin, to wife of Robert Kelly, ENS, 7 pounds, 8 ounces.
 HOLLEY, Girl, to wife of William Holley, BM2, 7 pounds, 14 ounces.

1 August

WOLFENBARGER, Craig, to wife of James Wolfenbarger, AN, 7 pounds, 4 ounces.
 COUSINS, Boy, to wife of John Cousins, LT, 7 pounds, 5 ounces.
 CALLAWAY, Ron Dean, to wife of Billie Callaway, SKSN, 7 pounds, 6 ounces.
 TRIMBLE, William Jeffrey, to wife of Jack Trimble, RD3, 6 pounds, 6 ounces.
 WAGNER, Dan Leslie, to wife of Walter Wagner, ETCA, 6 pounds, 8 ounces.
 FORD, Michael Dean, to wife of Reginald Ford, MMC, 9 pounds, 12 ounces.
 REMENAK, Deborah Lynn, to wife of Leo Remenak, BT3, 5 pounds, 14 ounces.
 HINGLE, John Allen, to wife of Allan Hingle, Jr., AT3, 5 pounds, 10 ounces.
 ADAMS, Miriam Frances, to wife of Lewis Adams, BMC, 7 pounds, 14 ounces.

2 August

ARMUJO, Michael James, to wife of Frank Armijo, BM3, 6 pounds, 6 ounces.
 HEBERT, Gary Neil, to wife of Mark Hebert, YN3, 9 pounds, 2 ounces.
 BISHOP, Carol Susan, to wife of Melvin Bishop, CK3, 7 pounds, 4 1/2 ounces.
 PIPKIN, Linda Ann, to wife of Robert Pipkin, YN1, 7 pounds.



CDR FRY

CDR HARRIS

CDR WHITEHOUSE

CDR ATKINS

Four New Commanders Assigned to Knoll

Four commanders, three Medical Corps officers and one Dental Corps officer, have reported aboard at Oak Knoll during the past few weeks for duties here. They are CDR Wesley Fry, MC, USN; CDR Thomas A. Harris, MC, USN; CDR Scott Whitehouse, MC, USN, and CDR John H. Atkins, DC, USN.

CDR Fry, the most recent arrival, reported at this hospital on 31 July and has now assumed his duties as Assistant Chief of Surgery. He came to Oak Knoll from the Naval Reserve Officers Training Unit at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, where he spent two years as a resident in thoracic surgery at the University Hospital.

He and Mrs. Fry will live at 3953 Turnley Avenue in Oakland.

CDR Thomas A. Harris, assigned to the Neuropsychiatric Service, came to Oak Knoll on 26 July from his former duty station, the Naval Dispensary at the Navy Department in Washington, D.C., where he had been stationed for two years. Prior to that, he spent three years in the Bu-

reau of Medicine and Surgery as head of the Neuropsychiatric Section.

A graduate of Temple University School of Medicine, CDR Harris also attended the University of Texas. His brother, CAPT L. M. Harris, MC, USN, is Head of the Obstetrics and

Navy Relief Asks Aid

Can you sew, knit, or crochet? If so, will you do your part for Navy Relief and join in making layettes—nightgowns, kimonos, booties, and sweaters? Navy Relief Sewing is held every Monday afternoon from 1 until 4 o'clock in the nursery at the Officers Club. Materials and instructions are available there. Materials are also available for sewing at home. Your help is needed.

Gynecology Department at the Naval Hospital in Newport, R. I.

CDR Harris, his wife, and their three children, Thomas A. Jr., Louise Marshall and Robert Paul, live at 19361 Lake Chabot Road, Castro Valley.

CDR Whitehouse reported to Oak Knoll on 16 July from the Naval Hospital at Philadelphia where he had spent the last four years. He is head of the Department of Anesthesiology here. He attended Transylvania College at Lexington, Ky., did graduate work in bacteriology at the University of Kentucky and received his Doctor of Medicine degree at the University of Louisville.

He and his wife and their three children, James, Martha Jo and Jane, plan to live in San Leandro.

CDR Atkins arrived at Oak Knoll on 24 July from Bethesda, Md., where he just completed a year of post-graduate training in Oral Surgery. He will have an Oral Surgery residency here for the next year.

After undergraduate work at the Universities of Kansas and Oklahoma he received his degree from the University of Tennessee College of Dentistry. He, his wife, and their four children, John H. Jr., James, Joyce-lynn and Janet, are making their home at 3500 Mirasol Avenue, Oakland.

Magazine Editor Gathers Material at Amp Service

Miss Augusta Weaver, editor of the bi-monthly magazine, "Courage," a publication devoted to amputees, was a visitor to Oak Knoll this week.

Miss Weaver, an amputee herself, was here to collect material for a proposed article on Oak Knoll to be printed in the magazine—official publication of the Fraternity of the Wooden Leg, Inc. Miss Weaver is a co-founder and secretary-treasurer of the organization.

Articles in each issue of the magazine are devoted to amputees and their adjustment to life. Both the magazine and the fraternal organization were formed 12 years ago. In each issue of the publication a non-fee hospital, either Crippled Children's, Veterans Administration or service, is saluted and the feature article concerns the work being done at that hospital.

Hudson, N.Y. (AFPS) — Jordan Brown's sleep and a New York Central train's schedule were interrupted here recently. "I just got tired," Brown told police, who charged him with trespassing after removing him from his resting place on the railroad tracks.



Standing between two tables of equipment used to demonstrate advances in sound and light, one of the men in the General Motors Previews of Progress show, is pictured pulling synthetic rubber out of a pop bottle. The rubber was made in only a few moments, through the use of modern chemicals. Small amounts of the chemicals were mixed in the bottle, and the picture shows the results.

Previews of Progress Informative, Entertaining

Knollites interested in science and good showmanship had a treat last Monday evening when they attended the General Motors show, Previews of Progress.

The show, touring the nation, and currently being staged in the Bay Area, was presented in the auditorium. Appearing before school, civic, and social groups, it has been called "a masterpiece of showmanship," a "fine educational experience," and "the most pleasantly fascinating educational dose ever administered."

The program included a demonstration showing progress in lighting from the first incandescent lamp to a tiny tube one-fifth as bright as sunlight, an experiment in the carrying of sound on a beam of light, the making of synthetic rubber in a few moments, jet engine demonstrations, and other experiments and demonstrations.

Each illustrated either a recent scientific discovery, or the progress that has been made in certain fields of science.

Previews of Progress is sponsored by the public relations department of General Motors, but is presented in the interests of many fields of science for the interest of everyone.

Staff Personalities



A man of many interests is LTJG Earl A. Loomis, Jr., MC, USNR, psychiatrist on ward 55. Dr. Loomis, a Philadelphian, attended the University of Minnesota, interned in

Boston, and did postgraduate work in Philadelphia and Pittsburgh. After two years of private practice in Philadelphia, he applied for a Navy commission in December 1950. Following a tour of duty at the Philadelphia Naval Hospital he was sent here last November. Dr. Loomis is married and has a three-year-old daughter. His interests, aside from his family, are color photography, woodworking, travel, and studying and writing about the relationship between psychiatry and religion. Several of his articles have been published in medical and theological journals.

Coming up for discharge this month is the man behind that familiar face in the Organization Office—Stewart P. Vincent, HM3, USNR. "Vince" served a previous

hitch, from 1944 to 1946, and was called back to the Navy and stationed at Oak Knoll in June 1951. He worked in orthopedics before being assigned to the organization office. A college education that was interrupted by WWII was completed in 1949 when he got a BA degree in education from Denver University, in his home town. He was a grade school teacher before his recall. Post-discharge plans are limited to settling in Omaha, Nebr. His great interests, besides his wife and their 10-month-old daughter, Christine Anne, are music, swimming and track events.



Welcome and Farewell

The trend downward in the Oak Knoll staff census continued last week as 25 persons left the hospital and only seven reported aboard for duty. Of those leaving, 11 went to new duty stations, nine were released to inactive duty and five returned to civilian life.

Reporting aboard were CDR Wesley Fry, MC, USN, from NROTC Unit, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor; LT Ella M. Walker, NC, USN, from USNH, Philadelphia; LTJG Roger A. MacKinnon, MC, USNR, from inactive duty; LTJG Frank C. Eames, MC, USNR, from Destroyer Squadron Seventeen; LTJG Gloria V. Rapp, NC, USN, from NAS, Moffett Field; HMC S. W. Brown and HM1 L. R. Anderson, both from NNMC, Bethesda, Md.

Transferred were LT Anthony P. Giammusso, DC, USN, to Camp Pendleton; LT Harold R. Englander, DC, USNR, to USS PIEDMONT; LT Edward J. Sanders, MC, USNR, to civilian life; LT Joseph L. Whatley, MC, USN, to NCS, Pearl Harbor; LT James G. Seyfried, MC, USNR, to Cruiser Destroyer Force, San Diego; LT Felicia Szajnar, NC, USNR, to inactive duty; LTJG Daniel W. Clark, MC, USNR, LTJG Ruth A. Von Franzke, NC, USNR, and LTJG Hazel I. Faust, NC, USNR, all to inactive duty; ENS Philip R. Ragle, MSC, USN, to USNH, San Diego;

HMC S. W. Brown to US Naval Shipyard, Mare Island; HM2's O. L. Eytchison to U.S. Medical Depot, St. Louis, Mo., B. B. Debruler, R. L. Bir-

Games, Staff Dance Slated This Month

Ball games, picnics and a staff party and dance are the headliners for extracurricular activities for the remainder of this month.

Tomorrow (Sunday) a busload of patients will be the guests of the Marine Corps League at a picnic at the Oakland Zoological Garden, with transportation to be provided.

There are two ball games scheduled for the Oaks' park in Emeryville where Oak Knoll patients, 40 for each game, will be the guests of the Alameda County Employees Association. The first is on Thursday, 14 August, when the Oaks play the Los Angeles Angels, and the other will be on Thursday, 21 August, when the local team entertains the Seattle Rainiers. Transportation will be provided to both games.

The monthly staff dance will be held on Friday, 15 August, at the swimming pool patio if weather permits. Maurice Anger and his orchestra will furnish the music, and the usual refreshments will be available.

referred and M. K. Chew, all to inactive duty and D. Y. Aoki to civilian life; HM3's W. Wideman to Camp Pendleton, M. A. Cassotta, J. A. Corbett and W. R. Dodge, all to inactive duty, and W. E. Schmidt, H. F. Wullschlegger and W. R. Bates, all to civilian life; and HN's T. J. LaBeau to OCS, USNTPC, Newport, R.I., and G. Vigil and C. J. Collar, both to Camp Pendleton.



One of the most compelling documents to come out of the recent war is the diary of a fifteen-year-old German-Jewish girl, who died in the concentration camp of Bergen-Belsen in March 1945. From June 1942 until the Nazis raided the "Secret Annex" of the house where her refugee family was hiding in Amsterdam, Anne Frank confides to her diary the unique atmosphere, with its intuitively understood undercurrents of terror and frustration, of the refugee from Germany: a drama enacted against the final background of race and personal extinction. Anne Frank's *Diary of a Young Girl* was found among the rubble left by the raiding party. It is not a pleasant document; it is too much with us, too much a part of our own time.

The singular absence of bitterness in Anne Frank's diary appears with adult restraint in George Orwell's *Homage to Catalonia*. Readers of his 1984 are not always aware that Orwell fought in the Spanish revolution. So did Hemingway, who produced a novel out of his experiences. Orwell, with an incisive understanding of contemporary history, contends that the Communists, at the time ostensibly aiding the Republicans, in effect betrayed them through endless squabbles and intrigues between the Anarchists, Socialists and Communists. *Homage to Catalonia*, though not a novel, reads with the same gripping immediacy and realism as Hemingway's *For Whom the Bell Tolls*. Published in England in 1938, the book has heretofore been unavailable in this country.

If you've had a hankering to read James Joyce's *Ulysses* (which is not really a book to read merely with a hanker) the library rather shamefacedly reports that it finally has a copy, only about 20 years after Judge Lindsay's historic decision that the book was not mere obscenity and therefore could be published in the United States.

The final book shipments for July have been received and catalogued and made ready for circulation. The title list will be found at the circulation desk, and many of the jackets may be seen on the main bulletin board. —THEODOR YERKE.

700 Enlisted Men Earn Pilot's Wings; Fly Planes, Helicopters, Blimps

(By Armed Forces Press Service)

Besides filling their primary duties as machinist mates, electronics technicians, or aerologists, a group of Navy enlisted men have earned their wings as aviation pilots.

At present there are approximately 700 enlisted aviation pilots who daily fly all types of planes, helicopters and blimps.

A typical group of "APs" are stationed at NAS Anacostia, Washington, D. C. They help to coordinate air traffic at the busy flight center there. Other billets such as airplane maintenance, operation and repair are also handled by the enlisted "APs."

One of the most famous of all Naval aviation squadrons was the carrier-



Ralph Larion tells a small member of his audience what to do with the magic handkerchief the boy is holding, in a "now you see it, now you don't" trick.

Officers' Barber Is Pro Magician

His hands wield combs and scissors by day, and at night are "quicker than the eye" as they handle magic rings and make bird cages disappear.

The hands belong to Ralph Larion, officer's barber by day, and "The Great Ralla," magician, by night.

Larion and his wife, Helen, came to California last September when their son, Gerald Larion, HN, was sent to Oak Knoll for duty. Originally the family is from Bay City, Mich.

"The Great Ralla" first appeared professionally in 1934, staging his show before school, church, and civic groups, and frequently for benefits. He has always had another occupation in conjunction with his role as a magician, and owned a barber shop before coming here.

His favorite trick is that of the "vanishing bird cage," in which he makes an 8x10 inch cage disappear into thin air, first by itself and then while members from the audience are holding their hands on the cage. He has done very few shows since coming to the west coast, but plans to get back in the swing of things when he gets back to Michigan.

Another interesting feature of the barber-magician's life is the fact that he joined the Army when he was only 14 years old, serving from 1918 until 1921.

His wife, Helen, in addition to being a magician's assistant, operates a grocery store the Larions own in Oakland.

based "Fighting Squadron Two" assigned to the USS LEXINGTON during the late thirties.

Fighting Two (called the "Up and At 'Ems" in Naval circles) became famous for the proficiency and excellent flight record it maintained year after year in Naval flying competition. Most of Fighting Two's pilots were enlisted men.

Today's "APs" still carry on with the same efficiency displayed by their predecessors.

Holding first class and chief petty officer ratings, more than 100 "APs" were recently recommissioned to officer pilot status. Many of them held temporary commissions during WW II.

ALL DEPENDS ON HOW YOU LOOK AT IT!

By RAZ



THRU.... THE DOCTOR'S EYES. THE NURSE'S EYES THE PATIENT'S EYES HIS OWN EYES



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Oak Knoll Baseball Team Wins 12 ND Class B Crown in Finals

Oak Knoll's baseball team, after a season of upsets, disappointments, and frequent squad changes caused by the release of players, finally came into its own on Thursday, 31 July, when it beat Port Chicago Marines 16-13 to cop the Twelfth Naval District's Class B crown.

Port Chicago two days before had defeated Naval Supply Center, the other member of the trio tied for first place in Class B competition. The three teams finished the regular schedule with a record of 13 wins and seven losses against Class B competition, and the "sudden death" playoff was needed to determine the winner.

Oak Knoll's batting power, which has been a hit and miss proposition all season, was much in evidence in the crucial game as the hospital crew battered three Port Chicago pitchers for eighteen hits. Meanwhile, Rocky Haile, who went the route on the mound for Oak Knoll, limited the Marines to eight hits, collecting a total of 11 strike-outs en route.

The outcome was very nearly settled after the first two innings of the game. When Oak Knoll came to bat in the first frame, there was no delay in getting the hitting streak under way. Dinuzzo singled, Seastrand lived on an error, Amos walked, Basques also lived on an error, Pitzer singled, Schoenbachler smashed a triple, Haile singled. Dinuzzo and Seastrand walked and Amos doubled for a total of eight runs.

In the second inning there was more of the same as Basques walked, Anderson singled, Pitzer doubled, and Schoenbachler, Haile and Dinuzzo followed with singles for another

three runs, and a lead of 11-3 after two innings.

After that it was just a question of holding off the Port Chicagoans as the Knollites added two more runs in the fifth, one in the seventh and two in the eighth.

Beach, the first hurler for Port Chicago, was sent to the showers before the first inning was completed, and McAllister followed him in the third, with Gleason finishing the game.

Shortstop Mel Dinuzzo was the batting champ of the day with four hits, three singles and a double, in four official times at the plate. Schoenbachler was the power hitter, adding two singles to the booming triple he got in the first inning. Anderson and Haile both got three hits, all singles, Pitzer had a single and a double, Irving two singles and Amos a double.

Horseshoe Play Lists One Match

Only one match had been played in the Oak Knoll staff horseshoe tourney this week as THE OAK LEAF went to press. That was in the doubles tourney where the team of Cullum and Bailey defeated Sessions and Greer. Cullum and Bailey both represent the Dental Department, Sessions and Greer the Chaplains' Office.

Play in both the singles and doubles tourneys was expected to speed up toward the end of the week. Time for matches has been left up to the competitors.

Combat Pay Claims To be Slightly Delayed

Washington (AFPS)—It will be at least several weeks before the Services can begin to pay claims authorized under the Combat Pay Act of 1952.

In a special announcement, the Department of the Army explained that although rapid progress is being made in developing procedures for payment, extensive administrative information still must be compiled.

The process must first await a report from the Far East Command listing Army units whose combat service in Korea qualified their personnel for the \$45-a-month payments. The list of eligible units must be determined before the claims of individuals can be acted upon.

The FECOM report, which required an examination of records covering more than two years' action, is expected to be received by the Department of the Army by 15 September, 1952.

In making the announcement the Army urged that all inquiries be withheld until further announcements. All Services are expected to begin payments at the same time.

Time tells on a man . . . especially a good time.

Two More Games For Softball Crew

Oak Knoll's softball team, resting solidly in second place after last week's 1-0 defeat by Moffett Field was out of action this week as a result of Treasure Island's dropping from the league.

Next week, on 13 August, the Knollites will tangle with District Communications, and the following week, on 20 August, will play the last scheduled game of the season against Y.B.I. Air Force. Both games will be away.

Meanwhile, Manager Jacobson this week toted up the batting averages for team members thus far in the season and found that the team average for the eight games played is .240. Hinds leads the individual averages with a soaring .500, followed by Brown with .480, Irving with .450, Jacobson with .387 and Hendrix with .364. All others were below the .300 mark.

This week the Oak Knoll softballers were keeping close tab of a game between Moffett Field and NAS, Alameda. If Alameda wins, as they did in the previous meeting of the two teams, Oak Knoll would move back into a tie for first place. Results of the game were not available at press time.

Chaplain Stops Here On Reserve Cruise

LTJG A. T. Tuttle, CHC, USNR, of Salt Lake City, spent several days at Oak Knoll last week as part of his annual 14-days training duty as a member of the Naval Reserve.

During the active duty period LTJG Tuttle was assigned to the Twelfth Naval District's Chaplain's office and visited various Naval installations in the district to become better acquainted with the work being done by Chaplains.

He completed his training period Friday.

VA Forms Available

The Veterans Administration's office (main deck, Administration Building) now has a supply of application forms for the Mustering Out Pay provided for in the Korean War G.I. Bill.

The forms must be filled out and submitted by veterans of service since 27 June 1950 who have already been discharged from service. Those still on active duty will receive the Mustering Out Pay when they are discharged or when they re-enlist.



Sunday, 10 August
AFFAIR IN TRINIDAD—Rita Hayworth, Glenn Ford, MELODRAMA. This is such a new picture that no release date has been set as yet by Columbia. It is the first picture Miss Hayworth has made since her trip to Europe as Princess Aly Khan, and incidentally, since her visit to Oak Knoll last year. No information concerning this picture, except that it revolves around Miss Hayworth, is available. But if you want to be among the first to see Miss Hayworth back on the screen, here is your chance. Also a newsreel.

Monday, 11 August
THE BAREFOOT MAILMAN — Robert Cummings, Terry Moore, DRAMA. The story of this movie, filmed in color, is toward the end of the last century in the swampland and jungles of Florida. The barefoot mailman, as he was known at the time, moving from town to town on foot was responsible for providing the only contact between communities. The movie concerns one of these trips, marked by a series of dangers, fights, kidnapping and other incidents, and at the end of the trip is an all out battle between citizens of the town and a gang of beachcombers. Rating: Good.

Tuesday, 12 August
YOU FOR ME—Peter Lawford, Jane Greer, COMEDY. This is another new one, set for public release next month. No advance information is available as to quality or quantity. Also, a one-reeler in color called "Fraidy Cat."

Wednesday, 13 August
CONFIDENCE GIRL—Tom Conway, Hilary Brooke, DRAMA. This is a story of how a swindler's best laid plans can go astray, as a result of his own slickness and the sentimental nature of his lovely feminine accomplice. The story follows swindler Conway, who doubles as a private eye and his violin-playing girl friend to Los Angeles where they dupe a pawnbroker out of \$7,000 as a prelude to a \$1,000,000 scheme. The latter is a deal whereby Miss Brooke, as a night club clairvoyant, will get susceptible customers to buy worthless copper mining stock. They almost succeed but are involved in an unexpected murder that leads to their exposure. Rating: Good.

Thursday, 14 August
SECRET FLIGHT — Ralph Richardson, COMEDY. This is a British movie, an is notable chiefly because of its murkiness. The story is of "the Boffins," Britain's scientists corralled by the government and set to work to solve problems of navigational aids, bombing, submarine hunting, night air fighting, radar and the like. Mr. Richardson is given the most dangerous of all assignments — to land with commandos and bring back complete German radar equipment. Rating: Good. Also two-reeler in black and white, "So You Won't Squawk?"

Friday, 15 August
THE FIGHTER—Richard Conte, Vanessa Brown, DRAMA. Here are actually two stories, that of a fight against oppression and that of a prize fighter. The film opens with Conte escaping from Mexico across the Rio Grande to El Paso where he joins a group of Mexican expatriots dedicated to the cause of the rebels. The group need money and for this reason Conte reluctantly goes into the ring. He eventually fights the champion to pay for guns for his comrades. Rating: Good. Also a newsreel.

Saturday, 16 August
HERE COME THE NELSONS — Ozzy and Harriet Nelson, COMEDY. This movie comes from the familiar radio show. Ozzy works in a small advertising agency and Harriet is kept busy at home with her two sons, David and Ricky. In it is the eternal triangle, a rodeo, gangsters, and everything expected in one of these situation comedies. Rating: Good.

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The Texan, seeing his first motorcycle, seized his rifle and fired.

"Git the varmint?" asked his wife.

"Nope," admitted the Texan. "I still hear the critter, but I shore made it turn that man loose."

The question on the physiology examination read: "How may one obtain good posture?"

The country boy puzzled a moment, then wrote: "Keep the cows off it and let it grow."

Knitting is an occupation which gives women something to think about while talking.

"Sometimes," said the mistress to the new maid, "it will be necessary for you to help the butler upstairs."

"I understand, madam. I take a nip myself sometimes."

For many years a rancher employed a Chinese cook. After an unusually good dinner the rancher decided to raise his wages. The next pay day the cook noted the extra money in his envelope. "Why you pay me more?" he asked.

"Because you've been such a good cook all these years," replied the boss.

After thinking it over for a while the Chinese said, "You been cheating for long time, eh?"



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CAPT D. W. Sherwood, MC, USN, head of the Department of Pediatrics, smiles down at young **Charlie Pruner**, who had a fish hook removed from his eye here last week. The hook was lodged in the outer part of the eye and his sight will not be affected. For Charles, that patch meant staying in the hospital instead of dangling his line from the dock at Alameda.

A Fish Story With New Angle

Nine-year-old Charles Pruner went fishing down by the NAS, Alameda, last week, caught no fish and—worse luck—got his fish hook caught in his own left eye.

Charlie, son of Vernon Pruner, HM2, USNR, of Alameda, had set out early in the afternoon, his hook baited with shrimp, his sportsman's spirit high. It was on the way home that it happened.

"I threw back the line and started to cast, and all of a sudden I felt an awful pain in my eye," the boy said. He ran to the nearest house, where the police were called. They picked up the young angler and his mother and rushed them to a local doctor, who gave emergency treatment (which included removal of the shrimp) and sent him on to Oak Knoll, where **CAPT B. H. Ahl**, Chief of the EENT Service, removed the fish hook successfully.

An interesting sidelight is that Charles' father returned from Korea two weeks ago and was at Treasure Island awaiting discharge. Had the accident happened a few days later, Charlie would not have been eligible for treatment here, and Doctor Ahl would not have had the opportunity to remove his first fish hook from a patient's eyeball.

Ott and Oaks To Visit, Talk Baseball

Mel Ott, manager of the Oakland Oaks' baseball team, and some of his star players, will be at Oak Knoll next Monday. You're invited to come and meet them and talk to them, at 1900, Monday, 18 August, in the Red Cross Lounge.

Hearst Ranch Staff Picnic

The two main events scheduled for the remainder of this month are the big staff picnic at the Old Hearst Ranch, and a ball game between the Oak Knoll team and the Seattle Rainiers.

Two hundred tickets have been purchased for staff members and their dependents wishing to attend the picnic, which will be on Saturday, 23 August, and transportation for those needing it will leave the hospital at 1200.

Many of the facilities of the ranch, including swimming, dancing, and tennis, will be free to ticket holders. At 1400 a barbecue at the ranch house veranda will be served by the ranch hands.

Numerous other facilities, including horseback riding and golfing, will be available to picnickers at their own expense.

Admission to the ranch will be by ticket only, and the deadline for picking up tickets was yesterday. Anyone unable to use his tickets because of later plans should be sure to return them to Special Services, so that they may be turned in and a refund received.

The ball game will be at the Oaks' park in Emeryville, and 40 patients will be guests of the Alameda County Employees Association. The game will be held on Thursday, 21 August, and transportation will be provided for the patients who wish to attend.

Five Selected For Promotion to RADM

ALNAV 42 this week announced the selection of five Medical Corps captains for promotion to the rank of rear admiral.

They are **CAPT Thomas F. Cooper**, now serving as Commanding Officer at U.S. Naval Hospital, Great Lakes, Ill.; **CAPT James R. Fulton**, Commanding Officer at U.S. Naval Hospital, U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md.; **CAPT O. B. Morrison, Jr.**, Medical Officer on the staff of the Commander, Naval Forces, Far East; **CAPT B. W. Hogan**, U.S. Naval Hospital, Bethesda, Md.; and **CAPT F. R. Moore**, Commanding Officer, U.S. Naval Hospital, Newport, R. I.

The President approved the selections last week end at the close of a ten-day meeting of the selection board.

Of particular interest to ambitious hospital corpsmen is the fact that three of the new admirals started their Navy careers as corpsmen during World War I.



Among the highlights of **LCDR Carrie E. Chapman's** recent trip to London was her meeting with **Bernard Baruch** at Grosvenor Square. The two were chatting before the **Franklin D. Roosevelt** statue when a Navy photographer snapped this picture.

Doctor Back From London

LCDR Carrie E. Chapman, Chief of the Physical Medicine Service, is back on duty after a flying trip to London, where she attended the International Congress of Physical Medicine at Kings College.

Doctor Chapman was among the many representatives from 20 nations of the world who gathered at the congress for an exchange of knowledge and practices.

One of the highlights of her visit to England came when she was on a sightseeing tour in London's Grosvenor Square, headquarters of Vice-Admiral **Jerauld Wright**, USN. While standing in front of the **Franklin D. Roosevelt** statue in the park, she heard someone say, "Well, what are you doing here?"

The voice was that of **Bernard Baruch**, U.S. statesman and close friend of the late President. He and Doctor Chapman met at Mayo Brothers Clinic some years ago.

Mr. Baruch, in London for a visit with Prime Minister Churchill, has been the principal benefactor of the

Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation organization. At the opening session of the Congress a gold medallion to be worn by the president was presented in honor of **Mr. Baruch's** father, **Dr. Simon Baruch**, who was one of the first advocates of hydrotherapy.

20 Staff Corpsmen Advanced to HN

Twenty staff members yesterday (Friday) were advanced from the rate of HA to HN, gaining the right to sew another white stripe on their sleeve. Names of the new HN's are **Y. I. Belhumeur**, **R. A. Blanc**, **F. C. Dumm**, **G. S. Harris**, **E. B. Howell**, **K. M. Kramer**, **W. D. Lane**, **J. N. Lute**, **H. C. Michael**, **S. Nussenblatt**, **R. F. Pickens**, **J. G. Poehling**, **W. C. Reilly, Jr.**, **P. E. Ryan**, **D. U. Shirachi**, **V. H. Simonia**, **A. W. Skoda**, **D. H. Stiles**, **W. N. Strickland**, and **D. K. Temple**.

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† † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

A millionaire who recently gave away \$4,000,000 to different charitable organizations attributed his success to a Secret Partner. For those who didn't grasp immediately about whom he was speaking he clearly stated that his Secret Partner is God. He says that throughout his life he felt that he was being guided by an Intelligent and Kindly being.

Not only he but many people feel the same way—and all men could experience this same kindly guidance if they did not harden their hearts to the directions of God so discreetly given. It is part of God's plan to guide us to peace and success on earth and in heaven—but not to force us—not compel us—not to shout at us. We have a free will. We have an intellect. God is always sending His messages to the hearts of men on a wave length sufficiently strong for reception but not so strong that it is the only wave length on which we can get messages. We must tune in if we are to hear His messages and then decide to act upon them.

We must be humble men. We must have confidence in God. The virtue of humility will enable us easily to see our need for God's Guidance and to seek it. Confidence in God will make it easy for us to do as God suggests, even though the World, the Flesh and the Devil coming in on other wave lengths seem to suggest better ways to act.

Be humble. Be confident. Cooperate with your Secret Partner. You too, will be a success on earth and in heaven.

J. J. KILLEEN,
Catholic Chaplain.

New GI Bill Provides Compensation Tied In With Mustering-Out Program

Unemployment compensation offered in the new GI Bill for post-Korean veterans provides for payments of \$26 a week, up to a total of 26 weeks, and will be administered through the states by the U.S. Department of Labor, according to the Veterans Administration.

The top amount that any veteran can get, therefore is \$676. The unemployment program takes effect 90 days after the date of passage of the bill, which was 17 July.

It has been tied in with the new law's mustering-out program in the following way:

A veteran entitled to \$100 mustering-out pay can't get unemployment compensation until 30 days after discharge or until the effective date of the program, whichever is later. A veteran who gets \$200 mustering-out pay has to wait until 60 days after discharge or until the bill is effective, while one who receives \$300 must wait either 90 days after discharge or until the effective date, whichever comes later.

Eligibility requirements are the same as for education and training or GI loans. The discharge must be under conditions other than dishonorable, there must be active service after 27 June, 1950, and there must be at least 90 days' total service, unless discharged for a service-connected disability.

The bill contains important deadlines that post-Korea veterans should keep in mind. Education and training, for post-Korea veterans, must be started by 20 August 1954, or two years after release from active duty, which ever comes later. No training may be given beyond either seven years after discharge or seven years after the end of the current emergency, whichever is later.

In contrast, for most World War II veterans, the GI Bill cut-off date for starting has already passed, and training may not extend beyond 25 July 1950.

The deadline for loans for veterans with service after Korea is 10 years after the present emergency comes to an end. The deadline for World War II veterans who have not gone back to active duty is 25 July 1957.



The fishing season opened with a huge "catch." The largest haul of the day was a red snapper weighing over five pounds. Sixteen patients sailed out of Half Moon Bay on Ray Gardiner's boat for deep sea fishing. The day was rough and windy but everyone had bites and brought back everything from sea trout to ling cod. The trip was made possible through Al Acardi, the "Fish Finder" who broadcasts each day over Station KLX, and the bait was furnished by the Fruitvale Bait Shop.

Red Cross Ramblings

MOVIEGOERS

The ward movie schedule for the next week will be "Sound Off," a comedy starring Mickey Rooney and Ann James. The second feature is "Just Across the Street," also a comedy, with Ann Sheridan and John Lund. Watch for one of these full-length features on your ward.

CHECK MATES

ERNIE BARTHOLOMEW, veteran, ward 62A, recently returned to the hospital for more treatment and has been one of our most avid chess fans. It has been proved beyond a doubt that he has played a great many games and has scored the highest number of points and has been the recipient of a prize that has been offered by the Red Cross Chess Club. Now he wants to challenge that record and anticipates meeting more of the bed patients who are listed on the hospital chess roster. Are you interested in chess? We will be glad to teach you if you are a novice, and should you desire some pointers, let us know. Next Monday evening, 18 August, the Hayward Chess Club will play all comers in the Red Cross Lounge at 1900. This Club's players range in age from 16 to 60 and will keep our Club busy with all their intricate moves. Come on over to the Lounge and watch the game.

CLICK

"Turn out the lights and let's see what develops," is a familiar cry from the dark room in the Red Cross Lounge (Building 32), where under dim, but "safe" lights, all sorts of developing, printing and enlarging goes on. If you're confused in the midst of all those clocks, ringing bells and solutions in a row, we'll be glad to demonstrate how the hocus pocus comes off. Have you ever tried a color shot, not predetermined colors like you'd have to take with Kodachrome film, but your own original, hand-picked colors? We have paints for tinting, paper with necessary "bite," toothpicks and cotton, and we'll be glad to show you how to put them all together.

RECORDINGS

Have you heard your voice as transmitted on a record? It is now

possible to hear it with our excellent recording apparatus in the Lounge, or if you are a bed patient we can bring the recording machine to your bedside and you can make one on the ward. JAMES BROWN, SN, USN, has made a recording to send his family back in Columbus, Miss., relating all about California, its customs, flowers and fruits, with comparison to those in Mississippi. Jimmie still seems to favor his corn pone, black-eyed peas and hominy grits!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

It was the 52nd birthday for CHARLES COLLIS, EMC, USN (Ret.) of ward 80B and the sixth that he has celebrated at the hospital. He had indicated a desire for his favorite dessert concoction, an angel food cake; so when his birthday came round one was presented to him surrounded by 52 multi-colored candles. The entire ward grouped around his bed and sang "Happy Birthday" as Charlie blew out the candles. We all wish the very best to you, Charlie.

VA Requests Action To Speed Up Benefits

Quick action to prevent any delays in providing education or training for veterans under the new Korean GI bill has been taken by Carl R. Gray, Jr., Administrator of Veterans Administration.

Mr. Gray has announced that he has formally requested the nation's 48 governors to appoint agencies within their states to handle approval of schools and business establishments for training eligible veterans.

The new law specifies that schools and training establishments must have state approval before they may offer training to veterans who served since the outbreak of Korean hostilities. Mr. Gray requested "early receipt" of the lists of state approving agencies, so that the VA can start handling veterans' applications before 20 August—the date the new training program goes into effect.

Divine Services

Hospital Chapel at Main Gate
PROTESTANT

BIBLE SCHOOL — SUNDAY 0945
SUNDAY WORSHIP — 1100
FELLOWSHIP HOUR — MONDAY
1930 — In Chaplains' Office — Ward 67A

CATHOLIC

SUNDAY MASSES
0600 - 0800 - 0900 - 1215
DAILY MASSES — 1150 & 1630
Confessions before Mass
CHOIR PRACTICE:
TUESDAY 1900

Catholic Oratory in back of Chapel
CHAPLAINS' OFFICES IN
CHAPEL & 67A
NAVY RELIEF OFFICE—
IN CHAPEL

MORMON SERVICE: SUNDAY 0900
in Staff Conference Room,
Adm. Bldg. Annex

Chaplains of other faiths will be called
upon request

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SUNDAYS 0845 & 1045

Life Begins at Oak Knoll

3 August

ROBINSON, Boy, to wife of Robert Robinson, SA, 7 pounds, 10 ounces.
 GABLE, William Blaine, to wife of William James Gable, AN, 7 pounds, 7 ounces.
 PICKERING, Georgia Lyn, to wife of Ross Aaron Pickering, AN, 7 pounds, 3 ounces.
 RUSSELL, Joan Roxane, to wife of Mark E. Russell, 7 pounds, 10 ounces. (Mother is ex-L.I. Nurse Corps.)
 HEID, Robert Kurt, to wife of Joseph Heid, HM2, Staff, 7 pounds, 6 ounces.

4 August

CONNELLY, Maureen Eliza, to wife of Melvin E. Connelly, TDI, 6 pounds, 14 ounces.
 WILKINS, Douglas Michael, to wife of David Wilkins, SN, 9 pounds, 5 ounces.
 TIGERT, Cheryl Lea, to wife of George E. Tigert, GM2, 6 pounds, 13 ounces.
 JOHNSON, Anthony, to wife of Julius Johnson, Jr., SD3, 6 pounds, 15 ounces.
 VANDERGRUFF, Robert Ernest, to wife of Reece J. Vandergruff, 1/SGT, 8 pounds, 4 ounces.
 SMITH, Elise Marie, to wife of Alvin Smith, MAJ, 8 pounds, 14 ounces.
 SHOKT, David Christopher, to wife of Harold Short, SN, 7 pounds.
 BROWN, Michael James, to wife of James K. Brown, EM3, 6 pounds, 2 ounces.
 SPIERS, William Douglas, to wife of Homer D. Spiers, BMC, 7 pounds, 4 ounces.

5 August

BASS, Lester Steven, to wife of Leon Bass, GM3, 7 pounds.
 JOY, Stephanie Lugenia, to wife of Carl Joy, EMC, 8 pounds, 12 ounces.
 ASHLEY, Kenneth La Mont, to wife of Billie Joe Ashley, SD3, 7 pounds, 3 ounces.
 JOHNSON, Marian Yvonne, to wife of Hazen Johnson, MM1, 9 pounds, 2 ounces.
 EMERSON, James Huntington II, to wife of James H. Emerson, AOUC, 7 pounds, 13 ounces.
 SMILEY, Scott Eugene, to wife of James L. Smiley, MM2, 7 pounds, 13 ounces.
 BECK, Katherine Louise, to wife of Donald Beck, YN2, 7 pounds, 9 ounces.

6 August

DURHAM, Walter Alex and Paul Douglas, twins, to wife of James L. Durham, ETC, 7 pounds, 8 ounces, and 7 pounds.
 FREEMAN, Michelle Marie, to wife of Martin Freeman, M/SGT, 6 pounds, 2 ounces.
 WALTERS, Victor Edwin, to wife of Leroy Walters, AM3, 8 pounds, 1 ounce.
 WETTER, Mary Margaret, to wife of John Wetter, BM1, 3 pounds, 5 ounces.
 DORN, James Henry, Jr., to wife of James H. Dorn, SA, 4 pounds, 1 1/2 ounces.
 MELVIN, Patricia Ann, to wife of Royce Melvin, SN, 6 pounds, 10 ounces.
 SINGLETON, Pamela, to wife of Walter H. Singleton, LTJG, 6 pounds, 13 ounces.

7 August

O'NEIL, Girl, to wife of Warren O'Neil, LT, 6 pounds, 13 ounces.
 PALMER, Joyce, to wife of Haywood Palmer, RD3, 6 pounds, 15 ounces.
 SWEENEY, Michael Joseph, to wife of James J. Sweeney, AN, 6 pounds, 7 ounces.
 TAYLOR, Gary Michael, to wife of Walter Taylor, AT2, 5 pounds, 11 ounces.
 HEATH, Thomas Edsell, to wife of Gene Heath, HN, Staff, 7 pounds, 7 ounces.
 BERINGER, Girl, to wife of Irvin Beringer, ADC, 7 pounds, 2 ounces.
 TAITANO, Ivy Juliana, to wife of Mariano G. Taitano, SD2, 6 pounds, 13 ounces.
 BURKE, Robert Morgan, to wife of Irwin M. Burke, GMC, 6 pounds, 14 ounces.
 DOFFLEMYER, Diana Louise, to wife of Charles E. Dofflemyer, PNSN, 7 pounds, 4 1/2 ounces.
 FIVEASH, Patricia Lynn, to wife of William D. Fiveash, T/SGT, 8 pounds, 11 ounces.
 DAWSON, Donald Eugene, to wife of Willie Clark Dawson, SN, 6 pounds, 14 ounces.
 GREEN, Deborah Ann, to wife of Stanley Green, Jr., SN, 7 pounds, 14 ounces.

8 August

NUTT, Linda Sue, to wife of Donald Nutt, SA, 8 pounds, 9 ounces.
 SLATER, Boy, to wife of Richard Slater, AEAN, 11 pounds, 2 ounces.
 SWAN, Girl, to wife of William Swan, HMC, 8 pounds, 4 ounces.
 SHOUSE, Gary Robert, to wife of Joseph A. Shouse, ADC, 8 pounds, 2 1/2 ounces.
 PASSON, Kurt Douglas, to wife of Jack Passon, ENS, 7 pounds, 3 ounces.
 SOUZA, Michael Joseph, to wife of Joseph Souza, CWOCARP, 7 pounds, 10 ounces.
 TODD, Stephen Murray, to wife of Walter M. Todd, ENS, 7 pounds, 15 ounces.
 GEIGER, Jack Robert, Jr., to wife of Jack R. Geiger, FN, 3 pounds, 5 1/2 ounces.

9 August

BOOTH, Karen Gail, to wife of Harold P. Booth, ENFN, 7 pounds, 8 1/2 ounces.
 WEST, Timothy Dale, to wife of Jonnie Dale West, YN3, 9 pounds.
 BACIGALUPI, Dale Edward, to wife of Ronald Bacigalupi, S/SGT, 7 pounds, 5 ounces.
 LIPPINCOTT, Michael Thomas, to wife of Thomas Lippincott, AN, 7 pounds, 11 ounces.
 CARLTON, Vincel Ray, to wife of Darrell Carlton, FN, 6 pounds, 5 ounces.
 McDANIEL, Charles Bruce, to wife of Charles McDaniel, FN, 7 pounds, 4 ounces.
 ZUNKER, Karon Martha, to wife of Russell Zunker, PFC, 6 pounds, 1 ounce.
 QUERAL, Fred Robert, to wife of Mamerto A. Queral, PFC, 7 pounds, 13 ounces.
 HELEMS, Henry Albert, Jr., to wife of Henry Helms, TN, 7 pounds, 11 ounces.
 PALMER, John Kenneth, to wife of John F. Palmer, AN, 9 pounds, 4 ounces.



Another class has completed the course in Navy correspondence, a part of the Employee Development Program conducted by the Civilian Personnel Office. Members of the class that graduated this week are, back row (left to right) Virginia Glantz, Gwen Clarke, Yo Kumegia, Judy Gordon, and Thelma McNeil; front row, William E. Melvin, Civilian Personnel Training Assistant, in charge of the class, Mary Lubis, Myrtle Wallin, Allie Vosseler, and Mary Ann Wehrs. Civilian employees and enlisted personnel engaged in the preparation of correspondence, who desire to participate in the five one-hour sessions should contact the Civilian Personnel Office, Extension 147 as soon as possible.

Nuclear Power Planned for CV's

Washington (AFPS)—The Atomic Energy Commission has announced that development work on a nuclear power plant suitable for propulsion of large naval vessels, such as aircraft carriers, will be conducted by the Westinghouse Electric Corporation under an AEC contract.

The work will be centered at the Bettis Plant, near Pittsburgh, Pa., operated by the Westinghouse Atomic Power Division. Other Westinghouse Divisions and widespread subcontractors will assist in the development.

The first hint of such a move came recently when Navy Secretary Dan Kimball spoke at the keel laying of the USS FORRESTAL. At that time Mr. Kimball said that he hoped it would be possible for the third or fourth Forrestal-class carrier to be propelled by atomic power.

Plan Dungaree League For Basketball Season

With intra-hospital softball league play a thing of the past, and intra-hospital bowling not yet ready to begin, Athletic Director W. Johnson this week asked that departments and groups at Oak Knoll begin lining up rosters for an intra-hospital basketball league.

Starting date for the league has not yet been set, but he asked that team managers sign up with him as soon as possible.

As it was last year, it will be a dungaree league with all games played on outside courts.

Southern Treat

Seminary, Miss. (AFPS)—When poker-faced highway patrolmen stopped every out-of-state auto passing through here, there were many worried motorists. But their concern turned to delight when the police escorted them to a school house. There they were treated to southern fried chicken, magnolia blossoms and Confederate flags. The occasion was the birthday anniversary of Jefferson Davis.

Welcome and Farewell

The population dropped at Oak Knoll again this week as a total of 30 former staff members were detached and only four reported aboard for duty. Of those detached, 10 were for release to inactive duty, two for discharge to civilian life, and 18 were transferred to new assignments.

Reporting aboard were LT Dorothea M. Wheeler, NC, USN, from USNH, St. Albans; LTJG Helen Vukovic, NC, USNR, from USS CONSOLATION; and HM1's E. G. Pelgrey from Naval Amphibious Base, Norfolk, Va., and C. J. Stevenson from NNMC, Bethesda, Md.

Transferred were CDR Wendell A. Butcher, MC, USN, to Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S. C.; LT Anderson T. Mason, MSC, USN, to NAS, Alameda; LT Grace H. Roberts, NC, USN, to civilian life; LT Lily A. Corsetti, NC, USNR, and LT Faye L. Wilhelm, NC, USNR, both to inactive duty; LTJG Thomas E. Doody, MC, USNR, to USNH, San Diego; LTJG Leonard F. Kellogg, Jr., MC, USNR, to USS ANTIETAM; LTJG Van V. Chambers, MC, USNR, to MSTs, Pacific Area; LTJG Carlisle C. Smith, MC, USNR, to LSMR, Squadron 3, San Diego; LTJG William S. Payne, M, USNR, to USS ELDORADO;

HMC R. A. Avriett to ComNav, Marianas; HM2's R. Mumma, B. R. Pollard, R. N. Warburton and G. A. Green, all to inactive duty; HM3's P. B. Hatcher and R. L. Fair, both to USNS, Treasure Island, D. L. Dancer to CNABTC, NAS, Pensacola, Fla., T. R. Aasum, Jr., to civilian life, and W. F. Knickerbocker, C. H. Eye, A. A. Vance and D. L. Hawkins, all to inactive duty; HN's T. F. McGreane and J. R. Brubaker, both to NSC, Oakland; L. F. Mann, Jr., and D. M. Hoefner, both to USNS, Treasure Island; C. H. Mitchell, Jr., to NATTC, Norman, Okla.; W. F. Miller to OCS, USNTS, Newport, R. I., and HA D. J. Davies to USNS, Treasure Island.

Blood Mobile Unit To Visit Hospital

Every civilian who has a pint of blood to spare will have a chance to send that pint on the way to Korea when the American Red Cross Bloodmobile calls at the hospital on Friday, 19 September.

The Mobile Unit will set up its facilities on the second floor of Building 133, and donations will be taken from 0800 to 1400, during which time employees who wish to give will be excused from work for the period necessary to make the donation and to recuperate at the refreshment table afterward.

Members of the families of civilian workers will have an opportunity to donate on the same day, and since blood donations have been lagging in recent weeks, all healthy hospital workers are urged to contribute and to encourage their friends and families to do likewise.

The Red Cross hopes that all who have given during previous visits of the Bloodmobile will return, and that many new donors will be added to the list.

Former Knollite Given Supervisor's Position

Royal Lange, stationed here as an HM3 for over a year, and discharged in June, has been appointed boys' supervisor and counselor at the Kansas State School for the Blind at Kansas City, Kans., according to word received here.

Lange will have charge of 45 boys, between 6 and 20 years of age, who are being instructed in work from the second grade through high school.

He entered the Navy and served from 1944 to 1946 in his first tour of duty. After graduating from the College of Emporia, he was recalled to active duty and sent here, where he was detailed to commissary number one.

Savannah, Ga. (AFPS)—Katie White of this city recently filed suit for an annulment of her marriage after waiting 47 years for her husband to "come home to supper."



W. I. Hall, HMC, staff photographer, caught this scenic shot last Saturday. The playing fountain above is not a new feature of the Oak Knoll landscape; it sprang from a fireplug near Ward 61 last Saturday, when the plug was broken off near the ground by a backing laundry truck. LT G. W. Barnes, CEC, USN, Head of the Maintenance Division, was there to take charge of the situation and direct the flow of water away from the parking lot which has just been paved and striped and which might have been badly damaged by the accident. The fire department stopped the gushing stream by turning a valve key inside the plug.



Americans love to talk about cars, but most of them don't know anything about them. This is understandable when one considers the dreadful mechanical frauds that most of us drive around. Mr. Kenneth Purdy, in **Kings of the Road**, talks about cars that were cars, and also about the cars one can buy now that are cars. In his historical chapters, Purdy discusses Alfa-Romeo, Mercedes-Benz, Bugatti, Cord, Auburn and the Stanley Steamer. He also traces the evolution of that little monster, the MG, and that bigger, superb vehicle, the Jaguar. Driving, Purdy sighs, is a lost art. We're taking all the joy out of it with mattress-sprunged, corner-rolling, shiftless floating bedrooms with V-8 engines and power steering. To one who drives an old '37 Ford, all this is somehow comforting.

Several weeks ago this column discussed some of the campaign-biographies appearing opportunely on the eve of the conventions. Now that it's all over except for the broad frontal attacks, camouflage, verbal bombardment, trench warfare and smoke-screens of the actual campaign, the harried reader need only read about Eisenhower and Stevenson. The Library's book on Eisenhower, Kevin McKann's **Man From Abilene**, has been considered here before. Now we have Noel F. Busch's **Adlai Stevenson of Illinois**. The first half of the book discusses Stevenson's background, family life and career. The second half is a selection of speeches and writings which illuminate his stand on the political issues which he, were he president, would have to consider.

Artie Shaw, well known as a musician and marital marathon runner, has suddenly discovered that the typewriter, even with fewer keys than a piano and a much more monotonous tone, can be made to play a merry tune. **The Trouble With Cinderella**, his first composition on the typewriter, is rather sharp (probably because a typewriter has exclusively black keys). In fact, it's very

Navy Develops "Electric Brain"

The Navy now has an electric brain that catches its own errors.

A new multi-million dollar electronic digital computing machine, developed over a period of six years, not only is capable of 3,000 to 5,000 mathematical operations per second, but stops its operation when an error creeps in.

The mechanical brain is called the "Raydac," an abbreviation of Raytheon Digital Automatic Computer. It was developed by the Raytheon Manufacturing Company for the Navy Bureau of Aeronautics.

Ten different types of accuracy checks are made by the "brain." All work is preserved up to the instant an error is flashed on the control board. After the correction is made the machine immediately continues its lightning calculations from the point where it stopped.

Following acceptance tests, the machine will be shipped to the Bureau of Aeronautics Naval Air Missile Test Center at Point Mugu, Calif. There, by radar and other checking devices, the machine will receive information and act as an "intelligence center" to study the flight behavior of the missiles.

It has taken teams of workers from 20 to 30 days to perform mass calculations from a single missile's flight data. The new machine is expected to solve these problems in minutes.

good. Shaw's analyst was having his couch re-covered, and during this interruption, Artie arranged 394 pages of a first rate exposition of his own problems, career-wise and personal-wise. "What price glory in the United States?" Shaw asks. What does a pursuit of the myth of success cost a man in terms of human values, Shaw wants to know. Out of all this, Shaw has emerged a better and bigger person. In fact, **The Trouble With Cinderella** is a much more important contribution to our country's life than his music.

—THEODOR YERKE.

Dallas, Tex. (AFPS)—Forrest Duke of Waukesha, Wis., drove his automobile into a used-car lot here. "What's this Ford worth?" he asked the dealer. The dealer answered, "No on, it's Dallas."

Civilian Personnel Notes

ANNUAL LEAVE

Official instructions have been received from the Navy Department concerning the use it or lose it leave requirement which was incorporated in the Independent Offices Appropriation Act of 1953.

The Act requires that all leave earned during each calendar year must be used prior to June 30 of the following year. Therefore, leave accumulated during 1952 must be used between 1 January 1952 and 30 June 1953. Any leave not used within the time limit is forfeited. The law specifically requires that employees must be given an opportunity to use their leave.

The Act **did not** change the requirement that a maximum of 60 days accumulation can be carried over at the end of any calendar year. It is important to remember that the end of a calendar year for leave purposes is the end of the last bi-weekly pay period which is December 20th in 1953.

All employees will be notified at the end of March and September each year of how much leave they currently have accumulated and how much they have to take before the next June 30th in order to avoid forfeiture.

HOLIDAYS

Instructions concerning holidays have been changed for those employees whose work week is other than Monday through Friday. Employees in this category formerly lost out on a number of holidays.

Under the new instructions these employees will be entitled to holiday pay as follows:

a. When a holiday falls on a Sunday which is outside of the employee's basic work week, the employee's next regularly scheduled work day will be treated as the holiday. **EXAMPLE:** When an employee's basic work week runs from Tuesday through Saturday, and a holiday falls on Sunday, Tuesday will be treated as a holiday.

b. When a holiday falls on a day outside the employee's basic work week which is the employee's non-work day corresponding to Sunday, the day of the employee's work week that corresponds to Monday will be treated as a holiday. **EXAMPLE:** An employee is scheduled to work Wednesday through Sunday and the holiday falls on Tuesday, the Wednesday following will be treated as a holiday.

c. When Labor Day or Thanksgiving falls on a day outside the employee's basic work week, the next scheduled day of work is treated as a holiday. **EXAMPLE:** An employee is scheduled to work Wednesday through Sunday, Wednesday following Labor Day is treated as a holiday.

d. An employee whose work day begins during one day and ends (after midnight) the following day is entitled to holiday benefits for the entire work day which commences on a holiday or a day which is treated as a holiday in accordance with the foregoing instructions.

Staff Personalities

One of the comparatively small band of civilian nurses employed at the hospital is pert Shirley Dusenbury, who works on Ward 40A. Shir-

ley was born and raised in San Leandro, graduated from Providence College of Nursing in Oakland, and did affiliate work in the U. S. Veteran's Hospital in Palo Alto. When she came to work here last January, she was first assigned to obstetrics and then to her present job on the dependent's surgical ward. Aside from the interest she focuses on wanting to buy a new Chevrolet (her life's goal at the present), she enjoys reading, dancing, water skiing, and going to stock car races.



Quiet, genial, and well-liked around the compound is Salvatore Saba, HC USN, a personality on the staff at Oak Knoll for eight months. "Sam," as he is better known, hails from

Pittsburgh, Pa., where he was an apprentice pharmacist and majored in pharmacy at the University of Pittsburgh before joining the Navy in March, 1951. Boot Camp and Corps School preceded his assignment to the electrocardiograph staff here last December. His spare time is invested in tennis for an "outside sport," bowling and building airplane models for inside recreation. He also spends time making plans for a wedding, to take place when he gets back to Pittsburgh and the girl who has waiting for him there.





Color, music, parades, dignitaries, bright sunshine—nothing was lacking in the four-day visit last week of 18 Oak Knoll patients at the Old Spanish Days in Santa Barbara. Shown here are a few scenes in that city. 1. Governor Earl Warren, resplendent in Spanish costume, came over to the patients' box before the big Fiesta Parade. Seated to the right of the Governor are SGT T. P. Hayes, CPL R. E. Powers, SGT L. H. Blocker and ENS J. M. Thompson, MSC, USN, who accompanied the patients. 2. When they arrived in Santa Barbara the Oak Knoll men were greeted by these girls in colorful dresses. Some of those who have just received flowers and cigarettes are S/SGT L. R. Raddatz, S/SGT J. Banks, CPL C. C. Wallace, BMG3 P. A. Moore, CPL Powers, SGT J. A. Sanders and SGT Hayes. 3. General of the Army George Marshall was another distinguished visitor who came to greet the Knollites. Standing to his right are HM3 H. J. Herter, SGT Sanders, SGT Hayes and CPL Powers. 4. In the front row of the Governor's box was the popular Warren family, from left to right, Mrs. Warren and the Governor, and their three daughters, Dorothy, Virginia and Nina. 5. This photo was taken as the Oak Knoll group boarded their plane at Alameda on Wednesday, 6 August, for the trip to Santa Barbara.

18 Patients Enjoy Four-Day Old Spanish Festival

For 18 Oak Knoll patients, whose homes are all the way from Pennsylvania to Hawaii and from Georgia to Washington, "La Fiesta" will always mean Santa Barbara, California. As guests of American Legion Post No. 49, in cooperation with the Armed Forces Coordinating Council of the Santa Barbara Chamber of Commerce, the Oak Knoll group spent four days at the Old Spanish Days Fiesta and while there were treated to the best by citizens of the city from the time they arrived at 1700 on Wednesday, 6 August, until they left at 1400 on Saturday, 9 August. The trip was made aboard a Navy plane from NAS, Alameda.

One of the most colorful and stirring of the many events celebrating Old Spanish Days were the opening ceremonies held at the Old Mission Grounds on the night of the group's arrival. Fireworks, dancing, music

and a personal welcome from the president of the Fiesta and from Governor Earl Warren highlighted the evening.

On Thursday the Oak Knoll group, along with patients from the Army Hospital at Camp Cook, had seats of honor at the Historical Pageant Parade, an annual event that is one of the high spots of the Fiesta. At the parade the patients again were greeted by Governor Warren and members of his family, and talked with Vice-Presidential Candidate Richard Nixon and with General of the Army George Marshall, both of whom were guests for the parade.

That afternoon the patients attended a party and reception at the fabulous Coral Casino at the Hotel Biltmore.

On Friday the festivities continued, with an equestrian promenade down the main street of the city during

the afternoon, and that night members of the group attended the Old Spanish Days Pageant, "The Yanqui and the Senorita," at the County Bowl in Santa Barbara. Before the pageant the patients were guests at a dinner given by the Santa Barbara Kiwanis Club.

But those were just the special events of the Fiesta. Every day the group was welcomed at historical art exhibits, to the El Mercado, or Market Place, to concerts, street dances, and displays and were serenaded by strolling children's choruses and musicians.

The patients were quartered at the Red Shield Club dormitory during their stay, and their meals were prepared by volunteer workers at the club.

Among those responsible for the arrangements for the trip were Major General Robert Blake, USMC (Ret.),

Colonel Louis H. Bell, Hon-USAR, General Chairman and Vice-Chairman respectively of the Armed Forces Coordinating Council; American Legion Post Commander Carl Carmicle, and members of both the council and the post who spared nothing to provide the Knollites with a good time.

Patients attending from Oak Knoll were S/SGT L. R. Raddatz, USMC; S/SGT J. Banks, USMCR; HM3 H. J. Herter, USN; CPL R. B. Schilpp, USMC; RM3 V. J. McGee, USN; HMI L. G. Porter, USN; SGT L. H. Blocker, USMC; SGT J. A. Sanders, USMC; SGT T. P. Hayes, USMC; CPL R. E. Powers, USMC; T/SGT C. S. McPherson, USMC; SGT A. K. Duvauchelle, USMC; CPL T. I. Klotz, USMC; BT3 R. A. Walton, USN; HN L. A. Brown, USN; CPL C. C. Wallace, USMC; S/SGT R. L. Harrison, USMC, and BMG P. A. Moore, USN.



The District Class B softball champs for 1952! Standing in back are (left to right) Harrison, pitcher; Jacobson, first base and manager; Jenkinson, catcher; Irving, Ferris and Davis, all outfielders. Kneeling are (left to right) Hillan, shortstop; Brown, third base; Inzerillo, outfield; Hinds, second base; Cruzan, outfield, and Moss, infielder. Not present when the picture was taken were Hendrix, an outfielder, who was transferred recently, and Lawnick and Webb, first string squad members who were detached in mid-season.

Softball Team District "B" Champions

Golfers Defeat NAS, Oakland

Oak Knoll's entry in the Twelfth Naval District golf league got back into the win column last week by defeating the crew representing NAS, Oakland, by a score of 11½ to 3½.

The tennis team did not fare so well, however, and was swept by the NAS, Oakland, netsters in their match.

This week, on Wednesday, 13 August, the golf team was to play Mare Island, and next week, on Wednesday, 20 August, will tangle with District Communications.

The tennis team was scheduled to meet NAS, Alameda, this week in the last scheduled game of the league.

Team Record Perfect In Class Competition

Oak Knoll this week won the Twelfth Naval District Class B softball championship without a single shot being fired when the two remaining opponents both forfeited.

The hospital crew was scheduled to play District Communications on Wednesday, 13 July, and Y.B.I. airforce on Wednesday, 20 July. The forfeits gave Oak Knoll a season record of 11 wins and 2 losses.

The District League championship went to NAS, Moffett Field, the only team able to beat Oak Knoll. However, Moffett Field is a Class A activity in athletics, which leaves Oak Knoll with a perfect record against Class B competition.

Moffett Field lost a single game during the league schedule. That was to NAS, Alameda, earlier in the season. Last week the two teams tangled again and a second Alameda win would have given Oak Knoll a tie for first place. But Alameda didn't win.

The softball championship was the second Class B top place won by Oak Knoll recently. Just two weeks ago the hospital's baseball team romped home with the championship, giving Oak Knoll a substantial lead in competition for the Commandant's Trophy in Class B athletics in the Twelfth Naval District.

Knoll's Courts Host Tennis Meet

Final plans have been completed, and all is in readiness for the annual Twelfth Naval District Tennis Tournament to be held on the Oak Knoll courts on 19, 20, and 21 August.

Oak Knoll, according to present plans, will have four entries in the meet. They are Bob Belcher, Ken Irrgang, Rex May and Gene Foster.

Horseshoe Play Runs Semi-Finals

Results announced this week in two more matches of the intra-hospital team horseshoe tourney completed the brackets for the semi-final play. The team of Kallemeyn-Jacobson defeated Brown-Newman to gain the right to play against Cullum-Bailey in the semi-final round.

Cullum-Bailey last week had defeated Sessions-Greer.

In the other bracket the Anderson-Irving duo emerged winner over Jenkins-Christoff, and will meet Amos-Trnka in the semi-final round. The latter had a bye in first-round competition.

Two matches were also run off in the singles tourney. In that competition Jacobson defeated Brown to meet Greer in the quarter-finals, while Jenkins won out over Newman.

Little Jimmy's father found him in the barn shaking his pet rabbit and saying, "Five and five. How much are five and five?"

The surprised father finally interrupted the proceedings: "What's the meaning of all this, Jimmy?"

"Oh," said Jimmy, "Teacher told us that rabbits multiply fast but this fellow can't even add."

Johnson Sounds Call for Squad To Play Varsity Touch Football

Although the hint of autumn in the air has not been too noticeable around Oak Knoll, Athletic Director W. Johnson has sounded the call for eager candidates hoping for a spot on the hospital's varsity touch football squad.

Johnson has asked that all men interested in a place on the football team check with him prior to the opening of practice the week of 25 August.

PREVIEWS

Sunday, 17 August
JUST FOR YOU—Bing Crosby, Jane Vroman, **MUSICAL**. Here, in short, is plot of this Technicolor movie: In process of making money and becoming famous; Bing Crosby, a Broadway composer and a widower, has not been able to give his two teen-age sons the individual attention they deserve. Afraid he is losing their love, he enlists the aid of Jane Vroman, his fiancée, and Ethel Barrymore, headmistress of a girls' school. The situation becomes critical when his 17-year-old son misinterprets Jane's interest and falls in love with her. Things, however, work out. This is a new one, set for public release next month, so no reviewers' ratings are available.

Monday, 18 August
THIEF OF BAGDAD—Sabu, **ADVENTURE**. No information of any kind available on this movie. If it was reviewed in the trade magazine, that particular information is apparently missing from the files. However, the title and name of the lead player should give a good idea of what it is about.

Tuesday, 19 August
LES MISERABLES—Michael Rennie, Debra Paget, **DRAMA**. This movie based on Victor Hugo's classic novel about law and justice in 19th century France. The first filming of this story in America for 17 years. Mr. Rennie plays the role of Valjean, the galley slave, and Robert Newton that of Javert, the police inspector. The first part of the story Valjean is sentenced to 10 years in the galleys for stealing a loaf of bread, with Javert in charge of the galley. In the second part Valjean, a parole violator, is making a new life as a successful pottery manufacturer until he is again thrown into contact with Javert and in the final part Javert again tracks down Valjean against the background of the revolution. Rating: Good.

Wednesday, 20 August
BORDER SADDLE MATES—Rex Allen, **WESTERN**. The story of this movie concerns Allen's uncovering of a gang of counterfeiters who smuggle their phony money into Canada by concealing it in the false bottoms of fox cages. A typical Western, with gun fighting, chases and fist cuffs, it also has, of all things, a fox hunt replete with horses and hounds. Rating: Good. Also, "Aim, Fire and Scoot," a two-reeler in black and white.

Thursday, 21 August
HALF BREED—Robert Young, Jane Carter, **WESTERN**. This picture is about the wrong often done Indians when the white man began taking over the western frontier, and comes in color. With the whites moving into Indian territory there was much inter-marriage and the "half-bred" children had a particularly hard time winning the respect of either group. In this movie forces are trying to create trouble with the Indians, and a half-bred girl is slain by the leader of the plotters. War is about to break out when Mr. Young steps in and settles the whole affair. Rating: Good. Also a one-reeler in black and white, entitled "Crocodile Hunters."

Friday, 22 August
ONE MINUTE TO ZERO—Robert Mitchell, Ann Blyth, **WAR**. Mitchum, playing the role of an American colonel in the movie, is a military observer who is stationed in Seoul when the battle breaks out over the 38th Parallel. Added sidelights are peeks into the lives of American fighting men and their wives, and the manner in which U.N. forces, spearheaded by Americans, attempt to take advantage of seemingly insurmountable odds. Main conflict is Mitchum's decision to shoot at a column of refugees harboring North Korean Communists. Rating: Good. Also newsreel.

Saturday, 23 August
BEND OF THE RIVER—James Stewart, **WESTERN**. Stewart, a reformed Missourian border raider, is heading west as guide for a party of farmers on the way to Oregon. There is a lot of footage about the battle between gold seekers and the farmers, but Stewart's reformation is complete, and in the end he kills the bad man and marries the girl. Rating: Excellent.

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G. L. Speidel, HM3, USN

OAK LEAF Loses Editor

Glenn L. Speidel, editor of THE OAK LEAF since 29 March and a member of the staff since 14 May, 1951, is today en route to Lincoln, Nebraska, where he and his wife, Dolores, and their son, Alan, 2, will resume the happy civilian life they left when Glenn was recalled to active duty.

Speidel expects to return to his job with the Associated Press next January and in the interim may enroll at his alma mater, the University of Nebraska, for a semester of graduate work in political science. Following his graduation from the University in 1949, Speidel was employed by the Lincoln Star and was serving as assistant city editor, when his chance to join the Associated Press came in January, 1951. He was covering the state legislature for AP when he received orders to active duty.

Upon his detachment from Oak Knoll, Glenn received a commendation from the Commanding Officer for his outstanding work in the Public Information Division.

"The many news releases you have written for dissemination to the Bay Area papers and press services have brought favorable publicity to the hospital and the Navy, as have your contributions to THE OAK LEAF," the commendation stated. "Under your editorship the paper has maintained high journalistic standards, has served as informer and entertainer, and has aided materially in building high morale among our patients and staff."

Speidel served 30 months in World War II and for ten months of that time was on duty with Fleet Hospital 116, Okinawa.

Upon his departure from the hospital, the responsibilities of OAK LEAF editor were turned over to Oak Knoll's WAVE journalist, Dorris Linsea, who recently returned from six weeks' training at the Armed Forces Information School at Fort Slocum, New York.

Army-USC Game Tickets Available

Tickets are now available for the Army-University of Southern California football game, to be played at the Los Angeles Coliseum, Los Angeles, Calif., on 4 October 1952. Anyone desiring tickets, priced at \$3.50 each, should forward a check or money order, made payable to the Commandant Recreation Fund, Commandant, Twelfth Naval District, to the Commandant, Twelfth Naval District (Special Services Officer), Room 224, Federal Office Building, San Francisco, Calif., not later than 27 August 1952.

Bar-B-Q, Dance Planned Tonight

Tonight's the night for the big western style Bar-B-Q and Dance at the Officers' Club.

There will be a cocktail hour, beginning at 1830, and the barbecue dinner will begin at 1900. A strolling accordionist will play throughout the cocktail hour and until the dance starts at 2100.

Dance music will be furnished by Leonard Auletti's band, Bay Area musicians who have been featured at the last three Officers' Club social affairs.

Admission for the evening is \$1 per person.

35 Patients Invited To Annual State Fair

Special Services has announced that 35 patients have been invited to attend the California State Fair at Sacramento on Friday, 5 September, Disabled Veterans Day. Transportation will be furnished to the event and further information may be obtained by contacting Special Services.



Congressman James E. Van Zandt, on a tour of military installations in the Bay Area, stopped briefly at Oak Knoll last week to see the work being done in the Artificial Limb Department. With CAPT Richard Lane, USN, 12ND Public Information Officer, Captain Gordon, and CDR T. J. Canty, Chief of the Amputee Service, he visited the workshop where artificial limbs are made to specifications for each individual patient. In the photo above, he and Dr. Canty are looking over blueprints for a new type of artificial arm. Mr. Van Zandt, a member of the Military Affairs Committee, is from Altoona, Pennsylvania. He was on active duty in the Navy during World Wars I and II and has been given the Naval Reserve Medal and Star for more than 30 years of honorable service. At present he holds the rank of captain.

Government Workers to Hear Chief

The Honorable Robert Ramspeck, Chief of the Civil Service Commission, will speak at 2000 Wednesday, 27 August, in Wheeler Auditorium on the University of California campus. His subject will be "Government Work and Workers."

Mr. Ramspeck has headed a truth

campaign to correct public misconceptions concerning government workers, and his message will be of interest to all civil service workers.

The meeting is open to the public, and all interested Oak Knoll employees are urged to attend.

Surgery Chief Ordered to Memphis as Exec



CAPT E. H. Dickinson, MC, USN

Oak Knoll will lose another "plank-owner" among staff officers next week when CAPT E. H. Dickinson checks out after more than three years' duty as Chief of the Surgical Service. He will leave Thursday for a new assignment as Executive Officer at USNH, Memphis, Tennessee.

Dr. Dickinson reported to Oak Knoll in August 1949 shortly after transferring from Reserve to Regular Navy status.

A native of Philadelphia, he received his medical training at Hahnemann Medical College in that city and following his graduation in 1921, interned there and remained for two years on a fellowship in surgery under the well-known Dr. Herbert L. Northrup.

During the doctor's first "hitch" in the Navy (1924-1930) he attended the Navy Medical School, served aboard the USS MERCY, did graduate work in surgery at the University of Pennsylvania, and was on duty in the surgical department at USNH, Philadelphia. Although he resigned to enter private practice and teach at Hahnemann, he maintained his association with the Navy by serving as Medical Officer in Naval Reserve Aviation in the Fourth Naval District. Called to active duty in 1940, Dr. Dickinson's first wartime assignments were at USNH, Philadelphia, and aboard the USS ALBEMARLE.

Captain Dickinson was certified by the American Board of Surgery in

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† † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

Of all the prayers known to man few have become as popular as the classic prayer of St. Francis. Read it over at the beginning of each day and it will help you to consecrate the day to your God and your fellow man.

"Lord, make me an instrument of your peace; where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy.

"O Divine Master, grant that I may seek not so much to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love; for it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning, that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life."

—C. B. KNIGHT, Catholic Chaplain

New GI Bill Will Pay 75 Per Cent Of Cost for Vet's Flight Training

Post-Korean veterans who want to learn how to fly will get 75 per cent of their flight training costs paid by the Government, under a new GI Bill signed by the President in mid-July. The rest will have to come out of the veteran's own pocket.

The new GI Bill, Public Law 550, applies to veterans who served since the outbreak of fighting in Korea in June 1950. Their services need not necessarily have been in Korea.

It provides veterans with five benefits: education and training and GI loans, both administered by the Veterans Administration; and unemployment compensation, mustering-out pay and job-finding assistance, handled by other agencies.

Under the new GI Bill, the VA will make monthly payments directly to veteran-trainees, and not to the

school. Out of the allowance, veterans will have to meet all their own expenses, including tuition.

The VA allowance for flight trainees also will go to the veterans, but they must turn the money over to the flight school, along with some funds of their own, to cover the cost of the training.

The law specifies that the flight training pay will be based on 75 per cent of the school's established charge for non-veterans taking the same course.

In the case of a veteran taking flight training along with some other course under the new GI Bill, he will receive both the flight allowance plus whatever other allowance he may be entitled to—depending on the course.

Normally, under the law, a post-Korean veteran will get one and one-half days of GI training for each day of service, after Korea, up to a maximum, for most veterans, of 36 months. But flight trainees will use up their entitlement at the rate of one day for each \$1.25 paid to them by the VA.

Provisions of the new Korean GI Bill should not be confused with the GI Bill for World War II veterans, VA said. Under the WWII law, the VA would pay all training costs directly to the school, and in addition would pay a veteran a subsistence allowance if he were entitled to it. Under the Korean GI Bill, a single payment is made to the veteran.

Also, the WWII act contained a provision requiring a veteran to show that his flight training would not be used for avocational or recreational purposes. The Korean act includes no such requirement for flight training.

Although the Korean GI Bill is now in effect, the law states that no payments may be made for any period prior to 20 August.

Red Cross Ramblings

MOVIEGOERS

The ward movie schedule for this week will be "No Room for the Groom," a comedy, with Tony Curtis and Piper Laurie. The second feature will be "Encore," starring Roland Colver and Glynia Johns, a Paramount release produced and filmed in England. Watch for one of these full length movies on your ward during the current week.

GOIN' FISHING???

The fishing season has opened with a splash and many a patient has returned tired but happy with his catch. If you are a fisherman, how about joining our Oak Knoll Rod and Reel Club? Miss Toni Pitman, Red Cross Recreation Worker is in charge and welcomes you. We have literature and books available on the subject of deep sea and fresh water fishing. Should your hobby be tying leaders or repairing fishing gear, we can use your nimble fingers for these projects.

It's about that time again for another fishing trip to the briny deep, so let's hear from you. Be a good working member of the Rod and Reel Club, and help us get that gear in shape and keep it that way.

ICE SKATING

Where is the ice on a hot day like this in California? Six patients, JAMES R. BROWN, SN, PFC BENNIE RICHARDSON, USMC; CLARENCE SENOR, SA; W. R. MEEKS, SA; N. J. YOUNG, TN; and DAVID MARSH, SN, spent last Tuesday afternoon at the Berkeley Iceland doing figure-eights and all sorts of doodads on the ice. Prior to their ice skating they toured Golden Gate Park and participated in a picnic lunch. Transportation was furnished by the Mt. Diablo Red Cross Motor Service.

WALLFLOWER

Like to dance? You don't know how? That needn't be an excuse while you are a patient here at the hospital. Miss Reni, instructor of the Reni Dance Studio of Oakland, accompanied by several assistants, is in the Red Cross Lounge every Tuesday afternoon from 1300 until 1500 to show you the latest dance steps from the waltz to the samba. Among those in the class last Tuesday were HARRY L. DURHAM, SN; FRED MOLL, AN; SGT JAMES F. GARE; RICHARD LUCUS, PPFN; S. W. HALLEY, SD3; ROBERT ORTEGE, SN; PAUL SALIZ, FA; CESAR SANTIAGO, TN. Sign up with Miss Lucy O'Neill, Red Cross Recreation Worker at the Lounge.

MASTER OF CEREMONIES

DARREN F. BEARD, SN, of Ward 48A has been the MC at the regular Tuesday and Thursday evening dances held in the Red Cross Lounge the past two weeks. He has used the technique of the roving reporter taking the microphone from table to table interviewing everyone, and announcing the dance numbers. Darren is from Salt Lake City and plans to spend some time at home with his family and then return to Oakland to attend college here. Good luck and keep up your "nite club routine."

KICK-OFF

Thirty-five patients attended the opening football tilt at Kezar Stadium last Sunday to see the 49ers beat the Washington Redskins. It was an exciting game and for many of the patients it was their first "close-up" of West Coast professional football. Thanks to San Francisco Chapter of Red Cross for making these tickets possible.

Make It a Safe Labor Day

Labor Day! All Hands looking forward eagerly to another holiday week end—and what a difference that extra day makes!

So you are going to pile into the old bus and hie you far away from the hubbub of clattering machines, shrill telephones, and urgent calls, for a fling before the busy fall and winter seasons set in.

Good! That extra day makes a big difference in your plans—but—**HOW YOU DRIVE** may make a big difference in the rest of your life—if you do live. Don't turn this happy occasion into a nightmare of horror and pain for yourself and others simply because you failed to **DRIVE WITH CAUTION . . .** because you failed to **CHECK YOUR CAR . . .** because you failed to **OBEY TRAFFIC LAWS.**

Let this holiday be one to remember—not one to regret.

REMEMBER—THE 1952 HOLIDAY TRAFFIC TOLL RUNS HIGH:

Memorial Day, 360 Dead.
 Independence Day, 356 Dead.
 Labor Day, ? Dead.

The Navy says: Put aside your worries and cares, have a good holiday—but be careful. You can't be **CARE-FREE** unless you are **ACCIDENT-FREE.**

Divine Services

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Civilian Personnel Notes

DEATH BENEFIT FUND MEETING

All employees who are interested in the Employee Death Benefit Fund who can be spared from their jobs will be allowed to meet at 1530 Wednesday, 27 August, in the station theater.

The purpose of this meeting is threefold. Changes in the By-laws of the organization will be considered, and a new set of officers will be elected for the next term. While only members of the organization will be authorized to vote on these matters, non-members are being allowed to attend in order that they may become acquainted with the organization. The purpose of this group is to allow employees to contribute to beneficiaries of members who die. An employee joins the organization for an initial contribution of \$2.00, and thereafter payments are made only when a member dies. At that time each member contributes \$1.00, and the Beneficiary receives one-half the total in the fund. This is equal to approximately \$1.00 for each member in the organization, which now totals about 255 members.

During the three years of operation, the organization has paid a total of \$880 to beneficiaries of four members who have died.

Life Begins at Oak Knoll

10 August

HAUGHT, Girl, to wife of Charley Haught, LT (Ret.), 8 pounds, 14 ounces.
 BROWN, Ronald Chapman, to wife of Norman Brown, SN, 8 pounds, 8 ounces.
 KNIGHT, Richard Alvin, to wife of James H. Knight, SN, 8 pounds, 14 ounces.
 O'NEIL, Deborah, to wife of Johnnie O'Neil, Jr., TN, 7 pounds, 11 ounces.

11 August

FAY, David Allyn, to wife of Gerald A. Fay, TDAN, 5 pounds, 6 ounces.
 BARBER, Vicky Lynn, to wife of Herbert P. Barber, S/SGT, 7 pounds, 6 ounces.
 MALONE, Timothy Neil, to wife of Paul M. Malone, AT3, 7 pounds, 6 ounces.
 SUIT, Patricia Lynn, to wife of Billy L. Suit, PFC, 8 pounds.
 SMEDLEY, Girl, to wife of Joseph L. Smedley, SGT, 6 pounds, 2 ounces.
 WILLIS, Elizabeth Marie, to wife of William A. Willis, LT, 10 pounds, 9 ounces.
 SHOEMAKE, Patricia Ruth, to wife of Lee Roy Shoemaker, SH2, 8 pounds, 4 ounces.
 BERRYHILL, Georgia Carol, to wife of Archie G. Berryhill, AD1, 7 pounds, 10 ounces.
 RUTH, Bryan Lee, to wife of Gilbert L. Ruth, SN, 7 pounds.
 DOENGES, Sara Rae, to wife of Raymond P. Doenges, MEG1, 6 pounds, 12 ounces.
 NITZKY, Cheryl Rosann, to wife of Joseph L. Nitzky, BMG3, 6 pounds, 7 ounces.
 JOHNSON, Randie Ruth, to wife of Edwin E. Johnson, Jr., PFC, 6 pounds, 1 ounce.
 ODLING, Edward Charles, to wife of Carl J. Odling, CWOIC, 6 pounds, 1 ounce.
 WARNER, Robert Andrew, to wife of John R. Warner, ADC, 6 pounds, 5 ounces.
 HERZIG, Albert Raymond IV, to wife of Albert R. Herzig III, FA, 7 pounds, 5 ounces.
 MOBLEY, Diane Alicia, to wife of Robert W. Mobley, AE2, 7 pounds, 6 ounces.
 OLMSTEAD, Deborah Anne, to wife of John R. Olmstead, AM3, 8 pounds, 1½ ounces.

12 August

POLAND, Boy, to wife of Philip R. Poland, SGT, 8 pounds, 2 ounces.
 SHERMAN, Boy, to wife of John G. Sherman, FA, 9 pounds, 1 ounce.
 HARMS, Harold Lloyd, to wife of Lloyd F. Harms, CSG2, 7 pounds.
 KELLERHALS, Mildred Evelyn, to wife of Robert M. Kellerhals, DC3, 7 pounds, 10 ounces.

13 August

RUDDOCK, James Lorin, to wife of Richard L. Ruddock, CPL, 8 pounds, 10 ounces.
 SHAIN, Leonard David, to wife of Noel J. Shain, SN, 7 pounds, 4 ounces.
 NICKS, Howard Ray, to wife of Howard N. Nicks, YN3, 10 pounds, 4 ounces.
 JACKSON, Boy, to wife of Clifford W. Jackson, AD1, 7 pounds, 7 ounces.
 BERHOW, Katherine La Vonne, to wife of Martin A. Berhow, AN, 5 pounds, 10 ounces.
 KERNS, Philip Nelson, to wife of Rollin F. Kerns, AM1, 7 pounds.
 SPENCER, Kathryn Lynn, to wife of Arthur W. Spencer, S/SGT, 9 pounds.
 CHAVEZ, Martin Patrick, to wife of Patricia L. Chavez, BM1, 7 pounds, 3 ounces.
 KEENER, Jeff Richard, to wife of Richard F. Keener, S/SGT, 7 pounds, 1 ounce.

14 August

SINGLEY, Claudia Jean, to wife of Lawrence Singley, AO1, 5 pounds, 13 ounces.
 CHILDRESS, Gail Yolanda, to wife of Luther Childress, BM3, 7 pounds, 8 ounces.
 BOWNS, Shirley Ann, to wife of Robert L. Bowns, AN, 7 pounds.
 DE SPAIN, Jo Ellen, to wife of Joseph E. De Spain, LT, 6 pounds.
 SALAZAR, Kenneth Eric, to wife of Enrique H. Salazar, EM1, 6 pounds, 10 ounces.
 DOHERTY, Margaret Marie, to wife of Arthur Doherty, SH1, 4 pounds, 9½ ounces.

15 August

HALLOCK, Deborah Lu, to wife of Leward A. Hallock, LT, 7 pounds, 6 ounces.
 STEENSON, Jeff Robert, to wife of Wesley A. Steenson, LCDR, 8 pounds, 2 ounces.
 HUETINCK, Victoria Lynn, to wife of Edward W. Huetinck, SHSN, 6 pounds, 9 ounces.
 KESTING, Boy, to wife of William G. Kesting, YNSN, 7 pounds, 2 ounces.
 GILLIHAN, Charles Eugene, to wife of James A. Gillihan, EM2, 8 pounds, 12 ounces.
 STRICKLAND, Rebecca Ann, to wife of James L. Strickland, AEAN, 7 pounds, 4 ounces.
 BROBAK, Shyrle Anna, to wife of Arnold B. Brobak, FN, 7 pounds, 8 ounces.
 RICHARDSON, Faith, to wife of Weinert Richardson, LT, 8 pounds, 9 ounces.
 FANNING, David James, to wife of James F. Fanning, BM2, 4 pounds, 4½ ounces.
 MORELAND, Debra Ann, to wife of George M. Moreland, AN, 7 pounds, 7 ounces.
 ROSEL, Linda Lee, to wife of James L. Rosel, CD3, 7 pounds, 9 ounces.
 HINDS, Teri Kaye, to wife of Donald Kyle Hinds, HA, 6 pounds, 9 ounces.

16 August

ROBERSON, Walter James, to wife of Calvin M. Roberson, GM3, 7 pounds, 15 ounces.
 BENSINGER, Stevan Richard, to wife of Thomas F. Bensinger, 1st LT, 7 pounds, 14 ounces.

LT Sewell Awarded Distinguished Flying Cross Here



Led Daring Attacks Against Red Enemy

First Lieutenant Charles A. Sewell, USMCR, was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross by the Commanding Officer, last week, just prior to his discharge from patient status.

While participating in aerial flight against the enemy in Korea, LT Sewell, as wingman of the first section of a four-plane flight of F9F's, initiated a bombing and strafing attack on a column of ox-carts found to be carrying supplies and personnel. He also led an attack on a bridge which could have been used as an escape route by the remainder of the enemy column. As a result of his action, the trapped enemy unit was laid open to further attacks by the division.

Continuing the reconnaissance, the division located a convoy of enemy trucks and was successful in demolishing the lead truck and eleven others. This action made it impossible for the convoy to maneuver and inflicted heavy casualties among the enemy.

LT Sewell has been convalescing here from a wound he received while serving as forward air observer with the 1st Regiment, 1st Marine Division. He was hit by a mortar shell fragment that shattered the bone in his left arm.

This was his second injury of the Korean conflict. He was shot down back of enemy lines last December, and with his plane afire, glided about 25 miles to the coast of the Yellow Sea, where he bailed out and was picked up by a helicopter from the cruiser USS MANCHESTER.

Welcome and Farewell

The population went up this week, with 24 reporting aboard for duty and 17 being detached from the hospital. Of those detached, eight went to new duty stations, and nine were released to inactive duty. The incoming personnel listed one from another activity, and 23 from Hospital Corps School in San Diego.

Reporting aboard were HN J. P. Smith, from U. S. Naval Supply Depot, Oakland, and HA's M. F. Edmonds, and E. Koster, from USNHCS, San Diego. Also from Corps School in San Diego were HN's S. R. Beatty, Hoover Fong Ng, V. R. Benesh, A. D. Bogan, W. H. Epps, E. J. Fremngen, J. S. Gallup, L. A. Garvey, Jr., L. E. Hooser, B. W. Konde, B. B. McNatt, D. M. Sullivan, P. C. Emery, and F. C. Leonard, and HA's G. A. Brinkerhoff, R. F. Flood, M. L. Simmons, W. R. Snavelly, T. H. Waddill, and W. D. Casey. Also, LTJG Ralph J. Spiegl, MC, USNR, for active duty.

Detached were LT Robert E. Mitchel, MC, USN, to PRNC, Washington, D.C.; LTJG Franklyn P. Bousquet, MC, USNR, and LTJG Golden D. Romney, MC, USNR, to USS CONSOLATION; LT Valera C. Vaubel, NC, USN, to Sangley Point, Luzon, P.I.; HN's A. L. Hyso, R. L. Haile, M. L. Stutesman, and W. R. Yates, HM3, to Marine Barracks, Oceanside, Calif.

Released from active duty were Nurse Corps LTJG's Sylvia O. Boyd, Amelia M. Dalmaso, Betty J. Padgett, Evelyn M. Vigness, Albina M. Yeager, to inactive duty; HM2's Albert A. Lim and Richard H. Metzler to inactive duty; HM3's Robert J. Ruegg and Earl D. Sidener to inactive duty.

BURKS, Nora Ann, to wife of Neal J. Burks, TDV2, 7 pounds.
 HANES, Stephen Nathan, to wife of Robert H. Hanes, TESN, 7 pounds, 9½ ounces.
 CANEVA, Pamela Ann, to wife of Waldo R. Caneva, AB3, 8 pounds, 12 ounces.
 CONWAY, Michael John, to wife of Thomas M. Conway, M/SGT, 8 pounds, 2 ounces.
 DEARINGER, Robert Keith and Robin Kathleen, twins, to wife of Robert L. Dearinger, AN, 5 pounds, 4½ ounces, and 3 pounds, 2 ounces.
 BERGEN, Cydney Kaye, to wife of Albert L. Bergen, MM3, 8 pounds, 10 ounces.
 LANGSTON, Ollen Bruce, to wife of Ollen C. Langston, HM2, 7 pounds, 11 ounces.

Laffs

Lady who objects to tobacco: "If I were your wife I'd give you poison."

Smoker: "If you were my wife, I'd take it."

"Miss the train, Sailor?"

"Naw! The engineer and I had a squabble and I just chased him out of the station."

Wife: "I don't think I look 30, do you, Darling?"

Husband: "Not now, dear, but you used to."

Staff Personalities

Another of the many Pennsylvanians at Oak Knoll is Theodore Scardefield, HN, USN. Ted, who is from New Castle, Pa., enlisted in March 1951, and was sent here after completing recruit training and Corps School in Great Lakes. First assigned to the Metabolic ward and then to contagion, he is now working in the urology service. He is hoping to be assigned to physical therapy school and finish his enlistment doing that type of work. Ted was a liberal arts student at Hershey Junior College before joining the Navy, and had also worked with his father in the insurance business before enlisting. He was one of the key players on the hospital's basketball team last year.



One of the unsung heroes—of heroines, in this case—of the commissary is Mrs. Marie Fulton, clerk, who works in the office and is in charge of the file cards of all the commissary employees. Mrs. Fulton is originally a Missourian, but came to Oakland in 1928, and therefore qualifies as an old settler in this area. Her husband is the manager of a cleaning establishment, and she balances the work sheet with her job here. Except for a period of several months, she has been at the hospital ever since 1943. Her favorite pastime, when the day is done, is gardening. The Fultons' main interest at present is in planning their summer vacation trip to Yosemite.





12th ND Tennis Tournament Here Has Alameda, NSC, Oakland in Front

A field of 32 men started the 12th Naval District tennis tournament held at Oak Knoll Naval Hospital on 19, 20 and 21 August.

The tournament had been narrowed down Thursday morning to the finals in the singles and the semi-finals in the doubles.

In the semi-finals of the singles, Steve Morgan, YNS1, of VR-2, Alameda, defeated Phil Snow, BUL3, of NSC, Oakland, 6-4, 8-6.

In the lower bracket of the singles, Bill Beale, LT, of Mare Island Shipyard, defeated Tom Byron, AB3, of VR-2, Alameda, 6-0, 6-2.

The finals of the singles were held at 1300, 21 August, and the results were not available when we went to press.

In the doubles, Morgan and Byron of VR-2, Alameda, were to play Christiansen and Hicks of NSC, Oakland, in the top bracket. Snow and McGaha of NSC, Oakland, were to play Beale and Koncar of Mare Island Shipyard.

Oak Knoll entries Bob Beachler of Staff Personnel and Gene Foster, N.P. student, were eliminated in the first round of the singles and doubles.

Kallemeyn-Jacobson Horseshoe Champs

The finals in the horseshoe tournament doubles were completed this week, with Kallemeyn and Jacobson defeating Amos and Trnka.

In the singles, Jacobson defeated Kallemeyn, and will play the winner of the Cristoph-Trnka and Irving-Sessions games for the championship.

Three more games will be played to determine the consolation winner.

The floor is the only thing sure to stop falling hair.

Football Squad Positions Open

Athletic Director W. Johnson is still sounding the call for candidates hoping for a spot on the hospital's varsity touch football squad.

All men interested in a place on the team should check with him prior to the opening of practice. The first session is scheduled for 1430, Monday, 22 August.

District competition will begin on Tuesday, 16 September, with two games to be played each week.

For the last two seasons, the football team has won out over all opposition in the district. Last year a top-notch squad went through the entire season without a defeat. Johnson hopes to make this the third championship year in a row.



Whenever an unemployed German general needs a little cash, all he has to do is write up an account of his activities during a recent war (remember?) and he is sure of a great sell-out in the United States. Heinz Guderian, author of **Panzer Leader**, engineered the smash-through at Sedan and complains that had he not been held up by vacillating orders from the OKH, he would have encircled the British at Dunquerque. This should cheer all of us mightily, indeed!

All this is not to say that **Panzer Leader** is not a good book. It is a fascinating and compelling document, written by a man of great ability and determination.

R. DeWitt Miller, one of the outstanding authorities on psychic phenomena, has suffered a temporary aberration and turned out a corker, **The Loose Board in the Floor**. It's about a stuffed rabbit, bear and elephant who come out of a loose board under a nursery, armed with an almanac and a mail-order catalogue, and proceed to make some "scientific" explorations and observations of the normal, unstuffed world above them.

If you like Costain, Douglas, Cossak, Merton and Spellman, you will find Carlo Coccioli's **Heaven and Earth** a good experience. Striking a new note in recent Italian fiction, one of hope and grandeur, Coccioli's novel is not a pleasant book; it is filled with much human confusion and suffering. But it is a true book, and leaves a mark on the reader.

—THEODOR YERKE

SCUTTLEBUTT

It would seem you readers have been asking for a scuttlebutt column . . . a gossip corner . . . a few paragraphs set aside for piquant patter and candid comment on the Life and Times at Oak Knoll.

Here's the situation. Several aspiring Herb Caen's have tossed around the idea of taking over where Fred ("Derf") Comas and Tom ("Judex") Raum left off when they were discharged. However, an acute attack of cold feet or can't-get-started-itis has always snatched away these budding columnists before their work could appear in THE OAK LEAF. If YOU are one of those people, your fears are unfounded, and we would be only too happy to see you, talk to you, and read over any sample columns. Our office is in 67B, the phone number is extension 2, and we've a box in the mail room. We'd like to hear from you if you think you'd like to write the column, or even if you just want to contribute an item of general interest.

Meanwhile, here goes . . .

Probably the biggest noteworthy activity in progress around the old homestead is the road and parking lot renovation. That lot underneath the ramp back of the Ad building was paved in record time. The new arrangement provides more much-needed parking space, besides adding to overall appearance. That lot, incidentally, as some of you will remember, was just a creek bed a year ago. Ahhhh; progress!

Claire Martini, tanned and back on the job after a three-week vacation in Waikiki, saw some former Knollites, now stationed in Hawaii. Namely, Chiefs Scott and Mathewson from the record office, and Mrs. McBeath (her HMC husband was in charge of Graphic Arts here). Others were Molinowski, Sims, and ENS and Mrs. Charles Hine. Claire brought back a mu-mu dress — "a sack dress with ruffles" — as one of many mementos.

Edna Bourdase may need some help when her turn to donate blood rolls around. A notice, sent out to designate how many pints are expected from civilians in each office when the Blood Mobile Unit visits here in September, indicates four pints are wanted from the Office of the Administrative Officer — in which Edna is the only civilian worker!

The physio staff looks mighty sharp in those new white operating coats. They're one of the latest departments to get them. As one of the staff expressed it, "They sure cut the laundry bill down."

Today's the day for the whoppin' big staff picnic at the Old Hearst Ranch. Chits were flying thick and fast this week — people on starboard section trying to swap duty with someone on port section so they could join in the fun. We wonder, by the way, why it is that all of this summer's staff recreation events have left one section out in the cold. Maybe things'll be different when the next season's schedule is made up so everyone can get in on the fun now 'n' then.

That's it for this week. Anyone want to take it from here?

Brooklyn, N. Y.—Advertisement in a magazine: "Lost — Pair of brass knuckles engraved 'from Jean to Chuck with luck and love.' Reward. Sentimental Value Only."

PREVIEWS

Sunday, 24 August

MARA MARU—Errol Flynn, Ruth Roman. ADVENTURE. Tropical Treasure, Temptation and Temptation! Flynn, a deep-sea diver in the marine-salvage business in Manila, meets Ruth Roman who manages to be beautiful even under the most trying circumstances, of which this picture has more than its share. This one has everything required of an island thriller—murder, treasure, an underground chase, a intrigue. Rating: Very good.

Monday, 25 August

MAGIC CARPET—Lucille Ball, John Ag. ADVENTURE. This is one of the "One upon a time . . ." stories that could have come straight out of the Arabian Nights and probably did find its inspiration there. Done in Supercinemascope, it's a lively tale of murder, intrigue, and romance, with colorful costumes, sword fights, daring desert raids, and, to top it all off, a magic carpet. Rating: Good.

Tuesday, 26 August

SINGIN' IN THE RAIN — Gene Kelly, Debbie Reynolds. MUSICAL. A outstanding musical, produced in lush Technicolor, with a superb collection of musical numbers and dance arrangements. Kelly plays a matinee idol of the 1930s, caught up in the conversion to "talkies," who rises to the top, with Debbie Reynolds as his singing star. One dance sequence has Kelly and Cyd Charisse a setting that's an eyebrow-raiser from standpoint of color, imagination, and extravagance. Rating: Excellent.

Wednesday, 27 August

WAGON TEAM—Gene Autrey, West. ERN. No information of any kind available on this movie. However, the title in the name of the star should give a good idea of what the picture is all about.

Thursday, 28 August

LOAN SHARK — George Raft, Dorothy Hart. DRAMA. The reviewer says it has the advantage of dealing with a subject not touched in recent years. Raft plays an honest ex-convict whose sister's husband, a rubber plant worker, is killed for lining up his fellow workers to oppose operations of a loan shark. Raft borrows from the loan shark, declines to pay or beats up a thug sent to beat him up, and thus wins his way into the employ of the shark, in order to find out who killed his brother-in-law. Naturally, he takes care of the buddies eventually. Rating: Average.

Friday, 29 August

CLASH BY NIGHT — Barbara Stanwyck, Paul Douglas. MELODRAMA. Douglas plays a soft-hearted, good-natured captain of a fishing boat who is attracted to the hardboiled Miss Stanwyck (playing the role of the misunderstood woman seeking happiness) when she returns to her home in the quiet little fishing town. In spite of her trepidations against marrying Douglas, she does so, and promptly proceeds to get herself involved with Douglas' boyfriend. Virtue triumphs, however, and she decides to go back and try and make a decent home life for herself, Douglas and their child. Rating: Good.

Saturday, 30 August

GASOLINE ALLEY—Scotty Beckett, Jimmy Lydon. DRAMA. Based on the famous cartoon, the screenplay follows the plot closely. Scotty leaves college when he is married, and is backed in opening a diner by his older brother, Jimmy Lydon. Misfortunes dog the two in their effort to make the business a success, but just as they are about to capitulate to the proprietors of a chain of drive-in restaurants a lucky turn of events saves the day. Beckett, his friends, his wife and his suffering brother. Rating: Average.

Surgery Chief Leaves

(Continued from page 1)

1939. He became a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons in 1933, is a Fellow of the International College of Surgeons, a Fellow of the American Medical Association, and a member of the University Club of Philadelphia. He is a member of the San Francisco Surgical Society and the Bohemian Club.

In addition to performing his many duties as Chief of Surgery here, he has headed the Tumor Board, served on numerous professional committees, and on a number of occasions has acted as Executive Officer.

CAPT and Mrs. Dickinson and their daughter, Persis Gearing (a student at Wellesley College) will leave the hospital Thursday, motoring to Memphis via Salt Lake City, Rawlins, Wyoming (where he hopes to stop for the antelope derby); Denver, Oklahoma City, and Little Rock.

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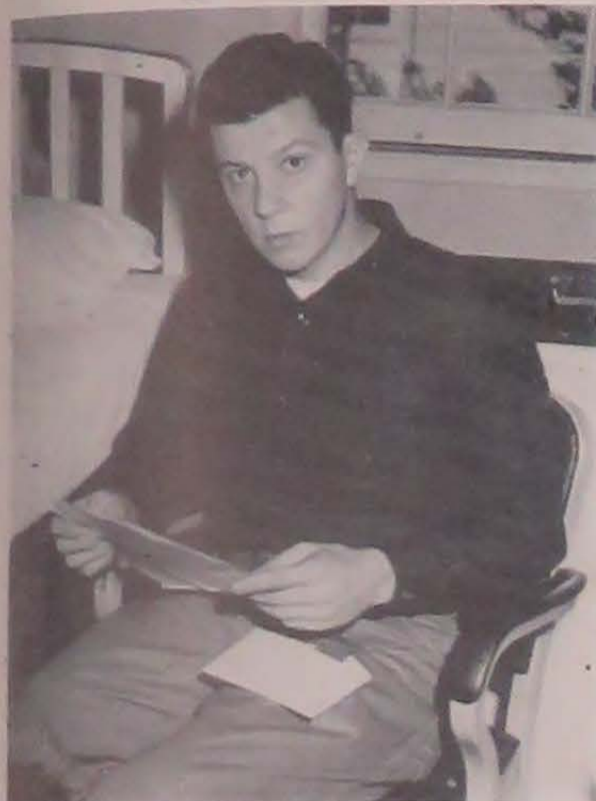
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CPL Wounded While Fixing Tank

How would you like to try changing a tire while being fired upon by machine guns, mortars, rifles, and artillery?

That was about the situation in which Marine CPL Charles Diamond found himself at 1030 on 10 July, 1952, during a tank patrol on the Korean front, when the M46 Patton tank that he was driving threw its track.

He and his four fellow "tankers" leaped out to repair the damage when their plight was discovered by enemy troops on the hill behind them. Minutes later a mortar shell burst within a few feet of where the five Marines were feverishly working on their tank. Result: one slightly wounded, three seriously wounded, and one dead. Diamond's right leg was badly shattered and had to be amputated several hours later in the field hospital to which he was taken by the Navy Hospital corpsmen who came to his aid.

Diamond is a quiet, friendly 22-year-old from Bronx, N. Y., who arrived here recently for treatment.

The way he described it: "We were coming back from playing shoot-em-up around enemy lines when the tank conked out. There wasn't any garage around, so we had to fix it ourselves."

Blood Mobile Unit Scheduled for Visit

All healthy civilian workers are asked to keep in mind the approach of the American Red Cross Bloodmobile on 19 September and to sign up now to give the pint of blood that may mean the difference between life and death to a wounded serviceman. All blood donated will be sent to Korea.

It's simple. If you are in good health, have not donated within the past three months, weigh at least 112 pounds, are over 21 and under 60, you may serve as a donor.

Two Farrells Wed At Chapel Here

In a double ring ceremony at the Oak Knoll Chapel last Saturday, ENS Romayne Farrell, NC, USNR, became the bride of LTJG Paul Farrell, DC, USNR, just a few months after the two had met and casually discussed their last names.

ENS Farrell came here in April, 1951, and is presently assigned to Ward 41B of the Orthopedics Department. LTJG Farrell has been serving his tour of duty here as a dental interne since last March.

Before the ceremony, Miss Diane Mento sang Schubert's "Ave Maria" in "Panis Angelicus," accompanied by Miss Patricia Spread on the piano.

The bride was given in marriage by her father, Matthew Farrell. Her maid of honor was ENS Ines Winter, NC, USNR. Best man for the groom was Dr. Ray Standish, recently discharged from the Dental Service here. Ushers were LTJG Charles Cogar, DC, USNR, and LTJG John Eck, DC, USNR. The service was conducted by LTJG James J. Killeen, CHC, USN, Catholic Chaplain.

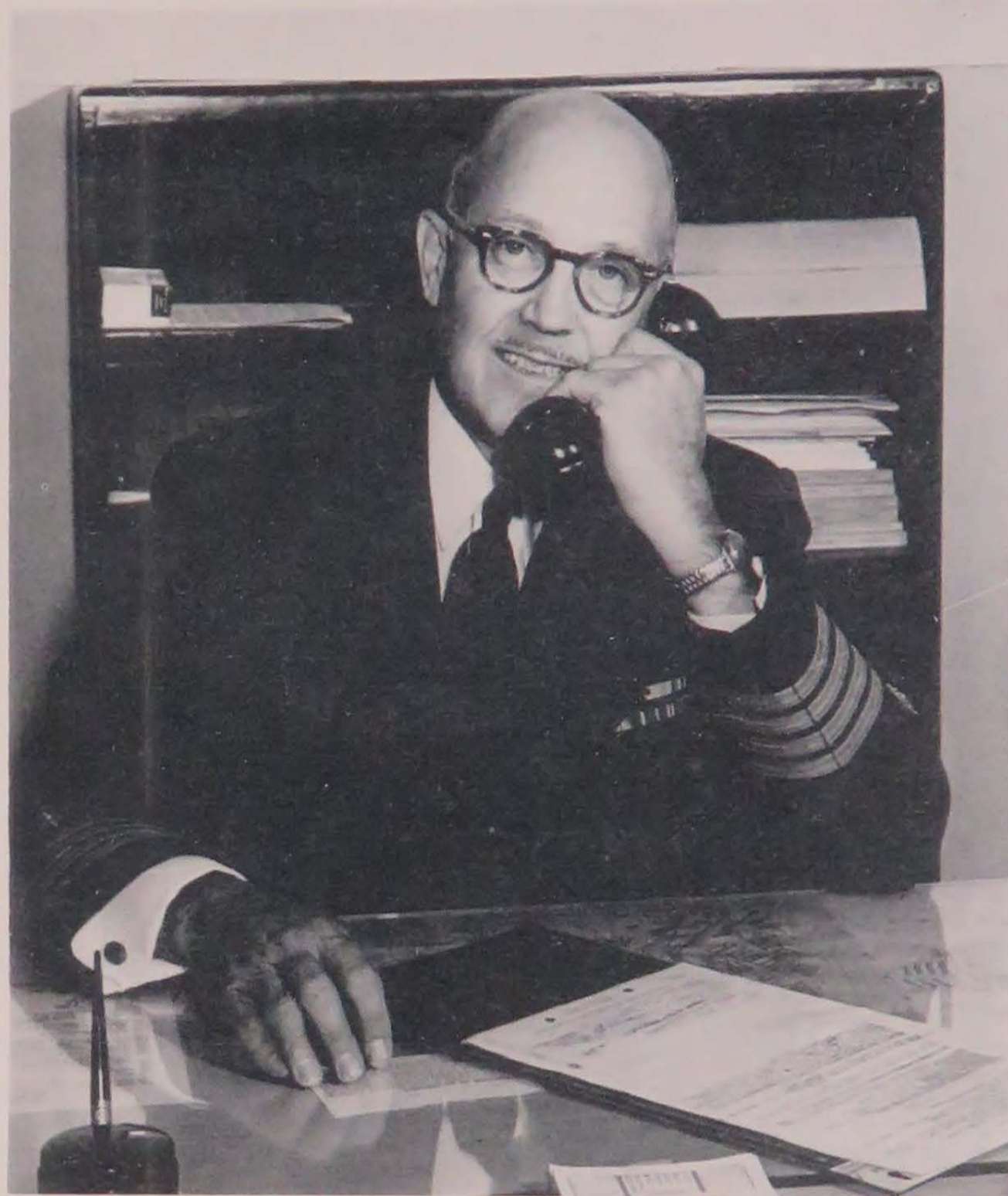
For the ceremony, the new Mrs. Farrell wore a white lace ballerina dress with Juliet cap and fingertip veil. She carried a cascade bouquet of orchids and lilies of the valley.

The couple is expected to return from a honeymoon to Las Vegas this week end. Following leave, he will be transferred to San Diego.

(See picture, page 3)



Mrs. E. H. Dickinson this week received the Navy Relief pin for contributing 100 hours of her time to a project begun in June by wives of Oak Knoll staff members. The work was done under the supervision of the Alameda Chapter of the Navy Relief Society, and the results of Mrs. Dickinson's efforts were many small garments for needy Navy babies. CAPT Gordon presented the pin shortly before the Dickinsons left for Memphis.



CAPT I. L. V. Norman, Executive Officer

CAPT Norman Assigned New Duty As CO At USNH, Great Lakes

CAPT I. L. V. Norman, Executive Officer here since April 1951, this week received orders to a new assignment as Commanding Officer at U.S. Naval Hospital, Great Lakes, Illinois. He will leave for his new command next Friday after he and Mrs. Norman and their young daughter have exchanged farewells with their many friends here.

The Exec's promotion climaxes 25 years of experience as a Navy Medical Officer. Commissioned a LTJG in 1927, immediately after his graduation from the University of Minnesota Medical School, CAPT Norman (a native of Minnesota) has since held a variety of assignments at sea and ashore. In 1940 he was sent to London to serve as Assistant Naval Attache to the American Embassy, and following that assignment, he attended the Naval War College, graduating in 1942.

During World War II he served in both the European and Asiatic theaters, in the latter as Fleet Medical Officer for the Seventh Fleet. Other administrative posts in which he has served are those of Chief of the Medical Services at San Diego and Bethesda Naval Hospitals and Ex-

ecutive Officer for the now-disestablished USNH, Long Beach.

CAPT Norman was certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine in 1944. He is a member of the American College of Physicians, and is the author of numerous articles that have appeared in the medical journals.

During their stay at Oak Knoll the Normans have lived in Quarters D on a hill near the San Leandro section of the hospital, where they had a view of the Bay Area and where the Exec's favorite TAD consisted of special watches over Anne Marie, who was born at Oak Knoll on 30 September, 1951.

"Life Begins" . . . Ends

Although life will continue to begin at Oak Knoll, it will no longer be heralded in THE OAK LEAF. The paper has been reduced to four printed pages in an effort to cut down expenditures. In line with the reduction, our space is, of course, limited. With the loss of space goes the column, "Life Begins At Oak Knoll," announcing the births recorded each week in the Out-Patient Department.

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† † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

"So run that you may obtain" are words of advice given by Saint Paul to all would-be winners in the race of and for life. His words are timeless in application. If properly chewed, digested and assimilated, they will give strength.

Life requires purpose, endurance, and a will to win if we would "obtain" a victor's wreath. To win the victory the waste motions and beating of the air must be eliminated as we give ourselves to the purposes and plans that assure it.

To remain uncertain when certainty is required, and to stay undecided when decision is a must, is to court defeat and to be denied the sweet fruit of victory.

We live most easily with ourselves when we know that we are doing the best we can, when we are running a good race, and finally when we obtain the goal of life.

Those who are willing to pay the price for victory are the winners.

L. C. M. VOSELER,
 Protestant Chaplain

"Shrinking Dollars" Can Earn You Money

Year after year, Americans have been buying Savings Bonds. They are buying them because they like the Payroll Savings Plan method of saving money. They say it is better to save shrinking dollars than no dollars at all. They say they have to force themselves to save. And more of them are signing up all the time, come inflation or high water. They like a savings plan geared to their needs. They like it automatic, like milk and newspaper delivery. If you haven't jumped on the Payroll Savings bandwagon to buy U.S. Defense Bonds, now is the time to begin—and buy more and more! Bonds are better than ever now.

Veterans Urged to Photostat Papers In Applying for K-Vet Benefits

Veterans Administration has advised all veterans to have photostatic or certified copies made of their original discharge or separation papers for use in applying for veterans benefits.

Veterans with service since June 27, 1950—the start of the Korean conflict—should have these copies made immediately if they plan to attend school under the Korean GI Bill this fall.

Post-Korea veterans can avoid delay in receiving their education and training benefits if they have their report of separation (Form DD 214) papers, which are acceptable to VA, copied before the original is sent to the Armed Services for mustering-out payments. Mustering-out payments are handled by the individual services and not by VA.

For most VA administered benefits, photostatic or certified copies of discharge or separation papers are acceptable. One exception is the VA-Guaranteed GI Loans.

Veterans applying for Certificates of Eligibility for GI Loans must present their original discharge or separation papers which will be endorsed and returned to the veterans. VA also asked veterans to make sure that in submitting photostatic or certified copies of discharge or separation papers that they submit copies of both sides of the document and not just the front.

Veterans who have been released to the Reserves since June 27, 1950, should submit their Report of Separation or Certificate of Service, since they do not get discharge papers.

Washington (AFPS) — Marine Corps headquarters received a letter from a 15-year-old Manchester, Conn., youth who was interested in joining the Service. His reason: "I'm sick and tired of unmilitary life."

Red Cross Ramblings

Red Cross Lounge

Mon. through Fri. . . 1300-1630

1900-2100

Saturday 1300-1630

Labor Day 1300-1630

Red Cross Craft Shop

Mon. through Fri. . . 0930-1130

(except Tues. a.m.) . . 1300-1600

MOVIEGOERS

The ward movie schedule for the coming week will be "Narrow Margin," a melodrama featuring Charles McGraw and Marie Windsor. The second attraction is "Sea Hornet" with Rod Cameron and Adele Mara. Watch for one of these full-length movies in your ward.

WEEK END IN HAWAII

Patients attended Hawaii on the "mainland" last Sunday evening at the Woodminster Amphitheatre, thanks to Mrs. Edna Holman of Alameda Red Cross Chapter. The performers were adorned with leis, assembled by hand on the islands and flown here. The master of ceremonies was San Francisco's favorite Del Courtney and the headliner was Rusty Draper who sang western songs in his inimitable style, introducing the ukelele for several of his numbers. Hilo Hattie's protege, a 12-year-old hula dancer, brought much applause with her interpretation of some of the poi feast dancing. The finale was breath-taking; all lights were dimmed and the entire company arrayed in ultra-violet costumes, displaying vivid colors. JOSEPH CURLEY, FT3 of Ward 80B, one of the patients attending, was presented with a lei. JOHN BRO-

ZYNSKI, SA, Ward 76B, SGT SCHLIPP, Ward 42B, CPL R. EL LINGSON, Ward 42B, and H. HERDER, HM3 of Ward 42B met De Courtney after the show and were introduced to the cast.

PIANO ROLL BLUES

It all began when some of the ambulatory patients on Ward 46B discovered that the piano on their salarum was equipped for playing piano rolls. They inquired around, asking if anyone knew where they might get some of this type of practically extinct music. None was forthcoming so they utilized a pad of wallpaper, pasted the sheets together and punched holes at the correct notes. It played fairly well, but was a slightly off-key boogie woogie. Few days later a donation of four rolls arrived and later two dozen more were presented to the ward. Should you be passing the ward and hear Beethoven's Sonata or a Minuet played on the piano, you will know that the player piano is at work. The group responsible for this par excellence music are JAMES BRIDGES, SA, S. K. SANDFORD, EFSA, GREGORY MAZZA, TEN, SGT E. A. REE, W. C. FRANTZ, SSSN, and DO FESSLER, DCW3. It was suggested that the men get a patent on the "home-made" roll.

AMERICAN LEGION POST NO. 5

Last Thursday evening, Billy Reynolds, KRONTV, western singer, with his famous guitar, was brought to the hospital by American Legion Post No. 5 of Oakland.

New Chaplain Reports for Duty



LCDR L. C. M. Vosseler, CHC USN, reported for duty last week as the new Protestant chaplain here.

Chaplain Vosseler served for two years on the heavy cruiser USS TOLEDO prior to coming to this hospital. The TOLEDO recently returned from an eleven months' tour of duty in Korean waters.

Before coming into the Naval Service ten years ago, he served as the associate pastor at the First Lutheran Church in Glendale, Calif.

He is a graduate of Midland College, Fremont, Neb., and the Northwestern Lutheran Theological Seminary, Minneapolis, Minn.

Chaplain Vosseler, his wife, Marie Jean, and their three sons, Larry Paul, and James, are living in San Leandro.



The solid, inner-circle of the compound's library users will be interested in some acquisitions that just blew in from the hot Arizona desert. (As for this inner-circle stuff: anyone who wants to belong to the inner-circle can join merely by deciding he belongs to it.) If you know books, you know about the Heritage Club. Now a friend of ours, living in the wastes of Phoenix, Arizona, has been collecting Heritage editions for years. It helps keep his sanity during the hot summer days. But of late he hasn't had room for all of them, and the overflow is right here in the library.

Heritage Club books are large editions of standard great books, printed as works of art, illustrated carefully, bound in collectors' edition bindings, printed on special stock paper and composed with a high degree of typographic perfection. If you are interested in a first-rate, all-around reading experience, come quietly up to the circulation desk, identify yourself as a member of the library's inner circle, and ask to see the collection.

We have, among others, Stendhal's **Red and Black**, Oscar Wilde's **Salome**, Hugo's **Les Miserables**, Bennett's **Old Wives Tales**, James' **Turn of the Screw** and D'Exiles' **Manon Lescaut**.
 —THEODORE YERKE

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 SUNDAY WORSHIP — 1100

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DAILY MASSES — 1150 & 1630

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TUESDAY 1900

Catholic Oratory in back of Chapel

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CHAPEL & 67A

NAVY RELIEF OFFICE—

IN CHAPEL

MORMON SERVICE: SUNDAY 0900
 in Staff Conference Room,
 Adm. Bldg. Annex

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 upon request

BUS TO AND FROM CHAPEL ON
 SUNDAYS 0845 & 1045

SCUTTLEBUTT

Last week's scuttlebutt column aroused the question, "Who wrote it?"—probably because the column wasn't signed and because the last few gossip scribes wrote under a mystery name. However, several of you having in mind the "we" used in one item, correctly assumed that the column came from the editor's desk. All of which brings to mind a quote from Mark Twain, to the effect that "Only presidents, editors, and people with tapeworm have the right to use the editorial 'we'." (Well, "we" thought it was funny, anyway.)

The last staff summer-frolic was a howling success, according to the pulse of compound opinion. The swimming pool won out in popularity but everything offered at the Old Hearst Ranch was explored and enjoyed. Quite a few of the staffers liked the place so well that they stayed on for the evening's dance.

Have you noticed all the artists the past few weeks? The talent seems to be centered midst the nurses and the WAVES. Some of the gals have even sold their masterpieces.

Our plea was answered this week by NP's W. Van Blaricom, who has offered to write the happenings in that department each week. If all departments would submit a similar column, they would be consolidated and all parts of the compound could be covered, thus avoiding repetition of names that occurs when one person does all the writing.

FROM THE NP DEPARTMENT—We're all happy to welcome our Chief of NP, CAPT McMullin, back from

Some Pay Hikes Made Retroactive

A new procedure to prevent ungraded employees from losing the benefit of pay hikes while awaiting Wage Stabilization Board approval was recently announced by the Navy Department.

Under existing laws, practically all future wage increases for ungraded employees will require approval of the Wage Stabilization Board. Under the new procedure, increases will be retroactive to the date that the Under Secretary of the Navy determines that an increase is warranted, even though it may be some time later when the new pay scale is actually authorized by the Wage Stabilization Board.

Announcement of this new procedure does not mean that a wage adjustment for ungraded employees is pending.

his three-week vacation, spent right here in his adopted California homeland. He reports the fishing is fine, both in San Diego and the Feather River country. Also leaving for the carefree outside (so the rumor goes) are Hal Schnackenberg, A. B. Williams, and Bill Looper of the MAA office on Ward 55. There's good reason for the gleam in Gulbrandson's eye as he leaves today for the University of Wyoming. Congratulations, Gil. It seems those coming and going make the biggest news this week, but there'll be more notes from the NP Department, the Far East of Oak Knoll, next week.



The popular Andrews Sisters, LaVerne, Patty, and Maxine, as they appeared here, singing a song in the style that has given them world-wide fame.

Welcome and Farewell

The census went down again this week, as 24 were detached, discharged or released to inactive duty, and only seven reported to the hospital for duty.

Reporting in were LTJG Frederick L. Evans, MC, USNR, from inactive duty; LTJG Phoebe T. Maltese, NC, USNR, and LTJG June R. Thornau, NC, USN, from USNH, Yokosuka, Japan; LCDR L. C. M. Vosseler, CHC, USN, from the USS TOLEDO; HN's P. L. Emery, F. C. Leonard, and H. D. Morehart, from USNHCS, San Diego; and EN1 J. P. Cooper, from aboard the USS LENAWEE.

On the debit side of the ledger, those released to inactive duty were HM1 H. Thompson, HM3's G. L. Speidel, S. P. Vincent, and D. L. Hawkins, HM2 H. C. Kelso, HM3 W. H. Collins, HN T. E. Hays, HM3's R. D. Anderson and O. E. Proctor; and LTJG's Joyce E. Cox, Hilda I. Florey, Lucile H. Kroupa, Marjorie A. Lloyd, and Lela C. Longstreet.

Separated from the Naval Service were HM3 W. H. Collins, HN T. E. Hays, and HM3 M. M. Heberling; LTJG Ray C. Standish, DC, USN; LT Catherine V. Gilligan, NC, USNR; and ENS Virginia P. Cloud, NC, USN. Departed on TAD orders was ENS Barbara J. Smith, NC, USNR, to USNH, Philadelphia.

Detached were LT Isabel M. Myers, NC, USN, to USS CONSOLATION; LTJG John H. Eck, DC, USNR, to NRS, Norfolk; and LCDR Rufus L. Thompson, MSC, USN, to University of California NROTC Unit, Berkeley.

Andrews Sisters Score Hit Here

Patients and staff had a real treat last Tuesday when those Andrews sisters, Patty, Maxine, and LaVerne, paid a visit to the hospital, along with the 12-piece orchestra of Benny Strong.

The show opened, in the jam-packed auditorium, with an instrumental arrangement of "Delicado" by the orchestra. Then Strong did a novelty number entitled "Elsie Shultzenheim," followed by "Where Were You On the Night of June Third," by members of the orchestra.

The Andrews sisters, singing, dancing, and quipping, started their repertoire with their familiar "Pennsylvania Polka," followed with "Rum and Coca-Cola," interspersed with stage antics. They next sang their latest record release, "Carmen Touch," followed aptly with the first record release that started them on their rise to fame, "Bi Mir Bist Du Schoen." A novelty number with a Hawaiian touch, and "Apple Blossom Time," closed the show.

In her farewell remarks on behalf of the group, Patty Andrews recalled that they had visited Oak Knoll back in 1942, soon after the hospital was commissioned. She did not mention, however, that they were the first women entertainers ever to go on the wards here and present a show.

They are currently appearing as the feature attraction at the Mark Hopkins Hotel in San Francisco.

Sign in a restaurant: "No checks cashed. We have arranged with the banks that we cash no checks and they sell no soup."



The Farrell's, LTJG and ENS, Mr. and Mrs., smile happily as they cut into their wedding cake at a reception held at the Officers' Club after the ceremony. (See story on page 1).

SPORTS

Announce Tennis Tournney Champs

The 12th Naval District tennis tournament, held on Oak Knoll's courts last week, were completed 21 August.

In the singles play, LT Bill Beale, of Mare Island Shipyard, defeated Steve Morgan, YNS1, of VR-2, Alameda, for the championship. Phil Snow, BUL3, of NSC, Oakland, defeated Tom Byron, AB3, of VR-2, Alameda, in the lower bracket of the singles.

In the doubles, the Morgan-Byron team won out over Christiansen and Hicks of NSC, Oakland, 6-1, 6-4. Beale and Koncar from Mare Island Shipyard defeated Snow and McGaha, 6-4, 6-3. The final playoff gave Beale and Koncar a hard-fought win over Morgan and Byron, 11-9, 6-4, and 8-6.

Third place doubles playoff found Christiansen and Hicks defeated by Snow and McGaha, 6-0, 3-6, and 6-2.

There were 32 men entered in the three-day tournament.

Oak Knoll entries Bob Beachler of Staff Personnel and Gene Foster, N.P. student, dropped out in the first round of the singles and doubles.

Golf Team Entered In Three-Way Match

The Oak Knoll golf team, comprised of CDR J. R. Dillon, HN Tony Basques, HN J. L. Sullivan, Chief V. Cannel, LT H. B. Brackin, and LT D. Kolhmier, defeated District Communication for the second time by a score of 14-1 this week.

On Wednesday, 17 August, a three-way match was played between Oak Knoll, NSC, Oakland, and the San Francisco Shipyard. The match, played at Lake Chabot, was scheduled too late for the results to be published, but will be announced next week.

Basketball Plans Get Rolling

All departments interested in having a basketball team have been asked to contact Athletic Director W. V. Johnson at Special Services. The teams will be organized to play in the intrahospital tourney.

Johnson has also announced that there are still some openings for staff personnel on the touch football team. The first practice session for this activity was held last Monday. District competition will begin on Tuesday, 16 September, with two games to be played each week.



CDR BUTCHER



CDR NORTHUP

CDR's Detached From NP, Surgery

Two commanders, CDR Spencer W. Northup, MC, USNR, and CDR Wendell A. Butcher, MC, USN, were recently detached from Oak Knoll.

Doctor Northup, who was detailed to the Surgery Service since August, 1950, has returned to civilian practice in Toledo, Ohio. With him went his wife, Virginia, and their three sons, Billy, Robin, and Charles. Prior to his recall from the active reserves, he was on the staff of the Toledo Clinic and planned to return there. During World War II he served in the South Pacific with Sea Bee units.

Doctor Butcher was assigned to the Neuropsychiatric Service during his tour of duty at Oak Knoll. He has been here since October, 1950, coming from the Bethesda Naval Hospital. Doctor Butcher has been trans-

ferred to the Marine Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S. C. While static at Oak Knoll, he lived in Orinda, Calif., with his wife, Eleanor, and their two children, Barbara and N...

PREVIEWS

Sunday, 31 August
THE WORLD IN HIS ARMS—Greg Peck, Ann Blythe, ROMANTIC VENTURE. Peck is starred as a 19th Century Yankee sea captain who falls love with Miss Blythe, who is concealing her identity as a Russian countess. The story opens in San Francisco, where Peck is trying to sell a schooner load of illegal gotten seal skins, and Miss Blythe is being from a rejected suitor, a Russian officer. The plot concerns the Russian efforts to win Miss Blythe, Peck's reaction of her identity, and the couple's union. A schooner race is the picture highlight of this technicolor film. Rating: Excellent.

Monday, 1 September
UNION STATION—William Holden, Nancy Olsen. The files list this picture as having been released last July, but have no information on the plot of movie. Rating: Fair.

Tuesday, 2 September
THE GIRL IN WHITE—June Allyson, Arthur Kennedy, DRAMA. Miss Allyson portrays one of the nation's first woman doctors. The story is of her life at the turn of the century to prove worth in a profession heretofore made almost exclusively of men. She goes to medical school and graduates third in her class; at which point she spurns a proposal of marriage from a fellow student, Kennedy, in favor of her career. Fighting down prejudicial obstacles, she finally lands a job as a resident physician in a big New York hospital, where Kennedy also practices. Rating: Very Good.

Wednesday, 3 September
YOUNG SCARFACE—Richard Attenborough, Carol Marsh, DRAMA. A British crime film, suspenseful and often exciting, but of a decidedly low moral tone, are scenes of slashings and murder which make this a picture to be avoided by squeamish. Attenborough is boss of a clique of tinhorn mobsters at a resort in Britain, and the story is centered around Attenborough's murderous escapade and subsequent efforts to cover up his trail. Rating: Good.

Thursday, 4 September
FLESH AND FURY—Tony Curtis, M. Freeman, DRAMA. Here is a boxing story with a real twist. A deaf mute is a boxer because he can concentrate. When an operation restores his hearing, it confuses him. The silliness and evil he is also frighten him, and he almost loses the title bout. The blow that once again makes him deaf makes him champion. Rating: Good.

Friday, 5 September
FEARLESS FAGAN—Janet Leigh, Cotton Carpenter, COMEDY. The plot taken from a picture story which appeared in Life magazine not too long ago, concerns a young buck private and his pet who followed him to camp. Miss Leigh plays a glamorous actress; Carpenter, lanky soldier and master of the lion. Rating: Very Good.

Saturday, 6 September
COPPER CANYON—Ray Milland, M. Lamarr. This one apparently hasn't been scheduled for public release yet. It's not listed in any of our files, new old. In light of recent western extravaganzas productions coming out of Hollywood, and as long as the cast is headed by the Milland-Lamarr team, we'd venture to guess that "Copper Canyon" would be a good bet.

NOTICE

Special Services has announced that beginning Monday, 1 September, regularly scheduled movies in the auditorium will begin at 1800 instead of 1830.

Beginning Thursday, 4 September, the Library Concerts, discontinued for the last few weeks, will be resumed. Featuring recorded classical and semi-classical music, the concerts will be held each week from 1200 to 1300.

Staff Personalities

A man familiar to all Knollites and to those who visit the hospital each day is Anthony Castro, friendly civilian gate guard. He qualifies as a real Westerner, not only because he's

a native Californian, but because of the tales he can tell about the days when he was a sheriff and a rancher and cowpuncher with outfits from Mexico to Canada. He spent a year, too, with Pancho Villa in Old Mexico. He was twice chased across the border in 1910 by Yaquis on the warpath, and was in the Marines during WWI. Prior to coming here a year and a half ago, he was a guard at Folsom prison. He is married; had a boy in the Air Force, and a daughter in the WACS in WWII, now has a son in Korea and another just returned from there.



"Going on leave" is the preferred hobby of ENS Elizabeth Holmes, NC, USNR, of dependents' Ward 73B. She'll have her chance to indulge in that preference next week when she

leaves for a month's vacation at her home in Washington, D. C. Miss Holmes came here in January, 1951, and has been assigned to nearly every department from EENT to NP, her present work in obstetrics being her favorite. She was previously stationed in Philadelphia, following her call to active duty in 1950. She is a graduate of Providence Hospital School of Nursing, and worked in several hospitals and a doctor's office before coming on active duty. Aside from the leave angle, she enjoys painting, collects records, and likes to "chew the rag."



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The Commanding Officer this week presented checks totaling \$25 to two civilian employees for their beneficial suggestions. Fred Coster, electrician, center, received an award in the amount of \$15 for his suggestion to improve the water fountain system. Werner O. Naumann, carpenter, right, received an award of \$10 for his suggestion to place a safety device on table saws.

Officers Plan Family Picnic

The time of the staff officers' picnic is 1400, the date—14 September, the place—the lawn outside the Commissioned Officers' Mess.

This will be a bring-your-family affair, free for children up to 12 years. Games and sports for all ages are on the schedule. Soft drinks will be "on the house," but admission will be one dollar per person.

Tickets should be purchased no later than Friday, 12 September, from LTJG Norma Brown, Disbursing Officer.

POW Forms Available

Application for compensation granted by Public Law 303, 82nd Congress, are now available at the Veterans Administration Contact Representative's Office, main deck, Administration Building.

Two types of forms are available—for living Ex-POW's and for survivors of deceased Ex-POW's.

East Bay Doctors to Attend Annual Dinner-Discussion Here

More than 500 doctors are expected to turn out on 15 September for the annual dinner that brings civilian doctors in the East Bay and Oak Knoll medical officers together for an evening of sociability and professional discussion.

The visiting doctors — members of the Alameda-Contra Costa Medical Association — will assemble at the Officers' Club at 1800 for cocktails, which will be followed at 1830 by a buffet dinner.

CAPT Gordon will extend the official "welcome aboard" at 0815 when

Patients Invited To Party, Game

VFW Post No. 1010 has invited a busload of patients to attend a stag party in Emeryville 19 September. Another busload of patients has been invited to attend a baseball game between the Oaks and the San Diego Padres next Tuesday, 9 Sept., at 1930, also at Emeryville. All patients interested should sign up as soon as possible at Special Services.

Another staff picnic has been scheduled for Saturday, 27 September. Watch THE OAK LEAF for more details on this event.

Top WAVE Announces Planned Retirement

The Navy will lose its top woman officer early next year when CAPT Joy B. Hancock, Director of the WAVES retires. The Navy announced that she will retire under the provisions of the 1948 Women's Armed Services Integration Act calling for retirement at the age of 55.

the group assembles in the club auditorium to hear papers presented by three members of the Oak Knoll staff. On the program will be a discussion of "Practical Applications of Radioisotopes in Diagnosis and Therapy" by LCDR T. G. Hennessy; "Retroperitoneal Insufflation of Oxygen in Diagnosis of Adrenal Tumors, with Case Reports" by CDR J. R. Dillon; and "Management of Viral Hepatitis." This last paper, prepared by LT J. R. Kimmel and LTJG T. W. Burns, will be presented by Dr. Burns.

CAPT Silvis Reports to Oak Knoll For Duty As Chief of Surgery Service

CAPT Richard S. Silvis, MC, USN, Oak Knoll's new Chief of Surgery, reported aboard Friday, 22 August, relieving CAPT E. H. Dickinson, MC, USN, who was ordered to USNH, Memphis, to serve as Executive Officer.

CAPT Silvis came here from Pearl Harbor, where he served for the past year as Surgeon for the Pacific Fleet Marine Force.

In Navy Since 1931

His Navy career began in 1931 after his graduation from the University of Nebraska Medical School. During World War II he served for 18 months on the aircraft carrier, USS CHARGER and for one year as Division Surgeon with the Fourth Marine Division in the Pacific.

Since then he has been Division Surgeon with the 1st Marine Division in China, Division Surgeon with the 2nd Marine Division at Camp Lejeune, N. C., acting Chief of Surgery at USNH, St. Albans, N. Y., and assistant Chief of Surgery, at USNH, San Diego. He completed a graduate course in Surgery at the University of Pennsylvania after his tour of duty at St. Albans.

Flies 100,000 Miles

Asked about his recent experience with the Fleet Marines, CAPT Silvis said that he had flown over 100,000 miles during the past year and a half. He contrasted the medical services available to the wounded in Korea to those provided in World War II. Particularly important developments are



CAPT Richard S. Silvis

the rapid evacuation of casualties by use of helicopter; the helicopter landing platforms on hospital ships; the employment of surgical teams sent out from medical centers in the Far East to augment the medical activities that were receiving vast numbers of casualties; and the excellent young surgeons with the 1st Marine Division as a result of the Navy's residency training program. Among the most important developments in preventing frostbite is the thermoboot used by the Marines last winter.

CAPT Silvis is a diplomate of the American Board of Surgery and a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons. He and his wife, Fay, are now at home in Quarters E on the hill overlooking the hospital.



Examining a prosthetic foot while touring the Artificial Limb Department here recently are (left to right): Professor Howard D. Eberhart, Department of Engineering, University of California; General F. S. Strong, Jr., Executive Director, Advisory Committee on Artificial Limbs, National Research Council; CDR T. J. Canty, MC, USN, Chief of the Amputee Service; and John H. Faunce, CWOHC, USN, on the Amputee Service staff.

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† † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

One of our greatest faults is to fail to take time to do the things that are really important. In speaking of these All Important Things, Jesus said, "These things do, and the God of Peace shall be with you."

Following are thirteen rules to keep in seeking true happiness; but one must keep all thirteen if their magic key is to open the door to the abundant life.

- Take time to work—it is the price of success.
- Take time to think—it is the source of power.
- Take time to play—it is the secret of perennial youth.
- Take time to read—it is the fountain of wisdom.
- Take time to worship—it is the highway to reverence.
- Take time to be friendly—it is the road to happiness.
- Take time to dream—it is hitching your wagon to a star.
- Take time to love and be loved—it is the privilege of life.
- Take time to look around—it is too short a day to be selfish.
- Take time to laugh—it is the music of the soul.
- Take time to play with children—it is a joy of joys.
- Take time to be courteous—it is the mark of a gentleman.
- Take time to be holy—it is the privilege of a Christian.

—J. A. WHITMAN, Protestant Chaplain

VA Sets Up Priority Groups To Govern Vet Patient Admission

Eligible veterans will be admitted to Veterans Administration hospitals on the basis of nine new priority groups, VA has announced.

The nine priority groups are based on laws enacted by the Congress, administered by VA, and are designed to establish an equitable rule governing the use of vacant beds for all persons eligible for admission or transfer to a particular VA hospital under these laws.

Group 1—War veterans and those who served since June 27, 1950 (the start of Korean hostilities) who require hospitalization for service-connected disabilities.

Group 2 — Peacetime veterans requiring hospitalization for service-

connected or line of duty discharge disabilities.

Group 3—Veterans whose hospitalization has been requested by authorized officials for observation and examination purposes.

Group 4 — Wartime, post-Korea, and peacetime veterans with service-connected disabilities or with line of duty discharges who are currently hospitalized by VA in non-VA hospitals, but have requested transfer to a VA hospital.

Group 5 — Wartime, post-Korea, and peacetime veterans who are currently hospitalized by VA for treatment of non-service-connected disabilities, but whose transfer from one hospital to another has been requested by authorized officials for medical reasons.

Group 6 — Wartime, post-Korea, and peacetime veterans with compensable service-connected disabilities or discharged for line of duty disabilities requiring hospitalization for non-service-connected disabilities.

Group 7 — Wartime, post-Korea, and certain veterans retired from the U. S. Armed Forces for physical disabilities, having no compensable service-connected disabilities and not discharged for line of duty disabilities, who require hospitalization for non-service-connected disabilities.

Group 8—Non-veterans whose hospitalization has been requested by authorized officials, excepting U. S. Armed Forces personnel whose hospitalization is directed by the VA Central Office in Washington, D. C.

Group 9—All eligible veterans currently hospitalized in another VA hospital who have requested transfer for personal reasons.



Chester Burns, VA patient, who has been convalescing here for some months, has innovated a gadget he calls a "Wish Bird." While spending long hours in bed he concocted an idea to utilize wishbones, painting them various colors, attaching ping pong balls for bodies and adding feathers for headaddress. He has used all types of feathers—some left from fly tying, duck and pheasant, too! He is requesting a patent on his birds and hopes to commercialize on the project when he returns to his home and family in Santa Cruz, Calif. Mrs. Theodore Nelson, Red Cross Gray Lady from Alameda Chapter, is an interested onlooker.

Red Cross Ramblings

MOVIEGOERS

The ward movie schedule for the coming week will be "Walk East on Beacon" starring George Murphy and Virginia Gilmore. It is a story of the early days in and around the Boston Common. Do you like stories about jets in action? Be sure to see the "Wild Blue Yonder" with Wendell Corey and Vera Ralston, a drama epic of the Air Corps. Watch for one of these full length movies on your ward during the next seven days.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

Birthdays were shared by two patients on Ward 79B on September 6th. Cpl. LOUIS SMITH, USMC, age 22, and Pfc. GEORGE HAWKINS, USMC, age 21. Did you fellows get

your wish when you blew out the candles on those cakes?

WESTERN SONGS DE LUXE

Should you be passing by the Red Cross Lounge (Building 32) these sunny afternoons you would hear the latest arrangements of western and hill billy songs being sung and played on string guitars. Cpl. WILLIAM B. WINDHAM, USAF, of Ward 41B. Sgt. WAYNE E. ROBERTS, USMC of Ward 65A, and HAROLD L. MALAGUTI, AN, of Ward 43B have combined their musical talents into a trio and play "Back in the Saddle Again," "Tumbling Tumble Weed" and "Cool Water" as well as the Pioneers of the West any day.

FISH FRY

Sixteen patients returned from their all-day fishing jaunt on the briny deep out of Half Moon Bay and decided to have a "fish fry" on the grounds. All hands combined their efforts and gathered down at the baseball diamond, built a barbecue pit of bricks with a rack across the top. The fish were cleaned and boned for frying, rolled in cornmeal and dipped in a deep pan of hot fat. Mr. Clarence Wilson, Hospital Chairman of the Associated Sportsmens Club brought corn on the cob freshly picked from Castro Valley, and was invaluable in assisting in the cooking, using all his techniques for which he is famous in the world of hunting and fishing. Sgt. JOHN LAWRENCE, USMC, RUSSELL DOWNWARD, YNTSN of Ward 41A and RICHARD LUCUS, FPEN of Ward 43A, could qualify for Number One cooks any place after their exhibition at the fish fry. Would you share your recipes fellows? The question everyone asked: "How soon are we going to have another like this?" Miss Toni Pitman, Red Cross Recreation worker, accompanied the men on the trip and made the plans for the food.

A Letter from Santa Barbara

Dear Captain Gordon:

We are all, indeed, very happy that the wounded Korean War patients from the Oakland Naval Hospital enjoyed attending our Old Spanish Days Fiesta. It was a privilege to have had them with us. The city looks forward to having continued representations of wounded from your hospital as guests during future Fiestas so long as that sad need exists.

I want also tell you how proud I was of the Marines and Bluejackets. Their smart, military appearance, their social ease, the gallant indifference with which they outwardly bore their wounds thrilled all who met them.

Very sincerely yours,
ROBERT BLAKE,
Major General, USMC (Ret.)
Chairman, Armed Forces Coordinating Council of the Chamber of Commerce,
Santa Barbara, California.

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—THEODOR YERKE

Jewish New Year Invitation Issued

Rosh Hashana (New Year) begins at sunset, Friday, September 19, and ends at sunset, Sunday, September 21.

Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement) starts at sunset, Sunday, September 28, and ends at sunset, Monday, September 29.

All Jewish personnel and their dependents are invited to attend the High Holy Day religious services at the synagogue of their choice in San Francisco or the Bay Area. For reservations of seats to these services, please call UNDERHILL 3-0620, or write the National Jewish Welfare Board, 1005 Market Street, San Francisco, or call the Chaplain's office for any additional information.

DON'T BE AN IDIOT!
(By Armed Forces Press Service)
The word idiot is derived from the Classical Greek *idiotes*, which meant, "those citizens who did not take part in public voting." In ancient Greece, it was because they could not; in the U.S. today it is because they do not—and the word idiot is still appropriate!



CDR H. M. WERTHEIMER



LCDR C. K. HOLLOWAY



LCDR R. L. THOMPSON

And Still They Go . . . This Time One CDR, Three LCDR's

Prominent among the many Knollites recently departing from Oak Knoll are one commander and three lieutenant commanders—all of them well known for their services to the hospital.

CDR Haskell M. Wertheimer, MC, USN (on the Surgical Service from 4 December, 1949, to 18 August, 1950, and again since 13 December, 1951), and LCDR C. K. Holloway, MC, USN (here from March, 1949, to July, 1950, and again from February, 1951, until his detachment), are both leaving the Surgical Service for advanced work at the University of Pennsylvania Graduate School of Medicine.

CDR Wertheimer will take a post-graduate course in surgery and LCDR Holloway will do graduate work in basic science and general surgery. Both have had duty in Korea—Doctor Wertheimer aboard the hospital ship USS REPOSE for 15 months and Doctor Holloway with the 1st Marine Division for six months in a combat zone.

LCDR Rufus L. Thompson, MSC, USN, also left Oak Knoll in pursuit of higher learning. After nearly four years here as Chief of the Pharmacy Service and Special Services Officer, he has been transferred to the University of California School of Public

Health to study for his master's degree in Hospital Administration.

LCDR W. S. Swofford, MSC, USN, who was at Oak Knoll for the laying of the keel in 1942 and has since returned for two other tours of duty, left Friday for a new assignment as Administrative Officer for the Dispensary at the Naval Training Center, Bainbridge, Maryland. He returned to Oak Knoll for his third hitch after a tour of duty in Korean waters aboard the REPOSE. His wife, Vivian, who recently resigned her position as secretary to the Chiefs of Medicine and Surgery after four years' service, hopes to find similar work in Bainbridge.



LCDR and MRS. W. S. SWOFFORD

Recently-Promoted Lieutenants Eyed For Reversion to Previous Rank

Washington (AFPS)—Within eight months, a "substantial number" of lieutenants will be reverted to lieutenant junior grade. In addition, all promotions within the Navy will be kept to a minimum to comply with the provisions of the "Davis Amendment" to the Defense Appropriation Bill.

Most critically affected in the limitations will be those officers in the grade of lieutenant. Not only will a number of present lieutenants be reduced in rank, but all promotions to this grade will halt in fiscal 1953.

As a result, about 1,500 Navy lieutenants junior grade who were on a planned promotion list will not get the boost in rank, and many who

were recently promoted to lieutenant will be reverted to their previous rank.

According to official calculations approximately 5,000 lieutenants are being considered for reversion to lieutenant junior grade. However, reliable sources indicate that many of these might be absorbed while others might come under a new release program still in the planning stages.

The Navy will continue, as far as possible, promotions to grades higher than lieutenant in order to reduce the number of lieutenants who must be cut. But the rider does not affect officers in the grades of lieutenant junior grade and ensign.

Welcome and Farewell

The balance was unfavorable again this week as only seven staff members reported for duty here, while 20 were either discharged, released to inactive duty, or detached to other duty stations.

Reporting aboard from inactive duty were LTJG's Dalton B. McInnis, MC, USNR, Joseph T. Morreale, MC, USNR, and Willard G. Thompson, MC, USNR. Reporting from the USS PALAU was LCDR Edmond J. Ford, CHC, USN. D. R. Pusich, HN, was logged in from USNHCS, San Diego; C. A. Wheeler, HA, from District Staff Headquarters, 12nd; and D. C. O'Sullivan, HN, from USNHCS, Portsmouth, Va.

Released to inactive duty were HM3 Richard G. John, HM2 Robert D. Bechler, and LT's Kathryn I. Anderson and Joe R. Kimmel. Discharged from the Naval Service were HM3 Floyd D. Ahlstrom and HN Robert R. Willmes.

Detached were: LT Morton R. Steinberg, MC, USN, to Naval Station, Treasure Island; LTJG Charles W. Cogar, DC, USNR, to NTC, San Diego; LTJG Robert J. Daschback, MC, USNR, to USS COLONIAL; LT Thomas W. Talkington, Jr., MC, USNR, to Naval Station, Treasure Island; LTJG Maury E. Wortham, DC, USNR, to Naval Station, Treasure Island; LTJG Paul E. Farrell, DC, USNR, to NTC, San Diego; HN R. H. Casse, Jr., to Naval Station, New Orleans, La.; HN E. W. Anderson, to Net Depot, Tiburon, Calif.; and HN's B. J. Boydston, D. G. Drake, S. E. Forman, J. E. Johns, T. F. Sanders, and W. D. Lane, to Marine Barracks, Oceanside, Calif.



A study in expressions is this shot of recent swimming class graduates. The 40 children pictured are part of a class of 80 that received certificates for completing a two-month course of instruction. All of the junior mermen and mermaids are children of staff personnel. On the far left is instructor Frank Vicars, HN, and on the far right, Al Spensley, HN, and Chuck Willets, HM3. Not pictured is instructor Marion Walters, HN.

Hospital Teams Being Organized

Teams are being organized for the coming season's sports. The NP Service has organized its basketball team for the intrahospital tourney. Athletic Director W. Johnson urges other departments interested to organize their teams so that practice can begin.

In a memorandum to all staff personnel, G. L. Proper, HM1, chairman of the Enlisted Recreation Committee, has announced that present plans call for this year's bowling league play to begin about 25 September, following the renovation of the alleys.

Denver, Colo.—Yielding to a "sudden impulse," waitress Evelyn Marshall plunged from a five-story building. Suffering only a broken tooth and a stomach-ache, she commented: "This has taught me a lesson. I'll never jump through a window again."

SCUTTLEBUTT

There were some mighty worn-out looking folks trudging down cardiac hill Tuesday morning, following the Labor Day week end. Everyone got in on the liberty, either over the regular week end or on Monday. Those who were aboard Monday got a bird's eye view of the grass fire on the hills north of the compound. The blaze, which lasted five full hours, came within five yards of the hospital fence, and it took 110 firemen and volunteers to quench the flames. Even the Commissary department got in on the affair—it supplied sandwiches to the hungry firefighters.

One of the gate guards consulted the night duty MAA with a problem the other night. Two unidentified Knollites had walked nonchalantly out the gate, without liberty cards! Anthony Castro was the amazed guard who watched a buck and doe stroll down the road, out the gate, and off up Mountain Boulevard. The MAA's advice: "Put 'em on report!" But Castro couldn't catch 'em.

THE OAK LEAF has a new home. Formerly housed in 67B, back of the Administration Building, the office is now located in Room 1 of 67A.

FROM THE NP DEPARTMENT—Comes a bon voyage to Dr. Stroud, as he leaves for the USS CONSOLATION. Car-of-the-month honors go to Dr. Harris' Volkswagen, of German vintage, seen every day in front of Ward 56. In spite of its size, it made the trip all the way from Maryland—believe it or not. Ed Elcisisin, of 51B, has announced his departure from the ranks of bachelorhood. (Which inspires the thought that, although it's generally agreed married life is fine, it'll be a relief to some to see leap year end.) At the same time we hate to see Mary Lou Lubis, from 56 clerical, leave for the same reason. The best suggestion for beating the heat over the Labor Day week end comes from Chief Cannell and his wife, as they spent the holiday in the Tahoe country, while most of us spent the overly warm week end right around Oakland. An exception was Carol Mierzewski, who, along with others willing to battle traffic, ventured to Sacramento to the State Fair.

—W. Van Blaricom.

Golf Team Splits Win With NSC

The Oak Knoll golf team shared honors with Naval Supply Center, Oakland, in last week's three-way match.

The hospital team was defeated by NSC but came through in the match by winning out over the San Francisco shipyard team.

On Friday, 5 September, the golf team will have a double match with 12th Naval District opponents at Lake Chabot.

Staff Personalities

A Knollite who just completed his first year of duty here is Bill Morgan, HM2, USNR, from Bolivar, Mo. Bill joined the Navy 'way back in '45—was sent through Corps School at

Farragut and stationed at Terminal Island. He then did a hitch as a civilian and put in three and a half years as an agriculture education major at the University of Missouri before he was called to active duty a year ago in July. It's back to another semester of school, a degree, and a (he hopes) high school teacher's job for him after discharge-day. Bill, who works in the collection agent's office at OPD, is married, and has two small daughters who will be trekking back to the mid-West with him soon.



PREVIEWS

Sunday, 7 September
CARIBBEAN—John Payne, Arlene Dahl, and a cast of 18th Century pirates and revenge calculated to keep the action fans in suspense. Set in lush tropical background, Payne is hired, by a pirate captain, to go on an island under a disguise where he is to rescue the pirate's daughter (Miss Dahl), and destroy the man who stole her and put the pirate in slavery many years before. Rating: Very good.

Monday, 8 September
DARK CITY—Elizabeth Scott. No mention of this picture in the files. Title and featured actress taken into consideration, you can assume it's got a heavy plot and some heavy acting to offer. If you like the serious ones—or if you're one of Liz's fans—you probably can't go wrong.

Tuesday, 9 September
STORY OF ROBIN HOOD—Richard Todd. Again, no assistance from the files on this picture. Your reviewer saw it, however, and we can recommend this Disney-produced technicolor movie to everyone looking for relaxation or to those who have enjoyed other movies centered around the tales of Sherwood Forest.

Wednesday, 10 September
THEY GOT ME COVERED—Bob Hope. This one was released several years ago and was just as popular as Hope's best of the same name that was published the same time. It dates too far back to be in our files, but those of you who saw the film before might enjoy it again, and the rest of you have some laughs to catch up on.

Thursday, 11 September
SALLY AND ST. ANNE—Ann Blythe. COMEDY. Running the gamut from familiarity to serious and moving scenes, the story concerns a feud between two Irish families, each trying to get the other to vacate the neighborhood. Miss Blythe playing a daughter in one of the families is appealing as the girl who prays to St. Anne to get what she wants for herself and her friends. Rating: Very good.

Friday, 12 September
O'HENRY'S FULL HOUSE—Marilou Monroe, Fred Allen, and All-Star cast. Five of O'Henry's best short stories—love, irony, and retribution are brought to the screen in one package.

Saturday, 13 September
TRIPOLI—John Payne. Sounds like a bit of two-fisted adventure, probably with an equally exciting romance theme thrown in for good measure. The files don't have it listed, so it must be in the not-released-but-public-yet category.



One of the crew that takes over after the hospital's day is done is Shirley Bricker, HN, USN. On night duty at present, she has worked in the nursery since she came here last March.

Thursday marked the first anniversary of her enlistment in the Navy. She received recruit training and went through Corps School at Gretna, Pa., where she attended school and worked as a receptionist for a dentist and as a secretary before coming into the WAVES. Although she claims she "gave up hobbies" when she came in the service, swimming is a preferred activity when she can fit it into night duty routine.

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SGT Jerry Nunes, USMCR

Patient to Lead Football Parade

SGT Jerry Nunes, USMCR, patient on Ward 42A, will act as Grand Marshal for the annual Football Festival Parade in Berkeley next Friday, 19 September. The parade traditionally marks the opening of the University of California football season.

Nunes, a native of Oakland, was wounded in Korea on 19 November when he stepped on a land mine while serving with the 1st Engineer Battalion, 1st Marine Division. After a long period of treatment, he is now learning to use the artificial limbs that replace the right leg he lost below the knee and the left leg that was amputated above the knee.

Prior to entering the Marine Corps 27 months ago, Jerry was attending a trade school where he was learning to be a cabinet maker. He plans to return to school to complete his training as soon as he is out of the hospital, and hopes eventually to go into business for himself.

East Bay Doctors To Be Welcomed

The ninth annual get-together for the Alameda-Contra Costa Medical Association and members of the Oak Knoll staff will take place Monday evening at the Officers' Club. Some 400 civilian doctors—including many a golfer who knew Oak Knoll as a golf and country club before the Navy took over—are expected to attend.

Admiral A. H. Dearing, District Medical Officer and former Commanding Officer of Oak Knoll, and senior medical officers of other Naval activities in the Bay Area as well as members of the hospital staff have been invited.

Captain Gordon will act as host at the meeting, and the professional program (which will follow a broiled steak dinner to be served at 1830), will consist of papers to be presented by LCDR T. G. Hennessy, CDR J. R. Dillon, and LTJG T. W. Burns.

Next Staff Picnic At Adobe Lodge

The latest word on the next staff picnic should be welcome to those who went to the last staff affair, held at the Old Hearst Ranch: Oak Knollers will frolic at the Adobe Creek Lodge at Los Altos on Saturday, 27 Sept.

Again, there will be swimming, riding, and plenty to do, in and around the huge lodge and grounds. A bus will leave from in front of the Community Service Building at 1200, for those needing transportation. Tentative plans call for a barbecue lunch to be served at 1400. Further information will be announced in a later issue of THE OAK LEAF.

Staff members wanting to get in on the fun should sign up with Special Services, for themselves and for their dependents.

K-Vet Application Forms Now Available

Washington (AFPS)—Application forms are now available at the 67 Veterans Administration regional offices for eligible veterans to use in applying for education and training under the new K-Vet Bill of Rights.

Veterans discharged under conditions other than dishonorable, who served 90 days anywhere in the world since June 27, 1950, are eligible for the benefits. Veterans in full-time educational courses will get \$110 a month; on-the-job trainees will receive \$70 a month, and veterans with more than one dependent who are taking full-time educational courses may receive up to \$160 per month.

A Union Jack Salute

The Commandant
Oak Knoll Naval Hospital
Dear Sir:

On behalf of the members of Post 113 of the Canadian Legion of the British Empire Service League, I wish to express our thanks for the wonderful treatment given to our countrymen, the members of the crew of H.M.S. SHEFFIELD, who are at present under your care. They have spoken frequently of the kind and efficient care they have received during their stay with you.

It is acts like those of your staff which foster congenial international relations and we ex-servicemen and women who served under the Union Jack appreciate it and thank you.

Very sincerely yours,

KIM FREEMAN
Adjutant Post 113
Berkeley, Calif.

Mother, Amputee Son, United Here



Smiles were the order of the day for Mrs. Irmgard Lotito and her son, Rudolph Lotito, USMC, amputee patient on Ward 42A, when they greeted each other at the Oakland Airport Wednesday. The Marine Corps Fathers Association made it possible for Mrs. Lotito to make the 10-day round trip from New York to visit her son who was wounded last July on Bunker Hill in Korea when hit by shrapnel which required the amputation of his left leg below the knee. Lotito, who joined the Marines a year ago, told his mother over the telephone recently that he was homesick and wanted to see her again, but couldn't go home because of his leg amputation. The association, made up of parents of Marines, supplied the money to fly the mother to Oakland and back, plus enough to take care of her for the time she will be here with her son.

"Material Consciousness" Stressed In Effort to Cut Expenditures

Of increasing importance to the Navy is an old program with a new name—Material Consciousness. Traditionally noted for efficiency in its stock rooms and for its ability in properly caring for and using material and equipment, the Navy is now re-emphasizing programs within fields where it has always been the leader. This re-emphasis is due partially to the fact that our once abundant stocks of raw materials are becoming rapidly depleted and that we must do more than before to protect them by good utilization of end items.

Material consciousness in the Navy must extend from the newest recruit to the most senior admiral. It is the answer to this new problem of material shortages and high budgets. This was ably expressed some time ago in the Plan of the Day of the USS MCGOWAN, DD678, which said:

"The date 15 March brings forcibly to the attention of all hands the im-

portance of avoiding waste in our daily activities in the Navy. Over 70% of the money we pay to income taxes and other taxes goes to the Armed Services—some 60 billion dollars. Therefore each one of us can help to keep taxes down by conserving materials. Every time we leave a piece of gear exposed to the weather or handle it carelessly so that it has to be replaced, it means more money out of our own pockets. Making a broom serve just a little longer or taking good care of foul weather jackets may seem small items to some, but if each of the several million men in the armed services were equally concerned about the gear under their responsibility, substantial savings could be made and savings in government mean less tax money out of our own pockets."

—Navy Conservationist
Office of Naval Material
Department of the Navy

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† † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

Jewish people throughout the world will celebrate the High Holy Days on 20 and 21 September (Rosh Hashana) and 29 September (Yom Kippur).

Rosh Hashana means New Year, so-called because, according to tradition, God created the universe on this day and a new year is initiated on this date. Yom Kippur means Day of Atonement. Both festivals are dedicated to the search for forgiveness because on New Year's Day God determines the fate of every human being during the coming year, a decree which is made final on the Day of Atonement. The ten days between these holy days are called the Days of Repentance and are regarded as a period of last chance for reconciling God through a return to Him, prayer, and charity.

The Jew recites a collective confession of sins, always bearing in mind that he is part of the universal brotherhood of man and that he faces God not as a mere individual but he bears the guilt for all wrongs committed by man in his time.

He confronts God in awe but not in fear for he knows that God, as an ancient prophet said, "has no pleasure in the death of the sinner but desires that he returns to Him and that He will straightway forgive him."

On these holy days, God is praised as a king of the world, who rules in justice, and also as the shepherd who lovingly tends his flock.

Jews greet each other during this period of the year with the wish that they may be inscribed in God's Book of Life for a good year.

—RABBI JOHN J. ZUCKER, Jewish Chaplain

Vets Going to School Under GI Bill Must Bear First Month's Expense

Veterans with service since the start of the Korean campaign who are planning to go to school under the Korean GI Bill were advised by the Veterans Administration to take along enough money of their own to tide them over for about two months.

The reason, VA explained, is that under the law, GI education and training allowances can't be paid until sometime after a veteran actually completes each month of training. Therefore, one month of the delay will be caused by the veteran completing his initial month of training.

The law also requires that both the veteran and his school or training establishment submit a certification

to VA—after the end of the month—to the effect that the veteran actually was enrolled in training during that period.

This, too, takes time, so VA urged schools and establishments to get the certifications in as quickly as possible after the end of the month to keep the time at a minimum.

Finally, after VA receives the certifications, it must compute how much GI allowance each veteran is entitled to, and must mail out the payments. This process, VA said, normally will be kept down to 20 days from the date VA receives the certification.

Because of all these factors, post-Korea veterans would be wise to allow for two months before they can expect a check from the Government, VA said. Afterwards, of course, checks will come regularly each month, so long as they remain in training and their certifications are in order.

A veteran who starts GI training after the 20th of a month will have to wait several days longer for his initial payment, VA pointed out. The reason is that VA can't process his certification until after he has completed his first full month of training. Payments for both periods—the complete month and the few days of the preceding month—will be included in his first check.

The allowances for veterans training full time in schools and colleges under the new Korean GI Bill are \$110 for those without dependents; \$135 for those with one dependent, and \$160 for those with more than one dependent. Allowances for part-time training, on-the-job training and institutional on-farm training are somewhat lower.



Don Fessler, DCW3, USNR, patient on Ward 46B, and PFC Ben Richardson, USMC, patient on Ward 48A, are shown admiring "Apollo," one of the horses that will be entered in the 21st annual Mills College Horse Show, to be held at Cressmount Stables next month. The show will be managed and directed by Miss Cornelia V. N. Cress, owner of the stables, and patients from the hospital will be invited to one of the two shows to be presented. "Apollo" rider is Mills student, Miss Dessie Grantham.

Red Cross Ramblings

MOVIEGOERS

The ward movie schedule for the coming week will be "Red Snow," an adventure story starring Guy Madison and Ray Mola. The second attraction is "Glory Alley," a drama featuring Leslie Caron and Ralph Meeker. Watch for one of these full length movies on your ward.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Birthday congratulations were given to Ted Mathin, SN, USN, of Ward 62A. Ted was originally from Georgia, but he calls Florida, the "Sunshine State," his home. Ted hails from Tampa and attended school in Mulberry near by.

GRAY LADIES AND GRAY MEN, TOO

By the way, we'd like to answer a frequent question on the subject of Gray Ladies. They're all volunteers. That's right—no pay. They give their time, energy, talent and ingenuity with no reward beyond the appreciation YOU show. For most Gray Ladies this means donating the little free time they have left from jobs and families. And in case you're planning activities for that life as a retired citizen sometime in the future, the Red Cross has often used the services of "Gray Men" too.

SWING YOUR PARTNER

Here's a real chance to kick up your heels and join in the fun at the lounge each Friday evening. From 1900 to 2100 hours folk dancing is enjoyed by all. If you'd like to learn how to folk dance, there are two Gray Ladies to teach you. So be around from 1900 to 2100 hours Friday evening and take part in the "Rounds and Squares" with the hostesses from Berkeley and Oakland. Everyone wants to be a "square" there!

NUMBER PLEASE

This Saturday afternoon at 1400 in the lounge the "telephone girls" from San Francisco will be here with games, a community sing and dancing. On this occasion you can see in person some of the charming girls who ask you so nicely over the telephone "number please"; so remember the time—1400!

STRICTLY SOLID MUSIC

Have you heard the jam session at the lounge lately? It's really "note worthy" to see CPL Jack Allen, 48A at the piano keyboard, Earl Jackson, SN, 48A, on the drums, Stan Gaye, SN, 48A, thumping the bass fiddle and Robert Beasley, SN, blowing the trumpet. Deryl Gayland, SN, 65A does the vocals in his own inimitable style, and say—come over and enjoy this music for yourself.

If you have a desire to play a musical instrument, the lounge has a music room and a variety of instruments from which to choose. Also instruments can be checked out to the wards so—here's your opportunity to make music!

CHECKMATE

If you are a chess fan come and enjoy the chess tournament next Monday, September 15, in the Red Cross Lounge at 1900. The chess club from San Leandro is providing the opposition, but Ernie Bartholomew, V.A.B. from 76B says we really have some talented chess players from the different wards, so this should be quite a tournament! Come and see for yourself how a checkmate is accomplished.

Jewish New Year Begins Next Week

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Los Angeles, Calif. (AFPS)—Orville A. Braun of this city has patented a novel comb to take care of unruly hair. The "fountain comb" squirts hair oil from holes near its teeth and has a reservoir in the leak-proof handle that stores the liquids until needed.

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Welcome and Farewell

The hospital's census was still on the down-grade last week, with a total of 29 staff members leaving for civilian life, inactive duty, and other duty stations, and only 16 reporting aboard.

Reporting for duty were: LTJG Leona Soback, NC, USN, from Air Transport Squadron EIGHT, FPO, San Francisco; CDR Daniel W. Boone, MC, USN, from Staff, CINC PACFLT; CAPT Richard S. Silvis, MC, USN, from H&S Battalion, FMF, Pacific; LTJG Herman C. Behla, Jr., MC, USN, from Naval Station, Adak, Alaska; ENS's Jennie C. DiGiandomenico, Jo A. Hoffman, Shirley A. Feeney, and Shirley M. Jacobson, NC, USNR; LT Robert L. Landis, DC, USNR, from ComTHIRTEEN (inactive duty); CAPT Julian Love, MC, USN, from USNH, Philadelphia, Pa.; LT Dorothy R. Shaffer, NC, USN, from Naval Medical School, NNMC, Bethesda, Md.; ENS's Mary A. P. Carpineti, NC, USNR, and Elizabeth Friga, NC, USN, from USNH, St. Albans, Long Is'and, N.Y.; P. A. Loucks, HN, from USNH, Bremerton, Wash.; W. R. Alsbaugh, HN, from Mare Island Naval Hospital; and C. E. Julian, TEMC, from USNAS, Alameda.

Detached were: CAPT I. L. V. Norman, MC, USN, to USNH, Great Lakes, Ill.; LTJG Ralph J. Spiegl, MC, USNR, to Marine Corps Depot of Supplies, Barstow Annex, Barstow, Calif.; LCDR William S. Swofford, MSC, USN, to NTC, Bainbridge, Md.; LCDR Jennie Anderson, NC, USN, to Infirmary Marine Corps Air Station, Cherry Point, N. C.; LTJG Jack L. Robbins, MC, USNR, to USS CONSOLATION; LT Marvin R. Alberg, MC, USNR, and LTJG Irving Fine, MC, USNR, to U. S. Naval Station, Long Beach, Calif.; LCDR Charles K. Holloway, Jr., MC, USN, and CDR Haskell M. Wertheimer, MC, USN, to University of Penn., Philadelphia; LT Helen A. Wolosenko, NC, USNR, to USS HAVEN; C. W. Metcalfe, HM1, to USS COCOPA; and Harriet N. Morlock, HN, to USNH, San Diego.

Released to inactive duty were: HM1's Warren W. Kirkpatrick and Herbert F. Shull; HM3's Gene S. Waggoner and Allen B. Williams; HM2's Robert M. Johnson and Harold C. Schnackenberg; LT's Hortense A. Tehaar, NC, USNR, Florence J. Nelson, NC, USNR, and Oscar M. Powell, Jr., MC, USNR; LTJG's Helen F. Fogel, NC, USNR, and Irene E. Horgas, NC, USNR.

Discharged from the Naval Service were: LT Maurine W. Johnston, NC, USNR; LTJG Nellie J. Taylor, NC, USN; ENS Mary L. Curran, NC, USN; HM2 Kenneth W. Hamilton, Jr.; and HM3's Harold J. Gulbrandson and Billy G. Looper.

Harrison, N. Y. (AFPS)—Mrs. Angelo Longo was amused when her son Robert received a draft card from a nearby Selective Service board. Bobby is 11 months old.

Detroit, Mich. (AFPS)—Allen J. Davis returned a book 26 years overdue to the Detroit Public Library recently. The book was "Youth," by Joseph Conrad.



Ten years ago it seemed rather improbable that in this country a novel written by a Japanese should be greeted with great enthusiasm and interest. But in a short decade one learns that the enemy are people. This is an old lesson. And it is a good lesson and good that it can be appreciated so quickly. Hanama Tasaki has already made an impression with his novel of the Japanese army, **Long the Imperial Way**. With the action placed in pre-Pearl Harbor days in China, Mr. Tasaki wrote what many critics proclaimed a Japanese equivalent of **Naked and the Dead** and **All Quiet on the Western Front**.

Tasaki's second novel, just published, considers the return of Private Takeo Yamamoto to civilian life and the social and spiritual chaos of post-war Japan. **The Mountains Remain** is an absorbing and extraordinary experience for the American Reader. It should be added that the author writes in English. This is not a translation.

If you like your menace light and fast, **The Davidian Report**, by Dorothy B. Hughes, furnishes a good solid evening. The FBI, the CIC, the Communists, and our hero, Steve Wintress, are all after this highly secret document, smuggled out of Berlin and for sale to the highest bidder. The scene of the story is Los Angeles. The struggle between the competing agents is enlivened by bizarre and incongruous situations.

Science fiction fans take note: we have three new anthologies. **Invaders of Earth**, **Travelers of Space**, and **Year's Best Science Fiction Novels: 1952**.

—THEODOR YERKE



Six-year-old Jack Potter flashes a big grin at the photographer in this shot taken in the physical therapy department where he is receiving treatment for his left shoulder, weakened by an attack of polio. Jack, pictured here with his father, CAPT L. E. Potter, MC, USN, head of the Department of Plastic Surgery, is expected to regain the full use of his shoulder before too long, through continued therapy. Meanwhile, here's evidence that he's taking his treatment cheerfully.

SCUTTLEBUTT

Most of the chatter this week centers around one small area, with the exception of the NP Department supplement. We're still waiting for a reaction from some of the other departments that might like to get their two-bits worth in each week and provide a broader coverage of names and news around the compound.

Joan Smejkal is going to school in her off-hours! Yep, seems a policeman stopped her on her way to work the other day and handed her a traffic citation and an "invitation" to brush up on good driving habits.

The record office chorused a "welcome back" last week to Betty Wimby, just returned from a Canadian vacation. The same office had a farewell party for Blanche McDermott and Dorothy Hager. Blanche said goodbye to the gang to exchange "I do's" and take up the duties of housekeeping . . . Dorothy will soon be setting out to satisfy a life-long dream — a thorough and leisurely tour of Europe.

Elsie Pierce, secretary in the CO's office, wound up almost three years' service last Friday, for the full-time job of Mrs. Pierce, housewife. Her desk has been taken over by Mellie Hoff, who's been on the Civilian Personnel staff for nearly three years.

"Swimming in Santa Barbara" was the theme of Ship's Service's Mr. Smedberg and his family. He's back again after a week's vacation.

FROM THE NP DEPARTMENT—Best wishes to W. R. O'Brien as he leaves this week after over two years here, for seminary training at Denver, Colo. Also leaving is Joe Kovalcik, who has been on night duty on Ward 52 for so long he was afraid maybe he'd been forgotten.

Other men who have been on nights so long they're almost assuming owl-like features are R. L. O'Conner on 47A, Bob Blanc on 49A, and F. P. Phillips on Ward 56. Wonder if they ever come out in the daylight anymore? With the students taking over, there has been some welcome leave for the old timers. Reports of the good times at home should be forthcoming as the first group returns next week . . .

—W. Van Blaricom.

One CDR Leaves for Mare Island; Two Report for Oak Knoll Duty



CDR Christensen

CDR Boone

CDR Roudebush

One Commander was detached last week and two Commanders and one Lieutenant Commander recently reported aboard.

CDR Marion E. Roudebush, MC, USN, who has been on the Neuropsychiatric Service here since July 1951, has been ordered to USNH, Mare Island, to relieve the Chief of the Neuropsychiatric Service there. Doctor Roudebush entered the Navy in 1937. He is a graduate of the University of Indiana Medical School, and came to Oak Knoll from USNH, Bethesda.

CDR Daniel W. Boone, MC, USN,

reported here two weeks ago from Pearl Harbor where he was on the CinPac Fleet staff. Doctor Boone is at Oak Knoll for residency training in Surgery. He entered the Navy 13 years ago after graduation from the University of Oregon Medical School.

CDR Roland A. Christensen, MC, USN, reported on 30 August from USNH, Newport, R.I., where he was Chief of the Dependents Service. Prior to entering the Navy in 1942, Doctor Christensen taught obstetrics at the University of Pennsylvania. He is a graduate of the University of Maryland Medical School.

Bowling League Has Nine Teams

Nine teams have been organized for the hospital bowling league.

G. L. Proper, HM1, chairman of the Enlisted Recreation Committee, has announced that there is room for three more teams in the league, and urges any departments interested to contact him.

He suggested that if a department cannot organize a team of its own, two or more departments might join forces to enter the competition. Deadline for entering a team is Wednesday, 17 Sept.

The league is expected to get under way on 23 Sept., as soon as the renovation of the bowling alleys has been completed.

Teams entered so far are: Special Services, Laboratory, Artificial Limb Environmental Sanitation Technician School, Dental Service, and Marine Detachment. Individuals interested in playing on any one of these teams should contact the captain of the team he would like to bowl with.

Other teams that have been organized and have their keggers lined up for the season are: the Hits and Misses, Civil Service women's team; the Three V's, from the Personnel Office; and a team organized by Harold Hensle, HM1, also in the Personnel Office.

Gate sentry: "Halt! Who's there?"
Voice from the darkness: "You wouldn't know me — I just got here yesterday."

More Teams Needed In Basketball Play

Athletic Director W. Johnson has sounded another call for more teams to be entered in the intrahospital basketball tourney. Any and all departments interested should contact him immediately so that the teams can be organized and practice for the coming season can begin.



Mr. William Sundin

Volunteer Passes Tenth Year Here

Mr. William Sundin of Oakland is celebrating his tenth year of volunteer work for Oak Knoll.

He has been a steady visitor here since September 1942 when CAPT F. R. Hook (now RADM, Retired) was in command. He recalls that when he first brought out equipment to project movies on the various wards, the films—all that he could beg or borrow—varied from sports reels to Father Hubbard's experiences in Alaska.

Since those days back in '42, Mr. Sundin has been a regular visitor here, and last Thursday night, he showed his 1,439th weekly movie.

Mr. Sundin was instrumental in obtaining a Hammond organ for the Hospital Chapel through donations from the El Cerrito City Club, and he enlisted the aid of the Fignon Brothers in obtaining the cross and candleholders. He also secured, as a donation from Pacific Bridge Shipyard Employees, one of the first pianos on the compound.

During the past eight years he has projected the yearly World Baseball Series, Abbott and Costello, W. C. Field's comedies, thrilling moments at rodeos throughout the state of California. These films have been furnished by the Disabled American Veterans, Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Bill Erwin Post of Oakland.

Mr. Sundin is spending the month of September on a well-earned vacation with his wife, celebrating his thirtieth wedding anniversary along with his tenth anniversary of volunteer work at the Hospital.

Marines' Slingshot Flings Grenades

Korea (AFPS) — Modern warfare got a kick in the pants recently when Marines rigged up a gigantic slingshot on the front lines.

This is the way it worked: A thick inner tube was fitted over the fork of an old tree. Eight men grabbed the huge rubber band and stretched it back. Then a grenade was placed inside the band, aimed and catapulted right into the Chinese lines.

The slingshot was previously used to throw C-rations into forward posts. But that was discontinued when one of the men was beamed with a box.

A front line officer summed up the attitude of the ration-by-air mail-operation. "We've got enough trouble from enemy mortars," he said, "without our own guys slapping us on the head with rations."

Flying Saucer Mystery Checked

Washington (AFPS) — The Air Force and the press got together recently in the Pentagon to delve more deeply into the baffling mystery of the Flying Saucers.

The evidence was on the board. Since 1947, between 1,000 and 2,000 persons reported that they had seen "objects in the air shaped like a saucer." The Air Force carefully checked each one. About 80 per cent of the sightings were easily explained.

The remaining 20 per cent provide the mystery. What are they? Where do they come from? Are they visitors from another planet? Secret weapons of the U.S.? Of the U.S.S.R.? Or are they merely manifestations of mass hysteria?

Major-General James A. Sanford, Chief of AF Intelligence, poured damp water over the theory that they are vehicles, missiles or even material objects.

"These phenomena," he said, "according to the various reported sightings, would have to possess unlimited power and no mass. No material object fits this description." This, of course, was only an opinion, the General cautiously qualified, but it reflected a well-thought out opinion based on many bits of information.

Citing the fact that strange objects in the sky have been seen since biblical times, Gen. Sanford acknowledged the necessity of giving them "adequate but no frantic attention."

Thus, the only agreement reached at the conference was not what these mysterious 20 per cent unexplainables were but what they might be.

PREVIEWS

Sunday, 14 September
THE BIG SKY—Kirk Douglas, Elizabeth Threatt, WESTERN. The drama evolves from an actual incident in the history of the Old West—the story of the first keelboat to get to the upper reaches of the Missouri River to trade in the mountain valleys of western Wyoming and Montana with the Blackfeet Indians for beaver furs. Rating: Excellent.

Monday, 15 September
BRANDED—Alan Ladd. This film is apparently a brand new one, not even listed to the public yet. We could find a listing of it in the files, but if you like drama, action and/or Alan Ladd, you probably enjoy "Branded."

Tuesday, 16 September
SOMEBODY LOVES ME—Betty Hutton, Ralph Meeker, COMEDY. This is a story of the meeting, marriage, and sex-experiences of the show-business team Seeley and Fields. Several theatrical greats appear in the movie, and there are over musical numbers by Gershwin, Berlin, other top-notch composers. Rating: Very good.

Wednesday, 17 September
NARROW MARGIN — Charles McGraw, Marie Windsor, INTRIGUE. A detective is given the task of bringing the widow of a slain gangster to the west coast to testify before a grand jury investigating bribery. Rating: Good.

Thursday, 18 September
ENCORE — Roland Culver, Glynis Johns, THREE EPISODES. Three W. Somerset Maugham short stories are presented. Although the various episodes in the film are unrelated, they make for a well-balanced package, presented in English fashion, with an introduction to each by Maugham himself. Rating: Excellent.

Friday, 19 September
GOLDEN HAWK—Sterling Hayden, Rhonda Fleming. The release date for this has not been set as yet, so Knollites can get a preview on it. Sterling Hayden, as one of the 17th Century France's most daring privateers, rescues Rhonda Fleming, a prisoner of the Spanish, in one of his forays. Mr. Fleming is also a pirate, working to recover the fortune which the French took from her. The whole thing's done up in technical color adventure style.

Saturday, 20 September
MOLLY—The Goldbergs. This film was released about a year ago, but there are plot synopses or reviewer's ratings on in our files. It's apparently based on the radio show, The Goldbergs, and, in the event, is a comedy.

Staff Personalities

LCDR Wilma Jackson, NC, USN, Assistant Chief Nurse, has a combination of character and experiences that makes this limited space seem very inadequate for a personality-of-the-week sketch. An Ohioan, in her 16 years in the Navy, she has served in numerous duty stations — among

them: two tours on Guam, a total of six years in the Washington, D. C. area, Brooklyn, and a period spent as a POW. Just prior to coming here in June, she was at Columbia University for two years, earning first a B.S. and then a Master's degree in Hospital Nursing Service Administration. She is a member of two National Education Honor Societies.



A yachtsman and a mountain climber—when he can find enough spare time is LTJG Arthur B. Carfagni Jr., MC, USNR, psychiatric resident on Ward 49A. One of his notable feats in the latter pastime was the scaling of rugged Mount Lyell in Yosemite Park. Dr. Carfagni is a native Californian, hailing from Atherton, just a few miles south of San Francisco. His first affiliation with the Navy was in 1944 when he attended College of Pacific under the V-12 program. He received his B.S. and MD degrees from Stanford University in 1950, and was retained there as a psychiatric resident until last July when he was called to active duty and sent to Oak Knoll.



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Among the dignitaries present when Captain Gordon and members of his staff acted as hosts at Monday night's meeting of the Alameda-Contra Costa Medical Association meeting were the three men pictured with him here—Dr. Cyril J. Atwood, president of the association; Rear Admiral A. H. Dearing, MC, USN, District Medical Officer, and Dr. Harold P. Maloney, secretary-treasurer of the guest organization. More than 500 Navy and civilian doctors attended the dinner and professional meeting, both of which were held at the Commissioned Officers' Mess.

CAPT Love Reports Aboard As Hospital's New EXEC

Was Chief of Medicine At USNH, Philadelphia

CAPT Julian Love, MC, USN, reported to his office in the Administration Building Monday morning and has spent the week becoming acquainted with his new duties as Executive Officer at Oak Knoll and greeting former shipmates now on duty here. He comes to Oak Knoll from U.S. Naval Hospital, Philadelphia, after serving as Chief of Medicine there for the past four years.

The new Exec, who reported as relief for CAPT I. L. V. Norman (now in command of USNH, Great Lakes), brings to his new assignment the benefits of 25 years in the Naval Service. A native of Colorado, he was commissioned a lieutenant, junior grade, in 1927 following completion of his medical studies at the University of Colorado School of Medicine. His first Navy experience was at U.S. Naval Hospital, San Diego, where he served his internship, and since then he has had the usual variety of assignments at sea and ashore.

During World War II Captain Love, a flight surgeon, was Senior Medical Officer at the Naval Air Station, Argentia, Newfoundland, and later at Patuxent River, Maryland. He was CO of Naval Base Hospital 21, Kwajalein, during the atomic bomb tests in 1946. Just before the war he was Senior Medical Officer of the Third Defense Battalion of the Fleet Marine Force, Midway.

Doctor Love, a specialist in Internal Medicine, took his advanced work at the Navy Medical School, and at Cornell University, New York City.



CAPT Julian Love, MC, USN

He was certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine in 1940, and just prior to his detachment from USNH, Philadelphia, was appointed an official examiner for that board. He is a Fellow of the American College of Physicians and the College of Military Surgeons, and a member of the American Heart and American Diabetic Associations.

CAPT Love holds two teaching appointments—those of Associate Professor of Medicine at Hahnemann Medical College, Philadelphia, and guest lecturer in the Department of Dermatology of the Graduate School of Medicine, at the University of Pennsylvania.

While he is rapidly becoming oriented to his new station, the Exec's wife, Mimi, and their three sons, Julian, 11, Peter, 7, and Franklin, 3, are making themselves at home in Quarters "D" near the San Leandro section of the hospital.

'By Ticket Only' To Staff Picnic

Tickets are now available at Special Services for the staff picnic to be held at the Adobe Creek Lodge, Los Altos, between Palo Alto and Mountain View, off El Camino Real.

G. L. Proper, HM1, chairman of the Enlisted Recreation Committee, has announced that fees will be paid from the recreation fund and will include gate admission, swimming, tennis, softball, dancing, and a barbecued beef dinner to be served at 1500.

Admission to the Lodge will be by ticket only. Reservations should be made as soon as possible so that final arrangements may be made.

If reservations are made but not to be used because of a change of plans, the unused ticket should be returned immediately to the Special

Hospital Ships Total 33,000 UN Admissions

AFPS—Navy hospital ships operating in Korean waters care for an average of 50 admissions a day, according to statistics released by the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery. Since the beginning of the Korean conflict these ships have cared for more than 33,000 UN troops. The three Navy hospital ships in the Korean theater are the USS CONSOLATION, USS REPOSE, and the USS HAVEN.

Services Office, so that no charge will be made against the recreation fund.

Transportation will be available, and anyone desiring a ride is requested to submit his name to the Special Services Offices prior to 25 September.

Patients Invited to UC Home Games

Forty patients from Oak Knoll will help kick off the University of California Bears' football season today, when the team tangles with College of Pacific.

The UC Students' Association has extended an invitation for 40 patients to attend each of the Bears' home games to be held in the University's Memorial Stadium this season. A bus will leave Ship's Service at 1200 on the day of each game.

All patients who would like to go to any of the games should sign up at Special Services prior to the Sat-

urday when a game is to be played.

Schedule for the season is:

- 20 Sept. (Today)—COP
- 27 Sept.—University of Missouri
- 18 Oct.—Santa Clara
- 1 Nov.—UCLA
- 15 Nov.—Washington State
- 22 Nov.—Stanford

Bay Meadows Invitation

Mr. W. P. Kyne, manager of the Bay Meadows race track, has announced that all service personnel IN UNIFORM—patients and staff—will be admitted to the track free of charge.

Officers' Wives Hold Annual Tea

The Officers' Wives Club began its fall activities on Wednesday, 10 Sept., with its annual tea at the Officers' Club, honoring the wives of officers newly stationed at the hospital.

Mrs. J. N. C. Gordon, wife of the Commanding Officer, and Mrs. Oscar T. McDonough, president of the club, received the guests. Mrs. Arthur L. Shultz was chairman of the Entertainment Committee, and was assisted by Mrs. David Sherwood, Mrs. Robert Poos, Mrs. Wesley Fry, Mrs. George Lynch, and Mrs. William Hughes.

A banquet cloth of filet and Italian cut work embroidered with an Army-

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Semi-Formal Dance Planned for Officers

A "Hail and Farewell" semi-formal dance will be held at the Officers' Club 27 Sept., honoring the officers and their wives who have recently reported aboard and those who will be leaving Oak Knoll soon.

Tables at the Club will be arranged cafe style. Those desiring a table set up for six or more should make a reservation as soon as possible with LTJG Norma Brown, Head of the Disbursing Office, and member of the entertainment committee.

Dancing will be from 2100 until 0100, and music will be furnished by a popular Bay Area orchestra.

Admission to the event will be \$1 per person.

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† † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

Lord Bryce, of England, wrote a great work some years ago entitled "The American Commonwealth," in which he made this observation: "One is startled by the thought of what might prevail if this huge and delicate fabric of law and commerce and social institutions and the foundation it had rested on were to crumble away."

That foundation he recognized to be religion, and he admonished Americans that "the more democratic republics become, the more the masses grow conscious of their own power, the more do they need to live, not only by patriotism, but by reverence and self control, and the more essential to their well being are sources whence reverence and self control flow."

It seems where power is there is a tendency to outlaw the one from whom all power comes. The history of dictators is the history of the usurpation of rights which belong to God alone. Hitler and Mussolini speak from the pages of the past, while Stalin, still with us, is a law unto himself, and would like to be the supreme lawmaker for every person in the world.

The greatest source of reverence and self control is to be found in religion, and if we sow in irreligion we shall reap in misery and lawlessness. We can well see the necessity of religion in the life of any nation and therefore it is necessary always that Catholics, Protestants and Jewish people in this great land of ours, should join in emphasizing the need of religion in all the details of our life, as well as our very life itself. Good order and happiness can only come by following the dictates of Him who ordered it thus. "Ite ad Deum," go to God for PEACE AND HAPPINESS.

EDMUND J. FORD,
Catholic Chaplain.

Vets Going to School on GI Bill Allowed Only One Change of Course

Veterans planning to train under the Korean GI Bill should give careful thought to their choice of training program, for under the law they'll be allowed to change their course no more than once, Veterans Administration said today.

The purpose of the new GI education and training program is to help a veteran reach a definite, identified goal. The goal may be purely educational such as obtaining a college degree; professional, such as becoming a doctor or vocational, such as training to be a carpenter.

Before a post-Korean veteran even applies for training under the new GI Bill, he should have clearly in mind just what his goal in life might be, VA advised. His training can serve as an invaluable means toward arriving at that goal.

Veterans who are not sure about their goal, or about the type of training needed to reach it, would do well to talk over their problems with educators, businessmen, professional people or any other persons in a position to offer constructive advice.

Or if they wish, they may apply to the VA for advisement and guidance, consisting of tests and thorough interviews given by vocational counselors.

If a veteran makes his single change of course before his deadline for starting training under the new GI Bill, he will not need VA's approval. However, if his progress was unsatisfactory, he will have to show VA that it was not because of his own misconduct, neglect or lack of application.

If he wants to change courses after his deadline—and has never made a change before—he will need VA's approval. This may be granted, under the law, if VA finds that (1) he has not been making satisfactory progress in his present program through no fault of his own, and the program he wants to change to is more in keeping with his aptitudes and previous training, or (2) the program to which he wants to change is a normal progression from his present program.



Five Red Cross trainees and one hospital recreation aide, also completing the training, take time out from their busy schedule. They are (left to right): Gail Tweed, Helen Duncan, Mary Karabaich, Bonnie Wilson, Alida Quick, and Jean Harshman.

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Red Cross Ramblings

MOVIE GOERS

The ward movie schedule for this coming week will be "Jack and the Beanstalk," a comedy filled with laughs, starring that humor team, Bud Abbott and Lou Costello. Be on the lookout for this full-length movie on your ward.

"EAST BAY" TELEPHONE BELLES

The "East Bay" Telephone Girls will make their first appearance at 1400 hours in the lounge today (Saturday). Those of you who have enjoyed the parties sponsored by the San Francisco telephone girls every second and fourth Saturday will now have the chance to meet the Oakland telephone operators. They will give Saturday afternoon parties from 1400 to 1600 every first and third Saturday at the lounge. Table games of all kinds and dancing are on their program; so join in the fun.

OAK KNOLL ART COLONY

Patients are blinking their eyes at the attractive new volunteer art specialist who is now appearing on the 70 wards each Monday afternoon. JOHN MATTHEWS, AD1, TOM MORGAN, SA, ALBERT GREEN, DMSN, M. FULWIDER, HM3, all of ward 71A, GEORGE LONG, TN, USNR, T. V. LANTERMAN, VAB, USA, of ward 75B, and SGT ROLAND BRAZ, USMC (Ret.), 76B, are among the art enthusiasts. Also interested in art are PFC RAYMOND ALEXANDER, USMC, and DOUGLAS PENNER, SN, of ward 43B. How are you at art? If you would like any art materials ask your Red Cross worker or Gray Lady, and she will be glad to help you.

CHECK YOUR SHOOTIN' IRONS!

"Don't spit on the floor," "He went thataway," "Cactus juice" and "Hitch your horses here" were western cries heard at the Red Cross Lounge Monday afternoon from 1430 hours to 1600 hours. For this was the Sagebrush Roundup, a strictly western activity set up by the Red Cross trainees, Gail Tweed, Jean Harshman, Mary Karabaich, Helen Duncan, Bonnie Wilson and Alida Quick

with the help of several patients who showed great talent with a paintbrush for the posters.

What could be more western than a rodeo? So Hog Calling, Horse Roping, and Wild Cow Milking were among the events enjoyed. Good western dances such as the Hoke Pokey and the Virginia Reel were featured, and enjoyed by both participants and spectators. At the "Silver Dollar Saloon" such mighty potent beverages as "Tumbleweed Tonic" and "Cactus Juice" (with the spikes removed) were partaken of in great quantities.

FISH LURE

Have you ever thought what tempt the appetite of a trout and other fish? Mrs. Evelyn Werschull, a Gray Lady, really knows what trout like and she says flies are definitely on their list. If your supply of live flies is limited, and you would like a remedy that situation, Mrs. Werschull will be very happy to instruct you in the art of fly-tying. She can show you how to tie very attractive fish lures on Fridays at 1300 in the Red Cross Craft Shop. And incidentally, the material and instructions are free! Don't forget, 1300 hours on Fridays.

NEW ARRIVALS

The Red Cross Craft Shop has some new arrivals! Yes indeed, in the form of molds for figurines and steins. If you have pined for a large size stein, they say there is a new container which will hold two and half pints of apple cider or other amber refreshments for you. Around the outside of this stein there are various figures which are interesting to paint, and the caption tells you that "musik und bier das ist mein plasure." (Music and beer, that is my pleasure.) Come over and see these new arrivals and other interesting hobbies in the Craft Shop. Mrs. Christiana, Red Cross staff member in charge, will be glad to show them to you.

Divine Services

Hospital Chapel at Main Gate
PROTESTANT

BIBLE SCHOOL — SUNDAY 0945
 SUNDAY WORSHIP — 1100
 Evening Gospel Service—1930—Singing
 — Evangelistic Message — Fellowship Hour

CATHOLIC

SUNDAY MASSES
 0600 - 0800 - 0900 - 1215
 DAILY MASSES — 1150 & 1630
 Confessions before Mass
 Catholic Oratory in back of Chapel

CHOIR PRACTICE:
 TUESDAY 1900
 CHAPLAINS' OFFICES IN
 CHAPEL & 67A
 NAVY RELIEF OFFICE—
 IN CHAPEL

MORMON SERVICE: SUNDAY 0900
 in Staff Conference Room,
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Chaplains of other faiths will be called upon request

BUS TO AND FROM CHAPEL ON
 SUNDAYS 0845 & 1045

Welcome and Farewell

The staff census is still rising and falling — mostly falling. Last week found only 17 reporting in for duty, while 23 left the hospital to return to civilian life, inactive status, or were detached to other duty.

Reporting for duty were: LT Lucille P. Miller, NC, USN, from USNH, St. Albans; ENS's Millicent E. Merrick, NC, USN, Claire R. Miller, NC, USN, and Margaret M. Serinak, NC, USN, also from USNH, St. Albans; CDR William Craftt, MC, USN, from aboard the USS SAIPAN; LT Stanley E. Willis, II, MC, USN, from Naval Administrative Command, NTC, San Diego; J. E. Merritt, DK1, from aboard the USS PICTOR; G. Martin, SA (W), from 12ND Staff Headquarters; M. Berlaniere, PN3 (W), from USNRS, San Francisco; R. T. Armstrong, HA, from USNHCS, San Diego; and HN's S. L. Bradford, H. L. Anderson, L. M. Keith, J. C. Ballad Jr., R. M. Foster, L. O. Gordon, and B. L. Hilliker, also from USNHCS, San Diego.

Detached were: LTJG James J. Killeen, CHC, USN, to NavMobile-Construction Battalion No. 9; LTJG Dalton B. McInnis, MC, USNR, to Commandant, 12ND; LTJG Loren D. Miller, MC, USNR, to ComCruDesPac; LTJG Earl M. Sisson, MC, USNR, to Commander, LSD Division 12, San Diego; LTJG Willard G. Thompson, MC, USNR, to ComDesRonSEVEN; H. D. Nuckels, HM2, to NSC, Oakland; R. Preston, to USNS, Treasure Island; C. Ogren, HN, and J. D. Brick, HN, to USS REPOSE; HN's V. D. Phelps and J. P. Perzigan, to MarBks, Camp Pendleton, Oceanside, Calif.; O. R. Hooker, HM2, to ComNavFe; and V. H. Burns, HMC, to U.S. Naval Dispensary, 50 Fell St., San Francisco.

Discharged to inactive duty were: LT Victoria Peha, NC, USNR; LTJG Lanelle E. Turner, NC, USNR; and Regina Spatz, HM2. ENS Joan T. Vayo (Chase), NC, USNR, has resigned from the Naval Reserve and returned to civilian life.

Discharged to civilian life, at the expiration of their enlistments, were: HM3's Robert G. Carter and Robert L. Howard; and HN's John E. Hawkins, Kenneth A. Wicklund, Joe Kovalcik, and William R. O'Brien.

Officers' Wives

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Navy motif covered the tea table, which had as its centerpiece a bouquet of red roses and Esther Reed daisies. At the punch table a colorful circle of mixed flowers surrounded the punch bowl. Members of the Board of the Officers' Wives Club served.

The Club officers for the coming year include Mrs. J. N. C. Gordon, Honorary President; Mrs. Oscar T. McDonough, President; Mrs. Robert L. Baker, Secretary; and Mrs. Stephen V. Landreth, Treasurer.

The standing committees consist of the following: Mrs. Arthur L. Shultz, entertainment; Mrs. James R. Dillon, hospitality; Mrs. Orval G. Haines, baby sitters; Mrs. George W. Barnes, flowers; Mrs. Thomas J. Ganty, Navy Relief sewing; Mrs. Frank P. Kreuz, bridge; and Mrs. John T. Morrow, publicity.

Third ARC Group Trains at Hospital

The third group of new Red Cross workers to be trained at Oak Knoll will complete their course of training next Monday.

After a briefing period in the Red Cross area office, the new workers were sent to Oak Knoll, which is the only facility where such training is offered.

The five young women in the group, one a social worker and the others recreation aides, are observing and participating in Red Cross activities and hearing a series of lectures which will prepare them for assignment to Army and Navy hospitals in the states, and, later on, possible overseas assignment.

In charge of the training are Miss Annabelle Story, recreation training supervisor, and Miss Vera Wilkeson, social service training supervisor.

Members of the class are Jean Harshman of Elk Grove, Calif.; Helen Duncan, Honolulu, T. H.; Mary Karabaich, Seattle, Wash.; Bonnie Wilson, Provo, Utah; and Gail Tweed, Los Angeles.

A sixth member of the group, Miss Alida Quick, of Santa Rosa, Calif., has received training with this class. She is a member of the Red Cross staff here at the hospital, as a recreation aide, and will remain here when the training is completed.

During the training period, lectures have been given to the group by several members of the hospital staff, including CDR Bernard I. Kahn, MC, USN, LT Edmund J. Shurtleff, MSC, USN, LCDR Wilma L. Jackson, NC, USN, and CAPT C. C. Shaw, MC, USN. LT Edna Johnson, NC, USN, provided useful films from Educational Services.

Talmadge, Neb. (AFPS)—You can't convince kids in this town that "an ill wind blows nobody good." A 100-mph wind, causing an estimated \$250,000 damage, swept through town and left food merchants without refrigeration due to power failure. The town's entire supply of ice cream went to the kids, all for free.



Usually concerned with handling figures and finances for Oak Knoll, LCDR Alexander Bowdle, MSC, USN, got away from it all on a recent leave at Weber Lake in the High Sierra. Here he is with a string of the fish that didn't get away and obviously without a care in the world.



Three corpsmen last week completed the six-month course of instruction in the X-Ray Technician's School here at the hospital. Awarding certificates to the new technicians is CAPT James G. Bulgrin, MC, USN, Chief of the Radiology Service and on the right is Pauline Lemich, HMC, X-Ray technic instructor. The graduates, (left to right) are Robert Hendly, HN; Michael Vlamis, HM3; and Harold Nuckels, HM2. Hendly and Vlamis will remain on the Oak Knoll staff, and Nuckels has been transferred to Naval Supply Depot, Oakland.



Sometimes a really good book never takes on because it has a poor title. That has happened to Stanley Vestal's **Joe Meek, Merry Mountain Man**. I admit that it sounds like a satire on Kentucky hill life. But it so happens that Joseph Lafayette Meek was a VIP in the development of the Pacific Northwest in the third quarter of the last century. In fact, he is the Davy Crockett of Oregon and Washington. His life included trapping, Indian fighting, pioneering, frontier politics, and a parade of interesting women. If the book were retitled **The Sex Life of Joe Meek, and Other Adventures**, we probably couldn't buy enough copies for the library. A word to the wise is sufficient.

Many of our library users enjoy historical fiction, and get all wrapped up in Lamb, Robert Graves, Waltari or Costain. They have been missing Amy Kelly's **Eleanor of Aquitaine**. Here is a tremendous historical figure, who was at one time Queen of France, then Queen of England, and finally Queen in her own right in Provençal. Amy Kelly has captured

the feeling of twelfth-century western Europe in this scholarly biography which reads as well as any fiction. Don't forget that Eleanor was the mother of King John of England and of Richard, the Lion-hearted. A good number of all the verses and epic poems of the French medieval literature were written about her and dedicated to her. When she was wife of Louis Capet, King of France, she went on the second Crusade. By the time she was thirty she had seen every important city of the European world. And still there are people who would rather listen to "One Man's Family." Sometimes there's no hope at all!

—THEODOR YERKE

NROTC Entrance Provisions Made

A provision of the NROTC law permits enlisted men who have had a certain amount of college training and who will not pass 25 years of age by 1 July of the year they would graduate from the Naval Reserve Officer Training course to enter the course with advance standing.

Such advance standing will apply only to military science subjects. Up to one year's credit in military science may be earned in this fashion.

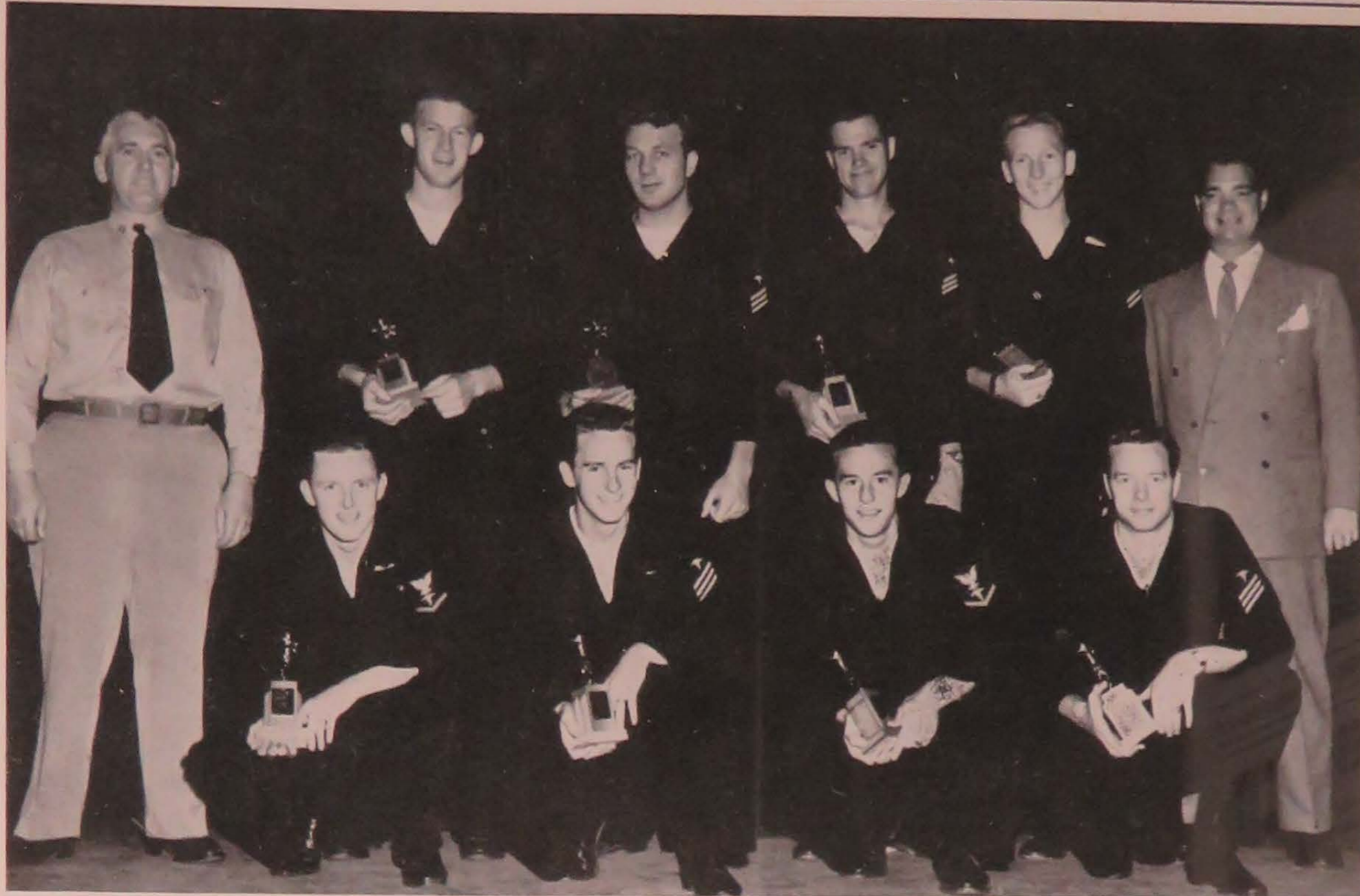
Civilian Personnel Notes

A joint Department of Defense-Bureau of Labor Statistics wage survey of the San Francisco Bay Area will be initiated on or about 29 Sept. Upon completion of the survey, the data will be forwarded to the Office of Industrial Relations in Washington, D. C., where it will be used in compiling a new schedule of wages for Navy wage board employees. The results of this survey will not affect the salaries of graded employees who are paid in accordance with the salary schedules contained in the Classification Act of 1949, as amended.

Three lists will be posted for employees' perusal prior to the beginning of the data collection period. One is a list of occupations to be surveyed and the other two are lists of firms to be asked for data.

Employees are advised of their right to submit factual data to the Navy Area Wage Survey Committee, and of their right to offer amendments to each of the three lists.

Mr. H. W. Boyles, Civilian Personnel Assistant, has been appointed as the hospital's representative and will answer questions regarding such amendments or submissions. He may also supply information to employees or employee organizations desiring oral hearings by the Navy Wage Survey Committee.



Holding the trophies that declare them the winners of the intrahospital league championship of 1952 are these members of the Oak Knoll team. The awards were presented by LT William C. McQueen, MSC, USN, Special Services Officer. Standing in back are (left to right), LT McQueen; Bob Harrison, team captain; Bob Loveless, Irving Wheat, and W. V. Johnson, athletic director. Kneeling are: George Wolfe, Donald Hines, Bob Irrgang, and James Ferris. The team wound up the intrahospital league last month with seven wins and only one loss.

Touch Football Practice to Start

Touch football practice will begin at 1500 on Tuesday, 23 September, athletic director W. V. Johnson has announced.

The hospital's football team came out on top, in district competition, in the last two seasons. Last year, the squad went through the entire season without a single defeat.

Johnson, who has been named commissioner for 12th Naval District touch football, said teams have been entered this year from Treasure Island, NAS Alameda, Port Chicago, District Communications, and NAS Moffett.

SCUTTLEBUTT

The grand attraction these days is the "Pako" unit—an automatic genius—in the X-Ray Department. It transfers films from one solution to the other and through rinse, and finally through a dryer, all by itself. Quite a contraption.

More news from X-Ray, thanks to "Polly" Lemich . . . LTJG Donald Hack passed out candy and cigars this week after becoming a daddy to a brand new son, the latest addition to the Hack family . . . "Just a few more days and breakfast," is the happy slogan of Frank Cole and Ken Dougherty, as they near their dates of discharge.

"Welcome back" and "congratulations" to Donna Mattox — rather, Mrs. Monzingo. She turned her leave into a honeymoon and came back with a new name and two rings on the third finger, etc.!

Another gal back from leave is Gina Hughes, who took a week's vacation from physio and hopped home to San Diego. Harold Hensle, too, is back in the Personnel office, after a jaunt home to Idaho.

W. V. "Johnnie" Johnson, athletic director, and one-time HM2 here, is now a 2nd LT in the Army Medical Corps Reserve. Yes, SIR!

From the NP Department: Welcome to Dr. Stanley Willis, who comes to us from San Diego. We'll be seeing him around Ward 55. Dr. Adamson, on the same ward, has made his entry of foreign cars, with the purchase of a British Ford. Many thanks to Don Haskins for the mighty fine pears he brought back from his leave in Lake County. R. L. Guiver spent an eventful ten days in Salt Lake City. Belated congratulations to NPT student, I. J. Wheat, who was married not so long ago.

"Call the ship's cook! I never saw anything as tough as these steaks." "You will if I call the cook!"

Pittsburgh, Pa. (AFPS)—Six polar bears, supposedly happy residents of a zoo here, turned eager-beaver and gave their escape plan away. An attendant said they were huddled excitedly outside their cave, acting "just like a bunch of convicts." Suspicious keepers discovered an escape passage started by the bears inside the cave.

PREVIEWS

Sunday, 21 September
MONKEY BUSINESS—Cary Grant, Marilyn Monroe. This one's so new we can't even find a reviewer's rating for it, and it's not scheduled to be released to the general public until October. With Marilyn Monroe in it, who's going to be worried about a reviewer's rating?

Monday, 22 September
SEPTEMBER AFFAIR—Joseph Cotton, Joan Fontaine. Very apropos title, considering the time of year. This one's apparently a re-release . . . nothing on it in the files.

Tuesday, 23 September
THE ROSE BOWL STORY—Marshall Thompson, Vera Miles, SPORTS. Marshall Thompson and James Dobson, star of the Big Ten team scheduled to play in the Rose Bowl game, arrive in Pasadena where Thompson falls in love with Vera Miles, pretty assistant to the Rose Bowl Queen. The team is victorious, and Thompson, with a promise of going pro if he wants to, turns a big offer down and decides to settle down to married life.

Wednesday, 24 September
ARCTIC FLIGHT—Wayne Morris, Arthur Hale, ADVENTURE. The cast went into the Arctic zone to enact this authentic adventure about a bush pilot flying a plane near the Russian border. An American school teacher and a supposed American millionaire (a Russian agent in disguise) provide romance and complications. Rating: good.

Thursday, 25 September
THE HOUR OF THIRTEEN—Peter Lawford, Dawn Addams, DRAMA. Lawford, a personable jewel thief in 1890 London, is wrongly suspected of a series of shocking murders of policemen. Miss Addams helps clear him of the charge, but in their combined efforts, he reveals himself to Scotland Yard as the long-hunted thief. Justice is to be expected, however, since he helped solve the murders.

Friday, 26 September
SKIRTS AHOY!—Esther Williams, Barbara Sullivan. The plot follows three WAVY recruits through their training at Great Lakes . . . and a rather glamorous portrayal of training it is. 'Midst music, swimming, and swabs, the three find romance and a feeling of esprit d'corps for the outfit. Rating: Excellent.

Saturday, 27 September
GREAT MISSOURI RAID—MacDonald Carey, Wendell Corey. This one isn't listed in the files. Sounds like another of those top-notch westerns that have been hitting the movie market lately.

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Staff Personalities



Oak Knoll is this civilian's "second tour of duty" with the Navy. Mrs. Bonnie Drum worked at the Oakland Naval Supply Center just prior to coming here in March, 1951. She's Civilian Personnel's classification expert, having charge of hospital employees' proper grades and all problems connected with those grades.

Other jobs she has had were those of secretary and receptionist. Originally from St. Louis, she has been in The Sunshine State since 1946. She has a daughter, Carol, 12 years old. Her hobbies are playing tennis and reading. "My job requires so much reading that after-hours reading is a light, though," she says.

A native Californian, hailing from Sacramento, is LTJG Norma Brown, SC, USN, Head of the Disbursing Office. She first joined the Navy in 1943, and from then until 1949 had tours of duty at many stations, including Point Mugu, NSC San Diego, Santa Ana, Minneapolis, and at the University of Texas. After a short stint as a civilian, she came back into uniform in March, 1951, and has been stationed at the hospital ever since. She is a graduate of the University of California and has done graduate work at Louisiana State. All phases and all types of cooking comprise her main interest . . . she'd like, someday, to have her own restaurant.





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Give ONCE For All

\$10,000 GOAL SET FOR

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Oak Knoll's second big United Fund Drive to support health and welfare agencies of the East Bay United Crusade and Navy Relief will get under way Wednesday, 1 October, according to announcement made by CAPT F. P. Kreuz, Director of the Drive, following an executive committee meeting held late this week.

Ten thousand dollars is the goal set for hospital staff and patients, all of whom are asked to give "once for all" to the many organizations which this year are collecting funds through a United Crusade that embraces Red Cross, Community Chest, United Defense Fund (USO), The Alameda County Heart Association, American Arthritis and Rheumatism Foundation, and American Cancer Society.

30% For Navy Relief

Navy Relief, which looms large among organizations benefiting Navy personnel and their families, will get 30 per cent of the contributions made by personnel of this hospital. The remaining 70 per cent will be turned over to the United Crusade of the East Bay for division in accordance with the needs of the various beneficiary organizations listed above.

The ONLY Drive

Each key solicitor will appoint a suitable number of assistants so that every person on the compound will be asked to give during the months of October and November. Since the purpose of this drive is to eliminate the many drives that were held before inauguration of the United Fund Drive last year, this will be the only time personnel at Oak Knoll will be asked to give at the hospital, and each contributor will receive a win-

dow sticker and a receipt to present to neighborhood solicitors so that there will be no question of his being expected to give during canvassing of residential areas.

How Much to Give?

So that Oak Knoll may be assured of reaching the \$10,000 goal set by the committee, each member of the staff is asked to give one per cent of his annual base pay or ten per cent of his monthly base pay—a reasonable premium to pay for protection of health and happiness for all who make their homes in this community either temporarily or permanently.

Assisting Captain Kreuz in the conduct of the Oak Knoll Drive will be LT W. C. McQueen, MSC, USN, Executive Secretary; LT D. A. Wade, MSC, USN, Treasurer; Miss Dorothy Thompson, Publicity; Miss Marie Adams; ENS H. E. Daniel, MSC, USN, and CWOHC R. H. Giles, USN, Auditors; and a corp of staff solicitors headed by CAPT R. S. Poos, MC, USN (Officer Personnel); CDR J. A. Whitman, CHC, USN (Patient Personnel); LT M. Poulter, NC, USN (Continued on page 3)

Free Invitations Offered Weekly

The football game between the University of California and Missouri State will be attended by 40 patients this afternoon. This will be the second UC home game to which patients have been invited, and the same number will attend the remainder of the University's games to be played in the Berkeley campus stadium this season.

Patients who would like to go should sign up with Special Services. Transportation leaves the hospital, on each game day, at 1200.

Courtesy Passes

John, Peters, manager of the Granada Theater on East 14th and 89th Ave. provides courtesy passes to the theater, for the patients at Oak Knoll. The tickets can be picked up at Special Services, and when presented at the Granada Box office, will cost the holder only 15 cents.

Entertainment and Ball

Kaiser Motors in Oakland have purchased 25 tickets to the Annual Entertainment and Ball to be held at the Municipal Auditorium, by the Widows and Orphans Aid Association of the Oakland Police Department. The Ball will be held Saturday evening, 18 Oct., at 2000, and the free tickets may be picked up at the Special Services Office.

Combat Pay Ready

Applications for the combat pay bonus are now available for eligible ex-servicemen at local post offices.

CDR Kahn Addresses Nat'l Recreation Body

CDR Bernard I. Kahn, MC, USN, of the Neuropsychiatric Service, left yesterday for Seattle, Wash, where he will speak before a meeting of the National Recreation Congress.

He will read a paper entitled, "Attitudes and Interests of Psychiatric Patients," prepared in collaboration with Miss Janet Reese, civilian on the staff of the hospital's Psychiatric Social Service.

The Congress, in its annual meeting, will be in session from 29 Sept. until 3 Oct., and will be attended by recreation workers from the Red Cross and other organizations from all over the United States.

Stories Swapped By Puerto Ricans

Two Puerto Ricans, both Marines, both wounded on Bunker Hill within two days of each other, and both sent to Japan on a hospital ship, and admitted as patients on adjacent wards at Oak Knoll, met one another for the first time the other day.

PFC Angel Eugene Cintron, USMC, 19, and PFC Francisco Rene Ramirez, USMC, 20, have stories that are parallel in many ways.

Cintron, now on Ward 41B, enlisted in the Marines last November, in San Juan, P.R. He went through Marine boot training at Parris Island, S.C., was stationed at Camp Pendleton, Calif., and was in Korea four months, serving with the 1st regiment at Bunker Hill.

When an enemy bullet fractured his right arm, on 26 Aug., he was sent, by hospital ship, to Japan, and then to Oak Knoll.

Ramirez, now on Ward 42A, enlisted in the Marines last September, also in San Juan. He, too, went through Marine training at Parris Island, was stationed at Camp Pendleton, and sent to Korea, where he joined the 1st Marine regiment at Bunker Hill.

His left leg was amputated at the knee when he was hit by automatic rifle fire on 24 Aug. He was sent to Japan by hospital ship, and after a short time in Japan, was sent here on 16 Sept, just four days after Cintron arrived.

Cintron was going to school in his native San Juan before joining the Marines, and plans to go back to both when he is discharged.

Ramirez, a native of San German, P.R., was a clerk in a taxicab office before enlisting. He, too, will go back to his home and plans to go to school after he is discharged.

Navy Library Chief Stops Here on Tour

Mrs. D. F. Deininger, Chief of Navy Libraries, stationed in Washington, D.C., visited here last week.

During her three-day visit in the Bay Area, Miss Deininger was the guest of honor at a supper held at the Marine Memorial Hall in San Francisco, which was attended by librarians from Naval activities in the area, including Oak Knoll's Mrs. Emma M. Berger.



PFC's Francisco Ramirez and Angel Cintron (standing) get together on Ward 42A to compare notes on their experiences with the 1st regiment at Bunker Hill, and to talk about their native Puerto Rico.

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† † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

On the walls of the Chaplain's Office here at the Main Chapel there are a few signs. The signs are viewed and read by many different kinds of people. Some chuckle when they read them, others get a philosophical look in their eyes and comment, "Very good—that's cool!"

One caught my fancy today and produced a flood of thoughts. It says, "NO MAN'S OPINION IS WORTHLESS. EVEN A WATCH THAT WON'T RUN IS RIGHT AT LEAST TWICE A DAY."

We lose sight too often, in this "Kiss of Fire" age, the God given attributes of the individual. His worthiness within the group. His contribution to the whole. His significance as he stands with others in the Chapel on Sunday and lifts his heart unto God in the spirit of worship.

If a stopped watch can be right at least twice a day, certainly with our means of expression, our disciplined consciences, we should recognize an even break and be able to live with a total abandon to the art of enjoying freedom, practicing freedom, loving freedom, and thus building a foundation on which our civilization may continue in honor.

Let us not belittle our jobs in the Navy. The individual and his task is important! The group and its goals are important! The country is priceless! The world with its many millions of peoples takes on a new glow, when we realize that "little me" is a real part of the whole. "Worthless!" you say. Remember a run down watch is right at least twice a day. Cheer up, things were never looking so good!

R. E. JENKINS, Protestant Chaplain

Veterans Guaranteed Old Jobs Back Under Certain Conditions of Eligibility

You are guaranteed your old job upon leaving active military service if you apply for re-employment within 90 days after your separation.

This guarantee has certain conditions of eligibility: (1) You must have been in the employ of a private employer or working for the U.S. government. (Employees who worked for a state are not covered by federal law.) (2) The job was other than a temporary position. (3) You have satisfactorily completed your period of active service.

Provides for Disabled Vets

(4) You must still be qualified to perform the duties of your position. (The law has made certain provisions for disabled veterans.) (5) You must apply within 90 days or within one year if you have been hospitalized after your discharge or (6) your employer's circumstances have not changed so as to make it impossible for you to be reinstated.

If you meet the conditions of eligibility you are entitled to these rights: (1) You will be re-employed in your former position, or a position of like seniority, status, and pay. (2) You will be considered as having been on furlough or leave of absence from your old job during your time in Service. (Service time is credited as time on the job when computing seniority.) (3) You will participate in insurance and other benefits in effect at the time left. (4) You will not be discharged within one year without cause from the position to which you have been restored.

Misunderstanding may sometimes arise between you and your former employer. It may deal with seniority, promotion, pay rates, vacation rights, pensions, insurance, and other factors connected with your job.

Contact Local Office

Any veteran desiring assistance with his re-employment problems should contact his nearest local office of the state employment service. When necessary, you will be referred to a local volunteer re-employment rights committeeman for information and assistance. There are more than 4,000 of these volunteers throughout the country to help you.

The field representative will analyze the factors and undertake negotiations short of legal action.

WORD TO THE WISE!

"Many ex-servicemen and women will want to find new jobs upon leaving active military service. Look around—investigate new opportunities. But if such a job is not forthcoming, don't toss away your re-employment rights. The law gives you exactly 90 days to re-apply for your former job and the seniority and benefits that go with it. That's like money in the bank! Don't chuck it away unless you're sure you've got something better."

W. J. R. Overath
 Rep. in New York
 Bureau of Veterans
 Re-employment Rights

Red Cross Ramblings

MOVIE GOERS

The ward movie schedule for the coming week will be "Carson City," a western starring Randolph Scott and Lucille Norman. The other feature is "I Dream of Jeannie," a musidrama having Ray Middleton and Muriel Lawrence as the star players.

ARE YOU A PHILATELIST?

In case you're wondering just what or who a philatelist is, first let us assure you that it can be a great deal of fun. Mrs. Alice Dallas, Gray Lady from Alameda, has been a philatelist for several years and has enjoyed it very much. Incidentally, a philatelist is the \$64 word for a stamp collector. A-ha—are you surprised? Many patients will be happy to hear that Mrs. Dallas will be here Monday to assist stamp collectors and potential enthusiasts. The active groups of collectors on the different wards have a grand time swapping and discussing stamps, so if you'd like to join in, Mrs. Dallas will be at the Red Cross Recreation Room top-side in the Community Services Building on Mondays at 1300 and will be happy to help with supplies and suggestions. At 1400 she visits stamp enthusiasts out on the wards, so watch for her or ask to see her. You too can be a philatelist!

MAY I HAVE THIS DANCE?

If you would really like to be foxy at a foxtrot and put smaltz in that waltz your opportunity is here. Every Tuesday afternoon in the Red Cross Lounge Mrs. O'Conner of the Reni Dance Studio of Oakland will show you the latest dance steps. The time is from 1400 hours to 1500 hours. Sign up with Miss O'Neill, Red Cross staff worker at the Lounge, and get in the swing.

STRAW HAT REVUE

On Wednesday and Thursday nights two Red Cross station wagon groups of patients journeyed to Berkeley to view the Straw Hatters in their fast moving revue. RICHARD LUCAS, FPFN, GEORGE CHRISTOPHER, EMFN, PFC BOB EVANS, USMC, ROBERT KNIGHT,

COMMUNITY CHESTS in San Francisco and the East Bay give direct health and welfare service through their more than 70 member agencies, keeping the community strong.

UC Special Program Offered to Knollites

Need University credits toward a college degree? Have some spare time to devote to your personal development? The University of California, in consultation with the Civil Service Commission Regional Office, has developed a program tailored to the needs of public employees. Completion of the program results in a Certificate in Public Administration.

Some employees are already taking extension courses in nearby communities. If enough military and civilian personnel are interested in enrolling in courses, it will be possible to hold them here at Oak Knoll. For further information call Mr. W. E. Melvin in the Civilian Personnel Office, Extension 147.

AD1, all of 49A, and IVAN BINGTON of 43A were among those who saw and enjoyed the show.

REEL FUN

If you missed out on that last fishing trip, don't despair—but be sure to catch the next one! From many comments the fishing trips are a big success. The men who went on the last trip can tell you that there are plenty of fish still bitin' down at Half Moon Bay! Get a line on the next trip from the Red Cross worker on your ward, and if you feel inclined to tackle the fishing equipment, your help will be most appreciated. Wednesday is the day, so be prepared for some reel fun with the big one of the deep.

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY through its programs of research education, and service, saves countless lives which might otherwise be lost to this dread disease.

Blood Donations Total 42 Pints

Employees at Oak Knoll donated 42 pints of blood for the wounded in Korea when a Red Cross Bloodmobile visited the compound last Friday. A total of 45 employees reported to serve as donors, but three were turned away because of recent illness.

The honor roll of those who gave their blood includes: C. Paralta, A. Rieb, J. N. Lewis, L. Kilday, V. Reese, J. Spagnoletti, R. C. Peterson, L. Marshall, M. A. Ryan, C. Tengan, M. N. Whitehead, D. Prentice, R. Ostler, A. W. Viada, P. J. Nolen, C. M. Griffith, L. Burton, E. Reil, M. Siehe, H. M. Reese, H. Schreiber, Jr., E. Wolff, E. Silvertson, D. B. Ross, F. Candies, I. McPherson, R. A. Landor, D. Hyman, A. B. Jacobson, L. W. Allen, E. L. Brown, B. Storey, L. Hackney, C. Slaughter, S. Thomas, D. Bohlman, M. Hoff, Jack Bates, R. Bakke, S. Irvine, J. Lodge, W. C. Oliver, C. Rauals, W. E. Melvin.

The Red Cross has requested that all who assisted be issued a hearty thank you to add to the satisfaction already attained by the fact that they have helped our troops in Korea.

Divine Services

Hospital Chapel at Main Gate
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 SUNDAY WORSHIP — 1100
 Evening Gospel Service—1930—Singing
 — Evangelistic Message — Fellowship Hour

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 DAILY MASSES — 1150 & 1630
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Not so long ago critics and readers were wondering "what has happened to authors like Steinbeck and Hemingway?" For after the war a lull seemed to settle down over the productions of such familiar big-names on the literary horizon as Steinbeck, Hemingway, Dos Passos, James T. Farrell, to mention but a few.

Were they capable only of writing for the thirties? Had they nothing to say to the post-war world? Who, then, would take their place? Hemingway's "Across the River and Into the Trees" was greeted politely, in some places enthusiastically, and in others with violent criticism. Now he has turned out "The Old Man and the Sea." This short novel of 140 pages, serialized recently in "Life," is in many ways one of his very best. It is a story of almost classic simplicity. The struggle of one man in a small boat with a marlin. It has allegorical implications at many levels. But simply, it is a story of human tenacity and will against tremendous odds. And against a tragic ending. It is a great story because it is beyond the circumstances of any time or place, but has meaning for every human being and his own personal struggle with his problems.

And John Steinbeck has come out with his biggest novel, "East of Eden." It is an American saga, with a setting in the Salinas Valley. It runs from the Civil War to the first World War.

These two major figures in American letters have taken two distinct paths to a new greatness. Hemingway cuts a cameo of water and nature and one man. Steinbeck weaves an epic tapestry of many men and places. Of the two, perhaps, Hemingway has made the greater work because mastery must show itself first of all in its simplicity.

—THEODOR YERKE.

First European Billets Given Women Marines

Washington (AFPS)—The first assignment of Women Marines to duty in Europe has been announced by the Marine Corps.

Named to serve on the staff of the Commander in Chief of U.S. Forces in Europe are Capt. Jeanette I. Sustad of Tacoma, Wash., and 2nd Lt. Sara F. McLamore of Warrenton, Fla.

Although more than 900 Women Marines served in Hawaii during WWII, none were assigned to other theaters of operation.

Hospital Sets Goal

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(Nurse Corps); Miss Bernice Thompson (American Red Cross); Mr. Hal Boyles (Civilian Personnel); HMI G. L. Proper, USN (Enlisted Staff); Miss Louise Kinner (Navy Exchange); and SGT Robert R. Hawley, USMC (Marine Detachment).

All key solicitors may pick up receipts and other fund drive materials at the Special Services Office between 1500 and 1600 Tuesday, the day before the drive opens.



Representing nine universities from all over the United States, these co-eds competed last week for the "Miss Football" title at the opening of the University of California's grid season. This shot was taken when the girls visited Ward 41A. With them is movie star William Lundigan who was Grand Marshal for UC's Football Parade. Gathered around the bed of Earl F. Kintner, HN, are (left to right): Mary Durey, Shirley Robinson, Ann Riding, Stepheny Rich, Danya Hutchins, William Lundigan, Janet Williams, CPL Claude C. Reed, USMC, Pansy Kidwell, Margie Langeson, and Ann Bowman, from Pennsylvania, who was voted "Miss Football" of 1952. SGT Gerry Nunes, USMCR, amputee on Ward 42A, was Honorary Grand Marshal for the Football Festival Parade in Berkeley last week and in that assignment had an even better opportunity to meet the queen and her attendants. This is the second year that an Oak Knoll patient has been given the honorary position.

Welcome and Farewell

The ins and outs were at a draw this week, with 12 new staff members reporting to Oak Knoll for duty, and 12 staffers being detached, going on inactive duty, or back to civilian life.

Reporting for duty were: LT Harold R. Dixon, Jr., MC, USNR, from inactive duty; ENS's Georgia L. Duncan, June M. Elsesser, Hilda Evans, and Dorothy M. Hanson, from the Naval Hospital, Newport, R.I.; J. R. Baranski, HMCA (T), from U. S. Nav-MedResearch Unit, Cairo, Egypt; M. E. Harding, HM1, from USS SWALLOW; O. L. Liles, HM3, from USNH, San Diego; HN's N. A. Alander and W. A. Stuart, and HA's Duffiejr and L. P. Judd from USNHCS, San Diego.

Detached were: LT's Carl L. Ebnother, MC, USN, and Konstantin H. Geocaris, MC, USN, to Naval Dispensary, 50 Fell St., San Francisco; LTJG Joseph T. Morreale, MC, US

UNITED DEFENSE FUND provides the Armed Forces with a touch of home. USO clubs, canteens, camp shows overseas and in hospitals remind GI's they aren't forgotten.

NR, to USS WINSTON; HMC V. H. Burns to Naval Dispensary, 50 Fell St., San Francisco; and HMC D. E. Morse, to Marine Barracks, Camp Pendleton, Oceanside, Calif.

Released from active duty were: LT Joseph J. Likos, MC, USNR; John W. Mecum, HMC; and HM3's Smith R. Hughes, Donald A. Mason, and Edward L. Sell.

HM3's Marvin E. Graham and Raymond A. Babin were separated from the Naval Service at the end of their enlistments.

ARTHRITIS AND RHEUMATISM FOUNDATION wages a continuous battle against these widespread crippers of mankind, freeing thousands each year from pain.

NAVY RELIEF help often includes services other than financial, such as the services of a NAVY RELIEF Nurse, assistance with transportation, housing, securing information about dependency allowances, pensions, government insurance, locating and communicating with Navy personnel, and advising about available community resources.



The tenth class in Navy correspondence has completed its course, conducted by the Civilian Personnel Office as a part of the Employee Development Program. Members of the class, pictured here, are (left to right): Jewel Severs, Gladys Rasmussen, Velva Little, Margaret Kinsman, and Pat Bannert. Not pictured is Phyllis LaFar, who also completed the course. All personnel engaged in the preparation of correspondence are urged to take this course, conducted on a first-come-first-served basis. Civilian employees and enlisted personnel who desire to participate in the five one-hour sessions should contact the Civilian Personnel Office, Ext. 147, as soon as possible.

SCUTTLEBUTT

A new addition to the Boyles family has "Pop," Hal, boss of Civilian Personnel, passing out cigars and grinning all over. It's his fourth... think he'd be used to the routine by now.

Tony Basques is the Eager Beaver of the Week. In the Moffett-Oak Knoll game the other day, he was in such a hurry to get on the field after a rest, that he stuck his foot right in a bucket full of water.

Orchids to the touch football team, since we're on the subject... They walloped the Moffett team in their first-of-the-season game, and racked up a total of 60 points—the highest score ever made by an Oak Knoll team.

And our vote for One of the Nicest Guys would go to "Sam" Saba of ECG. The reason why: so many other people go out of their way to comment on what a friendly, easy going fellow he is.

Treatment and Examination has been busier than ever this week. Officers' annual physicals had them going.

A "Welcome Aboard" to Howard Smith; JOC, editor of Treasure Island's station newspaper, who's been working on a couple of special features while he's here on patient status for a while.

Question: What HM3 considers himself indispensable to his department... and why do you, McCarty?

FROM THE NP DEPARTMENT—Welcome back to J. H. Huff and R. L. Meecham as they return from their leaves with happy smiles and tales of good times at home, and with the most unusual stories of adventure. R. J. Snelson tells of a holiday in the snow country around Mt. Lassen.

AMERICAN NATIONAL RED CROSS serves men and families of the Armed Forces, war casualties, civilian populations stricken by disaster; procures blood for defense.



Four men assigned to Special Services were recently given commendations by the Commanding Officer for their work in conducting swimming classes for dependents and dependents' children. They are (left to right): M. F. Gillette, HM2, C. W. Willetts, HM3, M. C. Walters, HN, and Alan Spensley, HN, in charge of the swimming classes.

Oak Knoll Wallops Moffett 60-24 In First Football League Game

Oak Knoll's touch football team started off their grid season with a real bang last Tuesday when they won out over the NAS Moffett Field team by a score of 60 to 24.

The game, played at Moffett, began the 12th Naval District touch football league, of which athletic director W. V. Johnson is the commissioner.

In scoring 60 points, an Oak Knoll record was broken. No extra points were tried for in yesterday's game, and still the all-time high of 55 points was beaten.

A fast ground game, outstanding passing, and a stubborn defense led the hospital team to victory in its opening game.

Johnson praised in particular the running and passing of quarterback and right half back J. J. Dinuzzio and

fullback Tony Basques. He said the team's passing attacks bewildered Moffett as the six-man team stormed over the field to score ten touchdowns.

The downfield blocking was good, and the defensive work of end Jim Ritter was outstanding, while half-back Bruce Peterson stood out with good defensive play and runs that gained precious yardage time and again.

On the scoring end, at the top of the list, Basques passed the ball for three touchdowns and ran over the double line for two more.

End Bill Strickland caught two for a touchdown, and Ben Hilliker, also an end player, snatched the ball for a score. Peterson and Dinuzzio both ran for a touchdown each.

The Oak Knoll team has copped the District championship for the last two years, and hopes are high that this year's team can make it "three in a row." Only two men, Peterson and Dinuzzio, are members of last year's team. The rest are new men, but Johnson said he was very pleased with the way they met the Moffett team yesterday.

Chicago Trib Offers Free Subscriptions

Here's an opportunity for the mid-Westerners.

The Chicago Tribune is offering free six-month subscriptions to Navy personnel. The gift subscriptions, underwritten by business and professional men in the mid-West, may be secured by writing to:

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Chicago Tribune
Tribune Square
Chicago, Illinois

AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION brings New Hope for Hearts. Its surgical research saves and prolongs lives of "blue babies" and rheumatic heart disease patients.

MSTS to Cancel Free Rides 1 Oct.

Washington (AFPS) — Military personnel and their dependents traveling on a "space available" basis aboard Military Sea Transport Service ships will have to pay for the privilege starting 1 Oct., 1952.

The new plan does not apply to personnel and their dependents normally entitled to free transportation at government expense when ordered to a permanent change of station.

14 Categories Affected

Charges will be computed on a mileage basis for travel and meals. The pay plan will apply everywhere. It affects all persons—14 passenger categories—previously entitled to free rides.

For example, approximate rates for travel from the East Coast of the U.S. to Europe on the space available policy are:

1. Officers, Defense Department civilians, and their dependents will travel cabin class at a cost of \$50 per person.
2. Enlisted personnel will be charged \$20 when traveling troop class. Their dependents will be charged \$20 each traveling cabin class.
3. Children five years of age or younger will travel free.

Some of the groups affected by the change are certain military and civilian personnel of the Defense Department and their dependents when traveling in an ordinary leave status. Also affected are dependents of military and civilian personnel traveling on temporary duty orders.

Officially, space available is determined as "space unassigned after all space requirements for travel assignments have been made, and which would otherwise sail unused."

PREVIEWS

Sunday, 28 September
GLORY ALLEY—Ralph Meeker, Leslie Caron. An MGM production, this one was released just last June. The reviewer has rated it "good," but we have no synopsis of the picture's plot in our files.

Monday, 29 September
QUEBEC—John Barrymore, Jr., Corinne Calvet. Again, nothing in the files—this one isn't even mentioned, indicating that it's either very new or very old.

Tuesday, 30 September
ASSIGNMENT PARIS—Dana Andrews, Marta Toren, DRAMA. Andrews, as a star reporter, is sent to Budapest to get a story on an American imprisoned as a spy by the Communists. Andrews uncovers valuable information, but gets himself arrested just as he finds a way to bargain the American's way out of prison. Miss Toren, another newspaper staff member, and George Sanders, editor of the paper, save Andrews' life in a thrilling climax.

Wednesday, 1 October
BONZO GOES TO COLLEGE—Edmund Gwenn, Maureen O'Hara. Your guess is as good as ours on this one too, since the movie isn't to be found in our files. The Gwen-O'Hara team has scored a hit before, however, so this one would probably be a good entertainment bet.

Thursday, 2 October
HONEYCHILE—Judy Canova, Eddie Foy, COMEDY. Miss Canova hillbillys her way through this story about two song publishers who try to buy a show, "Honeychile" that Judy has written. She finally sells to get enough money to bail her fiance out of jail, where was put by some crooked bookies who tried to "fix" a chuck wagon race. There are some good laughs and plenty of songs, delivered in typical Canova style. Rating: Good.

Friday, 3 October
SCARAMOUCHE—Stewart Granger, Eleanor Parker, Janet Leigh, ADVENTURE. Granger, known in French revolutionary times as "Scaramouche," a theatrical clown, is out to avenge the death of a friend, killed by a villainous Marquis. He trains himself to become an expert swordsman, hoping to match with and kill the Marquis in the same manner that his friend was killed. The action, suspense, fast plot, technicolor filming, and a dashing romantic angle make this a really good picture. Rating: Excellent.

Saturday, 4 October
THE RED HEAD AND THE COWBOY—Glenn Ford, Rhonda Fleming. We've seen this one advertised, but have no advance review of it. It's probably full of action.

Staff Personalities



A clerk-stenographer in one of the newer departments at the hospital, is Geraldine McGee. "Gerry" came here last January, just a few months after the Medical Social Service established offices at Oak Knoll. She is a native of Oakland and graduated from a Business School in the Bay Area. After graduation, she worked for a time for the California Automobile Association, and just before coming here, she was working in the GI Insurance section of VA. Her job here entails typing dictation and case records, preparing reports, filing, and other related duties. Her favorite hobbies are reading and swimming.



It's possible to cover a lot of territory in 13 years in the Navy... just ask Robert Davis, HM1, USN. On continuous active duty since 1939, this 20-year man has been stationed in quite a few places in the United States and overseas — among them three ships, the West Indies, Naval Hospitals at Chelsea, St. Albans, and many points in between. His longest tour was at Philadelphia where he was stationed for over two years. He was with the Fleet Marines in Korea just prior to coming here. His job in Oak Knoll's photo lab is working with photostats, and his hobby, along the same lines, is photography.

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Oak Knoll's answer to the question of support for health and welfare agencies of the East Bay United Crusade and for Navy Relief is the United Fund Drive, which opened Wednesday.

The drive will continue through October and November so that there will be ample opportunity for all to give. The United Crusade is suggesting that each donor give one per cent of his annual base pay, but actually no one tells anyone what to give. And no one knows better than the individual donor what his gift can be. However, this is everyone's chance to give once for all. This is the convenient, logical way to give and the way communities throughout the nation are giving this year.

At Oak Knoll 30 per cent of the total intake will be set aside for Navy Relief, the benefits of which are well known to Naval personnel. But what about the other 70 per cent? What is the United Crusade and why should we contribute? Here is the answer:

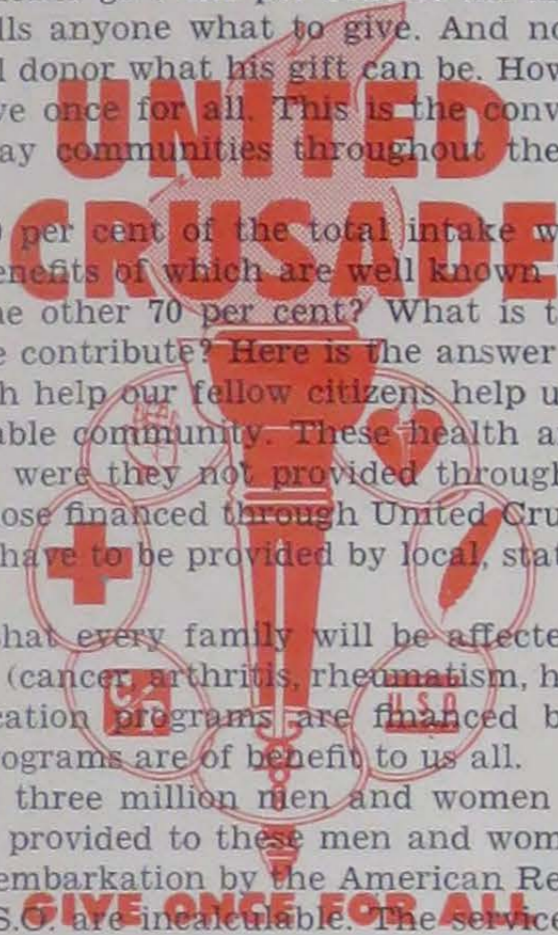
All services which help our fellow citizens help us by maintaining a healthier, more stable community. These health and welfare services are necessary, and were they not provided through private voluntary agencies such as those financed through United Crusade, these services would of necessity have to be provided by local, state, and federal government.

Statistics show that every family will be affected at some time by one of the illnesses (cancer, arthritis, rheumatism, heart disease) whose research and education programs are financed by United Crusade. Therefore, these programs are of benefit to us all.

With more than three million men and women in military service today, the benefits provided to these men and women and their families in this port of embarkation by the American Red Cross and United Defense Fund—U.S.C. are incalculable. The services of Red Cross are especially well known in military hospitals such as this, where Red Cross activities are a part of each patient's daily routine, and where Red Cross assistance is available 24 hours a day.

Not only do the many agencies of the Community Chest provide assistance to the aged, sick, abandoned, and troubled, but in many of them such as the boys' and girls' clubs, scouts, and community centers, many youngsters who will be tomorrow's citizens are meeting their problems with constructive and intelligent assistance.

GIVE ONCE for ALL. The hospital's goal—\$10,000. Your goal—as much as you can afford.



Hospital, Doctor, Patients Receive Commendations

The hospital, one of its doctors, and five of its patients shared honors when RADM B. J. Rodgers, USN, Commandant of the 12th Naval District, presented awards here last Friday.

First awards of the day were bronze star medals presented to two Texans—SGT Herbert E. Williams, USMC, 21, of Joinerville, and CPL Lige S. Nesbit, USMC, 21, of Bremond. Williams is on the amputee service and Nesbit is being treated for multiple shrapnel wounds.

First Lieutenant Russell B. Maatz, USMCR, 23, took time out from his studies to come back to the hospital for the Purple Heart he earned in Korea last April and for a Gold Star in lieu of a third Air Medal. He had previously been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross. LT Maatz is a Piedmont man, and he and his wife are now living in Berkeley, where he is subsisting out and attending classes at the University of California.

Other combat awards were a commendation medal to PFC Alvaro C. Bracamonte, USMC, 20, of Scottsdale, Ariz., who is under treatment for multiple shrapnel wounds, and the Purple Heart to CPL Albert E. Correa, USMC, 21, of Los Angeles, here for treatment of an eye injury he received in enemy action.

CAPT Julian Love, MC, USN, Executive Officer, read the commendations.

INDUSTRIAL SAFETY AWARD

Following presentation of the combat medals, Admiral Rodgers presented a certificate of achievement in Industrial Safety to CAPT J. N. C. Gordon, Commanding Officer. The certificate, signed by Secretary of the Navy Dan Kimball, came as a result of the hospital's outstanding safety program for the year 1951.

With the award came the following letter from the SECNAV, whose com-



First Lieutenant Russell B. Maatz is awarded a Gold Star in lieu of a third Air Medal, by RADM B. J. Rodgers, USN, Commandant of the 12th Naval District.

mentary remarks include every member of the staff:

7 July, 1952.

From: The Secretary of the Navy
To: Commanding Officer, Naval Hospital, Oakland, California
Subj.: Secretary of the Navy Award for Achievement in Industrial Safety

1. I take great pleasure in awarding your activity the "Secretary of the Navy Award for Achievement in Industrial Safety" for the year 1951. This award is official recognition and praise for your efforts in reducing both the frequency and severity of accidents in your activity below those of the previous year. I commend you on the successful operation of your safety program which has made this accomplishment possible.

2. The fact that you have earned this award indicates that all personnel are vitally interested in preventing accidents. Their conscientious observance of the principles of safety has been instrumental
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Knollites Invited To Legion Show

The "Red Devils," Drum and Bugle Corps of American Post No. 89, in San Jose, have extended an invitation for 30 patients and staff to attend a big stage show and dance on Saturday, 18 Oct., at the Civic Auditorium in that city.

Movie guest stars, special acts, and plenty of girls will contribute to make this one of the most unusual shows on the West Coast. During intermission, a 50-piece champion accordion band will be featured.

A bus will be provided for personnel—both patients and staff—who wish to attend. It will leave Oak Knoll at 1830.

Personnel interested should contact Special Services as soon as possible.

Dr. Canty to Address Oakland Service Club

CDR T. J. Canty, MC, USN, Head of the Amputee Service, will speak to members of the American Legion Service Club of Oakland Monday noon when the organization turns its attention to National Employ the Handicapped Week.

Dr. Schultz Passes Board Examinations

Congratulations to CDR A. L. Schultz, MC, USN, head of the Neurosurgery Department, are in order. The doctor recently returned to his duties after a trip to New Haven, Connecticut, where he took and passed his examinations for the American Board of Neurological Surgery.

The examinations were given at New Haven Hospital under the auspices of Yale Medical School.

Posters Herald National "Fire Prevention Week"

This week, beginning Monday, 6 October, has been declared annual Fire Prevention Week. It has been heralded at Oak Knoll by the placement of posters all around the compound, in wards and offices, and by car stickers.

"Would you like to take a look at the nation's Number One Fire Hazard?" is a question asked in a pamphlet distributed by the National Board of Fire Underwriters.

"That's easy—just open your purse, or reach into your pocket. You'll probably find a pack of cigarettes there.

"They look harmless. But those cigarettes—and the matches you use to light them—keep the firemen busy. They cause one-third of all our fires."

Careless smoking was the cause of at least 35 of the 47 fires reported and put out at this hospital last year . . . careless smoking and the reckless use and careless disposal of burning or smoldering matches.

Most of the 47 fires here in the last year have been confined to small damage. Expressed in dollars and cents, it totals less than \$500. The average financial loss per year, over a 10-year period, is \$1800, due mostly

to three fires of considerable size in that time, two at the San Leandro annex and one here.

Per capita loss here averages less than a dollar per person, over that 10-year period, and only a matter of a few cents per person for the last year, as compared to a national average of nearly \$5 per person.

Fire Inspector George Garner attributed Oak Knoll's low fire losses to the "cooperation of the staff in transmitting alarms, by alarm box and by phone. Confronted with a fire, the Fire Department should be
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† † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

Certain quotations of Holy Scripture are familiar to everyone. The Golden Rule, Ten Commandments, Lord's Prayer, Sermon on the Mount. What was important about this first great Christian address?

The "Sermon on the Mount" is really not a sermon; it is not arranged like one; it was spoken to twelve men, not a crowd; it was not given in a church. There were no converts; there was no invitation; no hymn singing, no Bible reading, no oratory. The group, including Jesus, were sitting together informally on the rock and the Lord spoke to them for about twenty minutes or longer about the essential things in life.

The principal things discussed were (1) the Blessings of Righteousness and their influence, (2) the Gospel as a fulfillment or spiritualization of the Old Law with stress on the worth of human personality, the reality of a personal God and the recognition of the human soul, (3) humility and prayer required, (4) proper evaluation of things, including religious teaching and leaders, (5) trust in a God who hears and understands, (6) and leave all judgment and rewards to God who will surprise many with His decisions.

Jesus concluded discussing these subjects by saying, "He that doeth these things is like a wise man who built his house upon a rock."

Those simple words spoken that day nearly 2000 years ago are the fundamental ideas behind the faith of Christianity's millions of believers. All of us fail in many respects to measure up to that high standard of perfection but the goal is always just far enough ahead of us to stir our ambition and imagination.

J. A. WHITMAN,
Protestant Chaplain.

Patients to Attend 21st Horse Show

The time is drawing near for the 21st annual Horse Show, held each year at the stables of Miss Cornelia V. N. Cress. This is an affair that is looked forward to each year by patients at Oak Knoll, because many of them are invited to attend the show as special guests.

Sponsored and directed by Miss Cress, the Horse Show traditionally features riding students from Mills College, nearby.

Two different shows are scheduled, in the morning and in the afternoon, on 19 Oct.

The Navy Relief Society is not a government agency but is supported entirely by private funds . . . the funds you give to the United Fund Drive will "help the Navy to help its own."

Reduced Fire Losses Hoped for Next Year

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notified immediately, and every attempt made to put the fire out. Firemen reaching the scene in short order will carry on. That's what we were trained for and that's why we're here," Mr. Garner stated.

He said, too, that fire drills, usually held once a week, without warning, have injected "fire consciousness" into personnel at the hospital, and are responsible for the cooperation, and for many fire prevention measures taken by individuals.

He emphasized, however, that even though Oak Knoll's fire losses are far below the national average, it does NOT mean the hospital can afford to let up in their efforts to prevent and control fires. "They should increase their efforts, to make the loss even lower," he said.

The Fire Department, headed by Chief James O. Raser, civilian, consists of 41 men, each specially trained in a fire control school.

Good citizens make a good community. Every good citizen in the East Bay has the opportunity to make his community a better place in which to live when he gives his fair share to United Crusade. No other gift does so much for so many.

Red Cross Ramblings

MOVIE GOERS

The ward movie schedule for next week offers two comedies. Ginger Rogers and David Wayne star in "We're Not Married," and the other feature is "Has Anybody Seen My Gal," starring Piper Laurie and Charles Coburn.

RA! RA! RA!

Last Sunday must have been a gala day for you football fans of Oak Knoll. Were you among those who went to the football game to see the San Francisco 49ers play the Lions of Detroit at Kezar Stadium? The bus load of men from Oak Knoll said that it was quite a game. M. E. DIXON, EN3, and C. R. WEST, VAP of 43A, CPL RICHARD WARREN, USMC, and HARRY HERDER, HM3, of ward 42B, and EDWIN DORAN, AN, of 41B, were among the fans cheering their favored team.

OAK KNOLL TALENT

We have talent at Oak Knoll! If you were down at the Red Cross Lounge last Monday night you saw the "All-Patients Variety Show," which certainly gave evidence of many talented people. CPL JACK ALLEN of ward 48A was a fine "M.C." and also displayed versatility as a piano player. In the way of trumpet music, ROBERT BEASLEY, SN, of 48A, provided a treat, as well as doing a dancing number. FRANK WHITE, SA, of 63B, was not only leading the community sing which all enjoyed, but was right in tune with voice numbers done in his own style. If you have a special talent, join the variety show and get in on the fun!

EAST BAY TEVS

Don't forget the Oakland Telephone Girls will be in the lounge this Saturday, 4 October, from 1400 to 1600 hours. There will be games, community singing and dancing, so come and join in the fun.

ON EXHIBIT!

Several pieces of exceptional craft work done by patients from the Red Cross craft program and the Department of Occupational Therapy will be on exhibit at the Oakland Art Festival, being held in the Exposition Building at Ninth and Fallon Streets in Oakland, October 1st to October 5th. Patients interested in attending the show may pick up free passes at the Red Cross Lounge this afternoon (Saturday) from 1300 to 1600 hours.

SCHOOL DAZE

Does September make you think of school days and all those subjects of larnin'? The men of ward 62A had their opportunity to enjoy school in a new way at a "Going Back to School" party.

The subject of physical education was well taken care of by shooting paper wads at a large poster of "teacher." WILLIAM BENNETT, SN, and EARL HOPWOOD, RDSN, were particularly adept and showed real enthusiasm at that skill. When it came to American Literature, JOSEPH GENESSE, BMGC, and ALEXANDER SZMARA, QMC, certainly made the grade at identifying comic strip characters.

Remember the Spelling Bee? Well, it was accomplished by unscrambling scrambled words for a spell. MAHONEY BERNARD, BM2, and MAURICE HERBERT, GMC, scrambled right to the top of the class to win coveted honors.



Miss Winifrid Eley

Miss Eley Assigned To Far East Post

Miss Winifrid H. Eley, Red Cross Assistant Field Director for Recreation at Oak Knoll, will leave Monday, 14 Oct., for the Far East Theater of Operations where she will be consultant for recreation programs in armed forces hospitals in that theater.

The appointment will take her to Tokyo, Japan, where she will have her headquarters with central Far East Red Cross.

As consultant, Miss Eley will make regular visits to the Philippines, Guam, Korea, and all other points in FeCom where Army, Navy, and Air Force hospitals are located.

She has been at Oak Knoll since July 1946. Prior to coming here, she did similar work at the Navy Hospital at Farragut, Idaho, her first assignment with Red Cross. She was a Program Director for the USO in Phoenix, Ariz., during World War II.

Miss Eley is from Lansing, Mich., and is a graduate of Albion College, in that state. She earned her Master's Degree in Social Science and Administration, with a group work specialty, from Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio.

She is a member of the American Association of Social Workers, the American Association of Group Workers, the California Conference of Social Welfare, and is presently chairman of the hospital section of the California Recreation Society. She has also been supervisor for Group Work students for the graduate school of social welfare at the University of California in Berkeley.

Cowboy Suit Answer To Boy's Dream

Proving that boys will be cowboys the world over, Delfin Galaang, Jr., four-year-old son of Delfin Galaang, SKSN, of Baggio, P. I., and Ward 62B, recently made it known to his mother that he could scarcely be happy without a Roy Rogers suit. (Some one here in the States undoubtedly had shipped him some comic books.)

Needless to say, the little boy's daddy was glad to take care of the situation and straightway went to J. C. Penney's and purchased a fine Roy Rogers suit, complete with hat, pistols, and "Texas boots," which according to latest reports from Baggio, "have the boy jumping."

Delfin, Sr., who hasn't seen Junior since he was nine months old, hopes to be home by Christmas, but, he says, "it won't matter—any day I get there will be Christmas."

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SCUTTLEBUTT

Overlooking a few crestfallen faces, there were some happy corpsmen beaming around the compound Tuesday, when the list was posted naming those who will go up in rate on 16 Oct. "Crows," added stripes, cigars, and MORE PAY will soon be in order . . .

Folks are still talking about the picnic at the Adobe Creek Lodge last week end. It was a repeat performance of the kind of fun the staff had at the Old Hearst Ranch earlier in the season . . . swimming, tennis, places to explore, and plenty of terrific food.

The league football team has competition! The boys from Pharmacy were playing some mighty fancy parking-lot ball during the noon hour one day this week.

Bev Hoffman, who's been here longer than any other WAVE, signed up to extend her enlistment for another year. The gal with the technician's rating that isn't listed in the NJC book had us all guessing whether she'd stay or go, as her date of discharge drew near . . . we're glad she's staying.

LT Stutler and the Mrs. got back this week from a whirlwind trip. They covered 7000 miles in 17 days, between here and Washington, D. C.

ENS George Thomsen, Retired, 69B, makes this column today because he made the Radio and TV column of the San Francisco Chronicle last week when he was driven to action on his typewriter after hearing one more commercial. Tommy wrote what columnist Terrence O'Flaherty described as a neat take-off on vacuum cleaner commercials. "If you are among the first 10 persons to call, you will have a chance to save me from the booby hatch," he wrote. "I can't stand it I tell you. They are making me sick, sick, sick. Urrugh. What can you do about it?" The answer? "Nothing—except never buy one of their vacuum cleaners."

It was easy to track down any patient you might want to find during the past week—just go to the nearest TV set and sort him out from the group glued to the screen for the World Series.

Switching from baseball to football—the 34-0 victory in the Navy-Yale game is another mark-up in what looks like a good year for "our side."

FROM THE NP DEPARTMENT: It looks like the race for new cars is on for ward 55. First Miss Pfeffer comes around with a shiny blue Victoria coupe, and then not to be outdone, Malcomb Rucker turns up with a brand new green model—always something new. In the "rose by any other name" department, the former Miss Silgen of the NPT school wants it known it is now officially Mrs. Ogden. Now we hear Carol Mierzewski is planning to change her name to Martens. R. C. Palmer has found an entirely different way of spending leave—ask him about it when he returns next week. Evan Wolfe of the Psychology branch has come up with a flare for very sporty sport coats—has anyone noticed? Again we say, always something new.

—W. VAN BLARICOM.



Shown above are the graduates of the Laboratory Technician School . . . 14 men who completed the year-long course. They are, front row (left to right): M. J. Scherr, G. W. Fox, A. Jackson, and R. W. Russum. Back row: D. R. Hillan, CAPT J. N. C. Gordon, MC, USN, Commanding Officer, C. A. Blythe, F. J. McKenna, I. C. Adams, N. G. Phillips, L. I. Green, L. A. Krauslaar, L. F. Schrouder, W. E. Sullins, D. A. Knudsen, and CDR J. J. Engelfried, MSC, USN, head of Clinical Pathology.

Air Force Student Wins Top Laboratory School Honors

An Air Force man last Friday won top honors here when he graduated with the highest marks in both Laboratory and Blood Bank Technicians Schools. He is William E. Sullins, A/3c, of Butler, Georgia, one of four Air Force men in the class of 15 lab technicians and one of 12 to complete the Blood Bank School, which is one of few such schools in the Navy. He maintained an average of 90.8 during a year of study and practical experience in the laboratory, and an average of 94.66 in Blood Bank technique.

Three other Air Force men who

completed their training at Oak Knoll were Martin J. Scherr, A/3c, of Forest Hills, N. Y.; Louis F. Schrouder, A/3c, Grand Rapids, Mich.; and George W. Fox, A/3c, Kenton, Ohio. These men and Sullins were the first Air Force personnel to complete the course at Oak Knoll, and all four have been ordered to Fort Meyers, Va., for further assignment.

Alaric J. Jackson, Jr., HM3, USN, of Carthage, N. Y., ranked second in lab technique with a grade of 90.25; and Ivan C. Adams, Jr., HM3, of Oakland, received the second highest mark in blood bank technique.

Other graduates who received their

diplomas from CAPT Gordon were Robert W. Russum, HM3, and Frank J. McKenna, HM3, of Oakland; Donald A. Knudson, HM1, Richmond, Calif.; Nemesio J. Paredes, HM3, Daly City, Calif.; Carter A. Blythe, Jr., HM3, Burbank, Calif.; Donald R. Hillan, HM3, South Whittier, Calif.; Noel G. Phillips, HM3, Slate Springs, Miss.; and Louis A. Krausharr, HM3, Stanish, Mich.

Navy men in the group will remain at Oak Knoll, continuing their work under CDR Hugh V. O'Connell, Chief of Pathology, and CDR John J. Engelfried, MSC, USN, who heads the Blood Bank.

Amputee Service Chief Gets DAV Commendation Plaque

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in averting injury, in preventing loss of life, and in reducing waste of critically needed manpower and material resources. This shows sincere humanitarian interest, efficient administration, and a keen appreciation of the economic value of an efficiently operated safety program.

3. To you, your staff, and all employees of your activity, I extend my congratulations on your achievement. I sincerely appreciate your contribution to the cause of safety, and hope for your continued success in the field of accident prevention. DAN A. KIMBALL.

PLAQUE FOR DR. CANTY

Commander Canty, head of the Amputee Center, received a special citation with a bronze plaque from the Disabled American Veterans organization. John Engberg, Hospital Director for the DAV, Department of California, spoke briefly of Doctor Canty's work and introduced Edward J. Wintermute, Senior Vice-Commander, DAV, Department of California, who presented the plaque, which is inscribed with a commendation of the doctor's many achievements in the manufacture and fitting of artificial limbs and his outstanding work in rehabilitation.



Admiring the plaque awarded to CDR T. J. Canty, MC, USN, Head of the Amputee Service, are (left to right): CDR Canty, RADM B. J. Rodgers, USN, Commandant of the 12th Naval District, CAPT J. N. C. Gordon, MC, USN, and the DAV representatives who presented it.

Bowling League Gets Underway

The bowling league got rolling Tuesday night, with six teams competing in the first games of the season.

The Dental Service team took all four games from Special Services, the Personnel Office's "Three V's" won out over the "Hits and Misses" from the Record Office, 4-0, and the Marine Detachment team won three games and lost one to the "Rambling Amps."

High individual score for the evening went to Earl Kallemeyn of the "Three V's" (Veni, Vidi, Vici—I came, I saw, I conquered), who rolled 189. Kallemeyn also took the high series score with a 493 average for four games.

League games will be played every Tuesday and Thursday nights. This Thursday's game was played too late for results to be included here.



Few people remember that Brazil is a Portuguese-speaking nation, and not Spanish. Even fewer persons know that the two principal nations speaking Portuguese — Brazil and Portugal — possess an excellent literature . . . a literature as rich in tradition and writers as any of the great European countries. The works of Joachim Maria Machado de Assis have been unknown in the United States except through three short stories translated in an anthology long out of print. But now Machado, Brazil's greatest writer, who died in 1908, is being translated, at least in part. And his **Epitaph of a Small Winner** has just been published. The protagonist of this book, Braz Cubas, writes some reflections upon his life shortly after his own death.

If these are times of horror, despair, tumult and upheaval (and they are), Arthur Koestler is certainly a

Welcome and Farewell

For the first time in many weeks, there were more names on the "in" list than on the "out" list last week! Forty-nine reported aboard for duty, while only 20 left the hospital for other duty stations, returned to inactive duty, or were discharged to civilian life.

Reporting for duty were: LCDR Clifford R. Hall, MC, USN, from USMC Hdqtrs., Dept. of Pac., 100 Harrison St., San Francisco; LT Booth Chilcutt, MSC, USN, from NavTrainingUnit, St. Louis Medical Depot, St. Louis, Mo.; LTJG's William J. Collier, MC, USN, and Raymond J. Starrels, MC, USN, from USNH, Bethesda, Md.; CWOHC Clarence A. Murphy, USN, from USNH, St. Albans, Long Island, N.Y.; J. A. Miller, from DistStaffHdqtrs., San Francisco; "C." "J." Smith, SD1, from NSC, Oakland; M. F. Mack, HM3, from USS REPOSE; D. B. Durall, HM3, from USNH, Mare Island, Calif.; J. L. Shearin, HN, from USNH, Charleston, S. C.; HN's T. Dimitriou, B. J. Lassek, (W), and G. Schoonhoven, and HA's C. A. Lee, R. A. McIntyre, and J. O. Hicks, from USNHCS, San Diego, Calif.; HN's C. E. Taylor, L. Troglin, B. E. Beard, D. W. Brown, W. J. Carr, K. E. Payne, and E. M. Ray, from USNHCS, Great Lakes; and HA's R. I. Green, D. J. Murphy, P. M. Hord, V. L. Huber, R. B. Hughes, R. W. Huppert, K. L. Langhoff, V. Marchetti, W. W. Miller, R. J. Prather, D. J. Murphy, G. T. Yocabet, R. Veres, L. T. Sylvania, H. F. Scott, M. M. Boot (W), R. A. Roberts, S. R. Reid, A. J. Ramicone, E. G. Putnam, C. A. Burkett, G. A. Chaplain, V. D. Deaver, J. S. Hood, J. L. Noble, and C. M. Relyea, from USNHCS, Great Lakes, Ill.

Detached for duty at other stations were: LCDR Edwin L. Wade, CHC, USN, to CoMSTSPacArea; HMC R. Lyons, to Marine Barracks, Oceanside, Calif.; A. N. Daw, Jr., HM2, to RecSta, Washington, D. C.; and HN's J. E. Howard, and T. E. Kalkbrenner, to NavShipyard, Mare Island, Calif.

Released to inactive duty were: LTJG Annette A. Kalista, NC, USNR; James N. McCoy, HM2; HM3's Lloyd M. Clark, Frank W. Cole, Francis P. Phillips, and Phillip A. Wynn; and Stanley W. Baker, HN.

Separated from the Naval Service by reason of expiration of enlistment were: HM3's Rea M. Miller, John J. Pratt, and Boyd T. Cooper; and HN's Anthony L. Mathias, Robert Irvine, William W. Freeman, Billy L. Slover, and George H. Snyder.

ranking chronicler of this debacle. And now the first volume of his autobiography, **Arrow in the Blue**, is published by MacMillan. The book has three themes: the background in which Koestler grew up (1905-1921), an incisive analysis of those times in whose shadow we live, and an account of his personal adventures, which range from Cairo, Berlin, Paris and Russia to the North Pole and the United States. The life of the author of **Darkness at Noon**, **Arrival and Departure** and **The Age of Longing**, is a first-hand account of the tragedy of the first half of our century. Don't miss it . . . you are a part of it.—THEODOR YERKE.

Football Team Has First Loss

Outnumbered by two to one, Oak Knoll's touch football team was defeated for the first time in this season's league play, by NAS, Alameda. Final score was 42-13.

Alameda held the lead throughout the game, and the score at the half was 13-6 in their favor.

Athletic Director W. V. Johnson said that the eight men playing for Oak Knoll constituted a lack of reserve power that was destined to fail in competition with the superior numbers that made up Alameda's two platoon system.

The home team played as well as possible under tiring conditions.

J. J. Dinuzzio, quarterback and right halfback, ran for one of the two touchdowns that were made, and passed the ball to Strickland for the extra point. The Alameda game, incidentally, was Dinuzzio's last before his discharge from the Navy.

The other score was chalked up by halfback Bruce Peterson, who caught a pass to make the first six points.

The next game in the league will be played on home ground against the District Communications team.

The standing so far for the hospital team is: two wins, one loss. In the first game of the season, Oak Knoll beat NAS, Moffett, by an overwhelming margin of 60-24. The second game, to have been played last Thursday, 25 Sept., was forfeited by the opponent, Port Chicago.

Arthritis strikes during man's most productive years. The Arthritis and Rheumatism Foundation, one of many United Fund causes, is financing research which may conquer this crippling disease. Give!

PREVIEWS

Sunday, 5 October
YANKEE BUCCANEER—Jeff Chandler, Scott Brady, ADVENTURE. Chandler is a ship's captain . . . gruff, respected, but feared. Brady is the executive officer, bearing sealed orders. The ship, a man o' war in the Spanish Main, becomes a pirate ship temporarily in order to find out where some real pirates are hiding a captive countess. This is a technicolor tale full of everything from pomp to suspense. Rating: Very good.

Monday, 6 October
DEAR BRAT—Edward Arnold, Mona Freeman, COMEDY. Arnold plays a senator whose teen-age daughter, Miss Freeman, starts a Society for the Rehabilitation of Criminals. Rating: Good.

Tuesday, 7 October
THE LAVENDER HILL MOB— Alec Guinness, A MERRY CRIME. Guinness is a timid bank clerk who almost succeeds in committing the perfect crime. With a friend, he succeeds in stealing a million pounds of gold. He escaped the police through a series of hilarious antics, typical of the type that have made Guinness one of England's favorite comedy actors. The plot is sophisticated, humorous, and capably portrayed by the British cast. Rating: Very good.

Wednesday, 8 October
BLUE CANADIAN ROCKIES—Gene Autrey, WESTERN. We couldn't find this listed in the files. It shouldn't take too much imagination, however, to decide whether you want to go to it or not. You can count on its having typical elements of other Autrey pictures, certainly.

Thursday, 9 October
IVORY HUNTER—Anthony Steel, Dinah Sheridan. No plot synopsis on this movie. We can tell you it was released last June, it's British-filmed, it's in color. Reviewer's rating: Very good.

Friday, 10 October
PAT AND MIKE—Spencer Tracy, Katharine Hepburn, SPORTS-COMEDY. Tracy, a sporting promoter not adverse to a lark offside play, and Miss Hepburn as a super-girl athlete, team up to make the latter a champion in competitive sports. A superior supporting cast, with many famous sports stars included, a well-written story, fine acting. Rating: Excellent.

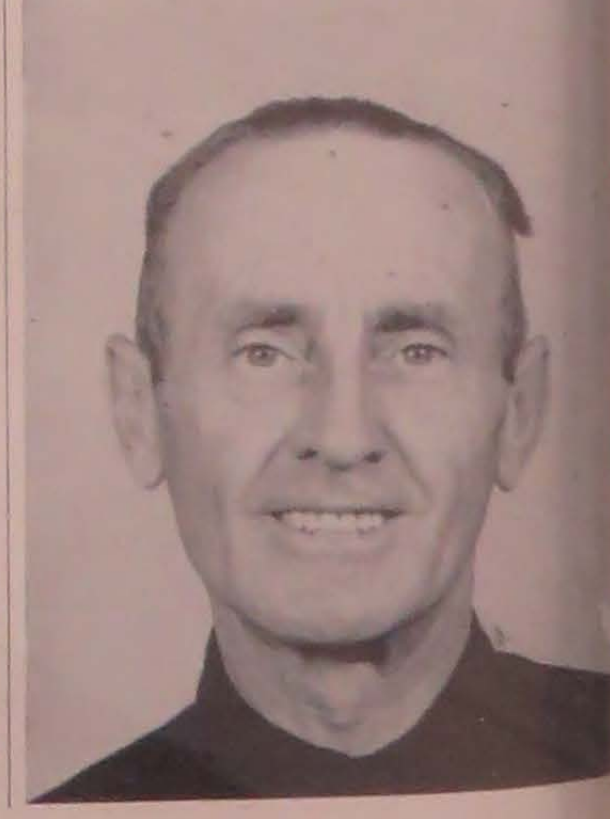
Saturday, 11 October
PASSAGE WEST—John Payne, Dennis O'Keefe. No plot synopsis on this one, either. Sounds like a Western, the cast is good. Rating: Very good.

Staff Personalities



With a voice like Popeye the Sailor and an Irish grin that's as friendly as can be, Pat Lane steps into the Staff Personality spotlight this week. Pat's a hoseman with the Fire Department, and has worked here and at the hospital annex since 1946. His residence in California since 1927 makes him a prune-picker, although he was born and grew up in New York City. In the Navy from 1918 until 1923, he served aboard two battleships, two of the Navy's first destroyer-type vessels, and aboard an Admiral's barge, where he picked up the knack of doing fancy-work with unravelled canvas. The latter, and splicing rope, both Navy-inspired, are his favorite hobbies.

Bidding adieu to the Navy, the Naval Hospital, and Ward 80B, next week will be LTJG Marie N. Oling, NC, USNR. She has a brand new Plymouth in which she'll be "going back to the farm to loaf for awhile." "Home" is in Elwood, Ill., south of Chicago, where she got her nurse's training. As a civilian nurse, before entering the Nurse Corps, she worked in hospitals in North and South Carolina, Panama, and several places in between. She was at a government hospital at the Canal for two years. Called to active duty in October, 1950, she was first sent to USNH, Jacksonville, Fla., and then here in April, 1951, where she has been assigned to neuro-medicine ever since.



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EM's to Qualify For Commissions

Enlisted personnel on active duty, may now receive commissions in the Regular Navy, under a new program established by the Bureau of Personnel.

In accordance with BuPers Instruction No. 1120.7, the program authorizes commanding officers to forward applications of men who possess "outstanding qualifications and sincere motivation" to Washington, D. C., not later than 20 October, for consideration of a written examination to be given 1 December.

Qualifications, eased considerably from those in the past, include: at least 3½ years of continuous active duty before application submittal; good conduct record for at least two years prior to forwarding of application; age limit of 19-31½ for male applicants, and 21-28½ for female applicants.

Educational requirements include the successful completion of two years in an accredited college or university. Successful completion of the USAFI educational quality test No. 2CX, or its equivalent, may be substituted for the college credit.

All physical examinations must qualify the applicant for original appointment in the Line or Staff Corps as appropriate in accordance with the provisions of the Manual of the Medical Department.

For further information, personnel interested should talk with ENS Daniels, in the Personnel Office.

Christmas Toyland Opens at Exchange

"Twas two months before Christmas . . ."

In spite of the fact that Santa's not due to arrive for some time yet, and although you still have 63 more shopping days 'til Christmas, the Yule season has begun at Oak Knoll . . . The Navy Exchange opened its Toyland this week.

Located topside in the Community Services Building, this year's toyland display is a sight for young eyes, with a wide assortment of dolls, cowboy outfits, and playthings galore.

Mr. Smedberg, manager of the Exchange, has announced that Toyland will be open from 0900 until 1700, Monday through Friday, from now until Christmas. He also urges that you start shopping NOW, because there will be very few replacements for merchandise as it is sold.



Here, with the trophies that proclaim them District Class B champions for the second consecutive year, are: (front row) Jim Pitzer, W. V. Johnson, team coach, and Dick Seastrand. (Back row): Tony Basques, Gordon Anderson, George Wolfe, Jerry Schoenbachler, Don Amos, and Victor Irving.

Oak Knoll Baseball Team Awarded "B" Trophies Second Straight Year

Team and individual trophies were given members of the Oak Knoll baseball team last Tuesday, by CAPT J. N. C. Gordon, Commanding Officer.

W. V. Johnson, hospital athletic director and team coach, said he was proud of the fact that although he had only 12 men altogether during the season, his boys chalked up a 15-9 won-lost record to carry off the

Twelfth Naval District Class B Baseball league championship for the second year in a row.

The champs were led by heavy hitters Bob Webb, who averaged .450, and Tony Basques, who hit safely for a .411 mark.

Scintillating chucker Gordon Anderson, who numbered a no-hitter in his won-8, lost-4 record, helped the cause with some hefty stick work to the tune of .360. He also filled in at second base when Webb was transferred.

Other team members included Dick Seastrand, Sam Amos, Mel Dinuzzio, Bob McCann, Jim Pitzer and Jerry Schoenbachler.

The trophies, delayed in arrival because of the necessary engraving, came from Rear Admiral B. J. Rodgers, District Commandant. The players also received traveling jackets.

Those men who have been transferred since the season ended will receive their trophies and jackets by mail, Johnson said.

AFIP Official Confers With Staff Members

Captain William M. Silliphant, MC, USN, Deputy Director of the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology, for the Navy, was an official visitor here last week.

Arriving in the Bay Area on 28 September, he made his headquarters at Oak Knoll while studying laboratory facilities at this hospital, Mare Island, Letterman Army Hospital, and the Sixth Army General Laboratory at Fort Baker.

At this command he conferred with the Commanding Officer and CDR Hugh V. O'Connell, Chief of the Pathology Service, on the relation of this hospital to the AFIP and on the common problems of both, and he spent considerable time acquainting himself with the laboratory facilities.

Captain Silliphant returned to Washington following his visit to Oak Knoll — last stop on a tour of West Coast Military hospitals.

All Hands Asked To Participate

An army of solicitors this week engaged in minor skirmishes at various fronts and brought in the first \$1,000 of the ten thousand to be collected for the United Fund Drive now in progress at the hospital.

But the "big push" will come next week, according to CAPT F. P. Kreuz, director of the drive.

Most common of the questions asked solicitors as they made preliminary rounds was: How much am I expected to give? The answer is simple—give as much as you can, and give enough for all since this is an all-inclusive drive for Navy Relief and the East Bay United Crusade, which this year includes Red Cross, USO, Community Chest, Alameda County Heart Association, American Arthritis and Rheumatism Foundation, and American Cancer Society.

Some will be unable to give the suggested one per cent of a year's base pay. But there is almost no one who cannot give a day's pay, and there are few of us who do not frequently spend that amount for much less vital purposes without a second thought.

Why should a civilian worker give to Navy Relief? Is there any reason why Naval personnel here for a comparatively short time should give to the Community Chest? The answers to both questions are the same.

We are all partners in the service of our country and our community. We are citizens, living and working together. We share the responsibility of helping those who need help, whether they are service or civilian members of the community.

Stickers bearing the United Crusade torch and the words, "We Gave," will accompany the receipt given to

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Early Sign-up Asked For UC-UCLA Game

Forty patients are invited to attend the University of California-Santa Clara game next Saturday, 18 Oct., at Berkeley. A bus will leave Ship's Service at 1200. Advance notice is given too, that the University of California-UCLA game will be played at Memorial Stadium in Berkeley on 1 November.

A standing invitation for forty patients to attend each UC home game of the season, requires only that the patients sign up with Special Services prior to the game. Those interested in attending the UC-UCLA game, sure to draw a large crowd, should sign up early.

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Many lives get lost, tangled, and twisted in a soft easy pipe-dream view of life. They ask their religion to give them a cozy, comfortable bed of ease on which they may glide along with no pain and no strain. They want life to come their way and give them their pleasure when, where, and how they please. They shy away from the question, "What must I do with my life?"

The best in life is for those who will possess it and are willing to pay the exacting price. The best is only for those who will give their best, who keep going when there appears to be every reason why they should quit.

The victory of life is for those who press on with vigor. He who overcomes will possess the crown of life. The victories on Saturday afternoon in the stadium do not come without long painstaking hours of drills, discipline, and practice. There is no substitute for preparation of muscles for endurance, set purpose of heart that says the victory can be won. To play the game without confidence, and the practice that builds it, would be foolishness.

To expect life to suddenly turn out for the best, without the bumps and bruises of exercises and disciplines that assure the best, is folly. Indifference or laziness when effort and practice is a "must" becomes the father of defeats. By the same token, knowing what must be done and then performing the same is the "stuff" that gains the victories.

—L. C. M. VOSSELER, Protestant Chaplain

Watch Out When It's Dark Out

It is important to realize that October, with its shortening daylight hours, is the pivot month when motor vehicle accidents begin to increase. Navy's personnel can do much to reduce fall and winter traffic accidents if they will constantly bear in mind that:

1. Allowance must be made for the shorter number of daylight hours in planning travel schedules.
2. They are actually going to and from work in the gray half light of dawn or dusk.
3. Even with good headlights and normal vision, darkness reduces the ability to see unlighted dangerous situations in detail until within about 100 feet of them.
4. The average car, driven under favorable conditions, may be stopped within 100 feet at about 40 miles per hour.
5. They cannot stop in less than 150 feet at 50 miles an hour, and not less than 200 feet at 60 miles an hour.
6. They are actually over-driving their headlights and their clear-seeing distance, at speeds over 40 miles an hour.
7. Wet or slippery streets may require as much as nine times the normal stopping distance.

Plan wisely to make ample allowance for fall and winter traffic conditions. Remember, **THREE TIMES** as many motor vehicle accidents occur **AFTER DARK** as during daylight hours.

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Red Cross Ramblings

MOVIE GOERS

Another comedy is scheduled for this coming week. Francis, the talking mule, appears in "Francis Goes to West Point." This stars Donald O'Conner and Lori Nelson. Watch for the hilarious full length comedy film on your ward.

WENT FISHIN'!

Bright and early Wednesday morning 1 October, 21 patients went on an all day fishing expedition. The day was cool, the water calm, and the fish were bitin' at Carquinez Straits, so reel progress was made when it came to hooking the unwary fish. Two boats went out with Gray Lady escorts to take JAMES HELMS, SN, SGT JOSEPH GAJEWSKI, S/SGT RICHARD LANE, P. A. MOORE, BMG3, R. JUAREZ, BMC, SGT HARRY STASSINOS, PFC CARVIN POINDEXTER, L. O. BULL, BT2, CHARLES VARNELL, SA, CPL EARNEST ADKINS, SGT J. H. STEWARD of Ward 76B. Other patients who enjoyed the venture were E. R. JOHNSON, SA, and FOREST McNEW, FN, of Ward 75B, PVT AVERY HOLT, PFC RICHARD YANDELL, PVT WAYNE HARDER of Ward 48A, AMOS WALLEN, BT3, and RUSSELL DOWNWARD, YNSN, of Ward 65B.

PETER HIGGINS, SA, of 48A and RICHARD LUCAS, FPFN of 49A doubly enjoyed the fishing trip as they had gotten all the hooks and lines in shape the day before.

PARTY TIME

Would you like to go to a Monte Carlo Party? If you don't want to miss a trick and would like to win some grand prizes, come over to the Red Cross Lounge this Monday night. The party begins at 1900 hours.

B'Nai B'rith Group of Oakland will be there to give you money (play money, that is!) to play and win. Incidentally, this group is here every second Monday of each month to put these parties on for you.

STRAW HAT REVUE

If you enjoy a fast-moving musical stage revue you'll like the Straw Hat Revue. Station wagons will take you to the Berkeley Community Theater where the show is presented. Tickets are free and the show is good. This Thursday night is the time. Don't miss it.



One criterion for evaluating the development of a civilization is the extent to which it provides legitimate and effective means for the individual temporarily to "withdraw" from participation in society in order to observe and consider it and his relation to it. In the middle ages the church provided such sanctuary. The Renaissance and the following age of enlightenment offered royal patronage, cloisters and ateliers. The romantic age of the last century furnished artists' colonies and governmental support to creative talent. But our modern society does not recognize this concept. Accordingly our only escape, when the pressures become too great is the mental institution.

What has this to do with a book column? Plenty! Because nowadays the great critiques of our order must be written by persons who, through one catastrophe or another, are driven outside of their original societies. The list of notables is impressive: Koestler, Mann, Zweig, left Europe; Hesse, Eliot, Gide, Proust, isolated themselves within Europe . . . to list but a handful.

And finally we have Simone Weil and her *The Need of Roots*. Driven from France by the occupation, herself not Gallic but Jewish, she has written a critique and evaluation of the problems of the human soul adrift in an age of dissolution. Eight hundred years ago the critical priest Saint Thomas Aquinas was occupied with the same problem . . . but he wrote from within his world, from its very center. In this century, it seems, one must first be cast out before one has the occasion to speak truly.

—THEODOR YERKE

Real Conservation depends not so much on the materials you have but on how you use them.



A joint meeting of the Medical Librarians of the San Francisco Bay Area and Southern California brought over 40 members of the groups to Oak Knoll last Monday. While here, they visited the Artificial Limb Laboratory, Physical Therapy, the Environmental Sanitation School, the crew's library and the medical library. Oak Knoll's Medical Librarian, Mrs. Louise Barr, acted as hostess to members of the group, several of whom are pictured here in her bailiwick.

Patients to View Mills Horse Show

More than a hundred horses, hunters and jumpers of the English class, will perform at Cressmount Bowl, Mills College, on Sunday, 19 October, when patients from Oak Knoll will be among the guests. Members of the San Francisco Consular Corps will also be honored guests at the show.

Riders will be "Bit and Spur" girls from Mills College, red-coated Shonhehan riders from East Bay high schools, and a contingent of Arabian horses with riders garbed in the flowing robes of desert lands.

Miss Cornelia V. Cress is director of the show.

\$1000 Collected In UFD So Far

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each contributor for display at home so that he will be exempt from further solicitation.

No other drive for funds for any purpose will be held at Oak Knoll this year. That is why everyone is asked to give now, once for all and enough for all.

Solicitors who will ask for either a payment or a promise during the next week are:

Nurses: LT Marian Poulter, Chairman; LCDR Jervace Crouse, LT's Anita Casey, Lula A. Unch, Ruth Fabian, Mary Kelly, Ruth Lloyd, Dorothy Wheeler, Dorothy Naviaux, Edythe Gillette; LTJG's Leona So-back, Virginia Jennings, Anne M. Flynn; Ensigns Joan Tyrrell, Mary Jensen, Miriam Bovar, Mary L. Horsmon, Nancy Sullivan, Margaret Crowson, Elizabeth Murphy, and Valerie Pfeiffer.

Red Cross: Miss Burnette Thompson.

MC and DC Officers: CDR R. S. Poos, Chairman; CAPT R. L. Gilman (Medical Service), CAPT B. N. Ahl (EENT), CAPT J. G. Bulgrin (X-ray), CDR R. F. Christoph (Surgical Service), CDR R. D. Nies (Neuropsychiatric Service), CDR H. V. O'Connell (Pathology), LCDR F. W. Cleary (Orthopedics), LT Earl F. Hickey (OPD), CWOHC R. C. Davies (Dental).

Other Officers: LT F. R. DuChanois.

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Marine Detachment: SGT Robert R. Hawley, USMC.

Enlisted Personnel: G. L. Proper, HMI, Chairman; E. H. Brown, G. G. Skieih, R. E. Power, L. H. Bowser, HMC's; E. O. Spratt, DTC; A. E. Nor-mington, W. E. Scott, HMI's; M. F. Gillette, W. Van Blaricom, HM2's; C. E. Griggs, R. J. Moore, D. K. Rich-ardson, I. J. Hiedell, A. T. Jackson, and T. E. Lucas, HM3's.

Patient Personnel: CDR J. A. Whit-man, Chairman; LCDR's L. C. M. Vosseler, E. J. Ford, C. B. Knight; LT R. E. Jenkins, V. D. Sessions, HMI, P. T. Grier, HM3, T. J. Mc-Kenna, HN.



The hospital held two more "commencements" last week, turning out the 13 Neuropsychiatric technicians pictured above and the 18 Environmental Sanitation men in the photo below. All graduates received their diplomas from the Commanding Officer. James H. Simmons, HM3 (extreme left, back row), was the honor student in his class, with a final average of 97.5—the highest mark ever made in NP School, which has graduated five classes to date. Other grads were, back row, left to right: C. M. Marshall, S. J. Vaccaro, I. J. Wheat, W. D. Clark and M. C. Napoli, all HN's. Middle row: Perry N. Cooper, D. M. Watts, L. R. Trujillo, L. J. Taylor, HN's; V. D. Martens and E. Foster, HM3's. Front row: LTJG Betty Ogden, NC, USNR, NP School Nursing Instructor, and CDR B. I. Kahn, MC, USN, Officer in Charge of the School.



Another record grade was the 97.3 EST average earned by James T. Stephens, Jr., HMC, extreme right, front row. The Chief's mark tops all final grades made by students in the seven classes to complete the Environmental Sanitation course since the school opened two years ago. His classmates, most of whom are already en route to new duty stations, are, front row, left to right: L. G. Benjamin, V. Gambill, O. E. Hilz, V. E. Hull, and H. T. Pierce, all HMC's. Middle row: H. Williams, HMC, L. G. Blankenship, P. S. Decker, M. P. Dorsey, W. A. Cross, D. K. Livingston, HMI's. Back row: M. K. Price, R. L. Runyon, and M. J. Zieba, HMI's; J. P. Herek, R. R. Ruble, and R. E. Stockman, HM2's.

Credit Flak Jackets With Saving Lives in Korea

Stories have been written about freaks of good fortune that have saved men's lives—a cigarette lighter that stopped a bullet, a silver dollar that deflected a shot that would have meant certain death—but the flak jacket that is saving the lives of Marines fighting in Korea is no freak.

Take it from casualties who have arrived at Oak Knoll in recent weeks.

There's PFC Francisco R. Ramirez, USMC, 21, who was struck by .51 calibre bullets from a "gooney machine gun" into whose crew he fired his rifle from an outpost on shell-torn Bunker Hill just a little over a month ago. Before he had a chance to be picked up, he was hit again by fragments from a mortar shell. But they hit his bullet-proof vest. The machine-gun bullets were not so well placed, and as a result, he has lost his left leg at the knee. Ramirez, who comes from San German, Puerto Rico, is thankful that flak vests had become standard equipment by the time his outfit hit Bunker Hill.

Another fellow who thinks these new jackets made of plasticized plates of laminated, fibrous glass and multi-layered nylon fabric, are worth their 7½ pounds in gold is PFC James C. McGinty, USMC, 21, of New York City. McGinty was making a raid on an enemy outpost. His patrol started up a hill in the face of Red mortar fire and a shower of hand

grenades. His buddy was hit by a mortar shell, and McGinty ran to help him. He stepped on a land mine that tore off his right leg and ripped his flak vest wide open with shrapnel that stopped just before it penetrated to his skin.

McGinty is convinced the jacket saved his life, and Marine Corps authorities apparently are convinced, for they have ordered all men in combat to wear the jackets.

"At first I thought it was hot and heavy, but you get used to wearing it and don't notice it at all," PFC Robert J. Range, '20, Des Moines, Iowa, said, as he told the story of an ambush patrol on 19 August when he, the squad leader, was struck in both legs and his right arm by a land mine that knocked him to the ground and killed his buddy.

Shrapnel tore his jacket to shreds but didn't touch his chest. He felt no pain and before he lost consciousness continued for several minutes to shout orders to his squad. His body is unscarred, but he lost his left leg above the knee.

Another casualty who believes he's alive today because he wore a flak jacket is S/SGT William F. Cozad, 22, Salem, Oregon.

Cozad was on the next hill over from Bunker Hill on 1 August, and his men were digging trenches about

1 p.m. when a .76 mm anti-tank shell, fired at American tanks on the hill above, fell short and hit the trench shoulder-high, about two feet behind him. His right arm was torn off, and at least 20 large pieces of shrapnel hit him fast and hard, slicing through his flak jacket and ripping into his back and right side.

"I'm sure glad I had on a flak jacket — without it the shrapnel probably would have gone right into my lungs and stomach," Cozad said. "That (and incidentally 42 pints of blood) are what saved me all right."

Then there's PFC Tom Lauria, 21, whose home is in Lakewood, Ohio. Lauria lost his right leg above the knee and suffered compound fractures of the left leg and left arm. But he takes his injuries like the hero he is. The most interesting thing about him, he thinks, is the shrapnel scar right over his heart.

The young Marine's company was assaulting a hill the Reds had taken the night before. They had already retired but had left things pretty well booby-trapped. On taking his position, the squad leader was wounded by a booby-trap, and Lauria, running to call a corpsman, stepped on another one that showered him with shrapnel fragments, among them the jagged one that dug into his chest and but for his flak vest, would have gone on into his heart.

Knoll Trounces District Team

The touch football team bounced back in fine form Tuesday, after last week's defeat, to trounce the District Communications team 40-7.

The game, played on Oak Knoll's home field, opened with fullback Tony Basques running over the line for a touchdown. Halfback Bruce Peterson made a successful conversion, to rack the score up to 7-0.

Also in the first half, quarterback Jim Phillips passed the ball to end Jim Ritter for the extra point after Jim Pitzer (playing defensive halfback and offensive center) ran over for the second touchdown, and Peterson went over for the third score.

The opposition made their only touchdown in the first half. The midway score was 26-7 . . . the remainder of the game was Oak Knoll's.

In the second half, a pass meant for Pitzer was deflected to Strickland who ran for a touchdown, and Phillips passed to Basques for the extra point.

In the last scoring play, Basques ran and lateraled to Strickland who made the final touchdown. The ball went from Phillips to Ritter to put the score up to a round 40.

Team coach W. V. Johnson attributed the victory to outstanding defense. He said the District Communications team just couldn't seem to cover downfield receivers, Strickland, Ritter, Hilliker, and Peterson.

The standing for the hospital team now stands pat with three wins and one loss. The first game was won over Moffett, and the second was forfeited by Port Chicago. The team lost last week to a tough Alameda lineup.

Latest game, played Thursday, was a repeat performance against Moffett, but no scores were available for publication.

Alameda holds first place in district competition, with no defeats. The Moffett Field team stands last, with no wins to its credit so far.

Motorist: "I just ran over your cat and I want to replace him."

Housewife: "Well, get busy, there's a mouse in the pantry."

Welcome and Farewell

The balance sheet listing incoming and outgoing personnel was almost even this week. Most of the men leaving were graduates of EST School, detached to duty stations elsewhere. All told, the Oak Knoll staff was increased by 25, while 21 were detached, released to inactive duty, or discharged.

Reporting for duty were LT Wolfgang E. Klostermann, MSC, USN, from USNH Guam, M. I.; LT Eunice B. Ireson, NC, USNR, from USNH St. Albans, L.I., N.Y.; LT Lillie M. Harwood, NC, USN, from Nav-MedUnitTriplerArmyHosp., T. H.; V. A. Devoss, HMC, from ServForce Adm, ComServPac; J. V. Mahurin, HMC, from AirTrSq 8, Hickam AFB; E. D. Potter, HMC, from USNAS, Norfolk, Va.; D. G. Becker, HM2 from Marine School, Quantico, Va.; W. T. Roberts, HN, from 1st Evacuation Hospital, Camp Pendleton, Oceanside, Calif.; D. E. Brown, HN, from USNH Bremerton, Wash.; M. E. Gillies, HN, from USNH Mare Island Calif.; B. C. Fossum, HN, from USNH Bethesda, Md.; HN's J. R. Kellogg and J. M. McAsey, from USNHCS, Great Lakes, Ill.; HA's D. R. Olsen, L. A. Korstad, and R. E. Hatfield, from USNHCS, Great Lakes; HN's G. T. Yoldi, and J. B. Parrish, from USNHCS, San Diego, Calif.; and HA's W. R. Prosser, R. E. March, F. N. Childress, G. E. Patterson, N. S. Preston, N. J. Kertamus, and D. S. Hadley, from USNHCS, Bainbridge, Md.

Detached were: LTJG John M. Miller, Jr., MC, USNR, to LST Squadron Three; V. E. Hull, HMC, to USNTC, San Diego, Calif.; L. G. Benjamin, HMC, to Whidbey Island, Oak Harbor; H. Williams, HMC, to EDCU No. 5, USNH, San Diego; HM1's M. H. Price, and L. C. Blankenship, to MarBks, Camp Lejeune, N. C.; R. R. Ruble, Jr., HM2, to RecSta, Wash., D. C.; V. Gambill, HMC, to USNTC, Bainbridge, Md.; H. T. Pierce, HMC, to USNOTS, Inyokern, Calif.; J. T. Stephens, Jr., HMC, to AirFMFPac, USMAS, El Toro, Calif.; R. W. Hasbrook, HMC, to USS EVERSOLE; HM1's P. S. Decker, Jr., and W. A. Gross, to USS LISL; J. P. Herek, HM2, to USNH, Philadelphia; R. E. Stockman, HM2, to NAS, Anacostia, Wash., D. C.; M. E. Harding, HM1, to NSC, Oakland; HM1's M. J. Zieba, D. K. Livingston, and R. L. Runyon, to USS WHIDBEY; and HN's K. D. Kerns and R. H. Shaw, to Naval Shipyard, San Francisco, Calif.

Released to inactive duty were HM3's Glen D. Hinnergardt, Harold L. Drown, Alfred A. Darter, Kenneth C. Dougherty, Wesley R. Oliver, William E. Blevans, Harold A. Clark, and Jack C. Dice.

Separated from the Naval Service,

Officers' Club Plans 'Football Afternoons'

Televised football is on the schedule at the Officers' Club this afternoon, and all who would like to join their friends for the games are invited to come at 1230 and spend the afternoon. Every Saturday afternoon will be "football afternoon" at the Club throughout the season.

All officers are asked to return the party questionnaires in accordance with the social committee's request.

Lab Team Leads In Bowling Play

Going into its third week of play the bowling league is rapidly working up some good competition.

Tuesday's games resulted in a 3-1 win for the 3 V's over the Dental team. The Marines beat the Hits and Misses, from the record office, 4-0, and Special Services won out over the Ramblin' Amps, 4-0.

So far, the Laboratory team is leading in the competition, with the Three V's close behind.

High score is 194, rolled by Irving of the 5 Aces team.

Invitations Offered by Local Organization

The Alameda County Employees' Association has made available 30 tickets for patients and staff, to go to the Weldonian show tonight (Saturday, 11 Oct.), at the Oakland Civic Auditorium. The program, to begin at 2000, will be staged by the Weldonians, a Bay Area group of over 250 musicians and entertainers, and promises to be well worth seeing. Tickets may be picked up at Special Services.

Another event sponsored by the same organization will be an evening at Fitzpatrick's on Saturday, 18 Oct. Twenty patients have been invited, and dates will be provided for the men who sign up with Special Services now. Busses will leave at 1900 for the affair.

at the end of their enlistments were: HM3's Jerry J. Dinuzzio and Robert L. Ivey; and HN's Richard D. Light, Alvin G. Gaddini, and Ronald M. Lane.

PREVIEWS

Sunday, 12 October
MY WIFE'S BEST FRIEND—Anne Baxter, MacDonald Carey. COMEDY. When the plane they are flying develops mechanical difficulty and he believes they are going to crash, Carey tells his wife, Miss Baxter, that he once several years ago had a brief affair with her best friend. All is forgiven at the moment, but when the plane lands safely after all, Miss Baxter's wifely pride turns to fury and she begins to make life hilariously miserable for Carey.

Monday, 13 October
THE BIG CARNIVAL—Jan Sterling, Kirk Douglas. Nothing in the reviewer's files on this. All we can tell you is that it was released about a year ago, and it's been rated "Excellent."

Tuesday, 14 October
HURRICANE SMITH—Yvonne DeCarlo, John Ireland. ADVENTURE. A 19th Century tale of a fugitive from justice (Ireland) who is trying to regain a fortune he had stashed away on a South Sea Island. Complications ensue when someone else tries to reach the treasure, too. The film's in technicolor and has an abundance of action and suspense. Rating: Good.

Wednesday, 15 October
RED PLANET MARS—Peter Graves, Andrea King. Graves, as a young scientist, succeeds in establishing contact with Mars by means of a German-developed radio tube. The story from there tells of the psychological effect which messages received from the planet have on earthlings. Rating: Fair.

Thursday, 16 October
I DREAM OF JEANIE—Ray Middleton, Bill Shirley, Muriel Lawrence, MIN-STREL. The story has to do with Stephen Foster, his life and his romantic entanglements. The film is generously sprinkled with minstrel show productions and many of the songs that have immortalized Foster. Rating: Very good.

Friday, 17 October
WILLIE AND JOE BACK AT THE FRONT—Tom Ewell, Harvey Lembeck. This one's brand new . . . scheduled for public release this month. The Willie and Joe movie is a sequence from the first film portraying the two dogfaces created by cartoonist Bill Mauldin.

Saturday, 18 October
PEKING EXPRESS—Joseph Cotten, Corinne Calvet, DRAMA. An up-to-date indictment of present-day China under the Communists, and a dramatic presentation of force and terror under that rule. Rating: Good.

Staff Personalities

One of the "old-timers," both to the service and to Oak Knoll, is WAVE Barbara Stevenson, HM3, USNR. One of the many who went through recruit training at Hunter's College, her first duty was at Pensacola, Fla. After Corps School at Bethesda, she was stationed at Long Beach until her discharge in 1947. At that time she went back to her home

in Sacramento, where she worked until her recall two years ago to this month. Sent directly to Oak Knoll, she has worked mostly on dependent's ward 40B and OPD. She trained for two years with a ballet instructor in Oakland, and studied for two more years with the San Francisco Opera Ballet before joining the service.



Winding up his twelfth year in the Navy and setting his sights for the next eight, Pete Mentor, HM1, USN, claims he could tell a lot of sea stories. A native of South Dakota, he joined up in 1941, and was aboard a destroyer at Pearl Harbor when the Japanese made their first attack there. Since then, he has served aboard three ships, and was stationed

in New Zealand and Caledonia. After a tour of duty with the Marines, in Korea, he was at Bethesda Naval Hospital for a short while and was sent here last January to attend the School for Orthopedic Appliance Mechanics. After graduation from that course, he was assigned to the Artificial Limb staff.



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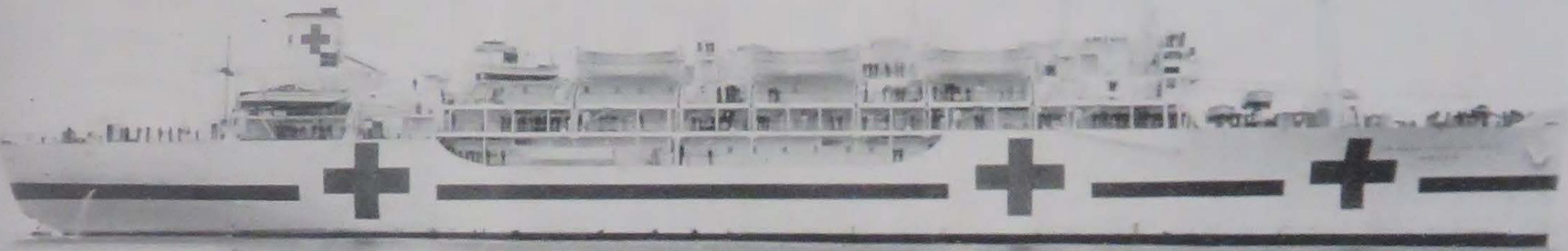


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USS HAVEN BACK FROM KOREA



NQ Civilians Donate 100%

Forty-five civilian workers employed at the Nurses' Quarters this week donated 100 per cent to the United Fund Drive, according to a report from the civilian personnel office.

Mrs. Eva Premo, solicitor for the quarters, turned in a total of \$200, which means that the labor cleaners, maids, mess attendants, the cook and assistant cooks averaged contributions of nearly \$4.50 each.

If all Navy and civilian personnel on the compound give as generously as these workers did Oak Knoll will have no trouble in reaching its goal of \$10,000 during the coming weeks of the drive.

BuMed Research Experts Visit Here

Distinguished visitors to the hospital last Friday were Dr. Howard T. Karsner, research adviser to the Surgeon General of the Navy, and CAPT Charles W. Shilling, MC, USN, director of the Research Division of BuMed, and Deputy for Biosciences of the Office of Navy Research.

After reviewing the program now in progress at Oak Knoll's Metabolic Research Facility, both men spoke at the Medical Surgical conference. Dr. Shilling discussed the medical research program in operation throughout the Navy, and Dr. Karsner reported on a trip he made to Europe recently to investigate the artificial heart that has been developed on the European continent.

Hospital 'All Out' As Ship Docks

While the Bay Area and the families and friends of 243 Korean veterans hailed the return of the USS HAVEN last Monday, Oak Knoll rolled up its sleeves and operated in high gear all day and well into the night to complete the transfer of patients from the HAVEN to waiting wards.

The ship docked at Alameda at 0800 . . . by noon all the patients were inside the hospital's main gate. Skeleton crews worked on most of the wards in the morning, while doctors, nurses and corpsmen worked to transport the patients here in busses and ambulances.

Once here, a "rough log" was written up on each patient as he passed through Wards 77A or B, set up as emergency admission rooms for the day.

The HAVEN's return last Monday marked the completion of her second tour of duty in Korean waters. Operating between Pusan and Inchon, she received 3367 United Nations patients in her medical wards during the past nine months.

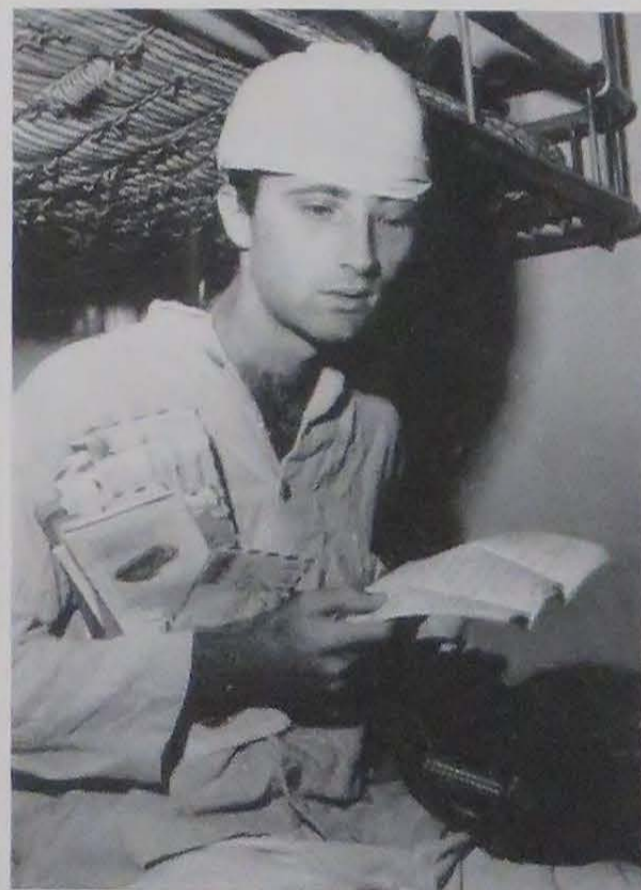
The vessel completed her first trip last October, and was returned to Korea last January.

The HAVEN has been awarded the Korean Presidential Unit Citation by President Syngman Rhee of the Republic of Korea.

The ship is staffed with 24 doctors, three dentists, 25 nurses and five medical corps officers, in addition to a proportional staff of corpsmen, many of whom are former Oak Knoll staff members.



Friends and relatives of men aboard the HAVEN were at the docks Monday morning when the ship tied up at Alameda—as were Oak Knoll ambulances, busses, and a crew of officers and corpsmen who moved the casualties here from their hospital afloat.



Two former staff corpsmen from Oak Knoll were among the casualties who arrived aboard the HAVEN. They are William Gentleman, HM3, USN (left) of Grand Rapids, Michigan, here from 22 November 1951 to 7 March 1952, and Dan Skiles, HN, USN, of nearby El Cerrito, on the hospital staff from 13 October to 8 February. Gentleman's heroic action in caring for the wounded under heavy fire even after shrapnel had blinded him in one eye and penetrated his brain may get him the Congressional Medal of Honor. Evacuation from the battlefield by helicopter and seven hours of surgery saved him. Skiles was wounded in front-line fighting near Panmunjon, almost simultaneously by an exploding grenade fragment and a mortar fragment that caused him to lose his left arm and right leg.—Photos courtesy of Oakland Tribune.

Basic Science Class Hears Stanford Prof

Dr. Windsor C. Cutting, professor of pharmacology and therapeutics at Stanford University Medical School, spoke to members of the staff Tuesday night on "The Physiology and Pharmacology of the Autonomic Nervous System."

This was one of the current series of Basic Science lectures for medical officers under instruction.

Give to the United Fund Drive!
Give enough for all!

Marine Combat Pay

All Marines entitled to combat pay prior to 1 July 1952 must file their claim on DD Form 667, interpreted and submitted to the Marine Detachment Office in Building 132. The forms may be obtained at that office.

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† † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

The question has often been asked: What is it that makes saint saints? The principal reason is, of course, they they spend their lives loving God above all things and their neighbors as themselves.

But here in more detail is another part of the answer. In reply to the above question one person gave this simple, significant explanation:

"Because they were cheerful when it was difficult to be cheerful;
 Patient when it was difficult to be patient;
 Because they pushed on when they wanted to stand still;
 They kept silent, when they wanted to talk;
 They were agreeable, when they wanted to be disagreeable;
 That was all. It was quite simple and always will be."

There is no doubt that the world would be much better if more of us followed the simple formula of the Saints. How much good could be done and how much evil avoided by a little more imitation of the Saints.

C. B. KNIGHT,
 Catholic Chaplain.

Dates Changed for Rating Exams; Staff Personnel Urged to Apply Now

Staff personnel who will be eligible to take the service-wide competitive exams for advancement in rating to E-4, E-5, E-6, or E-7, should report to Staff Personnel between 1300 and 1600 on any week day between now and 31 October.

Dates of competitive examinations for advancements in pay grades will be changed, the Navy has announced.

Tests to be held in 1953 will be conducted in February and August instead of January and July. Authorities involved in administering the exams were responsible for the change, the Navy explained.

With some exceptions, the early 1953 exams will be held on the following dates:

- E-7, Tuesday, Feb. 3, 1953
- E-4, Tuesday, Feb. 10, 1953
- E-5, Tuesday, Feb. 17, 1953
- E-6, Tuesday, Feb. 24, 1953

Divine Services

Hospital Chapel at Main Gate

PROTESTANT

BIBLE SCHOOL—SUNDAY 0945
 SUNDAY WORSHIP—1030
 Evening Gospel Service—1900—Singing,
 Evangelistic Message, Fellowship Hour
 CHOIR REHEARSAL—1930 Thursday
 HOLY COMMUNION—First Sunday
 morning each month.

L. D. S. SERVICE

SUNDAY—0900 in Staff Conference
 Room, Administration Bldg., Annex.

CATHOLIC

SUNDAY MASSES
 0600-0800-0900-1200
 DAILY MASSES—1150 and 1630
 Confessions before Mass
 Catholic Oratory in back of Chapel
 Choir Rehearsal—Tuesday 1900
 CHAPLAIN'S OFFICES IN
 CHAPEL AND 67A
 NAVY RELIEF OFFICE—
 IN CHAPEL

BUS TO AND FROM CHAPEL ON
 SUNDAYS 0845 and 1015

Red Cross Ramblings

The movie attractions for next week will be two dramas. One movie features Tyrone Power and Patricia Neal in "Diplomatic Courier"; the other stars Cornel Wilde and Teresa Wright in "California Conquest."

"97" FISH

A whale of a time was had by all of the men who went deep sea fishing at Half Moon Bay and hauled in a total of 97. ALVIN L. LARTON, ADAN, of 41B was successful in hauling in a 15 $\frac{1}{4}$ -pound ling cod and eight blue fish, while DANIEL KOONCE, FA, of 42B also reeled in a ling cod weighing 13 $\frac{3}{4}$ pounds. Some other men who were especially lucky in capturing the deep sea demons were CLESTON MILLS, SN, 41B, with 15 fish; ROBERT D. IKE, FN, 41B, 11; JACK FRAZIER, SN, 41A, 7; SGT ANDY D. OQUISTAT, 41B, 6; B. M. BENTZEN, SA, and ROBERT WOODFORD, SG, 43B, 6 apiece; and C. W. DAVIES, ETSN, 43A, 5. This was the last deep sea fishing trip of the season, as the boats will not be going out again until next spring. However, striped bass trips will be in order; so you still have a chance to get in some fishing this year. Don't forget the fishing parties in the lounge on the Tuesday afternoon before the fishing expedition when all the gear is readied for the trip. AL LARTON, ADAN, CLISTON MILLS, SN, and FRANK "POP" HILL, MEW1, all of 41B, deserve a big hand for preparing the rods and lines for the trip this week.

WEAVING

Mrs. Doris Ogden, Gray Lady from Oakland Chapter, has been on duty as a craft Gray Lady at this hospital for the past five years. Although she knows all crafts, she specializes in weaving. Many patients at this hospital are weaving place mats, stoles, and runners. Mrs. Ogden's instruction in this field is outstanding. Anyone interested in weaving, please contact the Red Cross Craft Shop.

TOUR TIME

Do you like to see new countryside and interesting sights? If you do, it's easy: a Red Cross station wagon will meet you at your ward, take you on a trip and bring you back, all in one afternoon. CISCO MARTIN, veteran, T/Sgt. CARL MacPHERSON, and CPL FRANK O'DELL of 42A, and PFC COLLIN JACKSON and ROBERT HARDY (Retired USMC) of 42B enjoyed a trip to San Francisco and a tour around the zoo there.

CHECK THIS!

All of you chess fans will be able to check on the knights' activities this Monday at the Red Cross Lounge. According to Ernie Bartholomew, veteran, of 76B, the Hayward Chess Club will be anxious to meet the chess fans of Oak Knoll. Competition should be good, and the chess match begins at 1930 hours.

Guam Assignment For Chief Cannell

Just prior to his departure for Guam last week, Edward A. Cannell, HMC, USN, was awarded a commendation by the Commanding Officer.

In the commendation, Chief Cannell was cited for having displayed the highest qualities of professional skill, having mastered the technique of using several instruments in the electroencephalograph department, and for having given spare time to aiding others with advice and help in various technical problems.

Chief Cannell has been assigned to the neurology department here for the last two and a half years of his total 13 years in the Navy. At the Naval Hospital at Gaum, he will again be working in a neurology department.

Mrs. Cannell who is secretary to CAPT McMullin, Chief of the Neuropsychiatric Service, and their two year old daughter will go to Guam as soon as they can get transportation there.

Civilian Personnel Notes

Wage Increase.

A wage adjustment for the Laborer Helper and Mechanical Service and the Printing and Lithographic Service has been approved by the Under Secretary of the Navy and has been forwarded to the Wage Stabilization Board for final approval. According to the Area Wage and Classification Office in San Francisco, the increase amounts to an average of 7 cents per hour. It will not change the rates of pay of employees in Laundry and Commissary ratings. Provided the Wage Stabilization Board approves this increase, it will be retroactively effective on 6 Oct. 1952. This impending adjustment has no connection with the wage survey which is presently in progress in the San Francisco Bay Area.

Change in overtime computation.

Overtime pay for ungraded employees will be paid on a different basis after 1 Oct. 1952. Under the new regulations any work in excess of 8 hours per day will be paid at the overtime rate. In addition, any work outside of the basic 40 hour work-week will be paid at the overtime rate. Under former regulations, overtime was not payable to ungraded employees until they had completed 40 hours in a pay status within any work-week.

Fair Employment Practice.

Employment in the Navy is open to all citizens on the basis of merit and fitness. Personnel actions must not be unjustly influenced by considerations of race, color, religion, national origin, marital status, reserve affiliations with any component of the Armed Forces, sex, physical handicaps, membership or participation in organized employee groups or shop committees, or of political affiliations except as may be required by law. The Navy has designated the Chief of the Office of Industrial Relations, Department of the Navy, as the Fair Employment Officer and the Commanding Officer as a Deputy Fair Employment Officer. Any person who claims that a personnel action affecting him was not taken because of race, color, religion, or national origin may seek an adjustment. His complaint may be made to the first line supervisor, the Deputy Fair Employment Officer, or the Fair Employment Officer.

Knoll's First Librarian Resumes Old Post

The Crew's Library, this week gained Miss Catherine Baker, late Theodor Yerke, and kept Mrs. Emma Berger. Miss Baker comes here from NAS, Alameda, where she has been librarian for the past four years while Mr. Yerke, who has assisted Mrs. Berger and written "Turning the Leaves" since last June, goes to the Alameda County Library.

Although Miss Baker may be "the new librarian" to most of the personnel here, Oak Knoll is not new to her. She was the hospital's first librarian when the library was a few books in a corner of what is now Central Supply. She transferred from Oak Knoll to San Diego in 1947. A U.C. graduate, she took her library training there and holds a Master's Degree in English from the University of Washington.

The second floor tenant called the party living below and shouted, "If you don't stop playing that blasted saxophone, I'll go crazy."

"I guess it's too late," came the reply. "I stopped an hour ago."



LTJG Thomas W. Burns, MC, USNR

Research Doctor Assigned to Cairo

LTJG Thomas W. Burns, MC, USNR, left yesterday to report to Cairo, Egypt, where he will assume the post of clinical research investigator with the Naval Medical Research Unit 3.

After completing a two-week indoctrination course in his new work, in Washington, D.C., he and his wife will either fly or sail to Cairo, where he will again be under the command of CAPT A. R. Higgins, MC, USN. CAPT Higgins was Chief of Medicine and officer in charge of the Metabolic Research Facility here until last July, when he was detached to take over the command of Unit 3.

Dr. Burns' new assignment, half-way around the world, takes him to an activity primarily concerned with the study of tropical diseases.

He was in the Navy during WWII for approximately three years, serving first as a corpsman and then as a student under the V-12 program.

He graduated from the University of California, in Los Angeles, attended the University of Utah Medical School, interned at Boston City Hospital, and did graduate work at the Duke University Research Facility. Called back into the service in August 1951, he came directly to Oak Knoll where he was attached to the Metabolic Research Facility most of the time.

Navy Bridegroom: "With all my worldly goods I thee endow."

Father (aside): "There goes his sea bag and fountain pen."

WANTED!

Christmas Card Ideas

Wanted—your ideas for an Oak Knoll Christmas card. You may sketch your idea, describe it in writing, or just tell LCDR Rosella Asbelle at Occupational Therapy about it. The more ideas the merrier. The best one will be worked out by the OT department and reproduced for mailing to other naval stations and to friends of the hospital.

Last year an artistic block print of the chapel and main gate was designed by a member of the staff and made up in attractive blue and gray papers. More than a thousand were mailed from the hospital.

SCUTTLEBUTT

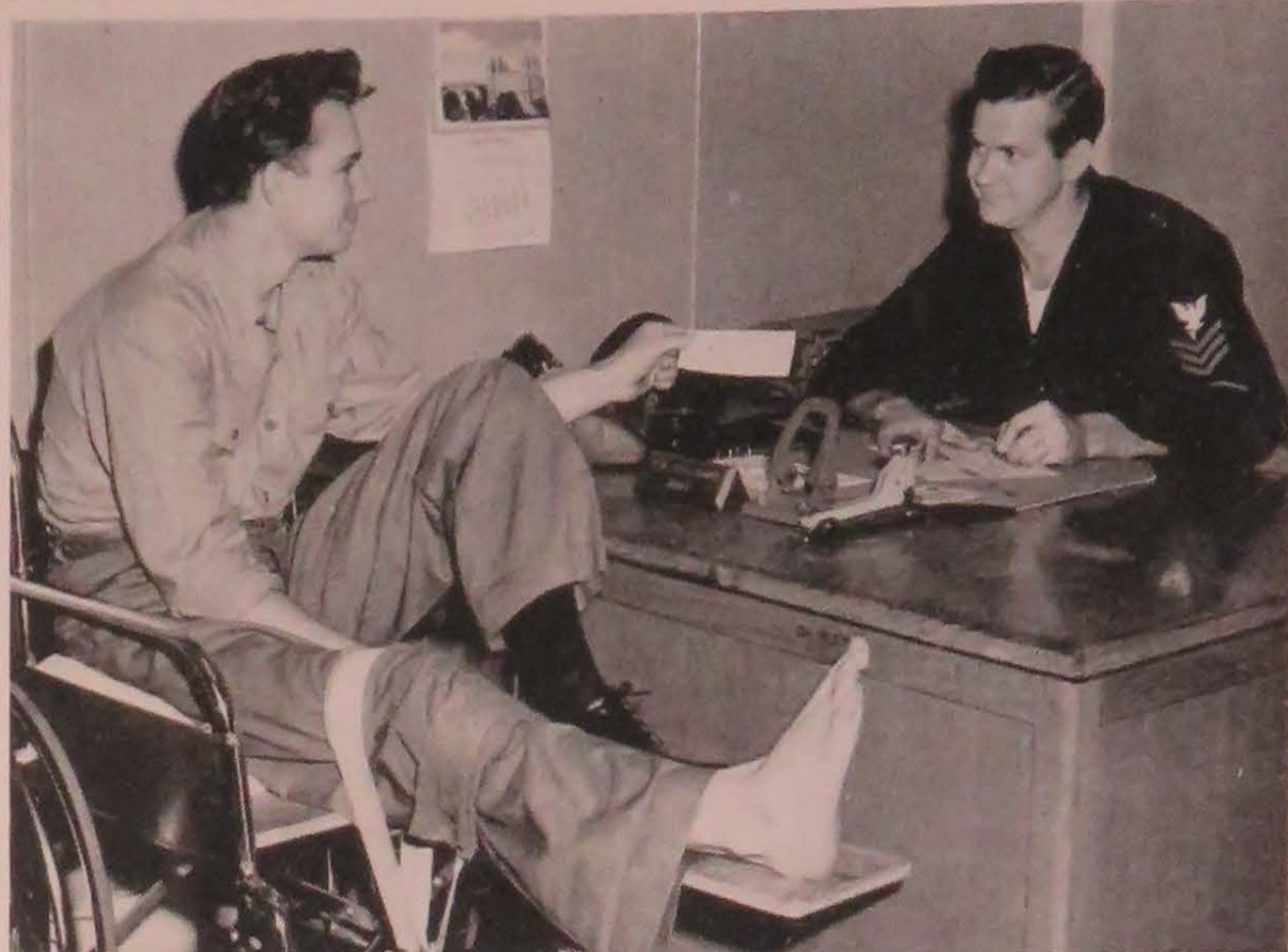
To scuttle or not scuttle Scuttlebutt has been the question. But finally after a few newsless weeks and enough complaints to fill this column and galvanize our little staff into action, we carry on:

FINANCIERS FROLIC at the Chiefs' Club Sunday was fun for all who attended. Harold Hitz' 3-year-old Linda was the hit of the party, had the time of her life and enough dancing partners to satisfy any young lady. The Bowdles and Wades were there; so were Chief McAnany and his very lovely brunette wife, Chief and Mrs. Swanson, the Spencers, Digger O'Dell and his blonde Lillian, Minnie and Pop Weigel, the Sherman Thomases, Richard and Mrs. Mudd, D. E. Myrick, HM3, Shirley Street and husband Harold, who is ROTC instructor at Oakland High, Gloy Henich and her husband (he's a traffic controller at Oakland Airport), John and Mrs. Allen, the Samuelsons, the Freddy Fredenburgs, Marian Trujillo and Paul (who works at NSC), Arlies Boden and friend Bill Broderick (Foreman Mechanic at NSC), Helen Williams and friend LT Dick Marks, DC, USN. Frances Botelho was chairman of the party committee, did a grand job, had a good time with her insurance salesman husband. Bouquets too, to Tommy, who served the delicious buffet supper, and introduced his wife to his friends.

PEOPLE, PLACES, and THINGS: Doctor Joseph Forte, destined for Barstow, made his goodbye rounds last Friday but got only as far as Orinda Cross Roads. A pedestrian for the moment, he was struck down by a hit-run driver, now is on 69A with a fractured hip . . . LCDR Carrie E. Chapman, Chief of Physical Medicine, really charmed 'em when she went to London a couple of months ago. At the Congress of Physical Medicine at Kings College she was interviewed by a CinCNELM Pubinfo Officer who writes that he's sold the story to GLAMOUR MAGAZINE. Watch for it in late winter '52 or early spring '53 . . . Anna Stone, collection agent, collected her own cash last week end and treated her son Don, his fiancée and future parents-in-law to delicious rum souffle and other delicacies at Sophie's (expensive but good!) . . . LT Nairn Knott is taking his board exams in Vancouver, B.C., in anticipation of his return to civilian life . . . HMI's Gay Proper and W. E. Scott are feeling a little grandfatherish this week as one of their former students at Corps School in Great Lakes (1949) turned in on the maternity ward for a 7 lb. 8 oz. baby girl. She is Margaret H. Besnette, former HN. Her husband, Richard, HMI, is on duty at NSC, Oakland . . . Now its LT Helen R. Vukovic, NC, USNR. Her promotion came through this week.

Good-bye to Georgeanne Turner, Bainbridge, HM3, who came home to California on leave in August, got sick and has been here, on a ward and in the quarters, ever since. We kinda' hoped a transfer could be arranged, but Bainbridge wanted her back. A bon voyage too to Donna Mattox, Monzingo who left Thursday to swap her uniform for an apron, full-time.

OAK KNOLLUMNI Glenn Speidel, late of THE OAK LEAF is working on the Lincoln, Nebraska Star, moved his family into a new home, only to be ousted a week later when the owner was transferred home



Alvin C. Stromberg, AE3, USNR, of 41B and Grantsville, Utah, stopped in at the Chaplain's office this week to hand Virgil D. Sessions his five-dollar check payable to the United Fund Drive. "Navy Relief has helped me, and I know how much it means to all the other fellows to know it stands ready to help when they or their families are in need," Stromberg said in making his contribution. Navy Relief will receive 30 per cent of the hospital's total contribution to the United Fund Drive. The other 70 per cent will go to the Red Cross, the Community Chest, USO, Alameda County Heart Association, American Cancer Society, and American Arthritis and Rheumatism Foundation. Sessions is one of the three chaplain's assistants assisting with the fund drive.

Welcome and Farewell

Oak Knoll's census balanced favorably again this week, with a total of 49 persons reporting aboard for duty, and 39 leaving. Of the latter, 17 were detached to other duty stations, 13 released to inactive duty, and 9 discharged from the Naval Service.

Reporting for duty were: LT Howard W. Largerquist, MC, USN, from ComEscort-DestroyerSqdOne; LT Robert J. Cales, MC, USN, from USNH, Great Lakes, Ill.; M. G. O'Bryant, HMC, from USS HAYNS-

from somewhere. Wicked landlord was the brother of Robbie Robinson, who worked on the transfer desk of the Record Office a few short months ago. He's with the VA in Lincoln now.

SIGNS OF THE SEASON: Foggy mornings . . . Mr. Haines planning a super-de luxe menu for Thanksgiving . . . Mary Pachecho bringing bunches of grapes to her co-workers . . . Margaret Nielsen and LT Shurtleff comparing notes on African violet culture . . . chrysanthemums in bloom on the compound . . . Christmas merchandise going fast at Navy Exchange . . . Maintenance's Vi Wise spending her World Series and football winnings while fellow workers refuse to play with her any more.



WORTH; J. E. Merrill, HMC, from USNH, St. Albans, N. Y.; W. W. Thompson, HMC, from USNS, Bermuda; A. L. Steenken, HMC, from USNRS, San Francisco; J. E. Moffett, HM1, from MarRecDepot, Parris Island, N. C.; J. H. Silberer, HM1, from USS REPOSE; J. R. Dean, HM2, from 2nd MarDiv, Camp Lejeune, N. C.; F. J. Perry, HM2, from USNH, Beaufort, S. C.; R. G. Radford, HM3, from 1st MarDiv, FMF; D. P. Kildahl, HMC, from USNTC, Bainbridge, Md.; M. O. Wertley, HMC, from USNH, Corpus Christi, Tex.; HN's V. H. Trask and K. L. Mantle from 1st EvacHosp, Camp Pendleton, Calif.; W. J. Hagerty, HN, from USNH, Great Lakes, Ill.; J. F. Hembree, HN, from USNAS, Whidbey Island, Wash.; HN's J. M. Cole and R. A. Patterson, from USNH, San Diego; J. J. Severns, HN, from USNH, Mare Island, Vallejo, Calif.; and R. L. Mort, HM3, from USS HOPEWELL.

Reporting from USNHCS, San Diego, were HN's J. D. Charton and L. C. Prater; and HA's G. A. Caster, N. P. Green (W), F. G. Anderson, R. B. Hill, F. D. Pinheiro, T. T. Tallant, J. B. Weber, and G. S. Wilkins.

Coming in from USNHCS, Great Lakes, were: HN's L. E. Todd and V. G. Bege-man; and HA's L. A. Korstad, D. R. Olsen, J. B. Widener, Jr., L. D. Vanboening, D. H. Ranta, M. P. Williams, W. P. O'Donnell, T. S. Luttio, C. J. Whittling, M. F. Sheehan (W), J. G. Skaff, V. D. Smithers, R. J. Thompson, R. D. Lightfoot, and J. D. Poole.

On the debit side, those detached to other duty were: CDR Joseph A. Forte, Jr., MC, USN, to Barstow Marine Annex, Barstow, Calif.; LCDR Howard W. Hill, MC, USN, to NAS, Alameda; LT Georgia A. Jones, NC, USNR, to NAS, Alameda; LTJG Gretchen S. Hill, NC, USNR, to USNH, Guam; E. A. Cannell, HMC, and DN's D. B. Edwards and D. H. Wilmarth, to ComNav-Marianas; G. E. Wenzel, HN (W), to NavSta, Treasure Island, San Francisco; D. E. Daley, HN, to MarBks, Camp Pendleton, Oceanside, Calif.; O. E. Hilz, HMC, to NAS, Patuxent River, Md.; N. G. Phillips, HM3, to NavSchool, USNTPS, Newport; D. E. Dale, HN, to USNS, Monterey, Calif.; J. Daugherty, HN, to NSC, Oakland, Calif.; A. J. Gambini, Jr., HN, to NavShipyards, Mare Island; R. J. Melendez, HN, to NavSta, Treasure Island, San Francisco; J. C. Norris, HN, Naval Shipyards, San Francisco; and F. L. Wilson, HM3, to USNH, Mare Island, Calif.

Released from active duty were: LT Robert Pollak, MC, USNR; LT Henry B. Braekin, Jr., MC, USNR; LT William B. Jensen, Jr., MC, USNR; LT Nancy S. Tingley, NC, USNR; LTJG's Albena M. Kuntar, Margaret M. Dooley, Marie N. Oling, Lois M. Rowlands, Marion E. Watson, and Carolyn D. Woodward, all NC, USNR; and HM3's Dale Langford, Samuel G. Curtis, and Max E. Greer.

Discharged from the Navy were: HM3's Charles W. Willits, Jr., Thomas W. Manion, William H. Vandiver, and HN's George Garcia, Robert L. Harrison, Howard J. Walling, Roland I. Hinton, Jr., Floyd "E" Hughes, Jr., and Ray J. Underwood.



Proudly holding the trophies awarded them last week for winning the 12th Naval District Class B Softball Championship are these men who pitched and batted their way through district competition. They are: (front row) D. R. Hillan, E. Inzerello, O. L. Jacobson, team coach, O. I. Moss, E. Cruzan, J. R. Ferris; (back row) V. P. Irving, G. F. Davis, R. Brown, D. K. Hinds, R. L. Harrison. The men also received traveling jackets.

Bowling League Enters 4th Week

The 3 V's bowling team was out front in league standing in light of the results of last Tuesday's games. Their 4-0 win over the Ramblin' Amps gave them a total of 11 games won, and only one loss.

Also in Tuesday night's game, Dental rolled four games away from the Hits and Misses, and Special Services edged a 3-1 win over the Marines.

In the Thursday league, last week, the 5 Aces beat the Nurses, Artificial Limb beat the X-Ray team, and Laboratory downed EST.

Navy Chief Donates 40th Pint of Blood

A Chief Hospitalman, Thomas R. Turpin, aboard the USS CHIKASKIA, recently donated his 40th pint of blood to the Red Cross.

His latest donation, which credits him with a total of five gallons, was given at the Mare Island Blood Bank. The previous 39 pints donated by the chief were given at a wide variety of places around the world.

143 Sew on New Rating Stripes

The final list of those who were eligible for advancement in rating on 16 Oct. has been released. In addition to the following list of those who sewed on their new stripes and badges this week, J. C. Alexander and C. R. May have been notified they passed their tests and are authorized to advance to the next higher pay grade, and K. T. Maxwell passed a substantiating examination for re-enlistment in the regular Navy in his present pay grade.

To HM1: A. P. Chipman, O. C. Langston. To HM2: G. O. Greene, L. I. Green, D. R. Hillan, A. J. Jackson, R. S. McKinnon, N. J. Paredes, C. B. Romero, L. M. Clark, P. T. Grier, T. E. Lucas, D. K. Richardson. To DT2: R. J. Balfour.

To HM3: G. O. Anderson, G. J. Barton, E. A. Barcel, A. E. Basques, C. G. Benard, F. D. Biddle, M. M. Blatchley (W), J. M. Brown, R. J. Brown, R. Brown, W. J. Browning, R. O. Brady, L. E. Bussell, R. I. Buckley, J. R. Callaway, B. L. Carpenter, M. A. Christensen, P. N. Cooper, J. S. Cuning, J. Daugherty, Jr., E. A. Derrick, D. O. Dunahue, J. N. Erdahl, L. L. Eslinger.

R. C. Farmer, J. L. Fidler, W. F. Finney, O. C. Fosback, B. H. Foley, J. E. Foust, N. J. Frazee, A. J. Gambini, H. M. Geisecke, S. H. Gore (W), L. K. Gregory, S. F. Griffith, C. M. Gunn, J. L. Guiver, R. J. Haselback, C. A. Haynes, J. L. Henderson, R. C. Hendley, O. V. Heath, L. J. Hickman, J. D. Holdeman, J. A. Hughes, R. C. Hubley, J. H. Huff, V. L. Hughes (W), R. D. Hunt, C. V. Isaac.

H. G. Jackson, R. H. Jones, R. H. Jones, T. J. Kadusky, D. J. Kauderer, A. M. Kerr (W), G. D. Kendall, J. E. Kehler, M. Kyrioglou (W), G. R. Larion, H. R. Landry, G. W. Leishman, J. L. LeBlanc (W), D. W. Lindsey, L. L. Loveless, G. R. Lukefahr, E. E. Lucero, B. S. Lyndon, T. D. Mank, C. M. Marshall, E. N. Matsui, T. J. McKenna, D. A. McClure, J. W. McKelvey, K. E. McCormick (W), C. R. McFarland, R. L. Mecham, R. W. Meissner, G. Meyer, G. M. Mirosol (W), J. R. Miller, W. F. Moyer, D. E. Myrick, M. C. Napoli.

R. W. Newman, W. Nickel, C. M. Northam, S. A. Nowacki, J. A. Osborne, H. L. Persell, C. G. Pyler, H. H. Powell, J. J. Powell, R. E. Prusso, D. J. Rawson, H. E. Riel, M. W. Rucker, C. E. Shoen, J. R. Shraf, J. G. Shoenbachler, W. C. Shellenberger, R. G. Sims, R. L. Sloat, A. B. Smith, F. T. Smith, R. J. Snelson, A. B. Spensley, H. W. Strickland, G. L. Storey, E. J. Trnka, L. R. Trujillo, K. E. Vivian, R. L. Wade, M. C. Walter, L. A. Warner, I. J. Wheat, J. P. Smith, W. J. Hagerty, W. R. Alsbaugh. To DT3: J. D. Bailey, E. L. Forbes, K. D. Shields. To JO3: D. L. Linsea (W).

Football Games, Dances Available to Patients

The Alameda County Employees' Association has invited 20 patients to attend the Policeman's Ball and Stage Show in Alameda tonight (Saturday). Bus leaves at 1900.

Saturday, 25 October, VFW Post 1010 has invited 20 patients to bring wives or dates to the Cooties Fund Fall Frolic in Emeryville.

Football Team Gets 1 Win, 1 Loss

The hospital football team's win and loss tally broke even in the last two games played. Thursday, 9 Oct., they walloped the NAS Moffett Field team 31-6, but on Tuesday, 14 Oct., they lost to Port Chicago 26-13.

It was Moffett's second defeat in face of Oak Knoll's small but determined team. With only seven men on the home team, the hospital defeated the team from "down south," although Moffett used the two-platoon system.

Halfback Bruce Peterson ran two touchdowns, quarterback Jim Phillips passed to end Jim Ritter for another, fullback Tony Basques ran over the line for a score, and Phillips passed the ball to halfback Jim Pitzer for another. The only conversion was made when Basques threw the ball to Don Hines for the extra point.

In the Port Chicago game, played there, the hospital team was again faced with the two platoon system, this time used more effectively.

A pass from Basques to Ritter racked up the first touchdown, making the halftime score 13-7 in favor of the opposition. In the second half, a pass from Basques to Strickland put the ball over to give the home team its second touchdown. The extra point was made by Basques.

The team was to meet Alameda here on Thursday, but the game was not played in time for the scores to be available for publication.

The hospital's standing is now four wins and two losses. The first game was won over Moffett, and the second forfeited by Port Chicago.

PREVIEWS

Sunday, 19 October
THE TURNING POINT—William Holden, Edmond O'Brien, Alexis Smith, **CRIME PROBE**. The plot deals with the efforts of an idealistic crime investigator to rid his city of racketeers. O'Brien plays a law professor assigned to head a crime commission; Holden: his newspaper reporter friend who helps him. Miss Smith is the assistant and romantic interest. Rating: Good.

Monday, 20 October
WARPATH—Edmond O'Brien, Dean Jagger, **REVENGE**. Loaded with drama and suspense, the film tells of a former Union Army officer who's out to revenge the murder of his fiancée. Rating: Very good.

Tuesday, 21 October
PRISONER OF ZENDA—Stewart Granger, Deborah Kerr, James Mason, **ADVENTURE**. A drama of intrigue in a mythical European kingdom in the last century, told with superb acting.

Wednesday, 22 October
FARGO—Bill Elliott, Phyllis Coates, **WESTERN**. The story concerns the introduction of barbed wire on the western plains and has ridin', shootin', and plenty of wide open spaces. Rating: Very good.

Thursday, 23 October
BLAZING FOREST—John Payne, Susan Morrow, **DRAMA**. Payne, hard to work for boss of a timber crew clearing property belonging to Agnes Moorehead and Miss Morrow, is secretly working to pay off money stolen by his no-good brother. Just as the money is nearly paid back, the brother is killed in an accident which sets the forest afire. In the end, Payne's true motives are found out and he and Miss Morrow fall in love.

Friday, 24 October
WAY OF A GAUCHO—Gene Tierney, Rory Calhoun, **DRAMA**. Calhoun is a rugged Argentine gaucho who carries aristocratic Miss Tierney off to a life of outlawry with him. Inevitably she insists they get married, but as they make their way to the church, he is captured. A short prison term is indicated, however, and with it, the promise of an eventual happy ending.

Saturday, 25 October
TRIO—Jean Simmons, Michael Rennie, series of Somerset Maugham's incompatible short stories. The picture is British, released by Paramount, and is rated excellent.

Staff Personalities

Although he insists women are his main interest, LT Kenneth Tessler, DC, UCNR, admits that he also has a mild interest in photography, cooking, and travel. LT Tessler, an Assistant Dental Officer, has been here since last July. He was in the Navy for two years during WWII, and was recalled to active duty in Oct. 1950.

He has had duty at USNTC, San Diego, and at El Toro, Calif., and was with the 1st Marine Air Wing in Korea just prior to coming here. A native of St. Louis, Mo., he is a graduate of the St. Louis University School of Dentistry and did graduate work in oral surgery at the University of Illinois in Chicago.



A nurse who, by choice it would seem, just can't get out of the Navy, is LT Lula A. Unch, NC, USNR, staff nurse on Ward 52. She first enlisted in 1942, was a civilian for a few months in '46 and '47, was a civilian again for a few months last year, came back for more last March and was sent here. She has had duty at Quonset Point, R.I., the Naval Hos-

pitals at St. Albans and Philadelphia, and served aboard the USS SANCTUARY during WWII. She is from Clearfield, Pa., received her nurse's training in that state, and was stationed in "Phillie" for three years. Her interests encompass nearly everything . . . principally people.



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Although she can't read them herself, Mrs. Pat Aldridge, blind actress, displays a big smile while she opens up some of the 500 letters she's received so far from her fans in San Quentin prison.

Actress Cheered By Prison Inmates

It's an unusual occurrence when one person receives 500 letters in a few days, and it's really news when all of those letters are from men in San Quentin prison. To make the story even better, the young woman on the receiving end of the letters is Pat Aldridge, blind actress and Navy dependent on Ward 40A.

To begin at the beginning, Pat lived at San Quentin when she was a child, while her father worked on the staff there. Later, when she became an actress, giving performances on the legitimate stage and for radio and TV shows, she went back frequently with the Blind Actors Guild to put on a show for the men at the prison. She was, in fact, a member of the first troupe to play at San Quentin and permission for the group to appear was given as a favor to her.

When acting warden Douglas Rigg learned that she was in the hospital, he announced over the public address system that all prisoners would be allowed to write one letter more than their usual quota . . . if that extra letter was to Pat. The letters she has received are a tribute from what Pat calls "the most appreciative audience I've ever played to."

Her husband is Chief Boatswain's Mate Robert J. Aldridge, who travels between the United States, Hawaii, and the Far East with the Military Air Transport Service.

Mrs. Aldridge became blind seven years ago, but despite the handicap, she not only continues her career as an actress, but also writes a regular column in "Friday," a San Francisco news-magazine, and has had articles published in other magazines.

Patients to Meet Baseball Stars

Forty Knollites (patients and staff) have been invited to a football game between City College of San Francisco and San Mateo Junior College at Kezar Stadium today (Saturday). The bus will leave Community Services Building at 1230.

Tomorrow two busloads of patients will head for the Oakland Baseball Park in Emeryville to see the Elks' Charity Baseball Game which will feature such famous names as Mickey Mantle, Jackie Jensen, Yogi Berra, Ferris Fain, Billy Martin and Casey Stengel. Gate prizes at the game will include trips to Honolulu, Mexico City and Sun Valley, to say nothing of a Chrysler automobile. Members of the Alameda Elks Club and the Alameda County Employees' Association are donating choice seats for the game, with plenty of refreshments. The bus will leave at 12:30.

The County Employees are also providing 40 tickets for the Grand National Livestock Exposition, Horse-show, and Rodeo at the Cow Palace in San Francisco, Friday night, 31 October. Again, transportation will be provided.

Hospital Mourns Shipmate's Death

Members of the staff were saddened this week by the news that their shipmate, Joseph George Heid, HM2, USN, who had served in the Artificial Limb department for the past 14 months, had been instantly killed in an automobile accident near Vallejo Saturday morning.

Heid was 24 years old. He is survived by his wife, Joanne, and their four children, the youngest not yet two months old.

The young hospital corpsman will be buried at the National Cemetery at Fort Rosecrans, San Diego, and Mrs. Heid plans to seek a home for her family somewhere in Southern California. While at Oak Knoll they lived at Santa Cruz Island Village.

Flag Flies At Half Mast For Former SecNav

The flag flew at half mast this week to honor the memory of Francis P. Matthews, U.S. Ambassador to Ireland and former Secretary of the Navy.

Mr. Matthews died suddenly at his home in Omaha, Nebraska, at the age of 65. He was there on vacation and had planned to return soon to Dublin.



Pinkie B. Orr, chief mess attendant in the commissary since 1947, this week received a \$10 award from the Commanding Officer for a simple suggestion to install new type soap dispensers in the commissary. After the usual tax deduction, Pinkie had \$8, presented to her by the Commanding Officer, which she plans to turn over to the United Fund Drive this week. Mrs. Orr will celebrate her tenth anniversary at Oak Knoll next February. In addition to doing an outstanding job here, she is a successful mother and grandmother. Her daughter and son-in-law, Lottie and Theodore Hackney, are members of the commissary staff.

Fund Drive Reaches Half-Way Mark; Six Hospital Groups Give 100%

Military and civilian personnel at Oak Knoll had contributed \$4,000 to the United Fund Drive up until last night, as contributions continued to come in slowly but surely. Solicitors and members of the executive committee were hopeful that by the end of next week (halfway mark in the drive) the total would reach \$5,000—just half of the \$10,000 goal set for the hospital.

Leading the male officers' groups were those of the Dental Department, who have given 100 per cent, with an average donation of \$18.70. Solicitor for the department was CWOHC Robert C. Davies, USN, Administrative Assistant to Captain Van Zile.

Other outstanding divisions, where contributions were proportionately generous, were the Fire Department, where Chief J. O. Raser, Emory Pettigrew, and E. E. Nelson collected an average of \$4.87 from fellow firemen, and the Laundry, where Margaret

Amaral, head seamstress, and John Miller, Jr., Superintendent, collected \$145.25—an average of \$3.16. Joseph Perez is another successful solicitor. He collected \$19 from the four civilian workers in Physiotherapy and Occupational Therapy.

Civilians in the Personnel and Records Division and the NP Service came through in fine style just in time to make THE OAK LEAF deadline. Forty-eight Record and Personnel workers averaged \$4.68, bringing in a total of \$225. Collectors were Betty Winsby, Rayma Burgess, Elizabeth Tomm, Tommie Delahouse, and Frances LeCocq. In NP Service Helen Cupper collected \$110 from 19 persons—an average of \$5.78.

Each of these groups has given 100 per cent. Nurse Corps solicitors had not all reported, but to date \$861 had been turned in, according to LT Delma Linville, who is acting as key solicitor while LT Marian Poulter is on leave.

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† † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

Little Mary, aged seven, was longer than usual saying her night prayers, and her mother, wondering why the delay, asked her the reason. Mary replied, "I was praying that God would make all bad people good and all good people nice."

Our love of God must show itself in our love of neighbor. Of course it will be hard to love anyone else if we spend all our love on ourselves. When you look back over some arguments you have heard you might find that each person was interested not in learning something, but in seeing that his own opinion won. We all want to be right, but the trouble comes when we want to make sure that everyone knows we are right.

The proud man is never kind to his neighbor and, in fact, he has the least chance of being Christian in anything he does. If we are going to be followers of Christ we must be humble. The proud man may think that he is "good," but he can never be "nice" in the way that little Mary prayed for, unless he defrosts himself with the warm virtue of humility.

"Learn of me, because I am meek and humble of heart," says Christ, and this is the lesson which will show us how to be Christlike toward our neighbor. Sickness levels even the greatest man in a community. Let your sickness root out proud thoughts and make you ever humble like your Creator.

E. J. FORD
Catholic Chaplain

Three Station-Keeper Billets Open For Soon-To-Be-Discharged HM2's

Twelfth Naval District has announced that there are three station-keeper billets open to men who can qualify for the job. One HM2 is needed in Fresno, Calif., an HM2 is needed in San Jose, Calif., and another HM2 billet is open in Reno, Nevada.

Men with the qualifying rate, who are due for discharge or for release to inactive duty in the near future may transfer to V-6 status and volunteer specifically for any of the

Joe: "Which would you rather give up— wine or women?"

Moe: "That depends on the vintage."

three stations of their choice.

The billets are unique in that they carry no service time obligation. If, at any time, a person on station-keeper duty wishes to terminate his duty, he may request release.

Chaplain's Corps Inspector Makes Third Visit to Hospital; Emphasizes Good Results of Teamwork In Corps' Mission

Rear Admiral Thornton C. Miller, CHC, USN, Chaplain's Corps Inspector, visited the hospital Monday. His visit here was part of a two-week tour of Twelfth Naval District installations to which chaplains are assigned. Upon his return to Washington, D.C., he will make a report to various Naval Districts, suggesting ways chaplains may fulfill their mission even better... their mission of meeting the religious and personal needs of the men and women in the service.

Admiral Miller stated in an interview that he was very gratified with the way chaplains are now fulfilling their purpose. He attributed the success of religious programs in the Navy to the close cooperation among the different denominations within the Chaplain's Corps. He said the results of all faiths working together for the benefit of service personnel have proven, in many instances, to be more successful than civilian religious groups which often work individually with only their own denomination.

Red Cross Ramblings

The ward movie schedule for next week features the "Washington Story," a drama with Van Johnson and Patricia Neal, and "Fearless Fagan," a comedy starring Janet Leigh and Carleton Carpenter. Watch for one of these full-length movies on your ward.

JEWISH WELFARE FEDERATION PARTIES

One of the most unusual parties provided for patients on the wards is that given by the Jewish Welfare Federation of Oakland once each month. A typical evening's entertainment includes games and a fine assortment of prizes for many lucky patients. Seasonal fruits provide a treat for the eyes as well as delighting the palate. The Jewish Welfare Federation ladies have the added distinction of being one of the most faithful and regular of service groups from the community. This group was among the first to provide a pleasant, organized evening's entertainment for the patients of this hospital and they have continued this service for many years.

TALKING DOG!

It is actually a fact that when Tom Robson says, "Speak, Pal," his dog, Pal, does speak! Not only that, but Pal adds, divides, multiplies, and subtracts and can tell you his age, just in case you were wondering how old he is! Tom Robson and his talking dog have appeared in approximately fifty theaters and in Hollywood. They will be at Oak Knoll on Monday, 27 October, in the Red Cross Lounge at 1930. Mr. C. E. Wilson, of the Associated Sportsmen's Group, who has arranged this program, also has some other wonderful entertainment planned for you. The Melody Belles, four lovely girls, will appear to sing as a quartet, and you shouldn't have to muse long to know that they are naturals to provide music that is really sharp! So come over to the lounge this Monday night and enjoy a grand program.

Officers Plan Halloween Party

Jack-O-lanterns, ghosts, and goblins will all be there when officers and their wives arrive at the club on the night of 1 November for the annual Hallowe'en costume party.

Prizes for the best man's costume, the best lady's, and the best couple's will be awarded at the close of the evening, and a beautiful door prize will go to the holder of the lucky number.

Dancing will begin at 2100 and continue through 0100; the snack bar will be open at 2300; baby sitters will be on hand—all this for \$1.00 per person.

34 ADVANCED TO HN's

Personnel whose advancement from HA to HN became effective on 16 October are: R. T. Armstrong, M. Boot, G. A. Brinkerhoff, W. D. Casey, G. A. Chaplain, V. D. Deaver, F. H. Duffie, M. F. Edmonds, R. F. Flood, R. I. Greene, R. E. Hatfield, J. D. Hicks, J. S. Hood, V. L. Huber, L. P. Judd, N. J. Kertamus, L. A. Korstad, C. Lee, D. D. Lewis, R. A. McIntyre, V. Marchette, J. E. Michaels, W. W. Miller, D. J. Murphy, D. R. Olsen, G. E. Patterson, N. S. Preston, W. F. Prosser, R. A. Roberts, M. L. Simmons, W. R. Snavely, L. T. Sylvania, J. B. Widener, and G. T. Yochbet.

VA Library Director Visits Here Briefly

Foster Mohrhardt, Director of Library Service for the Special Services division of the Veterans Administration, Washington, D.C., stopped here Thursday for a quick look at the Oak Knoll libraries—Crew's and Medical. While in California he will visit libraries in hospitals wherever veterans are under treatment.

The "O" that precedes many Irish names is believed to be a corruption of the Irish "ua," "ogha" in Gaelic, meaning a grandson.

Divine Services

Hospital Chapel at Main Gate

PROTESTANT

BIBLE SCHOOL—SUNDAY 0945
SUNDAY WORSHIP—1030
Evening Gospel Service—1900—Singing,
Evangelistic Message, Fellowship Hour
CHOIR REHEARSAL—1930 Thursday
HOLY COMMUNION—First Sunday
morning each month.

L. D. S. SERVICE

SUNDAY — 0900 in Staff Conference
Room, Administration Bldg., Annex.

CATHOLIC

SUNDAY MASSES
0600-0800-0900-1200
DAILY MASSES — 1150 and 1630
Confessions before Mass
Catholic Oratory in back of Chapel
Choir Rehearsal—Tuesday 1900
CHAPLAIN'S OFFICES IN
CHAPEL AND 67A
NAVY RELIEF OFFICE—
IN CHAPEL

BUS TO AND FROM CHAPEL, ON
SUNDAYS 0845 and 1015



While making his third annual visit to the hospital, Rear Admiral Thornton C. Miller, CHC, USN (third from left), sees the new chimes that were recently given to the chapel. Chaplains pictured with him are (left to right): LCDR C. B. Knight, CDR J. A. Whitman, LCDR L. C. Vosseler, and LT R. S. Jenkins.



The Oak Knoll Chapel was the scene of another wedding Monday, 20 Oct., when LT James M. Keelin, Navy amputee patient on Ward 69A, was married to Miss Edna Perry. Best man was Louis J. Smid, CHSCLK, USN, and the maid of honor was LT Sarah J. Griffin, NC, USN. The officiating chaplain was LT R. E. Jenkins, CHC, USN. Keelin and his bride are honeymooning in the Sierras and will continue on to their home town of Atlanta, Georgia.

"Navy Day" Gone But Not Forgotten

Although the date, 27 October, will go unnoticed in most quarters, there are many "old salts" who will remember when it was known throughout the nation as "Navy Day." And at Oak Knoll 25 Korea casualties will celebrate the day by attending a Navy Day Luncheon at the Commercial Club, San Francisco. Admiral Martin, ComAirPac, will be the speaker, and COL Fred Baldwin of the Navy League will be host to the patients.

"Armed Forces Day" replaced Navy Day three years ago so that the nation could pay homage to all the services at the same time, but since then, though there has been no general fanfare, the Navy League has continued to honor the Navy on 27 October.

This date was selected for Navy Day for two reasons: it commemorates the historic date in 1775 when the Continental Congress received a bill providing for the creation of a fleet to protect a young and struggling station; it also marks the birthday of President Theodore Roosevelt who has been called "The Father of the Modern Navy."

Give to the United Fund Drive!



"Quit followin' ME!"

SCUTTLEBUTT

SIGNS OF THE SEASON: J. S. Edwards, HM2, Beckstead, HM3, Chief and Mrs. Morrison, Chief Rich, Ex-security Chief Mecum and his lovely girlfriend, Mary, warming their spirits at the nearby Oak Knoll Club . . . Special Services' Edna Rowan picturing herself in the fur stole her Santa Claus has already selected to put under the Christmas tree . . . Margaret King (Maintenance Trouble Desk clerk) writing from her home in the East that she and her two tow-headed children are finding Philly chilly but just as wonderful as ever . . . Smoky Stover making his lonely rounds of the Eastbay bistros . . . leaves falling, noses blowing . . . Thoralf Larsen, gate guard, hugging himself to keep warm.

PEOPLE, PLACES AND THINGS: David H. Ranta, HS, 44B, late of Superior State College, Superior, Wisconsin, is a superior fellow. He averaged 97.8 in a class of 51 at HCS at Great Lakes . . . Auburn-haired Rayma Burgess of the Medical Board turned in her resignation Tuesday, is making plans for a 28 November wedding. The groom and the man who gave her that beautiful diamond is Robert L. Stolebarger, AT1, of USNAS, Alameda . . . LTJG Virginia Jennings, p.m. nurse on 78A, is also dazzling her friends with a new diamond, gift of LT Alan D. Watson, MC, USN, USNH San Diego staff. They met at St. Albans in '48, met again at Yokosuka; will meet at the altar next February . . . WAVE Carol Mizejewski has changed her name to Mrs. Marten . . . Marian Beazie, Helen Anderson and Jackie LeBlanc are planning to change theirs in the near future . . . LTJG Louis M. Ellis, DC, USN, dropped the JG and sewed on another half-stripe this week and Ensigns Mary L. Horsman, Myrtle A. Neth and Valerie Pfeiffer, of the Nurse Corps, were promoted to JG's . . . "Ed Bourdase Goes Berserk at Berkeley" was the headline in the California Bowling News for October 24. Ed, who bowled 736, a current Northern California high, went 36 missless frames for a 925 Classic League record 277, 258 and 201, is the son of Edna (Administrative Officer's secretary) and Henry (Pharmacy chauffeur) Bourdase.

LIFE BEGINS AT OAK KNOLL: Many were the cigars smoked this week as LTJG Robert C. Doerpinghaus, Assistant Maintenance Officer, became the father of a baby girl, Dianne, born 17 October; George F. Davis, HM1, Bloodbank, celebrated the arrival of Dorothy Elizabeth on the 15th, and Leslie Anderson, HM1, announced the birth of his third child, Patricia Gail, on the 16th. Jerry Davis, civilian, peddled cigars from the laundry truck as he made his rounds, announcing the arrival of Jerry Junior.

OAK KNOLLUMNI: Word from Tom Newsom, former personnel assistant (Hal Boyle's predecessor) indicates he and his wife Elaine have had enough of Guam and will come home via China and points of interest in Europe, and may work here and there to pay expenses . . . Rumor has it that Bob Rampton, former Oak Leaf and Pubinfo man, has left his radio job for a Pubinfo billet at Hill Air Force Base near Salt Lake City.

Give to the United Fund Drive!

FIRST EDITION of the STATION PAPER U.S. NAVAL HOSPITAL - OAKLAND, CAL. YOU NAME IT !!

"This is the first issue of what we hope will prove to be a very useful paper. Its function is to disseminate information and provide amusement for our patients and Staff. To be successful it must have the support of all of us. God speed the YOU NAME IT !!"

F. R. HOOK (MC) U.S.N. Commanding Officer.

PRIZE ????????????????????? PRIZE

A prize will be given for the most suitable name for Your Paper. The contest is open to everyone. COME ON MATES--Think fast (all mental strain patients will be sent free of charge to Dr. Sowers) and let us hear from you. Q. Who'll take care of Dr. Sowers if he enters the contest? A. Censored.

Turn your entrys in to the Chaplain's Office not later than Wed. Oct. 28-2400. Watch for the name of the winner. WILL IT BE YOU??

KNOW YOUR OFFICERS

- Captain F. R. Hook (MC) Commanding Officer
- Captain P. P. Maher (MC) Executive Officer
- Commander G. W. Smith (MC) Clinical Director
- Lt. Comdr. B. F. Sowers (MC) Chief of Surgeons
- Lt. Comdr. R. F. McLaughlin (MC) Chief of Medicine
- Lieut. (jg) Ruth E. Cleaver Chief Nurse

This was the acorn . . . Ten years ago this week, the hospital published its first paper, a four-page mimeographed edition entitled "You Name It." Someone did name it—"The Oak Leaf."

SecNav Commends Bloor Donor Center On Achievements During First Year

In connection with the first anniversary date of the nation's Navy Blood Donor Centers, the Secretary of Defense has extended the following commendation:

"Each of the U. S. Navy Blood Donor Centers has contributed immeasurably to the success during the past year of the Armed Forces Blood Donor Program, and each has an important role to play in the new National Blood Program now getting underway. It is worthy of note that even during the summer slump in blood collections, quotas at the U. S. Navy Blood Donor Centers have been admirably maintained to a very high degree.

The anniversary date of these centers is considered an appropriate

time to give recognition to all personnel who have given so unstintingly of their time and effort to assure success of the blood program. I would appreciate your extending to the Commanding Officer of each base or station on which a Navy Blood Donor Center is located the congratulations and the gratitude of the Department of Defense for a job well done by the members of his command.

vs/ Robert A. Lovett." The commendation was relayed through Admiral H. L. Pugh, Chief of the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, and Rear Admiral A. H. Dearling, Twelfth Naval District Medical Officer, both of whom forwarded the letter with their own congratulations to Oak Knoll.

Welcome and Farewell

Business was comparatively slow in the incoming-outgoing section this week. The balance reverted unfavorably again, with only ten reporting for duty, while nine were detached, five were released to inactive duty, and one was separated from the Naval Service.

Reporting for duty were: LTJG Roger C. Wilde, MC, USNR, from inactive duty; ENS Edwin B. Miller, MSC, USN, from Supply Annex, Barstow, Calif.; W. M. Hendry, HMC, and H. Taylor, HM2, from patient status here at Oak Knoll; J. F. Stephan, HM3, from 1st Marine Division, FPO, San Francisco; HA's L. S. Shortz and A. J. Mertens, from USNHCS, Great Lakes; and HA's D. E. Davidson, J. E. Dye, and F. L. Moseley, from USNHCS, San Diego.

Detached were: LTJG Thomas W. Burns, MC, USNR, to U.S. Naval Medical Research Unit No. 3, Cairo, Egypt; L. C. Jones, HM3, and R. L. Crabtree, HN, to NAD, Hawthorne, Nev.; A2/c W. E. Sullins, Jr., USAF, to Sheppard AFB, Wichita Falls, Tex.; A2/c L. F. Schrouder, USAF, to Scott AFB, Belleville, Ill.; HN's J. R. Black and J. R. Ferris, to MarBks, Camp Pendleton, Oceanside, Calif.; J. D. Mirchich, Jr., HN, to OCS, USNTPS, Newport, R. I.; and R. D. McLaughlin, HM2, to NAS, Alameda.

Dale I. DeBoer, HM2, was released from active duty.

Discharged from the Navy were: HM3's Robert L. O'Connor, Raymond D. Brown, and Donna M. Mattox; and Christopher Giraldez, Jr., HN.



Two men shared the honorman spotlight when the Operating Room Technicians class of nine men graduated last Friday, 10 Oct. T. E. Matthews and E. C. Henry, both HM3's, tied for first place with final averages of 97.0 for the six-month instruction period. The class is pictured here shortly after receiving their graduation certificates from CAPT R. S. Silvis, Chief of Surgery. They are: (front row) A. J. Gambini, D. E. Dale, R. J. Melendez, and T. E. Matthews, (second row) E. C. Henry, J. Daugherty, F. L. Wilson, D. J. Kauderer, and J. C. Norris. Standing are: ENS M. Croteau, instructress; CAPT Silvis; and LT E. M. Daughtry, O. R. Supervisor.

Football Team Beats Alameda, 11; Makes Record Score Second Time

The Oak Knoll football team claimed victory over teams from two of the biggest threats in the district, in its last two games.

Last Thursday eight Knoll players battled NAS Alameda's two-platoon system to a 20-6 victory, making not only another win for our side, but spelling Alameda's first defeat since this season's league began.

Play during the first half of the game ended with a score of 6-0 in Alameda's favor. Then, by using variations of the spread and double wing, and by bottling up their running game, the home team started racking up the score.

Tony Basques played his usual outstanding game; he passed the ball to Bruce Peterson for the first touchdown, passed again to Bill Strickland

for the second TD, and ran over the goal line for the first conversion point. Jim Phillips passed to Strickland for the last six-pointer, and Basques passed the ball to Jim Ritter for the final point.

Peterson was outstanding, running and receiving passes; Strickland played a good game, both on offense and defense, and the whole team turned in a good performance to beat the tough Alameda players.

On Tuesday, playing the Treasure Island team, Oak Knoll piled up a 60-0 win, not only beating what in other years has been a formidable opponent, but bettering their own scoring record. In the season's first game, played against NAS Moffett, the hospital team won, 60-24, making the highest score ever recorded by any Oak Knoll touch football team.

In the Treasure Island game, Basques was again outstanding, as he passed the ball for six touchdowns, and had a hand in making five of the conversions.

The opposing team, composed of men from a ship docked at Treasure Island, was defeated practically from the beginning, and the score at the half was 26-0.

The hospital's ten men played an inspired game, according to team coach W. V. Johnson. Basques passed to Ritter for two touchdowns, to Peterson for two more, to Pitzer and to Strickland for one each; he passed to Pitzer, Strickland, and Ritter for extra points.

Phillips ran for a touchdown, and made one of the extra points in another play, and Peterson ran over the line for still another score.

One of the big plays of the game was when Don Hines returned a punt and ran 65 yards to make the fourth touchdown.

A Park Avenue doctor's overdue bills now bear a sticker reading: "Long time no fee."

Standings Change In Kegler Play

Bowling team standings were shuffled around as a result of games played Thursday, 16 Oct. and Tuesday, 21 Oct.

In Thursday night's games, EST School beat X-Ray 4-0 to bring their total wins and losses up to 6 and 6. Artificial Limb took all 4 games from the Nurse's team to tally 8 wins and 4 losses. The Laboratory vs. 5 aces games were protested and will be replayed.

In Tuesday's games, the Dental

PREVIEWS

Sunday, 26 October
SOMETHING FOR THE BIRDS—Victor Mature, Patricia Neal, Edmund Gwenn. **COMEDY.** Miss Neal, a bird fancier, goes to Washington hoping to get a law passed to save the last remaining sanctuary of an almost-extinct bird. She is aided in her campaign by Edmund Gwenn, Washington's most successful party-crasher, and opposed by Mr. Mature, a lobbyist for the other side.

Monday, 27 October
CLANCY STREET BOY—Eastside Kids. Another in the series of movies about the "boys from the wrong side of the tracks who harbor hearts of gold beneath their rough exteriors." No information on the plot is available.

Tuesday, 28 October
THE IRON MISTRESS—Alan Ladd, Virginia Mayo. Ladd's latest, based on the popular novel by Paul Wellman.

Wednesday, 29 October
SEA TIGER—John Archer, Marguerite Chapman. **ACTION DRAMA.** The title is derived from the name of a freighter, owned by Miss Chapman and a man who is supposedly murdered by the ship's captain (John Archer). In proving his innocence, Archer uncovers a hidden fortune on the ship, points the finger of guilt at the real culprits, and falls in love with Miss Chapman. **Rating: Good.**

Thursday, 30 October
BLACK CASTLE—Richard Greene, Boris Karloff, Lon Chaney. A Halloween special. This one's not scheduled for public release until December, and although we have no advance synopsis of it, it sounds like a real Frankenstein-Wolf Man thriller.

Friday, 31 October
THE SAVAGE—Charlton Heston, Susan Morrow. **WESTERN-DRAMA.** A different approach to the old Indian-against-White-Man idea. Heston portrays a white boy who is reared by a Sioux Chief and sent to spy on white men settling the territory. He is torn between loyalty to his tribe and dawning sympathy with his new comrades, and his final decisions spark plenty of action. **Rating: Good.**

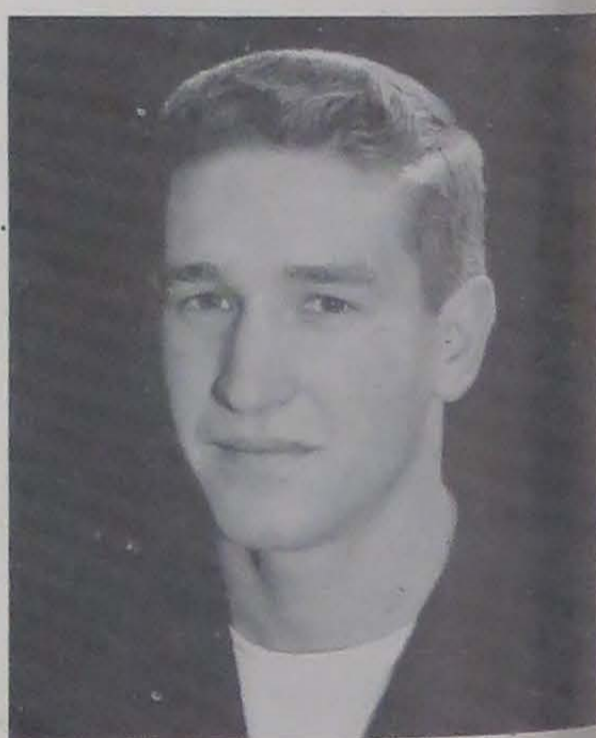
Saturday, 1 November
FISHERMAN'S WHARF—Leo Carillo. The title rings a local bell, but we could find no information on this film in the files.

five beat the Marines 3-1, giving them 12 wins and 4 losses to date. The 3V's now hold 14 victories against only 2 losses, after taking 3 out of 4 from the Special Services team. The Ramblin' Amps beat the Hits and Misses 4-0, to bring their total wins up to 5

Staff Personalities

One who plans to indulge in his favorite sport, and lend his assistance to the hospital's basketball team line-up this season is John McKelvey, who was one of those to sew on a new HM3 stripe last week. John has been here since last January, working first on chest diseases (63A), and now with the allergy clinic in Ward 63B.

He hails from Dallas, Texas, and was majoring in business administration at North Texas State College before coming in the Navy. He'll continue his education when he gets out of the service. After enlisting in April 1951, he was sent to San Diego for recruit training and to Great Lakes to Corps School.



A real old-timer at Oak Knoll who recalls that he came here just six years ago this month, is Edwin Anderson, more commonly known as "Andy." He is driving instructor and examiner with the Transportation Department, and is one of two men who administer Navy Drivers License Tests. This is his third "hitch" with the Navy . . . the others were when he was an electrician at Mare Island Naval Shipyard, and at Shoemaker. Uniform-wise, he spent three and a half years in the Army during World War II. He is married, lives in Hayward and is a native South Dakotan who has claimed California as his home since 1937.



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LT Calvin Rains, USN

From Fighter Pilot To "Sky Pilot"

LT Calvin Rains, USN, fighter pilot with Fast Carrier Task Force 38 in the South Pacific for 12 months during World War II, will soon be LT Calvin Rains, CHC, USN.

It was while he was piloting a fighter plane in action against the enemy that LT Rains decided to make the ministry and the Navy his life work. He felt that the work of a chaplain is more constructive than any other type of work he might undertake.

In 1946 when LT Rains was released from the service, he immediately began his theological training at St. Mary's College, Moraga. Since then he has had work at the Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, Oklahoma, and graduate training at Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary in Berkeley.

In August when the lieutenant returned to active duty to submit his resignation from the line and apply for the Chaplains Corps, he had completed six years of theological study and a course that normally takes seven years.

Attached temporarily to the 12ND Chaplains Office, LT Rains recently spent several days at Oak Knoll and will observe the work of the chaplains on duty at various commands in this area.

"Victory At Sea" New Show On TV

The Navy Department this week announced that the first program of "Victory At Sea," a series of 26 half-hour documentary television programs on the Navy's role in World War II, is scheduled for tomorrow, 2 November, at 1030 on KRON.

The series, a dramatic presentation with musical background by Richard Rodgers, is highly recommended to all Naval personnel.

\$5,000 To Go In Fund Drive Collections Lag At Halfway Point

Contributions to the United Fund Drive to date total \$5,000, Captain F. P. Kreuz, Chairman, announced yesterday.

This figure, only half of the \$10,000 goal set for Oak Knoll, probably represents donations of about 50 per cent of the military and civilian staffs, Captain Kreuz said.

Noteworthy among the figures reported at a meeting of the executive committee Wednesday was the \$1,005 turned in so far by Nurse Corps officers and the \$350 contributed by the 25 Medical Service Corps officers who have contributed to date. LT Delma Linville is in charge of Nurse Corps solicitation and LT F. R. DuChanois is collecting for the Medical Service Corps. Among the civilian solicitors another 100 per cent department was reported. This was the Dependent Service with Mrs. Anna P. Stone as solicitor.

Those who have not already given their share to the drive are asked to take another look at the purposes of this big drive, which will continue through the month of November.

The UFD, a part of the East Bay United Crusade, is not just another campaign. It is a campaign that unites the fund raising efforts of numerous agencies, and those who contribute to it are giving to:

- (1) The American Cancer Society, which each year saves countless lives through a program of research, public education and direct services.
- (2) The Alameda County Heart Association, an organization that brings new hope to thousands through continued research and public education.
- (3) The Arthritis and Rheumatism Foundation that wages a constant battle against the painful effects of this widespread disease.
- (4) Navy Relief which provides financial aid to Navy men and their families in times of stress.
- (5) The American National Red Cross so that it may serve service men and their families, war casualties, civilian populations stricken by disaster, and so that it can continue to procure life-giving blood for men injured on the battlefields of Korea.
- (6) The Community Chest with its many health and welfare services.
- (7) The United Defense Fund to provide men and women in camps overseas and in hospitals with a touch of home through USO Clubs, canteens and camp shows.

These are the organizations that need your help — all you can give them. Give now. Give once for all, enough for all.



Halloween—traditionally a child's delight—came to Oak Knoll, too! Or at least it came to the hospital's pediatrics ward, complete with brightly colored jack-o-lanterns, gayly decorated hats, and tasty treats (without the tricks). Joining in the fun at a party given by the Red Cross for the children on Ward 72B are Steverly Potter (front), David Hunter, John Raymond Bowman, Wendal Cotton, Paul Grove, and (in bed) Blaise Grenier. Miss Alida Quick, Red Cross Recreation Worker, in charge of arranging the party, seems to be having as much fun as the children.

Oak Knoll Civilians Rank Only 25th In 12ND Defense Bond Buying

A recent 12ND publication revealed that Oak Knoll rated 25th on a list of 34 Navy activities with respect to purchase of Defense Bonds.

Whether employees at this hospital save less or save in other ways is not known, but all are urged to join the Payroll Savings Plan now—not primarily to advance Oak Knoll's standing in relation to other activities but to save for themselves.

Purchasing of bonds means this to you: Everyone wants a security fund—some money put aside in case of need. A percentage from your weekly pay in time will grow into a fund that will take care of the financial crises that come to all of us. But it is hard to save these days—unless you join the payroll savings plan and buy U. S. Defense Bonds. That way it's easy — all you do is sign the application card and decide how much

you want to save each week. From then on, your money will be saved before you get it.

An additional 208 participants will bring Oak Knoll's standing up to average or to 65 per cent participation. See your nearest bond representative or Mrs. Cochran or Mrs. Vukman, Extension 18. LCDR Bowdle, bond officer for the hospital, has made arrangements with the local Defense Bond Issuing Office so that bonds may be delivered with your paychecks when due.

Officers' Wives' Club Plans Fall Carnival

A gala fall carnival is being planned by the Officers' Wives' Club as a means of raising money for its Baby Sitting Fund. The carnival gates will swing open at 1900 hours on Saturday, 22 November, at the Officers' Club, and all members, husbands, and children are cordially invited to attend. There will be games and movies for the children, a hobby show section, a bake sale, bingo, a coffee and doughnut bar, and lots of fun and good times for the entire family.

Mrs. Orval G. Haines is carnival chairman. She is being assisted by Mrs. Arthur L. Shultz, Mrs. Roger A. Mackinnon, Mrs. George M. Lynch, Mrs. Wesley Fry, Mrs. Stephen V. Landreth, and Mrs. Robert L. Baker.

EM Activities Slated To Begin This Month

Staff activities for this season are slated to begin with a dance to be held Friday, 21 November, according to G. L. Proper, Chairman of the Recreation Committee. More information on the dance will be published in a later issue of THE OAK LEAF.

Tentative plans have also been made for a bingo party. The time and date will be announced next week.

The Oak Leaf

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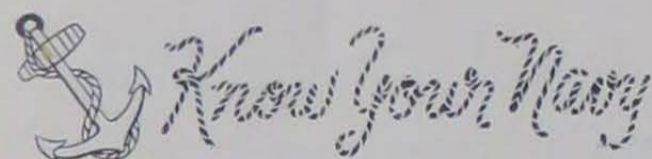
This is the season when it is open shooting on all ghosts, goblins, and black cats. Soon up and down our neighborhood streets small children will be ringing the door bells saying in little frightened voices, "A trick, mister, or a treat!" Not desiring to be a victim of children's pranks, we will fill their paper bags with treats.

Now, as I see it, the children these days are not in the minority when it comes to enriching their own lives by demanding a "treat" as against giving forth with a "trick." There are adults who take the same attitude with God. They stand boldly before God demanding the ultimate in life, when they will give nothing in return. I have heard adults say: "I'll leave the Church. I'll fight against that which is right if God does not grant me good health, a beautiful home, and a lovely family." God in His mercy must think it strange that we adults act so at times.

This is a good day to think about the mercifulness of an all-loving God. For do we not have within the chambers of our minds spooks which haunt us? The fear of past sins, the mask of insecurity, the green-eyed monsters of hate, jealousy and fear must be controlled and liquidated from our lives. It can be done. It has been done.

There is no fear in love;
Perfect love casts out fear
Because fear brings torment;
He who fears is not perfect in love.
We love God
Because He first loved us.

—R. E. JENKINS,
Protestant Chaplain.



DEPENDENTS' BENEFITS

Many members of the Armed Forces do not take advantage of the benefits provided for them and their dependents. Besides allotments and transportation privileges there are such benefits as:

Medical Care for Dependents: This privilege is extended only when facilities and sufficient medical personnel are available. Authorization for this care is in the hands of the commander of the medical facility

Divine Services

Hospital Chapel at Main Gate

PROTESTANT

BIBLE SCHOOL—SUNDAY 0945
SUNDAY WORSHIP—1030
Evening Gospel Service—1900—Singing,
Evangelistic Message, Fellowship Hour
CHOIR REHEARSAL—1930 Thursday
HOLY COMMUNION—First Sunday
morning each month.

L. D. S. SERVICE

SUNDAY — 0900 in Staff Conference
Room, Administration Bldg., Annex.

CATHOLIC

SUNDAY MASSES
0600-0800-0900-1200
DAILY MASSES — 1150 and 1630
Confessions before Mass
Catholic Oratory in back of Chapel
Choir Rehearsal—Tuesday 1900

CHAPLAIN'S OFFICES IN
CHAPEL AND 67A

NAVY RELIEF OFFICE—
IN CHAPEL

BUS TO AND FROM CHAPEL ON
SUNDAYS 0845 and 1015

CHAPLAIN'S OFFICE JOBS AVAILABLE

Enlisted personnel interested in working in the Chaplain's Office are asked to contact the Senior Chaplain for an interview.

Two vacancies are soon to be filled.

concerned, and application should be made to him in advance. The government does not pay the expenses connected with the transportation of dependents to an Armed Forces medical facility.

Six Months Death Gratuity: If you should die in line of duty, your wife (husband) or someone in your family proved to have been dependent upon you before your death is entitled to six months pay. This pay is equal to six times your monthly pay, including hazard pay, but not including allowances. The gratuity is not subject to claims, civil or military debts.

Arrears in Pay: In settlement of accounts of deceased Service personnel, where no demand is presented by a legal representative of the estate, the General Accounting Office may allow the amount of pay and servicemen's savings deposits, if any, owed by the government to go to the deceased's widow (or widower) or legal heirs.

Give once for all!

Give enough for all!

Red Cross Ramblings

The movie schedule for the coming week features that hilarious comedy team, Dean Martin and Jerry Lewis, in their latest film, "The Jumping Jacks." Be sure to watch for this full-length movie on your ward.

CAL CO-EDS!!

A hostess group of ten young ladies from U.C. began their activities on the wards last week. Under the chairmanship of Miss Sue Tuttle and supervision of Burnette Thompson, Red Cross staff worker, the girls will lend their talents and charm to diversions on various wards each week. Halloween acts provided the theme for their visit on 62A Thursday.

A VOTE OF THANKS:

Recently Mr. Wigginton and Mr. Roberts through the Elks Lodge 1002 of Berkeley donated several beautiful large pieces of leather to the Red Cross Craft Shop. This leather is available for patients who are interested in making holsters, belts, coin purses, and wallets. The patients are grateful to the Elks, for this again gives them a chance to make unusual and worthwhile Christmas presents. Mr. Wigginton and Mr. Roberts for the past two years have been instrumental in our receiving a great deal of such material.

CRAFT SHOP SCHEDULE

MONDAY: 1300 hours to 1600 hours
TUESDAY: 1300 hours to 1600 hours
WEDNESDAY:

0800 hours to 1130 hours
1300 hours to 1600 hours

THURSDAY:

0800 hours to 1130 hours
1300 hours to 1600 hours

FRIDAY: 0800 hours to 1130 hours
1300 hours to 1600 hours

HERE'S THE SCORE:

Thirty-five happy football fans journeyed to Kezar Stadium last Sunday afternoon to see the San Francisco Forty Niners play Dallas, Texas. You football fans probably know the outcome of the game, and even if you didn't see the game from the bleachers you had a chance to cheer your favorite team by television or radio. But do you know the score on who donates the passes so that you men might attend these football events? The Forty Niners donate 35 passes through the Entertainment and Instruction Service of the San Francisco Chapter of the American Red Cross for patients of Oak Knoll Hospital for the full season of home games in San Francisco. There are still games to be played at Kezar, so don't miss your chance to see the Forty Niners in action!

DANCING ATOP THE HILLS OF OAK KNOLL

If you have just arrived at Oak Knoll, you might be interested to know that on Tuesday and Thursday nights from 1900 hours to 2045 hours there is dancing in the Red Cross Lounge. Hostesses from Oakland, Berkeley, and the University of California will be there to play cards, dance or just chat with you. If Folk Dancing is your speciality, then be sure to be on hand on Friday nights when you can swing your partner from 1900 to 2045.

One of the reasons that the Halloween dance in the Lounge on Thursday night was a howling success was due to the mood provoking decorations created by WILLIAM HAYS, B. B. MORRISON, WALTER WILLIAMS and O. W. SOUTHER.

These patients on their own initiative banded together to form the decoration committee for the spectacular occasion, and all voted that it was one of the outstanding dances of the year.

FEATURED FISH

Have you seen the latest additions to the aquarium at the Red Cross Lounge? These three new little fish ought to be especially fascinating to you ichthyologists. They claim the distinction of being half moon helmet fish and are known for their interesting markings.

Fourth Red Cross Trainee Class Here

The fourth group of Red Cross trainees to be indoctrinated at Oak Knoll have reported aboard. They are under the supervision of Annabelle Story, Red Cross Training Supervisor, and Vera Wilkeson, Senior Assistant Field Director.

Helen Bickley, of San Francisco, graduated from Pennsylvania State College with a major in journalism. Shirley McAreavey of Oakland, attended Briar Cliff College, where her major was psychology. Stelca Harker is from Corona Calif., and was graduated from Pomona College at Claremont Her major was recreation. All three will serve as Recreation Aides.

Barbara Alcock claims Covina, California, as her home and University of California as her alma mater. She majored in social welfare and did graduate work in that field. Miss Alcock is an Assistant Field Director.

During the training period, the four young women will observe and participate in Red Cross activities and hear a series of lectures which will prepare them for assignment to Army and Navy hospitals in the United States and possible assignment to overseas installations and hospitals.

Payroll Savings—the people's choice!

A THANK YOU FOR WARD 41B

Dear Captain Gordon:

I cannot help letting you know how fully satisfied and comforted I am for the treatment and medical care my husband, Howard C. Burns, received in your hospital.

All the staff that worked on Howard couldn't have done more if he were their brother or husband or father.

In Dr. Behla, his staff of doctors—the nurses and the corpsmen of 41B, I felt their heart when they spoke to me. The little corpsmen never left his bedside and even gave some of their own time several times. I so sincerely wish I could say and do something for them to show how I appreciated it all, but unfortunately there are some things in life that cannot be paid back in words or money. I can only hope and pray that in their life they find the happiness so fully deserved to them. I thank you also.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Howard C. Burns

SCUTTLEBUTT

SIGNS OF THE SEASON: Multi-hued leaves making a bright pattern against a leaden sky and Knollites moving en masse from the swimming pool to their favorite East Bay haunts where the water comes in glasses . . . homesickness sweeping the compound like a plague, each man wishing he were back in that special part of the country called home, at least for the holidays . . . Joannie Smejkal trading silky print dresses for cute pastel sweaters . . . TV screens cluttered with political scenes and celebrities . . . Rita Moore of X-Ray talking of skiing at Donner's Summit.

OAKNOLLUMNI: Word from Atlanta, Ga., is that Cecil "Red" Brannon, former HM3 and Guard Mail Driver has taken the BIG STEP. He married one of those Southern Belles on 26 September. Norene Carter, formerly of Disbursing, now of Los Angeles, stopped in at her old stamping grounds, hardly recognized the place, so many changes have taken place since she left two years ago. Mike Casey, former HM3, writes from Independence, Mo., that he sees one of our former WAVES, Lee Steineke, every now and then.

MIDNIGHT MEANDERINGS: Irma Heidell of the Dependents Service Clinic and R. E. Hardval of the Artificial Limb Shop enjoying the smoky music at Costa's on East 14th Street . . . Harold Hensle and Vic Irving at the Terrace . . . Jim Edwards all by his lonesome at the Grass Shack on Foothill . . . "Larry" Larrivee, former HM1 and a member of last year's bowling team, sitting in Eddies "Spook" Club out in Castro Valley . . . Claire Martini at the party for the opening of the new San Leandro Post Office, at the Veni Veni, etc., in San Francisco.

PEOPLE, PLACES, AND THINGS: Capt Wilbur N. Van Zile and LT Robert L. Landis are enjoying the desert scenery at Palm Springs. They are there for a course of instruction in Dental Medicine at the Ninth Annual Seminar for the Study and Practice of Dental Medicine. ENS Viola Chaya, p.m. nurse on 72A is driving a shiny new blue Chevrolet coupe. Isabel Ramirez of the Record Office is still unable to believe that she actually won \$25. Chief Nye, CMAA, is still cursing his luck. His brand new DeSoto got its rear bumper ripped off by a cement mixer. Doctors L. J. Pope and Oliver E. K. Hall are back at work after speaking about the advantages of the Navy Medical Corp to the senior classes of U.C., Stanford, and the University of Utah. J. J. Muzio was feted at a farewell party given in his honor before he departed this hospital and the Navy Thursday. Everybody is cheering Pete Mentor for the excellent job he is doing for the Tuesday and Thursday night bowling leagues. You've heard of "Satchmo" . . . but have you heard of "Spasmo?" That's the monicker that's been given one of our WAVES. The reasons for this are now under investigation. In closing, a hearty "Welcome aboard" to the SEVEN new gals who have reported for duty in the past few days. This is one of the largest groups to report in a long, long time.

Awful bore: "I passed your house last night."
Relieved: "Thanks."



Phillip Morris' famous "Johnnie" put in a personal appearance here this week, through the efforts of the American Legion's Bill Irwin post in Oakland. The Legionnaires brought the small man with the well-known voice out to the hospital to distribute cigarets to patients on Wards 44A & B, 43A, and 76B. The boys with the happy expressions are (left to right) SGT Harry H. Stassinos, CPL Anthony A. Damilano, PFC Curtis Wallace, Thomas Clifton Place (dependent), and, in front with Johnnie, PFC Robert Balthorpe.

EST Completes Second Year Here

"Reports from graduates of the EST school and from activities where graduates are stationed indicate that the school is providing a real service to the Navy," CAPT Robert S. Poos, Officer in Charge, stated this week as he prepared to observe the second anniversary of the course's establishment at Oak Knoll on 1 November 1950.

The school, in two years, has graduated seven classes—a total of 120 students—and has two more classes under instruction at the present time.

Since its beginning, five of the original instructors have been detached, two of them receiving their orders this week.

HMC's L. G. Estes and W. A. Mitchell have been ordered to ComWesSeaFron and Fleet Epidemic Disease Control Unit No. 1 in Korean waters. Both have been commended for their services while attached to the staff—Estes, instructor in military sanitation for his efforts in promoting good public relations, his participation in many hospital activities, and for many additional hours spent in his job; Mitchell, instructor in entomology, for the outstanding manner in which he executed his duties as an instructor, and for organizing the first class in entomology.

Also being detached is LT F. R. DuChanois, MSC, USN, instructor in insect and rodent control, who has been ordered to the EDC Unit in Pearl Harbor.

Hospital corpsmen who can qualify for the five-month's course offered by the school receive training in the standards, inspections, and laboratory procedures necessary to give assurance of a safe supply of food and water, proper refuse disposal, insect and rodent control, and how to eliminate unsanitary conditions that are a health hazard to Naval personnel.

Field trips and demonstrations, with the cooperation and assistance of state and local health departments, enable students to understand the practical application of the techniques and procedures of environmental sanitation.

Welcome and Farewell

The staff census took another leap upward this week. A total of 42 persons reported for duty, while 27 were detached, released from active duty, or discharged from the Naval service.

Reporting for duty were: LTJG Stanley Dianmond, MC, USNR, from inactive duty; WOHC Alonzo K. Spencer, USN, from Naval Receiving Station, Washington, D. C.; ENS Janeth H. Marr, NC, USNR, from USNH, San Diego, Calif.; A. C. Mesa, SD3, from USS MAGOFFIN; HN's W. O. Habeck, D. L. Spainhower, J. V. Lee and H. D. Snelbaker (W), from USNHCS, Great Lakes; HA's C. J. Poczalski, Jr., D. F. Morgan, J. M. Radosevich, R. E. Spear, G. A. Morgan, R. P. Manna, D. L. Patterson, G. R. Cera (W), S. Olson (W), G. A. Schwalls (W), L. Martiniz, Jr., C. D. Long, M. D. Tuenge, K. E. Willyard, F. J. Vanwalbeck, D. R. Ulstrom, T. A. Weber, R. G. Stebbins, H. A. Tieman, H. L. Reimer, W. F. Wilson, D. C. Nicole (W), M. A. Wadleigh (W) and J. D. Planche; HN's "J." "R." Akins, H. B. Boykin and T. E. Turnipseed, from USNHCS, San Diego; HA's "F." "B." Houghton, Jr., C. R. Lindberg, P. N. Martin, M. F. Rice, L. L. Rudd, L. M. Klein and T. S. Holmes, from USNHCS, San Diego.

Detached were: LTJG Robert D. Hass, MC, USNR, to Naval Magazine, Port Chicago, Calif.; D. W. Lindsey, HM3, and M. A. Kendall, HN, to NAS, Moffet Field; R. W. Meissner, HM3, and E. Muela, HN, to NavSta, Treasure Island; C. R. May, HM3, to NSC, Oakland, Calif.; D. L. DeShazo, HN, R. L. Frenzel, HN, H. L. Persell, HN, R. Bakke, HM2, R. J. Hasselbach, Jr., HM3, and C. A. McGinnis, HN, to MarBks, Camp Pendleton, Oceanside, Calif. Albert H. Figueroa, HN, was discharged from the Navy.

Released to inactive duty were: LT Glenn R. Arthurs, MC, USNR; John L. Gwinn, MC, USNR; LT James H. Austin; LT Russell W. Bagley; LT Alice R. Shipley; LT Herbert E. Vandervoort; LT Allen S. Mariner, MC, USNR; Billie S. Morgan, HM2; Jack A. Wilburn, HM3, and Joseph H. Jones, HN.



Forty patients attended the annual horse show at the Cressmount stable recently, at the invitation of Miss Cornelia Cress. Patients are always invited to the yearly affair, and are privileged to present awards given to participating Mills College students who earn them in various events, as shown above.

BOOK NOOK

"I loathe acting. Unless the sheriff barges in to drag out my piano I'll never act on a stage again." If Miss Bankhead carries out her threat, it is to be hoped she will continue to turn her talents to writing and that TALLULAH, now available in Crews Library, will be only the first of many books from her barbed, witty and sometimes infuriating pen. Another book, also biography, but as unlike Miss Bankhead's as it is possible to be are the reminiscences of Consuelo Vanderbilt Balsan, who, in THE GLITTER AND THE GOLD, tells of her early years as the daughter of one of the wealthiest families in America, of her marriage of convenience to the young Duke of Marlborough and of her later happy years as Mrs. Jacques Balsan.

Among the many books of fiction recently acquired by the library is the best seller by Thomas Costain. A writer of historical fiction, Costain needs no introduction. His latest novel THE SILVER CHALICE tells the story of the Cup used by Christ at the Last Supper with his disciples. Don Camillo has become well known to readers by the first book of Giovanni Guareschi THE LITTLE WORLD OF DON CAMILLO. Now, the well-loved parish priest returns in a new book, DON CAMILLO AND HIS FLOCK. It is a book warm, humorous and full of faith in men of good will. Edna Ferber undoubtedly feels that a state as large as Texas deserves a book worthy of its size, and so, in THE GIANT she has presented us a book large in scope and large in size. It is far from being Miss Ferber's best, but she writes with a facile pen of the Virginia girl who becomes the bride of a Texas cattle baron, and her story is sure to please her many followers. And finally, a book that deserves more than the passing mention that we can give it here is the recently published novel of H. F. M. Prescott, THE MAN ON A DONKEY, which tells the story of the Pilgrimage of Grace of 1536 and the disastrous attempt of the North Country Commons to stop Henry VIII from attacking the Catholic monasteries.

Communication Loses, TI Forfeits; Knoll Grid Team Set for Final Play

Oak Knoll's football team did it again, this time trouncing District Communications 53-6, on Thursday, 23 October.

The opposition scored the game's first and their only touchdown in the first few minutes of play, by intercepting a pass from Jim Phillips to Tony Basques. From there on in, the game was one-sided all the way.

Basques passed to Bruce Peterson for the first Oak Knoll touchdown, and then to Jim Ritter for the extra point. Next, Don Hines intercepted a pass and ran 30 yards for six points. Basques tossed the ball to Jim Phillips for the conversion. Then Basques ran 40 yards to make the score 20-6 at the half.

Peterson ran 35 yards for the fourth TD, and Basques threw the ball to him for the extra point. Joe Callaway intercepted a District Communications pass and lateraled to Peterson who ran for his second touchdown. He made his third TD later in the game when he again grabbed the ball and ran it over the goal line. Passes from Phillips to Jim Pitzer and from Basques to Bill Strickland racked up the extra points.

Basques passed the ball to Strickland for still another score.

The final score was made when Crussan intercepted, in a Communications third-down play, and charged 75 yards for a touchdown.

The hospital's last regular game of the season was forfeited by Treasure Island, giving Oak Knoll a total of nine wins and only two losses.

Alameda runs a close second in the league with a total of eight wins and two losses. The final game to determine which of the teams will be awarded the Twelfth Naval District championship for 1952 has not yet been scheduled.

A Word to the Wise

Word from local airlines offices indicates that 50 percent of the flights for the Christmas holidays are already sold out, and it is suggested that patients and staff who are to be on leave at that time make their travel plans as early as possible.

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Oakland 14, California

To _____

(Fold in half and then in thirds and staple.)

2 Teams Advance In Bowling Play

As a result of league games played on Thursday, 23 October, and Tuesday, 28 October, two teams moved up in competitive standing. In the Thursday league, the EST School beat Artificial Limb to move up to third place. In the Tuesday league, Special Services won out 3-1 over the Hits and Misses to cop third place.

In other games, the Laboratory five beat the Nurses 4-0, and the 5 Aces walloped X-Ray 4-0.

The 3 V's took three games from the Marines and lost one, in Tuesday's games, and Dental beat the Ramblin' Amps 4-0.

Basketball Practice To Begin 10 Nov.

Basketball practice will begin Monday, 10 November, according to W. V. Johnson, athletic director and team coach. The practice will be in preparation for team entrance into Twelfth Naval District basketball league competition, which will begin 8 January 1953.

Anyone interested in playing on the team should contact Mr. Johnson, in the Special Services office, as soon as possible.

JUDO EXPERTS NEEDED TO ORGANIZE TEAM

Any person who is an expert in judo and attached to this hospital is asked to contact CWOHC C. A. Murphy, USN, at the Security office.

Murphy, who is a holder of all four belts, is anticipating forming a team to compete for the Twelfth Naval District Championship at Treasure Island. Only persons who have at least accomplished the "hand arts" and the "foot sweeps" need apply. All college or professional wrestlers are invited to work out at any time.

Patients, Staff Invited To Night of Stars Show

Carmen Miranda and Sally Rand will be among a number of celebrities who will be on hand to entertain at least 50 patients and staff who have been invited to attend the "Night of Stars" show at the civic auditorium in San Francisco next Tuesday, 11 November.

The tickets have been provided by the American Legion, who sponsors the show. Those interested in attending the affair are advised to get their tickets now at Special Services.

The Loyal Order of the Cooties, of VFW Post No. 1010 in Emeryville, has invited 40 patients and their wives and dates to attend an Amateur Night. The affair will feature entertainment and refreshments. Transportation will be provided, and those interested should sign up at Special Services.

Patients Attend UC-UCLA Game

The University of California will play U. C. L. A. this afternoon at the Memorial Stadium in Berkeley and forty patients from Oak Knoll will be among the 80,000 spectators.

On Saturday, 15 November, UC will meet Washington State University, and on 22 November comes the Stanford-Cal Big Game.

The UC Students' Association, at the beginning of the season, extended an invitation for 40 patients to attend each of the Bears' home games. Those who would like to go to any of the games should sign up at Special Services prior to the Saturday when a game is to be played.

Special Glasses For Stationary Patients

Here's good news for bed patients who have to stay flat on their backs. The library now has on hand 12 pairs of bed-specs, specially-designed glasses that make it possible for a person, lying down, to focus his eyes on the ceiling and read a book lying propped on his stomach.

The glasses are made with a prism attached to them which reflects the printed page at an angle and makes it appear as though the page were right in front of the eyes. Bed-specs eliminate the natural eye-strain incurred from reading in bed, and more important, make reading possible for those who must stay in a stationary position.

The glasses may be obtained by contacting the librarian, when she tours a ward with a "book truck," by phoning the library, or by having someone go down and pick them up.

PREVIEWS

Sunday, 2 November

LUSTY MEN—Robert Mitchum, Susan Hayward, Arthur Kennedy, WESTERN. This is something new in westerns... no gun fights, no Indians, no wild chases. The story concerns a rodeo star (Kennedy) who is blinded by the danger of rodeo—by the money he can make riding broncos. Mitchum, as his tutor, is a friend who finally killed trying to prove himself a champion. His death makes Kennedy quit the rodeo and settle down as his wife had wanted him to all along. Rating: Good.

Monday, 3 November

GOING TO TOWN—Lum and Abner. Nothing to be found in the files on this one, but it's sure to be patterned after the popular radio show.

Tuesday, 4 November

EIGHT IRON MEN—Arthur Franz. No information available on this one.

Wednesday, 5 November

PARK ROW—Gene Evans, Mary Welles. **NEWSPAPER DRAMA**. The plot, part fact and part fiction, surrounds the evolution of modern American journalism, back in the days of New York's Park Row. The picture smacks of authenticity, has a lot of action, and Evans turns in a forceful performance, crusading for the ideals of his trade.

Thursday, 6 November

HANGMAN'S KNOT—Randolph Scott, Donna Reed, WESTERN. Sorry, nothing in the files on this one either, but with Scott at the helm, it must be a rough and tumble film.

Friday, 7 November

AGAINST ALL FLAGS—Errol Flynn, Maureen O'Hara, ADVENTURE. Flynn plays the part of an 18th Century British Naval Officer masquerading as a pirate, in order to maneuver an attack on some real pirates' stronghold. Miss O'Hara, a member of the real band of buccaners, falls in love with Flynn, and aids him in his mission. Plenty of action—in technicolor.

Saturday, 8 November

THE SMUGGLERS—Michael Redgrave, Richard Attenborough. A British re-issue, therefore we have no plot record of it in our files. Rating: Very Good.

Staff Personalities

Thoralf Larsen is pictured here as Knollites see him nearly every day... as the friendly guard on duty at the Main Gate. Larsen should feel right at home around uniforms, since he is a retired Coast Guard Chief. He is originally from Norway, and came to this country when he was 19. He spent a year in the Army before

launching a 19-year career in the Coast Guard. Larsen and his wife live in San Leandro and have eight children. When he's not spending time on the job or being proud of his first grandchild, he likes to go deep sea fishing. He also likes dancing and raising chickens... "eating them too," he says.



LT Theresa B. Krier, NC, USN, on SOQ Wards 68A and B is serving her second tour of duty at Oak Knoll. She was first sent here in January '44, right after she enlisted in the Nurse Corps. From here, the Navy sent her to Alameda, Mare Island, and to duty aboard two transports. She was at the New London Submarine Base for two years prior to reporting back here last April. She was first assigned to the amputee wards, then to dependents, and then to her present job. Although she was born in North Dakota, her parents have lived in San Francisco for several years, and Miss Krier says it's "good to be home again."





THE OAK LEAF



Patients to Hunt At Tulelake

Thirty patients have been invited to go on a hunting trip to Tulelake, Calif., on the week end of 21 November, when citizens of that Homestead Area will be hosts to an Oak Knoll group for the second consecutive year.

Guns, shells, licenses, duck stamps, and everything necessary for pheasant, duck and goose hunting will be furnished. The men will stay in private homes.

The group will leave NAS, Alameda, on an R4D8, at 1000, Friday, 21 November for Klamath Falls, Ore., where they will be met and taken to Tulelake. They will return Sunday evening.

LT W. C. McQueen, Special Services Officer, will accompany the men on the trip.

Patients who are interested in the week-end trip should sign up at Special Services as early as possible.



Nine top-flight magazine illustrators and motion picture studio artists flew in from Hollywood last week and spent Thursday on the wards sketching the patients, who have since been busy comparing their features with those the artists put on paper. In the group were, front row, left to right, Pete Alvarado, who draws Roy Rogers; Mary Benson, noted for her scientific studies and portraits; Jeannie Wilson, organizer and sponsor for the group; Zoe Mozert, whose pin-ups and portraits have made front pages of magazines and calendars throughout the country; and Joe Noonis, who draws for Disney studios. In the back row are Alberto Serveris of Disney studios; Frank Adams, whose cartoons and Korea gags are well known; George Rowley, Disney studios; Earl Cordrey, one of the country's finest magazine illustrators; and Alex Ignatiev of Disney studios. The Red Cross worker who planned the artists' itinerary is Miss Burnette Thompson, who is pictured with them here.

Mrs. Wilson, who is responsible for bringing this treat to Oak Knoll patients, only recently returned from Korea, where six of her artists sketched fighting Marines. Some 300 artists are affiliated with her group.

Armistice Honors For Carrier S.F.

WANTED! WANTED! WANTED! —All survivors who served aboard the USS SAN FRANCISCO during the battle of Guadalcanal on 13 November 1942. The Commandant of the Twelfth Naval District is anxious to contact all of these men residing in the Bay Area.

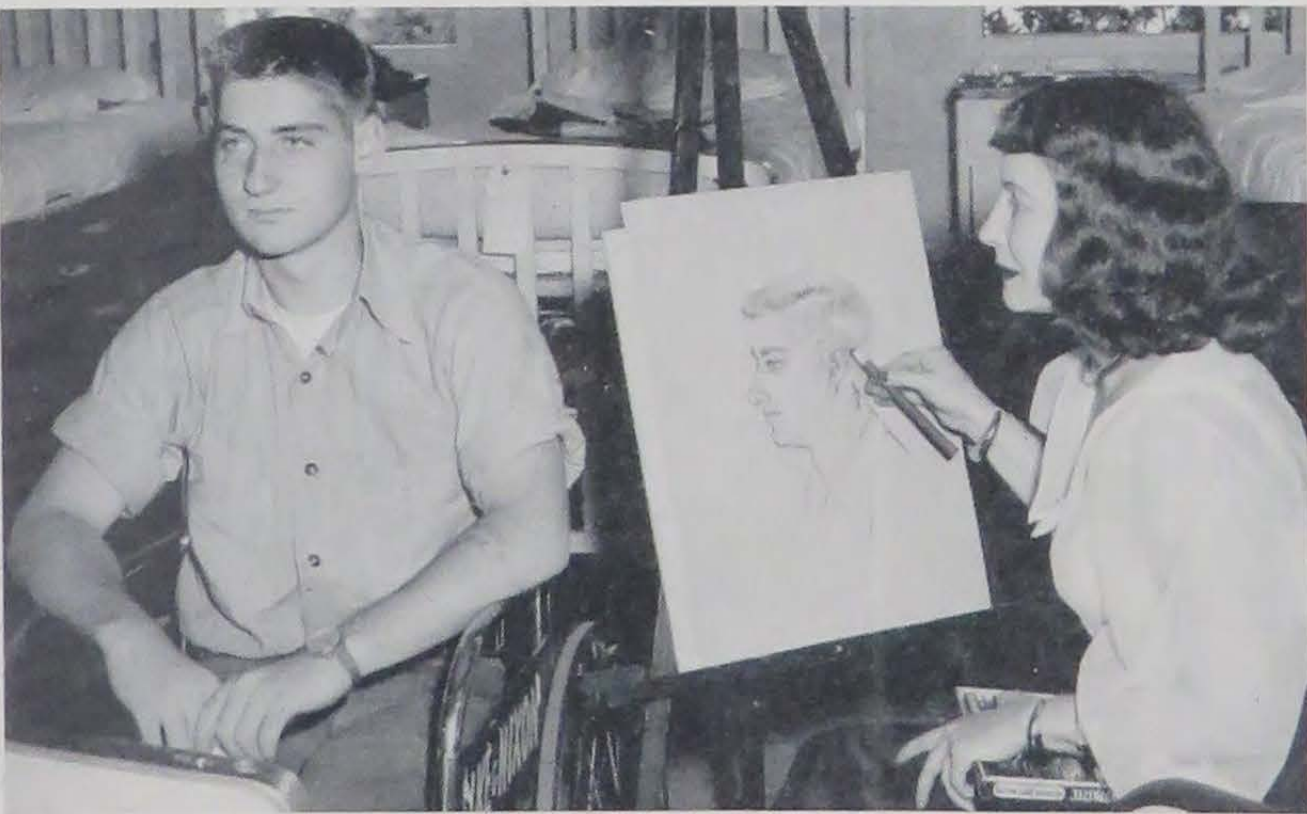
Special memorial services are to be held at 1330 on Armistice Day at the USS SAN FRANCISCO memorial at Land's End, San Francisco. It is most desirable to have the maximum number of men in attendance.

Tuesday evening, 11 November, SHOOTIN' THE BREEZE, the weekly Navy television program (back on the air after a two months' holiday) will commemorate the tenth anniversary of the famous battle. The program will be at 1800 over KPIX (Channel 5). The historic role played by the heavy cruiser, the USS SAN FRANCISCO (CA38) will be highlighted. All men in the Bay Area who served aboard her at that time are invited to be special guests on the show.

Contact: Public Information Office
Twelfth Naval District
Federal Office Building
San Francisco 2, Calif.
MA. 1-3828, Ex. 428 or 497.

LIBERTY CONFIRMED FOR ARMISTICE DAY

Armistice Day, Tuesday, 11 Nov., will be observed as a holiday at Oak Knoll. Official notice of duty sections and liberty times are posted in the Plan of the Day.



Zoe Mozert, one of the nation's highest paid pin-up artists, turned her talents to Wayne L. Bohannon, AMAN, USN, when she visited Ward 41A. Which takes the work more seriously—the artist or her model—is hard to tell.

A Really Special Special Delivery

Essie Mullins, who for many years has prepared midnight snacks for the night duty crew, was not solicited for a contribution to the United Fund Drive. Since she works from 1800 to 0230, she misses many of the problems and privileges that come to those who do their work in the daylight hours.

But Essie is not one to be left out of any activity in which all good citizens are expected to participate. This week the Commanding Officer received a Special Delivery Letter containing her contribution to the current drive—\$12.10 in coin, asking that it be added to the Food Service's donation.

"P.S.: Do sincerely hope we reach our goal," Mrs. Mullins wrote.

At the end of the sixth week of the drive, Oak Knoll's total contribution stood at \$6,000, which is still \$4,000 short of the goal. Many have given generously and some, "caught short" when solicitors made their first rounds are giving again. Newcomers who have not had an opportunity to give and those who wish to add a second installment to a small initial contribution are asked to get in touch with their solicitors now.

Do Your Toy Shopping Now

"I definitely recommend that people who want to shop at the Exchange's Toyland do their shopping NOW!" That's the advice of Mr. Smedburg, manager of the Navy Exchange.

In less than a month, since Toyland opened, over half of all the toys stocked have been sold, and sales are far in excess of last year's record.

Tricycles, dolls, and toys of many kinds are still in stock, but at the rate items have been sold so far, there is a chance that Toyland will be "sold out" by 10 Dec. Those who want to take advantage of Navy Exchange prices should do their shopping now, because merchandise cannot be restocked this year.

The Oak Leaf

U. S. Naval Hospital, Oakland, California.

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† † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

"Let's face it!" This is a common saying with much truth to recommend it. To face facts is admirable, but especially when we face ourselves honestly and do not shy away from the truth.

Men are keen and adept at fooling themselves. "Let's face it!" There are many ostrich-like individuals, who bury their heads in stubborn refusal to face the fact that with the burial of an honest mind, they expose other more obvious parts of their anatomy.

It takes honest to goodness courage to face self, others, and the world squarely and on the level. Heads up and eyes front should be our normal posture. To be honest with self requires that a man recognize his weakness as well as his strength. Victory is the reward of the ones who overcome their weaknesses, and subdue their temptations to take it easy.

To be unfair and untrue to oneself is a breach of faith with ones true self. This unfairness and dishonesty has a way of overflowing into relationships with others. Where it enters such relationships the consequences are suffering and heartache. Peace of mind is not the lot of the dishonest, for in dishonest company he'll ever be, because his one constant companion, himself, is ever with him.

Man is at his best when he is true and honest. Shakespeare, with deep thought and insight, put words in the mouth of one of his characters, "This above all: to thine own self be true, and it must follow as the night the day; thou canst not, then, be false to any man."

—L. C. M. VOSELER, Protestant Chaplain

Know Your Navy

There are many rights and benefits for survivors of deceased Naval personnel. Do you know what they are and, what's more important, do your dependents know the benefits to which they may be entitled?

Following is a checklist of rights and benefits for dependents of service personnel who died while on active duty:

1. Burial allowance, burial flag, interment in National Cemetery, headstone or grave marker.
2. Six months' death gratuity.
3. Back pay, unpaid allowances.
4. Compensation for service-connected death.

5. Pension for non-service connected death, World War I, World War II, and Korean period.

6. Transportation of dependents and household effects.

7. Insurance—NSLI policy, if any, and/or Servicemen's Indemnity.

8. Social Security benefits.

9. Homestead preference.

10. Medical care.

11. Commissary privileges.

12. Preference in Federal employment.

Every Navy man has a responsibility for keeping his dependents informed of these survivors' benefits. The following pointers apply specifically to surviving dependents and their rights and privileges. But the serviceman himself should have this information so that he can foresee problems and make arrangements or plans in the event he is not around.

Take, for example, the case of Mrs. Ethel Jones. She and her husband, a Navy man on leave, were driving across country when they were in an accident. Jones was killed. Here are the steps which Mrs. Jones followed, and which should be followed if a Navy man dies while on leave:

1. Notify, if possible, the Navy man's Commanding Officer.

2. Notify the nearest Naval activity, giving the man's full name, rank or rate, service number, home address and details concerning death, if available.

If Mrs. Jones had been unable to contact either of the above, she could have wired the Bureau of Naval Personnel, Casualty Branch, Navy Department, Washington 25, D.C. The Casualty Branch, in turn, would have relayed the information to the proper Naval authority.

Red Cross Ramblings

A western and a comedrama will be on the ward movie schedule next week. "Cripple Creek," the western, stars George Montgomery and Karin Booth, while Ann Blyth and Edmund Gwenn are featured in "Sally and St. Anne." Don't forget movie time on your ward next week. All features are full-length 16mm movies.

FISH FACTS

Would you like to know more about the facts of fish life? For instance, what they eat, how their aquarium is kept livable, and the various kinds of tropical fish which are kept in the Red Cross Lounge and the Crew's Library? The Siamese fighting fish that you have seen in the lounge are called Bettas and are an interesting fish, valuable, beautiful and fierce. Ernest Bartholomew, veteran patient on Ward 76A, has been doing a grand job taking care of these fish and will tell you that it's fun. Anyone interested in having an aquarium, please sign up in the lounge.

DON COSSACKS JAROFF CHORUS

Twenty-four patients will have the rare musical opportunity to hear the Don Cossacks Jaroff Chorus concert tomorrow afternoon (Sunday) at the War Memorial Opera House in San Francisco. It is an interesting fact that the original members of the chorus had to be 6 feet 2 inches or more in height. The chorus sings without accompaniment and will present a varied program including Russian liturgical music and lusty folk songs. This world-famous and picturesque organization draws full audiences wherever it goes because as well as singing magnificently, they put on a unique show.

DO YOU KNOW?

Most of the charming new hostesses whom you have been seeing at the dances at the Red Cross Lounge Tuesday and Thursday evenings are students from the University of California who have recently finished their hospital orientation classes. Be sure to drop over and say "hello" to them. One group of girls will also

help give parties on the wards, so many of you will be able to greet them in person even if you can't visit the lounge.

F.B.I. QUIZ

How would you like to be in the F.B.I.? Recently the men of Wards 76B and 41B played a new game called F.B.I. quiz.

As you know, men trained for the F.B.I. have to develop a keen sense of memory for details. A single clue such as a burned match, a piece of cloth, or a stick of chewing gum may solve the entire mystery. You, too, can develop your perception with this game. Many different articles are strung together and your job is to remember them all. Try your skill and see what you can do with the mystery clues.

A "Well Done" For Ward 68A

Hotel Lakehurst
 1569 Jackson Street
 Oakland 12, California
 October 25, 1952

My Dear Captain Gordon:

May I express my appreciation and gratitude for the wonderful care received at Oak Knoll?

I entered the hospital on September 29, 1952, and my stay was prolonged for over three weeks in S.O.O. Ward 68A.

In my long career of commissioned service, almost 50 years, I have been in hospitals on the east and west coasts but never have I been treated with greater consideration and care by the medical staff, nurses and corpsmen and even at the office where I went to pay my final bill on checking out.

Again my gratitude and thanks for all the kindness shown me by those under your command.

Most sincerely,

EUGENE H. TRICOU
 Commander,
 SC, USN, Retired



PFC John D. Zazworsky, USMC, bilateral amputee from Korea and Clearfield, Pa., looks forward to using the wheelchair presented to him last week by the Navy Mothers Club of Butte, Montana, while CPL Dwight S. Brown, of Brevard, North Carolina, also a bilateral amputee as he result of wounds he received in Korea, was ready to try his chair out when it was presented to him by the Oakland Navy Mothers Club. Mrs. Irene Chaquette, Hospital Welfare Chairman for the local chapter, left, and Mrs. Ida S. Clark, right, Commander of the Oakland Navy Mothers Club, presented the chairs for both clubs.

Divine Services

Hospital Chapel at Main Gate

PROTESTANT
 BIBLE SCHOOL—SUNDAY 0945
 SUNDAY WORSHIP—1030
 Evening Gospel Service—1900—Singing,
 Evangelistic Message, Fellowship Hour
 CHOIR REHEARSAL—1930 Thursday
 HOLY COMMUNION—First Sunday
 morning each month.

L. D. S. SERVICE
 SUNDAY — 0900 in Staff Conference
 Room, Administration Bldg., Annex.

CATHOLIC
 SUNDAY MASSES
 0600-0800-0900-1200
 DAILY MASSES — 1150 and 1630
 Confessions before Mass
 Catholic Oratory in back of Chapel
 Choir Rehearsal—Tuesday 1900

CHAPLAIN'S OFFICES IN
 CHAPEL AND 67A

NAVY RELIEF OFFICE—
 IN CHAPEL

BUS TO AND FROM CHAPEL, ON
 SUNDAYS 0845 and 1015



PFC JAMES R. KEBR

Direct Gun Hit Misses Big Target

"We had 250 rounds of mortar ammo in the hole with us when this enemy mortar round scored a direct hit on our gun and killed the other two members of the crew," said Marine PFC James R. Kebr, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Kebr, 2109 W. 51st Street, Chicago, Ill.

"That ammo is explosive stuff. Luckily for me, none of it went off or I wouldn't be here now.

"The explosion blew the gun right out of our fighting hole. I remember being blown up in the air and doing a complete somersault coming down.

"One of the other two Marines was killed outright and the second one died a day later on the hospital ship."

Kebr, one of the many Korea casualties who have arrived here in recent weeks, received multiple shrapnel wounds from the enemy mortar round.

He was wounded on 5 September while serving with the 1st Regiment, 1st Marine Division.

Prior to entering the Marine Corps ten months ago, Kebr was a television technician and he hopes to return to that type of work.

Patients Invited To Two Events

The Newman Club of the University of California has extended an invitation for 40 patients to dinner and an evening of entertainment on Sunday, 23 Nov.

All patients interested should contact the Catholic Chaplain or Special Services.

VFW Post No. 1010 in Emeryville has invited 40 patients and their wives or dates to attend an Amateur Night. Entertainment and refreshments will be the features of the evening. Transportation will be provided, and those interested should sign up at Special Services.

After taking his physical, the inductee was asked by a sergeant, "Did you go to grammar school?"

"Yes," said the young man, "I also went through high school, was graduated cum laude from college, completed three years of graduate studies at Cornell and then acquired two more degrees at Columbia."

The sergeant nodded, reached for a rubber stamp and slapped on a questionnaire the single word: "Literate."

SCUTTLEBUTT

The night was dark. The scent of burning leaves was in the air. The setting was perfect for ghosts, goblins, and assorted spooks to emerge from their lairs and take over the yearly Halloween parties. At the CPO Club they made the festivities a "howling" success. Chief Woods and his wife looked like something out of the Gay Nineties. Chief Prahl was a red-nosed bum; the Richardsons were dressed as Turks. Chief Griffin, dressed as a lady, was embarrassed when someone stepped on the hem of his dress in the Conga line and the inevitable happened. Chief McAnaney and Tommy were again responsible for plenty of fine fun and food. Leonard Auletti provided the music for an equally fantastic group of dancers at the Officers' Club. Dr. Tessler, a Sultan, replete with harem, took the grand sweepstakes prize. Mr. Faunce with his red flannel night shirt, giant shoes, candle, etc.; O. G. Haines as a lady with a FIGURE, Dr. Willis as "McGoo for President," Dr. Dillon, who shot pictures with his flash bulb eye, the Chilcutts who came as Elsie the Cow and friend, Rocky Perrin, French flapper of the '20's, Dr. Klein who came as the devil and brought his angel wife, and Dr. Potter, a well-equipped tramp were among the many hits of the evening. Mr. Barnes came as a Man from Mars, lights shining from the sockets in his ten-gallon head. All would have gone well, had not his son Buddy borrowed the headpiece for a party the night before (took first prize with it) and used up the batteries. Result — the light in Mr. Barnes' eyes went out when festivities had barely begun. To CDR Wallace Allen and his assistants, a "Well Done" for this gala affair — one of the best of the year.

SIGNS OF THE TIMES: People paying off their election bets . . . Joe Elliott, mighty hunter of Surgery I, coming home from his deer hunting trip up North . . . Yes, empty handed . . . Judy Kleiner going into the car-washing business . . . patients in OT and the craft shop busily making Christmas presents . . . Those two cute girls in the Collection Agent's office, Yo Kumagai and Pat Leroy, talking about what they are going to do on Thanksgiving.

People, Places, and Things: Jean B. Carroll, Viola Chaya, Kathleen Dunn, and Janeth Marr of the Nurse Corps sewing on the stripes that mean they're JG's now . . . people wondering who "catnapped" Kate McCormick's kitten . . . Dorothy Hager reluctantly returning to her Record Office desk. Six weeks in Europe was only a teaser and she's ready to go again . . . George Delmar of Maintenance calling the squares like mad at the nearby folk dancing centers . . . John Caldwell, Fire Department hoseman, proudly driving a new green-gray Chevrolet hardtop convertible . . . Wilma McKenna, Dependent Service admitting clerk, and Beale Metz, civilian nurse on 73A, packing for their trip to the land of hulas. They sail on the Lurline Wednesday, Mrs. Mack for two months, Mrs. Metz for two weeks . . . Dudley Britney saying again what a fine animal the Doberman pinscher is. Seems his dogs help him gather walnuts at his place in San Ramon.



Tom Durkee, HM3, student-inventor of the Laboratory Technician's School, is shown demonstrating how his latest invention—a "protein-bound iodine calculator"—works, by means of threads, with weights on either end, placed over a graph, eliminating the work of measuring and drawing lines on a similar graph. Also on the table are several of his other "gadgets" that are now in use in the hospital's laboratories.

Lab Student Benefits From Course; School Benefits From His Inventions

Studying and working in the ten different divisions of the year-long course for Laboratory Technician's School keeps Tom Durkee busy. But not so busy he hasn't had time to whip up more than half a dozen inventions and time savers.

Durkee, an HM3 in the last phases of the Lab School course, has contributed ideas and "gadgets" to the laboratories he has worked in here, that are saving Oak Knoll and the Navy considerable amounts of money and working hours.

His latest device is a calculator which rapidly charts figures for determining protein-bound iodine. He got the idea for it while working in his present assignment in the chemistry lab on Ward 46A.

As a student working in the blood bank, he invented a test tube washer that operates by means of a small electric motor.

While assigned to hematology, he invented a hematocut tube cleaner,

about which he has written an article that will be published in a forthcoming issue of the "Medical Technician's Bulletin."

He devised a chart for connecting the sedimentation rates of blood. He discovered a simpler method of cleaning needles, and thought of a time-saving and more efficient way to boil studs (part of the process of preparing and mounting sections).

A device for transferring acetone was still another idea that is now in laboratory use.

All of his inventions and ideas for saving time and increasing efficiency have been adopted for use in the departments where they were conceived.

Durkee was a chemistry major at U.C.L.A. before joining the Navy in December 1950 and plans to get his degree in biochemistry at U.C. after his discharge.

He is married and has an eight-year-old daughter, Cathy.

Welcome and Farewell

Traffic was slow in this department last week. Only five persons were logged in for duty, while 18 were either detached or separated from the Navy or released from active duty.

Reporting for duty were: LT Bernard B. Levin, MC, USNR, from Military Sea Transportation Service, Pacific Area, San Francisco; LT Marie M. Cheek, NC, USN, from NAS, Moffett Field, Calif.; LTJG Jane M. Parrick, NC, USN, from Air Transport Squadron FIVE, NAS, Moffett Field; and W. R. Thompson, HA, from USNHCS, Great Lakes, Ill.

LT Louis M. Ellis, DC, USN, was detached from temporary duty and reported for duty here with the Dental Service.

Those detached were: LTJG Dolores A. Henkel, NC, USN, to USNH Guam, Marianas Islands; W. A. Mitchell, HMC, to USS LSIL; R. C. Hubley, Jr., HM3, to USS FIRE-

DRAKE; W. W. Reed, HM1, to Naval Dispensary, San Francisco; T. I. Kadusky, HM3, and M. E. Kaiser, HN, to U. S. Naval Shipyard, San Francisco; HM3's G. L. Barton, and O. V. Heath, to USN General Line School, Monterey, Calif.; J. L. Guiver, HM3, to Marine Barracks, Camp Pendleton, Oceanside, Calif.; J. D. Bailey, DT3, to Dental Technician School, Bainbridge, Md.; and A. E. Basques, HM3, to Marine Corps Headquarters, San Francisco.

LT Rosemary L. Barr, NC, USNR, and John J. Muzio, DTGDN, were released to inactive duty, and LTJG's Romaine A. Farrell, and Inez M. Winter resigned from the Naval Service.

The following men were released from the Naval Service: Robert C. Mack, HM1, Charles E. Pace, HM2, and John G. Scott, HM3.

Bowling Team Takes High Scores In First 12ND Bay League Games

Oak Knoll's five-man bowling team got off to a sensational start Monday night, in their first games of the Twelfth Naval District Class B League, by winning high scores in all events.

High individual game for the evening, in games played against NSC Oakland, was rolled by V. Fraszczak. His 248 was the top score tallied by any player from all the teams.

The hospital took all three games from the Naval Supply Center, and racked up a total series of 2649. Total high game for the whole team was 927.

Four of the men on the team are members of the intra-hospital bowling league, and Fraszczak is a patient. The latter led his team with a final individual series of 616 pins for the three games. E. Kallemeyn, team captain and a player on the 3 V's, followed with 558. V. Irving, of the 5 Aces team, rolled 515; L. Vosseler, and H. Hensle, also of the 5 Aces, finished with 468 and 492.

The Class B league will run for 18 weeks, with 12 teams entered in the West Bay 1952-53 league, playing every Monday night on the Treasure Island alleys.

The next game scheduled in the league will tentatively be with Port Chicago.

In a meeting held just prior to the evening's games, E. Kallemeyn was elected to serve as the league's vice-president for the season.

**Give to the United Fund Drive!
Give enough for all!**

Basketball Practice To Begin 10 Nov.

Basketball practice will begin Monday, 10 November, according to W. V. Johnson, athletic director and team coach. The practice will be in preparation for team entrance into Twelfth Naval District basketball league competition, which will begin 8 January 1953.

Anyone interested in playing on the team should contact Mr. Johnson, in the Special Services office, as soon as possible.

Knoll Grid Team To Play Alameda For "B" Trophy

The hospital's touch football team encountered some close competition when they met Port Chicago for the second time this year, but all-around good team play and tough defense brought them to a 20-13 victory.

Bruce Peterson, halfback, scored all three touchdowns made last Tuesday. He ran the ball over the goal line twice in the first half, and fullback Tony Basques passed to halfback-center Jim Pitzer for the extra point on the second TD.

The game was all tied up at 13-13 at half-time.

In the second half, Peterson made the third and last touchdown and then scored the conversion, to make the score final.

Oak Knoll went on the field with eight men. Bill Strickland, end, was unable to play, due to a severe cold.

Don Hines became the first real casualty of the season, when his nose was broken during the game.

The final play-off to determine the winner of the Twelfth Naval District Class B football league, will be played against NAS Alameda. The date has not been set for the final game.

A mistake was made last week in reporting that the hospital had a total of nine wins and two losses. Treasure Island forfeited their last game against the home team, and the defeat of Port Chicago brings the total up to eight wins and two losses.

Alameda, too, has won eight games and lost two, and the championship game promises to be a hard-fought one.

Bowling League Rolls Right Along

The intrahospital bowling league teams moved into their second month of bowling this week.

Results of games played Thursday, 30 Oct., tallied a 4-0 win for the EST School over the Nurses' team. The Laboratory five beat X-Ray 3-1, and the 5 Aces took all four games from Artificial Limb.

In games played Tuesday, 4 Nov., the Marines won out over the Ramblin' Amps 3-1, Dental took four games from Special Services, and the 3 V's took all four games from the Hits and Misses.

Team standings so far are as follows:

	Won	Lost
Laboratory	14	2
5 Aces	14	2
EST School	14	2
Artificial Limb	8	12
X-Ray	4½	15½
Nurses	1½	18½
3 V's	21	3
Dental	20	4
Special Services	11	13
Marines	13	11
Ramblin' Amps	6	18
Hits and Misses	1	23

Dancing Lessons At Officers' Club

Some 50 staff officers, nurses, and officers' wives turned out for the Arthur Murray dance session held at the club Thursday. This was the first of a series of ten lessons to be given at the club on Thursday nights.

Lessons will include the Fox Trot, Waltz, Rhumba, Samba, and Tango, and the cost of instruction is \$10 per person, payable in advance. The class begins at 2000 and runs for an hour, and after a 15-minute break, there is another hour of supervised dancing.

Four Arthur Murray instructors will be in charge.

The butcher was busy waiting on a customer when a woman rushed in and demanded, "Give me a pound of cat food, quick!" Turning to the other customer, she said, "I hope you don't mind my getting waited on before you."

"Not if you're that hungry," the other woman replied.

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A gambler's funeral was well attended by his professional cronies. "Our friend Rocky isn't really dead," the speaker intoned. "He's just sleeping."

From the rear of the room came a voice: "I've got 100 bucks that says he's dead!"

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A naval officer on watch aboard ship rushed angrily to the speaking tube and yelled: "Is there a blithering idiot at the end of this tube?"

"Not at this end, sir," came the calm reply.

PREVIEWS

Sunday, 9 November

STEEL TRAP — Joseph Cotten, Teresa Wright. This is a brand new film, scheduled for public release some time this month. No reviews have been written on it yet.

Monday, 10 November

GIRL IN EVERY PORT — Groucho Marx, William Bendix, Marie Wilson. **SLAPSTICK**. Marx and Bendix portray ship-and-brig-mates who get themselves into a lot of hilarious situations when they try to sell a seemingly broken-down race horse that Bendix buys while on leave. Miss Wilson is the "dumb blonde" owner of the horse's brother. Both horses turn out to be champions, some saboteurs are caught, and all ends well. Rating: Good.

Tuesday, 11 November

IT GROWS ON TREES — Irene Dunne, Dean Jagger, COMEDY. Jagger and Miss Dunne are an average married couple with three children . . . average, that is, until they discover three trees in their back yard that bear five and ten-dollar bills instead of fruit!

Wednesday, 12 November

LADIES OF THE CHORUS — Marilyn Monroe. No mention of this one in the files. Title and featured actress should draw a capacity crowd though!

Thursday, 13 November

LEAVE HER TO HEAVEN — Gene Tierney, Cornel Wilde, DRAMA. This one is a re-issue from 1945. It's from the book of the same name, about a woman's jealousy and possessiveness, and the late her obsessions lead her to.

Friday, 14 November

PONY SOLDIER — Tyrone Power, Cameron Mitchell, WESTERN. Power plays a Canadian Mountie assigned to track down a band of Canadian Indians who are waging war against white settlers in Montana. Desperate battles and plenty of excitement, filmed in technicolor.

Saturday, 15 November

LAS VEGAS STORY — Jane Russell, Victor Mature, ADVENTURE DRAMA. With its setting in Las Vegas' gambling dens and plush hotels, true love triumphs when Miss Russell returns to the town she used to work in and meets a plain-clothesman she used to know there. This film's got murder, gambling, embezzling, romance, music, and an unusual helicopter chase. Rating: Good.

Staff Personalities

J. J. Powell, HM3, sewed on his red stripe last month and has since been detailed to a new job. Here at Oak Knoll since last April, he worked on an orthopedics ward until his recent assignment to the Central Supply Room. He is originally from Washington, D.C. Before joining the Navy

he had finished over two years as a student at Howard University, majoring in zoology. Upon completion of his enlistment, he hopes to return there and earn his B.S. degree. Meanwhile, he's set his sights for Laboratory Technician's School here, and hopes to be in the next class. His hobbies and interests encompass football, basketball, and movie photography.



Working for the Navy is "old stuff" to Mrs. Shirley Street of the Finance Office. She was on the Navy's civilian payroll at El Segundo and at NSC Oakland before coming here almost a year ago to be secretary to the chief fiscal accountant. She represents the nautical part of the Street family . . .

her husband is an ROTC instructor at Oakland High School. They have a daughter, Karen, four years old. When she can find the time, between working and keeping house, Shirley enjoys bowling, swimming, and coaxing flowers to grow in her garden in Hayward. She originally comes from the Missouri side of Kansas City, but California is her adopted state.



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Saturday, 15 Nov., 1952

Christmas Committee Meets to Discuss Plans for Coming Holidays

Plans for a Merry Christmas at Oak Knoll and other service hospitals in the Eastbay got under way on 5 November when Captain Gordon was host to members of the Veteran Hospitals' Christmas Committee.

This group, which began its work at the U.S. Veterans' Hospital, Livermore, 28 years ago, is made up of prominent citizens who long ago saw the need for an organized program for remembering hospitalized servicemen during the holidays.

When Oak Knoll was commissioned, the Committee immediately took over with plans for Christmas parties, programs, decorations, and gifts. Later the committee "adopted" the VA Hospital in downtown Oakland, and this year Parks Air Force Base Hospital has been added to their list.

The entire community shares in the work, hundreds of individuals and organizations contributing their time and money to make the project a success each year.

Mr. Joseph R. Knowland, publisher of the Oakland Tribune, who has given his wholehearted support to the committee, and Mrs. Knowland, were honored guests at the dinner last week, as were the Christmas committee, officers, directors, hospital coordinators, committee chairmen, their wives, and husbands.

Nat Levy, president, introduced his co-workers, including Thomas V. Adams, who replaces Arthur Daniels as coordinator for Oak Knoll. Mr. Daniels will be at the Oakland VA Hospital this year. Other committee officials attending were John Morin, Miss Mary Valle, H. Buford Fisher, Mrs. Mary E. Lee, Mrs. May Q. Lili-

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Patients Offered Many Activities

Patients will be busy if they take advantage of all the events available to them during the rest of this month.

This afternoon, 40 patients will attend the Washington State - Cal game in Memorial Stadium in Berkeley. This is another of the football games to which 40 patients are always invited by the Associated Students University of California.

Tonight (Saturday) 25 patients have been invited to attend a vaudeville stage show at the Oakland auditorium. The tickets for the show were provided by the AFL Warehouseman's Union, Local 853. Curtain time is 2030, and transportation is provided.

Next Saturday, the UC Golden Bears will tangle with the Stanford Indians, and 40 patients will again be present for this annual Big Game classic. Signing up at Special Services should be done early.

Also on 22 November, the Newman Club of the University of California has extended an invitation for 40 patients to join in an evening of entertainment. Those interested may contact either the Catholic Chaplain or Special Services.



LT Griffin Wed At Chapel

LT Sarah J. Griffin, amputee Navy Nurse who for the past two years has been teaching Oak Knoll amputees to walk, last Saturday walked down the aisle at the chapel to exchange vows with LT Kenneth J. Chapman of Holly, Michigan, and the U. S. Navy Post-Graduate School, Monterey.

The couple met in Cuba in 1947 when Miss Griffin was on duty at the Naval Hospital, Guantanamo Bay, and LT Chapman was assigned to a Fleet Camera party in the Caribbean. They were on a picnic when Miss Griffin fell from a cliff, striking her left leg on a coral formation.

Months of hospitalization followed, first at the Naval Hospital, Jacksonville, Florida, and later at Bethesda, Maryland. When it became apparent that her leg could not be saved, she was sent to the Navy's amputee center, which was then at Mare Island, and in May 1949, CDR Thomas J. Canty performed the operation and fitted her with a below-knee artificial limb.

It was Doctor Canty who gave the bride away Saturday. She has been one of his assistants in the rehabilitation program for amputees at Oak Knoll since being called back to duty

in October 1950, after being in retired status for a little more than a year.

LT Robert S. Jenkins, protestant chaplain, officiated at the double ring ceremony for which the bride chose a white ballerina-length tulle dress and carried a prayer book to which her corsage of white orchids and lilies of the valley was attached. She was attended by LT Mabel Anderson of the hospital staff, who was gowned in blue tulle and carried a spray of pink carnations. Captain Knowlton P. Rice, USMC, of Monterey served as best man.

Preceding the candlelight ceremony at 1630 hours, Stanley Smith, hospital choir leader, sang "Because," "Oh, Promise Me" and "The Lord's Prayer." Mrs. George Dunne, chapel organist, played the wedding march.

Present for the ceremony were many of LT Griffin's patients—Korea amputees she has taught to walk, to roller skate, to climb stairs, to dance; Navy officers and civilians of the hospital staff who have been inspired by her work; and her mother, Mrs. John L. Griffin, who came all the way from Albany, Georgia, for the wedding and the reception that followed at the Oak Knoll Officers' Club.

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Mr. Joseph R. Knowland, left, publisher of the Oakland Tribune, who has supported the work of the Veteran Hospitals' Christmas Committee through the columns of his newspaper for the past 28 years; Mary Valle, secretary-treasurer of the Committee, and Nat Levy, president, were among those honored at the annual pre-Christmas dinner held at the Officers' Club on 5 November. Captain Gordon was host at the gathering.

The Oak Leaf

U. S. Naval Hospital, Oakland, California.

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† † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

A woman who had been suffering from "nerves" went to one of America's best known psychiatrists for treatment. As she left his office after her first call she turned and said: "Doctor, I know that I am highly sensitive." "Madam," he answered, "I know that you are highly selfish."

The lady naturally left in something of a huff. But ten days later she returned and apologized. After a little reflection and prayer she said she had awakened to the fact that she was a thoroughly selfish woman.

With this and many similar cases in mind this doctor wrote: "The trouble with most nervous people is that they are bestowing too much thought and sympathy on themselves. They are wasting on themselves the very things the world is dying for the need of—love, pity and sympathy."

God has put in each of us great reserves of power that he wants us to use for others as well as for ourselves. To guide us in this, Christ gave us a safe and sane standard: "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." (Matthew 22:39.)

C. B. KNIGHT,
Catholic Chaplain.

Student Center Open to Knollites

Westminster House, a Presbyterian student center located at Bancroft Way and College Avenue in Berkeley, offers a program of real interest to the serviceman. In restful and well-equipped surroundings, there is opportunity to spend a most worthwhile week end.

Especially this fall, visitors and friends are expected to make use of the house. After each Saturday football game, coffee and cokes are served by the students.

Here servicemen have an opportunity to make new friends, for there is folk-dancing scheduled each Thursday evening and a party on Saturday nights. After attending the church of their choice on Sundays, they may find a good home-cooked meal at Westminster House, and on

Sunday evenings around 2100, there is the "Sing" when young people gather for a time of fellowship and singing of favorite songs and hymns.

Navy Relief help often includes services other than financial, such as the services of a Navy Relief Nurse, assistance with transportation, housing, securing information about dependency, allowances, pensions, government insurance, locating and communicating with Navy personnel, and advising about available community resources.

Red Cross Ramblings

MOVIE-TIME

Two comedies are scheduled for the wards next week. "The Happy Time" stars Charles Boyer and Louis Jordan, while that laughable team Abbott and Costello with Mitzi Green are featured in the other comedy, "Lost in Alaska."

MILLS COLLEGE CO-EDS!

Get in the spirit of Thanksgiving! Opportunity is knocking right here at Oak Knoll. Mills College girls are giving a pre-Thanksgiving party at the Red Cross Lounge this Monday evening, 17 November, from 1700 to 1845 hours. Festive decorations and a happy holiday mood will be very much in evidence; so join in all the fun this Monday evening. Don't forget to bring your ward pals!

TELEPHONE GIRLS

Next Saturday afternoon on 22 November the San Francisco telephone girls will present a gala Thanksgiving party in the Red Cross Lounge from 1400-1600 hours. Don't forget this date, because you'll have the time of your life! Games and dancing, too.

NEW RED CROSS TRAINEE

A new Red Cross trainee has arrived at Oak Knoll to receive her Red Cross military hospital training. She is Nina Garton of Seattle, Wash. Miss Garton has been a social worker at the out-patient clinic at Providence Hospital in Seattle and is now an Assistant Field Director. She completed her undergraduate work at Seattle University where she majored in psychology. Miss Garton then did graduate work in the School of Social Work at the University of Montana.

WOOF-WOOF!

Did you have a chance to "put on the dog" at the party given by the Red Cross trainees in the lounge? It was a howling success with all members of the K-9 corps present. Dog tags representing the two teams which were the St. Bernards and the Dachshunds, were given to each per-

son. The theme was "Putting on the Dog" and this was accomplished in a variety of ways. First a suitcase relay with members of each team dressing in fancy clothes. Then a trip to Waikiki, Hawaii, and a hula contest. Everyone did very well with the hula and Louis Carvalho from Hawaii did two authentic Hawaiian hulas, "Hukilau" and "My Little Grass Shack."

While the St. Bernards and Dachshunds sang of ways to put on the dog, a few contestants drew their own interpretation of putting on the dog. A musical quiz followed. Nobody slipped up on the "Drinking Champagne from a Slipper" contest which was a relay race. The party concluded with a hat making contest.

Ribbon tied dog biscuits as prizes were presented to the happy winners—the St. Bernards!

LT Griffin Wed

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The new Mrs. Chapman took her nurses' training at Baptist Hospital, Birmingham, Alabama. She was sworn in as an Ensign in the Navy Nurse Corps in November 1943. The bridegroom, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar J. Chapman of Holly, Michigan, has served in the Navy for 11 years. He has been stationed at Monterey since March of this year.

Both the Chapmans returned to duty Wednesday after a brief honeymoon somewhere on the Monterey Peninsula, where they plan to make their home.

Give to the United Fund Drive!
Give enough for all!

Your kind expression of sympathy is gratefully acknowledged and deeply appreciated.

Mrs. Joseph G. Heid, Jr.

Divine Services

Hospital Chapel at Main Gate

PROTESTANT

BIBLE SCHOOL—SUNDAY 0945
SUNDAY WORSHIP—1030
Evening Gospel Service—1900—Singing,
Evangelistic Message, Fellowship Hour
CHOIR REHEARSAL—1930 Thursday
HOLY COMMUNION—First Sunday
morning each month.

L. D. S. SERVICE

SUNDAY — 0900 in Staff Conference
Room, Administration Bldg., Annex.

CATHOLIC

SUNDAY MASSES
0600-0800-0900-1200
DAILY MASSES — 1150 and 1630
Confessions before Mass
Catholic Oratory in back of Chapel
Choir Rehearsal—Tuesday 1900

CHAPLAIN'S OFFICES IN
CHAPEL AND 67A

NAVY RELIEF OFFICE—
IN CHAPEL

BUS TO AND FROM CHAPEL ON
SUNDAYS 0845 and 1015



The ladies pictured above with Captain Love, Miss Adams, and CDR Gavin of the hospital staff have received a "well done" for their work with the surgical dressing service of Oakland Chapter, American Red Cross. In the past five years they have prepared nearly 2,000,000 surgical dressings for the hospital.

ARC Group Commended for Long Service Preparing Dressings

Some 40 members of the surgical dressing service of Oakland Chapter, American Red Cross, recently came to the hospital to see where and how their work is used—work they have been doing since the hospital received its first patients in July 1942.

Members of the group, headed by Mrs. Georgia Statler, met CDR Helen C. Gavin, Chief Nurse, and LT Ellen

Smith, Central Supply Room Supervisor, who showed them how bandages are sterilized and packed for distribution to the surgical wards.

These ladies may well be interested, for in the past five years they have prepared a total of 1,854,959 dressings of various types and they have folded every 4x4 dressing ever used at this hospital.

At a meeting that followed the

tour, Miss Marie Adams, Red Cross Field Director, introduced Captain Love, who commended the group for their work and presented Mrs. Statler a letter from Captain Gordon. In the letter the Commanding Officer expressed his appreciation and praised the workers for their neatness and accuracy as well as the volume of help they have given the hospital.

SCUTTLEBUTT

Signs of the Season: The nights are longer—there's a chill to the evening air; the street lights of Oak Knoll twinkle like a thousand chilly stars against a backdrop of ebony, and the view from San Leandro Annex can only be called incomparable. Lads and lassies as they come in from liberty trace patterns with their breaths in the air, wishing they were home in their warm beds. Night nurses and corpsmen scurry along the ramps from ward to ward. The gate guards stamp their feet, and like rabbits, run into the hutch they call gate house to await the coming of another car.

Midnight Meanderings: Biddle and Fidler making a speed run to Reno to try their luck . . . Gay Proper and Vivian among others at the going away party for Chuck Griggs at Johnny's Club on MacArthur Friday night last . . . Beckstead of the EENT Department and a party of Knollites trying out the polished bowling alleys of East Oakland . . . Arlene Normington of the NP clerical service walking off with the BIG prize Friday night at the EM Bingo party! . . . Foster of the NP department and Jack Cunning of the X.O.'s office at the Fire Fly . . .

LIFE BEGINS DEPARTMENT: *Seven and a half pound James Steven Erdahl arrived 3 November to make his home with James N. Ehdahl, HM3, of the Lab staff and Mrs. Erdahl . . . Same day Ellis G. Pelfrey, Jr., HMI, of EST School became the father of Michael Lee, who weighed in at 8 lbs. 1 oz. . . . Also on the 3rd Julie Ann Suddarth arrived. This little girl, 7 lbs. 13 oz., is the daughter of LTJG Sterling B. Suddarth, former staff doctor, now on the GEN A. H. GORDON.*

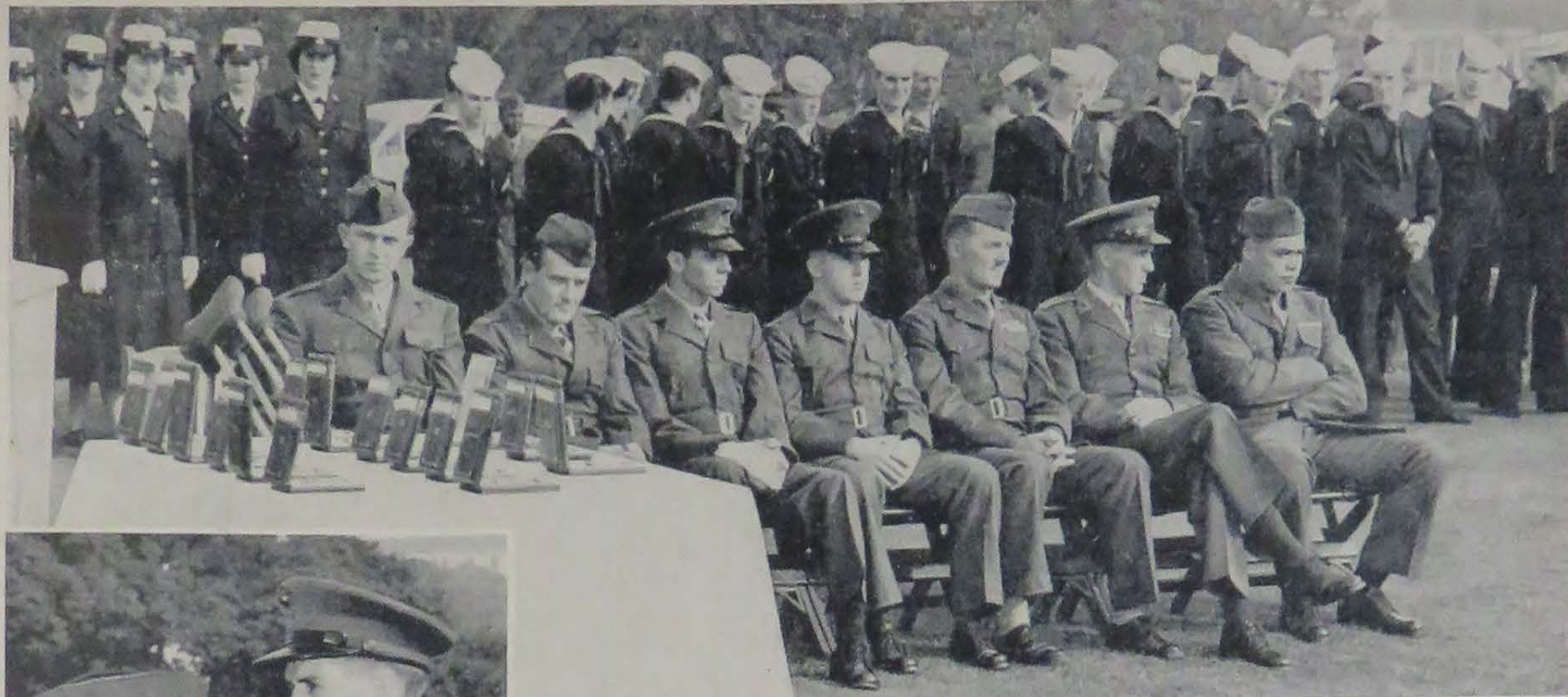
People, Places, and Things: WO Faunce of ALD is sporting a 1952 Ford. Chief M. R. Morrison of Security with his orders in hand, laughingly claimed to be the only man in Security NOT to have put a man on report on this base. Good luck at Moffett, Chief! Feted at a noon farewell party last week were Dorothy Hopson, whose husband, Ray, is being discharged from the Navy, Millie Mello and Bonnie Sandberg, who are infanticipating. The women had all the luck at football last Saturday. At least in the pool that was divided among Joan Mills (Civil Readjustment), Caroline Kevern (Medical Board), Agnes Hoover (Census Desk) and Frances LeCocq. W. M. Strickland, HN, is still nursing a painful right third finger—stopped a football with it.

OAKNOLLUMNI: *Fom Burns writes from Willow Springs, Mo., that his new house is nearing completion and that he intends to have quite a housewarming. Bob Eby reports from Chadron, Neb. that he is no longer wheeling the "ten tonners" but has been placed in an office job. John W. Wolfe, HMC, one of our former EST students, is now ENS John W. Wolfe, USN.*

As they passed each other, one mind reader said to the other: "You're fine. How am I?"

"She looks like she was poured into that dress."

"Yes, and forgot to say 'when!'"



In award ceremonies held recently, 18 Korea veterans, some of whom are pictured here, were presented citations and medals by Major General R. A. Robinson, USMC, Commanding General, Department of the Pacific. At left, General Robinson is shown awarding LT James R. Young the bronze star medal. Above, seated (left to right) are: SGT Robert D. Hollingsworth, PFC Ronald F. Floren, PFC Charles R. DeCarlo, PFC Robert L. Curtis, and PFC John A. Comiskey, all of whom were awarded the Purple Heart medal for wounds received in combat; SGT Richard L. Harrison, who was presented a Commendation Medal for heroic action while acting as a sniper to assist in a company attack on the enemy; 1st LT James R. Young, who received the Bronze Star Medal for heroic action in continuing to relay information to infantry companies although he was exposed to enemy fire; and PFC Charles Raymond, who was awarded the Silver Star Medal for gallantry in single-handedly breaking up an attack of several enemy troops who were gaining ground to seize a gun emplacement. Others not pictured who received the Purple Heart were PFC Dean C. Jenkins, PFC Francis Macik, S/SGT Kenneth L. Thompson, SGT Robert J. Thornton, SGT Norman D. Vaughan, PFC Gerald A. Winkel, PFC John C. Duyst, and Bob V. Van Wagner, HM3. Two men received the gold star in lieu of a second Purple Heart. They were PFC Melvin C. Eldred, USMC, and SGT J. B. Hamilton.

Tulelake Hunting Planned for Thirty

Thirty patients—those who sign up first—will go to Tulelake over the week end of 21 Nov. Citizens of the Homestead Area near Klamath Falls, Ore., will have guns, shells, lodging, licenses, duck stamps, and everything else necessary for a week end of duck and goose hunting. The group will leave here Friday morning and return Sunday. Those who would like to go should sign up at Special Services and be prepared to take along some warm clothing. The rest will be taken care of.

Former Staff Doctor To Present Recital Here

A special treat is in store Saturday for those who enjoy good music. LT Robert Steinberg, pianist and former Oak Knoll staff doctor, and Dominic Maccario, tenor, will appear in a joint recital at the Officers' Club at 1600.

Doctor Steinberg's program will include selections from Schubert, Bartok, and Brahms, and Mr. Maccario will sing compositions of Brahms, Puccini, and other well-known composers.

All members of the staff, their wives and friends are cordially invited to attend.

UFD 100 Percenters

Red Cross staff workers, telephone operators, and gardeners have joined the ranks of the hundred percenters in the United Fund Drive.

Have you made your contribution? If not, please see your solicitor or LT D. A. Wade at the Finance Office now.

"How did you get the black eye?"
"I went to a dance and was struck by the beauty of the place."

Welcome and Farewell

Oak Knoll's staff census fared favorably this week, with 25 new doctors, nurses, and corpsmen reporting for duty, and only 18 leaving for other assignments or civilian life.

Reporting were: LT Myrtle L. Woodall, NC, USNR, from USS THOMAS A. JEFFERSON; LT Neil E. Anderson, MC, USNR, from FMF, 1st MarDiv; LT Marie R. Pelletier, NC, USNR, from USS HAVEN; LT Elizabeth M. Simpson, NC, USN, from Air Transport Squadron TWO, NAS, Alameda, Calif.; LTJG's (MC, USNR) Irving C. Nason, Robert S. Demeter, William C. Nelson, Thomas S. Strathairn, and Edward W. Miller, from inactive duty; ENS's Clara A. Garbutt, NC, USN, and Marian L. Woy, NC, USN, from USNH, Portsmouth, Va.; WOHC William R. Stanberry, USN, from CG 1st MarDiv, FMF; G. E. Flory, HM3 (W), from USNH, San Diego, Calif.; C. C. Fanning, HN, from USNHCS, Bainbridge, Md.; HN's R. E. Glasford, J. A. Berry, B. F. Beckstrand, W. J. Milan, D. E. Rise, J. A. Robbins, C. E. Sell, R. J. Sullivan, and J. E. Weiks, from USNHCS, San Diego; and HA's F. W. Bremner, R. S. Scott, Jr., and B. E. Sida, from USNHCS, San Diego.

Detached were: LTJG Chris A. Pascuzzi, MC, USNR, to Naval Dispensary, 50 Fell St., San Francisco; LTJG Joan M. Tyrrell, NC, USNR, to USNH, Guam, Marianas Islands; LTJG William A. Hawk, MC, USNR to Dept. of the Pacific, 100 Harrison St., San Francisco; L. G. Estes, HMC, to ComServPacAdmin, Pacific; A. T. Stratton, HMI, to USS ELECTRON; B. R. Brown, HM3, H. E. Riel, HM3, D. L. Countryman, HM3, D. M. Sul-

livan, HN, and T. H. Waddill, HA, to Marine Barracks, Camp Pendleton, Oceanside, Calif.; and HN's H. B. Boykin, and T. S. Holmes, Jr., to ComTwelve, Treasure Island, San Francisco.

Released from active duty were: LT Barnard D. Levin, LT Ruth L. Hemp, LT Nairn D. Knott, LT Lillian R. M. Henry, LTJG Elaine M. Peters, and HM3 James H. Hall. Kenneth E. Irrgang, HM3, was discharged from the Naval service.

Season's First EM Dance To Be Held Next Friday

The first staff dance of the season will be held Friday, 21 Nov., at the EM Club.

Norville Knight and his band will provide music from 2030 until 2330. Student nurses from Merritt and Highland hospitals have been invited to serve as partners for stags. Turkeys will be given away as door prizes.

Christmas Plans Made

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enthal, Mrs. Anna F. Mullins, Joseph Tofanelli, Elmer P. Zollner, Walter J. Lee, R. C. Bitterman, Edwin Meese, Jr., Charles Lindh, Mrs. Myrtle Geary, Raymond P. Benton, and Hart Eastman.

Also present to talk over this year's plans were COL William Look, CO of Parks Air Force Base Hospital; W. J. Dann, Manager of the Oakland VA Hospital; Dr. W. A. Cassidy, Manager of the VA Hospital, Livermore, and members of the hospital staffs with whom the committee will work during the holidays.

Football Team Loses to Alameda In Class B Championship Game

In the final touch football game of the season to determine the winner of the Twelfth Naval District Class B Championship, Oak Knoll was defeated by NAS Alameda by a 26-20 margin.

The final game was played on the hospital's home field last Monday, 10 Nov., between teams that led all others in the district league, with eight wins and two losses on either side.

Oak Knoll's Ben Hilliker passed the ball to Jim Ritter to score the first touchdown of the game, and Jim Phillips passed to Jim Pitzer for the extra point. Hilliker ran over the goal line for the second touchdown, and the score at halftime was 13-0.

Only one more score was made for the hospital team in the remainder of the game—that one when Bruce Peterson ran the ball over the line for six points and Phillips passed to Bill Strickland for the conversion.

Alameda racked up all their points in the second half, and made their winning touchdown in the last play of the game.

The eight-man hospital team was pitted against the two-platoon system that Alameda has used throughout the season. One of the outstanding players in the championship game was Ben Hilliker who has

played end position since he joined the team. With only one day of practice, he took over the fullback position vacated by Tony Basques who was recently transferred.

Team coach, W. V. Johnson, said both teams played good ball, and that, win or lose, he was proud of the performance of all the members of his team, both in the final game and throughout the season.

Knoll Keglers Beat Pt. Chicago In Second Game

In keeping with the fine start they made in the first games of the 12th Naval District Class B Bay League Bowling competition, the hospital's five-man team chalked up another win—this time against Port Chicago.

Total pins for all three games played and won last Monday night at Treasure Island were 2488. High individual score for the evening was V. Fraszczak, with a 560. E. Kallemeyn was next with 538, and L. Vosseler followed close behind with 531.

The league is scheduled to run for 22 weeks instead of the 18 weeks announced last week.

The next game, to be played Monday night, will be with the team from NAS Oakland.

5 Aces Out Front In Hospital Bowling

The Thursday night league of the intrahospital bowling league "hit the alleys" on 6 Nov. with six teams in competition. The X-Ray team rolled all four games away from the Nurses, and the Laboratory Five won over Artificial Limb 3-1. The 5 Aces took all four games from the EST School, to maintain their position at the top with 21 wins and only three losses.

Due to the authorization of liberty over Armistice Day, the Tuesday night league games, scheduled for 11 Nov., were postponed until a later date.

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'Victory At Sea' Enters 3rd Week

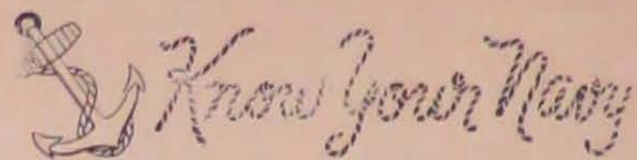
"Victory at Sea," the Navy Department's nationally televised series of programs being carried over the NBC network, enters its third week Sunday.

The series, consisting of 26 half-hour episodes, has already covered "Design for War" depicting anti-submarine warfare prior to WWII, and "The Pacific Boils Over" showing the attack on Pearl Harbor. The program this Sunday, entitled "Sealing the Breach," will be a supplementary film about anti-submarine warfare, from December 1941 to the summer of 1943.

"Victory at Sea" is designed to illustrate the significance of sea power in the national defense, and is considered to be the finest depiction of World War II naval operations ever produced.

Much of the film footage used in the series has formerly been classified confidential or secret and is being shown to the public for the first time. It consists of the best of 50 million feet of official film from 10 different governments and 26 different government agencies all over the world. The score for the presentations was specially and originally composed by Richard Rodgers, Pulitzer prize winning composer of more than 30 Broadway musical shows.

The half-hour documentary program is presented at 1300, each Sunday afternoon, over station KRON-TV.



This column, "Know Your Navy," first appeared two weeks ago. Perhaps you glanced at it, saw that it concerned death benefits, and yawned. Or perhaps, having nothing better to do, you read it and discovered some facts you didn't know before. In that case, keep on reading the column and you'll discover more facts . . . not just about death benefits and regulations. There's a lot more to know about the Navy than that. There are traditions and legends about the sea service that have even been held to and repeated by reluctant reservists. How many of the Navy's legends, unusual traditions, and laws do you know? If you know of some that you think would be particularly interesting or informative, tell us about them and we'll be happy to pass them along to our readers. For instance . . .

Do you know where the term "sick bay" came from? That part of a ship set aside for the medical care of the crew was originally called "sick berth." It is believed that the term was introduced by Lord St. Vincent, of the British Navy, in 1798, in the time when ships had pointed bows. When round bows appeared about 1811, a "bay" was formed within the contour of the bulkheads, and thus the name, "sick bay."

The term "mess" has its origin in several foreign languages; the Latin mensa, meaning table; Spanish mesa, also meaning table; and the Gothic mes, meaning dish. The word as we know it at one time denoted four, and at mealtime, diners were seated in fours.

PREVIEWS

Sunday, 16 November
LOVELY TO LOOK AT—Kathryn Grayson, Red Skelton, Howard Keel, M. SICAL COMEDY. Rating: Excellent. The plot concerns the efforts of three American actors to get backing for a musical. First and foremost, this technical production presents a full portion of singing, dancing and staging . . . It's a musical with showmanship emphasized.

Monday, 17 November
MACAO—Robert Mitchum, Jane Russell. DRAMA. Rating: Very good. Mystery, intrigue, and romance in the Far East. Mitchum is a night club singer, Mitchell Russell running away from a shooting scrape in the States, and a cop (Bill Bendis) chasing a smuggler who turns out to be Jane's boss.

Tuesday, 18 November
THE FOUR POSTER—Rex Harrison, Lilli Palmer, COMEDRAMA. Rating: Excellent. Conforming in theme to the stage hit, this is the story of a married couple from the day of their marriage to the day they move out of the home they have lived in for years.

Wednesday, 19 November
SKY FULL OF MOON—Carleton Carpenter, Keenan Wynn. COMEDRAMA. Not scheduled for public release until December, the plot involves a young man whose great dream is to enter the Las Vegas Hotel. He succeeds with the help of a young lady and a lucky streak with the machines which pays his entrance fee.

Thursday, 20 November
MONTANA BELLE—Jane Russell, George Brent, WESTERN. Rating: Good. The Dalton's ride again! Another tale of the famous outlaws and the legendary Belle Starr; this one graced with Jane Russell and Trucolor. Who could ask for more!

Friday, 21 November
BLOODHOUNDS OF BROADWAY—Mitzi Gaynor, Scott Brady. COMIC MELODRAMA. Rating: Very good. A Damon Runyon-view of a bookie who eventually "goes straight" with the help of a hillbilly girl he falls in love with.

Saturday, 22 November
DANGEROUS GROUND—Ida Lupino, Robert Ryan. Nothing in the files on this one. It's bound to be a drama though, and almost sure to contain a generous portion of suspense.

Staff Personalities

Collecting color slides of all places she's been is the hobby of LTJG Leona Soback, NC, USN, medical ward nurse. She should have quite a collection, for her career in the Navy has taken her to nearly all parts of the world. After receiving her commission three and a half years ago, and attending the School of Air Force

Medicine, the Pennsylvania-born nurse was first sent to USNH San Diego, to Pt. Hueneme, then to Patuxant River, Md. to fly to points in the Atlantic and Caribbean. She then went to Moffett Field where she flew back and forth to Alaska. Prior to coming here six weeks ago, she was assigned to an Air Force Evacuation Squadron at Hickam Field, T. H.



Dan P. Moorefield, HMC, USN, had his leave well timed. While Knollites were digging their raincoats out of mothballs and resigning themselves to the seasonal "heavy California fog" that's set in, Chief Moorefield took off for Arizona to bask in the warm, dry sun for a few days. He'll be back, though, next



week, at his regular post in Archives where he is in charge of the men who file and keep up the records of former patents. Chief Moorefield enlisted in the Navy in 1939, and since that time has had duty all over the country and aboard several ships. He was aboard a sub tender and a destroyer before coming here.



THE OAK LEAF



Oak Knoll Hosts VA Psychologists

The fifth Bay Area Veterans Administration Clinical Psychology Research Meeting convened here on Thursday, 20 Nov., for an all-day series of lectures and discussions.

CAPT John F. McMullin, Chief of the Neuropsychiatric Service, gave a welcoming address to approximately 150 VA psychologists, and psychiatrists and professors from Bay Area universities.

Chairman of the morning sessions was Frampton B. Price, chief psychologist at Oak Knoll. George S. Welsh, of the Oakland VA Hospital, presented a research paper on the "Use of a Figure-Preference Test in Personality Studies." Alan D. Button, of Agnew State Hospital and a former VA trainee at Stanford University, spoke on the "Pattern and Meaning of Mentation in Patients Receiving ACTH." "Some Factors Associated with Clinical Predictions" was the subject of a talk by Martin Levine, VA trainee at U.C.

"An Investigation of Reality Orientation" was presented by Robert MacFarland, of the VA Hospital in Palo Alto, and Wesley Becker, Richard Doctor, Alwyn Sessions and Leonard Ullman, VA trainees at UC and Stanford.

Kenneth B. Little, Stanford University, and Jerome Fisher, VA Hospital, San Francisco, submitted a paper on the "Internal Structure of the Hysteria Scale of the MMPI."

Following a luncheon at the Officers' Club, the meeting reconvened with a symposium dealing with Perception and Psychodynamics. It was led by Else Frenkel-Brunswik and Leo J. Postman of the University of California, Zoltan Gross of the VA Mental Hygiene Clinic in San Francisco, and Patrick L. Sullivan (Chairman), of the VA Mental Hygiene Clinic in Oakland.



Here are the Kennemores—SGT Robert S., USMC, Retired, his wife, Mary Jo, their sons, Jon, James, and David, and their baby daughter, Gail. They are now en route to the White House, where the sergeant will receive the Medal of Honor in special ceremonies Monday. (Oakland Tribune photo)

Amputee, Father of Four, To Get Medal of Honor

Robert S. Kennemore, who "graduated" from Oak Knoll's Amputee Center last December, this week learned that he is to receive the Medal of Honor.

The 32-year-old retired Marine sergeant still can't believe he is to receive the honor the nation bestows only on its greatest heroes, and when told that he was to receive the medal, he kept insisting that he hadn't done anything—that he just fell accidentally on a couple of grenades and got his legs blown off that way.

But Marine Corps records say that Kennemore received his injuries when he deliberately smothered three hand grenades to save the lives of his buddies.

"It sounds like Kennemore," personnel of the artificial limb department said when they heard how he took the news. He is described by those who knew him during the year he was here as "a sober, modest, unassuming fellow—but one of the hardest working patients we have ever had."

Kennemore learned to walk on his artificial limbs in good time, and though he had not danced before, he took up dancing as part of his training. He made the most of every opportunity offered him, and before he left the hospital, he passed the test for a California driver's license in a conventional car with none of the extra attachments ordinarily used by amputees.

The sergeant, retired after 11 years' service, is just as proud of the honor that has come to him as he is surprised by it. He is now employed as a supply clerk at the Oakland Naval Supply Center, and he and his pretty wife, Mary Jo, and their family of four—James, 9½; Jon, 7½; David, 5, and baby Gail, 6 months, live at 2921 73rd Avenue.

But all six of them are now en route to the White House, where President Truman will present the medal to Kennemore and two other Marine heroes—LTCOL Raymond G. Davis of Goggins, Ga., and PFC Hector A. Cafferata, Jr., of Montville, N. J., Monday.

Staff To Attend Organ Dedication

Next Tuesday at 1230 is the time set for official dedication of Oak Knoll's new Hammond organ and chimes. Recently purchased through appropriated funds, the organ will serve all who worship in the chapel.

RADM A. H. Dearing, District Medical Officer and former Commanding Officer here, will make the presentation to the Commanding Officer, and chaplains representing the Catholic, Jewish, and Protestant faiths will say a few words about what music means to church-goers everywhere and especially what the organ will mean to Oak Knoll.

Following this brief ceremony, Marjorie Strum, Oakland organist, will play a group of selections on the organ.

All members of the service and civilian staffs who can be spared from their duties are invited to attend.

Patients Invited To 4-Hour Show

Sixty patients will head for San Francisco Monday night to attend a big stag dinner and a four-hour show presented by San Francisco's best known night club entertainers.

George Reilly of the State Board of Equalization will be host at the dinner, to which 60 patients from Letterman Army Hospital have also been invited.

The place is the Moose Lodge, 859 O'Farrell Street. The time is 1830 (Busses leave Community Service Building at 1730). Many have already signed up for this big event, which features fine food and as gay an evening's entertainment as can be found in the City of San Francisco. Those who have not joined the party may do so by signing up at Special Services now.

DMO, 5 Knoll Doctors Pass State Exam

Five Oak Knoll doctors this week received the good news that they passed the examinations they took in San Francisco last Saturday and as a result are licensed to practice in the State of California.

They were CAPT Julian Love, Executive Officer; CAPT B. N. Ahl, Chief of the EENT Service; CAPT F. P. Kreuz, Chief of Orthopedics; CAPT James G. Bulgrin, Chief of the Radiology Service; and CDR Mason Morris, Jr., of the OB-GYN service.

RADM A. H. Dearing, District Medical Officer, was also among those who passed the examination Saturday.

Fire Department Marks Alarm Boxes

The Fire Department has asked that all personnel pay particular attention to the way in which some of the street and corner lights on the compound have been marked to indicate fire alarm boxes.

Each light pole that has an alarm box on it was marked recently by painting the upper half of the light with red paint. In addition to being another precautionary measure to avoid fire damage all over the hospital, it is important that everyone be familiar with the location of outside fire alarms in case a blaze should start in a ward that is not used.

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† † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

When we think of the first Thanksgiving in America we are apt to think of Pilgrims and their Indian friends sitting down to dinner around a table loaded with food from the first harvest in Plymouth. There is wild turkey, and venison from the forest, vegetables from the fields, fish from Cape Cod Bay; and Prayers are offered to thank God for a harvest that would see the colonists through the cold winter ahead.

But actually, the first Thanksgiving celebration was held the previous year when a small group of weary, seasick people knelt humbly on the sandy beach at Plymouth and thanked God for a safe journey, for their new homeland, and most of all for escape from the confusion, persecution, hatreds, bloodshed and religious fanaticism of unhappy Europe and especially England. The natural resources, wealth and future greatness of America were not even dreamed of by these faithful pilgrims, but they were devoutly thankful for religious freedom and personal escape from the ills of Europe.

Gratitude would have been but a fleeting shadow, had it not been followed by dauntless courage, steadfast faith, and willingness to sacrifice for the sake of a better future. These qualities were not confined to those first settlers, but each succeeding generation provided leadership of the same moral fibre and these giants in courage, faith, and vision helped in directing the destiny of America toward her present greatness. Without this unbroken chain of religious and moral power the nation would long ago have become a continent of confused divided governments.

The great danger today is that we are running short on moral rations. Personal greed, selfishness, corruption, unmoral attitudes, lack of responsibility, are all too common among those who have benefited most from our national heritage.

Thanksgiving is a good time to take stock of our citizenship wealth as well as the sacred responsibility to cherish and preserve these treasures for succeeding generations.

—J. A. WHITMAN, Protestant Chaplain

PRAYER FOR MOTORISTS

A Thanksgiving Safety Message for Naval Personnel

THANKSGIVING! A time of feast and celebration—a time for counting one's blessings and offering thanks—a time too for sober reflection on how best to preserve those blessings we now hold so dear.

To help insure to all those who journey over the nation's teeming highways this Thanksgiving holiday the blessings of SAFETY and well-being, we offer the following:

Grant me a steady hand and watchful eye
 That no man shall be hurt when I pass by.
 Thou gavest life, and I pray that no act of mine
 May take away the gift of Thine.
 Shelter those, dear Lord, who bear me company
 From the evils of calamity.
 Teach me to use my car for other's need,
 Nor miss, through love of speed,
 The beauty of Thy world, that thus I may
 With joy and courtesy go my way.

—Author unknown.

Fifty-five Pass Examination for Advancement

Fifty-five HA's threw away their two-stripe badges on 16 Nov. and advanced to HN's. Following is the list of those who passed the hospitalman test successfully and were advanced in rating:

F. G. Anderson, C. A. Burkett, G. A. Caster, G. R. Cera, D. E. Davidson, J. E. Dye, N. P. Green, D. S. Hadley, R. B. Hill, N. P. Houghton, R. B. Hughes, E. Koster, K. L. Langhoff, D. R. Lannoo, J. V. Lee, C. R. Lindberg, T. S. Luttio, P. N. Martin, A. V. Mertens, D. F. Morgan, G. A. Mor-

gan, F. L. Moseley, B. R. Moyer, D. C. Nicola, W. P. O'Donnell, D. L. Patterson, F. D. Pinheiro, J. D. Plauche, C. J. Poczalski, J. D. Poole, R. Prather, A. J. Ramicone, D. H. Ranta, M. F. Rice, R. E. Rieger, L. L. Rudd, G. A. Schwalls, H. F. Scott, M. F. Sheehan, J. G. Skaff, V. D. Smithers, W. E. Spraker, R. G. Stebbins, T. T. Tallant, W. R. Thompson, H. A. Tie-mann, M. D. Tuenge, L. D. Van Boening, R. Veres, T. H. Waddill, M. A. Wadleigh, J. B. Weber, T. A. Weber, G. S. Wilkins, and K. E. Willyard.



Gus Kane, veteran patient of Ward 41A, seems to be having a jolly birthday party. Alida Quick, Red Cross Recreation Worker, is joining his many ward friends in wishing him a Happy Birthday!

Red Cross Ramblings

PARTY TIME

A big pre-Thanksgiving party will be held in the Red Cross Lounge this Monday night, 24 November. Don't miss this opportunity to get in the spirit of Thanksgiving and enjoy the party that twenty girls from the Oakland Junior Club membership have planned for you. They will all be present to greet you, and there will be games, community singing and dancing. Remember the time, 1900 to 2050.

MOVIE-FANS

The ward movie feature for the coming week is a comedy, "Dreamboat," starring Clifton Webb and Ginger Rogers. Watch for this full-length movie on your ward.

OPEN HOUSE

On Thanksgiving day, Thursday, 27 November, there will be Open House at the Red Cross Lounge from 1300 to 1630. Join in the festivities and bring your ward pals. S-O-R-R-Y, no dance Thursday night!

AHOY, PHILATELISTS!

If your hobby is collecting stamps and unusual stamp material then perhaps this will interest you. Recently President-elect Eisenhower donated 292 stamp covers to Oak Knoll Hospital. If you'd like to find out about obtaining one of these

stamp covers, Mrs. Dallas, Gray Lady stamp expert, will be glad to assist you. She will be here Monday afternoon at 1300 in Room 212, top-side in Community Services building, and will begin touring the wards at 1400. Watch for her on your wards.

THANKSGIVING DANCE

If you enjoy dancing, games, and a good time, be sure to drop around to the Red Cross Lounge for the festive Pre-Thanksgiving Dance this next Tuesday night, 25 November. Hostesses will be there, and a happy holiday atmosphere will prevail; so remember the time, this Tuesday evening, 1900 to 2050.

Commanding Officer At Washington Meet

CAPT Gordon, in Washington for the past week to attend a meeting of the Association of Military Surgeons of the United States, is expected back today.

In his absence CAPT Julian Love has been acting as Commanding Officer, and CAPT B. N. Ahl has handled the Executive Officer's duties for CAPT Love.

Divine Services

Hospital Chapel at Main Gate

PROTESTANT
 BIBLE SCHOOL—SUNDAY 0945
 SUNDAY WORSHIP—1030
 Evening Gospel Service—1900—Singing,
 Evangelistic Message, Fellowship Hour
 CHOIR REHEARSAL—1930 Thursday
 HOLY COMMUNION—First Sunday
 morning each month.

L. D. S. SERVICE
 SUNDAY—0900 in Staff Conference
 Room, Administration Bldg., Annex.

CATHOLIC
 SUNDAY MASSES
 0600-0800-0900-1200
 DAILY MASSES—1150 and 1630
 Confessions before Mass
 Catholic Oratory in back of Chapel
 Choir Rehearsal—Tuesday 1900

CHAPLAIN'S OFFICES IN
 CHAPEL AND 67A

NAVY RELIEF OFFICE—
 IN CHAPEL

BUS TO AND FROM CHAPEL ON
 SUNDAYS 0845 and 1015

United Fund Drive Enters Last Week

As THE OAK LEAF went to press, Oak Knoll's United Fund Drive for Navy Relief and the East Bay United Crusade had netted \$7,130, according to CAPT Frank P. Kreuz, director.

With only one week remaining in the drive, CAPT Kreuz has ordered a "mopping up" operation that he hopes will bring in at least another thousand dollars. This would mean that the total contribution from Oak Knoll would equal that of last year when the hospital held its own united drive.

SCUTTLEBUTT

PEOPLE, PLACES, AND THINGS:

Yelling themselves hoarse at the Cal game last Saturday were Marilyn Blatchely, Pete Mentor, Harold Hensle, and Irma Heidell . . . ENS Daniel of Staff Personnel was among the many who enjoyed the steak dinner recently put on by Branch 48 of the Fleet Reserve Association at the CPO Club at TI . . . Dr. Carrie Chapman, one of the few persons ever to be made an honorary member of the National Secretaries Association, spoke to the Golden Gate Chapter of the organization at San Francisco's Pign Whistle last Thursday . . . Doctor Kahn will have a Junior Hostess group at De Fremery Recreation Center, Oakland, for his audience Sunday afternoon . . . The Knaves, Oakland's own ice hockey team, has found a small but ardent group of fans among the Knollites. They play at Berkeley's Iceland . . . ENS Thompson of the Record Office was really enjoying the Jazz at the Philharmonic concert Saturday night . . . Blonde Bonnie Drumm, civilian personnel classification expert here since March 1951, said good-bye to Oak Knoll yesterday. She'll report Monday to a new job as wage and classification analyst for the Public Works Department at San Bruno . . . Former Ensigns Helen M. English and Marjorie A. Guilday are now among the JG's . . .

OAKNOLLUMNI: Comes word from San Diego Dispensary that Warren Stinson, HMI, is now on limited duty as the result of his latest CARTastrophe. He was noted for minor accidents and/or incidents while working in the Organization Office, but we regret that his latest, at Tijuana, was not minor . . . Reggie Spaatz, late of the EST clerical staff, was married on 8 November to Mr. Harvey Glaze of Hollywood . . . Theodor B. Yerke, former assistant librarian, has a new job as librarian for California College of Arts and Crafts.

HERE 'N' THERE: A horde of painters giving the corridors of the Ad Building a new coat of paint—pastel green with black baseboards and ivory door frames . . . Chief Hall of Photo Arts displaying his new Rolliflex . . . 25 patients, with Dr. Thornburg, Jack Bates, Chief Hall, and Ward Scott boarding a Navy plane at Alameda for a week end of hunting at Tulalake near the Oregon border . . . An appreciative audience of 60 attending Dr. Steinberg's piano program at the Club . . . People wondering about the identity of the spectre in OR gown and shorts who was seen OUTSIDE the cast room the other night.

GLUTTON FOR PUNISHMENT: Some folks believe in getting a lot done at once. SGT Gerald F. Stoupe, amputee patient, went to surgery one day recently for a stump revision. Two days later he was back for an emergency appendectomy.

The mother lion opened her eyes lazily and saw her young son chasing a hunter around and around a tree. "Junior," she called, "don't play with your food."

A small town is a place where everyone knows what everyone else is doing but they read the local paper to see if they have been caught at it.



Getting ready to have dinner at the Claremont and looking very happy about it is this group of patients and Jean Banks HMC (W), of the hospital staff. This is one of many, many groups of seven patients that have accepted the Claremont's invitation to a free dinner. They are driven over each Thursday night by a staff member. Pictured here (left to right) are: William Fox, Ward 42A; William Harrington, 61B; and Frank O'Dell, Richard Cain, Norman Vaughn, and Dean Jenkins, all of 42A; Miss Banks and Carl McPherson, also of 42A. It's fun, it's free, and it's another of the many activities available to patients who sign up for them at Special Services.

Officers' Wives' Club Plans Carnival

Mrs. Orval G. Haines, Chairman of the Carnival being staged by the Officers' Wives Club, announces everything is in readiness for a big time to be enjoyed by all. The Carnival will begin at 1900 hours on Saturday, November 22, at the Officers' Club and is a money-raising project for the Baby Sitting Fund.

Members, husbands, and children are urged to attend as there will be entertainment and fun for everyone. The decoration theme features Bozo, the Clown, who will welcome small-fry and grown-ups alike, and there will be games and movies for the children, bingo, a hobby show section, a bake sale, and a coffee and doughnut snack bar.

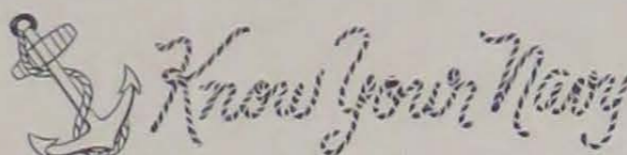
Chiefs' Club Picks Six New Officers

At a meeting held last week, new officers were elected for the Chiefs' Club.

J. R. Baranski, a newcomer to the staff and attached to the EST School, was elected President of the Club, replacing R. D. Nations.

L. Newman, of the Laboratory, is the new recorder, and the incoming Board of Governors consists of L. J. Henney and J. D. Morehouse of the Artificial Limb Department, R. W. Gillespie from the Record Office and J. F. Swanson of Property and Accounting.

Plans for future activities at the Club are underway and will be announced in later issues of THE OAK LEAF.



ANCHORS AWEIGH!

To heave ahead with some more salty slang . . . Everyone knows the Navy's song, "Anchors Aweigh." But how many know the exact definition of "weighing" an anchor? Specifically, it is weighed when the slack in the cable has been taken in on the windlass and the anchor is being hauled in.

A good description of the anchor as it symbolizes the sea service is found in "A Sailor's Treasury." "The hooks are called the flukes or palms, the shaft is the shank, and the transverse bar is the stock; the anchor chain is the cable, and the holes in the bow through which the cable passes are the hawespipes. When not in use the anchors are lashed to the deck of the forecastle, ready for instant use; when they are wanted they are unstowed, swung out, and lowered until the slack in the cable has been taken up, and are then let go. When an anchor has reached the ground it is bitted—that is, the cable is made fast within the ship."

"As it leaves the bottom it is apeak and yielding to the strain, is riding home; as it breaks the surface it is awash, and when brought to the bow it is catted, swung into place and stowed."

NAVY RELIEF

The Navy Relief Society (benefited by contributions to the United Fund Drive) is a private organization. Closely affiliated with the Navy and working exclusively among naval personnel and their families, it was incorporated in 1904 under the laws of the District of Columbia. Its existence

COL Bags One Duck, One COL

Over the teletype this week came a dispatch to the Battalion Commander, First Marine Air Wing, from USNH, Mare Island, quoting one COL Williamson's version of an unusual incident which took place in Korea and which hospitalized the colonel.

Here is the story:

"It was the 21st of October. LTCOL Hutchinson, LTCOL Scott, a Mr. Davis, I believe, of the Douglas Aircraft Corporation, and myself went duck hunting—about five miles east of K-8 Air Base in Korea. At about 0830 we started back and LTCOL Hutchinson and I were walking down the dike in a rice paddy; we came to a break in the dikes and he had boots on; so he went across first. He was going to pull me across. I handed him the butt end of the shotgun. I thought I had the business end well off-side of my person. He gave a pull and I gave a pull and the thing went off.

"I landed on my face in the rice paddy. It was purely accidental and be sure and put a statement in there (in the investigation report) that by no means can LTCOL Hutchinson be considered at all responsible. That is about the extent of it. There I laid until the helicopter came and got me.

"Result of hunting: One duck and one colonel."

recognizes that persons serving in the Navy and Marine Corps, and their dependents, have their own problems and conditions of life peculiar to the service. It is the Navy's own organization to take care of its own people when they need help.



This set of informal portraits was volunteered by an enterprising shutterbug at the photography lab. The subject was Robert Davis, HMI, of the lab staff, and the expressions were inspired by a barrage of heckling remarks and flying objects. The following captions have been suggested, but if you like, you may make up your own. (1) "So I told 'im, 'Listen here, Chief . . .'" (2) "Hey, remember that 72 in San Diego?" (3) "What's WRONG with the way I handled it?" (4) "We're REALLY gonna have turkey next Thursday?" (5) "Okay now—knock it off!" (6) "I didn't mean it! Honest!"



Four men came forth last week to be awarded trophies earned in horse-shoe-throwing competition, which ended earlier in the season. LT W. C. McQueen, Special Services Officer, presented the trophies to (left to right) Donald Amos, HA, Earl Kallemeyn, HMI, Victor Irving, HM2, and O. L. Jacobson, HMC. Irving received his award for winning the singles, and Jacobson took second place in singles play. Kallemeyn and Jacobson won first place in the doubles. Members of the team still stationed here but unable to receive their trophies with the others were Edward Trnka, HN, and William Cullum, DT1.

Basketball Practice Gets Underway For 12ND Class B League Play

Several practice sessions held at 1730 on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays on the basketball court have been staged in the past couple of weeks. Athletic Director W. V. Johnson reports that the team has a good turnout, and that what the final selected team members may lack in height will be made up in scrappiness.

A practice game, to be played against the Hunter's Point team, will be held at 2030 in the gym at the San Leandro annex, on Tuesday, 25 Nov.

The first regular game of the District Class B League will be played on 8 Jan. The teams entered in the League, in addition to the hospital

team, are from Port Chicago, Tiburon, NSC, Oakland, and District Communications.

Welcome and Farewell

Not many names appeared on the list of incoming and outgoing personnel, but the balance was favorable by a margin of one. Seventeen persons reported, and sixteen were detached, released to inactive duty, or discharged from the Naval service.

Reporting were LT Thomas D. Stephenson, DC, USN, from the USS CAVALIER; LT Louis DeMeo, DC USNR, from Naval Administrative Command, NTC, San Diego, Calif.; LTJG's Donald C. Fyler, Harry S. Ogden, and Walton W. Shreeve, from inactive duty; J. R. Greenwald, HM3, from USS Haven; H. C. Denton, HA, from USNHCS, San Diego; C. T. Sanders, DA, from USNTC, San Diego; and HA's H. M. Gambit, J. E. Duvaljr, V. L. Marino, R. J. Wolfe, O. F. Williams, R. N. Whortenberry, J. A. Wolfram, R. D. Gambill, and B. J. Leo (W), from USNHCS, Bainbridge, Maryland.

Detached were LT's Delma U. Linville, and Catherine E. O'Hara to CoMSTS, Seattle, Wash.; LT Ocie F. Martin, NC, USN, to NAAS Barin Field, Foley, Ala.; LT Eunice E. Richardson, NC, USN, to NAAS Monterey, Calif.; LT's Edna C. Lenz and Ruth L. Lloyd, to MSTSPac, San Francisco Calif.; LTJG Adelaide Stillwell, NC, USN, to USS GENERAL BRECKINRIDGE; R. D. Rich, HMCA (T), USN, to Receiving Station, Washington, D. C.; M. R. Morrison, HMC, to MarCorpResDist, Moffett Field, Calif.; T. B. Cheney, HMC, to ComNavFe; K. L. Powell, HM3, to Mobile Construction Battalion Five; and C. E. Hubauer, HN, to NavDisp, San Francisco.

Those released to inactive duty were: LT Nairn D. Knott, MC, USNR; LT Patricia J. Potts, NC, USNR; and D. K. Richardson, HM2. William H. Vandiver, HM3, was discharged from the Navy at the expiration of his enlistment.

Patients Attend Big Game Classic

Today (Saturday), 40 patients will attend a University of California football game at Memorial Stadium in Berkeley. The game will pit the Golden Bears against the Stanford Indians in what is recognized as a Big Game classic.

This evening, the Newman Club of the University of California will open its doors to 40 patients to join in some entertainment. For those interested, there is still time to sign up for this affair by contacting either the Catholic Chaplain or Special Services.

"Meanest Thief" Takes TV Set

The person who carried off Ward 76A's television set—billed by Bay Area newspapers as the "meanest thief in the world"—has not been apprehended; nor has the TV set, according to latest word from the Security Office.

Sympathizers in the community will be glad to know that the stolen set was replaced by a better one shortly after the theft occurred.

LIBERTY CONFIRMED FOR THANKSGIVING

Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, 27 Nov., will be observed with regular holiday routine at Oak Knoll. Official notice of duty sections and liberty times are posted in the Plan of the Day.

Staff Personalities

A newcomer to Oak Knoll and to California is Ronald J. Thompson, HN, USNR, assigned to Ward 44A. A native of Rockford, Ill., he was called to active duty last February, and came here in Oct. With one of his two years of active service nearing completion, he'll have only one more year to go until he can resume the college education that was interrupted by the Navy. He was studying music and education at Northern Illinois State Teacher's College when he got his call to arms. In connection with his training, he plays several instruments, sings, and has a classical record collection that's in safekeeping for him at home.



Not a "plank owner," but certainly a Knollite long enough to be called an old timer is Vi Wise who recently marked her eighth year here. Originally from Niagara Falls, N.Y., she graduated from an art school and worked in an art deptment for a while before following her husband, then in the Army, out to the West Coast.

Vi has worked in the Maintenance Office for the last four years, making up housing reports and being a sort of "Jack of all trades..." She continues her interest in art by drawing and painting as a hobby. Greatest interest, however, is centered in Tiny, a terrier, and Pedro, a Chihuahua, the Wise pets.



PREVIEWS

Sunday, 23 November
MEET ME AT THE FAIR—Dan Dailey, Diana Lynn, MUSICAL, DRAMA. A 12-year-old orphan runs away from a detention home where he has been ill-treated, and is taken under the wing of Dan Dailey, owner of a one-wagon medicine show. Miss Lynn, portraying a welfare representative, rescues the boy to her fiancé, a crooked District Attorney who is apprehended, leaving the runaway free to be adopted by the "medicine man."

Monday, 24 November
HAPPY GO LOVELY—Vera Ellen, David Niven. No plot synopsis on this one, but it's British and in technicolor. It was first released over a year ago, and the reviewer's rating on it was "very good."

Tuesday, 25 November
FLAT TOP—Sterling Hayden, Richard Carlson, Phyllis Coates, DRAMA. Hayden is an air group commander aboard a carrier in Korean waters. In flashback fashion, the story of his group is told... how it arrived in WWII, subsequently took part in various major campaigns, and fought for survival at the end of the war.

Wednesday, 26 November
MODELS INCORPORATED—Howdy Duff, Colleen Gray. Although this was released some time ago, and there's nothing on it in the files, we recall the plot dealt with a very unglamorous side of model agencies.

Thursday, 27 November
TO HAVE AND HAVE NOT—Humphrey Bogart, Lauren Bacall. This one's an oldie, and was Miss Bacall's first. It's the tale of a guy (Bogie) who owns a fishing boat and some toughies that force him to use his boat to transport smuggled goods. Miss Bacall and her "If you want anything, just whistle" add a certain flavor to the picture.

Friday, 28 November
CATTLE TOWN—Dennis Morgan. Sorry nothing in the files on this one either.

Saturday, 29 November
DOUBLE DYNAMITE—Frank Sinatra, Jane Russell, COMEDY. Rating: Good. The two stars are tellers in the same bank. Frankie saves a bookie from an attack by a rival gang, and in appreciation the bookie fixes it so his rescuer can have "sure winners every time." Unfortunately, just when Sinatra starts making money on the deal, a sum of money is discovered missing from the bank. Naturally, complications set in. Hilarity sets in too, and although Sinatra proves he is a very capable comedian, most of the laughs go to Groucho Marx, who portrays a waiter trying to help the teller out of his predicament.

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DMO Dedicates Organ, Chimes

"May this fine instrument long produce a rich harmony of sounds reaching out to the personnel who worship here or who pass by, that souls and minds may find healing, peace, joy, faith, and hope through the inspiration of music."

This was the hope expressed by the hospital chaplains on the occasion of the presentation of Oak Knoll's new Hammond organ and chimes.

RADM A. H. Dearing, MC, USN, who was Commanding Officer at Oak Knoll when the chapel was built, came back Tuesday from his office at 50 Fell Street to present the organ, which was supplied through funds granted by the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery.

Admiral Dearing spoke of the old days at Oak Knoll, when chapel services were held in the building that now houses the Red Cross Craft Shop. He recalled that the present chapel was consecrated on Sunday, 14 October 1945, and that the first wedding held in the chapel took place the following day when a Marine officer just back from a Japanese prison camp claimed his bride. He told of the many gifts that have come to the chapel through individuals and organizations in the community.

Captain Gordon accepted the organ for the hospital, and CDR J. A. Whitman, Senior Chaplain, introduced Rabbi John J. Zukor, Jewish Chaplain, LCDR C. B. Knight, Cath-

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Officers' Wives To Wrap Gifts

It's that time again, and Officers' Wives once more are ready to wrap Christmas gifts for patients and staff men who need their help.

Beginning Monday, day after tomorrow, the wrapping booth in the bowling alley will be open from 0900 to 1600 five days a week, continuing through 23 December.

Special Services will supply the ribbon and fancy Christmas papers suitable for wrapping everything from diamond rings to tricycles (both of which are available in the Navy Exchange store). A crew of Officers' Wives, headed by Mrs. J. N. C. Gordon, will be on deck each day to do the work.

Last year the same service was offered, and it was estimated that the number of packages wrapped ran into the thousands.

Red Cross Gray Ladies will take care of package wrappings for patients unable to come to the booth themselves.

(1) Making plans for the hunt are (left to right): CPL Dwight Brown, CPL William Riley, SGT Herbert Aldous, Bob Heiney, one of the 20-30 Club hosts, and S/SGT William Kirkpatrick. The photograph was taken in the home of George Douglass, President of the Tulelake 20-30 Club. (2) T/SGT Carl McPherson and SGT W. F. Fox were among the 23 successful hunters who bagged the limit of pheasants at Tulelake Saturday. (3) S/SGT William Kirkpatrick and CPL Dwight Brown take aim from the jeep that transported them to the hunting area. (4) All the patients are shown as they gathered by the NAS, Alameda, plane that flew them to Tulelake Friday and brought them back on Sunday.

23 Enjoy Week-end Bird Hunt at Tulelake

Twenty-three patients from the hospital took off at 1000 Friday from the Naval Air Station, Alameda, for the Oregon border and a week end of pheasant and duck hunting in the Tulelake basin.

Flying in a Navy R4D 8, the patients, most of them casualties from the fighting in Korea, were met at the Oregon Municipal Airport by members of the 20-30 Club of Tulelake, their hosts for the week end.

A similar group of patients were invited to Tulelake for the first time last year, when the 20-30 Club and other civic groups got together and decided some of the men who fought in Korea might enjoy a taste of what

Tulelake residents say is the "best shooting in the world."

Through the cooperative efforts of the citizens, the men were housed, fed, entertained, and provided with guns, shells, hunting licenses, pheasant tags, and duck stamps. Transportation and guides for tours throughout the Tulelake area were supplied.

Patients who went on the trip, almost all of whom bagged their limits, were: PFC Robert Balthorpe, USMC, San Francisco; Daniel Koonce, FA, USN, Vida, Ark.; John Roy Randall, SN, USN, Gonvik, Minn.; CPL Kent Norton, USMC, Vallejo, Calif.; SGT W. F. Fox, USMC, St. Paul, Minn.;

PFC Albert Green, USMC, Spartanburg, S.C.; CPL Paul Eaves, USMC, New Orleans, La.; PFC A. L. Harris, USMC, Sandersville, Ga.; CPL R. E. Runyon, USMC, Hammond, Ind.; S/SGT William Kirkpatrick, USMC, Arkansas City, Kans.; T/SGT Carl McPherson, USMC, Naval Base, S.C.; PFC Thomas Fogarty, USMC, Akron, Ohio; CPL Richard Cain, USMC, Spokane, Wash.; Richard Rudisill, SN, Atlanta, Ga.; SGT Joseph Gajewski, USMC, Buffalo, N.Y.; Clarence Pennington, SA, Wathville, S.C.; Henry McAlsenan, SN, USN, White Plains, N.Y.; CPL Dwight Brown, USMC Brevard, N.C.; SGT Herbert

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† † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

Abou Ben Adhem (may his tribe increase!)
Awoke one night from a deep dream of peace
And saw, within the moonlight of his room,
Making it rich, and like a lily in bloom,
An angel writing in a book of gold:—
Exceeding peace had made Ben Adhem bold,
And to the Presence in the room he said,
"What writest thou?" — The vision raised
And with a look made of all sweet accord
Answered, "The names of those who love the Lord."
"And is mine one?" said Abou. "Nay, not so,"
Replied the angel. Abou spoke more low
But cheerily still; and said, "I pray thee then,
Write me as one that loves his fellow-men."
The angel wrote and vanished. The next night
It came again with a great wakening light,
And showed the names whom love of God had blessed,
And lo! Ben Adhem's name led all the rest.

—Leigh Hunt

"Write me as one that loves his fellow-men," Abou Ben Adhem said. I'm sure we all agree wholeheartedly with our author, "May his tribe increase," and may we as Christians, so live that we might be counted members of his tribe. We would then fulfill, as he, the second great commandment, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." In the parable of the Good Samaritan, Christ plainly answered for us the question so often asked, "Who is my neighbor?" As you remember at the close of the parable Jesus asked, "Which now of these three, thinkest thou, was neighbor unto him that fell among the thieves?" and the lawyer answered, "He that showed mercy on him." Then Jesus said unto him, "Go and do thou likewise."

While we are stationed at this hospital, whether we be Chaplain, corpsman, nurse, doctor, patient, or civilian we have many opportunities to set the example of neighborliness to those with whom we come in contact. Let us all accept the admonition of Christ and do more than is required of us in our duties. As we read these few words let's think back over yesterday's happenings and the day before, and we will see little helpful things we could have done for our neighbors. Perhaps we'll see where we could have made a patient more comfortable, or as a patient you could have made your ward more pleasant for everyone by sharing what duties you could. Now let us plan for tomorrow and the day after and for all our days. Let's seek out ways in which to love our neighbors, and remember, Our Neighbor is the Next Person We Meet.

—VIRGIL D. SESSIONS, HMI,
LDS Group Leader

CONSERVATION IS PART OF SERVICE

"Economic burden is a matter of concern to every person, whether he be a civilian, a candidate for public office or a member of the military service. Our obligation to the country does not end by virtue of our service alone. Rather, our obligation to our country is increased by that service; and we must do everything in our power to practice the principles of conservation and utilization wherever possible to effect smaller expenditures and a reduction in the cost of defense." (From "The Navy Conservationist," Nov. 1952)

BUY BONDS NOW; BE THANKFUL LATER

Thanksgiving has come and gone and many of us have taken stock of our blessings. It's a good thing to do once a year—we are apt to lose sight of them. It is said that the blessing most people want is security, and in these days of uncertainty about the future, security is not easy to get. But we can all make a good start at financial security—at getting to the point where we know we have a comfortable back log of dough in case of an emergency. Millions of Americans

have discovered how to acquire this kind of security. What is it? The Payroll Savings Plan for saving U. S. Defense Bonds. It is regular, it is automatic, and the money that is saved for you grows by 3% interest! Just sign the application form here at the hospital today, and by next Thanksgiving you'll surely have something to be thankful for! Join Payroll Savings TODAY — Bonds are better than ever!

Red Cross Ramblings

CINEMA ATTRACTIONS

A comedy and an adventure are scheduled for the ward movie circuits this next week. **BONZO GOES TO COLLEGE**, the comedy, stars Edmund Gwenn and Maureen O'Sullivan. Joseph Cotton and Shelley Winters are featured in the adventure movie, **UNTAMED FRONTIER**. Be sure and watch for one of these full length movies on your ward next week.

S-O-R-R-Y

Saturday, November 29th, the Red Cross Lounge will be closed, but will be open every Saturday during December. There will be Big Parties each Saturday—watch the Lounge bulletin board for information.

"GET-TO-GETHER"

This Monday, 1 December, the Junior Native Daughters of Unit 22 will give a "Get-to-gether" party from 1900 hours to 2045 hours at the Red Cross Lounge. The evening will be replete with games, a community sing, and a wonderful social evening for everyone. Bring your ward pals and have fun!

OPERATION, DECORATIONS

Put a big red circle around Friday, 5 December, on your calendar, at 1400 hours because that is when there will be an idea and suggestion confab for

the lounge Christmas decorating activities. Come on down to the lounge and give old Santa a hand with holiday plans.

DANCE DIVINELY

In case you haven't heard, or are new at Oak Knoll, but have the desire to "dance divinely," your opportunity to do so is here. Come over to the Red Cross Lounge and waltz through the dancing lessons which are given every Tuesday from 1400 to 1600 hours. The "Reni" dance instructor will teach you all the latest dances and you will be able to step out in grand style on dance nights. There is nothing like a tango to-put zest in your step so come and join in the fun.

DO YOU KNOW?

Do you know that eighty-nine Red Cross hostesses, mostly students from the University of California, have just finished their hospital orientation classes and will be appearing at the dances on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at the Red Cross Lounge? Be sure to drop over and say "hello" to them. Incidentally, one group of girls will help give parties on the wards so many of you will be able to greet the lovely new hostesses in person even if you can't visit the lounge.

PO Advancements Relieve Shortage

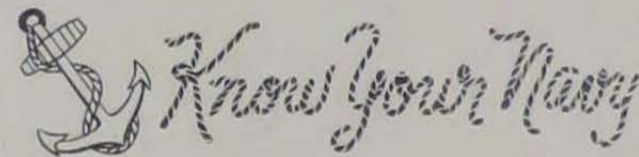
Practically all men who passed the July petty officer advancement examinations were rated, the Bureau of Personnel announces.

Reason for the large-scale promotion, the Navy said, was a shortage of petty officers now existing in the Navy. The shortage was created by the increasing number of reservists being released to active duty.

As a result of the July examinations, the Navy promoted 9,000 men to petty officer first class (E-6); 19,570 to petty officer second (E-5); and 66,300 to petty officer third class (E-4).

These numbers represent almost 100 percent of the men who passed the tests in all three rates.

Approximately 1,700 men who passed, but were not promoted to chief petty officer in last January's tests will be promoted in the early part of December.—(AFPS)



The Hospital Corps is given a real pat on the back in the latest issue of "All Hands."

The article, entitled "Front Line Corpsmen—On Land and Sea," begins with an account of a former Navy doctor who applied to BuMed for the names and whereabouts of two Corpsmen he had served with, because he wanted them to work with him in his civilian practice.

"All Hands" also reports that "Approximately ten per cent of the total of Reservists ordered to active duty since Korea have been Hospital Corpsmen. Today, Reserve and Regular Hospital Corpsmen in Korea and elsewhere throughout the world are continuing the tradition of quiet heroism which, during World War II, resulted in the Corps' receiving more decorations in ratio of men than any other unit."

RADM Lamont Pugh, USN, Surgeon General of the Navy, following an extended world-wide tour of naval medical and dental facilities has said, while referring to the new record low two percent mortality rate of those wounded in action: "Second in importance to no other single factor has been the magnificently efficient manner in which the Hospital Corpsmen of the Navy are fulfilling their mission."

The article also includes a brief history of the Corps, from the days when they were known as **loblolly boys, surgeon's stewards, baymen, and apothecaries.**

"No matter where they may serve or what their duties may be, all Hospital Corpsmen, Regular and Reserve, strive to uphold the oft-quoted mission of the Navy Medical Department: "To keep as many men at as many guns as many days as possible."

Divine Services

Hospital Chapel at Main Gate

PROTESTANT
BIBLE SCHOOL—SUNDAY 0945
SUNDAY WORSHIP—1030
Evening Gospel Service—1900—Singing, Evangelistic Message, Fellowship Hour
CHOIR REHEARSAL—1930 Thursday
HOLY COMMUNION—First Sunday morning each month.

L. D. S. SERVICE
SUNDAY — 0900 in Staff Conference Room, Administration Bldg., Annex.

CATHOLIC
SUNDAY MASSES
0600-0800-0900-1200
DAILY MASSES — 1150 and 1630
Confessions before Mass
Catholic Oratory in back of Chapel
Choir Rehearsal—Tuesday 1900

CHAPLAIN'S OFFICES IN
CHAPEL AND 67A

NAVY RELIEF OFFICE—
IN CHAPEL

BUS TO AND FROM CHAPEL ON
SUNDAYS 0845 and 1015

SCUTTLEBUTT

Holiday Leave Schedule Released

The Leave and Liberty list for the Christmas and New Year holidays has been released, subject to revision.

Staff enlisted may be granted leave over two periods: from the end of working hours, Monday, 22 Dec., until 0730, Monday, 29 Dec. 1952; or from the end of working hours on Monday, 29 Dec., 1952, until 0730, Monday, 5 Jan. 1953.

Patients may be granted annual leave for the period beginning 1630, Monday, 22 Dec. 1952, until 0730, 5 Jan. 1953.

Leave requests shall be forwarded to the Head, Personnel and Records Division, via Ward Medical Officer's and/or Department Heads.

Civilian employees will be granted authorized annual leave on Wednesday, 24 Dec. and/or Friday, 26 Dec., and/or Wednesday, 31 Dec. and/or Friday, 2 Jan. 1953, subject to the individual requirements of the service or department concerned.

Duty section liberty and watch periods for all enlisted and officer personnel are listed in the official Leave and Liberty list, and will be posted in the Plan of the Day during the holiday season.

birth to a 5 pounds, 14 ounce baby girl on 25 November.

EUROPEAN TOUR: Helen Waterman, Medical Records Librarian, recently back from a trip to Europe, took several of her fellow workers on the same trip, via pictures, the other evening. The "tourists" were Betty Winsby and daughter Sandra, Dorothy Hager, Rollie Hicks, Betty Reira, Betty DeJong, Fran LeCocq, Ysabel Ramirez, and Agnes Hocking.

In Korea all the outfit did morning, noon, and night was discuss the rotation plan. Fed up, the top-kick called them together. "Tenshun! Left face! Left face! Left face! Left face!" he commanded in rapid succession. "Now every one of you has been rotated," he barked, "and I don't want to hear the word again!"



CAPT George N. Raines, MC, USN (right), Chief of Neuropsychiatry for the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, recently spent several days inspecting facilities at this hospital, the Navy's West Coast Center for treatment of psychiatric patients. He is pictured here in conference with CAPT J. F. McMullin, Chief of the Neuropsychiatric Service. Captain Raines, on a tour of the Navy Hospitals on the West Coast, also visited Mare Island during his stay in the Bay Area.

Christmas Events Slated to Begin

Now that the turkey has been digested and Thanksgiving 1952 is past, all hands can look forward to the coming Christmas season.

First of the Yule events scheduled for December is the Annual Christmas Stage Show, sponsored by the San Francisco Examiner. The show will be on Wednesday, 17 Dec., and will feature many professional acts.

On Monday, 22 Dec., Edgar Bergen and his side-kick, Charlie McCarthy, will come to Oak Knoll. This is one of the many hospitals they will visit over the holidays, and this will be their fourth visit here.

The annual Christmas party for children of staff members will be held Tuesday, 23 Dec., at the EM Club. Sponsored by Special Services, the affair is open to all junior Knollites from the ages of one month to ten years, and each child receives a gift. **Special Services has asked that all staff members who wish to bring their children sign up immediately.**

Tuesday, 23 Dec. the Veteran Hospitals' Christmas Committee will sponsor a big stage show for the staff and patients.

Welcome and Farewell

The traffic was mostly incoming this week as 31 persons reported to the hospital for duty, and only 12 went out the gate to other assignments inactive duty, or civilian life.

Reporting in were the following: LT Helen Zulick, NC, USN, from Air Transport Squadron THREE, NAS, Moffett Field, Calif.; LT Mary K. Friebe, NC, USN, from Baylor Hospital, Dallas, Tex.; LTJG Dorothy M. Frison, NC, USNR, from inactive duty; HM3's F. P. Moodry and L. D. Monroe, from USNH San Diego, Calif.; K. E. Lofstrom, DA, from USNTC, San Diego; J. Kramer, Jr., HA, from USNHCS, Great Lakes, Ill.; HN M. J. Sameski, and HA's R. J. Bea, P. E. Ewald, W. F. Argall, J. W. Tal- lent, R. Rocca, D. L. Nehf, and F. R. Holthans, from USNHCS, Bainbridge, Md.; and HN's W. D. Gilbert, R. K. Ingold, D. L. LeQuire, H. L. Reynolds, and G. A. Toth, and HA's O. M. Boone, G. D. Burgener, W. R. Evans, "J." "D." Miller, M. H. Moore, L. J. Steinhoff, E. A. Labedz, A. J. Campbell (W), M D. Cherry (W), S. A. Harton, and B. A. Howes, from USNHCS, San Diego.

Detached were: CDR Lorenz G. Hopfer, DC, USN, to USS SPERRY; LT Lucille R. Clark, MSC, USN, to USNH, Beaufort, S. C.; D. E. Soules, HM1, to USS WHIDBEY; C. B. Romero, HM2, to USS LSIL, 1091; HM3's K. E. Binks, T. E. Matthews, and M. N. Vlamis, and HN's D. H. Berglund and D. Pilitsis, to PSNS, Bremerton Wash.; and K. E. Payne, HN, to U. S. Naval Shipyard, Mare Island, Vallejo, Calif.

The resignation of LTJG Margaret E. Sylvie, NC, USN, was accepted, and she was released to civilian life, and Paul T. Grier, HM2, was released to inactive duty.

A spinster was shocked at the language used by workmen repairing a telephone line near her home, so she wrote the company. The foreman was requested immediately to make a report of what had happened.

The report read as follows: "Me and Spike were on this job. I was up the pole and let the hot lead fall on Spike—right down his neck. Spike looked up at me and said: careful."

PEOPLE, PLACES, AND THINGS: Shirley Bricker and a large party of Oak Knollites beating their little hammers at Coffee Dan's in San Francisco . . . Jerry Ford and Edna Rowan among the rooters at the Stanford-Cal game last Saturday — Francis LeCocq bemoaning the fact that some mean old policeman gave her a traffic citation for just running through one tiny STOP sign and then failing to report to traffic court in time . . . Barbara Stevenson of OPD dancing until three ayem at the Terrace Club . . . LT LeBreck being feted at a small farewell party on Ward 73B as she said goodbye to Oak Knoll and the Navy way of life . . . Olivia (Sally) Spencer of Civilian Personnel moving into a new home near MacArthur and 35th . . . Kenneth Fowlkes breaking his seven-week-old son, Nicholas Allen, in to the art of watch repairing. The baby drew a lot of customers to his shop at Navy Exchange Tuesday afternoon . . . Cannon, Montgomery and Merret eagerly looking forward to 16 December when they can trade their "White hats" for the fouled anchor of a Chief . . . Clara Tengan of the Medical Board clerical staff making plans to return to her home in Hawaii on 19 December . . .

LIFE BEGINS: Terry LaForce, on leave from her job as payroll supervisor in the Finance Division, gave



Four Oak Knoll employees were awarded beneficial suggestion checks by the Commanding Officer this week. Pictured here with CAPT J. N. C. Gordon, they are (left to right): Rosa Redd, Mellie D. Hoff, John H. Johnson, and John P. Moseley. Rosa Redd, mess attendant in the Food Service Division, was awarded \$10.00 for her suggestion to install a steel sink, with necessary cabinets for washing dishes, in the Chief's Mess. Mrs. Hoff, secretary to the Commanding Officer, was awarded \$15.00 for her suggestion with regard to a procedure to be followed when employees resign their position with the hospital. Mr. Johnson, laborer cleaner in the Maintenance Division, received \$10.00 for his suggestion to install a railing on the ramp leading from the Chapel to Building 133. Mr. Moseley, a machinist in the Maintenance Division, was awarded \$20.00 for his suggestion to mount a Strongback for engine lathes.



No, this isn't an old-fashioned pie-eating contest . . . it's just some of the patients who ate (and enjoyed) 39 pumpkin and apple pies donated by the wives of Castro Valley members of the Oakland Sportsman's Club. The occasion was a pre-Thanksgiving party and dance held in the Red Cross Lounge, with hostesses from the University of California and Oakland, Berkeley and Alameda. Mr. Clarence Wilson, hospital chairman of the sportsmen's club, was responsible for making arrangements for the pies . . . the ladies did the rest.

Bowlers Win 2; Lose 4 in 12ND

The hospital's bowling team, entered in Twelfth Naval District Class B Bay League competition, suffered their first loss, Monday, 17 November. Handicapped, with only four men, they lost all three games played to NAS, Oakland.

This was the third series of games since the District league began. In the first two weeks, the Knoll keglers won all games against NSC, Oakland, and Port Chicago.

Total pinnage for the home team was 2389. The NAS team topped that with a total of 2601.

In the latest game, played Monday, 24 Nov., the team won two games and lost one in competition against the Fleet Pami team from Treasure Island.

With a full five-man team, they stacked up a total pin score of 2416.

DMO Dedicates—Tulelake Trip—

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olic Chaplain, and CAPT R. R. Mark- en, chaplain for the Twelfth Naval District, each of whom spoke of the value of music in worship.

Following the ceremony, Miss Mar- jorie Strom of Sherman Clay Com- pany, where the organ was purchased, played a half hour of music, while the audience gathered around the new instrument to see how it produces the music that is heard in the chapel and broadcast to the compound through the chapel tower.

3 V's, 5 Aces Hold Kegler Lead

With only two more weeks remain- ing in the intrahospital bowling sea- son, several teams are tied for top honors in the league. Going into the tenth week of competition, the two groups of six teams each are heading toward what looks like a close line- up of games won and lost.

In the Thursday night league, the 5 Aces are leading, with the Labor- atory team running a close second. The 3 V's are holding down first place in the Tuesday league, with the Den- tal team close behind.

Following is a list of the teams and their latest standings, according to games played this week. (Note: the Tuesday league played according to schedule, and the Thursday league played its games on Wednesday, due to the Thanksgiving holiday routine.)

TUESDAY LEAGUE

	Won	Lost
3 V's	29	7
Dental	27	9
Marines	20	16
Special Services	19	17
Rambling Amps	11	25
Hits and Misses	2	34

THURSDAY LEAGUE

	Won	Lost
5 Aces	32	4
Laboratory	23	13
EST School	16	20
Artificial Limb	16	20
X-Ray	11 1/2	24 1/2
Nurses	9 1/2	26 1/2

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Aldous, Jr., USMC, Pawtucket, R.I.; PFC William Riley, USMC, Phoenix, Ariz.; Franklin Loeser, ICC, USN, Pleasanton, Calif.; PFC R. L. Warin, USMC, Okato, Minn.

Staff members who accompanied the group as attendants were: LCDR Frank M. Thornburg, MC, USN, staff doctor; Ward E. Scott, HM1, USN, Hospital Corpsman; Wilton I. Hall, HMC, USN, staff photographer; and Jack C. Bates, amputee instructor.

PREVIEWS

Sunday, 30 November
THE STORY OF WILL ROGERS—James Wyman, Will Rogers, Jr., **HOMELY HUMOR**. Rating: Excellent. The high- lights of the life, of the great American humorist, as portrayed by his son, Will Rogers, Jr., bears a striking resemblance to his father in looks, voice, and man- nerisms.

Monday, 1 December
WINNING TEAM—Ronald Reagan, Doris Day. Rating: Excellent. The file issue con- taining a plot run-down on this one got lost in the shuffle, but the starring players and the reviewer's rating make it good film- fare.

Tuesday, 2 December
WASHINGTON STORY—Van Johnson, Patricia Neal, **EDUCATIONAL ENTER- TAINMENT**. Rating: Excellent. Johnson, as a Congressman, is faced with a decision to vote for a measure that will benefit the nation, or to vote against it and insure his reelection. Miss Neal is a newspaperwoman who fishes for an expose and nets Johnson instead.

Wednesday, 3 December
VOODOO TIGER—Johnny Weissmuller, Jean Byron, **ADVENTURE**. Rating: Fair. Mr. W. portrays "Jungle Jim," in a tale of a former SS officer and a trio of crooks who are after an art treasure. We- tried and true bravado, of course. Weis- muller manages to foil the bad men.

Thursday, 4 December
TROPICAL HEAT WAVE—Estelita, Robert Hutton. Rating: Good. This one, too, got lost in the files. It has us wonder- ing if the title is based on a south-of-the- equator climatic condition, or if it's in re- ference to the leading lady.

Friday, 5 December
MILLION DOLLAR MERMAID—Eather Williams, Victor Mature, Walter Pidgeon. **WATER SPECTACLE**. Rating: Good. Miss Williams acts out the life story of Australian water queen, Amette Kell- man. This is another of MGM's big techn- icolor spectacles.

Saturday, 6 December
CARSON CITY—Randolph Scott, Lucille Norman, **RAILROAD WESTERN**. Rating: Very good. Scott is a two-fisted rail- road engineer, sent to Nevada's roaring little capital to promote a railroad between Carson City and Virginia City during the Comstock days. The picture is fast-moving and in technicolor.

Staff Personalities

St. Louis, Mo. is "home" to Sarah Bradford, WAVE, HN, on Ward 40B. She was a student at Stowe Teacher's College before joining the Navy in March 1951. Following recruit train-

ing at Great Lakes she was sent to Seattle, Wash., where she worked for a while as a lab technician's assistant. She was then sent to San Diego to Hospital Corps School and, finally, to Oak Knoll where she was assigned to the nursery until last week. When her four-year enlistment is up, she plans to return to college . . . this time to a Medical Technology School. Asked what her interests were, Sarah replied she likes to play spectator at football games.



"I wouldn't want to say art is my hobby, because it's my profession, too; so 'just loafing' will do," says James Sharon, HM3, USN, who re- ported here in October and is working

in the Photo Lab. Jim was majoring in fine arts at William and Mary College, and working as a medical illustrator before he joined the Navy in Aug. 1950. He will continue study- ing and working in that field when he is discharged. After recruit train- ing at Great Lakes, he was fortunate in being sent to Portsmouth, Va., his home town, to attend Corps School. A tour of sea duty on the east coast and one at USNH, Charleston, S.C., preceded his orders to Oak Knoll.



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Yeoman Injured Watching War

You have probably heard of the bear that went over the mountain to see what he could see.

Well, Navy yeoman Clarence Earl Garner, YNI, USN, went up on deck to see what he could see of the Korean war from the destroyer USS PERKINS. As a result he can now claim the distinction—if he cares to—of being one of the rare few yeomen who have been wounded in the Korean fighting.

Garner, 23, picked a bad time for sightseeing. As he was standing on deck watching the excitement, an artillery shell from an enemy shore battery burst near the ship, killing one of the crew and wounding 17 others, including Garner.

He was hit in the neck by a piece of shrapnel and is now being treated on Ward 78A.

"Everybody asks me how a yeoman can get shot up while sitting behind a typewriter," he grinned.

"I just happened to be on deck at the time. Now if I had only stayed behind for a second cup of coffee, I'd be back on my ship today."

Garner will undergo surgery here, and the doctors expect him to be able to return to his ship within several months.

Stanford Professor Gives Talk Here

Dr. Arthur L. Bloomfield, civilian consultant at Oak Knoll who has spoken on various subjects here before, gave a lecture recently on "Clinical Physiology of Gastric Secretions as Related to Health and Disease."

Chief of the Medical Service at Stanford Hospital and Professor of Medicine at Stanford Medical School, Dr. Bloomfield served his internship and residency at Johns Hopkins and was on the staff there from 1916 until 1926.

Canty, 2 LCDR's Promoted in Rank

Three staff doctors this week received the good news that the President has approved their selection for promotion. They are CDR T. J. Canty, selected for promotion to the rank of Captain, LCDR Dean Schufeldt and LCDR Earle G. Canfield, selected for promotion to Commander.

Doctor Canty's promotion climaxes 16 years in the Navy Medical Corps, during which he has earned many honors for himself and the Navy through his work with amputee patients. He has been at Oak Knoll since the Amputee Center moved here from Mare Island in June 1950.

Doctor Schufeldt, on the surgical staff from September 1947 to August 1949 and again since December 1951 after a tour of duty in Kodiak, Alaska, has been on active duty in the Navy since August 1943.

Doctor Canfield came to Oak Knoll's urology service a year ago from U. S. Naval Station, Rodman, Canal Zone. He has been on active duty in the Medical Corps since July, 1942.

Also of interest to members of the staff was the selection of CDR Marion E. Roudebush, former member of the psychiatric staff, for promotion to Captain, and of LCDR Anthony T. Wallace, former Oak Knoll chaplain, for advancement to Commander. Doctor Roudebush is now Chief of the Neuropsychiatric Service at U. S. Naval Hospital, Mare Island, and Chaplain Wallace is serving aboard the USS MACON, CA 132.

Next EM Staff Dance To be Semi-Formal

Next Friday evening, 12 December, the EM Club will hold its second big staff dance of the season. It has been definitely decided that the affair will be semi-formal.

Bob Stevenson's orchestra will provide the music, and student nurses from local civilian hospitals have been invited to attend. As always, there will be plenty of refreshments on hand.

Five turkeys will be given away as door prizes.

Post Office to Open Saturday 'Til 25th

To ease the Christmas mailing rush, the Post Office has announced that it will remain open until 1600 on Saturday, 13 Dec., and Saturday, 20 Dec.

Although money orders may not be purchased later than 1030, the usual closing time, stamps and parcel post will be handled until 1600.



Bonds are better than ever, with the new increased rate of interest, and Korean veteran Ray Corbit is an Oak Knoll Civil Service employee who's taking advantage of it by signing a Defense Bond Pledge. Corbit, an above-elbow arm amputee, is an arm training instructor employed in the rehabilitation of other amputees at this hospital. Looking on are (left to right): LCDR A. Bowdle, Jr., MSC, USN, Defense Bond Officer; Mrs. Lola Cochran, Per Annum Payroll Savings Defense Bond Committee member; and Mrs. Lois Vukman, member of the Per Diem Payroll Savings Defense Bond Committee.

AmVets Open S.F. Rehab Office

The AmVets, a service organization composed of veterans of World War II and Korea, have opened a Service and Rehabilitation office, located in the Regional Office of the Veterans Administration in San Francisco.

The office will assist veterans and their dependents in filing and developing claims to which they are entitled through VA.

Claude H. Roberts, Department Service Officer, will represent these claims and will visit this hospital on Thursday of every week.

UFD Audit Expected To Show \$8000 Total

Last count of cash turned in for the United Fund Drive showed that Oak Knoll personnel have contributed \$7,727.35 to Navy Relief and the health and welfare organizations supported by the Eastbay United Crusade.

LT W. C. McQueen, Executive Secretary for the drive, stated that he expects the fund to reach \$8,000 by the time the books are closed and audited on 10 December. Full details will be published in THE OAK LEAF next week.

Staff, Patients Invited to Bout

Through the efforts of Mr. Gray Creveling, sports editor of the San Francisco Examiner, the USO in San Francisco has made arrangements for 40 staff members and patients to attend the semi-finals of the Golden Glove Tournament.

The bouts will be held next Monday evening, 8 Dec., at Winterland in San Francisco. Anyone who wants to attend should sign up at Special Services now.

Transportation will be provided, and the bus will leave from in front of the Community Services building at 1730.

Nob Hill Officers' Club To Hold Dance Tonight

Christmas is coming to the Nob Hill Officers' Club tonight, 6 Dec. The Terrace Ballroom of the Fairmont Hotel will be the scene of a formal "Christmas Snowball" party.

The club, a non-profit organization, regularly holds dances each Friday night, from 2100 until 0100, at the Fairmont. All that is required of the officers is that they wear their uniforms, or present an ID card, if attired in civilian clothes. There is no admission charge.

The Oak Leaf

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† † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

Savanarola used to compare those who listened to his sermons to the crows on the clock tower. The first time they hear the bells they are frightened away; but soon they become accustomed to the sound, and fly away no more.

There are many who, the first time they hear something that really strikes home, begin to set about turning over a new leaf. But soon they get used to it. The bells may ring, but they will not move. If I profited by all those words of wisdom I have heard in and out of Church, what a saintly person I would be.

In the early days of the Christian Church, St. Peter talked to thousands and actually brought them around to better lives. As a matter of fact, in one sermon he influenced 3,000 people to change their lives in one fell swoop. How is it that 3,000 sermons nowadays change no one? Has the power of Almighty God lessened? The preacher of those days was not faultless. Oftentimes he was not a stylist, nor was he an orator. What is the difference?

The difference is largely due to the hearers. Instead of coming to church to judge themselves, they come to sit in judgment. Beforehand, they ask: "Who is preaching?" . . . not: "What is he going to preach about?" Afterwards: "What did you think of the sermon?" . . . not: "How am I going to apply the sermon to myself?" It might be well to remind yourself sometimes of Savanarola and the crows.

E. J. FORD,
Catholic Chaplain.

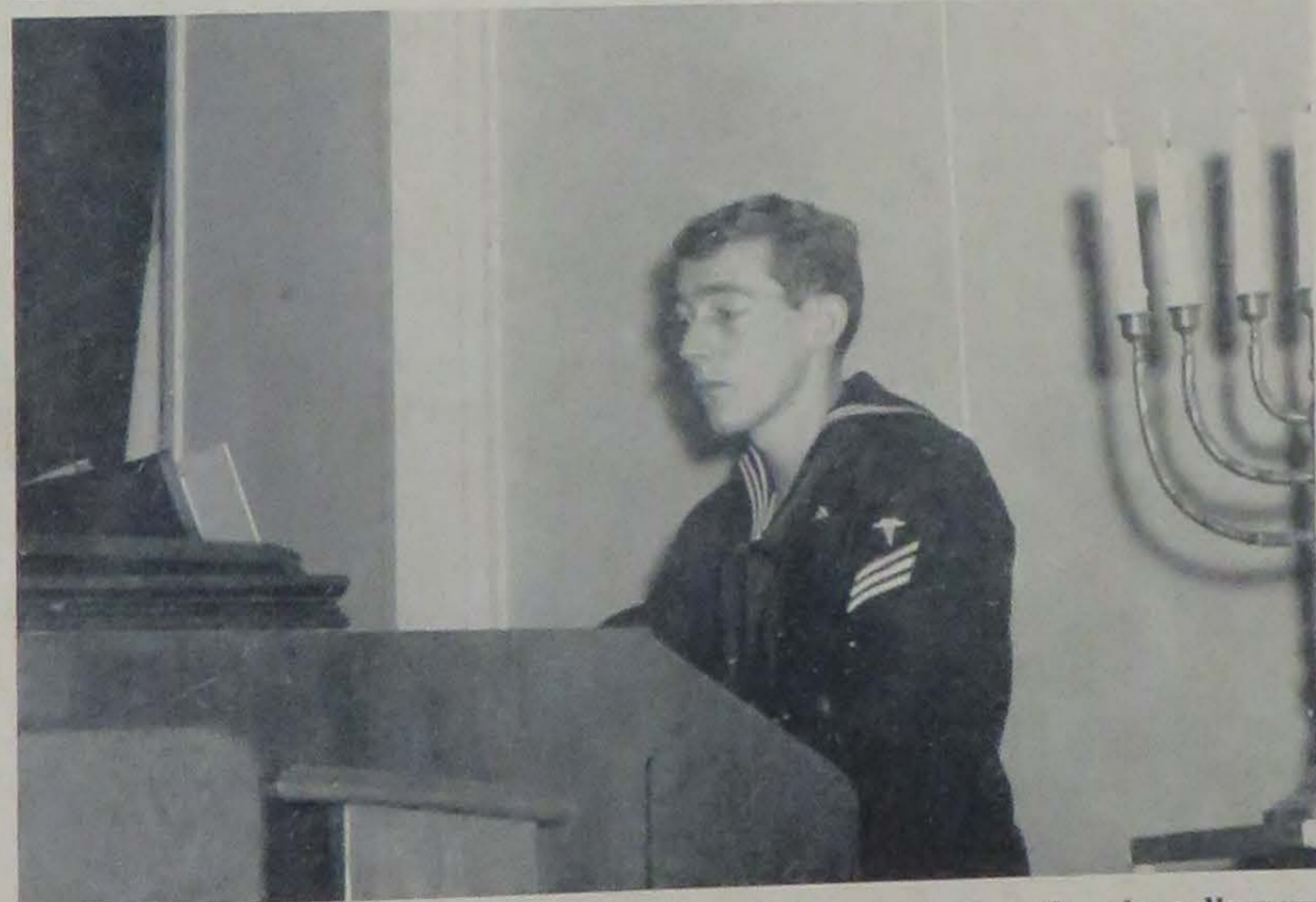
WATCH OUT FOR HOLI-DAZE

And now December again—gay, exciting, colorful, cheery, heart-warming, and—DANGEROUS—for, in this most celebrated month of the year occur more motor vehicle accidents than in any other.

Of course, in many sections of the country, Old Man Winter—with his potent season's brew of snow, sleet, ice and rain—comes in for a large share of the blame for this unhappy fact. He has, however, an able ally in his dirty work—HOLI-DAZE—a very persistent, dopey fellow who is ever seeking out his victims among the jostling holiday throngs on streets and highways; at gay parties and gatherings where "Christmas cheer" flows freely and long; and through the crowds of weary, last-minute shoppers scurrying frantically to and fro.

Over 90,000 Americans, it is estimated, will be injured or killed in traffic accidents during this danger month of the year.

So, to all Navy personnel—drivers and pedestrians alike—keep alert. Make Safety your watchword this holiday season. and—
Don't let HOLI-DAZE spoil your holidays!



Fred Crumley, Jr., HN, of Ward 61A, is shown seated at the chapel's new Hammond organ. Fred plays the organ and the chapel chimes each Sunday evening at 1630. Before coming to the Navy, he attended Sullins College Conservatory of Music, and was the head organist for the Emmanuel Episcopal Church in his home town of Bristol, Tenn.

Red Cross Ramblings

THE SIGN OF SCORPIO

Sharing birthday honors on Ward 43A recently were EGBERT McGEE, SA, and INGVAR D. CHRISTENSEN, veteran. They ably assisted the Red Cross Gray Lady in cutting and passing out the traditional cake and ice cream.

POODLE PARTY

We've been hearing of the poodle rage, both dogs and hair cuts, and at a party on ward 62A, canine knowledge was exercised and demonstrated. Of the patients who were expert in the field of dog identification, P. DASHKO, DC3, and RALPH FROST, veteran patient, were winners. The fascinating sport of trying to spring a mousetrap with a hot dog suspended from a fishpole showed keen eyes on the part of E. H. BEAMES, HDC, and PFC HOWARD EVANS. But, particularly interesting to the whole ward was the visit of Mrs. Patience Prevet with her Seeing Eye Dog. She gave a most informative talk on the training of these dogs, and her Norwegian elk hound is indeed a beautiful and well-behaved example. Also visiting the ward was the Rollingwood Rod and Gun Club with a couple of fine and mannerly hunting dogs.

ARTISTIC TALENT

ROBERT C. HAUN, veteran patient of 76B, hails from Chowchilla, California. Haun says that he has been doing cartooning ever since he can remember and, when in high school, studied art for four years. Then while he was serving with Uncle Sam he took a correspondence art course from the University of California.

JINGLE BELLS

Christmas will be here soon, and you have a date with the Telephone Girls in the Red Cross Lounge for a big Christmas party on December 13th. They will be here, with much good cheer and fun, from 1400 to 1600 hours.

MOVIE ATTRACTIONS

John Wayne and Nancy Olsen are featured in the screen drama, "Big Jim McLain." Peter Lawford and Jane Greer co-star in the comedy, "You For Me," an MGM production. Keep on the alert for one of these full-length movies on your ward during the coming week.

The ship was sinking and the captain called out: "Who can pray?"

"I can," said one man.

"Okay, then you can start now," said the captain. "We're one life jacket short."

THANK-U-GRAM

Many expressions of gratitude come to the Commanding Officer from former patients and their families by letter and telephone, but this week he received his first and, to date, his only "Thank-U-Gram." Here it is: Dear Captain Gordon:

On Nov. 18, 1952 my little girl fell off a brick wall and was unconscious for four hours and was quite sick. I called your hospital and was advised to bring her in immediately. My reason for writing this letter to you and your staff is because I would like you to know what wonderful doctors and nurses you have.

I would like to thank each one personally who helped me that day but that is impossible. I would especially like to give my special thanks to Dr. Fuler and Dr. Wilde and the nurses in Ward 77A and 72B, also the personnel in the X-Ray department for their kindness. May I say, Captain Gordon, God bless you wonderful people that do so much good for others.

Sincerely, Mrs. Dearcey Kreeger

The new type gram looks like a telegram but has various printed notations to help put across the message. Thank-U-Grams are free just as all the best things in life are. They are cheerfully given FREE to anyone who will use them. They are one of the "thought direction" techniques delineated in the book "Pathways to Power" by Edward L. Kramer, who suggests pre-planning to look for and find two points of good each day. Anyone who would like to use them may write Thank-U-Grams, 2000 North Second St., St. Louis, Mo.

Divine Services

Hospital Chapel at Main Gate

PROTESTANT
 BIBLE SCHOOL—SUNDAY 0945
 SUNDAY WORSHIP—1030
 Evening Gospel Service—1900—Singing,
 Evangelistic Message, Fellowship Hour
 CHOIR REHEARSAL—1930 Thursday
 HOLY COMMUNION—First Sunday
 morning each month.

L. D. S. SERVICE
 SUNDAY—0900 in Staff Conference
 Room, Administration Bldg., Annex.

CATHOLIC
 SUNDAY MASSES
 0600-0800-0900-1200
 DAILY MASSES—1150 and 1630
 Confessions before Mass
 Catholic Oratory in back of Chapel
 Choir Rehearsal—Tuesday 1900

CHAPLAIN'S OFFICES IN
 CHAPEL AND 67A

NAVY RELIEF OFFICE—
 IN CHAPEL

BUS TO AND FROM CHAPEL ON
 SUNDAYS 0845 and 1015

Payroll Savings — Why and How

For people whose pay goes for living expenses and who find it impossible to save sums large enough for gilt-edge securities, it would be wise to invest their small savings in U.S. Defense Bonds. The gilt-edge guarantee of profit which they carry is that of the United States Government.

The few dollars a week deducted from a paycheck to save for U.S. Defense Bonds is the only paycheck deduction that a person can get back in full within a few months, should they need it, plus interest. If the bonds are held to maturity—that is, nine years and eight months—they earn, under Uncle Sam's guarantee, three per cent interest—and if held their legal limit of nineteen years and eight months, they will cash in for 80% more than the original amount of money invested.

Oak Knoll has a Payroll Savings Plan for the easy, automatic purchase of U.S. Defense Bonds. If you are not now subscribing to it, get an application form from your Defense Bond Representative, and fill it out. You won't regret it. Payroll Savings are SURE savings.

SCUTTLEBUTT

SIGNS OF THE SEASON: Santa appearing, as if by magic, in the store windows all over town—the Navy Exchange jammed with shoppers intent on getting their Christmas shopping done — holly wreaths and mistletoe — the officers' wives standing knee deep in gay and colorful wrappings in the bowling alley—Adeptes, Fideles ringing out o'er the land via radio and television—"Please Santa, for Christmas I want . . ." from a thousand tiny voices—"Mail your overseas packages early," a discordant note in this season of "Peace on Earth"—the Wassail bowl getting its yearly dusting and work out—patients and staff alike, feverishly making holiday leave plans and reservations.

PEOPLE, PLACES, AND THINGS: Katherine McCormick and Gen Cushman weekending in Monterey with his folks — Bunny Dumm and Carter Blythe planning for a New Year's wedding — Helen Pick of Disbursing really picking them as she walked off with the entire Army-Navy game pool — Jim Beckstead, Gordie Lieschman, and Pete Mentor deciding that the Fire Fly needed a fireplace — the mail load for the WAVE barracks increasing noticeably with Gene Hardvahl on leave — Wayne Westover, late of the patient personnel office, returning to civilian life to set up his law offices in Concord, California. Oak Knoll was lucky to have this "legal eagle," U. C. Law School grad of '50 and resident of San Pablo.

HERE 'N THERE: HN Irwin Lewis found out Tuesday that oxygen is "heady" stuff. Seems like he slipped while unloading oxygen tanks and as a result had to have three sutures taken on the side of his right eye. A speedy recovery to Mrs. Poos, who fell up the steps on Thanksgiving day and fractured her arm. Best wishes to Janet Reese of Psychiatric Social Service, now en route to Boston to wed Dr. William W. Hoffman, former Knoll staff member. Dr. Hoffman is now on the staff at U. S. N. H., Chelsea.

OAKNOLLUMNI: ENS Bob Innes who edited THE OAK LEAF way back when he was an HM1 18 months ago, stopped this week to say-hello, plans to go back to his old job with International Harvester when he becomes a civilian in a few days. Aboard the USS BAIROKO, CVE, at Sasebo, Japan, he recently was within shouting distance of HMC Leonard L. Linse, who was on deck aboard the U.S.S. GUADALUPE (AO-32). Chief Fritz Anderberg, Jr., of MSTs likewise paid a visit to his old stamping grounds recently, brought greetings from HMC Jack Simms of Pearl Harbor.

HAVE YOU NOTICED: the lyric bits of philosophy at the top of recent Plans of the Day? A bit vague sometimes, but at least they keep you wondering what little gem will be there next and where they are all coming from. Dr. Neil Anderson's happy expression? Frances Dearing, daughter of the DMO, has said "Yes," and they plan to be married in April.

He: "We're coming to a tunnel. Are you afraid?"
She: "Not if you take that cigar out of your mouth."



This illustrious group of men look as though they mean business, and that is what they are here for. They are West Coast representatives of the Navy Comptrollers' Office audit team headed by Mr. W. P. Rebscher, Certified Public Accountant, and this is the first of the West Coast hospitals where they are conducting an internal audit. In the group, left to right, are Mr. V. W. Arney, CPA, assistant to Mr. Rebscher; LCDR W. M. Drietein, MSC, USN, from the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery; LCDR Alexander Bowdle, MSC, USN, Oak Knoll's Finance Officer; CDR C. J. Owen, MSC, USN, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, Field Branch, West Coast head, and Mr. Rebscher. During the audit now in progress, all records and business type procedures used in handling all appropriated and non-appropriated funds at the hospital will be examined.



Christmas is coming, and there's no greater proof of it than to drop in at the Navy Exchange's Toyland and take a look at the wide eyes and the careful shopping of Oak Knoll's junior set. Here, Alexis Wade and Kathleen Lagle give a couple of dolls the once-over, while Kathleen's older sister, Nancy, reaches for something she thinks might look good under the tree on Christmas morning, and Marsue Kuttler momentarily finds the photographer more intriguing than her shopping.

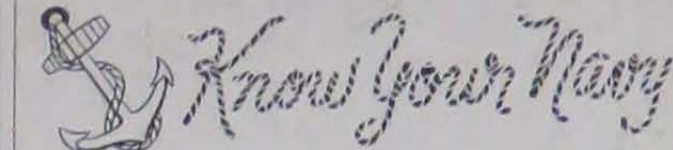
—Welcome and Farewell—

Oak Knoll's census sheet was unfavorably balanced last week, with seventeen persons detached, discharged, or released to inactive duty, while only five persons reported for duty.

The latter five were: LT Peter C. Conglis, DC, USN, from Naval Dental Clinic, Naval Gun Factory, Washington, D.C.; LT's Edward W. McLoone, MC, USNR, and Joseph J. Albrecht, MC, USNR, from inactive duty; LT Ruth L. Warkow NC, USN, from USN Recruiting Station, Chicago, Ill.; and R. G. Hansen, HA, from USNHCS, Bainbridge, Md.

Those detached were: CDR Mason Morris, Jr., MC, USN, to NAS, Oak Harbor, Wash.; LCDR Thomas G. Hennessy, MC, USN, to USNH, Philadelphia, Pa.; LT Alice M. Murphy, NC, USN, to MSTSPac, San Francisco, Calif.; LTJG Irving C. Nason, MC, USNR, to 1stMarDiv, FMF; H. M. Geisecke, Jr., HM3, to USNH, San Diego; and G. Heath, HN, to Camp Pendleton, Oceanside, Calif., for assignment with FMF.

Released to inactive duty were: LT's Adelaide Mugford, Elizabeth Librect, and Mable G. Anderson, from the Nurse Corps; LT Donald T.



Of all the legends of sailing ships and sailing men, "The Flying Dutchman" is probably best known in all the navies and all the nations of the world.

There are several versions of the famous tale. One legend claims simply that a homeward-bound Dutch captain, long ago, met with severe headwinds at the Cape of Good Hope. Although he swore he would round the Cape, he is destined to sail forever without reaching his goal.

Another version, this one of English origin, recounts the legend of a ship laden with treasure, sailing homeward from the East Indies. The Dutch captain, in a rage because he could not get his ship around the stormy Cape, killed the pilot. As punishment, a plague broke out among his crew. The ship sailed from one port to another, offering all the treasure in exchange for shelter. Denied the haven of every harbor for fear of contagion, the ship was doomed to sail on the open sea for all time.

The French originated the belief that the Dutch captain was a cruel man who believed in nothing and refused to listen to his crew's plea to put into port when they were caught in a tempest around the Cape. The captain scoffed at the fears of the passengers and crew. Then in the midst of the tempest, a cloud opened and a holy spirit appeared to reprimand the captain. He in turn, seized a pistol and shot at the spirit, but missed and wounded his own hand. Then he struck at the spirit with his fist but his arm became paralyzed. The spirit sentenced the helpless captain to sail forever, in ceaseless storm, never touching port, never sleeping, never enjoying any comforts or pleasures, and with his boy, turned into a monster, to serve as his only crew member. To this day, the legend claims, the ill-fated ship still sails, and only doom awaits any sailor who glimpses her.

Many sailors, through the years, claim they have seen the **Flying Dutchman** . . . and have lived to tell the tale.

Accounts of sighting the ship have been written in the logs of reputable captains. In 1881, two sons of Edward, Prince of Wales (one of the sons became King George V) related seeing the Dutchman while on a cruise around the Cape.

The elaborations may be attributed to the exaggeration that comes when a story is repeated many times. Too, sailors are traditionally a superstitious lot. The elaborations, then, are fantasy. The core of the legends—the belief that a Flying Dutchman does exist—is fantasy too . . . perhaps.

Brown and LTJG Earl A. Loomis, Jr., from the Medical Corps; HM2's Thomas E. Lucas and Wayne A. Westover, Jr.; HM3's James R. Retter and James R. Gordon; and HN Charlton R. Christman.

Virgil D. Sessions, HM1, was discharged from the Navy at the expiration of his enlistment.

Two ministers saw a sign that said: "Ladies Ready-to-Wear Clothes."
"It's about time," muttered one of them.



CAPT. J. N. C. Gordon, MC, USN, Commanding Officer, is shown congratulating another Gordon, James R., HM3, of Occupational Therapy, who recently extended his enlistment for 16 months. Two other staff members were called to the CO's office last week to receive commendations for their outstanding services while assigned to administrative and clerical offices here. They were Dick Seastrand, HM3 (left), of the Staff Detail Office, and Ray Hopson, HMI, of the Staff Personnel Office. Both men will enroll in the schools they were attending when they were called to active duty; Seastrand to Brigham Young University in Utah, and Hopson to Wichita University in Kansas.

PREVIEWS

Sunday, 7 December
STARS AND STRIPES FOREVER—Clifton Webb, Ruth Hussey, MUSICAL. The success story of the famous band leader and composer of marches, John Philip Sousa, as portrayed by Mr. Webb.

Monday, 8 December
SCANDAL SHEET—John Derek, Donna Reed, Broderick Crawford, DRAMA. Rating: Good. The tale of a New York newspaper editor who has reached the top through a series of sensational stories. He murders the neurotic wife he abandoned years ago, and is forced to watch helplessly as one of his own reporters tracks him down as the culprit.

Tuesday, 9 December
MY PAL GUS—Richard Widmark, Joanne Dru, Audrey Totter, COMEDY. Rating: Very Good. Widmark, as a bon-bon manufacturer, is caught between the love of Miss Dru and the money-grubbing designer of Miss Totter, his former wife, who holds the custody of their son while bargaining for Widmark's fortune. "Gus" is the name of a husky-voiced little boy who steals most of the laughs.

Wednesday, 10 December
THE RING—Gerald Mohr, Rita Moreno, BOXING DRAMA. Rating: Good. A slightly crusading film which tells the story of a not-very-good Mexican fighter in Los Angeles who enters the sport hoping to bring honor to himself and his people.

Thursday, 11 December
THE RAIDERS—Richard Conte, Viveca Lindfors. This one was released just last month, and although we have no plot synopsis on it, the reviewer's rating is "Very Good."

Friday, 12 December
ROAD TO BALI—Bob Hope, Bing Crosby. A brand new "Road" picture for the famous Hope-Crosby team. Not scheduled for public release until January 1953.

Saturday, 13 December
HAREM GIRL—Joan Davis, Peggie Castle, Arthur Blake, SLAPSTICK. Rating: Good. Portraying a secretary-companion to a Princess whose oil-rich lands have been taken over by a scheming sheik, Miss Davis gets herself into some hilarious situations in and around the sheik's castle in the Middle East.

Knoll Keglers Lose 3 to T.I.

Oak Knoll's bowling team, entered in Twelfth Naval District Class B Bay League competition, lost all three games played last Monday night, to the Naval Station team from Treasure Island.

The T.I. team racked up a total pin fall of 2687 in the three games, with a high game of 960. The hospital team managed to score only 2411 points during the evening, and their highest game was 851.

The next match will be against the District Communications team.

So far, in the first five weeks of the league that is scheduled to run for 22 weeks, the hospital team has played against NSC Oakland, Port Chicago, NAS Oakland, Fleet Pami (at Treasure Island), and the Naval Station team at T.I. They have won eight games, and lost seven.

Bowling Finals Start Tuesday

The intrahospital bowling league teams will move into the final play-offs next week, to determine the season's top keggers.

Contenders from the two separate leagues that completed ten weeks of play this week will battle it out on the hospital's alleys next Tuesday and Wednesday. If necessary, the play-offs will be continued on into Thursday.

Heading League One, which has played on Tuesday nights, are the 3 V's, who have won 29 games and lost only 7. They'll be pitted against League Two's 5 Aces team, which has played each Thursday night, and has led all the others with 32 wins and 4 losses.

The games next week are slated to begin at 1845, with three games to be played each night until one of the teams wins five out of a possible nine games, to claim the intrahospital bowling championship. Anyone can attend the games.

Following are the final number of games won and lost for all the teams in the two leagues during the past ten weeks:

TUESDAY LEAGUE

	Won	Lost
3 V's	32	8
Dental	29	11
Special Services	23	17
Marines	21	19
Rambling Amps	13	27
Hits and Misses	2	38

THURSDAY LEAGUE

	Won	Lost
5 Aces	36	4
Laboratory	27	13
EST School	20	20
Artificial Limb	16	24
X-Ray	11½	28½
Nurses	9½	30½

He was a well-known tightwad and he sent his wife a check for a thousand kisses on her birthday. She wired him this message: "Thanks for the check. I had no trouble at all getting it cashed."

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Little paycheck, by tonight
We'll be where the lights are bright.
In some gay and festive spot—
I'll return but you will not.

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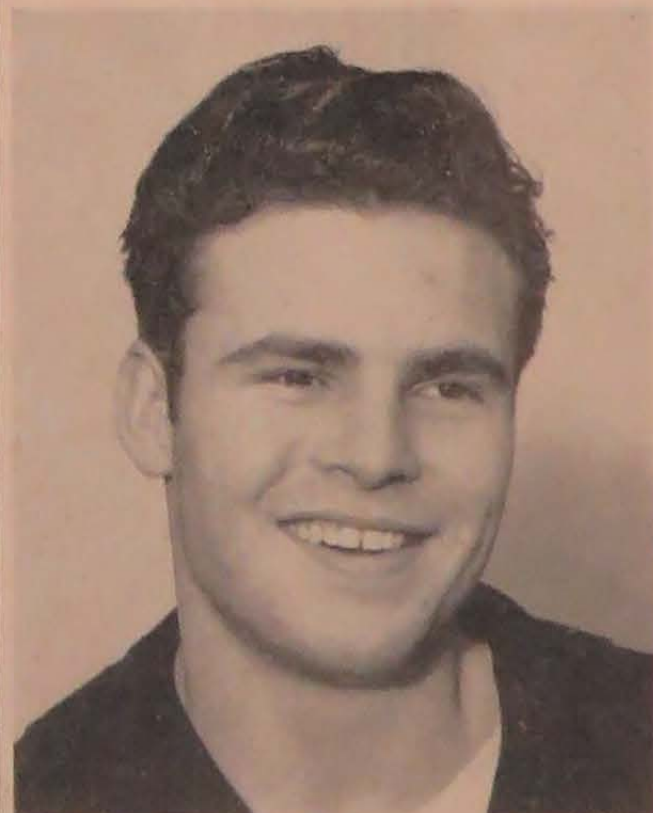
For the convenience of all staff and patient personnel, the Navy Exchange was open last Saturday, from 0900 to 1700, and will be open each Saturday through 20 Dec.

Staff Personalities

The man behind the Plan of the Day, and the corpsman in charge of the Organization Office, is Donald Rawson, HM3, who hails from Grosse Pointe, Mich. (No, it's not an error . . . those e's belong there.) Don joined the Navy back in March, 1951, and after completing his training at Great Lakes, was sent here in November of the same year. Prior to signing on the dotted line, he had attended Wayne University for two and a half years, as a pre-med student, and followed it up with one semester at the University of California. Looking to the future, he plans to go back to Wayne to complete his medical studies.



Another Donald that turned up on the Staff Personality list this week goes by the name of Trousé, and works in the dental clinic. Donald Trousé, DN, first donned the Navy uniform in September, 1950. After recruit training at San Diego, he was sent to NAS, Barber's Point, in Hawaii, for 13 months, and then back to San Diego to attend Dental Tech School. How does he like being stationed at Oak Knoll? The answer to that one is easy, since Don's one of the lucky Navy men to be stationed near his home . . . he was born and reared in Oakland. His interests are football and track, from the spectator point of view.



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UNITED STATES NAVAL HOSPITAL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA

Saturday, 13 Dec., 1952

UFD Tops Record With \$8464



Edgar Bergen and his six-year-old daughter, Candy Bergen, discuss with Charlie McCarthy the CBS Radio stars' forthcoming visit to Oak Knoll to distribute gifts to wounded veterans who are patients here. Bergen's "Operation Santa Claus," which will also feature performances in the wards and in the auditorium, will arrive here Tuesday, 23 Dec.

"Operation Santa," Gifts for Patients Part of Knoll's Christmas Events

Staff groups and outside organizations and individuals are making plans to make Oak Knoll's Christmas season the merriest ever.

"Messiah"

First event of the season will be a performance of Handel's traditional "Messiah" by the Unruh Philharmonic Chorus. Taking time out from its Bay Area engagements to appear at this hospital in the main auditorium at 1900 on Tuesday, 16 Dec., the chorus will consist of 60 persons, chosen from the usual 100, and vocal solo artists. They will perform excerpts from the "Messiah," with Dorothy Renzi of Berkeley in the soprano role.

Examiner Show

Knollites who have been here longer than a year will remember the Annual Christmas Stage Show, sponsored by the San Francisco Examiner. The show will be on Wednesday evening, 17 Dec., at 1900, in the main auditorium, and will feature many professional acts.

Edgar Bergen, Charlie McCarthy Show

Three different events will take place on 23 Dec., just two days before

Christmas. At 1200, Edgar Bergen and Charlie McCarthy and their troupe will put on a show at the main auditorium. Appearing here as a part of the "Operation Santa Claus" tour that will take them to Army, Navy and Veterans Hospitals throughout the nation, they will tour the wards with gifts for every patient.

"Charlie and I want to say 'Merry Christmas' to every Sailor, Soldier and Marine wounded in the Korean conflict," Bergen stated at the start of this operation.

This will be Edgar and Charlie's 4th visit here and his 2nd "Operation Santa Claus," backed by CBS-Radio and a nation-wide appeal to Americans to donate gifts to the project.

Last year, they visited 23 hospitals and distributed 32,000 pounds of gifts. This year, they expect to double both figures.

Children's Party

The annual Christmas party for children of staff members will be held at 1400 Tuesday, 23 Dec., at the EM Club. Sponsored by Special Services, the affair is open to all Knoll youngsters from the ages of one

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Whole Staff Praised for Donations That Give \$2539 to Navy Relief

The hospital's second annual United Fund drive is all over but the shouting, and CAPT F. P. Kreuz, director, proudly announced following the final audit Wednesday afternoon that Oak Knoll personnel had given a total of \$8464 to the drive.

Although this figure falls short of the \$10,000 goal set at the beginning of the drive, it exceeds the amount taken in last year when the staff and patient census was far greater than it is today. It is \$2200 more than the largest total intake in the separate drives held in previous years.

30% FOR NAVY RELIEF

Thirty per cent of the fund total, or \$2539, will be turned over to Navy Relief, the organization that enables the Navy to take care of its own in time of emergency. The remaining 70 per cent will go to the East Bay United Crusade for division among health and welfare agencies of the East Bay, including Red Cross, Community Chest, USO, Alameda County Heart Association, American Arthritis and Rheumatism Foundation, and American Cancer Society.

MILITARY EXCEEDS QUOTA

According to figures released from United Crusade headquarters, the military installations in the East Bay exceeded their quota by \$56,000. Army, Navy, and Air Force activities, of which there are ten in the East Bay, were asked to give \$146,336, and at the last count, a total of \$202,529

had been subscribed to the crusade fund.

The over-all goal for the entire area was \$2,797,836, and cash and payroll pledges to date total \$2,664,649.

The campaign at Oak Knoll moved along slowly but surely. There were no banners and no ballyhoo, but each solicitor went carefully about his

To All Hands

I wish to extend my thanks and sincere congratulations to all who worked for and all who contributed to the recent United Fund Drive. Our comparatively small group of civilian and military personnel, of whom approximately 50 per cent were patients in a transient status, contributed an average of almost \$3.00 per individual. All hands should share in a mutual feeling of pride and accomplishment.

J. N. C. GORDON,
CAPT, MC, USN,
Commanding Officer.

Crusade Chairman Writes Thanks

November 21, 1952.

Dear Captain Gordon:

The success of our first United Crusade has been due in a large part to the outstanding work done by you and others at Oak Knoll.

I could not bring to a close this successful United Crusade without letting you know how much all of us appreciate the leadership you have given to this campaign.

I believe when the final figures are totaled it will be evident that the military and the East Bay have made a national record in supporting this good work.

I am truly grateful that you have played such an important part in making this a better community in which to live and work.

Sincerely,
EDWARD H. SIEMS,
General Chairman,
United Crusade.

business, asking each member of his department to give what he could, whenever he could, during the two months of the drive.

The executive committee assisting Captain Kreuz in the conduct of the drive included LT W. C. McQueen, Executive Secretary; LT D. A. Wade, Treasurer; Dorothy Thompson, Publicity; ENS H. E. Daniel and CWOHC R. H. Giles, Auditors; and Miss Marie Adams.

But it was the generosity of patients and staff and the outstanding work of the solicitors that made the drive a success.

Special praise is due the following Nurse Corps solicitors, who turned in a total of \$2348:

LT Marian Poulter, Chairman; LCDR Jervace Crouse, LT's Anita Casey, Lula A. Unch, Ruth Fabian, Mary Kelly, Ruth Lloyd, Dorothy Wheeler, Dorothy Naviaux, Edythe Gillette, Alice Hunt; LTJG's Leona Soback, Virginia Jennings, Anne M. Flynn; ENS Mary Jensen, Miriam Bovar, Mary L. Horsmon, Nancy Sullivan, Margaret Crowson, Elizabeth Murphy, and Valerie Pfeiffer.

Other solicitors who helped push the drive through to a successful conclusion were:

Red Cross: Miss Burnette Thompson.

MC and DC Officers: CAPT R. S. Poos, Chairman; LCDR L. E. Suiter

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The Oak Leaf

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† † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

Charles Dickens once wrote these lines: "I have always thought of Christmas time, when it has come around, as a good time; a kind, forgiving, charitable time; the only time I know of, in the long calendar of the year, when men and women seem by one consent to open their shut-up hearts freely, and to think of people as if they really were fellow passengers to the grave, and not another race of creatures bound on other journeys."

It is good to remember at this season of the year the joy, the kindness, the forgiving spirit, and charitable things that we can shower upon one another. Such things are as real as hate, selfishness, greed and commercial rivalry which seem to cloud our days.

Raising ourselves above the smoke-screened world and commonplace positions in our daily lives will bring to us the spirit of peace and good will to all men. It is just too bad if we can't do this. Our Christmas spirit is sometimes seen in the dollar sign and not in the love which is in our hearts. Acts of good will, kindness, and charity await each of us; let us not be found wanting.

R. E. JENKINS, Protestant Chaplain.

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Divine Services

Hospital Chapel at Main Gate

PROTESTANT
BIBLE SCHOOL—SUNDAY 0945
SUNDAY WORSHIP—1030
Evening Gospel Service—1900—Singing, Evangelistic Message, Fellowship Hour
CHOIR REHEARSAL—1930 Thursday
HOLY COMMUNION—First Sunday morning each month.

L. D. S. SERVICE
SUNDAY — 0900 in Staff Conference Room, Administration Bldg., Annex.

CATHOLIC
SUNDAY MASSES
0600-0800-0900-1200
DAILY MASSES — 1150 and 1630
Confessions before Mass
Catholic Oratory in back of Chapel
Choir Rehearsal—Tuesday 1900

CHAPLAIN'S OFFICES IN CHAPEL AND 67A

NAVY RELIEF OFFICE—IN CHAPEL

BUS TO AND FROM CHAPEL ON SUNDAYS 0845 and 1015

Use of Tourniquet To Undergo Change

(AFPS)—The military use of the tourniquet may undergo a revolutionary change, according to a recent report prepared by the National Research Council.

Accepted by the Armed Forces Medical Policy Council, the report's recommendations represent a complete about-face from tourniquet procedures used in WWII. At that time it was the practice of the medics to release a tourniquet for five minutes every half hour.

This method, according to the report, is "unwise as well as unnecessary." Reasoning that the patient has probably lost large amounts of blood already, it is illogical to loosen the tourniquet so that he might lose more blood.



Kenny Rench, ENFN, of Ward 70A, is concentrating hard on mastering the fundamentals of piano technique, under the guidance of Mrs. Lorena Meadows, Red Cross Gray Lady, piano instructor. Patients interested in taking lessons may do so by making arrangements for instruction with Miss Alida Quick, Red Cross Recreation Worker, topside in the Community Services building.

Red Cross Ramblings

MOTION PICTURE FANS

The ward movie schedule for the week features a comedy, so if you would like a laughable movie, watch for "Monkey Business" starring Cary Grant and Marilyn Monroe.

TELEPHONE GIRLS' PARTY

A Christmas party will be given by the East Bay Telephone Girls in the Lounge Saturday, 13 December, from 1400 to 1600. Bring all your ward pals and join in the fun.

CHRISTMAS DANCES AND FLOOR SHOW

Step out this next week on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, 16 and 18 December, from 1900 to 2045 for the big Christmas dances with all of our wonderful groups. In addition, on Tuesday, the YWCA hostesses will put on a lively Holiday Floor Show for you. There will be dancing and games, plus lively conversation, around the colorful Christmas tree. Don't miss out on these extra special holiday dances!!

CLEVER CRAFTS FOR CHRISTMAS

Have you seen the craft shop in all its splendor since the new paint job has been completed? It is spic and span for you to work on your Christmas presents for members of your family and friends. Especially unique are the attractive felt Christmas gift stockings and felt slippers to be gaily decorated. There are Santa Claus bean bags and Santa Claus steins. Also you can enjoy making beautiful leather purses, wallets, belts and other leather crafts for the folks to use and enjoy. Ask to see the Swedish embroidery and all the ceramic gifts such as ash trays, flower vases, steins and the many clever figurines. If you should be interested in copper tooling there are album covers and wall plaques which are most attractive and really simple to make. Perhaps

you would like to do some textile art and surprise your feminine admirers with a practical and lovely hand-stenciled apron, place mats, or cocktail napkins. And you can personalize your gifts! Have the name you desire engraved in gold by the gold stamping machine in the Red Cross Craft Shop. Merry Christmas to you and yours!

Another "Well Done"

5 December, 1952.

Dear Sir:

I want to take this opportunity to express my most sincere appreciation for the meticulous care given me when my son was born at Oak Knoll Hospital on 6 November.

It being my first opportunity to require medical treatment from any Navy Dispensary and Hospital, plus the fact that my husband, a Marine officer, is stationed in Korea, I was doubly grateful for the kindness of every doctor and each nurse with whom I came in contact.

Last but not least, I want to commend Dr. James A. Sylvester, who delivered my son. His conscientiousness and wonderful skill, plus his sincere and calm mannerisms, gave me complete confidence and faith.

Every nurse deserves a word of praise for their keen understanding and just for being so wonderful—I greatly appreciated everything.

In closing, may I add that my husband was sincerely grateful for the wire the hospital sent him, and he also adds a big vote of thanks for the wonderful care given me and baby—both at 50 Fell Street and Oak Knoll.

Most sincerely,
MRS. ALFRED C. TAVES,
Daly City, Calif.

SCUTTLEBUTT

SIGNS OF THE SEASON: WAVES hanging bells and evergreen branches on the doors at their quarters . . . galoshes with girls in them sloshing through the passageway to the time clock each morning . . . Manuel Vilchez' mail cart bulging as the cards and packages start coming in . . .

OAKNOLLUMNI: John Reisch writes from Independent Duty School, HCS, Portsmouth, Va., that some days the going is so rough it interferes with his liberty and TV schedule . . . Ruth Lesh, formerly of PEB, is now Mrs. Joe Waters of New London, Conn. Joe is an HMC; Ruth was a YNC . . . LT R. O. Harrison (Commissary and Security) and Chief Frank Bak (Personnel Office) are both on duty in the Division Surgeon's Office, Headquarters, 1st Marine Division, Korea, according to a letter Harold Hensle received from the chief this week . . . Jim Raser, son of Fire Chief J. O. Raser, and formerly of the Public Information Division, was aboard Tuesday to get a story for "This Is San Francisco," KCBS show that comes over the air at 7:15 each morning. Jim is one of the writers for the show.

HERE 'N THERE: Bunnie Dumm and Carter Blythe "jumping the gun" a little. They were married in Reno on Saturday last. Congrats! . . . Bid-dle and Fidler losing everything in their car, including their pants, when they attempted to make a speed run to Reno . . . Marion Beazie and Duane Kessler planning to middle aisle it on the 20th of December . . . Sylvia Olsen of Main Nursery, D. D. Lewis, and a host of others making the rounds of the East Bay niteries . . . Jackie LeBlanc sporting a huge diamond on that third finger, left hand—gift of "Nick" Nickels . . . Chuck Hasson of Civil Readjustment saying good-bye to his many friends here as he leaves for Lab School at Bethesda . . . Marge Cannel cleaning out her desk at the NP Service, preparatory to departing for the Mariannas two days after Christmas. She and her 6½-year-old daughter, Candy, will join their husband and father, E. A. Cannel, HMC, now Chief MAA at USNH, Guam . . . Samuel John Davis, TESN, 45B, must have really cut a rug—he is now getting hot packs for a muscle he strained while dancing, according to the accident report . . . Millicent E. Merrick and Barbara A. Dunphy are the nursing staff's newest JG's . . . CDR J. D. Langston was on duty in the Lab Tuesday morning—on 69A, minus his appendix, Tuesday afternoon. Doctor Marcy performed the operation.

HAVE YOU NOTICED: The chart that hangs over the scuttlebutt outside the Staff Personnel Office? It traces the history of the good ol' U.S. Navy from the French and Indian War in 1754 to the United Nations Military action in 1950. That tall lean man unfolding himself as he alights from his cream-colored MG on the Circle each morning? He is CDR R. A. Christensen, of the Dependent Service.

Vosseler, E. J. Ford, C. B. Knight; LT R. E. Jenkins, V. D. Sessions, HMI, P. T. Grier, HM3, T. J. McKenna, HN.

Said the cannibal to the witch doctor: "Something's wrong with my kid, Doc. He won't eat anybody."



Giving a helping hand to Santa and the patients and staff, the Officers' Wives are kept busy five days a week, wrapping gifts. Here, Mrs. George Lynch, Mrs. Roger A. McKinnon, and Mrs. Frank M. Thornburg put the finishing touches on packages belonging to a couple of patients who look very interested in seeing just how it's done. The wrapping booth, located in the bowling alley, is open from 0900 to 1600, each week day. Ribbon and paper are supplied by Special Services.

Patient Married At Knoll Chapel

CAPT Billy F. Jones, USMC, a patient here since last September, claimed Miss Jane Donaldson of Bicknell, Indiana, as his bride at a quiet ceremony in the Oak Knoll chapel Saturday, 6 Dec.

LT R. S. Jenkins, protestant chaplain, officiated at the ceremony.

The bride wore a powder blue tailored suit with matching half hat, navy accessories, and carried a white satin-covered Bible with a corsage of orchids attached. Her matron of honor was Mrs. Elaine Peters of Oakland, and CAPT James G. Dionisapoulos, USMC, served the groom as best man.

The newlyweds met at Indiana State College, Terre Haute, Ind., where CAPT Jones attended school. They plan to make their home in Oakland.

Christmas Events

(Continued from Page 1) month to ten years, and each child will receive a gift from Santa Claus. **Christmas Committee Plans**

The Veteran Hospitals' Christmas Committee Show in the main auditorium at 1900, 23 Dec., is only one of the many treats the committee has in store for Oak Knoll.

Composed of civic organizations and individuals from local communities, the committee will descend upon the compound on Sunday, 21 Dec., and decorate the hospital from stem to stern. They will put up a tree in each ward, and will decorate both the interior and exterior of most of the buildings, to give the entire compound a festive atmosphere.

On Christmas Day, the committee will deliver a gift to every patient, and will bring entertainment to each ward. On the same day, carolers will go to all the wards, and the committee will provide music in all the mess halls during the noon meal.

The committee has come to Oak Knoll every Christmas since the hospital was commissioned in 1942.

Welcome and Farewell

Thirty-six new staff members reported aboard last week, while twenty-one were detached to other duty stations, two were released to inactive duty, and one was discharged from the Navy.

Reporting for duty were: LCDR Alan C. Pipkin, MSC, USNR, from the Filariasis Survey Team, Marianas; LTJG James P. Carroll, MC, USNR, from inactive duty; W. C. Hood, HMC, from Reserve Training Center, Reno, Nev.; HA's D. W. Baker, R. M. Lenstrohm (W), R. F. Beeso, R. D. Aaron, L. A. Prouty, S. W. Addeo, H. T. Greenfield, E. Brasch (W), J. A. Yoakam, L. M. Hiatt, D. A. Olson, J. H. Shifflet, L. D. Stevers, R. R. Breitenbachha, R. Y. Willis, W. Kissinger, T. Goudeau, and H. L. Johnson, from USNHCS, Bainbridge, Md.; HN's L. L. Biesiadny and D. R. Foster, and HA's D. A. Dunbar, D. B. Myers, W. A. Rejent, M. D. Bodkin, T. "V." Lenihan, W. R. Eliassen, and R. E. Conn, from USNHCS, Great Lakes, Ill.; and HN's W. B. McClintock, E. Connelly, C. Antone, and J. C. Friday, and HA's K. H. Roth, T. M. McCormick, and J. L. Nagle, from USNHCS, San Diego, Calif.

Detached were: LTJG Roger C. Wilde, Jr., MC, USNR, to NAF Litchfield Park, Ariz.; J. R. DeTata, HMC, to USS ACM-13 for duty; D. P. Moorefield, HMC, to Net Depot, Tiburon, Calif.; H. J. Koons, HMI, to Naval Shipyard, San Francisco; R. L. Sloat, and V. L. Hughes (W), HM3's, to USNH, San Diego; A. P. Chipman, HM3, to USS BANNER (AKL-25); HM3's W. J. Browning, T. J. McKenna, E. A. Barcell, E. Cruzan, and HN's R. S. DeGabriele, R. W. Wooliever, G. Heath, and K. E. Hohmann, to MarBks, Camp Pendleton, Oceanside, Calif.; HN's B. W. Konde, R. J. Bray, H. F. Ng, and H. L. Reimer, to ComNavFe, for further assignment; and A. D. Bogan, HN, to Naval Dispensary, 50 Fell St., San Francisco.

LT's Marjorie A. Brown and Evelyn M. Hatteberg were released to inactive duty from the Nurse Corps, and Joseph M. Wagner, HM2, was discharged from the Navy at the expiration of his enlistment.

Knollites Invited To Christmas Pageant

A Christmas Pageant, sponsored annually by the Recreation Department of Oakland, will be held this week end.

Patients and staff desiring tickets for the performance Sunday, 14 Dec., in the Oakland Auditorium, may obtain them at Special Services. Transportation will be furnished.

"I don't know who I am. I was left on a door step."
"Maybe you're a bottle of milk."



With his seabag over his shoulder and a last stop at the pay window, Lennard Livingston, HM3, left today for OCS in Newport, R.I. Stationed here since Feb. 1951, he has been senior corpsman in charge of the somatic therapy unit on neuropsychiatry ward 51A. A native of Paso Robles, Calif., he majored in foreign languages for three years at San Jose State, and attended the University of Mexico and Mexico City College.

Officers, Chiefs Plan Club Events

On Sunday, 21 Dec., the Officers' and their wives will gather at the Club from 1630 to 1800 for a Christmas party.

Maurice Anger's orchestra will provide music for the Chiefs' Club Christmas dance, to be held at the club on Saturday, 20 Dec., from 2100 to 0100.

On Sunday, the 21st, all children up to ten years of age, of staff chiefs, are invited to a party. Each child will be given a present, and the party will last from 1500 until 1700.

A free party will be the order of the day for all staff chiefs and their wives, on Monday, 22 Dec., from 1630 until 1800.

UFD Solicitors

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(Medical Service), CAPT B. N. Ahl (EENT), CAPT J. G. Bulgrin (X-ray), CDR R. F. Christoph (Surgical Service), CDR R. D. Nies (Neuropsychiatric Service), CDR H. V. O'Connell (Pathology), LCDR F. W. Cleary (Orthopedics), LT Earl F. Hickey (OPD), CWOHC R. C. Davies (Dental).

Other Officers: LT F. R. Duchanois.

Navy Exchange: Miss Louise Kin-ner.

Civilian Personnel: Hal Boyles, Chairman; Persis Stanley, Evelyn Beran, Marian Trujillo, John Miller, Elnor Nelsen, Betty Winsby, Joseph Perez, Margaret Grubbs, Lucille Evans, LaRilda Holder, Eva Premo, Avis Campbell, Emory Pettigrew, Benjamin Nelson, Dorothy Hyman, Velva Little, Helen Cupper, Anna Stone, Carol Frew, Ernie Sievertson, Ron Landor, Dr. Phillip Dirstine.

Marine Detachment: SGT Robert R. Hawley, USMC.

Enlisted Personnel: G. L. Proper, HMI, Chairman; E. H. Brown, G. G. Skieth, R. E. Power, L. H. Bowser, HMC's; E. O. Spratt, DTC; A. E. Nor-mington, W. E. Scott, HMI's; M. F. Gillette, W. Van Blaricom, HM2's; C. E. Griggs, R. J. Moore, E. L. Henry, I. J. Hiedell, A. T. Jackson, and T. E. Lucas, HM3's.

Patient Personnel: CDR J. A. Whitman, Chairman; LCDR's L. C. M.



Hospital Loses Three Top Athletes To Civilian Life, College Sports

The hospital staff loses three of its best athletes to civilian life Monday when Don Amos, Bill Bromberg, and Don Lewis receive their discharges. All plan to enroll in colleges for the spring semester.

Amos, the lanky first sacker on Oak Knoll's baseball team last summer, expects to enter the University of Nevada. Whether Don turns out for the Wolfpack nine hinges upon his connecting up with some of the play-for-pay teams of the Pacific Northwest, and his ability to play professional ball and continue in school, a difficult role at best. At the present time he is more interested in pursuing an education than a horsehide; so this spring a valuable addition to any college club will probably be in uniform for the Nevadans.

Bromberg is a well known local product who gained fame on the basketball courts of the bay area. He attended Galileo high school where he received all-city honors as a forward on their championship team. From Galileo, Bill went to San Jose State where he earned a starting assignment on the Junior College five. Bromberg recently turned down a scholarship to the University of Hawaii in preference to Southern California. With this season well under way and Bill turning out late for the team it will take nothing short of a miracle to bump anybody from the terrific Trojan squad, but great things are predicted for the hook-shot artist before he completes his varsity career.

Third staff member receiving his discharge Monday is Don Lewis. Before being recalled to active duty Don was gaining a number of fans in the boxing circles of San Jose following

some top amateur fights in that city. Lewis is looking forward to enrolling at San Jose State where he will undoubtedly make room for himself in the 155-pound division on one of the nation's outstanding collegiate teams.

Hoopsters Lose Practice Game To BOXER Five

In a basketball game that saw the lead change hands nine times in the first half, the Oak Knoll basketball team matched the heavily favored USS BOXER five point for point throughout most of the contest, only to lose out in the final five minutes, 61-51. Half-time score favored the BOXER team 27-26 in the practice game played at Hunter's Point.

Until the closing stages of the contest there was never more than four points separating the two teams. Ben Hilliker and Charles Taylor led the hospital scoring with 15 points apiece. The fast break employed by the Knoll quintet functioned smoothly and only mixed assignments in the dying minutes of the game brought about the local defeat.

Coach Wirt Johnson expressed himself well pleased with his team's showing and remarked that a great improvement had been witnessed over last week's first practice game.

Points scored by the hospital team are as follows: Wheat, 4; Napoli, 4; Taylor, 15; Anderson, 2; Brown, 2; Hilliker, 15; Clark, 2; McKelvy, 3; Dolph, 3; and Pitzer, 3.

Hospital Keglers Beat Dist. Communications

With Vic Franczszak and Earl Kallemeyn rolling 538 and 530 series respectively, the Oak Knoll bowling team defeated the District Communications team in three straight games Monday night in the Twelfth Naval District Class B Bay League.

The hospital five-man team, composed of Harold Hensle, L. C. Vosseler, Vic Irving, Franczszak, and Kallemeyn, hung up a total of 2569 pins against 2322 for Communications.

High game was registered by Kallemeyn, who rolled a 214 game.

Intrahospital Bowling League Play-Offs Start

In Tuesday night's opening intrahospital bowling league play-offs, the 5 Aces grabbed an early lead in winning two out of three matches from the 3 V's.

Included in the Aces' pin total of 2374, was a 217 game turned in by Vic Irving, which was high for the evening.

Chaplain L. C. Vosseler, Pete Mentor, and Harold Hensle were other members of the winning team. Earl Kallemeyn's 502 pins earned him high series honors for the night.

2 Staff Members Break Into Print

Two Oak Knoll staff members broke into print this week in Navy medical publications. They are LTJG E. L. Walter, MSC, USNR, bacteriology instructor at the Environmental Sanitation School, who apparently is something of an expert on rats, and Richard G. Durkee, HM3, Laboratory Technician School student and inventor.

LTJG Walter's report, too technical to review here, appeared in the Navy Medical News Letter and was the result of an assignment to a Navy Epidemic Disease Control team ordered to Kodiak in 1951 to organize a control program to help the Public Health Service rid the area of disease-carrying rats and set up preventive measures.

Durkee, whose inventions were recently written up in THE OAK LEAF, has a picture and an article on his hematocrit tube washer in the latest issue of the Medical Technicians' Bulletin.

Seeing two Scotchmen bathing, a wealthy Englishman offered five pounds to the one who could stay under the longest. They're still searching for the bodies.

Movies Cancelled

No movies will be shown in the main auditorium at the Community Services Building on the evenings of 16, 17, and 23 Dec. because of the scheduling of various Christmas shows.

The movie regularly scheduled to be shown on Saturday night, 13 Dec., at the Officers' Club, will be shown on Sunday night, and will begin at 1900.



Sunday, 14 December

ANDROCLES AND THE LION—Victor Mature, Alan Young, Jean Simmons. COMEDY DRAMA. Rating: Very good. Adapted from George Bernard Shaw's satirical interpretation of the early Roman sport of sacrificing Christians to the lions. The casting is excellent and pomp and pageantry are exploited in high style.

Monday, 15 December

MY SIX CONVICTS—Gilbert Roland, John Beal. DRAMA. The story of a young psychologist, in the early 30's, who enlists the help of six hardened convicts to study criminals in a State Prison. The studies prove successful, and are the beginning of a prison reform effort to rehabilitate criminals.

Tuesday, 16 December

NO MOVIE.

Wednesday, 17 December

NO MOVIE.

Thursday, 18 December

BATTLE ZONE—John Hodiak, Linda Christian, Stephen McNally. MARINE CORPS STORY. Rating: Very good. War story that has a sense of the genuine about it. Hodiak and McNally are combat photographers who were professional rivals in WWII and are rivals again in Korea as the Marines move in at Inchon Reservoir in a major offensive.

Friday, 19 December

ABOVE AND BEYOND—Robert Taylor, Eleanor Parker, LOVE AND WAR. Rating: Very good. Taylor portrays an Air Force colonel in charge of training the crew that dropped the first atomic bomb on Hiroshima. The effect of necessary security and the decisions he has to make complicate his life and the attitude of his family toward him.

Saturday, 20 December

SOUND OFF—Mickey Rooney, Ann James. COMEDY. Rating: Good. Rooney is a night club entertainer who gets drafted into the Army. Thrown from a soft life, he puts up a defense against army life by being brash and going off on numerous capers. All ends well, with the help of an attractive Army Nurse and some understanding officers.

A wit recently suggested a good voting slogan for countries behind the Iron Curtain: "Vote Communist, the life you save may be your own!"

Staff Personalities

Jay Fidler, HM3, is a corpsman whose job affects every enlisted Knollite in a very personal way. He's in charge of the leave and liberty desk in the Staff Personnel Office. After recruit training and Corps School in San Diego, Jay came here a little over a year ago. His home town is in

Pioche, Nev. He was a pre-dental student at the University of Utah for one year before enlisting in the Navy in March 1951. Although still two years away from a discharge, he's weighing the possibilities of a career in the service. A locker full of model airplanes is evidence of his hobby.



Keeping up with all the books she gets from belonging to several Book-of-the-Month clubs—and sleeping—are the favorite endeavors of ENS Grace Lee, USNR. In the Nurse Corps since March 1951, she came here last August from USNH, St. Albans, to work on neurosurgery Ward 74A. A native daughter of Pittsburgh,

Pa., she's one of four in her family who have served since the Korean hostilities began. One brother is in the Air Force in South Dakota, another is with the Army in Germany, and a third was recently returned from Korea and discharged from the Army.



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THE OAK LEAF



Christmas Spirit Hovers Over Oak Knoll

"Santa Air Lift" Takes 15 Home

Military Air Transport Service is again playing Santa Claus this year by flying multiple amputees and paraplegic patients home for Christmas and back again in mid-January at expiration of their 30-day leaves.

Army, Navy, and Air Force patients from hospitals in the Bay Area were taken to Travis Air Force Base Monday afternoon and flown from there to the airports nearest their homes.

Fifteen men from Oak Knoll went on the "Santa Claus Air Lift." They were CPL Lee George Stout, Atchison, Kan.; PFC A. D. Cuellar, Pharr, Tex.; John Bose, HN, Corbin, Ky.; PFC Robert J. Range, Des Moines, Ia.; S/SGT William F. Cozad, Salem, Ore.; PFC John D. Zazworsky, Clearfield County, Pa.; PFC Robert D. Robinson, New Orleans, La.; CPL Dwight S. Brown, Brevard, N.C.; PFC Thomas T. Anderton, Detroit, Mich.; CPL Robert E. Runyon, Hammond, Ind.; PFC John M. Schaumberg, Milwaukee, Wis.; PFC Warren F. Masanz, Edgar, Wis.; PFC Thomas Lauria, Lakewood, Ohio; S/SGT William D. Weisgerber, Boise, Ida.; and PFC Elbert Ledford, Trixie, Ky.

Officers' Wives Hold Luncheon

The Officers' Wives Club held a luncheon meeting on Wednesday, 10 December, at the Officers' Club. Luncheon was served at 12:30 at tables decorated with Christmas greens and silvered pine cones. Mrs. Lester F. Phelps of the Oakland City Recreation Department was the guest speaker and gave a demonstration of Christmas package wrapping.

Mrs. Wallace E. Allen was hostess. Assisting her were Mrs. James G. Bulgrin, Mrs. Joseph B. Dominey, Mrs. Chester L. Klein, Mrs. R. L. Thompson, and Mrs. Duane Smith. Mrs. Orval G. Haines and Mrs. Roger A. MacKinnon were presented gifts in recognition of their work for the recent carnival.

Civil Service Holiday Includes Dec. 26th

President Truman has decreed that Friday, 26 December, will be a holiday for all Civil Service employees. Those who take the day off will receive their regular pay, and all who are required to work will receive their regular pay plus overtime.



Home for the holidays! And home is more than 4,000 miles away for these two Puerto Rican Marines, whom the Navy is flying to Patuxent, Md., and on to San Juan. They are PFC Juan R. Rodrigues, left, and PFC Francisco R. Ramires, both amputees as the result of wounds they received in Korea. Rodrigues' home is in Humacao; Ramires' family lives in San German.

Marine CPL Awarded Three Medals In Ceremonies for Seven Patients

Marine Corporal Guy M. Worthington, 24, almost stole the show when award ceremonies were held here last week, for seven veterans of Korean fighting.

In addition to the Bronze Star medal he received for heroic achievement while serving as a machine gunner with a Marine infantry company in Korea, and the Commendation Medal "for excellent service in the line of his profession," the corporal received the gold star in lieu of a third Purple Heart.

Worthington, who is from Babbitt, Nev., was hit by shrapnel once a month for three months. The July and August wounds did not keep him out of action long, but the gold star he received last week from the Commanding Officer was for severe missile wounds to the left arm and both legs.

Worthington returned from Korea aboard the USS HAVEN.

Six Others Cited

The Silver Star medal was presented to PFC John A. Comiskey, USMC, for "outstanding initiative, courage and devotion to duty" while serving as leader of a machine gun squad. Although wounded by an artillery shell burst, he continued to direct fire until he lost consciousness.

LT Reo M. Hood, USN, was awarded the Commendation Medal "for meritorious achievement in connection with the military armistice ne-



CPL Guy Worthington

gotiations with the enemy in Korea," while serving as Staff Assistant with the U.S. Naval Contingent, Korea Military Armistice Conference, at Munsan-ni, from July, 1951, until May, 1952.

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Top Shows, Skits Highlight Season

A presentation of the "Messiah," and a talent-filled stage show this week completed the first installment of Oak Knoll's Christmas entertainment.

The "Messiah," offered by the Unruh Philharmonic Chorus, featured Bay Area soloists and a chorus of 60 persons, and was presented in the main auditorium last Tuesday evening.

The auditorium stage was lighted again Wednesday evening, when Bay Area radio, TV, and night club stars appeared here under the sponsorship of the San Francisco Examiner.

Among the entertainers who were introduced by Master of Ceremonies Allan Cole was Miss Toni Larue, who combined looks and talent in abundant quantities to present her xylophone act. Rusty Draper, a favorite in this area, drew heavy applause for his vocal selections, "Down Yonder," "You Belong to Me" and "Wabash Cannon Ball." He sang "High Noon" by request, and returned to the stage to put his guitar and vocal cords into action in "Jambalaya."

"Toy and Wing," Chinese dancers, whirled around the stage in colorful rhythm, and were applauded back to do a ballet-acrobatic dance. Watch for photos of these events in the Dec. 31 OAK LEAF.

Next Week's Events

On Tuesday, 23 Dec., Edgar Bergen and Charlie McCarthy and their troupe will put on a show at the main auditorium at 1200, and follow it up with appearances on the wards, where they will present a gift to each patient.

Also on Tuesday, at 1500, staff members' children, from the ages of 1 month to 10 years, will be feted at a party with gifts at the main auditorium. (Note the time and location change; the party was formerly scheduled for 1400 at the EM Club.)

At 1900 that evening, the annual Veteran Hospitals' Christmas Committee Show will be held in the main auditorium, featuring more top Bay Area entertainers.

Tomorrow (Sunday, 21 Dec.), the committee will decorate the hospital

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OAK LEAF to Take Christmas Holiday

Even THE OAK LEAF, which has come out every Saturday of the year, will have a holiday next week. A combination Christmas and New Year's issue loaded with pictures of the holiday festivities will appear on Wednesday, 31 December.

The Oak Leaf

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† † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

To allow room at the heart of life and in our own hearts for that which is the finest and best is one of the vital lessons we can learn from Christmas. To refuse entrance to the Lord of Life into the Inn of our life and give place for Him to be born in the manger of our heart is a direct denial of that which enriches one and brings a real blessing.

Without Christ there would be no Christmas, for He is the heart of Christmas. Very often this very meaningful word is spelled Xmas. Of course, the X can be the substitute for Christ, but at best it is still a substitute. In mathematics we learned that the X stands for the unknown, but in the Christian religion that X is known. To write Xmas saves time, space, and costs in writing and advertising, but isn't that a false economy?

Just so long as the X in Xmas is unknown there will be a problem at the heart of life. The Christ in Christmas and in the heart solves the central problems of living.

Christmas being the festival and the celebration of the birth of the Christ child, let us honor Him with all the honor due, give place to Him to enter the Inn of our life, and He will allow us the honor of being born in the lowly manger of our hearts. "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a saviour, which is Christ the Lord."

L. C. M. VOSELER,
 Protestant Chaplain.

Defense Bonds Almost Double Investment

No matter what else you're giving your family for Christmas, it's a cinch you're including security and the assurance of plenty of good times ahead — IF you've been a regular Payroll Saver in the past! You see, those E Bonds you've been accumulating represent the very safest kind of nest-egg which anyone can possess. And they're profitable, too—nine years and eight months from now they'll pay back \$100 for every \$75 you've invested today. Another ten years, and that \$75 will grow to \$134.68! Your family can be secure in the knowledge that, no matter what the future may have in store — a stack of U.S. Defense Bonds locked away will see them through.

Uniform Board Rejects Experimental Jumper

Navy enlisted men may continue to wear their old 13-button trousers until they are no longer serviceable. The new style Navy trousers with the zipper front are gradually replacing the old style trousers but some sizes are still not available.

The buttoned-cuff Navy dress jumper will remain as part of the enlisted

men's uniform. An experimental cuffless dress jumper, to replace the one now in use, has been rejected by the Naval Uniform Board.—(AFPS)

Red Cross Ramblings

HOLIDAY HAPPINESS

Gaiety, fun, and the Christmas spirit were very much in evidence when the men of wards 41A and B recently enjoyed a large Christmas party given by the Verbano Circle of the Companions of the Forest, led by Mrs. Polly Camp. A beautifully decorated guernsey, presided over by a Santa Claus, was heaped with home-made delicacies and favors which the patients received with enthusiasm. Adding to the evening's enjoyment were the "Fancy Dancers" from San Leandro who, in their colorful costumes, presented a lively program of folk dances. A very Merry Christmas was wished by the ladies of the Verbano Circle as they presented gaily wrapped Christmas gifts to the men of these wards.

CINEMA CIRCUIT

For you movie fans there will be a melodrama, "Affair in Trinidad," with Rita Hayworth and Glenn Ford, and a comedy, "Something for the Birds," featuring Victor Mature and Patricia Neal. Watch for one of these full-length movies on your ward during the coming week.

SIGHTSEEING TOURS

Several afternoons each week groups of men climb aboard Red Cross station wagons chauffeured by Motor Service drivers and escorted by Gray Ladies. They are preparing to embark on an afternoon sightseeing drive. Frequent choices of destination are world famous locations such as the Cliff House, historic restaurant at the beach in San Francisco; Golden Gate Park, Fleishacker Zoo, Chinatown, Fisherman's Wharf, and the Yacht Harbor. Recently the men of wards 42A and B decided that they would like to visit an academic institution and chose the University of California in Berkeley. Of course the co-eds in blue raincoats weren't completely unnoticed by PFC RUSS STANLEY, PFC DON BANGERT, PVT ROBERT ROBINSON, JAMES WATSON, CSSN, PFC DEAN JENKINS, and S/SGT WILLIAM WEISGERBER.

QUESTIONS FOR YOU

Want to answer a few questions and find out what the score is? Be

ready to participate in the fun for all this Monday evening at the Red Cross Lounge. Show that you can outdo the "Quiz Kids." The quiz party begins at 1900 hours and stops at 2045 hours.

CRAFT SHOP HOURS

Just in case you are new on the compound and are wondering when you can work in the Craft Shop, here is the schedule:

- Monday—1300 hours to 1600 hours.
- Tuesday (Field day in the morning)—1300 hours to 1600 hours.
- Wednesday—0930 hours to 1130 hours; 1300 hours to 1600 hours.
- Thursday—0930 hours to 1130 hours; 1300 hours to 1600 hours.
- Friday—0930 hours to 1130 hours; 1300 hours to 1600 hours.

More Yule Events For Next Week

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from the main gate to the highest hills. This, too, is an annual affair. On Christmas Day, the committee will deliver a gift to each patient, and will bring entertainment to each ward.

With decorations, entertainment, caroling groups, and gifts galore, "Christmas at Oak Knoll, 1952," promises to be one of the biggest ever.

Mrs. Rich Has Fourth Child Born at Oak Knoll

Few are better qualified to recommend the services of Oak Knoll's maternity section than is Mrs. Charles W. Rich, and she will put in a good word for the staff any time.

Mrs. Rich checked out last week with a new baby girl, her fourth child to be born at Oak Knoll. Her husband, a lieutenant commander presently assigned to a patrol squadron in Japan, is the proud father of a brood that now totals five. The family lives at 971 Post St., Alameda.

Katherine, 7, has the distinction of being the only child not born here. Michael was born in 1947, Robert in 1949, Charles in 1951, and Barbara put in her appearance on 7 December.

Divine Services

Hospital Chapel at Main Gate

PROTESTANT
 BIBLE SCHOOL—SUNDAY 0945
 SUNDAY WORSHIP—1030
 Evening Gospel Service—1900—Singing,
 Evangelistic Message, Fellowship Hour
 CHOIR REHEARSAL—1930 Thursday
 HOLY COMMUNION—First Sunday
 morning each month.

L. D. S. SERVICE
 SUNDAY—0900 in Staff Conference
 Room, Administration Bldg., Annex.

CATHOLIC
 SUNDAY MASSES
 0600-0800-0900-1200
 DAILY MASSES—1150 and 1630
 Confessions before Mass
 Catholic Oratory in back of Chapel
 Choir Rehearsal—Tuesday 1900

CHAPLAIN'S OFFICES IN
 CHAPEL AND 67A

NAVY RELIEF OFFICE—
 IN CHAPEL

BUS TO AND FROM CHAPEL, ON
 SUNDAYS 0845 and 1015



Enjoying a Christmas Party given by the Verbano Circle of the Companions of the Forest, on Ward 41A & B, are (left to right): Lewis T. Potts, PNSN, Leonard W. Parker, SA, Jimmy L. Croft, ADAN, Ben Alhadeff, AN, and W. K. Smith, AN. Mrs. Alice Farmer, Red Cross Gray Lady, escorted the group, and Roma Cornelius, Oriole Savage, and Betty Lane provided lively entertainment.

SCUTTLEBUTT

SIGNS OF THE SEASON: The Main Gate busy as a revolving door as the patients leave for home . . . "White Christmas" being sung in the open air drive-ins and appreciated as much as in Vermont . . . Christmas trees of all shapes and colors springing up in the wards and departments . . . Operation Santa Claus getting underway with a bang . . . Merry Christmas on everyone's lips.

PEOPLE, PLACES & THINGS: The Christmas dance at the EM Club last Friday night was a decided success. Plenty of good music, good food, good partners, and five turkeys for door prizes. Among the notables there were Joan Mills of Civil Readjustment, Broussard of ALD, Shirley Bricker and T. D. Mank of Staff Personnel, who finished up the evening with a host of Knollites at Coffee Dan's in San Francisco. Gene Cushman A3/C, USAF, of ALD School, and Katherine McCormick, HM3, of OPD, surprised their many friends here by being married in a quiet ceremony in Salinas last Saturday. Dick Sheldon got a big box of cigars and many good wishes from his fellow electricians on the occasion of his 65th birthday this week. Now it's LT William C. Nelson, MC, USNR. The doctor added a half stripe and subtracted the JG from his title this week. HN Joe Michaels needs to see Mr. Haines for some lessons in carving . . . seems he was carving a block of wood the other day. Knife slipped, and now he's a patient.

OAKNOLLUMNI: Dave and Bessie Aoki remembered their many friends in Civil Readjustment and the Record Office with huge boxes of candy. Dave is studying Pharmacy at U. of Utah. Bessie is working in the VA Hospital, Salt Lake City. She often sees Dr. Marie Simonsen, former WMO on 51A, who is now a psychiatrist with the VA.

NICE YOUNG LADY IN LONDON writes the following letter. Want to answer it?

19 November, 1952

Dear Sir:

It is a little irregular my writing to you like this, but I am hoping it will be in order.

The reason for writing is that I am a member of a girls club here in London, the members of which are between the age of 20-25, and whilst looking at a copy of an American paper the other day we read about a boy in your hospital.

We all know how welcome letters are when one is in a hospital and we are wondering whether some of the boys there would like to correspond with us, as we would like to write to them and it may also give them an added interest.

If there are any boys that would like to write to an English girl, perhaps they could write to the address below and I could pass their letter on to a suitable pen-friend, i.e., someone with the same interests. I might mention that the boy we read about was PVT R. J. Lotito and we send him our very best wishes and hope that he makes good progress.

Hoping that it is quite in order for us to write to you like this and that some of the boys will write to us,

Sincerely yours,

MISS JOAN FRYERS,

77 Idlecombe Road,

Tooting, London, S.W. 17,

England.



"Eating out of a pig's trough" is an old Navy custom, brought into action when a man is promoted to chief petty officer. The tradition was carried out to the letter Tuesday when three men officially wore their blues and first class rating badges for the last time. With their brand new hats, presented by the other chiefs on the compound, on the table before them, the new Chiefs are: (with the napkin) Francis W. Cannon, Laboratory Technician student, advanced to HMCA(T); (busy eating) James E. Merritt, of the Disbursing Office staff, advanced to DKCA(T); and (getting ready to go back for more) Robert J. Montgomery, Environmental Sanitation Technician student, advanced to HMCA(T).

Welcome and Farewell

Only six new staff members reported aboard last week, while a whopping total of 24 were detached, released to inactive duty and discharged.

Those who reported in were: CDR Jaroud B. Smith, Jr., MC, USN, from FMF Pacific; LT Margaret E. Leggett, NC, USN, from MSTs Pacific Area, San Francisco, Calif.; LTJG Schuyler M. Bissell, MC, USNR, from inactive duty; F. Kuntz, HM3, from Mare Island Naval Shipyard, Vallejo, Calif.; A. E. Branch, HM3, from USNH, Bremerton, Wash.; and W. "A." Gerhardt, HM3, from U.S. Naval Ammunition Depot, Bangor, Me.

Detached were: LT William J. Champion, MC, USN, to Com 8, New Orleans, La.; LT Francis R. DuChanois, MSC, USN, to FFT Pearl Harbor, T. H.; LT Barbara J. Tazer, NC, USN, to USS GENERAL RANDALL (TAP-115); LTJG Ellen E. Stricklin, NC, USN, to Com 12, FFT Oahu, T. H.; LTJG's Seymour L. Brown, Floyd J. Dickson, and Richard P. Hansen, of the Dental Corps, to National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, Md.; HM1 C. Hasson and HN's E. M. Randall and J. J. Kleiner (W), to Bethesda, Md.; R. J. Brown, HM3, to Marine Barracks, Camp Pendleton, Calif.; HM3's L. L. Livingston and C. Hicks, to Naval Officers' Candidate School, Newport, R. I.; and HM3's C. E. Shoen and R. "M." Beckstead, and HN's W. Press, E. L. Haggerty and L. L. Firkus to NAS, Alameda.

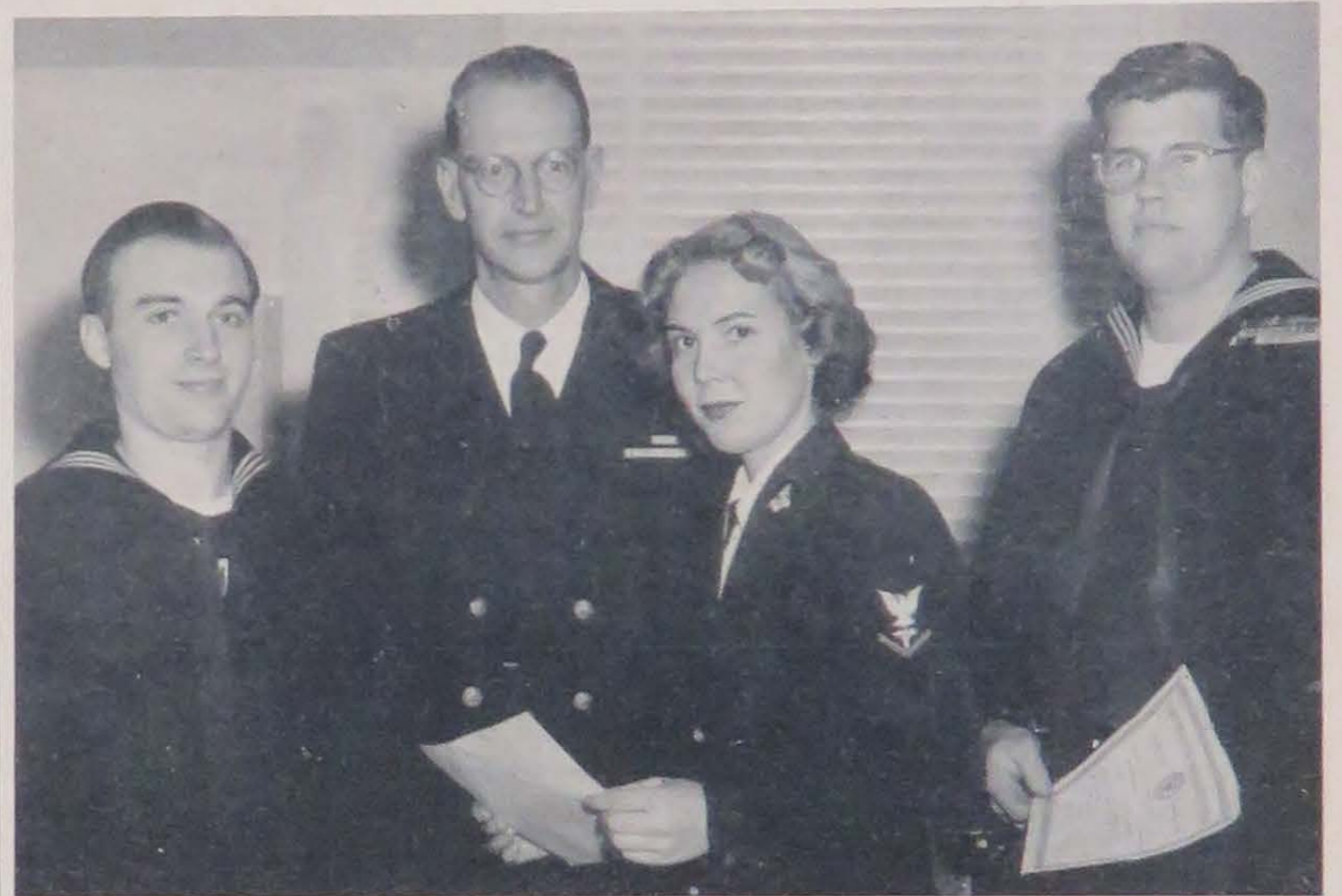
Released to inactive duty were the following: LT Maude M. McCormack, NC; HM2 Ira W. Hillyard, HM3's James D. Brinkerhoff and Gayle "A" Stevenson; HN Donald D. Lewis and HA Donald L. Amos.

ENS Lorraine L. Hinton, NC, USNR, was released to civilian life following the acceptance of her resignation.

Seven Patients Cited

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Purple Heart medals were awarded to PFC Richard P. Gunning, USMC; PFC Donald E. Woods, USMC; SGT Keith E. Yarnell, USMC, and 2nd LT Richard B. Swartz, USMCR.



A class of three graduated last Wednesday, 10 Dec., from a six-months' course at the X-Ray Technician School here. The graduates, pictured with CAPT J. G. Bulgrin, MC, USN, Chief of the Radiology Service, who presented them their certificates, are, in the usual order: HM3's Stanislaus Nowacki, Rita Moore, and Frederick Riggs. WAVE Rita Moore is the first woman student to graduate from Oak Knoll's X-Ray School in over two years. She left here yesterday on orders to Camp LeJeune, N.C. Nowacki and Riggs will remain here to work on the X-Ray staff.



Mrs. Willie Mae Watson (left), National President of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Fleet Reserve Association, and Mrs. Margaret Longevin, Southwest Regional Vice-President of the F.R.A., were pictured here with CAPT J. N. C. Gordon, MC, USN, Commanding Officer, when they made a visit to the hospital last week. Mrs. Watson stopped at Oak Knoll on a return trip from Honolulu, where she recently installed a third auxiliary group in Hawaii. Oak Knoll is one of several in a series of official visits she is making between Honolulu and her home in Dallas, Texas.



Bill Alsbaugh, HN, X-Ray Technician student, is sure to get his fill of turkey this year! He was one of the five lucky turkey door prize winners at the staff dance last Friday. The serious-looking gentleman on the left is G. L. Proper, HMI, genial chairman of the Recreation Committee which planned the Christmas dance. (Right) Some of the staffers, in semi-formal attire, putting to good use the music of Bob Stevens' orchestra.

PREVIEWS

Due to holiday events scheduled over the Christmas season, there will be no movies shown on the following dates: Tuesday, 23 Dec.; Thursday, 25 Dec.; Friday, 26 Dec.; and Saturday, 27 Dec.

Monday, 22 December
MAN IN THE WHITE SUIT - Alec Guinness, Joan Greenwood, SATIRE. Rating: Very Good. England's favorite comedian and one of their outstanding actresses bring to the screen a story about a brilliant young man who invents a seemingly indestructible material while working in a textile factory. The problems that arise from his discovery threaten the industry, and he is involved in labor-management situations that take a satirical poke at both factions.

Wednesday, 24 December
TIGHT LITTLE ISLAND - Basil Radford, Joan Greenwood. This film, like "Man in the White Suit," is British production. It's packed with laughs and Irish whimsy. Both stars are top attractions in England's filmland.

Knoll to Meet Communications 7 Jan. In First District Basketball Game

The Oak Knoll basketball team in the Bay Area Armed Forces National League is slated to play eight games on its home court this season. The schedule is as follows:

- January
- 7 12th ND Communications at Oak Knoll*
- 12 Oak Knoll at Harbor Defense
- 14 Naval Net Depot at Oak Knoll*
- 19 Oak Knoll at Retraining Mare Island, Owens Center
- 21 Naval Supply Center at Oak Knoll*

- 26 Oak Knoll at Mare Island Hospital, Owens Center
 - 28 U.S. Naval Air Station Oakland at Oak Knoll*
 - February
 - 2 S.F. Shipyard at Oak Knoll*
 - 9 Oak Knoll at Port Chicago
 - 11 Oakland Army Base at Oak Knoll*
 - 16 PacResFleet Stockton at Oak Knoll*
 - 18 USS NICKEL at Oak Knoll*
- *Denotes home game played at San Leandro Hospital gym.

2nd Bowling League To Be Organized

Plans are under way to reorganize the intrahospital bowling league, according to league commissioner, G. L. Proper. Announcements will be sent to department heads, approximately the first week in January, regarding further information concerning the new league. Representatives from teams interested will be invited to attend the meetings.

5 ACES CROWNED BOWLING CHAMPS

The 5 Aces are the newly crowned intra-hospital league bowling champs following three surprisingly easy victories in Wednesday evening play-offs against the 3 V's. Not only did the Aces win the team title, but they carried away individual trophies as well. Vic Irving rolled a 217 game in Tuesday's semifinals and Chaplain L. C. Vosseler earned high honors for Wednesday night with a 211 game. Howard Hensle's 523 three-game total was the best turned in during the playoffs. The winning team, composed of Pete Mentor, Irving Vosseler, and Hensle, racked up a total of 2462 pins, to the losers' 2141. Members of the defeated 3 V's were Earl Kallemeyn, G. L. Proper, Ward Scott, R. W. Prahl, and L. R. Anderson.

Talent Show Calls for Amateur Contestants

Calling all talent!
A Twelfth Naval District notice has announced that the Junior Advisory Board of the Armed Forces Service Men's Centers of San Francisco and the Bay Area is sponsoring a competitive talent show for all departments of the Armed Forces in this area. Contestants who are chosen will appear as a part of a Ted Mack Amateur Hour which will be staged in San Francisco on or about 16 February 1953.

"There's only one thing that keeps you from being a bare-faced liar."
"What's that?"
"Your mustache."

★ ★ CHUCKLES ★ ★

Judge: "Ten dollars or 10 days."
Defendant: "I'll take the money, sir."

"I'm in for 90 years," said the prisoner to his new cellmate. "How long are you in for?"

"Seventy-five years," said the newcomer.

"You'll be getting out first," was the reply. Take the bed nearest the door.

One tried and true method of getting your wife home soon from an out-of-town vacation is to send her a copy of the local paper with one item clipped out.

The skipper of the tramp steamer was peering over the side of the bridge through a thick fog. Suddenly, he saw a mah leaning over a rail only a few yards away. "Get out of the way, you confounded fool," he roared. "Where the devil do you think your ship's going? Don't you know I've got the right of way?"

Out of the gloom came a sardonic voice: "This ain't no blinkin' ship, guv'nor. This 'ere's a lighthouse!"

Hubby: "It's strange, but the biggest idiots seem to marry the prettiest women."

Wife: "Flattery will get you nothing."

Staff Personalities

Charles Northam, HM3, USN, is the man to see if you're having insurance problems. Taking care of such matters, and attending to the details involved in medal presentations and award ceremonies, is his job, performed at a desk in the Records Office. In the Navy since March, 1951, he came here from Great Lakes one year ago and worked on the surgical

wards until last September. A native of Ogdensburg, N. Y., he studied chemical technology for a year and a half at the New York State Technical School, before joining the service. The chemistry will come in handy when he goes back to school after his discharge—not in helping him toward a Chemical Engineering degree, but rather, toward an M.D.



Staff Sergeant Ross Hawley, USMC, likes the Marine Corps so well that he's going to make it his career. He certainly has no complaints about his assignments during two enlistments so far. His first enlistment, of ten months' duration in 1946 and '47, found him in a Marine Corps office in San Francisco... ideal duty, since his home is in San Francisco. After a three-year "breather" as a civilian, Hawley re-enlisted in 1950 and was sent here two years ago this month. He is one of 11 men assigned to the Marine Detachment Office, which handles Marine patients' affairs. On the salty side, he put in a year's hitch with the Merchant Marine in the South Pacific in 1945, before his first enlistment.



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