



CHAPLAIN JAYNE TAKING TIME from ministerial duties to escort his children and their mother to the Special Services party for staff children. The two girls at right are unidentified.



VETERAN HOSPITALS' CHRISTMAS COMMITTEE Santa Clauses delivering gifts to every patient aboard—including CS2 C. H. McLarty of 62A.



MAGIC by Bobby Clark, one of the stars of the Christmas Committee stage show that played to a capacity crowd . . . and **CAROLS** on the wards, provided by volunteer groups scheduled through Red Cross.



GIRLS DANCING—and **DANCING GIRLS**, the former from Los Ayres Studio, the latter, the Coralene Duane Dancers brought by the Christmas Committee.

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27 Selected For LCDR Rank

The holidays brought an extra bonus to twenty-seven Oak Knoll officers—word of their selection for promotion to lieutenant commander.

Medical Officers selected are Alan M. Peabody, Gerald A. Wolff, Robert C. K. Riggins, Alan L. Graber, all of the Medical Service; J. Basil Haddad, Jr., Jerry L. Thomas, and William D. Young, Surgical Service; William E. Billings, Jr., Joseph A. Matan, and John W. Batcheller of Orthopedics;

Philip A. Caulfield, Jr., Fred L. Baker, David B. Jarvis, and Morris J. Chalick of NP Service; Willis I. Cattel, Chief of Dermatology; Richard B. Carley of ENT, Genaro M. Cerchio of CIC, Carter W. Mathews of OBGYN; John T. Lucas of the Laboratory; David E. Parsons, Anesthesiology; Morgan P. Lloyd of Urology, and David A. Zlotnick, Pediatrics.

LT Dennis D. Flynn of the Dental Corps was selected for promotion, as was LT Joseph R. Mulvey, MSC, Chief of Operating Services Division.

LTs Virginia M. Frates and Mary E. Estell of the Nurse Corps were among those selected.

LTJGs Ruth R. Binkley, Judith A. Milburn, Margarite A. Miller, and Marilyn Ward were selected for LT, NC.

Word From Allyson: "Pinker Every Day"

A letter LT David Zlotnick received this week from the parents of Allyson Burleson, who was flown to Toronto, Canada, on 13 December to undergo a life-saving heart operation reports that the five-year-old girl born with transposition of the great vessels is getting along well and is "pinker every day."

The operation was performed at the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto by Dr. William Mustard.

Allyson will be kept there for observation for another three weeks, but the operation was successful, and all outward indications are that she will be able to lead a normal life, according to LT David Zlotnick of the Pediatric Cardiology Clinic.

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The American Red Cross distributed more than 400,000 Christmas cards to service and veteran hospitals for patients to send to their families. About 65,000 went to hospitals overseas. The cards were donated by Greeting Card Associations and Norcross, Inc.

NEW YEAR BABY



1967's **FIRST**—Michael Edward Fissore was the first arrival of the New Year at Oak Knoll and fifth in the East Bay, according to press reports.

Young Michael weighed 6 lbs. 7 oz. on arrival at 0150 1 January, and he and his pretty mother Brenda are both doing nicely. His father, PFC Mario E. Fissore, Jr., USA, is stationed in Germany, which probably accounts for the baby's sad expression.

Enlisted Pers Plan Lucky 13 Dance

Black cats, ladders, and broken mirrors will welcome enlisted personnel to the Club Tradewinds for a "Lucky 13" dance on Friday, 13 January. There'll be a Happy Hour from 2000 until 2130. Music will be provided by The Incidentals.

"Come and flaunt superstition," says HM1 Wayne E. Hawkins, chairman of the Enlisted Recreation Committee.

62nd Birthday For Navy Relief Society

The Navy Relief Society celebrates 62 years of assistance to Navy and Marine Corps personnel and their dependents on 23 Jan.



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HAPPY NEW YEAR

The New Year, 1967, is here. It comes whether we are ready for it or not. We are best prepared when we come to it in faith and confidence.

We are given just so much time. Each day challenges us with—"Don't abuse me, use me well for God's sake, your neighbors, your friends, and for yourself."

Our lives and God-given talents as well as our God-given days are to be lived purposefully and meaningfully. Whether we like it or not we are in the midst of life which is boundaried by birth and death. Since we are in the midst of life we cannot merely "spectate" along. God intends that something constructive shall happen through us.

The Scriptures inform us of a continuing throng declaring to us that to live "for God's sake" is the Way. This gives a motivation, a faith, and a determination that simply will not quit.

Another year, which by God's grace will be given to us, challenges us with "What will you do with me?" Success and happiness for you, says the New Year, depends upon a relationship of faith and trust, whether you use me well or abuse me.

Let us pray that God may grant us the courage to face it with devotion and honor, remembering Him who privileges us with life and all our days.

In His name and for His sake we are enabled to live them out in the best way. As our preface to the New Year let us simply dedicate it "To the glory of God." Thus, days will have a worthy goal and we will be blessed.

The road is too long and too difficult to travel except in a dedicated way.

A Happy New Year to you and yours!

—L. C. M. VOSSELER
Senior Chaplain

What Did You Resolve?

Did you make any New Year resolutions? You probably did. Most of us do, openly or quietly.

Some of these resolutions are made in jest. Others are taken seriously. There is no unity in the majority of these. To each his own is usually the rule.

It's too bad all men everywhere cannot, in unison, make a New Year resolution pledging whole-hearted effort toward solving the ills that plague the world.

Chances are this won't happen. Not in the immediate future, anyway. So, there is only one course open. We must staunchly follow the course we know is right. We must look forward to a better world, but always remember our precious heritage.

We're all aware of the great conflicts that have engulfed our nation since its birth. We understand what brought them about and why they were fought. We are keenly aware that no nation can effectively deal with her enemies from a position of weakness without sacrificing freedom. We are not weak and we will not sacrifice freedom.

With this understanding and background, plus love of our homeland, we firmly resolve to carry on the fight for freedom as our forefathers did before us.

We are no different from them. We are made of the same stuff. We have the same burning desire for freedom, and we are proud to be Americans.

Fortitude was not an idle byword used by our ancestors. They had it. Sometimes they called it courage. We are endowed with the same ingredients.

So, in 1967 we will work and live and fight with fortitude and courage—always remembering our heritage. Moreover, we will rededicate ourselves to our nation and its goal of containing those who would deny us—and others in the world—freedom. (AFNB)

Maritime Photo Contest

Photographers are invited to submit monochrome prints and color slides to the 20th Anniversary Exhibition of Marine Photography International under the joint sponsorship of The Mariners Museum and the James River Camera Club of Newport News,

Va. Entries must in some way illustrate man's association with the sea.

Entries must be received by March 28. Entry forms and information may be obtained from Mrs. Thomas V. Brabrand, The Mariners Museum, Newport News, Va.



When Rear Admiral James W. Kelley, Chief of Navy Chaplains, was en route to Vietnam for a Christmas visit, he stopped here briefly to visit Lieutenant Edward F. Kane, CHC, USN.

Lieutenant Kane, a Catholic priest, under treatment on 69A since 2 November, had a special request—that Admiral Kelley deliver his personal Christmas greeting to his outfit in Vietnam. The greeting was a snapshot of himself holding a sign that read: "Merry Christmas, 2-5." The 2-5 stands for 2nd Battalion, 5th Regiment, 1st Marine Division, with whom he was serving near Dong Ha, South Vietnam, when he was hit by a sniper's bullet.

The 38-year-old chaplain is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph D. Kane, Sr., 158 Maple Street, Carlsbad, Calif.



HOLIDAY GREETINGS OVER a CUP OF TEA were exchanged at the O' Club by Mrs. Harold J. Cokely, Mrs. Ronald R. Aldrich, and Mrs. Albert J. Schwab. Lighted candles and a beautiful arrangement of anthuriums decorated the tables at the 14 December event for which Mrs. Schwab was chairman.



PLAYING SANTA DURING the GIFT EXCHANGE were Mrs. David D. Thorson, Mrs. George I. Soule, and Mrs. Carlton R. Morris. But all gifts brought to the tea were not for members. Each member brought a gift for the Christmas basket filled for a needy staff family.

HAIL - FAREWELL

OFFICERS REPORTING:

ENS R. P. KEEN, MSC, USNR, from NavScholHospAdmin, NNMC, Bethesda, Md., to Neuropsychiatry Service.

LT F. D. STITZEL, MSC, USN, from NavSta Sangley Point, Luzon, P.I., to Maintenance Division.

LT C. E. SUPPLE, CHC, USNR, from Com12 to Chaplains Division.

LCDR CHEN, MIN-HEN, CN, as observer in Orthopedic Surgery from Taipei, Taiwan.

LT FANG, CHI-YU, CN, as observer in Hematology from Taipei, Taiwan.

LT CHI, PEI-CHENG, CN, as observer in Anesthesiology from Taipei, Taiwan.

OFFICERS DETACHED:

LT J. B. HADDAD, MC, USNR, to USS CONSTELLATION (CVA-64).

LT J. W. TOMLINSON, MC, USNR, to USS REPOSE (AH-16).

LT PATRICIA LEUBENBERGER to Recruiting, Dallas, Tex.

LT JOYCE M. DION to inactive duty.

LTJG ELIZABETH KELLY to NH, Quantico, Va.

LTJG MARY J. GEIGER, to NH, Bethesda, Md.

LTJG SANDRA F. MONTGOMERY to inactive duty.

ENS ROBERTA M. GALTEN to inactive duty.

ENLISTED REPORTING:

HM2 WAYNE L. SOBON from USS SIERRA (AD-18).

HM1 COLONEL O. SURRATT returned to Oak Knoll from USS HOLLAND (AS-32).

HM1 DANIEL B. BUCKLEY from Mobile Construction Bn., 3, Chu Lai.

HM1 RUDOLFO S. MANAHAN from HN, Yokosuka, Japan.

HM2 ALFREDA M. JENNINGS and HNs BARBARA A. LASURE and ERIC E. ERICKSON from NH, San Diego.

BT2 WESLEY P. VAN DE VEN from USS MARKAB (AR-23).

DN JERRY D. VAN TASSEL from Dental Clinic, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

HN O. CANDELARIO-ECHEVARIAS from HCS, Great Lakes.

Hns LEONARD H. BISHOP, BRUCE M. COLLINS, THOMAS BAKER, DAVID C. BARNES, DONALD L. BUTLER, FREDERICK A. JENSEN, HA JOHN H. CRAWFORD III, and MASN DOYLE D. COOP, all from HCS, San Diego.

ENLISTED DETACHED:

HM2 CHARLIE WILLIAMS, JR. to NAVSUPACT Danang, Vietnam.

HMC JAMES B. COCKRUM to NAV-AIRFAC Sigonella, Sicily.

HN THEODORE G. HAMPTON to ALE, Monterey, Calif.

HM2 DAVID W. VAN HARD released from active duty.

HM2 EARLE RAFUSE to NAVADV-GRP Seoul, Korea.

HM3 GARY P. SMALLWOOD to USS REPOSE (AH-16).

HM3 GILBERT G. ANDREWS to NAVSTA, Rota, Spain.

HM3 LEE E. LINDLEY to USS BON HOMME RICHARD (CVA-31).

HN BARRY G. REGEHR to NAS, Alameda.

HN JOHN B. SMITH to SFRANBAY NAVSHYD, Vallejo, Calif.

HN PAUL D. SHULAW to NavDISP, 50 Fell St., S Fran.

Wives' Club Program To Feature Fashions By McCalls

McCalls fashions modeled by the Officers' Wives Club's own members will provide the program for the club's first meeting of the year. The date is Wednesday, 11 January. The time is 1200. The place—Officers' Club.

Entertaining departments are Neurology, Psychiatry, Pediatrics, Legal, and Civil Engineer Corps, with Mrs. Delmer J. Pascoe and Mrs. Victor M. Holm serving as chairmen.

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Aliens Reminded To Register

Aliens in the United States and its possessions are required by the Immigration and Nationality Act to report their addresses to the Attorney General during January.

Serious penalties may result from failure to comply. Aliens temporarily absent from the U.S. must report addresses within 10 days of their return.

Cards for reporting are available at any U.S. Post Office.



BEFORE SCATTERING TO THE WARDS the artists met Admiral Cokely and CAPT Dean Schufeldt, Executive Officer, with whom they are pictured here. Standing, from left to right, are George Michade, Jerry Eisenberg, Janet Brown, Maxine Borowsky, Jeannie Wilson—originator of "Operation Art for the Armed Forces"—George Coblentz, Johnny Johnson, and Earl Moran. Kneeling, Larry Silverman, Bill Carney, and Ted Sally.

Portraits and Sketches Cheer Patients During Jeannie Wilson's Two-Day "Operation Art"

Wielding pencils and paintbrushes, eleven Southern California artists flew in 14 December to perform a two-day "Operation Art for the Armed Forces." It was artist Jeannie Wilson's 17th visit to Oak Knoll and one of many more "operations" she has taken to places as far away as Korea.

This year's visit brought top-ranking artists who worked hard and long, bringing pleasure to models and their families and to those who only watched.

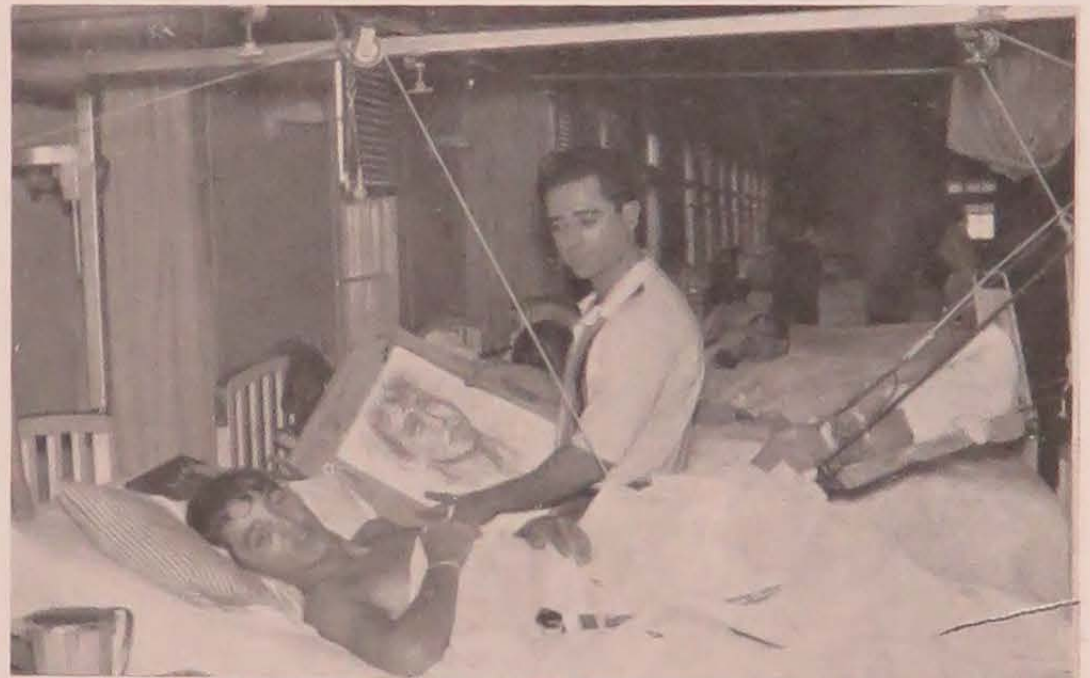
George Michade, professional artist, does modern impressionistic paintings and has had one-man shows in New York and Los Angeles. Here he turned his talent to portraiture, achieving excellent likenesses of his willing subjects—as did Ted Sally, another newcomer. Mr. Sally's pencil sketches were small, neat, and beautifully accurate.

Another first-timer was Mrs. Marvin (Maxine) Borowsky, portraitist, teacher of fine art, and former costume designer. Her husband is a former screen writer now teaching at UCLA.

Three favorites from previous years were Earl Moran, well-known portrait and pin-up artist, Johnny Johnson, retired background artist for MGM's Tom and Jerry cartoons, and George Coblentz, whose beautiful paintings from nature delighted the patients.

Four of the artists came from Hanna Barbera studios. They were Janet Brown, top background artist here for the third time to do lifelike pastel portraits; Bill Carney and Larry Silverman, animators, and Jerry Eisenberg, layout director and idea man (he does Yogey Bear for the Sunday comics). Carney, Silverman, and Eisenberg entertained with cartoons and caricatures.

Mrs. Wilson's "Operation Art"



CPL Allan Rodgers, USMC, had his portrait done by artist George Michade (above). L/CPL Robert L. Salaz, USMC, sat for a pastel portrait by artist Janet Brown.

—49A Photos—

also included presentation of a seascape by Violet Parkhurst, noted Southern California artist. This year's gift, one of many Mrs. Parkhurst has contributed, will hang in the office of RADM John E. Clark, Commandant of the Twelfth Naval District.

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Boot: When I first came here, I must've acted dumb, but now I'm forging ahead.

Chief: Good! I hope it fits.

Thailand Pays Floral Tribute to Seabees

Thailand paid floral tribute to the Navy Seabees with her float in the Tournament of Roses Parade.

The theme, "Thailand Welcomes U. S. Navy Seabees," points up unity of purpose of Seabees of both nations. This tribute began a full-year celebration of the 25th anniversary of the Seabees and the 100th anniversary of the Navy's Civil Engineer Corps.

Christmas Was . . .

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HMI Hank Hainsworth bringing a few of his children to see Santa Claus.



And Chief Butler guiding the children of HMI and Mrs. Pete Ables to their gifts.



The RED STOCKING TREATMENT for babies born on 25 December. Pretesting the idea were, from left, Charles King, held by ENS Carol Quast; Robert John Zellner in the arms of LTJG Sally Falk, who made a dozen socks; and Lynn Gulbrandson with Nursing Assistant Helen Magee.



IT WAS GIFTS—like the \$250 workmen on the new construction gave CDR Jack Wright, EOICC, to present to Captain Schufeldt to help purchase a color television set for the patients.



And a little boy named Dean Gulbrandson crying "I'm scared," when Santa picked him up. His sister Lynn seems to feel more secure in her red stocking (see photo above.)

AMVETS' "Operation Sleighride" For Five Vietnam Casualties

"Operation Sleighride" headed by AMVETS and assisted by VFW resulted in holiday reunions for five Vietnam casualties and their next of kin. They were L/CPL Stonie Huber, who was sent to Tulsa, Okla.; and PFC Edward Quintana, who got an unexpected lift home to Los Angeles. PFC Donald Ray Jackson also joined his family in Los Angeles for the holidays, and L/CPL Robert L. Salaz went to Ogden, Utah. L/CPL Daniel B. Ideus was on the serious list and unable to travel. As soon as AMVETS got the word, arrangements were made to bring his mother here from Corpus Christi, Tex.

Two Home Games For Hilltoppers In Coming Weeks

Knollites will have two chances in the near future to see the Hilltoppers in action. They play Hunters Point here Tuesday at 1930, and on Thursday, 19 January, they will battle it out on the local court with Moffett Field.

Both these home basketball games are scheduled at 1930, the movie being canceled on game nights.

Scuttlebutt

WEDDING BELLS rang 30 December when Miss Frances Ellen Eustis, daughter of CDR E. L. Eustis, CEC, became the bride of Raymond W. Beckman III. The ceremony took place at Corpus Christi Church, Piedmont, with a number of Oak Knoll friends attending. The bridegroom is a math major at U.C. Berkeley.

January is a big month for people looking for something to celebrate, particularly if they work with the Navy.

A new era of seapower began on 17 Jan., 1955, when the submarine USS Nautilus became the first ship underway on nuclear power. She had been launched two years before on 21 Jan.

Civil Service marks its eighty-second anniversary 16 Jan., a date dear to the hearts of thousands of government workers. And Franklin Delano Roosevelt was born 30 Jan., just a year after the Civil Service Act was signed into law. In addition to guiding this country through its greatest conflict, President Roosevelt once served as Assistant Secretary of the Navy.

On the lighter side, January also is "Break-A-Cold Month," whose purpose is to promote baking soda as a relief for a cold's discomfort; Louisiana Yam Supper Season; and the time for Silent Record Week, commemorating the invention of the silent record for providing periods of silence when most needed. (NavNews)

1967 ARRIVED at Club Tradewinds in a cloud of confetti and to the clanging of horns. Ladies received flowers at the ballroom door. Entertainment following dinner was provided by Lee Russell's band and the singing of Diane Lucas. The evening was highlighted by a visit from Admiral and Mrs. Cokely and Captain and Mrs. Schufeldt. Breakfast was served at 0200, and an enjoyable time was had by all. HMI Wayne Hawkins and his Enlisted Recreation Committee wish to thank those who so generously donated their time and energy to help decorate and who helped with the monstrous job of cleaning up the confetti and such.

LIFE BEGAN on 10 December for Sephen Wayne Thompson, 6 lb. 3½ oz. son of HN Jerrell Thompson (Surgery II) and wife Barbara . . . on 14 December for Cecile Renee Daniels, 7 lb. ½ oz. daughter of HM2 Charles E. Daniels (NPRL) and wife Patricia . . . on 21 December for Lynn Allison Gulbrandson, 5 lb. 9½ oz. daughter of HMI James Gulbrandson (Medical Repair Unit) and wife Toniann . . . and on 27 December for Elizabeth Ann Haddad, 5 lb. 5½



A FEW TEARS WERE MIXED WITH SMILES when Alta Godwin retired and cut her farewell cake last Friday morning. Mrs. Godwin, who kept the Administration Building interior shining, had devoted more than two decades to Federal Service. Except for three with the Army Quartermaster Corps, when it was located in the old Chevrolet building on 73rd Avenue during WWII, all her service was at the hospital.

Fellow workers who gathered in the ward room to wish her a happy retirement brought cakes and a gift that will remind her of the "good old days at Oak Knoll." LT Joseph R. Mulvey, Chief of Operating Services, read her letter of appreciation from the CO.

Mrs. Godwin looks forward to having time to enjoy life, to read, and to study the Bible. At one time she was a captain in the Salvation Army in Colorado and Idaho, and church work has been one of her major interests since she was 12 years old.

Three children and six grandchildren living in the Bay Area will help her enjoy retirement.

Wrestlers Wanted

Coach Ken Moffett is still seeking wrestlers for 12ND competition. Anyone qualified and interested, please call him at Ext. 593.

oz. daughter of LT J. Basil Haddad (Surgical Service) and wife Sara.

SIGNING ON THE DOTTED LINE recently were EN3 Bob Cole of 49A and HM3 Daniel G. Johansen of Lab School. Cole re-enlisted for 4, Johansen for 6.



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Oak Knoll at Night—Photographer's Delight



The night is kind to old buildings. It transforms the landscape into a magic place of lights and shadows against the electric fairyland that encircles the Bay. In the foreground is the NP Service. The dark "bay" just right of center is the site of the new building (picture it with lights nine stories high). Above and beyond the compound lights burn brightly on Greenridge Drive—home of many a Knollite. MacArthur Freeway lights point the way to downtown Oakland, and over in South San Francisco a jet stream curves up and away from the International Airport.



Even the main gate looks beautiful as darkness conceals its daytime flaws. The Security pick-up fits neatly into the picture.

New Gear at HCQ For Fitness and Fun

A new recreation area designed to promote physical fitness among staff corpsmen will open soon in Bldg. 29, according to latest word from Special Services.

The area will have exercise horses, a chinning bar, medicine ball, exercycle—and a steam cabinet—all the features of an exclusive men's club gymnasium.

Building 124 is also due for new pool and pingpong tables.

Archery enthusiasts will soon be able to check out equipment for use at a new archery range to be ready within the next two weeks.

Photos by Jacobs

Before JO2 Joel E. Jacobs departed for Mare Island three months ago he roamed the compound with his camera while his wife Barbara was on night duty. These pictures, which the OAK LEAF proudly presents, are the results of his efforts.

Congratulations!

HMC Charles Axworthy, well-known Chief Master at Arms, was promoted to HMCS on 16 January, gaining both pay and prestige.

When Chief Axworthy reported to Oak Knoll for his first tour of duty in June 1950, he was a lowly HM3.

Professional Show Coming 9 February

All hands—patients and staff, military and civilian—and their guests are invited to a professional stage show in the auditorium at 1900 Thursday evening, 9 February, in lieu of the regular movie.

Agent Jimmy Muir has volunteered his services to organize the show which will include music, dancing, comedy, and Lumac's Alsations—the dog act that was such a hit with children and adults at the recent Christmas party for staff children.

Watch bulletin boards and Orders of the Day for details concerning the program.

Hospital Life Changes Little After Lights Out

A corpsman hurries down the steps from 66A and across the ramp to the Laboratory with a specimen for immediate diagnostic study. . . . From 70A a corpsman wheels a patient on a gurney across the ramp to Surgery II, where surgeons, nurse, and corpsmen are preparing for the emer-

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Coffee breaks lose some of their appeal when one is all alone on the dental watch.

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HOW TO FORGIVE

Resentment is a cancer in our spiritual and emotional lives. Resentment arises when we think we have been hurt. We may have tried to forgive but we have not forgotten. So, how do we really forgive and forget? First, when anyone hurts you, pray hard about it. Our pride is at once aroused; so immediately we need a spiritual remedy. We need a spiritual "medicine" for this spiritual "wound"; otherwise it will fester. If resentment has hardened in your thoughts, open your mind and let the grievance out. Do this by unburdening yourself to a trusted counselor or write a letter to the person against whom you have the resentment. Then tear it up and while holding the pieces in your hand pray for the person and forgive him.

Become fully aware of the harm resentment can do you, even to making you ill. Think of that whenever a hate thought comes.

Thinking about forgiving is not enough. You must come to a specific moment when you say, "With God's help I now forgive (insert the person's name)."

Repeat the Lord's prayer inserting your offender's name, "forgive me my trespasses as I forgive"

Pray for the other person, asking specific blessings for him, especially concerning matters which have previously annoyed you the most.

Speak in a kindly and complimentary manner and as often as possible about the person against whom you harbor antagonism.

Often, too, a sincere rehash of the trouble situation which caused the resentment can lead to correcting in one's self any contributing mistakes for the future.

A happy life allows no continuing resentments. Resentment leaves when we actually forgive by real forgetting.

CHAPLAIN C. E. SUPPLE

Silence Not Always Golden

Whenever you wear your uniform, you are tacitly telling all who see you that you are capable of defending your country against all enemies. Through basic and advanced training you have been taught necessary fundamentals of the military profession. In short, you are a symbol of America's defense forces.

But is being a symbol enough? How do you react with your buddies when conversation turns to the pros and cons of military life? Are you ready to defend verbally your position as a member of the armed forces?

It doesn't matter whether you're in the service for two years or 20—right now, while you're in uniform, the service is your career. Therefore, it's worth all your enthusiasm and support.

Some may believe the old adage, "Silence is golden," should apply when a fellow serviceman begins knocking the outfit. This is definitely not the case. By remaining quiet, you lose the argument by default. You are, in effect, telling others listening to this disparagement that you have nothing to offer to contradict it.

Even in the branches of the service where voluntary enlistments are the only means of admission, there will always be that usual one with three or four years to serve

who spends half his time belittling men who reenlist. He chides them about inability to "make it" on the outside. He always gives the impression he has a job awaiting him in the civilian world that only he is qualified for. You may know this is not true; that the "knocker" has no more education or other special qualifications for a job than any of his contemporaries.

But if you "clam up" when guys like this start downgrading your job, then you're little better than your antagonist.

So next time the discussion swings around to the way you earn your livelihood, try talking it up. Let others know why you are proud to be a member of one of the largest and most efficient organizations in the world. Remind them of the importance of your work. They'll find it hard to dispute you. After all, what you're doing in uniform assures the "knocker" of his freedom when he leaves the service. (AFNB)

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Forty doctors—the largest class ever graduated from the School of Submarine Medicine's rigorous six-month course at New London, Conn.—will soon report to operating units of the Polaris Submarine Fleet.

Retirement for Lena Mendonca



When Mrs. Lena Mendonca, center, retired last week, at least two members of the staff didn't bother to say goodbye. They were her daughters—Lorraine Carly, tab operator at Data Processing, left, and LaVerne Andrews, receptionist at the OOD's desk. It was a happy day for all three.

Mrs. Mendonca received the CO's Letter of Appreciation, presented by her supervisor, LCDR Annabelle Doolan, and she was honored at a luncheon given by her co-workers. The retiring Knollite spent 10 years at OPD, manning either the receptionist or appointment desk. She had two previous years of Federal service.

"I love my work, but I feel it's time to rest and enjoy life," said Lena.

One of the first items on her agenda is a two-month stay in Hawaii—her old home. Lorraine and her husband Harry, an NSC Oakland employee will accompany her and return to the mainland after a two-week visit. A European tour is also among Mrs. Mendonca's plans for the future.



When HM2 John F. Losey of the Out-Patient Service reenlisted for another six years, he was sworn in by CAPT Dean Schufeldt, Executive Officer. Looking on was ENS E. L. Wilson, Administrative Assistant to the Chief, Outpatient Service.



WHO ENJOYED the party most—ENS Connie Ware, HN Terence M. Drew, Red Cross Recreation Worker Veronica Skillin or their patient, Frank Joseph Klupa, it was hard to say. Mr. Klupa, father of a retired Navy man was celebrating his 80th birthday on 45A, and it isn't every day that members of the staff have an opportunity to sing "Happy Birthday" to an octogenarian. Mr. Klupa was born 22 December, 1886.

—49A Photo



Glenna and Rodney Ellenburg

Two Tall Staffers Total 12 Feet 4

They do grow 'em taller in Texas—and Oak Knoll has Glenna Ellenburg to prove it.

Glenna, a pretty 24-year-old blue-eyed brunette who has actually been mistaken for Jacqueline Kennedy, is 6 ft 3. Her husband, Rodney, 23, an HN who'll graduate from OR Tech School in March, is a mere 6 ft. 1.

"It's rather fun to be tall," said Glenna, from the transfer desk in Patient Affairs, where she has worked since 2 November. "I can see over a crowd at a parade and reach the top shelf without climbing a ladder. Yes, I played basketball at Buffalo High (That's near Dallas) and later was on a semi-pro volleyball team for two years."

Glenna worked toward a physical education major at Sam Houston State before she switched to business college. She's glad she made the change. At her first office job she met Rodney's brother, and that of course is how she met Rodney. They were married 12 August when he was home on leave between Corps School at San Diego and reporting to Oak Knoll.

Glenna shares Rodney's love of outdoor sports, but homemaking is what she enjoys most. She plans to do a lot of that when they return to the Dallas area to live following fulfillment of his military obligation.

Oak Knoll's tallest girl has a brother 6 ft. 4 and a sister who is "a runt" only 5 ft. 9. Her father is 6 ft. 3, her mother 6 ft.

"Back home," drawled Glenna, "nobody thinks I'm the least bit unusual."

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Battleship Association Plans Vegas Reunion

The Fourth Annual reunion of the American Battleship Association will be held at the Stardust Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada, from 8-11 June, 1967.

All former officers and men who ever served in any of the Navy's 59 Battleships are eligible to attend the reunion. Further information can be obtained by writing David C. Graham, P. O. Box 11247, San Diego, Calif. 92111.

Scuttlebutt

SIGNS OF THE TIMES: HM3 Warren B. Johansen switching from USNR to USN as he signed up for another four years. . . . Oscar "Chile" Navarette putting his name on a bar stool at the EM Club since he returned from taking his wife home to Nicaragua. . . . George Cartmell becoming strictly a "coke kid" since he fell in love. . . . Dr. Morhauser, NP resident transferring to USN. . . . Staffers checking out skis from the Special Services issue room for weekends in the snow. . . . Rick Hatfield muttering about his '66 Corvette being in the shop again—"Every three months I get to drive it for two weeks." . . . SSGT Ralph Pineda being promoted to 2nd LT and departing to join the First Marine Brigade in Hawaii. The new Lieutenant earned his Purple heart in Vietnam and while under treatment here served in Marine Liaison.

DO YOU KNOW THAT HN Rex Harrison has departed for the USS REPOSE? That Walter Pidgeon is still on the job in Orthopedics? That NAS Alameda has shuttled patients to and from The Crosby at Pebble Beach these last two days? That way back on 19 November in the local chapel attractive DN Rosie Lee Mooney became the bride of HN Neal R. Channere of Food Service and the OAK LEAF just got the word this week?

TWO PROUD FATHERS are threatening to sue the LEAF for not identifying their daughters in the last issue. Sorry about that, and here the young charmers are:



At left, Robin Bristol, age 3½. At right, Leah Axworthy, 4. They are daughters of HMI Robert Bristol and HMCS Charles Axworthy of Security.

ANOTHER PROUD FATHER is Chaplain Vosseler. His son Jim, 16, and 6 ft. 3, plays center on San Lorenzo High's league-leading basketball team. And not only that, he's an honor student.

DEPENDENTS WHO'VE MADE GOOD DEPT.: "Lovely as a delicate geisha doll" is the way the San Leandro MORNING NEWS described Cathy Closson when she modeled her Japanese kimono for kindergarten classmates at James Madison School. Cathy, daughter of ENS and Mrs. David Closson, was born in Taiwan, and she and her mother explained several oriental customs to the class, the paper said.

OAKNOLLUMNI: CAPT Theodore H. Wilson, Jr., MC, USN, is now Chief of Surgery at Naval Hospital, Bethesda. . . . Ron Mosbaugh, former driver for the CO, is Senior Corpsman of Hotel Co., 2nd Battalion, 1st Marines, in Vietnam.

LIFE BEGAN 6 January for David Scott Elmer, 6 lb. 11 oz. son of HM3 Wendell Elmer of 62B and wife Diane.



CDR Wynn F. Foster receives the Distinguished Flying Cross from Admiral Cokely.

CDR Wynn Foster Receives DFC For Achievement in Vietnam

CDR Wynn F. Foster, the already much-decorated Jerome, Ariz., pilot who lost his right arm when his jet bomber was hit by a 55 mm anti-aircraft shell during a raid on North Vietnam oil installations 23 July, has received the Distinguished Flying Cross for "extraordinary achievement" during an earlier mission—one of 160 he flew during two tours of duty in Vietnam.

"As a jet attack pilot in command of Attack Squadron 163 embarked in USS ORISKANY during a combat mission over hostile territory on 14 July, Commander Foster led a group of 24 jet aircraft against a vital supply transshipment area at Nam Dinh, North Vietnam.

"The target was on a narrow strip of land between a highly-

populated area and the Nam Dinh Giang River. Though opposed by intense radar-controlled anti-aircraft fire, the commander led his group to a highly successful bombing attack which destroyed three warehouses and two boxcars and severely damaged two more warehouses. This was accomplished without hazard to the civilian population, loss or damage to his own group," according to the citation, signed by ADM Roy L. Johnson, CINCPACFLT.

Commander Foster arrived here 1 August. His injury required a bone graft to prepare the stump of his right arm for fitting with a prosthesis. While awaiting results of the graft he is living at Lemoore Naval Air Station with his wife Marilyn and their three children.

VA Vocational Counseling Service To Be Available for Patients Here

Starting in February, L. C. V. Coulson, vocational rehabilitation specialist for the U. S. Veterans Administration, will be aboard the second week of each month to assist patients.

On Tuesday afternoons he will be in the Orthopedic Clinic. Other weekdays he will be at NPRL.

This is in addition to the service of Fred Sherman, contact representative, who comes to the hospital regularly to supply general information on VA Benefits and insurance.

The first step in obtaining Mr. Coulson's services is to call the Contact Representative at Ext. 563 so that he can obtain medical information necessary to establish the applicant's eligibility for VA benefits.

Mr. Coulson will then (1) explain specific education and vocational benefits available through VA; (2) provide vocational tests to assist the patient in choosing

the vocation for which he is best suited, and (3) provide full information about how and where the training may be obtained.

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Disability Benefits Of Social Security

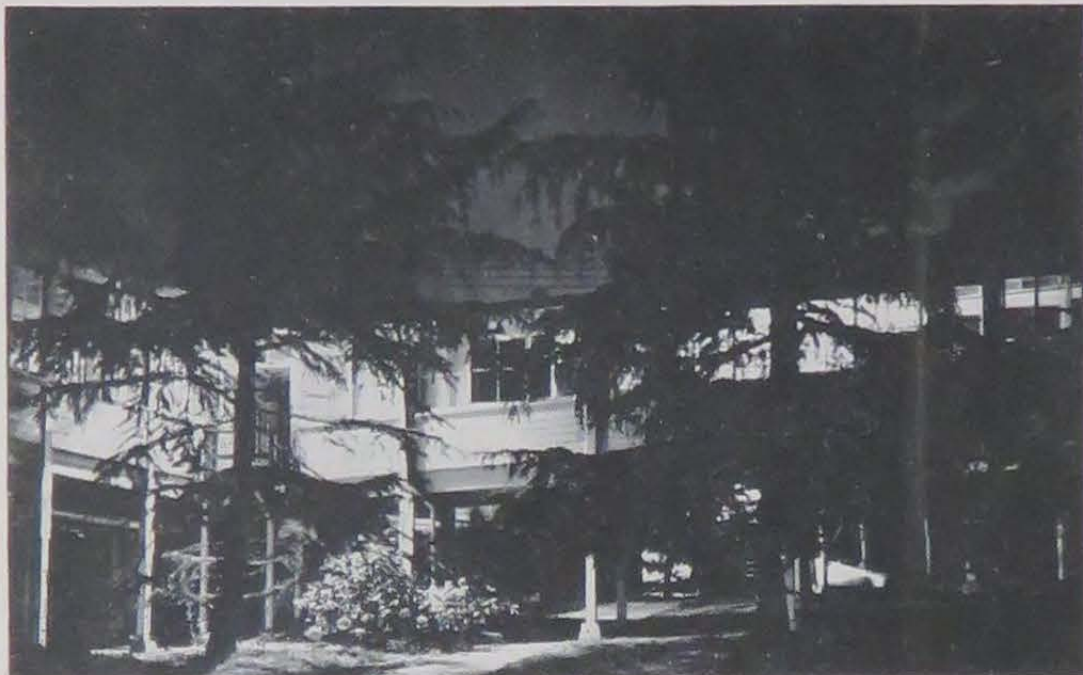
Many persons automatically think of Social Security as financial aid for those reaching retirement age. It also provides disability benefits, which may even include payments to the disabled man's wife and minor children.

This fact was emphasized when King Leach, claim supervisor for Oakland's Social Security Administration Office, and Miss Quinlan McCarthy, claims representative, were aboard recently.

Patients wishing to check their eligibility for Social Security disability benefits may call their ward supervisor. Miss McCarthy will be at the hospital every Friday and will visit patients who request her advice and assistance.



The Officers' Club, which needs no apologies in the light of day, looks more festive outlined against the midnight sky.



Deodara cedars make lacy shadow patterns on the ramps, while inside the building a baby's cry announces the arrival of another dependent.



Emergencies have no time schedules, but Hospital Corpsmen are ready to meet them day or night.

Vietnam Makes 1966 Busiest, Most Costly Year Since WWII for ARC

The American Red Cross has just emerged from its busiest and costliest year since World War II.

Most of the activity was concentrated in services and recreation for military forces in Vietnam. Caring for victims of Hurricane Betsy also demanded personnel and funds for disaster relief. The Red Cross spent more than \$120 million during 1965-66.

World wide services to the Armed Forces and veterans created the greatest Red Cross expenditure. A monthly average of 84,000 servicemen received help at military installations and medical facilities. Chapter workers gave 141,400 services each month

to military families and 37,600 services each month to families of veterans.

Twelve thousand servicemen received assistance last June alone. In June of 1965 only 2,000 asked for aid.

In addition, Red Cross Volunteers helped collect blood from voluntary donors and taught courses in first aid, water safety, and home nursing. Volunteers also served with other agencies, helping the poor, the sick and the physically handicapped.

Red Cross emphasis in 1965-66 was on youth, and youth programs from elementary school to college students, provided assistance valued at \$778,300. (NAVNEWS)

Oak Knoll at Night

(Continued from Page 1)

gency operation. . . . An ambulance siren shrieks in the night as a critically injured patient arrives at the Emergency Clinic.

An air evac bus arrives from Travis Air Force Base bringing new casualties from Vietnam, where they were wounded just a few hours before. A doctor and nurse meet the bus as it pulls up to the Admission Office, assigning each patient to the appropriate ward. The Admission Office corpsman obtains the necessary information concerning the patient and his next of kin. Food Service is notified, and a hot meal is served to the patient.

A nurse quickly wheels a woman into the Delivery Room, where all is in readiness for her and the infant about to be born. A corpsman takes a patient to X-ray, where technician and doctor check the injuries incurred in an automobile accident.

The Code 4 Resuscitation Unit is ready for immediate use, and the watch alert for immediate service.

A chaplain quietly enters 65B to visit a critically ill patient and members of his family assembled in the waiting room.

A Red Cross car arrives from the airport bringing an anxious mother to the bedside of her seriously ill son.

A telephone rings at the OOD's desk. The night watch answers: "Yes, sir. We'll send an ambulance immediately." He carefully notes the location and informs transportation.

A message acknowledging receipt of a death notification comes in on the teletype.

The Security Watch, just in from his hourly rounds, finds the telephone ringing. A patient on 40A is apprehensive about a strange noise in the shrubbery outside her window. He goes, flashlight in hand, to discover a mother raccoon and two little ones foraging for food.

The MAA checks a WAVE in from her date.

Corpsmen drop in at Food Service for their midnight meal.

The hum of a floor polisher is heard in the Administration Building as a laborer cleaner begins her early morning chores.

Though lights are low and sounds hushed, life in a hospital is much the same, night and day.



Meanwhile, on a hill across the compound a curious deer keeps a respectful distance while checking the action at the EM Club.

Toppers Lose to MI; Campagna Scores 34

The Hilltoppers traveled to Mare Island Tuesday night and lost a hard-fought game 69-100.

"This is a score we needn't be ashamed of," Coach Moffett said. "We had only five players to their 14."

Campagna was high man for the Knoll with 34 points and Martin second with 21.

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HAIL - FAREWELL

OFFICERS REPORTING:
LCDR J. P. CLUNE, MC, USNR, from inactive duty to Ophthalmology Service.

LT SONYA K. LITTLE, NC, USNR, from Naval Hospital, Yokosuka, Japan.

OFFICERS DETACHED:
LCDR B. A. WELCH, III, MC, USNR, to USS REPOSE (AH-16).

LCDR FRANCES FRAZIER to Marine Corps Supply Base, Barstow, Calif.

LT MARY E. DOOLEY and LTJG FRAZIER SCOTT to inactive duty.

ENLISTED REPORTING:

HMCs RICHARD S. GODFREY from USS CASTRO (AKS-1)

HMC HERMAN M. GEISCKE, JR., from NAVRECTRACEN, Erie, Pa.

HMC DONALD I. CONLEY from NAVDISP, Washington, D.C.

HMCs EUGENE E. EVANS and JOHN P. MORAN from MSTs, Pacific.

HM1 ROBERT MICHALSKI from NAS, Alameda, Calif.

HM1 JOHN A. PISTILLI from BUMED FLDBR, Philadelphia, Pa.

HM1 JOSEPH G. FRANKLIN from MSTs, Pacific.

HM1 LARRY W. DODD from NAS, Whidbey Island, Wash.

HM1 ROBERT H. RAYNO from NH, Portsmouth, Va.

HM1 DONALD F. SCHINDLER from NAS, Glenview, Ill.

HM2 MICHAEL R. HUDLOW from NAVSUPPORT, Da Nang.

HM2 WILLIAM J. HENDRIX from NH, St. Albans.

HM2 DAVID L. SHIPMAN from MARCORP AIR STA, Beaufort, S.C.

HM2 JOHN D. STANTON from USS OGDEN (LPD-5)

HM2 DONALD F. GOLLIER from NH, Bethesda, Md.

HM2 HARRY F. LaDUE from AMPHIBCONSBAT 1, San Diego.

HM3 ERNABETH F. THEODORIS from NH, San Diego.

HN EUGENE N. DUGINSKE from NAVHOSPCORPSCH, San Diego.

NH DENNIS R. NELSON & BM1 CORNELIUS G. SHANKLIN were transferred from TAD to regular duty at the hospital.

ENLISTED DEPARTING:

HM2 ALICE JO TURNER to NAVRECSTA, San Francisco.

HN CHARLES F. MYERS to MAS, Corpus Christi, Tex.

ADJ3 CHARLES J. HOECKER, HM2 JESSEE W. CRAWFORD, DAVID L. PASCUA, ROBERT B. BALDWIN, CHARLES L. DESHIELDS, LEROY V. HOLTER, and STEVE A. NASCA, JR., were released from active duty.

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NAVAL HOSPITAL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA

Friday, 3 February 1967

Hospital Receives 1000th Viet Casualty



No. 1000: When PFC Patrick Ariztia, USMC, arrived on 76A last week, there was no red carpet for him. In fact, neither he nor those responsible for his care realized at the time that he was indeed a kind of VIP. Then the Admission Office came forth with the word that he is the thousandth Vietnam casualty received at this hospital.

Ariztia had been with C Company, 1st Battalion, 1st Marines, 1st Marine Division for eight months when a Viet Cong bullet hit him in the right forearm, fracturing both bones.

"We were 'sweeping' a village near Na Trang when they attacked. There were 50 casualties and 10 lost their lives," the soft-spoken Marine said. "I was 'very lucky.'"

Ariztia, a native of Chile, has lived in this country for the past seven years. He was a sophomore in pre-med at U. C., Berkeley, before entering the Marine Corps a year and a half ago. He hopes to go back and ultimately become a doctor. He is also working toward U. S. citizenship.

The 20-year-old Marine is married, and he and his wife Linda are expecting a child in April. They make their home in San Francisco.

New Housing OK'd For Enlisted Pers Here and at Alameda

Construction of two apartment buildings, each with 18 three-bedroom units, has been approved for Oak Knoll. They are part of a \$546 million program for military construction in Northern California.

The new housing at Oak Knoll and at Naval Air Station, Alameda, where 364 units will be built, was approved by Congress nearly two years ago, but funds were held up by Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara as non-essential to the Vietnam war effort.

The new units at Oak Knoll, to be built near the Officers' Club on the site of the old Santa Cruz Island Village, will be for enlisted personnel and their families.

Bids will be called about 30 June, with construction scheduled to start in August and completion of the buildings expected within a year.

The 36 apartments will be built at a cost of \$17,500 per unit.

Knollites See NH Long Beach Commissioned

Admiral Cokely and 22 members of his staff flew to Long Beach Wednesday for the commissioning of the Naval Hospital, Long Beach.

The new hospital will replace the hospital ship, USS HAVEN, which has served in the area since 1957.

Surgeon General of the Navy Vice-Admiral Robert B. Brown was among the dignitaries on the program.

CAPT Paul R. Engle, MC, USN, is CO of the new 350-bed facility,



Carson and Scarlata happily display their first-place trophy. A duplicate is on the way. The talented pair sang the same numbers that earned them fourth place in the 12ND Contest.

Japanese Surgeon To Visit Hospital

which will be staffed by 109 officers, 216 enlisted personnel, and 208 civilian employees.

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Japanese Surgeon To Visit Hospital

RADM Koichi Minobe and CAPT Yoshitsugu Hiruma of the Japanese Maritime Self-Defense Force will be honored guests at next Saturday night's Hail and Farewell, and will return Monday for a briefing and tour.

Carson, Scarlata Win West Coast Talent Contest

Two young Knollites who placed fourth in the Twelfth Naval District Talent Contest in early December flew to Seattle last week for the West Coast Talent Contest and this time brought home the first-place trophy.

They are HM2 James Scarlata of NPRL and HM3 John Carson of PT.

"We had practiced and worked to improve our stage presence," said Carson. Even Doc and Bob, the singing team from Moffett Field, who placed first in the district contest agreed we'd improved a lot since the previous competition. They came in second this time."

There were six entries in the regional contest held in the auditorium at Sand Point Naval Air Station.

The winning numbers sung by Carson and Scarlata, with the latter providing the guitar accompaniment, were the ever popular "Five Foot Two"; a folk song, "In the Early Morning Rain"; and a spiritual, "Sinner Man."

A special fringe benefit for Carson was the fact that he grew up in the Seattle area, and "all my aunts and uncles were in the audience."

Some years ago regional winners went on to an all-Navy contest, but as yet no announcement has been made concerning higher competition this year.



ANOTHER FIRST FOR ENS GEORGE SILVER: The crisp-looking young officer, first male nurse in the Navy, Monday morning became the first male nurse to make JG at Oak Knoll. CDR Romaine Mentzer, Chief of the Nursing Service, pinned on his shoulder boards and was the first to congratulate him. Looking on, from left, were LTJG Tom Neyens, ENS Frederick J. Dempsey, and ENS Isadore S. Miller. ENS John Bryant, on TAD at Whidbey Island, missed the ceremony. Mr. Silver is assigned to Neuropsychiatry and is NP Tech instructor. Mr. Dempsey is assigned to the same service. Mr. Neyens and Mr. Bryant are on duty in Anesthesia, and Mr. Miller is assigned to Urology.

Coming Thursday!!
Stage Show Starring
The BORDEN TWINS
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The Oak Leaf

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+ + CHAPLAIN'S CORNER + +

Patience is a virtue which enables us to bear that which is painful or vexing with calm and resignation. It is a manly virtue; it requires strength and self-control, it leads to heroism and holiness. It keeps us from giving way to undue worry, from losing our temper or saying cross words. As there is nearly always something trying or annoying to put up with, we shall hardly ever enjoy a moment of peace if we are not patient.

Nothing can be perfect in this world; we are bound to be disappointed and upset if we are too exacting and expect everything to turn out just as we like. Life would be rather monotonous and tedious if we all liked the same things, if everything were always on schedule, if the unexpected never happened to upset our plans, if there were never anything to look forward to even at the risk of being sometimes disappointed.

Worry and bad temper only serve to increase our disappointment, to irritate and depress us still more. To be impatient, to complain and to be angry makes us say and do things which we are bound to regret, and does not help to get rid of what annoys us.

Grin and bear it is the wisest philosophy. We cannot have all we want, since our likes and dislikes are not usually those of other people. To give and take is a fundamental necessity. We look to Christ as our model of patience. He opened not His mouth during the Passion; and He still bears with patience our own ingratitude.

LCDR L. C. MATTIELLO
Catholic Chaplain

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O' Wives To Hear Chef From Ondine's

French chef Alfred Roblin from Ondine's Restaurant in Sausalito will reveal some of the secrets of his success when he speaks to the Officers' Wives' Club Wednesday, 15 February.

Wives of officers in the Surgical and Medical Services and of the dental interns will be hostesses, with Mrs. Robert P. Dobbie acting as chairman.

The menu, which sounds good enough for Ondine's, will include individual teriyaki steaks, steamed rice, French green beans, tossed green salad, rolls, cherry pie, and coffee.

Reservation cards must reach Mrs. R. W. Melton by 13 February. The meeting starts as usual with cocktails at 1200, luncheon at 1300.

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LETTER PERFECT

Just like its civilian counterpart, Service mail goes through despite all obstacles. In fact, it may even be too relentless for Sgt. Richard M. Wunder of the 2nd Infantry Division's Information Office at Camp Howze, Korea.

He received a letter which had 13 postmarks, five directory service stamps, five "no record" notations and seven "forward to" addresses.

The letter was mailed from New York City in November, 1965, and went to 31 addresses.

It was a bill.

PMT Symposium For Sanctuary Personnel

A symposium relative to tropical and anthropol-borne diseases was held at the Preventive Medicine Technician Course classrooms and at the Disease Vector Control Center, Alameda, on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday of this week for Medical Department officers from the USS SANCTUARY.

The SANCTUARY is presently at Mare Island preparing for deployment to Southeast Asia.

Subjects discussed at the symposium included malaria, dengue fever, maliodosis, parasitic diseases, and medical evacuation.

Attending from the SANCTUARY were CAPT O. F. Nielsen, MC, Executive Officer and Chief of Medicine; LCDR Paul Black, LCDR R. W. Poley, LT Val Galasyn, and LT C. O. Walker, all of the Medical Corps; LTJG Patsy Robinson, MSC; HM3 Larry James, and HN Ronald Haglund. LTJG Donald Bilsland of the Oak Knoll staff also attended.

Hospital staff members participating were CAPT H. A. Sparks, Chief of Medicine; CDR A. N. King, MSC, Chief, Preventive Medicine Service; LCDR J. T. Broderick, LT J. T. Lucas, and C. W. Shaeffer, Jr., MC; LCDR W. H. Wells and LT Forrest Stitzel, MSC, CWO J. V. Reische, and HMCs John Wall and Ben Raley.



When HM3 Steven Casteel shipped over last week for another four years, CAPT Dean Schufeldt, Executive Officer, presented him a long overdue Purple Heart. Casteel, who was 21 last Saturday and has already served in the Navy for four years, came back from Vietnam last September. The episode that entitled him to wear the Purple Heart had occurred approximately a year before.

"My outfit, H and S Company, Second Bn, 1st Marines, 1st Marine Division, engaged a group of Viet Cong near Qui Nhon. There were casualties, and some one called for a corpsman. I ran up a hill over a trail. A punji stake (booby trap made of bamboo stakes) got me in the right leg. I went on and was able to do my job. It wasn't until some time later when the wound became infected that I realized I needed a little first aid myself."

Casteel, who is now assigned to Food Service, reenlisted with the hope of going back to Vietnam, and he has his orders.

"I feel I can do a lot more when I get back," said Casteel.



TIME MARCHES ON—and so do Oak Knoll's civilian workers. Mrs. Alice Kinkella, left, dictating machine transcriber for Radiology, received her 30-year certificate from Admiral Cokely at his January meeting with supervisors. More than half of her Federal service has been here at Oak Knoll. Receiving 20-year awards were Mrs. Lillian Peterson, laborer cleaner, Nursing Service; Mrs. Mary Clay, laborer cleaner, Operating Services; and Mrs. Lorraine Carly, EAM operator, Data Processing. The 20-year men are Charles Jackson, plumber, who was working at Pearl Harbor on 7 December 1941, and Emanuel Bowers, mess attendant.



SEVEN SAFE DRIVERS received awards for another year of accident-free driving without a single traffic violation. Grouped with Admiral Cokely, they are, from left, front row: Jerry Davis, whose record indicates 11 years of safe driving; Wilson Carter, 15; Henry Bourdase, 18; back row: Charles Dyson, 14; Logan Walton, 15; Glarence LaFleur, 13; and Jay Jackson, 11.



The Borden Twins—small sample of the talent that will appear on the Knoll stage next Thursday night.

COMING THURSDAY

Mirth & Music, Dogs & Magic!

The famous Borden Twins, who have just completed a year on the popular morning television show, "Luau," and will leave soon for Vietnam to entertain the troops with their antics and singing will headline the big variety show coming to the Oak Knoll stage Thursday night (9 February).

This is the word from Jimmy Muir, whose agency volunteered to organize the all-professional program.

"We look forward to this show with a great deal of pleasure, hoping we may spread some happiness and laughs," said Jimmy.

In addition to the Borden Twins, acts lined up so far include:

- Chuck Madison, "satirical comedian" and "master of mimicry," who will present a variety of characters ranging from the leader of "Hell's Angels" to Tallulah Bankhead.
- Glamorous vocalist Lori English from Goman's Gay Nineties.
- Lumac's Alsations, beautiful, intelligent Alsatian Shepherd dogs trained and presented by Clark D. McDermott, in a series of acts guaranteed to please all ages.
- Dick Edwards—"If one picture is worth 1000 words, Dick Edwards is worth 1000 laughs," the handbill says.
- Popular Ed Hennessy, with guitar, stories, and songs.
- A four-piece orchestra yet to be named.

The curtain will go up at 1930 on the hour-and-a-half show.

All hands—patients and staff, military and civilian—and their families and friends are invited.

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Purple Hearts and Good Conduct Medals

SGT Richard L. Inks, USMC of 71A, headed the list of award winners at the ceremony that followed Friday's personnel inspection. He received the Gold Star in lieu of a third Purple Heart. PFC Randall A. Fiske of 79B received the Purple Heart.

HM1 Jose M. Silvas, PMT student, received a Certificate of Commendation from the Commanding General, First Marine Air Wing. HM2s Forest C. DuPui and Celesta A. Miller received their first Good Conduct awards.

Scuttlebutt

THE PHOTO WE MISSED: Chester, well-known compound character, lining up in the front row for personnel inspection last Friday, then at the appropriate time moving forward to join the line-up for Purple Hearts and Good Conduct medals. He did not receive either one, though he has been with the Navy for some time and has undoubtedly participated in a number of battles. Chester is a beagle.

NEWLYWEDS: At 1000 Saturday ENS Sharon Elizabeth Eddy of the Nurse Corps and LT William F. Kosch, intern, exchanged marriage vows in the Oak Knoll Chapel, with Chaplain Jayne officiating. . . . And Back in Lansdale, Pa., on 21 January LT Mary Catherine Swift, NC, became the bride of LT Robert Jerome Moses, USN, of the USS COWELL, homeported at Hunters Point.

SHOW BIZ: Dave James, Wayne Hawkins, Charles Adams, and Ski Lubarski of the Enlisted Rec Committee toolled down the highway to NAS, Lemoore, a couple of weekends ago (in James' brand new '67 Pontiac) to find out how to get big name entertainment for the club. And while learning, they were entertained by Louis Nye, well-known TV comedian, the Flintridge Singers, and others.

DID YOU KNOW that the door to the linen room in Pediatrics is the only one on the entire compound that bears the sign: "Please knock before entering." . . . That the longest word that can be written using only the top line of letters on a typewriter is **TYPEWRITER?**

LIFE BEGAN 27 January for Matthew Paul Cianci, 6 lb. 14³/₄ oz. son of LT Paul Cianci, medical resident, and wife Patricia. . . . Also on 27 January for Michelle Rene Campana, 7 lb. 1¹/₄ oz. daughter of HM2 Frank W. Campana of X-ray and his wife Merlene. . . . On 29 January for Sean Kevan Cross, 7 lb. 6 oz. son of HM3 Otto Glen Cross of Neurology and his wife Carol.

OAKNOLLUMNI: CAPT S. L. Arje, CO of NavHosp, St. Albans, was aboard this week for a visit. . . . CAPT and Mrs. J. N. C. Gordon of Annapolis, Md., were here this week for a nostalgic look at the offices where he served as Exec (1949-1951) and CO (1951-1953). . . . HMC Grady King, early EST School grad now at NSC, Oakland, recently received the Air Medal for service in Vietnam with the PMU of the Da Nang Naval Support Activity. Operating with the First Marine Air Wing, he flew with a helicopter crew to spray insecticides over malaria infested terrain—2,000 gallons daily. Another helicopter—armed—flew cover, but Chief King's aircraft was still subjected to small arms fire and took a number of hits, according to the Supply Center's OAK LEAF.

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A flowery introduction doesn't throw well-known after dinner speaker Dr. Morris Fishbein. His standard and gracious acknowledgement: "My parents would have liked that. My father would enjoy it. My mother would believe it."



HN Claire Cooper of 79B chats with HM3 Max Fred Hill of 76B. Both Vietnam casualties were on duty here less than a year ago.

Another Knoll Corpsman Comes Home From Vietnam—the Hard Way

ANOTHER FORMER OAK KNOLL CORPSMAN has come home wounded from Vietnam. He is HM3 Max Fred Hill, remembered for his service on Ward 45B, where he was on duty before his departure for Camp Pendleton last May.

"There's really not much to tell," Hill said from his traction bed on 76B. "Four Marines were sitting on a hill—a listening post—when they spotted four Viet Cong going into a house. The Marines surrounded the house. One of the 'gooks' threw a satchel charge. It hit one of the Marines. They radioed back for a platoon to go out and take care of the situation. Our platoon was picked to go.

"We were in a hurry to get to the wounded man and weren't careful enough about watching for booby traps. We were going up the road and had just spotted him when there was a big explosion. Somebody had tripped a booby trap. Seven men were killed; eight of us were wounded."

Hill's right hip was fractured, and he will require prolonged hospitalization.

This week he had a visit from

another former Oak Knoll corpsman—HN Claire A. Cooper, who came over from 79B to compare notes on Vietnam and Oak Knoll from the patient's and corpsman's viewpoint. It was the first time they had met.

Cooper, who returned in late October, served on the Orthopedic ramp before going to Vietnam with the 1st Hospital Company, 1st Marine Division in January 1966. His company was at Chu Lai building wards to care for Vietnam civilians, wounded GIs, and VC prisoners. He was at an observation post at 0600 23 October when a Viet Cong sniper's bullet passed through his right shoulder, causing nerve and muscle damage.

"I wanted to go to Vietnam, and I feel that I didn't finish my job. I was there only a month and a half," said Cooper, who is now spending most of his time in Physical Therapy. "I particularly enjoyed a Sunday I spent with a friendly Vietnamese family. We understood each other even though we couldn't speak the same language."

Both wounded corpsmen are 20 years old. Hill is from Tooele, Utah. He is married and he and his wife Judy have a son, Max Craig, who will be 2 this month. Cooper, from Belfair, Wash., is single.

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Gendreau Circle honors the memory of CAPT Elphege A. M. Gendreau, MC, USN, who was killed in combat in the South Pacific 21 July 1943. He was fleet surgeon for the Pacific Fleet.

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AA Assistance

To anyone who thinks he may have a drinking problem and is interested in seeking help. ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS meetings are held in Bldg. 54 at 1900 every Thursday.

Andrews Goes to Rota—With CO's Letter

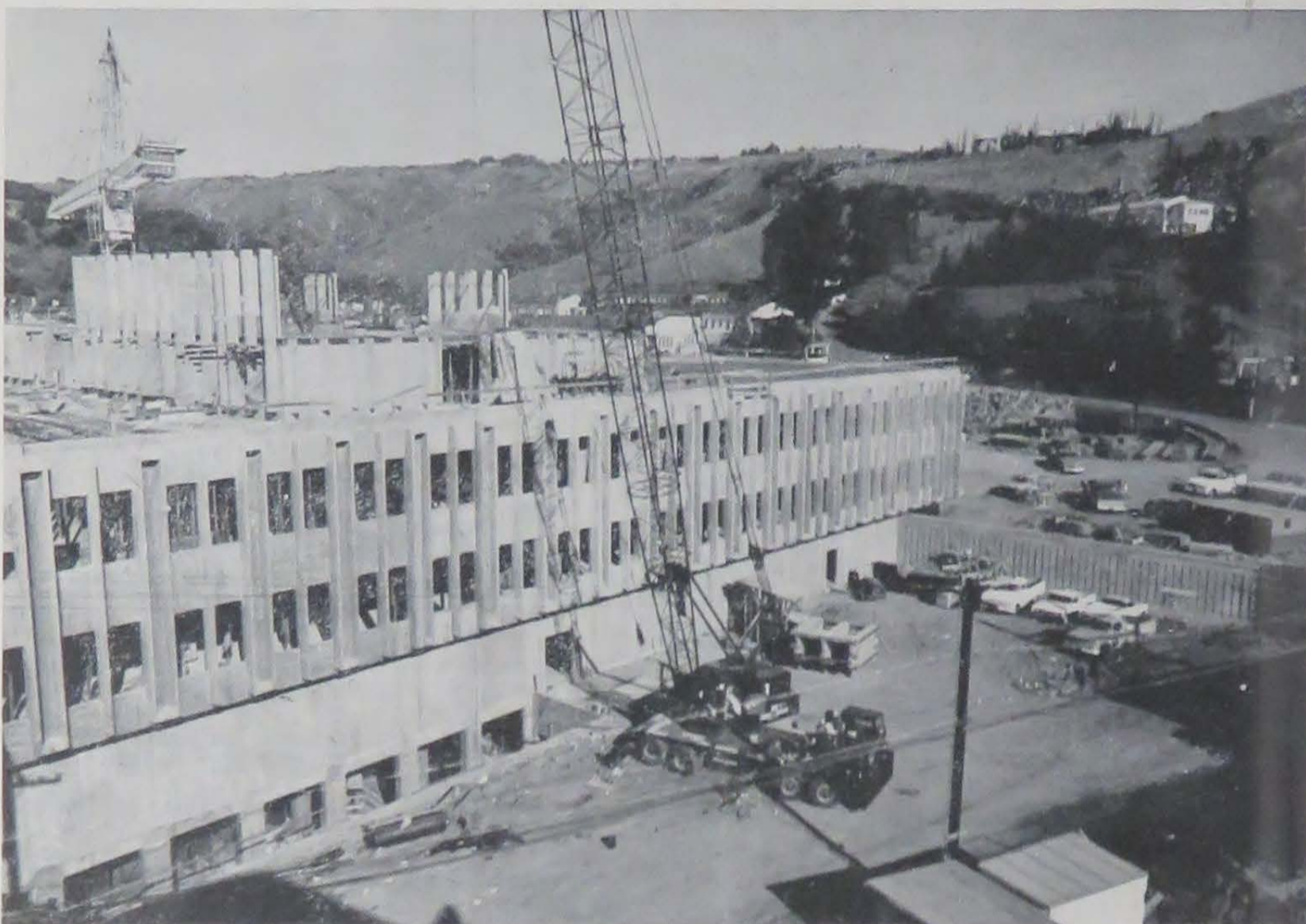
WHEN GILBERT G. ANDREWS, HM3, departed recently for a new assignment at Naval Station, Rota, Spain, he took with him a Letter of Appreciation from the Commanding Officer for his services to Oak Knoll.



"You have consistently displayed initiative and leadership ability far beyond that expected of one in your rate. You can take justifiable pride in having satisfactorily performed the duties of a Chief Petty Officer for the past six months as the Enlisted Men's Barracks Master-at-Arms. Your military bearing is commendable and is consistent with the highest traditions of the Naval Service," Admiral Cokely's letter read in part.

—49A Photo

New Building Climbing Higher



GOING UP! Slowly but surely the new building is reaching skyward. The topmost pre-cast wall panels, which appear much like a picket fence as pictured here, reach to the seventh-floor level. The finished building will be three panels or 33 feet higher than the highest point shown in this photograph. The big crane at left rear, dwarfed by the camera angle, was raised last Saturday so that it is now supported on the third floor. When construction started it was based five feet below the first floor. It will be raised once more.

The crane in the foreground sets the pre-cast panels in place. The concrete retaining wall at right is at the drop from the third- to the second-floor level. The basement openings in foreground provide outside access to mechanical room spaces.

As of 1 February the new building was 39 per cent complete, according to CDR J. E. Wright, CEC, Resident Officer in Charge of Construction.

Rec Committee Plans Sweetheart Dance, Reno Night!

Attention, all you young and old lovers alike!!! 18 February is your night. Your Enlisted Recreation Committee is sponsoring a Sweetheart Dance in the well known tradition of Valentine's Day. The evening will begin at 2000 with FREE, (yes, FREE) drinks, a stand-up buffet, and dancing to a live band.

For those of you who wish to remember this enchanting evening, there will be a LOVER'S BENCH, where you and that special one or special many may have your picture taken in living color. This promises to be a memorable evening; so come on out to the Enlisted Men's Club and enjoy the Sweetheart Dance.

Attire will be coat and tie for the guys and dressy dress for the dolls. Free beer will be available

for those wishing to help decorate the Club 15 February at 1930.

March 18 is the evening for all the Mavericks, Diamond Jims, and just plain beginning gamblers on the station. The Enlisted Men's Club will be transformed into a Reno Night Club with all the trimmings.

There will be games to please all, such as a Roulette Wheel, Dice tables, etc. Play money will be provided at the door, as well as tickets for free drinks. At the end of the evening, prizes will be auctioned off. The money you have won during the evening will be used to pay for the prizes. Don't miss this one, all of you High Rollers! And in addition to all this, your Enlisted Recreation Committee promises you that there will be

no raids; so don't be afraid to come and have a great time.

WAYNE E. HAWKINS, HM1
Chairman

40 Patients Invited To Big VFW Show

Forty complimentary tickets are available at Special Services for patients for the annual VFW Stage Show at the Oakland Auditorium Theater 10 February.

The show will feature top-flight entertainers such as Sammy Shore, MC, who recently finished the picture "Gilligan's Island"; The Kenny Burt Family's banjo music; George Lee in his oriental feats defying gravity; Bob and LaVerne's Magic of Haskell, Diane Lucas in popular songs, Lou Jack Lich, star accordionist.

Dr. Baglio Wins 12ND Pistol Match; Team Takes Fourth

LT T. P. Baglio, dental intern, took first place in the 12ND pistol matches held at NAS Alameda the weekend of 22 January, and the newly-formed Oak Knoll team of which he is a member came in fourth.

Doctor Baglio earned his medal with 644 points out of a possible 900.

Other members of the team were LT Paul DiGaudio, MC, LTJG George Silver, NC, both of NP staff, and HM1 Jim Turner of Pharmacy.

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HAIL - FAREWELL

OFFICERS REPORTING:

ENS A. W. FROST, MSC, from Nav OCS, NavBase, Newport, R.I., for duty in Food Service.

LCDR J. W. CURTIS, MC, USN, from NAVSUPACT DANANG, Vietnam.

OFFICERS DETACHED

LT R. B. CARLEY, MC, USNR, to USS SANCTUARY (AH-17).

LCDR L. C. MATTIELLO, CHC, USN, to NAS, Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico.

LTJG JUDITH MILBURN, NC, was released to inactive duty.

ENS DAVID E. CLOSSON, MSC, to 5th MarDiv, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

ENLISTED REPORTING:

HM1 SAMUEL R. BONILLA arrived from NavRadLab, San Francisco.

HM2 DONALD WEIGHTMAN, HN, CLIFFORD RICHIE, RAYMOND G. MORGAN, and DENNIS P. NELSON from patient status.

HN WAYNE M. ROHMAS from NAAS, Monterey.

HA JUDITH A. JOHNSTON from HCS, Great Lakes, Ill.

The following corpsmen reported from HCS, San Diego.

HM3 WILLIAM J. WILSON, HN, DENNIS BROZOWSKI, WILLIAM C. BURNS, ROGER W. BUSCH, JOSE CARRIZALES, GARY L. CECIL, EARL E. DUNKLEBERGER, MICHAEL J. PRUES, STEVEN P. FITZGERALD, THOMAS E. CLEMANS, DONALD A. MORGAN, JOHN R. PROSSER.

Has STEPHEN T. PETERSON, RONALD S. GARNER, DENNIS F. BUEHLER, STEVEN J. RASSBACH, GENE H. STROMLEY, ROBERT L. THOMPSON, SAMUEL T. VIZGART, ROGER W. BUSCH, JOSE CARRIZALES, ROSCOE COX, JR., TIMOTHY GRIGGS, NOWLIN E. HALTON, WILLIAM G. HAND, RONALD A. HOFFMEYER, CARROLL G. LEGER, DAVID G. LEGG, RICHARD J. McDANIELS, BILL E. TARBOX.

OSCAR A. WOMACK, ROBERT A. ZISK, GERALD N. ZYSEK, WARREN L. CRABLE, JON R. HUBNER, WILLIAM T. BALDRIDGE, JAMES A. BOULET, WILLIAM L. KIRTLEY, JOSEPH T. MUNDAY, JAMES M. SELLERS, RONALD L. WEEMS, AND MICHAEL A. WILLIAMS.

ENLISTED DEPARTING:

HM3 SUSAN KUPCZYNSKI departed for NH, San Diego.

HM3 KATHLEEN E. PETKE was released from active duty.

HN WILLIAM R. BYRNES departed for NAAS, Monterey, Calif., and HN BERNARD P. MCKENNA for NAS, Alameda.



FIFTEEN MORE LAB TECHS completed the 12-week course 20 January. Their instructor, HMC Arnold Franz is easily recognizable fourth from left. The grads and their new duty stations are, from left: HM3s Russell L. Johnson, S. F. Bay Naval Shipyard, Vallejo; Philip D'Ambrosio, NAS, Guam, M. I.; Reggie C. Jackson, NCB 11, Port Hueneme, Calif.; Kjell A. Songstad, Naval Shipyard, Pearl Harbor; Bruce R. Van Zandt, Naval Shipyard, Mare Island; HN Don M. Bowman, Navy Finance Center, Cleveland, Ohio; HM3 Philip R. Matracian, Third MarDiv via Camp Pendleton; HM3s David A. Huelsman, NAAS, Kingsville, Tex.; William H. Hamilton, Naval Weapons Station, Concord, Calif.; Lawrence B. Sanders, Naval Ordnance Test Station, Indianhead, Md.; and HM3 James A. Bangston, MarCorps Base, 29 Palms, Calif. Not pictured: HM2 Frank E. Robinson, who headed for Camp Pendleton and the Third MarDiv, and HM3 Daniel G. Johansen, who is on temporary duty here.

Huelsman was honorman of the class, and Hamilton finished in second place.



The Laboratory's newest piece of equipment—the Huggins Cytoagglomerator—gets “the once-over” from HMC Norman A. Woehrmann, HM2 John E. Anderson, and HM3 Ernabeth Theodores. The instrument is used in freezing and thawing blood.

BLOOD FOR OVERSEAS

Hospital Laboratory Now Freezing Blood for Use in Transfusions

Oak Knoll has been furnished with equipment, supplies, and training of personnel to permit freezing, storing, and use of frozen blood for transfusion.

Studies have shown that blood preserved in this manner may be retained for at least two years prior to transfusion, in contrast to the 21-day dating period on blood collected in routine fashion and stored at ordinary refrigerator temperatures. In the beginning frozen blood will be processed for shipment to Da Nang, Clark Field, and the two hospital ships, USS REPOSE and USS SANCTUARY, and later, it may be used to add this special capability to the Oak Knoll Blood Bank for use when specially indicated.

The use of frozen blood in direct support of battle casualties is a new approach developed during the Vietnam conflict. So far, the most extensive use of frozen blood in treating casualties has been at Da Nang, where 16 percent of the transfused blood has been thawed frozen blood. Lesser amounts have been used aboard the REPOSE. A frozen blood unit has been installed by the Navy at Clark Field in support of the hemodialysis (artificial kidney) unit. Clark is a center for Army cases of acute renal failure from Vietnam. The SANCTUARY, now outfitting at Mare Island, will likewise have this capability.

All blood going to these units is shipped from Oakland via Travis. In the past, it has all been processed and frozen at the Naval Blood Research Laboratory located on the grounds of the Naval Hospital, Chelsea, Mass., then shipped to Oakland for retention until a call came for supplies to be shipped west. In the near future it is anticipated that the initial supply will be partially drawn from local military donors, processed and frozen here, and shipped directly.

The frozen blood is not intended to replace but to supplement the regular supply. It has been of particular value as true “universal donor blood” because it is selected from selected Group O Rh negative donors, and thus can be used when blood of a specific group and type is in short supply. Other indications for its use are being defined.

A standing invitation is here—
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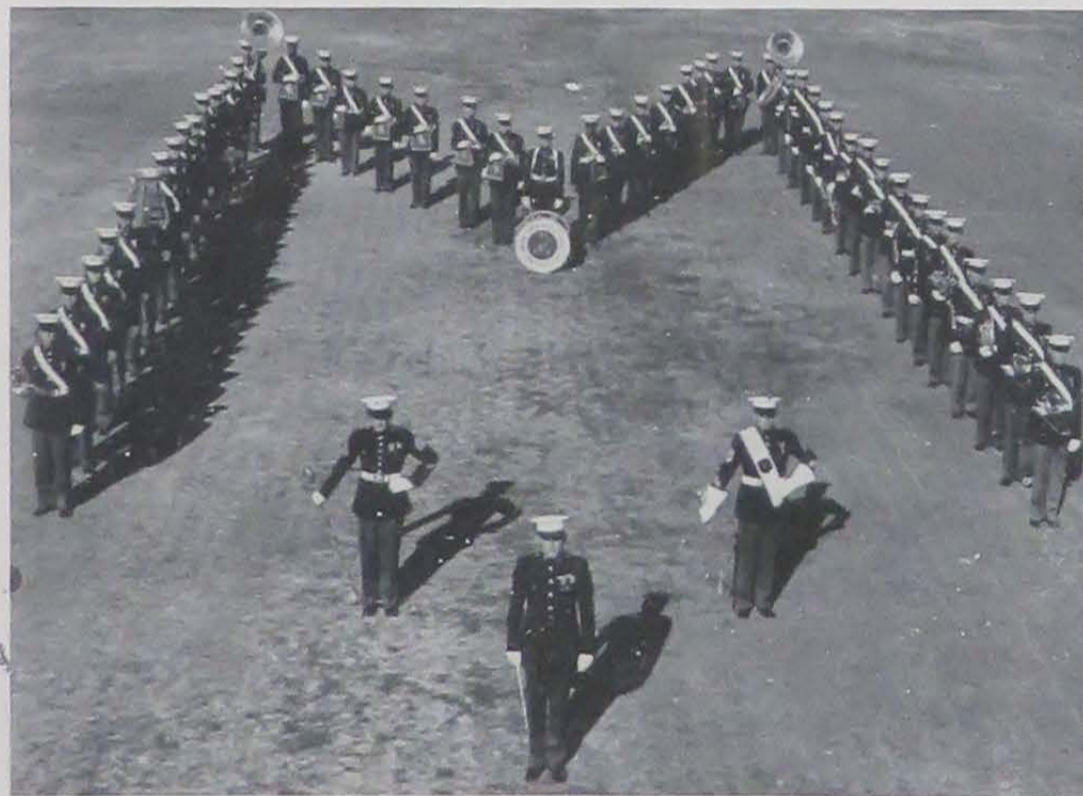
Knollites Invited to Pops Concert

Patients and staff are invited to bring their wives or dates to the Pops Concert at the Oakland Arena the evening of 23 February.

Arthur Fiedler, famed conductor of the Boston Symphony, will conduct the Oakland Symphony in the type of concert he brings to San Francisco each summer. This

will be his only winter concert.

The opportunity of attending the event, a benefit for Children's Hospital Medical Center, is being made possible through the courtesy of Mr. Edward J. Daly, President of World Airways. A bus will be chartered to take Knollites to the event if enough sign up with Special Services.



The Marine Corps Recruit Depot Band, resplendent in dress blues, will play for patients and staff in the auditorium at 1430 Friday, 24 February. All hands are invited to hear this outstanding group of musicians in an hour-long concert.

The band was founded in 1924 when the Fourth Marines arrived in San Diego and has been making appearances throughout the country and overseas ever since that time.

In addition to commitments at the depot, including morning colors, parades and reviews, honors to visiting dignitaries, and a monthly concert at the depot theater, the band has a weekly radio program. It makes more than 200 appearances annually, including those at the Tournament of Roses Parade and at the Shrine East-West Football Game.

Personnel inspection will be delayed until 1600 because of the concert.

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O' Wives Will Award \$200 Scholarships To Officers' Children

Two scholarships are being offered this year by the Naval Hospital Officers' Wives' Club to dependent children of officers attached to the Naval Hospital, Oakland, or children of members of the Officers' Wives' Club.

The scholarships for \$200 each will be awarded in June. They are to be used at colleges or accredited schools of nursing. High school seniors as well as undergraduate college level students may apply. Former applicants may apply.

The winners are chosen on the basis of merit and scholarship. Applications will be mailed to officers' families, and all eligible students are urged to apply.

HMC Burnham



Oak Knoll's newest HMC is Richard A. Burnham, Jr., of Warren, New Hampshire, 28 and a bachelor. Although he appeared somewhat shy when sworn in by CAPT Dean Schufeldt, Executive Officer, there is nothing shy about his approach to a Navy career. He enlisted in Claremont, N.H., 4 October 1956 and since then has moved steadily up the ladder of success. He mastered ECG, BMR, and Cardiopulmonary Technics at Bethesda, preparing well for his present assignment as Petty Officer in Charge of the Chest Clinic. He attended Class A School at Great Lakes and recently returned from Field Medicine Service School, Camp Pendleton, where he completed a 7-day course for surgical team augmentation personnel. On his own time he has taken many Navy Correspondence courses.

Chief Burnham's Navy travels have taken him as far away as Hong Kong aboard the USS QUAPAW (ATF-110). He would be the last to mention it, but the OAK LEAF has it on good authority that during his assignment to that fleet ocean tug he was commended for resuscitating two men who (without his help and that of fellow crew members he had trained) would almost certainly have died from asphyxiation.

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U.C. Appointment For Doctor Myers

CDR Willis S. Myers, Assistant Chief of the Medical Service, has been appointed Assistant Clinical Professor of Medicine at the University of California Medical Center, San Francisco.

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He's LTJG Hammer Now

The Medical Service Corps' Thomas R. Hammer has been promoted to LTJG. Mr. Hammer, a physical therapist, has been on duty at Oak Knoll since 24 August.

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Naval Hospital, Oakland, California

RADM H. J. Cokely, MC, USN, Commanding Officer.
CAPT Dean Schufeldt, MC, USN, Executive Officer.
CDR A. J. Schwab, MSC, Administrative Officer.
Editorial Adviser: Dorothy Thompson.
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LENTEN SACRIFICE

By the time you read these words we will already have entered the period of the Christian year called "LENT." Traditionally it has been the 40 days (not counting Sundays) from Ash Wednesday until Easter. Lent is a time of Spiritual renewal for Christian people around the world. It is often a time of fasting and penitence to commemorate the time when Jesus spent 40 days in the wilderness following his baptism.

You may hear your friends say: "I'm going to give up smoking for Lent" or a million and one other things. This becomes for that person a sacrifice. However, my personal feelings are this; if something is bad or harmful enough to "give up," then we ought not wait until Lent to do it. I did some research on that word *sacrifice*! We know it today as the giving up of something for something else or a higher good. Originally, back in the formative days of the Hebrew people, the word had a very different meaning. To sacrifice meant: "To make Holy." Holiness is a state or condition of being. Holiness is wholeness, when we let our lives and all we do revolve around God rather than ourselves.

The Christian approach to holiness should be positive rather than negative: We respond to God out of LOVE rather than fear or dread. Jesus was attempting to show people that holiness is a condition of the inner life (not just ritual and outward appearances). Holiness then involves the whole person.

Jesus spoke of the importance of men establishing a wholesome relationship with God. Today, as in the day of Jesus, we need to establish and maintain this loving relationship with a God who cares for us, and loves us (even before we respond to Him). Lastly, Jesus affirmed by His own life that all LIFE is good. All of life is holy—not just a temple, a church, a place, or a shrine.

This year during the Lenten Season—it is my honest and sincere prayer that each of us may Sacrifice—"Make Holy" our whole life—our whole beings to the ever-present love of God as expressed in the person of Jesus Christ.

—CHAPLAIN E. E. JAYNE

Corpsman Strength Increased by 1,362

The hospital corpsmen total strength was recently increased by 1,362 additional billets to fill the long pipeline to Southeast Asia.

Of this number 1,000 have been added to student lines of the Class A Basic Hospital Corps Schools.

These billets will provide additional strength to the Hospital Corps through input at the lowest level.

The 362 remaining billets are authorized for naval hospital and smaller medical facilities. These are augmentation billets in support of SEASIA operations. (NAV-NEWS)



Admiral Cokely proudly presented Beneficial Suggestion Awards to two staff members last Thursday when he met with his civilian supervisors. Leslie Spect, truck driver, received \$25 for his suggestion to install a ramp at the bag room to make life easier for the many wheelchair patients now aboard. Paul Schultz, painter, right, devised a new sign holder that can be made of scrap metal at a fraction of the cost of those previously used. It earned him \$25. Willie Adams, truck driver, unable to be present for the picture, has received a check for \$35 for his good idea—reversible doors on the orthopedic wards for greater safety of amputee patients.

What Is NESEP?

The Navy Enlisted Scientific Education Program (NESEP) is a college training program for outstanding petty officers on active duty, which leads to appointment to commissioned grade and a career as an unrestricted line officer of the U.S. Navy. Potential for a successful career as commissioned officer is the primary consideration in the processing, interviewing, recommendation, and selection of candidates.

NESEP is an uninterrupted, four-year maximum, college education which leads to a baccalaureate degree in one of the major fields of study approved by the Chief of Naval Personnel. Upon receipt of a baccalaureate degree, graduates will be ordered to officer candidate training, and upon successful completion thereof, if otherwise qualified, shall be commissioned in the unrestricted line of the Regular Navy.

In most cases, officers commissioned via NESEP may expect immediate assignment to three or four years of sea duty with the operating forces in the capacity of an unrestricted line officer. Commissioned graduates of the pro-

gram must serve on active duty for a minimum period of 9 months for each 6 months of education, or fraction thereof, computed from date of original commission and date of reporting to preparatory school, but in no case shall this period of active duty be less than 4 years.

Eligibility requirements:

1. U.S. Citizen.
2. USN or USNR on active duty.
3. Completed at least one year of active duty in other than a school environment prior to 31 December of the year of application.
4. E-4 and above.
5. Must have reached 21st but not 25th birthday.
6. High school graduate or GED equivalent.
7. Combined GCT/ARI score of at least 118.
8. Recommended by the Commanding Officer.

If you meet the basic requirements of this program and desire participation, contact your Career Counselor, Education and Training, Building 25A.

HM1 C. E. ADAMS, USN

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Thoughts of and by the Great Man Whose Birthday Is 22 February

"First in war, first in peace, first in the hearts of his countrymen." These words, describing our first President, whose birthday we celebrate next week, were spoken by General "Lighthorse Harry" Lee.

Saul Padoner, the author of Washington Papers, tells us why Washington was first to his countrymen. "If this sounds like mere moralizing, it should be kept in mind that Washington himself practiced his preachings. From early youth he imposed upon himself a severe code of conduct which formed a kind of frame into which he fitted himself. Instead of repressing his character, the strong discipline and conscious purpose of his life elevated it. Of him it could be said that he learned to command himself so that he could command others. The towering character of the man, that compound of Calvinistic morality and aristocratic obligation, enabled him to play the commanding role that he did in the early years of the United States. It is hazardous to speak of individual indispensability in history, but if there ever was an indispensable leader at a critical moment in history it was George Washington. In the formative years of the American Republic, roughly between 1776 and 1796, the man, the moment, and crisis coincided."

QUOTES FROM WASHINGTON'S LETTERS

On Charity, to Lund Washington (Farm Manager at Mt. Vernon, 1775)

Let the hospitality of Mt. Vernon, with respect to the poor, be kept up. Let no one go hungry away. If any of this kind of people should be in want of corn, supply their necessities, provided it does not encourage them in idleness; and I have no objection to your giving my money in charity, to the amount of forty or fifty pounds a year, when you think it well bestowed. What I mean by having no objection is, that it is my desire that it should be done. You are to consider, that neither myself nor wife is now in the way to do these good offices. In all other respect, I recommend it to you, and have no doubt of your observing the greatest economy and frugality. As I suppose you know, that I do not get a farthing for my services here.

On the future of America

America, under an efficient government, will be the most favorable country of any in the world for persons of industry and frugality. It will not be less advantageous to the happiness of the lowest class of people, because of the equal distribution of property, the great plenty of unoccupied lands and facility of procuring the means of subsistence.

Rather than quarrel about territory, let the poor, the needy, and oppressed of the earth, and those who want land, resort to the fertile plains of our western country, the second land of promise, and there dwell in peace, fulfilling the first and great commandment.

Religious Freedom

It is now no more that toleration is spoken of, as if it was in the indulgence of one class of people that another enjoyed the exercise of their inherent natural rights. For happily the government of the United States, which gives to bigotry no sanction, to persecution no assistance, requires only that those who live under its protection should demean themselves as good citizens, in giving it, on all occasions, their effectual support. May the Father of Mercies scatter light and not darkness on our paths, and make us all in our several vocations useful here, and in his own due time and way everlastingly happy.

Interesting Hobbies



AN OAK BURL from a load of fireplace wood or a mill end of California walnut may become a work of art if it falls into the artistic hands of LT L. J. Phelps of the Medical Service. Doctor Phelps has been carving wood for ten years. Oak, mahogany, redwood, and walnut are his materials. Sometimes the wood itself suggests the course a carving will take—as in "The Weeping Christ," to which Doctor Phelps points in the photo above. That piece, made from an oak burl, took him two and a half months to finish. The small "Tiki God of Happiness" he holds is of California walnut sanded and polished to a satin-smooth finish, its face guaranteed to make the viewer smile back. With chisel and other carving tools, some of them makeshift, Doctor Phelps has made small desk figurines, a four-foot tall tiki, a plaque with a likeness of St. Luke the Physician. He is working on friezes for his children's beds—"fortunately in an adult pattern in case I don't finish them before the children grow up."

HAIL - FAREWELL

OFFICERS DETACHED

LT W. A. STOCKER, MC, USNR, to First MarDiv (REINF) FME, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

LTJG SALLY FALK, NC, to inactive duty.

OFFICERS REPORTING:

LCDR F. B. HOEFLE, MC, USNR, from USS REPOSE (AH-16) to Ophthalmology Service.

LCDR R. J. ROBL, MC, USN, from USS REPOSE (AH-16) for duty in Radiology.

LCDR JOANNE C. FANELLI, NC, from USNS, Argentina, Newfoundland.

ENS JO ANN JONES, NC, from Navy School of Indoctrination, Newport, R. I.

ENLISTED DETACHED:

HM1 FRANCISCO MELCHOR departed for duty aboard USS REPOSE (AH-16).

HM3 MARTHA ALMAREZ departed for NAVSHYD, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

ENLISTED REPORTING:

HMC LOUISE F. DAVIS from HQTRS, 8th Naval District, New Orleans, La.

HNs WILLIAM J. WILCOTT, HAs MARK R. RUSSELL, CHARLES R. MORTENSON, DOUGLAS B. PARSONS, and RONALD E. YATES, all from NH, San Diego.

The following HAs and HNs were received from Hospital Corps School, San Diego, via FMSS, Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton, Calif.:

TIMOTHY N. BUTLER, FRANK A. COOPER, CLIFFORD K. COONS, BRUCE M. STENHOUSE, RICHARD A. WILLMAR, JOHN W. ADAMS, RICHARD W. BROOKS, PAUL E. FEATHERSTONE III, MICHAEL E. HENRY, WILLIAM R. HERRINGTON, DENNIS A. JOHNSON, ROBERT A. JONES, ROGER H. JORY, RONALD L. KEIL, MICHAEL B. KER,

DONALD E. LIEDKE, KELSIE B. LOPER, JR., DAVID C. MADRID, DENNIS E. MASON, JOHN J. McDONNELL, JR., JAMES W. MCGILL, GARY MERIDITH, TERRY B. METELAK, LEROY D. MORIN, GEORGE F. PERRY, JR., EDWIN H. ROBISON, III, THEODOOR K. SCHINDELER, DOUGLAS L. SIMPSON, GARY L. STANFORD, MICHAEL A. TESSIER, JOHN N. WURTH, RICK C. ZUNINO,

WILLIAM S. CAMPBELL, NORMAN C. CHRISTIANSON, JAMES J. DALTON, DENNIS A. DIVINE, CARLIN D. EYMAN, HERMAN GLASS, ROBERT W. GOTTRON, THOMAS E. LOPEZ, JOSE A. LOPEZ, CHARLES L. SMITH, SCOTT E. TRAINA.

DAVID W. COYNER, WALTER D. ESPARZA, AND ALAN J. KENT.

Mrs. Winifred Palmer Makes It to Twenty

The last LEAF proved once more that you can't believe what you read in the newspapers. The lady below is Mrs. Winifred Jerome Palmer, not Lorraine Carly, as the paper stated. (For a look at Lorraine, see the 20 January issue.) Mrs. Palmer was news because she (like Lorraine) received her 20-year Federal Service award. At Oak Knoll since August 1960, she is now a dictaphone transcriber at the Steno Pool. Her previous service was mostly at NAS, Alameda, but she started during the war with the U.S. Maritime Commission, which was located at Bethlehem's Alameda shipyards, and worked for brief periods at Navy Medical Supply Depot, Oakland, and VA Hospital, Oakland.

On 14 January Winifred became the wife of retired Marine G/SGT R. E. Palmer, who now serves as electronics instructor at the ETA School at TI. He retired after 20 years' service.

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The Veterans Administration estimates that more than 500,000 Post-Korean Conflict veterans will attend school in 1966-67 under the new GI Bill.

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"Hey," cried Satan to a new arrival, "you act like you own this place."
"I do," was the boot's reply. "My Chief gave it to me before I came down."

Here's the Word From Cedar City!

The past week brought for Oak Knoll patients a variety of valentines from children of all ages in many places. Two letters of special interest were among them. They are printed herewith for all to enjoy and with the hope that the young writers will receive a few replies. Each enclosed a small class picture. "I made a X on me," Vicky wrote. We regret that lack of space precluded using the photo, now posted on 76B.

Cedar Valley, Utah
February 6, 1967

Dear U. S. Soldier:

My name is Vicky La Rue Chamberlain, I am 9 years old. I am in the fourth grade. Is their very many in the hospital with yow? Are yow able to write letters? Is the hospital very big that your in? We have had a lot of snow this year. One morning I went to school on the snow is up to my knee. Now that the snow is melting we sure have a lot of mud.

I am sorry you got hurt. my girlfriend Sharon went to the hospital because she had something wrong with her. Her mother planed a surprisepard for her. She went to get up and her mother didn't let her. when she came out we sang happy birthday while we was singing she said to her mother yow scared me and after we sang her mother said we scared yow and she said yes and then we play games and eat and then went home. I am a girl.

from Vicky LaRue Chamberlain

Cedar Valley, Utah
Feb. 7, 1967

Dear U. S. Soldier

I am sorry that you got hurt and have to stay in a hospital. We talk a lot about Viet Nam in school. I don't know very much about war or why people want to fight each other but I'm glad our contry is fighting the spread of communism. We buy saving stamps each week. We live in a little town with about 200 people in it we was studing airplanes and the pioneer also coal. We live up a gainst the mountains. I live on a little farm with 2 horses 4 sheeps and 15 pigs 32 cows. My brother and I have steers his weight 420 and I have steer to he weight 580 we are going to take them to the 4-H club. In the summer we ride horse herd cows climb the mountains and hall hay. I have my birthday in march the 8 when is yours so I can sent you a gift. I hope you will get beter soon. I want to wish you a happy valentine.

Blaine Cook

Life Began

LIFE BEGAN 4 February for Frank Laffey Dwinnell, III, eight pound, eight ounce son of LT Frank Dwinnell, MC, USN, intern, and his wife Lou. . . 7 February for Joan Frances Matan, nine pound, four and a half ounce daughter of LT Joseph A. Matan, orthopedic resident, and wife Lillian.



HM2 Wallace K. Stenblom took Captain Schufeldt's pen in hand to sign on the dotted line for another six. This will bring his time on active duty to 11 years. Stenblom has been at Oak Knoll for four months and is currently assigned to the Operating Services Division. He and his wife Barbara call Montesano, Wash. (near Aberdeen) their home. He worked for Evans Products, Aberdeen Plywood Division, for six years between tours of active duty in the Navy, and she was active in Girl Scouting in Aberdeen. They have two young scouts in their Hayward home—Beth, 11, and Debbie, 9.

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Admiral Cokely presents Richard Griffin, Maintenance Division truck driver his 20 year certificate. Mr. Griffin served in the Army during World War II, began his Civil Service career in September 1948, and has been with the hospital since 24 July 1950.

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New Rotation Plan For Corpsmen

The Chief of Naval Personnel recently approved a new rotation plan for enlisted hospital corpsmen.

The most significant point of the new program is that ALL corpsmen completing a tour of duty in Vietnam will return to shore duty. Length of these tours will vary from 18 to 30 months, depending on the individual case.

This new policy will provide relief to the shore activities where they need it most—in experienced petty officers and critical technical specialties. However, the overall manning level of shore activities will not be increased significantly. As these men return from Vietnam a similar number will be sent from shore duty to the fleets as replacement. (NAVNEWS)

Calling ♥ ♥ ♥ All Sweethearts To the EM Club

REMINDER!!!! Remember tomorrow, 18 February, is the night of the SWEETHEART BALL at the Enlisted Men's Club. Your Enlisted Recreation Committee expects to make this a night to remember. You will be met at the door by our beautiful hostesses who will present your date a beautiful corsage. Then, you may immortalize this moment by having your picture taken with (or without) your date. A tempting buffet will be served. Upon entering the ballroom, you will see the beautiful decorations created by our dedicated, hard-working Decorating Committee Chairman, Thomas R. Dangelo, HM2, and his crew of volunteers who have decorated the EM Club in the heart-warming Valentine's Day theme with Cupids, Hearts, and the rest of the romantic scenes, including the little devil (?) with the bow and arrow. Dance music will be provided by the "OUTRAGES," who guarantee to please lovers of all ages. You may go to the bar and redeem one of the tickets you were given at the door, for something refreshing. Your Enlisted Recreation Committee is looking forward to seeing you at the SWEETHEART BALL.

ANOTHER REMINDER — this one for you gamblers. RENO NIGHT will be coming up soon and anyone interested in being a dealer or such for this night, please contact HM1 ADAMS or HM1 HAWKINS. All staff personnel are cordially invited to participate in these functions, so please put your talents to work and help us all to make all social occasions a really great success. All comments and suggestions are welcomed by your Enlisted Recreation Committee since we are striving to provide you with the tops in entertainment.

WAYNE E. HAWKINS, HM1,
Enlisted Recreation Chairman

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Anyone for Baseball? Volleyball? Track?

Coach Ken Moffett is seeking candidates for the Oak Knoll baseball, volleyball (intramural and varsity), and track and field teams. If interested, call the Coach at 593 at your earliest convenience.

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STRIPES NO LONGER NEW BUT STILL UNTARNISHED are those worn by an even dozen staff officers recently promoted to lieutenant commander. In the front row: GYM Cerchio and A. M. Peabody, Medical Corps, Mary E. Estell of the Nurse Corps, D. D. Flynn, Dental Corps, and C. W. Mathews, Medical Corps; second row: R. B. Carley, W. E. Billings, R. C. Riggins, J. B. Haddad; and back row: A. L. Graber, G. A. Wolf and W. I. Cottel, all of the Medical Corps.



THIS AUGUST LINE-UP marked the January promotion of eight staff members to their new rates. From left to right, front, are DT3 Gary Critser, HM2 Donna Patton, CAPT Dean Schufeldt, Executive Officer, who swore them in to their new rates; HM1 Frank E. Melchor, and HM2 Philip Mattracion. In the back row: HMCM James W. Bull of Staff Pers, HM3 Cal Lindley, HM3 Thomas L. Mantey, HMC Richard Burnham, HM Roger Weiher, and ENS Leonard Julius of Staff Pers. Belated congratulations to all.



COMPLETING THEIR 16 WEEKS of training 3 February, these 11 capable-looking corpsmen are now full-fledged Neuropsychiatry Technicians. They are from left, HNs Richard T. Roecker, Richard J. Sheldahl, the honor man, Dennis L. Washburn, Joseph Maturano, William L. Barber, Robert L. Phillips, and Nicholas F. Drenchen, HM3 Randall E. Brooks, HNs Kenneth S. Vaughan and Dwight A. Drury, and HM3 Roger D. Weiher. Phillips, Drenchen, and Vaughan were ordered to the new Naval Hospital, Long Beach. All others will remain at Oak Knoll for duty. CAPT Felix H. Ocko, MC, USN, Ret., Ex-Chief of Neuropsychiatry, now in private practice in Berkeley, was the graduation speaker. With him in front row, from left, are LCDR Sidney Blair, Admiral Cokely, CDR Romaine Mentzer, CDR Victor Holm, and LTJG George Silver.

Knoll Bowlers Lead League

Oak Knoll Men's Bowling team won two games from Treasure Island on 6 February and again this Monday night came home victorious after taking two from Skaggs Island.

These wins put the Knoll bowlers in first place in Class B (smaller commands) with three more foes to face. The remaining games are with Hunters Point and with two big Class A teams—the Naval Air Stations at Alameda and Moffett Field.

In both the TI and Skaggs Island matches, Tautalatasi took top honors. At TI he bowled a 212, 178, and 221 for a 611 series. The scores follow:

Snider	190	156	165—511
Jucutan	143	187	164—494

Franz	152	178	164—494
Tautalatasi	212	178	221—611
Vosseler	168	174	168—510

At Skaggs Island Tau had a 525 series. The scores:

Snider	169	156	179—504
Dixon	159	145	144—448
Franz	193	149	169—511
Tautalatasi	200	146	179—525
Vosseler	173	164	170—507

—By Tautalatasi!

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Frozen Blood

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with issued for any of the staff to stop by the Blood Bank and inspect the "Huggins cytoagglomator," the instrument used in freezing and thawing these blood units.



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Friday, 3 March 1967



TWO HNs in patient status were summoned to the CO's office last Friday to receive medals earned for service in Vietnam. They are Dennis R. Nelson, left, and Gary E. Pederson. Nelson was awarded the Bronze Star Medal and Pederson the Purple Heart.

Two HNs Honored for Viet Service; Nelson Earns Bronze Star Medal

HN Dennis R. Nelson of Mackay, Idaho, had already earned the Navy Commendation with Combat V for his heroism in Vietnam on 10 August 1966, but after a review of the case the SecNav directed that it be recalled and replaced by the Bronze Star—a more suitable award for his bravery. Nelson received the new award from Admiral Cokely last Friday.

Nelson was serving with Company C, First Battalion, Fifth Marines, when his platoon was ambushed during a search and destroy operation near Tam Ky. Nelson, "despite the heavy volume and deadly accuracy of the enemy fire, courageously exposed himself to extreme danger to assist several men who had been wounded in the initial fire. Without regard for his own safety, he valiantly moved among the casualties to administer first aid to the stricken. Although he sustained a serious leg wound, he continued to direct the treatment and evacuation of his comrades, submitting to the attention of his own wounds only when the safety and care of other casualties had been insured.

"By his exceptional concern for the welfare of others, keen professional skill and unfaltering dedication to duty throughout, HN Nelson upheld the highest traditions of the Naval Service," the citation stated.

Nelson, who entered the service 29 September 1963, expects to remain at Oak Knoll until his enlistment is up. He plans then to

**COMING to the Auditorium
at 1400 Saturday, 8 April
—the 60-voice USAF Academy Choir. Save the date!**

enter Arizona State College and major in business administration. Meanwhile, he is working in the busy Orthopedic Clinic.

At the ceremony in the CO's office, HN Gary E. Pederson shared honors with the Bronze Star wearer.

Pederson, who is now enjoying 30 day's leave with his parents in Irene, S.D., received the Purple Heart. He suffered loss of his left arm above the elbow when a bomb dropped from a U.S. plane ricocheted off a mountain during action against the enemy.

Once his rehabilitation is complete, Pederson plans to study agriculture at South Dakota State College in Brookings.

Operation Palette Brings Navy Art To Oakland Airport

"Operation Palette," 120 works from the Navy's famous collection of historical paintings and drawings, will be exhibited at the Oakland International Airport 11-17 March. The public will be admitted free, 24 hours a day.

The display is scheduled to move to San Francisco for showing in the Fox Plaza, 22-28 March.

Selected from the total Navy collection of some 3,000 works valued at several million dollars, "Operation Palette" is now on its second complete tour of the United States. During its first tour it was seen in Oakland and San Francisco in 1961. The current show is completely different. It includes paintings and drawings of Navy operations of the past few years and therefore is billed as "Operation Palette II — the Navy today."

The collection began early in 1941, when the Navy commissioned eight leading American artists to paint eye-witness scenes of naval action. Since then, in war and peacetime, operations have been portrayed on the seas, on the beaches, and in the air.

Most of the works are by nationally known artists, and many of them have become familiar to the public through reproduction in Time, Life, National Geographic, Pageant, Collier's, and other magazines.

Sponsoring the East Bay showing are the City, Port, and Chamber of Commerce of Oakland, the Alameda County Board of Supervisors, and the Oakland Council, Navy League of the United States. Rear Admiral Edward F. Metzger, CO of Oakland Naval Supply Center, is the Navy's project officer.

Oak Knoll Pediatrician Survives Frigid Leave in Sub-Zero Arctic

LT David Zlotnick is back on duty in Pediatrics after three weeks' leave spent in the interest of science. Out of Fairbanks, Alaska, he joined a group of 15 MDs and PhDs from 11 different countries in an experiment to determine how lightly an Arctic patrol can be outfitted and remain effective.

"We marched 10 miles a day on snowshoes, carrying 50-pound packs. Some were on half rations, some on full rations, which included powdered oatmeal and mashed potatoes, cheese, chocolate bars, and compressed bacon bars," Doctor Zlotnick reported.

"All vital functions were meas-

Children's Teeth To Get Attention 20-25 March

Oak Knoll's 3rd Annual Children's Dental Health Program will be conducted during the week of 20-25 March 1967. Effectiveness of the preventive measures in control of oral disease in adults and children is an established fact, and age limits for the program are being extended to include all dependents between the ages of 4 to 18.

Parents may call the Dental Service for appointments. Each child will be examined and have bite-wing x-rays, and any oral disease will be recorded. Then the teeth will be cleaned with a stannous fluoride paste, followed by topical application of a protective stannous fluoride solution.

In addition, each child will receive individual instruction in new toothbrushing techniques. Consultation regarding special dental problems and diet control will be provided and prescriptions for fluoride tablets given.

Naval dental research has shown that annual application of stannous fluoride and daily use of a fluoride-containing dentifrice, can reduce new decay by up to 70 per cent. All military personnel at the hospital routinely receive the preventive measures.

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Board of Pathology Honors Dr. Price

LCDR Richard F. Price, MC, USNR, of the Laboratory Service has received word that he has been made a Diplomate of the American Board of Pathology in anatomic pathology.

ured every step of the way. Heart action was monitored, as was the content of expired air. Temperatures of various parts of the body were recorded, daily electrocardiograms taken, and specimens of blood and urine collected.

"The warmest weather we had was 5 degrees below zero, the coldest 48 below. We slept in double mummy bags that kept us warm to 25 below. At colder temperatures our chattering teeth kept us awake. Muscle spasms and tendonitis were common complaints. Morale was a problem," Doctor Zlotnick said, "but after two days on the snow and ice we received daily

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+ + CHAPLAIN'S CORNER + +

By CHAPLAIN H. L. SCHNICK

"If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God." (Colossians 3:1)

Flying above the clouds illustrates the blessing of fellowship with God. Because of our own nature and because of the world's pull on our lives we need to be elevated to the heights.

Since we are in the world and have a need to escape its downward pull, more periodic renewals are desirable for spiritual growth. A constant flow of Divine love and power needs to water our famished and sordid souls. Not only do we fall short of God's glory, we demonstrate by our low living the degradation of earthly influences. Sometimes we appear to become immune to the exposure of God's love. Like vermin, our thoughts scurry to the dark, cavernous, benighted ego. Only spiritual rebirth can provide an adequate container for God's pure Spirit. Our desire, our consuming passion must reach up to God because we need it; because we want it; because it is life itself. "As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God." (Psalm 42:1)

The rarified air above the clouds may take practice to breathe, but our capacity will improve with exposure. It takes time to pray and to read the Bible meditatively and receptively. To listen while God speaks demands a willingness to receive and to hear God's side of the matter. (Isaiah 1:2) There is a grand drama at work within us as the selfish ego is replaced by Christ on the throne of our hearts. God is at work drawing us to Himself. The creative process by the Spirit is every bit as thrilling as the creation of the physical universe. The sudden bursting of the sun on the brim of the world to illumine newly created beauty pregnant with life is not nearly as intense as the New Life in Christ when the Sun (Son) of Righteousness is risen with healing in His wings. (Malachi 4:2) The organization of planets, stars, and galaxies only dimly projects the picture of life found in the economy of God's Spirit, where there is unity, purpose, wholeness and healing.

Hartzell Spence wrote a book entitled "One Foot in Heaven." The real truth of the Christian life is that all of Heaven has come to dwell in the Believer. We learn to thank God for all events that come into our lives. Each person who crosses our paths is there for a purpose. With the Apostle Paul we say, "I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake." (II Corinthians 12:10) Our prayer becomes: "May Your will be done on earth as it is in Heaven." To lose is to live in God's economy. What things we counted as gain are loss. (Philippians 3:8) They are as rubble and refuse compared to the glories of Heaven.

I'm pressing on the upward way,
New heights I'm gaining every day;
Still praying as I onward bound,
Lord, plant my feet on higher ground.
My heart has no desire to stay
Where doubts arise and fears dismay;
Tho' some may dwell where these abound,
My prayer, my aim, is higher ground.
I want to live above the world,
Tho' Satan's darts at me are hurled;
For faith has caught the joyful sound,
The song of saints on higher ground.
I want to scale the utmost height,
And catch a gleam of glory bright;
But still I'll pray till Heav'n I've found,
Lord, lead me on to higher ground.
Lord, lift me up and let me stand,
By faith, on Heaven's tableland,
A higher plane than I have found;
Lord, plant my feet on higher ground.

—Johnson Oatman, Jr.

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HAIL - FAREWELL

OFFICERS REPORTING:

LT W. C. ASHCRAFT, MC, USNR, from 1st MarDiv (Reinf) FMF to Medical Service.

LCDR E. B. HOEFLE, MC, USNR, from USS REPOSE (AH-16) to Ophthalmology Service.

LT CAROL QUELLETTE, NC, from Iwakuni, Japan.

OFFICERS DETACHED:

LCDR K. G. PRICE, MC, USNR, to 3rd MarDiv (Reinf), FMF.

LTJG MARILYN WARD and LT MARTHA CURTIS to inactive duty.

LCDR MARY E. ESTELL to NH, Camp Pendleton.

LCDR INABELLE DOOLAN to Naval Dispensary, Mare Island.



LCDR Inabelle L. Doolan has departed for a new assignment at the Naval Dispensary at Mare Island. She took with her the good wishes of all her associates and the CO's Letter of Appreciation for her outstanding contributions to the hospital—first in the Neurosurgery and Neurology Services and more recently as Nursing Service Supervisor of the Dependents Outpatient Clinic. In the latter assignment she had the responsibility for Nursing Service personnel coverage of various clinics and the Examination and Treatment room. "The efficiency of these departments has continually reflected your fine professional background and exceptional administrative ability. Under your guidance, newcomers undergoing orientation have gained valuable experience in handling large outpatient loads and in the art of work organization. Throughout your tour of duty here your high professional standards and pleasing personality have earned the admiration of both patients and staff and have occasioned many favorable comments from visitors," Admiral Cokely's letter read in part. Standing by while Miss Doolan received the Admiral's thanks, both spoken and written, was CDR Romaine Mentzer, Chief of the Nursing Service.



That piece of paper CDR E. L. Eustis, Public Works Officer, hands to Willie Adams, truck driver, is payment (\$35 less tax) for a Beneficial Suggestion. Mr. Adams suggested reversible doors on the orthopedic wards for the safety and convenience of patients. Ben Nelson was on hand to offer his congratulations.



NICE PEOPLE: Mrs. Shirley Bramlet, left, and Mrs. Donna Pike of the Treasure Island Navy Exchange recently presented CAPT Dean Schufeldt, Executive Officer, a check for \$65 which was used in purchasing a color TV set for one of the Orthopedic Wards. Exchange employees made the contribution instead of spending a similar amount on a Christmas party.

Dr. Zlotnick

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rations of two ounces of scotch, which bolstered our spirits considerably."

The hardy Oak Knoll pediatrician, on full rations, lost four pounds in ten days. Those on half rations averaged a 10-pound weight loss.

Doctor Zlotnick was the youngest member of the group, whose ages ranged from 29 to 45.

The experiment, sponsored by the National Aero Space Administration and Pacific Biomedical Laboratories, was not the first for the Oak Knoll doctor. Five years ago, while a student at Stanford Medical School, he joined Dr. Terry Rogers, now chairman of the Department of Physiology of the new University of Hawaii Medical School, in a starvation survival test. In that experiment he sat on the Arctic ice for five days without any food and lost 15 pounds. From that experiment came knowledge of the urinary salt loss which occurs in the cold and is responsible for dehydration and weakness even when intake is adequate. Because of this knowledge salt tablets have been added to Arctic survival kits.

Thus far, the 1967 experiment has shown that participants on half rations can perform as effectively as those on full rations. It is expected that when studies of data gathered on the ice are complete, other important facts relating to the effect of maximum stress in sub-zero weather will be elicited.



The Alameda County Nurses' Association's "News 'n Views" recently published LTJG Bonnie Herl's article on Oak Knoll's Clinical Investigation Center. Naturally she and her associates at CIC were pleased to see the article in print.

So was CAPT Veronica Bulshefski, Director of the Navy Nurse Corps, who wrote: "Nurse Corps Officers who share their knowledge and experience with other members of the nursing profession by writing for professional publications are making a valuable contribution to their profession as well as to the history of the progress of the Nurse Corps." Admiral Cokely summoned Miss Herl to his office to receive Captain Bulshefski's Letter of Appreciation.

Museum Director To Speak to O' Wives

James M. Brown, III, director of the new Oakland Museum, will be the speaker when the Officers' Wives' Club meets at the O' Club Wednesday.

Wives of officers in the Anesthesiology, Physical Medicine, and

OB-GYN Services will be hostesses, with Mrs. H. N. Dean and Mrs. J. P. Semmens acting as chairmen. Art work by members of the club and their families will provide suitable decor for the occasion.

Tribute to the Seabees

Uncle Sam's indomitable Navy Seabees, like the Minute Men of Concord, came forth during a time of great national peril to stand up for what they knew to be right.

Formed at the beginning of World War II to meet an emergency, the Seabees were composed mostly of patriotic construction workers—many of them over draft age—who spurned high wartime wages to volunteer themselves and their skills to build anything anywhere at any time.

Seabees, who will celebrate their 25th birthday 5 March, are again earning an honored place in the fighting men's Hall of Fame. In Vietnam they build by day and guard camp perimeters at night. Accomplishments include "instant airfields," hospitals, bridges, roads, port facilities and troop housing.

Led by the Navy Civil Engineer Corps, which was 100 years old yesterday, Seabees have gained their greatest fame operating with Marines in amphibious assaults. They also work with Army and Fleet units.

Seabees are again offering Petty Officer rating to trained civilian construction men. With the recommissioning of four battalions in 1966, Seabees strength, much reduced since World War II, will reach 16 Mobile and Amphibious Construction Battalions. Over-all capacity also is bolstered by inactive reserve battalions.

There are now seven Mobile Construction Battalions and part of an Amphibious Construction Battalion in Vietnam. They and units relieved have already proved their mettle as builder-fighters. For example, MCB-9 withstood two heavy mortar shellings and a ground assault at DaNang, yet it completed a nearly destroyed hospital project ahead of schedule.

At remote Dong Xoai in 1965 nine members of a Seabee team helped a U.S. Special Forces unit as waves of screaming Viet Cong tried to overrun the small outpost. Two Seabees died and the seven survivors were wounded, but the outpost held.

Today's Seabee is younger and more militarily knowledgeable than his predecessors. He is trained in construction skills and military techniques at Seabee Centers.

Seabees also have: Become airborne, met crises in Korea, Cuba, and the Dominican Republic; helped underdeveloped nations, and chopped fame for themselves by building scientific outposts in the Antarctic ice.



RADM Koichi Minobe, center, top medical officer of the Japanese Maritime Self-Defense Force, and CAPT Yoshitsugu Hiruma, executive officer of the Maritime Self-Defense Force District Hospital at Yokosuka, Japan, toured the hospital 13 February. Here, they paused while LCDR Stuart A. Kleit, MC, USNR, explained the operation of the artificial kidney. The Clinical Investigation Center, which Doctor Kleit directs, was one of many departments the visitors saw during their stay at Oak Knoll. They were also guests of honor at a hospital Hail and Farewell party during their Bay Area visit and were entertained at a cocktail-buffet at the CO's quarters. ENS Ronald R. Aldrich, Assistant to the AO, was the official escort during their Bay Area stay.

Colonel Yunck Achieves Goal — Flies Again

COL Michael R. Yunck, USMC, who spent five months at Oak Knoll after losing his left lower leg during combat operations in Vietnam, has resumed his flying career. He flew a TA-4F "Skyhawk" jet at MCAS, Yuma, Ariz., proving he knew what he was talking about when he told Marine Corps officials after being hit by a Viet Cong bullet 10 December 1965 that he would someday return to the flight lines of Marine Corps aviation.

The Colonel returned to full duty status at Marine Corps Air Station, El Toro, following his discharge from the hospital. In flying again he achieved part of his goal. His ultimate aim is to be reassigned to Vietnam.

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Life Began —

LIFE BEGAN 14 February for Erik Brian Johnson, 6 lb. 14 oz. son of LCDR Franklin Johnson, MC, of Neuropsychiatry and wife Mary . . . 17 February for Michael Francis McCloskey, 6 lb. 14 oz. son of HM2 Gerald McCloskey of CIC and wife Patricia . . . 22 February for Alfred Summers, V, 7 lb. 13 oz. son of HM3 Alfred Summers, Jr., of OR and his wife Marcella . . . 23 February for Peter William Silver, 8 lb. 4 oz. son of LTJG George Silver, NC, of Neuropsychiatry and his wife Sally . . . 25 February for Ann Irene Gregonis, 8 lb. 4½ oz. daughter of LCDR Joseph Gregonis, MC, of Pathology and his wife Barbara . . . 27 February for Carrie K. Critser, 9 lb. ½ oz. daughter of DT3 Gary Critser and wife Alice.

More Than 200 USAFI Courses Available

The United States Armed Forces Institute (USAFI) provides opportunities for military personnel to continue their education while on active duty with the Armed Forces.

More than 200 courses may be taken directly from USAFI in pre-high school, high school, college, and technical subjects. For an initial \$5 fee a student may enroll in his first USAFI correspondence course. He may thereafter continue to take other USAFI courses at no further cost as long as his progress is satisfactory.

A student has a wide choice of courses in business, English, literature, foreign languages, mathematics, science, social studies, and technical subjects. The textbooks and necessary materials for all these courses are supplied by USAFI. Some of the recently announced courses offered are Biology I & II, Intermediate College Algebra, Plane Trigonometry, Sociology II, College Chemistry II, Intermediate Accounting, Introduction to Business, Beginning Russian I & II, and Spoken Vietnamese I & 2.

In addition to courses offered directly by USAFI, more than 6,000 correspondence courses are available through USAFI from extension divisions of 45 leading colleges and universities. These correspondence courses are offered at reduced prices to military personnel under the terms of contract agreements between the Federal Government and the educational institutions.

If you desire to participate in USAFI, more information can be obtained at Education and Training, Building 25A.

—HM1 C. E. ADAMS, USN



"You have achieved a position in which to serve your fellow man that few attain in a lifetime," LCDCR C. R. Morris, Chief of the Personnel Division, told the 12 who completed OR Tech School 10 February. Commander Morris challenged each member of the group to do well. "Working closely with the surgeon, the life of the patient is to some degree in your hands," he told the graduates. They are, from left: HNs Richard Everett, Richard Salsbury, Bruce Reiter, Leonard Crites, and Frank Sheridan; HM3s Lewis Flores, John Taylor (honorman), HM2 John Potts, HNs George Swars and Phillip Corder, HM3 Barton Beecher, and HN Wayne Kenning. CAPT R. P. Dobbie, Chief, Surgical Service, who welcomed the new OP techs as full-fledged members of the team, is at extreme right. CDR Romaine Mentzer, Chief of the Nursing Service; Admiral Cokely, CDR Barbara Ellis, OR instructor; and CAPT Dean Schufeldt, Executive Officer, are seated. Five of the graduates — Everett, Reiter, Flores, Taylor, and Kenning — will remain at Oak Knoll. Salsbury goes to MCRD, San Diego, Crites to NTC, San Diego, Sheridan and Swars to NH, San Diego. Potts was ordered to USS DUBUQUE, Corder to NH, Bremerton, and Beecher to NAS, Lemoore.

12ND Art Contest At TI 16-22 April

The Annual 12ND Art Contest in the Treasure Island Library will be held 16-22 April. Those eligible to enter are 12ND military personnel, active or retired, their dependents, and civilian employees.

Prizes will be gift certificates from the Navy Exchange. Regulations limit the awarding of prizes to military personnel only. There is no limitation on the size, subject, or medium used. All entries must be matted or framed ready for hanging.

If you are interested in exhibiting, entry blanks and a copy of the rules may be obtained from the TI Library. The deadline for entries is 14 April 1967.

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Golf Instruction For 12ND Women

Golf instruction for active duty women in the Twelfth Naval District will begin 15 March, according to latest word from District Special Services. Classes will be held at the Municipal Golf Course, Alameda, at 1600 and 1700 and will continue for 10 weeks.

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Well Done for Almos From Hayward Police

HM1 Richard W. Almos of Staff Pers has been commended by Hayward Police Chief George Forth for his prompt action on 22 February when a seven-year-old boy was injured in an auto-pedestrian accident.

Almos immediately gave mouth-to-mouth resuscitation, which maintained the child's life until arrival of an ambulance. Although the child died in the hospital three hours later, Police Chief Forth credits Almos with prolonging his life. He wrote:

"I would like to commend Almos for his fine spirit of responsibility, his knowledgeable use of the resuscitation, and his concern for this, one of his fellow men."

Rec Committee Reports . . .

Everyone on the Enlisted Recreation Committee was happy to see the great turnout for the Sweetheart Dance, and we are quite sure those who came had a marvelous time. Special mention of those who made the club look so beautiful and inspiring is in order; so hats off to you, Tom D'Angelo, our decorating committee chairman, and all your little helpers — Chuck (Parachute) Adams, Gary (Flagpole Watcher) Lubarsky, Lynn Hammacker, Mike Heater, Teddy Theodores, Louie Collins, Bob Gossett, Bebe Foley, Maureen Estes, Larry Painter, Wally Stenblom and his wife, Jess Salinas, Bob Siebert (even the Marine Corps was there), Clark Farrell, Sharon Evans, and Dan Humphrey. A special thanks also to Dave James, our EM Club manager for his thoughtfulness in serving more buffet food on Sunday for those who couldn't make it Saturday night. Dave also made us feel great by congratulating us on the appearance of the club.

Now don't think for one single minute that the fun ends here, because YOUR and let me emphasize—YOUR—Enlisted Recreation Committee is just getting started. In the near and I mean very near future, there are many things in store for you and your friends.

Next—Reno night on 17 March! We will need dealers. But most of all we need all you gamblers to come, grab your handful of play money, and get in on the prizes.

Before long it will be summer and June—that means it's Hospital Corps Ball time again. Why, some of the girls are already looking for something to wear.

We're happy to have the staff take an interest in the activities, and we are eager to do our best for you. That's our purpose.

**WAYNE E. HAWKINS, HM1
Enlisted Recreation Chairman**

Interesting Hobbies



Oak Knoll Flying Club's Cessna at Hayward Airport.

Knoll Flyers "Seeing the World" In Jointly-Owned Cessna Skyhawk

Oak Knoll Flyers, Inc., is the name of a flying club started a few years ago by a group of Oak Knoll doctors and nurses who wanted to have an airplane which would be to each member like his own plane, yet which would be maintained and paid for by a large enough group so the investment of time and money would not be excessive.

At first the group had a Cessna 140—a good airplane for beginners and inexpensive to operate. Later they traded for the currently owned Cessna 172 Skyhawk, which is also a good airplane for beginners, not too expensive, and has four-passenger and cross-country capabilities.

Club members have flown cross-country to Baja California, for fishing and to Guaymas, Mexico; Las Vegas, Reno, Lake Tahoe, Mt. Shasta, Portland, and to Los Angeles to visit Disneyland. Recently two ski trips were made to the Mammoth Ski Area, which is a 1½ hour flight from the Hayward airport. The Mammoth area airport

is now equipped with fuel and telephone service and next year will have motel and limousine services.

Availability of the airplane in the past has been virtually unlimited and in this respect has been like a privately owned airplane. At present the airplane is being used part time as an instrument training plane in return for which full maintenance, additional radio gear, payment of certain fixed expenses, and telephone scheduling service are provided.

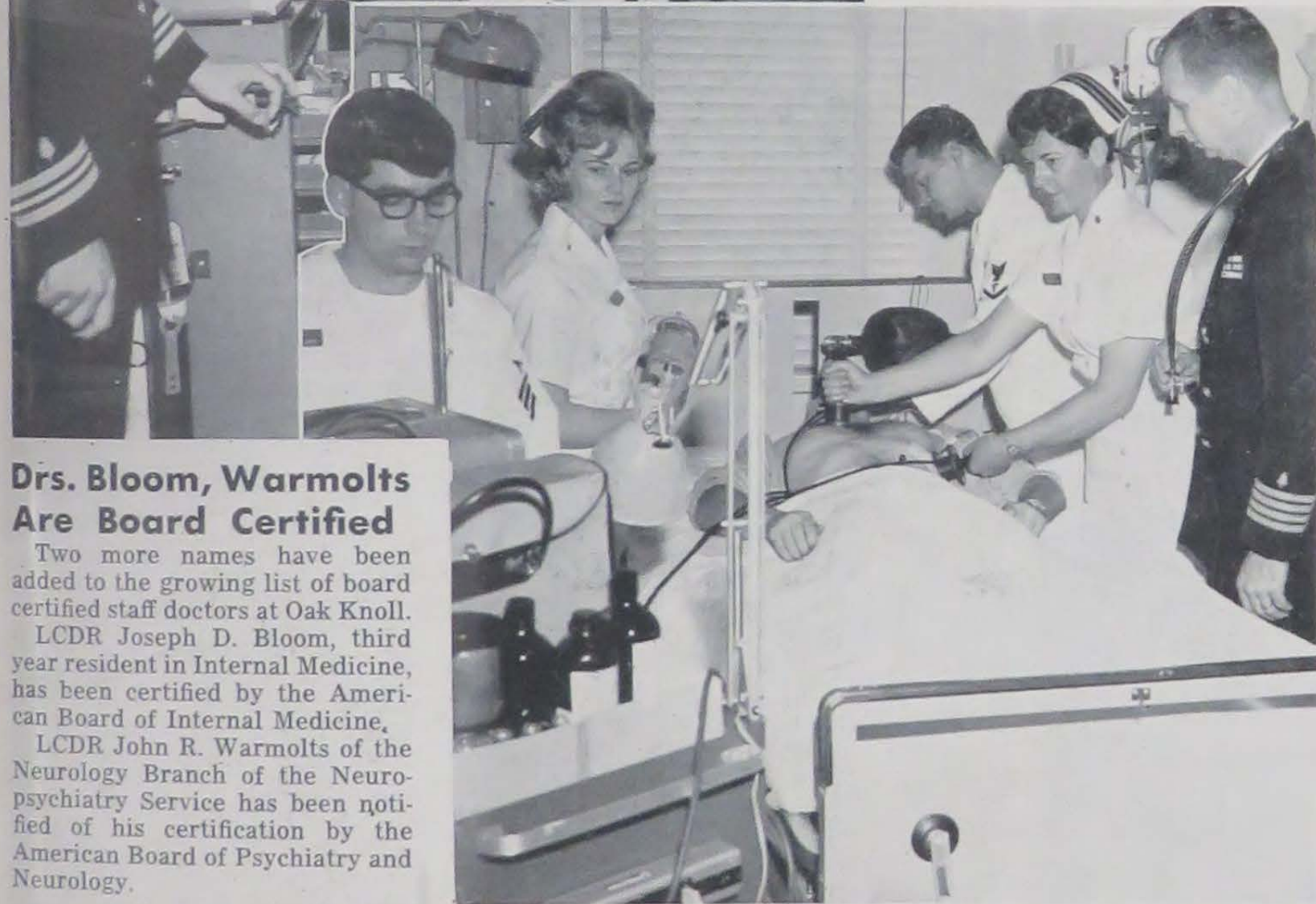
This all adds up to a lot of fun and a pretty economical way to fly for those who are interested. Club membership requires a full refundable initiation fee, 10¢ monthly dues, and \$4.50 per flying hour plus gas. Currently there is space for six more members, and this article was written in the hope of locating Oak Knoll persons who might be interested in flying or learning to fly. For more information please contact LCDR Sta Donahoo, Orthopedic Service, or LCDR Pat Burkett, ENT-Service.

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Drs. Bloom, Warmolts Are Board Certified

Two more names have been added to the growing list of board certified staff doctors at Oak Knoll.

LCDR Joseph D. Bloom, third year resident in Internal Medicine, has been certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine.

LCDR John R. Warmolts of the Neurology Branch of the Neuropsychiatry Service has been notified of his certification by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology.

Tickets for "Hamlet"

Discount tickets for "Hamlet" at Circle Star Theater, San Carlos, Saturday, 1 April, are available at Special Services. Each ticket admits two, with service charge of \$2.50.

USAF Academy Choir To Sing Here 8 April

Coming to the Oak Knoll Auditorium Saturday, 8 April at 1400—the USAF Academy Choir! The 100-man choir, during its seven-year existence has grown to a nationally recognized male chorus of outstanding capability.

Under the guidance of James Roger Boyd, academy organist and director of cadet choral activities, its repertoire includes American

folk songs, spirituals, Broadway show tunes, and patriotic airs.

The choir has appeared in various communities throughout the U. S. as well as on local and national radio and television. It has appeared on the Coca Cola Show, Chevy Show, and the Today Show, recorded for the U. S. Treasury Department, and been broadcast throughout the world on the

Coronary Care Unit—First In the Navy—Opens on 65B

The Navy's first Coronary Care Unit was opened here 27 February with Admiral Cokely officiating at the ribbon-cutting. The four-bed facility equipped with electronic monitoring and treatment equipment is staffed by Cardiac Specialist Nurses, Corpsmen, and Corpswaves.

The new unit is ready to accept acute cardiac patients from a wide geographic area including the Twelfth Naval District, ships within reach of Oak Knoll by air-evac, and a large section of the Pacific Coast. Cardiac evacuees from Vietnam will also be treated in the new unit. In addition, unit personnel are available for telephone consultation to any of the Navy facilities served by Oak Knoll.

Patients with heart attacks or related cardiovascular disorders will be rapidly admitted to the Coronary Care Unit during the critical early period of their convalescence. The Unit is organized to provide round-the-clock observation and recordings of the patient's heart rate and rhythm, blood pressure, respiratory status, and other vital signs.

Nursing and Hospital Corps personnel have been specially trained in the basic pathology and physiology of heart disease, basic electrocardiography, techniques of cardio-pulmonary resuscitation, maintenance and use of electronic cardiovascular equipment, and other related functions. These cardiac specialists act as assistant cardiologists, providing a continuous link between the heart patient and his doctor. With constant data collection and reporting, Ward Medical and Coronary Unit doctors will be able to make quick treatment decisions as patients' conditions change.

The new Coronary Care Unit, like others in medical centers throughout the country, is part of a larger effort to reduce mortality due to heart attack. The death rate from heart attack is between 20 and 30 per cent for patients who reach a hospital. Recent experience indicates that coronary care units can cut heart attack mortality almost in half. The present focus of attention is prevention of sudden cardiac death by the early recognition of changes in heart rhythm and rate and prompt institution of drug and electronic therapy. Future attention will be directed to the yet unsolved problems of treatment of shock and congestive heart failure in coronary patients.

Located on Ward 65B, the CCU forms an independent section of the Special Care Unit. It will operate as a branch of the Medical Service, under the supervision of CAPT Henry Sparks, Chief of Medicine, and with LCDR Gerald Wolff, Head of Cardiology, directly in charge. LT Laura Caustin is Coronary Charge Nurse.

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CAPT Henry A. Sparks, right, leads a Coronary Care Unit resuscitation drill. Other CCU personnel, from left to right, are HN James Poirier, LTJG Arlene Inskip, HM3 James Riley, and LT Laura Caustin.

In the photo at left, above, LCDR Gerald Wolff and LT Laura Caustin demonstrate the Coronary Care Unit "crash cart" for the Commanding Officer and Executive Officer during the CCU opening 27 February.

Armed Forces Radio Network. It has appeared with the Denver Symphony, Air Force Symphony, and the USAF Academy Band.

All patients and staff, military and civilian, their families and friends, are invited to attend the concert, which promises to be an outstanding treat for all who love music.

The Oak Leaf

Naval Hospital, Oakland, California

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+ + CHAPLAIN'S CORNER + +

It is not possible to have your cake and eat it. Many would possess by over-powering and devouring via many subtle and devious means and ways. They simply must be king of the hill or they won't play.

A word for would-be kings—

Man was not made to lord it over others but to meet them on the level. This may quickly be interpreted as the pressing down of heads until no one stands taller than anyone else, but that would be a false interpretation. There are certain qualities that cause a man to stand tall. Among these is the quality of serving. No one stands taller than those who humbly and sincerely bend low to help the less fortunate to rise and stand taller. This raises the level which it behooves each one of us to strive for in our own way for the common good. When the good Lord told the parable of the Good Samaritan, He was illustrating a lesson and truth for life. As He would stoop with compassion to raise the hurt and the fallen, He informs us of who our neighbor is and what our attitude must be. The goodness, strength, and truth of this is self-evident. It is a lesson which the bulk of mankind has still to learn. So many seem so dedicated to getting and grabbing that it doesn't occur to them that it shall ever be true that, "It is more blessed to give than to receive," and that means you and not money. When we invest our life for the good of life, we will be blessed.

—L. C. M. VOSELER, Senior Chaplain

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

CATHOLIC

Palm Sunday, 19 March

0830 and 1215 Mass, Blessing & Distribution of Palms (Main Chapel).

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, 20, 21, 22 March

1200 Mass (Oratory)

Thursday, 23 March

1200 Mass (Oratory)
Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 1630

Friday, 24 March

1200 Veneration of the Cross, Reading of the Passion and Distribution of Holy Communion (Oratory)

1530 Stations of the Cross (Oratory)

Saturday, 25 March

No Mass
1930-2100 Confessions (Oratory)

Easter Sunday, 26 March

0830 and 1215 Mass (Main Chapel)

PROTESTANT

Palm Sunday, 19 March

1030 Protestant Service

Maunday Thursday, 23 March

1200 Holy Communion

Good Friday, 24 March

1200 "The Seven Last Words"

Easter Sunday, 26 March

1030 Easter Service
All Protestant Services will be held in the Main Chapel.

Opportunity to Attend Good Friday Services

Chiefs of Services and Divisions and Heads of Branches are encouraged to provide military personnel with such opportunity as may be practical to attend Good Friday services in the hospital chapel, at times as published, or in local churches.

A liberal policy is recommended in granting leave to civilian employees who wish to attend services of their choice in local churches, or to attend services in the hospital chapel without charge to leave.

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CO to Be Speaker At Officers' Wives' 12 April Brunch

A 1000 Brunch on Wednesday, 12 April, is the next event on the Officers' Wives' Club calendar.

The well-known guest speaker will be RADM H. J. Cokely, husband of the club's honorary president, who will discuss "Future Plans for Oak Knoll."

Wives of Navy doctors in San Francisco for the American College of Physicians meeting have been invited. Hostesses are wives of officers in the Chaplains, Dermatology, and Pathology Services, with Mrs. David B. Rulon, Mrs. L. C. M. Vosseler, and Mrs. Willis I. Cottel in charge.

Coming 7 April—O' Wives' Spring Bake Sale

Cookies and cup cakes will be converted into cash for the Officers' Wives' Club Scholarship fund on 7 April when the Club



HM3 Cecil L. Farine departed recently for his home in Eureka, California to Camp Pendleton for service with the Fleet Marines. During nearly three years at Oak Knoll Farine distinguished himself by diligent service to his ward and the patients under his care, according to the CO's Letter of Appreciation, which was presented by CAPT Dean Schufeldt, Executive Officer, with LCDR Esther Heston, NP Supervisor, looking on. The letter referred to Farine's knowledge of neuropsychiatric techniques, ability to adjust to changing concepts of treatment, quiet leadership, mature judgment, and genuine interest in helping each patient. "These fine qualities have earned for you the respect of your patients and the admiration of all your associates," the CO's letter concluded.



ON WITH THE NEW JG STRIPES! CDR Romaine Mentzer, Chief of the Nursing Service is getting lots of practice in the art of pinning on new shoulder boards. These belong to LTJG Israel S. Miller, one of the Navy's first male nurses. Reporting aboard 1 December 1965, he has since been assigned to the Urology Service. Lawrence, Mass., is his home, Bellevue Hospital School of Nursing his alma mater.

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Wednesday Tour of OT For Junior JANGOs

JANGOs will meet at the Administration Building steps at 1000, 22 March, for a tour of Occupational Therapy, followed by lunch at the Officers' Club (65 cents).

Capping ceremonies are planned for May, and anyone who needs to make up hours may combine work with pleasure on this date.

Bronze Star Medal For Father Kane

LT Edward F. Kane, Chaplain, Corps, USNR, has received the Bronze Star Medal for heroic achievement in Vietnam.

Father Kane was serving as Chaplain with the Second Battalion, Fifth Marines, First Marine Division, last October. During Operation Prairie, near Dong Ha, his unit was conducting a search and destroy mission when it was ambushed by a North Vietnamese force. The point Marine was killed instantly.

"Father Kane moved from his covered position and under heavy small arms and automatic weapons fire, assisted in evacuation of the dead Marine and administered the last rites of the Roman Catholic Church. Later, near Phu An Village, Lieutenant Kane was with F Company, Second Battalion, Fifth Marines, when the unit came under attack from a large North Vietnamese Army force using machine gun, automatic weapons and small arms fire. Several Marines were wounded in the initial burst of fire and fell in positions exposed to continuing hostile fire. Again disregarding the danger, Father Kane selflessly moved among the wounded rendering aid and comfort until he was himself seriously wounded by machine gun fire.

"His heroic actions inspired all who observed him and considerably enhanced the esprit de corps of his unit," according to the citation, signed by LTGEN V. H. Krulak, Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific.

Father Kane received the Bronze Star from Admiral Cokely the day of his transfer to the VA Hospital at Long Beach. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph D. Kane, live in Carlsbad, Calif.

holds its Spring Bake Sale Friday, 7 April, in the Navy Exchange Lobby.

The sale will begin at 0900.

Knoll Blood Bank Accredited for Another Three

Accreditation of the Oak Knoll Blood Bank for another three-year period has been announced by the American Association of Blood Banks, according to word CAPT D. B. Rulon, Chief, Laboratory Service, recently received from Dr. George J. Hummer, Association president.

Accreditation followed completion of a comprehensive questionnaire and inspection of the blood bank by one of the Association's volunteer specialists.

The purpose of the voluntary inspection and accreditation program is to elevate the standards of practice within the transfusion service, to assist the blood bank director in determining whether procedures being employed meet the established standards, and to provide consultation service, thus assuring patients of increased safety of human blood transfusions.

"Continuing voluntary participation in the program is outstanding evidence of the blood bank's effort to provide superlative service to hospital patients," Dr. Hummer wrote.

change or think 95% alcohol is absolute alcohol.

LIFE BEGAN 1 March for Nancy Jane Lucas, 6 lb. 9 oz. daughter of LT John Lucas of Pathology and his wife Patricia. . . . On 1 March for William Beecher Echols, III, 8 lb. son of LT William Echols of ENT and wife Judy. . . . On 2 March for Kimberly Sayson, 7 lb. 4½ oz. daughter of the CPO Club's HM1 Ernesto Sayson and his wife Aniceta.



Constant cardiac monitoring is the central feature of a coronary care unit. Here HN Gerald P. Nelson, the "patient," is "monitored" by HN Poirier, LT Caustin, and CDR Romaine Mentzer.

CCU Personnel Specially Trained

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Other nursing personnel include LT Arlene Inskip, LTJGs Evelyn Talley, Ann Shepard, Esther Stenhouse, Alphine Carnes, Virginia Hipsley, and ENS Patricia Homan. Corpsmen and Waves with Coronary Care Special Training include HNs Sylvia Kelley, and Rose M. Morganti, James G. Poirier, Dale E. Baland, Jeffrey Brickell, and



When LCDR Georgie I. Simpson, MSC, retired 1 March, she received congratulations and best wishes from the Navy Surgeon General and from CAPT Dean Schufeldt, XO, and a large group of her associates at Oak Knoll. Recognizable in the background, from left, are LT Judith Culver, MSC; LCDR Richard M. Hofmann, MC; LCDRs Muriel White and Dorothea Wheeler, MSC; CAPT David B. Rulon, MC; CDR Ruth L. Flickinger, MSC; and LCDR James Biemer, MC.

Dr. Apgar to Speak Here Wednesday Night

Virginia Apgar, MD, Director of the Division of Congenital Malformations, National Foundation, will be the guest speaker when CAPT James P. Semmens and members of his OB-GYN staff act as hosts at the 22 March meeting of the Alameda Gynecological Society. The dinner meeting will be held in the Officers' Club beginning with cocktails at 1830.

The noted doctor will speak on "Early Diagnosis of Congenital Anomalies."

All staff officers are invited to attend.

LCDR Simpson Retires—to New Job With IBM

When LCDR Georgie I. Simpson, MSC, retired 1 March, she had to take time off from her new job in Bethesda, Md., to come back for the ceremony, which included the reading of a letter of appreciation from the Surgeon General.

Miss Simpson, who spent three and a half years as a microbiologist at Oak Knoll and 20 years, one month, and five days in the Navy, is now with the Space Science Center of the Federal Systems Division of International Business Machines.

As a staff engineer ("They couldn't think of anything else to call me"), Miss Simpson serves as administrator of the biotechnology laboratory to study the environment of manned space systems.

"It's entirely new work—a challenge," said small, salty Miss Simpson, who obviously thrives on such things.

With a BS Degree from University of Richmond, Va., and an MS from University of Wisconsin, she was commissioned in January 1944. She had already worked as junior engineer for Gruman Aircraft Corporation and instructor in the College of Veterinary Medicine at Washington State University. Later, under Navy auspices she studied mycology at Duke University, Durham, N. C., and virology at CDC, Montgomery, Ala.

Early in her career she was assistant to the exterior ballistics officer and recreation officer for WAVES at Naval Proving Ground, Dahlgren, Va. At NH, St. Albans, she was WR for WAVES and had the responsibility for activating quarters from housing for 30 to 300 for Korean recall. She came to this hospital after teaching bacteriology at NNMC, Bethesda.

Who knows? Perhaps after mastering her new job, LCDR Simpson will head for the moon.

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Alcohol—a liquid good for preserving almost everything but secrets.



NEW HALF STRIPE: CDR Romaine Mentzer, Chief of the Nursing Service, did the honors when Virginia M. Frates was promoted to Lieutenant Commander on 7 March. Miss Frates, a native Californian with a BS Degree from U.C., Berkeley, is on duty in the NP Service. She has been on active duty since March 1962 and at Oak Knoll since 8 February 1966, when she reported from NH, Guam. Her family home is in San Jose.

Scuttlebutt

ANYONE FOR SQUARE DANCING? HM1 Colonel Surratt is back from Rota, Spain, where he became proficient in the art of square dance calling. He is eager to organize a class or club here like the lively all-military one at Rota. "In 12-16 weeks members would know all the basics of square dancing, and there's no better exercise or more fun," says Surratt, who can be reached by calling Ext. 376.

DO YOU KNOW that at 0237 Tuesday, Spring will be here, rain or shine? That Navy Exchange is selling Easter Baskets and Easter Eggs by the dozen? That tomorrow night the EM Club will present "The Rising Tide"—a rock and roll dance beginning at 1900 with free refreshments and buffet? That Drs. Goldthwaite, Parsons, and Billings are members of the Oak Knoll Flying Club?

CAPT SEMMENS & HIS CREW look forward to clear skies and gentle breezes. The doctor's latest acquisition—"a sort of department project"—is a 24-foot sailboat—an Islander Bahama named the "Why Not?" And when you ask him how come "Why Not?" ask also about the flag his crew designed for him.

A "MASTER'S THESIS" (An on-the-job trainee at Pharmacy who made the mistake of thinking absolute alcohol was 95% alcohol; was asked to write 200 words on the way to make 95% the same as absolute alcohol. Here is the result.)

The mysteries of chemistry are a wonder in nature and intriguing to man. In the days of alchemy, lead was treated chemically to make gold, but to no avail. Today, due to modern science, transmutation of one element to another is now possible. New elements have been created, increasing the knowledge of man and extending his dreams of the future to greater horizons. There is, however, one thing man cannot do, and that includes me. I cannot change 95% alcohol into absolute alcohol. Even though I thought this possible I tried many things and checked many sources. The Remington (our pharmacy cook-book and container of vast amounts of information) could not give me the answer. I even went so far as to heat the alcohol so I could dry it up, but that didn't work. When defeat was finally admitted on my part, my superiors comforted me by telling me it can't be done. So let it be a lesson to you who may try to



THAT FINE TV SET is just one of 14 Mrs. Agnes Duffy (in light dress), President of the California Women's Bowling Association, Inc., recently delivered to Oak Knoll. CPL Raymond C. Lopez of 76A is among the many who will be entertained by the bowlers' generous gift, purchased from funds available through the Bowlers Victory Legion program, which serves military and veteran hospitals. Accompanying Mrs. Duffy the night of the presentation were, from left, Vira Power, Adele Stebbins, Mary Alves, Ruby Anderson, Harriett Reeves, Vi Vann, Sylvia Stovell, Nellis Norris, Ben Fox, Marie Reid, and Vivian Fox—representatives of the Richmond Women's Bowling Association and West Contra Costa Men's Bowling Association. Mrs. Duffy's organization has previously contributed substantial cash gifts for purchase of bowling equipment for the hospital bowling center, garden furniture, pianos, and other television sets!

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Navy Enlisted Nursing Education Program Leads to NC Commission

The Navy Enlisted Nursing Education Program (NENEP) is a college program for outstanding petty officers of the Hospital Corps on active duty which leads to appointment to commissioned grade as a Nurse Corps officer in the Naval Reserve. The primary consideration when recommending, interviewing, processing, and selecting candidates for this program is their ability and potential to succeed and pursue a career as a Nurse Corps officer. NENEP is a three or four year nursing program in a college or university designated by the Chief, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, which leads to a baccalaureate degree in nursing.

Upon receipt of a baccalaureate degree, selectees will take the required state board examinations for licensing as a registered nurse, be commissioned as Ensign, ordered to officer candidate training and upon successful completion thereof, ordered to duty in a selected naval hospital. Commissioned graduates of this program must serve on active duty for 4 years after receiving their commissions.

Eligibility requirements

1. Citizen of the United States.
2. Must not have reached the 24th birthday by 1 July of the year in which the application is submitted. Waiver of age may be granted by the Chief of Naval Personnel on the basis of 1 year for each year of fully transferable college credits.
3. HM3 and above.

4. Combined GCT/ARI score of 118.

5. Must be a high school graduate with a grade average of at least C Plus.

If you meet the above basic requirements and desire participation in the NENEP program see your Career Counselor, Education and Training, Building 25A.

HM1 C. E. ADAMS, USN

BuPers to Issue Airline Tickets

Traveling is getting easier all the time. Now BuPers has installed a machine that will make reservations and issue an airline ticket to people with official orders.

Called "Airline Telleticketing," the device connects the BuPers traffic branch with airline offices. Then BuPers either may send the tickets to the travelers or let them pick up the tickets when they go to the airport. The machine will be of special help to dependents where getting reservations and tickets is inconvenient.

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If you want to get the correct slant on somebody, watch what he does when he has nothing to do.

Great men forget themselves in serving others. Small men forget others in serving themselves.

King Arthur: Knight, I heard that you were misbehaving.
Knight: In what manor, Sire?

Knoll Out-Bowls NSC, Grabs Class B 12ND Championship

Oak Knoll Men's Bowling team wound up its season in first place Monday night; so it's all over but the shouting and the trophy presentation!

Until Monday night the Knollites were tied with Hunters Point with 23½ games won. NSC, Oakland, was leading the B League with 26. Then Oak Knoll traveled to NSC and impolitely took all three games, to move half a point ahead. At the same time Skaggs Island defeated Hunters Point and

finished the season by tying for second with NSC.

Tautalatasi, jubilant team spokesman, who has been high man on several occasions, and has the high average (174) reluctantly revealed the following individual scores for Monday night's title-winning match.

Franz	196	188	182—566
Jucutan	191	196	172—559
Vosseler	162	172	194—528
Snider	156	184	178—518
Tautalatasi	159	186	161—506

Champion Al Thompson To Show Local Bowlers How on 31 March

Al Thompson, 1962 Ohio State All-Events champion and member of the Brunswick Advisory Staff, will appear in a special bowling program here Friday, 31 March.

The Cleveland bowler will take part in an exhibition match and offer instruction on the tenpin sport starting at 1000.

Thompson has been bowling since 1955. In addition to his Ohio State title, he won the local BPAA All-Star qualifying test in 1961 and placed second in the 1961 ABC Classic Division singles.

He holds the Cleveland and state record of competing in six different leagues during one season (1958-59) and averaging over 200 in each. He was also a member of the 1960 Cleveland Kegler All-Star team and bowled on the 1957 Cleveland City championship squad. His high sanctioned game is a 299 and his high series is a 789.

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Al Thompson, Champion

If You Can Write, Read This:

There is still time to enter the Armed Forces Writers League short story contest. Deadline is April 1. Unpublished stories of 1,800 words or less are desired from amateur writers on any subject. First prize is \$50, with 25 other awards. Entries must be submitted on an official entry form available from AFWL, George Washington Station, Alexandria, Va. 22305.

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HAIL - FAREWELL

OFFICERS REPORTING:
CDR E. T. FLATLEY, CHC, from NavSta, Atsugi, Japan.

LCDRs J. G. CHANDLER and R. L. TELANDER, MC, USNR, from Third MarDiv (Reinf), FMF, to Surgical Service.
LCDR DORIS A. BURSON, NC, from NH, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

OFFICERS DETACHED:
LT E. E. JENKINS, MSC, USNR, to FtMedServSchool, MarCorBase, Camp Pendleton, Calif.
LT MARTHA J. CURTIS, NC, USNR, to inactive duty.

ENLISTED REPORTING:
HM1 RONALD D. ATWOOD from USS SOUTHERLAND (DD-743)

HM2s LAWRENCE P. LAMARCH from NAS, Moffett Field; EUGENIO R. MANZANO, JR., NavHosp, Camp Pendleton; RICHARD G. SLAGTER, USS REPOSE (AH-16), and JOHN C. TERRY, III, from NTCS, San Diego.

HM3s BILLY J. BATES, M2STSPAC NSC, Oakland; ALFREDO P. PEREA, NTCS, San Diego; RONALD A. SANDOVAL, NAS, Barbers Point, Hawaii; CHARLENE L. CARLSON, NavSta, TI, San Francisco; HM3 CHARLES L. PALMER, NavHosp, Long Beach; PN3 THOMAS J. RODIMAN, from patient status; HN3 ALDEN A. FOUCHY, NavHosp, San Diego; STEVEN E. WILDMAN, MarCorps Base, Camp Pendleton.

ENLISTED DEPARTING:

A large contingent of HN3s departed during the past month. BARBARA A. LASURE went to NavHosp, Charleston, S.C.; KENNETH L. CLAEYS and JAMES GREEN to NavRad Lab, San Francisco; LAWRENCE A. ATKINS and JOHN M. ROHR to SF Bay Naval Shipyard, Mare Island; JACK LESLIE and RICHARD WHITMIRE to NWS, Concord; NICHOLAS F. DRENCHEN, Jr., ROBERT L. PHILLIPS, and KENNETH S. VAUGHN to NavHosp, Long Beach; JAMES G. LOPEZ and THOMAS W. YOUNG to NAS, Alameda; LARRY GORE to NAAS, Fallon, Nev.; DELMA G. STAPLETON to NavSta, Treasure Island, and RALPH E. BASSETT to ALF, Monterey.

HA AMERICA M. JACKSON was released from active duty.



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Friday, 31 March 1967



Oak Knoll has received a Special Achievement Certificate from the National Commander of American Veterans of World War II "for outstanding service to the organization and to the community which it serves." The framed certificate was presented to Admiral Cokely by John Engberg, California State Commander of AMVETS and long-time friend of the hospital. The award was inspired by the help staff members gave the veterans' organization in connection with "Operation Sleigh-ride," which united several Vietnam casualties with their parents during the holidays. The certificate, which may be seen in the passageway outside the XO's office, is signed by the organization's present commander, A. Leo Anderson.

Uniform Change to Identify NavPers Serving With Marines

Navy personnel serving with the Marine Corps will henceforth be recognizable as Navy.

A distinctive Navy collar grade device, bronzed, will be worn by enlisted personnel on the right collar of the utility shirt. The device will be a fouled anchor for chief petty officers, a spread eagle above chevrons for petty-officers, and a diagonal stripe for nonrated men. The hospital corpsman or dental technician insignia now in use will be worn on the left collar. Officers will continue to wear Navy rank and corps insignia on the Marine Corps utility uniform.

"U.S. Navy" will be stenciled on the left breast pocket in place of "USMC" and the MarCorps emblem. The utility cap will be unmarked except that the Navy grade insignia may be worn when prescribed by the cognizant Marine Corps authority.

"The accomplishments of the 'Marine doctor' and the 'Marine medic' are frequently reported in various public media. We value our close camaraderie and long association with the Marine Corps, but we are also proud of our naval heritage and the significant role the Medical Department has been

charged with since it was authorized 125 years ago. The Navy Medical Department can indeed take pleasure in its own accomplishment." (Continued on Page 4)

Dental Service Solves Critical Personnel Shortage While Training Civilian Girls for Useful Careers



Carolyn Neely learns while providing chairside assistance for Doctor Flynn.

LTJG Massey Decorated for Vietnam Service

LTJG John A. Massey, PMT instructor, has received the Navy Commendation Medal for meritorious service as an Environmental Sanitation Officer with the 1st Medical Battalion, 1st Marine Division, in connection with operations against Viet Cong forces in Vietnam from 21 March 1966 to 19 January 1967.

"As a member of the Preventive Medicine Section, LTJG Massey was responsible for inspecting sanitation of food service facilities of the division, a duty he performed with exceptional competence.

"Drawing on his broad professional background, he formulated and conducted a specialized training program to raise food service standards and field sanitation practices. In addition, as Battalion Civil Affairs Officer, LTJG Massey established excellent liaison with Vietnamese civil health authorities, Republic of Korea Marines, and Military Hospital Assistance Program personnel. He also supervised the battalion's Medical Civil Affairs Program.

"With complete disregard for his own safety, LTJG Massey repeatedly exposed himself to hostile fire to travel throughout the division's tactical area of responsibility. As a result of his tireless efforts, the relationship between the various military and civilian aid personnel in the Chu Lai area was significantly enhanced," the citation accompanying the medal read in part. (See Photo, Page 4)

USAFA Choir Coming at 1000 Saturday, 8 April

The USAF Academy Cadet Choir will sing in the Oak Knoll Auditorium at 1000 Saturday, 8 April, with James Roger Boyd directing.

The program will include folk songs, a spiritual, a Broadway show tune, and patriotic airs.

Patients and staff, military and civilian, their families and friends are invited to attend the concert.

Special attention is called to the new time for the choir's appearance, which was originally scheduled for the afternoon of the same date.

Rear Admiral Rank For Dr. Reifenstein

Dr. G. H. Reifenstein, Technical Director of Clinical Research and Medical Education for BuMed, has been promoted to flag rank in the Navy Medical Corps Reserve.

Doctor Reifenstein headed Oak Knoll's Cardiology Branch while on active duty at Oak Knoll from 1955-1957. He continued to serve the hospital as a civilian consultant during several years when he was Director of Medical Education at St. Mary's Hospital, San Francisco.

CAPT Robert A. Middleton, Chief of the Dental Service, and members of his staff have solved a serious personnel shortage in a way that is proving beneficial to the hospital and to the seven young women selected for training as dental assistants.

The decision to participate in a county work experience program came after the Vietnam conflict cut the number of Dental Technicians serving Oak Knoll's 13 Dental Officers to 10 and after a manpower evaluation team had recommended a minimum enlisted staff of 19.

Captain Middleton communicated with the Contra Costa County Social Service training coordinator last August, presenting his plan for training. The plan was approved and availability of the

training subsequently announced.

About 40 applications for the training were received. Applicants were screened through written examinations and simple dexterity tests. Of fourteen candidates interviewed by Captain Middleton, seven were selected. The first trainee began the program in early July, but the formal training for her and the other six began in October.

During the first six months of on-the-job training the girls have performed general housekeeping duties, received patients, had records and X-rays ready for each appointment. They have studied dental X-ray technique, adjustment of X-ray equipment, processing of X-ray films, and basic dental anatomy. They have learned

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"Young Marriages — Stop, Look and THINK"

The partner in marriage must be old enough, developed enough, independent enough, and mature enough, successfully to assume the responsibilities of marriage.

Two 16-year-old juniors in high school may, as a result of uninhibited company-keeping, feel a strong desire to marry at once. Both the desire to marry and the choice of a partner may be grossly unintelligent.

Most probably the boy has no job, no sure source of income, and even if he quits school and takes a job, it will hardly be lucrative enough for some years to support a wife and possible family. The girl too, is hardly prepared at such an age to fill the role of wife and mother. She thinks marriage is a lark, a great adventure. What will happen when she finds that very often it means living in a dingy one-bedroom apartment with broken plaster and plumbing that does not work?

Moreover, at that age they are scarcely perceptive enough to be certain that they are choosing the right boy or girl. Often they find that in two or three years their ideas have completely changed.

There are, it is true, exceptional cases in which such teen-age marriages work out successfully. Usually this is because there are parents in the background who can and do support the young couple until they are able to support themselves (which may be a matter of years), and because the youngsters involved have reached about as high a level of maturity as they will ever achieve. Thus, they remain content throughout most of their lives with a mediocre level of development and are not bothered greatly by thoughts of what they might have done or might have become had they not married so early in life.

The man or woman must be willing to abandon important aspirations and ambitions that are rendered impossible of fulfillment by an early marriage.

Many a senior in high school has a strong desire, encouraged by some degree of success in studies, to go through college, to become a doctor, lawyer, or scientist, nurse, school teacher or social worker, and thus prepare for the future use of energies and talents. Now the boy and girl fall in love. A powerful instinct for marriage asserts itself. They ask themselves: "What shall we do?"

If they decide to marry shortly after graduation from high school, this choice is intelligent only if each boldly faces the fact that this usually means abandoning other aspirations and ambitions. They may, as many do, try to compromise. After marriage, the man gets a job and then goes to night school or takes correspondence courses to advance himself. But only in rare circumstances will his real ambition be fulfilled, and he will have to battle with frustration throughout his whole life.

The girl may also try to finish her schooling after marriage. However, most of the time she will find that trying to be a school girl and home maker is too much for her. Very probably, too, she will become pregnant and have to drop out of school.

Minor circumstances must not be permitted to rush the partners into marriage when major considerations make this imprudent.

All sorts of circumstances exert undue influence today in the matter of rushing young people into marriage.

There is the widely deplored custom that after a certain boy has had a couple of dates with a certain girl, their friends look upon them as belonging to each other and not to be dated by anyone else. This often makes the boy think that he owes something to the girl who has thus been set apart for him, even though he has never been out with any other girl. So he asks her to marry him.

There is also the foolish notion, promoted by much of the advertising and secular reading matter forced on the attention of young people, that the most important thing in the world is romantic love, that romantic love is the only thing required for a happy marriage, and that once romantic love takes hold of one, no power on earth should prevent one from leaping into marriage. All this is nonsense, but it is powerful nonsense for the young.

Our intelligence is indeed important, but seldom more important to us than when we are making that choice of a lifelong partner for marriage.

—CHAPLAIN COLIN E. SUPPLE

DOD CASUALTY STATISTICS show that 8,075 U.S. service personnel have lost their lives in RVN through hostile actions from 1 January 1961 through 11 March 1967. Additionally, 1,764 lost their lives from non-hostile action.

THE OLDEST NAVY SHIP on continuous active commission, fleet oiler USS CIMARRON, celebrated her 28th anniversary 15 March at special ceremonies in Pearl Harbor.



LCDR Dennis D. Flynn, DC, delivers a lecture to the dental assistant trainees, from left, Coraleen Robinson, Susan Hintz, Beatrice Scott, Zelda De Paoli, Carolyn Neely, Emma Moore, and Cheryl Byrd.



On-the-job training prepares girls for careers as dental assistants, helps Dental Service overcome personnel shortage.

Marine Social Section Now in Auditorium

The social and recreation section of the Marine Liaison Office has moved to a new location in the east end of the auditorium, Bldg. 38, Ext. 598. SGT Richard J. Brown is in charge.

WO J. M. Mitchell and the administrative section of Marine Liaison are still located in Bldg. 101 adjacent to the OOD's Office.

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Food Service Employee Dies of Heart Attack

King Milum, an employee of Food Service for the past five years, died of a heart attack while on the job 24 March. He was 47. He is survived by his wife Evelyn, 16 Foster Court, Oakland, to whom his fellow workers, military and civilian, extend deepest sympathy.



More on Dental Training Program

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proper precautions against the hazards of X-ray overexposure of themselves and their patients. They learned how to maintain dental records and provide chairside assistance.

The second six months of training will include more difficult and responsible tasks such as assistance in restorative dentistry and oral surgery and prosthetic dentistry.

During her year of training each employee also receives training in first aid and safety measures.

Each girl's time is spent predominantly at the side of a dentist, learning as she assists in treatment of patients. The girls are rotated through all work areas of the clinic and all specialties of dentistry except orthodontics. Formal lectures or demonstrations are presented to the group twice a week. The basic aim of the program is to teach all disciplines which might be required of an assistant in any military or civilian dental office.

Although no promises can be made concerning civilian employment, there is hope that a favorable recommendation may assist in placing the girls in local dental offices.

Benefits to the trainees while they prepare themselves for successful careers include pay, uniforms, transportation, and assistance in day care for children.

Benefits to the Oak Knoll Dental Service include constant chairside assistance for all dental officers, improved morale in the department, and greater dental treatment efficiency.

Scuttlebutt

WEDDING BELLS rang in Reno on 25 February when Miss Beverly Miller of CivPers became the bride of Robert Keller, with whom she now makes her home in Castro Valley . . . In Carson City, 13 March, when Miss Emma Palm of the Red Cross staff exchanged marriage vows with HM3 James L. Taylor of Security. After 20 days' leave Taylor reports to Camp Pendleton, while his bride locates in Bellevue, Wash., near his parents' home.

CONGRATULATIONS, ALSO to HM3 Marion G. Field, Jr., of Orthopedic Surgery. Field has been selected for the Navy Enlisted Nursing Education Program and will enroll at the University of Mississippi, Jackson, in September.

COMING UP! This weekend at Hall of Flowers, Golden Gate Park—the annual Ikebana Show. Special Services has \$1 tickets /or 25 cents. Just ask. . . Next Friday, 7 April, another delicious, delectable Officers' Wives' Club Bake Sale, with proceeds going into the scholarship fund . . . Next Saturday of course, the USAF Academy Choir at 1000. Don't miss this rare opportunity . . . And on 15 April the annual Shrine Circus in the new Oakland Coliseum. Hospital patients will be guests of the Aahmes Temple.

OAKNOLLUMNI: LTs John M. Casey, Kenneth German, and Jonathan Titus, intern class of '66, were graduated 6 April from the Naval Aerospace Medical Institute, Pensacola, Fla.

COLLECTOR'S ITEM: Mr. Bilsland, MSC biochemist, was re-appointed a LTJG after being on the temporary retired list as an ensign since 1961. The very same day, 6 March, he received his temporary appointment to LT. All of which is not too surprising. The MSC biochemist from Satsop, Wash., collects degrees as well at rates (HM to HM2) and ranks. He has two Bachelor of Science degrees—one in bacteriology and public health from Washington State University and one from the University of Oregon in fine arts (sculpture). He was working toward an MS in human physiology when he returned to active duty last November.

NEW KIND OF HONOR for LCDR J. A. Langevin of the Medical Service! He and Mrs. Langevin received the "Home of the Month" award for February for officers' single housing units at Naval Air Station, Alameda. A sign in their front yard attests to the neatness thereof!

DID YOU KNOW that Father Supple always organizes a jazz band wherever he goes? That Vivian Swoford was GLAD to get back to her desk after a week's vacation in La Paz, Mexico? That LT Frank Ennix is not only Legal—but also TAX officer and will be glad to help if you have a problem at this trying season? That Gladstone, the talking mynah bird, will interview patients on the Orthopedic Wards Monday afternoon? That LT Caustin of the Nurse Corps lists marine biology and diving among her hobbies? That HM3 Gaylene Dolan, chaplains' assistant, is a charming picture as she RACES down the 67B steps to morning muster? That Oak Knoll's newest civilian employees are Mary Smith, Andrea Weckesser,



The noted Dr. Virginia Apgar, Director, Division of Congenital Malformations, the National Foundation, happily posed for a picture with CAPT James P. Semmens, Chief of OB-GYN, and his staff during her visit here last week. Dr. Apgar made rounds with the doctors, participated in a peri-natal clinic, and spoke on "Early Diagnosis of Congenital Anomalies," before a meeting of the Alameda County Gynecological Society. The meeting at which Oak Knoll's OB-GYN staff members acted as hosts was held in the Officers' Club. With Doctor Apgar, front row, above are CDR J. F. Wurzel and Captain Semmens; second row, CDR L. H. Hughes, LT B. E. Taylor, LCDR G. C. Bonertz, LT W. D. Roche, Jr., LCDR N. K. Takaki, LCDR J. A. Olsen, LT J. B. Edwards, III, and LT C. W. Mathews.



CPL James Wyatt, USMC, of 76B spoke on 27 February to 300 boys at the 5-Mile Job Corps Conservation in Stanislaus National Forest, Sonora, where he received an enthusiastic round of applause. A letter from the center director followed him back to Oak Knoll, where it was delivered with the Admiral's "well done." Said the letter: "CPL Wyatt's personal fortitude and determination despite loss of his legs is a magnificent example to young men and provided a motivating impetus for them to continue in their own personal struggle to achieve success despite backgrounds of poverty and social deprivation."

Thelma Young, Roberta Aldrich, and Florine Resico, ward clerk trainees? That Doctor Zlotnick is on three weeks' leave in Japan?

LIFE BEGAN 16 March for Sara Lee-Ann Dixon, 7 lb. 3 oz. daughter of HM2 Wilbern Dixon of X-ray and his wife Virginia. . . 19 March for James Randall Beene, 7 lb. 15 oz. son of ENS Joe R. Beene, MSC (Blood Bank) and wife Paula. . . 22 March for Cynthia Anne Raley, 6 lb. 2 oz. daughter of HMC Benjamin H. Raley of the Laboratory and wife Gloria.

Rec Committee Plans Spring Hayride At Hayward's Big Oak Stables

Spring is in the air, and the Enlisted Recreation committee welcomes spring with a HAYRIDE to which all Staff Enlisted are invited. The hayride will be at Big Oak Stables on Cull Canyon Road in Hayward on 14 April beginning at 1900, and will end at 2400.

There will be a band for your listening and dancing enjoyment. Hamburgers, hot dogs, marshmallows, and potato salad will be available if you happen to get hungry, beer and soft drinks to quench your thirst.

This is to be a real old-fashioned hayride. A large turnout is expected for this event.

Tickets are 50 cents each, the money to be used to buy door prizes. You can purchase your tickets from any member of the Enlisted Recreation Committee. Buy early and avoid the rush.

Those of you who have transpor-

Little Allyson Loses Her Fight for Life

Allyson Burleson, the 5-year-old San Jose girl flown to Toronto, Canada, in mid-December for surgery to correct a congenital heart defect known as transposition of the great vessels, lost her fight for life on 13 March.

Her parents, AE2 and Mrs. George Burleson of San Jose were with her when she died. The little girl made good progress immediately after her operation, performed by its originator, Dr. William Mustard, but later her appetite failed, and she gradually grew weaker.

All who assisted in the effort to prolong Allyson's life—the Navy, Air Force, Medicare, Navy Relief, and personnel at the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto, where a memorial service was held for her, shared the family's grief at her passing.

tation problems, call HM1 Hawkins at 315 prior to 1600, 10 April.

RENO NIGHT at the EM Club was a resounding success, with about 250 people turning out.

It came as no great surprise when almost all of the participants turned out to be good gamblers. One hospital corpsman was almost too good. A series of fourteen straight natural passes at the crap table almost broke the house. At frequent intervals throughout the evening, there were calls from the various tables for more money.

The highlight of the evening was the auction. The master auctioneer, Chief D. R. Schneberger, auctioned off envelopes that contained the names of the prizes. Many surprises were contained within those envelopes. HM1 Hainsworth of the Laboratory Service paid \$7000.00 for a stuffed rabbit. HM2 Wallace of the Radiology Service paid \$5000.00 for a large cigar. The big prize of the evening was won by Mrs. C. E. Adams, who paid \$1500 for the portable stereo. Someone, whose face has been seen frequently at the EM Club bid successfully for a set of bar stool safety belts.

The distaff side of the Hospital Corps held its own at the gambling tables, but didn't do too well at the bidding. DN Estes paid \$4500 for a monster fly. HN Jackson fared a bit better in the bidding and took three stereo records back to the quarters for \$3200. HN Metrano made off with the dart board for \$1200.

The Enlisted Recreation Committee wishes to thank the auctioneer, Chief Schneberger, Carl Davis, Arthur Gallegos, J. Daniels, Gene Parkinson, Jim Turner, and Art Siebert for their masterful dealing. A special thanks to Harold's Club for all of the colorful posters, cards, dice, and other things which helped to make this a really enjoyable evening.

—WAYNE E. HAWKINS, HM1 Enlisted Recreation Chairman

12ND Bowling Tournament 11-13 April

The 12ND Bowling Tournament for men and women will be held 11, 12, and 13 April at Lucky Lanes, San Pablo, Calif., beginning each day at 1300.

Eighteen games (singles only) will be bowled in increments of six games over the three-day period.

Male entrants must have an average of 170 or above for 21 games during the 1966-67 season, with 31 March the cut-off date for averages. Women must have an average of 125 or above for 21 games during the season. These averages may be established in military or civilian leagues or lanes. Personnel not bowling this year may use a certified 1965-66 Blue Book average.

Personnel qualified and selected will be eligible to compete in the Pacific Coast Regional Tournament at the Naval Shipyard, Bremerton, Wash., in early May.

Awards will be presented to the five highest scorers in both the men's and women's competition. High game and high series awards will be made to both men and women. To qualify for the high series, the series must be rolled in either the first three or the second three games rolled in each of the tournament days. A high game may be rolled at any time.

A no-host awards buffet dinner will be held on the final day at a cost of \$1.75 per person. Contestants and guests are invited.

Entry forms, available at Special Services, must reach the tournament director by next Monday, 3 April. Get yours in the mail today!

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Intramural Softball Teams Organizing

Intramural softball time is here again, and play will get under way late this month.

All departments wishing to enter teams should get in touch with Coach Ken Moffett as soon as possible so the schedule can be organized. Individuals wishing to play, even though their own departments are not in competition, may arrange to do so.

Call Coach Moffett, Ext. 593, to get your name or your team's name on the list. The more teams the merrier.

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Waves To Celebrate 25th Anniversary

The place is San Diego; the date is 20-23 July; the event: THE WAVES' 25th ANNIVERSARY NATIONAL REUNION.

"Come to the Most Important Corner of the United States," says the convention folder. "Your Convention Hotel, El Cortez, is located high on a hill overlooking downtown San Diego, the Harbor, the Naval Hospital, and Balboa Park." The action-packed weekend will include a stirring "Pass in Review," a Silver and Gold Formal Banquet, and a trip to the Agua Caliente races.

Anyone wishing further information may call CDR Ruth L. Flickinger, MSC, at Ext. 268.



AWARDS WERE PRESENTED THICK & FAST and many a hand was shaken during the past fortnight. (1) LCDR F. M. McGovern, CHC, received a certificate upon completion of a year's clinical pastoral training in the NP Service before departing for Naval Disciplinary Command, Portsmouth, N.H. (2) CPL Raymond C. Lopez, USMC, received the Purple Heart weeks after the Bronze Star was delivered to his bedside. (3) Chief Glen Brown of Patient Affairs was advanced to HMCM with a handshake from CAPT Dean Schufeldt. (4) HM3 Norman Adkins of X-ray received the Good Conduct Medal. (5) Admiral Cokely presented Mr. Jay Jackson, truck driver, his certificate for 20 years' Federal Service, and (6) LT E. E. Jenkins, MSC, received the CO's Letter of Appreciation for service to the PMT Course as he departed for Field Medicine School, Camp Pendleton.

Anyone for Golf Or Table Tennis?

The 12ND Men's Golf Tournament will get under way 11 April. Oak Knoll has already signed up to enter this event, with CAPT Ernest A. Blakey captaining the team. All who are interested in playing, call Coach Moffett at Special Services, Ext. 593.

Table tennis tournaments for men and women will be held later in the month. The men will fight it out at the ping pong tables at San Francisco Bay Naval Shipyard Hunters Point beginning at 1900. The women's tournament will take place at Naval Air Station, Alameda, 25-26 April, beginning at 1900.

For details on any of these events, call Special Services.

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Uniform Change

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ments, and we can best share this pride by wearing a uniform that clearly identifies us as members of the Navy Medical Department," Vice-Admiral R. B. Brown, Surgeon General and Chief of BuMed said in announcing the new regulation to all ships and stations having medical and dental personnel.

Not Quite Everyone Shook Hands



LTJG John A. Massey and Admiral Cokely failed to connect as the CO turned aside to reach for the citation that accompanied Mr. Massey's Navy Commendation Medal.

Knoll Girls Win Second Place in 12ND Volleyball

Oak Knoll Women's Volleyball team took second place in the 12ND tournament held last week at NAS, Alameda.

"We were beaten but not defeated," the jubilant team members announced as they returned from the tournament, each carrying a radio with a suitably inscribed plaque as her award.

The highlight of the evening for the Knoll girls came when HM1 Mary Donahue, team server, skunked the Island girls 11-0, with 11 straight serves.

Other members of the team were LTJG Susan Haberkorn, MSC (team captain); Ensigns Sharon Kosch and Eva Redd, NC; HM2 Freda Jennings, Celesta Miller and Donna Patton; HM3s Elizabeth Glock, Tina Day, and Jodie Meekers, and HNs Karen Clinch and Dottie Jackson.

The final tournament standings

	Wins	Losses
Treasure Island.....	6	2
Oak Knoll.....	4	4
NAS Alameda.....	2	6

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CO Commends LCDR Stucker



COMMENDATION: LCDR Fred J. Stucker (center), second-year resident in ENT, has been commended by the CO for saving the life of a patient. Doctor Stucker was assisting at a left median nerve operation when an unusual malfunction of an anesthesia machine produced a bilateral pneumothorax under great pressure. It was Doctor Stucker who calculated the cause of the sudden decline in the patient's vital functions. He inserted needles to allow the gas in the patient's chest outside the lungs to escape. The patient began to recover immediately. CAPT Gale Clark, Chief of the Neurological Surgery Service, reported the incident to Admiral Cokely, and the commendation ensued.

Martin, Nielsen Earn CO's Praise



HN John K. Martin, left, and HM3 Richard L. Nielsen have received the CO's Letter of Appreciation for outstanding service to Oak Knoll, CAPT Dean Schufeldt, XO, making the presentation. Martin, as senior corpsman on 76B, "rarely paused between duties." The letter took particular note of his competence in intensive nursing care procedures and the thorough orientation he gave new corpsmen. He will continue to serve many of his 76B patients in his new assignment as an on-the-job trainee in Physical Therapy. Nielsen, leading corpsman on 46B, has "contributed immeasurably to the efficiency of a complex metabolic ward, where he works without regard to stipulated duty hours, many a free night remaining on duty to assist the professional staff in operating the artificial kidney."

Orque Makes HMC; 14 Other Staffers Being Promoted

Fifteen happy Knollites will be promoted Monday as a result of their success in the Navy-wide exams in February. Many others passed the test and will be promoted in later increments.

HM1 Matias I. Orque, who has the distinction of being a registered nurse, will, as of Monday, be an HMC.

HM3s moving up to HM2 are Carl F. Davis, Wendell L. Elmer, Marion G. Field, and Sam Murray, Jr.

HNs promoted to HM3 are Nedy Boudreaux, Stephen Campbell, Ronny G. Tidwell, Ronald C. Bibeau, Nicholas Drenchen, Joseph Maturano, L. L. Baer, Edward F. Ghireghelli, F. S. Ivey, and J. M. Llewellyn.

Navy Doctors Here For ACP Meeting Are Knoll Guests

CAPT Henry A. Sparks and members of his Medical Service staff acted as hosts Wednesday night at a dinner meeting for approximately 50 Navy Medical Officers who are in the Bay Area for the Annual Meeting of the American College of Physicians.

Following cocktails and dinner, Admiral Cokely welcomed the guests aboard, and CDR A. J. Schwab, Administrative Officer, gave a progress report on the new hospital.

CAPT G. H. Tarr, former Knoll doctor, who is now Chief of Medicine at Bethesda, chairman at the meeting, introduced two other former staff doctors—RADM R. O. Canada, Deputy Surgeon General of the Navy, and RADM G. H. Reifenstein, Technical Director, Clinical Research and Medical Education for the Navy.

Admiral Reifenstein gave a critical analysis of residency training in internal medicine in the Navy from 1955-1959, with discussion and commentary by Admiral Canada following.

Patients Invited To Shrine Circus

Oak Knoll patients, their wives and children, are invited to attend the Shrine Circus in the Oakland Coliseum Arena tomorrow afternoon as guests of Aahmes Temple of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of Mystic Shrine.

Call Special Services for free tickets.

Magic Evening For All Hands Monday, 24 April

A magic evening for all Knollites, their families and friends—That's what the Oakland Magic Circle, Inc., an association of amateur and professional magicians, will pull out of its hat at 1930 Monday, 24 April.

While the curtain rises on a series of acts in the auditorium, other magicians will perform for patients unable to leave their wards.

Tentatively scheduled for the auditorium show are:

- Bert Hansen, ventriloquist, with a preposterous puppet in an act he calls "novel nonsense."
- Roger Mycroft, who specializes in levitation, with a floating lady and a spirit handkerchief routine.
- For a change of pace the Cold Nose Five — beautifully-trained Alsatians who have been such a hit here in previous appearances.
- Jimmy Embree with a magic routine.
- Seventeen-year-old Marc McQuire with slick sleight-of-hand manipulations.
- Joe Marquez, who pulls a novel garden of flowers out of thin air.

Bedside magic will be provided by Woody Woodward, Ralph Larson, Joe Sarabia, Mike Rogers, Harold Agnews, and Ken Bull.

An added feature of the evening will be distribution of Mr. Agnews' booklet of magic tricks.

Magicians from San Francisco, Oakland, Alameda, Hayward, San Leandro, and other Bay Area cities will participate in the program.



Bert Hansen and his musical friend will be among the many mystical, mirth-making acts presented here Monday, 24 April.

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We have been made to succeed. God has designed us with the built-in ability for success. Granted, not everyone believes this nor has found it. But it is there. We are goal-orientated beings. We eventually achieve our goals. Unhappily there are those who through dissipations reach their goal of destruction. And happily there are those who through disciplines reach their goal of fulfillment. All of us are designed for the latter.

One of history's most successful men, Paul of Tarsus, tells us how this is done in his letter to the Christians at Philippi in Asia Minor. In so many words he says that the way to success lies in the choice of goals we make in life.

First of all in choosing a goal, choose a high goal (3:14). The highest goals are God-related goals. Paul finds his highest goal in relationship to God through Christ Jesus. Whatever this says, it always means a new dimension in living, fortified by a faith to venture in new and revolutionary experiences. And the place where the greatest revolution needs to take place is within. The inner man needs to be constantly renewed, revolutionized, always on the frontier of new uplifting vitality. New uplifting goals can be found right in the family living experience; in staff-patient relationships, overcoming hardships through what really can be done. Former President Roosevelt was a victim of polio, who lost the use of his legs. But this did not stop him from aspiring to the high goal of the Presidency.

Make your high goal a worthy goal. Make it worthy of your very best. Goals that are worthy of your family, of friends, society, and most of all goals that you know have God's stamp of "Worthy" embossed across the top of them. Some goals are not worthy. Look for worthy goals.

Then choose a goal that is attractive to you. Choose a goal that you will be drawn toward. Paul's high calling was so attractive to him that he says, "I press on." (3:14). It implies conviction. Paul is convinced that in this he can do the most good. He says, "I know . . . and am persuaded that God is able to keep what I have committed to Him 'til the final day" (2 Tim. 1:12). "I press on" implies constancy.

It is the very essence of his purpose for living. People with goals are people who arrive at their destinations. Without goals we wander upon the faceless swamp of nothing, always lost. A goal that is attractive to us will be a constant compass in life.

Choose a demanding goal. Choose a goal that is a challenge to courage. Stack courage against it. These are the really worthwhile goals; the ones that draw out the best in us. Such a goal will demand that we be willing to make mistakes. Make them we will and honestly must if we are to get anywhere. But correct them and get back on course. Do not identify with the mistake or progress will stop at that point. Forget the mistake. Paul says of past mistakes, "Forgetting the past, I reach forth" (v.13). A demanding goal must be built on past successes. So build on them. "Let us hold true to what we already have attained". (v.16)

You have been made to succeed. Success is governed by goals; goals that are of high character; goals that are attractive to us and goals that require the best that we have.

—CHAPLAIN JACK E. DOWERS



Doris Grant, military personnel clerk, reached the 10-year milestone in her Federal career last week and received the usual certificate from LCDR Gale Ramirez, MSC, Chief of Patient Affairs. Doris came to Oak Knoll in January 1966.

Crew's Library to Observe National Library Week With Punch & Prize Winners - All Hands Invited

"On the whole, perhaps, it is the great readers rather than the great writers who are entirely to be envied. They pluck the fruits and are spared the trouble of rearing them."

—Alexander Smith

Not everyone can be a great writer, but with the increasing availability of well stocked libraries more people can be great readers.

National Library Week, 16 April through 22 April, focuses on the library as a recreational, cultural, and informational center. During this week a special invitation is extended to all service and civilian personnel, as well as to

Medals for Vietnam Heroes



LCPL Samuel L. King, USMC (above) of Waco, Tex., and 76B received the Silver Star Medal from MAJGEN Charles J. Quilter, Commanding General, 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing, El Toro, during the General's recent visit. King, in Vietnam as a radio operator with Co. B, 1st Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, lost both legs when a land mine exploded. His award was "for conspicuous gallantry in action."



MAJGEN QUILTER also stopped at the bedside of LCPL David E. White, USMC, of Portland, Ore. To Corporal White he awarded the Bronze Star Medal with Combat V for heroic action in Vietnam. White lost his left leg when a land mine exploded while he was serving as a 60mm mortar man with Company B, 1st Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division.

KRONTV Airing Navy Documentaries

KRONTV, Channel 4, is airing the Navy's 13 half-hour documentary series "Underway for Peace" on Sundays at 1230.

The next show, this Sunday (check your local listing) is titled "Missile Navy." In it Chet Huntley covers the history of Navy rocketry from 1926 to the present day.

On 23 April "Portrait of Antarctica" describes the Navy's research at the South Pole with breathtaking scenes of the frozen continent. The 30 April show, "A Force in Readiness," is narrated by Jack Webb and tells the modern story of the United States Marine Corps.

VFW Service Officer Here Every Thursday

Felix Von Magnus, Field Service Officer for the VFW, will be at his desk in the Navy Exchange Lobby every Thursday from 0900 to 1600 to counsel patients regarding filing of VA claims and Social Security disability benefits.

Mr. Von Magnus is an accredited VA counselor as well as a VFW Field Service Officer.

JANGO Day

JANGOs will meet tomorrow morning at 0815 to hear LCDR Ronald B. Spinka of the Neuropsychiatry Service speak on "LSD and Other Drugs." Following the lecture in the medical-surgical conference room, the girls will work on the wards.

dependents, to visit the Crew's Library in Building 39. A special exhibit of outstanding and prize winning books is planned. On Wednesday, 19 April, refreshments will be served from 1300 to 1530.

The exhibits are scheduled as follows:

Monday—Prize winning fiction.
Tuesday—Prize winning and outstanding literature and books about authors.

Wednesday—Prize winning non-fiction.

Thursday—Prize winning biography.

Friday—Books concerning the

Navy and the sea.

With the increasing output of new books many people find that most of their reading time is taken just staying with the latest. Little attention is given to what is worthwhile from the past. The purpose of the exhibits is to draw attention to some of the better books of the past few years as well as to give everyone an opportunity to examine the acquisitions of recent months.

REMEMBER: EXHIBITS: 17 to 21 April from 0800 to 1630 and 1800 to 2100.

REFRESHMENTS: 19 April from 1300 to 1530.

Singing Nuns Here to Cheer



Fifteen singing nuns, all students from nearby College of the Holy Names, sailed through the Orthopedic wards 28 March dispensing harmony, cookies, and good wishes. The lively group, including Sisters Carla Jean, Mary Martin, and Barbara Marie, who stopped at the bedside of PFC John Moore, USMC, sang a series of songs—"This Land Is Your Land," "Run to the Lord," "500 Miles From Home," "The Amen Song," and many others. The young sisters obviously enjoyed their visit here as much as the patients did—and that was very much.

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GLADSTONE and his owner, Mrs. Ruth Cruikshank of El Cerrito, talk things over with ADAN James Hill.



PIPED ASHORE: On 13 March HMC Stanley A. Norell was transferred to the Fleet Reserve after 20 years of active duty. During his second tour of duty at Oak Knoll, he was assigned to NPRL, and now he is working full time at an orthopedic appliance shop in Sunnyvale.

The Pleasure Was Mynah When Gladstone Toured the Wards

When Gladstone suddenly said, "Let's get the show on the road," everyone thought his owner, Mrs. Ruth Cruikshank of El Cerrito, was a ventriloquist. But Gladstone was doing the talking himself. He is, as his own calling card describes him, "the amazing mynah bird."

Gladstone knows more than a hundred words and phrases.

When Mrs. Cruikshank said to her pet, "Why don't you talk to me?" the mynah snapped, "Don't be ridiculous. Birds can't talk."

So they sang—"Sweet Adeline" with Mrs. Cruikshank taking alternate lines. "How Dry I Am" is another of Gladstone's favorites.

After paying his respects to the skipper, the 7½-year-old mynah went to the orthopedic wards. At each bedside, like any other visitor, Gladstone asked:

"What's your name?" That question out of the way, the next comment in most cases was, "I think you're cute." When not wishing to commit himself to that extent, he looked at the patient, cocked his head to one side and drawled "Well-lilll."

The Cruikshanks have had Gladstone since he was a baby. He has made many public appearances including one on the Johnny Carson show on TV.

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Wave: "I didn't accept Tom the first time he proposed."

Other Wave: "I know, you weren't there!"



CDR Anne J. Chelf, Assistant Chief of the Nursing Service, has received a letter of appreciation from the Commanding Officer of the Naval Medical School, National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, Md., for her presentation during the school's short course in neuropsychiatric nursing. "Commander Chelf's excellent presentation, 'Neuropsychiatric Technician Course' was a most significant contribution to the success of our program, and the Nurse Corps participants were lavish in their praise of it," the letter stated. Admiral Cokely added his personal "well done" as he delivered the letter.

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The reason a dog has so many friends is that his tail wags instead of his tongue.

O' Wives to Model At Spring Fashion Fiesta 13 May

The Spring Fashion Fiesta, a dinner and fashion show, is being planned by the Officers' Wives' Club, under the direction of Mrs. R. P. Dobbie. It will be on Saturday 13 May at 1900 at the Oak Knoll Officers' Club.

The evening's entertainment will include a sangria bar buffet dinner, raffles, and Mariachi music.

Officer's wives will model fashions from Perman's, Southland, and Norma Mattalon will assist the models with their Revlon makeup.

Individual committees have been working hard to make this evening a success, because the profits will go into the Wives' Club scholarship fund, which this year is offering two \$200 scholarships for children of the members of the Club, or officers attached to the Naval Hospital. These scholarships, to be awarded in June, are to be used at colleges or accredited schools of nursing, with winners chosen on the basis of merit and scholarship.

Mrs. D. J. Pascoe is in charge of decorating the club in a Spanish festival style, and Mrs. H. A. Sparks is arranging the raffle and prizes. Mrs. J. F. Rosborough has set up the entire program. Ticket sales are under the direction of Mrs. J. E. Honish. The cost is \$4.50 a person, and tickets are available at the Chief Nurse's office, Administrative Officer's office, the Chief of Surgery's office, and from Club members.

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Hubby: Some day, beloved, I shall die and leave you.
She (tenderly): How much?

Medical Student Seeks Lost Relatives

A young medical student from Loma Linda University School of Medicine is seeking information concerning two former Navy Medical Officers he believes were on duty in the Bay Area during World War II.

They are Kenneth Boyd and T. C. (or D. C.) Wirtz.

Should anyone at Oak Knoll have knowledge of either of these two doctors, please leave word with Miss Thompson at Ext. 203.



Scuttlebutt

GENTLY PLEASE! "Visitors will be deposited in the container provided at the main gate," the Orders of the Day casually announced after mentioning that outgoing traffic need no: stop when departing the station unless directed to do so by the sentry.

ANOTHER SLIP THAT SHOWED: The other day Commander Schwab received a communique from a friend in the Bureau. "Dear Al," it read. "We handle many unusual things here at BuMed, but I can't figure out how to cope with this." Attached was a work request Mr. Julius had sent to Public Works some time ago. "I wondered why that venetian blind had never been repaired!" said Mr. J.

SLIGHT INACCURACY: A while back someone at the College of Nursing, University of Santo Tomas, Philippine Islands, sent alumnus Matias Orque of Food Services a copy of the College Journal, which told of his selection last June as one of the top 10 corpsmen aboard. Great! But the last sentence was slightly inaccurate. It said: Mr. Orque is dietitian in charge of the Navy Hospital for many years.

HELP! Margaret Nielson, CIC publications editor, wants to know how to pronounce the name of the gentleman from India who requested a reprint of an article by Dr. Thomas McLaughlin, former Knoll researcher—just in case he should drop in. It's V. MOHANARADHAKRISHNAN.

LIFE BEGAN 9 April for Kristina Kay Kirk, 6 lb. 15½ oz. daughter of HN George Kirk of NP Services and his wife Dianne.

CONGRATULATIONS to the Medical Service Corps' J. A. Massey of PMT. He has been promoted to LT.

DO YOU KNOW that HM2 Gerald McCloskey of CIC has reenlisted for another 6 and HM1 Charles Adams of Education & Training for another 4? That Doctor Knox of Neurology is planning to start a ski school—as soon as his fracture heals? That Hazel Harlow of CivPers and her family had two of the USAFA Choir members as house guests last last weekend. . . . That HM1 Mary Donahue, Wave Barracks MAA, was flown to Hollywood from Oak Knoll to be on Truth or Consequences during her previous tour of duty here? That Chief Bull and HM2 Cothran of Staff Pers strum their guitars in the auditorium every Monday noon and want all who like country, Western, or rock & roll to sit in? ("Bring your own instrument. Bring your lunch. Or just come on down and listen," says El Toro.) And did you know that Joan Crawford and Elizabeth Taylor are both patients on 40A? That if you want to call the Day Nursery, you may simply dial KID?

TENTH TEN PIN: LCDR Margaret Donoghue of the NC now has her pin on the wall at the bowling center, proclaiming to all comers the fact that on 30 March she bowled a 227 game. She is the 10th woman to have earned the honor since 1957. No. 9 pin belongs to LT Geraldine Hudak, NC, who bowled the required 225 game two months ago.



ELEVEN FULL-FLEDGED OR TECHS have graduated and are now hard at work here and at other duty stations from Key West to Guam. Flanked by HM1 Jess Salinas, instructor, and Chaplain E. E. Jayne, who gave the graduation address, they are, from left, HM3 William Gerome, HNs Frederick McCartney and Donald L. Moberly, HA James F. Paulson, HNs John K. Barton, Robert P. Gossett, Jerry Blum, Shannon Lane, Joseph R. Ellenburg, Merlyn J. Kimball (honorman), and Paul P. Jaeger. Gerome goes to NH, Guam; Moberly to NAS, Fallon, Nev.; Barton to NAS, Albany, Ga.; Lane to NH Beaufort, S.C.; Ellenburg to NH, Key West, Fla. Others remain at Oak Knoll. In the front row are CDR Barbara Ellis, CAPT George Cruft, Admiral Cokely, CAPT Dean Schufeldt, and CDR Frances Jacobson, all of whom share the responsibility for the young technicians' training.

Intramural Softball

Don't forget to enter your team in the intramural softball league. Play will begin as soon as daylight saving time starts.

All departments planning to field a team or individuals who wish to play on a team, please call Coach Ken Moffett at Ext. 593.

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OFFICERS DETACHED:

LCDR M. J. CHALICK, MC, USNR, to 1st MarDiv (REINF) FMF.

LT C. F. GLOVER, MC, USNR, to FLDMEDSERVSCHOL, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

LT FANG, CHI-YU, MC, Chinese Navy, to Taipei, Taiwan.

LCDR CATHERINE McHENRY to NH, Jacksonville, Fla.

ENLISTED REPORTING:

HM2 RONALD J. CECCHETTINI, HN JOSEPH P. ROMERO, and HM3 DENNIS W. NELIS from NavSta, TI.

HM2 GORDON L. CHANEY from NavSta, Long Beach.

HN DEWAYNE C. ROGERS from HCS, Great Lakes, Ill.

HMC ARDELL R. HOSKING from HQS, 1st MarDiv, FMF.

HM3 JAMES A. JELLISON from NAVAUXLANFLD, Monterey.

HM3 THOMAS E. BASHAM from MSTs, Pac, NSC, Oakland.

HM2 MICHAEL W. PARKIS from USS BOSTON (CAG-1).

HM2 WILLIAM D. CLAYTON from NAS North Island, San Diego.

HM2 RAY B. FENTON from NavHosp, St. Albans, L. I., N. Y.

The following reported from HCS, San Diego: HNs JAMES A. WHITE, THE-

DRA R. MELBOURNE, MICHAEL A. CHAMBERS, RONALD E. RUFFNER, MICHAEL J. CHAMBERLAND, RON-

ALD E. NOFSINGER, MICHAEL N. GOLD, ROGER F. BEHREND, WAYNE R. ALLEN, LLOYD A. EL-

LIS, RICHARD D. JACOBS, ISAAC WEISER, and JOHN E. STONE.

HAs ROBERT A. BURFIELD, NIC-

HOLAS P. KENNEDY, THOMAS N. MARSH, RALPH S. TRICKELL, BRYCE E. BROWN, PETER A. PRI-

MIANO, JAMES E. STONEBERG, JAMES B. VINSON, ROBERT R. WILSON, LAUREN B. TESH, RON-

ALD V. BOWLING, WILLIAM R. DENTON, ROBERT M. HUDON, KENNETH D. HONAKER, ALAN V. JONES, LEWIS E. KOCH, LEONARD LONG, JOSE B. MARTINEZ, and DENNIS W. MATHEW.

ENLISTED DEPARTING:

HM2 L'AMORSOLO L. CALLO transferred to NavSta, Subic Bay, P. I.

HM3 CLIFFORD RICHIE to NavRadLab, San Francisco; AD3 GARY G. LAWRENCE and HN JOHN A. YOUNG to NavSta, TI.

HN SANDRA L. SAFFLE departed for NavHosp, San Diego.

The following departed for duty with FMF: HM3 JAMES L. TAYLOR, HNs DAVID M. DOWELL, EDWARD J. BOWEN, WILLIAM WEBBER, MI-

CHAEL T. O'SHAUGHNESSY, LAWRENCE W. MINNICH, DONNEY JACKSON, RONALD SUTHERLAND, ROBERT BAIRD, BRUCE O. BROWN, TEDDY M. HART, CARLOS RODRI-

QUEZ, GREGORY P. VERCRUYSE, MICHAEL J. PATH, and DENNIS PENDER.

HM2 THOMAS F. SHEA, HM3s JOHN S. KOEHLER and JOHN F. CARSON, were released from active duty.



THE X-RAY TECH School has also graduated another class. New technicians and their assignments are, beginning second from left, HM3 Daniel Humphrey, USS CATSKILL (MSC-1); HM2 Steve Crittenden, Naval Dispensary, Mare Island; HM2 Otha Wallace, Port Hueneme; HM2 David De Bella (Honorman), NAS, Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii; HM1 Marcelino Cadena, Corpus Christi, Tex. Pictured with the class, at left, are HMC Fred Dempsey and CDR M. W. Olson, Chief of Radiology; and at right HMC John Mullen, instructor.

Oak Knoll's School of X-ray Technology has been accredited by the American College of Radiology. Graduates who take an additional year of training under a naval radiologist are eligible to take the examination for certification anywhere in the United States.



COMING Monday, 24 April to the local stage—Clark D. McDermott's beautiful Alsatian Shepherds! The Cold Nose Five will entertain Knollites, their families and friends in a program organized by the Oakland Magic Circle. The dog act features Count Eric, King of the Acrobatic Canines, in a complete back somersault. In some of the dogs' other applause-getting tricks, the dogs ride scooters, balance on a rope, and climb a ladder. A highlight is the barrel roll in which one dog stays inside a barrel hoop, while another on top of the rim accelerates its spin.

New Savings Note

President Johnson has announced a new U. S. Savings Note to be known as a "Freedom Share." It will be placed on sale 1 May, will be a companion product to the Series E Savings Bond, and will be sold only in combination with sales of E-Bonds through regular payroll savings plans. The new security will earn 4.7 percent interest when held to a maturity of 4½ years. It must be held one year before it can be cashed.

The president's announcement was made on a nationwide closed-circuit telecast from Washington to meetings of 10,000 bond volunteers in 32 cities. The meetings were held to announce plans for a "Share in Freedom" bond campaign. Oak Knoll's campaign will take place the week of 22 May, according to LCDR E. A. Ambrose, MSC, hospital savings bond officer.

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Friday, 28 April 1967

New Hospital Now More Than Fifty Percent Complete



Between showers last week CDR Jack A. Wright, CEC, Resident Officer in Charge of Construction, and HMI Pete Ables of Photo Arts rushed out to snap this progress picture. This is the front of the new hospital. The main entrance is in the corner just to right of center. A glass and aluminum window wall rises above the entrance. Only eight stories can be counted here. The first floor is below ground.



This view shows third-floor loading docks in immediate foreground. Fourth floor roof will be Neuropsychiatry Service exercise area.

Don't Forget — Set That Clock Ahead

Daylight saving—that time when we lose an hour, get up before the sun does, and go out for the evening in broad daylight—is here again.

Set your clocks an hour ahead before you go to bed Saturday night, and you'll be all set to get to work on time Monday morning.

Nurses' Birthday Band Concert

The 12th Naval District Band will present a concert in Gendreau Circle from 1100 to 1200 in honor of the 59th Anniversary of the Navy Nurse Corps. Patients and staff members who can be spared from their duties are invited to attend.

MSC Officers Hear U.C. Administrator

"The Changing Role of the Hospital Administrator" was the subject discussed by Harold H. Hixson, administrator of University of California Hospitals, San Francisco Medical Center, when he spoke here last Friday at the MSC officers' monthly seminar.

Utility Penthouse To Top Off 9th Story

The last concrete panel in the new building was fitted into place at 1240 on 7 April, and as of last week the building was 51 per cent complete, according to CDR Jack A. Wright, CEC, Resident Officer in Charge of Construction.

The building has reached its full height, except for a mechanical penthouse that will contain elevator equipment, pneumatic tube equipment, cooling tower, and exhaust fans. The two-story concrete, aluminum-louvred penthouse will be up and elevators installed within a month. This last step is one workmen look forward to with enthusiasm, as many are climbing the stairs to the top of the building 12 to 15 times a day.

The building contractors — Huber, Hunt, and Nichols—now have 210 men working on the building. At one time the crew numbered 330, the cut-back occurring upon completion of most of the exterior work.

The big crane, now supported on the eighth floor level, will be removed after the penthouse has been completed.

Operations now in progress include:

Sand-blasting to clean up the concrete surface of the building and give it texture.

Window installation.

Installation and plastering of partitions.

Installation of pipes for the water heating system.

Installation of heating and ventilating ducts.

The building is expected to be ready for occupancy in late spring 1968.

Government Course Available at Training

Oakland Evening School is presently offering U. S. Government I at Education and Training Building 25A. The class will be held Tuesday and Friday, 1300 to 1600.

The textbook must be purchased by the student at a cost of approximately \$1.75.

This program was instituted to help patients and staff attain their high school diplomas or to work toward self-improvement.

All interested personnel are to call HMI C. E. ADAMS, Education and Training, Ext. 277.

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+ + CHAPLAIN'S CORNER + +

IS NOT LIFE MORE THAN PEANUTS?

There has been a great deal of discussion and publicity given to one of the greatest comic strips being published today. It is titled innocuously enough: **Peanuts**, by Charles M. Schulz. His drawings and their messages, which the author at one time wanted to call "Little People," have become world renowned.

I personally think that there is more "real life" theology found in **Peanuts** than is being preached from most pulpits. To me, his strips are gospel lessons with deep meaning for our times. Perhaps you can recall the one where Charlie Brown comes along looking quite depressed and suddenly spots Snoopy—his dog. "Well, there he is," says Charlie, "My pal!" Charlie and Snoopy embrace, and with both obviously deeply pleased, Charlie remarks, "Everyone should have a dog to greet him when he comes home." Charlie has come to have complete trust and faith in Snoopy—"Man's best friend."

Certainly this is a child's way of expressing himself; but in reality some adults also seem not to grow emotionally and spiritually beyond the experience of faith in coming home to a faithful dog. We can read **Peanuts** . . . and see it . . . and be amused . . . and understand . . . for, it's just a comic strip!

In life there is more to it than this. And there is One who is more than just a pal or a friend . . . One, whose companionship is of much more worth than the satisfied expression on Charlie Brown's face. He is a "hound of heaven" who searches us out to give our life the only real meaning worth having, and who promises to be not only our friend for this life, but through all eternity.

Is it too much to ask that each of us give as much time to communing with God, fully revealed in Jesus Christ and His Bible, as it takes to read **Peanuts**? Perhaps you can find time in your busy schedules to let Him find you . . . Then to experience a spiritual "coming home."

CHAPLAIN D. D. REYNOLDS

JANGOs to Be Guests At CO's Quarters

JANGOS will be luncheon guests of Mrs. Cokely at 1200 Saturday, 6 May. The party in the CO's hilltop quarters will follow a morning of ward work and a film on "Shock."

Honorees at the luncheon will be Mrs. George E. Cruft, outgoing chairman and Mrs. Delmar J. Pascoe, who will replace her.

Quotable Quote:

The Navy is made up of more than 700,000 men and women, but we are not just in the Navy. We are the Navy! Whatever the Navy may be, it is only what we made it. Therefore, all of us have a personal responsibility in the elimination of every deficiency that comes to our attention.

—Admiral David L. McDonald,
USN
Chief of Naval Operations



CHURCH ON TAPE: Patients unable to get to the chapel may now participate in Protestant Sunday morning worship any day of the week—by appointment. Here, on 71B, patients listening to the service are, from left, PFC William G. Marlin, USMC (left), CPL David L. Williams, USMC, and AC2 Johnny W. Steeves, USN (sitting). The chaplains are LT Jack Dowers, left, and LT Edward E. Jayne.

Worship Services Brought to Bedside By Tape Recorder

Patients unable to go to the chapel for Protestant Divine Worship on Sunday mornings may now have the chapel services brought to them.

LT Edward E. Jayne, CHC, USN, seeing a need for broader religious coverage for bed-bound patients, conceived the idea of taping the worship services and sharing them during the week with patients who desire them.

The taped services give bed patients a chance to hear the same scripture, prayer, and sermon as members of the regular congregation do. The program, started two months ago, has been so successful that four tape recorders are being used on a full-time basis in order to meet the demand.

Twenty Years Ago In the Oak Leaf

Henry (Transportation) and Edna (Staff Personnel) Bourdase are quite a twosome. Both husband and wife received Meritorious Civilian Service Certificates on 3 January. And, my friends, that's the second for both.

A spot that has been increasingly popular around the compound lately is the bowling alley and pool room. The alleys were opened in June 1944, with Captain Dearing rolling the first ball and making a perfect strike. They were built and donated to the hospital by the California Jockey Ass'n at a cost of \$10,000.

Miss Marie Adams, Red Cross Field director, was awarded the Bronze Star medal at the Presidio Thursday. The citation was for "meritorious achievement while in the hands of the enemy in caring for the sick and wounded."

Surgeon Commander Alexander Anastassiadis of the Royal Hellenic Navy has begun a year's study of American Surgical methods.

Tickets are available at Recreation for the Standard Hour, Sunday evening, featuring the San Francisco Symphony with Pierre Monteux conducting.

Oak Knoll is taking another duty on its shoulders—that of training new members of the Nurse Corps. Indoctrination will include classes in Navy regulations, ward routine, drill, ethics, and swimming.

The gentle rains came to Oak Knoll last week and with them came tall grass, more buds on trees, blossoms to the flowers, and plenty of life-giving fluid for the weeds.



THE USAF ACADEMY CHOIR, 100-strong, filled the auditorium with music last Saturday morning—music such as "This Is My Country," "Onward Ye People," "He's Got the Whole World in His Hand," "Battle Hymn of the Republic," and of course, "U.S. Air Force Blue." Steve Staley of Seattle handled the solo work admirably and with the greatest of ease. James R. Boyd directed. Among the patients attending were, from left, CPL Ron Bennett, CPL Terry Hamilton, IC2 Joe LeBreton, and MM3 William Kissling, who chatted afterwards with Cadets Howard Towt of Hayward and Don Hickman of Torrance, Calif.

Orthopedic Residents Donahoo & Salisbury Cited for Service

Lt's Stanley E. Donahoo and Robert B. Salisbury, third-year orthopedic residents, were summoned to the CO's office last week to receive letters of appreciation for outstanding service. Each was praised for his professional skill, teaching ability, dedication, and excellent rapport with patients and staff.

Special mention was made of two papers Doctor Salisbury presented at the 1966 Society of Military Orthopedic Surgeons' Meeting in San Diego—"Pulmonary Embolism in Mutilating Wounds of the Lower Extremity" and "Use of Mesh Skin Graft in the Treatment of Massive Casualty Wounds." The latter was selected by the Western Orthopedic Association as the winning resident paper for presentation at its spring meeting.

Admiral Cokely's letter to Doctor Donahoo referred to his "pleasing personality and ready wit, which have made pleasurable the often mundane chores of journal clubs, X-ray conferences, and ward rounds."

Both doctors will leave in July, Doctor Donahoo for a year's residency in children's orthopedics at Duke University, and Doctor Salisbury for Naval Support Activity, Da Nang, Vietnam—an assignment for which he volunteered.

Awards, Promotion, Retirement for Staffers



(1) Along with letters of appreciation and good wishes from the CO, LTs Robert B. Salisbury and Stanley E. Donahoo got fatherly looks from CAPT Dana D. Goldthwaite, Chief of the Orthopedic Service. (2) MAC Donald Schneberger received a letter, a plaque, and a warm handshake as he transferred to the Fleet Reserve after two decades of active duty. From Data Processing, the chief went to a job as livestock auctioneer in Gridley, Calif., taking with him his wife Marilyn, a cocker spaniel named Cracker, and two horses—Joe and Tarzan. (3) HMC Matias Orque of Food Services received congratulations and a certificate from CAPT Dean Schufeldt when he made the important switch from white hat to hard hat. (4) Marjorie Leer, secretary to the CO, received her 20-Year Federal Service Award, and Donald D. Strand his 30. Marge worked at the VA Hospital in Fargo, N. D., and Fitzsimmons Army Hospital, Denver, Colo., before coming to Oak Knoll in 1954. Until 3 January when she reported to Admiral Cokely's office, she was secretary to the Chief, Neurosurgical Service. Mr. Strand had 24 years in the Navy, the last part of which he was assigned to NPRL. He has been a civilian orthotist-prosthetist training instructor there since early 1961.

National Drivers Test Over CBS Network Tuesday, 23 May

The 1967 National Drivers Test will be televised over CBS network Tuesday, 23 May, at 2200. The 1967 test will cover areas not included in the two previous programs.

Experts have developed and selected dramatic new sequences on mountain driving, school buses, motorcycles, driving distractions, etc. The three main objectives of the test are to: (1) persuade people to drive defensively, (2) enroll people in defensive driving courses, and (3) provide important data for future research.

The format will follow the pattern of previous programs, and again drivers can compare their scores with a national sample. The test is being televised three days before the Memorial Day holiday in the hope that it will stimulate defensive driving techniques and save lives.

Test forms may be obtained from Shell service stations.

Nearly 80 million viewers have watched the National Drivers Test the past two years, making it the most popular public service program ever carried on a single TV network.

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At the beginning of July 1966 197,847 peace-time and Vietnam veterans had signed up to take advantage of the educational program of the new GI Bill. Ask Educational and Training about it. It's for you.

Distinguished Former Knollites Here for Meeting



THIS DISTINGUISHED QUINTET of present and former Oak Knoll physicians shared the spotlight when Navy Medical Officers attending the Annual Meeting of the American College of Physicians met for dinner at the Officers' Club. From left, they are CAPT Henry A. Sparks, Chief of Medicine, who arranged the meeting; RADM Robert O. Canada, Deputy Surgeon General of the Navy; RADM Harold J. Cokely, Oak Knoll CO; RADM George H. Reifenstein, USNR, Technical Director, Clinical Research and Medical Education for the Navy; and CAPT George H. Tarr, Chief of Medicine at Bethesda.

Muriel White of PT Flying to Melbourne

LCDR Muriel White of the Physical Medicine Staff will fly to Melbourne, Australia, to attend the World Confederation for Physical Therapy, Fifth International Congress in Melbourne, Australia, 15-26 May.

The well-known MSC Officer will take a pre-congress tour of New Zealand and before her return will visit Hong Kong, Taipei, Taiwan; and Osaka and Tokyo, Japan.

20 Percent Increase In WAVE Strength

The Chief of Naval Personnel has announced a 20 percent expansion of WAVE strength, adding authorization for 100 more officers and 1,000 more enlisted members.

This will bring their strength to 600 officers and 6,000 enlisted women.

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A pill to improve memory has been tested and found effective by the Veterans Administration.

Garden Show Tickets At Special Services

Tickets for "Floralia," the 1967 California Spring Garden Show to be held from 6-14 May in the new Oakland Arena are available at Special Services for 50 cents each (Regularly \$2).

Recognized as one of the outstanding garden shows in the nation, the event attracts thousands of visitors each year. The hours are from 1000 to 2200.



BEST WISHES for smooth sailing went with LTJG Chris de la Pena, NC, of the Philippine Navy and LT Chi-yu FANG, Chinese Navy, when they departed for their respective countries recently. Miss de la Pena spent six months here as an observer trainee in nursing service administration, and Doctor Fang trained in hematology. Both were enthusiastic about their work at Oak Knoll and the opportunities for sightseeing in this area and in New York City and Washington, D.C., where they joined other foreign trainees from throughout the United States for a tour during Easter week.

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OFFICERS REPORTING:

LCDR J. T. BOONE, MC, from 1st MarDiv (Reinf) FMF to Medical Service.
LCDR JOSEPH C. BATAILLE from 3rd MarDiv (Reinf) FMF to Neuropsychiatry.

LCDRs FLORENCE R. DINEEN, NC, from NH, St. Albans, N.Y., and BERNEICE DONAHUE, NC, from NAS, Moffett Field.

LT BARBARA E. AULD from NavSta, Rota, Spain.

OFFICERS DETACHED:

LCDR ELEANOR T. FEENEY, NC, to NAS, Quonset Pt., R. I.
LT PATRICIA A. SOVICH, NC, to NH, Guam.

LTJG COLLEEN A. PHELAN, NC, to NH, Camp Lejeune, N. C.

ENLISTED REPORTING:

HM3s JAMES I. ABBOTT from NH, Philadelphia, and WARREN TURNER from NavMedSch, Bethesda.

HM3s BOBBY G. FIELDS and BERNARD L. MORDICA and HM3s CLAIRE COOPER and STEPHEN HENSON from patient status.

The following arrived from HCS, San Diego: HN's LARRY BAER, MICHAEL H. CAVANAGH, CHARLES E. CHASE, SAM JONES, ROBERT L. KEADLE, CARL E. McCASLAND, JOHN F. PALMER, WAYNE J. TANDOUS, SHELDON J. THRONTVEIT, and LESLIE K. YOUNG.

HAs LARRY R. BARNES, CLAUDE CUBERLY, SIBLEY FEDORA, ROGER D. FREIMARCH, JIMMY D. GRAY, DENNIS D. JOHNSON, CHARLES A. KLINE, DAVID L. LESLIE, JIMMY K. MARKUM, and JIMMY C. PADILLA.

ENLISTED DEPARTING:

HMC HERMAN M. GEISECKE to MCB 11, Port Hueneme, Calif.
MAC DONALD R. SCHNEBERGER to Fleet Reserve.

HMI RICHARD J. BALAN to 3rd MarDiv.

HM3 CLAUDE H. MARKUM to NavSta, T. I., San Francisco.

HM3 JIMMY C. WILLIAMS to NavOrdSta, China Lake, Calif.

HN GARY L. CECIL to NavShipYd, Hunters Point, San Francisco.

Scuttlebutt

WHAT DOES THE POST OFFICE THINK WE ARE??#%*!!
A communique from Travis finally arrived after being missent — to the Oakland Scavenger Co.

WE'VE A NEW PRESS AGENT at Knowland Park Zoo. Every time someone works the "talk box" outside the wallaroo enclosure, a meandering marsupial tells all about his trip to Oak Knoll (when he came leaping through the main gate and sent an agile guard scrambling to the top of the gatehouse—remember?).

INTERESTING NAMES: PFC Michael J. Mabie, USMC, and YNC M. Forget returned to duty the same day, Mabie to TI, Forget to . . . let's see, was it NAS, Moffett??

DO YOU KNOW that HN Gary Hamelstrom of Operating Services plays the piano, guitar, and trumpet, was a music major at the University of New Mexico, and is a graduate of the Marine Corps Field Music School, San Diego? That Dr. York is only 6 ft. 4—just looks taller?

RANDOM SIGHTS & SOUNDS:
Ski Lubarsky munching a very large cookie at the National Library Week open house at Crew's Library . . . California poppies making bright splashes of color on the bank at 71A and elsewhere on the well-watered compound . . . Colonel Surratt calling a lusty "Do Si Do" at his Thursday night square dance class at the EM Club (last time to join this class is 4 May) . . . The big crane, lighted at night, looking like a plane flying low . . . Patient Affairs cats feasting at the doorstep — on fried chicken from a big-hearted brown-bagger's lunch . . . Dr. Stucker and Mrs. Huseby getting in voice for their job as commentators for the Officers' Wives' Fashion Show 13 May while wives wonder who'll win the mink boa . . . The Enlisted Recreation Committee hard at work on plans for the Hospital Corps' 69th Anniversary Ball in June . . . LaVerne Andrews of the OOD's desk finally reaching Edna Bourdase when she tried dialing 401 instead of AO! . . . People checking out Special Services camping gear now that Spring is here . . . Helen Zlibin acquiring a new daughter-in-law when son Jim married his high school sweetheart Shirley Wright of Hayward before leaving for a new army assignment in Germany.

LIFE BEGAN 11 April for Christina Marie Ferrell, 5 lb. 10¼ oz. daughter of HM3 Clark P. Ferrell (Main Lab) and his wife Paulette . . . 13 April for Gregory Scott Peterson, 7 lb. 4½ oz. son of HM3 Cecil Peterson (EEG) and wife Diane . . . 15 April for Denise Renae Duranceau, 8 lb. 4 oz. daughter of HM1 James L. Duranceau (Information & Training) and wife Peggy . . . 17 April for Terry Dean Deshon, 8 lb. 2 oz. son of HN Jerrold Deshon (76A) and wife Karen . . . 17 April for Lars Christian Olson, 8 lb. 12½ oz. son of CDR Marshall Olson, Chief of Radiology, and wife Helen . . . 24 April for Phillip Michael Land, 7 lb. 4½ oz. son of HN Jeffrey Land (ENT) and wife Donna . . . 24 April for Thad Joseph Gideon, 7 lb. 11½ oz. son of HN Kenneth Gideon (Mailroom) and wife Karen.



STEVE BAKER who held an audience of thousands spellbound when he did a Houdini act dangling from the OAKLAND TRIBUNE TOWER recently, also proved to be an engrossing entertainer when he visited the wards recently—so engrossing that even pretty Pam Zweifel (Miss San Leandro) was forgotten for a minute or two. Here PFC John M. Litz, SGT Lawrence Strong, and YN2 Dennis Stiffler cooperate in a card trick. This was not the magician's first meeting with veterans of the Vietnam fighting. He recently returned from a four-month visit to Southeast Asia military installations.

—49A Photo

Lawmakers in Action

Here's How a Pay Bill Becomes Law

Legislation now before Congress proposes a 5.6 percent basic pay increase for members of the armed forces.

In this bill, the Department of Defense sent a request simultaneously to the Speaker of the House and President of the Senate as part of the Defense legislative program. The measure has been referred by both houses to their Armed Services Committees. The chairman of each committee has introduced identical bills on the proposal.

In a bill of this nature, hearings are normally held and Defense Department officials asked to testify.

Once in a committee, the bill may be amended. Assuming a favorable report is made by the committee, the bill is then sent to the floor of the House or Senate to be debated.

At the end of the debate, a voice or roll-call vote is taken and if the bill passes by a majority, it is sent to the Senate (assuming the House acted first) where the House bill is considered. If the Senate has not yet held hearings on its bill, it will consider the House proposal but may amend it and report out a new bill.

If House and Senate debate their own bills and pass them with any differences between the two or if an amended version of the House bill is passed by the Senate, a conference committee is appointed by each House to resolve the differences.

Once approved by both House and Senate, the bill is sent to the President. The bill becomes law after it is signed by the President or when passed a second time by a two-thirds vote of Congress over Presidential veto.

If the President holds the bill 10 calendar days (excepting Sundays) without signing it, the bill automatically becomes law. But if Congress adjourns during the 10 days, the bill is automatically killed. (AFNB)



THAT NEAT PIECE OF PAPER Mrs. Pauline Perfetto is handing to ENS Donald D. Thorson, Special Services Officer, is a check for \$30 — one of many San Francisco Navy Mothers Club No. 202 has presented to Oak Knoll's recreation fund. The Club's pleasant habit of sending a monthly check, usually for \$10, started many years ago. Accompanying Mrs. Perfetto, club adjutant and welfare chairman, were Mrs. Maxine Johnson, commander, next to Mr. Thorson, and Mrs. Helen Gannon, 1st vice-commander, right.

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Friday, 12 May 1967



Receiving Mayor John H. Reading's proclamation in his office at the City Hall were ENS John T. Bryant, LT Agnes Borawski, and LCDR Jean Zanetti.

Mayor Reading Proclaims 7-13 May Oakland Navy Nurse Corps Week

More than 120 Navy Nurse Corps Officers at Oakland Naval Hospital and other Navy medical installations throughout the Bay Area today are caring for sick and wounded servicemen, many of them casualties from Vietnam.

In war and in peace since their corps was established May 13, 1908, Navy Nurses have helped to defend our nation's freedom by protecting the health of men of the armed forces and their dependents. Because of the concentration of naval activities in the Bay Area, the task of those assigned here is virtually limitless.

Many Navy nurses retire to this community and continue to contribute to the welfare and morale of its citizens by nursing, teaching, and contributing their time and talent to local health and welfare agencies.

Therefore, as Mayor of the City of Oakland, and in behalf of its administration I hereby proclaim the period of May 7 to May 13, 1967, as "Navy Nurse Corps Week" in Oakland in honor of all Oakland-based Navy Nurses—past, present and future. It is most fitting that citizens of our city join in recognizing their fine contribution.

JOHN H. READING
Mayor of Oakland

USS VULCAN'S Gain—Knoll's Loss

When HM2 Aaron C. Ferguson was transferred to the USS VULCAN (AR-5) in late April, he received the CO's Letter of Appreciation for outstanding performance of duty in the Radiology Service.

The CO's letter, quoted CDR M. W. Olson, Chief of Radiology, as saying that Ferguson's work occasioned more favorable comments than he (Dr. Olson) has received for any other technician in his many years of experience.

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The 1967 National Drivers Test will be televised over CBS network Tuesday, 23 May. Take it, and compare your score with that of others across the nation.

MarCorps Commandant To Visit Here

GEN Wallace M. Greene, Jr., Commandant of the Marine Corps, will be aboard Friday, 19 May, to visit Navy and Marine Corps patients. His visit to Oak Knoll will include presentation of awards to combat casualties.

Following his visit with patients, General Greene will be the guest of honor at an Officers' Club luncheon hosted by Admiral Cokely.

General Greene's trip to the Bay Area is in connection with Armed Forces Day. Thursday he will speak before the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce on "The Role of the U. S. Marine Corps in South Vietnam." He and Mrs. Greene will be honored at a series of social events during their three-day stay.



HM2 Salinas Earns Praise from CO

HM2 Jess Salinas' calm, confident demeanor, technical skill, and teaching ability were praised in a Letter of Appreciation he received from the CO, when he returned to civilian life last week. Salinas had served for the past three years as assistant OR Technician School instructor, his own outstanding qualities inspiring good work and loyalty among his students.

The good-looking corpsman-teacher returned to his home in Seattle, with plans to enter Shoreline Community College there in September and eventually to study physical therapy at the University of Washington.

Admiral Cokely To Speak 30 May

Admiral Cokely will be the principal speaker at Memorial Day observances in Alameda 30 May at 1330. The services will be held at the Veterans Memorial Building, Central and Walnut Streets.

Fleet Reserve Association, Branch 87, and other veterans organizations in Alameda are planning the program, and all hands at Oak Knoll are cordially invited.

Music will be furnished by the 12ND Band.

Purple Hearts for 11



ELEVEN VIETNAM CASUALTIES were honored at ceremonies in Gendreau Circle 28 April. From left, they are CPL David White, LCPLs Samuel L. King and Keith A. Byrd, who received the Gold Star in lieu of a second Purple Heart. Receiving the Purple Heart Medal were LCPLs F. J. M. Grace and D. J. Dunagan, HN Rand C. Montgomery, CPLs Richard A. Mackenzie and John A. Gianini, SGTs Herschell R. Lewallen, Larry Jackson, and William A. Clark.

Give To Navy Relief

The annual drive for Navy Relief—the Navy's own charity—is now under way, with CDR L. C. M. Vosseler, Senior Chaplain, in charge. The drive will continue through the month of May.

The Oak Leaf

Naval Hospital, Oakland, California

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+ + CHAPLAIN'S CORNER + +

The other day I was afforded an opportunity to tour the new hospital building. Having watched each phase of building from the day of "ground breaking" on 7 December 1965 to the present, I never cease to be amazed at the way such a structure progresses. Thousands of feet of electrical wire, conduit, vents, and copper pipes snake their way from source of supply to their destination. There are literally tons of concrete and steel all properly placed to create a utilitarian structure for the future treatment of sick and wounded personnel. For those of us who are "laymen" in the construction and engineering fields, we are awed by the momentous task of construction. Yet, let's take a closer look! In order to construct a building that will stand, there are a few necessary tools of the trade one must have: First, there must be a blueprint of the entire building to guide the construction men; second, there must be a firm foundation; third, just as important as the others is the selection and use of proper building materials and; last, careful supervision of the work and workers as each phase of construction proceeds. Such a project is closely akin to our own lives, for whether we like to admit it or not, we are life-builders. The eternal God whom we worship has placed at our disposal all of the equipment necessary to build strong lives that will withstand the pressures of living from within and the storms of life from without. If we allow God to continually guide our lives day by day, we may be assured of the fact that we will achieve our goal: a human structure that is strong and useful.

The big catch, however, is this! So many of us are prone to say, "I don't need God! I want to live my life by myself—my way!" We then, of necessity, create our own set of values for living which are generally based on the shifting sands of pleasure and uncertainty. Then when the winds of inner emotional turmoil blow, and the external floods come, we fall. This need not be so, for the eternal God has provided us with a blueprint for moral and spiritual values (which have been tested and proven down through the centuries) outlined in the Bible. When we utilize this blueprint or guide for living, we find that our lives are based upon a firm foundation provided by our faith in God; and that we will be able to stand in the time when the inevitable storms of life arise.

I invite each of you to carefully examine your own lives, your moral and spiritual values. Are they based upon the shifting sand of your own choice, or the solid rock of faith in God? If you sense a need for a stronger foundation for your life, I extend an invitation to you to come and speak with one of the hospital Chaplains about your need; for that is one of the reasons we are here. May God continue to bless each of you.

CHAPLAIN E. E. JAYNE

A Nurse's Prayer

*When I falter, give me courage.
When I tire, renew my strength.
When I weaken because I'm human,
Inspire me on to greater length.
If doctors and patients become demanding
And days are too short for all my duty,
Help me remember I chose to serve,
To do so with grace and spiritual beauty.
In humility Lord, I labor long hours—
And though I sometimes may fret;
My mission is mercy—Abide with me,
That I may never forget.*

The 200-year-old Norfolk Naval Shipyard—the nation's oldest—is putting out the welcome mat for visitors during its 1967 bicentennial year. Since its establishment in 1767, the facility has become the largest naval shipyard in the world devoted exclusively to ship repair.

NEWPORT NAVALOG, the Navy's oldest newspaper, celebrated its 66th birthday last month. It is printed in what may

be America's oldest printing house—Franklin Press of Newport, R.I. The shop was opened in 1727 by James Franklin, elder brother of Ben.

American Red Cross has already begun preparation for Christmas in Vietnam. On 1 May volunteers in nearly 1,400 Red Cross Chapters began production of Christmas gift bags for service personnel stationed in Southeast Asia.



Admiral Cokely presents a commendation and honorary membership in the crew of the USS REPOSE to Sidney Fass of Berkeley.

Veteran "Ham Operator" Becomes Honorary Member of REPOSE Crew

Sidney Fass of Berkeley has become an honorary member of the crew of the USS REPOSE. And he has received an elaborate hand-lettered certificate of commendation signed by CAPT Rudy Nadbath, CO of the hospital aboard the REPOSE and former Oak Knoll Chief of Ophthalmology.

All this without setting foot on

High Honor for MSC's First Woman Captain

CAPT Mary F. Keener, MSC, has been elected vice-president of the Aerospace Medical Association. Not only is she the first Navy woman to hold the association office. She also is the first woman officer to make captain in the MSC.

Captain Keener has trained thousands of aviation personnel in use of oxygen equipment, rejection seats, low pressure chambers, and other related areas. An aviation physiologist, she is head of the aerospace physiology section at BuMed.

the deck of the hospital ship.

He has, however, been contributing to the morale and well-being of patients and crew of the REPOSE by providing stateside telephone patch services by amateur radio since the ship anchored off Vietnam in February 1966. He is now performing the same fine service for the USS SANCTUARY.

"I'm usually busy from 0700 to 1000 (PDT). It's 2200 to 0200 in Vietnam," said the pleasant, 72-year-old Berkeleyan.

Mr. Fass has been a "ham operator" for 58 years and has been a Naval Reservist for 46 years; hence serving the Navy comes naturally.

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OAKNOLLUMNI: LT Don Bagnall of BuMed was among this year's Freedoms Foundation Award winners. If memory serves us correctly, this is not the first time Mr. Bagnall has submitted an award winning essay in the annual Freedoms Foundation competition.



SDI Emilio Adan was piped over the side 2 May after more than 20 years of active duty aboard ship and on shore. Adan started his career in the Philippines, where he was born. He ended it serving as steward at the CO's Quarters here. Four of his five young sons were here for the retirement ceremony. Adan will work in Sunnyvale, where he has established a home for his and their mother.

Knoll NC Officers Reveal Colorful Career Highlights



ENS Catherine McGinn, who arrived only two weeks ago, thinks it's outstanding that she has been assigned to the Special Care Unit where her sister Margaret served from 1964-1966. "Just beginning a career in Navy Nursing is exciting, but of course it's too early to name a highlight. Home for Ensign McGinn is Hempstead, N.Y. She and her sister are both grads of Mt. Sinai Hospital School of Nursing, N.Y., N.Y.



LT Janet Scott is from West Pembroke, Maine, and Massachusetts General Hospital School of Nursing, Boston. Her most exciting experience—receiving her first salute after donning the uniform at Newport. "An enlisted WAVE came along, and I was ready with the dollar a new officer pays the first person who salutes. There was another bit of excitement at Newport—when President Eisenhower's car waited at the cross walk while a few of us JG's crossed the street."

LCDR Harriett Simmons—home, Worcester, Mass., school—Hartford Hospital School of Nursing, Hartford, Conn., considers her two years with MSTS the highlight of her career. "Bremerhaven was our usual port of call, but I made three trips to the Mediterranean, including one to Istanbul and Ismir, Turkey. In all ports we participated in the "people to people" program by visiting nearby points of interest. We saw Holland during the tulip festival, Athens, Pisa, Berlin, Copenhagen, Hamburg, Pompeii, London, Barcelona, Naples, Rota, Tripoli, and Leghorn. Medical duties were light enough to permit me to learn how to plot our ship's position by Loran, plot radar contacts, and practice coastal piloting."



ENS Cecelia Ann Sklar of Indiana, Pennsylvania, and Pittsburgh Hospital School of Nursing has been at Oak Knoll for only 11 months. "I love this area, and the Navy appeals to me because in addition to the opportunity for service, there are so many opportunities for travel. I've been to Disneyland, Carmel, and Tahoe, and hope to get to Hawaii one of these days."

LCDR Nancy MacDowell is from Provo, Utah, and has her RN from LDS Hospital School of Nursing, Salt Lake City, and her BS from University of Utah. Some nurses had to think hard to select a career highlight, but not Miss MacDowell. "It's being selected for school," she announced joyfully. "I'm leaving the 25th for the University of Indiana to get my Master's Degree in Nursing Administration."



CDR Frances J. Jacobson comes from Weippe, Idaho. She is a graduate of Deaconess Hospital School of Nursing, Spokane, Washington, and the University of Colorado. "My most exciting and rewarding experience? It was caring for casualties from the Korean War aboard the USS CONSOLATION."

LCDR Esther Heston, a "Webfooter" from Portland, Oregon, is a graduate of Emanuel Hospital School of Nursing and University of Oregon School of Nursing. Her favorite duty station was Bremerton, Washington, but the high point of her career: "For the past three years I've been involved in training Neuropsychiatry Technicians here at Oak Knoll, and every time we graduate a new class, that's a high point in my career."



LT Ruth R. Binkley from New Holland, Pennsylvania, and Philadelphia General Hospital School of Nursing, considers her promotion to Lieutenant the highlight of her three years in the Navy—"that and just being in this area. I like everything about it—the places to see and the people to meet. It's wonderful!"



59th Anniversary

Time Marches On and So Does The Navy Nurse Corps!

Oak Knoll has had more reason than usual this week to salute its Navy Nurses; for it was 59 years ago tomorrow that Congress established the Navy Nurse Corps.

When on May 13, 1908, President Taft signed the bill establishing the corps, there were 20 members, who became known as "The Sacred 20." But actually the Navy Nurse Corps had been thought of as far back as 1811, when Dr. William P. C. Barton, a young Navy surgeon who later became first chief of the Navy's Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, recommended to the Secretary of the Navy that hospitals be staffed by young women.

"Nurses," he wrote, "should be women of humane disposition and tender manners, active and healthy, without vices of any description . . . and are to attend with fidelity and care upon all the sick committed to their charge."

Doctor Barton's description written nine years before the birth of Florence Nightingale and 97 years before the Corps became official, became badly outmoded in 1965 when one of the biggest changes in the history of the Navy Nurse Corps took place. Its ranks were opened for the first time to men.

11,054 in WWII

From its small beginning the Nurse Corps grew to a peak of 11,054 during World War II. Today it numbers more than 2,000. Approximately 150 of this number are men, and the count is rapidly growing.

Many other changes have taken place during the 59-year history of the Nurse Corps.

The pompadour, the high-necked, tight-waisted dresses that "dusted the deck" as The Sacred Twenty cared for their patients, have been replaced by comfortable, crisp whites for work, and navy serge with jacket sleeves striped with gold for street wear. For formal occasions the women wear a uniform with dinner jacket, complete with miniature campaign medals. A gold-braided tiara completes the costume.

Male nurses' uniforms match Medical Corps Officers' except for the sleeve device.

Members of "The Sacred Twenty" received \$40 a month. Now the youngest ensign starts with \$303.90 a month base pay.

The first "women in white" were neither officers nor enlisted. Today Oak Knoll's 121 Navy Nurses, including five men, rank from ensign to commander. The Director of the Corps, CAPT Veronica Bulsheski, former Chief of the Nursing Service at Oak Knoll, is one of four Navy Nurses wearing the four stripes of a captain.

Training and travel opportunities have increased with the changing times.

Although the actual birthday of the Nurse Corps is May 13, Oak Knoll is celebrating today. At 1100 the Coast Guard Band will serenade the Navy Nurses with a

concert in Gendreau Circle—while the nurses carry on their duties in the wards nearby.

This evening from 1800 to 2000 a reception in the Officers' Club will honor the nursing staff.

Cap Tree

A "cap tree" decorated with caps from many of the 119 civilian schools of nursing where the Oak Knoll nurses received their RNs will be an important part of the decor at the reception.

A miniature world will revolve, showing the 93 different stations where Navy Nurses are assigned in the United States and overseas. They include places such as Naples, Italy; Rota, Spain; London, England; Yokosuka, Japan; Subic Bay, Philippine Islands; Taipei, Taiwan; and of course Vietnam. Navy Nurses are also caring for Vietnam casualties aboard the hospital ships USS REPOSE and USS SANCTUARY.

CDR Romaine Mentzer, Chief of the Nursing Service, will be the official hostess. She will join the youngest ensign aboard in cutting the birthday cake.

Scuttlebutt

DID YOU KNOW that "Egg," the *yolk-yellow Volkswagon* that makes other cars in the parking lot look (or turn) pale belongs to HN Kenneth Gideon of the CO's Mailroom. . . . That CDR Barbara Ellis' mother was a Navy Nurse in WWII. . . . That a handsome framed picture of the new hospital hangs in the offices of the Mayor of Oakland. . . . That LTJG Donald Thorson has departed for NAAS, Fallon, Nev., after bequeathing the duties of Special Services Officer to ENS Damon Romine. . . . That Special Services already has tickets available for the Livermore Rodeo to be held 2 July. . . . That The Skipper and Mrs. Cokely will BOTH be models at the Spring Fashion Fiesta to be held at the O' Club tomorrow night. . . . That Chief Fanning, who served both at NP and NPRL was recently piped ashore and into the Fleet Reserve. . . . That Chaplain L. C. M. Vosseler and his wife Mary Jean have just celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of their marriage in Glendale, California. . . . That 30 May is a holiday. . . . That Rose Leger (pronounced Lee-jay) keeps track of the staff baby statistics and reports them for each issue of the OAK LEAF. . . . That Terry Cooper is back from New Orleans in casts and happy to have visitors on 40A. . . . That Chief Bull belts out the songs like a professional when he and HM2 Cothran hold Monday noon hootenannys in the auditorium.

LIFE BEGAN 3 May for Kimberly Ann Kirby, 7 lb. 2½ oz. daughter of HN Danny Kirby of Emergency Clinic and his wife Linda. . . . Also 3 May for Della Emma Lopez, 7 lb. 4 oz. daughter of HN Thomas Lopez of OT and wife, Mary.

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HERE IS HOW A NAVY NURSE LOOKED in 1908 when the Corps was established. These old salts in skirts bedeck the steps at the old Mare Island Hospital.



HERE IS HOW A NAVY NURSE LOOKS TODAY. "The Sacred Twenty" would undoubtedly have been shocked at the length of the skirts LCDRs Marie Pinto, Ann Hamill, Julia Pickering, Ruth Pampush, Kathryn Doherty, and CDR Barbara Ellis are wearing.

Career Highlights Revealed

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ENS Frederick J. Dempsey from Youngstown, Ohio, and Youngstown Hospital Association School of Nursing, enjoys his first assignment in NP Service but hopes to go to Anesthetist School at Bethesda before too long. "The greatest thing is that my wife, Patricia, another RN from Youngstown, is here with me. She's a civilian nurse in Pediatrics.

LCDR Mary Jane Wathen from Vallejo is a grad of St. Joseph College of Nursing, San Francisco, and has her BS in nursing from U.C. "Well if you need variety and are determined to use this 20-year-old picture, just say my most exciting experience was being indoctrinated into the NNC here at Oak Knoll. We used to hup-two-three-four around the O' Club parking lot every day. It was grrreat. LTJG Carl A. Broadus, Jr., whose father was the CO, was our drill master—Last I heard he had moved up to Chief of Surgery at Chelsea."



LTJG Sandra Ann Sauer from East Setauket, Long Island, received her RN from Villanova University School of Nursing, Villanova, Pa. Oak Knoll is her first Navy assignment, and she thinks it would be hard to top the experience of working with Vietnam casualties, especially the amputees.

LCDR Kathryn Lopartz is from Joliet, Illinois. She had her nurse's training at St. Joseph's Hospital, Elgin, Ill. "It has ALL been wonderful," Miss Lopartz wrote at 0200 in the Chief Nurse's Office. Since the OAK LEAF does not have a night shift, there was no chance for a live interview, which undoubtedly would have revealed fascinating experiences in the Lopartz career.



LTJG Shirley Kirkpatrick of Port Washington, N.Y., and the University of Michigan School of Nursing was heading toward Europe when last seen. Whether she made it, no one has heard. It's safe to say that she would say that next to her work on the amputee ward, the opportunity to travel in space available is the most exciting part of Navy life. She will have space reserved for a trip to NH, Guam, where she is to report in August.

"Power for Peace" at Work; Armed Forces Day, 20 May

"Power for Peace"—when first adopted as the official Armed Forces Day slogan, it was little known that this phrase would be vividly demonstrated in the sweat, tears and blood of American servicemen seeking peace in the defense of a small Southeast Asian nation called Vietnam.

"Power for Peace" was a term meaning an American armed force at the ready—ready to meet and repel any act of aggression anywhere in the world at anytime when directed by the President. It was a slogan born in an uneasy period when it was hoped that America's powerful armed services would act as a deterrent to aggressors.

As Americans the world over prepare to celebrate Armed Forces Day May 20, more than 400,000 U. S. servicemen are bringing to the enemy in Vietnam the meaning of that slogan.

The Armed Forces Day theme is "Armed Forces Report to the Nation"—a report which is carried daily in the dispatches from Vietnam where the United States is at work in a bloody conflict to stop another act of aggression.

It is symbolized by the peace-preserving presence of our Armed Forces in faraway places—in Europe, the Arctic, the Pacific, and other regions of the world.

President Johnson in his Armed Forces Day message points out that nowhere is America's dedication to the love of freedom "reflected more vividly than in the Armed Forces of the United States."

Terming America's military establishment "the mightiest of all time," the President said that this would not be the case, that this mighty arsenal "would give us neither peace nor security without the devotion to duty, the courage and sacrifice of the men and women who wear our country's uniform."

"In Vietnam—and around the world—they perpetuate the ideals which made and preserve us as a nation," President Johnson said.

Dedication . . . devotion . . . courage . . . sacrifice—this is the serviceman's report to his nation. It is a report written clearly among the rattle of small arms fire, the thump of mortars and cannon, and the earth-shaking blast of falling bombs. It is a report that hopefully will demonstrate once and for all the meaning of "Power for Peace."

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Men's Swim, Diving Meet Coming 31 May

12ND swimming and diving meets are scheduled for 31 May. If you wish to perform for the glory of Oak Knoll, please call Special Services and get your name on the list immediately.

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Football Prospects Asked to Sign Up

Coach Ken Moffett is interested in hearing from prospective football players. He needs to know in advance who will be out for the team so that equipment can be ordered and schedules arranged.

Call Ext. 593 now if you are interested.

American scientists working with the Navy's Operation DEEP FREEZE at Byrd Station, Antarctica, are drilling an 8,500 foot hole in the 30,000 year old ice. The drilling will give them an idea of snow accumulation over the years.



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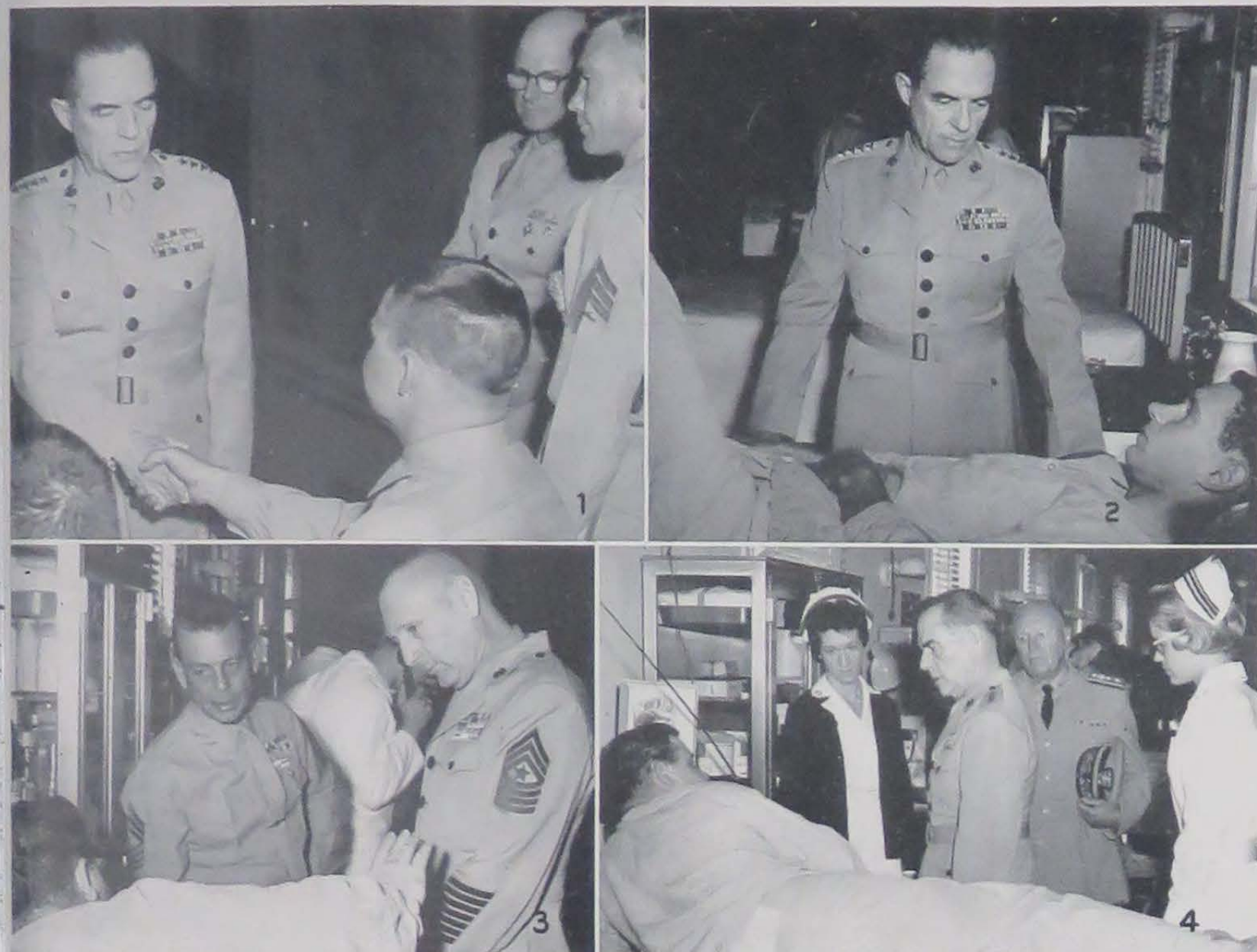


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Friday, 26 May, 1967

Marine Corps Commandant's Visit Cheers Patients



At the auditorium General Greene met Marine patients, asking them questions and wishing them well. (1) WO John M. Mitchell, Oak Knoll's Marine Liaison Officer, and SGT Hershell R. Lewallen looked on while the Commandant shook the hand of sturdy LCPL Cecil J. Wyatt. (2) AA Howard Johnston, USN, was among the many who had the honor of meeting the General. (3) Following the Commandant through the wards were SGTMAJ Herbert J. Sweet, senior non-commissioned officer in the Corps (right) and SGTMAJ Woodrow Barfield, senior enlisted Marine in the Twelfth Naval District (center). (4) In Neurosurgery the photographer found General Greene and Admiral Cokely at the bedside of S/SGT Frederick G. Wix. The nurses are LT Bonnie Harding, left, and LTJG Mary Hoffman.

Navy Relief Funds Provide Help For Emergencies, Loans for School

The annual call for contributions to Navy Relief is in progress throughout the Navy and at Oak Knoll, where coordinators and keymen met last Tuesday to make their plans under the guidance of CDR L. C. M. Vosseler, who is chairman of the local drive as well as head of the hospital branch of Navy Relief.

The drive, which will continue through 6 June, serves a dual purpose—(1) to let every member of the Navy-Marine Corps team know that Navy Relief stands ready throughout the world to provide instant help to a needy family and (2) to raise the funds that make this possible.

Since a reserve fund set up in World War-II provides all the society's expenses for "overhead," every cent of every dollar contrib-

uted by an individual is returned to Navy and Marine Corps personnel and their families, or their widows in direct cash gratuities and direct services.

There is no field of human trouble in which Navy Relief has

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CDR Schwab Speaks To NSHA Students

CDR Albert J. Schwab, MSC, was the principal speaker yesterday afternoon at the annual Naval Hospital Administration Seminar at the Naval School of Hospital Administration, National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, Md.

His subject was one on which he is well-qualified to speak: "My Role as Administrative Officer of a Large Naval Hospital."

Hospital Corpsmen To Celebrate Birthday 16 June

Coming 16 June—The ball commemorating the 69th Anniversary of the founding of the Navy Hospital Corps.

This year the ball will be held at the Edgewater Inn, 455 Hegenberger Road, Oakland.

Dinner, a top-notch floor show, and dancing will be on the evening's agenda.

The ball will be dedicated to Hospital Corpsmen who are serving their country in Vietnam.

Make your reservations by calling Ext. 315. The date—16 June—is only three short weeks away.

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Free tickets to Polack Brothers Circus under auspices of Islam Temple Shrine are available at Special Services for 2, 3, and 4 June.

General Presents Three Purple Hearts

GEN Wallace M. Greene Jr., Commandant of the U.S. Marine Corps, visited Oak Knoll last Friday.

RADM H. J. Cokely, Oak Knoll's CO, greeted the General as he stepped out of a sleek black Lincoln Continental at the steps of the Administration Building over which the distinguished visitor's four-star red flag was flying.

They went immediately to the auditorium. There ambulatory Marine patients had assembled. General Greene moved quietly among them, stopping to shake hands and say a few words to each one. He presented the Purple Heart Medal to PFCs Carol G. Garrison of LaMar, Colo., and Ronald P. Schroeder of Lincoln, Nebr. Later on 76B he pinned the Purple Heart on PFC Edward T. Medelin of Herndon, Calif.

Before leaving the auditorium the quiet, calm-appearing Commandant raised his voice to say to his men: "I'm proud of you. You should be proud of yourselves. The Marines have been doing a lot of fighting in Vietnam, and we haven't lost a major encounter to the Viet Cong."

A tour of the Navy Prosthetic Research Laboratory, with its director, CAPT Frank L. Golbranson, serving as guide, gave General Greene an opportunity to see the Navy's rehabilitation program for amputees, many of whom are Marine casualties from Vietnam.

At 69B the Commandant presented the Navy Unit Commendation Medal for heroic achievement

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CAPT Hugh L. Julian, USMC, received the Navy Unit Commendation for heroic achievement in Vietnam from General Wallace M. Greene, Jr., during the Commandant's stop at 69B.

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THE SOURCE OF POWER

All of us desire power of some kind. It may be power to accomplish a physical act. Domination over someone may be the kind of power we are seeking. The extension of our abilities, or even life itself is a search for power. Few of us get as much power as we desire, and most of us are not satisfied with the kind of power we receive. The reason for this is that we are not willing to receive power from the proper source: God—or to go through the proper channels: prayer.

God has power available—plenty of it—and all kinds. But to say His power is available is like saying water is plentiful when we have no cup in which to receive it. It is like having electricity accessible without having the means to use it.

Power from God is not given, willy-nilly, to everyone, regardless of his desires or qualifications to utilize it. We need to give credit to God at least for the kind of judgment we exercise in our more mature moments.

An early attempt was made by Simon the sorcerer in Acts 8:5-25 to purchase spiritual power with money. Peter's answer to him is a good answer today: "Thy money perish with thee, because thou hast thought that the gift of God may be purchased with money. Thou hast neither part nor lot in this matter, for thy heart is not right in the sight of God. Repent therefore of this thy wickedness, and pray God, if perhaps the thought of thine heart may be forgiven thee. For I perceive thou art in the gall of bitterness, and in the hand of iniquity." Then answered Simon and said, "Pray ye the Lord for me, that none of these things which ye have spoken come upon me."

This power is not gained by manipulating God, or people, or circumstances. It is not attempting to use, but to be used. It is giving up our lives rather than keeping them. It is not desiring the power but desiring the One who gives it.

Eternally planned power is not accidentally stumbled on. God's intention has always been to share Himself, His bounty, His grace and eternal dominion with His creatures. Man did not just happen, nor do the events in his life befall him by chance. God is not caught napping. Just because we do not understand everything about us or things that happen does not mean that God does not understand either. "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts." (Isaiah 55:8-9)

A detailed account of how and with whom God deals in power is recorded in the Bible. While we have been wasting our time on trashy reading material, and, in a round-about way making clever explorations of the mind and social behavior of the creature called man, the inspired Word of God has been lying dormant, powerless to reveal and speak because of neglect, ridicule, and paralyzing analysis. It is not what we do not understand about the Bible that should bother us, it is what we do understand and do not practice that should give us concern.

From Genesis to Revelations the Bible reveals God as an all powerful being. From the Creation to the final defeat of Satan at the end of time, the power of God is most apparent. This same thing cannot always be said for His creatures, but the blame clearly is not God's. If we properly concentrate on the mind of God in Holy Scripture, tune out foreign and false signals, get in step with God and His purposes and march in the direction He is going, we can then receive His power. "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." (Acts 1:8)

Will you receive God's power? Are you willing to pay the price that is necessary? God wants you to have it. He has a wonderful plan for your life if you will let Him use you, empower you, direct you, and keep you.

LCDR H. L. SCHNICK
Protestant Chaplain

Education is the key that opens the golden door of opportunity. See your education officer.

Love is when she listens to him describing a ball game and he listens to her telling how her cousin's dress was made.



Ken Bull, president of Oakland Magic Circle, had expert assistance from LTJG Bonnie Herl when he went through his sleight-of-hand routine for patients on 62A.



Before HMI Junious R. Josey, Jr., of Operating Services departed for an extended tour of TAD, destination undisclosed, "The Topside Gang" surprised him with a cake and coffee party that left him almost speechless. "What can I say?" he kept saying. And finally it came: "I always thought I worked in the right place. Now I know it." Josey, the Kansas City Corpsman who will retire in December without ever having served aboard ship, will have a few more non-sea stories to tell his grandchildren when he returns from this assignment. Wherever you are Josey, your Oak Knoll shipmates send greetings!

Magic & Music, Dogs & Dancers Delight Patients

From the time Jim Embree registered surprise when that rabbit popped out of his hat as he stuffed it with handkerchiefs, egg(s)?, and sundry other things used in his act until Clark McDermott's "Cold Nose Five" went through their canine capers, the Oakland Magic Circle show was a delight to all hands.

Young Marc McGuire rolled a solid wooden cane in a page of newspaper, sprayed it here and there with a popular deodorant, unrolled the paper, and lo, the cane had vanished.

Roger Mycroft swallowed a series of razor blades and floated his lady (Mrs. Mycroft), but his spirit handkerchief brought forth the wildest squeals from young dependents. These and Burt Hansen's and Jimmy McGovern's ventriloquist acts were interspersed with Cindy's Tahitian Fire Dance, songs by a hootenanny group, Linda de la Cruz in a Hawaiian dance, and lively Mexican music by a trio that had just arrived from south of the border.

Jimmy Muir helped round up talent and was an able master of ceremonies, and Bill Peterson provided piano accompaniment.

While the stage show was in progress, bed-bound patients were entertained on the wards with magic by Ralph Larion, Joe Sarabia, Woody Woodward, Harold Agnew, Mike Rogers, Bill Frances, and Ken Bull.

A Day to Remember

Memorial Day honors the men and women of our Armed Forces who have given their lives in the service or defense of our nation and way of life since 1861.

First proclaimed as Decoration Day in 1868 by General John A. Logan, it was to honor the men who had fallen in the Civil War. After World War I it became known as Memorial Day and honored Americans who have died in all wars.

The occasion is marked by parades, patriotic observances, memorial services and decoration of graves of servicemen and veterans.

Since the Civil War, more than 603,000 American servicemen have died in battle. On bloody battlefields from Shiloh in the Civil War to Hill 881 in the Republic of Vietnam, these Americans unhesitatingly gave their lives for the cause of freedom and democracy.

This Memorial Day holiday, as you speed on your way to the seashore or mountains or relax in your backyard, take a moment to say a silent and grateful "Thank you" to the thousands whose supreme sacrifice made it possible to enjoy the freedom you have today. (AFNB)

Memorial for Jane

A Memorial Service for HN Jane Empson will be held in the hospital chapel at 1200 Monday.

Chaplain H. L. Schnick will conduct the service, to which all staff members are invited.

More About General's Visit

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ment in Vietnam to CAPT Hugh L. Julian, USMC, of Hayward. Captain Julian was serving as a Naval flight officer with Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 323, Marine Aircraft Group 13, First Marine Aircraft Wing last August when the operation for which he was cited took place.

At 65B General Greene talked to PFC Dale Koch, who was burned when his amtrack went over a land mine near Chu Lai. He told Koch how well he looks considering what happened to him. "And I want you to keep your spirits up."

Young Koch, slowly recovering from painful burns of his face and over much of his body, made it a great moment for everyone around him. He looked squarely back at the General and said, "No sweat, Sir!"

Accompanying General Greene during his visit was his Aide-de-Camp and Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps, H. J. Sweet, who has served the Corps for 31 years and is its senior non-commissioned officer.

While the General was honored at a luncheon at the Officers' Club, Sergeant Major Sweet was the guest of honor at a similar event at the CPO Club. Both were active participants in Armed Forces Day events during their Bay Area visit.

13 Boys Attend First Meeting of Medical Explorer Post

Thirteen boys from Fremont and Castlemont High Schools turned out 17 May for the first meeting of the Boy Scout Medical Explorer Post to be sponsored by the hospital.

It was a get-acquainted meeting, with Admiral Cokely welcoming the prospective Explorers aboard. LCDR J. R. Mulvey, who has long been active in scouting and has acted as liaison between the schools and the hospital as plans for the post were made, showed a series of slides to orient the boys to Oak Knoll.

LT J. T. Lucas, who will serve as post adviser, talked briefly about his own experiences in a medical club in high school, and LCDR J. A. Langevin, associate adviser, met the group.

The objectives of exploring—to give high school students the opportunity to explore careers in medicine and allied sciences and provide opportunity for individual counsel from qualified representatives of various branches of the medical profession—were discussed.

Meetings will be held regularly. They will feature lectures, films, and opportunities to observe the work of the various services.

The new Explorers are Manfred Chin, Stephen Corson, Eddie Ellis, John Johnson, Michael Langevin, Samuel Lecesene, Joe Lyons, Raymond Owyang, Michael Saterfield, Gino Scaffella, Jim Wong, and Bruce Yamamoto.



NURSES & THEIR GUESTS happily celebrated another milestone in the history of the Navy Nurse Corps last Friday night. (1) CDR Romaine Mentzer, Chief of the Nursing Service, and ENS Gail Snodgrass, newest Navy nurse aboard, shared cake-cutting honors. The sword belongs to the Nurse Corps' LTJG George Silver. (2) Honor guest Mrs. Chester W. Nimitz, was escorted to the party by ENS Ellen Green and welcomed aboard by Admiral Cokely. (3) Square, round, puckered, braided, and be-ribboned were the RN caps on the tree, which was decorated by ENS Carolyn Krauch. (4) ENS Patricia Moher beside a revolving world looked as though she has just stepped off a recruiting poster. Miniature flags around the base of the world indicated where Navy nurses serve. (5) LCDR Helen Furmanchik had a happy reunion with former Guam shipmate LT Paul J. Durkin, CHC. (6) The SINGING NURSES prefaced the cake-cutting with "Anchors Aweigh," "Happy Birthday," and other appropriate selections. From left, front row, are Ensigns Karen Munson, Janice Ayott, Eva Redd, Constance Wear, and Patricia Moher, and LTJG Maryann McCarthy; back row: Ensigns Patricia Thomas, Signe Bitting, Carolyn Krauch, Dolly McAdams, Carol Quast, and Pamela Hoth.

What characterizes the hospital corpsman—yesterday, today, and tomorrow?

- Self-sacrifice
- Enthusiastic response
- Religious humility
- Vigorous activity
- Ingenuity
- Courageous determination
- Educational pursuit

All this seems to sum up the basic creed of the Hospital Corps — SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY.

Diaper Derby

LIFE BEGAN 12 May for Leisa Rachelle Baker, 7 lb. 1½ oz. daughter of HN Thomas Baker of CSR and wife Ellen. . . 18 May for Thomas Mark Wall, 5 pound son of HMC John Wall of PMT School and wife Donna. . . 19 May for Yvonne Marie Bates, 7 lb. 11½ oz. daughter of HM3 Billy Bates of X-ray and wife Norma.

LCDR Donoghue Gets a "Well Done"

LCDR Margaret C. Donoghue departed 27 April for the Navy Postgraduate School, Monterey, to study for her Master's Degree in management. She took with her the good wishes of all her shipmates at Oakland—and a Letter of Appreciation from the CO for exemplary performance of duty as Hospital Corps Detail Officer for the Nursing Service. She had served in that capacity since 16 November 1964.

"You have shown outstanding administrative ability and mature judgment in selecting corpsmen for overseas billets, and despite the constant movement of personnel, your proficient leadership and fine personal example have enabled you to maintain a consistently high level of morale among the corpsmen," Admiral Cokely's letter read in part. The CO further praised Miss Donoghue for her



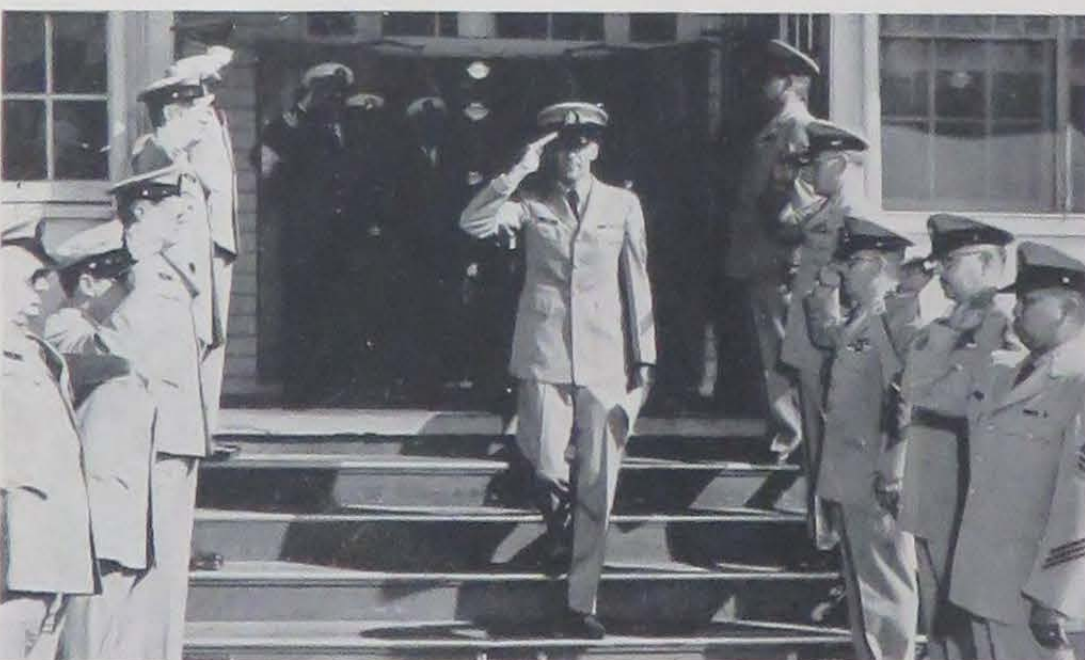
gracious acceptance and efficient handling of collateral duties, which included serving as relief Assistant to the Chief Nurse, supervisor, and instructor of hospital corpsmen.



MEET THE WINNERS of the recent Oak Knoll Golf Tournament played at Lake Chabot. LT Walter H. Snider, MC, had low gross score and A Flight championship; LT George I. Soule, MSC, earned the B Flight championship, and CDR Marshall W. Olson, MC, the C Flight. Fire Chief E. R. Meier drove his ball closest to the pin at No. 12 hole, and HMC Jack Richards had the longest hit at the first hole. Each received a dozen golf balls. MAC Donald Schneberger, who is now organizing livestock auctions, was the organizer, chairman, and scorekeeper for the Special Services-sponsored tournament in which 32 golfers played.



ADAN James Hill, LCPL William Hamilton, and PFC Joseph Castaneda were among the patients who entered work in the recent 12ND Art Show at the Treasure Island Library last month. Oak Knoll entries included collage, ceramics, and a clever "rock family." Although Knoll entries won no trophies, the artists enjoyed their work, the show, and the cookies presented them by Miss Elizabeth Guethlein, TI librarian, and LT J. E. Dilloway, TI Special Services.



HMC Floyd A. Gracie, USN, was transferred to the Fleet Reserve 15 May after nearly 20 years of active duty. In the Medical Equipment Repair Section the retiring chief kept Oak Knoll's X-ray equipment and that from other 12ND medical activities in order. Now he's doing the same work for Keleket X-ray Corporation in Richmond.

About 200 midshipmen at Annapolis are wearing braces on their teeth. When they become Naval officers, they will have straight teeth—and beautiful smiles. The adult orthodontics program was started at the Naval Academy 12

years ago by CAPT Joseph Faltermayer, DC, USN, Ret.

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 HN: She sure gave you a dirty look.
 HA: Who?
 HN: Mother Nature.

More About Navy Relief

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 not helped, either by counseling or necessary financial assistance. In 1966 a total of 52,000 loans and gratuities were made to Navy men and Marines to alleviate hardships and meet emergencies; \$141,084 was spent on layettes for new mothers; 45 full-time and 7 part-time nurses made over 67,000 home visits or contacts to assist service families.

Educational Loans

Educational loans — a little known service of the society — enabled 357 dependent children to attend college. The organization hopes to assist 600 next year. The deadline for applying has been extended to 15 June. Write Navy Relief Society Headquarters, 1030 Munitions Building, Washington, D.C. 20360, for application forms. Later requests will be approved, if urgent, according to word from that office.

In 1966 tens of thousands of interviews resulted in service personnel working out their problems with counseling and advice of skilled interviewers because 6,900 capable, devoted volunteers gave their time and effort to augment the professional staff of 173 employees.

Chaplain Vosseler reports that the hospital branch, a part of the East San Francisco Bay Auxiliary of Navy Relief Society (headquartered at NAS, Alameda) last year made 90 loans, arranged for 28 gratuities (outright grants), and provided 10 layettes for staff families. These services were made possible through gifts of Oak Knoll personnel and through the service of trained volunteer interviewers, many of whom are wives of Oak Knoll staff officers.

"Contributions are coming in slowly but surely, and we have a long way to go to match last year's contribution of \$2,465," Chaplain Vosseler said at press-time.

"I hope all patient and staff personnel will take this opportunity to contribute toward a better life for shipmates, past, present, or future, who may be less fortunate than we," he said.

Stockman Delos Welch Retires at 70

Delos A. Welch, Fiscal and Supply stockman, is retiring after 19 years' government service, 14½ of which he spent at Oak Knoll.

"I have mixed emotions about leaving," said Mr. Welch, who has reached the compulsory retirement age of 70 but doesn't look it. "I may work a little, and I intend to play a lot—with my five grandchildren."

Mr. Welch, his wife Celestine, and the grandchildren all live in Fremont.

As a stockman, Mr. Welch helped supply the various components of the hospital with necessary equipment and materials. "Your work has affected the operations of all departments and has contributed to our primary function of patient care," Admiral Cokely wrote in a letter presented to Mr. Welch last week by LCDR E. A. Ambrose, Chief of the Fiscal and Supply Division.



HMC Ardell R. Hosking has received a Certificate of Commendation for outstanding performance of duty while serving as a Medical Field Technician with the Preventive Medicine Section, First Medical Battalion, First Marine Division in Vietnam from 25 February 1966 to 7 February 1967.

"Responsible for the section's logistical support, Chief Hosking established and maintained a highly efficient storeroom, repaired and maintained equipment, and displayed exceptional resourcefulness in fabricating unobtainable parts. In addition he voluntarily provided vector control services to the battalion's shock and resuscitation teams and actively participated in its medical civic affairs program.

"Chief Hosking's tireless efforts contributed significantly to the accomplishment of his unit's mission and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Navy and Marine Corps," according to the commendation, signed by LTGEN V. H. Krulak, Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific.

Chief Hosking joined the PMT Course staff here 16 March.

"So you want to become my son-in-law!"

"Er—not exactly; I only wanted to marry your daughter."



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Hospital Corps Highlights 1898-1967

Wherever you find hospital corpsmen, especially in time of war, the phrase "Above and beyond the call of duty" is commonly heard. What is the basis for this? Why have so many members of the Corps been cited for performance of duty and for gallantly giving their lives in an attempt to save life?

For a complete understanding of the esprit de corps of the Hospital Corps, it is necessary to review the past upon which this corps was built and the traditions it has established.

Although it was on 17 June, 1898 that President McKinley signed the bill establishing the Hospital Corps, the need for personnel to care for the sick aboard ship was recognized much earlier. As far back as the Revolutionary War, according to the Handbook of the Hospital Corps, the least necessary members of the crew were assigned this duty.

Navy Regulations of 1814 gave a little more thought to the sick and injured. At that time a 'loblolly boy' (loblolly being a kind of gruel served to the sick) strolled fore and aft ringing a small bell to give notice to those 'indisposed and with ulcers' to attend the surgeon at the mainmast. The loblolly boy also had the grisly responsibility of providing containers for amputated limbs, braziers for heating irons to sear the stumps and for heating tar with which to stop hemorrhage!

The 'surgeon's steward' superseded the lowly loblolly boy. Other names followed—male nurse, apothecary, bayman, hospital apprentice, and pharmacist's mate. The last two will be remembered from World War II, and of course fresh looking male and female HAs still may be seen here at every turn.

Far from being the least necessary member of the crew, the hospital corpsman today is an important member of the Navy Medical Department team. He is a carefully-selected, well-trained young man or woman (WAVES were brought into the Hospital Corps during World War II) dedicated to the task of 'keeping as many men behind as many guns as many days as possible.'

At Oak Knoll more than 614 hospital corpsmen (of whom 61 are WAVES) serve in wards and clinics and in 25 different technical specialties such as laboratory, X-ray, physical and occupational therapy, and medical photography. Many are assigned to administrative duties.

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Birthday for The Stars and Stripes

Flag Day commemorates the adoption of a resolution by the Continental Congress on 14 June 1777, making the Stars and Stripes the flag of the United States.

Since that time, the nation symbolized by that flag has grown from 13 small states crowded along the eastern coastline into a mighty nation spanning the continent from east to west and stretching more than 1,500 miles north to south.



The 13 stars in the first flag have grown to 50, reflecting the growth, progress and determination of a people who would not be stopped by mountains, rivers, hardship or suffering.

Dedicated Americans have followed the Stars and Stripes through hails of arrows, musket fire, cannon shot and machine gun bullets to build and preserve this great nation. "Old Glory" is the symbol of the freedom and democracy enjoyed by us all, bought with the blood and sweat of dedicated patriots throughout our history.

First observed on a national scale in 1877, Flag Day is now recognized by presidential proclamation. It is a day that should be celebrated by displaying the Colors on public buildings and private homes and by patriotic programs throughout the land.

Our flag represents the principles, history, and strength of the greatest nation in the world. (AFNB)

Corpsmen Looking Forward To Happy Birthday 16 June

Ball to be Held At the Edgewater

Oak Knoll's Hospital Corpsmen and their guests will celebrate the 69th Anniversary of their Corps Friday night, 16 June, at the Edgewater Inn with dinner, dancing, and a dedication ceremony honoring corpsmen who are serving their country in Vietnam.

A shuttle bus will operate between the Corps Quarters and the Edgewater, providing transportation for all who wish it.

Cocktails (for those of appropriate age) will be served beginning at 1800. A delicious dinner will follow. The fun-filled evening will take on a serious note when a flag ceremony and tribute to corpsmen risking their lives in Southeast Asia takes place. Several who have returned and are now in patient status will attend the party.

Swinging Sammy Shore, billed as one of the most promising stand-up comics to hit the Las Vegas scene in years, will emcee the floor show. Sammy has appeared from Dayton to Denver, from Chicago to Miami. "He alone is too good to miss," HM1 Wayne Hawkins, Enlisted Recreation Committee chairman, told the OAK LEAF in outlining details of the party.

There'll also be the Duane Dancers—who have been featured with stars such as Bob Hope, Frank Sinatra, and Dennis Day. Their dances are spectacular, their wardrobes colorful.

There'll be George Lee, King of Balance. Mr. Lee, well-known television performer, who appears frequently at San Francisco Chinatown's Forbidden City, is the only person in the world to balance handstanding on a cane with whirling rings on legs, mouthpiece, and cane, his body revolving at the same time!

Jack Fisher and his orchestra will provide music for dancing. Jack has played at the Mark Hopkins, the Fairmont, the Palace, and the St. Francis. He has been musical director for The Modernaires, The Vagabonds, Gracie Fields, Bob Hope, The Sportsman's Quartet, and many other popular stage acts.

Explorers Elect

Oak Knoll's Medical Explorer Scouts now total 15. They have elected Samuel Lecesene president; Michael Saterfield, vice-president; Michael Langevin, secretary; and Stephen Corson, treasurer.

screen, and television entertainers.

All reservations must be in by 1830 Wednesday. Call Hawkins at Ext. 315.



George Lee, King of Balance, will really be in a whirl—and so will the staff corpsmen and their dates—at the 16 June party.



Meet just one of the spectacular, colorful, delightful Duane Dancers who'll be there.

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THE FEAR OF HAPPINESS

It was very difficult for Julius Ceasar to understand why anyone should be afraid of death, "since, it will come when it will come."

But there is yet a stranger fear than the fear of death, and that is the fear of happiness. Many lives are blighted by a disturbing fear of happiness and a distrust of joy.

It may be that there are certain temperaments particularly congenial to morbidity and joylessness. Some may have a special genius for conceiving of distressing possibilities. And presumably in a harshly competitive world of atomic bombs and inter-planetary exploration, a considerable amount of terror is bound to dwell in the suburbs of our minds.

Suspicion of happiness and distrust of life may distill a particular brand of unhappiness. The man who lives in the constant dread that his good fortune will not endure is not a happy man. The spiritual dullard who regards life as a poor thing at best will have only a small margin of happiness.

Religious worship should be a source of deep and permanent happiness and peace. God does not ask the worship of a terror-stricken heart. God is a God of love and God, our loving Father, wants His children to be happy.

Don't demand too much happiness. Settle for what each day may bring. Above all, do not yield to the ridiculous and destructive notion that life is a poor thing at best, and that joy is not for man.

—LT PAUL J. DURKIN
 Catholic Chaplain

More About Hospital Corps

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tive duties. Approximately 100 other corpsmen are attending the hospital's nine enlisted technicians' schools.

More than 25,000 Navy hospital corpsmen are on duty in all parts of the world—in 27 major hospitals, on the hospital ships REPOSE and SANCTUARY off Vietnam, at dispensaries in isolated areas where they may be called upon to act as doctor, nurse, and corpsman. They are serving in planes and ships, including nuclear submarines. Some are participating in manned spacecraft programs. Many are with the Marines in the jungles of Vietnam.

The quality of the Hospital Corpsman's contributions is shown by the fact that during World War II seven of 15 Congressional Medals of Honor awarded to Navy men were bestowed on Hospital Corpsmen. During the Korean conflict, five of the seven Congressional Medals of Honor awarded to Navy personnel were earned by Hospital Corpsmen.

At the end of World War II, The Honorable James Forrestal, Secretary of the Navy and later the first Secretary of Defense, commended the entire Hospital Corps, which at that time totaled 200,000 men and women.

As far as can be determined, this was the first and only time in military history that a single corps has been commended by the Secretary of the Navy.

Many Hospital Corpsmen have already been cited for bravery in Vietnam, and many more have earned the Purple Heart.

The Corps is made up entirely of enlisted and former enlisted personnel who have moved up through the ranks to officer status.



Swinging Sammy Shore will emcee the Anniversary party floor show.

'God' Was His Surgeon

"It was God who took out my tonsils," the little boy told his mother after his operation in Poole General Hospital, Poole, England.

"When I was taken into the big white room, there were two lady angels dressed in white. Then two men angels came in. Then God came in."

"How did you know it was God?" asked the mother.

"Well, one of the men angels looked down my throat and said—'God, look at that child's tonsils.'"

"Then God took a look and said, 'I'll take them out at once!'"

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Fashionable Fun For O' Wives' Club

Mrs. H. W. S. Huseby, who served both as model and commentator at the Officers' Wives' Club Fashion Fiesta 13 May, was greatly admired by Commander Huseby, Mrs. Cokely, and the Admiral.



This happy foursome—CDR and Mrs. J. C. Rosborough, Jr. and CAPT and Mrs. D. J. Pascoe—undoubtedly felt hilarious because their part of the work was done. Mrs. Rosborough set up the program, and Mrs. Pascoe was in charge of decorations.

Mrs. R. P. Dobbie had the over-all responsibility for the event, which featured fashions from Permans and Josef Duran of Southland, Revlon make-up by Norma Mattalon.

LCDR Fred J. Stucker assisted Mrs. Huseby as commentator.

Dr. Meyer Friedman To Speak to Staff

Dr. Meyer Friedman, Director of the Harold Brunn Institute, Mount Zion Hospital and Medical Center, San Francisco, will speak at the Quarterly General Staff Conference in the auditorium Friday, 16 June, at 1300.

Dr. Friedman, an expert on executive stress and coronary heart disease, has been Associate Chief of Medicine at Mount Zion for nearly 20 years and has directed the Harold Brunn Institute for Cardiovascular Research since 1939.

Arrivederci Luncheon For Officers' Wives

Arrivederci (till we meet again) will be the word when the Officers' Wives' Club meets Wednesday for an Italian luncheon—the club's last event until fall.

Entertaining departments are Radiology, Urology, and Otolaryngology, with Mrs. Marshall W. Olson, Mrs. E. A. Blakey, and Mrs. F. J. Sweeney serving as general chairmen.

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HMI: They tell me your wife is outspoken.

HA: By whom?

Fifty Staffers Move Up to HM3

More than 50 staff members have recently been advanced to HM3 as the result of their success in the February examinations.

In line for congratulations (and a welcome raise in pay) are:

Quirine J. Galvez, Edward R. Adams, Virgil D. Barnes, Jack L. Barritt, Roger O. Bergeron, Bruce B. Bernstein, Arthur A. Bianchi, Herbert M. Brown, Donald L. Butler, Bruce N. Collins, Hugh J. Dykes, Steven Fitzgerald, Wilma L. Foley.

Arthur J. Frame, Howard A. Hanson, George A. Kirk, David P. Luckow, John K. Martin, Jeffrey L. Morris, Vernon M. Peters, Lubbock M. Rice, James P. Roeder, Lawrence A. Scott, Donald R. Stockton, Carey Strickland, Timothy Vandyne, William A. Vogt, Robert B. Waggoner, Craig J. Williams, Oscar A. Candelario-Echevarias, Robert P. Gossett, Marvin G. Hardin, Wayne S. Kenning, Ellis L. Poole, Alvin D. Rettig, Richard T. Roecker, Gregory A. Shipe.

James R. Van Dyke, Emerson R. Bailey, Michael N. Gold, John E. Stone, Dennis Divine, Paul Featherstone, Herman Glass, Jr., Ronald L. Keil, Michael B. Ker, Dennis E. Chester, Robert Le Moffatt, Warren D. Turner, and Bobby W. Cole.

Doyle D. Coop of Data Processing was advanced to MA3.

Francis G. Mahoney, a patient, was advanced to CS3.

Scuttlebutt

RANDOM NOTES: Purple Hearts arrived in the same mail for Hill (HM3 Max) and Dale (HN Thomas L.) . . . Speaking of mail, the CO thought he had been addressed in every possible way. Not so. A letter arrived this week for "H. J. Cokely—Rear Administrator" . . . That walking cast Patricia Drotleff is wearing conceals both a sprain and a fracture—incurred when the young HN fell off a skate board . . . Security did it again—This year, as last, the division gave 100 percent to Navy Relief before the drive began . . . At Pharmacy a mortar and pestle hold the contributions.

PLEASANT SIGHTS: The camper with sign that reads "Have Rod & Reel—Will Fish" . . . HM3 Penny Corbin . . . The penthouse atop the new building outlined against a bright blue sky . . . The Sunday flag going up . . . HN "Charlie" Metrano.

WEIGHTY PROBLEM: Last Friday p.m. a distraught young Army lieutenant arrived at the Chief-of-the-Day's desk with his father. They had flown in from Fort Wolters, Tex. The lieutenant was to be married in Hayward Saturday morning and fly back to Fort Wolters that afternoon to complete his training before going to Vietnam as a helicopter pilot. Upon arrival at the Hayward courthouse to get the marriage certificate he was told that the all-important blood test form "completed" in Texas was not signed. "I'm sorry," said the clerk. "Sorry" did not describe the young officer's feeling. An elaborate wedding had been planned. The Chief referred the visitor to the C.O. While the bridegroom-to-be paced the floor, the CO called Doctor Rulon, who was able to resolve the problem before the afternoon was over.

Ten New JANGOs Capped and Ready for Service



TEN PROMISING YOUNG members of the hospital team were capped at a tea at the Officers' Club 21 May. They are, from left, front row: Margaret Mazzarella, Gay Griffith, Linda Blakeslee, and Carol Gibson; back row: Deborah Moore, Barbara Poer, Marilyn King, Sue Ellen Anderson, Carole Brooks, and Vicki Holm.

AT THE RECEPTION that followed presentation of certificates, (1) LCDR Ruth Pampush, JANGO instructor, joined CDR and Mrs. Victor M. Holm and daughter Vicki for a picture. Doctor Holm, Chief of the Neuropsychiatry Service, spoke to the girls on the importance of interpersonal relationships. (2) Carole Brooks, most often mentioned girl on the program, received her cap, 150-hour pin, and both her 200 and 300-hour chevrons. (3) These four—all from Skyline High, are Kathy Pascoe, an "old grad" among Oak Knoll JANGOS; Judy Fluit, who received her 300-hour chevron at the Sunday afternoon program; Sue Ellen Anderson, a "new grad," and Melanie Watson, who received both the 150 and 200-hour chevrons. (4) A second Oak Knoll father-daughter team—CDR A. N. King, Chief of Preventive Medicine, and his newly-capped daughter Marilynn.

Girls not pictured who received awards are Lynn Weinschelbaum, 150-hour pin and 200-hour chevron; Rebecca Rulon, 200 and 300-hour chevrons; Jo Anna Lain, Jan Mallarky, Christine Sutton, and Merrie Lynn Tiffany, 300-hour chevrons.

The next JANGO class will start in early July. For information, call the office of the Chief, Nursing Service, Ext. 245.

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Storekeeper: That hat is a nice fit, isn't it?

Boot: But suppose my ears get tired.



RECENT GRADS OF EENT Tech School are HN Crescencio Valdez and HM3 Bruce W. Johanson. CDR James C. Roseborough presented their certificates. Johanson was ordered to Naval Hospital, Long Beach, for duty and Valdez remains at Oak Knoll.



Four Outstanding Knoll Dependents Receive O' Wives' Club Scholarships

The Officers' Wives' Club has announced the selection of four 1967 scholarship winners. They are Kathleen Pascoe and Timothy Hamill, each of whom will receive \$200 scholarships, and Mary Rulon and Karen Langevin, who will receive honorable mention awards of \$100 each.

Miss Pascoe, daughter of CAPT and Mrs. D. J. Pascoe, is graduating from Skyline High and plans to attend the University of California at Davis. She has an outstanding record both in scholastic achievement and extra-curricular activities. She hopes to become a registered nurse and then obtain a Public Health Nursing degree.

Mr. Hamill, son of CAPT and Mrs. James Hamill, is graduating from Canyon Valley Unified High School, Castro Valley, where he placed 12th in a class of 272. He earned his varsity letter in baseball and played on the football team. He will begin a liberal arts course at UCLA in the fall.

Miss Rulon, daughter of CAPT and Mrs. David B. Rulon, is completing her second year of nurses' training at Johns Hopkins. She was in the top five percent of her high school class and is continuing this fine record in nurses' training. She logged over 500 hours of JANGO service before departing for Johns Hopkins. She plans to work toward a B.S. in nursing following her graduation.

Miss Langevin, daughter of

LCDR and Mrs. Jack Langevin, is graduating from Encinal High, Alameda. She has been active in Junior Achievement and Red Cross work and is president of her church youth group. She will enter Concordia College and work toward a degree in education.

Sports Car Owners Invited to Concours

Is your sports car modern, classic, or antique? Would you like to enter it in competition? Perhaps win a trophy?

A Concours d'Elegance (sanctioned by Sports Car Club of America) will be held at the Presidio of San Francisco 23 July. It will be sponsored jointly by the Presidio Women's Club, City of Hope, and Aid to Retarded Children to raise funds to support their various charities.

If there is sufficient response, there will be a special class for cars entered by military personnel. For entry blanks and information, call Mrs. Melvin R. Russell, 561-7306, or write her at Hq. 6th Region, ARADCOM, Fort Baker, Sausalito, Calif.

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Clerk: Here's a pretty card with a lovely sentiment: To the only girl I ever loved.

Sailor: Good. I'll take twelve of them.



Oak Knoll's Laboratory and Blood Bank Technician School has graduated another class. The Honorman, HM3 Carey Strickland departed on emergency leave two days before graduation. Others pictured with LCDR A. D. Hoekzema, left, and HMC Arnold Franz, far right, are, in the usual order: HM3 Stephen Campbell, HM2 Michael Hudlow, HM3 David Pennington, HM2 John Terry III, HM3 David Luckow, HN Peter Gratton, HM3 Bruce Bernstein, HM3 Ernest C. Culley, HN Conrad Collins, HM3 Thomas Holsinger, HM2 Richard Slagter, HM3 Charlene Carlson, HM2 Robert Cummings, HM2 Donna Patton, and HM3 Jack L. Barrett.



CDR A. J. Schwab, MSC, Administrative Officer, administered the oath when SD3 Willie B. Turner, left, and HM3 Roger Bergeron, Jr., reenlisted last week. Turner, who works at the Officers' Club and has already been in the Navy for 16 years, signed up for another four. Bergeron, a comparative newcomer, reenlisted for six under the STAR Program, which guarantees advanced training. Bergeron chose X-Ray Tech School.

Scientists working with Navy's Operation DEEP FREEZE in Antarctica are studying man's sleeping, dreaming, and waking be-

havior at South Pole Station. The study will give scientists a better idea of man's adaptability in extreme environments.



HIS NAME IS Thell Reed, Jr. **HIS CLAIM** is "Fastest Gun in the World." Not one of the patients at Oak Knoll was about to disprove that claim as Mr. Reed visited the wards 26 May, displaying his aptitude with not only the .45 automatic but also with the more impressive-looking Buntline Special used by such Western heroes as Wyatt Earp. EMI David McGaraty of Richmond had something in common with the visitor in a strange sort of way. McGaraty, who has had guns for sport all his life, was practicing quick draws while at home on leave. Somehow "a live round got mixed in with the wax bullets" and he shot himself in the leg. Asked if Thell Reed gave him any advice, he replied ruefully: "Yes, he said 'Unless you know what you're doing, never fool with guns!'"

A Marine Corps Reservist, Reed was as much at ease talking about his active duty days as he was demonstrating the artistry of the quick draw.—49A photo.



On 30 April HM2 Michael S. Brown completed his on-the-job training in Pharmacy Technique, which commenced 1 February 1966. Although this graduation does not confer a BS degree, it does mark the end of more than a year of accelerated training in all aspects of Pharmacy; and the BuMed certificate of "Satisfactory Completion" certifies him as a very valuable member of the Navy Health Team. During training Mike has accumulated tremendous amounts of knowledge in the fields of bulk compounding, dispensing, drug storage, and procurement.

CDR J. C. Boudreaux, Chief, Pharmacy Service, summed up Brown's attributes in his last evaluation sheet when he stated that Brown was an outstanding student, eager to learn, and working with diligence and perseverance in learning and carrying on with the Pharmacy "Secundum Artem."

LCDR Carl R. Morris, MSC, USN, Chief, Personnel Division, presented Brown his certificate, with CDR Boudreaux beaming approval.

Brown, a native Californian, worked on 69A and in the Emergency Clinic before starting his Pharmacy training. Now serving his second enlistment, he resides in Berkeley with his wife Roberta, a native of Oakland, and their 8-month-old daughter, Kimberly, a native of Oak Knoll.

Tennis & Swimming Meets Coming Up

Several major sports events open to individual Knollites are coming up in the near future.

The 12ND Women's Tennis Tournament is to be held 13, 14, and 15 June at Treasure Island. Anyone interested is asked to call Athletic Director Ken Moffett at Ext. 593 immediately.

The 12ND Men's Swimming meet will open 14 June at NAS, Alameda. Subsequent meets are scheduled for 21 June at San Francisco Bay Naval Shipyard, Vallejo, and NAS Moffett Field 5 and 6 July, when the champions will be named.

Men's Open Tennis Tournament for men under 40 will be held at Naval Station, Treasure Island, from 10-14 July, with entries required by 5 July. The Senior Men's Tournament (for those over 40) is scheduled for 20, 21, and 22 June

WANTED NOW! Your shoe size. That is, if you're a football player. Practice will start 1 August, and Coach Ken Moffett needs this information now so that shoes may be ordered in time.

at NAS, Alameda.

Call Special Services, Ext. 593 for further information on these events.



HMI Leroy Bryant is not only a good Hospital Corpsman, but also a good scout. The CO recently received a letter from an executive of the San Francisco Bay Area Council, Boy Scouts of America, commending Bryant for his fine assistance and cooperation in acting as "medic" for a recent District Camporee.

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Oak Knoll Completes 25th Year of Service to The Fleet



When the Navy bought the Oak Knoll Golf and Country Club in February 1942, this handsome Spanish-style clubhouse was part of the package. The first staff, a mere handful of officers, enlisted men, and civilians, took over one of its rooms for office space. No provisions had been made for serving meals, and CAPT F. E. Porter, Commanding Officer, provided a percolator and personally brewed noonday coffee for himself and fellow "brown-baggers."



This, the hospital's first Administration Building, was the scene of great activity. Opening to the porch, long since enclosed and occupied by the pharmacy and telephone offices, were the OOD and CMAA's offices. People crossing the ramp had a bird's-eye view of unruly sailors being "read off" on the porch.



And here is the present Administration Building in 1945, B.P. (Before Paint.)

Navy's 48th Hospital Commissioned Here 1 July 1942 With Six Wards, 204 Beds

On the morning of 7 December, 1941, golfers were enjoying their game at the Oak Knoll Golf and Country Club in the peaceful foothills of East Oakland. This peace was shattered abruptly when the clubhouse radio brought President Roosevelt's shocking announcement of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor.

Huddled, unbelieving, around the radio the golfers listened, knowing that many of them would soon be called into the service. None realized what a change was to take place at their favorite recreation spot during the next eventful months.

The first casualties from Pearl Harbor reached the old Naval Hospital at Mare Island on Christmas Day. Subsequent drafts of patients arriving there and at San Diego and Bremerton, created such a strain on their capacity that additional hospital facilities were of paramount importance for proper care of the sick and wounded.

On February 1942 Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox acquired by a declaration of taking 300 acres of the old Rancho de San Antonio, which included the 18-hole golf course on which the beautiful Spanish-style Oak Knoll clubhouse, pictured at left, was located. The price was \$141,000.

Work on the hospital was actually begun 23 February 1942 — the same day an enemy submarine rose at dusk during a fireside talk by the President and shelled Goleta, a small town near Santa Barbara.

In a little less than four months the hospital was commissioned with six ward buildings and a bed capacity of 204. The original plan was for a facility that could care for 500. CAPT F. E. Porter, first CO, predicted that in time the hospital would be expanded to accommodate 2,000 patients. He couldn't foresee that by 1945 when World War II was at its peak, the daily patient census would be 6,000.

Following V-J Day, the population gradually declined, only to rise again to 2500 during the Korean War. Now, once again the Southeast Asia conflict has pushed

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Dr. Harper of U. C. To Speak Today At Intern Graduation

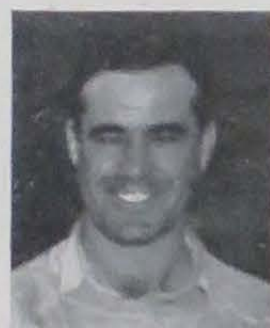
Dr. Harold A. Harper, Vice Chancellor, Graduate Studies and Research, and Dean, Graduate Division, University of California San Francisco Medical Center, will deliver the address when members of the 1966-67 intern class are honored at graduation exercises this afternoon.

The exercises will be held in the Officers' Club Auditorium beginning at 1430.

All hands who can be spared from their duties are invited to attend.

Bernard Garcia Here For Commissioning

What to do with 183.3 acres of ground, suddenly yours to landscape. That was the problem that faced Bernard "Green Thumb" Garcia on 1 July 1942 when he left a civilian construction company



Bernie then.

working on the compound to become the new hospital's head gardener. Bernie is now the only member of the staff aboard who has served the hospital continuously since the day of the commissioning.

Landscaping on that day consisted of a scattering of native trees and an occasional spot of turf, remnant of the golf course that once was Oak Knoll. So the possibilities for improvement were limitless.

"We rented two teams of horses to pull the scraper and plow since one of our first jobs was to grade areas around the buildings so planting would be possible," Bernie recalls.

"We went from yard to yard in the surrounding neighborhood — we were invited. We pruned shrubbery and made hundreds of cuttings from everything available. Sometimes we brought back large trees that had outgrown their yards. Always we made a big improvement at every home we visited."

Since the early days, many local garden clubs, landscape architects, and nurserymen have donated trees, shrubs, flowers, and expert advice. Eastbay Municipal Utility District once gave 1,000 small trees, which were landscaped into the hills by Bernie and his "greenhouse gang."

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Who says that freedom means doing what you want to do when you want to do it? That would be a much better definition of lawlessness. That kind of thinking makes society with any semblance of order impossible.

Freedom always requires self-restraint, self-control, and self-discipline. The opposite guarantees foul-ups and destruction of others.

Who is more difficult than the undisciplined, the unrestrained or the uncontrolled? What sort of game, be it baseball, football, or you name it, is possible without any rules or regulations; each one coming up to bat calling his own balls and strikes? Rules are set up to regulate all participants. It is something beyond each person that makes the game possible. Without these rules chaos would reign and a fair contest would be impossible. Without rules there can be no game.

The two alternatives are mutual respect for the rules and laws or chaos and lawlessness. There is no sadder picture than a man butting his head against a bulkhead. He simply ends up getting hurt. If we use our heads as God intended us to instead of for butting like a ram we will be happier for it.

—L. C. M. VOSELER, Senior Chaplain



MEET THE SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS! They are, from left, Karen Langevin, Timothy Hamill, and Kathleen Pascoe. Mary Rulon had not arrived home from Johns Hopkins in time to attend the Officers' Wives' luncheon, where the awards were presented by Mrs. H. N. Dean, scholarship chairman. Tim and Kathy each received checks for \$200. Karen and Mary's honorable mention checks are for \$100.

MedRec Librarians Meet at Oak Knoll

Approximately 50 members of East Bay and Regional Associations of Medical Record Librarians were aboard 21 June for a tour of the Navy Prosthetic Research Laboratory followed by cocktails, business meeting, and dinner at the Officers' Club.

Mrs. Karoline K. Gunter, Oak Knoll's Medical Record Librarian, who has been president of the East Bay Association since May, served as official hostess at the meeting.

Diaper Derby

LIFE BEGAN 23 May for Tracy Liann Rice, 7 lb. 6 oz. daughter of HN Lubbock Rice of 63B and wife Vickee . . . 7 June for Kimberly Ann Jones, 8 lb. 3 oz. daughter of LT James Jones, MC, of Anesthesiology and wife Peggy . . . 8 June for Mary Anne Jucutan, 6 lb. 8½ oz. daughter of SC2 Ernesto Jucutan of CO's quarters and wife Charlita.

Knollites Contribute \$2491 to Navy Relief

Oak Knoll personnel gave \$2,419.33 to Navy Relief during the recent drive, according to CDR L. C. M. Vosseler, CHC, who served as chairman.



LATEST CLASS to graduate from OR Tech School included HM3 G. H. Shipe, the honorman, standing at left, HM3 M. L. Cobb, HN R. R. Walker, HM3s S. Guerrero, J. C. Besosa, and G. S. Braun, and HN J. Grace. Back row, HM3 E. L. Boole, HN M. R. Woodard, HN D. T. Strain, HM3 S. R. Van Dyke, HM3 G. Lazar, and HM3 J. L. Schulte. Front row dignitaries are CAPT R. P. Dobbie, Chief of Surgical Service, CDR Barbara Ellis, OR School instructor, Admiral Cokely, CDR Romaine Mentzer, and LCDR J. G. Chandler, the graduation speaker.



LCDR Esther E. Heston, NC, USNR, received the CO's Letter of Appreciation when she departed 2 June for Naval Hospital, Guam. Since 1964 Miss Heston had been on duty in the Neuropsychiatry Service as ward nurse, Officer-in-Charge of the NP Technician School, and most recently as Nurse Corps Supervisor. Admiral Cokely's letter referred to her professional knowledge, sensitivity to interpersonal relationships, and to the wise and careful guidance she gave to her subordinates. Miss Heston received her nurse's training at Emmanuel Hospital School of Nursing, Portland, Ore., and University of Oregon Hospital School of Nursing. She has her BS Degree in Nursing from University of Oregon. Prior to reporting to Oak Knoll she was a member of the staff of Langley Porter Clinic, San Francisco.

Enlisted Nursing Programs Offer Great Opportunity for Corpsmen

The Navy Enlisted Nursing Education Program is a college program for outstanding petty officers of the Hospital Corps on active duty, which leads to appointment to commissioned grade as a Nurse Corps officer in the Naval Reserve. The primary consideration when recommending, interviewing, processing, and selecting candidates for this program is their potential to succeed in a career as a Nurse Corps officer.

NENEP is a three or four year nursing program in a college or university designated by the Chief, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, which leads to a baccalaureate degree in nursing.

Upon receipt of the degree, selectees will take the required state board examinations for licensing as a registered nurse, be commissioned ensigns, ordered to officer candidate training, and upon successful completion thereof, or-

dered to duty in a selected naval hospital. Commissioned graduates of this program must serve on active duty for 4 years after receiving their commissions.

To be eligible an applicant must: (1) Be a citizen of the United States, (2) Must not have reached his 24th birthday by 1 July of the year in which his application is submitted. Waiver of age may be granted by the Chief of Naval Personnel on the basis of 1 year for each year of fully transferable college credits. (3) Be an HM3 or above. (4) Have a combined GCT/ARI score of 118. (5) Be a high school graduate with a grade average of at least C Plus.

Applications will be submitted after 1 August. All who meet the above requirements and wish to participate in the program, see your Career Counselor at Education and Training, Building 25A, as soon as possible.

Memories of 69th Hospital Corps Anniversary Party . . .



A GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL at the 69th Anniversary Celebration. (1) CDR A. J. Schwab, AO, who has been celebrating Hospital Corps Anniversaries since 1938, shared a table with Admiral and Mrs. Cokely. (2) HM3 Betty McCartney and husband Kenneth, a former member of the Marine Liaison Office staff were engrossed in the floor show when the photographer came along. (3) This attractive couple, unidentified, obviously enjoyed the birthday party. (4) Recognizable among the dancers—HM1 Jim Turner giving Mrs. Colonel Surratt a whirl. (5) HMCM James "El Toro" Bull was an effective emcee for the dedication ceremony. And note the resemblance between him and his wife Sara. (6) HM3 Elizabeth Glock, Marilyn Neufeld, and HM3 Ted Melbourne were among the 360 celebrants. (7) HM3 Ski Lubarski looks right at home with the Duane Darlings. There's LT G. I. Soule—getting ready to cut in?? (8) HM3 Jim Rader and his attractive fiancée, Kathleen Arnold, paused between dances to pose for the photographer. (9) HM2 John Boltinghouse casts a worshipful glance at wife Jane while waiting for the floorshow to begin. (10) And here we have the Pharmacy crowd—Turner again with wife Jo, HM3 Gerald Ockerman, HM1 Colonel Surratt, and HM2 and Mrs. Michael Brown.

The 69th Anniversary Ball at the Edgewater was a delightful event reflecting much careful planning and hard work on the part of our Enlisted Recreation Committee. Mrs. Cokely and I thoroughly enjoyed the dinner, the entertainment, and especially the privilege of sharing the evening with such a fine group of young people. Thank you, and many happy returns.
—H. J. Cokely

4 July Picnic Planned for Enlisted Personnel

Tuesday, 4 July, will be a big, happy, safe, and sane day for enlisted personnel and their families who picnic at the hospital recreation area.

Hours for the picnic are 1100 to 1900, and there'll be something on the menu and agenda for every taste. There'll be softball games,

egg-throwing contests, three-legged races, abundant food, beer, and soft drinks. The swimming pool will be open, and a rock 'n roll band will provide music for dancing.

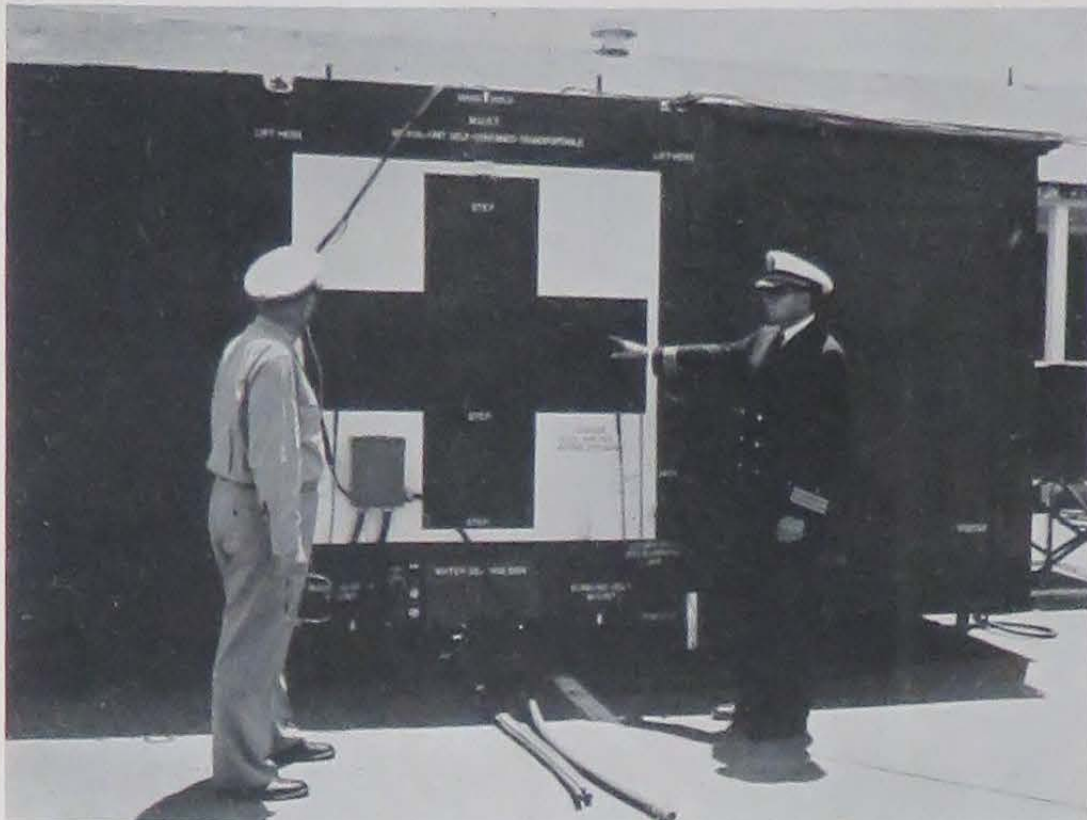
"We hope everyone'll be there," said HM1 Wayne Hawkins, Recreation Committee Chairman, who

is in charge of picnic arrangements.

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The men of USS TICONDEROGA on 16 and 17 May lined up at the Blood Bank at Yokosuka, Japan, and gave 730 pints of blood to help save the lives of other American fighting men.

MUST Unit Here for Shakedown Evaluation



CDR C. E. Brodine points out to Admiral Cokely the various features that make the MUST unit readily expandable.



Interior of the MUST unit resembles any other operating room. All equipment is contained and carried in the center section when the unit is contracted when being moved from place to place.

Summer's Here, and Crew's Library Can Tell You How to Enjoy It!

Summer is the season for the outdoors and the Crew's Library, Bldg. 39, is the place to read up on outdoor activities. Following is a partial list of the many books that are on the shelves.

FISHING

Brooks, Joe — Complete Book of Fly Fishing. 799.1 B
Cannon, Ray — How to Fish the Pacific Coast. A salt water fishing manual. 799.1 S
Evanoff, Vlad — 1001 Fishing Tips and Tricks. 799.1 E
Haig-Brown, Roderick — A Primer of Fly Fishing. 700.1 H
Rice, F. Phillip — America's Favorite Fishing. A guide to angling for pan fish. 799.1 R
Ulrich, Heinz — America's Best Deep Sea Fishing. 799.1 U

HUNTING

Evanoff, Vlad — Hunting Secrets of the Experts. 799 E
Ormond, Clyde — Hunting Our Medium Size Game. 799 O

CAMPING

Merrill, W. K. — All About Camping. 796.5 M
Miracle, Leonard — Complete Book of Camping. 796.5 M

WATER SPORTS

Dixon, Peter — Men and Waves, a Treasury of Surfing. 791.1 D
Dixon, Peter — Complete Book of Surfing. 797 D
Kuhn, Grant — On Surfing. 797 K
Lanoue, Fred — Drownproofing, a New Technique for Water Safety. 797.2 L

Lieber, Arthur — The Complete Book of Water Sports. 797 L
Walker, Stuart — The Tactics of Small Boat Racing. 797.1 W

OTHER SPORTS

Darby, Ray — Space Age Sport—Skydiving. 797.5 D
Romaszkan, Gregor de — Fundamentals of Riding. 798 R

In addition to the above, new books on many subjects are put on the shelf every month; so check the new book shelf for the latest additions.

James Deering, Crew's Librarian

Corpsmen Earn 2,199 Medals in SEASIA

Navy Hospital Corpsmen to date have received 2,199 medals and awards for outstanding performance in Southeast Asia.

The awards include: 5 Navy Crosses, 37 Silver Stars, 87 Bronze Stars, 3 Navy and Marine Corps Medals, 5 Secretary of the Navy Commendations, 47 Navy Commendation Medals, and 1,015 Purple Hearts.

Destined for Da Nang, Unit Will Monitor Seriously Wounded

The expandable element of an Army Medical Unit Self-Contained, Transportable, known as a MUST System, underwent a shakedown evaluation here recently while minor modifications were made that will allow it to operate on 60-cycle field generator power.

The unit—a khaki-colored rigid panel shelter is marked with a large red cross and innumerable instructions to facilitate its expansion from a 7 x 10 to a 12 x 18 foot shelter. In minutes the unit can be converted for use as operating room, X-ray, pathology, or central sterilizing room.

The 5,000 lb. structure may be moved by helicopter, fixed-wing plane, or truck, or it may be equipped with its own wheels and moved like a trailer.

"This particular unit will be equipped with special instrumentation for monitoring the massively injured battle casualty," said CDR C. E. Brodine, Director of the Clinical Investigations Department at National Naval Medical Research Institute, Bethesda. Doctor Brodine was here for the shakedown and will go to Da Nang in July to see the unit in operation.

Instruments in this unit will include a cardiocensitometer for monitoring cardiac output, pressure transducers for checking arterial and central venous pressure, an electrocardiograph, and an oscilloscope to show pressures and EKG tracings.

Laboratory studies will include blood gases, blood ph, and blood chemistries. Three tons of air conditioning equipment were shipped to Vietnam with the unit. "By August we will have a rather sophisticated shock unit in operation in Da Nang," Dr. Brodine said.

"The army has been extremely cooperative in making the unit available to us. We have certainly received outstanding support from Oak Knoll Public Works personnel who have made the modification that will enable us to use the unit separately from the MUST hospital complex, which includes inflatable wards," Doctor Brodine commented.

The doctor-researchist, a former member of the Oak Knoll staff, has already made several trips to Vietnam in his capacity as manager of the Navy's frozen blood program.

Purple Heart Wearers From Other Wars To Host Knoll Patients

Ten Oak Knoll patients will be guests of honor at a dinner session of the state convention of the California Military Order of the Purple Heart Saturday night. The event is being held at the El Rancho Motel in Santa Rosa.

The patients, all wearers of the Purple Heart, are CPLs Cecil Wyatt, William J. Kelley, Thomas A. Butler; LCPLs Samuel L. King, Lawrence P. Depue, Evan K. McDonald, Jesus G. Salinas, Jr., and Julio Schnars; SGTs Kenneth A. Scrivner and Jose A. Lopes-Tinia.



HM2 Forest C. Dupuis departed for his Polson, Montana, home June 29 after four years of outstanding service to Oak Knoll. The CO's letter was short and to the point. "You have served as ward corpsman, senior corpsman in the Surgical Clinic, and most recently as military personnel clerk in the Staff Enlisted Personnel Office, handling each assignment in an exemplary manner. Your initiative and dedication, particularly during periods when the workload has been extremely heavy, have earned you the respect and admiration of all your associates," it read.

Dupuis hopes to enroll at the University of Montana in the fall for a pre-med course.

DTC O'Brien Departs For Bethesda Duty —With HMC O'Brien

After four years at Oak Knoll, friendly, efficient, delightful-to-know DTC Evelyn M. O'Brien departed 13 June for a new assignment at the Naval Dental School at Bethesda.

With her went the good wishes of her many friends at Oak Knoll and a letter from the CO which paid tribute to her administrative ability, sound judgment, and untiring devotion to duty. Also with the chief went her husband, HMC Robert L. O'Brien, who is stationed at the National Naval Medical Research Institute in Bethesda.

HMC O'Brien was just back from two months in Vietnam with a MUST unit and happily arrived here in time for them to drive east together.

Memorable Moment

The patient was unknown, but he will be remembered.

LCDR F. C. Johnson of the Neuropsychiatry Service bought four gallons of paint and a can of turpentine at Navy Exchange, and the young man stepped up and offered to help carry it to his car. As they went toward the parking lot, the patient stumbled slightly.

"You'll have to excuse me, Sir. Sometimes my prosthesis catches a little," he said cheerfully.

"In my two years at Oak Knoll nothing else that has happened has made such a great impression on me," Doctor Johnson said when relating the incident.

Claire Martini Reveals Memories Of Days Before the Commissioning

Claire Martini, world traveler, granddaughter of a Napa Valley wine maker, and one of the jolliest people aboard, is an Oak Knoll plank owner. In fact, she even helped build the hospital.

"Two things stand out in my memories of those three months I worked in the K. E. Parker Company construction hut, which stood in almost the same spot as the construction office for our new building and was warmed by a pot-bellied stove," said Claire. "Hiking through the mud and pulling the wrong plug so that I cut off Mr. A. B. Montgomery as he was phoning a tremendous order for construction materials. Mr. Montgomery later became Oak Knoll's first AO. He probably never forgot it either."

"We got the materials somehow."

Claire left the rapidly changing former golf course for a job at the Navy Cost Inspection Office at Moore Dry Dock—her first Civil Service assignment.

"I wanted to come back to the hospital as soon as it was commissioned, but all Federal Service workers were caught in a freeze; so it was 16 November 1942 when I reported. Edna Bourdase came the same day."

"My first job here then was in Decedent Affairs, as it is now." We were on the second floor of the Ad Building (where the Post Office now is). There was an open porch, where the pharmacy and telephone office now are. There was only one telephone for the entire record office—can you believe? As I recall, 40A was the first ward completed."

"I was thin when I came to work for Oak Knoll. I've always held LCDR W. S. Swofford (Vivian's husband) responsible for the change. He was Oak Knoll's first Food Service Officer, and the menus were very good."

A mid-1945 issue of THE OAK LEAF carried a story headlined: "This Martini a Potent Worker." Then, as now, Claire received many a compliment for her ability to supply just the right degree

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"Operation Paint" Performed in 1949

"Hospital's Exterior Soon to Be Antiseptic White" read a headline in the 2 July 1949 OAK LEAF. "The mining camp in the foothills"—as Oak Knoll has frequently been called because of its rustic appearance and setting—is soon to undergo the biggest change in its history as far as its appearance is concerned," the story said.

There were those who objected to the change, arguing that the natural redwood was pleasant and appropriate and should be given a preservative oil treatment, but the pro-white paint faction had won out.

Three coats of paint were necessary to cover the thirsty frame buildings, and the operation lasted five months.



of sympathy to those who had lost a loved one.

Perhaps deluxe vacation trips as well as a naturally happy disposition enable Claire to maintain a cheerful attitude through the sad situations she encounters daily. She has traveled to Europe twice, Mexico twice, to Honolulu, Canada, and "New York of course."

Last May she cruised the Caribbean after attending the National Executive Secretaries Convention in Florida. She was surprised at Antigua to be met by a group of newspaper reporters who gathered around because her name on the passenger list appealed to them.

"I wasn't even wearing my crystal martini earrings. Oak Knoll was mentioned in the Antigua papers that day, but unfortunately it was referred to as an army hospital. Sorry about that."

Claire's most recent cruise was aboard USS ENTERPRISE, the huge nuclear-powered aircraft carrier, as the guest of LCDR D. E. (Sam) Lakey, MSC, one of her many former bosses.

Edna and Henry Bourdase Together Have Served Oak Knoll 49 Years

Think of Oak Knoll's early days, and you think of the name Bourdase.

Edna joined the hospital staff 16 November 1942, and Henry followed a few months later.

Through nearly all of her 25 years here Edna has served as the AO's secretary, working up from CAF 2 to GS 7 as her responsibilities increased. Henry, now with Pharmacy, served as a chauffeur and has collected enough safe driving awards to paper a small room.

Edna had already made her mark in the business world when she came to Oak Knoll. She had dropped out of high school to go to business college and at 16 was head stenographer at Kahn's Department Store. "Married" was her reason for leaving that job. "To have child" she gave as the reason for leaving a later job with Pacific Telephone and Telegraph, where she was a switchboard operator and supervisor. That child, Edmund, was to become one of the nation's great bowlers.

Another son and a daughter later, Edna reported to Oak Knoll. Henry had worked at PG&E before joining the hospital staff.

High Spots of History Told In Paper's Headlines

Like a well-known New York newspaper, the OAK LEAF has tried since early days to publish "all the news that's fit to print." The following headlines selected at random are reprinted to bring back memories to old timers and inform newcomers of a few past events in Oak Knoll's first quarter-century.

1944—Bowling Alley Dedicated . . . Orson Welles Entertains . . . Crosby Croons . . . Roadway Names Honor Deceased Medical Personnel . . . Citation Ceremony Honors Heroes . . . Bob Hope Gets Ovation . . . Trader Vic Genial Host to Hundreds . . . Zazu Pitts Charms.

1945—Knoll Hosts ACCMA . . . Nurses Rescued in Philippines Arrive . . . FDR Mourned . . . V-Jay Day! . . . New Banking Facility Opened . . . Artificial Eye Dept. Result of Scientific Achievement . . . Training Program for Medical Officers Established.

1946—Bandage Rolling Navy Mothers Relocated . . . Hospital's Hotel for Women Busy Bedlam for MAAS . . . Knoll in National Spotlight With Use of "Wonder Drug" Streptomycin . . . Intra-Compound Bus System Inaugurated . . . Amazing Helen Keller Visits Wards . . . NH San Leandro Merges With Oak Knoll.

1947—Greek Medical Officer Observes Developments in Surgery . . . Oak Knoll Leads Naval Hospitals in Bed Capacity . . . Staff Enlisted Recreation Center Now Open . . . Navy Exchange Robbed at Mid-day; Bandits Get \$7,000.

1948—Basic Science Seminars Added to Training Program . . . First TV Set Installed—Gift of S. F. Examiner.

1949—Six Corpsmen Burp Babies for MGM News of the Day . . . Veteran Hospitals Christmas Committee Brings Santa to Patients.

1950—Navy's West Coast Amputee and Neuropsychiatry Centers Moved Here from Mare Island . . . 242 Benevolent Disaster Survivors Treated Here . . . First Korean Casualties Arrive . . . Lucille Ball and Desi Arnaz, Doris Day and Jack Benny Here for Christmas.

1951—Slot Machines Banned from O' Club . . . Louis Armstrong and All Stars Play for Patients . . . Asbelle and Amputees Visit President Truman . . . Staffers Commended for Work at Scene of UAL Crash . . . Fireman's Trap Nets Fox, Raccoon, and Possum . . . American Board of Internal Medicine Exams Given Here . . . First United Fund Drive Nets \$8,528.

1952—18 Patients Fly to Santa Barbara's Old Spanish Days Fiesta . . . DMO Dedicates New Chapel Organ and Chimes.

1953—Knoll Increase in Beneficial Suggestions Best in BuMed . . . Dial Phones Installed . . . Ted Williams Stops En Route from Korea to Bethesda and Baseball . . . Anesthesia Department Adds a Cardioscope.

1954—52 New Gray Ladies Join Staff . . . Medical-Surgical Steno Pool Put into Operation . . . First Patient Arrives from Sea by Helicopter . . . Marine Patient Serves as Grand Marshal of Berkeley Football Parade . . . Hospital Designated a Flag Billet.

1955—Seven Navy Fliers, Shot Down by Russian MIGs over Bering Sea, Arrive . . . Dr. Frank B. Berry, Assistant SecDef for Health and Medical Affairs, Visits Hospital.

1956—Dr. Tom Dooley Tells Dramatic Story of Duty in Indo-China . . . Three Doctors from Thailand Join Knoll's "International Settlement" . . . Hospital Wins SecNav Industrial Safety Award for Fifth Time . . . EM Club Renamed "Muster Inn" . . . Amputee Plays QB for Oakland Jaycee . . . Nine Colombians Finish Rehab Training.

1957—Knoll Takes First Tilt in New Gym (Old Auditorium) . . . 1500 Watch BuMed's "Mr. Disaster" Bleed . . . E Pennant Awarded to Best Ward on Each Inspection Route . . . PVT Richard P. Knows His Gun, USMC, Admitted . . . DAV Gives Cribs to New Tot's Nursery . . . Medical Library Receives 10,000th Volume.

1958—Ernest Borgnine Visits NPRL—To Play Amputee Role in "The Big D" . . . Isotope Lab Uses Radiation in Patient Care . . . Test Exercise Star Shows Mass Casualty Plan Could Serve Community Well in Event of Mass Disaster . . . Knoll Contestants Win First, Third in 12ND Talent Contest . . . Complete Blood Exchange Saves Life of Child . . . Mexican Visitor First to Test New Swim-Limb . . . Chiefs Strand, Coe, Spaeth First Knollites to Rate Pro Pay.

1959—Local Blood Bank Wins Certificate of Accreditation . . . Dr. Maxwell Jones, Eminent British Psychiatrist, Visits Therapeutic Community . . . Navy Day Marked by Opening of Special Care Unit in 65B . . . Nursing Students from Stanford Training in NP Service.

1960—"Club Tradewinds" New Name for EM Club . . . First EENT Tech Class Graduates . . . CDR Paul D. Doolan Presents Paper at International Congress of Nephrology at Haute-Savoie, France . . . Dr. Brodine in Tokyo for Hematology Meet . . . Ed Sullivan and Peggy Lee Shoot Scene on 43B . . . Caps and Certificates for Ten JANGOs—Oak Knoll's First.

1961—Donations to Blood Bank total 2,584 . . . Eleven Long Idle Wards & Quarters Disappear from Knoll Landscape . . . ALCOA Presents "People Need People"—Story of Therapeutic Community.

1962—Eye Bank Seeks Corneal Tissue . . . Food Service Prepares 4,800 Meals Daily . . . 12 Air-Conditioning Units Financed by 1945 Bequest . . . Knoll Receives Com12 Trophy for Athletic Excellence.

1963—400 Turn Out for Civil Service Picnic . . . Knoll Hosts Tropical Medicine Symposium . . . Baby OAK LEAF Born Here—Daughter of AN Clyde E. Oakleaf . . . SecDef Approves New Building.

1964—Officers Wives Announce Establishment of Annual Scholarships . . . NPRL Granted Certification by American Board for Certification in Orthotics, Prosthetics . . . First Purple Heart Awarded a Vietnam Casualty . . . Surgeon General Opens New Cobalt Unit . . . Albert Lee Submits Hospital's 1,000th Bene Sugg . . . Zipcode is Here.

1965—Surgeon General Cites CAPT Golbranson For Work With Amputees . . . 107 Different Jobs Being Handled in Data Processing . . . 280 Tot's Teeth Examined During Preventive Dental Health Program . . . LCDR J. A. Wright ROINC of New Hospital Arrives . . . Contract Awarded for First Phase of Building Program . . . First Two Male Nurses in Navy Report Aboard . . . Admiral Cokely Mans Bulldozer to Start Demolition . . . Governor Brown Visits Vietnam Veterans . . . Ground-Breaking 7 December . . . New Hospital Construction Under Way!

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Ever-Changing Staff

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the patient census up to more than 900.

Throughout its quarter-century career Oak Knoll has grown in stature professionally. Its three major missions—treatment, training, and research—have been carried out by ten Commanding Officers and its service has been augmented by an ever-changing military staff, while civilians have provided the continuity that is so essential to efficiency.



They have served Oak Knoll a total of 49 years. Can anyone top that?

When not pounding her typewriter or answering the telephone in her busy office, Edna likes to discuss world news, baseball, bowling, betting, grandchildren, and Henry.

Henry likes to talk of their cabin at Tahoe, baseball, bowling, hunting, fishing, grandchildren, and Edna.

As this is written, Edna is ill in Peralta Hospital. Her many friends wish her a speedy recovery.

Corpsmen on the Move - Graduating, Shipping Over, Retiring . . .



SIXTEEN NP TECHS were graduated 2 June. From left, they are HNs Joe W. Bailey and Stephen E. Wildman, HM3 LaMont LaMere, HNs Michael S. Harper, Russell E. Paulicek, W. W. Flamm, Rubin Garza, Larry D. Phillips, Perry Pahlmeyer, and A. T. Luff, HM3 H. W. White, HNs Theodore Smythe, James Anderson, Severn Giles, L. R. Massey, and Alden Fouchey. CAPT Robert A. Middleton, Chief of the Dental Service, second from left, seated, was the guest speaker. Others in the front row are LCDR Sidney M. Blair, Admiral Cokely, CDR Romaine Mentzer, CDR Victor M. Holm, and LTJG George M. Silver.

Dial 593 . . .

Duke Ellington himself has donated tickets for the Jazz concert at Oakland Coliseum Friday night.

Free tickets for the 4 July fireworks in Oakland Coliseum are available to staff military personnel and their families. Display begins at 1930.

Deep sea fishing trips are scheduled for 16 and 22 July. Each fisherman must have a valid fishing permit before sailing.

Tickets and transportation to the Giants' home games are available through Special Services.

Coming 21 July — the annual Salinas Rodeo, biggest event of its kind in the west. A local American Legion post charters the bus. Salinas veterans organizations host patients at dinner after the rodeo.

Discount tickets for staff and patient personnel are available for The National Ballet of Mexico, 2 and 3 July, The Bobby Darin Show, 11 and 16 July, and "Sweet Charity," Broadway hit show, 4 August —all at Circle Star Theater, San Carlos.

For further information and/or reservations for any of these events, call Special Services, Ext. 593 or 595.

Second Swim Session To Start 3 July

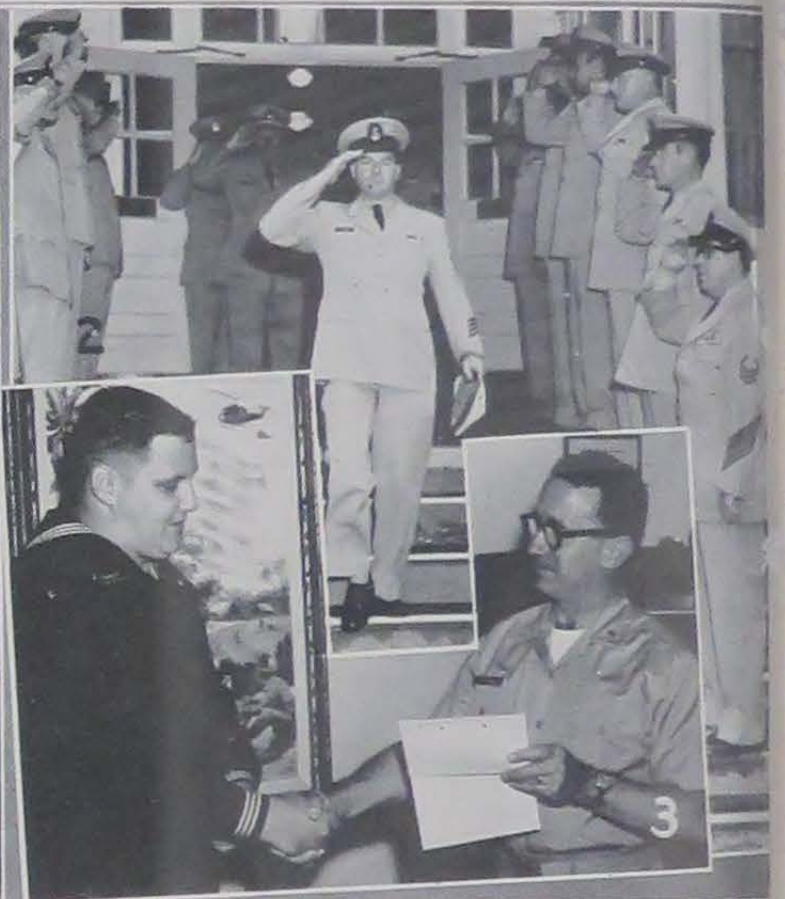
The first summer swimming class is in progress at the hospital pool, and the second session will begin 3 July. Classes are being taught in accordance with Red Cross standards. Instructors are HN Leslie Young and Mark Sparks.

The second session will provide instruction for advanced beginners and intermediate swimmers. A third session to begin 17 July will be for intermediate students and swimmers (those able to pass the intermediate test). Each class is limited to 10 pupils.

For further information call Ext. 578.



HN William E. Wade of Operating Services (1) took the reenlistment oath from CDR A. J. Schwab when he shipped over for another six years. Wade came on active duty a year ago. He had been in the Naval Reserve since 1964. (2) HMC Harry N. Hughes was piped over the side 5 June after 20 years of active duty. The Chief, whose last tour of duty in the Navy was his third at Oak Knoll, was assigned to the Navy Prosthetic Research Laboratory. He is now mulling over several civilian job offers in the same type of work. (3) HMI Z. E. Parkinson of Patient Affairs signed for another six, which will take him to 14.



LTJG Pat Thomas Places in 12ND Tennis Tournament

LTJG Patricia Dan Thomas, NC, enhanced the prestige of Oak Knoll when she tied with Susan McLaughlin of NAS Alameda for third place in the recent 12ND Women's Tennis Tournament.

The two then teamed up and took second place in the doubles.

A Food Service employee at the Palo Alto VA Hospital recently hit the jackpot when all seven safety suggestions he submitted won cash awards and were put into use in the Dietetics Service.

His suggestions included a safety improvement for the dishwashing machine, swivel wheels for multiple dish tubs, a safety hook for handling hot hoses, and safety devices for grills and other hot areas.

DID YOU KNOW? The term "crow's nest" was derived from the cage which housed ravens at the top of the mast of Norse ships. When the Norsemen lost sight of land, a raven was released and followed.



Chief Corgile Goes Ashore—to College

When HMC Floyd Corgile of the PMT Course staff was piped ashore 1 June, he received the CO's Letter of Appreciation.

"You have contributed substantially to the 'can do' reputation that the Hospital Corps has traditionally enjoyed throughout its history," the CO wrote. In addition to the usual phrases—"outstanding in all respects," "an inspiration to all with whom you have associated," the CO referred to a special honor Chief Corgile received last December when the students of PMT Course Class No. 44 awarded him a "Best Instructor" plaque at their graduation.

Chief Corgile plans to spend the next four years at Chabot College and San Jose State, where he will major in social welfare.

LOST: Cambodian silver ring. If found, call Crystal Webster at Ext. 275.

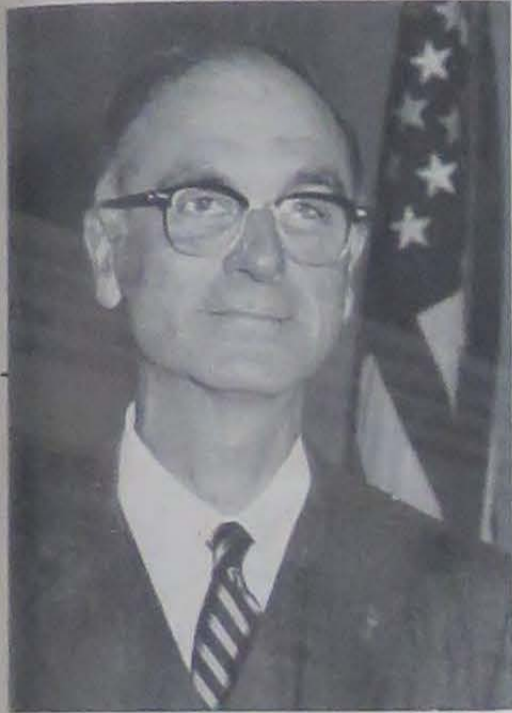
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Harold A. Harper, PhD

SecNav Cites Dr. Harper

A surprise feature of the intern graduation program was Admiral Cokely's presentation of the Navy Meritorious Public Service Citation to Dr. Harold A. Harper, Vice Chancellor for Graduate Studies and Research and Dean of the Graduate Division of University of California San Francisco Medical Center.

Doctor Harper received the award, the second highest honor the Navy can bestow on a civilian, in recognition of his service to Oak Knoll in an advisory capacity for the past 20 years.

The award—a gold lapel pin and leather bound certificate signed by Secretary of the Navy Paul H. Nitze, was, as the CO said in presenting it, long overdue. The wording of the citation indicates the scope of Doctor Harper's contribution.

"Doctor Harper's continued assistance in the research, professional and teaching activities at the Naval Hospital, Oakland, have been of great benefit to the Navy and a significant addition to Navy medical research. His service has been the single most important influence in the establishment of a formal research activity, the Clinical Investigation Center, at the hospital. He continues to be a major force in sustaining this effort. His lectures are unique and known throughout the medical department for their excellence, impeccable clarity and enthusiasm."

The citation further stated that Doctor Harper "represents a major force in the progress of Navy medicine by his invaluable personal contribution of inspiring hundreds of medical officers."

Intern Class Challenged by Dr. Harper's Talk at 30 June Commencement Exercises

The graduating interns, 17 medical, 6 dental, handsome in their crisp white uniforms, marched down the aisle in the officers' club auditorium 30 June to take their places before a large crowd of friends and relatives assembled to share a most important milestone in their medical careers. They looked equal to the challenge that lies ahead.

Dr. Harold A. Harper, Vice Chancellor of Graduate Studies and Research and Dean of the Graduate Division of the University of California San Francisco Medical Center, biochemistry consultant and basic science lecturer for Oak Knoll, suggested the ex-

tent of the challenge.

"The knowledge explosion is just beginning. Four times more is known now than in 1935, and in the next 15 years scientists will gain as much new information as has been acquired in all history. Ninety percent of all scientists who ever lived are living today," Doctor Harper told the doctors.

"The trouble with science is that it gives us techniques but tells us nothing about what to do with them—atomic energy, for example. Who is to make the decision?"

"What will you do with all these new responsibilities?" Doctor

Harper asked the graduates.

Doctor Harper spoke of Oak Knoll's teaching program as one of the outstanding programs in the country and of his pride in having had a part in it.

CAPT Henry A. Sparks, Chairman of the Medical Intern Training Committee and CAPT Robert A. Middleton, Chairman of Dental Intern Training, commended their classes and assisted Admiral Cokely in presenting the diplomas.

CAPT Dean Schufeldt, Executive Officer, presided at the program. CDR Lawrence C. M. Voseler and LT Paul J. Durkin gave the invocation and benediction.



AT THE RECEPTION (1) LT Robert H. Rozendal's parents, Dr. and Mrs. P. H. Rozendal of Corvallis, Ore., his wife Ellen and children, Daryl and Kathy, shared his pleasure on graduation day. (2) LT Donald E. Golladay, Jr. and wife Stephanie chat across the punch cups with LT J. D. Yavorsky, DC, and wife Nancy. (3) LT Leonard W. Mulbry not only spoke for his class; he also cut the cake—after some coaching by his wife Eleanor. The sword belongs to Vivian Swofford's husband, LCDR W. S. Swofford, MSC, Ret. This was just one of the many contributions Mrs. Swofford, Secretary to the Training Committee, made to the Medical Intern class throughout the year.

Interns Scatter 'Round the Globe—2 Assigned Here

When the 23 graduating interns from 22 different medical and dental colleges in 16 different states have carried out their orders they will be much more widely scattered than they were before reporting to Oak Knoll—though five will be classmates at the National Aerospace Medical Institute

at Pensacola, Fla., and four at the Submarine Medicine School, New London, Conn.

To report to Pensacola in late summer are LTs Roger A. Bell, John T. Chambers, Frank L. Dwinell, William H. Peloquin, and James A. Waltermire.

Going to New London this month

are LTs William O. Harrison, Robert H. Rozendal, Edward S. Tucker, and Reginald P. Wray, Jr.

Two of the interns will remain here for residency training—LT W. R. Kammerer in psychiatry, LT Piero Sandri in internal medicine.

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+ + CHAPLAIN'S CORNER + +

An eminent civilian psychiatrist in the Bay Area said recently that most of our youth are living in a "today" or "now" oriented society and that most parents are living in a "tomorrow" oriented society. If this be true, then we have a tremendous problem on our hands: A "communications and relationship gap."

The "hippie," who represents the most radical and vocal of youth, is in rebellion against the "tomorrow" oriented society. By growing long hair, going barefoot, rejecting organized and disorganized religion, laughing at work (as we know it), he figuratively speaking, thumbs his nose at what he calls the treadmill existence of the middle class society, while he sits cross-legged in Golden Gate Park for a "happening." With the use of "pot" and "LSD" he "tunes-in, turns-on, and drops-out."

Young people of today are oriented toward enjoying life to the fullest now, for they are afraid there will not be a future. One group of young people, whose fathers are employed by the Atomic Radiation Laboratory in Livermore reportedly says: "EAT, DRINK, and be MERRY, for my father has just invented a device that will end it all!" Too true to be funny—this is indeed a sobering indictment!

Yet in the midst of a changing society with its communications and relationship gap, the eternal GOD has a clear word, even for the "now" generation. It was GOD who spoke through the person of Jesus the Christ His son to a world of "now" oriented people. To Zaccheus, the unjust tax collector, He spoke a word of accepting love and concern; to the prostitute, Mary Magdeline, He spoke of a need deeper than sex; to the narrow-minded religionist of His day—He brought a refreshing word (which they rejected); and through use of stories He told about a "now" oriented son, who asked for his inheritance NOW, and then spent it on "kicks" and "physical pleasures"—only to find that kind of life was not satisfying.

This same Christ-like-God who was concerned for the "now" people in Galilee and Judea some 1900 years ago, is concerned about you and me today in our "now" situation. So often we think that the Christian Church is "future oriented" and only concerned about God, Mother, and Heaven. This is not so! The Church and most of the people who are associated with it are concerned about spiritual implications for living NOW (in the present).

Won't you give God a chance to speak to you—wherever you are, whatever your situation or station in life? God has a message for you if you will but "drop-in, tune-in, and turn-on!"

—CHAPLAIN EDWARD E. JAYNE

Amputee Patients Fly North for Weekend of Humboldt Hospitality

Fifteen amputees returned from Eureka Sunday afternoon tired, happy, and well-fed after a weekend as guests of the people of Humboldt County.

This was the second group of Oak Knoll patients to be entertained by citizens of that northern California coastal area.

The trip was sponsored by county veterans groups and Southern Humboldt County service clubs. The official host was Ervin Renner, veteran service officer, who is a bilateral amputee.

The patients were guests at Scotia Inn near Eureka. They fished for salmon at Trinidad 15 miles north of Eureka. Automotive dealers of Fortuna provided transportation. An outdoor barbecue at Fortuna, a banquet at Scotia Inn, and a baked salmon luncheon at Trinidad were among the highlights of the trip.

The flight was provided by the California Air National Guard.

Making the trip were S/SGTs Robert P. Boudreau and Virgil D. Shelton, SGT Justin K. Genson,

Jr.; LCPLs Cecil J. Wyatt, Michael L. Carey, Richard D. Hobson, Keith A. Byrd, David E. White, Samuel King, and Lloyd T. Hamilton, CPLs Donald R. Gambill and Jose A. Lopez-Tinia, PFC Joe Castaneda, and HNs Rand C. Montgomery and Ronald Sims.

Staff members accompanying the group were HMC Paul Soisson, Corbit Ray, HM2s M. L. Cline and Tom Kennedy, and HN John Panzotti.

"Bye Bye Birdie" Coming to Knoll

Coming to the Oak Knoll stage Tuesday, 1 August at 1900—the popular musical comedy "Bye Bye Birdie" with a cast of 70.

The production will be brought to the hospital by the School of Fine Arts, a "summer theater" program of the Mt. Diablo School District. Its presentation here will follow a week-long public run in the Walnut Creek-Concord area.



CDR Willis S. Myers checked out 16 June for a new assignment as Chief of the Medical Service at Naval Hospital, St. Albans, N.Y. Prior to his departure he received the CO's letter of appreciation for his service as Assistant Chief, Medical Service; Head, Outpatient Medical Branch and Consulting Cardiologist for the Medical Service. In all capacities Doctor Myers "continually demonstrated versatility, keen clinical acumen, and unusual talent for administration and leadership." The CO's letter further noted that Doctor Myers' ability as an instructor in cardiology "materially enhanced the hospital's professional training program." During his tour of duty here the departing physician also served as Assistant Clinical Professor of Medicine at U.C. Medical Center, San Francisco.

Admiral Groverman Takes Over Duties Of Commander, Western Sea Frontier

Command of the Western Sea Frontier—covering approximately 6,000,000 square miles and extending from the southern border of Alaska to the south of Panama—on 30 June passed from RADM John McNay Taylor to RADM William H. Groverman.

Prior to coming to San Francisco, Admiral Groverman was Director of the Antisubmarine Warfare and Surveillance Division in the office of the Chief of Naval Operations.

A native of Covington, Ky., Admiral Groverman is a 1932 graduate of the Naval Academy at

Annapolis. He has had service in battleships, aircraft carriers, destroyers, and gunboats. During WWII, he served in combat actions both as executive officer and commanding officer of destroyers and was decorated for "conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action."

Following the change of command, Admiral Taylor retired from active duty with the rank of vice admiral after 41 years' distinguished service as a commissioned officer. He and Mrs. Taylor plan to make their home in San Francisco.



THREE AMPUTEE PATIENTS received Bronze Star Medals for heroic action in Vietnam when COL L. D. Grow, Commanding Officer of the Treasure Island Marine Barracks, visited the hospital last week. They are PFC Robert G. Neece, Carlsbad, N.M., left; CPL Chester Brown, Reddick, Fla., right above; and CPL Craig W. Albers, Portland, Ore. Each of the heroes is a bilateral leg amputee, and Albers also lost his right arm—all as the result of land mine explosions. SGTMAJ Walter Anderson assisted Colonel Grow in presenting the Bronze Stars.

Families, Flowers, Finances, Fun—Day's Work for Red Cross



The services provided by the social casework staff of the Red Cross are numerous, among them the interviewing of patients who need either personal loans or information concerning families living in other cities. Here Miss Bobby Jean Jones, staff caseworker informs a patient of his family's welfare.



Every Tuesday night patients at Oak Knoll come to topside, Building 25A, to the Red Cross Lounge and there dance with hostesses who come every week from the East Bay Area. Music is often provided by Local Musicians Union #66.



Check and Mate! The many volunteers who Monday through Friday go about the wards with cookies, chess, checkers, and other games help make a bed-patient's time go a little faster. Mrs. Gloria Hewitt seems to be losing the game this time.

School and Camp Physicals Available

Appointments are now being accepted for school or camp routine physical examinations for dependents 14 or over. Call the appointment desk, 638-5317, or Ext. 540 for further information. The number of available appointments is limited; so LCDR J. T. Broderick, Head, Medical Out-patient Clinic urges prompt action.

Name the Lounge & Win the Bubbly

All staff officers are invited to participate in a contest to name the newly decorated cocktail lounge at the O' Club. The lucky winner will receive a case of champagne to be awarded at the grand opening Friday, 21 July.

A special committee has been appointed to select the winner; entries are to be submitted to the Chief of Surgery.

By Veronica Skillen, ARC

You'll have to look very hard to find a military hospital that doesn't have a Red Cross service of some sort, because the primary obligation of Red Cross is to help meet the needs of servicemen and their families. This may seem to be a rather large responsibility for one organization, but since 1900 when it received its charter from Congress, the basic motive of Red Cross—to relieve the suffering of man in times of war, natural disaster and disease—has given the incentive to many to respond to this humanitarian demand.

Oak Knoll's Red Cross organization includes 213 volunteers and 16 paid staff workers. What does Red Cross do that demands such a large number of workers, and what is it about their work that makes the majority of them work without a salary?

The social casework staff and volunteers perform such services as are needed to assist the patient in adjusting to the limitations of illness, his anxiety about his family, personal arrangements connected with medical evacuation, financial planning, or family emergencies that may occur in his absence. There is a staff worker on call at night and on weekends to handle emergencies and during the week each ward is covered by a staff worker who is responsible for the accomplishment of Red Cross services for the patient and his dependents or for duty personnel.

While volunteers do not actually handle casework or counselling at this hospital, they do work in the clinics and chart rooms, assisting the hospital staff, filing, pulling charts, and in general performing those tasks which enable the nurse and corpsman to have more time to devote to their jobs.

"Personal Service" is the title of the work done by other volunteers. They come to the hospital early in the day and by the time they leave for home, sometimes as late as 2000, they have visited with patients, written letters, mailed packages, shopped for patients at Navy Exchange, purchased food ranging from milkshakes to fig newtons, delivered crutch pads, cast socks, and pin-ochle cards to bed patients from Wards 40 to 79.

"Recreation? Oh, we play games!" That's how one staff recreation worker describes her job, and it is that and more for her and the other 92 staff and volunteers who work in the recreation department of Red Cross. From showing "Lassie" slides in Pediatrics to playing three-dimensional "Tic Tac Toe" on 76B on a Tuesday evening, they bring a little bit of refreshing relaxation to the sometimes not too care-free patient. Recreation for most people is going out somewhere—to a ball game, a show, a tour, or a party, but for the bed-ridden, recreation of this type must be brought in.

From the community of Berkeley once a week, flowers are



Mrs. Erminine Haven, Red Cross Berkeley Chapter Volunteer is shown here cutting the leather which will be used in moccasins, purse or key case patterns which the patients can make themselves. Instruction and tools are also provided, and some of the deerhide is donated by the Elks Club of Berkeley.

brought by the Red Cross Chapter driver and delivered to the wards by a volunteer. That same recreation volunteer may also be called on to escort a community group that wishes to visit the wards, a famous personality, or even a talking myna bird! She learns how to lose graciously at checkers and chess, admit that she didn't bake the cookies she offers to the everlastingly hungry patient. She learns that "Yahtzee" isn't an island in the Pacific but a popular dice game!

In the month of March, 363 Oak Knoll patients received assistance in counselling, communications, and arranging for visiting relatives; 22 patients received financial assistance totaling \$844.00, and 267 patients received individual recreation services including instructions in crafts and game skills. In addition, 180 organized recreational events were presented to the wards by volunteers and staff.

A young fellow-American once said in his inaugural address that in our time we are being summoned "to bear the burden of a long twilight struggle . . . against the common enemies of man: tyranny, poverty, disease, and war itself." The need to serve, to help one's fellow man, and to do one's part in the struggle against disease and suffering of any kind is the guiding force behind the efforts of the Red Cross volunteers and staff who work at Oak Knoll.

Bargain Rates For Ringling Bros.

Special Services has dollar discount coupons on \$3 and \$4 tickets for Ringling Brothers Circus for the evening show at Oakland Coliseum 25 August and the afternoon and evening performances at the San Francisco Cow Palace 30 and 31 August.

These tickets are for patients and staff, military and civilian, and their dependents.

Scuttlebutt

THE WEEKEND OF 30 JUNE was a busy one for Dr. Kenneth Carneiro. On that date he completed his dental internship, was honored at graduation exercises, and helped give a Hail & Farewell. Next day in St. Catherine's Church, Martinez, he and Miss Joan Nelson, formerly a civilian nurse at Oak Knoll exchanged marriage vows. They'll make their first home in Port Hueneme. One other intern who arrived a bachelor departed a benedict. His bride is the former LTJG Sharon Eddy—still a member of the nursing staff.

DEPENDENTS WHO'VE MADE GOOD DEPT: HMC Mattias Orque of Special Services is glowing with pride, and who wouldn't be? His daughter Modesta has received a \$500 scholarship from Alta Bates Hospital, Berkeley, for use during her sophomore year at UC School of Nursing.

RANDOM SIGHTS & SOUNDS: Corpsmen, doctors, nurses giving blood on Hospital Donor Day . . . The "Topside Gang" saying Happy Birthday with cake and chorus to CDR Schwab . . . HMC Frank Thompson, here for the PMT Course, reenlisting for another 6—after already serving 24 years, 6 mos., and 27 days . . . Marine patients Jackson, Olbrantz, and Clark being promoted to Staff Sergeants.

BELATED CONGRATULATIONS to Sammy Carson, whose idea for a "silverware trap" has been found worthy of implementation by Medical activities using mechanical waste disposal units in food service operations. Mr. Carson received a \$25 publication award for his *Bene-Sugg*, which was described in a recent issue of *Hospital Administration* notes. Also congratulations to Drs. John W. Batcheller, Fred J. Baker, Morgan Lloyd, John T. Lucas, Joseph A. Matan, David E. Parsons, Jerry L. Thomas, and William D. Young—all promoted to LCDR. Ditto to Miss Margarite Miller of the Nurse Corps, who was promoted to lieutenant.

DID YOU KNOW that if you dial G-O-D, you get Dr. Atkins?

LIFE BEGAN 15 June for Elizabeth Ann Tenney, 7 lb. 3½ oz. daughter of LCDR Richard L. Tenney of Urology and wife Judith . . . 19 June for John Joseph Cerchio, 5 lb. 12½ oz. son of LCDR Gerard M. Cerchio of Clinical Investigation Center and wife Marcheta . . .



THE INTERN CLASS of 1966-67—front row, left to right: LTs Allan L. Van Ness, DC; Joel A. Reisman, Roger A. Bell, Kenneth O. Carneiro, DC, and Leonard W. Mulbry; second row: LTs William H. Peloquin, William O. Harrison, Michael J. Erickson, DC, Edward S. Tucker, and John T. Chambers; third row: LTs Reginald P. Wray, Jr., Ellison C. Palmer, Jr., William R. Kammerer, James A. Waltermire, and John E. Grubb, DC; fourth row: LTs William F. Kosch, III, William A. Binder, and Donald E. Golladay, Jr.; back row: LTs John D. Yavorsky, DC, Thomas P. Baglio, DC, Piero F. Sandri, Frank L. Dwinell, Jr., and Robert H. Rozendal.

A Few Tips for Summer Swimming Safety

Check to see if the pool is enclosed by a protective barrier which can be locked at night. If it is not, consider going to another motel; if this is not practical, be certain your children are in sight during nighttime hours so they can't sneak a "midnight" dip.

Check to see if the pool has a trained lifeguard. If not, maintain close supervision yourself while your children swim.

Enter the pool yourself before allowing your children to use it. Enter the shallow end and work your way toward the deeper end. Feel for obstructions and sudden changes of depth as you move

toward the deeper water.

Check the depth at the diving end before allowing your children to use the diving board.

Check the pool deck for slipperiness; water and tile surfacing make a slippery combination. Warn the members of your family of slippery conditions.

Be certain your children refrain from horseplay and that they do not exhaust themselves (particularly if it has been a "long" day).

Three More Staffers Make It to Twenty

Three more Oak Knoll employees have made it to the 20-year milestone in their Federal Service careers. They are Jerry Lewis, mess attendant at Food Service, Gloria Grasso, appointment clerk in the Outpatient Service; and Ray Saunders, general foreman at Public Works.

Admiral Cokely presented each a certificate and gold lapel pin to mark the occasion.

The Interns—Who Goes Where

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LT William A. Binder will serve aboard USS TANNER; LT William F. Kosch was ordered to FMF, Camp Pendleton, and LT Joel A. Reisman to Destroyer Division 112, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. LT Donald E. Golladay's assignment is pending.

LTs Leonard W. Mulbry and Ellison C. Palmer, Jr., have been released to inactive duty. Doctor Mulbry will practice in Saratoga and Doctor Palmer will begin residency training in pathology at Emory University Medical School.

Here's where the Dental Interns will serve: LT Thomas P. Baglio at Naval Station, Adak, Alaska; LT Kenneth O. Carneiro, Navy Mobile Construction Bn #5; LT Michael J. Erickson aboard the helicopter carrier USS IWO JIMA; LT John E. Grubb at Naval Dental Clinic, Washington, D.C.; LT Allan L. Van Ness at Naval Dental Clinic, Yokohama, Japan; and LT J. Dennis Yavorsky at Fleet Activity, Sasebo, Japan.

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23 June for Alan Douglas Swartz, 8 lb. 14½ oz. son of LCDR Philip Swartz of Surgery and wife Janet . . . 30 June for Kathy Michelle Lang, 7 lb. 9 oz. daughter of LCDR Donald Lang of ENT and wife Joyce . . . 6 July for Anthony James Scarlata, 5 lb. 9½ oz. son of HM1 James Scarlata of NPRL and wife Nobuko.



WHEN CLASS 45 of the Preventive Medicine Technician Course was graduated 9 June, it included, from left, front row: HM2s Henry A. Mebane and Ronald E. Champer; HMCs William L. Frizzell, Eugene E. Evans, Donald I. Conley, and John P. Moran; HM1s Robert H. Rayno and Jose M. Silvas; HM2s John D. Stanton and Donald L. Gollifer. Back row: HM2s David L. Shipman (class spokesman) and William J. Hendrix; HM1s Joseph G. Franklin, John A. Pistilli, Larry W. Dodd, Robert Michalski, Donald F. Schindley (valedictorian), Daniel B. Buckley, and James O. Evans; HM2 Harry F. LaDue. The graduates are already scattered from Argentia, Newfoundland, to Saigon, Vietnam. Some have gone to ships at sea, others to stateside naval activities.

CDR Charles H. Miller, MC, USN, Director, Preventive Medicine Division, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, delivered the graduation address.

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Medical Service Corps' 20th Anniversary 4 August

The youngest member of the Navy Medical Department Team—the Medical Service Corps—will reach the age of 20 on 4 August.

The Corps has made great strides since it was established in 1947 when President Truman signed the Army-Navy Medical Service Corps Act that became Public Law 337.

In direct patient care, administration, research, environmental protection, and in numerous other tasks, Medical Service Corps officers are serving with distinction throughout the world. While the Corps is a heterogenous group from the standpoint of skills possessed by its members, it is in fact a homogenous group since the common purpose of all is the continuing support of the Medical Department.

MSC officers may work up through the ranks or they may come into the Navy from accredited schools of pharmacy, optometry, or other schools or colleges with degrees in sciences allied to medicine.

The Corps has six sections: Medical Allied Sciences including bacteriologist, biochemist, medical technologist, psychologist, and many others; Medical Specialist, which includes the dietitian, physical therapist, and occupational therapist; Optometry, Pharmacy, Podiatry, and Supply and Administration.

Oak Knoll has no podiatrist, but all other sections are represented by one or more of the hospital's 29 MSC officers.

To celebrate their 20th anniversary active duty, retired, and reserve MSC Officers in the 12ND will dine and dance at the hospital Officers' Club Friday evening, 4 August. Approximately 200 guests are expected to attend.

MSC Officers Hear Veteran Newscaster

John K. Chapel, noted world traveler and lecturer and news reporter from radio station KABL, San Francisco, was the guest speaker at the 12ND Monthly MSC luncheon held at the Officers' Club yesterday.

93 Units Collected On Staff Donor Day

Ninety-three units of blood were collected on staff donor day 14 July, with 29 different wards and departments participating.

Project 49A responded to the call by supplying 22 donors. Laboratory gave 17 units, Ward 74B gave 11 units, OR School gave 9, and Surgery II, 7 units.

Captain Lenihan Sends Greetings

TO THE WAVES OF THE NAVY:

As we commemorate the 25th Anniversary of the WAVES we are reminded that no ship of the United States Navy was ever launched with as much excitement and promise as were the Navy WAVES. The Navy has learned to love its land-locked sailors who have achieved a remarkable record of service.

Your accomplishments, your contributions, and your magnificent performance have earned for the WAVES a rightful place in the history of the United States Navy. May you continue to answer the challenging call to duty and country. The Navy is proud to number you among its shipmates. It is a pleasure for me as your Director to share your joy in the anniversary milestone we celebrate this year.

RITA LENIHAN

Captain, U. S. Navy

Assistant Chief of Naval Personnel for Women

WAVES Have a Birthday Too --Their 25th

This Sunday, 30 July, will be a significant day for WAVES the world over, for on that date they observe the 25th anniversary of their founding.

At Oak Knoll no special celebration is planned, but at least a few of the 58 WAVES aboard will pause to reflect on the progress of their organization.

On 30 July 1942 President Roosevelt authorized the enlistment and commissioning of women in the U.S. Naval Reserve. In 1948 President Truman signed the Women's Armed Forces Integration Act authorizing the enlistment and appointment of women in the Regular Navy and the Naval Reserve.

Original plans called for only 10,000 enlisted women and 1,000 officers, but that number doubled within a year. Peak strength was reached in 1945 when nearly 86,000 WAVES were serving at 900 naval activities in the United States and Hawaii.

Today 6,000 WAVES, enlisted and officer, are serving in Italy, England, Belgium, Japan, Australia, Canada, Germany, Spain, and throughout the United States.

A SECNAV notice received this week designated the year 1967 as a commemorative period for celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the WAVES, "whose dedicated service has been traditional over the years."

Warm congratulations came from Admiral David L. McDonald, Chief of Naval Operations, who referred to WAVES' services as "invaluable to our Naval establishment."



LTJG Mary E. Dietzel has received the CO's Letter of Appreciation for the excellent nursing skill she displayed in the Intensive Care Unit when a patient with extensive burns experienced a respiratory arrest. Miss Dietzel immediately began mouth-to-mouth resuscitation and successfully revived the patient while awaiting the arrival of the Code 4 Team. "In view of the patient's physical condition, your actions were especially commendable," the Admiral's letter stated.



LCDR Stuart A. Kleit, MC, USNR, Director of the Clinical Investigation Center since last October, returned to civilian life 11 July to become Assistant Professor of Medicine at the University of Indiana Medical Center, where he was chief resident just before coming to Oak Knoll in July 1965. In a letter from the CO Dr. Kleit received high praise for his work, which included serving as consulting renologist to the Medical Service, heading the Renal Disease Clinic, supervising the Renal Dialysis Unit, and coordinating the Basic Science Training Program.

Best Wishes, Admiral!

All hands join in wishing Admiral Cokely a speedy recovery. Latest word from the Coronary Care Unit indicates that he is getting along well.

"Bye Bye Birdie" Flying In Tuesday

"Bye Bye Birdie," the hit musical comedy, will be brought to the Oak Knoll stage Tuesday evening, 1 August.

The curtain will go up at 1900 on a polished performance that is now playing to audiences in the Concord-Walnut Creek Area. It is being presented by the School of Fine Arts of Mt. Diablo School District.

Patients and staff, military and civilian, and their families are invited to attend.

The Oak Leaf

Naval Hospital, Oakland, California

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All men are not born equal—but all men are created equal. All men are made by God in His image and likeness, but all men do not come into this world alike.

Rich or poor, healthy or sickly, smart or dumb, black or white — men differ. God gives each one sufficient gifts to live properly and attain eternal salvation. Yet, one man marries, another does not; one becomes famous, another not; one leads, another follows. All different, yet all the same; from God, destined for God.

We live with all these different people and we have our normal likes and dislikes. Some men we just like, some we don't. Some men have our interests and desires, same background and experiences, others do not. What we don't know we don't like. What we don't know we often fear. What we fear we don't like. Prejudice is fear from ignorance.

We must love all men — God said so. He didn't say we had to like them. We pick our own friends. But we have no choice about some people — our in-laws, neighbors, fellow workers — we must love them all. Love is not like. Love is higher than like. Like is human and more emotional; love is spiritual and more elevating. We love our fellow man, with all his differences, when we respect him as a child of God and of His image, when we help him in need, when we hurt him not.

This is loving man whether we like him or not. This is loving man whether he be black or white, rich or poor, in-law or outlaw. This is loving man because God said so. Obviously this is the only peaceful way to live.

CHAPLAIN C. E. SUPPLE
Catholic Chaplain

Diaper Derby

LIFE BEGAN 14 July for Karen Diane Featherstone, 6 pound, 11 ounce daughter of HM3 Paul Featherstone of PT and wife Laurie. . . . 12 July for Deborah Katherine La Marche, 4 pound, 8 oz. daughter of HM2 Lawrence La Marche of X-ray and his wife Teruko. . . . 17 July for Stuart

Andres Romine, 6 pound 14½ oz. son of ENS Damon Romine, Chief, Special Services Division, and wife Antonia.

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Drivers are like steel—No good if they lose their temper.

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LCDR John R. Warmolts, Head of the Neurology Branch and the only medical officer in the regular Navy to be certified in the specialty of neurology, departed 23 June for Naval Hospital, Bethesda, to establish a teaching program in his specialty. Prior to his departure Dr. Warmolts was cited by the CO for his contributions to Oak Knoll. These have included organizing and coordinating efficient inpatient and consultation services and participating in the resident teaching programs in the Medical, Pediatric, and Neuropsychiatry Services. "As a teacher of a specialty as complex and demanding as neurology, you have few peers," Admiral Cokely's letter stated.



FOUR WELL-SPENT NAVY CAREERS officially ended 30 June when retirement ceremonies were held for LCDR E. A. Ambrose, MSC; CDR M. W. Olson, MC; LCDR Delma Linville, NC; and CAPT E. A. Blakey, MC.



HM2 Celeste Miller received the CO's Letter of Appreciation for outstanding service as senior petty officer in the Intensive Care Unit prior to her departure 21 June for Laboratory Technician School at Naval Hospital, San Diego.

Retirement for Four Well-Known Staff Officers

CAPT Ernest A. Blakey and CDR Marshall W. Olson — two Medical Corps officers whose years at Oak Knoll add up to 19 ("counting Mrs. Blakey's one") retired 30 June and headed for Santa Barbara, where they'll join the staff of Sansum Medical Clinic.

For Dr. Blakey, Chief of Urology, leaving Oak Knoll was almost like leaving home. Way back in 1944 he served here as a Pharmacist's Mate Third. In 1948, after earning his MD at the University of Buffalo Medical School, he served his internship here. His last tour of duty began in 1960, when he reported as Chief of Urology. His son Ernest, Jr. served as a corpsman here.

Commander Olson, Chief of Radiology since July 1960, is a graduate of University of Southern California Medical School. He completed a year's training in his specialty here in 1954.

The Blakeys' and the Olsons' arrival in Santa Barbara increased that coastal city's population by 16. The Blakeys have seven children, including Ernie, Jr., who'll be home from the service this fall. The Olsons have five.

Retiring at the same ceremony was LCDR E. A. Ambrose, Chief of the Fiscal and Supply Division for the past four years.

"Last day of the fiscal year — a perfect time to retire," Mr. Ambrose commented. After 27 years in the Naval Service he has become administrator of Driftwood Convalescent Hospital, Santa Cruz. He and his wife Patricia and their four children will make their home in Soquel.

The Surgeon General, Director of the Nurse Corps, and the CO expressed their appreciation to LCDR Delma Linville — fourth member of the staff honored at the retirement ceremony, but there was no need for goodbyes at the local level. After 25 years in the Nurse Corps and four tours of duty at Oak Knoll, the Alta Bates (Berkeley) Hospital graduate is officially retired, but she has agreed to remain on duty for another year because of present needs.

New Pharmacy Hours

New hours for greater convenience of those using the Pharmacy are now in effect.

Monday through Friday the Pharmacy is open from 0800 to 2200. Saturday hours are 0800 to 1600, Sundays and holidays 1000 to 1600.

FIRE CHIEF SAYS:

If you have a small pan fire on top of the stove:

1. Turn off heat.
 2. Try smothering flame by covering fire with a pan cover. It should completely cover pan. Watch out for yourself and your clothing.
 3. If pan cover doesn't work, use your fire extinguisher (dry chemical or carbon dioxide type).
- For oven fires:

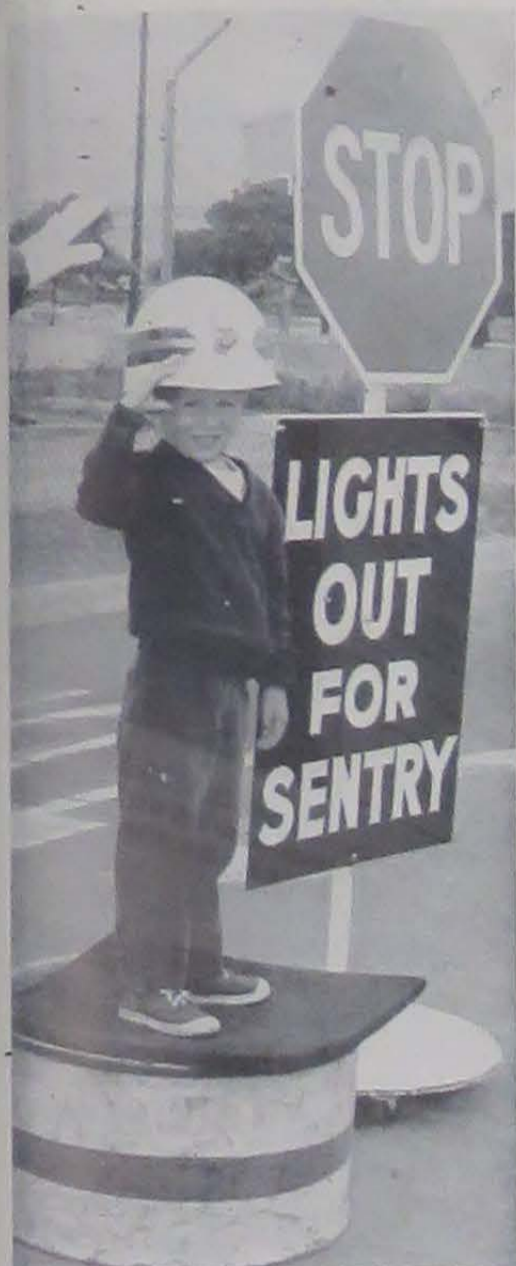
1. Turn off heat.
 2. Try to smother flame by closing oven door for a few moments.
 3. If this doesn't work, open oven door a crack and use fire extinguisher (dry chemical or carbon dioxide type). Open oven door as little as possible.
- Lacking a fire extinguisher, try throwing baking soda (NOT baking powder, salt or flour) onto the flames.

Scuttlebutt

DID YOU KNOW???

That CDR A. J. Schwab, AO, had no thought of joining the Navy when at the age of 18 he went to the Yakima, Wash., recruiting station with his twin brother and a friend. The recruiter cordially invited him to take the physical ("It's free.") "I was the only one of us who passed. That's how it happened," said the CDR. He had NO thought of staying in, but when his four-year enlistment was up, he was in a Japanese prison camp. Another four years later, when he was released and promoted to Warrant Officer, a career in the Navy began to appeal to him. . . . That ENS Lee Dameron of PMT served in the Peace Corps in Thailand from January 1962 to November 1963. As a malaria entomologist/technician he captured, identified, and dissected mosquitoes, took malaria smears and identified types by microscopic examination. . . . LCDR Dorothea H. Wheeler of OT was on duty as a Navy Nurse here in '43-'44 and again in '57, when she changed to MSC. . . . Exactly 10 years ago CDR A. N. King, Chief of Preventive Medicine and Head of PMT Course was commended by the CO for his work as EST (PMT) instructor. . . . LT M. A. Massey of PMT was born in Mexico City and attended the American School in San Salvador, El Salvador, before going to the University of Minnesota for his BA and MPH degrees. . . . LT W. H. Bromann of Biochemistry, as a line officer qualified as an assault boat wave commander while serving as deck division officer aboard USS MATHEWS AKA-96. He transferred from line to Medical Service Corps in 1961. . . . LT Linda Davis, whose father was once Chief of Surgery at the short-lived San Leandro NH, was commissioned at the tender age of 20, received her OT training at Mills College, and created the design that appears on Page One—as well as on the cover of 350 invitations to the MSC Birthday Party. . . .

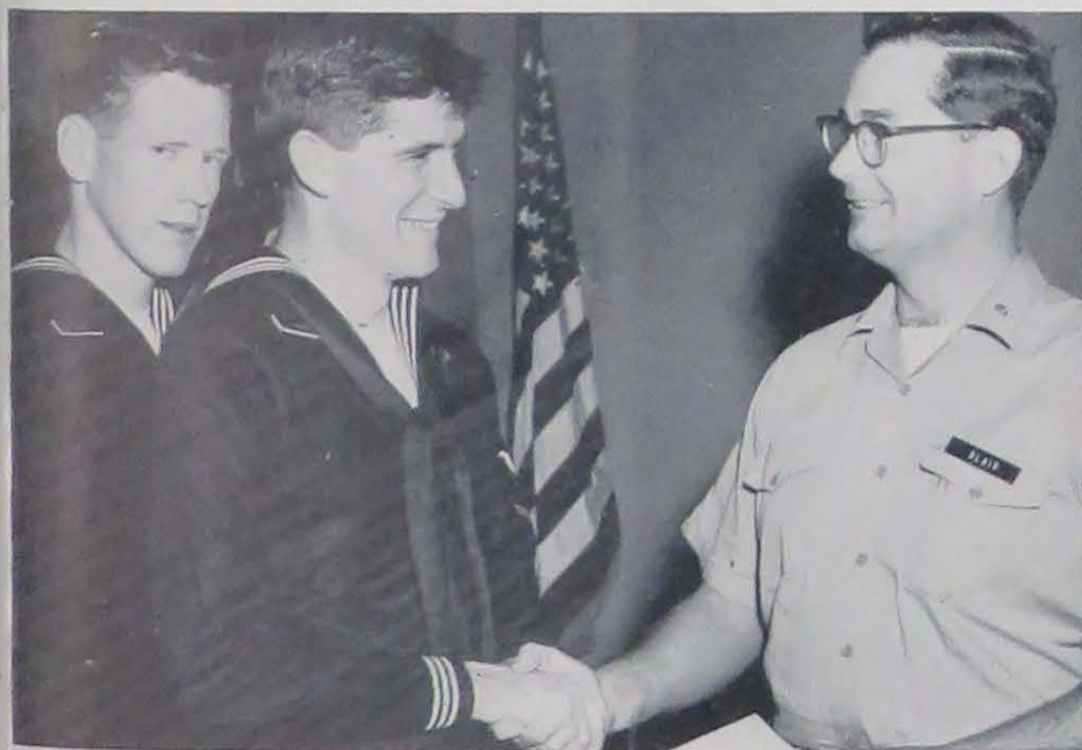
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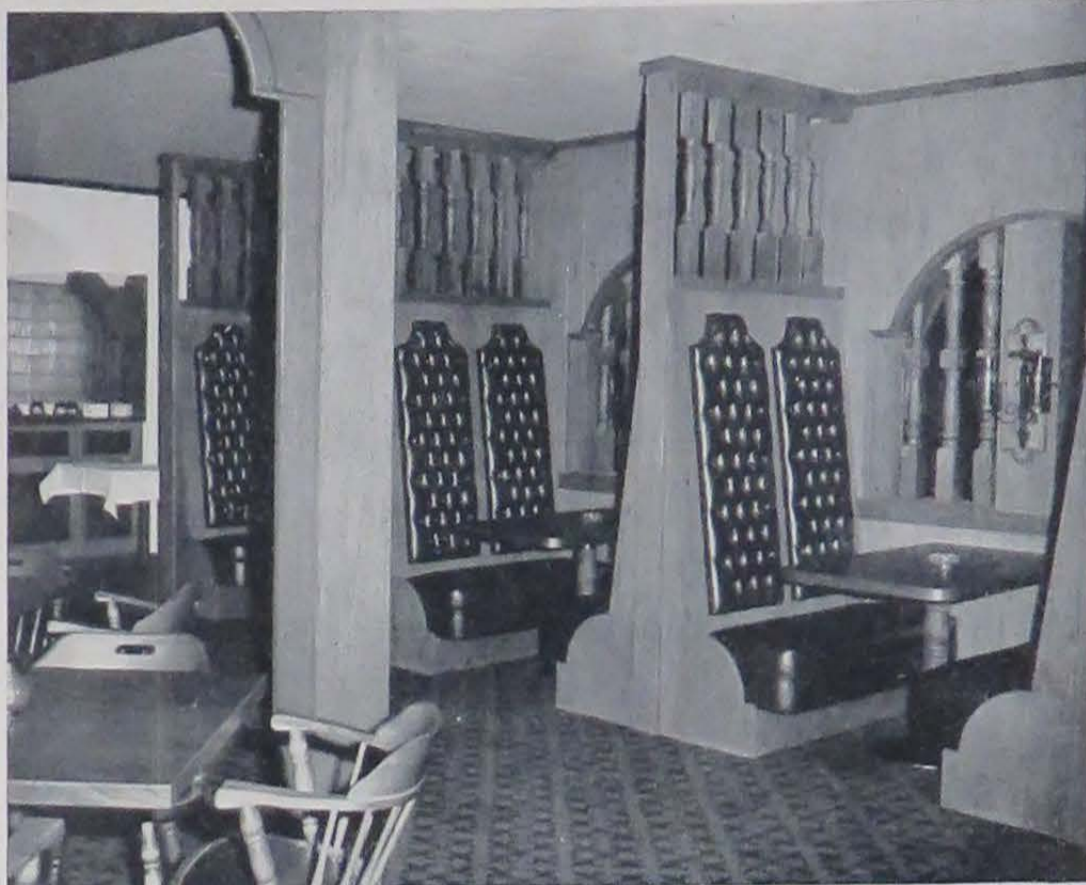
SNEAKERS AND SALUTES —

Little Bobby Thomas stands sentry duty at the gate to Naval Air Station, Alameda. The Marines pay Bobby a penny a day, loan him the pint-sized helmet, and provide an assistant (see gloved hand at left) for him. The four-year-old is the son of LCDR and Mrs. Jerry L. Thomas, 145A Barbers Point Road, NAS, Alameda. Lieutenant Commander Thomas is a surgical resident here.

Bobby is not the only member of the Thomas family who has made his mark in Alameda. Last month his father received a letter from the Air Station CO congratulating him on the outstanding appearance of the grounds around the family quarters, which were selected for the "Home of the Month" award for May.



Two HM3s who performed their duties in the Neuropsychiatry Service in an outstanding manner and have now returned to civilian life are Dean A. Perry, left, and William Holden. Each received the CO's Letter of Appreciation upon departure from Oak Knoll in mid-June. LCDR Sidney M. Blair made the presentation. Holden had served at Oak Knoll since November 1963 and Perry since June 1964. Special note was made of Holden's work as Master-at-Arms for the service, and Perry received high praise for his work as senior corpsman on an open psychiatric ward.



Spacious booths in The Galleon Room (above) are walnut paneled and have black leather upholstery. They divide the bar and dining areas. At right, Admiral Cokely cuts the ribbon at the head of the stairs. Note the wrought iron chandelier that hangs at the landing.



"Galleon Room" Wins Champagne For Dr. Adams

"The Galleon Room" is the name chosen for the newly decorated cocktail lounge at the Officers' Club. Spanish, nautical, and easy to use, it was judged best from among 29 entries submitted to the committee headed by CAPT R. P. Dobbie. It won LT L. H. Adams, MC, a case of champagne.

"Casa Bodega" (Wine House) submitted by LCDR Delma Linville, NC, and "The Castillian Room," submitted by LCDR J. R. Mulvey, MSC, were runners-up, each winning a bottle of champagne.

Admiral Cokely announced the winning name as he cut the ribbon last Friday, declared the room in full operation, and led the way down the red and black carpeted stairs to a super happy hour.

The new decor includes walnut-paneled booths upholstered in black leather, rich black and gold wallpaper on the wall behind the bar, handsome wrought iron light fixtures in the bar area and dining room, and on one wall a burnished gold replica of a Spanish galleon.

The committee in charge of the redecorating project included Mrs. Cokely, CAPT F. J. Sweeney, CDR E. L. Eustis, CDR Anne Chelf, and

36 Patients See Salinas Rodeo

Thirty-six patients and staff attended the Salinas Rodeo last Friday as guests of the Associated Veterans Council of Salinas.

Traveling in an air-conditioned bus chartered by San Leandro American Legion Post 117, the rodeo goers enjoyed the trip and the box lunches prepared by Food Service for consumption en route.

The Knollites had ringside seats for the colorful parade that ushered in the show, which included all the usual events such as steer wrestling, bareback riding, steer roping, team roping, and horse racing. Beautiful cowgirls demonstrated their versatility in a series of acrobatic stunt-riding numbers, and for this the Knollites' applause was most enthusiastic of all.

A sumptuous dinner was served at the American Legion Hall in Salinas, and several cakes were sent back for patients unable to make the trip.

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LT G. J. Palmer. Others whose assistance merited the CO's praise were William Braunstein of the interior design department of the Dohrmann Co. of Brisbane, Ben Nelson of Public Works, and HMC William McGurk, club manager.

More Scuttlebutt

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LCDR Joseph E. Honish, Chief of Food Service, who'll soon be leaving to serve as AO aboard USS SANCTUARY, was stationed at Naval Hospital, Pearl Harbor, T. H., on 7 December 1941. . . . **ENS Ron Aldrich**, AAO, has two firsts in his still brief curriculum vitae. He is a graduate of the charter class at the University of South Florida and the first graduate of the University of Florida's Graduate Program in Health and Hospital Administration. . . . **LT O. C. Langston** of Staff Pers was senior corpsman on Oak Knoll's orthopedic wards back in 1950 and in 1954 graduated from the Orthopedic Appliance Technician School. . . . **ENS J. R. Beene** of the Laboratory and Blood Bank is a Certified Medical Technician. . . . **CDR Ned Flaherty**, as a Supply Corps Officer, served in WesPac as Paymaster and Division Officer of USS TRYON during WWII, was released to inactive duty in '46, recalled as an SC officer in '52. He was deferred to complete work for his MA at Loyola University, Chicago, where he also earned his PhD in psychology. He changed to MSC to come on active duty as a clinical psychologist. . . . **CDR Ruth Flickinger** was a dietitian aboard USS BOUNTIFUL during the A-bomb tests in Bikini Atoll in 1946, ward nurse and dietitian at the 1st Marine Division Hospital, Tientsin, China, and dietitian aboard USS REPOSE with the 7th Fleet in Tsingtao, China. She changed from NC to MSC in June 1957. . . . **LT George I. Soule** of Patient Affairs, after attending Navy Submarine School in New London, Conn., spent two years under the sea in USS BLENNY (SS 324) and USS RONQUIL (SS 396), studied nuclear power engineering and radiological controls at New London, and submerged again in USS SCAMP (SSN 588). His first assignment as a commissioned officer was at Sub Base, Pearl Harbor. . . . **LCDR Carlton R. Morris**, Chief, Personnel Division, served in BuMed for 27 months before reporting here. In 1964 he received the SECNAV's Letter of Commendation for participating in Altitude Experiment "Everest." . . . **LTJG Susan Haberkorn** of PT was a counselor in an interracial underprivileged child camp in her native state of Michigan while going to Indiana University. . . . **LTJG T. R. Hammer**, met Miss Haberkorn, at Indiana U. They were classmates at the Navy School of Indoctrination at Newport, R.I., and reported to Oak Knoll together (bringing Mrs. Hammer along).

THE SIX WAVES who went to the Leamington Sunday night to usher and assist at the Navy Mother's Club Regional Convention couldn't have looked sharper if it had been the right night. Through a peculiar quirk in communication lines HM3s Bebe Foley and Tina Day, HNs Dorothy Jackson, Charlene Metrano, and Teresa Moore, and HA Claudia Ellquist found themselves at the right place—exactly a month ahead of schedule.

WEDDING BELLS RANG 65 years ago for the parents of HM2 Barbara Stevenson of Patient Af-



LT BURROWS LT CANDY LT CARROLL LT HORTON LT LOHNER LT LORENZEN



LT MASON LT McALARY LT McLAMB LT NELSON LT NIELSEN LT ROUTENBERG



LT SHEFFER LT SHETTERLY LT SMART LT VAUGHAN LT WALSH

Medical ←

Meet The New Interns



LT CHAPMAN LT FALB LT GRAVES LT JACK LT SMITH

← Dental



LTJG Yang-II PAK recently resumed his duties in the Korean Navy after three months' training in Medical Supply. He holds the BuMed Certificate of Special Instruction presented him by Admiral Cokely. LT Glen E. Pritchard, MSC, of Fiscal and Supply, was in charge of his instruction. Mr. Pak is one of many Korean Navy officers to come to Oak Knoll for instruction in their specialties.

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fairs. She'll be in Sacramento this weekend to help them celebrate.

WORTH MENTIONING among names submitted for the O' Club cocktail lounge — "Chez When" and The Syringe Room (since you go there to get a "shot").

22 New Interns Are On the Job

Seventeen new medical and five dental interns are rapidly becoming oriented to Oak Knoll and the Navy as the first of their 12 months' training comes to an end. Medical interns, who will rotate through the various services during the year, represent 15 different Medical Colleges. Three of them — LTs Jon W. Candy, Jack F. Mason, and Lee A. Sheffer — were classmates at the University of Michigan.

Other new medical interns are LTs William M. Burrows, University of Vermont College of Medicine; Frank E. Carroll, Hahnemann Medical College, Philadelphia, Pa.; Douglas L. Horton, University of Texas Medical Branch;

Thomas Lohner, Tufts Medical College, Boston, Mass.; Paul C. Lorenzen, University of Colorado; Brian G. McAlary, Harvard Medical School, Boston, Mass.; James N. McLamb, University of North Carolina School of Medicine; Laurence F. Nelson, University of Illinois; David G. Nielson, University of Minnesota; John A. Routenberg, University of Maryland; Roger D. Shetterly, Cincinnati College of Medicine, Cincinnati, O.;

Robert H. Smart, University of Vermont College of Medicine;

Richard M. Vaughan, University of Virginia School of Medicine; and David G. Walsh, Medical College of Alabama.

The Dental Interns are LTs Richard O. Falb, University of Iowa College of Dentistry; Thomas C. Graves, Baylor University College of Dentistry, Dallas, Tex.; Gary L. Smith, Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wisc.; Robert J. Chapman, Tufts; and Robert W. Jack, University of Nebraska.

Nine of the new interns are bachelors—which nine THE OAK LEAF leaves to interested readers to discover.

Dial 593 . . .

PISTOL TEAM — Additional members are needed for the pistol team. No experience is necessary. If interested, call Special Services, Ext. 593, or Dr. Curtis at 483.

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Coach Moffett is still looking for football players. Call him now if you have the time, the talent, or the desire to play.

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Ringling Brothers Circus tickets are available at reduced rates for shows coming to the Oakland Coliseum 25 August and to the Cow Palace, San Francisco 30 and 31 August. These tickets are for patients and staff, military and civilian, and their dependents.

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Friday, 11 August 1967

Admiral Makes Good Progress

Admiral Cokely is making excellent progress in his recovery and will probably be allowed to subsist at home by Tuesday of next week. Patients and staff join in wishing him a speedy and complete recovery.

Chief Bull Speaks At FRA Conclave

HMC James W. Bull of Staff Personnel last Sunday had the honor of speaking in Admiral Cokely's place at the Eleventh Annual Convention of the Fleet Reserve Association, West Coast Region, at Caravan Inn in Sacramento.

Several weeks ago the CO had accepted the invitation to be the principal speaker at the Sunday breakfast session and had planned to take Chief Bull with him. His subject was to be "Medical Rights for Retired Personnel." When his sudden illness canceled those plans, the FRA immediately asked Chief Bull to pinch hit.

Among others seated on stage were RADM John E. Clark, Commandant of the 12th Naval District; The Honorable Walter Christensen, Mayor of Sacramento, and other civic, military, and FRA dignitaries.

The Chief was right at home at the convention. He has been a member of the FRA since 1965.

LTJG Shea Cited For ICU Service

LTJG Elizabeth R. Shea received the CO's Letter of Appreciation for outstanding service in the Intensive Care Unit when she returned to civilian life 28 July.

The letter referred to the "exceptional nursing skills and complete dedication to duty, which pulled many critically ill patients through grave periods in their road to recovery."

It also spoke of Miss Shea's "serene personality, wisdom, and good judgment" and noted that in addition she is "an enthusiastic and creative teacher of all levels of nursing personnel."

Miss Shea, whose home is in Bedford, Mass., had been on duty here since 20 August 1965.

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The first lighthouse established in America was on Little Brewster Island in Boston Harbor. It was lit 13 September 1716.

New Building Now 70 Percent Complete

Big Crane Coming Down Next Week

"The new building is 70 percent complete, and we expect it to be ready for occupancy in late spring of next year," CDR Jack A. Wright, Resident Officer in Charge of Construction, reported this week.

The utility penthouse that rises above the nine-story concrete building was topped out 28 July, and the big crane that has dominated the landscape for many months will be lifted up and out of the building next week.

The following work is now in progress, according to Commander Wright:

The first and second floor interiors are being painted.

The third floor galley and mess-hall are being plastered.

Partitions are being built on the fifth floor.

Door frames are being set on the seventh floor.

Ceramic tile work is being started in the galley and bathrooms.

The bulk electrical and mechanical work has been completed.

Meanwhile Chiefs of Services and Divisions are familiarizing themselves with their spaces in the new building by studying the architectural model recently delivered to the AO's office.

Seven Staffers Earn Safe Driving Awards

Seven of thirteen drivers being considered have earned awards for driving 12 consecutive months without a preventable accident or traffic violation.

Receiving the award, which consists of a lapel emblem and certificate indicating their total safe driving record, are Alexander Lekos, with a record 20 years; Alick Bowater, 17 years; Leslie Speet, 15; Philip Scott, 14; Walter Carter, 8; Lucious Moore, 6; and Terence Vincent, 1 year.

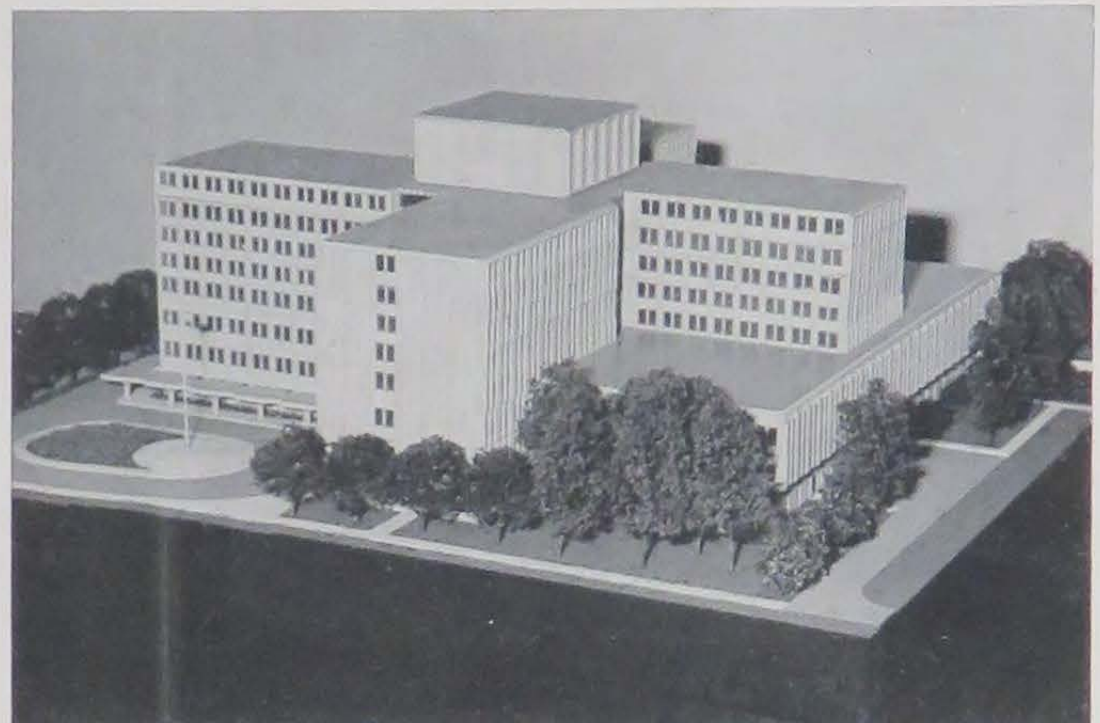
For Staff WAVES Birthday Barbecue

Staff Waves will have a 25th Birthday Barbecue in the patio at quarters Sunday afternoon. It will be a do-it-yourself affair, with HM1 Mary Donahue in charge of arrangements.

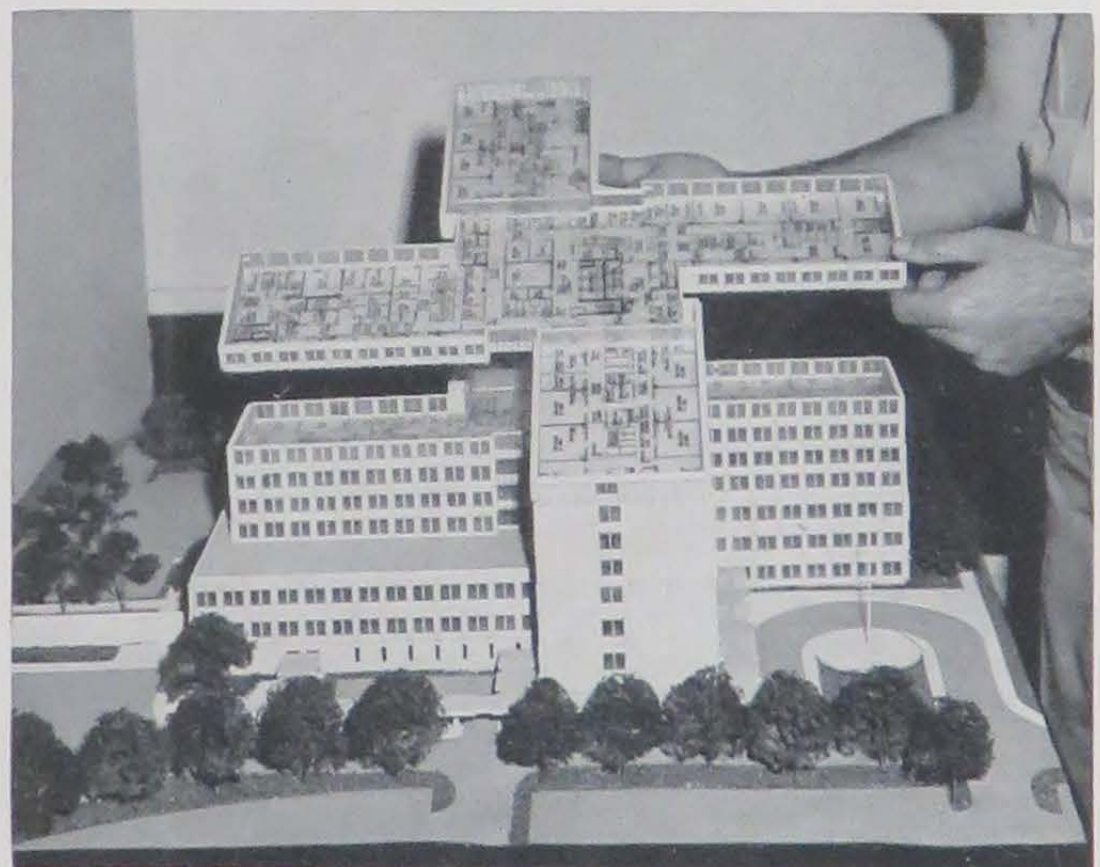
UBAC Good Thing to Back

Wherever a person lives in the Bay Area, Crusade services are available, regardless of race, creed, or financial position. United Crusade and its member agencies represent the best in American traditions by providing help for people who need help. Each year everyone has an opportunity to contribute to the welfare of his friends and neighbors through the United Crusade's United Campaign. This campaign takes the place of 176 separate drives, combining them into one efficient, economical, and time-saving community-wide enterprise.

The Crusade will open 1 September, with LT O. C. Langston, MSC, acting as Oak Knoll chairman.



This architectural model of the new hospital gives staff members a feeling of what their spaces will be like in the finished product. Architectural Models, Inc., of San Francisco interpreted the two dimensional ideas of Stone, Marraccini, and Patterson and Associates and Milton T. Pflueger, architects for the hospital, into this three dimensional form. The model is 20 inches across, and each inch represents 16 feet.



Each story lifts off for a close view of the interior. The model may be seen in the Administrative Office.

All Hands Eligible to Submit Writing To Annual Freedoms Foundation Contest

"It's up to every American to fight for the freedom we hold so dear. If we don't, the smells of free air could become dark and damp as in a prison cell."

This was written in a letter by Army Private First Class Hiram D. Strickland last year. His letter won the George Washington Award from the Freedoms Foundation but PFC Strickland never received it. It was presented to his family because he was killed in Vietnam

defending the freedom he held so dear.

This freedom for which so many have sacrificed their lives on the battlefields of the world is the basis for the 1967 Freedoms Foundation Awards Program. This year's subject is, "Freedom — My Heritage, My Responsibility."

Every serviceman and woman on active duty is eligible to submit as many entries as he may desire.

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Naval Hospital, Oakland, California

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CHRISTIAN HEALTH

Are you healthy? Many people are not. Have you noticed the people you have met lately? They have strained, unhappy and worried faces. If health is just the absence of active, bodily disease, many may be classified as having good health. However, if we mean by good health, a glowing face, a strong body, a happy outlook and vigorous enthusiasm, a really healthy person is hard to find. We may feel that healthy people of this kind are abnormal just like the Christians at Pentecost were thought to be drunk because they were filled with the Holy Spirit. They were not drunk, but simply enjoying their new experiences as Christians.

Happiness makes for Christian health. The joy of sins forgiven and the absence of irritations, grudges and hatred are causes for happiness. The laughter and good times of clean recreation (RE-CREATION NOT WRECK-REATION) are foundation stones for Christian health.

Positive thinking bends the mind in healthy directions as the wind bends a tree. What we read, view and ponder determine the state of our minds. Discouragement, criticism, pessimism, cynicism, and hopelessness are evil serpents that kill the tissues of the healthy mind. "As he thinketh in his heart, so is he." (Proverbs 23:7).

Good food, eaten regularly and in moderate amounts, builds the body in which the mind and spirit live. The poison in tobacco and the narcotic effect of alcoholic beverage obviously do not contribute to the health of the body. Diet and nutrition are important because the body is built out of what we eat and drink.

Regular, vigorous exercise is a necessity for health of the body, mind, and soul. Labor saving devices are not necessarily health saving devices. Climbing stairs is more healthful than riding elevators. Walking is more healthful than sitting. Running and swimming, though sometimes reserved for athletes and the young, are just as good for older people.

Rest, taken in regular and sufficient intervals, restores depleted energies, drains the body of tension, and gives the soul an opportunity to see God. Grown bodies of adults need rest and sleep in the same way that growing bodies of children do. A siesta may be more important than extra money in the pay envelope.

At best, the house in which we live, called the body, is wearing out. With the best of care it is going to die. It will return to the dust from which it was made. Spiritual health needs to be maintained alongside the health of the body and mind. The ultimate or the supreme good in life is not happiness in the sense of self-satisfaction or sensual pleasure but holiness. As diet for the body affects health, strength, and vigor, so the spiritual food of Bible study, prayer and worship will build up the soul. "Grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ" (II Peter 3:18). A casual acquaintance with God is not enough for spiritual health. **Are you healthy?**

HOMER L. SCHNICK, LCDR, CHC, USN, Protestant Chaplain



LCDR Sidney M. Blair returned to civilian life 4 August. Here for his second tour of duty, Doctor Blair was Assistant Chief of the Neuro-psychiatry Service and Officer in Charge of Training. The CO's Letter of Appreciation, presented by CAPT Dean Schufeldt, referred to Doctor Blair as a "teacher par excellence" in conferences held jointly with other departments, of his "ready accessibility and wise counsel, which did much to create a favorable image and greater acceptance of the field of psychiatry." Doctor Blair's future plans include conferences and sightseeing in Europe. Standing by when he received his letter were CDR E. M. Flaherty, LCDR Anne Hamill, and his Chief of Service, CDR Victor H. Holm.



MEMORIES OF "BYE BYE BIRDIE"—a delight to the large audience that turned out for the 1 August production by The Summer School of Fine Arts.

"Bye Bye Birdie" Fine Example of Teen-Age Talent and Teamwork

Droves of teen-agers—singing, shrieking, dancing, swooning, speaking, changing scenes, managing spotlights, playing in the orchestra—swarmed into the auditorium the evening of 1 August.

They were students of The Summer School of Fine Arts of Mt. Diablo School District. Their annual production was "Bye Bye Birdie," musical comedy inspired by Elvis Presley and his hysterical young followers of several years ago.

Nearly a hundred young people took part in the production. It seemed like more. Marion Russon was the director, John Wright the musical director, Gerald Smith and Joanne Davis the vocal directors.

Costumes, sets, programs—everything that made the show a resounding success was produced by students of the school during its six-week session.

It would be impossible to mention individually the many outstanding performances given by the various members of the large cast, but two girls were especially appreciated by the large and enthusiastic audience of patients and staff. They were Cathy Pollock as Rose Alvarez and Maureen

Irish as Mae Peterson. Every one contributed to the success of the show, and a finer example of teen-age teamwork has seldom if ever before been seen at Oak Knoll.



AIRCRAFT CARRIER JOHN F. KENNEDY, christened recently at Newport News, Va., is the third carrier since the end of World War II to bear the name of a man. Its only companions are named for Franklin Delano Roosevelt and James V. Forrestal. Aircraft carriers are normally named for famous battles or great ships of the past. The JOHN F. KENNEDY is scheduled for commissioning in FY 1969.

Scuttlebutt

IN THE CHAPEL at noon tomorrow, CAPT Carl A. Reckewell, III, who earned the Bronze Star and lost his left leg in combat in Vietnam, will exchange vows with Miss Joyce Cornelius of Sacramento. Chaplain Supple will say the Nuptial Mass.

MAKING PLANS: LTJG Esther Louise Stenhouse, NC, is wearing a diamond engagement ring—gift of LCDR Alan Peabody, MC. The Greenville, S.C., nurse and Washington, D.C., doctor, who met at Oak Knoll, are planning a fall wedding.

SCENES FROM THE PASSAGEWAY PARADE: JANGOS looking prettier than cupcakes at their Thursday bake sale. . . . CPL Jerry Johnson, USMC, of 76B making Page 1 of the Roseville Press-Tribune under an Afghan that wasn't even his. . . . HMC Robert L. Dant transferring to the Fleet Reserve. . . . Mrs. Rozelle Primus of Nursing Service, Edna Hudson of Pediatrics, and Joyce Bradley of Outpatient Service receiving awards for 10 years of faithful Federal Service. . . . Mrs. Anna Gary of 65B receiving her TWENTY year certificate. . . . HM3 Roger Bergeron of Training sprinting to the CO's Office to replace a projector bulb that died just as Mr. Aldrich started to brief an important visitor. . . . Patients and staff of NP Service assisting CBS News, Los Angeles, in filming a story on psychiatric casualties from Vietnam. . . . WAVES Bonnie Sexton and Sue Smith planning to cook dinner for Chief Mullen before his transfer to USS INDRA (ARL-37). . . . Chester, always where the action is, giving a warm, tail-wagging greeting to members of the "Bye Bye Birdie" cast.

IT'LL BE WAVES VERSUS JANGOS on the softball diamond 25 August. The game will begin at 1700. Miss Susan Haberkorn will coach the WAVES, Miss Linda Davis the JANGOS.

HELP! Anyone with items, large or small, for THE OAK LEAF, please call Miss Thompson at Ext. 203.

LIFE BEGAN 26 July for Brenda Lynn Neyens, 7 lb. 8½ oz., daughter of LTJG Thomas A. Neyens, NC, of Anesthesiology and his wife Katharyn. . . . 28 July for David Lee Skoglund, 6 lb. 14½ oz., son of LT Rayburn R. Skoglund of Pediatrics and wife Ardell.



SHARING HONORS at OR TECH GRADUATION 3 August were, standing, from left, LTJG Constance Wear, HN Max R. Lett, HM3 Kenneth N. White, honorman; HNs Thomas C. Jacobs, Michael D. Hill, Thomas P. Mooneyhan, Stephen J. Lloyd, and Russell Nakatsuka; HM3 Marvin G. Hardin, HN Wayne Roman, HM3 Alvin Rettig, HNs Richard Sanders and Terrence L. Thomas. At extreme right is HM2 Jess Clark, instructor. Seated at right is LTJG Nancy Jarvis, who joined the class for orientation. Others in the front row, from left are CDR Barbara Ellis, CDR Harold N. Dean, CDR Romaine Mentzer, and ENS Ronald R. Aldrich. Lett is the only member of the class remaining at Oak Knoll. White was ordered to Bremerton, Jacobs and Lloyd to Whidbey Island, Wash.; Hardin to Jacksonville, Mooneyhan to Key West, Nakatsuka and Thomas to Port Hueneme, Rettig to 29 Palms, Sanders to Pensacola, and Roman to NAS, Albany, Ga.

OR Tech School Graduates Twelve

The OR Tech School has turned out another twelve technicians to serve in Navy medical facilities from coast to coast.

Guest speaker at the 3 August graduation was ENS Ronald R. Aldrich, Assistant to the Administrative Officer.

Mr. Aldrich spoke of the expansion of the health care industry, of modern technology and advances in medical science, but he stressed the fact that the key resources are people.

"The results achieved in an operating room are only as good as the preparation, knowledge, and skill of the surgical team," he said.

Mr. Aldrich urged the new technicians to view their training here as only a beginning.

A special feature of the program was the "Ode to the OR Techs" written and delivered with style by LTJG Constance Wear, NC, USNR, who, with LTJG Nancy Jarvis, NC, USNR, worked with the corpsmen in the Operating Room as part of their orientation to Navy nursing.

CDR Harold N. Dean, Chief of Anesthesiology, presented the graduates their diplomas.

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COULD THAT BE a Social Security check George Boudreau, 5, is scrutinizing? He receives one each month, as do his father, S/SGT Robert P. Boudreau, his mother Janet, brother Jeff, 10, and sister Debbie, 12. Miss Quinlan McCarthy, claims representative from Oakland's Social Security Administration Office, at right, told Sergeant Boudreau of benefits available because of his disability.

Social Security Disability Helps—Especially if You're Father of 3

Many persons automatically think of Social Security as financial aid for those reaching retirement age. That's how S/SGT Robert P. Boudreau, USMC, of 76B thought of it until Miss Quinlan McCarthy, claims representative from Oakland's Social Security Administration Office, visited him a few months ago.

Sergeant Boudreau lost both legs as the result of a land mine explosion during training at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, last December. Although those who know him find it difficult to recall a time when his morale seemed low, he is happy to report that it has been boosted considerably by the recent arrival of his first monthly disability payment and those of his family. His personal check is \$114.50. His wife and each of three children receive \$35 a month. Social Security benefits to the family total \$254.50 per month.

Sergeant and Mrs. Boudreau's payments continue for life. The children's will continue until they are 22 if they stay in school.

Single persons and those with disabilities not occurring in line of duty may also be eligible for

Social Security disability payments.

RD1 Sherman E. Baldwin of 76A, 29 and single, had paid in many more than the required 20 quarters before he was involved in an automobile accident. Admitted for treatment of a compound fracture of the left ankle, he is, months later, still having plastic surgery.



RD1 Baldwin

Baldwin receives a monthly Social Security payment of \$118.80 and is helping spread the word to others who may be eligible for such help.

Ward-bound patients wishing to check their eligibility may leave their names with Mrs. Betty Winsby at Ext. 563, and she will schedule a bedside visit from Miss McCarthy. Ambulatory patients may consult Mrs. Evelyn Dealey in the Navy Exchange Lobby Fridays between 1100 and 1400.



DKC Lowry departed 31 July for a new assignment at the Navy Finance Center, New Orleans, La., after serving in the Disbursing Office here for three years and ten months. Among others on hand to help her cut a farewell cake were, left to right, Claire Martini, Sylvia Lord, Helen Simmons, Ysabel Ramirez, Gertrude Smith, Betty Willey, Anna Mae Taylor, Bea Teixeira, Betty Winsby, and Karoline Gunter.

Salinas Speeds Along in Power Driven Chair

PFC Jesus G. Salinas, Jr., USMC, a bi-lateral amputee, is now the happy owner of a wheelchair equipped with a Power-Aid unit—gift of the companies that produced it.

A battery carried under the seat operates the motor that keeps the chair going for eight hours at two miles an hour. It recharges overnight.

A hand device starts, stops, and steers, and Salinas needed little coaching when he grasped it with first one and then the other of his wounded hands.

Spectators stepped out of the way when the 20-year-old Vietnam veteran from Rupert, Idaho, cruised around NPRL on his first ride, but he proved to be a safe driver. When last seen by the OAK LEAF reporter, he was heading down the road toward San Jose. With him were J. Morgan Greene, president of United States Manufacturing Co., Glendale, and John W. Arnds of California Medical Aids, Montrose, manufacturers of the Power-Aid unit.

The gift came as the result of Mr. Greene's meeting CAPT Frank L. Golbranson, NPRL Director, when he spoke at Newport Beach several months ago.

Similar chairs are being demonstrated, but Salinas, who stepped on a land mine near Da Nang last March, is the first patient to use one.



TRIAL RUN: PFC Jesus G. Salinas, Jr., USMC, goes for his first ride in powered wheelchair presented him by J. Morgan Greene, right, president of United States Manufacturing Co., and John W. Arnds of California Medical Aids.

Knoll Golfers Win Class B Championship



Members of Oak Knoll's Class B Champion Golf Team presented the trophy to CAPT Dean Schufeldt, acting CO, last week, giving much credit to those who have left Oak Knoll—CAPT E. A. Blakey, who captained the team until he retired mid-season, LT W. H. Snider, and LT J. E. Grubb, who were top players before their departure. HMC Jack G. Richards, who was captain and No. 1 player in recent months, handed over the trophy while his teammates looked on. From left, they are LCDR J. G. Gregonis, LT Lawrence D. Nelson, HMCM James "El Toro" Bull, HM1 Andrew J. Murry, and HN William H. Cripps. LCDR S. E. Howery was not present for the picture. The team played fourteen matches. Their opponents were NAS Moffett, the Class A champs; NAS Alameda, NSC Oakland, Naval Station, TI, Naval Shipyards Mare Island and Hunters Point, and Naval Weapons Station, Concord.

Retiree Sends "Boy" For Pension Check

The oldest civil service annuitant on record was 121 when he died in 1941. Before his death, he lived in a cabin in the forest of the Cimauga National Park. When he grew too feeble to walk to the Post Office for his check, he sent his "boy", aged 90. The person who spent the longest time on the annuity rolls, 46 years from October 1920 to last January when he died, was retired on disability from the Naval Air Station in San Diego on the first year of the Retirement Act.



When LT Pei-cheng CHI, left, and LCDR Min-hen CHEN, right, checked out recently to return to duty in the Chinese Navy, they said goodbye with satin banners. "In great appreciation of the outstanding instruction we received" is the message of the larger characters. CDR H. N. Dean, Chief of Anesthesiology, who was responsible for Dr. Chi's training; Admiral Cokely, and CAPT D. D. Goldthwaite, Chief of Orthopedics, under whom Dr. Chen trained, display the unusual gifts.

LTJG Bell First Pharmacist Trained Here Under New Plan

Another first for Oak Knoll was recorded 27 July when LTJG Ernest Ray Bell, Jr., MSC, USNR, completed six weeks' temporary duty under indoctrination and training in military pharmacy administration under the guidance of CDR J. C. Boudreaux, Jr., Chief of the Pharmacy Service.

LTJG Bell is the first of a group of new Navy pharmacy officers appointed under the new Department of Defense order to insure that all dispensing of drugs is done under the direct supervision of a registered pharmacist. In the past all new pharmacy officers were indoctrinated at the National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, but with the increased numbers, several of the larger hospitals having senior and experienced pharmacy officers were selected to assist in this indoctrination.

LTJG Bell was directly appointed to his present rank 1 May because of his training and experience. He is from Climax, Ga., earned his Bachelor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Georgia in July 1963, and is a reg-

istered pharmacist in Georgia and Florida. He worked for Eli Lilly Pharmaceutical Co. for a year and managed a retail pharmacy in Tallahassee for three years before reporting to Bethesda for military indoctrination in May.

Mr. Bell flew out of Travis to the Philippines, where he is now on duty in a new billet as Pharmacy Officer at the dispensary at NAS, Sangle Point.

Freedoms Foundation

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Each entry may be in the form of a letter, essay or poem of not less than 100 nor more than 500 words in length. Entries must be sent to Freedoms Foundation, Valley Forge, Pa., 19481, prior to Nov. 1, 1967.

Members of the Armed Forces may also compete for the other Freedoms Foundation awards offered. Dependents of service members, who are not eligible to enter the Letter Awards Program, may compete for awards in other categories.

Additional information on the Freedoms Foundation Awards Program may be obtained by writing to Freedoms Foundation, Valley Forge, Pa., 19481.

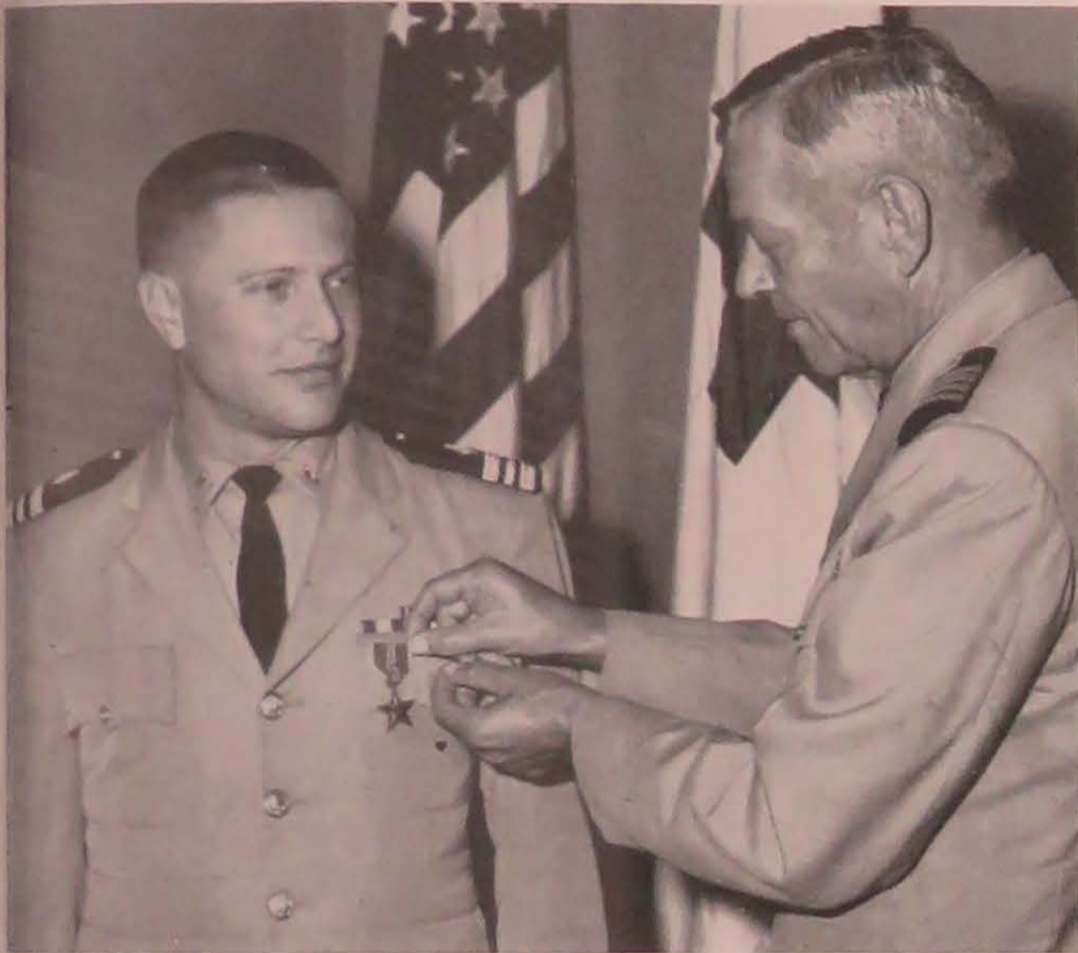
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LCDR James G. Chandler receives the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service in Vietnam from CAPT Dean Schufeldt, Acting CO.

LCDR Chandler Earns Bronze Star For Meritorious Service in Vietnam

LCDR James G. Chandler, MC, USNR, of the Surgical Service has received the Bronze Star for meritorious service in Vietnam, where he was Commanding Officer of Company C and Officer in Charge of the Hospital Facility, Third Medical Battalion, Third Marine Division, from 13 February 1966 to 1 February 1967.

The citation accompanying the Bronze Star Medal referred to the San Francisco-born Surgeon's "exceptional leadership and organizational ability and to the outstanding care he provided for the more seriously injured. On one occasion he calmly and with outstanding precision removed a live M-79 rifle grenade from the throat of a wounded marine."

The citation, signed by LTGEN V. H. Krulak, Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific, also spoke of Doctor Chandler's work in establishing liaison with the U. S. Overseas Mission Hospital at Da Nang and of the weekly medical civic action program in which he taught and worked with Vietnamese physicians.

"Working arduously, Doctor Chandler planned the new hospital facilities at Dong Ha as well as expanding those of the battalion, and his methods of casualty handling and treatment resulted in the most advanced field hospital in the area. His professionalism and concern for the welfare of the wounded were an inspiration to all who

served with him and undoubtedly were instrumental in saving many lives," the citation further stated.

Doctor Chandler earned his BS and MD Degrees at Stanford, the latter in 1958.

He had residency training in surgery and was a member of the staff at Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center, New York City, for 6½ years before reporting to active duty in December 1965.

She Needs You



BE READY to help her and others like her by giving once for all through the United Bay Area Crusade. The drive starts 1 September with LT O. C. Langston serving as chairman.

From Watsonville & Expo 67

Here Comes The Band!

Here comes the Watsonville Band—fresh from appearances at EXPO 67, Chicago, and the California State Fair.

The 60-piece marching band will play for Oak Knoll patients and staff on Labor Day—Monday, 4 September—beginning on the orthopedic ramp at 1500.

Five high-stepping majorettes, a Dixieland combo, and other small segments of the band will go into the wards to entertain the bed patients. From the orthopedic ramp, the band will march to Gendreau Circle for a half hour of lively entertainment for all hands and their families.

The Watsonville Band officially represented the United States as well as the City of Watsonville and the County of Santa Cruz at the California State Fair and the Monterey Bay Area at EXPO 67. It is one of five groups from the entire state to be approved by USIA for appearance there.

Men Escape Injury As Crane Topples

Two workmen received minor injuries, and minor damage to the new building occurred when the big crane came down last week.

As the crane was being removed, a 5,000 lb. mast above the cab fell 50 feet into the penthouse and duct shaft and lodged between the roof and the ninth floor, bending channel iron and tearing out some of the duct work.

It was the last day of work here for T. H. Cartee, crane operator, who had been on the job every working day since 19 April, 1966. He narrowly escaped serious injury when a 2 x 4 broke across his back as the crane fell. Ben Muriello, rigging foreman, standing on the roof beside the tower, escaped with minor bruises.

"We were extremely fortunate that more serious injury or damage to the building did not occur," said CDR Jack A. Wright, ROICC.

The Commander explained that towers are now being constructed on the roof of the building between which a high line will be stretched to support a line that can be lowered to lift the crane out of the shaft. He does not expect this misfortune to delay completion of the building.

Congratulations!

MSC's Lee Dameron and Ronald Aldrich have been promoted to LTJG.



HM2 Charles D. Ott left Oak Knoll 2 August with the CO's Letter of Appreciation for his outstanding service while assigned to the Nursing Service Enlisted Detail Office. The letter spoke of Ott's sound judgment in handling staffing problems, of his over-all perception of how doctor, nurse, and corpsman would be affected by his decisions. It referred to his "deep personal pride in the Hospital Corps and its traditions, as evidenced by your own conduct and by the guidance and counseling you have given to individual corpsmen."

Ott will continue his career with Carrier Air Wing Early Warning Squadron 13, home based in Alameda.

Dental Corps Has a Birthday—Its Fifty-fifth

Local dentists kept drilling away Tuesday, few, if any, aware that the day had special significance for them. It was on 22 August 55 years ago that the Navy Dental Corps was established.

Prior to that time dentistry received little recognition in the Navy and most of the treatment was of a palliative nature limited to emergency treatment by ship's surgeons. It is known that in 1909 the crew of a single battleship spent \$3,000 of its own money ashore in one port for vitally needed dental repair.

The need for dental surgeons began to be officially recognized as early as 1870, but it was not until 1912 that the bill creating the Dental Corps was finally passed into law. An important step in the development of the Corps came in 1922 when a Department of Dentistry was established at the Naval Medical School in Washington, D. C.

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"FAREWELL" AND "THANK YOU"

Before hanging up my Navy suit for the last time, I want to say, "Thank you" for your many kindnesses, understanding, and friendship, which has lightened and brightened the day-to-day tasks.

With Saint Paul, I would leave with this word of thanks. They are my feelings at this hour —

"We give thanks to God always for you all, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ."

Our farewell to all of you with whom we have been privileged to serve is this prayer, "Now may the Lord of peace Himself give you peace at all times and in all ways. The Lord be with you all."

L. C. M. VOSELER
CDR, CHC, USN

Corps Starts With Four (4) Dentists

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of four Navy dental officers made up the Corps. World War I started with 35 dental officers on duty, but this number grew to 500 by the end of that war.

The average strength of the corps in 1966 was 1,865 dental officers and 3,439 dental technicians.

There are 327 dental facilities throughout the world providing treatment for 1,020,000 Navy and Marine Corps personnel on active

duty including facilities in 133 ships and 14 mobile dental units assigned to various commands.

The Corps has also grown in the scope of its activities, contributing to the profession through its educational and research programs.

Rear Admiral F. M. Kyes, has headed the Dental Corps for four years. In addition to his title as Chief, Dental Division, he is the Assistant Chief of the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery (Dentistry).

Chapel Wedding for Vietnam Hero

While press and television cameras clicked, CAPT Carl A. Reckewell, III, of Smithtown, N. Y., and

69B was pushed out of the chapel by his pretty blonde bride, the former Miss Joyce Cornelius of Sacramento.

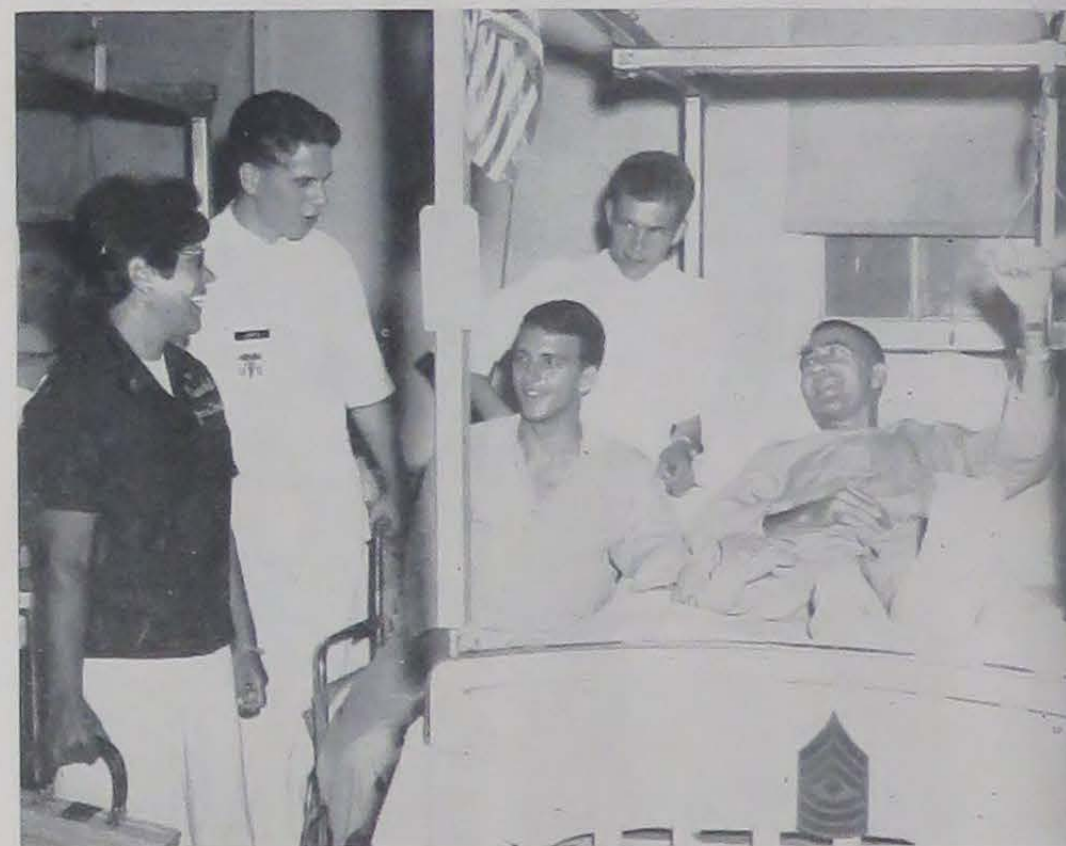
Chaplain Supple officiated at the Nuptial Mass that united the happy couple on 12 August. Three fellow patients, LTJG Ray Shreenan and LT James Wheeler, USN, and CAPT Benjamin Huey, USMC, were among those who formed the traditional arch of crossed swords through which the couple left the chapel.

Captain Reckewell, who earned the Bronze Star for meritorious service in Vietnam, lost his left leg below the knee and suffered severe fractures of the right leg as a result of a land mine explosion during action near Da Nang, where he served for nearly a year as Commanding Officer of F Company, 2nd Battalion, 9th Marine Regiment, Third Marine Division.

He and his bride met at a friend's wedding in Sacramento two and a half years ago. Since he returned from Vietnam she has taught in Hayward. She will teach during the coming year in Smithtown, Long Island, where they will eventually make their home, and he hopes to be transferred to Naval Hospital, Philadelphia, for further treatment and rehabilitation.



BOWLING AND GIVING AWAY MONEY are favorite pastimes for the happy group pictured at the bedside of HM2 Dennis Ray Peterson. They recently presented the recreation fund a check for more than \$1000 and threw in 20 television sets like the one seen here. They are, from left, Elsa McCarthy, director, Vallejo Bowling Association; Lillian Palmer, director, California Women's Bowling Association; Fannie Fitzgerald, president of the Vallejo group; Terry Kyte, 1st vice-president of the Diablo Association; and Virginia Stanton, director of the Vallejo Association. Mrs. Palmer and Mrs. Agnes Duffy, California Women's Bowling Association president, arranged for the presentation.



Here Joan Feimblum, president of the Santa Rosa Bowling Association, gets a happy reception from HN Roger Keinitz and HA Mike Adams, ward corpsmen, and their patients, HN Rand Montgomery and SGT William Semons.



Lester Allen, warehouseman in the Fiscal and Supply Division, has reached the 20-year milestone in his Federal Service career. He received his pin and certificate from CAPT Dean Schufeldt, Acting CO, at the August meeting of civilian supervisors. Mr. Allen served with the Army in the European theater for three years and joined the Oak Knoll staff in 1950.

Death Claims Last Of "Sacred Twenty"

LTJG Mary H. DuBose, last of the original "Sacred Twenty" nurses who made up the Navy Nurse Corps when it was established in 1908, died 11 August in a local nursing home. She was 91.

Miss DuBose, known to many at Oak Knoll since she was a patient here on several occasions, served with the Navy for 22 years—as nurse inspector for hospitals in France during World War I, as chief nurse at the Naval Hospital, Cavite, P. I., and at hospitals throughout the United States.

Diaper Derby

Angela Sue Pavlicek came into the world 8 August and weighed in at 5 lb. 15 oz. She is the daughter of HN Russell Pavlicek, who works in Neuropsychiatry, and his wife Barbara.

Richard and Cathy Lett welcomed a daughter, Christina Lynn, on 18 August. Christina weighed 7 lbs. 14 oz. Her father works in OR.

Scuttlebutt

NEWLYWEDS: A brief honeymoon in Carmel Valley followed the 12 August wedding of HM3 Penny Corbin and Steve Casteel. Their vow exchange took place in the Oak Knoll Chapel with Father Supple officiating. HN Charlene Metrano was maid of honor. Steve, a former staff corpsman, has been stationed at San Diego recently. He was discharged this month, and they will make their home in Oakland. . . . Another romance that began at Oak Knoll culminated in marriage last Friday eve when Nancy Sue McGihon of Fremont became the bride of HM3 Gary Lubarsky. Nancy was a Navy Exchange employee when they met last summer. The wedding took place in the bride's home. "Ski," student at X-Ray Tech School, had HM2 Frank Campana as his best man. Both bridegrooms earned the Purple Heart in Vietnam.

KNOLLITEMS: HM1s Pete Ables and Don Bailey had the security watch the night of 17 August when ENS Luana Villalobos asked them to come posthaste to evict an unidentified sleeper from 75A. They jumped into their truck, hurried to the scene, and found the culprit lounging on one of the nice clean beds. He was—Doctor Taylor's basset hound Freddie, who had wandered down the hill from Qtrs I. . . . Chaplain Jayne has departed for duty aboard USS JASON (AR-8), which will ply between San Diego and Subic Bay, P. I., and other West Pac points. . . . HM3 Bebe Foley looked as though she'd stepped from a recruiting poster when she spoke to junior and senior girls at Claymont Valley High School Occupational Center Friday, 28 July, on "The Role of the Wave in the Naval Hospital." . . . Captain Schufeldt was the speaker and HMC Matias Orque and SF1 Peter McNamara of Special Services carried the flags for the Navy Mothers' Club Convention's Wednesday night session at the Leamington Hotel.

DEPENDENTS WHO'VE MADE GOOD DEPT: Lucious Moore of Transportation is especially proud of his 17-year-old daughter Sylvia. This summer she's working week days at Richmond Branch, Bank of America, and Saturdays at Macy's. Her photo is in the window of all Macy's branches as a member of "the Hi-Set." Not only that, she's an honor student at Richmond High and a Sunday school teacher.

FOUR BOYS INSTEAD OF THREE is the count in the Vosseler household today. At 0300 the Senior Chaplain went to the SF International Airport to meet Gert Hausler, 16, exchange student from Darmstadt, Germany, who'll attend San Lorenzo High this year with the Vosselers' second son, Jim. Both are juniors.

OUT OF THE MAIL BAG: A young lady who lives nearby writes: "I do not wish to inconvenience you, but there's a big hole in your fence behind where the Navy housing used to be. . . . I also wish to compliment you on your new building. It looks great! . . . I hope it turns out to be what you want it to be. . . . I hope you get the hole repaired! I love your hospital, and I wouldn't want anything to happen to it. Thank you. Neither would we!"

OAKNOLLUMNI: Remember Cliff Woods, Jr.? The Antarctica Monthly Newsletter reports that Cliff has made HMC during his stay on the ice. His year with "Operation Deepfreeze" is nearly over, and he has orders to NH, Great Lakes.



LTJG Chet Socha



The Physical Evaluation Board sitting in consideration of Marine Corps personnel, left to right, COL Ben R. Grandy, CAPT W. M. Weber, MC, USN, senior member; and LTCOL Herschel D. Rix.



LT Gary Nail



Handling the clerical work—HM3 Cecil Peterson, and HM2 David L. Grogan. Grogan is board clerk, Peterson, assistant board clerk. At right, LT James Higgins, law specialist, counsels a patient whose case is before the Physical Evaluation Board.

Busy PEB Hears, Evaluates, Recommends

Although the 12ND Physical Evaluation Board located in Building 133 functions entirely apart from the hospital command, it performs a function that is extremely important to many an Oak Knoll patient.

Its purpose is to provide a full

and fair hearing for and to evaluate the physical fitness of each person who is to be separated from the Naval Service because of physical disability.

After the Board gives full consideration to each person's case, it recommends that he be discharged or retired with a disability rating if qualified. The Board's recommendation is forwarded to the Physical Review Council in Washington, D.C., and ultimately to the Secretary of the Navy for final action.

The person being separated has the right to counsel and to rebut the findings of either the Physical Evaluation Board or the Physical Review Council.

With the influx of Vietnam casualties, this busy tenant facility is handling an increasing number of cases. It meets three days a week, with one day reserved for Marine Corps cases.

It is the largest in the Navy both in caseload and geographic area. In 1966 it handled 1,850 cases, and the number will probably be even greater this year. Cases from 12th, 13th, 14th, and 17th Naval Districts and from all Navy and Marine Corps facilities from the Western Pacific arrive by mail, keeping the local post office crew busy.

The Physical Evaluation Board consists of a medical officer and two non-medical officers. Two Marine Corps officers sit in consideration for Marine Corps personnel.

The PEB is currently headed by CAPT W. M. Weber, MC, USN, who serves in the dual capacity of senior member and medical member.

LTJG Chet Socha, as Board Counsel, directs the 10-man administrative and legal staff which supports and assists the board. It includes party counsels, LT James Higgins, a law specialist assigned from the 12ND Legal Office, and LT Gary Nail from the Marine Barracks, Treasure Island.

The enlisted administrative staff

includes HM2 David Grogan, board clerk; HM2 Donald Kish, and HM3 Cecil Peterson, assistant board clerks. Two civilians, Mrs. Ruth Young and Mrs. Bertha Berman, act as court reporters.

KNOW YOUR STAFF



Miss Sharon Paine, a perky young miss from Staff Personnel started her life twenty years ago in the delivery room at Oak Knoll (her father was in the Marines). Sharon attended nearby St. Louis Bertrand School and Bishop O'Dowd High School. After graduation, she reported to Oak Knoll for her first job in the Civilian Personnel Office. She soon moved to her present job.

At nights, Sharon attends Chabot College where she is taking business courses such as machine calculating and data processing. Her hobbies include playing the piano, water skiing, and dancing.

Her future plans include changing her title from Miss to Mrs. Her fiance, Jimmie Wylie, is an electronics technician on the USS Providence which is based in Japan. As for a wedding date, Sharon says it just depends on the Navy.

PAPERNEWS



The Oak Leaf welcomes to its staff Mrs. Cheryl Dart. She will be writing stories and taking photos for the paper. A recent California State College graduate, Cheryl majored in Social Science and minored in English. She was active on various school committees and clubs. She was assistant editor of the Castlemont High yearbook and a member of the Oakland Press Honor Association. At Cal State she had a course in news reporting and writing and was on the staff of her college yearbook.

Mrs. Dart was born and raised in Oakland.

"I am anxious to meet the people at Oak Knoll and to learn as much about the work of the hospital as I can. I am very much impressed by the variety of activity that goes on here, and it is this activity which I hope to capture both in my stories and pictures," said Cheryl.

Call her at Ext. 203.

KNOW YOUR STAFF



Panning for gold is one of the many hobbies of HMCS John A. Roberts. At Oak Knoll since February of 1966, he has served in the Internal Medicine Clinic, the Immunization Clinic, the Staff Health Record Office, and the Physical Exam Office. In his spare time he travels to the Mother Lode country, where he has found several nuggets worth a total of \$75. Chief Roberts admits, however, that he has spent many times more than that on gasoline to get into the gold area. He also enjoys fishing, hunting, and bowling.

Born in Bessemer, Michigan, Chief Roberts joined the Navy in 1939 because he wanted to "see the world," as the recruiting posters said. He feels that his submarine duty during World War II was the most memorable experience in his career. His submarine, the USS PICUDA SS382, held the Wolf Pack Record, and the men were given the President's Unit Citation and five other unit citations.

Chief Roberts plans to retire for the second time in January. Two years ago he retired but was asked to return. He still hasn't decided what he will do after he retires again in January, but who knows? Maybe he'll become a prospector and strike it rich!

Fire Chief Says:

Gasoline Expansion can cause hazards! Did you know that warm weather brings with it a source of serious fires? The source is the gasoline tank of your car. During warm weather gasoline expands, and, if your tank is filled to the top, the expanded gasoline can flow out of the top of the tank. This is particularly true when parking on hills.

The next time you fill up with gasoline, why not have the service station attendant fill only until the automatic nozzle trips, or until your gauge registers full. By doing this, you will allow for the expansion which results from the hot sun beating down on your car.

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S COMPLAINT

I'm weary, Dear Lord, of watching those cars
Go speeding along like shooting stars.
My medal they trust as some magic charm
To bring them back home and free from all harm,
But what can I do to keep them alive
Unless they slow down to near 55;
For when they insist on much more
than that,
I'll just take a walk and leave them flat.

Knoll To Meet MI In Season Opener

Oak Knoll's first home football game of the season will be played 21 September against an ever formidable foe—Mare Island. Coach Moffett is still hunting for talent and brawn for his team. Practice is every afternoon at 1600 at the athletic field. Come on out.

Cal Invites Patients To Football Games

Again this year the University of California has invited Oak Knoll patients to attend all home games played by the Golden Bears. The bus will leave from the front of the Community Services Building at 1230 sharp on game days. Patients have priority, but staff members may go if there is space available. All attending must be in uniform. Call Ext. 593 to reserve a seat on the bus. Here is the schedule of home games:
16 September — UC vs Oregon
30 September — UC vs Michigan
7 October — UC vs Air Force
28 October — UC vs Washington
4 November — UC vs Southern California
11 November — UC vs San Jose State

See Don Ho—Live!

Tickets for the Don Ho performance at the Circle Star Theater, 14 September 2030 will be available to the staff and patients 1 September at Special Services for \$1.00.



BM1 Francis V. Marino was released to inactive duty in the Naval Fleet Reserve 17 August. During more than 20 years of active duty he served at sea aboard the USS BAIRKO, the USS ROCHESTER, USS TALUGA, USS MAGOFFIN, USS LOS ANGELES, and USS ALUDRA. He also served at the Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill., and at the Naval Base, Long Beach, Calif.

After being a patient on the Orthopedic Service, he was returned to limited duty and in recent months served as area master-at-arms.

Marino intends to make the Bay Area his home and to attend school under the GI Bill.



CDR J. C. Boudreaux, Will Guild, and Dianne Leeper display their catch. At right, empty-handed, is HM3 Merton Leeper. Recognizable in the background HM1 Colonel Surratt, Mrs. Boudreaux and the Carquinez Bridge, through which all cruised in search of sturgeon.

Fishermen Pull Three Whoppers From Out of the Bay's Briny Depths

By HM1 C. O. SURRETT

Anticipation was high and spirits running wild on the calm, foggy morning of 12 August as the crew from Oak Knoll prepared for a fishing trip sponsored by Special Services.

At 0630 we boarded the good ship Dorellio #5, skippered by Arnie Savage, for a try at sturgeon. After a master plot by one senior fisherman to mislead half the members of the fishing party (he deliberately gave the wrong street address), we boarded #5, slipped anchor, and glided out through the mist to our destination.

I made a bet with CDR Boudreaux that he would land a sturgeon within 30 minutes after arriving at the "Barrell." I was wrong—it took him 31 minutes. He landed a 44-inch, 30-pounder as was his wish—just right for smoking in his Handy-Dandy "Do It Yourself Smoker."

Dianne Leeper, wife of HM3 Leeper, Special Services, landed the next "keeper"—a whopping 55 inches and 49 pounds. Will Guild, guest of HM1 Stills, NPRL, hooked onto a small 58-inch, 65-pounder and couldn't even bring it in without assistance from a small boat in the area. He had to get into the other boat and play with it for 40 minutes before being able to land it. After it broke water, we saw that he had hooked it in the tail, which is just about like saddling and bridling a very large bronco.

Mr. Langston hooked onto what looked like a 100-pounder, but after a brief fight, the sturgeon decided to throw the hook and disappeared into the briny depths for a future date with Oak Knoll fishermen.

After all this, it was time to weigh anchor and put into port, with everyone realizing a sense of satisfaction at having been in a battle with a "monster from the past," hopefully thinking that it

would be their little cluster of grass shrimp that the "monster" chose to take next time.

A Brief Background on the Sturgeon

—From the Notes of CDR Boudreaux (Filched at risk of bodily harm and verbal injury)

The legal size limit for a keeper diamond-back sturgeon is 40 inches. It takes this prehistoric monster approximately 26 years to attain this length, and a 40-inch keeper will tip the scales at approximately 40 pounds. Then these buggers will grow about an inch and add a couple of pounds a year.

The sturgeon is a bottom feeder similar to the catfish, but here the resemblance comes to an abrupt halt. He has a vacuum cleaner-like snout that protrudes about 4 inches below his chin on the bottom of his head, and with this he cruises along at the bottom of the tidal flats of the Sacramento drainage basin, usually feeding more vigorously at the top and bottom of each tide just before each stops working.

The roe of the diamond-back is known to the elite as caviar. The adult sturgeon lays its eggs in the mud flats of the tidal bays in the brackish water. When the young emerge, they hustle out to sea and remain there until they reach adulthood, whereupon they return to the inland bays to spawn and remain the rest of their lives, thus explaining why you never hook a sturgeon below 36 inches long.

Recent record catches of the diamond-back in this area go a little over 300 pounds, but there are records of catches in the late 1800s of 3,000 pounds.

Grass shrimp is the favorite food of the sturgeon, and it is these little tidbits that are most commonly used as bait. When biting, the old boy gently sucks in the bait, just barely moving the tip of your rod, but when hooked, he leaves the water dancing on his tail and virtually becomes a dynamo of latent energy requiring the constant effort and attention of the angler until boated. Once boated and cleaned, the 40-inch keeper will yield about 20 pounds of the most delicious boneless fillets of meat, ranging in taste from that of chicken to lobster.

Anyone for Yosemite?

A weekend camping trip to Yosemite National Park, sponsored by the Sierra Club and the Armed Services YMCA, San Francisco, is slated for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, September 15-17.

The cost of \$16.50 includes transportation by charter bus, most meals, swimming, campfire cookouts and fun, hiking to the waterfalls and other scenic attractions. Space is limited, so make reservations early at the Y, 166 The Embarcadero, or call the program office at 392-2191.

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Knoll Corpsman Represents Navy At State Fair

HM2 Henry J. Fast, USN, who had a tour of duty as senior corpsman on 69B, departed a year ago for Camp Pendleton and Vietnam, returned as a patient, and is now on duty in the ENT Clinic, is the proud possessor of a handsome medal commemorating his day at the State Fair.

Fast, whose home is in San Mateo, represented the Navy at Armed Forces Day at the Fair. He and representatives of Army, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard—all Californians who have earned the Purple Heart in Vietnam—were honored Wednesday.

After a day of sightseeing, free rides, and rodeo tickets the five servicemen had places of honor on the stage with military and civic dignitaries and TV personalities. Each was introduced to the large audience and presented a medal, and at the conclusion of the ceremony the five were given a standing ovation.

A cocktail party and steak dinner at Governor's Hall concluded the day.

ACCMA to Meet Here 18 September

Members of the Alameda-Contra Costa Medical Association will hold their annual dinner meeting at Oak Knoll Monday evening, 18 September.

CAPT Dean Schufeldt, Acting CO, will welcome the guests aboard and CAPT David B. Rulon, Chief of the Laboratory Service will speak on "Frozen Blood Preparation."

Approximately 300 are expected to attend.

Crusade Keymen To Plot Campaign At Tuesday Meeting

First meeting of LT O. C. Langston, MSC, and his Federal Joint Crusade keymen is scheduled for 0900 Tuesday in the Medical Surgical Conference Room.

At that time pledge cards and other materials will be distributed, and the 1967 crusade will be under way.

"This will be our one big give to nearly 200 agencies who need our help. The drive will continue through 20 October, and again payroll deductions may be arranged for military and civilian employees," said Mr. Langston, chairman.

All Star Show Coming Thursday Night With Allan Sherman and Turk Murphy



Allan Sherman—top TV and recording comedian.



Turk Murphy—singer and composer of rags, stomps, and blues.

A big time all-professional show the like of which has not been seen here since the last war is coming to the Oak Knoll stage Thursday night at 1900.

• Opening the show will be Turk Murphy's Jazz Band, cur-

rently the feature attraction at Earthquake McGoon's in San Francisco. Turk Murphy is one of the most unusual and most gifted musicians to develop during the period of The Great Jazz Revival in 1940. He is interna-

tionally known as a master of trombone, singer of jazz and blues songs, composer of rags, stomps, and blues, and leader of what critics have called one of the greatest of traditional jazz (Continued on Page 3)

Four Well-Known Staff Officers Retire . . .



CAPTs Francis J. Sweeney, Frank L. Golbranson, and Dana D. Goldthwaite returned to civilian life 31 August, each having served more than 20 years in the Navy Medical Corps; and CDR L. C. M. Vosseler, retired after nearly 25 years in the Navy Chaplain Corps.

Captain Goldthwaite, Chief of the Orthopedic Service, and his assistant, Captain Golbranson, who was Medical Officer in Charge of the Navy Prosthetic Research Laboratory, will continue to work together in civilian life. They are now in their new offices in Livermore and seeing patients at Valley Memorial Hospital in that city. At the retirement ceremony each received the Surgeon General's Certificate of Merit and a glowing commendation from the CO. Doctor Goldthwaite was cited for his "professional ability, managerial talents, and inspired leadership." Doctor Golbranson's citation referred to the wide acclaim he has received for his contribution to the early fitting concept in treatment of amputees.

Captain Sweeney, Chief of Otolaryngology Service for the past three years, received the CO's Letter of Appreciation for his "clinical acumen and leadership, which always reflected a keen sensitivity to the organization's needs and objectives." Doctor Sweeney, as of this week, is engaged in private practice in his specialty on Oakland's "Pill Hill."

Commander Vosseler, who was here from 1952 to 1954 and returned as Senior Chaplain in June 1966, has also embarked on a new and interesting career. He will serve as chaplain at the nearby Santa Rita Rehabilitation Center.

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THREE RULES FOR YOUR HAPPINESS

Counseling and advising others has always been the world's favorite sport. In recent years, the sport of offering advice—free, unsought, and frequently unwelcome advice—seems to have enjoyed a vast increase in popularity.

Despite this fact, perhaps your good nature will dispose you to listen to three quick rules on the pursuit of human happiness. Make no mistake—happiness is what all are seeking. Aristotle himself, a dedicated and intelligent counselor, advises us that from the time a person gets up in the morning until he goes to sleep at night, that person is seeking happiness.

How to be happy? That is the question! Here are the rules:

1. Do something each day that you do NOT like. This need not be a tremendous or heroic act of discipline or self-denial; but it should be something that we really dislike doing—yet it is helping others.
2. Accomplish some good deed; extend a helping hand to someone in need. Do this each day, quietly, without getting any publicity, without seeking a reward. Do it purely for the love of God and of your fellow man.
3. Adjust yourself to reality. Be ready to change, and don't be afraid to endure the inconvenience that life may thrust upon you. Will such rules work? Try them and see. Christ has said "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. This is my commandment, that you love one another."

LT PAUL J. DURKIN, CHC, USNR
 Catholic Chaplain



LCDR Ruth G. Pampush, NC, USN, left 30 August for duty aboard the USS REPOSE after serving at Oak Knoll for two and a half years. Prior to her departure CAPT Dean Schufeldt presented her the CO's Letter of Appreciation for her outstanding service. As educational coordinator and chairman of the Inservice Education Committee Miss Pampush was "a creative and enthusiastic teacher of all levels of nursing personnel," the letter stated. It further referred to her performance of duty as charge nurse in the Intensive Care Unit, of her work in compiling course material for the Coronary Care Workshop, and her assistance in organizing the Coronary Care Unit. In addition to her major duties, Miss Pampush instructed JANGOs and Contra Costa County trainees and found time to contribute articles to various publications, the CO's letter stated.

Officers' Wives Plan Champagne Brunch

"Let's Go Navy" is the theme of the annual champagne brunch to welcome new members to the Naval Hospital Officers' Wives' Club 20 September at 1000 in the "O" Club. Mrs. H. J. Cokely as general chairman has chosen a menu of blintzes with sour cream or apple sauce, creamed chipped beef on toast, navy beans, sausage, assorted fresh fruits, sweet rolls, and coffee.

Wives of the chiefs of services will serve as hostesses with Mrs. D. J. Pascoe decorating, Mrs. H. M. Dean in charge of the prizes, and Mrs. J. P. Semmens in charge of name tags. Mrs. R. P. Dobbie is president of the club for the coming year.

Reservations may be made with Mrs. J. A. Wright at 569-4207 before noon 18 September.

Want To Know About Disability Benefits?

Applying for Disability Benefit? HMI Wasson can counsel you concerning the benefits you are entitled to receive under various programs such as Social Security, V. A., and state aid programs. Call him at Ext. 562.

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They say, "Six months in the Scouts and out of jail for life." Cheap insurance, supported by your United Crusade dollar.

Chaplain Austin Reports For Duty

CAPT Henry E. Austin has relieved CDR L. C. Vosseler, who retired 1 September, as the Senior Chaplain at Oak Knoll. He comes from Kaneohe Marine Corps Air Station where he was 1st Marine Brigade Chaplain.

Born in Baltimore, Maryland, Chaplain Austin attended Swarthmore College in Swarthmore, Pa., where he received his A.B. degree, and Eastern Baptist Seminary in Philadelphia, where he earned his B.D. degree. He was the associate pastor of the Overbrook Baptist Church in Philadelphia before joining the Navy in May, 1943. He attended the Naval Chaplains' Training School, in Williamsburg, Va., and was then stationed at Bethesda Naval Hospital.

A highlight in Chaplain Austin's career came when he held the first Protestant service on Mt. Suribachi, Iwo Jima, on 23 February 1945. As mortars fell around the men, he gave a communion service. "Psalm 23, which reads . . . 'Thou preparest a table in the face of mine enemies . . .', took on new meaning for me at that time," said the friendly new chaplain.

The Austin family will make their home in Piedmont. Chaplain Austin and his wife, Doreen, have four children. The oldest, Ruth-Anne Martin, is married to a Marine stationed at Cherry Point,



Chaplain Austin reports.

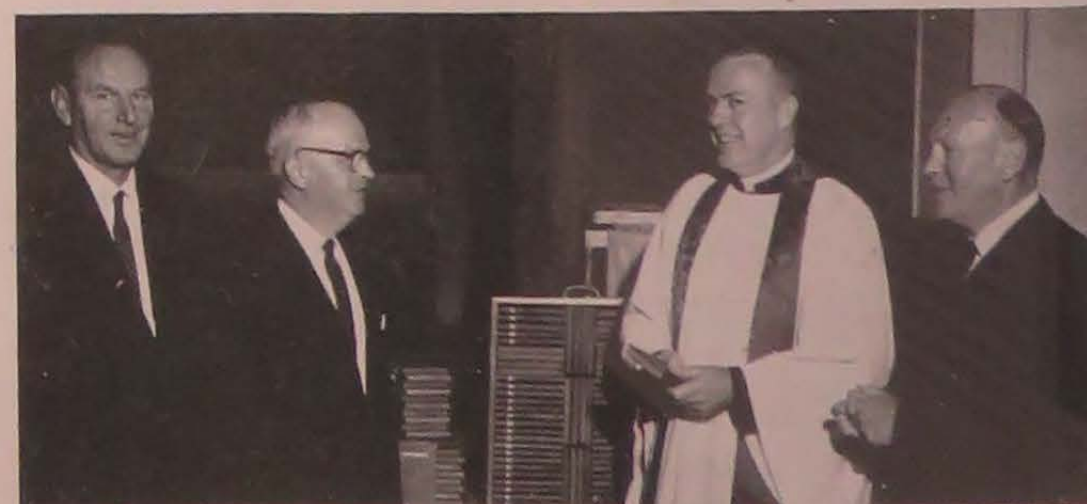
N.C. Their oldest son, Douglas, is a sophomore at Cal Poly. David is a junior in high school, and Kathleen is in the 5th grade.

Tennis and golf are Chaplain Austin's favorite sports. He also enjoys photography and playing the violin.

"I consider it a unique privilege to serve in such an outstanding hospital. I look forward to becoming acquainted with other members of the staff, as we share a ministry of healing. I earnestly solicit every opportunity to be of assistance," Chaplain Austin said.



500 BEAUTIFUL NEW TESTAMENTS bound in white were presented last week by the Auxiliary of Oakland Camp of Gideons International. CDR Barbara Ellis, left, was among the first to receive her gift. Pictured with her are Mrs. Vernon Clegg, Mrs. Fred Rinkert, Mrs. Paul Hoekenga, state president of the group; CDR Romaine Mentzer, Chief of the Nursing Service, and Mrs. James Ross.

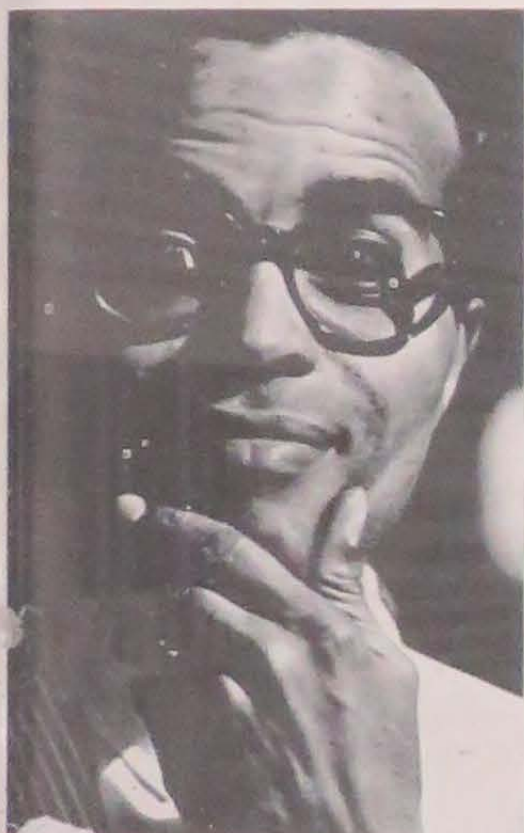


Several months ago Oakland Camp delivered 1,000 Testaments for use throughout the hospital. Mr. Rinkert, left, and James Ross presented the Bibles to Chaplain Vosseler and Admiral Cokely during a Sunday morning worship service.

More About the All Pro Stage Show



Georgette Twain—from opera to wonderful banjoist.



Jon Hendricks—the great jazz poet and vocalist.



Bernie Burns—one of most unusual music acts in show business today.

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bands. Some of his numbers are "Brother Lowdown," "Minstrels of Annie Street," "Trombone Rag," "Turk's Blues," and "Little John's Rag."

• Allan Sherman, the rotund comedian who opened Tuesday at the hungry i in San Francisco, will be aboard to dispense the humor that has made him famous. (It also made Steve Allen and Jackie Gleason famous since he wrote their gags before becoming a comedian in his own right.)

Sherman, creator of the smash "My Sin" LP's has lately recorded such stirring numbers as "For Swinging Livers Only," "Allan in Wonderland," "My Name is Allan," "Allan Sherman, Live," and his latest take-off on the national pastime, "Togetherness."

Sherman attributes his success to the fact that he shares his birthday, 30 November, with Mark Twain and Winston Churchill. "It was a toss-up whether I should become a statesman or a humorist," he explains. "I couldn't master a British accent, so I turned to comedy. Sometimes I wonder if I made the right choice—some of the funniest guys in the world are in politics today."

• Appearing with Sherman at the hungry i and Oak Knoll is Jon Hendricks, the great jazz vocalist. Hendricks is acknowledged by music critics as a "jazz poet and jazz singer of extraordinary range, versatility, and warmth." He created the new form of vocalese—the writing and singing of lyrics to jazz solos. His vocal representations of jazz instrumentalists—bass, tenor, trumpets—comprise one of the great entertainments in the world of jazz.

• The feminine touch will be provided by Miss Georgette Twain, whom many critics consider the greatest woman banjoist in the world. Miss Twain's musical career almost ended tragically. She was on the threshold of becoming a great name in opera when she was stricken with polio, which paralyzed her throat. With encouragement from the famous comedian, Joe E. Brown, and the inspiration of banjoist Eddie Peabody, Georgette overcame her handicap. Though she had to give up her vocal career, she has gone all the way to the top with her banjo.

• Fifth big time entertainer on the Thursday night show is Bernie Burns, versatile Chicago musician who plays the harmonica, piano (blues and "barrel house"), and other instruments. In show business for 17 years, Burns has appeared in top night clubs and theaters across the nation as well as on television. He has one of the most unusual musical acts in show business today.

Arrangements for the stars' appearance at Oak Knoll were made by the Theatrical Corporation of America. David L. Stanton, president of the corporation, is producer and director of the show.

Dr. Cameron Cited on Departure For New Assignment at Bethesda

LCDR Ronald C. Cameron, Head of the Plastic Surgery Branch, departed 16 August for a new assignment at Naval Hospital, Bethesda. With him went the CO's Letter of Appreciation as well as the good wishes of the many friends he has made during his two-year tour of duty here.

"You have been responsible for the organization and operation of a large outpatient clinic as well as an active inpatient ward and have shown unusual skill, imagination, and ingenuity in the design and execution of advanced plastic surgical techniques. You have been responsible for the management of all burn cases admitted to this hospital for the past year and have conducted clinical research evaluation of several of the newer experimental topical antibiotic agents. Your efforts have resulted in standardization of burn management at this hospital. You have been an excellent teacher of residents and a constant contributor to the training program," the letter read in



part.
Doctor Cameron, a graduate of Johns Hopkins University, earned his MD at the University of Maryland in 1957. He trained in plastic and reconstructive surgery at Naval Hospital, Portsmouth, Va.; Barnes Hospital, St. Louis, Mo.; and Passavant Memorial, Chicago.

Red Cross Honors 63 Volunteens For Summer of Service to the Hospital

Sixty-three "Volunteens" from Alameda, Berkeley, and Oakland Red Cross chapters gave nearly 3,000 hours of service to Oak Knoll during the summer months.

They worked in Pediatrics, Pharmacy, Immunization Clinic, CSR, OT, PT, Chart Room, and Crew's Library, helping with a wide variety of tasks that do not require technical skill yet must be done to keep the hospital running smoothly. They also assisted with ward recreation activities and Red Cross personal service such as shopping for patients.

The teen-agers and their parents were honored last Friday at a tea in the Officers' Club before they returned to school.

Mrs. Helen Bickley, ARC Recreation Supervisor, welcomed the "Volunteens" and guests. LCDR Helen Furmanchik, Hospital Corps Detail Officer, and LTJG Ronald R. Aldrich, Assistant to the Administrative Officer, expressed the command's thanks for the teen-age workers' contribution.

Another feature of the program was a demonstration of how a sing-a-long is conducted in the Pediatric Service—by Lindsay Hein, Patti Knoblich, Mary O'Connell, and Val Pickard.

"Volunteens" from Alameda Chapter were Vikki Alexander, Gloria Alsing, Thekla Astrup, Nancy Brown, Ruth Bremer, Cindi Bryant, Anna Butler, Kathy Crooker, Beth Hannon, Janet Holst, Alicia King, Deborah Keenan, Carolyn Minot, Sue Moss, Karen Peel, Val Pickard, Sally Stang, Carmencita Valerio, Cheryl Valeboe, and one lone boy—Brian McDonald.

From Berkeley Chapter came Nancy Dittenbir, Nelda Fields, Marilyn Lauenroth, Thurley Mohrbacher, and Grace Gold.

From Oakland: Fran Britto, Kim Berg, Kay Bryant, Juanita Burns, Chris Cavanaugh, Kendra Chance, Sue Dusenbury, Jane Freitas, Janice Gore, Lindsay Hein, Audrey Hibel, Terri Knowlton, Patti Knoblich, Cynthia Kirkman, Mary and Theresa Lorette, Linda Loy, Deborah Miggins, Kathy Morris, Carole Ann Marston, Mary O'Con-



Mary Lorette, left, and her sister Terri, were the only sister team among the 1967 "Volunteens." They live in Hayward, attend Mt. Eden High School, and came to Oak Knoll via Oakland Chapter. Mary worked in the Immunization Clinic and Crew's Library. Terri served at PT and Chart Room and showed movies on the wards.

nell, Monica Parker, Anita Patterson, Debbie Raphael, Jane Reiter, Maureen Sirhall, Joan Selina, Deborah Souza, Yvonne Valle, and Kim Woishnis.

West Contra Costa Chapter: Judy Baldwin, Ann Balerud, Debbie Hays, Margaret Hawkins, Judith Munday, Carolyn Reynolds, Judy Schoendaler, and Ida Sebastian.



Navy Airman Terry Garcia, 18, of Kenosha, Wis., was one of many patients at Oakland Naval Hospital who enjoyed a recent visit from Scotty Scott, leader of the trio by the same name, which is currently appearing at the "Here's How" in Hayward. Scott and Garcia, who played the organ with a group called "The Chevelles" before he entered the service, found a lot to talk about. For more than two hours the trio entertained hospital patients with hit songs. A drum solo by Phil Rios and a western comedy skit by Bob Hoff highlighted the program.

Labor Day Weekend Packed With Pleasure

Last Sunday and Monday were great days for orthopedic patients—even those who couldn't leave their beds.

Sunday the big Forty Niner-Raider game at the Oakland Coliseum was brought into the wards by closed circuit TV installed for the occasion through the courtesy of the Raiders, KGOTV, and Pacific Telephone Co.

Monday afternoon the Watsonville Band marched up the hill to play a series of tunes that were on its repertoire at EXPO 67 and at the State Fair in Sacramento. Although the day was hot, as were the band uniforms, this polished 70-piece band played for more than an hour outside and inside the wards, where the majorettes and a Dixieland Combo were especially appreciated.

Since its founding in 1947 the Watsonville Band has made 374 public appearances. It is composed of men and women from 16 to 67 years old, who obviously enjoy playing as much as the patients enjoyed hearing them. Many patients and staff members enjoyed repeat performances, as the band's visit was reported on KRON and KTVU televisions that night.

12ND Women's Bowling Begins

The 12nd Women's Travel Bowling League will begin in September or early October. This is a handicap league and games will be played weekly on a rotational basis at Moffett Field, NAS Alameda, Treasure Island, and Oak Knoll. All female military staff members are welcome. Call Miss Haberkorn at Ext. 438 if interested.

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Happiness is your United Crusade pledge at work.

Variety of Awards for Vietnam Veterans

An ever-increasing number of honors are following hospital corpsmen and patients home from Vietnam.

HCM James W. Bull of Staff-Pers recently received a Certificate of Commendation from the Commanding General, FMF, Pacific, for his service with the Medical Battalion, Third MarDiv from 19 August 1965 to 2 August 1966.

The commendation referred to Chief Bull's "exemplary leadership and outstanding professional skill in solving the myriad personnel and administrative problems associated with his demanding duties" and of "his ability to administer personnel assignments in such a way as to provide maximum utilization of the corpsman's abilities and training."

HN Gregory Stephen Nichols, now serving as the CO's driver, has been awarded the Bronze Star for heroic achievement while serving with Company C, First Battalion, Fourth Marines, Third MarDiv.

During Operation Beacon Hill I, when his company was on a search and clear mission the lead platoon came under intense automatic weapons fire. After being informed that there were numerous casualties, Nichols "unhesitatingly moved forward, exposing himself to intense enemy fire, to provide medical aid to three wounded Marines. After aiding one and while moving to another, Nichols was hit in the shoulder. Disregarding his severe pain, he instructed a Marine to bandage his wound while he continued to minister to other casualties. His fearless and compassionate actions, with seemingly complete disregard of his own painful wound, inspired all who observed him," the citation stated.

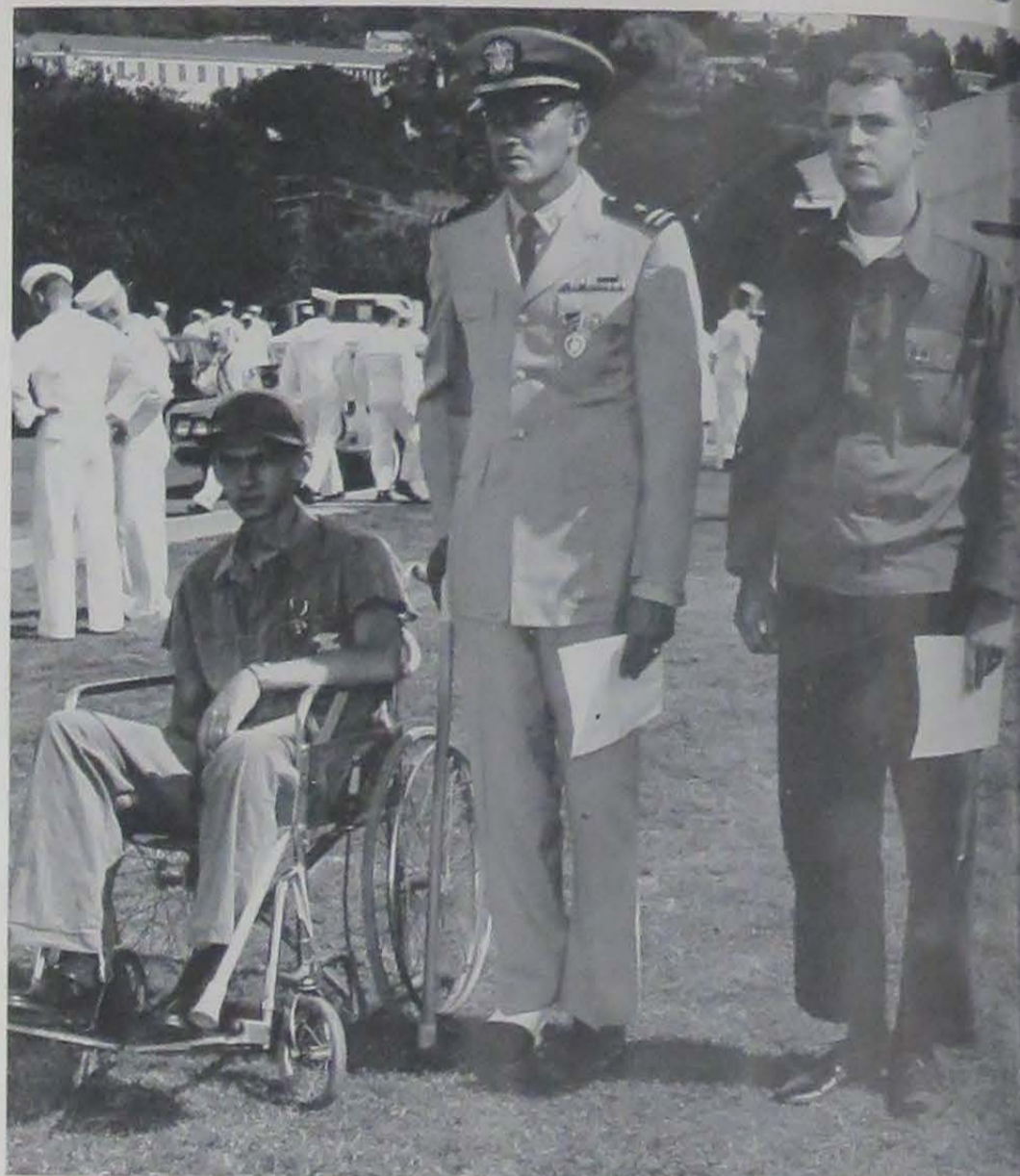
HMC Robert Thompson, now assigned to Optometry, has been commended by CINCPACFLT for service with Naval Mobile Construction Battalion FIVE from 15 October 1966 to 14 May 1967.

"As Chief in Charge of the Medical Department, Chief Thompson exhibited outstanding skill and resourcefulness, contributing greatly to the health and welfare of the battalion. He supervised the immunization and camp sanitation programs, both of which were remarkably successful, and established a Vietnamese medical sick call program, personally treating over 10,000 Vietnamese patients. His work significantly assisted the civic action efforts of the United States in helping the Vietnamese people," according to Admiral Johnson's letter.

LT William D. Jones of 69A received his Purple Heart at Oak Knoll after being awarded the Silver Star at Long Beach by the commander of his mine squadron.

He was in charge of the mine-sweeping element of River Patrol Craft ONE Minesweeper in a hostile area of Vietnam on 20 January of this year. He commanded the minesweeping element as it proceeded into a hostile area to establish a river blocking force during an Army search and clear operation.

"Without warning, River Patrol



HM3 Melvin Overmyer and LT William D. Jones received the Purple Heart, and HN Gregory Stephen Nichols the Bronze Star Medal at the 25 August personnel inspection.



CAPT Dean Schufeldt presented the CINCPACFLT's commendation to HMC Robert Thompson.

Craft ONE was attacked by automatic and heavy weapons fire. Lieutenant Jones received numerous shrapnel wounds to his left leg from a direct hit on the craft by an enemy anti-tank rocket. After making a radio report of the hit he passed through an unprotected area to tend a critically wounded man in a 50-caliber machine gun tub, after which he personally directed accurate and deadly fire at enemy forces from the vacated weapon. He was again seriously wounded by two 50-caliber rounds that smashed through his right leg.

"Still he crawled amidships to the radio, calmly giving accurate and timely reports. With complete disregard for his own wounds or safety he assisted the wounded and directed the boat activities in extinguishing the fire started by the rocket hit. He refused medical attention until all other wounded received proper medical treatment," according to the citation accompanying the Silver Star.

Supply Corps Sets Date For Stag Party

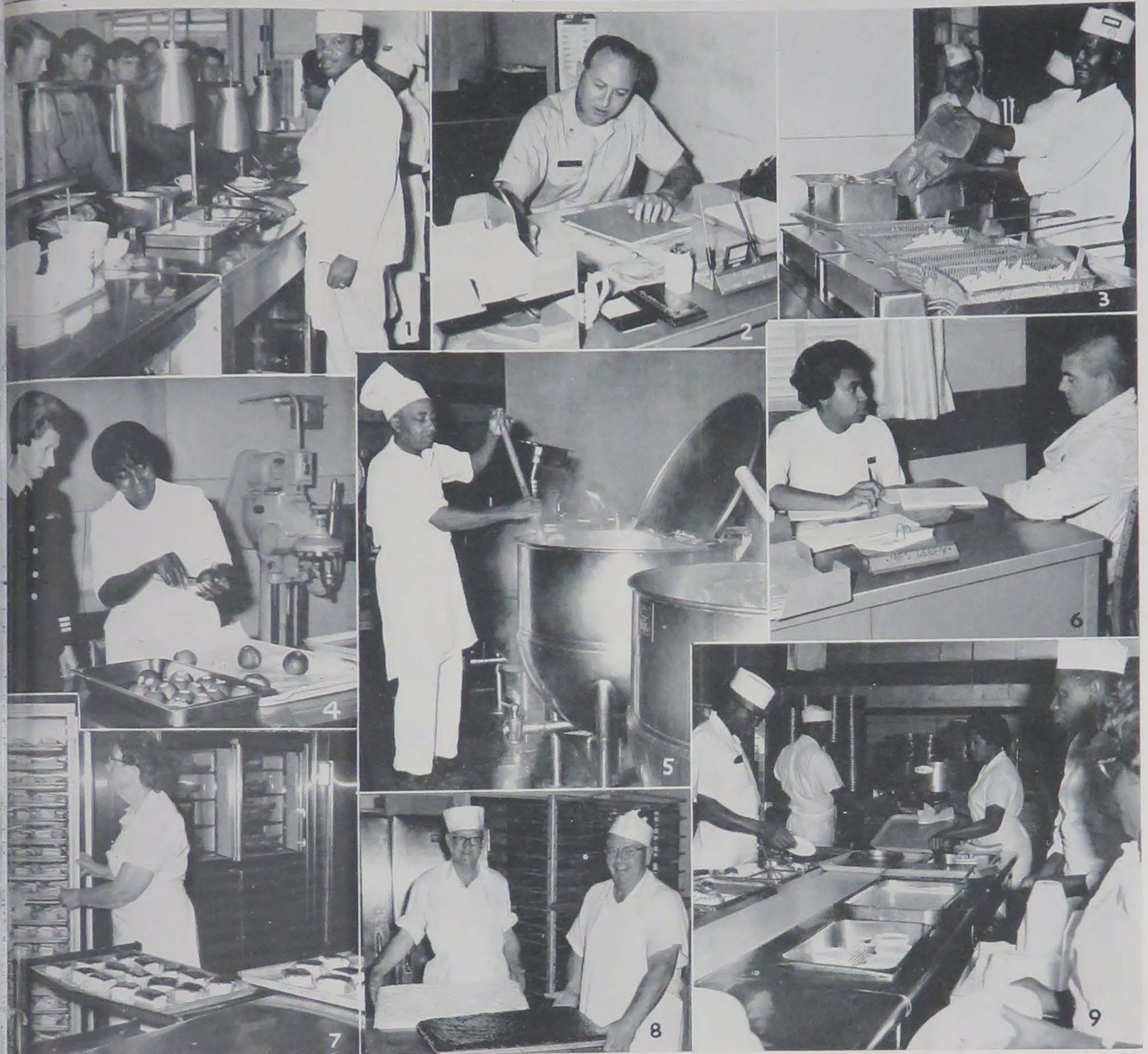
The San Francisco Bay Area Supply Corps Association, composed of active duty, Reserve, and retired Navy Supply Corps Officers, will hold its annual Stag Party Friday, 22 September 1967, at Naval Air Station, Moffett Field.

The all-day outing includes many athletic events (golf, bowling, swimming, tennis, etc.) followed by an awards dinner at the COMO in the evening.

Golf and dinner reservations, ticket sales, and on-site arrangements are being handled by Commander Donald E. Polk, Supply Officer, Naval Air Station, Building 12, Moffett Field 94035—phone: 966-5926. Deadline for reservations is 15 September.

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The hand that holds the flame helps to ring the bell for better mental health.



Food Service (1) hungry men have their "chow" dished up by Sam Thomas and Minnie Galloway. (2) CDR J. E. Honish, MSC, Chief of Food Service Division, ponders over the week's menu. (3) Making French fries keeps James Barnes busy. In the background are Joseph Thomas and Eugene Parrish. (4) CDR R. L. Flickinger, MSC Dietitian, chats with Christine Williams, who has the tedious job of coring apples. (5) Tracy Meymans the soup kettle. (6) Dorrisrose Dubro, assistant dietitian, instructs a patient on a therapeutic diet. (7) Before the meal-time rush, Minnie Haines neatly stacks the desserts. (8) Fielding Pettijohn and Ellsworth Fredette display two freshly-baked cakes. (9) Johnnie Campbell, Beaver, Theresa Buggs, Clarence Jeffries, and Mattie Mitchell take their positions as the Meal-Pack plates start down the conveyor belt.

Food Service Thinks and Cooks Big In 'Operation Chow'

How would you like the job of preparing 3,000 meals a day? This is the work of CDR J. E. Honish, Chief of the Food Service Division, and his 130 full and part-civilian and military employees. With the use of modern equipment and efficient organization, the staff can feed between 500 to 550 persons in the chow halls and another 500 to 550 patients in wards at each meal.

As an example of the quantities required, imagine brewing 70 gallons of coffee for just one meal or buying 250 loaves of bread a day. Besides this commercially prepared bread, the bakery department in the Food Service bakes rolls, pastries, and French breads. Imagine 560 lbs. of lettuce a month being made into salads or 100 lbs. of beef a month being prepared as steaks, hamburgers or meatballs.

To avoid waste through overstocking, the Food Service depends largely on frequent deliveries of goods. The milk, bread, and produce, are delivered fresh each day. Although the meat department used to butcher whole carcasses, the meat now is largely pre-cut, arriving in cartons to be stored in gigantic freezers.

A variety of machines help the Food Service staff. The big kitchen bears little resemblance to a home kitchen. The huge ovens, giant skillets, and mammoth soup kettles look like something out of a space laboratory rather than something to cook with. Potatoes are peeled, sliced and/or diced by electricity, then baked, boiled or mashed 50 lbs. at a time. An electric hamburger machine takes raw beef at one end and grinds and shapes it into patties. But some of the least glamorous jobs such as

apple coring and taking the eyes out of potatoes must still be done by human hands.

Surprisingly for a kitchen of its size Food Service probably has a lower percentage of waste than does the normal family kitchen. A constant effort to minimize waste results in keeping costs down and efficiency up. The Food Service keeps tab on the quantities of each food served and amounts left over. The next time the food is served these figures help to determine the amount needed to meet the demand.

"The favorite food at the hospital, and most likely nationally, is the hamburger. High on the list of favorite desserts is ice cream. This is especially true of returning Vietnam veterans," said HMC E. H. Collins, Division Petty Officer.

The layout of the hospital presents a constant challenge to the

Food Service staff. The food which goes to 25 wards must be carried by truck and arrive in the wards hot. When the food is prepared, Meal-Pack plates are heated to a sizzling 700 degrees in a plate warmer. As they come out of the warmer they are placed in insulated metal plates and started down a conveyor belt. Food is dished up by an assembly line of employees and tightly covered. It is then placed in a metal cart and wheeled to the "chow" truck which has a hydraulic tail-gate that lifts the cart to the bed of the truck without danger of spilling. From the time the food leaves the conveyor belt to the time it reaches the ward is approximately 20 to 30 minutes. The truck driver has a specific route to each ward, but with the new construction, roads are often torn up, causing frustrating delay.

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Here we have a large china cod, gently cradled in the hands of C. O. Surratt. Surratt's son Brian pinches the tail, and young Colonel, at right, is more interested in the photographer.

Another Fishy Story

Quoted verbatim from *The Pharmacy Log*, August 26 1967

- 0530 A Party of 12 personnel from USNHOKA boarded the Good Ship Hawk skippered by Owner Elwood Meadows on a Rockfishing trip sponsored by Base Special Services. The ships log was signed by all personnel and the Hawk slipped her berth at Berkeley Marina and headed for open water, via the Bay and Golden Gate Bridge.
- 0930 Ships location was to Leeward of the Farallons in 40 fathoms of water. The sea was calm, and a heavy mist lay upon us.
- 0935 Word from the bridge to "put poles in the water," everyone dropped their lines, which have a special 3 hook jig and 3 pound weights. Within a few minutes several catches of Sand Dabbits were boated, indicating that we were over sandy bottom, which is no good for the big rockfish. Skipper Meadows moved location and this time we struck paydirt. Everyone began pulling in large Red Snappers, Blue Cod, Yellows and China Cod. The largest Snapper, weighing 11 pounds, was landed by CDR BOUDREAUX along with 3 other Snappers on the same jig.
- 1320 J. WILCOXON hooked a Silver Salmon with his jig. When boated it weighed 12 pounds. This is totally unheard of until now.
- 1415 Mrs. Jean REYNOLDS, guest of CDR BOUDREAUX, hooked on to what she said was the bottom, but after a few tugs it began to move.
- 1430 Jean Reynolds landed a large 32-pound Ling Cod instead of part of the ocean floor.
- 1500 Count of all fish revealed that 247 fish ranging from 1/2 pound up to 32 pounds had been landed by the 12 fishermen.
- 1505 UNDERWAY FOR PORT

1730 ARRIVED IN PORT, ALL HANDS EXHAUSTED BUT HAPPY AND ANTICIPATING THE NEXT FISHING TRIP TO BE SPONSORED BY SPECIAL SERVICES ON 10 SEPTEMBER 1967

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"Operation Chow"

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Approximately 125 of the Meal-Packs are therapeutic diets prepared for certain patients whose illness or injury prevents them from being able to eat certain foods. Diabetic, cardiac, ulcer, and hepatitis patients, as well as patients with broken jaws benefit from this service. Patients who are ambulatory are encouraged to come to the special dining room for the handicapped.

The Food Service prepares a choice of four menus for every meal, each nutritious and delicious!

Commander Honish plans the menu for the general mess and CDR R. L. Flickinger, MSC, Dietitian, plans the therapeutic diets.



LT Frank Ennix, USNR, happily cut his farewell cake last week before returning to civilian life and the practice of law in San Francisco. His relief, LT Christopher J. Bell, USNR, who recently arrived from Subic Bay, P. I., stands by, as do members of the Legal Office crew, which includes Mrs. Anna Mae Taylor and YNSA Lynn Wilcox and barely visible between the past and present legal experts—HM3 Ed Latson.

Scuttlebutt

NEWLYWEDS: HM3 Gaylene Dolan became the bride of HN Fritz McCartney 1 September at nearby St. Paschal's Church. Following a brief honeymoon in Carmel they returned to their duties—Gaylene in the Chaplains' Office and Fritz in OR. Gaylene's sister Jo was maid of honor, and Jo's fiance, HN Jim Paulsen of OR, was best man. Another OR tech, Moe Kinbel, ushered at the wedding.

PLEASANT SIGHTS: Dale Lewin, the young Marine in a wheelchair with a sign across the back reading "Robert T. Ironsides, Jr."... The Sunday flag flying in the breeze... Chief Orque peddling his Special Services Bulletins so all will know what opportunities are available through that division... Miss Pickering proudly displaying the trophy she won in the mixed bowling league... the gorgeous gardenias Stella Bush brings to sundry friends in the Ad Building... Admiral Cokely dropping in at his office looking fine and fit... Crisp-looking young JANGOs going about their work as earnestly as if they were being paid... that lively little civilian girl who takes your money before you go in to evening chow...

LIFE BEGAN 27 August for Jonathan Garratt Adams, son of LT Larry Adams of Radiology and his wife, Glenda. Jonathan weighed in at 7 lbs. 12 oz.

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Vietnam Casualties Can Send Mail Free

Vietnam Casualties: Your attention is invited to the FREE mailing service privilege for certain hospitalized personnel. Any person hospitalized as a result of disease or injury incurred as a result of military service or operations in Vietnam and contiguous waters, and air space thereover have this privilege. This also permits free mailing of sound recorded communications having the character of personal correspondence.

Ignatius Is Sec-Navy; ADM Moorer Is CNO

Assistant Defense Secretary Paul R. Ignatius has been named to the post of Secretary of the Navy, a job left vacant when John M. Naughton was killed in a North Carolina air collision.

Secretary Ignatius succeeds Paul H. Nitze, who became Deputy Defense Secretary 1 July.

Admiral Thomas H. Moorer relieved Admiral David L. McDonald as Chief of Naval Operations August. Since 1965 he had served as Commander in Chief, Atlantic Fleet; and Supreme Allied Commander, Atlantic.

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Showing Off OK For Kids — Not Cars
(An Editorial)

Every kid shows off. It's part of growing up. But when you're old enough to drive a car, you're no longer a kid, and showing off behind-the wheel is definitely bad stuff.

A mature driver has nothing to scorn for the show-off who guns his motor, cuts in and out of traffic, squeals his tires, cheats the law, or bulls his way through-traffic.

Some grown-ups act like kids on the job, too. They show off their muscles by trying to lift too much. And they indulge in potentially dangerous horseplay.

A fellow who has really come of age doesn't have to resort to the tricks of a child to impress people. So let's show off our maturity. Let's show it off in traffic by driving carefully, skillfully, and with consideration for the rights of others. Let's show it off on the job by being a safe and considerate workman. Let's show it off around the house by setting an example of kindness, intelligence, and good conduct that our family can respect. If we do this, we not only safeguard the lives of others, we make a positive contribution to a better life for everyone.

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Chief Pathologist Moves Up After Record Stay

CAPT David B. Rulon, Chief of the Laboratory Service here for the past seven years, will move up to Executive Officer 1 October.

Doctor Rulon was born and reared in Phoenixville, Pa. He received his MD degree from Duke University Medical School, Durham, N. C., in 1944 and was commissioned in the Navy Medical Corps the same year.

Upon completion of his internship at Naval Hospital, Chelsea, Mass., he was ordered to Fleet Hospital 114 in the Philippines. He left on a Dutch transport two weeks before the atomic bomb was dropped, and his arrival in Manila Bay coincided with the signing of the articles of surrender.

His assignment at Fleet Hospital 114 was followed by duty aboard LST 247 and at the Naval Barracks, Guam.

In July 1946 Doctor Rulon left the service to engage in general practice in his home town, but six years later he was ordered back to active duty and assigned to the Naval Ordnance plant in Louisville, Ky.

Following completion of four years' training in pathology at Naval Hospital, Philadelphia, Captain Rulon reported to Naval Hospital, Key West Fla., as Chief of the Laboratory Service, where he served for two years with Admiral Cokely as his CO.

Oak Knoll's new Executive Officer is certified by the American Board of Pathology and is a Fellow of the American College of Pathology.

He and his wife, Jean, a regis-

CIC Editor Margaret Nielson Transfers To NAMRU No. 2, Taipei, Taiwan

Margaret Nielson, editorial assistant in the Clinical Investigation Center for the past two years, will fly out of Oakland this weekend to a new job approximately 8,000 miles away.

For the next two years she will be editing papers prepared for the professional journals by members of the staff of NAMRU #2, Taipei, Taiwan, of which CAPT Raymond H. Watten, former CIC Director, is

Captain Schufeldt to Command Memphis; Captain Rulon Will Assume Duties of XO



A New XO for Oak Knoll.

tered nurse, have six children. Connie, 22, will soon report for duty in the Army Nurse Corps; Mary, 20, is in her last year of nurses' training at Johns Hopkins School of Nursing, Baltimore, Md.; Mike, 18, is a student at Cal State, Long Beach; Rebecca, 16, is a senior at Canyon High School, Castro Valley; David, 12, attends King Junior High, and Jennifer, 11, goes to Howard Elementary.

A month ago Doctor Rulon would have said that his favorite hobbies are hiking and fishing. "But I have a new one now—pathology," he told the OAK LEAF reporter.

commanding officer.

This fringe benefit of Civil Service developed when the former NAMRU #2 editor resigned after 15 years.

"I don't expect to stay that long, but who knows what may happen?" said Mrs. Nielson, who has been employed at Oak Knoll since October 1951, with the exception of time out to attend Merritt College.

Promotion Culminates 24 Years in Navy

CAPT Dean Schufeldt, Executive Officer since 30 June 1966, will depart 2 October for a new post as CO of Naval Hospital, Memphis, Tenn. His promotion to a command post comes after 24 years in the Navy Medical Corps.

A native of Nebraska, Captain Schufeldt received his BS degree from Nebraska State College, Chadron, and in 1942 earned his MD from the University of Nebraska College of Medicine, Omaha.

Doctor Schufeldt's first Navy assignment was at the Naval Hospital, Farragut, Idaho. Early in his career he had duty aboard the USS SOLOMONS, a CVE which operated in the Pacific and later in the South Atlantic.

In June 1944 he reported to the School of Aviation Medicine at Pensacola, for instruction in flight surgery. Subsequent assignments took him to the Naval Air Station at Daytona Beach, Florida, and the Navy Auxiliary Air Station at Green Cove Springs, Florida.

In July 1945 he was ordered to CASU F-48 on Saipan, where he spent two years as a flight surgeon.

In July 1947 Doctor Schufeldt began his residency in general surgery at Naval Hospital, Oakland, but his specialty training was interrupted by orders to Naval Air Base, Kodiak, Alaska. He returned to Oakland in December 1951 and completed his residency there in December 1953. His next assignment was at Naval Hospital, Beaufort, South Carolina.

In July 1957 Doctor Schufeldt reported to the Station Hospital at Subic Bay, Philippine Islands, and spent two years there as Chief of Surgery. In 1959, after a semester at the University of Pennsylvania Graduate School of Medicine, he became Assistant Chief of Surgery at Naval Hospital, St. Albans, New York. He was Chief of Surgery at Naval Hospital, Jacksonville, Florida for three years before reporting to Naval Hospital, Oakland, as Exec.

Captain Schufeldt is certified by the American Board of Surgery and is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons.

Mrs. Schufeldt, the former Miss Phyllis Rueb of Watertown, South Dakota, is a professional artist and has won recognition in regional and national juried art exhibitions.

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A New CO for Memphis.

Special Choir Music For Sunday Service

A special feature of the 1030 Protestant worship service Sunday will be the music of the First United Presbyterian Church Choir from Pittsburg. PNC Grant E. Lawrie, USNR, who was recently an Oak Knoll patient, is the choir director.

Orthopedic Staff Hosts Meeting

The Western Orthopedic Association held a dinner meeting here Friday, 15 September. Oak Knoll's Orthopedic Service presented a program on the "Evacuation and Treatment of Vietnam Casualties."

Senior Life Saving Class at Local Pool

A Red Cross Senior Life Saving Class will commence on 3 October at the Oak Knoll Pool. Nine sessions will be held on Tuesday and Thursdays from 1930 to 2130. For more information call Ext. 578.

Hail & Farewell
at the O'Club
14 October

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BEYOND THE CALL OF DUTY

The Medal of Honor can be given to any officer or enlisted man who shall "in action involving actual conflict with an enemy distinguish himself conspicuously by gallantry and intrepidity, at the risk of his life, above and beyond the call of duty."

One of the distinguishing marks of true Christian character is also the willingness to take risks and go beyond what is demanded by the call of duty. Our Lord Jesus Christ made it clear that He expected this of His followers when He challenged them with the question, "What do ye more than others?" To conform to ordinary standards of decency and respectability was not enough. Jesus intended that His disciples should be the light of the world and that they should go far beyond what was required by customary ideas of duty.

Extra service, the willingness to do more than is demanded of us, is a measure of reality of our patriotism and the depth of our religion. To go beyond others in acts of courage, loyalty, and kindness is one of the marks of a "good soldier of Jesus Christ."

Let us all be grateful for the heroic examples of all faithful people who have gone beyond the call of duty in their service to their country and in their service to God. Then, let us pray for strength not only to do our daily tasks but for that spirit of devotion that goes beyond what is required in loyalty and in unselfish love.

CHAPLAIN HENRY E. AUSTIN



CAPT Dean Schufeldt congratulated 16 men who completed the 12-week Clinical Laboratory Assistants' class on 8 September. LT P. J. W. Vogt was the officer in charge of the class. The graduates were, first row from left to right: HN John Palmer, HN David Walker, and HM3 Larry Howard (honorman). Second row: HM3 Herbert Brown, HN Paschal Grehan, HM2 William Firestone. Third row: HN Dale Sprague, HM2 Guy Williams, HN Terry Drew. Fourth row: HM3 John Grame, HM3 Edward Adams, HM3 Bruce Collins. Fifth row: HN James M. Harvey, HM3 Neddy Boudreaux, and HM3 Donal Butler. Sixth row: HMI James Dureanceau, HM3 Thomas Baker, and Chief Arnold R. Franz, instructor.

Honor for Mr. Aldrich

LTJG R. R. Aldrich, MSC, USNR, Assistant to the Administrative Officer, has been elected to nomineeship in the American College of Hospital Administrators.

Chaplain Hinderer Completes Clinical Pastoral Training

Oak Knoll is noted for its training of medical staff personnel, but perhaps many do not know that it also has a Clinical Pastoral Training Program for chaplains.

The program was established by the Chief of Naval Personnel in the fall of 1962 at the request of the Chief of BuMed. The Chaplains' Division assigns two chaplains a year to serve in a residency status on the Neuropsychiatry Service at Oak Knoll.

Not all the graduates of this program have been assigned to hospital duty; for the broader purpose is to enhance the chaplain's ministry and effectiveness wherever his naval assignment may be.

LCDR G. M. Hinderer, CHC, who completed his year of pastoral training this week, has been ordered to Naval Hospital, Philadelphia, where he will work primarily in the Neuropsychiatry Service.

"This training has made me very appreciative of the role of Navy psychiatry and of the cooperative relationship possible between psychiatrists and chaplains. It is a positive contribution to healing and accordingly to the Navy's mission through the conservation of manpower," said Chaplain Hinderer.



HELPING OAK KNOLL while helping themselves during the summer months were these two groups of young people. At left, are Andrew Clark, Josephine Deloney, Barbara McClendon, and Frances Hines, who were employed through the Youth Opportunity Campaign. Others aboard under this program were Charlie Stamp, Carol Raymond, and Christine Collins. At right are the Neighborhood Youth Corps enrollees who served the hospital, from left to right, front row: Maurice Williams, Tyrone Campbell, Relvin Garland, Glen Terry; Second row: Olinda Murphy, Beverly Robinson, Esther Brown, and Linda Tate; Third row: Stanley Lee, Dierdre Scott, Yolanda Rector, Diane Jones, and Arthur Tidwell. Charlie Jackson, Jr. was not present for the picture.

21 NYC and YOC Summer Workers Go Back To School

During the summer months the Oak Knoll staff was augmented by 14 Neighborhood Youth Corps enrollees and seven workers who came under the Youth Opportunity Campaign. At a meeting just before they returned to school, Captain Dean Schufeldt, Acting Commanding Officer, expressed the command's appreciation of their contribution to the hospital.

"We think the program worked wonderfully well, and we hope that

as the result of this experience you will be encouraged to stay in school and prepare yourselves for good jobs in the future," Captain Schufeldt told the young people.

NYC enrollees, sponsored by the City of Oakland, assisted in Patient Affairs, Food Service, Orthopedic Clinic, Crew's Library, Outpatient Service chart room, Supply, Nursing Service, and Operating Services. They served 32 hours a week.

The seven YOC workers were on the payroll full time. Their jobs were in Outpatient Service, Personnel, Nursing Service, Operating Services, Officers' Club, and Patient Affairs.

Purpose of the nationwide programs for boys and girls between 16 and 21 is to provide opportunity for work experience designed to increase their employability and encourage them to complete their education.

ENT Tech Graduates

HN Jeffrey E. Land has completed the 26 week ENT Tech Course. Land, who reported to Oak Knoll in October, 1966, is a native of Visalia, California. He will continue to serve at Oak Knoll in the ENT Clinic.



Two Hours of High-Class Hilarity Hit Oak Knoll Stage



Captain Schufeldt Kicks Off Combined Federal Campaign With Fair Share

CAPT Dean Schufeldt, Acting CO, officially opened the Combined Federal Campaign by writing his fair share check to LT O. C. Langston, MSC, chairman of the drive. All hands are urged to give during the campaign, which supports the Bay Area Crusade, National Health Organizations, and International Service Agencies. "One keyman has been appointed for each 15 staff members, and we hope for 100 percent participation," said Mr. Langston. He strongly advocates the "painless payroll deduction plan."



SHOW BUSINESS: (1) "Imagine an old swab jockey like me having my picture taken with an admiral," said Turk Murphy as he posed with the Cokelys. (2) Georgette Twain lived up to her title—"Queen of the Banjo," with a lively series of numbers climaxed by a rousing "Battle Hymn of the Republic." (3), (4), (5) Allan Sherman knew only one song about boats—"You Go to My Head," but he covered a lot of other territory in his own inimitable way. "It's silly how love songs always talk about the heart—what's wrong with 'You Gotta Have Skin' or 'You Are Always in My Colon.'" (6) Whistles and wild bursts of applause interrupted the sounds of Bernie Burns' hidden harmonicas. Burns was equally clever with the two full-sized harmonicas, which he juggled without missing a beat and with the guitar that occasionally got into the act. (7) Jon Hendricks sang smooth jazz solos and a husky, whispered "The Shadow of Your Husband With a Gun . . ." (8) Mr. Murphy and his Jazz Band (But what became of the great piano player?) gave out with a series of numbers, group and solo, such as "Rose of Washington Square," "Asleep in the Deep," "Dippermouth Blues," "Pineapple Rag," and "Trombone Rag." And sometimes Turk told a joke like "Someone filled my head with nickels and you should have seen the change in me." (9) Popular Dave McElhatton of KCBS Radio was the perfect emcee, spicing his introductions with comedy. A well-trained combo from the 12ND Band filled in with brisk selections and provided the ruffles and flourishes when Admiral Cokely went to the stage to welcome the entertainers.

Turk Murphy and his famous band are now appearing at Earthquake McGoon's in San Francisco. Allan Sherman and Jon Hendricks are at the hungry i.

The show was produced and directed by David L. Stanton, president of the Theatrical Corporation of America, with the assistance of his father, LCDR George L. Stanton, USNR-R, and members of Oak Knoll's Special Services Division.

Jewish Personnel to Have Holy Day Leave

Special consideration for Jewish Navymen to attend High Holy Day services has been requested by the Chief of Naval Personnel.

A recent BUPERS notice states that it is appropriate for commanders to grant leave to Jewish personnel consistent with the needs of the service.

This year the holy days are cele-

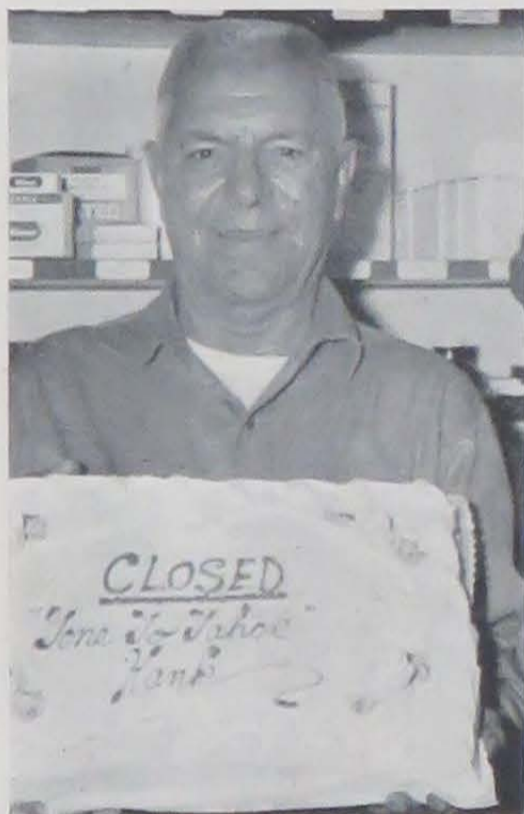
brated in October. Rosh Hashana, which commemorates the beginning of the year 5728 in the Jewish calendar, is observed from sunset Wednesday, 4 October through sunset Friday, 6 October.

Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, is observed from sunset Friday, 13 October through sunset Saturday, 14 October.



The Misfits claimed the title and trophies of 1st place in the intramural softball league. They contradicted their name by winning 16 games and losing only 2. Accepting the team trophy was the captain, LTJG T. R. Hammer. Others in the back row from left to right are: HN Rick Zunino, HM3 Paul Featherstone, HN Scott Traina, HN Tom Watts, HM1 Barry Nielson, and LT G. J. Palmer. In the front row are: HN Dan Shelton, HM3 John Martin, HN Dave Legg, HM2 Jim Pinnix, and HN Tony Campagna. Not present for the picture CDR W. A. Elliot and HM2 Jim Scarlata.

Henry Retires



On 11 September Henry Bourdase turned in his keys to the Pharmacy Service truck after 25 years' Federal employment, most of them at Oak Knoll. He had driven for Pharmacy since 1948. During this time Henry received 25 awards for safe driving and several outstanding performance ratings, the most recent in May of this year. To all at Oak Knoll he has been a symbol of the "Can Do" attitude. His work day was done when the work was completed.

Before his retirement, Henry's fellow workers at Pharmacy Service had an appropriately decorated cake for him, and down at Transportation his friends gave him a fine fishing outfit.

Henry, a native of the Oakland area, fondly recalls his early days when he used to fish in the very streams that meander through the hospital compound and when deer as big as cows roamed this wilderness area. He plans to spend a lot of time at his Lake Tahoe cabin, and hereafter to take orders only from his wife Edna (Girl Friday in the AO's Office) and the local sheriff and "not a heck of a lot of them from the latter."

"Bon Voyage" To the Schufeldts

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They have three daughters. Sheila is a graduate of the College of Fine Arts, Washington University, St. Louis, Missouri. Linda is a sophomore at the University of Vermont and Dana, 13, is a freshman in high school.

The Schufeldts will be greatly missed by their friends at Oak Knoll, many of whom will wish them "Bon Voyage" on a moonlight cruise to Tiburon, where they will be honored at dinner tomorrow night.

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It can be done: If every donor to the United Crusade gave his "Fair Share," the goal would be passed by 4 million dollars.

To Play Thursday



The Hilltoppers will face the Hunter's Point team here Thursday, 28 September at 1600. In the front row, from left to right, are HN Michael J. Bryan, D. Smith, HN Theodore O. Whitaker, HN Lonnie M. Small, HN George L. Keeley, and HN William D. Ogilvie. Standing are SK3 Thomas Meng, HM3 Michael C. Priest, HN Edward J. Silva, HN Gary Carson, MM3 Robert L. Rollerson, and Coach Ken Moffett.

Scuttlebutt

CELEBRITIES: CPL Richard L. Simpson, USMC, of 63A, Drs. Traad, Chisholm, Conrad, and Burkett will be seen on NBC News tomorrow night but only in the Los Angeles area. A 30-minute special will tell the story of Corporal Simpson's trip back from Vietnam, (where a sniper's bullet passed through his left chest and out his back) and of his treatment at Oak Knoll.

POOR OLD ENSIGN BEENE! He looks so young, but the latest Directory of Officers gives us his date of rank—July 1922.

NICE PEOPLE: HM2 Rose Morganti, HM3s Michael Priest and Dwight Drury, HNs Dennis Hardy, Tom Powell, Don Schweitzer, and Gregory Nichols assisted at the ACCMA meeting Monday night by distributing programs, ushering, and shuttling doctors from their cars to the club entrance. . . Mrs. D. J. Pascoe spent a month this summer as a nurse at Bearskin Meadows Diabetic Camp . . . and LT C. N. Reed of Pediatrics spent part of his leave there as camp physician.

PLEASANT SIGHTS: Eleven staff nurses touring the new hospital, their uniforms topped out with shiny white construction helmets. . . HM1 Junious R. Josey, Jr., back on duty in Operating Services after five months' TAD at a classified destination.

INCIDENTAL INFO: LT D. L. Horton's wife Janie is an instructor of nursing at Highland-Alameda County Hospital, and LT D. G. Nielsen's wife Rita, also an RN, works in the Medical Clinic at the same hospital. . . LT Foote, who was detached to TI recently after completing his residency training in neuropsychiatry, is part owner of a charming little art gallery at nearby Lincoln Square.

LIFE BEGAN 16 November for John Wesley Batcheller, 8 lb. 10 oz. son of LCDR J. W. Batcheller of Orthopedics and wife Janice.

Know Your Staff



HN Les Young, a native of Honolulu, Hawaii, is both a swimming instructor and lifeguard at the Oak Knoll Pool. He has been aboard since the beginning of April. He first worked in Ward 66, but was transferred to the pool in June.

Young is a graduate of Sonoma State College where he received his B.A. in Biology. He also earned a letter in tennis, his favorite sport. He also enjoys surfing. Young hopes to attend graduate school and eventually to enter the teaching profession.

This summer he taught fifty dependent children swimming, several of them preschoolers. Young believes that four is the ideal age to start swimming instruction. "The hardest barrier to overcome is the child's fear of putting his face in the water," said Young. He noted that swimming is not simply a summer sport at Oak Knoll for the pool is open all year, seven days a week. He also pointed out that the pool has just been refurbished and now has a beautiful tile deck.

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Change of Command Ceremonies Set for 20 October

RADM Cokely Retiring; RADM Irons, New CO, to Report from BuMed

RADM Harold J. Cokely will retire 20 October after 36 years in the Navy Medical Corps and nearly three years as CO of Oak Knoll. His retirement will take place in Gendreau Circle at a colorful ceremony scheduled for 1000, when he will order his flag hauled down and relinquish command of the hospital to RADM Edward P. Irons. Admiral Irons comes to Oak Knoll from the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, where he has served as Inspector General, Medical, since January 1966.

RADM William H. Groverman, USN, Commander, Western Sea Frontier, and Commandant, Twelfth Naval District, will speak briefly, as will the departing and arriving COs. The 12ND Band will play as the guests assemble and provide traditional ruffles and flourishes during the program.

Selected military personnel will assemble in formation for the ceremonies, and all hands who can be spared from their duties are invited to attend.

Enlisted Staff Plans Gala Bay Cruise

An Enlisted Staff Party on board the Harbor Queen is planned for 20 October. The Party will include cocktails and dancing to a pop band while cruising the bay waters. The boat will accommodate 300 people, and reservations must be made by 16 October. The tickets are free and are available through Special Services and from HM2 Tom De Angelo of Parasitology Lab. The boat leaves at 2100 from the Clay Street Pier. All Aboard!

For more information call Special Services at Ext. 593 or HM2 De Angelo at 307.

"Sing-Out Oroville" Coming to Oak Knoll

"Sing-Out Oroville" will entertain at Oak Knoll on 29 October between 1400-1500. The 110 members of the cast will sing along the ramps and in the wards in an effort to reach as many patients as possible with their music.

Dr. Clark to Assist With Board Orals

CAPT Gale Clark has been invited to Chicago to help with the oral examinations for doctors desiring certification by the American Board of Neurological Surgery from 9-12 October.

On 16 October Dr. Clark will deliver a paper entitled "Methods of Gaining Length in Peripheral Nerve Repair" in San Diego before the Western Neurosurgical Society.

Captain Schufeldt Commended by CO

CAPT Dean Schufeldt was commended by the Commanding Officer last Friday as he prepared to depart for his new assignment as CO of the Naval Hospital at Memphis, Tenn.

Doctor Schufeldt, who had served as Executive Officer here since 30 June 1966, "demonstrated an ability to solve problems with integrity, dignity, and a deep consideration for the feelings and interests of his fellow man. Your calm, thorough, and judicious approach established a fine example for others to follow," Admiral Cokely's letter read. "Your sincere interest and dedication to assuring the best possible new facility as a result of the new construction program contributed materially to the excellent progress so far achieved in this regard.

"Despite a marked increase in workload throughout the command, you pursued with vigor the continued maintenance of a high level of patient care and the furtherance of an increasingly important officer and enlisted training program," said the citation, which concluded with the command's best wishes and a traditional "well done."

Call 593 . . .

The San Francisco Warriors have made available to all military personnel coupons worth one dollar off on tickets purchased at the general admission window when presented with an ID card. The coupons, which are good at all Warrior games played in Oakland, San Francisco, or San Jose, may be picked up at the Special Services Office. Coupons are NOT available for dependents.



Admiral Cokely congratulates CDR Ronald L. Bouterie after presenting him the Legion of Merit.

CDR Bouterie Gets Legion of Merit For Service With Amphibious Group

CDR Ronald L. Bouterie reported for duty in the Surgical Service last Friday, just in time to receive the Legion of Merit at Saturday's inspection. The citation, signed by Admiral Roy L. Johnson, CINCPACFLT, describes the exceptionally meritorious conduct that earned Doctor Bouterie this high award: "As officer in charge of the surgical evacuation team assigned to Commander Amphibious Ready Group Bravo from 6 March to 27 May 1967, Doctor Bouterie was responsible for overall supervision and treatment of all Marine and Navy casualties sustained in Operations Beacon Hill I, Beacon Star, and Belt Tight/Hickory.

Blood Bank's Sallee Promoted to Chief.

After 15 years in the Navy, Clifford C. Sallee of the Blood Bank was promoted to HMC on 18 September. The Webb City, Mo., corpsman enlisted in June 1952, had boot and corps school at San Diego, and later became a laboratory technician at Naval Hospital, Bremerton.

Highlights of Chief Sallee's career are his four-year tour of duty at PMU #5, San Diego, and independent duty aboard USS JOHN W. THOMASON (DD 760).

Chief Sallee is one of the champion commuters aboard. He drives daily from Vallejo, where he lives with wife Wilda and three sons—Clifford, 11; Curtis, 10; and Cole, 9. His hobbies include playing intramural softball with the Laboratory team.

"By extraordinary zeal, untiring industry, superb foresight, superior professional competency and skill, he supervised preparation and modification of USS PRINCE-TON's medical facilities to receive combat casualties. As a surgeon member of the surgical evacuation team he gave unstintingly of himself in the treatment of those wounded in action. In the periods between operations, Commander Bouterie labored vigorously to improve his facilities. He produced a concise summarized report of Amphibious Ready Group Medical Operations which may have lasting impact on medical handling of combat casualties.

"His abiding dedication to the
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"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 I may not so much
Seek 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."

This famous and compassionate Peace Prayer describes the daily life of its author, St. Francis of Assisi, whose feast day is celebrated 4 October, when he passed to his eternal reward in 1226.

Francis, with a simple and all consuming passion, loved God, man and all His creatures. Consequently, through the centuries he was revered by all as the patron of peace, protector of the little ones and promoter of the joy of life. In his simple, vibrant faith Francis talked to birds, sang folk songs of God and kissed and comforted lepers. Truly a remarkable man — a man for all ages — one in whom all people of all religions and creeds rejoice.

Yet, many miss the point. Francis did not merely get a kick out of birds and fishes, had not just a penchant for song and singing, was not just a happy-go-lucky simpleton of life. He loved earth, animals, and all men because he loved God more. He became so "full of God" that he developed God's point of view — he saw the whole of creation as good from God and worthy of his love, too.

To achieve this love, Francis gave all of himself to God and to His creations. His love for man was proof of his love for God. The only lasting happiness on earth can come solely when men have as their one true connecting bond — God.

Until man truly serves God on earth, no true peace will abide. Today, at home and abroad, St. Francis' Peace Prayer is a way of life urgent in its plea and need.

COLIN E. SUPPLE, Catholic Chaplain

Congratulations Go to 10 New HM3s

Congratulations are in order for ten Oak Knoll staff members who advanced mid-September to the rate of HM3. They are William L. Barber, Jerry J. Boice, Anthony

Campagna, Joseph M. Cleberg, Rose M. Morganti, Woodrow H. Owenby, Russell Pavlicek, Dennis L. Washburn, Gregory J. Welch, and Doris Whitehead.



OFFICERS' WIVES' CLUB members opened their year with a festive "Go Navy" brunch at the O' Club 20 September. Mrs. H. J. Cokely, right, was general chairman, and Mrs. D. J. Pascoe, left, was in charge of the decorations. Mrs. R. P. Dobbie, center, is the new club president. A special farewell to Mrs. Cokely will be a feature of next Wednesday's luncheon for which Mrs. H. A. Sparks and Mrs. R. L. Abrams are co-chairmen. Paul B. Fay, Under SecNav for President Kennedy and author of "The Pleasure of His Company," will speak.



These happy children in the Day Nursery are the twins, Annette and Lynnette Coates, and their friend Debbie Cefalu. The girls are the daughters of Mrs. Pauline Coates and Mrs. Nancy Cefalu who work in the Day Nursery. The gentleman waiting his turn is John Huseby, the son of CDR H. W. S. Huseby, Chief of Orthopedics.

Any Used Toys, Outgrown Cribs Or Time To Spare For Day Nursery?

The Day Nursery needs help! Last year after paying salaries and insurance it had a total of \$40 to spend for cleaning supplies, equipment, toys, and comfort aids, according to Mrs. J. A. Matan, nursery chairman.

"The nursery not only needs volunteer workers," says Mrs. Matan. "It also needs equipment and toys. Your outgrown porta-cribs, jump seats, play equipment and sturdy toys may be just what the nursery lacks." Furthermore, even an hour of volunteer service a month would help the nursery and be a rewarding experience for the donor.

The Day Nursery has been in operation in Bldg. 77 for more than nine years, under the sponsorship of the Officers' Wives' Club and the supervision of Mrs. Pauline Coates.

The nursery cares for service dependents from 6 weeks to 8 years old. It is open from 0800 to 1630 Monday through Friday, its primary purpose being to provide child care for mothers who must go to the hospital clinics. It is also a haven for children whose families are under the stress of illness. Mothers may even stow their children at the nursery while visiting Navy Exchange or nearby commissaries.

During an average month 400 children are cared for in the nursery. The rate per hour per child is 40 cents for officers and 30 cents for enlisted personnel.

A recent addition to nursery services is lunch for those aboard at the appropriate time. Sandwiches, fruit, cookies, and milk are served. The charge for officers' children is 25 cents, for enlisted 15 cents. There is a 10-cent service charge for bag lunches brought in. Mrs. Coates and her assistants will feed babies for 15 cents — if they bring their own food and spoon.



LT Betty Williams, NC, USNR, has received the CO's Letter of Appreciation for outstanding service as charge and relief nurse on the enlisted wards of the Surgical Service, where her "thorough understanding of the over-all concept of surgical care, high level of professional competence, and empathy have enabled her to provide quality nursing care." The letter referred specifically to a critically wounded Marine whose response to treatment was directly attributable to her interest, industry, and ability.

"The high esteem in which you are held by the Medical Officers with whom you work is perhaps even exceeded by the high regard of the hospital corpsmen under your aegis," the CO's letter stated.

Scuttlebutt

NEXT TIME YOU MEET Drs. J. C. Gregonis and W. V. R. Viewig take a look at their shiny gold braid. When a LCDR and a LT were needed to test a new type of braid, they volunteered. Their "special assignment" will last until October 1968.

AND DO YOU KNOW that vivacious Vivian Swofford and her sister breezed over to London to see the sights weekend before last? Yes, that's London, ENGLAND. . . . That the Schufeldt's daughter Sheila will fly from Memphis to Sydney, Australia, in November to teach art in the public high schools of that city down under? That Toyland is wide open and there are only 67 more shopping days before Christmas. . . . That 14 brand new JANGOs will be capped Sunday afternoon at the O' Club? That HMI Bob Bristol, Security's keyman in the current Combined Federal Campaign, had obtained 100 percent participation BEFORE the drive began—as he has in three previous fund campaigns? . . . That Barry Simmons, the KNBR newscaster you hear en route to work, is the son of Helen Simmons of the Collection Agent's Office. Until a week ago his mellow voice was heard on KCRA, San Diego.

NEW JOB NOTE: LaVerne Hein, who spent seven years programming the computer in Oak Knoll's Data Processing Division, has accepted a new position as supervisor of data processing at Doctors' Hospital, San Leandro. Her departure is a great loss to Oak Knoll, but the sad aspects of her departure were forgotten when Mr. Palmer, her division chief, presented her farewell gift—a live white mouse!

APOLOGIES: The names of L/CPL Steve Vicellio and HN Charles Cooper of Security were inadvertently omitted when names of those who volunteered their services to make the ACCMA meeting run smoothly were listed in the last issue of the OL.

LIFE BEGAN 21 September for Lisa Anne Parsons, 7 lb. 10 oz. daughter of LCDR David Parsons and wife Lois. Doctor Parsons is a resident in Anesthesiology. . . . 23 September for Gregory Wayne Frasure, 7 lb. 5½ oz. son of HMI Robert Frasure of PMT and wife Lourdes. . . . 25 September for Lynn Maurita Chisholm, 6 lb. 5 oz. daughter of LCDR Joseph Chisholm of Medical Service and his wife Maurita. . . . 28 September for Joseph Alan Jellison, 9 lb. 6 oz. son of HM3 James Jellison, OR tech, and wife Phyllis.



MEET THE FIREMEN whose vigilance night and day protects Oak Knoll from fire. They are, from left, Isaac Fishman, R. A. Zobel, R. J. Delgado, G. Hahn, S. G. Beck, E. M. Campbell, Clarence Wheat, R. J. Am-burgey, Fire Chief E. R. Meier, B. F. Harrison, and LCDR Glen M. Ellis, Security Officer. Not present for the photo: R. Voight, H. Jones, L. A. Moschetti, and Inspector R. Merrill.

Local Firemen Plan Fire Prevention Week Activities

Oak Knoll's Fire Department will observe Fire Prevention Week 8-14 October by sharing with other members of the staff the know-how that keeps Oak Knoll safe, despite the danger that lurks in wooden buildings surrounded by grass-covered hills.

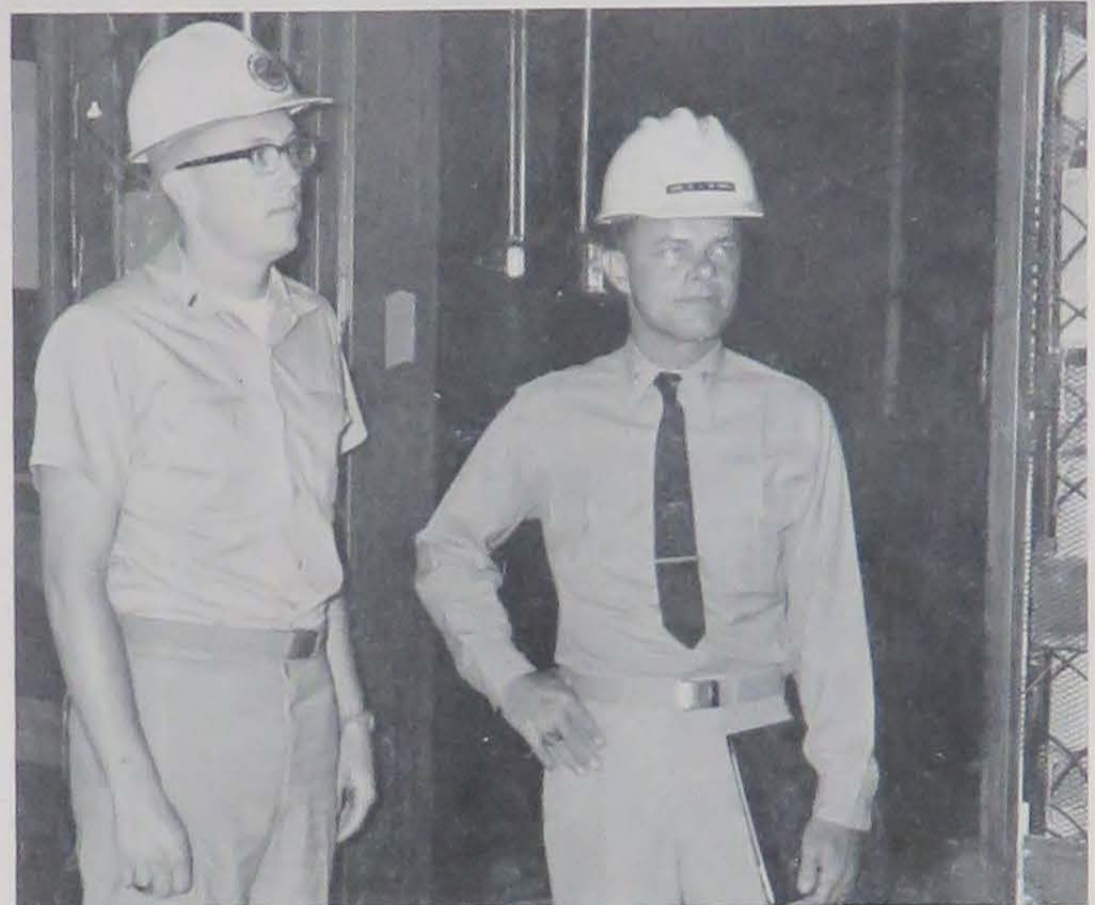
Pamphlets illustrating the most effective ways to fight fires will be distributed in every department by the local firefighters. A film—"Until the Fire Department Arrives" will be shown on all wards. Lectures and demonstrations will be held at 1330 Tuesday for personnel in the Food Service Area. They will be repeated Wednesday at the same hour for Patient Affairs and Personnel Division employees, Thursday for Fiscal and Supply and Friday for workers in the laundry area.

Open House will be held at the Fire House throughout Fire Prevention Week, which was first celebrated in 1922 during the week in which 9 October falls. In Chicago on that day in 1871 fire killed 250 persons, destroyed 17,430 buildings and left 100,000 homeless. The financial loss was estimated at \$168,000,000. All because one person was careless.

Thirteen On Staff Selected For CDR

Thirteen staff members have been selected for commander.

They are Drs. J. A. Langevin and P. K. Swartz of Surgical Service; C. E. Inman and V. L. Goller of Pediatrics; F. J. Schmetz, Ophthalmology; R. J. Robl, J. R. Moyers, K. L. Learey, and K. L. Reckenthaler of Radiology; D. W. Rohren and H. H. Holmboe of Orthopedics. Dr. Paul Bradford has been selected for Commander in the Dental Corps and Jane Wathen for Commander in the Nurse Corps.



Inspecting the entrance to one of the Operating Rooms in the new hospital are LCDR W. J. McCorkle, Resident Officer in Charge of Construction, right, and his assistant, LTJG Byrl Williams.

LCDR McCorkle Takes the Helm In Construction of New Hospital

Since 1 September, with the departure of CDR Jack A. Wright, the construction of the new hospital has been in the hands of LCDR W. J. McCorkle of the Civil Engineer Corps. The new ROINC is a veteran of 13 years in the Navy. He joined the Navy as a Surveyor, 2nd Class. A year later he was commissioned. A highlight in his career was his service in Iceland as the Navy representative on construction for the DEW Line Early Warning System. His main duty at Oak Knoll is to administrate the prime contract and to check on the work done on all phases of the construction. A graduate in civil engineering from Georgia Tech, Mr. McCorkle joined the Navy because he felt that it was "a good way to get involved in the higher

levels of construction management and that with the Navy one could have a lot more responsibility than with a private contractor."

LCDR McCorkle, a native of Decatur, Georgia, now makes his home in San Lorenzo with his wife, Laurine, and their two daughters. His hobbies include fishing and golf ("when I can learn to hit the ball").

LCDR McCorkle reports that the new hospital is 75 percent completed. The electrical work and the interior walls are being finished. The elevators are being installed and the penthouse is being completed. In some of the lower floors tile flooring is being installed and the walls are being painted. The building is due for completion next June.



Ten men completed the six month Operating Room Technician course on 15 September. Speakers at the graduation ceremony were HMCM James Bull, CAPT D. B. Rulon, and CAPT R. P. Dobbie. Also present for the graduation were CDR F. J. Jacobson, OR Supervisor, and CDR Barbara Ellis, OR Instructor. The graduates are, in the front row from left to right: HN George L. Keeley Jr., HM3 Ronney C. Tidwell, HM3 Lawrence N. Scott, HN Delbert C. Litz, HN Charles D. Paden, and HM1 J. Clark, enlisted instructor. In the second row are HM3 John W. Pfahler, HN Gregory Glasby, HN Michael A. Voss, HN Carl S. Lotito, and HM3 James A. Jellison.



Josephine Simmons, Marie DeFraga, front row, and Susie Littleton, Helen J. Williams, Viola Shumpert and Preston Hampton, back row, receive their 20-year certificates.



Receiving checks for beneficial suggestions are Joanne Lawrence, Samuel Carson, James Voorhees, George Manchester and Tony Keeling.

Fifteen Civilians Receive Awards In Recognition of Jobs "Well Done"

Cash, certificates, and congratulations went to more than a dozen civilian workers when the CO held his September meeting with civilian supervisors.

Ophelia Majors, Drusilla Joseph, Lorene Cooper and Geneve Tuggles all of Nursing Service, each received a Sustained Superior Performance Award of \$100 in recognition of outstanding work throughout the last year.



Superior Performance awards of \$100 go to Lorene Cooper, upper left, and Ophelia Majors; Drusilla Joseph, lower left, and Geneve Tuggles.

Helen Williams, nursing assistant, was awarded a certificate of commendation for exemplary service while assigned to the Diabetic Clinic. A certificate of award went to Vivian Helgeson, nursing assistant, for her contribution toward improved services through the suggestion program.

JoAnn Lawrence, nursing assistant, received \$15 for her suggestion to install a sink for the nurses' station on the Coronary Care Unit. James Voorhees, welder, also received a \$15 check for a suggestion for record board hangers for patients' beds. A \$30 award was granted to Tony Keeling, maintenance man, for his suggestion to utilize plastic steel for repairing castings, machinery, etc. George Manchester, foreman (leading man), Transportation, was awarded \$75 in recognition of improved patient comfort and care as a result of his idea to install air suspension systems on ambulances. Samuel Carson, leading man mess attendant, who initially received \$30 for his suggestion for a silverware trap on the garbage disposals, has received an additional award of \$25 as a result of his idea being published in the Hospital Administration Notes.

Twenty-year awards went to Marie DeFraga, Civilian Personnel; Susie Littleton, Nursing Service; Josephine Simmons, Fiscal and Supply Division, and Preston Hampton, Clinical Investigation Center.

Oak Knoll Teams Cop Third Place

Out of a field of 11 competing Class B commands, Oak Knoll came in third in the 1966-1967 Com Twelve Athletic Excellence Trophy Competition. Oak Knoll took first place in both bowling and golf and second place in swimming. In track, the Hilltoppers came in third. They were fourth in both basketball and table tennis.

The Coast Guard Base, Alameda, was the champion of the Group B commands and San Francisco Bay Naval Shipyard, San Francisco, was second place.

The Group A (the larger commands) champion was Naval Air Station, Moffett Field. Second place was won by the San Francisco Bay Naval Shipyard, Vallejo, and third place by Naval Station, Treasure Island.

Doctor Bouterie

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cause of improving medical treatment, enthusiastic and dynamic leadership, and professional skill were an inspiration to his subordinates and peers and contributed immeasurably to the morale of the Marines in their hours of need."

In addition to the Legion of Merit, the Oak Knoll surgeon received a letter of appreciation and the Amphibian Certificate from Admiral F. J. Blouin, Commander, Amphibious Force.

Commander Bouterie is no stranger to Oak Knoll. He interned here from '57-'58. Among those rejoicing over his return to a stateside assignment are his wife Mary Alice and their seven children.

New Orleans, La., is the surgeon's home of record. He received his MD from LSU School of Medicine in 1957.

Trulove (For Navy) Re-enlists For Six

HM2 Sidney Monrow Trulove has re-enlisted for another six years after serving in the Navy for over eight years. Trulove, an X-ray technician student, has been on board for three months. He makes his home in Alameda with his wife Charlene and their four daughters. His hobbies include working on sports cars and raising horses. He has four horses and two Shetland ponies stabled in Sunnyvale. Trulove said that he chose a Navy career because "as a civilian I would never have had the education I have received while in the Navy."



Both Sue and Blair Beebe enjoy swimming and both swam at an early age too. "We come from swimming families." And it looks like they're going to carry on the tradition.

Attention Please: Will the Officer who assisted with the accident which occurred on 21 September on the Warren Freeway at Broadway in Oakland between 1700 and 1730, please contact Major Larabee. Phone 832-3078.



Tiny Tot Takes To Water Like Tadpole

A hazel-eyed blond with freckles stood poised on the end of the diving board. A small group of admirers stood around. They were sure they were watching a future swimming champion. The swimmer winked toward the camera then dove into the pool. Harold had done it again! Harold, at two and a half, is an old pro at swimming and diving. His style might be a little weak, but he gets around. Harold is the son of LT Blair Beebe and wife Sue. Doctor Beebe is a first-year resident in Internal Medicine. While the family was stationed at Guam, Harold was in the base pool every day from the time he was four months old. He started diving as soon as he was old enough to walk to the end of the diving board. He could swim without assistance at one and a half years.

Harold spends his time on land at nursery school and at home where he likes to play with his stuffed animals and his toys. He started talking at eight months and now he knows the alphabet and numbers.

"He is a very good little boy and a joy to have as a first child because he can do so many things," reports his proud mother.

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★ ★ CHANGE OF COMMAND ★ ★



RADM Harold J. Cokley, MC, USN

Retiring Skipper Heading For New San Diego Home

Oak Knoll's retiring skipper, eleventh in Oak Knoll's 25-year history, reported here from a similar post at the San Diego Naval Hospital December 30, 1964. A year later he presided at ground-breaking ceremonies for the new \$14,500,000 hospital which is now nearing completion. He has seen the daily patient census of the hospital grow from 650 patients to nearly 1,000 with the influx of sick and wounded from Vietnam.

The 61-year-old Navy doctor from Pickering, Mo., is retiring after a colorful career. At sea he served with the Asiatic Fleet on the Yangtze Patrol, aboard the carrier USS RANGER, with Destroyer Division II, and in the hospital ship, USS RELIEF. He served at naval hospitals at Canacao, Philippine Islands, Washington, D.C., Quantico, Va., Jacksonville, Fla., Bethesda, Md., and Guam, M.I. He commanded naval hospitals at Key West, Fla., and St. Albans, N.Y., as well as San Diego and Oak Knoll.

Throughout Doctor Cokely's career, urology has been his specialty. He is a Diplomate of the American Board of Urology, a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons, and a member of the Association of Military Surgeons and the American Medical Association.

During his tour of duty here he has served as Twelfth Naval District Medical Officer and adviser for medical matters on the staff of Commander, (Continued on Page 4)

Ceremony Scheduled For 1000 Today In Gendreau Circle

The sound of ruffles and flourishes will be heard in Gendreau Circle this morning as RADM Edward P. Irons, MC, USN, assumes command of Oak Knoll. Admiral Irons will relieve RADM Harold J. Cokely, MC, USN, who is retiring after 36 years in the Navy Medical Corps and nearly three years at Oak Knoll.

RADM Robert O. Canada, Deputy Surgeon General, and RADM William H. Groverman, USN, Commander, Western Sea Frontier, will share the speaker's platform with the two commanding officers as will CAPT David B. Rulon, Executive Officer, who will welcome the guests and introduce the speakers, and CAPT Henry E. Austin, CHC, who will give the invocation.

The Twelfth Naval District Band will present a half-hour concert preceding the ceremony and will provide the traditional ruffles and flourishes. Selected military personnel will be in formation for the ceremony, with CAPT Robert P. Dobbie acting as battalion commander.

Admiral Canada will bring the good wishes of the Surgeon General and present Doctor Cokely his Certificate of Retirement.

The retiring skipper will deliver his farewell to the staff and friends, read the orders directing him to relinquish command of the hospital to Admiral Irons, and order his flag hauled down.

Admiral Irons will officially take over with the reading of his orders, the brief statement, "I relieve you, Sir," and the breaking of his flag. His remarks will conclude the ceremony.

All hands who can be spared from their duties are invited to attend.

Halloween Party Set For 28 October

A Halloween Costume Party for the enlisted staff is planned for 28 October in the Enlisted Men's Club from 2000 to 2400. Dancing to swing music, apple-bobbing, costume judging, and a buffet are planned. Prizes for the best costumed male, female, and couple will be awarded. Some of the prizes are a stereo unit, a wristwatch, and a radio.

Volunteers are needed to help decorate. For more information call Dave James, Ext. 318.



RADM Edward P. Irons, MC USN

Admiral Irons, Knoll's New CO, Sees the World as IG

RADM Edward P. Irons, MC, USN, will bring to Oak Knoll the benefits of his observations during inspection trips that took him from Egypt to Southeast Asia and from Alaska to Puerto Rico.

The new CO, who comes to Oakland from the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, where he has been Inspector General, Medical, since February 1966, has covered three-fourths of the Navy's world-wide medical activities.

"It was arduous duty," said the 54-year-old Admiral Irons, "but the most interesting I have had. It was an inspiration to see the outstanding job independent duty corpsmen and young Navy Medical Officers are doing in our far-flung installations in sometimes foreign environments."

The quiet, friendly new skipper was born in Mt. Vernon, Ill. He earned his MD Degree from the University of Illinois College of Medicine in 1939 and was commissioned in the Navy Medical Corps the same year. His two brothers had already chosen careers in the service, one in the Navy Dental Corps and the other in the Army Dental Corps.

Early in his career Admiral Irons was Junior Medical Officer aboard the USS IDAHO and Division Medical Officer for Destroyer Division 5. His next orders took him to Pensacola for instruction in Aviation Medicine. He was Air Group Flight Surgeon with the First Marine Air Wing in the South Pacific (Continued on Page 4)

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A MEETING PLACE WITH GOD

*"I come to the garden alone,
While the dew is still on the roses;
And the voice I hear,
Falling on my ear;
The Son of God discloses.
And He walks with me,
and He talks with me,
And He tells me I am His own,
And the joy we share
as we tarry there,
None other has ever known."*

—C. Austin Miles

The song writer put into poetry what each one of us needs to put into our experience: a meeting place with God.

Moses met God in a burning bush experience. (Exodus 3) Jacob met Him as he wrestled with an angel all night. (Genesis 32:24-32) Isaiah met Him in the temple. He said, "I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple . . . then said I, 'Woe is me! I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts.'" (Isaiah 6:1.5)

When Jesus was revealed in the flesh, He revealed God in a unique and final way. When men meet Jesus, they meet God. By reading the Gospels, by listening to the voice of the Holy Spirit and by being aware of the experiences that God allows to come our way, we can meet God.

Churches are organized and maintained to carry the message of Good News to all men everywhere. Those who are members of churches have the explicit responsibility to bring others face to face with God. This is done by the lives we live and by the message we teach. Either one without the other is empty of life-changing power.

While many of our people are active in local churches or chapel programs, there are many more who do not have a meeting place with God. Have you met God this week?

HOMER L. SCHNICK
Chaplain, USN

Want That High School Diploma?

Last spring the Oakland Board of Education conducted a course in U. S. Government here. This course and one in U. S. History are being given again this fall.

If you have enough high school units, including those you receive for military service, these would be all you need to receive a diplo-

ma. If you do not have enough units, a passing grade in the GED (General Educational Development tests) and these courses will give you a diploma.

The classes are held on Ward 75B at 0930 and 1330 on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Twenty-six have signed up, and enrollments are still being taken.



A delegation from the Fleet Reserve Association dropped in last week to present Admiral Cokely with a citation for the excellent care and assistance FRA members have received at Oak Knoll during his tour of duty. From left to right, are S. G. Collyer, chaplain for FRA Branch 10, San Leandro; William V. Palmer, past president and historian for Branch 10; Joseph S. Myers, regional president, West Coast, FRA; and A. S. (Jack) Yates, Junior past president, West Coast, FRA.



CDR Romaine Mentzer, Chief of the Nursing Service, caps Roberta Parsons, who led her class with 230 hours' service, thereby qualifying for cap, pin, and chevron. At right is Margaret Mazzarella, JANGO-of-the-Year for 1967.

Jo Carol Ellis Earns 1000-Hour Star —First Ever Given at Oak Knoll

Fifteen JANGOs Capped at Tea

Jo Carol Ellis received JANGO's highest honor, the 1000-hour star, at an awards tea at the Officers' Club Sunday, 8 October.

It was the third award Admiral Cokely has presented Jo Carol, daughter of Oak Knoll's Security Chief, LCDR Glenn Ellis, MSC. Six years ago as CO of NH, San Diego, he presented her 150-hour pin, and last year he awarded her the JANGO-of-the-Year charm.

"I've enjoyed every one of those thousand hours," the Cal State junior who'll be 21 and out of junior JANGO next month, told the CO.

Jo Carol served as president of the JANGO Guilds here and at San Diego.

Sharing honors at the tea was the 1967 JANGO-of-the-Year, Margaret Mazzarella. Margaret's selection was based on recommendations from charge nurses on the wards to which she was assigned, with approval of national JANGO officials in Washington.

Also receiving special praise was Roberta Parsons, who headed a class of 15 capped by CDR Romaine Mentzer, Chief of the Nursing Service. Roberta served 230 hours since the class convened in July, qualifying for cap, pin, and chevron.

Others newly capped are Mary Boyd, Teresa Bonnett, Genell Franklin, Lynn Georgakis, Sandra Golish, Melanie Haskin, Cathy Jackson, Janis Lee, Kelly Luker, Candice and Karen Mahan, Harriet Murphy, Victoria Potter, and Claudia Robinson.

Earlier graduates Patricia Nachin and Lynne Tiffany received 500-hour chevrons, Barbara Poer a 300-hour chevron, and Carol Gibson, 200-hour.

Oak Knoll now has 44 JANGOs on the active list. They represent 25 Bay Area high schools and three colleges. During the three summer months their service totaled 2,690 hours.

Mrs. Delmer J. Pascoe is chairman of the guild and LCDR Gladys Madsen, NC, is JANGO instructor.



Jo Carol Ellis, on 8 October, became the first JANGO to receive the 1000-hour pin at Oak Knoll.

Xmas Project Started For Vietnam Orphans

LTJG Sharon Kosch, NC, inspired by letters her husband, LT Bill Kosch, wrote home after visiting a Vietnam orphanage, has gone into action. She is collecting clothing for boys and girls of all ages, packaged, non-perishable foods, and toys to put a twinkle in sad eyes of little Southeast Asians. Mrs. Kosch hopes to have the gifts shipped to the orphanage in time for Christmas. Anyone wishing to participate in this project may leave gifts at the Nursing Service office.



At the Hail and Farewell . . .



Everyone enjoyed the review of Admiral Cokely's distinguished career as it was presented at the Hail and Farewell Saturday night but no one more than the Admiral himself (at left). LT W. V. R. Vieweg prepared and presented the script to accompany slides that followed the retiring skipper's life from boyhood and youth in Missouri to his tour of duty at Oak Knoll. LCDR Terry Gendron, NC, supplied mood music—"Missouri Waltz," "Mr. Touchdown," "A Spoonful of Sugar Makes the Medicine Go Down," the "Lohengrin Wedding March," and for the bathing suit picture, the theme song from the Miss America pageant. The slides were skillfully prepared from old family snapshots slipped out the back door of Quarters D. They were the work of HMC R. E. Berry and his Photo Arts staff. Honored with the Cokelys were Rear Admiral and Mrs. Edward P. Irons (at left, center photo) who arrived from Washington, D.C., last week. At right CAPT Henry B. Sparks, whose Medical Service staff hosted the party, presented a handsome silver tray to Admiral and Mrs. Cokely in behalf of all staff officers.

Staffers Attend Fort Miley Fire Drill

Patient evacuation and fire control were emphasized at a day-long institute several members of the staff attended at Fort Miley VA Hospital in San Francisco 9 October. Robert McGrath, retired hospital inspector from the Chicago Fire Department, conducted the institute which featured live demonstrations and practice sessions.

Of special interest was the demonstration of various types of fires that might occur in hospital ward setting with live "patients" occupying the beds. Fires were set in beds, wastebaskets, furniture, and in the passageway. Nurse partici-

pants, utilizing what they had learned during the day, turned in the fire alarm, evacuated the patients, and fought the fires with the smother method, extinguishers, and fire hose.

Knollites attending brought home new methods to enliven the classes now held twice weekly at the hospital.

They were: Fire inspector Merrill; CDR Corazon Rivera, Nurse Corps Director, Philippine Navy; LSDRS Florence Dineen, Marie T. Gendron, Grace Miller and LTJG Mary Ann McCarthy, from the Nurse Corps.

OUTSTANDING RECORD

Ables and Bailey Promoted to Chief; Nearly 50 Others Earn Higher Rates

Sixty-eight per cent of 326 Oak Knoll personnel who took the August examinations for advancement in rating passed. This outstanding record was equalled by only one other Naval hospital. Particularly noteworthy was the result of the HM2 examination in which 62 of the 75 taking the test passed. All are to be advanced.

HM1 Donald J. Bailey, one of the two who will go up to Chief in November, enhanced chances for advancement by devising a form covering all information needed for study purposes.

Also to be advanced to HMC in November is John P. Ables of Photo Arts. Nearly 50 other corpsmen will be promoted in the first increment.

Advancing to HM1 are Francis O. Bowling, Lloyd G. Cothran, and John D. Ray.

To be promoted to HM2 are Larry L. Baer, A. A. Bianchi, Herbert M. Brown, Bruce N. Collins, Dennis Divine, S. P. Fitzgerald, Richard K. Fong, John A. Frame, Larry G. Howard, Merle K. Johnson, Paul Lee, Gary Lubarsky, John K. Martin, Kenneth Peters, Lubbock M. Rice, Timothy A. Van Dyne, Edward C. Wooley.

The following will move up to HM3: Marq Q. Baker, Harold G. Biggio, Paul E. Coffey, Mars F. Davis, Steve A. Debella, Terence M. Drew, Lloyd M. Forbes, Dale C. Gibson, William F. Grether, Glenn R. Hill, Kenneth D. Honaker, C. E. McCasland, Bruce W. Miller, Jerry L. Norton, Perry K. Pahlmeyer, John K. Palmer, Michael Patterson, Thomas R. Pozun, Bobby L. Rich, Connie M. Rosecrans, Michael Roseki, Thomas R. Wolff, and L. K. Young.

Know Your Staff



The charming and efficient Miss Marjorie Leer, the Commanding Officer's secretary, describes herself as "a farm girl from Abercrombie, N.D.". She attended business college in Fargo, N.D. and started her Civil Service career with the Veterans Administration Regional Office in Fargo. She worked at Fitzsimmons Army Hospital in Denver for two and a half years before coming to Oak Knoll in 1954. For 12 years, Miss Leer was secretary in the busy Neurosurgical Service. On 3 January 1967 she moved up to her present position in the CO's office.

Sewing, knitting, and traveling are a few of Miss Leer's interests. She has traveled to Norway and Hawaii and hopes in the future to visit the Eastern United States, the Far East, and Mexico. Miss Leer has taken night courses at Merritt College in both data processing and English.

Beat the Xmas Rush; Shop at Toyland

Dear Santa,
My name is Julie Simko. I am 4½ years old. Please bring me a doll and a big fuzzy dog like the one I saw at Toyland.

Love,
Julie

P.S. I've been very good.



Julie, the granddaughter of LCDR Ambrose Simko (retired), was fascinated at the number of dolls, games and stuffed animals in Toyland, the Navy Exchange toy department. Toyland is located in Building 51A and it is open Monday through Friday 0900 - 1700. For your shopping convenience, the Exchange has a layaway plan available for purchases of \$10 or more. Buy now while the selection is good and pay in December.

Diaper Derby

Shannon Marie Erickson came into the world on 7 October. She weighed 6 lbs. 4 ozs. Her proud parents are HM3 Eric Erickson of CIC and wife MaryAnn.

Also arriving on 7 October was Patricia Louise Hanahan who weighed 7 lbs. 4 ozs. She is the daughter of LT Ralph Hanahan of Radiology and wife Linda.

Brigitte Michel Peters arrived on 10 October and weighed in at 7 lbs. 7 ozs. Her parents are HM2 Ken Peters of Dermatology and wife Joanne.

Admiral Cokely..

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Western Sea Frontier.

Admiral and Mrs. Cokely will leave immediately after the change of command ceremonies for San Diego, where they have purchased a home in the Point Loma area.

They have one daughter, Mrs. Michael Quartararo (whose husband, a Navy Commander, is serving as Operations Officer for Amphibious Group Three, home ported at San Diego) and three grandchildren.

During the Admiral's tour of duty at Oak Knoll Mrs. Cokely has been honorary president of the Oak Knoll Officers' Wives' Club and the Navy Relief Society auxiliary, and has served as president of the JANGO board.

Admiral Irons..

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at the outbreak of WWII and served in that capacity until late 1943. He wears the Presidential Unit Citation ribbon awarded the First Marine Division, Reinforced, for heroic service from 7 August to 9 December 1942 in action against enemy forces at Guadalcanal.

During the Korean War Doctor Irons was Senior Medical Officer aboard the USS BOXER (CVA-21) and was cited for exceptionally meritorious service in that assignment by the Commander, Seventh Fleet.

Admiral Irons has had duty at Naval Air Stations at Jacksonville, Fla.; Anacostia, D.C.; Rota, Spain; and Patuxent River, Md. He has commanded the Naval Hospitals at Memphis, Tenn.; and Yokosuka, Japan, where he was on duty when promoted to flag rank 1 July 1965.

The new CO hopes to find time to pursue his favorite hobby—fishing—during his tour of duty at Oak Knoll, and to raise a vegetable garden on the hill near Quarters D. Meanwhile his wife Barbara, an accomplished amateur artist, hopes to enhance her skill in this new environment. The admiral has two married daughters—Mrs. Judith Bobick of Alexandria, Va., and Mrs. Katherine MacTaggart of Alameda. Sons Edward, 14, and Christopher, 12, and daughter Valerie, nearly 5, complete the family.

"I've always had a desire to live in the Bay Area, and we feel most fortunate to be here," said Doctor Irons.

CFC Moving Ahead —But Slowly

Knollites are moving ahead but slowly in the Combined Federal Campaign, which has only a few more days to go.

As of Tuesday, HMC James W. Bull of Staff Personnel reported that a total of \$3,534 in cash and pledges had been turned in by keymen. Only 658 of a possible 1,550 staff members have participated in the drive.



In-Service Education is little publicized, but the results of the program are felt throughout the compound. For example, Photo (1) introduces Florine Reisco, ward clerk on 76B, who answers telephones and frees nursing personnel from much of the clerical work on the ward. She was trained by ISE. (2) Newly commissioned NC Officers have frequent conferences with LCDR Gladys Madsen and LCDR Marie T. Gendron. (3) Even firefighting techniques are part of the ISE program for Nursing Service personnel. (4) Miss Gendron and an unidentified nurse demonstrate the hip carry—one way of getting a patient off the ward in case of an emergency. (5) HM2 Jim Riley, right, of the Coronary Care Unit serves as an instructor in mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. (6) Kelly Luker, reading to her patient, is one of many JANGOs to receive training in basic nursing care through ISE.

Keep 'em Learning — That's the Task of ISE

Florence Nightingale might be pleasantly surprised to see the nursing know-how that exists at Oak Knoll. She would surely be pleased if she could look in on the In-Service Education Department (ISE) and see the efforts being made to keep the hospital's nursing personnel informed of all the latest advances in patient care.

Orientation and continuing education of nursing personnel, a continuous process at Oak Knoll, is the work of LCDR Gladys Madsen and LCDR Marie T. Gendron, education coordinators. They are assisted by HN Leslie Chism, who helps schedule classes and organize materials.

A year-long internship program is conducted by the department for newly commissioned nurses. The first six weeks is an orientation period. During this time Miss Gendron and Miss Madsen hold frequent conferences with the nurses and oversee their training. Delegation of care, supervision and teaching of corpsmen, and ward administration are emphasized. Classes and ward assignments are closely coordinated and the nurses are rotated through Neuropsychiatry, OR, Obstetrics, Medicine and Surgery, and Orthopedic nursing assignments.

Ward clerks are trained under the direction of ISE. During a six-

month course, they receive 70 hours of classroom instruction that familiarizes them with Navy and medical terms and hospital procedures. ISE also trains JANGOs, orients Nurse Corps officers from foreign navies, and assists in the training of LVNs, Hospital Corpsmen, and Coronary Care Unit personnel.

ISE also sponsors Emergency resuscitation and fire-fighting classes. HM2 Jim Riley from CCU assists in teaching cardiac massage, mouth-to-mouth resuscitation, and use of resuscitation equipment. Fire-fighting and evacuation techniques are supervised by the Oak Knoll Fire Department.

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ALL MARINES

are invited
to a cake-cutting
in honor of the 192nd Birthday
of their Corps
Friday, 10 November at 1400
in the auditorium

Rec Committee Plans All Hands Picnic For Veterans Day

Veterans Day, 11 November, promises to be a big day at Oak Knoll, with Dave James and his Enlisted Recreation Committee organizing a day of fun for all military staff members and their families. Vietnam casualties will be the guests of honor.

Hamburgers, hot dogs with all the trimmings, beer, and cokes will be served in the picnic area from 1030 to 1700.

The entertainment? "Ah, yes, the entertainment," James reported happily. "We're having stars from El Cid and the Condor Club in San Francisco. Scotty Scott with his band and comedy show will be here. The Intertribal Dancers will present authentic American Indian war dances and songs. The Musician's Trust Fund of Local No. 6 is sending a band."

The swimming pool will be open, and there may even be an occasional athletic event.

Admiral Irons Relieves Admiral Cokely At Impressive 20 October Ceremonies

There were ruffles and flourishes and presenting of swords in the autumn sunshine as RADM Edward P. Irons assumed command of Oak Knoll Friday, 20 October, relieving RADM Harold J. Cokely, whose retirement was effective the same date. The ceremony took place in Gendreau Circle, where the hospital was commissioned 25 years ago.

Military units, with CAPT Robert P. Dobbie as battalion commander, were impressive as they stood at attention for the one full-dress occasion of the year.

Approximately 500 top-ranking officers from other naval activities, retired medical personnel who had served with Admiral Cokely, representatives of various civic groups, and staff members watched the two COs march briskly to their places on the bunting-draped speakers' stand. With them were RADM William H. Groverman, ComWestSeaFron, and RADM Robert O. Canada, Deputy Surgeon General.

A bugle sounded, and CAPT David B. Rulon, Executive Officer, ordered the Marine color guard to parade the colors. The crowd stood at attention while the 12ND Band played "The Star Spangled Banner."

Admiral Canada presented the Surgeon General's Certificate of Merit to Oak Knoll's retiring skipper, "whose career for more than three decades has been dedicated to the needs of naval medicine. . . . Your resourcefulness, foresight, judgment and personality have been an inspiration to younger officers and men who will guide the Medical Department in the years to come," the citation read in part.

In his farewell Admiral Cokely commended all hands, military and civilian. He spoke of his pride and pleasure in being associated with them and with the citizens of the community, and he paid special tribute to Mrs. Cokely for the assistance she has given him through the years.

In introducing Admiral Irons the Deputy Surgeon General said, "I know of no one better qualified
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At the Gendreau Circle ceremony RADM E. P. Irons (1) spoke of his pride in assuming command "of such a splendid institution—one which has earned an enviable reputation through three major conflicts." (2) RADM H. J. Cokely praised his staff and reminisced a bit as he relinquished command and retired to civilian life. (3) RADM R. O. Canada, Deputy Surgeon General, came from BuMed. (4) Marines paraded the colors. On stage with the Medical Corps admirals were RADM W. H. Groverman, ComWestSeaFron; CAPT D. B. Rulon, Executive Officer; and CAPT H. E. Austin, Senior Chaplain. (5) Military personnel and approximately 500 guests saw Admiral Irons' flag broken.

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AT BOTH ENDS OF THE BRIDGE

Herman Gockel has told the story of a farmer boy who was hauling his first load of hay to town. He was perched high atop the bulging hay wagon, following the road to town, until he came to a long, narrow, covered bridge. Stopping the horses, the boy looked into the covered bridge and saw a small patch of light at the other end. He said: "Nope, I'll never make it. The other end is too narrow." And so he backed up, turned his horses around, and headed toward home.

The lad was the victim of an optical illusion. If he had gone on, he would have found that the far end of the covered bridge was just as broad as the end where he was standing.

Our lives are also filled with optical illusions. At the dawn of a new day we sometimes wonder how we will ever manage to get to the evening side of the day. The burdens we carry are so great and we question our strength to go on or even make it. But the same God who stands with us in the morning, also stands with us in the evening. In health and in sickness . . . in life and in death our God is always with us. He is at both ends of the bridge.

CHAPLAIN JOHN KAELEBERER



HM3 Vernon Peters, left, and HM3 Hugh Dykes Jr. recently completed the 26-week EENT Tech course. HM2 Sam Murry, the enlisted instructor, and LCDR R. K. Middlekauff congratulate the pair before their departure. Peters will go to St. Albans, New York, and Dykes to Pensacola, Florida.



Mrs. Caroline De Martini, past commander, and Mrs. Margaret O'Hara, commander of Oakland Navy Mothers Club No. 13, present ENS D. T. Romine, Chief of Special Services Division a \$200 check for the Christmas fund on behalf of the club. This is one of many contributions the local Navy Mothers make throughout the year to help boost patients' morale.



Mrs. Fred Sangwinette, Mrs. Ellsworth Beckman, and Martha Lee Handel present an afghan to patient, LCPL Dick Lee of Carmichael, California. The women, all of Lodi and representing the Lodi Chapter of the Republican Women, presented 58 afghans to Oak Knoll patients. They were the result of the work and contributions of over 200 people in Lodi, Stockton, Ripon, and Escalon.



New at Crews' Library:

OOPS! OR LIFE'S AWFUL MOMENTS by Art Linkletter

Like KIDS SAY THE DARNDDEST THINGS, Art Linkletter's latest book is a funny, down-to-earth sampling of those unexpected situations we all suffer and somehow manage to survive. Most of his latest anecdotes are about adults, but many of them have to do with children.

INCREDIBLE VICTORY by Walter Lord

The story begins with the Japanese fleet assembling for the 'decisive' strike at the already diminished American forces. The end is one of America's greatest triumphs. To get the story in between the author interviewed many American and Japanese participants, studied the letters and personal diaries of many others and examined pertinent government documents. The result is a detailed account of individual acts of courage and skill and a panoramic view of an incredible victory.

MUSTANG. THE FORBIDDEN KINGDOM by Michel Peissel

Located near an isolated border area of Nepal, this kingdom was largely unknown to the West until the author climbed the Himalayas, traveled throughout the land and in most instances was the first foreigner to visit and study its country villages and towns. In this account of the history and customs of Mustang (or Lo) Michel Peissel relates the thrills and dangers of exploring an exotic area of the world and creates a true milestone in the history of Himalayan exploration.

BROTHERS IN ARMS by Hans Helmut Kirst

Karl Schulz is the first person to see the person who had been dead sixteen years, then Willy Kerze and finally Martin Hirsch sees Michael Meiners in the Cafe de Paris. The 'brothers in arms' report their hallucinations to their comrades. The judgement: "We ought to forget the unfortunate circumstances surrounding Meiner's death as soon as possible." However they hire the former chief of the Berlin homicide squad to investigate. The inquiry uncovers some peculiar facts about April 20, 1945. Meiners, who might tell the truth, was he dead?

SILVER SABER by Carter Vaughan

A thrilling, swiftly paced story of Jared Hale, an indentured servant in the American colonies in the 1740's. His fondness for wenching and gambling send him to Newgate Prison. He answers England's call for mobilization against the French and gains his freedom when he helps force the enemy to retreat to Quebec.

New Library Hours

New hours are now in effect at the Crew's Library for Saturday, Sunday, and holidays. They are from 1000 to 1230 and from 1300 to 1800.

Know Your Staff



When HM2 Leonard F. Martin re-enlisted for six the other day, a few facts came to light about his past—his past two years in Vietnam.

Martin, who comes from Madera, Calif. assisted an Army Advisory Team in its efforts to pacify hamlets in the national priority area. He was one of three Navy Hospital Corpsmen, a Vietnam Medic, and an interpreter, who cared for approximately 20,000 natives a month in villages in the Hoa Vang district near Da Nang. He personally provided medical care for nearly 4000 Vietnamese per month.

Martin instituted a training program to teach personnel of two Vietnam Battalions proper techniques for treating the wounded.

Martin was awarded the Vietnamese Medal of Honor after a jet plane crashed in Hoa Cueng village on 17 August 1966. He not only worked night and day treating the injured, but he also assisted in the construction of houses for the survivors.

"My work there was very satisfying. I felt that I could see progress being made with the people," said Martin, a veteran of 15 years' service in the Navy, who is assigned to Operating Services at the laundry.

Blind Oak Knoll Civilian Works With Speed and Precision

Meet Calvin D. Nuckolls, an Oak Knoll staff member who proves once more that it's ability, not disability, that counts.

Mr. Nuckolls sorts and folds laundry with such speed and pre-



Calvin on the Job

O' Wives to Hear Dramatic Reader At Monthly Luncheon

Officers' Wives will hear Lilla Herman, London-born dramatic reader, when they meet Wednesday for luncheon at the Officers' Club. Mrs. Herman has presented dramatic sketches over the radio and in person in many parts of the country, and her appearance here promises to be a great treat.

Luncheon hostesses are wives of the Orthopedic Service, Chaplain's Division, and Marine Liaison, with Mrs. H. W. S. Huseby, Mrs. H. E. Austin, and Mrs. G. L. Nail acting as chairmen.

Reservation cards must reach Mrs. V. M. Holm before noon Monday.

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The best way to get a job done is to give it to a busy man. He'll have his secretary do it.

cision that a random observer would never guess that he is totally blind.

Mr. Nuckolls, a native of Springfield, Wash., quit school at 17 and took a job in a laundry in Spokane. When he lost his sight ("My eyes were always bad, but finally it was as though a curtain had been pulled down for good") in 1953 he went to several rehabilitation centers to learn various skills. He worked in shelters for the handicapped.

Last year he decided to see what opportunities are available for the blind in Civil Service. He took a special individually administered test which placed him in the upper third of the register.

"I came to work at Oak Knoll 11 months ago. I enjoy the work and the people I work with," says Calvin.

The sightless laundry worker and his wife, Christine, own a car which friends drive for them, for she too is totally blind.

Reading braille and listening to radio and television are Calvin's favorite pastimes after his day's work at the laundry is done. He is a member of the Loyal Order of the Moose, Lodge 324. An avid amateur radio operator, he is a member of REACT (Radio Emergency Associated Citizens Team) and hopes soon to become a member of the Civil Air Patrol.

Twelfth CO Takes Over New Duties

(Continued from Page 1) to take over this important assignment. Admiral Irons as Inspector General, became familiar with every type of problem the Navy Medical Department is called upon to solve."

After reading his orders and directing that his flag be broken, Admiral Irons spoke briefly of his pleasure at being assigned duty in this area. He commended Admiral Cokely for his achievement.

Looking to the future the new

Small Sample of BIG Sunday Sing-Out



PFC Jerry R. Toczek, of Denver, shakes hands with seven members of the Sing-Out Oroville cast after they honored him with a rendition of "Colorado." The group of 80 young people performed for six wards on 29 October.

White Elephant Sale Coming to Alameda

Alameda #108, Navy Wives Clubs of America, will hold a White Elephant Sale 21 November, at 1930, in Building 135, Alameda Naval Air Station.

The club meets the first and third Tuesday of the month in Building 135 at 1930 at Alameda Naval Air Station. Membership is open to wives of enlisted men of the Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard, retired and active reserve.

Scuttlebutt

SCENES FROM THE PAS-SAGEWAY PARADE: LTJG Constance Wear of 70B dispensing tickets for Winter Splendor, the 18 Nov. Goodman Hall fashion luncheon sponsored by the Alameda County Nurses' Association. . . . 15 HNs who call themselves the "Suds Club" naming cute HN Carey Jarman their official "Suds Girl." . . . LTJGs Barbara Furrow and Sharon Kosch looking almost as cuddly as the toys they held for a Tribune photo that publicized Mrs. Kosch's drive for clothing and playthings for a Vietnam orphanage. . . . Patient Affairs being depleted by (1) Bea Lillie's prolonged jury duty, (2) Gertrude Smith's illness—she's home now from Kaiser, and (3) Linda "Katie" Duncan's maternity leave. She has a 7 lb. 13 oz. baby girl.

HN at Change of Command: "Where's Chester?"

Second HN: "Hope he's OK. He never misses anything like this."

NICE PEOPLE DEPT.: LCDR Dorothea Wheeler and her OT patients have donated toys and other much-needed equipment to the Day Nursery, much of it made in their department. . . . And by the way, is there a carpenter in the house who would like to make new gates and play tables for the nursery?

NAMES: ENS Ken L. Kneebone, MSC, is on duty in Pharmacy, NOT Orthopedics. . . . CPL Arnold V. Takenalve, USMC, is currently a patient here.

LIFE BEGAN 11 October for Renee Lynn Valdez, 6 lb. 11½ oz. daughter of HM3 Cresencio Valdez of EENT and wife, Peggy. . . . 16 October for Kimberlee Lynn McAlary, 7 lb. 1 oz. daughter of LT Brian C. McAlary, Medical Services, and wife Susan. . . . 23 October for Tammy Christine Wilson 7 lb. daughter of YN2 Charles Wilson of Patient Affairs and wife Juanita. . . . 24 October for Amy Fulwyler 6 lb. 9½ oz. daughter of LCDR Robert L. Fulwyler of Ophthalmology and wife Patricia. . . . 28 October for Maura Sisipeni Iosefa, 7 lb. 8 oz. daughter of HMI Joe Iosefa of Lab and wife Aletia.



A Food Service employee demonstrates one method of smothering a fire as Inspector Merrill and the Food Service Crew watch. The program was a part of the recent Fire Prevention Week activities.

Dial 593 . . .

THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY for staff children will be held 18 December. Chits with children's names and ages must be submitted by 10 November to reserve tickets. Children must have tickets to receive a gift at the party. Staff members who have already submitted chits may pick up their tickets at the Special Services Office.

BIG GAME TICKETS will be available through 18 November in the Special Services Department. The tickets, regularly \$6, may be purchased through Special Services for only \$3. The BIG GAME will be played 18 November.

REMINDER. Matinee movies will be shown at 1400 on Saturdays and Sundays. The movies will be suitable for family viewing. This weekend the matinees are:

- 4 Nov. GLASS-BOTTOMED BOAT, starring Doris Day
- 5 Nov. THE INCREDIBLE MR. LIMPET, starring Don Knotts

The cost is 25 cents.

Meet the Manager of Oak Knoll Bowl

BT2 Wesley P. Van De Ven, manager of the Oak Knoll Bowl and Recreation Center started bowling just seven months ago but already has a bowling average of 174. In this short time he has won three trophies, a 266 game pin, and a patch for bowling 100 pins over his average.

Van De Ven, in the Navy for nearly 20 years, will retire in February. He has been assigned to Special Services here for the past year. He has completed the AMF trouble-shooting course and is responsible for keeping the AMF equipment shipshape. He also is a bowling instructor. Van De Ven has a keen interest in patients and encourages them to make use of the center. He would like to see an amputee bowling league organized.

The Oak Knoll Bowl has six modern AMF lanes. Bowling costs 30 cents a line during the week and 25 cents on weekends. Shoes are free. The center also has four eight-ball pool tables and a snooker table, all being refurbished this month. Pool is 10 cents an hour. A five lane slot car track may be used for 20 cents a half hour with your own car or 45 cents with a rented slot car. Slot car kits and bowling equipment may be purchased through the center at discount prices. The Oak Knoll Bowl and Recreation Center is open to

Good Time Had by All . . .



LCPL Dick Lee got as much attention as the venison steaks! Here he is happily surrounded by Admiral Irons and some of Hayward's Loveliests—or are they San Leandro Sunshine Sweethearts? At right SGT Raymond Newman rolls up for a deerburger barbecued by two expert chefs—Johnnie White, left, of Hall of Horns and John K. Smith, Mayor of Hayward.



Shop Early
at Navy Exchange

Victorious Hunters, Guests Devour Venison at Bar-B-Q

Sixteen amputees who bagged 15 deer on a recent trip to Humboldt County, shared their wealth at a venison Bar-B-Que in the picnic area 21 October.

More than 200 visiting dignitaries and guests of the patients attended the big event for which Don Groom, Ken Umland, Mike Cline, and Bob Gilchrist of NPRL were chairmen extraordinary.

These young men knew they needed help. They went to the right man—Johnny White, owner of the Hall of Horns in Hayward. Not only did he know how to prepare the venison, he also suddenly became coordinator for the whole event, with the cooperation of the Hayward Chamber of Commerce and expert assistance from his Hall of Horns chef, Mario Bernadone.

Among the cooks were Robert E. Hannon, Chairman of the Alameda County Board of Supervisors, and Jack Smith, Mayor of Hayward. Ami Pellaton, Hayward insurance man, as entertainment coordinator, brought Frank King's Silver Cords to provide "Music to Eat Venison By." Stan and the Casuals from Casuals on the Square, entertainers from the Purple Onion, The Fantastics and others whose lively music and humor kept things moving at a fast pace.

Admiral Irons on his first full day as CO was on hand to greet the dignitaries, including COL Dave Rowe, the Governor's Military Advisor, James E. Johnson,

Director of Veteran Affairs, and the two men who made the event possible—Irv Renner, Veteran Administration Officer, Humboldt County, and Gene Cox, Sheriff of Humboldt County, who organized the recent hunt and another like it last year.

Hostesses, headed by Norma White, and a bevy of attractive young San Leandro Sunshine Girls and Hayward's Loveliests, served food and judged the jack o'lantern contest.

A good time was had by all—especially by the mighty hunters themselves. There were Norbert Olbrantz, Raymond Newman, Joseph Peczei, James Shaw, Thomas Knox, George Carter, Roy Carr, Ciro Parks, Ira Lackey, Mike Lemut, Michael Sawtelle, Robert P. Boudreau, Ernest Colman, William J. Semons, Jr., and Paul Madero—all Marines, and Navy Airman Charles R. Price.

Nursery Now Open Weekend Evenings

The Day Nursery on 77A is expanding its services to accommodate couples wishing to attend social events at the Officers', CPO, and EM Clubs on Friday and Saturday evenings.

The nursery will be open Friday from 0730 to 0100 and Saturday from 1800 to 0100. Supper will be served.

For further information, dial KID, or if you prefer, 543.



patients, staff, and dependents from 1100 to 2100 on weekdays and 1300 to 2100 on weekends. Nearly 800 people use the center each week.

Van De Ven's hobbies also include swimming and fishing. His wife Barbara Jean and their three sons enjoy bowling, as he does. After retiring, Van De Ven will work for Bay Fair Bowl in San Leandro.



NEUROPSYCHIATRIC TECHNICIAN CLASS #50 completed its 16-week course 29 September with HN Richard R. Pence, front row at left, earning top honors. Other grads in the front row are HN Kenneth B. Clark, HN John K. Lewis, HN David C. Barnes, HM3 Donald R. Stockton, HN Larry G. Keys, HM3 Kenneth Gideon, HN Willis H. Taylor, HN Fredrick A. Jensen, and HN Albert W. Cole, Jr. In the Second Row are HN Nicholas R. Miles, HN Stephen P. Lytle, HN Eugene N. Duginske, HN Earl C. Isom, HN Lawrence A. Atkins, HN Gregory L. Sinclair, HM3 Gene H. Stromley, HN Harry R. Silvernale, Jr., HN Jerrold J. Deshon, and HM3 Jeffrey L. Morris. —49A Photo

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Friday, 17 November 1967



THE OAKLAND ATHLETICS are rapidly getting acquainted with their new environment, and one of their first stops was Oak Knoll, where they chatted with CPT George Carter, USMC, of Amarillo, Tex., and other patients on the amputee wards. Monty Moore, center, is the former Kansas City-based ball club's public relations representative. At right is Mike Hershberger. Other players who visited Viet casualties last week were John Donaldson, Ernie Fazio, Jim Gosger, and Rick Monday. They'll pit their strength against the Baltimore Orioles 17 April in the first American League baseball game ever played in the Oakland Coliseum. The A's owner, Charles O. Finley, has referred to the nearby Coliseum-Arena Complex as "the finest facilities anywhere in America in which to enjoy sports."

NPRL to Be Seen On KPIX Saturday

NPRL will be featured on the KPIX (Channel 5) six o'clock news tomorrow (Saturday evening). Don't forget to tune in.

A camera from KNXT, Los Angeles, was aboard Wednesday with KPIX, and a similar sequence will be telecast in the southern part of the state.

Daily Patient Census Passes the 1000-mark

As of Monday the patient census was 1,008. This is the first time the hospital has had more than a thousand in-patients since the end of the Korean War, during which the census climbed to 2,500.

Distinguished Faculty Draws 225 Doctors, Educators To Family Life Sex Education Symposium Here

Some 225 doctors, educators, and persons in paramedical professions attended the Family Life Sex Education Symposium held here Tuesday and Wednesday of this week.

The sessions were sponsored by Oak Knoll's OB-Gyn Service, headed by CAPT J. P. Semmens; the Alameda-Contra Costa County Chapter of the American Academy of General Practice, Alameda County Gynecological Society, and the Northern California Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics.

Lectures and panel discussions on a wide variety of subjects from "Drugs, Stimulants, and Hippies," by Dr. William M. Lamers, former Oak Knoll psychiatrist now practicing in Marin County; to "The Physician as a Marriage Counselor" by Dr. Robert N. Rutherford, Assistant Clinical Professor of OB-GYN at the University of Washington School of Medicine.

Other members of the distinguished faculty assembled for the symposium were Dr. Bernard Bradman, Assistant Director of

President Johnson Proclaims Annual Day of Thanksgiving

President Johnson, proclaiming 23 November Thanksgiving Day, offered a prayer that God will bless the nation with wisdom and perseverance.

He expressed hope that these qualities "will lead us to both peace and justice in the family of nations and in our beloved homeland."

Mr. Johnson said that while Americans are grateful at this season for many material and spiritual blessings, "we are conscious, in this year, of special sorrows and disappointments."

He mentioned what he termed the "painful conflict in Asia, which was not of our choosing."

The chief executive said that Americans pray that the sacrifice of their fighting men in Vietnam "will be redeemed in an honorable peace and the restoration of a land long torn by war."

"El Toro" & Cothran To Enter Talent Test

HMCM James W. Bull and HM1 Lloyd G. Cothran of Staff Personnel will represent Oak Knoll in the 12th Naval District Talent Contest to be held at Rawlings Theatre, San Francisco Bay Naval Shipyard, Hunter's Point.

The well-known Oak Knoll team will present a guitar and singing duet when they compete with Navy, Coast Guard, and Marine personnel from the district installations. The preliminaries will be held at 1000, 20 November, and the finals will be held at 2000, 21 November.

Good Luck!

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Coach Ron Brown

Former Oak Knoll Athlete Returns As Sports Director

A bigger and better sports program is in store for Oak Knoll as Ron Brown takes over the duties of athletic director. Mr. Brown comes to the hospital from Naval Air Station, Alameda, where he has been serving as assistant athletic director.

If the husky, well-tanned Mr. Brown looks familiar, it is because he was here as a Navy corpsman from 1951 to 1953. He is a graduate of the Laboratory and Blood Bank Technician School and played third base on Oak Knoll's 12ND Championship baseball team in 1952.

After leaving the Navy in '55, the new athletic director worked as a laboratory technician for Shell Oil Company for 11 years.

"Then I decided to retire and make a profession of my hobby—athletics," said the former corpsman.

While at Alameda Mr. Brown not only coached the 1967 12ND championship softball team but was Chief Umpire for 12ND softball tournaments.

At graduation from Mountain View Union High School a few years back Coach Brown was selected as the school's "Outstanding Athlete Over a Four-Year Period." He later played basketball, football, and baseball for San Jose State College. He and his wife Dorothy and their six children live in Oakland, and in his spare time he officiates at high school and college games.

Coach Brown encourages all staff members to participate in the athletic program.

"My office door is always open to anyone interested in sports," he said. Currently his office is in Special Services, topside in the Community Services Building.

Community Mental Health Services for the City and County of San Francisco; Dr. Kermit E. Krantz, Professor and Chairman, Department of OB-GYN and Professor of Anatomy, University of Kansas Medical Center; Robert McDermott, student of the School of Home Economics, Oregon State University; Eleanor Sekerak, teacher-advisor at Hayward High School; Dr. Clark E. Vincent, Director, Behavioral Sciences Center and Professor of Sociology, Bow-

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WE ARE ALL PRISONERS OF WAR

In a very real sense we are all confronted with curtailments and limitations similar to those suffered by prisoners of war. Conditions of living are hardly arranged according to our specifications or for our comfort. Our family is "given" to us undeserved, without any request or expression of preference on our part. Our basic sizes and looks are largely beyond our control. Our talents or lack of them are mostly a part of our inheritance. Our education, good or bad, is largely determined for us, until it is too late to change its direction in a radical move.

While not exactly caught up in a deterministic machine, we are definitely thrust into a human situation that was not of our own making. What do we do? How do we handle the situation?

It might be wise to make a virtue of "necessity," and conduct ourselves as prisoners, which to a considerable extent we are. A prisoner learns how to utilize, conserve, and salvage whatever is of any worth. He disciplines himself to endure privations and not to be downcast by austerity. Finally, he learns to accept courageously that which he can in no way change.

It is fruitless and unavailing to bewail our lot and to wish that we might have been born in a different age, in different circumstances. The stern reality is that we are born in the present situation with the present talents and the very obvious obligations.

We must take what is given, utilize it, shape it to our needs, teach ourselves to be grateful for what we have, and not waste our time and talents in unavailing complaint. With this attitude, every Thanksgiving Day, every day of our lives, will be a happier day.

LT PAUL J. DURKIN
Catholic Chaplain

Distinguished Faculty For Symposium

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man Gray School of Medicine, Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, N. C., and Captain Semmens.

Moderating panel discussions were Dr. Dieter Bergman, President, Alameda Co. Gynecological Society, Dr. Edward P. Slagh, President, Alameda-Contra Costa County Chapter, American Academy of General Practice; CAPT D. J. Pascoe, Oak Knoll Chief of Pediatrics, and CDR John F. Wurzel, Assistant Chief of OB-GYN.

A buffet dinner and a talk on "Anxious Teenagers and Perplexed Parents" by Dr. Vincent climaxed the meetings.

Navy Chaplain Corps Has Another Birthday

On 28 November, Navy Chaplains throughout the world will observe the 192nd anniversary of the Navy Chaplain Corps.

The Corps was founded in 1775 under Article II of the regulations for the Continental Navy. William Balch was the first chaplain to be commissioned in the Navy. He held no rank, and it was not until 1899 that chaplains were appointed to rank as we know it today.

Since its founding, the Chaplain Corps has done much to create a

Is Anyone Lonely?

Congressman Fred B. Rooney of Pennsylvania writes that members of Bethlehem, Pa., Post 855, VFW, have undertaken a project to promote "Mail from Home" for members of the Armed Forces serving in Vietnam or hospitalized at home or abroad.

Military personnel who desire letters or packages should send their names and complete addresses, with a brief description of themselves and their interests to: "Mail from Home," Bethlehem Post 855, VFW, Bethlehem, Penna. 18017. VFW will do the rest.

better way of life for all seafaring men. Chaplains were instrumental in the founding of the Naval Academy, in the elimination of flogging in the Navy, and in the establishing of various welfare and recreation program.

Almost two centuries after its founding the Corps has a strength of approximately 1,100 Navy Chaplains. This strength, developed because of the Vietnam conflict, is the Corps greatest since World War II. Nearly 50 percent of the chaplains now on duty have served



A MERRY CHRISTMAS for children in a Vietnam orphanage is what LTJGs Barbara Furrow and Sharon Kosch, right, had on their minds when the OAKLAND TRIBUNE snapped this picture. The orphanage recently came to the attention of Mrs. Kosch's husband, former Oak Knoll doctor now serving with the 1st Marine Division. LT Kosch wrote recently: "Many doctors, myself included, have seen the need here to wage a war without guns. That is, the war against disease, hunger, ignorance, and human suffering and misery."

Needed are children's clothing of all sizes, non-perishable foods, soap, or toys. Gifts may be left at the Chapel and Mrs. Kosch will see that they are shipped to the orphanage. This weekend is the cut-off date for getting things to Vietnam for Christmas, but the items mentioned will be welcome any time of the year.

Top Seniors in Military Staff Families To Be Honored By O' Wives' Club

The Oak Knoll Officers' Wives' Club is eager to honor dependent sons and daughters of enlisted and officer staff members who have achieved a high degree of excellence in their high school work.

All high school seniors who have carried a B average or above throughout their high school years (9th through 12th grades) will be eligible to receive the Scholastic Achievement Award Certificate. This does not represent a scholarship but is a certificate which will be given in time to include in the list of extra-curricular achievements when applying for admission to a university.

The officers' wives feel that those boys and girls who have willingly accepted the challenge of a necessarily transient military life by earning good scholarship records deserve recognition of those efforts.

Application forms will be available at the AO's Office. These, along with a transcript of grades (or a reasonable facsimile signed by their school counselor) must be

mailed on or before 15 December 1967 to:

Mrs. H. A. Sparks,
Awards Chairman
Officers' Wives' Club
Quarters A,
Naval Hospital
Oakland, Calif. 94627



SINCE THE NOVEMBER PROGRAM was theatrical, with London-born Lilla Herman providing the entertainment, Officers' Wives' Club hostesses dressed dramatically for the occasion. With Mrs. E. P. Irons, center, are Mrs. A. H. Holmboe, decorations chairman, left, and Mrs. H. W. S. Huseby, right, who might have been mistaken for one of the tribal dancers referred to on Page 4. Mrs. Huseby, Mrs. H. E. Austin, and Mrs. G. L. Nail were co-chairmen for the luncheon meeting.

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Know Your Staff

LT Catharine Tate, NC, USNR, from Lincoln Park, New Jersey, reported to Oak Knoll after graduating 1 September from the Nurse Corps/Medical Corps Indoc-trination class N802.

A Leadership Award was pre-sented to Miss Tate, one of 58 in the class, at the graduation cere-mony for "displaying outstanding personal exam-ple and sense of moral re-sponsibility." The award was made by a rep-resentative of the Business and Profes-sional Wom-en's Club in the area.

Miss Tate is enthusiastic about her as-signment to Orthopedics. "I joined the Navy Nurse Corps for the change and the challenge it of-fered. I think I'll find both in orthopedic nursing."

Miss Tate will make her home in Oakland. She enjoys knitting, ski-ing, and photography.



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Since HN David Canning re-ported two weeks ago, many a Knollite has done a double-take. David's father, HMC George Can-ning, left four months ago and



the resem-blance be-tween the two is striking.

Chief Can-ning, who worked in the Out-Patient Records be-fore leaving for Camp Courtney in Okinawa, influ-enced his old-est son to join the Navy Hospital Corps. Born at San Diego Naval Hospital, 21-year-old David is the only one of the Canning's five children not born at Oak Knoll.

David, after two years at Contra Costa JC, selected Navy as his best opportunity to broaden his knowl-edge while fulfilling his military obligation.

Staff Personnel first noticed the similarity between father and son, and noted that the only obvious dif-ference is that 6' 4" David is 2 inches taller than his dad. If you want to see for yourself, drop by 69A. If you don't find him there, try local swimming pools or near-by hunting and fishing areas, where David spends his leisure hours.

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"Did I ever tell you," inquired the garrulous war hero, "of the time I was aboard a destroyer that was torpedoed in mid-ocean? I had to live for sixteen days on a can of sardines."

"Goodness," gasped a sweet young thing, "weren't you scared of falling off?"

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Scuttlebutt

WE'RE THANKFUL: For the full moon coming up over the hill . . . for Mini-girl Mary Dennison, cashier at the sick officers' dining room . . . for holidays & paydays . . . for little girls like Dr. Matan's daughters who not only joined Carol Doda's act at the 11 November picnic but also announced their plans to be go-go girls when they grow up . . . for sons like Anna Mae Taylor's Forrest, who has become an Eagle Scout — an honor attained by only one per-cent of all boys in scouting in the United States . . . for Mr. Mulvey's excellent progress following surgery last weekend . . . for the Veteran Hospitals' Christmas Committee, whose members will decorate the hospital, bring entertainment and Santa Claus to all the wards on Christmas Day . . . for the beautiful full color photo of the new hospital on the cover of Oakland Navy Guide, recently published by the United Forces Publishing Co. . . . for the Day Nursery, boon to busy mothers . . . for Gray Ladies and Officers' Wives who'll man the Christmas gift-wrap-ping booth sponsored by Special Ser-vices . . . for HM3 Chaney, whose parents named him Lon because "they thought I looked like a little mon-ster" . . . for movies and television . . . for Colonel Surratt, Enlisted Rec Committee chairman, who did not complain when the OL last edition gave that honor to Dave James . . . for children — especially Katharine Louise Vieweg, who was welcomed aboard 7 November by LT Walter Vieweg, Medical Service, and his wife Nina . . . and Mary Margaret Faris, who arrived the same date to gladden the hearts of LCDR Tanous Faris of Surgical Service and wife DaMarous . . . for the first fall rain . . . for CDR Gale Green and his staff — already organizing for the Thanksgiving feast that will include roast turkey, grilled New York steak, baked Virginia ham, jumbo butterfly shrimp, candied yams, cranberry sauce, pumpkin pie, and a dozen other mouth-watering dishes . . . for Tums and Gelusil . . .

LCDRs McLaughlin, Cattel Are Certified

LCDR R. T. McLaughlin, al-ready certified by the American Board of Surgery, has received word that he has been certified by the American Board of Thoracic Surgery.

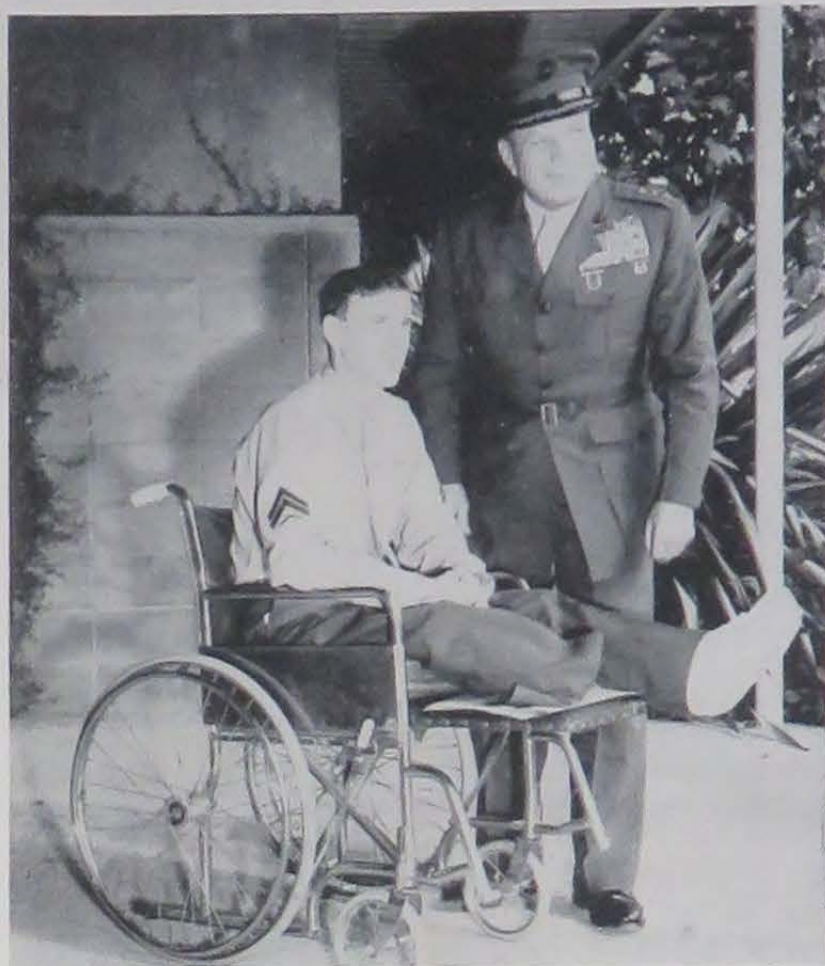
LCDR W. I. Cattel has been notified of his certification by the American Board of Dermatology.



PLAQUES and handshakes were the order of the day on 31 October as four staff officers retired with the best wishes of Admiral Irons, who had been their CO for 11 days. From left, the departing staff members are CDR Alfred E. Wiggs, II, MC, USNR, who was retired for physical disability; CDR Ernest L. Eustis, CEC; LCDR Katherine Lopartz, NC; and LCDR W. H. Wells, MSC.

CDR Eustis is now with the Bechtel Corporation, Engineers and Constructors, in San Francisco. LCDR Wells is now pursuing his hobby professionally. He is a full-time stamp collector, exhibitor, and philatelic broker. As for Miss Lopartz, she plans to remain in this area for the time being to do "as little as possible."

TWO VIETNAM VETERANS MEET



TWO VIETNAM VETERANS who exchanged greetings at the recent Navy Day luncheon at Goodman Hall, Jack London Square, were Major General Lew Walt, USMC, and CPL Christopher M. LeBaugh, USMC. General Walt, speaker at the luncheon, is the tough Marine hero of World War II who became top Marine commander in Vietnam. Corporal LeBaugh, 21, who became an amputee as a result of Vietnam war wounds, is a patient on 76B.

Marines Celebrate 192nd Birthday; CPL Bell Receives the Silver Star

By LT WARREN HAMMOND

Friday, 10 November the Ma-rines at the Oakland Naval Hos-pital joined fellow Marines around the world in observing the 192nd anniversary of the founding of their Corps. The cake-cutting cere-mony, traditional since 1921 when General John A. Lejeune, Thir-teenth Commandant of the Marine Corps, instituted the annual cele-bration, took place in the audito-rium at 1400.

Colonel L. D. Grow, Command-ing Officer of the Marine Barracks, Treasurer Island, arranged the celebration with the assistance of Captain Mark W. Howe, Marine Liaison Officer at Oak Knoll. The Drum and Bugle Team and an honor guard of sword-bearing non-commissioned officers from the Marine Barracks provided a mar-tial air for the occasion.

Brigadier General Henry W. Hise, Assistant Commander of the Third Marine Air Wing repre-sented the Commandant of the Ma-rine Corps at the party. He pre-sented the Silver Star Medal to Corporal Marcus W. Bell, USMC for conspicuous gallantry while a squad leader in Vietnam. Bell, son of Mrs. Virginia Yarborough of 255 Clorinda Drive, San Rafael, continued to command his squad and to fight until an enemy ma-chine gun emplacement was de-stroyed, even though he was severely wounded in both legs by enemy fire. Bell then refused medical attention until after one of his wounded men had been cared for.

Following the cake-cutting, able-bodied Marines distributed birth-day cake to bed-ridden fellow Ma-rines throughout the hospital.

Dial 593 . . .

Walt Disney presents "The Happiest Millionaire" starring Fred MacMurray, Tommy Steel, Greer Garson, and Geraldine Page at the United Artists Theatre, 1077 Market Street, San Francisco. A theatre party of 25 persons is needed to receive group discount rates. Two dates are planned: 22 November and 27 December. If you would like to join either party, contact Special Services, leaving name, date desired, and number of tickets wanted.

Tickets for the 3 December performance of the Moscow Circus will be available 20 November for military and dependents. The show will be at 1800 in the Oakland Coliseum. The tickets are \$1 for adults and 50 cents for children.

Tickets for the Staff Childrens' Christmas Party must be picked up prior to the party. Only children with tickets will be given gifts.

A Wrapping Service for Patients will be held again this year sponsored by Special Services and staffed by the Officers Wives Club and the Red Cross Gray Ladies. The service which is free to all patients is available on the 2nd deck of Building 38, from 1000 to 1600, Monday through Saturday, starting 4 December.

Attention All Frontier Village Members: FAMILY FUN DAYS will be held November 23, 24, 25 and 26 (Thursday through Sunday). Admission and tickets for 15 rides and attractions are only \$1.85 each. Free Thanksgiving Turkeys will be given away each day. The place is Frontier Village Amusement Park, San Jose, Calif.

Is There a DeMolay In the House?

Mrs. Martha Robinson of the Walnut Creek DeMolay Mother's Club wants to hear from present and/or former DeMolays or Chevaliers. Please call her at 939-9202.



VIETNAM WAS NEVER LIKE THIS thought PFC Jimmy Williams and PFC Arthur Coleman of 76A as they visited with Brandy Carroll and Diana "Topless Twiggy" Dennis from San Francisco's Condor Club. George 'n Teddy sang comedy songs, right, while Brandy, Diana, Carol Doda, and Sandy Chase entertained the crowd with go-go dances. Below, the Intertribal Dancers fascinate young guests with their performance of authentic American Indian dances.

—Photos by LT Warren Hammond and HMC Pete Ables.

Badminton Meet Coming to NAS

NAS Alameda, is hosting the 1967 Twelfth Naval District Women's Badminton Tournament 28 and 29 November. Women officers and enlisted personnel who wish to compete, please call Athletic Director Ron Brown at Ext. 593 or 595 for further information.

Patients, Staff, Dependents Spend Veterans Day at Fun-Filled Picnic

By LT WARREN HAMMOND

Dave James and the Enlisted Recreation Council deserve a hearty well done for the Veterans Day Picnic last Saturday. From start to finish patients, staff, and dependents shared a day of fun, relaxation, and entertainment. For the guests of honor—Vietnam casualties, many of whom came on gurneys and in wheel chairs—the picnic was a welcome respite from the tedium of hospital life.

From 1030 until 1700 beer and coke flowed while hungry guests consumed hamburgers and hot dogs as fast as the half dozen chefs could turn them out. Children ran happily up and down the slide and played on the see-saws while Carol Doda and her Condor Club companions chatted with the patients. Even the weather man did his share by holding the rain off until evening.

At one o'clock the program began with the Intertribal Dancers, who performed a number of American Indian dances. For their finale they asked everyone—would you believe even a bed patient—to join in the friendship dance. Next Scotty Scott and his band put on a show, filled with music and wit. Finally the go-go girls from the Condor Club, their chorus line swelled by several young apprentices recruited from among the dependents, danced for

the guests. At the end of the program a few lucky patients joined the girls on the dance floor.

The Recreation Committee who organized the program and the entertainers who contributed their time can rest assured that their efforts were appreciated by everyone who attended.



Scotty Scott and his band held the audience's attention for half the afternoon.



When the San Leandro Elks Club Lodge entertained 80 Vietnam veterans at a barbecued steak dinner recently, LCDR James G. Chandler of the Surgical Service, second from left, was the guest speaker. HM2 Lon Chaney, an Elk from Delano, left, is the liaison between lodge and hospital. Also in the back row are Arthur "Pat" Heinmarsh, past exalted ruler and present chairman of the lodge's Veterans Service Committee, and S/SGT Ken A. Scrivner of Marine Liaison. In the front row, that's no Elk giving SGT Bob Davis a bear hug. The attractive young lady is actress Margaret Sheetz. At right is CPL Ken Hunter. Chaney planned to take 40 patients to the Alameda Elks Lodge Monday night.

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NAVAL HOSPITAL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA

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When CAPT David B. Rulon, Executive Officer, administered the oath of reenlistment to HM3 Jack Fisher, the 22-year-old corpsman's wife Vicki stood by, probably dreaming up ways to use the VRB to greatest advantage. Fisher, who attended Chadron State College, Chadron, Nebr., reported to Oak Knoll in mid-June from Vietnam. He is now assigned to Anesthesia.

HM3 Fisher First Knoll Reenlistee to Get Variable Reenlistment Bonus

When HM3 Jack Fisher reenlisted recently for another six years, he received a check for \$2039.26—first installment of his \$4,012 Variable Reenlistment Bonus. He will receive the rest in

equal yearly installments of \$445 on the anniversary of his reenlistment. All this plus leave on the books, travel home, and ration allowance.

Fisher, who has been in the Navy less than four years, is the first reenlistee at Oak Knoll to receive the Variable Reenlistment Bonus (VRB).

In the past the only NEC of the Hospital Corps was Operating Room Technician (HM 8483). Effective 4 November, the following additional NEC were included for hospital corpsmen:

HM 8405—Medical Field Service Technician, under which Fisher reenlisted; HM 8405—Advanced General Service; HM 8406—Aviation Medicine; HM 8409—Aviation Physiology; HM 8413—Tissue Culture; HM 8417—Clinical Laboratory; HM 8432—Preventive Medicine; HM 8484—EENT; HM 8488—Orthopedic Appliance; HM 8489—Orthopedic Cast Room; HM 8492—Special Operation; HM 8493—Medical Deep Sea Diving; and HM 8498 Medical Repair Technician.

The amount of VRB paid is calculated by multiplying the normal first reenlistment by the VRB multiple designated. In the case of HMs a multiple of 2 is used.



Geraldo the Clown is just a small sample of what's in store for staff children who attend the Children's Christmas party on 18 December. Also on the program will be dogs that dance and do back flips, animated cartoons, organ music, and of course Santa with his bag full of toys.

Christmas Will Be Merry

Committee to Bring Decorations, Santa, and Top Entertainment

The Veteran Hospitals' Christmas Committee and a veritable army of volunteers will come aboard next weekend to decorate the hospital from stem to stern.

This will be the 25th Christmas the 43-year-old organization has served Oak Knoll. Backed by The OAKLAND TRIBUNE, it raises more than \$20,000 each year to cover the cost of decorations, gifts, and entertainment to brighten the holidays for patients here and at the Livermore VA Hospital.

Once the rustic hospital buildings are spruced up for the favorite holiday of the year, the Committee turns its attention to the annual stage show, which will bring top professional entertainment to the auditorium the evening of 19 December.

Deadpan comic Ken Card, who has appeared on the Milton Berle and Ed Sullivan TV shows, will emcee the show. He plays three tunes at a time on the banjo, plays with one hand—even with his teeth—a feat that made Believe-it-or-Not Ripley take notice.

The five dazzling Duane Dancers in red sequin mini-costumes will dance together and solo.

Bob Morrison's orchestra, currently playing in "Showboat" at the Curran Theater, will be on the program, and glamorous Trudy

Mason will present songs from current Broadway shows.

The show will start at 1900. All patients and staff, military and civilian, and their families are invited.

On Christmas morning the Committee will bring Santa Claus to the wards with carefully chosen gifts for every patient. Professional entertainers will stroll through the wards with acts both musical and magic.

Volunteers Needed To Help Decorate

Volunteers are needed the weekend of 16 and 17 December to help decorate the wards. Military and civilian staff members who would like to help, please report to the Wave Barracks, Building 23, at 0900 either of those days.

Coming Thursday—"Operation Art"

Jeannie Wilson, whose "Operation Art for the Armed Forces" is an annual holiday event at Oak Knoll, is coming 14 and 15 December with twelve top artists who will give their time and talent to sketch portraits of patients, paint landscapes, and entertain with cartoons and caricatures.



Admiral Irons had a pleasant preview of Christmas when he hosted members of the Veteran Hospitals' Christmas Committee at dinner at the Officers' Club 27 November. With him, from left, are Allen Strutz, committee president, and Mrs. Joseph R. Knowland. At right, behind the silky whiskers, is Arthur Ames, a past president of the committee who has played Santa Claus for his organization for many years. William F. Knowland, editor and publisher of The Oakland Tribune, spoke at the dinner meeting. Like his father, the late Joseph R. Knowland, he supports the committee's work through the columns of his newspaper.

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TO SANTA OR NOT TO SANTA?

The time has come once again when fathers and mothers, uncles and aunts, grandfathers and grandmothers must answer the queries of their pre-school-age tikes concerning the existence of that jolly ol' red-cheeked, red-nosed, red-suited fly-by-nighter from the north pole. Those of us who have any contact with children during the next three weeks must decide whether we are going to: (1) lie to them about Santa and blow up the balloon a little more, thus increasing the impact of the explosion when the inevitable pin strikes; (2) be evasive—a virtually impossible solution in an era when children are steeped in the unfailing questioning techniques of an Agent 007; (3) tell them the truth—an unpleasant task in the face of the opposition of relatives, television programs and toy merchants.

The tension is further heightened by the absence of a clear-cut label for the "Let's put the Christ back in Christmas and take the Santa out" boys. If we could put the "conservative" or "liberal" tab on them, then we would be able to react accordingly and the problem would be solved. However, to determine toward which end of the spectrum their radical minds vacillate is difficult. Are they trying to dispose of the Red influence in Christmas, or is this a diabolical plot to undermine a fine old American tradition?

At our house the problem goes along unsolved. Mama is convinced that the children live in a world where the question of the reality of Donald Duck, Mickey Mouse and Santa Claus is not a real issue since the wee ones are not bothered by the cleavage between fact and fantasy. Papa, on the other hand, being a prude and a preacher, prefers to demitheologize St. Nick by subtly suggesting that the "Gift-Giver" dwells in a far more magnificent setting than an Arctic toy factory.

How does one communicate the tremendous historical significance of God's gift to mankind which we supposedly celebrate on Christmas Day? Would ridding ourselves of Santa clear the way for the coming of the Christ on December 25th? Is it blasphemous to equate the One who gave all on the Cross with the bearded old gent at the department store?

But then on the other hand, isn't it equally as offensive to the Christian when his Messiah is seduced by modern advertising geared to separate the consumer from his earnings? If someone is to be seated on the throne of profit-minded toy departments, then Santa is a far better choice than Joseph, Mary and especially pretenders to the person of Jesus Christ.

"What's that, son?" "You want to go and see Santa?" "Don't you know that Santa is just a myth and that it's really . . . Oh! hello mama . . . You're going to take the kids downtown . . . TO SEE WHOM?"

But then, perhaps the issue is not between the children and Santa, but rather whether or not we have any other reason for celebrating CHRISTmas this year.

CHAPLAIN H. R. TURNBOW

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Texans are famous for their prosperity, and some go to ridiculous lengths to point it out. Like the man who couldn't find a parking space, so he bought downtown Dallas.

There was a fellow who would only go to a woman dentist. He claimed that it made him happy to hear a woman tell him to open his mouth instead of shut it.



Oakland Postmaster John F. Bushell, left, Ken W. Dyal, Regional Director, San Francisco Region of the Post Office Department; and J. E. Propster, Oakland Superintendent of Training, came to the hospital recently with a view to interesting amputees in post office jobs when they return to civilian life. Among the patients they met were, from left, SGT Norbert J. Olbrantz, USMC, of Menasha, Wis.; SWE2 Raymond E. Carr, USN, of Sparks, Nev.; and PFC Ciro Parks, USMC, Eugene, Ore.

"Project Transition" Planned to Ease Serviceman's Return to Civilian Life

By LT Warren Hammond

Each year thousands of men leave the armed forces and enter the civilian economy. Of these a great many are ill prepared since they have no civilian job experience or training and their military job skills (carrying a rifle or rigging a highline station for example) have little application in civilian life. Now somebody is doing something about all that.

Every man who reports to Treasure Island for separation these days receives intensive job counseling by representatives of the Civil Service Commission, the Post Office, the Veterans' Administration, and the California Employment Agency. Amputees at the Navy Prosthetic Research Laboratory at Oak Knoll are now receiving counseling, training, and examinations by the Post Office Department; successful applicants are guaranteed a job with the Post Office anywhere in the country.

These are just the first two steps in one of the Department of Defense's newest programs—Project Transition. When the program is in full swing it is intended to prepare every man who leaves the service to step into a civilian job.

Here's how the program will work. The Department of Labor will survey civilian job opportunities while the Civil Service Commission, the Post Office, and other

government agencies survey opportunities for jobs with the government. Together they will compile a list of job opportunities and advise the Department of Defense what job areas offer good employment prospects to the man leaving the service.

The armed forces will institute training courses in various civilian job skills, using existing training facilities where possible. Where the armed forces facilities are inadequate, the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare will establish supplementary on-base training courses.

With counseling, training, and job opportunity assistance the serviceman about to 'get out' will be better prepared than ever before to take his place in the civilian community.

This Time O' Wives To Bring Husbands

Members of the Officers' Wives' Club will entertain their husbands at a gala Christmas cocktail party Saturday, 16 December, at the club.

Club members are reminded that their reservations must reach Mrs. V. M. Holm by Monday. However, last minute reservations may be made by calling Mrs. J. P. Semmens (632-8577) or Mrs. J. S. Garrison (828-0839).



LATEST GRADS from Oak Knoll's OR Tech School are, from left, front row: HM3 Craig J. Williams, HNs Danny R. Shelton, John R. Prosser, Michael J. Roseski, David P. Tupper, HM3 Puerto Zanders, Danny L. Kirby, and Gary L. Carlsen. In the back row are HNs Robert L. Thompson and Anthony J. Campagna, HM3 Steven P. Fitzgerald, HN Albert E. Conyers, HM3 Arthur A. Bianchi, and HN Harold G. Biggio. Kirby, the honor man, will remain at Oak Knoll. Williams and Campagna go to St. Albans; Prosser, Roseski, Tupper, and Carlsen to Charleston. Shelton was ordered to Quonset Point, R. I.; Zanders and Conyers to Philadelphia, Thompson to Beaufort, Bianchi to Chelsea, Biggio to Corpus Christi, and Fitzgerald to NAS, Albany, Ga.



The lithe and lovely Duane Dancers will entertain at the annual Veteran Hospitals' Christmas Committee show scheduled for Tuesday, 19 December. Their act is but a small part of the big stage show to which patients and staff, military and civilian, are invited. Curtain time is 1900.

Know Your Staff

LCDR John Kaelberer, CHC, is a recent addition to the staff. After serving eight years in the Naval Reserve, he volunteered for active duty because he felt that

"there was a crying need for chaplains in Vietnam." After spending approximately two and a half years on destroyers in the Vietnam area, Lcdr Kaelberer was recently assigned here.



Chaplain Kaelberer was born and raised in Philadelphia. He earned his bachelor's degree in philosophy at Muhlenberg College in Allentown, Pa., and continued his study at the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Philadelphia.

Those who wish to get acquainted with Chaplain Kaelberer should find ample opportunities to do so. In addition to conducting worship services, the Chaplain's duties range from ward visits to personal and marital counseling.

Chaplain Kaelberer divides his leisure hours between golfing, bowling, and furniture-antiquing projects which he shares with his wife, Barbara. The Kaelberers and their three children make their home in San Lorenzo.

Five Civilians Earn Recognition and Cash

Five civilians received cash awards at a recent Supervisors meeting. Stella Bush, secretary, Lillie Comella, purchasing agent, and Minnie Williams, nursing assistant, each received \$100 checks in recognition of their "contribution to the efficiency of the hospital through sustained superior performance." Wilson Carter, truck driver, was the recipient of a \$75 check for his suggestion for a training program for fork-lift operators. Willie Adams, truck driver, who previously received \$25 for his suggestion entitled "Stabilizing Rack for I.V. Bottles" has received an additional \$25 for the publication of his idea in Hospital Administration Notes.

EM Wives to Meet At NAS Alameda

The Navy Wives Club of America, Alameda #108, will hold a Christmas Social 19 December at 1930 in Bldg. 135 of Alameda Naval Air Station. All the wives will bring gifts to exchange and some will bring homemade desserts for "tasting only," but the recipes will be on sale. Other wives will bring homemade Christmas decorations for sale. All wives of enlisted men in the Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard, active, reserve, or retired are invited to attend.

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Study in mixed emotions: man who saw his mother-in-law go over the cliff in his new Cadillac convertible.

Speediest Man Aboard

Olympic Runner Roshan of Iran Here for Study of OR Techniques

PO2 Ebrahim Roshan speaks English slowly, but he runs fast in any language. In fact, the 23-year-old Iranian corpsman can probably outrun any sailor in the U. S. Navy.

Roshan, who arrived 1 November for six months' training as an operating room technician, represented his country in the 1964 Olympics in Japan, where he ran the mile in 3 minutes, 58 seconds. Jim Ruyan, the Kansas athlete who holds the world record, runs it in 3:52. Roshan's top speed in the 800-meter run is 1:52, Ruyan's is 1:44.

"I've met Ruyan—he is a wonderful athlete," said the brown-eyed, crew-cut Iranian.

To keep in shape during his stay here, Roshan runs two hours a day on the football field or in nearby Knowland Park.

Before entering the Navy a year ago, the young corpsman spent two years in medical school at Teheran ("There were 240 students—20 girls"). He volunteered for Naval Service and will stay in for 30 years according to the custom in his country.

"I would not wish to leave the service before my time is up. No one wishes to," he said.

"There are many other differences between our Navy and yours. This is the first year we have had Navy Nurses, and we do not have WAVES, but our Army and Air Force have had them for some time."

On the subject of food, the visiting OR student commented: "I



The characters on PO2 Ebrahim Roshan's hat spell South (Iranian) Navy Section. The three loops of rope that anchor his tie stand for God, king, and country.

have no difficulty with American food, but sometimes I do not understand the menu. Then I just say, 'Give me the hamburger!'"

Following his graduation here Roshan will return to duty at the 100-bed Khoramshar Naval Hospital, one of 10 in the Iranian Navy.

In the meantime, Roshan, whose father is a clerk in a government silk office in the land famous for its fine rugs, will continue to study and run, his two goals being to learn all he can about operating room techniques and to participate in the Olympics in 1968.

Nurses' Tea Celebrates New Legislation



DACOWITS Representative Honored—When Mrs. Agnes O'Brien Smith was honored at a tea given by Oak Knoll Navy Nurses last week, she proudly displayed a pen she received to commemorate President Johnson's signing of the bill that opened the door to the eventual promotion of women officers to admiral and general rank.

Mrs. Smith, Deputy City Attorney for the City and County of San Francisco, as a representative of the Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Service, was instrumental in bringing about the new legislation. She was among those invited to the White House to see it signed into law on 9 November.

Pictured with Mrs. Smith, from left to right, are LTJGs Cheryl Miller, Virginia Wilson, Barbara A. Goss, ENS Susan Bradley, and LT Catherine Tate.

SCENE BY THE SIDELINES

Pathology Nabs Volleyball Crown; Misfits Second

By Ron Brown

Led by LT Larry Nelson, the Pathology Department enjoyed an undefeated season in league play



The undefeated league champions from Pathology met their Waterloo in a post-league three-game series with the revenge seeking league All-Stars who stole all three games. HM2 Larry Howard and LT Larry Nelson of Pathology attempt to block a spike hit by HN David Legg of the League All-Stars. LTJG Randy Hammer, All-Stars, and ENS Joe Beene, Pathology, (barely visible behind Legg) watch the action.

with a 10 and 0 record as they wrapped up the 1967 Oak Knoll Intramural Volleyball league championship. "Doc" Nelson was a tiger on the nets with his powerful spikes assisted by Ensign Joe Beene.

Both Nelson and Beene needed good setters and LT Phil Vogt and HM2 Larry Howard were their favorite ball handlers. Also contributing immensely to the success of the Pathology Department team were LCDR Joe Gregonis, LT Dan Kelly, HMC Cliff Sallee and HN Kurt Reith.

With the league runner-up spot still in doubt until the last two days, it looked as though it might turn into a three-team race for this coveted title. But under the direction and able leadership of LTJG Randy Hammer of Physical Therapy, the Misfits emerged as the second best team in the league, boasting a 7 and 3 record.

All the Misfits agreed that it was a team effort that enabled them to beat their nearest rivals from the Lab School and PMT, who finished out their season with identical records of 5 wins and 5 losses. Rounding out the league was Dental with a 3 and 7 record and the Projectors, who were winless with a 0 and 10 record.

FINAL VOLLEYBALL STANDINGS

Team	W	L	Pct.
1 Pathology	10	0	1.000
2 Misfits	7	3	.700
3 Lab School	5	5	.500
4 PMT	5	5	.500
5 Dental	3	7	.300
6 Projectors	0	10	.000

Intramural Basketball Season to Start 9 January; All Divisions Urged to Enter

ATTENTION ALL ATHLETES! The 1968 Oak Knoll Naval Hospital Intramural Basketball season is slated to begin on 9 January 1968. Divisions are urged to enter a team and compete for the first and second place trophies which are to be awarded. Small divisions may combine forces in the league. Each team must furnish its own scorekeeper for the games tentatively scheduled for 1130, (but if 1630 is a more favorable time for the teams, a change may be made). The games will consist of two 15-minute halves, and NCAA Rules will prevail when station rules do not govern. Team entries must be submitted to the Director of Athletics in Bldg. 38 (Special Services) before 1200, 2 January 1968.

Brunswick Star Joe Joseph Coming to Local Lanes Wednesday to Show Knollites How to Play the Game

When Brunswick Advisory Star Joe Joseph appears in a special exhibition at the Oak Knoll Bowl 13 December, local bowlers will have the opportunity to see one of the game's most polished performers in action.

Joseph, a member of the Bowling Magazine 1961 All American Team and two Bowlers Journal honor squads, is a prime example of how a smooth bowling delivery will produce championship scores.

He will demonstrate his almost effortless style during an exhibition match and free instruction period.

According to advance publicity, the genial champion reached a 190-average within a year after he started bowling in 1941. He turned to the tenpin sport after achieving considerable success as a softball pitcher and semi-pro football half-back.

The switch has been a profitable one. In 1962 he captured both the St. Louis PBA Open and the Indianapolis Champion of Champions tournament. Prize money for the two events was \$20,000.

In 1963, Joseph teamed with fellow-Brunswick star Billy Golembiewski to win the ABC Classics



GOLF TEAM RECEIVES SWEATERS. Members of the golf team that won the Twelfth Naval District B League championship in August, received their sweaters from RADM Irons on Friday 17 November. Shown here are HM1 A. J. Murray, Jr., HMCM J. W. Bull, LT L. E. Nelson, Admiral Irons, LCDR J. G. Gregonis, and LCDR S. E. Howerly.

FISH STORY

36 Fishermen Go on Latest Trip

By HM1 C. O. Surratt

The date was 7 November, the place Crockett. And three fishing boats lay moored side by side to take on 36 passengers from Oak Knoll. The skippers of Dowrello #5, Lancer, and SeeBee, took their crafts out into the strait and within a few minutes we were anchored over the "barrel."

Ensign Kneebone made a brilliant cast, at least 10 feet over the gunwales) and within 30 seconds had hooked onto a 54-inch sturgeon. After about 15 minutes of playing with it, he became bored and decided to land it. After this, talk was guarded and hurried, as everyone concentrated on at least matching Mr. Kneebone's catch.

Judy Surratt hooked the next keeper—a 41-incher—and nearly fell overboard setting the hook on it. With two sturgeon in the boat, silence hung around us like a shroud, punctuated only by a few muttered threats about Mr. Kneebone going to Da Nang and my wife having to swim to shore a mile away. These threats were made by some commander who had not hooked anything but some excellent looking bullheads six inches long.

At 1400 Commander Boudreaux hooked a whopping 37-inch, 22-pound striped bass on grass shrimp. Then HM3 Wooley's wife Rhio hooked a 31-inch, 14-pound striper on bullhead bait. And again pandemonium reigned as she tried to bring it in. There's something about a woman trying to land a



The Winnah! David Thompson, guest of HM2 Burrus of Special Services, caught the prize-winner, a 56-inch, 53-pounder.

large fish! Mrs. Boudreaux hooked a large skate but decided to turn it loose rather than bring it aboard. Several nice sole ranging in size from 1 to 4 pounds were caught.

Heading for the pier at 1600 we all started making plans for another try at this fabulous sport offered by our own friendly Special Services Division.

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Friday, 22 December 1967

Christmas Services In the Chapel

PROTESTANT

On Christmas Eve at 1900 a Christmas Candlelight Service will be held in the Chapel. On Christmas Day at 1030, a Service of The Lord's Supper will be observed. Come join in worshipping the newborn Christ!

CATHOLIC

Confessions will be heard at 2330 on 24 December 1967. Catholic Christmas Midnight Mass will be said at 2400. Christmas Masses are at 0830 and 1215 preceded by Confession on Christmas Day in the Main Chapel.

Sales Up at Expanded Navy Exchange

Admiral Irons and CDR C. H. Samuelson, Navy Exchange officer, teamed up to cut a ribbon 28 November, officially reopening the improved Navy Exchange store.

As a result of remodeling the store has 3,000 square feet of floor space, double the space it occupied before. New lighting, new counters and new show cases were included in the project so that more merchandise can be carried and displayed more attractively.

Remodeling was accomplished at a cost of \$85,000, according to A. L. Smedberg, manager. This figure covers the cost of new equipment as well as the actual remodeling. The project included relocating the barbershop and beautyshop upstairs and moving the cashier's office to a new place in the lobby.

"Just since the opening we've had a tremendous increase in sales—in fact sales are 30 percent ahead of the figure for last year at this time," Mr. Smedberg reported.

"We're proud of the store, but there is always room for improvement and we welcome customers' suggestions," the manager said.

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Ride From Airport Free to Parents

Free transportation from Oakland Airport to Oak Knoll is now available for parents and wives of patients. This new service is being provided by the International Airport Lions Club. Patients are urged to let their parents know that on arrival at the airport they may contact Yellow Cab through the airport switchboard for transportation to the hospital.

Pay Raise, Santa, & Four Entrees On Xmas Menu

With the pay raise and attendant Christmas bonus, only one more hectic shopping day remaining before Christmas, and Santa Claus at the ready, who could wish for more?

But there is more. Red Cross volunteers will hold parties on all the wards on Christmas Eve. Carolers from schools and community groups will fill the air with music. Professional entertainers provided by the Veteran Hospitals' Christmas committee will tour the wards in Santa's wake.

And then comes the Christmas feast planned and prepared by CDR Gale R. Green and his Food Service Division.

The souvenir menu provided by Special Services, lists 30 different items from soup to nuts, with a choice of four entrees—steamship roast, turkey, baked ham, or salmon steak!

YEAR END REPORT

New Building 81% Complete

At year's end the new building, for which ground was broken 7 December 1965, is 81 percent complete, and plans for the dedication in early June will soon be in full swing.

The latest report available at the office of LCDR W. J. McCorkle, CEC, Resident Officer in Charge, states that the building, including the penthouse, was completely roofed as of 14 November.

As the building program goes into the home stretch, little activity is visible to passers-by since most of the work is inside, where steady progress is being made.

Doors are being installed on the first and second floors. Asphalt tile is being laid on the third floor. The majority of the painting of the first three floors has been accomplished, and painting is in progress on the fourth floor. The quarry tile in galley floors was completed 15 December.

All eight elevators are in running operation, and the cars on elevators 7 and 8 are being installed.

Permanent power on all nine floors is expected to be available the first of next week.

One hundred twenty workmen are on the job daily.



One of the largest cash gifts ever received by the hospital was delivered to Admiral Irons last week by key representatives of the 7500-employees at the Naval Air Rework Facility at Naval Air Station, Alameda. They are, from left, Mrs. Joyce Faulk, Miss Claire Gaddi, Abraham Levi, Arthur A. Dickinson, chairman of the drive, Jack Shorum, and Roy C. Chapman.

NARF Personnel Play Santa To Hospital—With \$4200!

Each year the 7500-employees at Naval Rework Facility at Naval Air Station, Alameda, observe Christmas by helping others. This year they elected to make their contribution to Oak Knoll. The first call from Arthur A. Dickinson who works as planner and estimator in NARF's Planning Division and served as drive chairman, suggested a gift of "perhaps \$2500."

Even Day Nursery Has a Holiday

The Day Nursery will be closed from 25 December to 2 January.

However, the nursery will open New Year's Eve for those making reservations by today.

By the time Mr. Dickinson and five other key employees arrived last Wednesday, the voluntary contributions totaled nearly \$4200.

The money will be used for the purchase of television sets, color and black and white, record players, tape recorders and tapes so the patients can record messages to send home, and other equipment to boost patients' morale during their period of hospitalization.

In addition to the cash neatly stacked in Mr. Dickinson's attache case, the welcome callers brought a tape recorder, gift of James Sparano, and a portable radio from Ole Kavales. Both donors are NARF employees.

CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS

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Christmas—New Years Message

With the advent of the Christmas Season, it is time for each of us to reflect on the teachings of our individual faiths and on the blessings of our great country. In this reflection, we continue to pray that the true spirit of Christmas will reach the hearts of men throughout the world and that peace and freedom may come to all mankind in our time.

The American Navyman and his family are the first to know the realities of the un-peaceful years. You are first on the front line and then must remain until a balance of peace is achieved. In the past year your duties have again called on you to meet the challenges of men who do not know or do not wish to know true peace. As in the past, your response has been superb.

To all Americans, your accomplishments and those of your shipmates in 1967 have been a source of the greatest confidence and pride. Those of you who serve in Vietnam combat operations deserve a special measure of their thanks and prayers during Christmas.

I salute each of you, and consider it an honor to represent you and the earned integrity of the Navy-Marine Corps Team. I go about my duties, as do all Americans, in the wake of your accomplishments. God bless you all.

THOMAS H. MOORER
Admiral, U.S. Navy

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THE SONGS OF CHRISTMAS ARE FOREVER

It all began with a song. The night was cold and still. Shepherds were standing watch. Before that moment everything had gone smoothly, and nothing unusual had happened. Suddenly it happened. An angel appeared. He calmed their fears and announced that a Saviour had been born—that One whom men had been seeking and for whom they had looked so long. He was in Bethlehem lying in a manger. Then suddenly the announcement was followed with the swelling voices of a heavenly choir singing the glories of God and proclaiming the mission of the new-born Prince of Peace.

It began that way, and song continued to come easy for Christians. They never forgot that anthem of the angels, and soon they were composing their own. They sang at every occasion, expressing their joy over redemption with song. They eased the strain and pain of persecution with song. They gave testimony of their faith, again with song. With this background, it is no wonder that every year as we approach the Christmas season, the universal means of celebration is with music, some of the greatest ever composed by man.

Since Christmas is now upon us, for several weeks we have been hearing the songs of Christmas, and perhaps singing a few as well. More such singing is yet to come. This season as you join these traditional carols of hope, of peace and of joy, do not let that participation be just another part of our social tradition. Let it be a renewing of your faith to that One whose praises you sing. Let it be a time of dedication and commitment so that these songs may not be quickly forgotten again, only to be brought out with the decorations next year. Let the songs of Christmas be an expression of faith that this world very desperately needs today.

CHAPLAIN JAMES M. RIGLER

A CHRISTMAS CARE CAROL

It's the season of Christmas —
a great time at home.
But many are stirring . . .
In cars they will roam
Throughout this glad season
for business and pleasure.
May they carry care with them,
and may they all measure
Their minutes with watchfulness,
miles with safe rules,



CDR Romaine Mentzer, Chief of the Nursing Service, apparently approved of the smock being modeled here by petite HN Dorothy Jackson of the Emergency Clinic; for 40 of them were immediately ordered for Waves working in the wards and clinics or wherever they come into contact with patients.

The attractive light blue smock is described as being "a full-cut style with roll-up dolman sleeves, trimmed with a Bermuda collar, and round front and back yoke, and made of exclusive Angelica-Prest Supercron dacron and cotton poplin." Furthermore, its easy lines make for comfort and ease of motion. It needs absolutely no ironing and will tolerate long and rugged wear.

And use caution, though others
may be reckless fools.
Whatever for Christmas
you're happily giving,
The finest of gifts is
for you to keep living!
So, let us with reason
enjoy these good days —
And as through the season

40 Residents Attend OB-GYN-GU Seminar

The Second Annual OB-GYN-GU Seminar for residents of major teaching hospitals in the Bay Area was held 13 December in the Galileo Room of the Officers' Club.

Forty residents in both specialties participated in the program presented by a faculty of eleven. Medical topics presented were common to both specialties.

Staff members on the faculty were CAPT James P. Semmens, Chief, OB-GYN Service; CDR J. C. Real, Chief, Urology Service; LCDR Francis Kleeman, Urology Service; CDR J. F. Wurzel and LT Britton E. Taylor, OB-GYN Service.

The visiting faculty included Dr. Frank Stagers, urology consultant and former staff member; Dr. Richards Lyon, Clinical Professor of Urology, UC School of Medicine, San Francisco; Dr. Duncan Govan, Acting Chairman, Division of Urology Stanford University School of Medicine, Palo Alto; Dr. John Hutch, Assistant Professor of Urology, University of California School of Medicine, San Francisco; Dr. Arnold H. Kegel, Assistant Professor of Gynecology, University of Southern California School of Medicine, Los Angeles; and Dr. E. Archer Dillard, Jr., Senior Surgeon and Chief of Gynecology, U.S. Public Health Service Hospital, Seattle, Wash.

The lectureships of Doctors Kegel and Dillard were supported by Eaton Laboratories of Norwich, N. Y., which has supported the seminar since its inception.

we go on our ways,
Let's drive with the spirit
of honest good will,
And never take chances
for hurry or thrill.
Let's remember that life
in all seasons is dear,
And keep giving courtesy
all through the year.
It's a wonderful time . . .
and a good time to pause . . .
And resolve to believe
in the Safety Cause!

New Protestant Choir Needs Volunteers

A new Protestant choir will be formed soon after the beginning of the new year. Whether you are staff or patient, officer, enlisted, dependent, or an interested friend of Oak Knoll, plan now to answer the call for volunteers for this new choir.

Even if you never have sung in a choir before, your talents are needed. Your participation will contribute much to the worship of God.

Sandri Brothers Greet New Daughters

Two baby girls named Sandri are among the newcomers at Oak Knoll. Juliana, daughter of LT Piero Sandri and his wife Angela arrived 18 November, tipping the scales at 6 lb. 13 oz. Patricia Ann, daughter of LCDR Sandro Sandri and wife Mary was born 1 December and weighed 7 lb. 14 oz. Their proud fathers (and uncles) are brothers, and both are first-year residents in internal medicine.

HN Walter Rockman of Main Lab and his wife Mariana named their baby Tammy Laura when she arrived 21 November weighing 6 lb. 5½ oz.

Elizabeth Jane is the name LT and Mrs. William Kammerer named their 6 lb. 14 oz. daughter born 7 December.



IF YOU NEED A GUITAR, a camera, a skivvy shirt, a mini-skirt, a diamond ring, or just a little knickknack for the house, you can get it at the newly remodeled Navy Exchange store.



"Operation Art for the Armed Forces—1967" included, standing from left, Dick H. Thomas, Janet Brown, Maxine Borowsky, Diane Stanley, Jeannie Wilson, Murray McClelland, Earl Moran, and Johnnie Johnson. Kneeling, Ben Shenkman, George Michaud, and George Coblentz.

JEANNIE WAS HERE

Hollywood Artists Sketch Patients In Two-Day Visit

Two wars ago Jeannie Wilson, Hollywood artist, dreamed up a project to cheer the wounded. She enlisted the aid of top-ranking military personnel, and almost before she knew it her project was under way.

It worked. Men like to pose for their portraits or caricatures while their buddies watch the works of art take shape. They like to see a clever cartoonist turn out sketches of their favorite characters.

Jeannie called her project "Operation for the Armed Forces." Since its beginning she and artists recruited from her long list have sketched the sick and wounded in hospitals from coast to coast. During the Korean War the Air Force flew her group to Korea to do portraits of men in combat zones.

Last week Jeannie brought her 19th "operation" to Oak Knoll, and all concerned declared it highly successful.

Receiving special honor this trip was Johnny Johnson, retired background artist for MGM's Tom and Jerry cartoons. The 84-year-old Johnny has never missed a trip to Oak Knoll, and this time Admiral Irons presented him a letter of appreciation for his outstanding contribution to the hospital.

"My friends won't believe this is about me," said Johnny, slightly misty-eyed as he reread the letter that concluded with a traditional Navy "Well Done."

Other artists well known from previous trips were Earl Moran, top portrait and pin-up artist; George Michaud, fine artist, whose one-man shows have been seen in many western cities; Maxine Borowsky, portraitist, teacher of fine art, and former costume designer; and George Coblentz, who paints the desert and mountains he knows so well.

Janet Brown was back to do lovely pastel portraits, a switch from the backgrounds she does for Hanna-Barbera's "Flintstones." Murray McClelland, all-round artist now with Hanna-Barbera, did portraits, as did first-time Diane Stanley. Ben Shenkman, who practically raised "Mr. Magoo," did quick caricatures and cartoons.

Newcomer Dick Thomas, who has done "Pink Panther" for DePatie-Freleng Studios and "Flintstones" for Hanna-Barbera, painted lovely landscapes to give to the patients.

Other phases of the two-day "Operation Art" included presentation of a Violet Parkhurst seascape for the CO's office. Mrs. Parkhurst, top seascape artist in the nation, sells her paintings all over the world. This is the fourth painting she has presented to Oak Knoll. Then there were the 50 cells used in the animation process—all beautifully matted—which Jeannie distributed.

Arrangements for the artists' visit were made by ENS D. T. Romine, Chief, Special Services Division. Escorts were Red Cross volunteers.



Art appreciation developed rapidly as the artists went through the wards. In (1) the models are CPL Floyd Cooper, seated at left; SGT Willie Harris, whose portrait Jeannie Wilson displays; and PFC Mike McKinsey. The portraitist is Diane Stanley. Photo (2) Here's a switch—CPL Gary Wiltrout displays his own art work to George Michaud, whose portraits are seen in the inset. (3) This beautiful seascape by Violet Parkhurst now hangs in the CO's office. (4) shows venerable Johnnie Johnson finishing off his assignment with a warm handshake for PFC Leslie Widger.

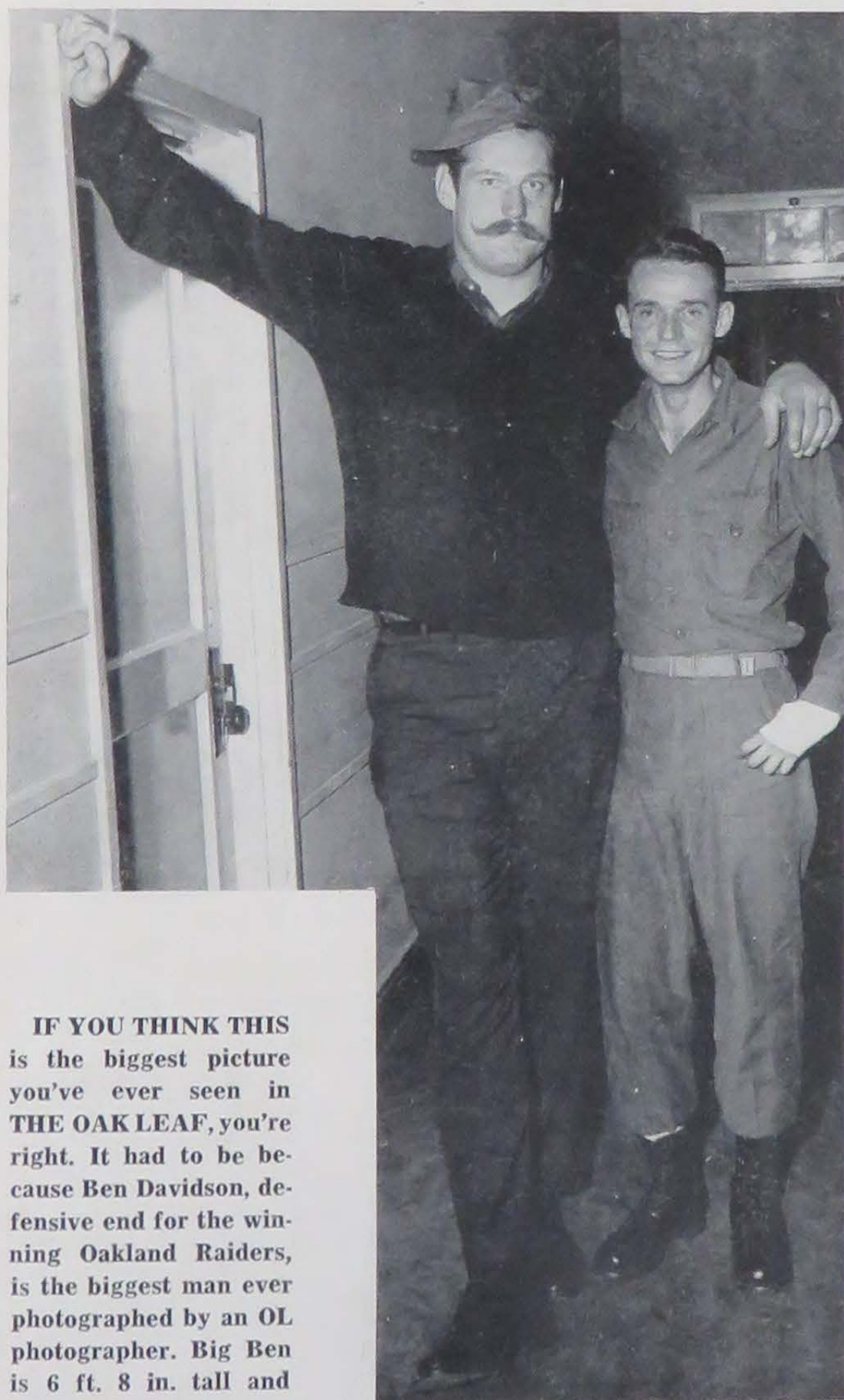


CHRISTMAS CAME EARLY for these well-known civilian employees. At his 14 December meeting with supervisors Admiral Irons presented Sustained Superior Performance awards to Mrs. Anna Mae Taylor, legal clerk (left); Homer Hunt, leader cook, and Lillian Peterson, laborer cleaner. Kenneth McClay, foreman stockman at Fiscal and Supply, and Leola Kraker, clerk in the Maintenance Division, each received 20-year awards. Joe Concannon, clinical social worker in the Neuropsychiatry Service, and Ida Fahey, time, leave, and payroll clerk in Fiscal and Supply, each received quality salary increases. Thelma McNeil, secretary to the Chief of the Neuropsychiatry Service, received a Civilian Meritorious Service Award certificate and lapel pin. Aery Knowles, nursing assistant, also has received a quality salary increase but was not present for the picture.



The well-known popular recording artists, the Everly Brothers, recently entertained a group of hand-clapping, finger-snapping orthopedic patients. Also there to meet the patients and autograph casts were Playboy Bunnies Sandee, left, and Connie, right. Here the Everly Brothers (Phil, left, and Don) and the Bunnies talk to CPL Edward C. Burke.

Happy New Year to All Hands!



IF YOU THINK THIS is the biggest picture you've ever seen in **THE OAK LEAF**, you're right. It had to be because Ben Davidson, defensive end for the winning Oakland Raiders, is the biggest man ever photographed by an OL photographer. Big Ben is 6 ft. 8 in. tall and weighs 270 lbs. That average-size fellow bravely providing a shoulder for Davidson to lean on is L/CPL Tom Jordan of the Marine Corps. Davidson was one of several members of the Raiders who visited the wards recently.



RADM E. P. Irons congratulates Robert Bahr, of NPRL, who was promoted to HMCS last month. Also in line for congratulations were Oak Knoll's two newest HMCs. They are Pete Ables of Photo Arts and Don Bailey of Education and Training.

Saint Nicholas Had The Duty

'Twas the night before Christmas, the barracks was still

The sailors were sleeping as most sailors will.
The seabags were hung by the lockers with care
In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there.
The men were all peacefully dreaming in bed,
As visions of liberties danced in each head.
The chief in his skivvies and I in my sack
Had just come from town with a quick midnight snack

When out on the deck there arose such a roar,
I ran to the porthole to find out the score.
I pulled up the shade and I started to shout,
"Just what in the heck is this noise all about?"
A moon made for boondocking shone on the snow
It was pretty cold out, about 7 below.
What I saw looked like one of those carnival floats,
'Twas a rowboat drawn smartly by four Navy goats.
In the boat was a man who seemed quiet and moody.
I knew in an instant St. Nick had the duty.
As quickly as Monday, his billy goats came;
He whistled and shouted and called them by name.
"Now Perry, Now Farragut, Dewey and Jones,
What's the matter, John Paul, got lead in your bones?
A little to starboard, now hold it up short,
No fluffing off now or you'll go on report."
As a squeegie goes over a new coat of wax,
Leaving a wide shiny path in its tracks,
So out in the moonlight, the little boat stopped.
St. Nicholas stood up and the anchor was dropped.
The goats' breath was white in the frosty night cold,
They made quite a sight in blues trimmed with gold.
I opened the porthole quite narrow and round,
The old Saint hopped in with a hop and a bound.
He was in his dress reds, and they fit like a charm,
Had hash marks that covered the length of his arm.
The gifts to be issued were all in his pack;
Beats me how he got in with that on his back!
His eyes—they were watering, his nose caked with ice,
He wiped it with Kleenex, then sneezed once or twice.

He opened his mouth and started to yawn,
It looked like the sun coming up with the dawn.
The stump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth,
And took a small nip from a bottle beneath.
He wasn't so big but he must have been strong
I figured. He'd been in the service so long.
He was chubby and plump, a right jolly old tar.
He said, "Evenin' matey, here, have a cigar."
He filled every seabag with presents galore.
Tossed a whole pile of discharges there by the door.
Then out through the porthole and into the night.
The snow had stopped falling. The landscape was bright.

With an "Anchor Aweigh" he climbed into his place,
A broad smile creeping all over his face.
One look at his watch and he started to frown,
"This night shift is certainly getting me down.
Merry Christmas," he said as he drove on his way.
"Now I'll finish my rounds and sack in for the day."

Arranged by a Hospital Corpsman, name unknown, while at the National Naval Medical Center.