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22 "Plank-owners" Still Going Strong

Congratulations and a "well done" to Edna Bourdase, secretary to the Administrative Officer, Dorothy Hager, Claire Martini, Hope Sink, and Elizabeth Tom Tsai of Personnel and Records; Genevieve T. Smith of Finance; Lois Wilson, secretary to the Chiefs of Medicine and Surgery; Mary Pacheco, LaRilda Holder, Eva Premo, Edwin Buker, Fred Robinson, Bernard Garcia, Louis Hernandez, Rafael Jimina, Alfred Pauli, William P. Gross, and Arthur N. Kerby of Maintenance; Olga Hinrichs of Food Service; and Ladine Burton, Lillian Seaver, and Margaret L. Amaral of the laundry.

All are "plank-owners," having served Oak Knoll continuously since they were employed here during the first six months after the hospital was commissioned twelve years ago.

Hardtop, Sailboat Races Scheduled

Patients and staff have been invited to see the Hardtop Races on 4 July at the Oakland Speedway as guests of the Alameda County Employees' Association.

The ACEA has also invited patients to the Sailboat Races on San Francisco Bay on 5 July. An all-day occasion, this promises to be a thrilling day, with chow, a movie, and fireworks afterwards.

Those interested are requested to sign up at Special Services, and transportation will be provided from the Community Building, leaving at 1230, both Sunday and Monday.

Bowling League Gives Funds to Chabot Ranch

CWOHC John H. Faunce of the Oak Knoll Bowling League delivered \$60 to the boys of nearby Chabot Ranch this week for purchase of athletic gear.

The gift represented surplus dues remaining in the league treasury at the end of the season.

Holiday Liberty List

Liberty for the 4 July week end is as follows: Starboard—1200, Friday, 2 July to 0945, Sunday, 4 July; Port—1000, Sunday, 4 July to 0730, Tuesday, 6 July.

Section watches have liberty from 1625, Friday, 2 July to 0730, Tuesday, 6 July. Those watches as assigned by routine duty sections will be assumed at 1625, Friday, 2 July and 1000 Saturday, 3 July; Sunday, 4 July and Monday, 5 July.

Syngman Rhee Confers Medal on CAPT Riggs

CAPT Cecil D. Riggs, Chief of the EENT service, this week received the Chung Mu Distinguished Military Service Medal, and with it a letter of commendation from Syngman Rhee, president of the Republic of Korea.

The citation was for the captain's "exceptionally meritorious service to the Republic of Korea in a position of grave responsibility and great trust during the period from 15 June to 21 August 1951 while serving aboard the U. S. Hospital Ship HAVEN.

"Shouldering international significance on him, Captain RIGGS, through tenacious devotion to duty and application of profound and professional knowledge and skillful technique, proved himself of inestimable value and contribution in the medical activities of the United Nations forces on Korea, covering the evacuation, hospitalization, treatment and care of the wounded in action.

"The meritorious service of the Captain RIGGS was clearly exceptional and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service of the Armed Forces of the United Nations," the citation read.

Rate Advancements Announced This Week

LTJG Raymond A. Nyren, MSC, has announced that 16 HA's have been advanced to HN's as a result of recent examinations.

They are W. E. Alyea, J. S. Arledge, R. V. Armstrong, U. O. Berry, A. J. Burns, C. E. Dunnigan, B. G. Holland, E. E. Jones, B. J. Kent, C. R. Leisek, R. J. Massad, M. O. Mosher, R. E. Ringler, R. K. Semmens, W. Simiarowski, and R. W. Wacholz.

Golfers Moved Out, Patients In, 12 Yrs. Ago

Ghosts of the golfers who played on the 18-hole course that gave Oak Knoll its name may have hovered over "Cardiac Hill," looked down from "Neurology Heights," or glided across Gendreau Circle yesterday. For it was on 1 July 1942—a dozen years ago—that local sportsmen packed up their clubs and went elsewhere to play—or to work at the business of war.

Oak Knoll, established to care for World War II casualties pouring in from the Pacific, had six ward buildings of natural redwood, with a capacity of 204 beds when commissioned, but other buildings were rap-

ALD Gets Certificate of Merit For Display at AMA Conclave

CAPT T. J. Canty, MC, USN, Chief of the Amputee Service, his staff and patients brought home the Certificate of Merit for their efforts at the American Medical Association convention in San Francisco last week. The award, reproduced at right, means that the Oak Knoll exhibit topped all others in the physical medicine and rehabilitation section at the show. The booth showed the various steps in rehabilitation of amputees, and every hour on the hour, patients showed interested visitors how successfully they can use the prosthetic arms and legs developed and manufactured at this Navy amputee center. Captain Canty was assisted at the show by his administrative officer, CWOHC J. H. Faunce, Charles Asbelle, rehabilitation specialist, and by fourteen present and former patients. Among those who took part in the demonstration were (see photo below) Jim Cogley, Korea casualty, a right below-elbow amputee now employed as an IBM operator at Naval Supply Depot, Oakland; Charles Toombes, bi-lateral below-knee amputee employed as an instrument mechanic at Naval Air Station, Alameda; and William Chapin, right below-knee amputee, currently on the San Francisco Chronicle news staff. It was not until Mr. Toombes appeared on TV's "March of Medicine" (Continued on Page 4)

Certificate of Merit

Section on Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation



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idly taking shape as the need increased.

In 1945, shortly after VJ-Day, the hospital reached its peak in patient and staff personnel, when medical care for more than 6,000 patients required the services of 1,783 enlisted personnel, 710 officers and some 700 civilians.

Following the war there was a gradual decline in patient and staff population, but a number of significant developments took place. Research activities increased; the training program for interns and residents in various medical specialties was improved and expanded, and specialized schools for training of en-

listed personnel were added. The hospital became the Navy's West Coast Center for treatment of neuropsychiatry, amputee, and neurology patients and was directed to provide specialized care for patients requiring neurosurgery, plastic surgery, thoracic and cardiovascular surgery and for those suffering from malignant diseases.

During the Korea war, the hospital again served as a receiving center for casualties arriving from overseas.

On 20 January 1951 the dormant San Leandro Naval Hospital, used as a psychiatric center during World (Continued on Page 2)

The Oak Leaf

U. S. Naval Hospital, Oakland, California.
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† † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

"THOU SHALT NOT KILL"

One does not usually think of the Sixth Commandment as embracing courtesy, but it does. Safety experts declare that true courtesy would eliminate almost three out of four accidents. There is more than one way to kill! What about anger and selfishness that blind us to another's hurt? What about reckless driving? And what is reckless driving? Not merely speed, though SPEED KILLS, but also driving with the car in poor condition, driving after drinking intoxicants, driving when fatigued, driving without courtesy.

This commandment is the basis of courtesy. For how can a man "love God whom he hath not seen," when he is discourteous to other drivers, his brothers, whom he has seen?

May we practice the teaching of the sanctity and value of human life. In all things, in heart as well as in action, in business and on the road, let us observe the spirit as well as the letter of the Commandment, Thou Shalt Not Kill.

LCDR Walter J. Lindemann,
 Protestant Chaplain.

Does Your Pocket Have a Hole?

If you're like most of us, you've already discovered that, by the time you have counted out the money needed to meet just the ordinary expenses of your daily living, there are mighty few dollars left to save. You have learned, too, that the hit-or-miss, now-you-see-now-you don't system of saving is definitely NOT for you. Saving money can be . . . easy . . . automatic . . . provided you stack your money through automatic payroll savings, RIGHT WHERE YOU WORK! Learn what it means to take home part of your pay check each payday in money-that-grows—Buy U.S. Defense Bonds!

Revive The Spirit of Seventy-Six

It was the spirit of '76 which gave America its freedom—clipped the apron strings which prevented her maturity and constructed the foundation which gave rise to a strong America. Our founding fathers viewed their past, looked into the future and began to plan this now strong nation. They looked to see what hindered progress and went about their ways in overcoming obstacles, small or great. We must continue as they did. If an obstacle confronts us, we must not walk around it—we must walk through it. The toil, sweat and sacrifice that went into the building of this great nation were the elements which kept America strong, and they will continue to make her so. In constructive positive thinking only will good arise, and it is the good which created a strong America. It is the weak, listless, hesitating and undecisive qualities that will make her bleed. To every American, regardless of creed or color comes a challenge, in doing the best with what he has, and building out of that, stepping stones that future Americans can follow. Let us help those future Americans celebrate the 4th of July happily for years to come.

Oak Knoll Expands

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War II, was reactivated and annexed as a part of U. S. Naval Hospital, Oakland, bringing the total area of the hospital to 345.76 acres and the total number of buildings to 202.

More than 236,269 names (exclusive of dependents) are listed on the hospital's all-time roster, and the daily census averages around 1250. The present staff includes approximately 1000 military personnel and 735 employees.

Seven Skippers

CAPT F. E. Porter, retired, was called back to active duty to plan and organize the hospital and serve as its first CO. The twice-retired captain now lives in Berkeley. His relief, RADM F. R. Hook, retired, for

a time held an active position with the California Cancer Commission, but for more than two years has been a patient at U. S. Naval Hospital, San Diego. Third Navy Medical Officer to command Oak Knoll was RADM A. H. Dearing, MC, USN, retired and serving as Executive Secretary for the American College of Pathologists in Chicago. His successor, RADM Carl A. Broaddus, also retired, is a Public Health Officer in his native Virginia. The hospital's fifth skipper, RADM S. S. Cook, commands the USNH, Portsmouth, Va., and his successor, CAPT J. N. C. Gordon, is District Medical Officer, 4th Naval District, with headquarters in Philadelphia.

CAPT B. E. Bradley has been in command since 7 July 1953.



Mr. Wilbert Baranco, noted popular pianist, and Miss Jan Sherwood, featured Reno chanteuse, entertain men at the Red Cross Lounge. Mrs. Lorena Meadows, Berkeley Gray Lady, is a student of Mr. Baranco.

Red Cross Ramblings

It was a real treat for the "groovy set" last week when the well-known Baranco generously gave out with requests in his inimitable style. This popular artist is currently featured at the Tunnel Inn, and, in addition teaches courses in "progressive music" at the University of California Extension Division, where musical specialist, Gray Lady Mrs. Meadows, is taking his course at the present time. Any patient who is interested in learning the rudiments of piano playing or brushing up on more ambitious work, contact your Red Cross worker for an appointment with Mrs. Meadows.

PFC Harvey J. Crevier, master of ceremonies of 74A wants to pass along the news about the Sunday morning bonanza of good food and entertainment at the Orinda-Willows each week. Crevier's statement reads:

"To all Marines and Sailors! Don't miss the excellent food plus good entertainment at the Breakfast Broadcast every Sunday morning. One full hour of good music and singing and beautiful girls. Don't miss this, fellows; it's tops! Just line up at Red Cross."

William Krause, ATAN, 45A, recaptured the championship in this week's ping-pong tournament at the Lounge. Krause's game, sizzling and

tricky, had his opponents off-balance from the start, and he tied it up to be a second-time champ!

Notice to all wards—Start watching your bulletin boards for all the latest information, day by day, about entertainment, activities, movie schedules, and special events on your own ward. Don't say we didn't tell you!



The former Rita Huff, from Versailles, Missouri, and Robert Lee, night duty corpsman on 78A exchanged marriage vows at 1400, Wednesday, 23 June, in the hospital chapel, with Chaplain William F. Hollis, Protestant Chaplain officiating. Theirs is one of many June weddings to take place at Oak Knoll.

Corpsmen Hold Panel on Effects of Wonder Drugs

The enlisted men's hospital training classes last week on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, took the form of a panel discussion by members of the class. Members of the panel were Corpsmen T. C. Hollister, who spoke for Orthopedics, G. E. Feis, for Surgical, W. R. Bullock, for Medical, R. A. Hendrickson, for Neurology, and R. M. Manchester, for the N. P. Service.

The topics under discussion concerned the effects of common and specialized drugs on patients in these different departments.

"You have been convicted fourteen times of this offense. Aren't you ashamed to own to that?"

"No, your honor. I don't think one ought to be ashamed of his own convictions."

Divine Services

Hospital Chapel at Main Gate
 PROTESTANT
 BIBLE SCHOOL—SUNDAY 0945
 SUNDAY WORSHIP—1030
 Organ Music from Chapel Tower—1900
 Time for Private Devotions in the Chapel
 HOLY COMMUNION—First Sunday morning each month.

L. D. S. SERVICE
 SUNDAY — 1100 in Staff Conference Room, Administration Bldg., Annex.

CATHOLIC
 SUNDAY MASSES
 0600-0800-0900-1200
 DAILY MASSES—1150 and 1630
 Confessions before Mass
 Catholic Oratory in back of Chapel
 Choir Rehearsal—Tuesday 1900

CHAPLAIN'S OFFICES IN
 CHAPEL AND 67A

NAVY RELIEF OFFICE—
 IN 67A

BUS TO AND FROM CHAPEL ON
 SUNDAYS 0845 and 1015

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Scuttlebutt

QUEENIE'S PUBLICITY AGENT somehow slipped up on his job, and only this week did the OAK LEAF learn that the prolific pooch produced seven sons a month ago. All had been placed in Oakland homes by the first of this week, to their mother's obvious relief. Whether Queenie held some sort of grudge against the septuplets' father or whether it was disappointment at having no daughters is not known, but the silky-haired mail-run mascot did not show the same proclivity for motherhood as she has upon arrival of her 26 other offspring. Nor has she yet shown any inclination to return to her work at the postoffice.

RANDOM SIGHTS: *Corky Cera, Mary Ann Wadleigh, and Donna Cruzan all dressed up for the AMA convention. . . . the jackaranda in front of OPD in bloom again. . . . Walter Carter of transportation off to Los Angeles for a two-week holiday. . . . Johnny Early of the Quips escorting Gloria Jean Pitts, attractive nurse from Permanente Foundation Hospital, to the bowling banquet. . . . Dorothy Solaro eating a piece of Virginia Bjork-baked pink angel food with whipped cream, the color exactly matching her dress. . . . Dr. Canty receiving congratulations on his TV personality. . . . Mr. Giles reporting progress on his patio, where he likes to spend his off-duty hours. . . . Electric fans trying hard to keep warm workers cool. . . . LT Olive Ogden making plans for her trip to Europe. . . .*

PEOPLE, PLACES & THINGS: LTJG Mary T. Duhamel became Mrs. John A. Mino when she said, "I do," in the chapel Sunday at 1000. Father Edmund J. Knight officiated, and witnesses were Thomas P. Boyd and Charlotte Mino. The groom is a resident of San Francisco. . . . Joanne Clark of the Dependent Service is wearing a new diamond and making plans for a November wedding. Her fiancé is a guided missile engineer for Northrup Aircraft in Miami, Florida. . . . It was a happy birthday for Juanita Hardison when Mrs. Lila Marshall feted her with a barbecue at her home in Berkeley. Kathy Epps, Sylvia Branch, Willie Brown, and Bill Colson were there to help her celebrate. . . . Claire Martini's lovely new home in San Leandro was the scene of an equally lovely party Friday night when she, Agnes Hocking, Betty Winsby, and Fran Lecocq gave a surprise miscellaneous shower for Mrs. Victor Tsai (Elizabeth Tom).

THEY'VE GOT THE BIRDS: *The H. L. Snook family bantams and other feathered friends have done it again! Eleven of the transportation man's chickens won special awards at the county fair; 25 won first places, 15 won seconds—a total of 63 awards on 57 chickens.*

LIFE BEGINS: Luther W. Black, Jr., HN, of EENT, and his wife, Shirley, welcomed their first child, a 6 lb. 14½ oz. son named Robert Walter on 25 June, and the following day, James W. Mettler, HM3, of the Lab School and his wife Lila received congratulations on the arrival of a 5 lb. 13 oz. daughter, Victoria Regina.

If nobody knows the trouble you've seen, says singer Vaughn Monroe, you're not living in a small town.



Mr. and Mrs. Harold C. Urschel—Oak Knoll's skipper is father of the bride.

Elizabeth Bradley Is 12 June Bride

Wellesley College Chapel at Wellesley, Mass., was the scene of a wedding of local interest on 12 June when Elizabeth Bradley, daughter of CAPT and Mrs. B. E. Bradley, became the bride of Harold Clifton Urschel of Bowling Green, Ohio.

The Reverend Ernest Risley of St. John's Episcopal Church of Savannah, Ga., father of Betsy's college roommate, officiated at the service, and her father gave her in marriage.

The bride wore an heirloom duchesse lace gown with matching coronet of lace and a French illusion veil and carried a bouquet of eucharist lilies and stephanotis. Her attendants, all students at Wellesley, wore gowns of pale green and pink iridescent taffeta with caps of iridescent leaves and carried pink carnations.

The groom's brother, William Powell Urschel, served as best man, and the ushers, with the exception of the bride's brother, Bruce Bradley, Jr., were all members of the groom's Princeton class of '51.

The Urschels are now at home at Suite 19, 118 Riverway, Boston, following a wedding trip to Nantucket Island, Mass. Betsy will teach second graders in Walton, Mass., next year, while her husband continues his studies at Harvard Medical School.

Harbor Defense to be On 'Shooting the Breeze'

Some of the methods employed in the defense of San Francisco Harbor will be revealed on the television program, "Shooting the Breeze," KPIX, at 1800 tomorrow evening.

Chief Bos'n Stephen B. Barnett, from the Harbor Defense School, Tiburon, will show how the Navy makes use of gigantic steel mats to foil enemy submarines, torpedoes, and surface attack vessels.

A newspaper got a call from a woman who wanted her spouse's name put in the obituary column because she caught him kissing his secretary.

"How long has he been dead?"
"He starts tomorrow."



CDR Mary F. Hays, NC, Retired, and Red Cross Field Director Marie Adams recalled the days (and years) they spent in prison camps in the Philippines during World War II. They recently met here for the first time since the retired Navy nurse was transferred from Santa Tomas to Los Banos camp in 1943. Among the souvenirs Miss Adams had to show her fellow repatriate is the Japanese Red Cross flag, taken from a Japanese school building by American troops during the invasion of Zimzimjima, a small island near Iwo Jima. The flag was brought to Oak Knoll for presentation to the Red Cross by a patient evacuated from the battle zone.

Retired Navy Nurse, Former WWII POW Reminisces With Fellow Repatriate

When CDR Mary Hays, NC, Retired, was admitted to 66A recently, she was among friends, for this was her third trip to Oak Knoll, and among her first visitors was Miss Marie Adams, Red Cross Field Director, a fellow-prisoner of war in the Philippines during World War II.

Mrs. Hays (then LTJG Mary Chapman) and Miss Adams were helping to transform the former Santa Scholastica school into a Navy hospital shortly after Pearl Harbor when they first met. Their status was changed from staff to POW when the hospital became a prison the day after the occupation of Manila. Two months later the nurses were transferred to Santa Tomas prison, while Miss Adams remained, the only woman at Santa Scholastica, but the day after the fall of Corregidor she was sent on to Santa Tomas, and the two were interned together for a year before the Navy nurses were

transferred to Los Banos prison to remain until their liberation on 13 February 1945. Both women were interned for more than three years.

They can laugh a little now over experiences they had in those unhappy days—when food was scarce, starvation inevitable, and when life was lived without lipstick. But it was not an experience either would care to repeat.

The Navy nurse was engaged to LCDR W. R. Hays, USN, at the time of her capture. He escaped to Australia aboard the sub-tender USS HERON and was on duty in the Mediterranean for the remainder of the war, but they met and were married shortly after her first visit to Oak Knoll following her liberation in 1945. They now make their home in Tucson, Ariz., where she has just received her BS degree in home economics (with distinction) at the University of Arizona.



With hot dogs a-sizzle and bacon ready to fry, Fred Brenner, Bob Travelstead, Chief L. I. Johnson and John Murphy busily prepare the masterpieces for chow time at the staff picnic. Locale for the outing last Saturday was the Orchard Area of Redwood Regional Park.



Heavily laden with the number one team trophy and his own was Joe Engen, as the keglers celebrated the end of intra-hospital Spring bowling. The award party was held at the CPO Club last Friday night, with music supplied by the Rhythm Kings. Seated left to right in the front row are Richard Neathery, John Allen, Joe McFadden, Vern Samuelson, and Leroy Howard. Second row, left to right, are Ray Nygren, Matt Millard, Joe Engen, Eloise Voetsch, Shirley Street, and Ann Kubicz. Back row, left to right, are Charlie Martin, Francis Day, Larry Ulibarri, Alonzo Spencer, Merlin Smith and Frank Browne.

Intrahospital Spring Kegling League Winners Feted at CPO Club Banquet

The intrahospital bowling league held their end of spring season banquet at the CPO Club last Friday night, with more than a hundred persons attending. Music for the occasion was played by the Rhythm Kings.

A. K. Spencer, CWOHC, served as master of ceremonies, presenting 24 trophies to 17 outstanding players. Joe Engen received the team trophy for X-Ray—first place among all teams. Accepting women's laurels were Shirley Street of FinCivs for her high average of 135. Since Bea Teixeira and Tillie Krulatz were not present, Dorothy Sanchez accepted the trophy for Teixeira's high series of 490 and Krulatz's first place on X-Ray's team. Ann Kubicz of N.P. service was on the receiving end with her high game of 177.

Top man Joe McFadden of FinCivs was crowned for his individual record—a 168 high average, and Matt

Millard came up in the home stretch for the Half 'n' Halfs with a high game of 226. X-Ray copped team leadership through the consistent work of Joe Engen, captain, and team members Matilda Krulatz, Dick Neathery, Frank Browne, Merlin Smith and Leroy Howard. Second place team was Half 'n' Half, which included Matt Millard as captain and members Eloise Voetsch, Alonzo Spencer, Frank Day, Ray Nygren and Charlie Martin. FinCivs took third position with Shirley Street, captain, and members Joe McFadden, J. Libbrecht and Joe Allen.

Final Standings

Team	Won	Lost	Pinfall
1. X-Ray	24	9	23646
2. Half 'n' Half	22	11	21906
3. FinCivs	21	12	27655
4. Serots	18	15	21849
5. Lab	17½	15½	20358
6. N.P. Service	15	18	22462
7. EST Students	15	18	22317
8. Dental	15	18	21583
9. Oups	15	18	20493
10. EST I	14	19	19598
11. Misfits	12	21	18242
12. Cops	9½	23½	21062

United States Armed Forces Institute Reaches 12th Year; 84 Staffers Enrolled

The United States Armed Forces Institute marked its 12th birthday on 16 June, at the University of Wisconsin. Assistant Defense Secretary Dr. John A. Hannah was the principal speaker at the banquet which feted the largest educational institution of its type in the world.

Hosts at the occasion were MAJ-GEN Harlan N. Hartness, director of the Defense Office of Information and Education; Dr. Robert Johns, director of USAFI; and COL Henry J. Y. Moss, education chief of the I & E office and toastmaster for the banquet.

USAFI was established in April 1942 as the Army Institute and now boasts a monthly enrollment of 22,000, only 8,000 short of its World War II peak. It became USAFI when the Navy joined in late 1942.

Oak Knoll maintains an active connection with USAFI, as evidenced by the fact that since 1 January, 84 people have signed up for courses, the majority taking English at the college level and American history and English at the high school level.

Eighty per cent of those enrolled are staff, and 20 per cent are patients. Other popular subjects are math, sociology, psychology, agriculture. In all, USAFI offers 350 courses for those who wish to broaden their education while in the service.

Although the armed forces can give no academic credit for completion, they work closely with the Commission on Accreditation of Service Experiences of the American Council of Education, which makes recommendations for credit to high schools, colleges, and employees.

Previews

Saturday, 3 July
LOVE HAPPY—The Marx Brothers. **SLAPSTICK COMEDY.** This reissue was released in April 1953, and there is no information available in the files.

Sunday, 4 July
ORCHESTRA WIVES—George Montgomery, Ann Rutherford. This oldie stars the original Glenn Miller and his orchestra, and is bound to bring back nostalgic memories to those who remember him.

Monday, 5 July
SOMBRERO—Ricardo Montalban, Cyd Charisse, Pier Angeli. **DRAMA.** Technicolor. Adapted from the book, "Mexican Village," by Josefina Niggli, the film portrays three different love stories, one gay, one tragic and one tender, all interwoven into one plot.

Tuesday, 6 July
ACT OF LOVE—Kirk Douglas, Danny Robins, Robert Strauss. **WAR TRAGEDY.** Rating: Very good. The setting is Paris—1944, with the unhappy French being driven to victory and trying to cope with the desires of the Anglo-Saxons, with feelings of contempt, envy, and hatred. Not a pretty picture.

Wednesday, 7 July
ALL THE BROTHERS WERE VALIANT, Robert Taylor, Stuart Granger, Ann Blythe. **ADVENTURE.** Technicolor. Rating: Excellent. Whaling ships, love, pearl fishing, mutiny, and excitement abound in this picture. Taylor plays the vigorous young man who is made captain of a whaling ship after his brother Granger, its previous captain, disappears in the South Seas under vague circumstances. Does he return?

Thursday, 8 July
STATIONS WEST—Dick Powell, Jane Greer, Burl Ives. **WESTERN.** Another reissue so old there is no information available.

Friday, 9 July
FRANCIS JOINS THE WAC—Donald O'Connor and Francis. **COMEDY.** Francis the Talking Mule in another adventure, this time is found wreaking hilarious havoc in the women's army, and practically ruining it.

Dennis on the Job

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with Dr. Canty last Thursday night that his next door neighbor in San Lorenzo realized he was a bi-lateral amputee; nor had a fellow Chronicle reporter, there to cover the story, realized that Chapin walks on a pros-



thetic right leg. Another patient who attracted the interest of the crowd was young Dennis Worden, son of Lyle M. Worden, Ship's Cook stationed at Alameda. Dennis rode his tricycle, dismounted and walked across the stage on two artificial limbs made for him at Oak Knoll. Born without normal legs, the 4½-year-old boy was treated here a year ago and fitted with the best legs he has ever had—complete with his first pair of shoes.

Doctor—"I have to report, sir, that you are the father of triplets."

Politician—"Impossible! I'll demand a recount."



James L. Shearin, HM3, gets a commendation from the CO.

Medical Illustrator Technician Honored

James L. Shearin, HM3, who left for Portsmouth, Va., and civilian life last week, took with him Capt. Bradley's commendation for outstanding performance of duty while serving as a medical illustrator technician here for the past 18 months.

"You have performed an outstanding job in your specialty and in doing so have rendered extremely valuable service to the departments of Medicine and Surgery and the Metabolic Research facility of this command," the citation read. "Being attached to the Photographic Arts department, you have on many occasions been called upon to cover photographic assignments for the station newspaper, THE OAK LEAF, and for public information purposes in addition to performing the duties of your specialty."

Previous to reporting to Oak Knoll in October 1952, the 23-year-old reservist served aboard the USS UMPQUA, and at the Naval Hospital in Portsmouth and Charleston, S.C. He attended Richmond Professional Institute before enlisting in the Navy in August 1950 and he plans to attend the School of Occupational Therapy there this fall.

'Thank You' for Oak Knoll

The following letter to the Commanding Officer was written especially to commend the services of CDLindsay R. Riddle, LTJG Mary Duhamel, LTJG Edith Oliver, ENS Joseph Riker, and other members of the staff on Ward 69A and B.

"Several weeks ago I required hospitalization, and so, scared to death I entered U.S. Naval Hospital, Oak Knoll. Just how good was my fortune in being in your care is attested by the fact that I returned to duty at Hughes Aircraft Company just three weeks after surgery, feeling fit as a fiddle—and I still am.

"I've been thinking—the mechanics of hospital care are pretty much taken for granted; and in my case the 'routine,' the kindness of the personnel, the manner of performance of the routine, and the net result makes me know all this must be a habit, and being nice comes naturally. You couldn't 'specialize' on one patient, so I've 'concluded' you've done for thousands what you did for me. I want to say thank you, and God bless you for all you've done for every one of you thousands of times.

C. H. Bos'n Bert Meeks, USN (Ret)

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Staff Personalities



LT Banks R. Cates, Jr., USNR, of Cardiology, hails from Charlotte, N.C., and now resides with his wife, Mary Jean, and four children in San Lorenzo. He attended the Citadel Military College in North Carolina for one year, entered Duke University at Charlotte, graduating in 1944, and interned at Duke Hospital for one year. He had residency training at Georgetown Hospital in Washington, D.C., for one year and the Boston City Hospital for a year. The Navy called and he served aboard a Destroyer Mine Sweeper, was discharged and went into private practice, specializing in Internal Medicine at Charlotte. In 1952 he was recalled, served a year with MSTs, then came to Oak Knoll, where he has been on Cardiology ever since. Dr. Cates will be returning to civilian practice in another month.

Swimming Stars Entertain Knollites

The Athens Water Follies of 1954 appeared at the Oak Knoll Swimming Pool on Tuesday, 22 June, with thirteen acts that brought 75 minutes of outstanding entertainment to the audience. Art Olsen, nationally known swimming coach, was master of ceremonies.

The audience rocked with laughter at the hilarious antics and comic gyrations of Houston Moore, billed as "A Piece of Driftwood," and two guest stars from Ohio State, John Murphy and Don Harper in the roles of "Divers from Siberia."

Sixty-year-old diving star, Al White, favorite of aqua fans, double Olympic Champion in 1924 and winner of 10 National Diving Championships, amazed the onlookers with the full-twisting somersault dive which he invented.

Papsy Georgian, winner of two Junior Olympic Championships and talented synchronized swimmer, also performed from the springboard and gave her interpretation of the firefly in a solo water ballet.

The championship synchronized swimming team of the nation, Sally Phillips and Joan and Loretta Barrious who captured senior honors for the past two years after being coached by the well-known synchronized swimming coach, Ross Bean, did the can-can along the edge of the pool, then gracefully disappeared into the water to continue their showmanship.

Know Your Navy

Way back in 1859 authorities of the port of New York consented to try out the idea of a hospital ship to keep seamen returning ill from foreign ports from bringing their diseases ashore. This was after the Marine Hospital on the grounds of the Quarantine Station at Staten Island had burned down.

After many objections had been aired and disposed of, the threat of yellow fever swayed American public opinion, and the Board of Emigration was ready to accept the floating hospital—as a temporary expedient.

Funds were voted and the steamer FALCON was purchased. Her engines were removed, the deck housed over and beds installed. She was re-christened FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE and towed to her anchorage off the New York coast, there treating a number of yellow fever patients.

What might be considered the first U.S. Navy hospital ship was the USS INTREPID. Serving in the Mediterranean in 1803 and 1804 during the war with Tripoli, INTREPID, a converted ketch, was designated a hospital ship.

The value of extending the hospital ship idea to U. S. military use soon became apparent, and during the Civil War it became an integral part of the U. S. Navy. Nurses served aboard the RED ROVER during the Civil War. In the Spanish-American War and for many years thereafter, the RELIEF, a converted liner served as a Navy hospital ship, but its namesake, USS RELIEF, in use until recently, was the first American Navy ship to be designed and constructed solely as a hospital ship.—All Hands.

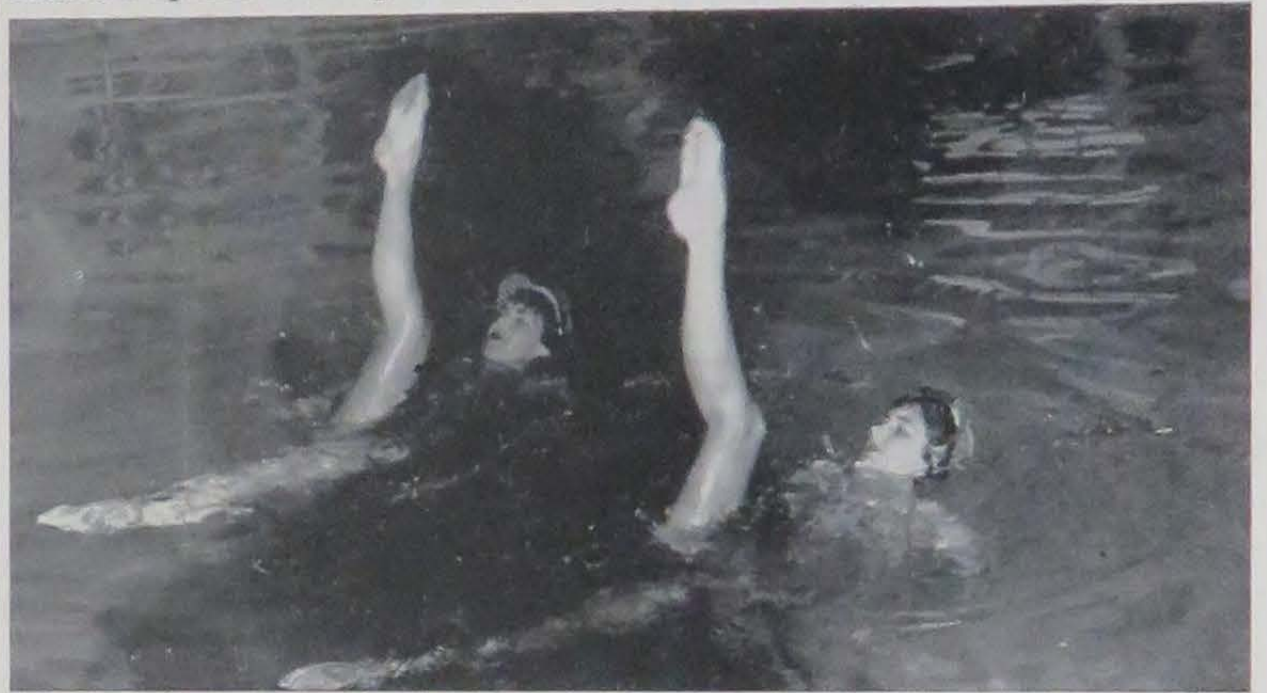


Miss Helen Waterman is the hospital's very capable Medical Record Librarian. A graduate of the old University High School in Oakland and the University of California '35, Miss Waterman also attended Rochester General Hospital in New York, graduating from the Medical Library Department in 1937.

Since that time she has worked at Herrick Hospital in Berkeley, Stanford Hospital, San Francisco, and Merritt Hospital, Oakland, in the capacity of Medical Record Librarian. Helen belongs to the Sierra Club of San Francisco, and her hobbies are hiking and camping. Two years ago she traveled abroad to Italy, England, Scotland and the Scandinavian countries. Her ambition is simple—to live as happily as she can and as long as she can.



Oops, there goes that "Piece of Driftwood." Houston Moore, one of the comedy acts in the water show, casually steps off the diving board and makes a splash landing in the pool at a grotesque angle.



Sally Phillips and Loretta Barrious, professional indoor and outdoor synchronized swimmers, perform their "Buggy Ride" in the annual Water Show which appeared at the pool last Tuesday.

Welcome and Farewell

Reporting for duty during the past week were LT Virginia C. Belden, NC, USN from Naval Station, T.I.; ENS Clyde O. Wimberly, USN, from MarCorBase, Camp Le Jeune, N.C.; HM1's D. Z. McLaughlin, from USNS, Kwajalein, Marshall Islands; E. D. Carlson, from USNRecSta, T.I.; HM3, W. E. Couter, from NavShipYd, San Francisco; and HA's B. C. McCafferty, from USNHCS, Bainbridge, Md.; HN L. C. Quayle, and HA's R. R. Bills, R. L. Bobbitt, J. E. Brown, Jr., L. C. Carter, W. R. Gabhart, P. V. Hatchell, D. R. Parker, J. C. Turitto, and B. W. Given, from USNHCS, San Diego.

Detached from Oak Knoll were LCDR Rivers G. Harwell, MSC, USN, to USS CONSOLATION; J. T. Noddin, DT1, to USNSHYD, San Francisco; A. H. Freeman, HM1, to USNavSta, San Francisco; J. E. Baxter, DT3, to USNTC, Dental Prosthetic School, San Diego; HN's J. C. Costello, to USS CONSOLATION; J. D.

Austin, W. D. Davis, J. M. McGill, J. W. McGill, R. M. Armstrong; W. L. Kather, G. L. Wallace, to MarCorBase, Camp Pendleton and HN's M. A. Sather, to NavShipYd, San Francisco, D. E. Essig, and L. L. Swain, to COMNAVFE, FURAS.

Released to inactive duty were LT John S. Montgomery, MC, LT Norman P. Johnson, MC; LTJG John R. Heckman, MC; LT Stanley R. Maxeiner, MC; LT Irene M. Vrabel, MC; LT Dolores "n" Michalski, NC; LT Helen Vukovic, NC, and Doris Marx, HM3. Discharged were LTJG Dorothy I. Moore, NC; D. A. Schofield, TE3; D. M. Watts, HM3; J. L. Shearin, HM3; N. A. Youells, HN; and T. J. Giles, HN.

Free Swim Lessons For Staff Children

Staff members are again reminded that their children will be given free swimming instructions each Monday and Wednesday from 0900 until 1000 at the hospital pool. Children must be between the ages of 5 and 16. Special Service instructors will be J. D. Murphy, J. B. Cox, L. D. Hoffman and Robert Travelstead.

The pool is also open in the evenings for staff members each Wednesday and Thursday from 1800 until 2100, and instructors will be on hand for those wishing to improve their swimming.

Staff Urged to Sign Up For OR School Now

Staff corpsmen who are interested in signing up for Operating Room School starting 19 July are urged to get in touch with Chief J. B. Amgwert in the staff personnel office.

Save for that dream, whatever it is—a home, an education, a car, but save, the Payroll Savings Way, when you buy Defense Bonds.



An Oak Knoll slugger took to the sky in the game between the Knollites and Moffett Field last week 23 June on the Oak Knoll diamond. The catcher seems to be yelling for help, as the softballers copped an 8-5 verdict over the enemy.

Oak Knoll Girls Tally Another Win, Defeat Hamilton Air Force Base, 15-12

Oak Knoll girls belted Hamilton AFB 15-12 for the second straight league win at Hamilton's diamond last Wednesday at 1500. McCafferty played her first game as a newcomer and shone in her position as a substitute on first base, and Sather played her final game before being transferred to Hunter's Point.

In the opening inning, first baseman Wolff got a walk and Krulatz batted a run to bring in the lead score. The enemy did not score in the first inning. In the second McCafferty walked and Vick singled to score. In this inning the enemy got out in front with five runs as the Oak Knoll girls dropped the ball. In the third frame Belfanz walked and McCafferty popped a fly to score two runs. Hamilton did not score. In the fourth the Knollites had a field day, chalking up nine runs to score ahead of the Hamilton gals.

In the fifth turn the enemy wal-

loped a beautiful fly to right field, only to have it fall into the waiting glove of right fielder Gerry Bourne. Cameron took to the sky and remained there for three tries, one in the sixth. The Hamilton women got three runs in the fifth and four in the seventh, totalling 12 points for the game, but Oak Knoll kept ahead by three points to win, 15-12.

Oak Knoll Ahead In Trophy Race

As spring competition comes to a close, points tallied toward the Commandant's Trophy for Athletic Achievement show that Oak Knoll is ahead in group B, with a total of 83 points, with NAS and NSC running second and third.

12ND baseball computation as of 7 June in the American League places NAS, Alameda, in first, and in the National League, NSC, Oakland, leads, with Oak Knoll second with three wins and two losses. Knollites were represented in every competitive sport. In 12ND Tennis and Golf, the Knollites were the last of the heap, in eighth place and in ninth place in the men's softball League.

In the BAAF women's baseball league, the Knollites are at the bottom of the list, with no wins and three losses since the beginning of the season. The BAAF American League shows Oak Knoll in fourth place with three wins and five losses.

Marksmen Qualify for Navy Course Expert

LTJG R. G. DeWitt, ENS. D. R. Kelly, Chiefs L. L. Linse, F. N. Cannon, L. I. Johnson and HM3 J. E. Calloway qualified in various aspects of the Navy Course E and as Experts in one day's shooting at NAS, Alameda, pistol range on 28 June. Individual shoots were as follows: Navy Expert to LTJG DeWitt, and Chief L. L. Linse, Sharpshooter to ENS D. R. Kelly, Marksman to Chiefs F. N. Cannon, L. I. Johnson and HM3 J. E. Calloway.

Hooper Bats 6th Frame Grand Slam; Knollites Win Over 12ND by 8-7

The Acorns held an 8-7 verdict over 12ND Communications when they met on 14 June on the Oak Knoll diamond.

Hooper hit a grand slam home run in the sixth. Evans hit the longest ball of the game to score Hooper and the winning run in the eighth. Evans and Hooper each collected three hits for five times at bat. Evans knocked out two triples and a double, and Hooper batted a single, triple and a home run.

12ND broke the ice by scoring one run on a walk, a stolen base and a passed ball, and the Acorns failed to score in the first inning. In the second the enemy was scoreless, but the Acorns scored twice on two walks and a triple by Evans. In the third frame, Oak Knoll did not score, but the opponents came through and chalked one on a single by Carson. He stole second and third and tallied on a fielder's choice. Oak Knoll gathered two singles but no score.

Feliz retired 12ND one, two, three up and down and the Acorns scored once on a single by Brooks and Koskiniemi. When the fifth inning rolled around, 12ND scored three times on two singles, a walk and a triple as Folger's strategy failed to work, leav-

ing the Acorns stranded again with two men on bases. In the top of the sixth, Feliz got the side out on three straight pitches. This was the Acorns' big inning. As Wise led off with a walk and Koskiniemi singled, Wehner came to bat and bunted safely to advance all runners; then Hooper cleared the bases on his grand slam, putting the Acorns in front with a score of 7-5.

Graves took to the mound and worked the opposing players carefully, striking out 12ND Alba, then walking Wood, who was picked off first base by a throw from Bailey. Graves then got ever dangerous Viviano to ground out on a batter's dream that ended the game. Next game for the Acorns is on 8 July when they tackle Naval Net Depot at 1430.

Acorns	AB	RBI	H
Wise	3	1	0
Koskiniemi	5	1	2
Wehner	5	1	1
Hooper	5	2	3
Evans	5	1	3
Bailey*	4	0	2
Pisciola	0	0	0
O'Boyle**	0	0	0
Bristol	0	0	0
Brooks	2	2	1
Graves***	0	0	0
Feliz	2	0	0
	31	8	12

*Bailey for Pisciola in 3rd
**O'Boyle for Bristol in 5th
***Graves for Feliz in 8th

GEN ANDERSON Bows to Oak Knoll; Pitcher Jack McGill Leaves for FMF

The Oak Knoll Acorns won their third game straight on 21 June when they eked out a 6-5 victory over the GENERAL ANDERSON on the local diamond.

Jack McGill pitched his last game for Oak Knoll before he left Monday for the FMF, and he will be sorely missed by his teammates.

This was the sixth game he has pitched and won. He played in infield and centerfield, and was equally good at bat.

Feliz, a newcomer to the team, is being groomed to replace McGill.

In the game with the ANDERSON, he held the ship to three runs on three hits in the sixth frame when he tired and was replaced by Hale. In the first inning of play, both sides were retired in order.

The second inning brought two errors by Graves, a single and a triple by Kerrigan, leaving the Acorns three runs behind. Bailey singled and Graves tripled to end the scoring, with the Acorns at the long end of a 3-1 count. In the third frame Feliz retired to the side, a one, two, three set. Dependable Wise came out to greet Kerrigan with a triple and scored on a sacrifice fly by Wehner.

In the fourth set we find Feliz again retired to the side with a one, two, three count, and neither team scored. In the fifth Feliz made it nine batters in a row (getting two on

strikes) who were sent to the bench. After two outs the Acorns scored twice on walks by Wise, and Wehner and Hooper doubled to put the Acorns ahead 4-3.

In the sixth Feliz gave up his third hit of the game. In the seventh the Acorns exploded, but got only one run to score on a walk and three errors by the visitors.

In the ninth inning with the GENERAL ANDERSON behind two runs, they bunched three hits and two runs off Hale before McGill put out the fire with the score, 5-5. Wise walked. Wehner laid a bunt down the third base line. On a wild throw to first, the fleet-footed Wise advanced to third. Another error by the enemy allowed him to come home and chalk another run to total the tally card 6-5. The next home game is on 7 July against the Port Chicago Marines.

Acorns	AB	RBI	H
Wise	3	4	1
Wehner	2	1	0
Koskiniemi	3	0	1
Hooper	3	0	1
McGill	3	0	0
Bailey	3	1	1
Travelstead	0	0	0
Feliz	3	0	0
Hale*	1	0	0
Graves	3	0	1
Pisciola**	0	0	0
Bristol***	1	0	0
	25	6	5

*Hale for Feliz in the 7th.
**Pisciola for Bailey in the 8th.
***Bristol for Travelstead in the 8th.

Hospital Netmen Win Versus Moffett, 10-3

Oak Knoll netmen took on the Moffett Field team on their home court on Friday, 25 June. Representing the Knollites were William Betts, HN, Tom Maxey, HN, and Bill Villanueva. In the singles Betts defeated Collins of Moffett Field 6-1 and 6-0.

Maxey was the victor over Royal, 6-0 and 6-2; Villanueva claimed victory in topping Konzella by scores of

8-6, 3-6 and 5-7. In the doubles Betts and Maxey copped the winning tally with a score of 7-5 and 6-1 respectively. The total tally for the Knollites team was 10-3.

Lady (holding a tid-bit above a dog): "Speak! Speak!"
Dog: "What do you want me to say?"

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SOS Brings CG To the Rescue

It was one way to get out of sea duty, but not the way QMC William B. Chighiozola would have chosen. In fact the 33-year-old chief was looking forward to his cruise on the YORKTOWN.

The big carrier was just outside the Golden Gate, bound for Pearl Harbor on 1 July, when Chighiozola suddenly doubled up with pain from a ruptured peptic ulcer.

A hasty SOS was sent to the Coast Guard, and within minutes LTJG L. Hubert, Coast Guard helicopter pilot landed on the carrier deck, picked up the patient, and deposited him on the Oak Knoll baseball field, where an ambulance was waiting to rush him to surgery.

Reports from Ward 70B indicate that the chief, Oak Knoll's third patient to arrive by helicopter, is getting along well.

CAPT Gaede Named To Founders Group

CAPT David C. Gaede, Chief of the Neuropsychiatric Service, has received word that on recommendation of the eligibility committee of the American Board of Preventive Medicine he has been certified without examination as a member of the Founders Group of that board.

Forty Patients Invited To Oaks, Seattle Tilt

The Alameda County Employees' Association will be host to the first 40 patients who sign up at Special Services for the 15 July baseball game in the Oaks ball park, Emeryville.

Transportation for the Oaks versus Seattle game will be provided from the Community Service Building at 1830.

Patients to See Rodeo At Salinas Next Week

You may put on your western, rough-riding mood when you sign up for the Salinas Rodeo, which will take place 16 July. Forty patients are invited by the American Legion, VFW, and DAV. Dinner will be included.

Contact Special Services for further information.

Promotion & Orders For Senior Chaplain

Chaplain L. C. M. Vosseler got both a promotion and orders this week. As of 1 July he was promoted to the rank of commander, and as of Monday he is to be detached to await transportation to his new post as Division Chaplain, First Marines.



Some of the nation's top research men spent a busy day at Oak Knoll on 30 June when they inspected the Metabolic Research Facility and the Artificial Limb Department research program. In the group pictured here are, first row, left to right, Dr. Harry Most, New York University College of Medicine; Dr. H. A. Harper, Oak Knoll's civilian consultant in biochemistry; Dr. H. T. Karsner, Medical Research Advisor to the Surgeon General; Captain Bradley; RADM F. C. Greaves, 12ND Medical Officer; RADM W. P. Dana, Assistant Chief for Aviation and Operational Medicine, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery; second row, CAPT T. J. Canty, Chief of the Amputee service; Dr. Richard E. Shope, Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research, New York, N.Y.; Dr. R. Keith Cannan, Division of Medical Sciences, National Academy of Sciences, Washington 25; CAPT O. D. Yarbrough, MC, USN, Director, Research Division, BuMed; Surgeon Commander E. P. Ellis, British Joint Services Mission; Dr. Richard A. Kern, retired RADM in the Medical Corps Reserve, now of Temple University Hospital, Philadelphia; back row: LT Edgar M. Neptune, Jr., BuMed Liaison Officer with the National Research Council; LT P. D. Doolan, Chief of Research for Oak Knoll; CWOHC John John H. Faunce, Administrative Officer for the Artificial Limb Department; and Dr. Joseph L. Lilienthal, Jr., Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore 5, Md.

Nation's Top Research Men Tour Oak Knoll

Members of the Naval Medical Research Committee of the National Academy of Sciences, Washington, D.C., with representatives of the Navy's Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, spent Wednesday, 30 June, in-

specting the hospital's Metabolic Research Facility and the research and development program of the Artificial Limb Department.

Purpose of the committee's visit was to evaluate the extent, effective-

ness, and progress of Naval Medical research projects, as well as the adequacy of facilities for research, and the adequacy of administrative personnel.

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CAPT Shaw Commended; Leaves for Philadelphia Post

CAPT Christopher C. Shaw, MC, USN, Chief of the Medical Service here for the past two years, left last Friday for a new post in Philadelphia, taking with him a commendation from the Commanding Officer and the good wishes of his staff.

The commendation spoke of the captain's outstanding work as chairman of the intern training program, of the excellent rapport he has maintained with the University of California and Stanford University Medical Schools, and of his active interest and participation in research activities.

"As doctor, teacher, scientist, and frequent contributor to medical literature, you have made outstanding contributions to the services and the reputation of this hospital," the citation read.

Captain Shaw and his wife, Sigrid,

are now en route east, and though reluctant to leave Oak Knoll, they are happy at the prospect of being



CAPT C. C. Shaw

near their son and daughter, both of whom are married and living on the East Coast. Their second son, Chris, Jr., well-known among Oak Knoll's younger set, is accompanying them.

Captain Shaw entered the Navy as a lieutenant commander in 1941. He came here from the Army Medical Service Graduate School at the Walter Reed Medical Center in Washington, D.C. Previous billets had included those of Chief of Medicine at USNH, Corpus Christi, Tex., Assistant Chief of Medicine at USNH, Philadelphia, instructor at the Navy's School of Aviation Medicine, Pensacola, Fla., and Director of the Research Division, BuMed.

The duties of Chief of Medicine were this week taken over by CAPT John H. Ward, Jr., who reported aboard last week from BuMed for his second tour of duty at Oak Knoll.

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† † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

Permit me, first of all, to thank all hands for the kind welcome aboard you extended to me. It is in a spirit of pride and keen responsibility that I take over the duty as your Senior Chaplain. Hospital duty is just as much a part of our Navy life as service on any battleship, carrier, or other shore station. In fact it is a duty wherein our shipmates need their Chaplains perhaps more than any other time. Be assured then, we are most happy to have been assigned here to Oak Knoll, and we shall strive to serve you to the best of our ability. If at any time you have any suggestions wherein we might serve you better, please let us know. You will find your Chaplains here at the hospital available to you at all times. If you are unable to come to our offices either in the Chapel or in Building 67A, a phone call will bring one of us to your ward as soon as possible. In the meantime we are looking forward to meeting all of you as we make our daily rounds through the hospital. Please remember us in your prayers, as you can bet we shall not forget you.

CDR James C. Connolly,
 Catholic Chaplain

• • Welcome and Farewell • •

Reporting for duty during the past week were CAPT John H. Ward, MC, USN, from BUMED; CDR James C. Connolly, CHC, USNR, from USS YORKTOWN; LT James A. Peal, MC, USNR from USNH, Newport, R. I.; LT Richard K. Morgan, MC, USNR, from inactive duty; LT Alice R. Reilly NC, USN, from Boston College, Boston, Mass.; LTJG's Paul W. Scokel, III, MC; Norman G. Lewis, MC; Gilbert L. Ashor, MC; Allan B. Branson, MC; Richard E. Landis, MC; John R. Lukas, MC; Lloyd E. Moore, MC; Henry R. Olivier, MC; Richard B. Peoples, MC; Mario A. Vasquez, MC; John C. Robin, MC; Lucille M. Saloum, MC; Robert W. Taylor, MC; Roy von der Mehden, MC; Paul C. Goetz, Jr., MC; and John P. Steward, MC; from inactive duty J. M. Simms, HMC, from Navy Med Unit, TAH.

HMI's D. Z. McLaughlin, from USNS, Kwajalein, Marshall Islands; E. O. Carr, from NavHosp, FPO, San Francisco; HM2's J. E. Wilson, from CG, USMC, HDQTRS DEPT., 100 Harrison St., San Francisco; D. J. Halkowic, from USNMEDSCHL, NNMC, Bethesda, Md.; B. I. Lovelace, HN, from USNHCS, Great Lakes; and HA's B. C. McCafferty, from USNHCS, Bainbridge, Md.; and F. A. Peters, from USNHCS, Great Lakes, Ill.

Detached were LTJG's Leon E. Schneider, DC, USNR, to CO, Nav-PhiBase, Coronado; Edward P. Gerber, MC; Louis I. Johnson MC, USNR, and Jack G. Smith, MC, USNR, to Nav Schl of Aviation Medicine NAS, Pensacola, Fla.; Paul F. Bowlin, MC, USNR; and William F. Hensold, MC, USNR, to 1stMarDiv, FMF, c/o San Francisco; W. J. Ghormley, HMI, to USNND, Tiburon; HM2's W. S. Guffey to ComNav-Fe, FURAS; J. E. Baxter, DT3, to USNTC, Prosthetic Schl, San Diego; HN's J. C. Costello, to USS CONSO-LATION, Long Beach; T. A. Cun-

ningham, to USNavSta, San Francisco and F. J. Terertiller, to USNS, S.F.

Released to inactive duty were CDR John J. De Roos, MC; LCDR Ernest H. Fralick, MC; LCDR Paul H. Cookson; LTJG's Lee J. Haasis, MC; Ralph B. Reaume, MC; Ralph R. Reed, MC; Robert K. Julien, MC; Naomi P. Ish, NC; HN's C. F. Hasso, and J. H. E. Johnson. K. E. Vivian, HM2, was discharged.

'Lifelines of America' On 'Shooting the Breeze'

On today's "Shooting the Breeze" show over KPIX-TV, at 1800 LTJG Bud Wiser will interview LCDR "G" Casey of the Logistics office of 12ND. The topic will be **Lifelines of America**.

LCDR Casey will talk about the forgotten working Navy which is always on the alert in war and peace to keep the vital supply arteries open around the world.

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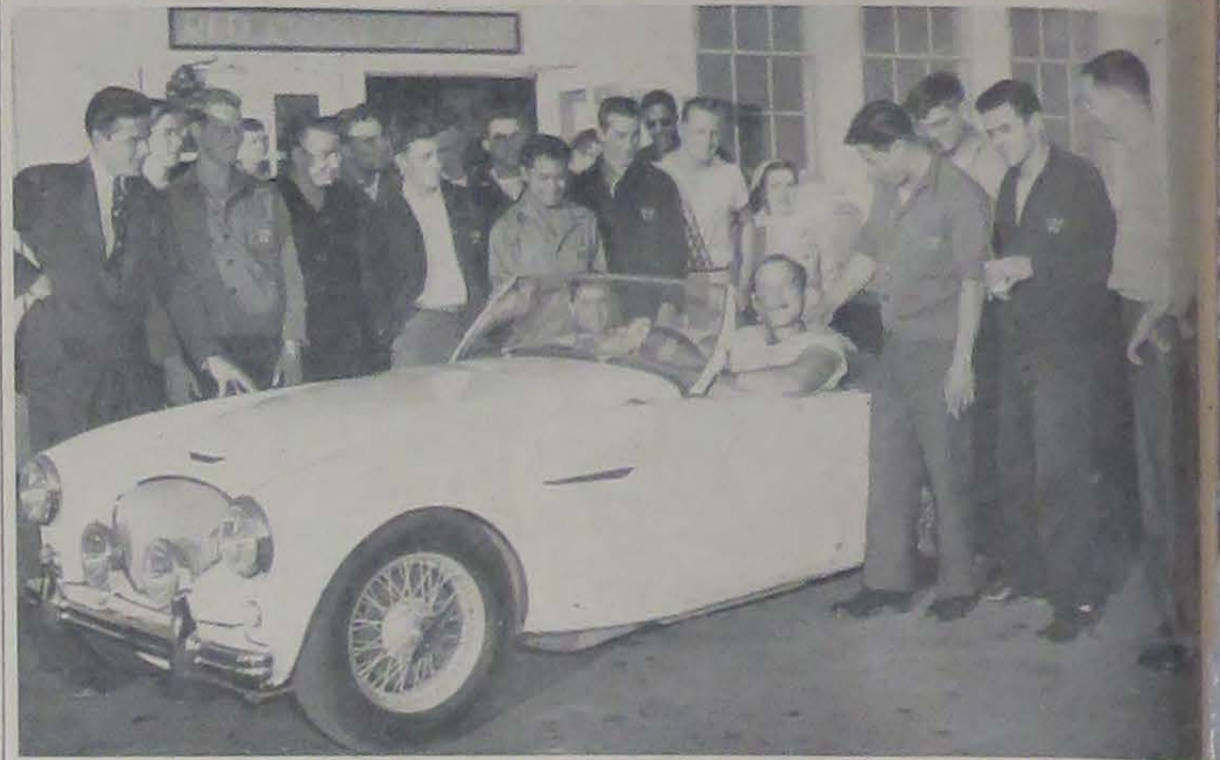
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Bob McLain (left) explains the finer points of an Austin-Healey to a group of patients and Gray Lady, Mrs. L. S. Dunn, at the Red Cross Lounge.

Red Cross Ramblings

Representatives of the top sports car organizations in the country visited Oak Knoll last week and gave our patients a wonderful review of some of the cars themselves, plus excellent films of leading road races. Mr. Frank Rhode of the Norwitt British Motor Car Company rounded up such well-known personages as Al Torres, starter for all the top races (also prominent in Midget Car Racing); Bill David, San Francisco architect and sports car racer who owns the fabulous Cunningham the patients were admiring, "Chick" Leson, who is past president of Sports Cars Unlimited and this year's winner of the Pebble Beach race; and Dennis Riley, Al Arth, and Bob Stoecker all owners—fans—and actively working in the sports car field. Our men also had a chance to learn about such groups as the Royal Coachmen, Sports Cars of America, and The 4-Cylinder Club. It was a truly memorable evening in (and about) the Red Cross Lounge! Many thanks to our distinguished visitors.

The Red Cross staff "farewells" are way ahead of the "hails" at this point. "Peggy" Wells, long a mainstay at our switchboard and information office, has retired to some well-earned family leisure and will be sorely missed by her host of friends. Georgia Adams, Recreation Worker, who has been doing a bang-up job at the Craft Shop during the illness of Mrs. Christiana, will leave on 15 July to assume another position. We will welcome "Rusti" back at about the same time.

An unusually interested (and spirited!) bridge playing bunch is being sparked by Charles Tuller, HMI, of 42B. Tuller started instructing in the Lounge, and enthusiasm is mounting on the wards.

Everyone really felt things were "going to the dogs" the other night when two notable canine visitors demonstrated on several wards. Mrs. Patience Ann Previtz and her lovely Seeing Eye Dog made a skillful and heart-warming team as they showed the many ways these wonderful dogs can help the blind. Mrs. Previtz was really "snowed" with questions on each ward, and everyone wants her and her talented guide back soon. The contrast was provided by a magnificent AKC champion boxer dog owned by Red Cross staff worker Miss Nahl, who discussed the purposes of dog shows and breeding sounder animals. The dog "Dude" (for short) thought it was a terrific occasion, because it was his third birthday and the men gave him a piece of cake on each ward!

Willard Smith, AK1, 43B, regained

his crown as Champ o' the Week of the ping-pong crowd. Competition was fast and furious at these weekly tournaments; so come on over and try your chances Thursday afternoons at the Lounge.



Another Knoll romance culminated in marriage on Friday, 2 July, when WAVE Betty G. Carr, HMI, and Donald E. Johnson, HM2, exchanged vows at a double ring ceremony, which Protestant Chaplain LTJG William F. Hollis officiated. After the wedding services which were held in the chapel, the couple left for a week-end honeymoon in Pomona, Calif.

'Hail and Farewell' Party At Officers' Club Tonight

There will be a "Hail and Farewell Party" tonight at the Officers' Club beginning at 1730. Apparel for the evening may be either civilian or military. Baby sitters will also be provided.



CDR James C. Connolly

CDR Connolly Is Senior Chaplain

CDR James C. Connolly, CHC, USNR, Catholic Chaplain, who arrived at Oak Knoll on 27 June will assume the official duties of Senior Chaplain here, on Monday, 12 July.

Chaplain Connolly was commissioned in San Francisco, in May 1943, after which he had duty at Great Lakes, served aboard the USS ST. LOUIS (CL-49) the following year, and returned to inactive duty in 1946. He volunteered for active duty during the Korean conflict in April 1951 and was assigned to NAS, Norfolk, Va., then served aboard the USS WASP (CVA-10) and was aboard at the time of the sinking of the USS HOBSON. Chaplain Connolly witnessed the accident in which 89 lives were lost.

The new chaplain is not the only Navy man in his family. His deceased father was a chief petty officer on the gunboat, USS WASP, during the Spanish-American War, and he had an uncle, the late Monsignor James N. Connolly, from New York City, who was military Vicar of all Catholic Chaplains in France during WWI.

Previous to his naval service, Father Connolly was the Superior of the Dominican Mission Band on the Pacific Coast, and served in St. Dominic's Parish, San Francisco, and St. Albert's College, Oakland, in 1938 and 1940.

A graduate of Cathedral College, NYC, and Providence College, Providence, R.I., Father Connolly took up his seminary studies in the Dominican House of Studies, Washington, D.C., and was ordained by Archbishop Curley in Washington.

With the arrival of Father Connolly, LCDR Charles B. Knight, CHC, USNR, Catholic Chaplain, who reported aboard in July 1952, left for MSTs duty in the Atlantic and newly promoted CDR L. C. M. Vosseler, here since August 1952, will leave for the Fleet Marines Monday.

CDR Norris, LT Cates Pass Board Exams

Congratulations are in order for CDR Frank T. Norris, MC, USN and LT Banks R. Cates, MC, USNR, who have both been certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine as a result of examinations at Los Angeles.

Scuttlebutt

CONGRATULATIONS to Mike Arrigo of ALD! He and his wife, Charlotte, entered their watercolors in a four-county fair at Vallejo last week end and came away with three prizes. Charlotte took first, Mike third, in a landscape division, and Charlotte, second in abstract. Both have studied art with private teachers, and last summer, while Mike took a vacation from making cosmetic hands for amputees, they took an art course at College of the Pacific.

SUMMER SCENES: WAVES Johnnie Johnson, Gloria Shafer, Eleanor Nunziato, Sarah Chilcoat, and Helen Kuchera swimming and sunning at Lake Anza . . . Shirley Street and Lorraine Hodges, and a daughter each, in Yosemite for the week end . . . Dr. and Mrs. Wallace Allen making plans for a summer cabin on their new lot at Strawberry . . . George Shinn, looking out the Chaplain's Office window, obviously dreaming of leave in New Jersey . . .

THE BELLS ARE RINGING for Richard G. Duncan, HN, and Bernice Thomas of Sharps Park. They were married in the chapel on 3 July, with Chaplain Hollis officiating. On 17 July Vic Irving, former Knoll corpsman and athlete, and WAVE Terry Shultz of OPD, who is wearing a brand new diamond, will exchange "I do's."

PEOPLE, ETC.: Eloise Voetsch and Tillie Krulatz of Finance were in the enthusiastic audience at "Porgy and Bess" one eve recently . . . LT Arthur N. King of the EST School staff felt right at home with the VIPS who visited us last week. Admiral Dana is his uncle . . . Something new was added to the staff dance Friday when L. I. Hoffman served as MC. Artie Fuson and Terry Schultz were lucky winners of door prizes . . . Those rhythmic Rhythm Kings played, and Providence student nurses were among the guests . . . LT Annie Poytress is back tramping the ramps after a fine vacation at Lake Louise, Banff, and other points north . . . Behind the wheel of that blinding red Olds 98 that rolls up to Maintenance each morning is Vi Wise . . . Bertha Durant, purchasing agent, and her husband, tried out their new Olds 98 on a trip to Napa during the week end, and Harry Tritschler, HM3, of the Bag Room tried out his "new" 1947 Chevy . . . Fusai Obata is back from her first trip to LA and San Diego . . . Myrtle Wallin will probably become a commuter from Southern California before long. She and her husband have bought a lot at the Beach Combers' Club in San Clemente, where their son is a doctor.

LIFE BEGINS: Hugh S. Davis, HN, from 61A, and his wife Jo Ann welcome their first child on 30 June and named him Forrest Nelson. The young lad, whose dad works on 74A, weighed 8 lbs. 2½ oz. when he arrived.

OAKNOLLUMNI: ENS Ken Schecter, the subject of CDR Harry Burns' SatEvePost story "The Case of the Blind Pilot" and briefly a patient on 69A when he returned from Korea after that famous flight, is the inspiration for one of the sequences in the new movie, "Men of the Fighting Lady," now being shown in San Francisco.



Three more staff men received commendations this week from the Commanding Officer. Above, Kermit E. Vivian, HM2, USNR, now well on his way back to St. Louis to continue his education, was commended for his outstanding work in the Civil Readjustment Office for the past two and a half years. Clyde Wolever was cited for his outstanding work as a neuropsychiatry technician. Leroy Judd, HM3, received his citation in recognition of his high quality service as senior corpsman on Ward 47-B. Judd is due for orders soon, but Wolever will continue his work here.



That small piece of paper attracting all the attention is a check for \$227.07, presented to Oak Knoll by the California State and San Francisco Men's and Women's Bowling Associations. The money will be spent for supplies for the Red Cross craft and recreation programs, which have benefited on many occasions through the generosity of these organizations. In the CO's office for the pleasant transaction were Dorothy Johnson, Red Cross Recreation Director; Mrs. Winifred Ford, president of the San Francisco Woman's Bowling Association, Mrs. Winifred Berger of San Rafael, WIBC Executive, and Marie Adams, Red Cross Field Director.

More About Researchers

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In the group were Dr. Richard A. Kern, Chairman, from Temple University Hospital, Philadelphia; Dr. Winchell Craig, Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minn.; Dr. Joseph L. Lienthal, Jr., Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, Md.; Dr. Harry Most, New York University College of Medicine, New York, N.Y.; Dr. Richard E. Shope, Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research, New York, N.Y.; Dr. Keith Cannan, Division of Medical Sciences, National Academy of Sciences, Washington, D.C.; Dr. Lee E. Farr, Brookhaven National Laboratory, Upton, N.Y.; LT Edgar M. Neptune, Jr., Bureau of Medicine Liaison Officer with the National Research Council.

Here from the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery were RADM W. P. Dana, Assistant Chief for Aviation and Operational Medicine; CAPT O. D. Yar-

brough, Director, Research Division, BuMed; Dr. H. T. Karsner, Medical Research Advisor to the Surgeon General of the Navy. RADM F. C. Greaves, District Medical Officer, joined the group for the morning sessions and luncheon at the Officers' Club.

Although no official report has been made of the inspection, members of the group expressed satisfaction with the work in progress here.

NOTICE!

There will be a dance tonight at the Staff Enlisted Recreation Center, with the music of Bud Cheek's band and hostesses from Merritt Hospital.

Dentist: "Open wider please—wider."

Patient: "A-A-A-Ah."

Dentist (inserting rubber gag, towel and sponge): "How's your family?"

Oak Knoll Girls Lose by Forfeit

Lacking a pitcher to carry on in the sixth inning, and needing more power-laden bats like those of Wolff and Vick, the Oak Knoll girls went down in defeat in the game against Fort Mason, 13-4, on the Oak Knoll diamond, Tuesday, 29 June.

Although the hospital ladies were heavy with the lumber, they were stranded on base paths in a six-inning contest. Constance Wolff, McCafferty and Ella Mae Vick played good ball, and Cameron retired the enemy twice in a row with a three-up and three-down set.

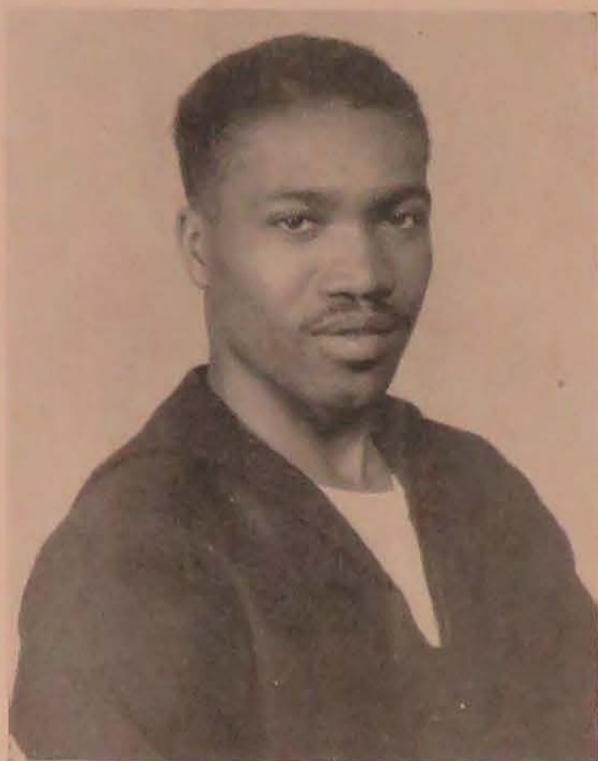
Newcomer Marcie Richmond, playing her first game, was a little shaky, but will come through as the season progresses. Wolff caught two pop flies in the fourth frame, and McCafferty's glove also pulled in a fly for an out. The score for Oak Knoll was made in the fourth when Waltham and McCafferty were on base and Wolff singled to bring both in for a chalk. Tillie Krulatz brought in one run, followed by Wolff.

Fort Mason's femmes were really in there pitching. Three times the bases were loaded to score their wins. Due to several errors by the fumbling Knollites, the enemy tallied run after run with ease. Next game for the Oak Knoll girls will be 7 July, at Parks Air Force Base. They will return to their home field on 21 July to meet the San Francisco Marines.

Hospital Netmen Best 12ND Team, 10-3

In a 12ND conference match the 12ND communication team met defeat at the hands of a skilled Oak Knoll net team by a score of 10-3. Communications did not win a set. In the singles, Betts defeated Williams 6-1, 6-2. Tom Maxey won against his opponent with a tally of 6-0, 6-0. In the doubles Betts and Villaneuva won 6-1 and 6-0. Bill Colson won a singles match by forfeit 6-0, when his opponent did not show up.

Staff Personalities



New York's YMCA Bantamweight idol, San Francisco State lightweight champ and Golden Glover—that's Willie E. Couther, who recently reported to Oak Knoll for duty and is now assigned to ward 66A. He hails from New York but abandoned that city in '47 to make his home in Berkeley. He had boot and HCS at Great Lakes, graduated from High School via USAFI and other allied approved correspondence courses, was stationed at Hunter's Point for two years and while on night duty there arranged to attend San Francisco State during the day, majoring in Physical Education. He has had sea duty in all major parts of the Atlantic and Pacific theaters. Now he is trying to get his pilot license. Next to boxing his first love is flying. He expects to return to San Francisco State after this hitch.



The "Ticker tape teletype" operator in the personnel office is Thomas Quinn Sawyer, HN, who hails from Breckenridge, Texas, graduated from Breckenridge High School in 1950, and attended Draughnes Business School for one and one-half years, before the call to arms came. He took his boots and HCS at San Diego and arrived at Oak Knoll in January '52. Since that time he has been a "float-er" and more recently was assigned to the personnel office. His hobby is tennis but most of all, he likes "just talking." If and when this hitch is over, he will return to civilian life, for X-ray school and accounting work.

"My mother-in-law gave a pint of blood to a sick man."
 "Did the patient recover?"
 "No, he froze to death."

Knollites Win Doubleheader

The Oak Knoll baseball team had a field day here when they played their first doubleheader of the season against the Port Chicago Marines last week, 1 July, to win both games with scores of 16-2 and 10-2 respectively. Winning pitchers were Feliz and Hale. Hooper and Brooks each batted home runs.

The Knollites swamped their enemy, not giving them more than two runs in either game. It was no contest; so the first game was stopped at the top of the fifth inning, and the second game began and ended worse than the former. The visitors were outplayed at every turn. Either the Marines could not play ball or Oak Knoll's team was super-charged.

In the first game, the opponent got two runs in the first inning only, while the Acorns chalked five in the first, three in the second and two in the third. Brooks hit a whopper of a homer in the third. Tom Burley, a newcomer on the team, showed prowess on his first day out and seems to be good at stealing bases. Even Dave Folger got in on the heat in this frame.

Hooper knocked a grand slam in the second game. During this session the Knollites tallied eight runs on the scoreboard, three in the first, one in the second, four in the third. The local house of nine got sixteen runs in this game. Graves and Koskiniemi sacrificed hits in the first game. Davis got two triples, Hooper and Hale batted a triple each as the game ended in forfeit at the top of the fourth inning.

FIRST GAME			
	AB	RBI	H
Acorns	4	2	2
Wise	4	2	3
Wehner	3	1	1
Koskiniemi	4	2	3
Hooper	4	2	2
Evans	3	2	2
Graves	2	0	0
Travelstead	2	0	0
Burley	2	1	1
Feliz	1	1	1
Folger	1	1	1
	29	13	15

SECOND GAME			
	AB	RBI	H
Acorns	3	1	1
Wise	3	3	2
Wehner	2	0	1
Koskiniemi	2	1	1
Hooper	1	0	0
Evans	1	0	0
Graves	1	4	1
Brooks	2	0	1
Bristol	2	0	1
Hale	2	0	1
	17	9	8

Pistol Team Wins in 4 July Shoot

LTJG R. G. DeWitt, Special Services Officer, added two gold medals and one silver to his collection last week, when he copped the CAPT Strom Memorial awards in the slow center fire and first place in the Camp Perry national match, at the Oakland Pistol Club Sunday, 4 July, with the .38 caliber.

This marks the second time that LTJG DeWitt has excelled in the Oakland Pistol matches. On 5 and 6 June, he was awarded seven medals in several aggregate shoots, winning two first places, four second places and a third place in the .22 caliber matches. He was also on the receiving end of the special second place for

the grand aggregate in two day shooting, but since that time screening of points and participants revealed a mistake in the final decisions, meaning that Mr. DeWitt received the first-place award in the grand aggregate last month.

B. J. Lowe, HMC, won one bronze and one silver medal in the .22 caliber short NRA course and the slow fire at 50 yards.

ENS Donald Kelly won fourth place as third class marksman with the .45. LTJG DeWitt took second class marksman in third place with the .45. F. N. Cannon, HMC, was awarded the "Oscar" for the whole affair.

Previews

Saturday, 10 July
 SOUTH SEA WOMAN — Burt Lancaster, Virginia Mayo. ADVENTURE DRAMA. Rating: Very good. Lancaster, a strapping Marine sergeant is being tried for desertion and refuses to speak in his own behalf. The story is gradually connected by a series of flashbacks. This movie is a repeat, by request.

Sunday, 11 July
 THE PUSHOVER — Fred MacMurray. There is no information available in the files for this one, but along with it comes BATTLE OF THE CHAMPIONS, starring Ezzard Charles and Rocky Marciano.

Monday, 12 July
 DISTANT DRUMS — Gary Cooper, Mari Aldon. SUPERWESTERN. Color. Rating: Very good. This repeat should satisfy anyone's desire for adventure.

Tuesday, 13 July
 PRINCESS OF THE NILE — Debra Paget, Jeffrey Hunter, Donna Drake. ADVENTURE DRAMA. Technicolor. Rating: Fair. A prince and princess in ancient Egypt combat the forces of evil and intrigue. Miss Paget, the princess, displays her skill with the sword against men in battle and swims through secret waterways in the course of the drama.

Wednesday, 14 July
 SCANDAL AT SCOURIE — Greer Garson, Walter Pidgeon. DRAMA. Technicolor. Rating: Very good. Garson and Pidgeon adopt an orphan child of the Catholic faith in a Canadian community and a newspaper editor stirs up discord in the predominantly Protestant community.

Thursday, 15 July
 SUN VALLEY SERENADE — Sonja Henie, John Payne. MUSICAL. This is a reissue of the movie which featured the Glenn Miller orchestra. There is good music, but the fashions age the picture.

Friday, 16 July
 MAGNIFICENT OBSESSION — Jane Wyman, Rock Hudson. DRAMA. Technicolor. Rating: Excellent. This is a new version of Lloyd C. Douglas' best seller. Jane is the blind young widow and Hud-

Hospital Linkmen Beat Stockton Reserve Fleet

The Knollites golf team met the Stockton Reserve Fleet netmen at Swanson Park in Stockton last Tuesday 29 June, to thump them 19-7 1/2. This was Oak Knoll's first win in the three games of the season. Medalist Taylor of Stockton's team shot a neat 80 in the meet.

Next game for the Oak Knoll team will be on 8 July, at Lake Chabot court against the staff of Commander Western Sea Frontier. The call is still out for hospital golfers who want to be on the Knoll squad. Those interested contact Chief Leslie Johnson at Special Services. Currently on the squad are LT C. R. Thompson, Chiefs L. I. Johnson, J. R. Baranski, HN's E. W. Jakes, and W. H. Cripps.

Ping-pongers Notice! Squad Needs Your Aid

The 12ND ping-pong tournament will be held at the Naval Supply Center, Wednesday, 11 August. All players among staff men and women are asked to sign up with Ernie Hughes HM3, at Special Services Ext. 593.

son the play-boy who was responsible for the death of her husband.

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LT Larry B. Stanley

Dr. Stanley Gets Reserve Medal

LT Larry B. Stanley, DC, USNR, added a new ribbon to his collection this week when Captain Bradley presented him the Naval Reserve Medal for ten years' faithful service.

Dr. Stanley is a graduate of Idaho State College, University of Idaho, and St. Louis University School of Dentistry, where he received his D.D.S. in 1952. He was commissioned an ensign in the line in 1944 and served aboard a destroyer escort in the South Pacific for two years. He was CO of an APL (No. 5) in the Seattle area before transferring to the Dental Corps in 1951. He interned at Bethesda before reporting to Oak Knoll in February of last year.

At the end of this year Dr. Stanley will be released to inactive duty, and his present plan is to locate in Phoenix, Ariz. He and his wife, Dorothy, have one son, Gregory Scott, age 4, and are expecting a second child.

Stage Show Scheduled For Monday at 1930

Edwin T. Thayer, assistant to the producer and director in the Public Relations Department of Cyr-Crawford Products, will sponsor a stage show in the theatre 1930, 19 July.

Songs, dances with delightful choreography by Phyliss Cyr, organ music, and sketches by John Blauer will provide an entertaining evening.

New Orthopedic Chief Certified to Board

CAPT Thomas M. Foley, who reported aboard 1 July for duty as Chief of the Orthopedic Service, this week was certified to the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons and Board of Orthopedic Surgery.

ACEA Invites Forty To See Boxing Bouts

Forty patients are invited by the Alameda County Employees' Association to attend the Policemen's Amateur Boxing Matches to be held in the Oakland Auditorium on 22 July.

The best box seats will be provided, refreshments will be served, and hostesses are an added feature of the event. Transportation will leave from the Community Service Building at 1900.

Oakland Officers Club Invites Knoll Bachelors

The Oakland Officers Club, an organization composed of gracious single young women, whose aim is to provide friendly companionship and entertainment for officers of the Armed Forces, meets at the Lake Merritt Hotel, 1800 Madison Street, Oakland, California, each Wednesday and Friday evening from 8:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.

All Oak Knoll bachelors are cordially invited.

Officers' Wives to Play Bridge, 28 July

Officers' wives will hold their next bridge session at the club at 1300, 28 July, according to Mrs. Marshall Olson, chairman of the bridge section, which meets the last Wednesday of each month.

"Quick Thinking" on "Shootin' the Breeze"

Tonight's program on KPIX-TV at 1800 ("Shootin' the Breeze") will be a demonstration on how quick thinking can save a ship and the lives of its crew. Members of the staff of the Damage Control School at Treasure Island will participate in the program.

Sports Car Show Set For Sunday, 25 July

The annual Sports Car Show sponsored by the 4-Cylinder Club of America will roll onto the Oak Knoll baseball field Sunday, 25 July, from 1100 to 1630. One hundred sports cars are expected to turn out for the show.

HN Candidates Must Register by 19 July

All those interested in taking the HN examinations to be held Wednesday, 21 July, from 0900-1200, in Building 25 (the Education Office) please register before 1500, 19 July, with your procedure card.



These three petty officers in Security are all smiles after their switch in duties. HMC M. E. Nye, who has been Chief Master-at-Arms at Oak Knoll since 10 September 1951 and who has put in 26 years and six months service in the Navy, pinned his badge on HMC F. H. Anderberg (center). Relieving Chief Anderberg is HMC J. W. Owen (right), who has assumed the duties of Security Chief.



Eleven civilian employees were judged "outstanding" when the Performance Rating Board, headed by Harold F. Hitz, met recently. The ratings, based on quality and quantity of work and adaptability, were for the year ending 31 March. In the group were, left to right, seated, Shirley Street, supervisory fiscal accounting assistant, Finance; Viola Wise, clerk in the Maintenance Division; Donna Cruzan, secretary to the Executive Officer; Maxine Hutchin, chemist at the Metabolic Research Facility; and Myrtle R. Wallin, dictating machine transcriber (unit supervisor), Personnel and Records. In the back row are Minnie Jack, publications editor, Metabolic Research; Edna Bourdase, secretary to the Administrative Officer; Henry Peterson, electrician, Maintenance Division; Dorothy Thompson, information specialist in the Commanding Officer's office; Betty Darrimon, fiscal accounting clerk, Finance; and Betty Winsby, supervisory clerk, Personnel and Records.

Service-wide Examinations Set For Petty Officer Rate Advancements

Service-wide competitive examinations for advancement in rates for pay grades E-4, E-5 and E-6 will be held at this command in August 1954. All enlisted staff members are reminded there are certain prerequi-

sites which must be completed before 31 July 1954.

Anyone interested can determine his eligibility and find out the courses necessary for recommendation in the staff personnel office.

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† † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

Let me first, thank all hands for the kind and courteous welcome aboard you are extending me. It is indeed gratifying to feel such warmth and welcome. It is with a great deal of pride and pleasure that I report aboard for duty. This was the first and only time I have requested duty, and BuPers was kind enough to grant the request. I am looking forward to meeting all of you, and to being of whatever service I can to you.

We will try to make the Chaplain's Department here the best one in the Navy. Let us know anytime we can serve you.

LCDR James W. Paul
Protestant Chaplain

• • Welcome and Farewell • •

Reporting for duty were CAPT Thomas M. Foley, Jr., MC, USN, from USNH, Great Lakes, Ill.; LT's Eric M. Swanson, MC, USNR, from inactive duty; Alice M. Murphy, NC, USNR, from MSTS, Pacific Area; LTJG Gladys Madsen, NC, USNR, from inactive duty; HN's S. "n" Dimando, G. A. Becker, F. E. Ashley and HA's R. "n" Nakamura, D. E. Morgan, W. H. Bridges, from HCS, San Diego.

Detached were LTJG's Charles R. Ashworth, MC, USNR, to NATU, Coronado; Leo R. Green, MC, USNR, to MSTS, North Pacific Sub-Area; Louis A. Hall, MC, USNR, to 1stMarDiv, FMF, % San Francisco; Robert O. McMahan, MC, USNR, to Com 12 for transportation to Atsugi, Japan; Carrol W. Nellerhoe, MC, USNR, to NAS, Pensacola, Fla.; Rudolph J. Ripple, Jr., MC, USNR; John B. Slater, MC, USNR; John A. Ottum, MC, USNR; to 3rd MarDiv, % San Francisco; George R. Bell, MC, USNR, to MSTS, Pacific; Joseph M. Thompson, MC, USNR, to NSC, Oakland; A. P. Pedretti, HM3, to NavShYd, San Francisco; J. N. Sutich, YNTSN, HN's F. M. Dahlstrom, D. D. Lambert, G. G. Prouse,

S. J. Wright J. G. Rockford, J. E. Grayson, L. C. Daniels, to USNS, San Francisco; J. A. Wherry, H. E. James, C. C. Clarke, R. C. Breitmeyer, and R. R. Chesney, to NAS, Alameda; E. W. Jakes, to USNH, M. I.; T. A. Rico, to USNDISP, San Francisco; and C. H. Hubbs, Jr., to ADMCOMNTC, Great Lakes, Ill.

Released to inactive duty were LT Robert C. Bain, MC, USNR, Arthur B. Carfagni, MC, Richard M. Leshner, DC, and Duane N. Lott, HN. D. L. Folkes, HM3 and HN C. W. Wiggins, were discharged.

Notice to Licensed California Drivers

The California Department of Motor Vehicles Registration announced last week that according to Section 276.5, California Vehicle Code, amended 9 September 1953, a driver's license issued to any person in the Armed Forces, if valid at the time he enters the service will continue to be so, unless canceled, suspended or revoked.

Also a valid license held by any person in the Armed Forces would be extended beyond its normal expiration date, provided he remained in the Armed Forces, without regard to whether he held a license valid at the time of entry or obtained one afterwards.

Any serviceman holding a California driving license which has expired or is about to expire will have it stamped with the following: "Extended.....Section 276.5 V. C. September 9, 1953."

Two be-boppers trudging through the Sahara Desert came upon an Arab who asked them where they were going.

"We're going swimming," said one of the cats.

"Swimming!" said the Arab. "The nearest water is 1,200 miles away!"

"What did I tell you, Dad," said the bopster to his friend. "This beach is the most."



Virgil Gonzales (playing the maracas) and his six-piece band, stepped up in their rendition of "Viva Zapata" last Tuesday night in the hospital theatre. Other entertainers for the evening were Nancy Lester, Mary De White and Sally Kabin with their songs and hula dances.

Red Cross Ramblings

A most commendable display of handicrafts made by patients at the Red Cross Craft Shop can now be seen at the Elmhurst Public Library, 1427 — 88th Avenue, Oakland. The exhibit, which runs through July, includes about thirty projects such as ceramics, copper tooling, leather craft, felt articles, and wood carving. We are indeed grateful to the public libraries for this opportunity to demonstrate the work done by patients under Red Cross supervision and to acquaint the public with some of the projects supported by their donations. In the past, Oak Knoll has won several blue ribbons in various hobby shows. Remind your local friends of this event; it deserves their attention.

He's a hard man to beat—in Ping-Pong — that man, Willard Small, AK1, from ward 43B. The competition has been heavy but sheer skill keeps Small on top as the Champ of the Week. Will he be dethroned but soon? Watch the feverish tournament in person on Thursday afternoons at the Red Cross Lounge.

Two top-rate movies reach the wards the week of 14 July through 20 July. Another musical, "The Eddie Cantor Story", tours Circuit II while the scenic and action-packed drama, "Saskatchewan", which features Alan Ladd and Shelley Winters, flickers on Circuit I. Watch for your ward's showing on the weekly log posted on your bulletin board.

Willingness to share in the job of making others happier is not necessarily an adult characteristic, as shown by one of our most recent donations. Shirley Freese, four-year old daughter of Air Force Sgt. Albert E. Freese, has contributed her beloved toy dog, Bobby, for the pleasure of other children who might visit the Red Cross social work offices. The shaggy four-inch animal of hard composition was accompanied by careful instructions by his former owner. Bobby, reports Shirley on the basis of some experience, is NOT edible.

Weekly off-compound trips are currently in progress to the Straw Hat Revue and the Ice Follies in San Francisco. Various wards are scheduled in rotation; your Red Cross Recreation Worker will contact you when your respective turn comes. Needless to say, both shows are tremendously popular.



LCDR James W. Paul

LCDR Paul Here From FMF Duty

LCDR James W. Paul, CHC, USN, from MAG 25, AIRFMFPAC, Marine Corps Air Station, El Toro, arrived last week and is busy getting acquainted with his new duties. He reported here as relief for CDR L. C. Vosseler, who is now en route overseas to serve as Division Chaplain for the First Marines.

Chaplain Paul brings to Oak Knoll the benefits of 10 years' experience in the Navy, including tours of duty with the Seabees in Iwo Jima and Okinawa at the end of World War II.

One of the new chaplain's most colorful billets took him to the Atlantic Fleet for duty under the Command of Tractor Flotilla No. 2, which berthed at Little Creek, Va., and for which he served as the first circuit rider. In the Flotilla were 32 ships, each of which the chaplain visited. This was easy when they were in port or in close formation, but when they were not the case, the chaplain sometimes got his feet wet as he was

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Divine Services

Hospital Chapel at Main Gate

PROTESTANT

BIBLE SCHOOL—SUNDAY 0945

SUNDAY WORSHIP—1030

Organ Music from Chapel Tower—1900

Time for Private Devotions in the Chapel

HOLY COMMUNION—First Sunday morning each month.

L. D. S. SERVICE

SUNDAY — 1100 in Staff Conference

Room, Administration Bldg., Annex.

CATHOLIC

SUNDAY MASSES

0600-0800-0900-1200

DAILY MASSES—1150 and 1630

Confessions before Mass

Catholic Oratory in back of Chapel

Choir Rehearsal—Tuesday 1900

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CHAPEL AND 67A

NAVY RELIEF OFFICE—

IN 67A

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SUNDAYS 0845 and 1015

Staff Personalities



In March 1952, Mary Ann Wadleigh, HM3, "joined up" and after boot at Bainbridge, and HCS at San Diego, struck Oak Knoll on 27 October 1952. A graduate of Canyon City High School, Canyon City, Colorado, Mary Ann studied interior decorating at Colorado A&M College for one year, and worked for the Bell Telephone Company. Since her arrival at the hospital, she has worked in the main nursery, the Urology Clinic, staff personnel and now in the Organization office, she is the woman behind the typewriter when the Plan of the Day is produced. She enjoys skiing, swimming, and traveling and most of all she likes good music. She expects to return to Colorado A&M and continue her education in Interior Decorating, Psychology and Physical Education.



Bonnie Cecelia McCafferty exchanged her civilian job as a life-guard in Dufur, Oregon, in August 1953, for that of Hospital Corpswave. Reaching Oak Knoll in June '54 after her recruit and corps school training at Bainbridge, Maryland, she started her tour of duty on ward 72B. Bonnie goes in for most sports and can be found playing at first base when the hospital girls' softball team is in action. She has requested and hopes to attend OR school and eventually to study nursing at Providence General Hospital at home, but as McCafferty puts it "who knows what the future holds?"

Chemistry Professor—"Jones, what does HNO³ signify?"
 Student—"Well, ah, err—I've got it right on the tip of my tongue, sir."
 Chemistry Professor—"Well, you'd better spit it out. It's nitric acid."

Scuttlebutt

WHEN THEY SHOUT "Ride 'Em Cowboy!" at San Rafael's Rodeo Sunday, they'll be talking to Joe Arledge and Verlyn Davis of Photo Arts. Both men have signed up for the bareback bronc bustin' event.

RANDOM NOTES: Even the junior set has taken to the TV waves. Mariorie and Dickie Johnson, children of Chief L. I. Johnson of Special Services, appeared on Captain Fortune's show yesterday at 1730 . . . Beryl Belfanz has a "new" blue Kaiser in which she, Gloria Schafer, and Johnnie Johnson drove to Monterey, Carmel, and Pacific Grove last week end to sleep under the stars and swim in the blue (but cold) Pacific . . . LTJG R. G. DeWitt, soon to leave for Bethesda, entertained members of his Special Services crew at a party at his Mockingbird Lane, Hayward, home Friday night . . . Same evening the NP service staff dined and danced at the Lion's Club, Castro Valley. Travis Ross' band played, with Dave Spalding (patient) and the OAK LEAF's Bob Sharpe alternating at the bass fiddle, John Piotrowski and John Thinker taking turns at the drums, and Ross himself at the keyboard . . . Still further festivities took place when a gala party was held Tuesday at the CPO Club in honor of LT Joseph L. Yetka, CWOHC Harold L. Cox, and LTJG Eugene L. Walter. Mr. Yetka is already heading for a teaching post at the School of Hospital Administration at Bethesda; Mr. Cox leaves today for Subic Bay, P.I., and Mr. Walter, soon to be released to inactive duty, will enroll at University of Southern California in September to continue work on his Ph.D. in bacteriology. He expects to enter USC's Medical School in the fall of '55 . . . Pert Pat Ritchie of the Record Office leaves 24 July for a new job with the Air Force at offices in downtown Oakland . . . LT F. W. Day spoke yesterday at a conference at the District Public Works Office on "Development of a Maintenance Program in a BuMed Activity" . . . Helen Childers, who has grilled hamburgers at the gedunk at Staff Enlisted Recreation Center for the past few months has resigned, and her chores have been taken over by Camille Lavielle of Hayward, who promises to continue giving the best in fountain service.

LIFE BEGINS: Two newcomers were welcomed to the homes of staff members during the past week. Robert L. Hammer, HMI, of Security, and his wife, Janet are the proud parents of 7 lb. 15 oz. Debra Lynn, who was born on 10 July. Debra has a big sister, Diane Lee, age 2 . . . Arriving on 12 June, not long after his father, LT James A. Peal, reported for duty on the Psychiatric Service, James A. Peal, Jr., tipped the scales at 7 lbs. 14 oz. Both he and his mother, Edithie, are doing nicely, thank you.

OAKNOLLUMNI: G. L. Proper, HMC (since last June) and his wife, Joanne (Mills), stopped here Tuesday en route (by car and trailer) from Bethesda to a new assignment at El Toro. Jack Bates, former amputee instructor who left in February '53 to take a job with a Berkeley jewelry firm, couldn't stay away from Oak Knoll. He is now an employee of the University of California's Prosthetics laboratory on the top deck of ALD.



LTJG Joan L. White, USN, who has held the reins in the Disbursing Office since 3 May 1953, will soon turn them over to ENS Robert G. Schaller, USNR, who reported to Oak Knoll on 21 June. Here Miss White and ENS Schaller look over the disbursing forms and check details of his new position.

ENS Schaller to Relieve LTJG White, to Assume Duties as Disbursing Officer

Soon to relieve LTJG Joan L. White, SC, USN, from her official duties as Disbursing Officer, is ENS Robert G. Schaller, SC, USNR, here since 21 June, 1954.

A graduate of City College, New York, where he received his BBA in 1953, the new disbursing officer will assume his official duties in August. His Navy experience, to date, in-

cludes the Officer Candidate School in Newport, R.I., and the Navy Supply Corps School, Athens, Ga.

Miss White, who hasn't received her orders yet, is an alumna of the University of Cincinnati, was commissioned on 27 August, 1952 at Maccon, Ga., attended the Naval Indocctrination School for WAVES at Newport, R.I., and the U.S. Naval Supply Corps School at Bayonne, N.J.



Recently commended by the CO for quick action in putting out a fire that occurred in the Food Service Division some time ago, was Robert A. Handley, HN, left. While serving as night MAA, Handley secured the exhaust system when a grease fire started on a range in the main galley, thus preventing serious damage to the Food Service, according to the commendation. Also reporting to the skipper's office for a commendation the past week was Denzil H. Hinton, HMC, USN, newcomer to EST School. His citation, signed by the Commanding Officer of the USS POWER (DD-839), was for his work "in reorganization and training, as well as caring for the sick and instituting preventative measures for the well aboard his ship, the USS POWER," while it participated in intensive operations under Commander Hunter-Killer Force, Atlantic.

More About Chaplain

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 passed from one ship to another in a bo's'n's chair suspended from a high-line.

Chaplain Paul wears the Navy Commendation ribbon for meritorious service while serving with the First Marine Air Wing in Korea from 1952 to 1953.

are temporarily living in Alameda.

A studious young man, the new Protestant chaplain received his B.S. from Troy State Teachers College, Troy, Ala., his B.D. and M.A. from Southern Methodist in Dallas, and went on to get his Ph.D. from the University of Chicago. In his civilian years he held pastorates in Oklahoma and Texas.

He and his wife, Mildred, and their two sons, Otis and James, 13 and 11,

NSC Tips Knollites 11-10; Acorns Slip

The Acorns dropped another game last week when they met the Naval Supply Center, Oakland, at Alameda 7 July, at 1430, to lose by a score of 10-11.

In the 12ND baseball league standings compiled as of 8 June, Oak Knoll was in second place with a three-win and two-loss record, with a percentage of .600. Meanwhile NSC was in first place with a 4-0 win and percentage of 1.000. At this time Oak Knoll was a game and a half behind.

The hospital nine played a loose game, a complete reverse of form for the Knollites, who only last week swamped the Port Chicago Marines in a sweeping win, playing their first double-header of the season in which the Marines paid heavily. The Acorns gave the game up amid a jackpot of errors, weak batting, fielding and spotty defenses.

Medics Bow to Stockton Reserve

Oak Knoll softballers played the USS KEARSARGE on the Alameda diamond last Thursday, 8 July at 1600 and were defeated by a score of 1-0. The only score of the game was made by Sweargin of the KEARSARGE in the second inning, when he scored on two errors and a hit.

Chandler, of the visitors' team, struck out 11 hospital batters, while Harris of the Knollites pitched three-hit ball, striking out 11 of the opponents. Oak Knoll threatened in the sixth when Learned led off with a single, going to third on an error, but Chandler pitched himself out of trouble, retiring the next three batters on strikes.

In the second game they met the Stockton Reserve Fleet club in a rough and tough game at Alameda last Wednesday, 30 June. Hospital softballers lost a close game 3-2, while Snook and Foster batted two doubles in the game. Stockton's team did not score until the top of the seventh inning, when they scored their three runs. The Knoll ballers tallied one run in the first inning by Snook and one by Foster in the fifth.

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Ungerman	3	0	0	0	0	0
Aldredge	3	0	0	2	1	1
Foster	3	0	0	4	0	0
Snook	3	0	1	11	2	0
Elliot	3	0	1	1	1	0
Young	2	0	0	0	0	0
Fong-6th	0	0	0	0	0	0
Learned	2	0	1	0	0	1
Wilson	2	0	0	0	0	1
Harris	2	0	0	0	2	0
	23	0	3	18	6	3

A kid reporter, trying to get the secret of Babe Ruth's success at the bat, asked him: "Know anything about psychology?"

"Don't know much about him," said the Babe. "Ain't played a horse in three months."

Little Johnny had been very naughty. Later, after he had been reprimanded, his father asked, "Now, son, tell me why I punished you."

Johnny threw up his hands and exclaimed, "That does it! First you pound the devil out of me, and now you don't know why you did it."



The colorful display of trophies and medals recently added to the show case across from the OOD's desk are those won by the hospital pistol team in recent 12ND matches at the Oakland Pistol Club. The statuettes are those won by F. W. Cannon, HMC, LTJG R. G. DeWitt, and L. I. Johnson, HMC. The array of ribbons, a majority of them won by Mr. DeWitt, are also worth close inspection. Other winners are B. J. Lowe, HMC, ENS D. R. Kelly, and L. L. Linse, HMC.

Unconquered Alameda Airdales Stoop to Oak Knoll After 18 Wins

The Oak Knoll softball team broke NAS, Alameda's 18-game winning streak when they defeated the Airdales 4-1, on their diamond, Monday 12 July at 1600. This marks the first time that the Air Station has suffered defeat since the season started.

Manager Jack Young and the Knollite nine left the hospital compound with one man short of the compliment necessary to play an official game, and staff photographer Carl Stevenson, HM1, who has not played ball for some time substituted for missing right fielder Wilson.

In spite of the difficulty in getting men off duty to play the team came up from the bottom of the deck to win an awe-inspired victory.

The only run for NAS was in the seventh inning, when a double by Myers and a single by Gay scored the only run of the tilt. Ankerberg was the losing pitcher, and chuckling Allan Harris of the hospital crew stood in the winning circle. All runs were made in the first frame, as Elliot and Foster singled, Snook got on base via an error bringing Foster across. Stevenson got a life due to an error by an outfielder, bringing Snook home. Surveying the situation, Harris slammed a whopper into the wide green field for a double to score Stevenson. After the first inning, there was no more scoring as NAS pitchers coolly continued to set down our batters in order.

Knoll Linkmen Lose to Western Sea Frontier

The hospital golf team lost to Commander Western Sea Frontier, 17-10 in a link meet last Thursday, 8 July on the Lake Chabot green.

HMC L. I. Johnson was the medalist in this meet with a score of 82. Other participants from Oak Knoll were LT C. R. Thompson, shooting an 84, L. E. Canady, HMC, 90, J. R. Baranski, HMC, a 103, and W. H. Cripps, HN, an 85.

More members of the golf team are needed. Anyone on the staff who wishes to play with the group should contact Chief Johnson at Special Services, Ext. 593.

NAS, Alameda has been given write-ups in all the major newspapers in the Bay Area and the Navy Times, with their 18-game winning record but they learned last week that it's next to impossible to beat a determined corpsman.

Previews

Saturday, 17 July
ANNE OF THE INDIES — Jean Peters, Louis Jourdan. ADVENTURE. Technicolor. Rating: Very good. This repeat is a swashbuckler, with plenty of sword play and excitement.

Sunday, 18 July
HER TWELVE MEN — Greer Garson, Robert Ryan. ANSCO Color. Rating: Very good. Greer Garson, a novice school teacher, after a number of mistakes, finally wins over the pupils of a school for poor little rich boys. She finally wins over Robert Ryan, head of the "lower school," and the man who knows how boys should be handled, and a romance flourishes.

Monday, 19 July
CYR-CRAWFORD PRODUCTS STAGE SHOW will be presented at 1730.

Tuesday, 20 July
ROMAN HOLIDAY — Audrey Hepburn, Gregory Peck. DRAMA-COMEDY. Rating: Excellent. When the burden of conferences, interviews, and inspections becomes too heavy for the pretty princess, Oscar-winner Audrey Hepburn, she breaks loose from the confines of her palace and has one mad whirl of a time—incognito. She meets an American correspondent, Gregory Peck, who tries to capitalize on the incident and write his "Big Story."

Wednesday, 21 July
LUSTY MEN — Robert Mitchum, Susan Hayward. WESTERN. Rating: Good. This is a grim tale of a man's fight for money in a cruel occupation—present-day rodeo-ing. Miss Hayward, the wife of a bronc-rider, becomes fed up with the ever-present danger of her husband's occupation, his bravado and preoccupation with money and other women.

Thursday, 22 July
THE OUTLAW STALLIONS — Phil Carey, Dorothy Patrick. HORSE OPERA. Technicolor. Rating: Very good. The story, set in rural Utah, deals with a widow and her son, who is trying to catch a wild stallion. The widow falls in love with a veterinarian and winds up marrying him, while her son finally is able to keep the captured horse.

Friday, 23 July
ABOUT MRS. LESLIE — Shirley Booth, Robert Ryan. DRAMA. Rating: Good. Shirley Booth, Academy Award winner for her part in "Come Back Little Sheba," is now cast as a second-rate night club entertainer who has an illicit love affair with a wealthy socialite.

Better Safe Than First

It really doesn't matter much which of two cars reaches an intersection first, says the California State Automobile Association. It's the tie that causes trouble. Let the other fellow have the right of way; it costs less than fenders.

Knoll Girls Lose Parks AFB Tilt

The Oak Knoll girls' softball team fell in defeat before the hard-hitting ladies of Parks Air Force Base last Wednesday, 7 July, at 1700. Parks, with a score of 15-7.

The Knollites made three runs in the first inning. Carston batted single, and a single by Cameron brought her in for a tally. Then Mae Vick singled, bringing Cameron in.

Other scores for the Knollites were in the fifth inning when McCafferty knocked-a single followed by Vick, pop fly caught for an out by Cyprien. Cameron came through again with a hit that brought McCafferty in. Another hit by Carston brought Cameron in for a score, and Gerry Bourne's run brought the Knoll total to seven.

Marcie Richmond showed some improvement in her second game with the Knollites. She batted a pop fly in the second inning, but it was caught for an out by shortstop Shearin of Parks.

Cameron and Vick held their own in the positions of pitcher-catcher. Parks AFB got five runs in the first two runs in the fourth, six runs in the fifth and two in the sixth. The next game for the Oak Knoll girls will be against NAS, Alameda on July.

Chuckles

The following conversation took place in physical examination of a freshman:

Examiner—"Calf?"
Frosh—"Fourteen inches."
Examiner—"Thigh?"
Frosh—"Twenty-six inches."
Examiner—"Neck?"
Frosh—"Yes."

A man who loved to play golf married a woman who loved to go to auction sales. Both talked in their sleep: One night the husband holed: "Fore!" The wife shouted: "Four twenty-five!"

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Young Dependent Recovering From Rare Operation

Whether Dwight Douglas Cofer will remember the Navy doctors at Moffett Field and Oak Knoll when he is in his 70's is doubtful, but according to medical literature he will owe at least half his life to them.

Dwight was a bright, happy, and to all outward appearances a healthy eight-year-old, ready for the fourth grade. But when his dad, Douglas L. Cofer, AD1, attached to VC-3, NAS, Moffett Field, and his mother, Bonnie took him to the Dispensary there for a check-up, doctors found that he had no femoral pulse, and there was no demonstrable blood pressure in his legs. To them this indicated a serious defect in the circulatory system. Re-examination at Oak Knoll revealed that the young man had a congenital defect of the aorta—the great artery that carries blood from the heart and sends it on to all parts of the body. A two-inch segment of the vessel was shriveled, making it impossible for the blood to course normally through it to the lower extremities.

Oak Knoll pediatricians, surgeons, and civilian consultants went into a huddle and decided that if Dwight were to live and enjoy good health to a ripe old age, an operation would be necessary. They knew that patients suffering from such abnormalities rarely live past the age of 35 and many times suffer from ill health. Dwight's parents gave their approval, and he said he was willing.

On 2 July the eight-year-old went to surgery for a comparatively rare operation recorded in his chart as "resection, coarctation, aorta, with homologous graft." Dr. Frank Gerbode, Assistant Clinical Professor of Surgery from Stanford University School of Medicine, noted heart surgeon, and consultant in cardiovascular surgery for Oak Knoll, performed the operation, with the assistance of

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Classy Chassis To Roll Into Oak Knoll

The Bay Area Chapter of the Four-Cylinder Club of America will sponsor its third annual show, when all types of sports cars will roll onto the Oak Knoll baseball field, from 1130 to 1630, Sunday. This exhibition, known as the Concours d'Elegance, is expected to bring approximately 100 cars for Oak Knoll's inspection.

They will be broken up into seven classes, which in turn will be divided into subclasses, for cash prizes running into thousands of dollars.

These classes are Sports Cars, Tourers, Sedans, Competition Cars, Classics, Antiques, and Commercial (the only group which will not be judged).

Judging in this contest will be based on external appearance, internal appearance, engine and chassis, and mileage bonus. The judging will start promptly at 1230, with Dr. Paul Wasson and Dr. Tom Wilson sizing up the vehicles.

Awards to be presented are the Special Award (Motoring Stock MG Trophy), and first, second, and third place trophies for each class.

CWOHC Cox, Instructor in Sanitation And Chemical Warfare Commended

In recognition of his outstanding ability as an instructor, and for his many other contributions to the hospital, CWOHC Harold L. Cox, Sanitation Officer and EST School instructor for the past 3 1/3 years, has been commended by the Commanding Officer.

Captain Bradley presented the citation last Friday as Mr. Cox checked out preparatory to depart-



CWOHC Harold L. Cox

ing for his new duty at the Naval Station, Subic Bay, P.I.

Mr. Cox served as an instructor for the recent course in Atomic, Bacteriological, and Chemical warfare in which the entire staff participated. He contributed the chapters on Vital

CAPT Ward Reports for Duty As Chief Of Medicine; Comes From BuMed

CAPT John H. Ward, Jr., is now on duty as Chief of the Medical Service, having reported as relief for CAPT C. C. Shaw, who was recently ordered to Philadelphia.

The new captain is no stranger to Oak Knoll since he was on duty here in the same capacity from December 1948 to May 1949. He comes to Oak Knoll this time from the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, where he has headed the Medical Branch, Professional Division, for the past eighteen months.

The new Chief of Medicine is a New Yorker by birth and a Californian by education. He received his AB at the University of Redlands and his MD from Stanford University School of Medicine in 1932, just before he was commissioned in the Navy Medical Corps. He has had specialized training in internal medicine at Bellevue Hospital, Bellevue, N.Y., New York Hospital, and Cornell Medical school, and is certified to the American Board of Internal Medicine.

During World War II Captain Ward was in charge of the Navy



CAPT J. H. Ward, Jr.

Dispensary at Palmyra Island, one of the country's three remaining outposts after the fall of Wake. After a course in aviation medicine at Pensacola, he returned to the South Pacific as Senior Medical Officer aboard the aircraft carriers USS SAN JACINTO and USS BENNINGTON during the remaining months of the war.

Just prior to his last assignment at the Bureau, Captain Ward was Chief of Medicine at USNH, Bremerton, for two years, going there from USNH, Long Beach, when that hospital was decommissioned.

Captain Ward and his wife, Beatrice, are making their home in Quarters B. The third member of the family is a 7-year-old dachshund named Frederick von Heidelberg VIII ("Sitzie" for short).

Midway Bowl Open to Bay Area Sailors

Entry blanks are now available in the Special Services Department for any service man wanting to participate in the first annual Service Men's Bowling Tournament for the Bay Area, at the Midway Bowl on East 14th Street, San Leandro.

This tournament, to be held from Saturday, 7 August through Sunday, 15 August, will have an entry fee of \$4.00. Bowlers may enter as many times as they wish, but the first entry must be in by midnight, 5 August.

For further information, see Dale Folger of Special Services.

Sub to be Featured on "Shootin' the Breeze"

A two-week series of telecasts will go below the surface of the sea to explore "Submarines, past, present and future" on tonight's and next Friday night's KPIX-TV show "Shootin' the Breeze," at 1800-1815.

Oak Knoll's 1st CO on Ward 66 as Patient

Oak Knoll's first skipper, CAPT F. E. Porter, MC, USN, Retired, was admitted to Ward 66A a week ago for observation and treatment.

Captain Porter was called back from retirement shortly after Pearl Harbor to plan and organize the hospital, and he served as Medical Officer in Command for two months after commissioning.

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† † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

A POEM FOR CHURCH ATTENDANCE

"Every time I pass a church
 I go in for a visit;
 So that when I'm carried in,
 The Lord won't say, 'Who is it?'"

Attention staff and patients! Attend the service of your choice, but be sure to attend. The chaplains attached to this hospital are ready and willing to minister to your needs. Feel free to call upon them for devotional booklets, Testaments, or instruction. We will see you on the wards or in our offices. If you are unable to attend the services at the Chapel and desire to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion, make your desire known, and we will see that it is fulfilled. Call upon us and we will answer. It is our earnest desire to serve our God and Savior and all those under our care. The OAK LEAF carries the new schedule of Divine Services.

LTJG William F. Hollis, Jr., Staff Chaplain

• • Welcome and Farewell • •

Reporting for duty were CDR Mervyn Shoor, MC, USN, from MCRD, San Diego; LT Clifford E. Keeler, MC, USN, from NNMC, Bethesda, Md.; LT Morton D. Berkow, MC, USNR, from USNH, Guam, M.I.; LTJG John G. Raffensperger, MC, USNR, from inactive duty; LTJG Earle F. Pomije, DC, USNR, from USS CAPE ESPERANCE (TCVE-83); LT Norma R. Wood, NC, USN, from University of Pa., Philadelphia, Pa.; LT Celia P. Gilmore, NC, USN, from USNH, Yokosuka, Japan; LTJG June M. Elsesser, NC, USN, from NAD, Hawthorne, Nev., and CWOHC Ralph T. Goerner, Jr., USN, from MSTs, Atlantic Area.

Detached were CAPT Robert B. Johnson, MC, USN, to USNH, Great Lakes, Ill. CDR Lawrence C. M. Vos-

seler, CHC, USN, to 1st MarDiv, FMF, Camp Pendleton; LCDR Lila E. Suter, MSC, USNR, to NavMedSch, NNMC, Bethesda, Md.; LT Allan D. Rosenblatt, MC, USNR, to NavAd-Com, NTC, San Diego; LT Joseph L. Yetka, MSC, USN, to NavSch of Hospital Administration, NNMC, Bethesda, Md.; LTJG Philip D. Ostlund, MC, USNR, to NAAS, Corry Field, Pensacola, Fla.; LT Pauline M. Bednarski, NC, USN, and LTJG Mary A. Lafemina, NC, USNR, to USS CONSOLATION (AH-15) and M. L. Gibson, to FMF, Camp Pendleton.

Released to inactive duty were LTJG's Ori L. Forbis, Jr., MC, and James H. Getzen, MC. Resignations of LTJG Evalene Klink, NC, USNR, and ENS Mary T. Davila, NC, USNR, were accepted.

900 Chaplains Had Busy Year in '53

WASHINGTON.—The 900 Navy chaplains on duty during 1953 had a busy year, according to a statistical report put out recently.

The report shows that a total of 207,619 services was conducted by the Navy chaplains during the year, with an attendance of about 11,063,696.

During the year, the chaplains baptized 14,176 persons and received 14,768 into church membership. They performed 5,602 weddings and conducted 2,989 funerals.

What's more, they: (1) conducted 34,799 lectures or discussion periods in connection with the Moral Guidance Program, (2) visited 1,217,903 servicemen in hospitals and brigs, (3) conducted 760,833 counselling interviews, (4) handled 77,891 Navy Relief or Red Cross cases, and (5) made 30,222 family calls during the year.—(Navy Times.)

Mills College Offers Shakespeare on TV

Shakespeare on TV, a literary venture in education by television for all who enjoy the writings of Shakespeare, is being offered through the summer months by Mills College.

The classes, which may be taken for one unit of college credit, "meet" on Channel 9, KQED, Mondays and Thursdays at 1600 and are repeated at 2000. Enrollment for credit is open until 27 July.

Dr. Frank C. Baxter, Professor of English at the University of Southern California, is the instructor. He first presented the course through USC, winning among many other honors, the coveted Sylvania Award for the nation's best local TV program.

A fee of \$12 is necessary for enrollment, and a \$6.21 textbook may be purchased from the Mills College Shop. Those who wish to take the course for fun and not for credit may enroll for \$5, which covers the



Featured entertainers from Oak Knoll at the Dimond-Laurel Lions Club luncheon meeting last Wednesday included Harry Powers, AMAN, of 61B, formerly stationed on the carrier YORKTOWN, and Joe Altares of 41B, native of Manila and a student at the Monterey Language School. C. William Hawkins, USMC, from 61A was not available for the picture but was also a member of the combo. Miss Bea Fisher, Red Cross Recreation Worker, supervised the arrangements for this enjoyable experience.

Red Cross Ramblings

HERE AND THERE: Enthusiastic comments about the Ice Follies in San Francisco have been breezed around by PFC A. K. Wheeler, USMC, Farrell White, SA, CPL Gene Schiefert and SGT Jack Sumner, USMC, who were among those making the excursion via Red Cross station wagons last week . . . A little relief from the regular hospital routine on 62A was enjoyed by several patients one afternoon recently. Escorted by a Gray Lady guide, Vernon Hoakum, SA, Don Simpkins, SN, Don Gray, BT3, Frank Neumecek, CSSN, Robert Zeller, AN, and Charles Williams, MC3 made the grand tour of Fisherman's Wharf, Chinatown, and Golden Gate Park . . . Fishing prevarication is already being indulged in by Jim Richard, FN and Bob Hudson, SN, on 63A who hope to be among those making the trip subsidized and promoted by Frank's Place at Antioch as a courtesy to the Red Cross through the Associated Sportsmen's Clubs who provide many interesting sports programs on various wards through the year.

THIS AND THAT: With a soldering iron and a few handy tools, Richard Brown, SN, makes himself mechanically useful on 63A. For a little occupational therapy, Dick is installing a tiny radio in a cigarette case . . . Visitors to the room of George W. Thomsen, Ret., in SOQ are somewhat startled by the bovine souvenir he recently received from a friend vacationing in Mexico. George, who has acquired fluency in Spanish through Red Cross volunteer instruction, informs his callers that "el toro," the large black papier-maché bull, is not fond of flowers like Ferdinand, but is a repository for pennies, nickels, dimes—anything silver and monetary . . . Those having the pleasure of seeing "Rose Marie," the musical comedy playing at Woodminster Bowl

this week end, may be interested in knowing the attractive and talented Jerry Nash, Gray Lady at the Red Cross Lounge on Saturday, is one of the members of the chorus.

AS A MATTER OF FACT: The "ping-pong" crown still rests squarely on the head of Willard Small, AK, 43B. (In professional circles, we told the game should always be referred to as table tennis!) At Small's final match with John M. King, AC2 of 62B might well be classified as professional, we think. Stan Zelaska, FN, of 62B is a qualified Navy projectionist . . . Birth congratulations were being graciously received the other day by CPL B. Smith, USMC, from his fellow boarders on 42A. A beautiful cake also enhanced the occasion . . . Most enjoyable hillbilly music was spontaneously provided by Gerry Hudson, CN, of 70A and John L. Fitzmorris, J, FN, from the B side, at the Red Cross Lounge Saturday night. John played the lead guitar and Gerry supplied the vocals in addition to playing. Both hail from the Texas panhandle. The hit of the evening was a "hep" rendition of "Frankie and Johnnie" by Corpsman R. J. White, native of Pittsfield, Mass.

Divine Services

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Verlyn (Shane) Davis and Joe (Hondo) Arledge snap on the smoking lamp after their bout with a couple of broncs at last Sunday's rodeo in San Rafael. Shane came flying out of the chute with hands waving in the air and lasted four seconds (bare-back) on his bronc. Hondo, in the same feat, also lasted four seconds when he took two flips off the tail-end of the horse and landed on terra firma with his nose in the dirt. They plan to ride again on 1 August at Carmel. Both are on duty at Photographic Arts during their less exciting moments.

Previews

Saturday, 24 July

MY COUSIN RACHEL — Olivia DeHaviland, Richard Burton. DRAMA. This repeat is based on the book of the same name by Daphne DuMaurier. It promises an evening of thrilling entertainment, packed with suspense.

Sunday, 25 July

BEACHHEAD — Frank Lovejoy, Tony Curtis, Mary Murphy. WAR-MELO-DRAMA. Rating: Very good. Color. Largely filmed on location in the Hawaiian Islands, this story takes place in the second world war, just when the tide of the Pacific war first turns against the Japanese. A mission of four Marines attack a small island near Bougainville to get plans on Jap minefields from a French planter. Success of the mission is endangered by tension between two of the party, with Curtis blaming his sergeant for losses suffered on Guadalcanal. These are intensified when they meet the French planter's daughter.

Monday, 26 July

VALLEY OF THE SUN — Lucille Ball, Dean Jagger, Sir Cedric Hardwicke, James Craig. This is a re-issue, which came out in February 1954. There is nothing in our files about it.

Tuesday, 27 July

MONEY FROM HOME — Dean Martin, Jerry Lewis, Pat Crowley. COMEDY. Rating: Excellent. Color. In this horse-racing story Martin and Lewis find themselves entangled with the underworld, but are finally straightened out by their respective sweethearts. Lewis' role in this one is as a jockey, while Martin is the happy-go-lucky veterinarian. This is really zany.

Wednesday, 28 July

JUNCTION CITY — Charles Starrett, Smiley Barnett. ADVENTURE. Here is a cowboy flicker for the whole family—A routin' time of slingin' and shootin' guns and rough ridin'.

Thursday, 29 July

GILBERT & SULLIVAN — Robert Morley, Maurice Evans. DRAMA. Rating: Excellent. Technicolor. This is a movie on the life of two great musicians, fraught with drama, humor and conflict. The pair, from whose happy collaboration came unforgettable words and music, are filmed against a wealth of setting and background.

Friday, 30 July

PHANTOM OF THE RUE MORGUE — Karl Malden, Claud Dauphin, Patricia Medina. MURDER. Rating: Good. Technicolor. Based on Edgar Allen Poe's short story, "Murders in the Rue Morgue," it is even more gruesome than "House of Wax." The villain of this "shiverer" is a gargantuan, lady-killing ape, pet of a simple-minded old sailor. The two are kept in a zoo by a mad zoologist.

Scuttlebutt

ROMANCE, ROMANCE! Alice Girard, the Pack Room's HN, went home to Crown Point, Ind., on leave and on 10 July became the bride of Gordon J. Pritchard, A/1c, of Chanute AFB, Ill. . . . Terry Shultz, HN, of OPD, and Vic Irving, HM2, former Knoll labman and sportsman, were married in the chapel Saturday at 1900 with Chaplain Hollis officiating and Coy Green and his wife as their attendants. The groom is now attached to the USS CONSOLATION. . . . Gwen Clark, dictaphone transcriber on the Orthopedic Service, is wearing a new diamond, which signifies that on 11 September she'll become the bride of Larry Ulibarri, formerly of Finance, now majoring in accounting at San Jose State. . . . Wilma McKenna, at OK for nearly 11 years and at the Dependent Service admitting office for 10, leaves today for a new life in Santa Fe, N.M. On 29 July she'll become the bride of C. W. Burrell, whom she met last year when vacationing in Old Mexico. Mr. Burrell is the New Mexico State Labor Commissioner. . . . Dorothy Brown surprised Record Office friends on Wednesday by simultaneously submitting her resignation, to be effective 13 August, and passing candy to announce her engagement to Walter E. Carlson of San Francisco.

CONGRATULATIONS: To LT JG's Irving C. Nason and Edward J. Bechtel, MC; Eugene L. Walter, Jr., MSC; Larry B. Stanley, DC, Mary J. Wathen and Mary T. Duhamel, NC. They're all LT's now.

PRINCIPALLY PEOPLE: The Arnolds and the Potters are back from the Oakland Recreation camp at Tuolumne in upper Yosemite, reporting that nothing but the fishing could have been better. . . . Jim Martin, HM2, has a '53 two-tone green Chrysler. . . . Mr. Yetka's Plymouth station wagon was vapor-locked in the desert somewhere between here and Wisconsin when its disheartened driver was last heard from. . . . LT Ella Mae Vick, Ruth Quire, Marian Van Steenvoort, and Beryll Balfanz fished in the deep sea Sunday and later ate their catch at a fish fry at Miss Vick's home. . . . George Bayless, OR technician, really believes in clean money—sent his wallet to the laundry twice and each time it came back intact with a total of \$64 inside. . . . Ginger Willis was something out of this world when she came to the Shultz-Irving wedding wearing, to complete her outfit, a pink velvet hat that looked like a flying saucer, and huge earrings. . . . HMC J. W. Owens got a present from his young son this week—the mumps. . . . Forrest McCord is back on Peds after leave and a gigantic family reunion in Memphis, Tenn. . . . The little bird who is keeping house in the rafters supporting the Admission room porch made her presence known rather emphatically when she pushed an egg out of her nest just in time for workers to hop over the remains as they climbed the ramp one morning recently.

LIFE BEGINS: Joe S. Murray, HMI, of EEG and his wife, Angela, are the happy parents of a 7 lb. 14½ oz. son, James Sheppard, born on 19 July. . . . On the same date Harold Seibert, HN, of Lab and Barbara Ann welcomed a 6 lb. 13 oz. daughter, Sherri Ann, their first child.



Eight Operating Room Technicians received their diplomas in a short ceremony at Surgery 2 on Friday, 16 July. Standing from the left are HN's James B. Bacher, who will report to the Far Eastern Command, Dennis L. McNabb, who goes to Naval Ship Yard, Mare Island, LT Edna Daughtry, OR Supervisor, LTJG Marie Croteau, instructor, Ralph K. Stockman, HN, who has orders to USNH, Mare Island, and LCDR Donald W. Robinson, resident surgeon. Seated are HN's Stanley Mylek, ordered to Far Eastern Command, George B. Bayless, and Helen Kuchera, HM3 (honor student with an average of 94), both of whom will remain at Oak Knoll, and HN's Harold T. Flickinger, who now heads for NAD, Clearfield, Utah, and William H. Combs, for the Far Eastern Command.

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"Out of monuments, names, wordes, proverbs, private recordes and evidences, fragments of stories, passages of books, and the like, we doe save and recover somewhat from the deluge of time."

From these sources suggested by Sir Francis Bacon, we will bring to you nautical words and naval expressions to give your speech that salty twang.

ADMIRAL—This title can be traced to the Arabic Amir-al-Bahr or admiral (commander) of the seas. A title of great dignity, the term was

introduced into Europe during the Crusades. The Sicilians and then the Genoese first used it, and the first English admiral appointed was a William de Leyburn with the title, "Admiral of the Sea of the King of England." Louis IX ("St. Louis") introduced the title of admiral into France. David Farragut, the "Damn the torpedoes, full speed ahead" admiral was the first United States officer to hold the title.

AHOY—Now a distinctly nautical hail, it was once the dreaded war cry of the Vikings.

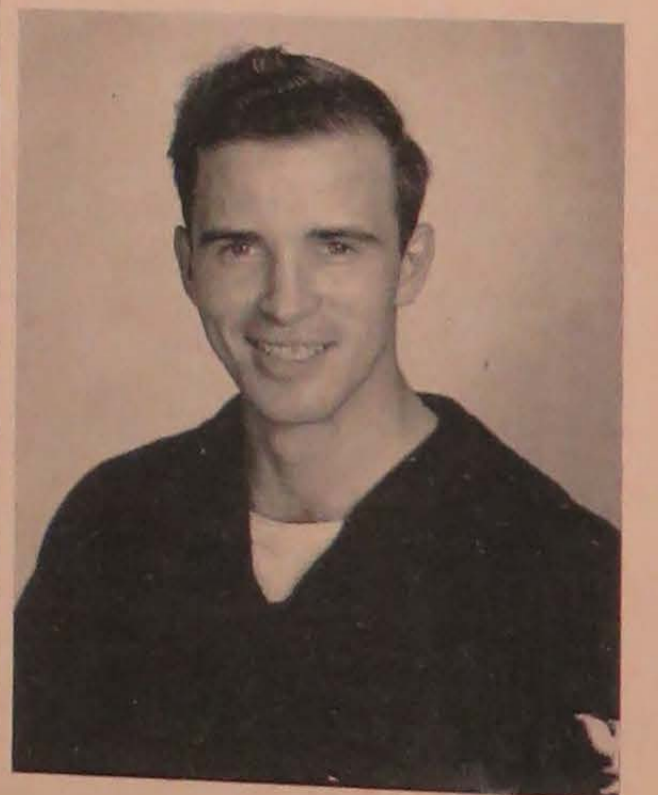
Staff Personalities



A pleasant voice on the telephone, and a very congenial nurse to know is LTJG Laura Cash Wheeler, on ward 73B. Mrs. Wheeler (her husband, Walter, is stationed at NAS, Alameda) names Fresno, Calif., as home. She graduated from Nashville High School in Little Rock, Ark., and at-

tended Little Rock Junior College and Fresno State College, pursuing courses toward her B.S. degree. She took her nurses' training at Leo N. Levi Hospital School of Nursing. As a civilian, she was assistant night supervisor at Fresno County Hospital. She donned Navy blues and received her indoctrination at St. Albans, New York, arriving at Oak Knoll in December '53. Swimming, photography, and homemaking are her hobbies.

Hunting bacteria in serology every day is John Henry Jacobsen, HM3, reservist, who hails from Healdsburg, Calif. Commonly known as "Jake" by his friends, he joined the regulars in '52, had his boots at San Diego and HCS at Great Lakes, arrived at Oak Knoll in June '53, and is now a student at Lab School. Prior to his entry into the Navy, he graduated from Healdsburg High School and attended San Mateo Junior College, graduating in '51. He continued his studies at San Jose State, where he majored in biological science for three years. Jake's hobbies are insect collecting, swimming, and tumbling. His future plans are to return to San Jose State and complete work for an A.B. degree in Lab Technology.



Hooper's Homer Nets Knoll 3-2 Win Over NAS

Hospital softballers, with two more league games to play this season edged the NAS, Oakland, NATS out, 3-2 in their game here on 14 July, Ole reliable Hooper batting a home run in the second frame.

This hair's breadth victory followed the Knollites' smashing upset over NAS, Alameda, last week when they pounded a 4-1 victory over the 18-game winning Hellcats.

The NATS opened the tilt with a one-run lead when Tribak singled after Hall got to first on a base hit and scored on errors by the Knoll shortstop. Tribak was thrown for an out along with Davenport, and Costa struck out. Came the second frame and the Knoll's Hooper did his bit by slamming a homer for the first tally for the home team and the only score for the inning. NATS did not score in this set. The third and fourth inning found neither team scoring.

The fourth and fifth were uneventful for the Knoll nine, but NATS tallied one run in the fifth when Johnson scored from a base hit, and two singles by Mullins and Beckler, sending Johnson to third and Mullins to second. Johnson came home but Mullins was thrown for an out in a toss from Fong to Elliot and Beckler was caught in the same trap by a toss from Harris to Stevenson.

Top of the sixth and Arledge scored on a base hit and errors by the opponents. Elliot and Hooper each batted a single, but both were thrown for outs en route to second.

The final chalk for the Knoll nine came in the seventh when Harris got on on a base hit, and Adams walked, moving Harris to second. Arledge singled, scoring Harris, but was thrown for an out going to second as the game ended.

Chinese patient (on telephone): "Doctor, what time you fixee teeth fo' me?"

Doc: "Two-thirty all right?"

Chinese: "Yes, tooth hurty all right. Wha' time you fixee?"



A Knollite runner does a ballet with a tango beat as he comes flying home to score in the game between Oak Knoll and NAS, Oakland. The game was played last Wednesday 14 July at 1500 on the hospital diamond, the Medics winning 3-2.

Acorns Lose Season's Last Game; Finish in Second Place in League

The Acorns were outgunned in the last league game of the current baseball season with a loss of 7-3 when they went to Mill Valley to meet the 666th Air Group on 13 July.

The Knollites' defense folded when Graves gave up two hits, walked one, and hit three batters. A total of eight errors gave the Air Force nine the four-run margin.

The opening run for the Knoll nine came in the first inning with a single by Wise, who scored on two errors by the enemy. There was no scoring on either side for the rest of this round but a little interest was added when Kerker was hit by a pitched ball from Graves without damaging effects. In the second frame, Burley, a newcomer to the ranks, batted a single, moving to second on a single by Pisciola and scoring on two errors by the opponents. The next Knoll batter was thrown for the last out of the set, leaving Pisciola on base.

Four runs in the fourth by Shaw, Romalin, Rohrs and Ebert were chalked by the 666th, and none by the Acorns. A new rally by the Acorns in the fifth started when Hooper got off a single. Koskiniemi followed, only to be hit by a pitched ball and walked, moving Hooper to second.

Evans, in an effort to bring home all hands on base, bopped a single to center field to score Hooper. Graves fanned for the last out, leaving Evans and Koskiniemi on base.

The Air Force's Shaw got one run in the sixth on a single to right field and scored on errors by the Knollites. Rohrs, Ebert and Morrison got the only three hits of the seventh. On singles to deep outfield, Rohrs and Ebert scored, but Morrison was out. The Acorns did not score for the rest of the game.

The opponents got their last run in the seventh, when Kerker scored on a single as the Knoll fielders fumbled.

As the season for interservice baseball competition ends, the Acorns finished in second place in the Navy League with a six-win three-loss record. Losses were to the NSC team which is in first place in 12ND.

ACORNS	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Wise	4	1	0	1	2	1
Brooks	5	0	1	0	0	0
Bristol	2	0	1	0	0	1
Hooper	5	1	3	2	1	4
Koskiniemi	4	0	0	0	0	1
Graves	4	0	0	2	3	0
Burley	3	1	2	0	2	1
Pisciola	4	0	1	0	0	0
Evans	5	0	1	9	0	0
	36	3	9	14	8	8

Hospital Golfers Win 2nd Game

Knoll linkmen defeated the 12ND Communications golf team 25-2, on the greens at Sharps Park last Tuesday, 13 July. Hospital staff members participating were LT C. R. Thompson, who shot an 84, LT J. J. Marra a 91, HMC L. I. Johnson an 86, HN M. E. H. Smith, a newcomer to the ranks, who looked promising, did not get to finish the game, but shot a 38 in the first nine holes. No scores were available for HMC L. E. Canady and HN W. H. Cripps, who also played.

The next meet for the Knollites will be Thursday, 22 July, at Sharps Park with NSC, Oakland, as the opponent. This victory makes two wins and three losses for Oak Knoll.

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CAPT R. S. Silvis, Chief of the Surgical Service.

Now, three weeks after surgery, the pulses in Dwight's legs are full and strong, and deep inside his chest, his heart is pumping blood through two inches of "new" normal aorta.

"Sam, are you ever fired with enthusiasm?"

"Yessah! from every job I tackles."

Doctor, to Cockney patient. "Now, my man, what about this ear?"

Patient: "This 'ere wot?"

Roommate (during intermission) "How do you like the date I dug up for you?"

Ditto—"Terrible! Throw her back and start digging some place else!"

Knoll Girls Lose Walkathon Game With NAS, 13-2

Oak Knoll girl softballers took another dive Thursday, 15 July, when they met the NAS Alameda Hell Kittens on the NAS diamond in a five-inning game to lose, 13-2. With only three more games to play in the league for this season, the Knoll lassies are still playing ball with the same enthusiasm in spite of losses and difficulty in getting enough players out for practice.

Leading off in the first inning, McCafferty struck out. Ella Mae Vick came up to bat a pop fly that was caught by shortstop Morgan. Powell, Alameda pitcher, walked Krulatz and Carston singled, sending Krulatz to second. Gloria Schafer, a newcomer to the ranks, made a good showing on her first day out. She also got a walk off Powell, sending Krulatz to third and Carston to second. Balfanz waited the pitcher out and got her walk, bringing Krulatz home and chalking the first score of the game.

Carston moved to third and Schafer to second, and Brogden in an effort to bring both players in, swung hard at the first two balls with his heart set on a spot in deep center field, but only got a walk off Powell, sending Carston home for the second and last Knollite score of the game. While Brogden was on first and Schafer on third, Richmond came to bat and struck out. The Hell Kittens got two singles, a pop fly and two walks that ended in scores.

In the second frame McCafferty struck out again. Vick tried to stretch a single and was thrown out by a pitch from Morgan to Saunders. She headed for second. Wolff hit a fly into the glove of Hell Kitten Tavel.

Alameda got one walk to score the set. When the third frame rolled around it was three up, three down for the Knoll team, Schafer, Brogden and Richmond striking out in succession, while the Hell Kittens got five walks and scored four runs. The fourth inning brought a strike out by McCafferty and another by Krulatz, Wolff singled, only to be thrown for an out with a pitch from Geffke to Saunders when she headed for second. The Alameda girls started field day in this inning by scoring runs including a homer. The fifth final inning brought another strike out for Schafer. Carston singled but was thrown for an out while en route to second. Balfanz hit a fly out short center field where Saunders was waiting for it.

Ping-pong Players Needed for Tourney

Special Services will hold an interservice hospital ping-pong tournament for staff only on 2 and 3 August at the Bowling alley to pick a team to represent Oak Knoll in the 12ND ping-pong meet to be held at NAS Oakland, Wednesday 11 August. Men and women players interested are asked to contact Dale Folger at Special Services, Ext. 593.

Mike: "That's a queer pair of stockings you have on, Pat—one red and the other green."

Pat: "Yes, and I've another pair like it at home."

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CAPT Thomas M. Foley, Jr.

CAPT Foley Chief Of Orthopedics

CAPT Thomas M. Foley, Jr., MC, USN, reported in early in July to take over his new duties as Chief of the Orthopedic Service, relieving CAPT F. P. Kreuz, who left the service recently to become Executive Officer at U. S. Naval Hospital, Great Lakes, Ill.

The new captain is a graduate of the University of Virginia and received his M.D. at the University of Virginia Medical School in 1938 just before being commissioned in the Navy Medical Corps.

Early in his Navy career CAPT Foley served as aide to VADM Ross T. McIntire, who was then Surgeon General.

Other assignments for the new captain have been at the Navy Medical School, Washington, D. C.; aboard the USS WEST VIRGINIA, and with Destroyer Division No. 71, aboard the USS IOWA, and at the Naval hospitals at Bethesda, Philadelphia, and Great Lakes.

In the Foley family, it is a case of "like father, like son." Dr. T. M. Foley, Sr., until his retirement, was a well-known orthopedist in Washington, D.C.

The captain and his wife, Dorothy, with their 14-year-old daughter Suzanne are living at Alvingroom Court not far from the hospital.

Yacht Club Invites 40 Patients on Cruise

Forty patients are invited by the Bridge Marine Yacht Club for a cruise to the Delta Yacht Club grounds on Sunday, 1 August. A picnic will be waiting at the end of the cruise.

Transportation will be provided, leaving from the Community Service Building at 0830.

WAVES Reach Third Hash Mark; Birthday, 30 July

Twelve years and three hash marks ago on 30 July 1942, Congress authorized the enlistment of women in the Navy Reserve, calling them Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service, or WAVES.

Though the Navy originally proposed to recruit only 10,000 WAVES, more than 20,000 were on duty in Washington, D.C., and the Potomac River Naval Command, more than 13,000 were serving in the hospital corps alone, and before World War II had ended, more than 100,000 women had served on active duty in the USN.

The WAVES manned communications systems, took part in naval aviation by repairing planes, packing parachutes, handling weather information and becoming link trainer and celestial navigation instructors. They took care of ballistic computations, and performed a number of duties covering 450 different wartime jobs in hundreds of continental shore activities.

During World War II, all WAVES were Reservists. Most of them were released to inactive duty at the end of hostilities but a comparative few remained on active duty. Now either "regulars" or reservists, the WAVES are serving as weather forecasters, intelligence analysts, draftsmen, photo-reconnaissance interpreters, parachute riggers, photographers, radar repairmen, scientists, information specialists, control tower operators, and in hundreds of other jobs calling for judgment and skill.

At Oak Knoll 75 WAVES are currently on duty, among them one supply corps officers, three medical service corps officers, one disbursing clerk, one journalist, and 69 corpswaves.

Officers are participating in such fields as administration, training, communications, censorship, harbor defense, electronics, aerology, intelligence, research, public relations, supply, industrial relations, and military sea transportation.

The sailors in skirts get around. They are serving in almost every naval activity from Jacksonville to Alaska. They are filling billets in England, France, Germany, Norway, Italy, Alaska, Guam, Hawaii and Japan.

This year in order to celebrate the twelfth birthday of the WAVES, a reunion for all Yeomanettes (World War I WAVES), and WAVES, former and present, will be held on 14 and 15 August in San Francisco. The guests of honor at this twelfth birthday will be Mrs. Douglas Horton (CAPT Mildred McAfee, USNR, first Director of the WAVES) and CAPT Louise K. Wilde, USN, present director.

On Saturday, 14 August there will

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With her artificial arms, Mei-Da can do almost anything any other six-year-old can do and some things (including painting) she can do better. Mrs. Charles Asbelle of Occupational Therapy is supervising her training.

Mei-Da Pang Meets the Press Wearing New Arms, Size 6

Mei-Da Pang of Honolulu — a 6-year-old, 36 pound bundle of Chinese-Hawaiian charm—met the press at Oak Knoll Wednesday.

The little girl's claim to news value is not that she was born without arms. It is that, despite that handicap, she is like any other bright six-year-old, and through the use of the experimental artificial arms made for her by the Navy, she is becoming more independent every day.

Mei-Da first came to the attention of rehabilitation experts when Dr. Henry H. Kessler—head of the well-known Kessler Institute for Rehabilitation in Newark, N. J., and one of the founders of the Navy Amputee Center established at Mare Island during World War II—spoke at a conference of the Oahu Medical Society in 1949.

Dr. Kessler felt that by the time Mei-Da reached the age of 4, she could be fitted with prosthetic limbs. Accordingly, in April 1952, Mei-Da and her mother, Lillian, took off from Honolulu for New Jersey and Kessler Institute, their trip sponsored by the Public Health Department of Honolulu, Hawaii Chapter of the National

Society for Crippled Children and Adults, Kiwanis Club of Honolulu, and the Lung Doo Benevolent Society.

On the little girl's fourth birthday, May 4, 1952, she had her first operation—a left pectoral cineplasty—an incision through the chest muscle

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Examination Results In 27 New HN's

The recent advancement in rate examinations given for HA's resulted in 27 out of 31 "takers" passing to pay grade E-3, the rates to become effective on 16 August.

Those who passed are WAVES Jeannette Brogdon, Frances Peters, Bonnie McCafferty and Claudia Romero; and the following corpsmen: T. L. Baker, G. Baumbach, J. E. Bell, R. R. Bills, W. H. Bridges, J. E. Brown, L. C. Carter, A. A. Cochran, D. Evans, B. W. Given, M. R. Geschel, F. V. Hatchell, B. W. Hale, C. E. Johnson, C. L. Maxwell, E. R. Mendicelli, D. E. Morgan, D. R. Parker, J. W. Shultz, W. M. Webb, G. E. Williams, R. E. Wright, and L. R. Young.

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4. The development of a Christian outlook on life;
5. Growth in Christian character and social concern.

We must order our supplies now. If you think that you will have children enrolled in our Church School, will you please complete the following questionnaire and return it to the chaplains. Thank you.

Your Chaplains:
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 LCDR J. W. Paul
 LTJG W. F. Hollis

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CHILDREN:

NAME.....	Age.....	School Grade.....
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NAME.....	Age.....	School Grade.....

Would you be interested in helping with our religious education program?
 Have you taught church school classes previously?.....

More About Young Honolulu Miss

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that was to control her prosthetic arm. The left was done first since she is definitely left-footed and it was assumed she would also be left-handed. The right cineplasty was done three weeks later, and in July 1952, Mei-Da, believed to be the youngest person in medical history to have bilateral pectoral cineplasty-controlled artificial arms, was ready to start training at the institute. She spent a year there before returning to the Islands with her first arms. They served her well, the right eventually becoming the dominant one. But the inevitable happened — by the youngster's sixth birthday, she had outgrown her arms.

When Mrs. Pang, an attractive, intelligent mother of five, heard that Dr. Kessler was to be in San Francisco for the AMA convention in June, she made arrangements to talk with him about the possibility of getting help on the West Coast. That is the story of her coming to Oak Knoll. Dr. Kessler, a Navy Medical Corps Reserve captain, talked with CAPT T. J. Canty, Navy rehabilitation expert and Chief of the Amputee Service at the hospital here, and arrangements were made to fit the little girl with new arms, size 6.

Prosthetic limbs the size and type Dr. Canty and his assistants believe Mei-Da can use most successfully have been constructed, and since 12

July she has been "working out" daily at the hospital's Occupational Therapy Department, mastering one by one her new arms, which work somewhat differently from the old size 4's. She has learned to eat with a spoon held firmly in her Navy-made prosthetic hand. She can drink from a cup. Her appetite is good, and she can hold a sandwich or an apple in her hook with equal proficiency. She brushes her teeth unassisted and can type her name on the typewriter.

Sometimes, just for a change, Mei-Da blows soap bubbles and shatters them with her hook. The most important project at the moment is the red leather bag she is lacing in preparation for school in September, and besides that, she has a whole sheaf of drawings to take home to her dad, York Chew Pang, a radio engineer with the Hawaiian Telephone Company, her brother and three sisters, who are among her favorite subjects.

ACEA to Host Patients At Stock Car Races

Alameda County Employees Association has invited patients to the Stock Car Races which are to be held on Sunday, 1 August. All the thrills of dare-devil racing will be seen on the Oakland Speedway.

All who are interested please see Special Services for further information.



For the third successive week, Willard Small, AK1, from 43B (second from left) retained his table tennis title by defeating Charles Christofferson, GMSN, from the same ward in the finals of the weekly tournament at the Red Cross Lounge supervised by Mrs. Catherine Myers, Gray Lady of the Mt. Diablo Chapter. Small returned to duty this week, which leaves the field open to a host of competitors.

Red Cross Ramblings

MEN OF NOTE: Deft handling of harmonies on the piano keyboard by **L. L. Widdoes, SKSN**, of 75A has been admired by many a casual listener. . . . Two guitars offering a variety of pleasant styles are often heard on the solarium of 80B, **G. A. Phelps, SN**, a native of St. Louis, and **S. F. Gray, AN**, who regards California as his home state, have found mutual relaxation in some lazy strummin' of the hit tunes and a few oldies. . . . Strains of Hawaiian classics have brought back many a nostalgic memory to observers of a rather unique string combo usually found in the patio of the Red Cross Lounge these days. "Post-grads" **Dave Spaulding** and **John Ceno**, former patients here, **Greg Sanchez, SA**, and **PFC Opi Fuli**, both of 61B, **Joe Altares, SN**, of 41A, and **CPL Edward Caay, 42A**, have generously responded to frequent requests such as "Blue Hawaii," "Song of the Islands," and the poignant "Aloha Oe." . . . A pretty Berkeley songstress, **Ruth Stollings** by name, soon gathered about her a veritable men's glee club when she appeared on 62A recently. Her able accompanist, **Mrs. Neighbor**, rambled through a series of favorites as **SGT J. E. Howard, USMC**, **J. A. Decora, BTFN**, **G. R. Hopkins, AN**, lent vigorous vocal support. And **Louis J. Carrieri, BTFN**, supplied a tenor part occasionally that did credit to his Italian heritage. . . . Music under the stars at Woodminster Bowl last week won the signatures of **James Williams, SN**, **Gene Wiley, SA**, **John Ramus, SHSN**, and **James R. Lawson, EM3**, from 46B. "Rose Marie" drew enthusiastic response from everyone who attended.

INTERMEZZI: Watching the current Ice Follies spectacle in San Francisco recently with a Red Cross trip, **Carl Sandberg, EN3**, of 74A recalled how he performed at the "half" with the same Shipstad and Johnson show back in 1940 at the Portland Ice Arena—cleaning and watering the ice so the show could go on! . . . The anvil chorus constantly in session back in them thar hills is nothing but a heavy indulgence in the barnyard sport of horseshoes by the fellows from 49A

and B. The gleaming gold and silver sets were provided by the Berkeley Elks Club. The ward is ready for some expert competition now.

Welcome Farewell

Reporting for duty were CDR Jan D. King, MC, USN, from USN Bainbridge, Md.; LCDR James W. Paul, CHC, USN, from Aircraft, FM Pacific, MCAS, El Toro, Santa Ana, Calif.; LTJG's Arthur D. James, M USNR, Marvin H. Quickert, M USNR, from inactive duty; I Regina K. Coons, NC, USNR, from MSTs, North Pacific Sub-Area, HM R. Medina, L. T. Dilley, J. L. Smith, L. G. Haw, and HA's R. L. Abanga, G. R. Dross, G. Lawrence, and C. Maxwell, from USNHCS, San Diego, Calif.

Detached were LTJG John F. Wenzel, MC, USNR, to COM12 for transportation to the Naval Mobile Construction Battalion three; CWO1 Harold L. Cox, USN to COM12 for transportation to NavSta, Subic Bay, Luzon, P.I.; E. L. Cahall, HM2, USNH, M. I.; W. T. Bailey, Jr., HM to USNavComSta, San Francisco; HN's L. E. Drone, Jr., J. R. Greco, F. Harbison, and R. A. Hendricks to RADSFLAB, NavShYd, S Francisco; D. L. McNabb, to NavShYd, M. I.; D. MacKay, to NAS, S Francisco; D. S. Bradley, to NAMO One, Berkeley; B. A. Fava, to ND Tiburon; P. L. Pflieger, to NSC, Oakland; D. R. Swann, to NavSta, S Francisco; J. B. Bacher, S. Mylek, J. W. H. Coombs, Jr., to ComNavFe; T. Flickinger, to NSD, Clearfield, Utah; J. D. Yoos, to NavShYd, S Francisco; and M. L. Gibson, to M CorBase, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Released to inactive duty were L Banks R. Cates, Jr., MC, Roger MacKinnon, MC, and Dolores Ryan, NC; HM3 D. H. Bessesen, HN's J. C. Mahon and P. O. K. Discharged were DT3 D. L. Tre and HN M. L. Vasquez.

Scuttlebutt

SIGNS OF THE TIMES: That old salt, LCDR Schoenbachler jitterbugging tirelessly all evening at his own retirement party at the CPO Club . . . Chief Nye sharing the honors but not the jitterbugging. . . . Workmen laying a new wooden floor and enlarging the stage in the Enlisted Staff Recreation Center. . . . Coralyn Conant and her Medical Board moving down the hill to a new home in the Record Office. . . . Margaret Nielson and her friends enjoying a performance of the Rogers and Hammerstein hit-musical, "The King and I," at the San Francisco Opera House. . . . Joseph Sunday, HM2, coming to work on Monday. . . . Fifty-four red snappers from Santa Cruz arriving home with MSC fishermen Faunce, Nygren, Millard, Huber, and Giles, the men's complexions almost as red as the snappers. . . . Doris Kingsford back counting her cash in the Collection Agent's office after a Canadian holiday.

PEOPLE, PLACES AND THINGS: WAVE Ann Miley is wearing a diamond ring, the gift of Tom Williams, biochemistry corpsman, and telling their plans for a September wedding. . . . Captain and Mrs. Sherwood are back from a vacation in Ketchikan and other Alaska cities, to which they cruised aboard the PRINCE RUPERT. . . . J. D. Cooper, Oak Knoll's only staff, EN, and his family ran up 7,000 miles on the speedometer of their new green and white Olds 88, picked up at the factory. If you think it was hot this week, talk to Coop—the thermometer registered 117 when he hit Needles. . . . LCDR Huber is driving a beautiful blue and ivory Buick—whenever he can get it away from Mrs. Huber. . . . SGT Thad D. Oliver liked baseball until he slid into second base the other day and landed on 41A. He is from HQS, Department of Pacific, San Francisco. . . . Chiefs Bill Lowe and R. S. Waldrop are still chuckling over an item that appeared in a recent issue of the Berkeley Gazette. "Also going to camp (Wolfeboro, Boy Scout camp in the High Sierra), is one of the physicians from Oak Knoll Naval Hospital, Dr. Bill Lowe, who will replace Dr. Waldrop, also from Oak Knoll, who has been watching over the health and safety of the Scouts." "We kept insisting we weren't doctors, but they just wouldn't take our word for it," the chiefs said when asked for a statement. . . . Edna Bourdase is still at Merritt Hospital following serious surgery, and wouldn't you know — worrying about how soon she can return to her desk in the Administrative Officer's Office. . . . CWOHC Davies of Dental and his pretty wife Hedy are back from Flint (in a new Buick), New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Washington, D.C., and other points east.

CONGRATULATIONS: To LTJG's Bernice E. Fenn, Marchetta Harper, and Adele A. Bankson on their promotion to lieutenant, with 2 July the date of rank.

SECOND GENERATION KNOLL-UMNI: An item in the Tribune this week announces that Aviation Cadet William S. Swofford, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. William S. Swofford, 2063 87th Avenue, is becoming a jet pilot at Williams AFB, Ariz. And a lot of us hadn't realized Bill Sr. is an Oakland civilian.



The success of the Bay Area Chapter of the Four-Cylinder Club of America's Concours d'Elegance is shown by these photos which were snapped by the Photographic Arts department's most dangerous rival, CAPT R. L. Gilman, who was here, there, and everywhere with his trusty Kodak Retina 1A. Photo (1) shows staff members taking in the show and in the background Hilda's hot dog stand. (2) This antique is one of Henry Ford's earliest models, made in 1909. (3) The NAS Oakland Drill Team was one of the special attractions at the show, but its members also had time to give the cars the "once-over." (4) This MG with a handsome, home-built dog trailer attracted a great deal of attention, as did the slinky Studebaker in Photo (5). The Bagpipe Band of Berkeley's Canadian Legion entertained the spectators (6) and here some of the younger set are gathering around for a look at their instruments. (7) Patients turned out en masse for the show, and so did the sun. Prizes were given for the various types of cars, and all in all it was a fine day. K. J. M. White, British Vice-Consul, awarded the trophies. Other dignitaries at the Concours were Eberhard Hesse, German Vice-Consul, Dr. Plinio M. Azzarini, Italian Vice-Consul, and Fred Maggiora, Vice-Mayor of the City of Oakland.

Cruise on Saturday

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be a "Task Force WAVE" Cruise on San Francisco Bay, a party for WAVE'S children and families at Fairyland, Oakland, and a reception and buffet supper at Treasure Island.

On Sunday, 15 August, celebrants will attend church services at Grace Cathedral and Old St. Mary's Church. These services will be followed by Brunch and a Meeting at the Hotel Mark Hopkins, with the two guests of honor speaking. These speeches will be broadcast at 1200 on NBC. The last event of the day will be at Golden Gate Park, with a band concert, Navy Chorus, and WAVE drill team performing.

All WAVES interested in attending the reunion see Betty Leo, HM3, senior master-at-arms of WAVE Quarters. She has the material necessary for registration.

Judge: "Why did you strike this dentist?"

Prisoner: "Because he got on my nerves."



The Orthopedic Appliance Mechanics school at the Artificial Limb Department graduated a class of nine Friday, 23 July. In the back row, extreme left, is Robert L. Dion, HM3, who was the honor student with an average of 98.789. Others in the back row are Fred M. Munce, HM2, CWOHC John H. Faunce, Administrative Assistant to the Chief of the Amputee Service; Lester H. Relaford, HM3, and Robert J. Bahr, HM1. In the front row, usual order, are Joseph Sunday, HM2, James D. King, HM1, Alfred L. Wuebbems, HMC, Rollie M. Pennington, HM1, and James D. Gist, HM1. All the students are remaining at Oak Knoll except A. L. Wuebbems, who will report to the USS WEDERBURN (DDE) and J. D. Gist, who will serve aboard the USS ROGERS (DDR).

Men Softballers Belt NRTC, 5-3; Harris Stars

The hospital men's softball team won their third straight game here last Wednesday, 21 July, by defeating the Naval Reserve Training Command of Alameda 5-3 with another good job of hurling by Ted Harris, assisted by Coach Young who pitched the last inning.

The Knollites limited the opponents to only three hits, and the scoring was due in part to Oak Knoll errors. The heroes of this game were Arledge and Snook, as each brought in two runs. The final run was brought in by Fong on an error by the opponents' shortstop. The team has really rounded into good form and Coach Young states that the fact that only one more game remains to be played in the league for the Knollites should be of comfort to many early-season opponents!

Ted Harris, a newcomer, has been quite a boost for the team. Art Duso has played good defensive ball and is now playing at first while Bob Foster is on leave. Young hopes to enter the team in the 12ND Invitational Tournament at Moffett Field on 10 and 13 August and the Oakland Industrial League competition this fall, with support coming from the baseball team. This is an excellent opportunity to increase the bond of community spirit between the hospital and the residents of Oakland.

Baseball players Hooper and Graves have been chosen to play with an augmented NSC, Oakland, team against NAS, Alameda, on 4 August to determine which team will represent the district in the Western Conference games to be held in San Diego, Calif.

Previews

Saturday, 31 July

ISLE OF THE DEAD — Boris Karloff, Ellen Drew. HORROR STORY. This is a re-release and nothing is available in the files. However, with Karloff starring, you shouldn't want for thrills and chills.

Sunday, 1 August

THE LAW VERSUS BILLY THE KID — Scott Brady. WESTERN. This movie is too new for reviews but promises a lot of good action, with guns and horses.

Monday, 2 August

THE DESPERADO — Wayne Morris. WESTERN. Rating: Very Good. Morris in the role of Sam Garrett, one of the West's most famous bad men in history, meets a carpetbagger and teaches him the lore of the outlaw and the technique of the gunslinger and finally testifies in the boy's defense after he is on trial for a murder he did not commit.

Tuesday, 3 August

RETURN FROM THE SEA (SONS OF THE NAVY) — DRAMA. Jan Sterling, Neville Brand. A Chief Boatswain's Mate from a "tin can" docked in San Diego Harbor, while on a wild spree ashore meets an attractive waitress, falls in love and becomes engaged to her before taking off for a tour of duty in Korea. Miss Sterling, the fiancee, hopefully awaits her lover while he is involved in many dangerous missions while becoming a hero.

Wednesday, 4 August

EVERY GIRL SHOULD BE MARRIED. Cary Grant, Betsy Drake. This is a re-issue of a popular and successful old movie.

Thursday, 5 August

PROJECT M7 — Phyllis Calvert. There are no reviews whatsoever on this film. However, it does sound like a picture based on the military side of life.

Friday, 6 August

SUSAN SLEPT HERE — Dick Powell, Debbie Reynolds, Anne Francis. ROMANTIC COMEDY. Technicolor. Rating: Very Good. Powell, an Oscar-winning scenario writer to whose swank apartment on Christmas Eve vice-squadders bring the delinquent Miss Reynolds as "research material" for his next picture, prevents her from spending the holiday in jail. This beginning of complications leading to a wedding proves to Powell that it was the best idea he's had in years, and they decide to make the marriage permanent.

Knoll Pistoleers Cop 12ND Class 'B' Trophy



Oak Knoll marksmen LTJG R. G. DeWitt and ENS D. R. Kelly proudly display the 12ND Commandant's Perpetual Trophy for group "B" Champion in the pistol matches won by Oak Knoll at NAS, Alameda, in two recent days of shooting. Others who participated were HMC's L. L. Linse and L. I. Johnson. By winning in the pistol event Oak Knoll earned 19 points toward the all-sports trophy.

The first group "B" team trophy to be given by 12ND was won by Oak Knoll Pistol Team last week after two days' shooting at the Naval Air Station, Alameda. It was only last year that Oak Knoll made its first entry in district pistol shoots. The San Francisco Marines have taken first place for the past two years at NAS, Alameda, second. NAS, Oakland, as in other sports, was Oak Knoll's closest competitor in the pistol matches.

In "A" group, NAS, Alameda, placed first and Moffett Field second, leading the San Francisco Marines third. NSC, Oakland, failed to appear for the team shoot and after the first day's shooting, Skaggs Island, 12th Communications, and Western S. Frontier "B" teams did not appear for team competition, leaving Oak Knoll an open gate to the finals. The hospital entered the first women's district history last year. This year women were entered, but none were from the hospital. Oak Knoll tallied 19 points in this pistol meet toward the 12ND Commandant's Trophy for Athletic Excellence.

Golf Team Loses To NSC, Oakland, 22-5

Oak Knoll golf team faced the hard-driving NSC, Oakland, team to a avail last Tuesday, losing 22-5.

Oakland is one of the strongest teams in the "B" league. Sharps Point was the site of the game. The medalist for the meet, shooting in the 1970's, was CDR G. C. Radar of NSC.

Ping-Pong Players Stand By For Tourney

Last call is being sent out to staff personnel wishing to enter the ping-pong tournament scheduled for 2 & 3 August. The tournament will be held at the bowling alley.

Winners and a team will be chosen to represent Oak Knoll in the 12ND ping-pong meet at NSC, Oakland, Wednesday, 11 August. Contact: Dr. Folger at Special Services.



Here are the men who make up the hospital softball team, (led by Coach Jack Young), that has recently been on a winning streak. Kneeling in the front row are, left to right: Coach Jack Young, Arthur A. Duso, Joseph O. Fong and Carl Stevenson, the photographer who was drafted. Standing are Ted S. Harris, James D. Hooper, William Snook, Joseph Arledge, Don Adams.

Knoll Girls Lose to Lady Marines

Oak Knoll's women softballers went down in defeat before the strong and hard hitting San Francisco lady Marines, Tuesday, 20 July, the Marines winning, 18-4.

The game started with the Marines taking early command by chalking seven runs in the first inning and one in the second. The Knoll nine did not score for the first three innings. However, in the fourth the home team tallied one run on a hit by Carston. The Marines scored seven runs again in the fifth, but the Knollites failed to score in this inning. In the sixth, the enemy did not score as the hospital defenses tightened. Oak Knoll tallied two runs by Vick and Carston. Vick scored on a single in the seventh for the final tally for the Knoll ladies. The Marines scored their final three runs in this inning. The enemy garnered 19 hits, of which five were for extra bases. Richard of the Marines was winning pitcher, giving up

but five hits. The loss was charged to Cameron.

In the second game of the week against the Army at the Presidio, the hospital lassies lost another tilt, 12-1. The only score for Oak Knoll was made by Carston in the second inning, when she hit a triple. Balfanz singled, scoring Carston; but she was thrown out trying to make second. The WAC scored three runs in the first inning, one in the second, two in the fourth, two in the fifth, and four in the sixth, in their near shutout of the hospital team.

Joyce Brenner, a newcomer to the ranks, played a good center field, getting an assist with a pitch to Carston in the first frame, caught a fly ball hit by catcher Argue in the third, and another fly in the fifth by Thompson. Last game of the season was Wednesday, 28 July, with Presidio on the Oak Knoll diamond, results of which are not available for this edition.

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Knollite Talent May Try Out For All-Navy Contest

Here's your chance to show your stuff! An All-Navy Talent Contest which will have its finals in New York City on 26 September and whose winners will appear on the Ed Sullivan Show, "Toast of the Town," about the same date, is open to all patients and staff at Oak Knoll.

The 12th ND semi-finals will be held at Treasure Island, with all nominations to be in by 23 August. The three top acts of the district will go to New York.

One to four people are allowed in one act which must not take longer than five minutes. Props and costumes, if necessary, and all expenses for the act must be furnished by those participating in the contest.

Special Services needs three judges for the hospital contest, who will rate contestants on showmanship, originality, technical competence, and artistic ability.

Any patient or staff member interested in this chance of a lifetime, sign up at Special Services NOW.

French 'Angel' to Visit Bay Area

When LT Genevieve de Galard-Terraube, "Angel of Dien Bien Phu," arrives in San Francisco Monday at 1400 for a visit in the Bay Area she will be met at San Francisco airport by CDR Helen C. Gavin, senior Navy Nurse Corps officer at Oak Knoll.

A variety of activities have been planned for the heroic French nurse, including a reception at the offices of the Mayor of San Francisco to which Miss Gavin will accompany her, and tours of the Bay Area. Accompanying her here from the East Coast will be LT Virginia E. Jones, NC, USN, member of the Oak Knoll nursing staff during World War II.

Patients Will Relive "Old Spanish Days"

Eighteen patients and three staff members will take off from Alameda aboard an R4D heading for Santa Barbara Wednesday afternoon for three days of de luxe entertainment at that city's famous "Old Spanish Days" fiesta.

This will be the third year that members of Post 49, American Legion, and the City of Santa Barbara have acted as hosts to Korea casualties from Oak Knoll. Corbit Ray of the civilian staff is organizing the party, and ENS Clyde O. Wimberly, new Special Services Officer, a staff corpsman, and photographer will accompany the group.



Already one month along in their year's internship at Oak Knoll are these young doctors representing medical colleges throughout the country. In the group, left to right, first row, are LTJG's Lewis, Landis, Branson, Saloum, von der Mehden, and Spierling. In the second row: Steward, Olivier, Goetz, Ashor, Taylor, and Robins. Third row: Peoples, Scokel, Bradley, Vasquez, Lukas, and Moore.

18 Interns Report From Various Colleges

Eighteen new interns were recently added to the staff and are rapidly becoming indoctrinated in the Navy way through a series of lectures planned for that purpose and through work on the various services to which they have been assigned as the first step in a rotating internship.

EST Anniversary Program Planned

Special ceremonies and "open house" at Oak Knoll's Environmental Sanitation School are planned for Friday, 13 August, at 1400 when the fifteenth class will complete the course of instruction.

This special program for Class No. 15 coincides with the fourth anniversary of the establishment of the school in 1950 and with the time when CAPT R. S. Poos, MC, USN, will be relieved as Officer in Charge of the school by CAPT Robert W. Babione, MC, USN.

Dr. J. C. Geiger, Oakland City Health Officer, and Dr. Charles E. Smith, Dean of the School of Public Health, University of California, both members of the school's consulting staff, will speak to the graduates, and RADM F. C. Greaves, District Medical Officer, will be here to present their certificates.

Invited to the special program are representatives from the state and local health departments and U.C. School of Public Health, doctors and Medical Service Corps Officers of Bay Area military installations, representatives from civilian industry, and all former students now serving in the Twelfth Naval District.

The University of California and the University of Pittsburgh each contributed a trio of young doctors. From U.C. have come LTJG's A. B. Branson of Berkeley, M. A. Vasquez of Oakland, and Roy von der Mehden of San Anselmo; and claiming Pittsburgh as their alma mater are G. L. Ashor of Kensington, Pa.; J. R. Lukas, Mercer, Pa.; and C. A. Bradley of Pittsburgh.

Dr. Lucille Saloum of Duluth, Oak Knoll's second female intern in the history of the training program, is from the University of Minnesota.



Two full-fledged new urology technicians received their certificates from Captain Bradley last Friday at the end of their six months' course. They were John J. Williams, HN, who left Monday for a new assignment at USNH, San Diego, and John T. Higuera, HN. Though Higuera admitted it with some reluctance, he was the honor graduate in his class, with an average grade of 90.

Other new interns and the colleges they represent are J. P. Steward of Southgate, Calif., and Stanford; P. C. Goetz, Seguin, Tex., and Texas University; R. E. Landis, Flint, Mich., University of Cincinnati; N. G. Lewis, Salem, Mass., University of Utah; L. E. Moore, Magnetic Springs, Ohio, Northwestern University; H. R. Olivier, Lafayette, La., Louisiana State University; R. B. Peoples, Boyersford, Pa., and Jefferson Medical College; J. C. Robins, Grosse Point, Mich., Wayne University; P. W. Scokel, III, Birmingham, Ala., Medical College of Alabama; P. R. Spierling, Jr., Grand Rapids, Mich., University of Illinois; and R. W. Taylor, Rock Springs, Wyoming, University of Colorado.

Six members of the group have had previous active duty. Dr. Vasquez was with the Army Air Force for three years and earned the Air Medal with seven Oak Leaf Clusters for service with the 8th Air Force in England. Dr. Branson, a line ensign from 1945 to 1947, was an aircraft pilot and navigator, and Dr. Lukas was a NATS pilot in World War II, while Doctors Taylor, Robins, and Moore were busy serving as Navy Pharmacist's Mates. Dr. Moore was stationed at USNH, Astoria, Oregon. Dr. Taylor served in the South Pacific, stopping "down under" long enough to meet and marry his Australian wife, Joyce MacGregor of Perth. Dr. Robins was with the 7th Amphibious Force during WWII, participated in the occupation of Japan, and later visited Far Eastern ports while serving aboard the fleet oiler, USS MATAPONI. Still another seafarer among the new doctors is Dr.

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† † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

SMALL GRACES

Always listen to the promptings of grace. When we hear an uncharitable criticism we often long to say: "I entirely agree with you." Remain silent. These small graces mount up and up. Our Lord says: "The first and greatest commandment is, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God, with thy whole heart, and with thy whole soul, and with thy whole minds, and with thy whole strength." Is it for us to throw doubt on God's word? God intends us all to serve Him out of Love.

When God wants a soul to come near Him, He gives the invitation. He begins by giving the soul a desire to know Him, to love Him. If anyone feels that desire, no matter how feebly, be assured it comes from God. He does not begin and leave His work unfinished. He will gratify the desire which He Himself has inspired, if we will but be faithful. Were He never to gratify us He would be acting like a mother who held a picture in front of her child, and whenever the child reached out for it, drew the picture away, merely teasing the child. God judges us not so much by details as by the whole, the purpose of our life. To be drifting, to have no settled aim in life, is unsatisfactory for everyone, working nothing out, ending in nothing. Everyone ought to be living, working, for something. For God.

—LCDR EDMUND J. FORD
 Catholic Chaplain

Driver Shows Personality

A motor vehicle enlarges the driver's personality, says the California State Automobile Association. That is the reason little flaws and quirks of a person's character become more manifest when they are magnified into the behavior of a few tons of steel moving in an unsafe or irregular manner at "x" miles per hour. Practice sportsmanlike driving, and it will improve your character, your reputation and the public safety. In short, everybody gains.

"Say you love me. Say it! Say it!
 For heaven's sakes, say it!"
 "It!"

Bewildered Professor (on looking into hairbrush): "Guess I need a shave."

Divine Services

Hospital Chapel at Main Gate
 PROTESTANT

BIBLE SCHOOL—SUNDAY 0930
 SUNDAY WORSHIP—1030
 HOLY COMMUNION—First Sunday
 morning each month.

CATHOLIC
 SUNDAY MASSES
 0600-0800-0900-1200
 DAILY MASSES—0700 and 1145
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 Saturday—1900
 and before all Masses
 Any other time upon request
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 Choir Rehearsal—Tuesday 1900

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 IN CHAPEL AND 67A

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 IN 67A

BUS TO AND FROM CHAPEL
 ON SUNDAYS 0845 AND 1015

Twenty-nine Knoll Reservists Extend

Twenty-nine Oak Knoll reservists including one Dental Corps officer, four Medical Service Corps, and 26 Nurse Corps officers this week received notice that their requests for extension of active duty has been granted by authorities in Washington. Extensions vary from one to five years.

In the group are CDR S. F. Bergen, DC; LCDR A. C. Pipkin, LT's R. R. Frew and A. N. King, and LTJG D. L. Briggs, all MSC; and the following staff nurses:

LT's A. M. Murphy, I. W. Broker, A. A. Bankson, A. C. Kruczek, S. J. Boulger, L. J. Panther, E. V. Harden, P. T. Maltese, Jane Hardie, R. M. Quillan, A. J. Baer, O. C. H. Ogden, J. H. Graham, W. E. Roberts, L. L. Sowulewski, Lyda Frank, H. M. Chaney, E. S. Talbot, D. H. Bow, A. R. Kubicz; LTJG's M. L. Taylor and D. N. McCree; and Ensigns M. L. Caron and D. M. Wiese.

"Shootin' the Breeze" Now Telecast Thursdays

"Shootin' the Breeze," official Navy TV show, is now being telecast over KPIX, Channel 5 at 1800 each Thursday evening.

This was the second time shift for the four-year old TV show during past few weeks. The station announced last week that the Thursday spot had been especially cleared for "Shootin' the Breeze" and that Navy fans can expect to see it on Thursday from now on.

Red Cross Ramblings

BEAVER: For several weeks it has been rumored that the denizens of Ward 50B were looking more and more like a '49er baseball team. Dorothy Frost, recreation worker, reports that luxuriant sideburns, Van Dykes, and an amazing assortment of gullet warmers were in vogue with almost everyone competing. At the high point, photographs were taken but, unfortunately, the contestants were lost in the splendor of their hirsute adornments. When Ye Fashion Editor strolled in to check the situation, razors had created havoc and nothing was left but a truly magnificent walrus moultache. A great loss!

TOUGH COMPETITION: The weekly ping-pong tournament at the Red Cross Lounge had an influx of new blood and, although SGT Loren Polson, USMC, 42B, wears the crown, he was pressed closely by Naki, who is a newcomer. Right up there 'til the last minute were SGT Buck (The Fierce!) and always-reliable Christopherson. Even if you don't figure yourself as top-flight competition, come on over and watch the fun on Thursday afternoons.

SUMMER DOIN'S: How about a little change of scenery just as soon as you can be out of bed for a while? Off-compound tours to all the famous spots of the San Francisco Bay Region — Chinatown, Fisherman's Wharf, Coit Tower, Ocean Beach, The Zoo, Golden Gate Park, and East Bay points are yours for the viewing. Mrs. Zella Burch, Oakland Gray Lady, has been escorting groups each week to places of their choice. Ask your Red Cross worker if you and your buddies would like to get out for a while. Also, there are many fine shows, opera, ballet, the Ice Follies, Straw Hat Revue, symphony concerts, and the prospect of more fishing trips in the future. Speak up and let us know what YOU would like to do!

RARE TO WELL DONE: Some mental machinations in chess strategy were in progress last Tuesday between instructor William Jens of Alameda Chapter, and A. J. Polizzi, ET1. A wardmate from 74A, Jerry Bowen, MR2, also picked up a few pointers from the maestro. . . . Master craftsmanship with leather tools has been demonstrated by PFC James N. Gray, USMC, 43B, in the Red Cross craft shop. His generous assistance with the novices and his "how-to" sketches are greatly appreciated. . . . Tips on cake decorating or any type of baking can be solicited freely from SGT Carl Bush, USMC, from 43B who still exercises his 25 years experience in the baking field with the Marines. The only "leathery" products he turns out these days are some cowboy trappings for his young son and daughter. . . . Some feminine heart will be gladdened by the attractive huck-woven purse which B. E. Blount, DN, made during his convalescence on 70B. . . . Oakland's most notable amateur movie maker, Ray Maker, demonstrated his production techniques before a large and highly receptive crowd of patients at the Red Cross Lounge last Monday night. Utilizing local talent and terrain, and writing his own scripts, this 56-year-old Oaklander has completed a dozen or more 16 mm full length films, several of them in color and sound. Chiefly western in theme, the adventurous episodes not only afford the creator an unusual hobby but figure as top entertainment for the family, neighbors, and friends.

Staff Personalities



Mrs. Thelma F. McNeil, clerical worker in the Psychiatric Social Service, has been on the job since February '52. After graduating from Pueblo High School, near Denver, Colorado, she majored in business administration at Pueblo Junior College. She has been in Government service for twenty years, beginning in '42 with the Army Air Force at Pueblo AFB, now inactivated. She worked as one of the chief correspondence clerks in the insurance service at the Oakland VA office. She arrived at Oak Knoll and has her present job in February '53. Her husband, Alvin, is an Engineer with the Brodie Meter Co. of San Leandro. Her hobbies are gardening, dancing, and mountain travel, and her favorite public speaking.



That happy-go-lucky HN in the School, who is a dead ringer for Charles Atlas, is James E. Hough, shell, from Great Bend, Kansas, graduated from Great Bend High School and attended Wichita University for two years, majoring in psychology. James entered the Navy in July last year and was sent to San Diego for recruit training. He arrived here in February from San Diego HCS and was assigned to the NP Service. Weight lifting, his favorite pastime for two years, and swimming, account for his fine physique. Jim hopes to turn to his law studies at Wichita University when this hitch is over.

Scuttlebutt

ONE WAY OR ANOTHER Oak Knoll manages to get on TV occasionally. Sunday afternoon at 1700 on KPIX, Channel 5, The Stanford TV Institute will present "The Silver Lieutenant." Those who look closely may recognize five plasma bottles, complete with stands, tubing — everything but the plasma. The equipment belongs to Oak Knoll. Dr. Irving Nason supplied technical advice on field hospitals, and the Marine Corps Depot of Supplies is furnishing cots and blankets for the reclining actors.

PEOPLE, PLACES & THINGS: HMC F. A. Hoke has arrived from the MAT School in Bethesda and has been assigned to the CO's Mailroom. The chief (he made it in '51) has had tours of duty aboard the USS TOMBIGBEE AOG 11 and in the detail office, Staff, ComServPac, Pearl Harbor, since he left the Knoll . . . For those who enjoy privacy, and who doesn't when trying on clothes, Small Stores is now equipped with small dressing rooms . . . Donald Tyler, HN, was too close for comfort to the law and lawless in Stockton recently. One week end an armed bandit held up a restaurant where he was eating at a table very near the cash register . . . Next week end through a case of mistaken identity (Tyler will swear to this) he was locked up over night in, shall we say "quarters for those who do not abide by the law." In the "cubicle" beside him was the bandit he met the week end before! Tyler had not hoped to see him again so soon . . . Gerry Bourne is among those planning to go to the WAVES' reunion in San Francisco next week end. So is Audrey O'Brien of the Food Service Office. Audrey was a YN3 on duty at BuPers from 1945 to 1946 . . . Those are not pent houses for patients on 73A. They are housing for air conditioning equipment . . .

CONGRATULATIONS to ENS Richard C. Huning, CEC, USNR. He's sewed on an extra half stripe and is a JG now.

OAKNOLLUMNI: Margo Gillett, wife of RADM R. M. Gillett, former Oak Knoll Exec and present CO of USNH, San Diego, visited the Bradleys and other former shipmates here this week. Captain Bradley was once Admiral Gillett's Executive Officer at USNH, Bethesda . . . From Dorris Linsea Fagan, who traded her typewriter in on a pair of apron strings a year ago after editing this sheet for a year or so, comes the news that she is the mother of a baby daughter named Lee Ann, born in Ely, Nevada, on 6 July. Mother, daughter, and daddy Larry, who's just out of the Navy and ready to study, plan to be in Berkeley in time for the fall semester at U. C. . . . LT G. S. Kim writes from Peter Bent Brigham Hospital, Boston, that he is "very happy attending this excellent post-graduate course . . . we have various nationalities in our class and some came from Europe and other countries in Asia. I am the only Korean among them."

"What kinda guy is your roommate?"
"Well, last night he barked his shins on a chair, and said, 'Oh, the perversity of inanimate objects!'"

Shellback Ross Here For Overhauling; Undergoes Shakedown on Ward 63A

The gold hashmarks that weigh down the left sleeve of HMC James O. Ross, now on 63A, tell the world that he has served with good behavior in this man's Navy for 32 years and five months. And what is more, he has had a good time doing it, as anyone who talks with him can easily see.

Since enlisting at the tender age of 17, Chief Ross has served on battleships, transports, minesweepers, destroyers, aircraft carriers, and tankers. He saw the change-over from coal to diesel-burning ships, and in 1927 he served aboard the last coal-burning hospital ship, the USS MERCY.

He has had assignments all over the globe, from Nicaragua to Nebraska and from Moffett Field to Espirito Santo. He holds the rank of captain in the army of Haiti—an honor given him in recognition of his treatment of the natives while he was serving there with a Marine Expeditionary Force. At Espirito Santo, New Hebrides, where he was CMAA of the Navy's advance base, there is a public park that still bears his name. Ross Park it is called in memory of the times he ordered rule breakers to shine a bell in the park or tend the park's flower gardens.

During World War II he traveled with the Medical Inspector, setting up new island bases, and on duty at 14ND headquarters, he handled patient evacuation at Pearl Harbor. While serving at the Advance Base Personnel Depot, San Bruno, just after the war, he was transferred to the Fleet Reserve. But the Chief (he made it in 1923) was not long for civilian life, and he didn't want to be. In July 1950 he was recalled to recall



James O. Ross, HMC

reserves, his headquarters at the Receiving Station, San Francisco.

Salty Jim's last assignment was at Yokosuka Naval Hospital, where he served as permanent Chief of the Day, dispensing wit and wisdom to all comers. He is doing the same on 63A and impatiently waiting the doctors' decision regarding his fitness for further duty.

"Why, I plan to stay in the Navy all my life!" the chief tells those who inquire about his retirement. Down Palo Alto way, his wife, Mary, and granddaughters, Leslie 9, and Nolen 8, have other plans for him.

Teacher (to pupil): "Spell 'Straight'."

Pupil: "S-T-R-A-I-G-H-T."

Teacher: "Correct; what does it mean?"

Pupil: "Without ginger ale."

Welcome and Farewell

Reporting for duty during the past week were CDR Mark S. Curtis, MC, USN, from USNH, Yokosuka, Japan; LCDR John J. Price, Jr., MC, USN, from Com 1, Children's Hospital, Boston, Mass.; LT Raleigh M. Hood, MC, USN, from University of Michigan, NROTC Unit, Ann Arbor, Michigan; HMC's H. M. Love, from NNMC, Bethesda, Md.; and R. C. Harrell, from USNS, Navy No. 961, FPO, San Francisco; HM1's W. J. Striplin, from USNAdmCom, USN-TC, Bainbridge, Md.; C. U. Hamilton, from NAS, Corpus Christi, Tex.; E. L. Thatcher, from USS SFDB; HM2's B. L. Freeman, from FLT Aircraft Service Squadron 115; B. T. Kirkland, from USN Cargo Handling Bat One, NSC, Norfolk, Va.; B. B. Mosteller, from USNAS, Anacostia, Washington, D.C.; H. J. Seay, from USNAS, Key West, Fla.; J. A. Palmer, from USNAAS, Barin Field, Foley, Ala.; C. H. Stone, from Philadelphia Naval Yard; T. G. Fowler, III, from USNH, Charleston, S.C.; J. F. Walker, A. E. Bender, from USNH, San Diego; D. V. Keating, from COAdmCom, USN-TC, Great Lakes, Ill.; J. W. Coble, from CGFMFPAC; HN's R. Medina, from USNHCS, San Diego; L. T. Dille, J. L. Smith, L. G. Haw, R. S. Pappas, and HA's T. Hester, R. L. Abangan, G. R. Dross, G. Lawrence, and C. L. Maxwell, from USNHCS, San Diego.

Detached were CAPT John W. Rogers, MC, USN, to USNH, Chelsea,

Mass.; LT Wolfgang E. Klostermann, MSC, USN, to USNH, Portsmouth, Va.; LTJG Richard G. DeWitt, MSC, USN, to Naval School of Hospital Administration, NNMC, Bethesda, Md.; LT Celia P. Gilmore, NC, USN, to NavRecSta and Office of Naval Officer Procurement, San Francisco; LT Lois E. Adrian, NC, USN, to USNH, San Diego; LTJG Thelma P. Dial, NC, USN, to Com 4 for duty under instruction in anesthesiology at Jefferson Hospital, Philadelphia, Pa.; A. L. Wuebbens, HMC, to USS WEDERBURN; HM1's R. M. Pennington, to USN Dispensary, San Francisco; J. D. Gist, to USS ROGERS; HM3's L. P. Judd, C. B. Sisco, to MarCorBase, Camp Pendleton; T. T. Mathers, to U. S. NavMag, Port Chicago; R. D. Powell, to USS PLATTE (AO-24); C. A. Warmouth, to USNavSta, Kwajalein; HN's A. W. Bryant, B. J. Kent, A. J. Majni, H. C. Reum, L. S. Shortz, P. E. Garcia, J. E. McLaughlin, H. L. Fleck, W. G. Simmons, D. E. Fuller, I. G. Nichols, L. D. Van Boening, to MarCorBase, Camp Pendleton; J. D. Ray, to USNavShYd, San Francisco; and HA D. G. Vogel, to USNavShYd, M. I.

Released to inactive duty were LT E. L. Walter, Jr., MSC, USN, and J. V. Pellosma, HN. Discharged were W. B. Snook and N. L. Lamoreau, HN. Resignations were accepted for LT M. R. H. Johnson, NC, and ENS A. M. Olson, NC, USNR.



John E. Smith, HM3, of P & A had his fish story to tell after a bout with a 33½ lb. salmon, on Sunday, 1 August, while fishing from his father's commercial rig, the "Fairway." Thoralf Larsen, civilian gate guard, can vouch for the size, for he was along when the salmon that weighed 28½ lbs. (dressed) and measured 41½ in. long and 25½ in. across was pulled from the water with power reels near St. George's reef light, ten miles off shore at Crescent City, Calif. The same day fishermen pulled in 18 more, averaging 8½ lbs. a piece.

Interns See Sea

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Lewis, graduate of the Massachusetts Maritime Academy with a commission in the USNR and holder of a chief mate's license in the Merchant Marine. He sailed tankers from 1944 to 1946. His father is a maritime captain and his uncle is a captain in the U.S. Navy.

More vital statistics concerning the new crop of interns reveal that LTJG's Steward, Moore, and Olivier are bachelors. All others, including Dr. Saloun, are married. Doctors Seokel and Lewis are fathers of one, Dr. Branson has two children, Dr. Vasquez, three, Dr. Goetz, three—and one to come.

Corpsmen's Corner

The following prefixes and suffixes appear frequently in medical records. Match the words in the right hand column with those on the left.

- () a or an (1) half
- () auto (2) within
- () ante (3) difficult
- () anti (4) self
- () contra (5) lacking
- () dys (6) before
- () endo (7) against
- () hemi (8) water
- () hydro (9) above
- () hyper (10) pus
- () hypo (11) heat
- () mal (12) too many
- () neo (13) scanty
- () oligi (14) opposed to
- () poly (15) new
- () pyo (16) below
- () pyro (17) faulty

QUIZ ANSWERS

- (11) pus
- (12) too many
- (13) scanty
- (14) opposed to
- (15) new
- (16) below
- (17) faulty
- (1) half
- (2) within
- (3) difficult
- (4) self
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These dripping water nymphs, who hope someday to be fine swimmers, graduated last Wednesday after six weeks of instruction by Special Services personnel. Some are beginners, others intermediates and swimmers. All are dependents of staff members.

Hospital Lassies Lose Presidio Tilt; S-Stop Balfanz, Pitcher Brenner Star

The hospital women's softball team played a bang-up game against the Presidio here last Wednesday, 28 July, losing by a final score of 15-6. Brenner was the losing pitcher.

The locals went behind in the first frame, as the WAC copped five runs in succession while the Knoll nine did not score. However, the home team rallied and prevented the enemy from scoring in the third canto, while the lady medics chalked two runs on a single by Bonnie McCafferty and a hit by Carston that sent McCafferty to second and on to third. Balfanz singled, bringing McCafferty home and moving Carston to second, but Carston was thrown out at third. Krulatz came to bat and sent a ground ball out in left field, bringing Balfanz home while she went all the way around to third. Wolff hit a ground ball and was thrown out at first, leaving Krulatz on base, as this retired the side.

The fourth frame brought in one run for the Knollites on a single by Brenner as their defenses tightened and the enemy did not score. Five runs were gained by the WAC in the fifth before they were retired. Carston hit a triple to deep center field and Balfanz followed with a

single to score Carston, but was left on when Brogden made the last out. Top of the sixth found Brenner and Schafer scoring the final runs for the Knollites on a long and beautiful hard drive to center field by Carston. The WAC batted two home runs in the sixth, increasing their lead. One more run in the top of the seventh finished the scoring, making the final tally 15-6.

The hospital team played a spirited game and showed better playing ability and coordination in this game than in some of the earlier contests. Ella Mae Vick, who always plays a hard game of ball, was injured in a spill at first and again at third suffering a sprain in the left leg that slowed her down for the rest of the game, but she has made a good recovery. Brenner did a fine job of hurling, registering three strikeouts and assisting in other put-outs.

Previews

Saturday, 7 August
LOST PATROL — Victor McLaglen. A re-issue and no information is available.

Sunday, 8 August
BULLET IS WAITING — Jean Simmons, Steve McNally. Just released, this is a flicker too new for reviews. With this feature are two shorts, DISILLUSIONED BLUEJAY and a newsreel.

Monday, 9 August
ALGIERS — Hedy LaMarr, Charles Boyer. Here is another one on which no reviews are out. Sounds romantic though, with these two paired.

Tuesday, 10 August
ON THE WATERFRONT — Marlon Brando, Karl Malden, Lee J. Cobb. DRAMA. Rating: Excellent. Completely filmed along the New York water-front docks and the slum tenement area, the story deals with terrorists of a gangster-controlled longshoremen's union. Brando, an ex-prizefighter, becomes entangled with a longshore union goon squad and the underworld, fearful that he will testify for the D.A., tries to dissuade him with words, then action.

Wednesday, 11 August
GENTLE GUNMEN — John Mills, Dick Bogarde. The only information on this one is that it is a British film. TALENT SCOUT is the short scheduled for this evening.

Thursday, 12 August
STALAG 17 — William Holden, Don Taylor. DRAMA-COMEDY. Rating: Excellent. This repeat in which Bill Holden won an Academy Award in 1953, takes place in a German POW camp during World War II. The tensions, anxieties, gripes, and jests of the men are well portrayed here. Of course you'll meet the new "Betty Grable."

Friday, 13 August
SHANE — Alan Ladd, Jean Arthur. DRAMA. Technicolor. Rating: Excellent. Homesteaders try to farm a grant of land against the cattle ranchers who want the range unfenced and free. A conflict arises between Van Heflin, the stubborn and determined homesteader and Emile Meyer, the unscrupulous rancher who hires the sinister Jack Palance, callous killer, to run them out of the country. Alan Ladd rides out of a shady but fighting past to help the homesteaders.

Staffers' Children Get Swim Certificates

Children of staff members at Oak Knoll who participated in the summer swimming classes at the hospital pool, received cards of advancement last Wednesday, 28 July, from instructors Robert Travelstead, Lonell Hoffman, James Cox, John Murphy and Dale Folger of Special Services. The lessons were offered here as part of the Red Cross Water Safety program.

Graduates in the swimmers' class were Harold Cox, John Anderberg, David and Ralph Irvine, Sherry Williams, Beverly and Joan Huber.

The Intermediates were Gloria Collins, Lynda Kinner, Tom Cox, John Newman, Marjorie Johnson, Bobby Haines, Dale Williams, and Bobby Williams.

The Beginners group now ready to advance to the intermediate stage were Marie Kuziara, James A. Hazel, John D. Hazel, Ben Cox, John Rollins, Tina Colony, Carol Oarmonde, George Hall, Diana Boyers, Roy Pipkin and Cynthia Stockfleth.

The nonswimmers or Pollywogs were Ann Clark, Reed Clark, Lorrie Ann Weinheimer, Rusty Stockfleth, Tommy Canon, Melody Collier, Susie Emerson, Jack Faunce, Janet Haines, Linda Haines, Lee Hall, Bobby Windland, Debra Spencer, Billy Kuziara, Tommy Garrison, Gordon Keeler, Peggy Dingman, Carol Laughlin, Pamela Parker, Terry Parker, Maureen Parker, Peter Beer, David Beer, Sally Colony, Judy Roberts, Carrie Roberts, Darlin Roberts, Arton Trotter, Sylvester Kim, Marcus Sandver, Marion Nye, Theresa Nye, Lynn Vasquez and Lowrie Vasquez.

Knoll Golfers Win Meet at Lake Chabot

Team Captain HMC L. I. Johnson led Oak Knoll golfers to a 21-6 win over the Skaggs Island linkmen last Tuesday, 27 July, at Lake Chabot.

Medalist in this tilt was LT J. J. Marra, who played as an alternate, shooting an 84. The outstanding feat of the day was LT C. R. Thompson's eagle four on a par 6 eighteenth hole, shooting a 90. Other players from the hospital were HMC's J. R. Baranski, shooting a 95; L. E. Canady, 93, L. I. Johnson, 93. HN's W. H. Cripps, 87; and M. E. H. Smith, 85.

A total of three wins and four losses is the showing for the Knollites at the end of the first round of play. In the second round Chief John-

Knoll Netters Top NAS in 10-3 Win

The hospital tennis team scored fourth victory and is now in first place in the Twelfth Naval District Team Competition. The locals overwhelmed the Moffett Field team, grabbing all but the singles match, the Oak Knoll courts Wednesday, July, winning 10-3.

Oak Knoll's number one man, Betts, shelled out a 6-1, 6-3 win over Collins of Moffett. Maxey followed with another victory for the medics when he blasted his opponent 6-2. Villanueva lost his singles match against Smith of Moffett 7-5. Tom Maxey and Willis Betts played the only doubles match, pounding their opponents 6-3, 8-6.

This makes the hospital netmen's fourth win in seven starts, with wins over 12ND Communications (13-4), Moffett Field (10-3 in each of two meets) and Mare Island by default. Losses were to NSC, Oakland; T and NAS, Alameda, who is leading the league. Bill Colson, who is leaving soon for Optical School, Bethesda and will be missed by teammates and friends.

Football, Basketball Seasons to Open!

The 1954 football and basketball seasons are about to open, and staff members interested in playing either game are asked to call D. Folger at Special Services, Ext. 593.

Speaking of sports, a coach is needed for the girls' basketball team and any person desiring the job may see LTJG Dolly Carston at Physical Therapy, Ext. 438.

Chuckles

Jimmy: "If a boy is a lad and has a step-father, is the boy a step ladder?"

Dad: "Son, I'm spanking you because I love you."

Son: "I'd sure like to be big enough to return your love."

"I hate people who are vague noncommittal, don't you?"
"Mmmmm!"

son believes the hospital will produce a better quality of golf to come out with a more favorable showing in the final standings.

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CAPT BRADLEY PROMOTED TO RADM

New Rank Comes At End of 28 Years' Service

The station telephone operators were kept busy Saturday morning spreading the best news Oak Knoll has had in many months. They were spreading the word that CAPT B. E. Bradley, MC, USN, their Commanding Officer for the past 13 months, had been selected for promotion to the rank of rear admiral.

Captain Bradley is one of two admirals named by the selection board that convened in Washington on 26 July. The second was CAPT I. L. V. Norman, who served here as executive officer from April 1951 to September 1952 and is now in command of the hospital at Great Lakes, Ill.

28 Years' Service

The skipper's promotion comes at the end of 28 years in the Navy. A native of Virginia, he received his M.D. from the University of Virginia Medical School in 1926 and was immediately commissioned a lieutenant junior grade in the Medical Corps.

Early in his Navy career Oak Knoll's skipper served with the Marines in Nicaragua. He had duty in China, the Philippines, at Naval Air Station, Lakehurst, N.J., Brooklyn Naval Hospital, and the Naval Training Station, Newport, R.I. He had tours of duty aboard the USS ROCHESTER, the USS MINDANAO, and the USS CAPELLA.

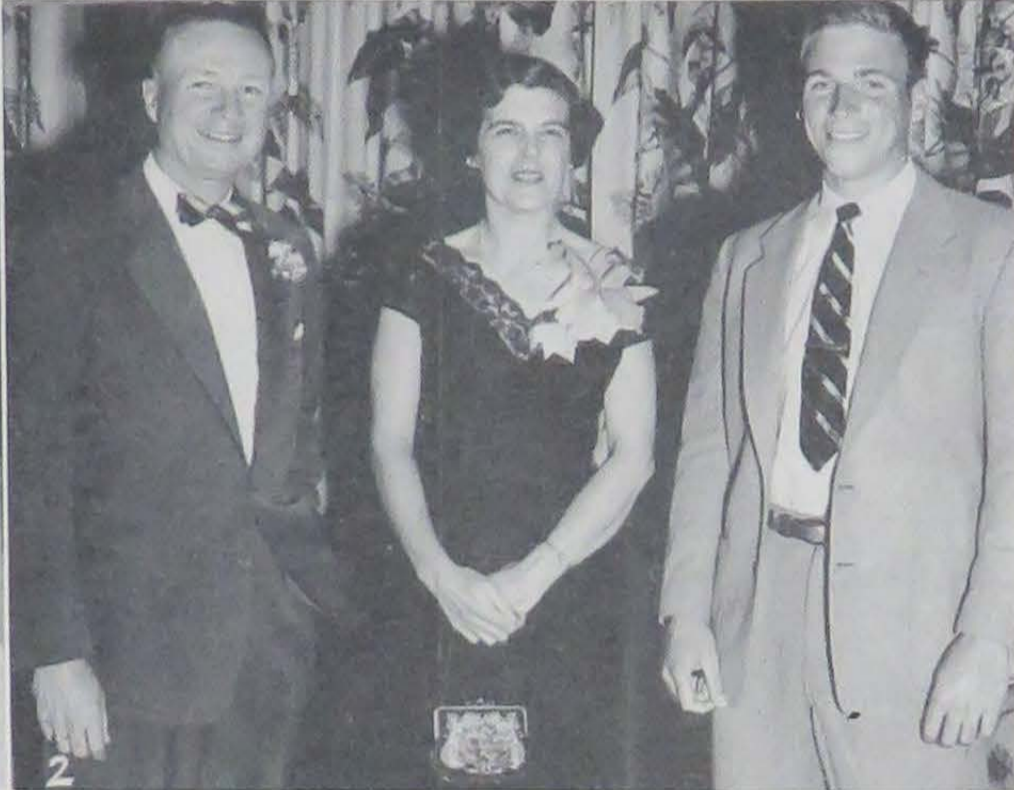
Legion of Merit

In 1941 the new Admiral took the command course at the Naval War College, Newport, R.I., and was subsequently ordered to the South Pacific as Senior Medical Officer of a Navy Advance Base Unit that set up dispensaries at New Caledonia and Guadalcanal and organized a 600-bed hospital at Bougainville. He later was in command of a Naval Hospital at Finchaven, New Guinea. For his outstanding work in treating the wounded at Bougainville, Captain Bradley received the Legion of Merit.

Since the close of World War II, Captain Bradley has served on the Planning Division of the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery and as executive officer of the Naval Hospitals at Long Beach, Calif., and Bethesda, Md., and just prior to reporting to Oak Knoll he was in command of the Navy Hospital at Key West, Fla.

The new admiral's wife, Gertrude, is a graduate of Mt. Holyoke College, South Hadley, Mass. They have a daughter, Gertrude Elizabeth (Mrs. Harold C. Urschel) who was graduated from Wellesley College, Wellesley, Mass., in June and will teach this fall while her husband continues his

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Party for an Admiral — A 13-gun salute, probably the first ever fired at Oak Knoll, marked the arrival of the guest of honor at the party held at the Officers' Club Saturday night. The guest was Oak Knoll's own skipper, the newest rear admiral in the Navy Medical Corps. It was a happy occasion for the entire staff, all agreeing that "it couldn't have happened to a better man." (1) Flying over the crowd was the rear admiral's flag—two blue stars on a field of white for the Medical Corps. (2) The new admiral, Mrs. Bradley, and their son, Bruce, smile over the good news that inspired the party. (3) Almost as happy over the skipper's promotion as he was himself, was Captain Gross, Executive Officer, pictured here with his daughter, Peggy, and his wife, Mildred. (4) After the speeches were made, Captain Gross escorted the Admiral to a table where a cake, a greatly magnified replica of a rear admiral's shoulder board, was waiting to be cut. (5) Good wishes were exchanged as staff members and guests from other Bay Area medical installations went through the line. (6) Among the guests who came to wish the Admiral smooth sailing were RADM John R. Redman, USN, Commandant, Twelfth Naval District, and Mrs. Redman, pictured here with Mrs. Bradley. (7) Speaking to officers of his staff, the Admiral was warm in his praise of Oak Knoll—his "favorite hospital." "With the best Executive Officer, the best Chiefs of Service, the best Chief Nurse, the best Administrative Officer, and the best all around staff in the Navy, how could I lose?" he concluded.



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† † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

Charlie Cominsky, the baseball manager after whom the Chicago ball park was named, was a guest at a banquet at which a speaker began to tell an off-color story. The veteran athlete arose at once and said, "Gentlemen, we old-timers have enjoyed ourselves tonight. There has been laughter. There has been fun. Many stories have been told but they have been clean. I ask you, Mr. Toastmaster, to give me just one minute to get out of this hall, and then the speaker can resume if he wants. If there are any of you men who want to follow me, come on." The offending speaker apologized and the banquet went on.

The ability to speak is an endowment from our Creator. Foul language is a perversion of God's gift to us.

LCDR Walter J. Lindemann,
 Protestant Chaplain

\$64 Question - How to Stack Your Jack

You may think that you have tried every possible way to save money and you may feel certain that it's no use, that the situation is completely hopeless. But—have you really? The question then is, have you tried the easy way to stack your jack? It's the same way millions of other Americans are saving regularly, systematically, today—for tomorrow. They are buying U.S. Savings Bonds the convenient way—through automatic Payroll Savings. Why not resolve to follow their example? Save the "E's" way—through the Payroll Savings Plan.

• • Welcome and Farewell • •

Reporting for duty were CAPT Karl J. Palmberg, MC, USN, from USNH, Navy No. 3923; HMCA's F. A. Hoke, from USNAdmCom, NNM, Bethesda, Md.; S. Montoya, from CO USNM-CRTC, Beaumont, Tex.; H. M. Love, HMC, from USNCHA, NNM, Bethesda, Md.; W. J. Striplin, HMI, from USNAdmCom, USNTC, Bainbridge, Md.; B. L. Freeman, HM2, from FltAircraft Service Squadron 115; HM3's C. H. Stone, from Philadelphia Naval Shipyard; T. G. Fowler, III, from USNH, Charleston, S. C.; J. F. Walker, HM3, from USNH, San Diego; C. J. Blackard, Jr., YN3, from

USS LSM 161; R. A. Burrows, HN, from USNHCS, San Diego; N. F. Hasty, Jr., DN, from USNTC, Great Lakes, Ill.; HA's C. H. Block, S. C. Bazell, W. L. Beasley, H. Hughes, G. A. Meiller, F. R. Smith, R. R. Odgers, T. Hester, from USNHCS, San Diego.

Detached were R. G. Devine, HM1, W. E. Colson, HM3, to USNSchl, NNM, Bethesda, Md.; and J. J. Williams, HN, to USNH, San Diego.

Released to inactive duty were LT Mary P. Brennan, NC; G. C. Braegger, HN, and D. J. Kais, HA. Discharged were HM3's D. E. Rise, B. G. Carr, (W), A. J. Rossiter, PN3, (W), T. Dimitriou, HN, and V. D. Leonard, HA, (W). Resignations for CDR Scott Whitehouse, MC, USN; LTJG Jo A. Moran, NC, USN, and ENS Anna M. Olson, NC, USNR, were accepted.

Oaks vs. Seals Game For 40 Patients Thurs.

Forty patients are invited out to see the Oaks versus Seals baseball game to be played 19 August in the Emeryville Ball Park. Those interested in the Thursday outing, sign up at Special Services.

Bore—One who insists upon talking about himself when you want to talk about yourself.

Average Man: One who thinks he isn't.

Red Cross Ramblings

BIG DOIN'S! The Red Cross Lounge is literally "jumping" on Friday nights with the barn dance in full swing for all comers. Mr. and Mrs. Ke Peden and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Watson "liven up" the proceedings with both circle and square dance calling of the good, old-fashioned variety.

One of our popular favorites returned last week, Mr. J. "Windy" Wingate himself, and the rafters rang with his version of Hash (no foolin'), and My Pretty Little Girl. We need people to clap and stomp on the sidelines. Come on over tonight!

FOOTBALL FEVER: The San Francisco Red Cross Chapter has again made it possible for a bus load of Oak Knoll patients to attend all home games of the pro San Francisco 49ers at Kezar Stadium. The best and toughest football in the country will take place during this series with all your home teams coming out to try to snafu this great 49er team which is always among the top contenders. There will be another practice game this Sunday, 15 August, so if you haven't already signed up, contact the Red Cross right away. Next week we hope to publish a full schedule for all home games. Watch this column.

WE HEAR THAT: A patient on 50B is studying landscape gardening and has already done several fine jobs. He has the photos to prove it . . . William G. Bohan, Inactive Fleet Reserve, is planning for his future in this field and has various plants and tiny trees which he started from seed right at his bedside. Bohan hails from Fresno, California, and they say that if one has enough H₂O anything will grow down there . . . Richard Covell, AOAN, ward 75A, celebrated his twenty-first birthday this week with a super-cake, music, and the good wishes of all of his buddies! . . . Edward A. Foraker, BMI, on 76B reports "Why Fathers Leave Home" . . . his mother who lives in Philadelphia, USA, talked by Overseas Telephone last week to his fiancée who lives in Dublin, Ireland, to the tune of \$132 for the call, and he says he knows they "didn't say a thing" . . . Trading help and ideas the other afternoon were Bill Joslin, SN, 45A, Laurence "Bud" Barron, SK2, 43A, and M. C. Johnson, SN, of 80B, who got together to improve their guitar techniques in the temporary absence of our guitar instructor. This business of pooling their "savvy" gave them all a lift! . . . Ping-pong Champ o' the Week is Edward Morrell, AMAN, 41A, who came through to a flashy finish against good opposition.

Money Down the Drain

A few drops of water leaking from a tap add up unbelievably as the following facts released by the Plumbing and Heating Industries Bureau reveals. It was found that when a faucet leaks 25 drops a minute—which is not at all unusual—the water wasted amounts to 876 gallons per year. If the faucet is leaking a bit more, say 200 drops per minute, the leakage amounts to almost a gallon per hour or 7,533 gallons per year. This wasteful consumption of a natural resource, adds dollars to the water bill and dollars to the fuel bill when hot water is lost by leaky faucets.



Shirley Ann Richmond, HN, Corps wave in the clinical Records Division of the Record Office is now Mrs. Larry E. Hooser. Mr. Hooser was recently discharged after 22 months on the Security Staff at Oak Knoll. The double ring ceremony took place in the Methodist Church in Alameda, with Mr. and Mrs. Don Pusich standing by. Don Pusich is a recent dischargee also from security. The Hoosers plan on week-end honeymoon in Phoenix, Arizona, before returning to their home in Oakland.

New Chow Plan

Meals served in the Commissioned Officers' Mess, Building 18, will adhere to the following schedule beginning Sunday, 15 August.

Sunday: Brunch, 0630-1000; Dinner, 1200-1300; no supper. Monday through Thursday: Breakfast, 0630-0830; Dinner, 1200-1300; Supper, 1730-1830. Friday and Saturday: No meals served.

Officers may eat their meals at the Duty Officer's Mess, Building 6, in Commissary 1 on the days the Commissioned Officers' Mess is secured.

Exams Slated For PO1's, PO2's, HN'S

Those going up for petty officer second and first are reminded that the examinations are to be held soon. Pay grade E-5(PO2) will take their examinations on Tuesday, 17 August at 0830 sharp, in Building 25, the Information and Education Office.

Pay grade E-6(PO1) will take theirs on Tuesday, 24 August at the same time and same place.

Also, on Wednesday, 18 August, an examination will be given for advancement to HN in Building 25 from 0900-1200. Registrations must be filed with procedure cards prior to 1500, 13 August.

"Give me a match, Bill."

"Here it is."

"Well, can you beat that? I've forgotten my cigarettes."

"S'too bad; give me back my match."

Divine Services

Hospital Chapel at Main Gate
 PROTESTANT

BIBLE SCHOOL—SUNDAY 0930
 SUNDAY WORSHIP—1030
 HOLY COMMUNION—First Sunday morning each month.

CATHOLIC
 SUNDAY MASSES
 0600-0800-0900-1200
 DAILY MASSES—0700 and 1145
 Confessions before Mass
 Saturday—1900
 and before all Masses
 Any other time upon request

Catholic Oratory in back of Chapel
 Choir Rehearsal—Tuesday 1900

CHAPLAINS' OFFICES
 IN CHAPEL AND 67A

NAVY RELIEF OFFICE—
 IN 67A

BUS TO AND FROM CHAPEL
 ON SUNDAYS 0845 AND 1015



HMC Maurice E. Nye

Chief Nye Retires; Honored by CO

HMC Maurice E. Nye, Chief Master-at-Arms at Oak Knoll for more than a year, reported Tuesday to the Commanding Officer's office.

This time he brought neither patients nor staff men to mast. The 43-year-old chief reported for transfer to the Fleet Reserve, to say his official goodbye to the CO, and to receive a commendation for his work.

Captain Bradley stated in the commendation that the well-known and well-liked chief "had demonstrated a keen sense of initiative, judgment, and devotion to duty," that his "willingness to contribute his time and resources to a degree beyond that usually required, and his dependability and resourcefulness have set a good example for all."

Chief Nye has served as part of the crew aboard 36 ships and shore stations since he enlisted in Seattle 30 years ago. Now, he hopes to remain jobless for a few weeks and then find a job in X-ray work.

The chief and his wife, Bertha, whom he met in El Salvador in his early travels, have three children, Bruce Allen, 10; Tresa Ann, 8; and Mary Louise, 6.

Doctor Crenshaw Speaks to Staff

Dr. Gerald L. Crenshaw, well-known Oakland chest surgeon, Oak Knoll consultant in diseases of the chest, and staff member here during World War II, spoke to staff doctors here Wednesday, giving them the same illustrated talk he presented to medical groups on a recent lecture tour in Europe.

His discussion of "The Etiology and Treatment of Peripheral-vascular or Degenerative Diseases of the Lung," based primarily on studies made at Oak Knoll, was supplemented by slides depicting the occlusion of bronchial arteries in patients with emphysema and by moving pictures showing normal and emphysematous lungs during operation.

On his tour Dr. Crenshaw spoke at the Arizona Medical Society in Chandler, Ariz., at Bethesda, Md., Columbia University Medical School, and to medical organizations in Wilbad, Germany; Arosa and Geneva, Switzerland; Paris, Rome, and in London, where he lectured at Brompton, Guys, Grove Park, and St. Stephens Hospitals.

CAPT Wilde Will Tour Knoll on 17th

CAPT Louise K. Wilde, USN, Director of the WAVES, will visit Oak Knoll next Tuesday, to inspect WAVE facilities and see the Navy women at work.

Following a conference with the Commanding Officer and a tour of the barracks, Captain Wilde will be honored at an informal tea to be held in the rumpus room of Quarters 123.

The WAVE director is in the Bay Area for the WAVE reunion this week end. She and Mildred McAfee Horton, first director of the WAVES, will be the principal speakers at a brunch to be held Sunday morning at the Fairmont Hotel.

Four Sign Up For Navy Talent Show

Four people have signed up at Special Services so far for the All-Navy Contest having finals in New York City on 26 September and whose winners will appear on the Ed Sullivan show, "Toast of the Town."

They are staff members Jim Wilder, ward 49B, T. A. Burley, ward 47A, vocalist; Bobby Cochran, ward 71A, vocalist, and patient R. H. McCoy, ward 49A, impersonator. These performers will try out in the auditorium, Monday, 16 August, in place of the second movie, "Island Rescue."

Any other Knollites interested in participating in this Navy-wide contest, please sign up in Special Services before Monday, 16 August.

Hopes to Remain Here

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studies at Harvard Medical School. Their son, Bruce, with them at Oak Knoll for the summer, has just graduated from Mount Hermon School, Northfield, Mass., and will enter Princeton University in September.

When the new Admiral can sew on his broad stripe depends on orders from the Bureau, but it will probably be within the next week or ten days. He hopes to remain on duty here, but this remains a matter of conjecture.



This masterpiece was turned out in short order for the Admiral's party by William Smith, chief baker, and his assistants, when word of the CO's selection came. Not only did it look like a rear admiral's shoulder board, it tasted like cake.

New Center Manager

Willie Smith, SH1, USN, here at Oak Knoll on humanitarian shore duty since 1 June 1954 has relieved Lonell D. Hoffman, HM3, USN, as manager of the Staff Enlisted Recreation Center.



CDR Helen C. Gavin, Senior Nurse Corps Officer at Oak Knoll and in the Bay Area, was among the many members of her profession who had the pleasure of meeting Mlle. Genevieve De Galarde-Terraube, left, when she visited San Francisco this week.

"Angel of Dien Bien Phu" Greeted In San Francisco by CDR Gavin

When Genevieve de Galarde-Terraube, widely known as the "Angel of Dien Bien Phu," stepped from a Defense Department plane at the San Francisco International Airport Monday afternoon, she was greeted by a host of local dignitaries and members of the nursing profession.

CDR Helen C. Gavin, Senior Nurse Corps Officer at Oak Knoll, was there to meet her and deliver the greetings of members of the Navy Nurse Corps stationed in this area.

The heroic French nurse, who was the only woman among 12,000 Viet Nam and French troops during the siege of Dien Bien Phu, where she cared for the sick and wounded for 58 days, spoke English clearly, Miss Gavin said. She was dressed in the white uniform of a nurse of the French Air Corps, topped by a navy blue beret.

The 29-year-old "angel" left San Francisco yesterday after a three-day visit. She is the only foreign citizen ever invited by Congress to be a guest of the United States. Her plans for the future include returning to France for a brief holiday and then resumption of her duties with the French Air Corps, possibly in North Africa.

During a press interview, Mlle. Galarde-Terraube, asked why she had become a nurse, answered, "Because it is a very human and grand profession. In every woman is this desire to alleviate the sufferings of other people," she said.

Miss Gavin met the famous French nurse again Wednesday at a luncheon given in her honor at the Treasure Island Officers' Club.

Two Corpswaves to be in Fashion Show

Two corpswaves, HN's Joan Dalley and Joyce Gibbs, will take part in a fashion show to take place at the WAVE Reunion tomorrow night. Instructed by a model agency in San Francisco and financed by Special Services, the two will model present day uniforms at the cocktail party in the Commissioned Officer's Club, Treasure Island.

Corpsmen's Corner

Medical terminology used in this quiz pertains to conditions of the body. (Match the right hand column with those on the left.)

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| () algia..... | (a) urine |
| () cele..... | (b) insanity |
| () clysis..... | (c) heat |
| () emia..... | (d) growth, nutrition |
| () esthesia..... | (e) vision |
| () itis..... | (f) morbid condition, tumor |
| () lith..... | (g) disease |
| () mania..... | (h) treatment |
| () oma..... | (i) visual exam, looking into |
| () opia..... | (j) tumor, hernia |
| () pathy..... | (k) stone, calculus |
| () phobia..... | (l) inflammation |
| () plegia..... | (m) sensation |
| () pnea..... | (n) slow injection of much fluid |
| () ptosis..... | (o) paralysis |
| () rrhea..... | (p) breathing |
| () scopy..... | (q) blood |
| () therapy..... | (r) falling |
| () thermy..... | (s) flow, discharge |
| () trophic..... | (t) pain |
| () uric, uria..... | (u) fear, dread |

(a) urine, (b) insanity, (c) heat, (d) growth, nutrition, (e) vision, (f) morbid condition, tumor, (g) disease, (h) treatment, (i) visual exam, looking into, (j) tumor, hernia, (k) stone, calculus, (l) inflammation, (m) sensation, (n) slow injection of much fluid, (o) paralysis, (p) breathing, (q) blood, (r) falling, (s) flow, discharge, (t) pain, (u) fear, dread.

An irate visitor darted angrily up to the beekeeper and complained: "One of your bees stung me, and I want you to do something about it." The beekeeper answered soothingly: "Sure, lady. Just show me which bee it was and I'll have it punished."



Special Services Officers, present and former, are ENS Clyde O. Wimberly, left, (getting some instructions) and LTJG R. G. DeWitt, who recently left for Bethesda's School of Hospital Administration.

ENS Clyde Wimberly Takes Over Duties Of Special Services Officer Here

ENS Clyde O. Wimberly has assumed the duties of Special Services Officer, replacing LTJG Richard G. DeWitt, MSC, USN, who served in that capacity for fifteen months before receiving orders to the School of Hospital Administration at Bethesda.

ENS Wimberly, here for a "rotating internship", started his training by acting as Administrative Assistant to the Chief of the Dependent Service and will eventually move on to another department when a new MSC officer reports for assignment to Special Services.

The new officer came to Oak Knoll from Newport, R.I., after attending Schools of Naval Justice, ABC War-

fare, and Field Medicine and had previously gone through the courses Mr. DeWitt is now taking at Bethesda.

Just 13 years ago ENS Wimberly was a brand new enlistee at Boot Camp, San Diego. After the usual assignments aboard ship and at shore stations, he went to Korea with the First Marine Division and spent the winter of 1950 at the famed Chosin Reservoir. Among the 13 ribbons he wears are the Purple Heart, three presidential unit citations, a Navy unit citation, and two Korean presidential unit citations.

And in his wallet he carries pictures of his wife Anne, daughters Terry and Pamela, 8 and 5, and son Gerry 6.

Notice to Korean Vets on G. I. Bill

Veterans attending school or college under the Korea GI Bill are reminded that the amount of money they may earn outside school hours has no effect on the GI allowances paid them by the Government. There is no need, therefore, in reporting their earnings to the VA.

The only "ceiling" under the Korea GI Bill applies to veterans taking on-the-job or apprentice training. It does not apply to veterans in the classroom. But even this "ceiling" of \$310 a month imposes no limit upon how much a veteran may earn.

Instead, when the veteran's earnings as a trainee, plus his monthly GI allowance, exceed \$310 a month, VA scales it down to bring the total within the \$310 limit.

The beginning allowance rate for a veteran with no dependents is \$95 a month; with one dependent, it is \$110, and with more than one dependent, it is \$130. Under the law, the rate is reduced at four-month intervals, as training progresses and as their earning ability increases.

GI allowances for veterans in school full-time are \$110, with no dependents; \$135, with one dependent, and \$160 with more than one dependent.

The original World War II GI Bill did have a "ceiling" that applied to veterans training in school as well as on-the-job. But under the Korea GI Bill, the "ceiling" is only for job trainees. (VA)

Knoll Women Cop Ping-Pong Trophy

The Oak Knoll ping-pongers padded themselves into position as 12ND champions Wednesday, 11 August, at the NSC, Oakland gymnasium, defeating opponents from NAS, Oakland and other stations in the district.

In the women's singles Gerry Bourne, HM3, defeated Adkisson of NAS, Oakland 21-13, 21-10 for the first place in the singles. LTJG Francine Bedell walloped Troupe, also of NAS, Oakland, 21-17, 21-10 for second place. The results of these matches threw Knollites Bedell and Bourne against each other, with Bourne topping Bedell 21-11, 22-20. This ended the semi-final singles. In the women's doubles Bourne and Bedell teamed up to defeat Adkisson and Troupe 21-11, 22-20, 21-18, to win first and second place in the doubles.

Among the men players from Oak Knoll were ENS R. Schaller, Bob Northam, Leroy Young, Ernie Hughes, Tom Webster, and Willis Betts. Unfortunately they were eliminated in the quarter-finals and semi-finals. Thirty-three men and eight women participated in the matches.

The Medics copped 12 points toward the Commandant's Trophy in this competition.

Visitor: "Are your father and mother in?"

Child: "They was in but they is out."

Visitor: "They was in. They is out. Where's your grammar?"

Child: "She's gone upstairs to lay down."

Three Medical Department Milestones Commemorated in Month of August

Navy medical installations throughout the world are commemorating three important milestones in the history. The name of a Navy surgeon, department during the month of August.

They are the 112th anniversary of the establishment of the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, one of the five original Bureaus of the Navy Department, on 31 August; the 42nd anniversary of the Dental Corps on 22 August; and the seventh anniversary of the youngster of the Medical Department — the Medical Service Corps, which had its seventh birthday on 4 August.

Although the history of Bu Med dates only from 31 August 1842, the history and traditions of the Medical Department and accomplishments of medical personnel begin with U.S. history. The name of a Navy surgeon, Joseph Harrison, appears in a list of officers on board the ALFRED, the vessel on which John Paul Jones hoisted the first American flag flown by a U.S. man-of-war.

Paid From Prize Money

It is highly probable that other surgeons sailed with the fleet because the Act of 1775 provided for the payment of four shares of prize money to the surgeons of this squadron.

The Act of 6 January, 1776 allotted certain surgeons and surgeon's mates to each armed vessel, the number allotted being proportioned to the size of each vessel's fighting battery. A register of officers and ships of the Navy published in 1800 lists the names of 35 surgeons and 28 surgeon's mates.

Hospital Fund

In an act establishing Navy hospitals in February, 1811, Congress directed that the money collected from officers, seamen and Marines and previously deposited in the Marine hospital fund should be paid to the Secretaries of the Navy, the Treasury and the Army, who served as Commissioners of Navy hospitals. This fund later became known as the Naval Hospital Fund.

The commissioners were authorized to procure proper sites for Navy hospitals and to erect buildings and at one of the establishments, the commissioners were directed to provide "a permanent asylum for disabled and decrepit Navy officers, seamen and Marines." This asylum was established and is now known as the Naval Home, Philadelphia.

It was not until 1821 that the first site for a Navy hospital was acquired in Washington, D.C. This was followed by the purchase of other sites: Chelsea, Mass. in 1823; Brooklyn, in 1824; Philadelphia in 1826; and Norfolk, in 1827.

Early in 1827 construction of the first naval hospital at Norfolk, and the Naval Asylum at Philadelphia began.

Dental Corps in 1912

The need for dental surgeons began to be officially recognized as early as 1870, but it was not until 22 August, 1912, that the Dental Corps was established.

On 22 October, VADM Ross T. McIntire, Surgeon General of the Navy, urged that legislation "intended to keep the Medical Department abreast with the Navy and with the accomplishments and plans of the Medical

Department of other Federal Services" be expedited. He requested that the Hospital Corps Bill—and the proposal to establish a Medical Allied Sciences Corps in the Medical Department be given early consideration.

Less than two years later, Public Law 337, 80th Congress, known as the Army-Navy Medical Service Corps Act of 1947, was passed on August and the Medical Service Corps joined the Medical, Dental Hospital and Nurse Corps to form the five-corps Medical Department of the Navy.

UC Offers Course In Government

The U.C. Extension Division will offer Oak Knoll personnel a 30-hour course entitled "Government in the United States," when the fall semester opens on 20 September.

Dr. A. J. Misner, whom many will remember favorably from a course he gave here last spring, will be the instructor. The course will survey the powers, structure, and operation of American Government and should be of special interest to Federal employees.

The course fee will be \$18, the textbook approximately \$4.50. It may be taken for college credit (2 units) or audited in the interest of self-development.

Those who are interested are asked to call the Civilian Personnel Office, Ext. 223, as soon as possible.

NSC, Oakland, Invites Staff to Dance Saturday

The recreation committee of NSC, Oakland, extends an invitation to the hospital staff to attend their dance tomorrow night, 14 August, at the SGT Gilbert Club. There is no charge for admission, and refreshments will be free. Music will be furnished by the Rhythm Kings. Stags or couples may attend. Special Services will provide transportation if enough persons sign up. The time of the dance is from 0800 to 2400.

"How late do you usually sleep on Sunday morning?"

"It all depends."

"Depends on what?"

"The length of the service."

Patient: "Do you extract teeth painlessly?"

Dentist: "Not always. The other day I nearly dislocated my wrist."



Scuttlebutt

ANYONE WHOSE NAME IS VIVIAN, likes crab and knows Dr. Christoff can clear up a weighty problem that has existed here since Tuesday night, when several patients and a large cold package of Adak crabs were delivered to the hospital. The patients knew the package was from Dr. Christoff, former Knoll surgeon, but somewhere en route, the tag was lost. Inside was a small piece of paper inscribed "To Vivian"—the only clue to the mystery of who is to get the crabs, which now rest comfortably in Mr. Thompson's deepfreeze.

SIGNS OF THE TIMES: News of CAPT Bradley's promotion appearing in the San Francisco News column "Names in the News" sandwiched between items about Count Basie and Queen Elizabeth. . . CAPT and Mrs. Riggs finding the scenery in Oregon something to write home about. . . friends giving Coralyn Conant a goodbye orchid as she left the Medical Board Friday for a new job in a local engineering office. . . Biochemist Dale Smathers recommending "Peter Pan" to all who like Mary Martin and musical comedy. . . Dorothy Leo polishing the "new" gray Chevy (vintage 1941) she bought from ENS Jerry Johnson. . . the Crow's Nest high atop Cardiac Hill being taken over by male petty officers, 3rd class and up. . . Corky Cera exhibiting an avid interest in astronomy.

RANDOM NOTES: Carl Stevenson doesn't like being a bachelor and doesn't care who knows it. Colleen and the three children went home to Utah, and after a long hard week alone around the house, Steve telephoned an SOS and hurried to shave off the moustache he had raised to help keep up an interest in life. . . Pat Zimmerman, Bob Burke, and Jim Atkins were merrily riding along to the NP picnic when their car suffered a flat tire. Pat perched beside the highway, well out of the way on top of 10 cases of refreshments, while the men repaired the tire. . . Bob Vaughn, radio and TV repairman, is back after two months in the VA hospital and two weeks at Buck's Lake. . . Congratulations to ENS Marcella Fecteau of the Nurse Corps. She's a lieutenant now. . . LT Olive Ogden spent Sunday in Paris, France.

OAKNOLLUMNI: Dr. Tom Harris, civilian, dropped by last week to tell friends goodbye as he and his family headed for Little Rock and a new position on the staff of the University of Arkansas Medical School. . . TJG Charles Aquadro has finished his work at the Navy's Deep Sea Diving School at Bethesda and has been ordered to the Underwater Demolition Unit at Coronado, Calif., stopping here en route to visit the friends he left behind a year ago.

LIFE BEGINS: August babies arriving here include two born to wives of staff members and two to wives of patients. James W. Murray, HN, of the MAA Staff and his wife, Lola Mae, welcomed a 6 lb. 10 1/2 oz. baby girl on 7 August but she was still nameless at press time. . . LT L. B. Stanley, DC, USNR, and Dorothy are proud parents of a second boy whom they've named Lawrence Barnett Stanley, Jr. He weighs 8 lb. 6 1/2 oz. . . Two other fathers were conveniently near when their boys arrived. Bernard D. Sayre, PN1 of 79B, is passing

New Honors and Old For CAPT Canty

CAPT T. J. Canty, Chief of the Amputee Service, received a new honor and an old one last week.

The new honor came in the form of a commendation certificate from the President's Committee on Employment of the Physically Handicapped to the hospital's Amputee Center "in grateful appreciation for service in behalf of our physically handicapped fellow citizens." It is signed by Melvin J. Maas, Chairman of the committee.

The commendation, dated 15 July, comes in recognition of the work done by Doctor Canty's patients and staff when they attended the Parade of Progress in Washington, D.C., in April, showing the public the various types of artificial limbs the Navy has developed at this hospital.

The old honor was the medal and combat V to accompany the commendation Doctor Canty received in World War II when he was a lieutenant commander serving as Senior Medical Officer on a battleship during operations against the enemy in the Southwest Pacific.

"When his ship was damaged by enemy action, LCDR Canty personally treated the wounded in smoke-filled compartments as well as directing rescue operations. Although sick bay was completely destroyed, he organized and established emergency wards in accordance with plans he had previously made," the commendation read in part. It was signed by VADM D. E. Barbey, USN, Commander, Seventh Fleet.

Parades, Dances At Spanish Fiesta

Watching parades and dancing with gay señoritas at the "Old Spanish Days" fiesta in Santa Barbara are 18 Oak Knoll patients and four staff members who went along to superintend the three-day outing.

Aboard the R4D that took off from NAS, Alameda, heading for Santa Barbara Wednesday at 1300 were PFC Wilbur W. Dobson of Lavaca, Ark.; PFC Monroe Brown, Brooksville, Miss.; CPL Walker I. Merrell, Toledo, O.; SGT Alfred M. Kalinowski, Holland, N.Y.; PFC Stanley E. Mulligan, San Francisco; CAPT Uel D. Peters, San Lorenzo; CPL Edward Stiehl-Rios, Hato Rey, Puerto Rico; PFC Jack A. Comston, Columbus, O.; SGT Robert L. Smith, Mullins, West Va.; Maurice Wallingford, SN; Thomas Clinton, GM3, Chattanooga, Tenn.; Hampton Duncan, GMSA, Arcadia, Fla.; Paul Hammerick, AD2, Hayward, Calif.; William D. Johnston, AN, Altoona, Ala.; Robert T. Bresnain, RD1, Glendale, Calif.; Paul P. Ritz, FN, Walsenburg, Colo.; Claude Gilreath, HN, Aberdeen, Miss.; Dennis Campbell, AG3, Woodland, Mich. All are patients from the amputee, orthopedic, and plastic surgery wards.

Staff escorts for the group are ENS Clyde O. Wimberly, Officer in Charge; HMC's Steven Copeland and Stanley Smith, and Stanley H. Young, HN.

cigars to announce that his wife Frieda, presented him a son, David Brian, on 10 August, and John Robert Lawrence, BT2, 49A, is announcing the birth of his son, John Robert, Jr., on the same date. Aileen (his mother) and he are both doing nicely.

The President's Committee on Employment of the Physically Handicapped

This

COMMENDATION

is given to

U. S. NAVAL HOSPITAL - AMPUTEE CENTER
OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA

in grateful appreciation for service in behalf of our physically handicapped fellow citizens



Melvin J. Maas
By the Chairman

July 15, 1954
Washington

Latest honor to come to the Amputee Service is this commendation from the President's Committee on Employment of the Physically Handicapped.



These are the men and this the exhibit that earned the above certificate for Oak Knoll, photographed with RADM L. M. Pugh, Surgeon General and Chief of the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, (in blues), and RADM B. W. Hogan, Deputy Surgeon General, during the Parade of Progress in Washington. They are, from left to right, CAPT T. J. Canty, Chief of the Amputee Service; Corbit A. Ray, civilian instructor, Joseph A. Phillips, CTC; Lionel Porter, HMI, Robert L. Weinbrandt, A2c, USAF; CWOHC John H. Faunce, Administrative Assistant to Dr. Canty; PVT Clifton Jordan, and Johnie E. Fagan, civilian instructor.

★ ★ Know Your Navy ★ ★

OAK LEAF OF THE MEDICAL CORPS—The traditional connection between the oak leaf and medicine dates back to the time of the physician-priests of the ancient Britons, the Druids. They performed both professions, uniting the two into one, and the oak groves were their temples.

The oak was a sacred tree to them, and on their white robes were embroidered wreaths of oak leaves and acorns in gold, silver or colored threads. Ever since that time the oak leaf has shared with the caduceus (staff) the position as symbol of the medical profession.

Although the caduceus and oak leaf have quite often been identified with the Medical Corps, at one time the medical profession also used a spray of olive leaves as a designation. But in the 1880's the gold oak leaf with the silver acorn superimposed upon it became the official insignia of the Medical Corps and, with certain slight variations, remains its insignia today.—ALL HANDS.

AIGUILLETTE—Various theories and traditions claim the origin of this

term. The best known is that of the aide-de-camp, or henchman, of the superior, who carried the rope and pegs for tethering the knight's horse, and thereby became the "ear mark" of the one near the ladder. Another theory has it that it was the rope of the provost marshal used in hanging the condemned. It was a badge of the office of a personal aide. The custom is for the aides to the President of the United States, royalty and viceroys to wear them on the right side and aides to all other senior officers and dignitaries wear them on the left. Naval aiguillettes are blue and gold.

ANCHOR—This word is derived from a Greek word for hook or crook, from whence comes today's expression of "dropping the hook." Ships with anchors, rudders, and oars were used as early as 2000 B.C., and it is a matter of record that a Chinese Emperor Yu invented the anchor. It was said he was the first to use chains fore and aft. Bags of sand or stone were used as anchors by the early navigators, and in time stone anchors were used by Greeks and Romans.

Knollites Plan Football Season; Need Players

With the coming weeks of passing drills and conditioning exercises before them, the Oak Knoll grid squad will have to buckle down to learning offensive and defensive formations. The call is still out for more players, for linemen, but with three oldies left from last year Coach Dale Folger expects the team to make a good showing.

Those trying out for the squad are D. Bramschriber, R. McQueen, C. Bunnigan, R. Sharpe, P. Stevenson, J. L. Johnson, J. Arledge, D. N. Miller, T. Hollister, D. Morgan, R. Buzzzone, R. Curran, G. Jarvella, T. Luhta. From last year's squad F. Guith, J. Young, and A. Duso are expected to make a good showing.

Practice began yesterday at 1630 and will be held every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at that time. The only obstacle facing the group is the inability to attend practice with any regularity. Much hard work will be in store for the hospital team before they are ready to meet the ever-strong Alameda Hellcats and the likes of Moffett and Port Chicago, all having the advantage of bigger squads from which to choose, plus longer and more frequent practice sessions.

Netters of NSC Stoop to Medics

The hospital tennis team defeated the number one 12ND class "B" netters last Wednesday, 4 August, as the Naval Supply Center came out on the small end of a 13-0 score.

Taking early command in the singles, Betts whipped Smith of NSC, 6-0, 6-1. Following in a clean sweep of things was "Ole Totem" Maxey, shelacking his opponent 6-0, 6-2 in the second singles match. Last of all in the singles and making up for losses last week was Villaneuva, outgunning Weinress of NSC, in three sets, 5-7, 6-4, 6-3.

In the only doubles match of the game, Maxey and Betts beat their opponents 6-1, 6-1.

Staff Personalities



CDR Samuel F. Bergen, DC, USNR, hails from Austin, Minn., via Lincoln, Nebr., where he served as staff dental officer in the Organized Reserves of Lincoln. He now resides in San Leandro with his wife, Dorothy. The dental officer took his undergraduate work at the University of Minnesota and his dental training at the University of Nebraska School of Dentistry. He practiced in Lincoln until his entry into the Navy in May, 1944. Since then he has served at the Marine Corps Base, Naval Training Center, and Naval Base, San Diego; at Naval Ordnance Test Station, Inyokern, aboard the USS MIDWAY, and at USNH, Great Lakes, Ill. His hobbies are swimming and horseback riding, though he seldom finds time for either. CDR Bergen served a hitch in the Army during World War I.

LT Yun Chang Pak, MC, ROKN, native of Pyonanbuko, Korea, arrived here in March of this year and since his arrival has worked on 76B, the Plastic Surgery ward. LT Pak is a graduate of the Nippon Medical College in Tokyo. He interned at the Nippon Medical College Hospital for one year and served on the staff at the Women's Medical College at Seoul. Early in the Korean conflict, he entered the Korean Navy and was assigned duty at the Chinhoe Naval Hospital, the Korean Marine Corps, and finally served aboard PF 61. His wife, He Ron Kim, and two-year-old daughter live in Seoul. Ice skating is the doctor's only hobby. Dr. Pak feels that things he is learning here will be of great value to him and his people; he wishes to express his appreciation, especially to Captain Potter.



Army Women Fall to Navy Battery; Cameron Returns to Hurler's Mound

The lady softballers played the Fort Mason WAC here last Wednesday, 4 August, winning 18-4. The lassies showed plenty of improvement and gave their opponents a rugged time. Team Coach Dolly Carston shifted mound assignments, placing Brenner in center field and Cameron back in the hurler's box.

A six-run lead on singles in the first frame by Brenner, Cameron, Vick, Carston, Balfanz and Krulatz sent the lady Medics on to a blazing victory. The locals did not score in the second inning as the enemy tightened their defenses. One run on a single by WAC Pennell put Fort Mason in the scoring column. However, the locals rallied in the third and made two runs on a single by Brenner with her scoring on a triple by Cameron, but Cameron was thrown out trying for

home. The second run of this set was brought in by McCafferty on a single. The WAC copped two runs on Oak Knoll errors in this canto.

In the top of the fourth, the hospital girls burst forth with renewed vigor and notched eight runs, scoring on successive singles by Brenner, Cameron, Carston, Balfanz, Brogdon, McCafferty and Schafer. The hospital did not allow the WAC to score in the fourth, fifth or sixth innings, as the Knoll nine gunned their last runs in the fourth on Krulatz's single and in the fifth on a single by Schafer for a final tally of 18-4.

In the lineup were Joyce Brenner, cf; Jean Cameron, p; Ella Mae Vick, c; Dolly Carston, 3b; Beryl Balfanz, ss; Tillie Krulatz, rf; Jannette Brogdon, lf; Bonnie McCafferty, 1b; Gloria Schafer, 2b.

40 Patients Invited to California Grid Games

The Associated Students of the University of California invite 40 patients to see the California Bears at all the season's home football games at the California Memorial Stadium.

Transportation will be provided in front of the Community Service Building at 1200.

Here is the schedule:
 Sept. 18-vs-Oklahoma
 Sept. 25-vs-San Jose Spartans
 Oct. 9-vs-Oregon
 Oct. 16-vs-Washington State
 Oct. 30-vs-UCLA (Calif. Aggies-vs-Santa Barbara)
 Nov. 13-vs-Oregon State
 Nov. 20-vs-Stanford

Knollites in Alameda Baseball Playoffs

Knollites Gene Graves, HN and James Hooper, HN, were recently chosen to play with the augmented NSC, Oakland, team against the NAS, Alameda Hellcats to determine which team will represent the 12ND in the Western Conference games to be held in San Diego.

In the playoffs at Alameda, Graves pitched for NSC, losing to Alameda 11-6 and 2-1, in a six-hit thriller. Hooper played off against NSC, Alameda, in both games, collecting two hits in the second game against the Hellcats' pitcher.

Knoll Golfers Beat 12ND Champions At Lake Chabot

Oak Knoll linkmen turned on the pressure and shellacked the undefeated 12ND Headquarters 17-0 in their meet on the Lake Chabot green Thursday, 5 August, making the first loss of the season for the opponents and chalking the fourth against four losses for the Knollites.

It was a close match all the way with the Medics battling to overtake the number one team in the league. The deciding factor was the stroke taken by the hospital team at the eighteenth hole which gave them a free pass to victory. A new rally has been put forth by the team to take first place in the league, as is shown by scores posted by the team, LT C. Thompson, 76; LT J. J. Marra, HMC's L. I. Johnson, 84; L. E. Cady, 88; HN's W. H. Cripps, 82; M. E. H. Smith, 77.

HMC's J. R. Baranski, J. Libbre and HM3 D. A. Dunbar played alternates. The next match for Oak Knoll will be next Thursday at Lake Chabot against The NAS Flyers, to claim Chabot as their good luck charm as they won over the hospital once before, but this meet should bring a surprise or two.

Previews

Saturday, 14 August
BORDER TREASURE—Tim Holt, W. E. R. Latch on to your boots and spurs and set those spurs a-jinglin' to the music of a six-shooter when you see this relaxation will be provided by the color-ton and two reel black and white for those not interested in westerns. **THE HOOK, LINE AND SINKER** and **SHOULDN'T HAPPEN TO A DOG**

Sunday, 15 August
DEATH OF A SALESMAN—Fred March, Mildred Dunnock. **DRAMA**. Rating: Excellent. Fredrick March plays a salesman who gradually goes down from his position in life. The drama is around his pathetic self when he has to accept his own decline. Mildred Dunnock is his wife.

Monday, 16 August
ISLAND RESCUE—David Niven, G. H. Jones. **COMEDY**. Rating: Excellent. British film presents both a minor major problem—the capture by the Germans occupying the Channel Islands of prize cow, Venus; and Britain's use of resources to capture her. The rescue planned, the liberation party lands, enlist the aid of the inhabitants—and a deadly game of wits, do they get the cow. Come and see.

Tuesday, 17 August
JESSE JAMES VS. DALTONS—Brett King, Barbara Lawrence. **WESTERN Technicolor**. Rating: Good. Presumably he the son of the famous outlaw Jesse James, Brett King is hounded wherever he goes. After he rescues Miss Lawrence from a lynch mob, the two put their heads together and establish conclusively who King is the offspring of the feared Jesse James.

Wednesday, 18 August
STRANGER IN BETWEEN—Dick Cavanagh, Jon Whiteley. **DRAMA**. Rating: Very good. A first-rate suspense drama. British flicker gets underway when a boy running away from his wrathful father stumbles upon Bogarde, a mercenary sailor in a ruined warehouse. Bogarde just killed the lover of his faithless girl and fearing the boy will tell, takes through large areas of England and Scotland in a dash for freedom. Near his goal, the flight comes to an end when the boy becomes ill.

Thursday, 19 August
MY SIX CONVICTS—John Beal, Glenn Ford, Roland. **DRAMA**. Rating: Excellent. From the best-seller by Donald Ferguson Wilson, this story told with compassion and understanding presents a screenplay with the typical violence and rough plot, but shows the human side of the convicts, displaying at the same time a fear of guards, their distrust of every one and everything, and their constant rebellion against authority. Beal, a young convict is assigned to the State Prison and given six months to prove himself.

Friday, 20 August
HUMAN DESIRE—Glenn Ford, Glenn Graham, Broderick Crawford. **DRAMA**. There is no information on this picture.

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The patients who went to Santa Barbara watched palominos and sheriffs' posses parading. They listened to music and laughter, and they met celebrities. In photo (1) ENS Clyde O. Wimberly, officer in charge of the party, and Hampton R. Duncan, SN, USN, are greeted by Governor Goodwin J. Knight and Mrs. Knight, his bride of two weeks. In (2) the men disembark from their Navy plane to be met by "The Barbarettes." (3) Highlight of the trip was the patients' meeting with The Honorable Earl Warren, Chief Justice of the United States, who talks here with CPL Edward Stiehl-Rios of Hato Rey, Puerto Rico; SGT Robert L. Smith, USMC; and (with his back to the camera), SGT Alfred M. Kalinowski of Holland, New York. HMC Stanley Smith went along to take the pictures.

Parades, History, Fun and Food Were Features of Santa Barbara Fiesta

Twenty-two Navy men and Marines from Oak Knoll had a chance to see what California was like in the colorful early Spanish days when they were guests of American Legion Post 49 and the City of Santa Barbara last week end.

From the time a group of pretty girls in Spanish costumes cried, "Viva La Fiesta" as the men disembarked from the NAS, Alameda, plane that flew them to their destination Wednesday afternoon until they took off Saturday afternoon, they were royally entertained.

At the airport they were met by Commander James C. Selover of Post 49, 16th District Commander Ray Paaske of Solvang, LTCOL Louis H. Bell, USA, Ret., Post 49 Americanism Chairman, Major General Robert Blake, USMC, Ret., and other representatives of Legion and civic groups.

Meet Chief Justice

Highlight of the patients' three days in Santa Barbara was their meeting with the Honorable Earl Warren, Chief Justice of the United States. They also met Governor Goodwin J. Knight, who replaced Chief Justice Warren as California's chief executive when he was appointed to the Supreme Court, and the new Mrs. Knight.

Headquarters for the Oak Knoll party were at the Red Shield Club, and after dinner there Wednesday evening, the men were guests of the Franciscan Fathers at the Fiesta Piquena, the opening ceremonies at the Old Mission. On Thursday, the men saw the Fiesta Parade from special seats next to the Governor's box, after which they went to the Coral Casino for the Mayor's Fiesta Hour.

Other events were Mom's special dinner in her Italian Village and the premiere of "Rio Rita."

WAVES Across Nation Come To Reunion in San Francisco

More than 700 present and former WAVES and World War I Yeomanettes met in San Francisco last week end to celebrate the gold hash mark birthday of the Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service.

Climax of the reunion was the Sunday morning breakfast at Hotel Mark Hopkins, where the first director of the WAVES, Mildred McAfee Horton, spoke.

Mrs. Horton's topic was "Women Are Very Essential, Sometimes" — one newspaper's interpretation of the WAVES.

"We have a double job—resisting enslavement and helping to free the world," Mrs. Horton said. "The primary task of former WAVES, as civilians today," the former Wellesley president told the women, "is to build a free world by helping to eliminate ignorance, poverty, and incompetence. To end them, true patriots support Community Chests at home, elect representatives who vote for technical cooperation with other nations, and support United Nations assistance programs."

Mrs. Horton was introduced by CAPT Louise K. Wilde, present director, who spoke briefly on women's role in the Navy today. Active duty strength of the WAVES at present is 1000 officers and 7400 enlisted women.

Miss Wilde said the Secretary of the Navy estimates that in peacetime the Navy will continue to require at least 500 women officers and 5000 enlisted women on active duty and that in years ahead the Navy will continue to need women who have the imagination, the patience, the courage and desire to shoulder their citizenship re-



The photographer caught this quintet in a happy frame of mind just after Miss Daughtry was surprised with a commendation on the day of her departure from Oak Knoll. With her are CAPT R. S. Silvis, Chief of the Surgical Service, CDR Helen C. Gavin, Chief of the Nursing Service, CAPT Herman A. Gross, Executive Officer, and the CO.

LT Edna Daughtry Commended for Work as Operating Room Supervisor

LT Edna M. Daughtry, NC, USN, operating room supervisor since March 1954, said goodbye to friends at Oak Knoll last week and left for the University of Indiana for ad-

vanced study in nursing administration, carrying with her a commendation for her outstanding service here. "Miss Daughtry's work and that of

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† † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

Patriotism is that happy virtue that breathes into every man's heart and soul, that noble regard, sense of duty and unfaltering pride for the land that gave him birth.

Therefore patriotism is deeper and more lasting than mere flag-waving or the singing of our national anthem. Real patriotism is that sincere, genuine love of country a true citizen lives 24 hours a day.

It is that indomitable and permanent spirit that makes one so proud and happy to be an American. Such were the patriots of old, the minute men, Paul Revere, Barbara Fritchie and all our undaunted forefathers for whom their country was their very life itself.

But how sadly is this virtue of patriotism lacking in the lives of so many of our citizens today. Corruption, graft, politics, racial prejudice, bigotry, extortion and greed all seem to be stifling the very heart of our nation.

Evasion of the draft is no longer the mark of the traitor if you can get away with it. The security of our military secrets has been violated. Even amongst those now serving in our armed forces, we find so many who eagerly await the day they might shed their country's uniform.

Patriotism, duty and obligation towards this wonderful land of ours no longer holds any honor for them. They have done their hitch, let others serve theirs in the spirit of the day.

May Almighty God never let us forget that America was built by men—men whose love of country flowed through their veins, men who not only died for their nation but who lived for it as well, men who through their courage, strength, stamina and bravery continually opened new horizons of opportunity to the needy and oppressed in the world.

They were men who were always willing to give to their country and never thought of milking her dry. They were men who built and did not destroy. They were men who worked, men who played, men who prayed. In a word, they were America.

Their patriotism, then, is not only our heritage today, it is our challenge—a challenge we dare not ignore. We must face it and face it now. Traitors, spies, vicious propaganda, even the enemy himself is at our gates; yes, even within our gates.

Remember, YOU are America. How are you going to meet this challenge? For America once again must quickly unsheath its sword of patriotism if we are to save the day. But then, are you that much of an American?

CDR James C. Connolly,
 Catholic Chaplain

• • Welcome and Farewell • •

Reporting for duty were CAPT Robert W. Babione, MC, USN, from USNH, Navy No. 3923; LT's James A. Reeves, MC, USNR, and Eli Kamel-lin, MC, USNR, and LTJG Erin Mae Musselman, NC, USNR, from inactive duty; J. J. O'Brien, HMC, from NNMCC, Bethesda, Md.; HM2's J. C. Raymond, Jr., from Com12ND via CONavResSurfDiv.; W. M. Allen, from CO, USNRecSta, Brooklyn, N. Y.; and B. D. Oakland, HA, from USNHCS, Bainbridge, Md.

Detached were LT Louise F. Jak-she, NC, USN, to NAD, Hawthorne, Nev.; ENS Jerry A. Johnson, MSC, USNR, to Naval Schools Command, then to USNH, St. Albans, N. Y.; W. C. Protsman, HM3, to Detachment Able, MarCorBase, Camp Pendleton; HN's H. O. Wylie, W. A. Rejent, J. E. Nowell, J. N. Kellarakis, W. O. Hab-beck, J. P. Gist, J. W. Pratt, L. W. Black, Jr., E. F. Wise, J. B. Rich-ards, Jr., and D. E. Reddy, to Mar-CorBase, Camp Pendleton, HN's F. E. McFarland to USNavSta, San Fran-cisco; J. W. Lievestro, to USNavRec-

Sen, Troy, N. Y.; R. F. Travelstead, to USNTC, San Diego; J. J. Wil-liams, to USNH, San Diego, and L. R. Agati, HA, to USNavSta, San Fran-cisco.

Released to inactive duty were LT's Walton W. Shreeve, MC; Lis-burn C. Hanes, MC; Mary P. Bren-nan, NC, USNR, Bessie R. Weeter, NC; M. E. Nye, HMC; L. J. Faulkin, Jr., HM3; and B. O. Salley, Jr., HN. D. R. Pusich, HM3, was discharged.

Forty Patients Invited to Zoological Garden Picnic

The GENERAL J. C. BRECKIN-RIDGE'S detachment of Marine Corps League and Ladies Auxillary invite 40 patients from Oak Knoll to picnic at the nearby Zoological Gar-dens Sunday, 22 August. Transporta-tion will be provided by Special Ser-vices, and the picnic begins at 1100.

Sidney Snow, of the Zoo Gardens, has been kind enough to waive the price of admission for patients.

Red Cross Ramblings

The Red Cross craft program continues to be particularly busy on ward with heavy bed-patient loads. The Gray Lady craft specialists are sched-uled daily to teach a wide variety of beautiful and interesting work which re-sults in gifts our men can take pride in sending home.

Many bed patients are working on leather tooling, making practical and useful objects such as billfolds, coin purses, and key cases. The skill gained with this type of work can lead to more ambitious projects in leather such as belts, holsters, and ladies' purses.

SWEDISH WEAVING is another very popular item—simple to do, but with beautiful results in slippers, table runners, and handbags. Belts, lanyards, earrings, and bracelets are made of plastic-cord and the various patterns and designs are taught by the craft Gray Ladies. Weaving on small harness looms and tooling cop-per for wall plaques are also favor-ite pastimes.

In addition to all of the above, in-struction is given in ceramics, pot-ter's wheel, leather carving, textile painting, and square knotting. In September lessons will be given in copper enameled jewelry and copper wire jewelry. All essential materials are furnished for these crafts.

THE SHOP HOURS are:

Monday: 0930-1130 — 1300-1600

Tuesday: (Secured A.M.)—1300-1600

Wednesday: 0930-1130—(Secured P.M.)

Thursday: 0930-1130 — 1300-1600

Friday: 0930-11:30 — 1300-1600

We promised you the schedule of home games for the San Francisco "49er" football team. You may sign up for these games at Red Cross. All col-lege football games this fall are han-dled by Navy Special Services.

49er HOME GAMES—1954 SEASON

Date	Opponent	Lv. Oak Knoll
15 Aug. (Sun.)	N. Y. Giants*	1200 hrs.
29 Aug. (Sun.)	Chi. Cards*	1200 hrs.
5 Sept. (Sun.)	Clev. Browns*	1200 hrs.
26 Sept. (Sun.)	W. Redskins	1200 hrs.
24 Oct. (Sun.)	Detroit Lions	1200 hrs.
31 Oct. (Sun.)	Chi. Bears	1200 hrs.
7 Nov. (Sun.)	L. A. Rams	1200 hrs.
5 Dec. (Sun.)	G. Bay P'ckers	1200 hrs.
11 Dec. (Sat.)	Balt. Colts	1200 hrs.

A BIG UPSET was staged at the weekly ping-pong tournament. The sizzling serves and canny play of LT J. R. BOWN, USN, cleared the field for a hands-down win and a new champ.

Divine Services

Hospital Chapel at Main Gate

PROTESTANT

BIBLE SCHOOL—SUNDAY 0930
 SUNDAY WORSHIP—1030
 HOLY COMMUNION—First Sunday morning each month.

CATHOLIC

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0600-0800-0900-1200
 DAILY MASSES — 0700 and 1145
 Confessions before Mass
 Saturday—1900
 and before all Masses
 Any other time upon request
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 Choir Rehearsal—Tuesday 1900

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Staff Personalities



That sedate little bundle of feminine pulchritude in the pack room on 73B is Teresa Del Rio Brown, daughter of Beckley, West Virginia. She graduated from Beckley's Stratton High School, with an ardent desire to see people, see places and learn things. So she donned Navy blues to become a peregrinator in November '52, going through recruit training at Bainbridge and Corps School at Great Lakes before landing at Oak Knoll in June '53. Since that time she has worked in the main nursery, as "night floater," at OPD and finally in her present job. Terry likes to play the piano, enjoys art, horseback riding, dancing, and tennis. Her ambition is to study at the University of New Mexico.



If "Laughing Ann" of sailor's wives were alive today, she would see herself in Patricia Ann Zimmerman, HM3, who cannot remain angry at anyone and can laugh at almost anything. Pat hails from Grand Rapids, Michigan, where she served as a telephone operator. She graduated from Howard City High School and donned Navy blues in November '52, was sent to Bainbridge for recruit training and to Great Lakes for Corps School. She arrived at Oak Knoll in June '53, since then has worked in OPD and in the NP department, becoming an NP student. Her hobbies are basketball and classical music, and her philosophy is "If I loses his sense of humor, he is no longer alive."

Scuttlebutt

ROMANCE REPORT: Last Saturday's bride and groom, married by Chaplain Hollis, were a little older than most who choose to exchange vows in the local chapel. They were Lucy Downs, 70, of Independence, Mo., and Daniel Brown, 78, of Ione, Calif. The two were neighbors years ago, but both married and Mr. Brown brought his young bride to California. Mrs. Downs, widowed some years ago, continued through the years to send Christmas cards to her old neighbors, and after the last holiday season, Mr. Brown wrote to tell her of his wife's death. This was the beginning of a lively correspondence climaxed by proposal and acceptance. The two friends' meeting at the chapel last week was their first in 20 years. The bride is the grandmother of Betty Curtis Handley, former staff WAVE, and she and her husband, Bob, of Special Services were attendants at the ceremony.

SOME PEOPLE have all the luck—or money, which is to say that LT's Mary J. Wathen, Elizabeth Sowulowski, and Bernice Penn are on a month's tour of Europe.

AN OAK LEAF CLUSTER to CWOHC Ralph T. Goerner of EST School. He completed the instructor training course at 12ND, Instructor Training School, number 3 in a class of 38, averaging 3.81 in courses such as public speaking, group performance, practice teaching, use of training aids, etc.

PEOPLE, PLACES, THINGS: The chaplain's department, 15 strong, gathered at the home of Chaplain and Mrs. Lindmann on a recent eve to partake of a patio picnic supper to welcome Father Connolly, Chaplain and Mrs. Paul and their sons, Otis and James, Jr., and say "Happy Sailing" to Father Ford who left this week for duty aboard the WASP . . . LT Joan White, Disbursing Officer, this week bid a reluctant good-bye to the Knoll, and the feeling was mutual. She's now paying the salaries of personnel at NSC, Oakland . . . Let the report of 41B's Bill Robinson's accident be a lesson to us all. It read simply, "Missed a curve and hit a pole" . . . It isn't true. Chief Nye did not enlist at the age of 13. He retired to the Fleet Reserve at 25 instead of 30, as reported in last week's leaf. Well, he should have stayed till 30—the Navy needs more men like him. . . . Sequel to the crab story of last week is that the Vivian for whom Dr. Christoff's gift from Adak was intended was Vivian, wife of LCDR Clifford R. Hall of Radiology . . .

LIFE BEGINS: Kenneth E. Barger, HMC of ALD, and his Dorothy Mae have a new son, Kenneth William, who tipped the scales at 6 lbs., 15½ oz. when he was born 11 August.

Staff Picnic Slated for Redwood Regional Park

Get out your picnic togs for the staff fun time coming up Saturday, 28 August in Redwood Regional Park's orchard area. All department heads are requested to submit names for department teams in softball, horseshoes, and volleyball. Refreshments and hamburgers will be provided, and transportation will leave from the Community Service Building at 1200, on the specified day.

EST School Turns Out 24 More New Sanitarians



During his four-year tour of duty at Oak Knoll, CAPT R. S. Poos, Head of the Environmental Sanitation School, has had the assistance of Dr. J. C. Geiger, Oakland's City Health Officer (wearing white carnation), and Dr. Charles E. Smith, Dean of the School of Public Health, University of California, at right. The gentleman wearing the broad smile and the broad stripe is RADM F. C. Greaves, MC, USN, DMO and Inspector of Pacific Coast Medical Activities, who has also taken an active interest in the work of the school since his arrival in this area several months ago.

Nurses, Corpsmen Aid in Nevada Polio Outbreak

Four Oak Knoll nurses and eight corpsmen are at Hawthorne, Nevada, providing help needed in a serious outbreak of polio in a community where 3500 Navy personnel, dependents, and civilian employees are living.

Leaving by air for Hawthorne in a little over an hour after orders came from the DMO's office were LT Rose Quillen and Wanda Bowman, LTJG June Everett, and ENS Marcella Fecteau. Corpsmen on duty at Hawthorne are J. R. Sylvester, HM1; C. R. Cunliffe, HM2; Jack Pushkin, HM3; and Elwood Bayer, Edmo Cayaban, Doyle Dunn, Kenneth Goodwin, and Robert Northam, HN's.

CDR Clark Appointed Clinical Assistant at UC

CDR Gale Clark, head of the neurosurgery department, has received word that he has been appointed Clinical Assistant in Neurological Surgery at the University of California Medical School.

His appointment, effective now, runs through 30 June 1955.

Ten Knollites Try Out for All-Navy Talent Show in Monday's Performance

Ten talented Knollites performed before a large audience here Monday night in tryouts for the All-Navy Talent Contest, finals of which are to be held in New York City on 26 September.

HM3 Pauline Krampitz sang a sincere version of the semi-classic "My Hero"; HN Rick Parkhurst sang "Chapel in the Moonlight"; HN Alfred Cochran did impersonations of Jane Froman singing "I'll Walk Alone" and of Kathy Grayson singing "Jealousie," and he brought down the house with his imitation of Liberace's "Cement Mixer Pretty-Pretty." HN Tom Burley sang that "Old Black Magic" with a semi-Latin beat.

HN Jim Wildly checked his pulse



To the honor man of the class, HMC Harlan E. Meyers, went the honor of cutting the cake served at the reception that followed the graduation ceremonies. Chief Meyers had a 94.1 average during his five months' training.

Doctors Geiger And Smith Speak

A big event on the EST School's calendar took place Friday afternoon when 24 sanitarians, members of the fifteenth group trained here since the school was organized in 1950, received their diplomas.

Dr. J. C. Geiger, Oakland City Health Officer, and Dr. Charles E. Smith, Dean of the School of Public Health, University of California, spoke to the group, emphasizing the importance of the work being done here. Both doctors are members of the consulting staff for the school.

RADM F. C. Greaves, in presenting the certificates, told the class he was on duty in the Bureau when the school was being planned and that he has followed its progress with great interest. He said its predecessor at the Naval Medical School trained scores of officers and men to protect personnel of the Navy against the hazards of infection and poor sanitation.

"The record those people made during World War II is one of the brightest pages in the history of the Navy Medical Corps," the Admiral said. "The men who have received their training here have played a similar part for the Navy and Marine Corps in Korea and elsewhere in the world wherever they serve."

Total number of sanitarians trained at Oak Knoll is 260. In this class were HMC's B. H. Barnes, J. H. Brownell, D. R. Flood, H. E. Ham, W. W. James, M. M. Lunning, H. E. Meyers, K. H. Morgan, H. B. Rice, and W. C. Shelton; HM1's E. B. Robinson, J. H. Rogers, J. Sobenorio, C. F. Stuthers, L. Tomcheck; HM2's M. W. Detzel, D. E. Hamilton, C. A. Lawson, F. H. Looby, R. B. Riggs, G. C. Roberts, R. M. Stevenson, J. H. Wall, and M. T. Winders.

Friday's program, which included a demonstration to trace the progress of sanitation methods in recent years, was planned to coincide with the arrival of CAPT R. S. Babione, relief for CAPT R. S. Poos, who will leave soon for a new assignment at the Navy Preventive Medicine Unit No. 6 at Pearl Harbor. Captain Babione comes to Oak Knoll from the Fleet Epidemic Control Unit of the Far Eastern Fleet.

Staff Office Has NROTC Openings

Staff Personnel this week announced that applications for Naval Reserve Officer Training Courses can be taken, providing those desiring the course have these three primary requisites.

Applicants must have been born after 1 July 1934, be physically qualified, and they must have had a high school education or its equivalent.

In the event of birth before the 1 July 1934 deadline, applicants must have had some college education.

Those interested please see A. N. James, HM1, in the Staff Personnel Office for further requirements and applications. The applications must be filed prior to 1 October since they must be turned in to the Bureau before 10 October.

Hamilton AFB in 5-3 Victory Over Oak Knoll Girls

Oak Knoll lady softballers played Hamilton Air Force Base here Wednesday, 11 August, losing to the WAF's 5-3, in eight close innings of play. This was the last game of the season for the girls.

In the first inning Brenner led off with a single but was thrown out while trying for second by a pitch from LaVigne to Thompson at first. McCafferty followed with a walk and advanced to second and third on singles by Vick and Carston, while Balfanz popped a fly for an out and Schafer hit a single, scoring McCafferty. Brogdon singled for the third out, leaving Vick and Carston on. In the second inning Verbish got a walk and stole second and third, and Vick, McCafferty and Carston hit singles, scoring Verbish. Then Basham struck out. Balfanz lofted a ball for the last out, leaving McCafferty, Vick and Carston on. In the third canto, Brenner and McCafferty singled for the first two outs, Brogdon struck out, and Verbish and Basham walked, but Basham was thrown out at second. Schafer got a walk, scoring on errors by the WAF.

Top of the fourth opened with Vick whipping a pop fly for the first out. Carston followed with a hit straight into the glove of pitcher LaVigne for the second out. Balfanz' fly ended in the third out. The Hamilton girls did not score in the first, second, third or fourth innings, but with the Knollites in the lead with three runs, the WAFs rallied and scored three runs by Hand, Devires, and Ofog to tie the game in the fifth. The lady Medics did not score for the rest of the game. In the bottom of the eighth the WAFs scored two runs to break the tie, with a final tally of 5-3.

Terry Verbish was a newcomer to the ranks but made a good showing in the last game of the season.

But dad, Fred has character. You can read it in his eyes."

"Then Elsie, I've just blackened his character."



MEET THE OAK KNOLL LADY SOFTBALLERS, left to right, front row: Jannette Brogdon, Beryl Balfanz, Gloria Schafer, Ella Mae Vick. Second row: Terry Verbish, Dolly Carston, Team Captain; Joyce Brenner, Bonnie McCafferty, and Gerry Basham. Constance Wolff, Jean Cameron, Tillie Krulatz and Gerry Bourne are also members of the team but were unable to be present when this picture was taken.

Knoll Netters Seize 5th Win Over Alameda Hellcats, 10-3

In their fifth win of the season in eight matches the Oak Knoll netters stomped the NAS, Alameda, Hellcats 10-3 in their meet at Alameda last Thursday, 12 August.

In the singles Knollite Tom Maxey defeated D. Thompson of NAS, 6-1, 6-2. Following up from a three-set win over his opponent last week, Villanueva shellacked L. Ching 6-2, 5-7, 6-2. But number one man Betts was

not left out of the shuffle. He came in, pounding his opponent 3-6, 6-4, 6-4.

Teaming up in the doubles, Betts and Maxey outgunned Brickson and Babilonia with a 7-5, 5-7, 6-0 score. On the last of August the Knoll netters will lose Tom Maxey to civilian life. He has been one of the hospital's leading netmen and will be missed by his teammates and friends.

Hospital Golfers Defeat NAS Flyers

Oak Leaf golfers edged out NAS, Oakland, 14-13 in their meet at Lake Chabot last Thursday, 12 August. The Flyers' charm did not work, as the Medics copped their fifth win in nine games.

In spite of the NAS golfers' familiarity with the Chabot greens, they were unable to get ahead of the Knoll

clubbers.

Individual scores for the Knollites were CDR Daniel Boone, 83; LT R. C. Thompson, 81; HMC's L. I. Johnson, 91; L. E. Canady, 87; W. H. Cripps, 88; W. E. H. Smith, 80. HM3 D. A. Dunbar scored 87, playing as an alternate, and Smith was the medalist among the Knollites.

Commend Supervisor

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members of the surgical staff under her supervision has been outstanding in every respect," the commendation from Captain Bradley stated. "This was due both to your ability as an instructor and your ability to inspire the best in your associates."

The commendation spoke of the nurse's knowledge of surgical procedures and her excellent and un-failing judgment in selecting the correct instruments for each operation, of the harmonious relations that have existed between doctors, nurses, and corpsmen on duty in the operating rooms and of the 80 OR technicians she has trained in her classes during the past two years.

Miss Daughtry has been on active duty in the Navy for more than 12 years, and during the Korean War was commended for her services aboard the USS REPOSE. She received her nurses' training at Holy Cross Hospital, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Want Women Keglers

Plans are being made to start an all-women's bowling league, with six players to the team if there is enough response among the ladies by 15 September. All military and civilian women attached to the command are eligible. Anyone interested is asked to fill out the form below and send it to Shirley Street, Finance Division no later than 31 August.

I would like to bowl in Oak Knoll's All-Women League.

Name

Rate

Department

Telephone extension.....

Helen—"What kind of husband would you advise me to get?"

Hazel—"You get a single man and let the husbands alone."

Previews

Saturday, 21 August

TITFIELD THUNDERBOLT—Stan Lowyan, George Ralph, Maureen W. COMEDY. Technicolor. Rating: Excellent. This British flicker deals with the villagers' pride in the ancient railway which is being closed down and replaced by a bus. The villagers, deciding to run the railway themselves, have to contend with the bus operators, who try all manner of schemes to ruin them.

Sunday, 22 August

LOVELY TO LOOK AT—Kathryn Erbe, Howard Keel. MUSICAL. Technicolor. Two sisters inherit half of a dressmaking house in Paris, while the other half is inherited by Red Skelton. They deal with the re-establishment of their lives and fortune.

Monday, 23 August

I WANT YOU—Dana Andrews, Debra Paget. ROMANCE. Rating: Good. The information available about this picture is that it is a good love story.

Tuesday, 24 August

FLAME AND THE FLESH—Lana Turner, Carlos Thompson, Pier Angel. LOVE STORY. Technicolor. Rating: Excellent. Miss Turner in the role of a buffeted wanderer with an eye for men and a heart for a young composer to provide her with a home and board. The composer's roommate is out to be Miss Turner's male counterforce for he always has an eye out for the girl. This love triangle is filmed against an Italian background.

Wednesday, 25 August

THE WINDOW—Bobby Driscoll, Barbara Hale. MURDER. Rating: Excellent. In this reissue Bobby witnesses a murder from the fire escape in his slum tenement. His parents, knowing he was guilty of falsehoods, would not believe his story. He cannot convince the police that he is a murderer. The picture shows the terror and fright a little child goes through when such a truth on his mind, with no one to believe him, at the same time feeling his life is endangered because he knows the truth.

Thursday, 26 August

NAKED ALIBI—Sterling Hayden, Debra Paget, Grahame. This movie is too new to preview.

Friday, 27 August

GAMBLER FROM NATCHEZ—Robertson, Debra Paget. MELODRAMA. Technicolor. Rating: Good. This romantic fiction takes place in post-War New Orleans, stirring around a colorful background of honorable and honorable gamblers. Robertson, a young cavalry officer, goes about the way to prove his father, the Mississippi's most reputable gambler, was murdered, not "done in" simply for cheating at cards.

WAVE Reunion

(Continued from page 1) responsibilities by serving their country," she said.

Conventioners toured the Bay Tuesday morning aboard the "Barb Queen." They attended a reception and buffet dinner at Treasure Island Saturday night, with Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz and other notables present. They went to church together Sunday morning at Grace Cathedral and later attended a band concert in Golden Gate Park where the WAVE drill team. Treasure Island entertained the fellow servicewomen.

Knollites Joyce Gibbs and Joan Dailey were among the women who modeled WAVE fashions for the photographers and for the news reels at the Saturday night event.

CDR Helen C. Gavin was an invited guest at the Sunday breakfast representing nurses from Oak Knoll.

Others from the hospital who attended were Mrs. Persis A. Starnes, well known transportation clerk in Disbursing, who served as a World War I Yeomanette; Eileen R. military pay supervisor in Disbursing, an SK1 during World War I.

Active duty Knoll WAVES on duty for the celebration were ENS F. Drussell, Beryl Balfanz, and Gerry Bourne, HM3's; and Barbara Kay JOSH, of the OAK LEAF.

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Corpsman Leaves; Honored by CO

When Ralph H. Kujala, HM2, became a civilian last week, he carried with him the Commanding Officer's commendation for outstanding service to Oak Knoll.

Kujala, on duty at the OOD's office, dispensed information to thousands of visitors during the past two and a half years with "unfailing courtesy, cheerfulness, and sympathetic understanding."

"Your knowledge and personal assistance in giving information and guidance to those requiring your services has helped to fulfill the mission of this hospital," the commendation read in part.

Kujala entered the service shortly after his graduation from high school in Calumet, Mich., and served in the Pacific during World War II and again during the Korea conflict. He and his wife, Betty, and their son, Michael, live in Berkeley, and now that he is a civilian he hopes to make use of the public relations training he received here and get a job in that field, possibly at the new Ford plant down the road at Milpitas.

Richmond's V.F.W. Post to Entertain

The Veterans of Foreign Wars, Richmond Post, invites five patients, who are eligible and interested in joining the post, to have dinner at their homes on Wednesday, 8 September. Following dinner, the patients will proceed to a Post Meeting, and members of the organization will pay for their membership.

Further information can be obtained at Special Services. Members of the Post will provide transportation for those interested.

NSC Invites Knollites To Saturday Dance

Rug-cutters can have a gay fling again if they go to the SGT Gilbert E. Club at NSC, Oakland, tomorrow night (Saturday) from 2000 to 2400. The Rhythm Kings will provide music for dancing.

Nine Corpsmen Pass August HN Exams

Recent examinations given for advancement to HN resulted in nine out of the 11 passing the tests. They will sew on their stripes come 16 September.

The following men made the grade: R. L. Abangan, S. C. Bazzell, W. L. Beasley, C. H. Block, G. R. Dross, T. Hester, H. Hughes, G. Lawrence, Jr., R. Nakamura.

CAPT Wilde Inspects Knoll WAVE Facilities



Included in Captain Louise K. Wilde's itinerary when she inspected Oak Knoll was Ward 40A, where the photographer snapped her with Blanche Lovelace, HN, left, and Frances Peters, HN. Captain Wilde immediately recognized Frances as a former member of the staff at USNH, Great Lakes, where they met on a hot day in June just before Frances left for Oak Knoll.

Enjoys Tea in Corps Quarters

CAPT Louise K. Wilde, Assistant Chief, Bureau of Personnel for Women, visited Oak Knoll on 17 August, inspecting WAVE facilities and meeting all the WAVES aboard.

After a brief conference in the CO's Office, CAPT Wilde toured the various departments where WAVES are at work. She was accompanied by LCDR Anne King, Assistant Director of Women, 12ND, Captain Bradley, CDR Helen C. Gavin, Chief of the Nursing Service; LT Jerry Johnson of Occupational Therapy; and LTJG Dolly Carston of Physical Therapy, who is now officer in charge of WAVES on the station.

On Ward 40A of the Dependent Service Miss Wilde recognized Frances Peters, HN, and recalled the hot day when they last met at Great Lakes. She remembered that on her last visit here more than a year ago WAVE Quarters were in the "Crow's Nest," and she approved of the women's transfer to a lower level.

Following inspection of the quarters Miss Wilde was honored at a tea given in the rumpus room in Building 123.

CAPT Wilde, in the Bay Area for the WAVES Twelfth Anniversary reunion, apparently was pleased with all she saw at Oak Knoll, and as for cities, she feels that San Francisco is "THE place."

During her visit here the WAVE Director renewed her acquaintance (Continued on page 3)

SGT Alfred Kalinowski, Korean War Hero, to Lead Berkeley Grid Parade

SGT Alfred Kalinowski, USMC, of Holland, New York, and 42A, has been named honorary grand marshal for Berkeley's annual Football Festival and Parade on 17 September.

SGT Kalinowski, who wears the silver star for bravery in Korea, is the fourth Oak Knoll patient to serve as grand marshal for the big event which marks the opening of the fall

football season at the University of California.

Last year's grand marshal was LT Jim Cullom, USMC, (now retired), resident of Piedmont and former member of the U.C. team.

This big night parade, held each year in Berkeley, will feature marching units, floats of all kinds from civic and military organizations, and present and past "football greats."



Not only was Captain Bradley's selection for the rank of rear admiral heralded by the only 13-gun salute ever fired at Oak Knoll and probably the only one ever heard at a Naval Hospital, it may have been the only 13-gun salute ever fired by a shotgun, and it was certainly the only one ever executed by this hospital's Chief of Surgery, CAPT R. S. Silvis. And there is still more to the story. This week the Entertainment Committee presented the skipper the brass part of the 13 shells, mounted in the shape of an anchor on a sea of blue under lucite, with a brass plate, suitably inscribed. The handsome memento is the result of the combined inspiration and effort of ENS Richard C. Huning, LT Francis W. Day, Captain Silvis, ENS Ruth Drussell, LTJG D. J. Kloskowski, CDR Frank T. Norris, ENS Donald R. Kelley, and LTJG Raymond A. Nygren.

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ARE YOU RICHER?

You are richer today than you were yesterday, if you have laughed often, given something, forgiven even more, made a new friend today or made stepping stones of stumbling blocks, if you have thought more in terms of "thyself" than "myself" or if you have managed to be cheerful even if you were weary. You are richer tonight than you were this morning, if you have taken time to trace the handiwork of God in the commonplace things of life, or if you have learned to count out things which really do not count, or if you have been a little blinder to the faults of friends or foe. You are richer if a little child has smiled at you and a stray dog has licked your hand, or if you have looked for the best in others, and given others the best in you.

LCDR James W. Paul

Protestant Chaplain

~ ~ Welcome and Farewell ~ ~

Reporting for duty were LT's Robert E. Carlton, MC, USNR, from Naval Surgical Team 15; Carter B. Sigel, MC, USNR, Bernard R. Ericsson, MC, USNR, William S. Kiyasu, MC, USNR, David D. Rosenfeld, MC, USNR, and ENS Ann M. Gillis, MSC, USNR, from inactive duty; HMCA's J. S. Whitby, from USS LST 1096; A. E. Russell, Jr., from "F" COHDQTRS, BTN MCS, Quantico, Va.; HMC's G. E. Smith, from USS LST 1138; J. J. O'Brien, from NNMC, Bethesda, Md.; J. R. Sylvester, HM1, from CG FMF PAC; HM2's R. B. Hickey, from the PRNC; C. R. Cunliffe, from USS CONSOLATION; HM3's W. J. Martyn, Jr., J. Pushkin, from USNH, NNMC, Bethesda, Md.; C. A. Hardy, HN, HA's H. Parker, A. S. K. Miles, and C. F. R. Johnston, from USNHCS, San Diego.

Detached were LT's James A. Reeves, MC, USNR, to ComCruDes Force, Pacific, San Diego; Rebecca H. Jackson, NC, USN, to Philadelphia, Pa.; for duty under instruction in Psychiatric Nursing; Ruth L. Warkow, NC, USN, and Edna M. Daugh-

try, NC, USN, to Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana, for duty under instruction in Adm of a Hospital Nursing Service; LTJG Joan L. White, SC, USNR, to NSC, Oakland; HMC's D. R. Flood, to CNABATRA, NAS, Pensacola, Fla.; M. M. Lunning, to MCRD, Parris Island, S.C.; H. B. Rice, to MarCorBase, Camp Le Jeune, N. C.; J. H. Brownell, to USNS, Orange, Tex.; K. N. Morgan, to MarCorBase, Camp Pendleton; B. H. Barnes, to USMCAS, Miami, Fla.; H. E. Meyers, to USNH, and H. E. Ham, Jr., to AdComBldg 122, NTC, Great Lakes, Ill.; HM1's J. H. Rogers, Jr., to NAAS, Chase Field, Tex.; J. Sabenorio, to ComNavPhil; L. J. Tomcheck, to NNMC, Bethesda, Md.; C. E. Stuthers, to AdmCom, USNTC, Bainbridge, Md.; HM2's R. B. Riggs, to FldMedSch, D. E. Hamilton, R. M. Stevenson, to MarCorBase, Camp Le Jeune, N. C.; G. C. Roberts, to USNS, Newport, R. I.; M. W. Detzel, to USNRecSta, Brooklyn, New York; HM3's R. M. Gesinski, to USS ALUDRA, AF 55; J. B. Root, to USNAS, Alameda; HN's J. E. Clark, (W), to USMC, HDQTRS, 100 Harrison St., San Francisco; W. O. Weinreis, E. Graves, R. L. Gotier, to USNAS, Alameda; M. B. Beach, and B. L. Lemon, to MarCorBase, Camp Pendleton.

Released to inactive duty were LT's John K. Ross-Duggan, MC, Delbert F. Wichelman, MC, James E. Matson, MC, Mary T. Duhamel, NC, and W. J. Michaluk, HN. R. H. Kujala, HM2, was discharged.

Postmaster Announces Four-cent Air Mail Stamp

A four-cent air mail stamp will make its appearance on 3 September, Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield has announced.

The new stamp has been designed for air mailing postcards, although it can be used in combination with other stamps on any other air mail matter. (AFPS)



Hostesses and patients are served during a dance at the Red Cross Lounge by Canteen Ladies Mrs. C. D. Getz and Mrs. C. D. Carlson, both of Alameda.

Red Cross Ramblings

ALWAYS HUNGRY: No matter what sort of situation you have in the hospital or in civilian life the subject of food is always good for discussion and beats the weather all hollow for popularity! Perhaps that is why our Red Cross Canteen Ladies are so popular at the lounge four nights a week. Oakland and Berkeley, as well as Alameda Chapters organize and train these talented volunteers who do so much to make you feel at home with their cheery smiles and gastronomic delicacies. The interesting part though, is that they are **not fairweather friends**. In a twinkling, these ladies can rally around to cook and serve hundreds—or thousands—of flood or earthquake victims warm and nourishing meals,

prepare formulas for infants or special diets for the injured. If a national emergency should occur the Canteen Ladies will put the common good above the immediate interests of their own families to use their important skills for the less and the homeless. They are of a team just as you are, and play on your side every minute!

ROBERT WUERFEL, SN, quite a party the other day when celebrated his birthday among buddies, "The Tarawa Terror" ward 62A. This bunch can sound off as was proved when a piano was rolled in and Gray L. Mrs. Ella Rose did the honors. A wobbly on high notes, perhaps, certainly not lacking in enthusiasm and volume!

LT J. R. BROWN, USN, pressed a ping-pong crown a little more firm on his head during the championship matches at the lounge on Thursday afternoon. However, **J. W. Southland, YN3,** of 70A showed a little class during the eliminations and his peak could give Brown a very fine time. All matches were hotly contested.



ENS Ann M. Gillis

ENS Gillis, MSC, Arrives at Hospital

ENS Ann M. Gillis, MSC, USNR, arrived at Oak Knoll last Monday from her home in Beverly, Mass. She is one of three WAVE Medical Service Corps officers aboard and is now on duty as a physical therapist.

Miss Gillis, after earning her A.A. at Endicott Jr. College, graduated from Sargent College, Cambridge, Mass., with a B.S.

Miss Gillis has worked with paraplegics, quadraplegics, and polio cases at Cushing Veteran's Administration Hospital, Framingham, Mass.; Liberty Mutual Rehabilitation Clinic, New York State Rehabilitation Hospital, West Haverstraw, New York; Robert Brigham Hospital and Massachusetts Memorial Hospital, Boston, Mass., and Mt. Auburn Hospital, Cambridge, Mass.

Non-Active Korea Vets Get Benefits

Inductees of the Korea period who did not enter on active duty status and their dependents may be eligible for certain benefits under a new VA announced last week.

Public Law 463, signed 30 July 1954, extends compensation and certain related benefits to persons who have incurred disabilities while reporting for induction on or after June 1950, and to their dependents on the same basis as has been authorized for inductees of World War I and II.

These benefits are compensation for service-connected disabilities, death resulting from these disabilities, and hospital and outpatient treatment for such disabilities.

The law stipulates that any person who on or after 27 June 1950, sustained a disability in line of duty and the result of his or her own misconduct while en route under orders to report to a place for final acceptance of induction, or entry upon active duty or while at such place or en route home, shall be considered to have incurred such disability in the line of military or naval service. (VA)

Divine Services

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Staff Personalities



After contributing to the hospital laurels and winning points toward the commandant's trophy, Tommy Fowler Maxey, HN, one of Oak Knoll's best netmen, will be leaving soon for civilian life and pre-med studies at Baylor University at Waco, Texas. Tom calls Tyler, Texas, home, but after graduating from Tyler High School, he abandoned books and sought life as a sailor in November '52. He was sent to Great Lakes for recruit training and corps school, arriving at Oak Knoll in July '53. He has served on 45A, at the NP Service and is now on duty in the OPD record office. Needless to say, tennis is Tom's first and last hobby. Someday he hopes to play at Forest Hills, New York.



Massaging joints, exercising limbs and giving patients hydrotherapy, is the daily job of Edward L. Bishop, HN, who hails from Colorado Springs, Colo. Bishop discarded his civvies and donned Navy blues in August '52, after graduating from Los Gatos Union High School, Los Gatos, Calif. and giving up his job as a bellhop. He took his recruit training and attended Corps School at San Diego, arriving at Oak Knoll in July '53. Since arriving here he has worked on wards 70B, 42A and finally physical therapy. Bishop's hobby is handicraft, but he has little time to work at it. His current plans are to finish this tour of duty and continue his training in physiotherapy in civilian life.

Teacher: "What does unaware mean?"
Susie: "It's the last thing you take off at night."

Scuttlebutt

LIFE BEGINS: Two HN's became DADS during the past week and both are happy with their new rates. On 21 August Ivan L. Burnett of Food Services and his wife Marilyn welcomed young Ivan Franklin, who weighed 8 lb. 15 oz.; and on Monday the 23rd, Charles (Admitting Office) and Donia May Lenser became parents of 7 lb. 6 oz. Randy Charles.

CONGRATULATIONS have poured in since Captain Bradley was selected for promotion and one of them contains a story he particularly enjoys. The story goes that a certain gentleman died and went to heaven. He was received very graciously and had just settled down in his proper place when he heard a great commotion at the gate, a trumpeting of horns, a great fanfare. The gentleman asked what it was all about and was told an admiral was coming in. "Well," he said, "How come I didn't get that kind of welcome?" "Oh," said his conductor, "We haven't had an admiral here in fifty years."

RANDOM SIGHTS & SOUNDS: CAPT Gross' daughter, Hermie Lou swathed in sterile gown and head covering, observing surgery . . . Security's R. S. George walking Record's Betty Riera to the Main Gate . . . corpsmen and patients picnicking at Zoo Gardens as guests of the Marine Corps League and Ladies' Auxiliary from the General J. C. Breckinridge . . . CAPT Canty and CWOHC John Faunce taking off for New York City to attend the conference of the LEACALNRC (that's Lower Extremity Advisory Committee on Artificial Limbs of the National Research Council) . . . Bob Sharpe rubbing elbows with sports writers and football players at Ollie Matson's wedding and reception last week end . . . Raymond CivPers Perszyk making the local papers while on two weeks' training duty at Fort Ord. In captain's uniform, he was pictured with a pretty WAC named PVT Margery Service.

OAKNOLLUMNI: Elsie Pierce, secretary to the CO a couple of commands ago, is looking forward to a visit from the stork in November . . . LT Daughtry couldn't stay away. After checking out she went to San Diego, then stopped off here this week for two days before going on to her home in Reno . . . Geneva Lamanna, recently of the Collection Agent's Office, presented her husband, Donald, a baby boy on 20 August. His name is Douglas Michael; he's their first child, and he weighs 7 lbs. 6 ozs.

FISH 'N' TRIPS: Financier Millard, Chief Construction Inspector Brock, and Maintenance's Mr. Day got limits of rainbow and Lochleven trout at Owens River last week end. The mosquitos were also biting . . . Chief Nations and HMI Striplin were among the ALDers who fished at Lake Almanor last week end, and the chief still talks about his 3½ lb. trout . . . Al Nelson of Maintenance cast his line into the waters of the state of Washington . . . and possibly as you read this, Captain Silvis, CDR Tandy, and Mr. Amick are hooking salmon off Bremerton in the company of their old shipmate, CAPT E. T. Knowles . . . HMC Alex Kozlowski, Lillian, and



Tea at the quarters gave staff WAVES an opportunity to talk informally with their Director. In this group are Beryl Balfanz, HM3; Eleanor Di Ioli, HN; Carol Baker, HN; and Shirley Hooser, HN.



That Captain Wilde is an entertaining as well as attractive person is shown by the responsive smiles of Ann Johnson, HN, LTJG Dolly Carston, senior WAVE officer at Oak Knoll, and LT A. J. Poytress of the Nurse Corps.



Lois Nichols was busy in the pack room when Captain Wilde stopped to see what goes on there.

More About WAVE Director's Visit

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with CAPT R. S. Silvis, Chief of the Surgical Service, with whom she shared a seat on a cross-country flight some time ago.

35 Patients Invited To Angel's Camp

Robert Baylor and the Lion's Club, Angel's Camp, are hosts this week end to 35 patients at Angel's Camp, famous site of Mark Twain's famous story "The Jumping Frog of Calaveras County."

On Friday a stag party will highlight the festivities, and on Saturday there will be a tour of the Mother Lode Country by car. That night's entertainment will be at the Old Adam's Ranch, and all who are spry enough the following morning will attend church.

Bob Foster of Special Services will do the driving, and Dr. Elmer Mason will be the officer in charge.

California has 10.4 percent of all the automobiles in the United States and does 9.4 percent of all the driving but accounts for only 8.8 percent of the traffic deaths and only 8.1 percent of the traffic injuries, according to a recent compilation by the California State Automobile Association.

Most head-on collisions occur when some driver is trying to pass another. Make sure you have plenty of room before attempting to pass, the California State Automobile Association urges.

ALD's Prize Exhibit Going to State Fair

Oak Knoll's prize-winning exhibit showing the various steps in the rehabilitation of an amputee will soon be on the way to Sacramento.

The display, to be shown at the California State Fair from 2 to 13 September, will be monitored by HMC's G. L. Parker and R. D. Nations of the Artificial Limb Department.

"I see by the paper that nine professors and one student were killed in a wreck."

"Poor chap."

their two children, Linda and Alan, are back from a trip to Boston, New York and other points east . . . Udell Helbrook is back from Clinton, Arkansas . . .

Lady Hoopsters Have High Hopes

The Oak Knoll ladies' basketball team had its first workout at the San Leandro gym, Monday, 23 August. They are still looking for a coach, but Dolly Carston, team captain, is serving temporarily until officials are chosen and is going right ahead with plans for a good season.

The girls will board Special Services carryalls for the trip up the hill every Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, which means that many of the girls will be giving up their liberty and sometimes their meals.

To date ten girls have shown up—Beryl Balfanz, Jannette Brogdon, Joyce Brenner, Gerry Basham, Bennie McCafferty, Frances Peters, Carol McClellan, Barbara Kayser, Constance Wolf and Dolly Carston.

LTJG DeWitt Wins Photo Prize

LTJG Richard G. DeWitt, former Special Services officer, won first place in the color transparency division of the Western Naval Districts Group in the current photography contest.

This word comes from the District recreation office, but no information concerning the subject for Mr. DeWitt's picture can be obtained there or here. It is known that the slide will go to the finals in the All-Navy Photography contest to be held in the Third Naval District, and if successful there will go on to the Inter-Service competition.

New Location For Issuing Sports Gear

The old issue room in the bowling alley has been closed and is now located on the second floor of the Community Service building opposite the Special Service office. Salt and fresh water fishing rods, tennis and badminton racquets, sleeping bags and other camping utensils, golf clubs and football gear may be checked out at the sports gear issue room.



Knollites LTJG Francine Bedell and HM3 Gerry Bourne display the trophies they won in the 12ND ping-pong championships at NSC, Oakland, last week. Bourne won first place in the singles, and Bedell second place. Teamed together, they took first and second place in the doubles. These are the first ping-pong trophies for the hospital.



While CWOHC A. K. Spencer looks on, Captain R. L. Gilman presents the first Kegler's Perpetual Summer league trophy to team captain Joe Engen, HMC. This trophy will go to the winning team each year and will remain on display in the trophy case in the Administration Building. Engen captained X-Ray I's winning team which included Dr. Frank S. Browne, Richie Neathery, Tillie Krulatz, Merlin Smith, and Lee Howard. The trophy was purchased with funds left over after the expenses of the spring bowling league were paid from the league treasury.

Gene Graves Plays With NSC in Losing Game

Gene Graves, HN, Oak Knoll pitcher, was chosen by NSC, Oakland, to participate with them in the 12ND baseball tournament against NAS, Alameda, but his team lost 11-6. Alameda was chosen to represent the 12ND at San Diego when the West

Coast Naval District Tournament began 23 August.

Teams from the 11th, 12th, and 13th Naval district will compete, and the winner will face the South Pacific baseball champs to determine who will represent Navy in the East Coast playoffs in Florida.

Knollites Invited to Horseshoe Matches

Officers and members of the Mosswood Horseshoe Club, Oakland, invite both staff and patients to attend the Grand Opening of the Mosswood Horseshoe Club House and Northern California Horseshoe Championships to be held at Mosswood Park on 5 and 6 September.

Guy Zimmerman, the world's champion horseshoe pitcher will be assisted by his wife, Mrs. Zimmerman, in a half-hour exhibition of fancy and trick pitching on Labor Day, 6 September, at 1230. Transportation to the show will be provided by Special Services.

Previews

Saturday, 28 August
HANS CHRISTIAN ANDERSON—Danny Kaye, Farley Granger. MUSIC. Rating: Excellent. A fantasy about the life of Hans Christian Anderson, the Danish writer of fairy tales, this picture will capture or recapture the heart of who see it. Danny Kaye, the color leaves for Copenhagen after trouble with school authorities in his home town, falls in love with a ballerina, married a ballet master. Thinking she is receiving undue harsh treatment from her husband, Danny is inspired to write "The Little Mermaid," which the ballerina eventually uses on stage. Later, Danny finds out the ballerina, Jean Marie, and her husband are really in love; so he returns to his home town and story-telling, knowing love for her is hopeless.

Sunday, 29 August
HELL BELOW ZERO—Alan Ladd, Robert Taylor, Stanley Baker. ADVENTURE DRAMA. Technicolor. Alan Ladd, an American adventurer and ex-Naval officer, joins a whaling expedition from Cape Africa, and soon finds himself in the middle of a bitter feud. The quarrel breaks between the two owners of the whaling fleet and comes to a climax in a gun battle on an ice floe below the Arctic circle.

Monday, 30 August
RELENTLESS—Robert Young, Margaret Chapman. The only information on this one is that it is a re-issue.

Tuesday, 31 August
THE NEBRASKAN—Phil Carey, Robert Haynes. WESTERN. Technicolor. Rating: Fair. Phil Carey plays the part of a scout in the U.S. Army in 1867 who goes to get a fair trial for his Indian pal, Mice Jara, accused by the Indians of murdering their chief. In the struggle for justice, Phil gets involved with a beautiful girl.

Wednesday, 1 September
BLACK EAGLE—William Bishop, Virginia Patton. This re-issue sounds like a Western. Short for the evening is **DOWN THE HATCH**.

Thursday, 2 September
THE LONG LONG TRAILER—Lucy Ball, Desi Arnaz, Margery Main, Keenan Wynn. COMEDY. Technicolor. Rating: Excellent. This re-issue will split sides, when you see Desi and Lucille in one hilarious situation after another, their honeymoon in a newly acquired trailer. Lucille had intended to get a trailer instead of a new home with the intention of saving money. The opposite happens—and poor Desi winds up thousands of dollars in debt.

Friday, 3 September
DIAL M FOR MURDER—Ray Milland, Grace Kelly. MELODRAMA. Was color. Rating: Excellent. If it's suspense you want, that's what this picture is. Ray Milland, the jealous husband, is a killer to do away with his wife, who is in love with an American mystery writer. In self-defense, she grabs a pair of scissors and murders the would-be killer. Milland then tries to build up evidence to prove his wife a murderess but is trapped by his own actions.



Medical terminology used in this quiz pertains to surgical operations (Match the right hand column with those on the left).

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QUIZ ANSWERS

- (9) repair of (4) to form or build up
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CAPT R. W. Babione

CAPT Babione Chairman of UFD

CAPT R. W. Babione, MC, USN, head of the Environmental Sanitation School, has been named Chairman of Oak Knoll's United Fund Drive, which will get under way around the first of October. He succeeds CAPT R. S. Poos, who served as head of the Oak Knoll drive last year and as liaison between the hospital and the Eastbay United Crusade.

Captain Babione is appointing a central committee of supervisors to organize solicitors into competitive groups of various categories throughout the hospital, and names of committee members will be ready for release in next week's OAK LEAF.

The United Fund Drive this year combines more drives than ever before, thus eliminating the inconvenience of repeated appeals throughout the year.

CAPT Canty to Leave Soon For The Hague

CAPT T. J. CANTY, Chief of the Amputee Service, will leave next week for The Hague, Germany, to represent the Navy at the International Congress of the Society for the Welfare of Cripples.

The week-long conference opens on 13 September.

Four years ago Doctor Canty attended the society's annual congress when it met in Stockholm, Sweden.

Staff, Couples Invited To Pt. Molate Dance

Stags and/or couples are invited out to the Enlisted Men's Club, Point Molate, Richmond, tomorrow night (Saturday) for a dance free of admission. Wear your informal togs or dress blue bakers and dance to the music of the popular "Rhythm Kings."

Electric Service Cut-off Explained

After many delaying complications, a shutdown of electric service planned for weeks by the Maintenance Division finally took place on 14 August with the anticipated number of complaints because lights, fans, radios, and other electrical equipment wouldn't run.

What those who complained did not know was that this was the last stage of a project long underway to establish an alternate source of electrical power for the hospital. This means that in the future, if the main source of electric power fails, the alternate source will automatically carry on without interruption.

The additional power will insure continuous service for surgery, blood and bone banks, iron lungs, oxygen tents, and the many other electrical needs so important that any serious interruption could endanger the welfare of hospital patients.

With this important responsibility for continuous electric service, station and district engineers have devoted long hours to studies and investigations to determine the best quality and most economical form of electrical insurance. One of the early recommendations in 1951 was to purchase and install standby power generators. This proposal was abandoned in favor of the Pacific Gas and Electric Company reconstruction of a power line from Seminary and Mountain Boulevard to the hospital property line and the further installation of a tapline and automatic throwover switches to connect to the new power line.

Final hookup and testing were completed on 14 August.

Both audible and visual signals will operate in the Central Heating plant on transfer to and from the alternate source, thus providing added safety for patients and added peace of mind for maintenance personnel.

1st Staff Dance Tonight In Renovated Club

Staff members can now rejoice at the prospect of another dance, the first one to be held in the Enlisted Recreation Center since its renovation.

To be held tonight, 3 September, from 2000 to 2400, Ed Hollenbeck's Rhythm Kings will set the musical pace. It will be strictly a date affair, with dancers required to wear either dress blues or informal civvies. Absolutely no dungarees or levis please.

The usual refreshments will be served.



PLEASANT TASK—In the Commandant's Office Thursday morning, 26 August, Mrs. Bradley had the pleasure and the honor of pinning on the new admiral's new shoulder boards. Oak Knoll's skipper was sworn into his new rank by RADM John R. Redman, USN, Commandant of the Twelfth Naval District, in his office at the Federal Building, San Francisco.



A LITTLE GIFT FROM HIS SHIPMATES—Edward D. Hall, RD2, couldn't say much when his buddy, D. T. Dicks, and five others from the crew of the USS WASP came to see him last Thursday and handed his blonde wife, Dorothy, a check for \$1300, but he was mighty happy about the whole thing. His shipmates' check means she can stay with him in Oakland until he is able to be moved to a hospital nearer his home in Wilmington, Del.

Shipmates Aboard USS WASP Cheer Polio-stricken RD2 With \$1300 Check

That the Navy takes care of its own was shown here again last week when representatives of the crew of the USS WASP came from San Diego to cheer up their shipmate, Edward D. Hall, RD2, and bring him a check for \$1300.

Hall has been at Oak Knoll since 31 July when he was stricken with polio while his ship was at Hunters Point undergoing repairs. Paralyzed from the neck down, he is now in a respirator up on Ward 80B, where his wife,

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† † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS

When upon life's billows, you are tempest tossed,
When you are discouraged, thinking all is lost,
Count your many blessings, name them one by one,
And it will surprise you what the Lord hath done.

Count your blessings, name them one by one,
Count your blessings, see what God hath done,
Count your blessings, name them one by one,
Count your many blessings, see what God hath done.

The words of this hymn have served as an inspiration to me for they bring back memories of one who counted her many blessings. Whenever I am downhearted and discouraged, I think of a little old lady in a hospital in Indiana. Each Sunday for over two years, we visited her and sang hymns and talked. Each week as we asked her for her favorite hymn, she would say "Let us count our many blessings." Each week this friend would count her many blessings from her bed, and we would go out strengthened by her spirit. "Count your blessings! See what God hath done."

LTJG WILLIAM F. HOLLIS, Protestant Chaplain

• • Welcome and Farewell • •

Reporting for duty were LT Sidney Kase, MC, USNR, LTJG's Justin C. Shubert, MC, USNR, and Bruce A. Becker, MC, USNR, from inactive duty; HMC's D. E. Norman, from USNS, Kodiak, W. L. Wallace, from CGAIRFMFPACZ, B. L. Munn, from USS COTTEN (DD-669), N. M. Taylor, from USNS, Newport, Rhode Island; N. "L" H. Sprinkel, from USNH, Bremerton, Wash.; HMI's J. S. Slack, from USNH, Great Lakes, Ill.; J. A. Condomitti, from CONavy Air Development Center, Johnsville, Pa.; J. T. Smith, from CBCEN, Pt. Hueneme, HM2's H. L. Coats, from CO, USNH, Portsmouth, Va.; E. L. Clancey, from CO, USNH, Philadelphia, Pa.; F. Tiano, from CO, USS FORT MANDAN (LSD-21); R. H. De Loche, from PRNC, USNH, Quantico, Va.; E. W. Newman, from COM 8ND; HA's D. A. Vaughn and K. L. Thompson, from USNHCS, San Diego.

Detached were LCDR Edmund J. Ford, CHC, USN to USS WASP (CVA-18); LT's Jane Hardie, NC, USNR, to USS GENERAL W. A. MANN (TAP-112); Charlotte I. Bailey, NC, USN, to USNH, Philadelphia, Pa.; HMC's W. C. Shelton, to USNavShYd, M. I., Vallejo; W. W. James, to USNavSta, Norfolk, Va.; E. B. Robinson, HM1, to USNAD, Hawthorne, Nev.; HM2's J. H. Wall, to MarCorBase; C. A. Lawson, to USNH, Camp Pendleton; F. H. Looby, to USNAD Earle, New Jersey; J. E. Barrows, HM3, to NavMedUnit, Tripler Army Hospital, Honolulu, T. H.; HN's T. G. Sawyer, B. G. Hill, C. S. Lenser, P. L. O'Hara, H. G. Portrey, E. Bayer, F. W. Bremner, C. W. Baird, "F" "B" Houghton, T. E. Imel, to MarCorBase, Camp Pendleton; K. I. Beckman, R. E. McDougal, V. B. Davis, R. L. Lookingbill, H. T. Ma-

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A TRAFFIC SAGA

This is the story of poor Joe Blow
Who thought the seaside a good place to go.
"What I need," he said, "is a change of scene
To get away from this dull routine."

In order to have more time at the beach
He slammed into gear and drove away with a screech.
He tore down the highway faster and faster
Never thinking he might be courting disaster.

With fingers as taut as bands of steel
He tensely gripped the steering wheel,
His eager foot pressed hard on the gas,
And woe to any dawdler when he wanted to pass.

Then over the hill and around a bend
Joe's race for the beach quickly came to an end.
A rending of steel! A burst of flame!
And soon thereafter, an ambulance came.

And now in a neat, white hospital bed,
Grave thoughts pass through his poor bandaged head.
Traffic laws are broken only by fools;
From now on here's one who will stick by the rules!



Mr. Bill Watson, well-known square dance caller, puts real life in the Friday night dances at the Red Cross Lounge, and Oakland Gray Lady Mrs. Georgina Sellers joins in the fun.

Red Cross Ramblings

FALL FUN: With the Labor Day week end coming up we are reminded that summer is over and fall is practically on the way in. Fall is a time when just about starts a new year around the hospital. Our Gray Lady and Hostess training courses will be in action soon, and friendly new faces from the community will be added to the roster of volunteers working at Oak Knoll.

PARTICULAR THANKS are due to all of the community groups and individuals who have continued to come to the hospital so faithfully throughout the summer. To mention only a few mentors of fine entertainment . . . Mrs. Esther England, Mrs. Ginny Donnell, Mrs. Marie Ratto, and Mrs. Sally Kagan have brought consistently fine talent for the enjoyment of bed patients on the wards. Our friends from the Musicians' Union come twice monthly, rain or shine, to bring top professional combos.

PINOCHLE PUNDITS of considerable stature proved their skill and cunning at the recent elimination tournament with finals at the lounge. The top team of **Larry Graham, BMSN,** and **Chuck King, BMSN,** won by a comfortable margin to be crowned as Champs.

ANOTHER CHAMP of the week is **J. W. Southerlund, YN3,** ward 70A, who, true to predictions as a tough contender, cleaned up over the ping-pong aspirants and sailed in for the honors.

PRO FOOTBALL GAME for this week end should be a honey with the San Francisco 49ers clashing with the famed Cleveland Browns. If you have not signed up with your Red Cross worker there is still a chance to get on the alternate list in case someone else drops out. This will be the last home game for the 49ers until 26 September when they play the Washington Redskins.

Buddies Bring Check

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Dorothy, a girl he met in the first grade at Wilmington, Del., visits him daily.

The check from his buddies will finance Dorothy's stay in Oakland while he is under treatment.

The presentation was made by D. T. Dicks, RD2, Hall's buddy for the 40 months. They served together aboard the USS KULA GULF before reporting to the WASP 19 months ago.

Alameda Wives to Present Seminar

The Navy Wives of Alameda will present a seminar on 15 September from 1000 to 1500 at the White Hat Club aboard USNAS, Alameda.

Mrs. Carter Collins, wife of General Carter Collins, USA, Retired, and author of the **ARMY WIVES HANDBOOK** and **NAVY WIVES HANDBOOK**, will speak. Her subject, "Armed Forces Wives, Inc.," will be most helpful to a service wife in adjusting to service life both at home and overseas.

An armed forces chaplain and representative of the Navy Relief Society will be present to answer questions concerning assistance, rights and benefits of armed forces dependents.

A plate luncheon will be served at a cost of 60 cents. All wives are invited but reservations must be made later than 13 September by calling the White Hat Club, Lakeview 3-2200, Extension 611.

Divine Services

Hospital Chapel at Main Gate
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BIBLE SCHOOL—SUNDAY 0930
SUNDAY WORSHIP—1030
HOLY COMMUNION—First Sunday morning each month.

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SUNDAY MASSES
0600-0800-0900-1200
DAILY MASSES—0700 and 1145
Confessions before Mass
Saturday—1900
and before all Masses
Any other time upon request

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Robert Williams, HM3

Admiral Bradley Honors Williams

Robert Williams, HM3, who is returning to civilian life today, after thirteen months at Oak Knoll, carries with him Admiral Bradley's commendation for outstanding service to Oak Knoll. Williams has been on duty in Information and Educational Services for the past ten months.

"You have worked long after hours conducting language classes and your keen devotion to the educational program has been an inspiration to all staff personnel to enroll in the GED tests and USAFI program to better themselves for both Naval Service and eventual return to civilian life. Your cooperation, energy, loyalty and devotion to duty are highly commendable and reflect credit upon yourself, this command and the Naval Service," the commendation reads.

Williams, who had his boot training and corps school in San Diego, received his A.B. degree from Sacramento State College in 1950. He plans to continue his work toward a master's degree in Political Science at the University of California and then go into personnel work. He and his wife, Carol, live in Sacramento.

"Victory at Sea" Film At S. F. News Theater

Telenews Theater, San Francisco, is celebrating its 15th anniversary by presenting "Victory at Sea," a powerful documentary condensed from the prize-winning NBC television series.

Most scenes were classified either "secret" or "confidential" by the U.S. Navy. The attack on Pearl Harbor is seen largely through the lenses of Japanese cameras; the allied invasion of Normandy is reproduced from U.S. Navy combat films and captured German film. Music for the show was composed by Richard Rogers.

Welcome and Farewell

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... to Naval Dispensary, San Francisco; R. E. Hastings, M. E. Starkey, S. L. Hoscheit, to NAS, Alameda; W. L. Brown, to RADLDEFLAB, NavShipYd, San Francisco; S. H. Young, NAMRU One, Berkeley; C. L. Goodman, NAAS, Fallon, Nev.; E. J. Trent, to NavMedUnit, Tripler Army Hospital, Oahu, T. H.; and A. Sokichi, to USNavShipYd, San Francisco.

Released to inactive duty were LT Gardner N. Moulton, MC, and T. F. Maxey, HN.

Scuttlebutt

STARTING 'EM YOUNG: A recent Plan of the Day announced that one of the qualifications for the NROTC program is that applicants must have been born since 1 July 1954.

ROMANCE! ROMANCE! Two engagements are ready for announcement today. HM3 Sarah Bradford of ECG and HM2 Willie Harper of X-ray Tech School, are making plans for a future together, as are Jo-Ann Macks, HN, of 72A, and Melvin Winters, HM2, now at USNH, Philadelphia.

NAMES: Ralph Forty, SK3, is a patient on 50B; John Henry Blue Horse took off for Travis and South Dakota last week after treatment here... Jay Van Wagoner, smooth-voiced HM2 of the NP Service, has four women in his life—his wife, Maxine, and daughters Kristine, Juline, and Shirline. What'll he call his boysine?

PEOPLE, PLACES & THINGS: Violet Johnson, Dependent Service corpswive, is driving a new blue '54 Chevy... CDR Everett E. Bennett, Lodi urologist, found an old shipmate here when he was here for reserve training duty the past two weeks. He and Mr. Millard were on duty together in Iceland during World War II.

... Children in the Vacation Bible School, First Presbyterian Church, San Leandro, made a project of baking cookies for Knoll patients, including the children on the Pediatrics ward... The "dead bird" found on the CO's office floor was an eagle, ripped from its perch when a gust of wind knocked the hospital flag off its base... Jim Yoakam might have been safer with the FMP than playing baseball Saturday at Redwood Regional Park. On 41B they say the peri-spinous muscles of his right lumbar region are contused—he fell while running into home plate. There is no note about whether he was safe...

It was obviously a Protestant puss that strolled up the chapel aisle Sunday morning. Chaplain Hollis continued his sermon while the cat, with equal poise, took a seat beside the lecturer and calmly washed his fur.

LIFE BEGINS: Dean P. Lawrence, DT1, and Sara Mae are receiving congratulations on the arrival of their second child, a 6 lb. 7 oz. boy born on 25 August. His name is Alan... On the 28th the whole Special Services Division rejoiced with John G. Murphy, HMI, and Leatha, when daughter Shelly Dawn arrived. The young lady weighed 7 lbs. 13 oz. She has a big brother, John, Jr... Also receiving congratulations since Tuesday morning, the 31st, are Robert Swanson, HN, of the Collection Agent's Office. Their little girl, Karen Louise, their first child, weighed 7 lbs. 6 1/2 oz. on arrival.

To Hold Election Tuesday
President George Garner of the Death Benefit Association has called a meeting to elect a new secretary Tuesday at 1530 in the auditorium. All civilians will be excused from their jobs for this function, with the permission of the Commanding Officer.

40 Patients Invited to Oaks' Home Games
Forty patients are invited out to Emeryville Ball Park by the Alameda County Employees' Association to witness the Oaks versus Sacramento ball game to be held 9 September.



Some 80 Northern California sanitarians discussed professional problems and dined at the CPO Club when Oak Knoll was host to the Northern California Chapter of the National Association of Sanitarians Friday night. Among those attending were LCDR Fred E. Stewart, Medical Service Corps, Administrative Officer for Oak Knoll's Environmental Sanitation School; Walter S. Mangold, Associate Professor of Public Health at the University of California; Admiral Bradley; CAPT R. W. Babione, Officer in Charge of the EST School and principal speaker of the evening; and Frank A. Gohr, vice-president, Northern California Chapter, California Association of Sanitarians.

Oak Knoll Host to Sanitation Experts; Special Tribute to Professor Mangold

Oak Knoll played host to some 80 sanitation experts last Friday night when the Northern California Chapter of the National Association of Sanitarians met at the CPO Club for dinner and an educational program.

Admiral Bradley welcomed the sanitarians aboard and paid special tribute to Walter S. Mangold, associate professor of public health at the University of California, for the assistance he has given the hospital's Environmental Sanitation School and Navy sanitarians in general.

CAPT R. W. Babione, MC, USN, who recently relieved CAPT R. S. Poos as officer in charge of Oak Knoll's EST School, was the speaker of the evening. He stressed the need for high standards of sanitation in the Navy and told visiting sanitarians the Navy established the EST School

here because of the hospital's proximity to the U.C. School of Public Health, where special courses for Naval officers have been offered since 1945. The help of local health departments in providing field training in conditions common to urban and rural areas has also been of great value, he pointed out.

The school has trained 260 students since it was established four years ago, teaching them all procedures for carrying out an effective sanitation program, with emphasis on food service sanitation, waste disposal, control of vectors of diseases, control of venereal disease, and water sanitation.

The demand for trained Navy environmental sanitation technicians is far greater than the supply, Dr. Babione told the visiting sanitarians.



Knollites preparing to board the bus in front of the community service building for T.I. and the All Navy talent show semi-finals Friday, 27 August, are John Piotrowski, HM3, drums with combo; Travis Ross, HM3, piano with combo; Robert Cochran, HA, impersonator; Robert White, HN, vocalist; Richard Parkhurst, HN, vocalist; and Bob Sharpe, HN, bass with combo.

Four Knollites Win Preliminary Tryouts; Lose in Talent Contest Finals at T. I.

Oak Knoll has talent, and lots of it, but the four numbers that came out on top in preliminary tryouts last Tuesday at Treasure Island were nosed out of the competition in the semi-finals Friday night.

Winners, introduced at T.I.'s Basalone Theater by Max Baer, former heavyweight boxing champ, will go to New York to appear on Ed Sullivan's famous TV variety show, "Toast of

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Gene Graves Wins Two Tilts in All-Navy Tourney

NAS, Alameda, won the west coast All Navy baseball tournament at San Diego last week with Knollite Gene Graves playing with them on the hurler's mound. The playoffs started on 23 August, and continued throughout the week, with Alameda drawing a bye and not playing until the first round of elimination was over. In this set the North Island Skyraiders defeated Woodby Island 7-0, 13-5.

In the first game Alameda defeated AirPac, 8-7, Graves being credited with the win while serving as a relief pitcher in the last innings of play. AirPac did a turnabout and defeated Alameda 7-5 to even the series. In the finals Alameda won over AirPac 7-6. Graves started the game, and they were leading 7-2 in the top of the seventh when he was relieved with the bases loaded. This action gave him a tally of 3 hits and 11 walks and he was credited with both wins.

Alameda will meet the Hawaii team in playoffs beginning 5 September. The winners of this match will go to Norfolk, Virginia, for the finals against the East Coast All-Navy baseball champs, who are now having their quarter and semi-finals between the Atlantic Fleet champs and the East Coast teams.

Previews

Saturday, 4 September

UNTAMED BREED — Sonny Tufts and Barbara Britton. **WESTERN**. This Columbia production is a re-issue which runs for 79 minutes. **FOUR PALS & SALS** is the short.

Sunday, 5 September

SABRINA — Audrey Hepburn, Humphrey Bogart, William Holden. **ROMANCE**. Rating: Excellent. This is based on the stage success by Samuel Taylor, with its locale in Long Island. This is a story of the daughter of a chauffeur employed by a very wealthy couple with two sons, one a young esthetic type, recently divorced, the other a business tycoon in grave danger of becoming a lecherous old bachelor. The movie tells how he is saved from this sad fate.

Monday, 6 September

WALKIN' MY BABY BACK HOME — Donald O'Connor, Janet Leigh. **MUSICAL**. This is a repeat and a good family picture.

Tuesday, 7 September

BENGAL BRIGADE — Rock Hudson, Arlene Dahl, Ursula Thiess. Here is a flicker too new for review. It sounds good though with that box office attraction, Rock Hudson, and that beautiful Arlene "Doll."

Wednesday, 8 September

THE KID FROM LEFT FIELD — Dan Dailey, Anne Bancroft. **BASEBALL STORY**. Rating: Good. This repeat which came out last year is another picture suitable for the whole family.

Thursday, 9 September

GOLDEN MASK — Van Heflin, Wanda Hendrix. **ADVENTURE-DRAMA**. Technicolor. Rating: Good. Heflin plays an American archaeologist-journalist in this British film, meeting romance and adventure in North Africa during the search for a priceless golden mask believed to be buried in a Roman tomb near Algiers. Bloody fights occur in the Sahara Desert when villains hunting for the same mask for mercenary reasons are dispensed with by some desert brigands.

Friday, 10 September

THE RAID — Van Heflin, Anne Bancroft. Technicolor. **DRAMA**. Rating: Very good. As the title suggests, this movie is all about a raid, which takes place a thousand miles away from the front where the dying Confederate nation, with spying and strategem in 1864, raid St. Albans, Vermont. Suspense is built up as the raid proceeds. Although Van Heflin comes to care deeply for war widow Anne Bancroft in whose house he stays and is accepted by the townspeople, and her little son, he commands his men in killing, looting, and arson. He leaves them behind, their hearts torn with horror that their idol, the "Canadian businessman," is a cruel man of war.



Thirty-five tired but happy patients returned to the compound Sunday evening after an unforgettable weekend at Angel's Camp, where members of the Lions Club opened their hearts and homes to them. Here patients and guests posed in a rural setting ready to take off for a barbecue, a coon hunt, or a tour of the Calaveras Trees. These events, plus a barn dance, variety show, and a watermelon feed all added up to a grand time for patients, each of whom was given a handsome redwood souvenir plaque with a picture of the big trees and own name engraved on it.



Edward Stiehl-Rios, retired Marine PFC, shows his buddies a handstand and incidentally some well-developed muscles before doing a back flip into the pool, fed by icy mountain water. Swimming and fishing were among the main diversions for the men who went to Angel's Camp. Watching Stiehl-Rios are CPL Walker I. Merrell, USMC, Retired (standing), and Johnny Fagan, one of Oak Knoll's amputee instructors.



The man behind this trout, biggest one caught on the trip, is PFC James Comston, USMC. The fish weighed just under two pounds.

Nell—"Oh, he's so romantic. When he addresses me he always calls me 'Fair Lady.'"

Belle—"Force of habit, my dear. He's a street-car conductor."

Hospital Golfers Lose To WesSeaFron, 19-8

The Knoll linkmen broke their three-game winning streak when they were defeated by Western Sea Frontier, 19-8, last Tuesday at the Orinda Country Club. This gives the Knoll golfers a 5-5 record in the summer league.

HN M. E. H. Smith posted an 80 and was the medalist in this meet. Other players and their scores were HN W. H. Cripps, 84; LT J. J. Marra, 96; LT R. C. Thompson, and HM3 D. A. Dunbar, 97. L. E. Canady had a 47 in the first nine but did not finish the game.

Medics Bow to T. I. 19-8; Maxey Leaving

Oak Knoll netmen took a dip last Tuesday, 24 August, when the number one team in the league at Treasure Island pounded out a one-point edge of 7-6 over the Medics on the hospital courts.

In the first singles Murphy defeated Betts, the hospital number one man, 6-4, 6-3. Maxey, playing his last game for the Knollites, was defeated by McGaha of T.I., 0-6, 1-6. Villaneuva won his singles match, 6-1, 6-3.

In the doubles Betts and Villaneuva lost to Murphy and McGaha, 4-6, 6-3, 7-5.

Navy Talent Winners to Star on Television

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the Town," on 26 September. There were Lillian Speece, SN, vocalist; and PFC Va'a Logo, USMC, Knife Dancer from NAS, Alameda; John Sterling, HM1, vocalist, and John Kessler, DT2, tap dancer, both from T.I., and A. C. Aiken, ADAN, NAS, Moffett Field, comedy routine.

Losers who took four out of five places among 33 competitors in the preliminaries were HN's Bobby Cochran, singing impersonator; R. J. White, vocalist; Richard Parkhurst, vocalist; and the hospital combo consisting of Travis Ross, John Piotrowski, and Bob Sharpe.

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After completely winning over her buddies in the Occupational Therapy Department, six-year-old Mei-Da Pang took her gifts and flew home to her family in Honolulu last Saturday. Since Mei-Da's mother returned to her husband and four other children a month ago, the little Chinese-Hawaiian girl has stayed with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Asbelle. She is pictured here with Mr. Asbelle as they loaded the car with rocking chair and "horsie" for the trip to the San Francisco Airport from which she flew by Pan American Airways. The chair and rocking horse she is reining with her artificial right hand were made for her by fellow patients in OT, and the doll she holds in her left arm wears a cap, stole, and shoes knitted for her by Mrs. Mary Ann Woodbury, a friend of Oak Knoll. Mei-Da, born armless, came to the hospital early in July for fitting with Navy experimental arms. She will be a first-grader in a Honolulu school next week.

BuPers Chaplains Here For Hospital Tour

CAPT J. F. Dreith and CDR R. W. Coe of the Chaplains Corps visited Oak Knoll Wednesday morning. Both are from the Chaplains Division, Bureau of Personnel, and during their stay in the Bay Area they are touring the various Navy installations.

CDR James C. Connolly, Senior Chaplain at Oak Knoll, escorted the visitors about the compound and described the work being done by members of the Chaplains Corps on duty here.

Patients Reminded to Sign Up for Grid Game

Forty Oak Knoll patients will be on hand when the University of California Golden Bears meet Oklahoma in the Memorial Stadium in Berkeley on 18 September.

All patients who wish to go are asked to sign up personally at Special Services between Monday, 13 September and Friday, 17 September. Phone reservations will not be taken for the 18 September game.

This is one of seven home games to which Oak Knoll patients have been invited by the Associated Students of the University of California.

UFD Committee Plans Short, But Active Campaign

The Commanding Officer has appointed a Central Committee to guide and supervise the hospital's 1954 United Fund Drive, and members of the committee held their first organizational meeting Thursday at 1300.

Serving with CAPT R. W. Babione, MC, USN, who will act as chairman, are the following team supervisors: **MILITARY—Staff Officers:** CDR J. C. Connolly, CHC, USN, assisted by the chiefs of services; **Nurses:** LT Thelma R. Bare, NC, USN; **Hospitalmen:** LTJG H. E. Daniel, MSC, USN; R. L. Scott, HMC, and E. J. Carlson, HMI.

CIVILIAN STAFF—Maintenance: D. R. Britney; **Food Service:** Ernest Sievertson; **Nursing Service (Dependent Service and Nurses' Quarters),** Ruby Ostler; **Security,** George Garner. **Finance,** Harold Hitz; **General Clerical and Records,** Betty Winsby; **General Professional Services,** Jack Little.

Selection of solicitors in the various groups was to follow Thursday's meeting, and the assistance of a sufficient number of individual solicitors is expected to make the work easy for everyone.

The committee plans to have a short but active campaign this year to gain the maximum benefit to all hands through the method of giving the United Way.

CAPT Gilman Off to Stockholm Meetings

CAPT R. L. Gilman, Chief of the Dermatology Service, is en route to Stockholm, Sweden, to participate in the Third International Congress of Internal Medicine.

Following the week-long meeting he will have 15 days' leave to visit his daughter in Frankfurt, Germany.

Dental's Dr. Bergen Gets Ten-Year Medal

CDR Samuel F. Bergen, Assistant Dental Officer at Oak Knoll since 20 December 1952, this week received the Naval Reserve Medal for completion of ten years' honorable service in the U. S. Naval Reserve.

NSC, Oakland Invites Knoll Staffers to Hop

Stags and couples are invited once again to the SGT Gilbert E. Club at the Oakland Naval Supply Center, Saturday (tomorrow night) when it will be opened to dancers from 2000 to 2400. There is no admission charge.



CAPT R. S. Poos

CAPT Poos Leaves For Assignment At Pearl Harbor

CAPT R. S. Poos, MC, USN, who organized Oak Knoll's Environmental Sanitation School and has been responsible for its smooth operation during the past four years, checked out last week and will soon be en route to a new assignment as Officer in Charge of the Navy's Preventive Medicine Unit at Pearl Harbor, T.H.

The day of his departure, Captain Poos was summoned to the CO's office, where Admiral Bradley presented him a commendation in recognition of his work for Oak Knoll and the Navy.

"The 260 graduates of the school, a majority of whom are on duty at Naval installations and shore stations throughout the United States and overseas and on ships at sea, are making an outstanding contribution to the health and strength of the Navy," the commendation read. "Your services as administrator and teacher have been outstanding in every respect, and in addition, you have done a great deal to enhance the reputation of the school and the hospital through your close association with the University of California School of Public Health and the local health departments."

Doctor Poos is a graduate of Washington University, St. Louis, Mo., has his M.D. from the same University, and his M.Ph. from the University of California.

During his Navy career he has served at the Naval hospitals at Pensacola, Fla.; Bremerton, Wash.; and San Diego, aboard the USS PARROTT, the USS KENNETH WHITNEY, and the USS PROVIDENCE, and at one time was Assistant Chief Health Consultant for the U.S. Maritime Commission.

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† † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

It is said of Florence Nightingale, "The Lady With a Lamp," that her touch was so gentle, her ministry of healing so sure and her personality so magnetic and revered, that her very shadow falling upon the pain-ridden fever-tossed Crimean soldiers seemed to have a healing effect.

Modern medicine is saying that to be healthy is to be whole. This is entirely in harmony with the teaching of Jesus who, on one occasion, asked a sick man, "Wouldest thou be made whole?" To a sick woman he said, "Thy faith hath made thee whole." Health and wholeness belong together. Religion and medical science can be co-operators, not competitors.

During His earthly ministry, Jesus treated both sin and sickness. He could both say to the man suffering from palsy, "Thy sins are forgiven," and "Take up thy bed, and walk." Sickness is a challenge for intelligent co-operation with God and those of our fellow men who are seeking to make us sound in spirit, mind and body. A whole person is more than one who is healthy in body and mind; there is health in his spirit too.

"The healing of His seamless dress
 Is by our beds of pain; ~
 We touch Him in life's throng and press
 And we are whole again."

LCDR WALTER J. LINDEMANN, Protestant Chaplain

• • Welcome and Farewell • •

Reporting for duty last week were LT's Leonard A. Gay, MC, USNR, from inactive duty; Althea E. Allgeier, NC, USN, from USNH, St. Albans, N.Y.; HMC's C. E. Reigh, Jr., from 8ND, USNRTC, Amarillo, Tex.; R. W. Hasbrook, from USNH, Yokosuka; R. M. Waters, from MarCorBase, Camp Pendleton; J. O. Bowling, from USS R. B. ANDERSON; J. R. Crockett, from USS LST and G. S. McComb, from USN Ordnance Plant, Forest Park, Ill.; HMI's A. E. Cato, from USS TEABERRY; C. W. Lyon and R. E. Garriss, from CGFMFPAC; J. W. Gates, from USNS, Long Beach; H. W. Fling, from CO, USS PETERSON (DE); D. G. Utt, from USMarCorRecDep, Parris

Island, S.C.; R. A. Fenwick, from NATTC, Norman, Okla.; HM2's J. C. Foster, from NAS, Agana; C. A. Beckman, from CGFMFPAC; C. A. Puilaico, from CO, USNRRecSta, Boston, Mass.; HN's L. C. Merrill, from CO, NAS, Moffett Field; S. R. Kornfield, B. Chichester, W. S. Jones, Jr. and HA's R. A. Baptista, W. E. Hall, J. G. Hansen, R. B. Payton, and W. L. Sanger, Jr., from USNHCS, San Diego.

Detached were CAPT Robert S. Poos, MC, USN, to COM 12 for transportation to Pearl Harbor, T.H., for duty as O-in-C, Navy Preventive Medicine Unit No. 6, Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard; LT Carter B. Sigel, MC, USNR, to MSTPac, San Francisco; LT Sidney Kase, MC, USNR, to COMSTSPAC; HM3's R. E. Neathery, to NAS, Moffett Field, D. A. Chapman, to NavMed Unit, Tripler Army Hospital, Honolulu, T.H.; HN's T. D. Brown, (W), R. E. Curran, D. C. Papke, F. M. Martin, (W), to NAS, Moffett Field; H. B. Johnson, to NAMRU One, Berkeley, S. A. Branch, (W), G. J. Lawrence, (W), W. S. Marshall, to USNavSchl, NNMC, Bethesda, Md.; and D. B. Frazier, to USNH, San Diego.

Released to inactive duty were LT Edward J. Bechtel, MC and G. E. Marcus, HM3. Resignations for CDR Jaroud B. Smith, MC, and LT Edward A. Watson, MC, were accepted. R. R. McHattie, HN, was discharged.

"If you refuse me," he swore, "I shall die."
 She refused him.
 He died—sixty years later.

Red Cross Ramblings

WHAT ABOUT DISCHARGE? Are you about to become a veteran? Separation from service always brings questions about the future, some of them perplexing. The Red Cross case worker is ready to help you look at the rights and benefits which may be yours when you become a veteran. Perhaps all you need is general information. Or you may want help in deciding what you as an individual veteran might do with your future. In either case, you'll find your Red Cross case worker interested and well equipped to help.

CHESS CHATTER: For the benefit of those patients who would like to learn to play chess or to find some suitable competition. . . . Red Cross has all the equipment and can help with instruction. Literally hundreds of men have learned to play chess at Oak Knoll and find it an intriguing and stimulating game. People used to think that chess players lived on cloud seven and we ordinary mortals couldn't hope to participate. Not true. We've developed some cracker-jack players under the helpful tutelage of Mr. and Mrs. Robert O. Douglas and Mr. William Jens, our experts from Berkeley and Oakland.

NEW WEEKLY TOURNAMENT: The success of the last "all compound" pinochle tournament was so great that the Red Cross Lounge has been flooded with challengers. Now established on a weekly basis, Tuesday afternoon is the time. Latest winners are **Thomas B. Cass, SN**, and **Harold Spence, CT3**. Runners-up in the tough playoff, **PFC John Cryer** and **Richard Davis, AMAN**, came close to scuttling the top pair.

WHAT ABOUT THOSE COMBOS . . . A lot of the new men coming into the hospital don't realize what a good selection of musical instruments are available to them at the Red Cross Lounge. Drums, horns, bass viol and other ingredients for either jive or western combos just need a bit of talent to bring them to life.

DON'T FORGET what fun it is to make a record to send home. The lounge Music Room is sound proof and can be reserved for record making. See Miss Fisher, recreation worker, for a convenient time for you.

LT J. R. BROWN regained his crown as ping-pong champ at the Thursday tournament at the Lounge. Another ex-champ, **Edward Morrel, AMAN**, gave him a hot tussle in the finals.

Cool or Hot Rod

When your car gets "hot under the collar" the chances are you will blow your top too—especially if the overheating has caused a valve to burn out or the cylinder head to crack. The cooling system in your car should be flushed twice a year to remove potential rust deposits before they permanently block a vital cooling passageway, cautions the California State Automobile Association. A rust inhibitor should always be added to the fresh water.

"What is the cause of Janet's unpopularity?"

"She won a popularity contest."

Him—"Say, do your eyes bother you?"

Her—"No—why?"

Him—"Well, they bother me!"

Staff Personalities



LTJG Miriam L. Taylor, NC, USN, of 73B, is one of those rare native Californians. A native of Santa Ana, she attended Fullerton Junior College, and the University of Utah for one year, and then returned home to take her nurse's training at Orange County General Hospital. The typhoid bug hit her, and she donned blue scrubs in February '53 and was interned at St. Albans Hospital, New York before arriving at Oak Knoll in April '53. Her pastimes include dancing, archery, reading, tennis, and, more recently, golf. As a civilian, she did office and polio nursing at the Medical and Surgical Clinic, Norwalk, California.



James A. Harris of the Oak Knoll Post Office has been here and on the job since February '53 and in Government service for 25 years. In World War I he served with the U.S. Marines as range instructor at Mather Island. He attended Pennsylvania State University and School of Industrial Art, pursuing Commercial Art studies, and his variety of hobbies include oil painting, developing game laws, hunting, fishing and writing nonpopular songs. Mr. Harris lives in Oakland with his family, which includes his wife Roma, daughter Barbara, one blond cocker spaniel, three black mongrels and one shorthair herd, and numerous cats that "board" for the neighbors.

Divine Services

Hospital Chapel at Main Gate
 PROTESTANT

BIBLE SCHOOL—SUNDAY 0930
 SUNDAY WORSHIP—1030
 HOLY COMMUNION—First Sunday morning each month.

CATHOLIC
 SUNDAY MASSES
 0600-0800-0900-1200
 DAILY MASSES—0700 and 1145
 Confessions before Mass
 Saturday—1900
 and before all Masses
 Any other time upon request

Catholic Oratory in back of Chapel
 Choir Rehearsal—Tuesday 1900

CHAPLAINS' OFFICES
 IN CHAPEL AND 67A

NAVY RELIEF OFFICE—
 IN 67A

BUS TO AND FROM CHAPEL
 ON SUNDAYS 0845 AND 1015



Charles A. Ray, HM3

Physical Therapy Tech Commended

Charles A. Ray, HM3, physical therapy technician, added something new to his service record last Wednesday, when Admiral Bradley presented him a commendation for his "keen sense of initiative, judgment and devotion to duty and for his military bearing, neatness of appearance and personal assistance to both staff and patient personnel."

Ray was further commended for his "recent participation in the instruction and demonstration of both artificial and mechanical respiration technic, aiding materially in the training program for the enlisted staff of this hospital."

A graduate of Corps School, San Diego, and Physical Therapy School in Bethesda, Md., he served aboard the hospital ship USS REPOSE for a year before reporting to Oak Knoll in April 1953. After his discharge, Ray plans to return to the wide open spaces and raise dairy products at Rose, Oklahoma.

He and his wife, Wanda Mae, and their seven-month-old son, Charles A. Jr., born here at the hospital, presently live on 4219-B St., Andrews Road, adjoining the hospital.

"What happens to people who allow themselves to become run down?" asked a patient.

"They wind up in the hospital," replied the doctor.

This Must Not Happen Here!

With constant vigilance, the best fire alarm system, sprinklers and every other device needed to fight fire, we are perfectly safe—under ordinary circumstances, though our hills are dry and our buildings are of redwood.

But serious damage could result from one act of carelessness such as SEVERAL that occurred here during the past week end.

Four mattress fires were started because four patients smoked in bed, despite regulations. Not only was government property destroyed, but the patient's lives and the lives of their shipmates were endangered.

This MUST NOT happen here.

Scuttlebutt

ROMANCE REPORT: Since their double ring ceremony in Reno on 4 September, Terry J. Verbish, HN, and Ernest L. Hughes, HM3, have been Mr. and Mrs. Terry is assigned to Staff Detail, Ernie to Special Services. Since their three-day honeymoon, they are at home at 2029 Vicksburg Avenue, Oakland . . . Another wedding of special interest here took place in the chapel at 1100 Saturday when Ann M. Miley, HN, became the bride of Thomas J. Williams, HM3. CDR James C. Connolly officiated, and the attendants were HM3's Helen Kuchera and Jason Seale. Ted Hodges of Klamath Falls, Ore., an old school friend of the groom, gave the bride away. A reception in the CPO Club followed the marriage rites. Ann is on duty in the Dependent Service and Tom in the Biochem Lab.

NAMES: Some find it hard to believe when a pleasant voice on 73A answers "Oakland speaking," but she is. Corpswave Betty Dorene is from Waldport, Oregon, and her last name IS Oakland.

LIFE BEGINS: Dr. Lorenz F. De-Julien of the Dental Service passed cigars on 31 August to announce the arrival of his first child, Michael Lorenz, who weighed 8 lb. 12 oz. on delivery. The young man and his mother, Carleen, are both doing nicely, according to all reports.

SMALL WORLD DEPARTMENT: When LCDR Margaret Hartley came down from Sacramento for two weeks reserve training duty in Public Information; part of her work was writing news releases for home town papers. Scanning the form Robert Williams, HM3 (of Info and Educational Services until last Friday) had filled out in connection with his commendation, Miss Hartley discovered that he and his wife are living in an apartment she had been hoping to move into herself. To her disappointment, Williams and his wife plan to stay but will work on some of the other tenants, since they would like Miss Hartley, a Sacramento teacher, for a neighbor.

PEOPLE, PLACES, ETC.: It took a sharp-eyed patient named Richard Brown to notice that the Admiral's flag was flying upside down Tuesday morning—and who knows how long before that. Three of the star's five points should go up, two down, the books say . . . The legal eagle, CWO-HC Russell H. Giles, and his fellow hunter, CAPT R. S. Silvis, came back from the Pinole Valley and Colusa hunting grounds after the holiday after each had bagged his limit of doves for four days in a row . . . The Alonzo Spencer and Orval Haines families spent the double holiday in the Trinity Alps finding fishing only "so-so" but enjoying their tour of the scenic surrounding in an open-air jalopy, the like of which does not exist in civilization, they say . . . Gladys Pezzola of the Dependent Service is vacationing at Vegas, Hoover Dam and environs . . . The Dental Department's Bob Sherman is still trying to convince his wife that she has nothing to fear when he goes prospecting for deer . . . Leonard Johnson has not yet recovered from the shock of being asked what sea billet he would like.



When MAJGEN Henry D. Linscott, new Commanding General of the Marine Corps Department of Pacific, visited the hospital last Thursday, he stopped to chat with SGT Robert Lee Smith, this good-looking 21-year-old Marine amputee from Alabama.

MAJGEN Linscott of The Marine Corps Visits Leatherneck Patients at Hospital

MAJGEN Henry D. Linscott, who recently assumed command of the Marine Corps Department of Pacific, paid his first visit to Oak Knoll last Thursday, calling at all wards where Marine patients are under treatment.

General Linscott, a veteran of two world wars and more than 37 years of Marine Corps service, replaces MAJGEN Ray A. Robinson, who departed in June for a new assignment as Chief, Military Assistance Advisory Group, The Hague, Netherlands.

The new Commanding General was in command of the Marine Corps

Base, Camp LeJeune, North Carolina, and President of the Joint Landing Force Board before his recent assignment by the Commandant to head the Department of the Pacific here.

The department, a branch office of Headquarters, Marine Corps, includes all Marine Corps shore activities in the 11th, 12th, 13th, and 17th Naval Districts except Fleet Marine Force Pacific installations and Marine Corps Reserve and Recruiting establishments.

The general is a native of Kansas and a graduate of Kansas State Agricultural College.



Professor Charles H. Gray of the staff of King's College Hospital, London, England, looked like a patient when he arrived at Oak Knoll to lecture to the staff last Thursday. The London doctor, on an automobile tour of Canada and the United States was hit by a Canadian hot-rod before he crossed the border into safer territory. Professor Gray is visiting hospitals throughout the country, taking time en route to enjoy his three hobbies—archeology, walking, and music. At Oak Knoll he spoke on "Recent Developments and Observations of Porphyrins and Porphyrria," giving one of the clearest discussions on this subject that the staff has had an opportunity to hear. The London visitor is professor of chemical pathology at King's College Hospital and honorary lecturer in biochemistry in the University college, London, and is an authority in that field. With him above is CAPT John H. Ward, Jr., Chief of the Medical Service.

Previews

Saturday, 11 September

THE CANTOR STORY—Keefe, Brasselle. MUSICAL. This repeat is obviously the life story of Eddie Cantor, the greatest in vaudeville.

Sunday, 12 September

THE CAINE MUTINY—Humphrey Bogart, Jose Ferrer, Van Johnson. DRAMA. Technicolor. Rating: Superior. This much-talked about picture of the embattled minesweeper and nerve-taut officers and crew in World War II is the result of Herman Wouk's novel of the same name. Jose Ferrer is the Navy-flier attorney, who defends the "mutineers." Van Johnson, the executive officer, accused of mutiny and spurred on by Fred McMurray, the officer-writer, is placed on trial for assuming command of the ship during a typhoon. During the court-martial scene, the deposed Captain Queeg (Humphrey Bogart), reveals the stress he has been under by slipping out of his pocket the dependable marbles which he constantly rolls under duress.

Monday, 13 September

SLIGHT CASE OF LARCENY—Mickey Rooney, Eddie Bracken, Elaine Stewart. COMEDY. Rating: Good. This slapstick comedy bases its humor mostly on situations rather than dialogue. Rooney is a competent and cocky businessman who makes a living with pennies but dreams and talks like a Rockefeller. Bracken, currently starring here in the "Seven Year Itch," is the fall guy and the willing victim of all Rooney's schemes. The story revolves around the illegal tapping of a gasoline pipeline by the boys, bringing them success in their business—but on the wrong side of the law. The shorts are NORTHWEST HOUNDED POLICE and OUT FOR FUN.

Tuesday, 14 September

THREE HOURS TO KILL—There is absolutely no information available on this new picture. The short is SHE SNOOPS TO CONQUER.

Wednesday, 15 September

STORY OF THREE LOVES—James Mason, Moira Shearer, Kirk Douglas. ROMANCE. Technicolor. Rating: Very good. Dance impresario James Mason and dancer Moira Shearer, suffering from a weak heart, provide the tragic love story; the second romance evolves about the fantasy of a boy who receives the aid of a witch to become a man for four hours. This man is Farley Granger, who at the bewitching moment of his romance with his French tutor, Leslie Caron, returns to youth. Kirk Douglas and Pier Angeli contribute to the third love story and provide the most excitement in their trapeze work.

Thursday, 16 September

LILI—Leslie Caron, Mel Ferrer. MUSICAL. Color. Leslie Caron, a poor little orphan, finds work in a small French carnival and becomes infatuated with gay and suave Jean Pierre Aumont, a magician. In reality he is married to Zsa Zsa Gabor, and Lili finally realizes she loves Ferrer, the crippled and bitter puppeteer. One of Hollywood's simplest and best efforts.

Friday, 17 September

ROGUE COP—Robert Taylor, Janet Leigh, George Raft. Here is another movie too new for review. NEWS.



MEET THE HOSPITAL TOUCH FOOTBALL TEAM: Front row, left to right, "Big" John Thinker, Joe "Hefty" Calloway, Fred "Wuthering Heights" Guith, James "Speedy" Johnson. Back row, Jack "Flash" Young, Robert "Lean" McQueen, Arthur "Feeble" Duso, James "Pisa Tower" Thomas and Athletic Director Dale "Peepers" Folger of Special Services.



Swinging into action during the afternoon interdepartment volleyball competition, X-ray's section teams get their exercise. Recognizable among the players are, extreme left, Dean Dunbar; facing front, fourth from left, Dr. Clement Burroughs, and with back to camera is Willie Harper. The referee is Aldon McGaha.

X-Ray Sectional Volleyball League To Break Chow Hour Monotony

All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy; hence the X-ray department has formed an interdepartment volleyball league. Each weekday during the lunch hour the off-duty sections turn to on the courts between physio and X-ray buildings for the day's game.

Competition is already keen among the three sections making up the league. These games will be played until 17 September, when the losing teams will have to sponsor a picnic for the winners. The games are played according to official rules, with a maximum of seven men and a minimum of five. To win, the section team must take the total set or win two out of three games.

A regular weekly schedule is set up for the players, with a box score showing the standing of each team. At press time a team known as "Los

Gatos" (the Cats) has two wins and no losses, winning a total of two sets; the "Bunkos" have one win and one loss, playing two sets, and the "Hilltoppers" have won no games, lost two, and played two sets. The teams and players are as follows:

First Section, "The Bunkos"—Dr. Browne, Chief Engen, Jarveca, Yoakam, Hardy, Piccone, Harper, Bartholomew, Elliott, Garcia and Bole.

Second Section, "The Hilltoppers"—Dr. Olson, McGaha, Hamblin, Stebbins, McHugh, Valdez, Fletcher, Guith, Welch, Balfanz (W) and Flanagan (W).

In the Third Section or "Los Gatos" are Dr. Barber, Dr. Burroughs, Sivadon, Thomas, Dunbar, Davis, Smith, and Estrada, who suggested forming the league.

Chief Lowe Wins 2 Pistol Medals

HMC B. J. Lowe patiently shot his way into third and fourth place in the Oakland Pistol Club matches held at nearby Knowland Park last Sunday.

Chief Lowe took third place in the .22 rapid fire and fourth place with the .45 automatic in the National Revolver Association short course. Also participating was HMC F. W. Cannon.

CAPT Poos Is Active

(Continued from page 1)

At Oak Knoll, in addition to his work at the EST School, the captain served last year as chairman of the hospital's United Fund Drive. After hours he divided his time between home and the golf course at Sequoyah Country Club.

Captain Poos' wife, Marjorie, and their 10-year-old daughter, Margaret, will accompany him when he leaves for his new assignment.

Hospital Linkmen Win Over 12ND, Complete Shutout

The Knollite golf team met the 12ND Communications' linkmen at Lake Chabot last Tuesday, 31 August, to whitewash them, 27-0.

The pitch-and-putt course on Lake Chabot greens can lay claim to being the toughest in the area. Most of the matches were over by the 11th hole or by the 16th, with the hospital players taking all the 27 points. The hospital's medalist in this meet, shooting a score of 72 even par, was HN M. E. Smith.

CDR D. W. Boone shot a 79, R. C. Thompson posted a 77, coming in second; LT J. J. Marra, 88; H. L. E. Canady, 88 at the 16th hole. W. H. Cripps, 78. Cripps and Smith were six under par for the best Alternates playing, but not in the competition, were HMC's J. R. Ranski, 98; J. Libbrech, 100, and HM3 D. Dunbar, 93.

Tramp—"Madam, I have seen you for days."

Madam—"So have I, but I have no time to discuss the weather with strangers."



Medical terminology used in this quiz pertains to diet in health. (Match the right hand column with those on the left.)

- () Carbohydrates (a) furnish energy, serve as carriers
- () Fats (b) maintains normal vision
- () Proteins (c) furnishes energy
- () Vitamin A (d) maintains good muscle tone
- () Vitamin B1 (e) builds and repairs body tissue
- () Riboflavin (f) regulates clotting material
- () Niacin (g) regulates calcium and phosphorus
- () Vitamin C (h) essential to growth
- () Vitamin D (i) prevents scurvy
- () Vitamin K (j) prevents pellagra
- () Calcium (k) provides color of red blood cells
- () Iron (l) aids growth of bones & teeth

QUIZ ANSWERS

- (a) Carbohydrates (l), Iron (k)
- (b) Fats (j), Vitamin D (g), Vitamin K (i)
- (c) Proteins (h), Niacin (f), Vitamin B1 (e), Vitamin A (b), Vitamin C (d)
- (d) Vitamin A (d), Fats (k), Proteins (a)

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SGT Alfred Kalinowski

Kalinowski Rides Tonight - at UC

According to reports in the local newspapers, some 200,000 Bay Area citizens will line Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley, tonight for Berkeley's ninth annual "Football Festival and Parade of Lights," which is to the East Bay what the Tournament of Roses is to Pasadena.

At the head of the parade will be Oak Knoll's SGT Alfred Kalinowski of Holland, New York, chosen for the job because of his heroic service in Korea and his outstanding record as a patient during many months of treatment on the Amputee Service.

It was just two weeks before the cease fire when the sergeant stepped on the land mine that cost him both legs. He has been at Oak Knoll since 23 August, 1953.

Kalinowski, as honorary grand marshal, will lead the 10-division-long parade, which will include drill teams from schools, clubs, and military organizations, flower-decorated floats, trail riders and other mounted units, football queens from colleges throughout the country, and football "greats" of years past, to say nothing of the Golden Bears' Pappy Waldorf. The parade will begin at 2000.

Officers Plan Escape To South Seas

Escape to the South Seas for a breathless, exciting evening! Relax in tropical setting among palm trees, orchids, leis, and Hawaiian music. Dress as a South Seas native, beach-comber, or victim of shipwreck. Eat delicious, mouth-watering native foods—pineapple, poi, roast pig!

These "come-ons" are not from the travel ads but from a blurb advertising the party to be held at the Officers' Club Saturday night, 25 September. It will begin at 1800, and dancing will continue till 0100.

United Fund Drive Kick-off Set for 27 Sept. at Oak Knoll

With the kickoff for the United Fund Drive set for Monday, 27 September, a few questions are in order, particularly for those who have not previously had the opportunity to give the united way.

What Is the United Fund Drive? It is a well-organized give-once-for-all arrangement so that all hands may help support the health and welfare agencies of the community in the most convenient way possible. There will be only one organized drive during the entire year—that one to include all the agencies that need help and that heretofore conducted a series of individual drives.

Who Are the Beneficiaries? They are community chest organizations such as Salvation Army, Boy and Girl Scouts, orphanages, day nurseries, family welfare agencies, and youth organizations. They are Red Cross, USO, American Cancer Society, and a number of other worthy organizations—all the agencies supported by the East Bay United Crusade, plus the Navy's own charity, Navy Relief.

How Much Shall I Give? It is the suggestion of the UFD committee and military and civilian leaders in the area that all hands at Oak Knoll give the equivalent of one day's pay as civilian and military personnel at other stations are doing. This amounts to about one-third of one per cent of one's annual pay. It amounts to what one might spend on recreation in a single evening. The income tax people allow up to 20 per cent for contributions and automatically make very liberal deductions for charity to all who use the standard 10 per cent deduction or the short form. They assume you will give far more liberally than just a third of one per cent.

Must I Make My Total Contribution At One Time? Those who wish to give their day's pay outright may do so on the solicitor's first visit, but those who prefer the installment plan may pledge a certain amount to be collected following each payday through October and November.

Why Should I Give? Because every right-thinking citizen wants his family to live in a happy, healthy community.



LT Charles J. Carroll, Jr.

Air Medal For Grounded Flier

A Navy flier, grounded by polio, this week received the Air Medal for meritorious achievement in aerial flights against enemy forces from 2 June 1952 to 18 September 1952. He is LT Charles Joseph Carroll, Jr., USN, of Dorchester, Mass., and until recently of Ward 66A.

A veteran of nearly 13 years in the Naval Service, LT Carroll was on duty in the Atlantic for two and a half years during World War II. He took flight training at Pensacola, Fla., got his wings at Corpus Christi, Tex., in June 1951 and served with Patrol Squadron Twenty Eight in Okinawa and Kodiak, Alaska. It was for his Okinawa assignment that he received the Air Medal.

"Participating in 20 patrol and reconnaissance missions in areas where enemy aircraft and anti-aircraft fire could be expected, he contributed materially to the success of his squadron," the citation signed by VADM A. M. Pride, Commander, Seventh Fleet, stated. Admiral Bradley read the commendation and pinned on LT Carroll's medal.

The 31-year-old lieutenant, home safe from overseas, was on leave before reporting for advanced work at (Continued on page 4)

All-Navy Contest Set For Sunday Night

Finals of the All-Navy talent show will appear on Ed Sullivan's variety show, "Toast of the Town," Sunday night at 2400, KPIX, Channel 5, instead of on 26 September as was previously announced.

Among the finalists will be two contestants from NAS, Alameda, two from TI, and one from Moffett Field, who beat out the Oak Knoll entrants in the semi-finals at TI on Friday, 27 August.



I WILL FOR SIX YEARS was the idea expressed by Bobbie L. Thompson, HM2, and Charles C. Sharp, HM2, when the two signed over in the CO's office Friday morning. Thompson, who comes from Palouse, Wn., has served four years in the Navy and is now under instruction at the EST School, and Sharp, whose home is in Brookfield, Mo., has been on active duty for seven. He is assigned to the Artificial Limb Department here. Both men have received the good conduct medal.

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† † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

"IT COULD BE YOU"

Life brings its more serious moods to all of us. Some may call it day dreams, others just a reverie. But sit in a comfortable arm chair, light up your pipe, sit back and relax, and the world passes before your eyes.

During such moods how often the thought has struck us "What is it that makes a Saint?" And then the thought occurs to you that they were men as yourself. Men with the same faults, same failings, same weaknesses. If they became Saints, why not you?

Then you find yourself searching for some secret formula, some magic wand which the Saints used to obtain their halo or tuneful harp. But reading the lives of any of them you would soon find their only secret formula was the grace of God; and their magic wand, their sincere desire to do the will of their God on earth as it is in heaven.

As you turned over the pages of their lives their secret formula became more evident to you. For to your wonderment, they were cheerful when it was difficult to be cheerful; patient when it was difficult to be patient; they pushed on when they wanted to stand still; kept silence when they wanted to talk, were agreeable when they wanted to be disagreeable. That was it. Quite simple. And it always will be. For you only have to give that secret formula "The Grace of God," half a chance, and it will do the rest.

Don't look now, but that pipe has gone out, time to get back to work. But as you go back to the world in which you live, take these thoughts with you. Who? Me a Saint, a sailor a Saint? Tougher men than you thought the same thing and made it. Yes, it COULD BE YOU!

CDR JAMES C. CONNOLLY,
 Catholic Chaplain.

• • Welcome and Farewell • •

Reporting in for duty were LT's Su Hyon Kim, MC, ROKN, and Sun Yong Kim, MC, ROKN, from U. S. Naval Advisory Group, Republic of Korea Navy; Florence M. Frazier, NC, USN, from USNH, Yokosuka, Japan; L. I. Wilcox, HMC, from CGFMFPAC, W. V. Pykor, HM1, from NAS, Alameda, and HA's A. Seilhand and P. O. Romero from USNHCS, San Diego.

Detached were LTJG's Bruce A. Becker, MC, USNR, to the USS SEMINOLE (AKA-104); Arthur D. James, MC, USNR, to the Naval Gun Factory, Wash. D. C., then to Submarine

Base, New London; Lorenz F. De Julien, Jr., DC, USNR, to Fleet Aircraft Service Squadron 112, NAS, Whidbey Island, Oak Harbor, Wash.; Maria O. Siqueiros, NC, USNR, to COM 12 for transportation to USNH, Guam, Marianas Islands; R. J. Wehner, HM3, and D. "T" Anderson, HN, to NAS, Alameda; HN's C. B. McClellan, (W), to USNavDisp., 50 Fell St., San Francisco; J. D. Brooks, USNS, San Francisco; W. Kissinger, to USNS, Kwajalein, Marshall Islands; J. W. Schultz, to USS ESSEX, San Diego; E. Cayaban, to USNSch, NN-MC, Bethesda, Md.; T. L. Williams, to RADSafetyLab, NavShipYd, San Francisco; D. L. Gillman, K. L. Goodwin, B. G. Higgins, D. E. Lane, L. H. Ruedinger, F. Schmitt, R. J. Vine, F. M. Watson and A. A. Duso, to MarCorBase, Camp Pendleton.

Released to inactive duty were LT Erick Y. Hakanson, MC, and HN's G. C. Gordon, and R. T. Muriel. Discharged were C. A. Ray, HM3, and S. A. Richmond, HN. The resignation of ENS Bernadine C. Travelstead, NC, was accepted.

DAV Invites Patients to See Lola Montes Dancers

Chapter 7 of the Disabled American Veterans and Auxiliary of Oakland will take a bus load of 40 patients to Sigmund Stern Grove in San Francisco on Sunday, 19 September for a program featuring the Lola Montes Dancers.



With polio still a matter of grave concern in the Bay Area and elsewhere, LT Mary Martin's classes for corpsmen have been specializing in care and treatment of the respirator patient. Giving instruction in the functioning of the Emerson lung is Charles Ray. To the left is Betty Pryzbylko, and at right are John Thinker, Charles Hardy, and Theresa Verbish Hughes.

Red Cross Ramblings

SPECTACULAR: A really exciting and authentic demonstration will be held at the Lounge on Monday evening at 1915. Richard Takamoto and a troupe of twelve (. . . including two of the fair sex) will conduct genuine judo and jujitsu matches which promise plenty of action—and sound! Navy Special Services is providing a large tumbling mat so that the participants can really let go. Come on over. It should be a dandy!

PERSONALITIES OF NOTE at Oak Knoll cover a wide variety of talent and material for many first class novels which will probably never be written. **GLEN C. OPPY, CAPT, RET., USN**, really leads a double life. As **FRANK FARMER** he is well known to many for his beautiful poetry writing. He is also a voracious reader and improves his time by becoming proficient in many subjects. From an old Pennsylvania Dutch family via North Dakota, Ohio, and Indiana, Captain Oppy (or Farmer, if you prefer) was graduated from the University of Illinois, before starting his service career. To quote Captain Oppy: "Prose is music for the mind . . . whereas poetry is music for the soul" . . . **WILLIAM ELKINS, BUCN, 61B**, is causing much interest with his boxes, and small bowls, and vases, and has gone on to original novelty jewelry, such as brooches and earrings which are most unusual . . . **JOSEPH FERRERIO, MU2**, and **WILLIAM KIEVITT, AOAN, 62A**, were members of a top talent show which played for Army, Air Force, and Navy personnel in Japan, Australia, and New Zealand when they were crew members of the USS **TARAWA**. They were complimented by the United States Ambassador to Australia who stated that this show did much to promote good relationships between countries, and then received letters of appreciation from Admiral Valentine . . . **WILLIAM H. CHESTE, CTSN**, will be a first-richter as the San Francisco Opera season gets under way tonight. This is nothing new to Chreste who has followed the finest in opera all over the world and has met many of its brightest stars . . . **PFC OTTO J. STEMWEDE, USMC**, had well-laid plans to join attractive Miss Arlene Selig of Brooklyn, New York, in mat-

rimony last Saturday, 11 September. Instead, he landed in the hospital here in California. Some of his buddies on 62A thought the whole thing was a doggone shame . . . so **WILLIAM KIEVITT** and **WILLIAM WELLS, DCFN**, with an assist by the Red Cross, procured a beautifully decorated wedding cake complete with bride and groom figurines and, appropriate music, everyone had a swell rehearsal for the real thing. Although the cake is gone, the bride and groom figurines await the event and Stemwede talked to his parents and fiance long distance! **AL LARSON, SN**, and **BOB JONES, AL3**, topped the Tuesday pinocch tourney and **BOB SIEGEL, AN**, took out **LT BROWN** for the weekly ping pong crown.

Knoll Wives Start Fall Club Activity

The Oak Knoll Officers' Wives began their fall activities at the hospital Wednesday, with their annual honoring wives of officers newly stationed at the hospital. Mrs. Richard Silvis, assisted by wives of chiefs of services and department heads, was in charge.

Club officers for the year include Mrs. Bruce Bradley, honorary president; Mrs. Emanuel Rollins, president; Mrs. Melvin Huber, vice-president; Mrs. Cecil Riggs, president; Mrs. Homer Arnold, co-vice-president; Mrs. Walter L. demann, secretary; Mrs. John Faunce, co-secretary; Mrs. Raymond Watten, treasurer; and Mrs. Marshall Olsert, co-treasurer.

HA's Urged to Register For Exams Before 1500

Hospitalmen Apprentices going for Hospitalman, are reminded to register with Information and Education before 1500 today (Friday) bringing their procedure cards.

The examinations will be held at 0900, Wednesday, 22 September at the Educational Services Building.

Children have become so expensive that only the poor can afford them.

Divine Services

Hospital Chapel at Main Gate
 PROTESTANT

BIBLE SCHOOL—SUNDAY 0930
 SUNDAY WORSHIP—1030
 HOLY COMMUNION—First Sunday morning each month.

CATHOLIC
 SUNDAY MASSES

0600-0800-0900-1200
 DAILY MASSES—0700 and 1145
 Confessions before Mass
 Saturday—1900
 and before all Masses

Any other time upon request
 Catholic Oratory in back of Chapel
 Choir Rehearsal—Tuesday 1900

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 IN CHAPEL AND 67A

NAVY RELIEF OFFICE—
 IN 67A

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 ON SUNDAYS 0845 AND 1015



Allen E. Bender, HMI

Corpsman Cited for Work at Beaufort

Allen E. Bender, HMI, of ALD has received a letter of appreciation for duty performed at USNH, Beaufort, South Carolina, where he was stationed before reporting to Oak Knoll on 23 July.

His citation, signed by CAPT Otto Burton and presented by Admiral Bradley, was for performance of duty in the laboratory and the medical records office. "Your supervision of the admission and discharge section was executed in a most commendable manner, and you were instrumental in the conversion of the NavMed-F cards that earned this hospital a 'well done' from the Surgeon General, U. S. Navy," the commendation read.

Bender, a graduate of Greenville High School, Greenville Alabama received his recruit and Hospital Corps training at USNTC and USNHCS, San Diego. He served with the 1st Marine Division in Korea for 11 months, at the Marine Corps Recruiting Depot, Oceanside, and at the Receiving Station, Charleston, S. C., before going to Beaufort. He and his wife, Gladys, have two children, Bobby, 4, and Babs, 3.

Oak Knoll to Host ACCMA Members

Staff doctors will be hosts Monday night when approximately 400 members of the Alameda Contra-Costa Medical Association hold their September meeting at the Officers' Club. This will be the eleventh annual get-together for Navy and civilian doctors in the Eastbay Area, the first one taking place several months after the hospital was commissioned in 1942.

The program, to begin at 1800, will include cocktails, dinner, and a scientific meeting.

Admiral Bradley will welcome the guests aboard, and CAPT R. S. Silvis, Chief of the Surgical Service, will act as moderator for the program.

Papers to be presented will be "Cushing's Syndrome—Medical and Surgical Considerations" by CDR James H. Boyers, third-year resident in internal medicine, and Captain Silvis; "Brain Rhythms in Fits, Fainting, and Fractures" by CDR Henry S. Colony, head of the Neurological Service; and "Further Experience With the Artificial Kidney" by LT Paul D. Doolan, Chief of the Research Division.

Scuttlebutt

SIGNS OF THE SEASON: Mare Island Naval Shipyard celebrating its centennial . . . Admiral Nimitz paying a farewell visit to the "Mighty Mo" before she sailed for mothballing at Bremerton . . . Patients planning to head for Berkeley tonight to see (1) SGT Al Kalinowski ride down Shattuck Avenue at the head of the football festival parade, and (2) the bevy of beautiful football queens who will follow . . . A feeling of fall in the air . . . The horses across Mountain Blvd. huddling together at the lunch hour to pass the time of day . . .

NAMES: Ward 43A doesn't need variety for the spice of life. It has Paul Cinnamon, SA, from SFNS . . . The Dependent Service last week end admitted Mildred J. Young, but the next lady to turn in was Younger, Wanda L.

KNOLLITEMS: ENS Mary Wislowski, NC, USN, became the bride of LTJG Glenn W. Berry, Jr., SC, USN, in the Catholic Oratory of the chapel in a double ring ceremony at 1000 last Friday. Their attendants were ENS Rose Solano of the staff and ENS John Nies from the USS GEORGE A. JOHNSON, DDE, 583. CDR James C. Connolly, Catholic chaplain, officiated. The bride is on duty on 51A, the groom at Hunters Point. He is from Chelsea, Okla., she from Passaic, N. J. . . . Tomorrow auburn-haired Geraldine McGee of the Medical Board will become the bride of Orval G. Slocum of Oakland in a 1400 ceremony at the Lutheran Church of our Redeemer . . . When the ladies hold a covered dish in one hand while punching the time clock with the other, it means the Record Office is having another potluck luncheon, and that means someone is about to be married, detached, or go on maternity leave. Last Friday two of the honorees were, for obvious reasons, Emily Turnipseed and Virginia Glantz. Another cake was cut for Joan Smoody, HN, soon to leave for TI duty . . . LT Faye Slate is glad to be back after six months at NAD, Hawthorne, Nev., but she will miss the jackrabbit hunting . . . Oak Knolls' Combo was asked to play on KRON-TV yesterday, but only two unhappy thirds of it (Ross and Sharpe) were available. Piotrowski was on emergency leave in Long Beach . . . CWOHC Alonzo Spencer was guest speaker at the Concord Rod and Gun Club Wednesday night. . . . LT Willard V. Thompson is in Chicago this week for the annual convention of the American Hospital Assn.

LIFE BEGINS: Twelve September was a lucky day for HN John C. Frye, of Civil Readjustment and his young wife Roberta. On that date their baby daughter, 6 lb. 9½ oz. Pamela Kay, arrived. Same date, Gerald A. Weber, HM3, and his wife, Ritsuko, welcomed a 6 lb. 11 oz. daughter they've named Margaret Louise. Both little girls are "firsts" in their families. On Monday, the 13th, LTJG E. F. Pomije of Dental Service passed cigars in honor of the arrival of his son, Matthew Francis, who weighed 8 lb. 14¼ oz. on arrival and whose mother, Josie, and he are both doing nicely.

KNOLLUMNI: LT Michael Kozik, SC, USN, who left here in 1951 for NOB, Guam, stopped in this week to see his old friends in Disbursing. He's now at Hunters Point . . . Tom Tur-



Recent visitors to the Amputee Service, where CAPT T. J. Canty and members of his staff explained various developments in artificial limb making in the Navy, were the Honorable Rafael Mejia, Colombian vice-consul from San Francisco, and Colonel Jaime Polania-Puyo, Military Attache to the Colombian Embassy in Washington, D. C. Here to have lunch with the visiting dignitaries was that local dignitary, Dr. J. C. Geiger, Oakland's City Health Officer. The purpose of the Colombians' visit was to obtain information that would help in treating Colombian soldiers who became amputees as a result of wounds they received in Korea.

26 Corpsmen Appointed MSC Ensigns

One chief warrant officer, 26 hospital corpsmen including Gordon S. McComb, HMC, from Oak Knoll's EST School, and one dental technician have been appointed ensign, Administration and Supply Section, Medical Service Corps.

The new MSC ensigns were given 26 August dates of rank. They include 14 chiefs and 13 first class hospital corpsmen—proving that the Navy Educational program is the way to advance in the service.

This annual program began in 1950, and this year's appointments are the result of professional examinations taken last May by qualified personnel.

Last year the Navy commissioned

15 corpsmen as ensigns in the Medical Service Corps.

Appointees in addition to Chief McComb are CWOHC James W. Richardson, HMC's Charles A. Oswald, James T. Woodham, Russell H. Oleson, Russell L. Talley, Charles A. Holston, Neil K. Barrett, Daniel A. Brandon, Harold J. Janson, Harry P. Miller, Carlton R. Morris, Floyd W. Vanbuskirk, Melvin H. Goon, HMI's John R. Reed, Joe F. Brannon, Raymond B. Tatum, Jay C. Smout, Robert L. Hartley Jr., William L. Long, Marshall Sloan, Leslie J. Schaffer, Ellis W. Riser, Michael M. Dietch Jr., Robert C. Keesee, Charles E. Beyer, and Robert E. Gallaher; and DTC James C. Curto.

Doctor From Israel Studies Rehab Work

Oak Knoll entertained another distinguished foreign visitor recently when Dr. Jehoash Gordon, medical adviser to the Ministry of Defense of Israel and Medical Director of the Rehabilitation Center in Tel Aviv, came here to see the Amputee Center.

Dr. Gordon is studying up-to-date methods of rehabilitation so that he can put them into practice in Tel Aviv. The new center there will make medical services, physical and occupational therapy, social and psychiatric services, vocational testing, counseling and placement available to the handicapped. Tel Hashomer, the hospital in connection with the center, was formerly an American Army hospital—the largest American hospital in that part of the Middle East—and was given to Israel by the United States government, he said.

Dr. Gordon, who had his medical training at the Universities of Warsaw, Heidelberg, Hamburg, and Lon-

nipseed is serving his apprenticeship at Southern Pacific and will become a yardman . . . LTJG Justin Schubert, MC, USN, became a LT the day of his detachment to MSTs . . . Bruce Bradley, son of Admiral and Mrs. Bradley, flew east last week end to register for his freshman year at Princeton.

don and speaks better English than most Americans do, was particularly impressed by the research going on here in prosthetics and by the spirit of friendliness that prevails at Oak Knoll—"the close feeling between doctor and patient."

The doctor will visit other centers in the United States, Canada, and Finland before returning to Israel. He is not a stranger here since he spent some time in New York City and at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., after World War II.



Dr. Jehoash Gordon

Previews

Saturday, 18 September

ALL THE BROTHERS WERE VALIANT—Robert Taylor, Stewart Granger, Ann Blythe. ADVENTURE. Technicolor. Rating: Excellent. Taylor, the captain of a whaling ship, assumes this position after his brother, Granger, the previous captain, disappears in the South Seas under vague circumstances. Taylor also weds his sweetheart, Miss Blythe. The brothers meet again in the South Seas and Granger winds up with a fortune in pearls. On board ship the two brothers cannot get along and a mutiny results.

Sunday, 19 September

HELL'S HALF ACRE—Wendell Corey, Evelyn Keyes. MELODRAMA. Rating: Fair. Corey, an ex-holdup man from the states, as a sailor in the Navy in 1941, is presumed missing in the Pearl Harbor disaster, takes on a new identity and becomes a big Honolulu restaurateur on the verge of marrying a pretty local belle. A former hood pal learns of his position and tries to blackmail him, thereby setting in motion a series of events leading to Corey's eventual death.

Monday, 20 September

BOTANY BAY—Alan Ladd, James Mason, Patricia Medina. SEA ADVENTURE. Technicolor. Rating: Very good. A group of prisoners from Newgate Prison, London, in 1787, are to be transported to the British settlement at Botany Bay in New South Wales, Australia. On this voyage, Ladd, one of the captives, and Mason, the boat's commander, become bitter enemies through their mutual interest in Miss Medina, one of the passengers.

Tuesday, 21 September

COME BACK, LITTLE SHEBA—Shirley Booth, Burt Lancaster. DRAMA. Rating: Excellent. This Academy Award Winner is a heart-rending story of the middle-aged matron who lives in the past. Constantly seeing the beauty only of the years gone by, she cannot make herself see all that life has to offer in the present, and drives her husband to drink. Lancaster and Miss Booth, however, come to an understanding with the realization that they need each other for the years to come.

Wednesday, 22 September

CORONER CREEK—Randolph Scott, Marguerite Chapman. This is a reissue on which no information can be found in our files.

Thursday, 23 September

JOHNNY GUITAR—Sterling Hayden, Joan Crawford. WESTERN. Trucolor. Rating: Excellent. With the background of the beautiful but wild and violent Arizona mountains, a feud between two women takes place. One is the dance hall girl, owner of a gambling casino, and the other is a sister of a banker, siding with the ranchers, who hate the railroad which will make the gambling casino more prosperous. Besides, the Misses McCambridge and Crawford are interested in the same man—reason enough for the bitter gun fight they have.

Friday, 24 September

THE SHANGHAI STORY—Ruth Roman, Edmond O'Brien. DRAMA. O'Brien plays the part of a rugged American doctor, disillusioned by his years in the Orient, and Ruth Roman the part of a Tangiers-born beauty, whose romantic ideals have been corrupted. They both find love and a new faith in the future in risking their lives to help a group of less-experienced folk survive a communist spy hunt in Shanghai.

Hilltoppers Play First League Game; Coach Plans Two-Platoon System

The Oak Knoll touch football squad opened the 1954 league yesterday playing their first league game against NSC, Oakland at the Naval Supply Center. The results will be available in next week's Oak Leaf.

With four weeks of passing drill and conditioning exercises behind them, the Oak Knoll squad was buckling down to learn offensive and defensive formations the past week. On the team roster are Joe Calloway, Jack Young, Fred Guith, Will Weiner, James Johnson, James Thomas, Charles Donergan, Tom Hollister, John Thinker, Dave Bramschriber, Tom Burley, Ron Hite, Bob Buzzone, Dave Morgan, Bill Mattson and Gene Jarvela.

The team has had its share of casualties. Bob McQueen was injured in an automobile accident; Richard

Evans, Joe Wehner and Arthur Duso were transferred, and Duwaine Elliott chipped an ankle bone in practice. The squad has shown considerable promise, but as yet, no single player has proven to be outstanding. The Knollites will use the two-platoon system with one or more players doubling up, and they will have to work hard to defeat the districts' better teams. All home games will be played at 1600. The schedule is as follows:

Opponent	Date	Place
Treasure Island	23 September	Home
Mare Island	30 September	Away
Moffett Field	7 October	Home
12ND Comm.	14 October	Away
Bye	21 October	
NAS, Alameda	28 October	Home
NAS, Oakland	4 November	Away
S.F. Shipyard	10 November	Home

CWO Haines to Coach Knoll Basketball Team

Big news of the week in the basketball world is that CWOHC Orval G. Haines, Asst. Administrative Officer, has agreed to coach the Oak Knoll hoopsters this year.

Mr. Haines has played basketball in school and in the service for thirteen years. He has coached three different teams, has been an official at college games for ten years, and is a member of the International Association of Approved Basketball Officials.

With the problem of a coach happily solved, Athletic Director Dale Folger is now combing the compound for more players. He asks that any and all men interested get in touch with him at Special Services immediately. Early candidates for the team were expected to meet and start practice last night, and further information concerning team possibilities will be available by next week.

Team Being Picked; Call Out For Bowlers

The hospital winter bowling season is just around the corner and teams are being asked to form for league competition. It is hoped that all the "Old Timers" will be on hand for a meeting in the auditorium Monday, 20 September, at 1400. All team members and representatives are asked to be present. The competition will begin on 4 October.

If enough women show an interest, a separate women's league will be formed. Teams participating in the spring session bowling were X-ray, Half 'n Half, FinCivs, Serots, Lab, N. P. Service, EST students, Dental, Quips, EST 1, Misfits and the Cops.

Weary? Don't Drive

Weariness and worry are prime enemies of safe driving, according to the California State Automobile Association. Weariness slows down reaction time; so the driver travels farther while making up his mind what to do, and both weariness and worry affect his judgment; so he is more likely to do the wrong thing.

Whiskey is about the only enemy man has succeeded in really loving.

Fights Polio Now

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the Navy's General Line School in Monterey when he was stricken with polio in March.

LT Carroll's fight against the effects of polio has taken more courage and determination than the combat experience for which he received the Air Medal, he willingly admits. After being near death in the early days of his illness when he couldn't have survived without the use of an iron lung, he began to improve, but very slowly. Now, seven months later, he is still coming in daily for physical therapy, walking with braces on both legs, and frequently stopping to talk with other polio patients to let them know it can be done.

Though LT Carroll knows he is not only grounded but "beached," his greatest concern is not for himself but for his daughter, Kathy, now nearly 1 year old, who contracted polio when he did. She has a weakness in one foot, but doctors believe she will make a good recovery. There are three others in the family to help her get the exercise she needs—her mother, Imogene, and two sisters, Theresa, 3½, and Patricia, 2. They are living in Hayward but will eventually return to Massachusetts, where LT Carroll plans to resume the college education that was interrupted when he entered the service shortly after Pearl Harbor.

NSC Linkmen Bow to Oak Knoll Golfers

After winning seven out of twelve games in the second half of the season, the Oak Knoll linkmen chalked up another win when they defeated the Naval Supply Center of Oakland at Lake Chabot Tuesday, 8 September, with a score of 19½ to 7½.

Four Knollites shot seventy each and became medalists in this match. They were LT C. R. Thompson and HN's W. H. Cripps and M. E. H. Smith. Other staff members participating in the meet were CDR D. W. Boone shooting an 83, HMC's L. I. Johnson, 79, and L. E. Canady, 82. LT J. J. Marra and HMC J. R. Baranski played as alternates.

The last game of the season for the Knollites was played Tuesday at Skaggs Island, but results were not available at press time.

Staff Personalities



If Florence Nightingale were alive today she would approve of ENS Bennette Cebulla of 70A. Naming her Montana, as home, Miss Cebulla attended Northern Montana Preparatory College and studied nursing at Columbus School of Nursing in Great Falls. After her graduation she worked at the Sacred Heart and Colusa County hospitals in Montana. She came into the Navy in September and was indoctrinated at St. Albans hospital in New York, arriving at Oak Knoll last October. Her favorite diversions are reading, dancing, and horseback riding.



Quiet, genial, and well-liked the compound is Donald C. York, HM3, on the staff at Oak Knoll since September '53. Don calls Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania, home and after graduating from Beaver Falls High School, he donned Navy blues in June '49, took his boots at Great Lakes Naval Corps School at Portsmouth, Virginia. He journeyed from Great Lakes School to the USNH, Corpus Christi and was transferred back to Moffett Field, but not for long, for he was sent to Hickam Field in Honolulu for a tour of duty. From there he went to the Destroyer USS O'Brien and finally arrived at Oak Knoll at the Lab School. Swimming is his outstanding interest, and strangely enough, he hopes to make bricklaying his career after he leaves the Navy.

Two psychiatrists met on the street and one greeted the other, saying "You're fine, How am I?"

The disheartening thing about the average diet regime is it does so much for the will power and so little for the waist line.

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United Fund Drive Starts Rolling Monday



100 Solicitors Ready For Work

Some 100 solicitors will swing into action Monday morning when Oak Knoll's fourth annual United Fund Drive gets under way, and within the ensuing few days, everyone on the compound will have an opportunity to give or pledge his support to more than 100 health and welfare agencies that are dependent on the generosity of the public. In addition, a portion of the contribution of military personnel will go to Navy Relief.

At a mass meeting held Wednesday afternoon solicitors were given the tools of their trade—pledge cards, receipts, and lists of staff members whom they are to solicit.

Al Wardley, Executive Director of the East Bay United Crusade, was present to describe activities of the crusade. He showed a movie that told the story of individuals helped by the crusade and answered a number of questions asked by solicitors.

Since enough for the needs for a year can rarely be spared from one paycheck, CAPT Robert W. Babione, Fund Drive Chairman, urges hospital personnel to pledge a certain amount to be collected after the October and November paydays.

For those who are still undecided about how much they should give, Captain Babione suggests that civilian and military personnel here follow the plan of other military stations and civilian organizations and give at least one day's pay. This, according to statistics prepared by the UFD committee, would amount to about 10 cents a week for nonrated men, 15 to 20 cents for rated men, and 20 to 60 cents a week for officers, certainly a small enough contribution for anyone to make to his community.

The largest number ever to attend the annual Oak Knoll meeting of the Alameda-Contra Costa Medical Association ate barbecued chicken Monday night in the patio of the Officers' Club, where the weather was just what the doctors ordered. Photo (1) shows CAPT David O. Zearbaugh, Senior Medical Officer at NSC, Oakland, leading the chow line. The congenial group in (2) includes Doctors A. M. Meads, J. Brandon Bassett, Mary Jane Stamm, Helen Jane Snook, and CDR Henry S. Colony, who later in the evening delivered a paper on "Brain Rhythms in Fits, Fainting, and Fractures." The face of Dr. Omer Etter is visible in the background of this group of eye men that includes Doctors Jay Sharpsteen, Millard Grump, Jaroud B. Smith, Jr., until recently a Knollite, CAPT Karl J. Palmberg, Homer Howell, and Charles DeVaul. (4) For this picture the photographer, Stanley Smith, HMC, rounded up the "top brass." They are Dr. Barnard B. Gadwood, secretary-treasurer of the ACCMA; Dr. Harold P. Maloney, vice-president; Admiral Bradley, and Dr. James B. Graeser, president of the visitors' group. Photo (5) shows Drs. Frank K. Height and Dan Tucker, CAPT R. S. Silvis, moderator for the professional program, and collaborator with CDR James H. Boyers on a paper they presented on "Cushing's Syndrome—Medical and Surgical Considerations"; and Dr. Warren Wiesinger. (6) The chefs had one of their busiest evenings, as did LTJG Raymond A. Nygren, Officers' Club manager. LT Paul D. Doolan was not around when the photographer was, but he concluded the program with his paper on "Further Experience with the Artificial Kidney."

Oak Knoll Named Flag Rank Billet

Oak Knoll has been upgraded to a flag billet, according to word received this week from the office of the Chief of Naval Operations.

This means that hereafter the Commanding Officer of the hospital will hold the rank of rear admiral rather than captain.

Other Naval hospitals that are flag officer billets are USNH, San Diego, where RADM R. M. Gillett, former executive officer at Oak Knoll, is CO, and USNH, Portsmouth, Va., where RADM S. S. Cook, former CO of this hospital, is in command.

All Hands to Walk Gangplank at 8 October Dance

Biggest event on the hospital's fall social calendar is the Ship's Dance the recreation committee is planning for the night of Friday, 8 October. For the occasion, the hospital auditorium will be decorated like the deck of a ship, with flags flying. As the ladies come up the gangplank

with their escorts, each will be presented a gardenia corsage.

Buffet supper will be served, beginning at 1930, and according to word from the ship's galley, roast turkey, fried prawns, baked ham with the trimmings will be on the menu.

Music for dancing from 2000 to

midnight will be provided by Maury Wolohan's seven-piece orchestra.

The entire staff is invited, and there is no charge for admission. Both stags and couples, officers and enlisted members of the crew, will be welcome. Either dress blues or casual clothes will be in order.

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† † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

We often ask: Must the cycle of cruelty and revenge, atrocity and reprisal always make nonsense of our love for beauty, grace and fair dealings? Can the good in our individual souls never prove a faith stronger than anger, wiser than strategy? There is one great and final source from which a hopeful answer can come. That is from a religion that knows truth and love, a faith that is complete yet always completing itself, a faith that places us in God's grace. Under these we can have security of mind and soul. We will be in possession of such that the world cannot give, and which the world can never take away.

"Then is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith."

LCDR JAMES W. PAUL
 Protestant Chaplain

On Giving

Various reasons are heard as to why people should give to charity. The old fundamental reason is still the best, give because it is in the highest nature of MAN to give. Give because we have been blessed by God and give in proportion our blessings. Our nation became great because of the strong and deep religious convictions of our forefathers. The real reason for giving is to be found here.

In giving to the United Fund Drive, we pay a small fee for the service of auditing, accounting, and assuring ourselves without effort on our part against misuse of our charity. We are saved the bother, and the charities save the expense of multiple drives. But let us ask ourselves, "If I do not give enough for my share of charity for a year, when will I give it?" The answer almost certainly is Never.

~ ~ Welcome and Farewell ~ ~

Reporting for duty were LTJG's Bill C. Terry, DC, USN and James E. Ainley, Jr., DC, USN, from inactive duty; LT Faye J. Slate, NC, USN, from NAD, Hawthorne, Nev.; L. R. Ellis, HMI, from COREcSta, San Francisco; HN's E. R. Lazzereschi, R. K. McCurdy, HA's H. R. Fisher, and E. Williams, from USNHCS, San Diego.

Detached Were LT Justin C. Schubert, MC, USNR, to COMSTSPAC; LTJG Marvin H. Quickert, MC,

USNR, to NAS, Pensacola, Fla.; HM3's F. L. Valdez, to USNAAS, Fallon, Nev.; D. A. Dunbar, to USNAD, Hawthorne, Nev.; G. L. Jarvella, to USNSD, Clearfield, Utah; HN's D. J. Leo, (W), J. C. Smoody, (W), Q. M. McHugh, to USNS, T. I.; and J. A. Yoakam, to USNavShipYd, San Francisco.

Discharged were C. E. Helm, HM3, and R. E. Northam, HN.

Freedom Foundation Contest for Servicemen

The Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, once again is sponsoring a contest for all servicemen on active duty to submit letters of not more than 500 words on the subject, "What America Means to Me."

This program carried on in cooperation with the Armed Forces Office of Information and Education, Department of Defense, carries a grand prize of \$1000.00 and 40 additional awards.

Deadline for the contest is 11 November, 1954.

Did you every try to save money in the hand? If you're like most of us, money in the hand is money in the wind, so why not put it into that Payroll Savings Plan today.



Red Cross Case Worker Helen Whitten, soon to leave for Letterman, explains discharge benefits available to veterans to Vernon D. Grinder.

Red Cross Ramblings

AU REVOIR. We are always sorry to say good-bye to staff members who are transferring to other stations. Helen Whitten has been with the Red Cross Work staff at Oak Knoll for over three years and will go to Letterman Army Hospital staff next week. Miss Whitten is particularly noteworthy because of her peripatetic career . . . in the past

eleven years she has served at Camp Callan, California; Farragut, Idaho; in England and Germany, Madigan Army Hospital, and the Naval Hospitals at Bremerton, Long Beach, San Diego, Oakland, and Mare Island. In addition, she has worked in Disaster Service in Oregon and Montana. So, we'll just say "au revoir" and hope to catch Miss Whitten again in the second round!

TOURNAMENTS. This tournament business is really getting serious, and the spirit of competition is running over the compound. We'll try to catch up with the current results . . . Tuesday afternoons at the lounge, where the pinochle players match wits and skill, the top notchers are **Thomas Cass, SN**, and **Warren Adams, SH3**, both of 43B, with **Barry Hodge, FN**, and **Robert Martinez, SN**, as runners-up. We understand that several wards are having their own tournaments; so how about matching some more of the champs? **Bob Siegel, AN**, is a second week winner in the Thursday ping-pong tourney. He is eager for challengers; so come on over and give him a run for the "Champ-o-the-Week" title. Canasta has had a recent upsurge with some "well-fought" games. **Darrell H. Wilbur, SN**, with a series of anonymous partners remains top man.

IT'S THE 49ERS VS. WASHINGTON REDSKINS . . . this Sunday, 26 September, with everyone gunning for the high-flying 49ers. This one should be a corker! If your name is on the list and you can't go, let the Red Cross know immediately so someone else can have the coveted seat!

West Coast Cyclists to Race at Stockton Sunday

Leading riders of the West Coast will vie in a one-mile motorcycle race sponsored by the Stockton Motor Cycle Club at the Stockton Fair Grounds on Sunday, 3 October.

Forty patients or staff members are invited, and transportation will be provided, leaving at 0830.

Jewish High Holy Days Here Soon

Jewish High Holy Days will be celebrated in September and October with Rosh Hashana (New Year) beginning at sundown, Monday, 27 September and ending at sundown Wednesday, 29 September. Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement) begins at sundown, Wednesday, 6 October and ends at sundown, Thursday, 7 October.

All Jewish personnel and their dependents are invited to attend religious services at the synagogue of their choice in San Francisco.

For seating accommodations for these services, please call UNDE 3-0620, write the National Jewish Welfare Board, 1005 Market Street, San Francisco; or call your hospital chaplain for any further information.

UC Golden Bears Will Meet San Jose Spartans

Forty patients will see the University of California Golden Bears play the Spartans of San Jose State College tomorrow (Saturday) afternoon in the Memorial Stadium in Strawberry Canyon in the Berkeley Hills.

The Bears, defeated by the Oklahoma Sooners in their opening game last week, are favored to win.

Other home games to which Oak Knoll patients are invited are: Oregon on 9 October; Washington State, 16 October; UCLA, 30 October; Oregon State, 13 November; Stanford, 20 November.

Surgery Chief Lectures On "Triage" in Disaster

CAPT R. S. Silvis, Chief of Surgical Service, spoke to members of the nursing staff recently on "age"—the sorting and routing of patients and their primary treatment in case of a mass disaster.

The captain's lecture was part of the in-service training program for Navy nurses at Oak Knoll.

Divine Services

Hospital Chapel at Main Gate
 PROTESTANT

BIBLE SCHOOL—SUNDAY 0930
 SUNDAY WORSHIP—1030
 HOLY COMMUNION—First Sunday morning each month.

CATHOLIC
 SUNDAY MASSES
 0600-0800-0900-1200
 DAILY MASSES—0700 and 1145
 Confessions before Mass
 Saturday—1900
 and before all Masses
 Any other time upon request
 Catholic Oratory in back of Chapel
 Choir Rehearsal—Tuesday 1900

CHAPLAINS' OFFICES
 IN CHAPEL AND 67A

NAVY RELIEF OFFICE—
 IN 67A

BUS TO AND FROM CHAPEL
 ON SUNDAYS 0845 AND 1015

Scuttlebutt

OAKNOLLUMNI: Tom Raum, hospital corpsman with a degree in law, who held forth in the Legal Office when he was called to active duty during the early days of the Korea war, is now serving as chief clerk of the Committee on Postal and Civil Service Affairs of the House of Representatives. The old DA from Wichita was an HM3 while on duty here . . . On the command this week to renew old acquaintances was Bob Rampton, one-time editor of this LEAF and now Public Information Officer at Hill Air Force Base, Ogden, Utah.

ROMANCE, ETC.: One Knoll romance culminated in marriage, and another in engagement this week. Barbara A. Jefry, HN, and SGT David P. Brown, USMC, were married in Reno Saturday. The bride is on duty in the premie nursery, and the groom, formerly at the Marine Detachment here, is stationed at Treasure Island . . . Madelena Tapia, HN, is wearing an engagement ring Herbert O. Perkins, DN, picked up in Houston, Tex., during his recent 30-day leave. Madelena works on 73B. Herb is in the Dental Clinic naturally . . . And while these affairs were going on, Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Hughes were honored at a belated wedding reception and dinner at Mrs. Edna Rowen's home in nearby Alvingroom Court . . . Time apparently is precious to Joan Patten. At reveille the other morning she was found with her alarm clock clasped tightly in her arms . . . Edna Bourdase was warmly welcomed when she came back to her desk in Mr. Huber's office this week after eight weeks' sick leave — her longest absence in twelve years . . . "Having wonderful time," Captain Gilman writes from Sweden.

ATTENTION, BAY AREA PAPERS: The young man from Oak Knoll who hit the jackpot on a pinball machine with a .22 target pistol Sunday night at a downtown fun center was NOT a Navy Hospital Corpsman, as reported. He was an AN whose name we will not repeat in this column. Suffice it to say, he is a patient, a good shot, and his fun will cost him approximately \$100.

CONGRATULATIONS: to LTJG Thomas S. Johnson, MC, USN, on his promotion to LT and to ENS Norma J. Joyce, NC, USNR, on hers to LTJG.

LIFE BEGINS: Edwin M. Gualva, HMI, of the Main Lab, is the proud father of Edwin Myrle II, born 20 September. The 7 lb. 10 oz. boy is the first child for the Lab man and his wife, Antonia.

A young Swede appeared at the county judge's office and asked for a license.

"What kind of a license?" asked the judge. "A hunting license?"

"No," was the answer. "Aye tank aye bane hunting long enough. Aye want marriage license."

Dachshund—Half a dog high by a dog and a half long.

"Grandpa, did you once have hair like snow?"

"Yes, my boy."

"Well, who shoveled it off?"

Love makes a man think almost as much of a girl as he thinks of himself.

Medico-Dental Symposium Here 4-6 October

Eminent Civilian Doctors To Take Part In Program

Oak Knoll will present its first annual Military Medico-Dental Symposium on 4, 5, and 6 October, with outstanding Navy and civilian doctors and dentists in the Bay Area participating. The three-day program will present the Navy Medical Department's approach to the solution of the many problems encountered in present day military medicine.

Army, Navy, and Air Force Medical and Dental Officers, both regulars and reservists from medical installations throughout the country, as well as reservists on inactive duty, have been invited to attend.

Following registration and an opening session at which RADM John R. Redman, USN, Commandant of the Twelfth Naval District, and RADM Bradley, CO of the Hospital, will welcome the visitors, Monday's program will be devoted largely to surgical problems, with CAPT R. S. Silvis, Chief of the Surgical Service, acting as moderator.

Tuesday's program will open with a dental section at which CAPT W. N. VanZile, Chief of the Dental Service, will be moderator. CDR Helen C. Gavin, Chief of the Nursing Service, will preside at the nursing section set for early afternoon; and CAPT Thomas M. Foley, Jr., Chief of the Orthopedic Service, will be moderator for an orthopedic section the same afternoon. Medical problems will be discussed at sessions to begin at 1500 Tuesday, with CAPT John H. Ward, Jr., Chief of the Medical Service, presiding.

Additional medical sections and a neuropsychiatric section moderated by CAPT David C. Gaede, Chief of the Neuropsychiatry Service, will be held on Wednesday.

Eminent doctors, a majority of them civilian consultants from the staffs of U.C. and Stanford Medical Schools, will take part in the concentrated training course.

Staff members and others interested may attend any or all of the sessions.

The program will close at 1600 Wednesday, 6 October, with short talks by RADM H. P. Riebe, Inspector, Dental Activities, Pacific Coast; and RADM F. C. Greaves, Inspector, Medical Activities, Pacific Coast.

Grandpappy Morgan, a hillbilly of the Ozarks, had wandered off into the woods and failed to return for supper, so young Tolliver was sent to look for him. He found him standing in the bushes.

"Gettin' dark, Grandpap," the tot ventured.

"Yep."

"Suppertime, Grandpap."

"Yep."

"Ain't ye hungry?"

"Yep."

"Wal, air ye comin' home?"

"Nope."

"Why ain't ye?"

"Can't."

"Why can't ye?"

"Standin' in a b'ar trap."

Earth—A solid substance, much desired by the seasick.



Admiral Bradley sets the pace and starts the 1954 Oak Knoll United Fund Drive by making the first pledge of this year's campaign (on which 108 charities including Navy Relief are dependent). He is adopting the plan of the local committee—giving one day's pay and giving it in installments over the next four paydays. CAPT R. W. Babione, chairman of the Drive, looks on.

Dr. Holman to Speak to Staff Doctors

Dr. Emile F. Holman, professor of surgery at Stanford University School of Medicine, will lecture to members of the staff Tuesday night on "Surgical Treatment of Constrictive Pericarditis."

The lecture, first of a series scheduled for the winter months for staff medical officers under instruction, will be held in the Officers' Club auditorium beginning at 1930.

Other basic science lectures scheduled for the next two months will be presented in the Medical-Surgical Conference Room in the Administration Building annex. They will be as follows: 19 and 26 Oct., "Acute Renal Insufficiency" (Parts I and II)—LT Paul D. Doolan, director of Oak

Knoll's Metabolic Research Facility; 2 and 9 Nov., "Carbohydrate Metabolism" (Parts I and II)—Harold A. Harper, PhD, consultant for the Metabolic Research Facility and professor of physiological chemistry (surgery), U. C. School of Medicine; 16 Nov., "Toxemia in Pregnancy"—Dr. Emery P. Page, clinical instructor in OB and GYN, U. C. School of Medicine; 23 Nov., "Diagnosis and Treatment of Peripheral Vascular Diseases"—Dr. Norman E. Freeman, associate professor of surgery, U. C.; 30 Nov., "Physiology of the Adrenal Cortex"—Dr. Peter H. Forsham, associate professor of medicine and pediatrics, U. C.



Caesarian births normally are not news, but when five babies arrive here by that method within three days, that is something for the papers. Members of this quintet of boys and girls who arrived the way Caesar did a few hundred years ago are pictured here with their proud mothers. They are Emerson Girard Shryock, son of CDR William A. Shryock, USN, VF-154, FMF, c/o FPO, San Francisco; Gayla Jean King, daughter of SK2 Lowell King, USN, of the USS REGULUS; Donald Wayne Predmore, son of Albert S. Predmore, SN, USN, now serving aboard the USS PRESIDENT JACKSON; Lori Ann Macartney, son of Felton Macartney, A1c, USAF, Edwards Air Force Base, Mojave; and Michael Edward Hein, son of Walter Hein, AB3, USNAS, Alameda. Emerson and Lori Ann arrived on 13 September; Donald and Michael arrived the 14th, and Gayla Jean was welcomed aboard on the 15th.



Six more X-ray technicians received their diplomas here Wednesday, 15 September, and are now en route to new duty stations. Honor man of the group was Gene L. Jarvella, HM3, front row at left, who finished with an average of 94.2, and has been transferred to NSC, Clearfield, Utah. Beside him is CDR Leonard H. Barber, radiologist, who presented the certificates, and at the right is Fred L. Valdez, HM3, who was ordered to NAS, Fallon, Nev. In the back row are Dunbar A. Dean, HM3, soon to report to NAD, Hawthorne, Nev.; James A. Yoakam, HN, ordered to Hunters Point; Joseph Engen, HMC, instructor; Quenton M. McHugh, HN, to T.I., and Henry P. Zuber, HM3, to NSC, Oakland.

Hilltoppers Win First League Game 34-20, Capt. Jack Young Leads Squad

Oak Knoll Hilltoppers played their first league game against NSC, Oakland Thursday, 16 September, at the supply center with the final score 34-20 in favor of the Medics. Quarterback Young led the squad to a smashing victory.

The game opened with the big NSC team receiving the ball and scored on a touchdown but missed the extra point. The Knollites started off with a bang, also scoring on a touchdown pass from Young to Guith, and after a set up play on the thirty-five yard line by Charlie Dunnigan, Burley ran for the extra point, putting the Medics ahead 7-6.

The defensive team kept the NSC hitting their brick wall defense and after three plays Oak Knoll forced them to kick, with the Medics getting the ball. Tom Burley received and ran through center to within three yards of the goal line. On a fast play, Young sneaked over for the score, leaving the supply men on the short end of a 14-6 score. In the last few minutes of the first quarter the NSC team rallied and came back with a fast run for a touchdown and an extra point to make it 14-13. On the kickoff to open the second quarter, the Hilltoppers received and tried several plays down the middle but only to be stopped by the big NSC line. Burley took the ball and skirted off right end and down the side line for a fifty-yard run for the touchdown. The Knollites missed the extra point and at the half the Hilltoppers were leading 20-13.

In the second half Oak Knoll received. On the first play Young took to the airplanes but NSC's safety intercepted his pass. Supply then took to the air and one of their passes was intercepted by Buzzone giving the Knoll squad the ball on their own 12 yard line. Running a series of plays without advancement, Captain Young made a shift in his backfield, Dunnigan receiving the ball, and romping 18 yards for a set up play

and a line bucking run by Burley. The extra point was made good on a pass from Young to Guith for a score of 27-13. NSC made another rally and came back to score on a long run, putting them back in the game as they brought their score up to a 27-20 mark.

In the fourth quarter the Hilltoppers failed to gain a first down and after three plays deep in defensive territory, Quarterback Young sized up the situation and shot a short pass across the line of scrimmage to center Joe Calloway for a first down. With fourth down and five to go Young dipped back in kick formation, faked, and ran for another first down. With Young running interference, Burley received the ball and ran off tackle and down to the five-yard line only to have it called back on a penalty. Dunnigan hugged the pigskin for a run from spread formation to score, also making the extra point with a pass from Young to Bramschriber and as the time ran out the scoreboard read 34-20 in favor of Oak Knoll.

Next home game is 7 October, when the Hilltoppers take on the Moffett Field flyers. With a little polish the squad could gain the championship they held two years ago. **Playing defensive** in the game were: J. Bell, LE; J. Thinker, C; J. Calloway, RE; T. Hollister, RHB; J. Thomas, Safety. **Offensive** team included F. Guith, RE; T. Weiner, C; J. Young, QB; T. Burley, LHB; C. Dunnigan, RHB; D. Bramschriber, E; B. Buzzone, B; J. Calloway, B&C.

Freshman (finishing a letter): "I'd send you that five I owe you, but I've already sealed the letter."

Teacher: "I hope I didn't see you looking at Fred's book, Tommy."
Tommy: "I hope you didn't too, sir."

Previews

Saturday, 25 September
HOUDINI—Tony Curtis, Janet Leigh. **BIOGRAPHY**. Rating: Very good. This picture should fascinate those who remember the late Harry Houdini, world-famous magician and escape artist, as well as those who are too young to remember. The story reconstructs his long spectacular career. He marries Miss Leigh, works in a factory, but never once gives up his ambition to be a magician. A trip to Europe starts his career in music halls, and such public stunts as escaping from a London jail and a locked safe in a Berlin courtroom were examples of his work which continued until he nearly lost his life under the frozen Detroit River.

Sunday, 26 September
FOUR GUNS TO THE BORDER—Rory Calhoun, Coleen Miller, George Nadir. No information available on this repeat other than it is a picture for the whole family.

Monday, 27 September
ROB ROY—Richard Todd, Glynis Johns. **ADVENTURE. DRAMA**. Rating: Good. A Disney-RKO production, this story takes place in the Scottish Highlands, during a revolt of the Scottish clans against the British rulers. Rob Roy fights a losing battle but wins out in the end to obtain amnesty and a diplomatic position, plus Glynis Johns.

Tuesday, 28 September
THE BLACK DAKOTAS—Wanda Hendrix, Gary Merrill. **DRAMA. Technicolor**. Rating: Good. The screen-play opens with an emissary of President Lincoln bearing a peace treaty for the Sioux Indians, along with a gift of \$130,000 in gold. Toward the climax, Merrill forgets all about the cause he is to promote and plots a way to get the loot for himself.

Wednesday, 29 September
CALAMITY JANE—Doris Day, Howard Keel. **MUSICAL. Technicolor**. Rating: Excellent. Calamity Jane strides around Deadwood in riding britches, dirty jacket and old army hat—wondering why she can't make any points with a handsome army officer. Her greatest pal is Wild Bill Hickok, with whom she has a sort of man-to-man relationship. She finally puts on some feminine finery after she sees the effect a new comer has on the men of Deadwood, including the army officer. In the end she finds it is Wild Bill whom she loves.

Thursday, 30 September
HONDO—John Wayne, Geraldine Page. **WESTERN**. Rating: Excellent. Hondo, part Indian and part white, and a scout for the U. S. Army, finds himself in and out of trouble after arriving at a homesteader's cabin where he meets a lonely woman and her son, during the time of the Indian uprisings. After shooting her alcoholic husband, in a gun battle, Hondo is saved from slaughter by the picture of the boy he has taken from the father's body. The movie ends leaving behind the impression that Hondo will take the widowed Miss Page as his wife.

Friday, 1 October
CRAZYLEGS—Elroy Hirsch, Lloyd Nolan. **BIOGRAPHY**. Rating: Very good. Elroy "Crazylegs" Hirsch plays himself in this story of his life on the football field. The All American (once for Wisconsin and once for Michigan) and in 1950 the most valuable player in professional football, portrays his high school days, college life and professional football years, including the present. Poor, shy, hard-working and earnest, he finally finds on the football field the success and acclaim he is denied elsewhere. However, an injury deprives him of the coordination needed on the gridiron, but he overcomes this disaster and moves on in the sports world.

X-Ray's Bunkos Cop Volleyball Title

The volleybaling Bunkos of Radiology's lunch-hour league, won over Los Gatos and the Hilltoppers in the recent nine-set tournament and are now waiting for an invitation to the picnic to which this entitles them.

The Bunkos had seven wins and two losses to Los Gatos' five wins and four losses, and the Hilltoppers won only one game and lost eight.

Not satisfied to let the matter drop there, the losing team got together and chose an "all-star" group that is now playing the Bunkos for the championship of the department. The winners of this series will challenge any department on the compound.

The Bunkos included Browne, Engen, Jarveca, Yoakam, Hardy, Piccone, Harper, Bartholomew, Elliott, Garcia, and Bole. The all-star losers, now fighting for the championship, are Guith, Smith, Estrada, Stebbins, Barber, McGaha, and Fletcher.



Gene Graves, HN, Oak Knoll's pitcher "adopted" by NAS, Alameda, when the Knoll was defeated in early stages of the All-Navy baseball tournament, proudly displays statuette and pen trophy he received for participation in the semi-final at San Diego. With Graves on mound, Alameda defeated NSC, Oakland, in the play-offs here and represented 12ND in the West Coast tournament in San Diego, losing there to SubPac. The trophy was presented by RADM John Whitney, USN, Commander 11 and 12ND Naval Air Bases in San Diego on 9 September.

Hospital Golfers Win Season's First Game

Playing the last league game of the season and finishing with a tally of eight wins and four losses, the Oak Knoll golf team defeated the San Francisco Island golfers at Sonoma Country Club Tuesday, 14 September, with a score of 24-3.

There were no medalists in the match. Representing Oak Knoll were LT C. R. Thompson, 83; HMCs L. Canady, 90; L. I. Johnson, 89; J. Baranski, 92; HN's W. H. Crippen and M. E. H. Smith, 82. This was close of a very good season for the Medics who have earned a number of points toward the Commandant's Trophy for Excellence.

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Monday, 4 October, 1954

Medico-Dental Symposium Starts Today

CAPT Abernethy Arrives as Relief For CAPT Gross



CAPT Herman A. Gross

CAPT Gross to Head New Guam Hospital

Oak Knoll reluctantly bid goodbye to CAPT Herman A. Gross last week as he and Mrs. Gross prepared to board the USNS SHANKS for a trip to the Mariannas, where he will take command of the Navy's new 25,000,000-dollar hospital on the island of Guam. And at the same time the staff welcomed back CAPT A. C. Abernethy, former Chief of the Urology Service, who reported aboard on 14 September to take over the duties of Executive Officer.

Captain Gross' promotion comes at the end of 26 years in the Navy and 13 months at Oak Knoll, where he leaves many friends among both patients and staff.

Though Doctor Gross is reluctant to leave Oakland, he is looking forward to moving into a fine new hospital that looks out over the Pacific where he has already had several tours of duty. The new hospital, to be commissioned on 2 November, will be his first command.

The departing Exec has had the
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CAPT A. C. Abernethy

Officers to Study New Trends in Medicine

Medical and dental officers of the Army, Navy, and Air Force will register here this morning for the First Annual Military Medico-Dental Symposium to be held at this hospital.

The three-day event for both regulars and reservists, active and inactive, has been planned to bring members of the armed forces medical departments up to date on developments in Navy medicine.

RADM J. R. Redman, USN, Commandant, 12ND, and RADM B. E. Bradley, Commanding Officer, will welcome the visitors aboard before the concentrated study begins.

A majority of the lecturers at the symposium will be eminent civilian doctors and dentists from the Bay Area, all of whom are consultants at Oak Knoll, a number of them from the staffs of U.C. and Stanford schools of medicine.

Monday's program will be as follows:
1030-1150 SURGICAL SECTION: Moderator, CAPT R. S. Silvis, MC, USN, Chief, Surgical Service, USNH, Oakland.

"Congenital Anomalies of Surgical Significance in Infancy"—CDR L. R. Chandler, MC, USNR, Professor of Surgery, Stanford.

"Common Surgical Problems in Infancy and Childhood"—Dr. E. G. Clausen, Clinical Instructor, U. C.

"Commisurotomy in Mitral Stenosis"—Dr. Harold Rosenblum, Associate Clinical Professor of Medicine, U. C.

1330-1410 SURGICAL SECTION CONTINUED

"Modern Trends in Cardiovascular Surgery"—Dr. F. L. Gerbode, Assistant Clinical Professor of Surgery, Stanford.

"Acute Pancreatitis"—Dr. H. H. Lindner, Lecturer in Anatomy, Clinical Assistant in Surgery, U. C.

"Coin Lesions of the Lungs"—CDR F. T. Norris, MC, USN, Assistant Chief, Medical Service, USNH, Oakland.

"Problems of the Naval Reserve Program"—CAPT D. J. O'Brien, MC, USNR, Naval Reserve Medical Program, 12ND.

"Care and Rehabilitation of the Amputee"—CAPT T. J. Canty, MC, USN, USNH, Oakland.

Tuesday's schedule will be as follows:

0830-1130 DENTAL SECTION: Moderator, CAPT W. N. VanZile, DC, USN, Chief, Dental Service, USNH, Oakland.

"Problems of Reserve Dental Officers"—CAPT J. Rue Plater, DC, USN, Assistant District Dental Officer and Reserve Liaison Officer, 12ND.

"Teamwork in Cleft Palate Rehabilitation"—CAPT W. M. Fowler, DC, USN, Dental Officer, USNS, Treasure Island.

"Early Recognition of Oral Neoplasms"—CDR L. O. Bishop, DC, USNR, Chief of Oral Surgery, Alameda County Hospital.

"Multicentric Carcinoma of the Lip"—CAPT W. N. VanZile, DC, USN, Chief, Dental Service, USNH, Oakland.

"Treatment of Intra-Oral Cancer"—Dr. W. D. McCarthy, General Tumor Clinic and Surgery, Staff, Highland-Alameda County Hospital.

1330-1600 NURSING SECTION: CDR Helen C. Gavin, NC, USN, Chief, Nursing Service, USNH, Oakland, presiding.

"The Significance of Our Professional Organizations"—Miss Shirley C. Titus, MA, RN, Executive Director, California State Nursing Association.

"In-Service Education Program for Nursing Personnel"—Panel Discussion by Nurse Corps Staff, USNH, Oakland.

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National Nurse Week Proclaimed

Because NURSEPOWER has become a health resource of vital importance to military and civilian patient care and other health services, President Eisenhower will proclaim the week of October 11 to 16 National Nurse Week, according to word from Washington.

This will be the first National Nurse Week in the history of the profession. It comes logically in 1954, the centenary of the work of Florence Nightingale in the Crimea—the year that celebrates 100 years of growth of professional nursing as it is known today.

Oak Knoll nurses are making plans to observe National Nurse Week by going to their duties as usual, but on 13 October, they will hold open house for high school students from the entire Eastbay Area.

Tours of the hospital will be planned to give students an interpretation of nursing services in the Navy, and each group will stop at the Nurses' Quarters for refreshments before leaving the compound.

The gates will be open from 0900 to 1600.

Rooters' Train for Navy-Stanford Game

If enough patients and staff sign up for the Navy-Stanford game at Palo Alto on 9 October, Special Services will provide transportation to the Fruitvale Station, with the train leaving at 1034.

This special rooter's train will cost \$2.26 a round trip. Oakland Navy Mothers will provide game tickets.



Now it's ENS Gordon Stuart McComb, MSC, USN. The new officer was sworn in on 24 September by Admiral Bradley after word came that he was among 26 corpsmen who qualified for commissions as the result of professional examinations last May. The new ensign, currently under instruction at the EST School, is 31 and has been in the Navy for 13 years. He is from Douglas, Wyoming. During World War II he served in Okinawa and New Zealand, and during the Korea war had duty aboard an LST in Korea waters and was on an APA in Japan. This is his second tour of duty at Oak Knoll.

\$15,000 Goal in Hospital Drive

This hospital was given a specific goal last week in the united effort to meet the needs of charities, local and national, which depend on the United Crusade for a single united approach to workers everywhere for their support.

Chairmen of the United Fund organizations in all the military activities in the East Bay Area met at Alameda last Thursday to hear CAPT Louis E. French, Commanding Officer of the Naval Air Station, review the part of the military in meeting the East Bay goal of \$3,856,000. Military organizations are being asked to contribute \$260,000.

Two activities, Naval Air Station and Naval Supply Center, raised over \$180,000 last year and plan to do as well or better this year.

It has been determined that a fair and reasonable share for this hospital, in the light of other stations' contributions, should be \$12,000. However, since Oak Knoll includes Navy Relief in the drive, plus a contingency fund as suggested by Com 12, a goal of \$15,000 should be our aim here.

Your local committee hopes every person will make a sincere effort to contribute in accordance with his ability, at least one day's pay (more if possible), for a whole year of charity. The goal will be reached easily if this is done. Your committee urges you not to try to give a whole year's charity in one lump sum, but to pay in four or more installments, as desired, beginning now.

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GIVING WHAT WE HAVE

The feeding of the five thousand is the one miracle which is related by all four Gospels. The unnamed boy who brought the lunch that Jesus blessed was just an ordinary boy. By himself he could never have fed the multitude. But he gave what he had to Jesus.

As you make your plans to give to the United Crusade, and as you reconsider, remember that you alone cannot aid all who need help, but you can give your gift—give what you have. Your gift combined with the gifts of others and used by people trained to serve those in need can do the job.

As Jesus called on the boy and the disciples in the long ago, so He calls to you today. There are multitudes today who need His help. Are you as ready as the young boy to share what you have?

WILLIAM F. HOLLIS,
 Protestant Chaplain.

Fire Prevention Week Reminds Us---

With Fire Prevention Week being observed throughout the country, Oak Knoll personnel are asked once again to be particularly careful. In this setting, a small fire not only destroys government property, but what is much more serious, it endangers the lives of our patients.

Chief James O. Raser reports that during the past year there were 100 fires on the compound, 90 per cent of them mattress fires. No one fire caused more than \$20 damage, but that amount is worth saving—and certainly our lives and those of our shipmates are worth protecting.

Though Oak Knoll's alert fire-fighting team is on the job within two to three minutes after the alarm is turned in, fire prevention is an ALL HANDS—ALL YEAR job.

• • Welcome and Farewell • •

Reporting in for duty were LT Van L. Johnson, Jr., DC, USN, from Naval Dental Clinic, Pearl Harbor, T. H.; LCDR Margaret M. Cotter, NC, USN, from USNH, St. Albans, N. Y.; LTJG Florence R. Dinneen, NC, USNR, from inactive duty; CWOHC Mark L. Shannon, USN, from Aircraft Fleet Marine Force, Pacific, Santa Ana; E. Fulgencio, SD2, from NAS, Alameda; J. C. Fairbanks, HN, from USNHCS, San Diego; and HA's S. L.

Miller, E. J. Green, Jr., from USNHCS, San Diego; and L. M. Schmoll, (W), from USNHCS, Bainbridge, Md.

Detached were LTJG John G. Raffensperger, MC, USNR, to USS HANCOCK, CVA-19; LT's Arline C. Conrad, NC, USN, to USNH, Guam, Marshall Islands; H. M. Love, HMC, to USNAAS, Hawthorne, Nev.; E. L. Thatcher, HML, to USNAAS, Fallon, Nev.; HM2's D. J. Bailey, to USNH, Mare Island, Vallejo; B. B. Mosteller, to USNS, San Francisco; HM3's G. D. Burgener, T. Goudeau, Jr., to MarCorBase, Camp Pendleton; R. F. Dion, and C. H. Stone, to USAir-FMFPAC, El Toro, Santa Ana; HN's R. C. Parkhurst, J. P. Werner, J. C. Frye, to MarCorBase, Camp Pendleton; G. "E" Ferrier and B. K. Edwards to USNAS, Moffett Field; K. E. Copey, to USNS, San Francisco; P. J. Manion, to USNS, San Francisco; T. C. Hollister, to USNSC Oakland; D. L. Roberts and L. L. Wellham, to USRADLDEFLAB, NavShipYd, San Francisco; and G. F. Stokes, to USComNavPhil.

Released to inactive duty were LT's Irving D. Berg, MC, Gladys J. Pringle, NC, June H. Mallett, NC, and LTJG Violet M. Strohl, NC.

Discharged were LTJG Marion L. Goller, NC, and WAVES T. J. Verbish, HN, J. Parkhurst, HN, L. G. Duran, HN, and A. M. Miley, HN.

Red Cross Ramblings

BUSY! With the nip of fall suddenly in the air, the stage is set for busy activities as shown by the increased demand for craft materials on the way. Maybe the realization that Thanksgiving (and even Christmas!) are around the corner are turning one's thoughts to presents for family and friends.



LTJG Sanford H. Hahn

Jewish Chaplain Here on Thursdays

LTJG Sanford H. Hahn, CHC, paid his first visit to Oak Knoll last Thursday. Regularly stationed at Treasure Island, he will spend each Thursday visiting Jewish patients and staff members at Oak Knoll. In addition to seeing patients on the wards, he will be available in his office on 67A from 0900-1000 and from 1300-1400 each Thursday.

This is the first assignment for LTJG Hahn since he was graduated from the U. S. Naval Chaplain's School at Newport, R. I. He received his BA at Queens College, N. Y. and took his rabbinical studies at the Jewish Theological Seminary, New York, N. Y., serving during his last year there as a student rabbi for a Mount Kisco, N. Y. congregation. He was commissioned in the Chaplains Corps immediately after receiving his ordination in July of this year.

Chaplain Hahn, his wife, Carol, and 15-months-old son, William, are living in Oakland.

Corpsman Delivers Vietnamese Babies

Paul P. Denoncourt, a Hospital Corpsman Second Class serving on the USS TELEFAIR, knows public relations is an all hands job.

While his ship was evacuating thousands of Vietnamese refugees from Northern Indo-China, four little slant-eyed babies were born. As luck would have it, Denoncourt was the duty corpsman each time the stork arrived and his help was sought by the Vietnamese midwife who accompanied the refugees.

Two boys and two girls were delivered normally. One boy was named Nguyen Van Bon after Corpsman Denoncourt. Bon is the Vietnamese name for Paul while Nguyen is the family name.

Said Denoncourt, "I have learned a lot about these refugees who are fleeing their homes to escape communist persecution. My shipmates and I know what a great privilege it is to help them."

A world of ideas and materials for the making of lovely gifts are available at the Red Cross Craft Shop. It's easy—and we'll help with all the necessary instructions. On the way too, if you are a bed patient, there are many things which you can make. The tedious hours will fly by, and you will have a handsome item which will make your loved ones proud and happy.

CPL EDWARD CAAY, USMC, is another distinguished "patient of the week" because of his most unusual hobby. This fellow has reason to be popular with his friends because they can all enjoy his hobby, too. Ray has it that, on the recent jaunt to Angel's Camp where everyone had such a good time, Caay concocted most delicious barbecue sauce which greatly added to the success of the occasion. This man is truly an artist of rare and unusual recipes of both eastern and western cooking. Someday we hope that he will put his delicious inventions into book form that everyone may enjoy them.

STAFF TRAINEES: If you have noticed two new young ladies in Red Cross uniform on this compound they are Donna Kupper and Margaret Thompson who have been trained for Red Cross hospital service under Vera Wilkeson, Assistant Field Director, for case work on our staff. Miss Kupper hails from Tacoma, Washington, and was graduated with a major in sociology from Eastern Washington State College at Spokane. Margaret Thompson was born in Ohio but she calls the state of Washington home. She earned her degree in psychology at the University of California. This is the last day of training at Oak Knoll before both young ladies join Red Cross staffs as Case Aides.

NEW BLOOD in the pinochle tournament field was provided by a recent humdinger on 62A. We are informed that SUTTERFIELD, BLACKBURN, HALL, HOWARD, KIEVITT, STEWART, WEDE, PIANKO, STONE, WELLS, "MAC", HOLTZ, COLE, DILLON, and CONDON battled but were beaten by C. R. SCOTT, DKI, and JOHN E. RAMUS, SN. Whew! The final at the big Lounge tourney were B. KOEHLER, AT1, and W. B. HALL, MEG1, who nosed out L. W. STOKES, SN, and J. MAZZUCA, HN. BO SIEGEL retained his crown as pinochle champ. Has he got the rest of you fellows buffaloed?

New Navy Radio Show Makes Debut Over KYA

Last Friday at 1600 a new Navy radio show made its debut over station KYA (1250 on the radio dial) according to word from the 12th Public Information Office. The program, "Treasure Island Tales" will be heard over KYA every Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

A Navy reporter will tell the known stories of Navy life (past and present) in the Bay Area and dispense Navy news to Navy personnel.

Divine Services

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LT Irving D. Berg

Dr. Berg Cited; Now a Civilian

LT Irving D. Berg, MC, USNR, returned to civilian life last week, planning to hang out his shingle in the East Bay Area after 18 months duty he almost didn't have at Oak Knoll.

Doctor Berg likes to give credit for his service at Oak Knoll to Captain Julian Love, former Executive Officer, who interceded in his behalf when his active duty orders were canceled (for the third time) because of the absence of one kidney. Captain Love succeeded in having the cancellation cancelled, and those who know Doctor Berg agree that this was a fine thing for the hospital.

On the day of his departure, the psychiatrist was commended by the CO for outstanding care of his patients and his work as counselor and instructor in the clinical aspects of psychiatry for his associates, including medical officers under instruction in Neuropsychiatry and students in the NP Technicians' School. It also referred to his work in establishing a progressive treatment program for open ward patients and his collaboration with Doctor Rosenblatt (former staff psychiatrist) in writing a pamphlet called "Welcome to the Open Wards."

Doctor Berg is a graduate of New York University and NYU College of Medicine, where he received his MD in '44. He served with the FMF from '45 to '46 before having residency training in psychiatry at Michael Reese and spent six years in private practice in Chicago before reporting to Oak Knoll.

He and his wife, Harriett, and their two little girls, Kathy, 7, and Amy, 5 weeks, hope to settle in Berkeley.

Wives in Hat-Making Business—for \$3

The fall class in millinery sponsored by the Officers' Wives has begun and will be held each Monday morning from 0900 to 1200 in the Officers' Club.

Registration for the term is \$3, and any lady who wants a new hat is urged to come and make it or to bring in an old hat for restyling. A baby sitter will be on duty.

Toyland to Reopen On 11 October

A. L. Smedberg, Manager of the Navy Exchange, promises a bigger, better shipment of toys in Toyland this year when it reopens on Monday, 11 October.

Scuttlebutt

SIGNS OF THE SEASON: Myrtle Wallin enjoying the opera in San Francisco . . . Fire Chief Raser planning what he will do when he retires next week . . . ENS D. R. Kelley, MSC, telling shipmates the merits of his new home in Centerville . . . ears and eyes glued to television screens while the Giants and Indians fight it out . . . Toyland taking shape in the Navy Exchange lobby . . .

CHEAPER BY THE DOZEN? LT Richard Morgan's father doesn't believe it, but all the same he reared 13 children, of whom the doctor is number five. He and his seven brothers and five sisters, now scattered over the country, started life in Sioux Falls, S. D. They were scattered even farther during World War II when three of his younger brothers were in the Navy and two in the Marine Corps. Their father, a former banker, is now with the Federal Housing Administration. Incidentally, Dr. Morgan, who is assigned to the hospital's isotope unit, has a good start. He and his wife are parents of four and expect another in December.

KNOLLITEMS: The hospital often gets into print, but not in Hedda Hopper's syndicated movie gossip column, as it did last week when Hedda reported that "a bunch of fellows from the Naval Hospital at Oakland" called her to say they'd found a big mistake in "Three Hours to Kill." Seems a guy in the film has a big fight with Dana Andrews, and a deputy orders him to pick up his rifle and take off. The guy not only forgets his gun but rides off on the wrong horse, she said they said . . . The Oak Knoll combo competed Thursday in the armed forces talent contest Bonnie Keefer conducts on KRON-TV each week . . . Joe Arledge and his Mary Jo are back from 20 days in Crockett, Tex., and it is pretty obvious he still thinks that state is bigger than California . . . A card postmarked Bieber, Calif., reported that Edna and Henry Bourdase were nine and a half hours and five flat tires away from Oakland . . . Congratulations to ENS Ruth Drussell, MSC, now a JG; likewise to Nurse Corps Ensigns Matilda L. Caron, Rose Solano, and Margaret Whitney, who have each sewed on a new half stripe . . . LT F. W. Day of Maintenance and inspectors H. A. Brockett and Otto Lierman, are back from a deer hunting expedition in the vicinity of Strawberry Lake, the inspectors, after being fully instructed by Mr. Day, each bringing home a buck . . . HN's Roy Gotier, NAS, Alameda, and Willie Brown, Moffett Field, can't stay away from Oak Knoll. They were back to spend the week end.

LIFE BEGINS: Cynthia Anne is the name EST's Bob Hickey and his wife, Eunice, have chosen for their 6 lb. 6½ oz. baby girl born on 22 September; and Deborah LaVerne is what Adam L. Peebles, BM2, patient on 80B, and his wife, Mary Jane, will call their 7 lb. 9 oz. daughter who was born the same date . . . Arriving on 24 September was Robert Edward, Jr., fourth child for CDR Robert E. Douglas, Sr., otolaryngologist, and his wife, Wanda. Young Robert tipped the scales at 8 lb. 2 oz. on arrival . . . Another newcomer of local interest is Maxine Lynn, 6 lb. 5 oz. daughter of Charles and Mary Ann Christopherson. The little girl's dad is an SN, patient on 42B.



Two Chiefs of Surgery got together here Tuesday night when Dr. Emile F. Holman, left, who holds that position at Stanford University School of Medicine, lectured to members of the staff here. He was introduced by Oak Knoll's Chief of Surgery, CAPT R. S. Silvis. Doctor Holman, who is also professor of surgery at Stanford, spoke on "Surgical Treatment of Constrictive Pericarditis." His lecture opened the current basic science series for medical officers under instruction.

New Exec, Former Chief of Urology Here, Returns to Oak Knoll From Bethesda

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usual variety of assignments at sea and ashore, throughout his Navy career devoting his efforts mainly to surgery. He was Chief of the Surgical service at Bethesda when Admiral Bradley was Executive Officer at that hospital, and just before coming here he served for two years as Fleet Surgeon for the Commander-in-Chief of the Atlantic Fleet and Director of Medical Affairs for the Supreme Allied Commander, Atlantic. Other assignments were with the Civilian Conservation Corps, at the U. S. Navy Medical School, Washington, D. C.; USNAS, Jacksonville, Fla.; at the Naval Hospitals at Washington, D. C., Pearl Harbor, T. H.; San Diego, New Orleans, Fleet Hospital 114; and aboard the USS MINNEAPOLIS.



CAPTAIN GROSS' CHIEF NURSE at USNH, Guam, will be LCDR Rita V. O'Neill, who has served as Detail Officer in Miss Gavin's office here since last March. Miss O'Neill, a graduate of St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing in Philadelphia, Pa., on 3 October had been in the Navy Nurse Corps for 16 years. During World War II she served in field hospitals in the New Hebrides and New Zealand. She was in charge of the Nurse Corps indoctrination program at USNH, St. Albans, New York, for 18 months before coming to Oak Knoll. Miss O'Neill was detached on 25 September and will sail for Guam on the USNS SHANKS along with Captain and Mrs. Gross.

He is a native of Illinois, was educated at the University of Illinois, University of Chicago, and Loyola Medical School, is a member of the American Medical Association, a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons, a Diplomate of the American Board of Surgery, and an Honorary Member of the Washington Academy of Surgery. He is the father of two college-age daughters — "Hermie," a student at Mary Washington College, Fredericksburg, Va., and "Peggy," at the University of Maryland. He is a hunter, fisherman, and handyman.

New Exec Former Knollite

Captain Abernethy, who comes from Bethesda, is among friends at Oak Knoll since he was on duty here from 1946 to 1950. He is a native of Oklahoma, a graduate of the University of Oklahoma and University of Oklahoma Medical School, where he received his MD in 1930 and was subsequently commissioned a LTJG in the Medical Corps. In 1936 he became a resident at the James Brady Foundation in New York City and since completing his advanced training there, has devoted the major part of his Navy career to the field of urology.

He has served at the Naval hospitals in Washington, D. C.; Chelsea, Mass.; Canacao, P. I.; Pensacola, Fla.; Portsmouth, Va., and Bethesda, and at sea aboard the USS MELVILLE and the USS INDIANA. From June 1941 to August 1943 he was Assistant Naval Attache to the American Embassy, London, and following that tour of duty was in the research division of BuMed.

Certified Board Member

Dr. Abernethy is certified to the American Board of Urology, is a member of the American Urological Association, the American Medical Association, and the Northern California Urological Society. He is vice-president of the Washington, D. C., Urological Society.

He and his wife, Lolita, who is a San Franciscan will make their home in Quarters A on the knoll overlooking the hospital.



When Joseph D. Kalitowski of Pharmacy, second from left, got a letter from his girl the other day, there was plenty for everybody. The 16-foot letter, from Barbara Pelt, University of Illinois co-ed, came in answer to one Kalitowski wrote her—a letter, one line long and 40 yards wide, typed on strips of paper and glued together. Getting the latest "skinny" and helping him hold up the letter are, at left, Robert T. Carkeek, HN, and at right, Donald J. Halkovic, HM2, and John T. Taschioglou, HN.



Suleyman Ojdemirci, PO1, of the Turkish Navy, doesn't speak English, and Robert Keith Semmens, HN, of 50B doesn't speak Turkish, but a handshake means friendship in any language.

It Was Red Cross to the Rescue When Patient Couldn't Speak English

It's no fun to be in a hospital at best, but when you don't speak, write, or understand English and attendants on the ward know even less about your language, things can look pretty rough.

They did to 22-year-old Suleyman Ojdemirci, PO1, of the Turkish Navy, when he arrived on 50B a week ago—but not for long.

LT Edna Reeves, nursing supervisor on the ward, telephoned Miss Marie Adams, Red Cross Field Director, and three hours and several phone calls later, the problem was solved. The help of Oakland and San Francisco chapters was enlisted, and through the India Consul in San Francisco, Red Cross learned that ten Turkish naval officers from the patient's ship, the USS HAMMERHEAD,

were being entertained that day by the International Hospitality Center. But after the tour of the city in the morning, they were restricted to the ship, due to sail the following morning. Further exploration revealed that one of the interpreters used on the morning trip was available. He was Rifat A. Parug of Berkeley, who arrived three hours after the patient, and was able to help him and the doctor understand each other.

Hunger was momentarily a problem. Since the patient is a Mohammedan, the dietary restrictions of his religion prevented him from eating many of the foods placed before him. This time LCDR Margaret Cotter, head dietitian, well-versed in these matters, came to the rescue and his tray has since been filled with foods

BuPers Announces Competitive Exams

Bupers has announced the dates for service-wide competitive examinations for pay grades E-4, E-5, E-6 and E-7 during February and August 1955.

The examinations for petty officer third class (E-4) are slated for Tuesday, 8 February. Petty officer second class tests (E-5) are scheduled for Tuesday 15 February. Petty officer first class (E-6) will be held Wednesday, 23 February. The examinations for Chief petty officer (E-7) will be held Tuesday, 1 February.

Due to the lack of existing vacancies, examinations in the following rates are temporarily suspended from the February competition: BMC, QMC, TMC, GMC, OMC, DKC, CSC, PIC, ENC, MEC, PMC, MLC, ADC, AOC, AMC, PRC, HMC, DTC, SDC, BM1, TM1, GM1, CS1, PI1, EN1, ME1, AD1 AO1, AM1, PR1, HM1, DT1, and SD1.

Examinations will also be held during August 1955 for pay grades E-4, E-5 and E-6 only. The tests for E-4 will be held the second Tuesday in August, E-5 the third Tuesday and E-6 the fourth Tuesday. If a date falls on a holiday, the examination will be held the following day. Full details are contained in Bupers Notices 1418, 7A and 1418, 3 September, 1954. (AFPS)

Party Held in CPO Club to Honor Execs

Some 80 MSC and HC Officers and CPO's gathered at the Chiefs' Club Thursday, 23 September to honor their departing exec and welcome his relief aboard.

The guests of honor were CAPT Herman A. Gross, who was detached the following day preparatory to his departure for USNH, Guam, and his relief, CAPT A. C. Abernethy, who comes to Oak Knoll from Bethesda.

In speaking to the group, Captain Gross praised the work of the chiefs and expressed the hope that they would give the same fine support to Captain Abernethy as they have to him during the past year. Captain Abernethy, a Knollite "from way back," recognized a number of old friends, who, like him, are here for a second tour of duty.

Model of "Mighty Mo" To be Feature at Dance

A rocking, rolling model of the "Mighty Mo" will be one of the main attractions at the Ship's Dance to be held in the auditorium Friday night, according to Robert L. Hammer, HM1, chairman of the social event.

Cargo nets and ship's flags, a ship's wheel, and a 20 mm. gun will be among the props used to give the auditorium a nautical atmosphere.

Buffet supper will be served, beginning at 1930. Dancing will be to the music of Maury Wolohan's seven-piece orchestra. Tickets are free, but they should be picked up either at the main gate or Special Services as soon as possible so that the committee can complete its plans.

he would have ordered for himself—if he could have.

The young man from Kasimpasa, Istanbul, arrived in San Francisco on a training cruise aboard the HAMMERHEAD.

Staff Personalities



Elizabeth Winsby is supervisor of the civilian workers in the Personnel and Records division, where she is commonly known as "Betty" to her many friends. A native Californian, Betty attended the University of California, taking courses in Business Administration. Prior to coming to Oak Knoll, seven years ago, she worked with the vocational guidance division of the Alameda Board of Education. Her hobbies are tennis, motoring in her Chevy Bel-Air, and people — particularly her attractive daughter, Sandra, who has just turned 13.



The quiet-mannered young man who appears here has just completed his first year of duty at Oak Knoll. He is Darrel E. Bailey, HN, currently a lab student assigned to serology. Darrel hails from Pekins, Illinois. Graduating from Pekins Commercial High school with no definite plan in mind, he decided to join the ranks of Navy blue and did so in June. He took his boots and corps school training at Great Lakes, then was sent to the USNH, Corpus Christi, for nine months and from there came to Oak Knoll in September '53. His interests are baseball and football. Upon completion of this tour, he hopes to become a contractor.

She: "Is horse racing a sport?"

He: "Well, it cleans quite a bit every day."

Then there was the Navy dentist who received a 21-gum salary upon retirement.

Program to Continue Through Wednesday

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"Teamwork"—LT Stanley E. Willis, MC, USN, Staff, Neuropsychiatric Service, USNH, Oakland.

1330-1500 **ORTHOPEDIC SECTION:** Moderator, CAPT Thomas M. Foley, Jr., MC, USN, Chief, Orthopedic Service, USNH, Oakland.

"Primary Management of Injuries of the Hand"—Dr. Sterling Bunnell, Staff, Stanford University Hospital.

Subject to be announced—CAPT Douglas Tullinger, MC, USNR, Orthopedic staff, Alameda County, Merritt, Richmond, and Alameda Hospitals.

"Medical Problems of the Marine Wing in the Field"—CAPT H. R. Berk, MC, USN, Primary, USNAS, Alameda.

"Preventive Medicine"—CAPT Robert Johnson, MC, USN.

1500-1600 **MEDICAL SECTION:** Moderator, CAPT John H. Ward, Jr., MC, USN, Chief, Medical Service, USNH, Oakland.

"Diabetic Coma"—LT T. L. Althausen, MC, USNR, Professor of Medicine, U. C. School of Medicine.

"Allergy in Military Medicine"—A. H. Rose, Lecturer in Medicine, U. C., and LT R. H. Watten, Medical Service, USNH, Oakland.

"Parenteral Nutrition" and "Intravenous Emulsion"—H. A. Harper, Ph.D., Associate Professor Physiological Chemistry (surgery), U. C.

The program for Wednesday is devoted mainly to medical and psychiatric problems.

1830-1000 **MEDICAL SECTION:** Moderator CAPT Emanuel Rollins, MC, USN, Staff, Medical Service, USNH, Oakland.

"Advances in Submarine Medicine"—speaker to be announced.

"Aims, Principles and Requirements of Field Medicine"—CAPT Eugene R. Hering, Jr., MC, USN, Office of Commandant, Headquarters, USMC, Navy Department, Washington, D. C.

"Treatment of Acute Renal Insufficiency (Lower Nephron Nephrosis)"—LT P. D. Hodan, MC, USN, Chief, Metabolic Research Division, USNH, Oakland.

"Recent Advances in Chest Surgery"—LCDR G. L. Crenshaw, MC, USNR, Thoracic and Bronchoscopy Service, Alameda County Hospital.

1010-1140 **NEUROPSYCHIATRY SECTION:** Moderator, CAPT David C. Gaede, MC, USN, Chief, Neuropsychiatry Service, USNH, Oakland.

"Diagnosis and Treatment in the Military Aspects of Epilepsy"—panel presentation and discussion—Dr. Henry Newman, Associate Professor, Department of Neurology, Stanford University School of Medicine, and CDR Robert L. Baxter, MC, USN, and CDR Henry S. Colony, MC, USN, staff, USNH, Oakland.

"Current Problems of Interest in Military Psychiatry"—Panel discussion—Dr. Karl M. Bowman, Professor of Psychiatry, U. C.; Dr. M. D. Spottswood, Clinical Instructor in Psychiatry, U. C.; CDR Mervyn Shoor, MC, USN, and LT Stanley E. Willis, MC, USN, staff, Neuropsychiatry Service, USNH, Oakland.

1330-1600 **MEDICAL SECTION:** Moderator, CDR F. T. Norris, MC, USN, Assistant Chief, Medical Service, USNH, Oakland.

"Medical Management of Peptic Ulcer"—CAPT A. M. Snell, MC, USNR, Clinical Professor of Medicine, Palo Alto Clinic.

"Surgical Therapy of Peptic Ulcer"—CAPT R. S. Silvis, MC, USN, Chief Surgical Service, USNH, Oakland.

"1-131 in Diagnosis and Treatment of Thyroid Diseases"—Dr. Morris Dailey, Assistant Professor of Medicine, U. C.

"A Summary of Experimental Work in Radiobiology at Naval Radiological Defense Laboratory"—CAPT Albert R. Behne, MC, USN, Radiological Medical Director, USNRDL, San Francisco.

"ACTH, Cortisone and Nitrogen Mustard in Malignancy"—Dr. W. D. McCarthy, General Tumor Clinic and Surgical Staff, Highland-Alameda County Hospital, and CAPT Emanuel Rollins, USNH, Oakland.

"Degenerative Lung Diseases" (film)—LCDR G. L. Crenshaw, MC, USNR, Thoracic and Bronchoscopy Service, Alameda County Hospital.

"Bilateral Adrenalectomy in Cushing's Disease"—CAPT J. N. Ward, Jr., MC, USN, Chief, Medical Service, and CAPT R. S. Silvis, MC, USN, Chief Surgical Service, USNH, Oakland.

The course will close at 1600 Wednesday afternoon, with remarks by RADM H. P. Rives, DC, USN, Inspector, Dental Activities, Pacific Coast; and RADM F. C. Graves, MC, USN, Inspector, Medical Activities, Pacific Coast.

Boos: "You're 20 minutes late again. Don't you know what time we start work at this factory?"

New Employee: "No, sir, they're always at it when I get here."



One of Oak Knoll's most satisfied customers is pretty Mrs. Vicenta Camacho, 32, who lives in Alameda with her eight children, all born at this hospital. Here they are, from left to right: Barbara, who will be 5 in February; publicity shy Elizabeth, nearly 2; helpful Mary, who will be 7 in April; Johnnie, who just arrived 21 September; Charles, who will have his 3rd birthday in January; Tony; Josephine, who will be 4 in February; and Vince. The twins, Tony and Vince, will be 6 in March. Father of the happy Guamanian family is Antanacio Camacho, SD1, USN, now serving aboard the USS CIMARRON, AO22, in the Indochina area. He has served in the Navy 18 years.

Hospital History, Mission Reviewed for Visitors

U.S. Naval Hospital, Oakland, familiarly known as Oak Knoll, was commissioned on 1 July 1942, the 48th United States Naval Hospital. In less than three years, it grew from a 500-bed hospital to one that at the peak of World War II accommodated more than 6,000. Today the patient census averages around 1100.

Oak Knoll is a general hospital, caring for sick and injured Navy men and women and Marine Corps personnel from shore activities in the Twelfth Naval District and for men of the Pacific Fleet and their dependents. In World War II and again during the Korean conflict, the hospital served as a receiving center for casualties evacuated from the battlefields.

This hospital is the Navy's West Coast center for treatment and rehabilitation of amputees, with an artificial limb department that is constantly working to bring about improvements in arm and leg prostheses, as well as developing various types of braces for orthopedic patients and those who have suffered from nerve injuries. Oak Knoll is also the West Coast center for treatment of neuropsychiatric patients. Other specialties are neurosurgery, neurology, plastic surgery, thoracic and cardiovascular surgery, and treatment

of malignant diseases. The hospital has an active Metabolic Research Facility, and it is the only hospital in the Bay Area where an "artificial kidney" is in use.

As of Saturday morning, the all-time census of service and veteran patients totaled 239,950. This figure is exclusive of the Dependent Service, where the patient volume has been proportionately high.

In addition to the primary consideration—restoring the health of the patient—the hospital is also concerned with training of officers and enlisted personnel so that they will be prepared to provide expert medical service aboard ships and at stations overseas. At the present time the staff includes 21 interns and 27 doctors under residency type training in internal medicine, surgery, OB and GYN, ophthalmology, orthope-

edics, otolaryngology, pathology, radiology, surgery, urology, pediatrics, and anesthesiology.

Thirty-four staff doctors are certified specialists in their particular fields and 55 civilian doctors from the University of California and Stanford University Medical Schools make up the consulting staff and assist with the teaching program.

Schools for enlisted personnel include the Environmental Sanitation School—the only one of its kind in the Navy—and laboratory, operating room, X-ray, orthopedic appliance, urology, and neuropsychiatric nursing technicians' schools.

Visitors here for the symposium will have an opportunity to see many of the facilities mentioned above and to meet and hear discussions by outstanding civilian consultants and members of the staff.

A "Well Done" for EENT

Dear Sir:

I wish to express my appreciation for the excellent care received while I was a patient at the Naval Hospital, Oakland, prior to release from active duty on 1 July 1954.

The excellent result of a fenestration operation performed last February has been of immeasurable help in successfully resuming civilian employment. I feel especially grateful to the doctors whose skillful performance of duty made the treatment so successful. Doctors Riggs, Douglas, Dominey, Allen, and the civilian consultant Dr. Sooy all participated. Care and assistance received from nurses, corpsmen, and other military and civilian assistants was excellent.

One of the outstanding impressions that I received while at Oak Knoll was that in addition to caring for a patient's physical needs, the members of your staff remember that the patient is a person. In my last association with the Navy, I experienced the kind of excellent performance that makes me very proud of the Naval Service.

*Very respectfully,
Hugh J. Forest,
LT, SC, USNR, Retired,
Walnut Creek, California.*

Iron Lung Patient Has Ride in Ambulance Bus

Oak Knoll's generator - equipped bus was called out again last week to provide transportation for a polio patient in an iron lung.

The patient was Mildred Kalish, 4056 Burckhalter Ave., Oakland, 25-year-old mother of two children. In the respirator at Highland Hospital since she was stricken on 3 August, Mrs. Kalish was transferred to Fairmont Hospital, where she has graduated to a "rocking bed."

HMC J. E. Swanson of Maintenance made arrangements for use of the bus, which is specially rigged with a generator slung outside the bus to protect patients from noise and fumes that would be present if the machine were set up on the interior of the bus.

President of Boxing Club: "Now there's the question of colors. Any suggestions?"

Member: "I suggest black-and-blue."

Mother (to son wandering around the room): "What are you looking for?"

Son: "Nothing."

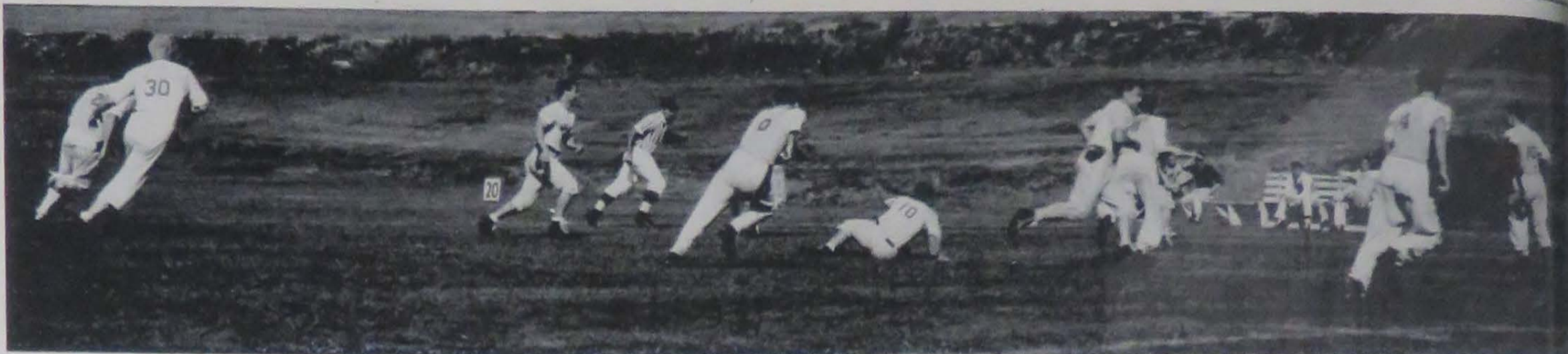
Mother: "You'll find it in the box where the candy was."

Still Time to Enter Freedom Letter Contest

How much does America mean to you? Your answer entered in the Freedom's Foundation Contest, whose deadline date is 11 November 1954, may win you as much as \$1000.

Send your letter of no more than 500 words to the Awards Editor, Armed Forces Radio Service, 1016 N. McCadden Place, Los Angeles 38, California. Your letter should bear your name, rank, service number, and organization.

There were 38,300 fatalities in traffic in the United States last year—seven for every 100,000,000 miles driven, according to the California State Automobile Association. California's death rate was lower than that of the nation—6.6 fatalities per 100,000,000 miles driven or 3,371 in all.



WHO'S GOT THE PIGSKIN? WHO'S GOT THE BALL?—a good question as Oak Knoll Hilltoppers had a field day with the T.I. gridders here Thursday, defeating them 47-7. Recognizable on this play is number 30, "big Fred Guith," and on deck is Al Marino, number 10.

Sports Highlights

With NAS, Alameda, and Moffett Field pulling out of the football league, a number of changes have been made in the Hilltoppers' season. The schedule of remaining games is as follows:

October 7.....SFNavShYd Here
 October 14.....12ND Comm There
 October 21.....NAS, Oakland There
 October 28.....Bye

... Hunting licenses and deer tags are available in the Special Services issue room on the second floor of the Community Service Building. Deer tags can be had for \$1.00 and hunting licenses for \$3.00.

... Dusty Rhodes, present Coach of the hospital girls' basketball team will be transferred next week. The position will be open, and anyone interested in the job is asked to call LTJG Dolly Carston at Physical Therapy, Ext. 438.

... CWOHC Orval G. Haines, Coach of the men's basketball team is asking for more players for the team, and any person wishing to play may call him at Ext. 401. Practice is on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 1600, and at the San Leandro Annex gym.

This year, as many years in the past, a miracle will occur. The miracle of people helping people. By your support of the American Red Cross, at a thousand different times, in a thousand different ways, you will show the quality of mercy! Contribute to the fund campaign in your community. Join and Serve.



A T.I. player closes in for the tackle, but to no avail as quarterback Jack Young sprints across the goal line for one of the four touchdowns made by him in the game against Treasure Island.

Knollites Run Over T. I. Gridders, 47-7, for Second Win of Season

The hospital touch football team gained their second win of the new season, defeating the Treasure Island gridders 47-7 last Thursday.

The game, played on the Oak Knoll field, opened with quarterback Jack Young running for the first touchdown. He also ran the extra point making the score 7-0. The opposition made their only touchdown in the first half on a long pass, and converted to tie the game at 7-7. In the first half, Dunnigan received and raced 30 yards down the sidelines to within 15 yards of the T. I. goal line, setting up the next play for a touchdown pass from Young to Burley. The bid for an extra point was no good, leaving the score at 13-7.

Big John Thinker, defensive center, made the Knoll line a stubborn wall of resistance which T. I. was unable to break through. As T. I. took to the air, their pass was intercepted by Hollister. It was then Knoll's ball in enemy territory. Burley and Dunnigan, attempting to execute a statue of liberty play, were foiled as Dunnigan was tagged off left end. Captain Young sized up the opponents, called for a dip play in the backfield, and sent a bullet pass right into the waiting hands of Tom Burley for a 19-7 score.

T. I. received on the next kickoff and tried in vain to get through the Hilltoppers' Gibraltar line. They passed, but the ball was again intercepted by Hollister. It was the Knoll's ball, and Young ran 23 yards to a touchdown, making the score 25-7. The try for an extra point was no good.

The second half was all the Hilltoppers', with the Knoll kicking to T. I. and holding them to a fourth down on their 20-yard line. The T. I. Skipper attempted another pass across the line of scrimmage but again

Hollister intercepted, this time for a Knoll touchdown. The extra point was made by Dunnigan, turning and twisting through the line bringing the score to 32-7. Jack Young executed the brightest play of the game when, with Knoll taking possession of the ball after an incomplete pass by T. I., on Knoll 10-yard line, he received, pivoted, faked and ran 70 yards for a touchdown and a 38-7 tally.

The Hilltoppers were in possession in the last few minutes of play as Young received and took off through center for another touchdown, gaining the extra point on a pass to Burley and bringing the score to 45-7. T. I. received and they again unsuccessfully tried to pierce the Knoll defense but to no avail. Scanning the field for a receiver, as he retreated, the quarterback took too long and the Knoll defense forced him into the end zone for a safety, and as the clock ticked out, the Knoll squad had chalked up a 47-7 victory.

In spite of wins, many weaknesses have to be ironed out before the team is ready for stronger opposition. Coach Dale Folger attributes the victory to outstanding defense and speedy ground running. He says T. I. just couldn't seem to cover the downfield receivers, Guith, Marino, Burley and Dunnigan. The real test for the Hilltoppers came yesterday with a game against the big Mare Island squad, results of which will appear in next week's Oak Leaf. Moffett Field will be the next opponent for the Hilltoppers at home on Knoll Field, 7 October.

The lineup for the T. I. game was as follows: F. Guith, J. Calloway, A. Marino, J. Young, T. Burley, C. Dunnigan, J. Thinker, J. Johnson.

CPO: "Why aren't you working?"
 SN: "I didn't see you coming."

Coming Events

- 2 October—Rifle meet at Mare Island
- 4 October—Golf conference for inter golf league in Room 101, Federal Building, San Francisco
- 6 October—12ND Athletic Commission meeting at San Francisco Shipyard
- 10 October—PacFlt - Olympic pistol meet at Alameda
- 11 October—Women's Bowling Conference, Room 101, Federal Building
- 15 October—12ND Boxing Smack begin
- 25 October—12ND Men's Bowling competition opens

Previews

Saturday, 2 October
APPOINTMENT IN HONDURAS—Glenn Ford, Ann Sheridan. **ADVENTURE**. Color. Rating: Fair. Ford's way to Honduras to give a wrong-deposed president money with which to suppress his evil conquerors. He saves a group of prisoners from the ship and sets out with them for his destination. Besides the strong obstacles of the sea, Ford has to deal with the latent treachery of the prisoners. In the climax he beats his treacherous companions and wins Sheridan, a hostage.

Sunday, 3 October
ALWAYS A BRIDE—Peggy Cummer, Terence Morgan. **COMEDY**. Good. Ronald Squire, a charming man whose desire for easy living is based only by love for his daughter, is "racket" consisting of posing as a husband and wife at swanky Riviera resorts, falls in love with a British Treasury investigator, but for her father's sake she goes out on another fleeing party. In the end, the police, the treasury man and love catch up with them.

Monday, 4 October
SLAUGHTER TRAIL—Brian Donlevy, Virginia Gray, Andy Devine. This sounds like a real 'shootin' iron flicker.

Tuesday, 5 October
RICOCHET ROMANCE—Marjorie Main, Chill Wills, Rudy Vallee. **COMEDY**. There is no information available.

Wednesday, 6 October
ROOGIE'S BUMP—Robert Marnock, Warrick, Brooklyn Dodgers. **BASEBALL FICTION**. Rating: Fair. Roogie, a town boy and wild about baseball, goes to Brooklyn where the other kids are. A lump suddenly develops on his arm, which causes a number of strange currences such as cutting his meat through the dish, and pulling out knobs. He writes to the manager, Dodgers, becomes the boy wonder, which he is exploited pitilessly. The manager and family resent the publicity, but toward the end of the season becomes a normal nine-year-old boy and becomes the team's mascot.

Thursday, 7 October
BACHELOR AND THE BOBBY—Cary Grant, Myrna Loy, Temple. **COMEDY**. Rating: Fair. Another reissue on which no information is available.

Friday, 8 October
JUBILEE TRAIL—Joan Leslie, Vernon, Forrest Tucker, Pat O'Brien. **WESTERN**. Rating: Good. Trucolor. A trader, is taking his bride, Miss Weston, back to his home in California, where he befriends Miss Ralston, a cafe owner, the lam from New York police. He becomes involved when Russell's erratic brother Middleton, ignorant of his brother's marriage, pledges his local Spanish girl. A feud results, and she is murdered, leaving his wife a baby, which Middleton tries to kill, only to be killed in the attempt. Several other sub-plots and sub-sub-plots.

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Fire Chief Raser Leaves After 9 Years' Duty Here

After being fire chief at Oak Knoll for nine years, James O. Raser is retiring this week. His successor, who is rapidly becoming oriented to the job is Billie J. Carr, who has been chief inspector of fire prevention on the security staff at NAS, Alameda, for the past nine years.

Throughout his service here Chief Raser has been effective in training and developing the fire-fighting force and has kept fires to a minimum. He has improved the fire-alarm system and started the internal security radio as well as the installation of fire walls and sprinkler systems.

These accomplishments were listed in a letter sent to him recently by the Commanding Officer.

Chief Raser came to Oak Knoll from Treasure Island, where he had served as assistant chief of the fire department. He has previously been a member of the Oakland fire department, and his contact there brought about a close working relationship between the two departments.

Seven civilians and 15 enlisted men were on the force when Chief Raser arrived, and since then, many members have come and gone, leaving a present force of 24 civilians to guard Oak Knoll and San Leandro annex.

The new Fire Chief is a former Navy man with the rating AMM1, equivalent to the present day ADE1. He served aboard the USS MINNEAPOLIS, USS MEDUSA and the USS HOUSTON. As a sailor, he also served as assistant fire chief at NAS, Alameda, had a tour of duty at NAAS, Fallon, Nevada, and returned to Alameda as fire chief.

Following his discharge, Mr. Carr worked for some time as head of the Long Beach Fire Department.

Knoll Combo Wins Television Contest

The Oak Knoll Combo appeared again yesterday on Bonnie Keever's armed forces talent contest telecast over KRON-TV.

Their second appearance came as a result of winning last week's contest when they competed with an army impersonator and comedian from the Presidio of San Francisco.

As a result of last week's show, each man is to receive a handsome wrist-watch, and should they win again this week, each will win another valuable prize. The winner is picked by the TV audience each week, and the results of yesterday's contest will not be known until the votes are in Tuesday.

Members are Travis Ross, HM3, pianist; John Piotrowski, HM3, drummer; Bob Sharpe, HN, bass fiddler.



James O. Raser, right, Fire Chief at Oak Knoll for the past nine years, talks over the job with his successor, Billie J. Carr, former Assistant Chief of the Fire Department at Treasure Island. Chief Raser had been in the government service 13 years and 16 days when he retired this week.



Fredric A. Holle, Kenneth E. Purdy, both HM3's, and John F. Imler, HN, line up for the staff photographer after receiving their commendations in the Commanding Officer's office. They were cited for special care which led to the eventual recovery of a seriously ill patient.

Three Neuropsychiatric Technicians Cited For Aid in Patient's Recovery

Kenneth E. Purdy and Fredric A. Holle, HM3's, and John F. Imler, HN, were commended on 23 September by Admiral Bradley.

All three NP Technicians were cited for working "long and tiresome hours through the night and giving up personal leisure and recreation in the interest of providing specialized care which resulted in the ultimate recovery of a patient."

They and other members of the department saw to the needs of a patient when a complication of deep insulin coma therapy occurred.

Both Purdy and Holle were honor-men when they graduated from NP school and Purdy had that honor in boot as well as corps school.

Purdy, a former student of the University of Wash., Seattle, Wash., and here since October '53, went

through recruit and corps school training at San Diego. He and his wife Shirley and 17-month-old son Ken, Jr., live in Oakland.

Holle attended Arizona State College, NTC and HCS at Great Lakes, Ill., and had a tour of duty at USNH, Bremerton, Wash., before arriving at Oak Knoll in October of '53. He and his wife Patricia also live in Oakland.

Imler, who hails from Ritzville, Wash., came aboard in December '52 after boot and corp school training at San Diego.

SHIP'S DANCE TONIGHT
Auditorium - 1930-2400



UNITED CRUSADE

PLEDGE NOW

180 Attend First Medico-Dental Symposium Here

Approximately 180 reserve and regular Medical, Dental, Medical Service, and Nurse Corps officers of the Army, Navy, and Air Force attended Oak Knoll's First Annual Military Medico-Dental Symposium here the first three days of this week.

Some 50 interesting and instructive subjects were covered in original papers, films, and panel discussions presented by eminent speakers including members of the Oak Knoll staff, civilian consultants, medical and dental officers from other commands, and representatives from the California State Nursing Association.

The general consensus was that the symposium was a most profitable experience, and CAPT P. E. Spangler of the Post Graduate School at Monterey, who attended every session, stated at the close of the program that this was the third military symposium he has attended and that in his opinion it was the best.

The symposium, first to be held on the West Coast, was for regular and active and inactive reserve officers of all the armed forces, its purpose being to provide opportunity for exchange of new ideas and new developments in Navy medicine. It will be an annual event at the hospital.

ACEA Bids 40 Patients To Boxing Show

The Alameda County Employees Association invites 40 patients from Oak Knoll to attend the American Legion Boxing show to be held at the Oakland Auditorium, Thursday, 14 October at 1945. A bus will leave from Special Service Building at 1900. Patients sign up at Special Services Office in Community Service Building.

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† † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

I wish to express my sense of privilege at being given Oak Knoll as my collateral duty station. Having been aboard but several Thursdays, I have already sensed the rapport, the esprit de corps, and the friendship that exist here. My primary duty will be to serve the personnel of the Jewish faith, for that is what I was ordained to do. However, Navy Chaplains rarely measure their flock in terms of denomination or religious background. We believe in the sound religious doctrine that all men were created in the image of God regardless of religious convictions. It is therefore my wish to serve all as well as my co-religionists of the Jewish faith.

I believe with firm conviction that regardless of the religious denomination from which we stem, all chaplains have the same task facing them: namely, the implanting of a strong and lasting faith in God within those with whom they come in contact. Faith is the essence of living. And this Psalmist well knew when he wrote that "The righteous shall live by his faith." Unless we have a faith, we become like driftwood which is washed ashore by the overpowering waves. We grope, we wonder, and often we are afraid. To have faith is to hope. To have faith is to have knowledge that tomorrow can be better than today. It is to be assured that there is above us a power guiding us and watching over us. To have faith in God is also to have faith in the goodness and worthwhileness of man. It is essential that we have a deep and abiding faith. Let us pray with the religious poet of old:

Eternal is Thy power, O Lord, Thou art mighty to save. In loving-kindness Thou sustainest the living; in the multitude of Thy mercies, Thou preservest all. Thou upholdest the falling and healest the sick; freest the captives and keepest faith with Thy children. Who is like unto Thee, Almighty God, Source of Salvation? Praised be Thou, O Lord, who hast implanted within us eternal life. Amen.

LTJG SANFORD H. HAHN,
 Jewish Chaplain

• • Welcome and Farewell • •

Reporting for duty during the past week were LT's Amelia C. Kruczek, NC, USNR, from MSTs, Pacific; and Lucille Tucker, NC, USNR, from NROTC Unit, University of Colorado, Boulder, Colorado; HN's J. N. Skiver, from USNHCS, San Diego; R. D. Wise, R. K. Heron, S. A. Spicuzza, from USNHCS, San Diego; and WAVE HA's D. L. Parker, H. Maes, L. M. Schmoll, from Bainbridge, Md.; HA's G. C. McCauley, F. L. Dohm, R. C. Farley, B. J. Lay, E. R. Walter, and S. L. Miller, from USNHCS, San Diego.

Detached were LCDR Clifford R. Hall, MC, USN, to Naval Hospital, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba; LTJG Maurice R. Bjerken, DC, USNR, to USS ORISKANY; HMI's G. A. Marquardt, to USRADLDEFLAB, Nav-ShipYd, San Francisco; E. M. Grijalva and N. Locke, to USNAMRU One, UC, Berkeley; S. R. Hardy, to St. Louis, Medical Depot, St. Louis, Mo.; HM3 L. D. Hoffman, to USNAMRU, Berkeley, and HN's T. J. Bednarski, and R. Evans, to MarCorBase, Camp Pendleton, and R. D. Buzzone, to USNS, San Francisco.

LT June H. Mallett, NC, USNR-R was released to inactive duty and the resignation for LCDR Arvin T. Henderson, MC, was accepted. Discharged were B. E. Beard, HM3, and W. L. Niday, PNSN.

Protestant Choir Needs More Members Now

The Protestant Choir which resumed practice last week is looking for additional members to sing for Sunday morning services. Patients and staff are welcome to come and blend their voices in the group practices on Thursdays at 1930.

After the usual vocalizing, a period of fellowship will be held and refreshments served.

A telephone pole never hits an automobile except in self-defense.



George Rapoza's dance band entertains in Red Cross Lounge while George (at piano), singer Joan Leroux, and Alameda Gray Lady Bonnie Shull discuss the next number.

Red Cross Ramblings

GO MAN GO! Last Monday night the Red Cross Lounge quivered to the strains of Rapoza's Raiders, a progressive dance band from Hayward, California. Mrs. Marie Ratto, who has brought so much fine young talent to Oak Knoll, is responsible for contacting many of these future big-namers for hospital enjoyment both on the wards and at the lounge.

PAUL CHERVRETTE, AM2, on ward 70B, celebrated his 23rd birthday yesterday with a super-sized and beautifully decorated cake for the enjoyment of all his ward buddies. The festive occasion was truly complete because of the presence of Chevrette's mother and sister who had journeyed all the way from Connecticut to be with him.

HELP!! If you have nothing to do with your spare time come on down and give the Red Cross a hand either at the lounge or at the office topside in Community Services building. We have several thousand holiday greeting cards, both Thanksgiving and Christmas, which need to be sorted into packets comprising a good variety of colors and sentiments. This will be doing a big favor to your bed-patient pals as the holidays grow a little closer.

SGT JOHN J. LESSARY, USMC, ward 76B, who has been hospitalized here since 5 August, ran into a sudden problem the other day. A phone call from his wife informing him of her arrival in San Francisco from Honolulu via Navy hop sent the Red Cross social worker into immediate action. Phone calls to Mrs. Lessary, to Oakland Chapter Motor Service, to Navy Housing, all hastened the moment when Lessary and his wife could be reunited after their long separation. Within an hour Motor Service arrived to transport Lessary to San Francisco where he met his wife. The two were then driven by Motor Service to Navy Housing where the station wagon remained while Lessary arranged all the business matters pertaining to their new apartment. Motor Service then took the couple with their luggage to the comfortable apartment ready for them in Alameda. A happier man than Lessary would be hard to find. Lessary, injured last year by the explosion of a hand grenade, was hospitalized in Japan, later in Tripler, and will remain here for extensive plastic surgery.



Sarah L. Bradford, HM3, and Willie Harper, Jr., HM2, said "I do" last Saturday night in the hospital chapel with Chaplain Hollis officiating at the ceremony. Attendants were Gloria Cera, HM3, and Alex Garcia, HM3. Pauline Krampitz, HM3, sang "Perfect Love" and the "Lord's Prayer," and Olivia Dunn, church organist, supplied the background music. After the double-ring ceremony, a reception was held at the home of friends in Berkeley.

Open House Held Here for Red Cross

Advisors from Junior Red Cross chapters throughout the community were entertained at open house tea at the Red Cross Craft Shop Lounge last Thursday, exchanging ideas on how junior workers can serve the hospital. An exhibit of work contributed by the junior chapters was of special interest to visitors. Miss Marie Adams, Field Director, spoke briefly to the group, which numbered approximately 40 visitors from Woodrow Wilson, Frick, Claremont, Elmhurst, Lowell, Havenswood, and Bret Harte Junior High Schools, Technical, Castlemont, and McMonnds High Schools, Oakland, Leandro, Alameda, and Berkeley High Schools; and from the Diablo Chapter, Acalanes, Las Lomas, and Pleasant Hill High Schools.

Volunteer Junior Red Cross donors attending were Mrs. Virginia Roulon and Mrs. Walter Peterson, Oakland; Mrs. Jean Cramm and Mrs. George McGinnis, Berkeley; Virginia Powell, Alameda; and Mrs. Mildred K. Culbertson, Mt. Diablo Chapter.

Divine Services

Hospital Chapel at Main Gate

PROTESTANT

BIBLE SCHOOL—SUNDAY 0930
 SUNDAY WORSHIP—1030
 HOLY COMMUNION—First Sunday morning each month.

CATHOLIC

SUNDAY MASSES

0600-0800-0900-1200

DAILY MASSES—0700 and 1145

Confessions before Mass

Saturday—1900

and before all Masses

Any other time upon request

Catholic Oratory in back of Chapel

Choir Rehearsal—Tuesday 1900

CHAPLAINS' OFFICES

IN CHAPEL AND 67A

NAVY RELIEF OFFICE—

IN 67A

BUS TO AND FROM CHAPEL
 ON SUNDAYS 0845 AND 1015

Scuttlebutt

RANDOM SCENES: Chaplain Holm driving a new gray station wagon, five background for his red hair . . . Members of the Recreation Committee scuttling about, putting finishing touches on the auditorium for the Ship's Dance tonight . . . Charlie Axworthy of the OOD's desk sporting a new green Cadillac . . . The Marine Detachment settling on a new tile floor . . . Officers and their ladies planning costumes for their Halloween masquerade for the night of the 20th . . . CAPT Sherwood in Chicago for the annual meeting of the American Pediatric Society . . . CWOHC Ralph Goerner taking to his bed for two days after playing his first game of golf in two years . . . LCDR Fred Stewart and HMC Ralph Crowe teeing off at Chabot at the unearthly hour of 0600 Sunday . . . Tommy Tomson, patient on 69B, with an electric scroll reader, making the October Popular Mechanics . . . NP graduates celebrating in advance at a special party at the CPO Club Monday night.

LTJG Earle Pomije passing his state dental board exams . . . SGT Al Kalinowski driving a becoming new blue Olds . . . CDR Samuel F. Bergen in San Diego for the Navy's Special Weapons Orientation Course . . . Marie Fontaine (wife of HMC Jules) i- looking (and listening) for more voices for the Catholic Choir, which is planning a very special program for Christmas . . .

CONGRATULATIONS to Nurse Corps Ensigns Joan M. LaBonte, Virginia R. Hultin, Joan D. Riker, and Jean S. Huse—all are JG's now.

***LOCAL LADIES**, take heart. The asterisk in front of LT Willard V. Thompson's name in the September Directory of Officers was all a big mistake. He is still a bachelor.

LIFE BEGINS: A round half-dozen staff babies arrived in local homes during the past week. On the 29th came Robert Anthony Handley, Jr. (7 lb. 7 1/4 oz.), first child of an HN by the same name in Special Services and his wife, Betty Curtis Handley, former staff WAVE; Bertha Sudo Mesa, 7 lb. 12 1/2 oz., daughter of Antonio and Carmen Mesa. Her dad, an SD3, is steward at the CO's Quarters . . . On the 30th Robert and Barbara Abangan (he's an HN on 50A) welcomed their first child, a 5 lb. 9 oz. girl they named Donita Leontas . . . Arriving 1 October was John Francis, 7 lb. 6 1/2 oz. son for HM3 Donald V. Keating of ALD and his wife, Willa; and on 3 October Philip Patrick was welcomed to the HM1 Cleatus Hamilton home. The 7 lb. 10 1/2 oz. boy and his mother, Roberta, are doing nicely, according to all reports . . . Also on the 3rd, Thomas P. Scifo, HN, corpsman on-52, and his wife, Aurora, greeted a small daughter, Roxanne, who weighed 6 lb. 4 1/2 oz.

EVERYTHING'S PEACHY over at the Food Service Division, where 83 lug boxes of the fruit arrived last week—gift of the Special Equipment Company in San Leandro.

DAKNOLLUMNI: Gina Hughes, once an HM3, is a physical therapy student at Contra Costa J.C.; Bev Hoffman, formerly of the same rate, is studying X-ray in Berkeley, having passed an aptitude test for that subject higher than any other applicant . . . Bunny Kerr has made eight cruises on the USS GAFFNEY . . .



Class II of the NP Tech School will graduate today at 1400, with four "honormen," one of whom is a WAVE. In the group are Robert J. White and Bill W. Hale, HN's; Robert W. Bristol, HM3; Donald G. Laufer, HN; David A. Heiberg, HM3 (top honorman with a 93 average); Bruce D. Buckner, James E. Houdyshell, and George V. Watkins, HN's. In middle row are Bernard A. Piscola, HM3; Patricia A. Zimmerman, HM3; (honorman with a 92 average); CDR Robert D. Deen, Director of the School; CAPT David C. Gaede, Chief of the Neuropsychiatry Service; LT Johan C. Toth, instructor of the class; Thomas P. Scifo and Robert O. Anderson, HN's. Kneeling in front are Thomas N. Crumbley, HN (honorman with a 91); Wayne L. Burhart, HN, James P. Cassidy, HN (honorman with a 90), and William E. Adams, HM3. With the exception of Hale, Laufer, Watkins, Piscola, and Cassidy, who will report to Mare Island, all will remain at Oak Knoll for duty.

CAPT Calkins Is First MSC Chief

Captain Willard C. Calkins, a veteran of 35 years in the Naval service, is the first Chief of the Medical Service Corps, U. S. Navy.

He was sworn into the newly created post by Rear Admiral Ira H. Nunn, Judge Advocate General of the Navy, at a ceremony on 29 September in the office of the Secretary of the Navy Charles S. Thomas. Rear Admiral H. Lamont Pugh, Surgeon General of the Navy, and top ranking officers of the Navy Medical Department were present.

The position of Chief of the Medical Service Corps was established by Congress in a public law which was signed on August 23, 1954.

Born in New Haven, Connecticut, September 30, 1899, Captain Calkins first enlisted in the Navy on April 9, 1919. Appointed a warrant pharmacist in 1929, he was promoted to chief pharmacist in 1935. Commissioned in the Hospital Corps in 1942, he advanced through the ranks to Commander, MSC, to rank from July 1, 1951. During his more than 35 years of Naval service, Captain Calkins has served at sea, ashore, and in the field with the Marines.

Captain and Mrs. Calkins, the former Maude J. Bayles of Washington, D. C., and their son, Willard C. Calkins, Jr., live in Washington. Prior to his appointment as Chief of the Medical Service Corps, he commanded the Naval School of Hospital Administration, National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, Maryland.

Staff Invited to NSC, Oakland Dance

Stags and couples are invited to the SGT Gilbert E. Club at the Oakland Naval Supply Center, Saturday night, 9 October, from 2000 to 2400. Music will be by the popular Rhythm Kings. Refreshments will be sold, but there is no admission charge.

And all this news comes from Dorris Linsea Fagan, former OL Editor, present Berkeley housewife and mother, who dropped in the other day to make sure the presses are still rolling.



Sister Clare Marie and Sister Ligoria from the Memorial Hospital at Santa Rosa visited Oak Knoll last week. They were especially interested in the Amputee Center and Artificial Limb Department, where LT Anton A. Tratar, Jr., was demonstrating one of the various types of artificial arms developed by the Navy when the photographer came along. The sisters were escorted on their tour of Oak Knoll by LT Leonard J. Kreissl, Jr., of Pathology.



When Mrs. M. J. Mulvihill of Concord offered three parakeets to the hospital, the Neuropsychiatric Service gladly accepted them. LT Lina Stearns, NP Supervisor, received the lively gift, along with instructions on their care. The birds are now entertaining patients on Wards 51A, 55, and 47A.

Previews

Saturday, 9 October
ALLEGHENY UPRISING—John Wayne, Claire Trevor, George Saunders, Brian Donlevy. **WESTERN**. This re-issue goes back so far that the stars are called "young-uns." Nothing more can be found.

Sunday, 10 October—One Movie 1830
DANGEROUS MISSION—Victor Mature, Piper Laurie, Vincent Price and William Bendix. This is a movie about a night club girl who witnesses a murder. Knowing this, gunman Price vows to wipe her out one way or another and follows her to do the job. Mature, as one of N.Y.'s finest, is assigned to bring her back and protect her. To confuse things he falls for her, and the gunman for an Indian maid.

Monday, 11 October
ON DANGEROUS GROUND—Ida Lupino, Robert Ryan, Ward Bond. We are not sure of the age of this flick, but it certainly is not one for the children.

Tuesday, 12 October
SINS OF ROME—Ludmilla Tcherina, Massimo Girotti. **PAGAN LOVE STORY**. Rating: Good. This fellow, Girotti, is a soldier of fortune in the year 68 B.C. and leads a revolt against the ruler of that day, but he is finally captured. Another Italian beauty Gianna Maria pulls a Pocohontas when Girotti is sentenced to death.

Wednesday, 13 October
CAPTIVE WOMAN—Robert Clarke, Gloria Saunders. Re-issue. Nothing can be found on this flicker.

Thursday, 14 October
TOO MANY GIRLS—Lucille Ball, Desi Arnaz. Knowing these two, nothing more need be said.

Friday, 15 October
THE HUMAN JUNGLE—Gary Merrill, Jan Sterling. **ACTION**. Rating: VERY GOOD. Any of you who remember Merrill in "Witness to Murder" will see him as an equally good cop in this picture about a corrupt precinct. Jan Sterling is a stripper. Others in supporting roles are juvenile delinquents, and petty larcenists.

Saturday, 16 October
LOOK WHO'S LAUGHING—Lucille Ball, Edgar Bergen, Fibber McGee and Molly. This is an oldie, too, but good for the whole family and full of laughs.

Laffs

Mother: "Another bite like that and you will have to leave the table."

Hungry Boy: "Another bite like that and I'll be through."

"There goes that Mr. Sharp. I wonder how he made all his money?"

"Heaven knows!"

"Ah, that must be why he always looks so worried."

"Where is the American section in Paris?"

"The first ten rows of the Folies Bergere."

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Defense Folds as Hilltoppers Lose First of Three League Games to Mare Island, 66-25



THE HILLTOPPER'S OFFENSIVE AND DEFENSIVE CENTER: "Big" Joe Calloway flips the pigskin to the backfield when the Knollites roll into action, he expects to be on hand the rest of the season to "hit that line."

Oak Knoll's touch football team was defeated 66-25, at the hands of a strong Mare Island squad last Thursday, 2 October, at Mare Island. This was the first loss for the Hilltoppers and the third league game of the season.

The defensive team of the locals was unable to cope with Mare Island's swift running and passing attack, and M. I. broke through and made the first touchdown of the game.

Offensively, the Knollites struck back with running plays by Burley, Dunnigan, and Young. Burley scored on a dash through the line for three yards to touchdown. The extra point was missed, tying the score at 6-6.

Before the Hilltoppers could muster enough yardage to score, the opponents had made two more touchdowns and the tally read 18-6 in favor of M. I. But the Medics were not to be underestimated, and fighting back with stubbornness, Burley scored on a 17-yard run. The extra point was made on a pass from Young to Guith, bringing the score to 13-18.

Mare Island then came roaring back to run all over the Hilltoppers' defensive squad to score their third touchdown, taking the lead, 25-13. The corpsmen came back, and Young sneaked over to put the locals back in the game with a 19-25 score. Before the half sounded, the Mare Island gridders again scored, leaving the field at halftime with a 13-point lead.

In the second half, the big Mare Island squad dominated the game, roaring back with powerful running and blocking and a combination of passes, long and short, that sent them to a four-touchdown lead over Oak Knoll. Numerous penalties marked the Hilltoppers' downfall.

A final M. I. score put the Hilltoppers on the short end of a 66-25 final tally. The team still has a good chance to win the Class B competition, with only NAS, Oakland, in their path.

Team members who traveled to Mare Island were Coach Dale Folger, Captain Jack Young, Fred Guith, Joe Calloway, Al Marino, James Johnson, Tom Burley, James Hooper, Gene Graves, John Thinker, Dave Brams-criber, James Thomas, and Charles Dunnigan.

Standings Listed for Commandant Trophy

These are the current standings of the top three in competition for the Commandant's Trophy in Group B. Touch football will complete the 1954 competition for the Commandant's Trophy for Athletic Excellence Group B.

Sport	Oak		NAS,
	Knoll	NSC	Oakland
Bowling	25	30	15
Basketball	30	15	25
Badminton	16	18	24
Golf	17	22	15
Baseball	30	35	0
Softball	25	0	35
Volleyball	12	20	17
Tennis	25	22	0
Table Tennis	10	17	12
Swimming	4	0	10
Pistol	19	10	16
Totals	213	189	169

All Hands to Bare Arms for Flu Shots

Under a new policy agreed upon by the Surgeons General of the Army, Navy and Air Force, American service men the world over will be immunized against influenza this fall.

Administration of the vaccine will be prior to 15 November, before the onset of the usual winter respiratory diseases. Those entering the armed services between 15 November and 15 March will be immunized as soon as possible after induction.

Only troops serving overseas were given these shots last year and then only after the first cases of infection were detected. Through the light of experience, however, effective protection against influenza can be expected only when the vaccine is administered prior to the respiratory disease season. (AFPS)

Most men flirt with the women they would not marry, and marry the women who would not flirt with them.

On an island in the South Pacific there are no taxes, unemployment, crime, beggars, jazz bands, radios or inhabitants.

Take the if out of thrift and join the payroll savings plan where you work. Your money will add up slowly but surely and without undue strain on your budget. Sign up today!

Staff Personalities



That bundle of energy and personality on 40A is Blanche Isabelle L... lace, HN, from Kalamazoo, Michigan. Joining the WAVES in September last year, Blanche was sent to Baltimore, Md., for recruit training and to Great Lakes to attend Officer's School. Before entering the Navy she worked for the Michigan Bell Telephone Company. In June of this year she arrived at Oak Knoll and was assigned to her present job. In her free time she reads, follows the movies, and likes to play volleyball but prefers sewing to anything else. For the future she hopes to attend X-ray or O.R. School. At any rate she wants to remain in Naval service where "Variety is truly the spice of life."



Local man about town, gentleman of distinction, and astute man with the microscope is Johnny C. B... HM2, USN, known to his friends as "Prof." Johnny is a resident of Oakland, where he graduated from Clymonds High School. He was going to college but decided instead to join the bell-bottom trouser brigade in November '47. He took "boots" and Corps School at San Diego and arrived at Oak Knoll in May '48. He served with FMEB Guam and later returned to Oak Knoll as a lab student. His other interests are billiards or snooker and judging from the paint job on his "Olds" he also enjoys wielding a paint brush and does it like a professional. The "Prof's" ambition is to return to Medical School when this tour of duty is over.

Echo—The only thing that can cheat a woman out of the last...



Medical terminology used in this quiz pertains to the body's defenses against disease. (Match the right-hand column with those on the left.)

- () Body Immunity.....(1) in blood, lymph
- () Naturally Acquired.....(2) antibodies in own body
- () Artificially Acquired.....(3) antibodies in other body
- () Active Immunity.....(4) disease contact
- () Passive Immunity.....(5) inoculation/vaccination
- () Antibodies.....(6) microorganisms
- () White Blood Cells.....(7) germs/viruses
- () Cowpox Lymph.....(8) typhoid, paratyphoid fever
- () A & B Bacilli.....(9) smallpox
- () Toxoids.....(10) diphtheria
- () Schick Test.....(11) Tetanus

(10) Body Immunity (1), Naturally Acquired (4), Artificially Acquired (5), Active (2), Passive (3), Antibodies (6), White Blood Cells (7), Cowpox Lymph (8), A & B Bacilli (9), Toxoids (11), Schick Test (11)

ANSWERS



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SECNAV of Mexico Stops Here on U.S. Tour

Interested in Knoll Rehab. Program

The Mexican flag flew over the Administration Building Tuesday afternoon in honor of His Excellency Major General Rodolfo Sanchez Taboada, Secretary of Marine of Mexico, and his entourage of high ranking officers of the Mexican Navy.

The visitors, in the United States on a two weeks' flying tour of Naval Installations, left Mexico City on 4 October for NAAS, Pensacola, and have since been honored by top-ranking U.S. Navy officials throughout the country. Following their visit to the Twelfth Naval District, they flew to San Diego for tours of Eleventh Naval District installations and a series of honors similar to those accorded them in the Bay Area. They are due back in Mexico City Sunday evening.

General Sanchez, Secretary of Marine of Mexico since 1 December, 1952, was accompanied by ADM Mario Rodriguez Malpica, Director General of the Navy; RADM Antonio Zetina, Deputy Chief of Staff; CAPT Guillermo Hernandez Sagarra, Aide to the Secretary; CAPT Juan Farias Angulo, Assistant Director of Material, who acted as interpreter; and CDR Jose Maza Belmar, Aviation Member, Naval Staff; and CDR Jesus Beltran Raimirez, Assistant Chief of Ordnance.

At Oak Knoll members of the party visited the Artificial Limb Department, Occupational Therapy, and Physiotherapy; and following a ride to San Leandro annex for a view of the compound, they stopped at the Officers' Club for refreshments before returning to San Francisco.

175 Students At Open House

Approximately 175 junior and senior girls came to Oak Knoll Wednesday for an interpretation of the navy nursing service. The open house was Oak Knoll's observance of National Nurse Week.

In the groups that toured Wards 41A and B and 61A and B, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Artificial Limb Department, Central Supply, and Blood Bank, were students from Oakland and Fremont High, Oakland; Las Lomas and Acalanes High Schools in the Walnut Creek area; Alhambra High, Martinez; Mt. Diablo High, Concord; and San Lorenzo, San Leandro, Albany, Emeryville, and Alameda High Schools.

Many nurses from hospitals and nursing organizations in the community were among the visitors. The tours ended with refreshments.



Added to Oak Knoll's long list of distinguished visitors are the names of His Excellency Major General Rodolfo Sanchez Taboada, Secretary of Marine of Mexico, front row, second from left, and top-ranking officers of the Mexican Navy—at the left, RADM Antonio J. Aznar Zetina, and next to Admiral Bradley, at right, Admiral Mario Rodriguez Malpica. In the back row, with CAPT W. A. Evans, Inspector General, 12ND, second from left, and CAPT A. C. Abernethy, fourth from left are Captains Guillermo Hernandez Sagarra, Captain Juan Farias Angulo, and Commanders Jose Maza Belmar and Jesus Beltran Raimirez.



At Occupational Therapy the visitors enjoyed watching CPL Edward Caay, USMC, of Ward 42A, at work on his leather tooling project and showed great interest in all the work going on in that department.



CAPT T. J. Canty, escorting the officials through the Artificial Limb Department, points out the various steps in making artificial limbs.



SGT Leland P. Smith

Models REPOSE For Nurse Week

It's an ill wind that blows nobody good, and the good in SGT Leland P. Smith's long stay at Oak Knoll is the time he has had to explore a number of creative hobbies, among them model ship building.

The 21-year-old sergeant from Hopkins, Minn., was admitted to Oak Knoll on 10 March with a diagnosis of "Cushing's Disease," and during his course of treatment has undergone a rare operation known as a bilateral adrenalectomy. Since then he has remained under the observation of LT Paul D. Doolan, Director of the Metabolic Research Facility, while directing his time and energy toward rehabilitation.

Not long ago, when LCDR Myrtle M. Warner, Assistant Chief of the Nursing Service, remarked that ship model makers had yet to produce a hospital ship, SGT Smith agreed to build one.

Obtaining the revised plans of the USS REPOSE, complete with helicopter and flight deck from BuShips.

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Miss Gavin On Navy TV Show

CDR Helen C. Gavin, Chief of the Nursing Service at Oak Knoll and senior Nurse Corps officer in the district, starred in the story of her own life on the Navy's TV Show, "Shootin' the Breeze," telecast at 1800 yesterday on KPIX.

LTJG Bud Wiser, master of ceremonies, interviewed Miss Gavin and supplemented her story with "flashbacks"—old photos the Chief Nurse was persuaded to get out of her trunk for the occasion.

As a climax for the show, CAPT A. C. Abernethy read a congratulatory letter from Admiral Bradley to Miss Gavin. Her appearance on the show was arranged to coincide with National Nurse Week.

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CONDITION X-RAY OR CONDITION ZEBRA

In Holeman Hunt's famous painting, "The Light of the World," Christ is shown in a garden at midnight holding a lantern in his left hand. He is knocking on a heavily paneled door.

When the painting was unveiled a critic remarked to the painter: "Mr. Hunt, the painting is unfinished. There is no handle on the door."

"That," Hunt answered, "is the door to the human heart. It can only be opened from the inside."

What wonderful food for thought this little story contains. For it tells us in a very simple manner that Almighty God does not force Himself or His Law upon us, that He does not enter wherein He is not wanted. What greater proof could we seek for the freedom of will, which that same God has endowed all of us, than this simple story?

For if we but picture that painting to ourselves this moment, we can readily see how easy it is for all of us to welcome that same Christ into our hearts, or to shut the door of our love in His face. He leaves the choice up to us.

The hearts of so many men want no part of this kind of love. It is the love of the world and all it contains that attracts them. It is the love of creature and all his unfaithfulness that he craves, because it is so easy to be bad and mighty difficult to be good.

What matters if Christ be waiting to come into our hearts? Let Him keep knocking. In fact many would prefer that He stopped knocking and walked away. For that knock disturbs them, upsets them, bothers them, because His kind of love and their kind of love just do not add up.

Our hearts are just like our ship. When all is well, when there is smooth sailing, our hearts and our ship are wide open. Condition X-ray has been set. But let some manner of danger beset us, let the enemy approach, and condition Zebra is accomplished in nothing flat. And then our hearts as well as our ship become mighty stuffy, all ventilation is cut off, guns are manned, CAP launched. Then each man waits for that dreaded moment when the enemy shall strike.

You are the keeper of your heart. As the painting shows, you are the only one who can open its door. You are fully aware of the enemy who is constantly seeking to destroy it, wants it, will claim it if you but say the word. On the other hand, you and you alone can open that heart to the God who created it, who died for it, who loves it.

In which condition does your heart find itself as you read this? Remember, He is still knocking on that heart. What is going to be your response, condition Zebra or X-ray?

—TOWN CRIER—USS YORKTOWN
 Submitted by CDR James C. Connolly,
 Catholic Chaplain



Paul Chevrette, AM2, admires the cake while celebrating his twenty-first birthday on ward 70B. With Paul are his sister, Marcelle, and mother, Edgar Chevrette, from Connecticut. Patients A. J. Scarbrough, HM2, A. Horne, AEAN, and Gray Lady Mrs. R. R. Dreggors joined in the fun.

Red Cross Ramblings

STRANGE FACES: There have been many comments for the last few days such as: "Who are all these ladies and where are they going in such a hurry these evenings?" To clear up all speculations you'll be glad to know that a two weeks' Gray Lady indoctrination course is in progress at this hospital. Soon, all of these ladies will be in that familiar gray uniform which you know so well. They will be running errands and doing shopping for bed patients on the wards or conducting a birthday party such as you see in the picture above.

MANY SKILLS: No, they will not be strangers for very long. You will meet them in the craft shop and teaching leather work and huck weaving on the wards. At the lounge they will join you in rousing sessions of bridge or scrabble. Whether you are interested in a hobby, fine arts, music, or chess, these new Gray Ladies will welcome your requests for the necessary supplies and help. Just as your good neighbors at home would want to make your hospital stay pleasant, these are your Red Cross good neighbors right here. Recruited from our four chapters, Alameda, Berkeley, Mt. Diablo, and Oakland, there are sixty-seven ladies in this new group of fine volunteer workers.

HOSTESSES, TOO! For you who can get to the Red Cross Lounge a refreshing addition is evident. Seventy-five new Junior Hostesses have joined our program at the dances on Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday evenings. (Naturally, not all at once.) We're planning some wonderful special dances this fall season and hope to have some live music on these occasions. Also recruited from our Bay chapters, these young ladies will be happy to dance, play table games or just chat for awhile if you're too spry yet. Step right up and welcome them to our lounge dance nights!

BOB SIEGEL, HN, ward 43B, is the top man of the Thursday afternoon ping-pong tournament at the lounge.

Staff Corpsmen Attend Polio Workshop

Nineteen staff corpsmen attended a polio workshop at Fairmount Hospital on 5 October as part of their in-service educational program. Arrangements for the trip were made by LT Mary Martin, instructor.

The program was sponsored by Oakland Chapter, ARC, the Alameda branch of the National Infantile Paralysis Foundation, and the Professional Education Committee of Alameda County Nurses' Association.

In the group from Oak Knoll were WAVES Blanche Lovelace, Margaret Swanson, and Helen Maes. Staff Corpsmen C. E. Gilreath, C. M. Priddy, E. C. Perkins, L. T. Dilly, R. L. Anderson, G. A. Meilleir, R. E. Wright, E. Boykins, W. L. Beasley, G. R. Dwyer, W. M. Webb, F. A. Schiavo, Tom Carter, A. L. Williams, Charles Leavelle, and Bob Sharpe.

Election Info Available In Civil Readjustment

With election coming up on 2 November, all Americans will want to be sure to vote for their favorite candidate.

Civil readjustment has information regarding voting regulations in the various states, and will be glad to dispense it to all hands. Now is the time to make plans to get your vote in.

Pt. Molate Dance Slated For Tomorrow, Oct. 16

There will be another Pt. Molate, Richmond, dance tomorrow, 16 October, when the Rhythm Kings set the musical pattern from the hours of 2100-0100.

There will be no charge for stags and couples invited, but refreshments will be sold.

Officers' Wives' Club Holds Monthly Luncheon

The Officers' Wives' Club held its regular monthly luncheon meeting at the Officers' Club Wednesday with wives of officers in the departments of Internal Medicine and Dermatology acting as hostesses.

Mrs. Frank Norris was chairman for the meeting, which featured Lloyd Kellner of Studio I as guest speaker.

The following standing committees have been appointed: Bridge, Mrs. M. W. Olson; Entertainment, Mrs. A. C. Abernethy; Fig Leaf, Mrs. T. Canty; Flowers, Mrs. J. A. Osborne; Hospitality, Mrs. T. R. Hamilton; Linen, Mrs. M. P. Huber; Navy Relief, Mrs. R. W. Tandy; Sewing, Mrs. Thomas M. Foley; Nursery, Mrs. O. K. Hall; Publicity, Mrs. O. G. Hall.

Plans are being made for a fashion show to be presented next month.

Divine Services

Hospital Chapel at Main Gate

PROTESTANT

BIBLE SCHOOL—SUNDAY 0930
 SUNDAY WORSHIP—1030
 HOLY COMMUNION—First Sunday morning each month.

CATHOLIC

SUNDAY MASSES
 0600-0800-0900-1200
 DAILY MASSES—0700 and 1145
 Confessions before Mass
 Saturday—1900
 and before all Masses
 Any other time upon request
 Catholic Oratory in back of Chapel
 Choir Rehearsal—Tuesday 1930

CHAPLAINS' OFFICES
 IN CHAPEL AND 67A

NAVY RELIEF OFFICE—
 IN 67A

BUS TO AND FROM CHAPEL
 ON SUNDAYS 0845 AND 1015

Welcome Farewell

Reporting in for duty during the past week were LT Bethel N. Greene, NC, USN, from USNH, Camp Pendleton; J. E. Goble, HN, from Rec-Sta, San Francisco; and J. T. Kunkel, HN, (W), from USNH, San Diego.

Detached were W. Smith, SH1, to USS UHLMANN (DD), HM3's Z. A. Dodd, H. Rump, T. W. Quevillon, and HN's R. M. Tull, R. J. Turner, L. J. Rabello, C. C. Baggett, to MarCor-Base, Camp Pendleton; and HN M. H. Moore to ComNavMariannas.

Released to inactive duty was LT Willard V. Thompson, MC. Discharged were J. N. Welch, HM2, and A. N. Girard, HN, (W).



That a good time was had by all who attended the Ship's Dance Saturday night is indicated by this sampling of the crowd, caught by the camera of Joe Arledge. (1) Captain A. C. Abernethy, New Exec, and his wife, Lolita, were among the attractive couples who came to dance to the music of Maury Wolohan's orchestra. (2) CWOHC Timothy P. Fitzgerald and his wife, Mildred, await their turn for door prize tickets while Patricia Stanghelle and her escort, Donald Laufer, step off the gangplank leading to the Community Service Building. (3) Here Robert L. Hammer, who, according to all reports, was largely responsible for the success of the dance, and Joan Dailey, HN, committee member, read off the names of the winners of the two ten-dollar Navy Exchange merchandise orders. Barbara Moore, wife of Miles M. Moore, HN, now transferred to Guam, and Francis Hackney, who works in Patient Personnel, walked off with the prizes.

Scuttlebutt

NEW STRIPES are being worn by Virginia M. Noll, Mary R. Radican, Marjorie L. Hextell, Rosemary Davis, Virginia Hultin, and Jean S. Huse—all brand new JG's.

PEOPLE, PLACES & THINGS: HN's Roy Breitenbach, Bobby Bunn, and Ray West write that they enjoy the OAK LEAF out in Korea . . . Despite all the cards McCaney sent in to register votes for the Oak Knoll Combo, we regretfully announce that the Combo lost last Thursday to an army vocalist (no doubt he had a friend with more time and penny postals than McCaney) . . . Betty Leo and Big Joe Calloway, Hilltopper center, are both recovering nicely from appendectomies . . . Chief Gate Guard Milburn "Bill" Williams is back on the job after five weeks' vacation in Minnesota and Wisconsin, bringing along a new two-toned Sierra white and brown '54 "Olds" . . . Charles Mathis slipped an engagement ring on Betty Walker's finger last week . . . The Barry Simmons heard announcing programs on KLX is the son of Disbursing's Helen Simmons . . . Nickle Girard, now a civilian, celebrated her birthday at the Ship's Dance Saturday night shortly before her takeoff for Kankakee, Ill. . . . Joan Kunkel, back for her second tour of duty at Oak Knoll, celebrated that and her birthday by eating ice cream in the TV lounge at WAVE Quarters . . . Corbit Ray had a hard time staying on his feet at the Ship's Dance when he "cut a rug" on the slippery deck . . . Chaplain Hollis, wife Lillian, and baby son, Bryan, will be missed by their many friends at Oak Knoll when they leave for the East Coast and duty on the USS TICONDEROGA . . . Beryl Balfanz is mourning the death of her parakeet . . . "Cardiac" is James Johnson of X-ray's nickname. When things don't go right, he just has an attack.

LIFE BEGINS: 2nd LT Jimmy C. Beaver, USMC, of the Marine Detachment, and his wife, Lois, welcomed a 7 lb. baby daughter on 7 October and named her Phyllis Jean . . . On the same date HM2 Donald L. Schoenmann of the Lab and his wife, Irene, became

Previews

Sunday, 17 October—One Movie
MOGAMBO—Clark Gable, Ava Gardner, Grace Kelly. Technicolor. Rating: Very good. This repeat takes place in Africa where two women argue over the same man. Clark Gable is the wild animal hunter, Ava Gardner, a New York chorus girl who forgets she is hunting for a Maharaja and goes after Gable. Gable is awaiting the arrival of an English anthropologist who brings along his wife. Friction develops between the two women. The plot thickens when the three of them go on a big gorilla hunt.

Monday, 18 October—Two Movies
WOMAN ON PIER 13—Robert Ryan, Lorraine Day. This is a repeat. Sounds like a real "creepy" picture.

Tuesday, 19 October—Two Movies
BAD FOR EACH OTHER—Charlton Heston, Elizabeth Scott. Rating: Good. Set in a Pennsylvania mining town, Heston returns to his home town from Korea, where he was a doctor with the rank of colonel, to find everyone suffering from the effects of a mining explosion. Though Heston's brother was killed in this tragedy, they hold him accountable because he held a key safety position. Heston then has two alternatives. He can either dedicate himself to the easing of human suffering or can grow rich and lazy by associating himself with the swank, impressive medical office.

Wednesday, 20 October—Two Movies
MAN IN THE DARK—Edmund O'Brien, Audrey Totter. Rating: Very good. Standard hoodlum melodrama, the story features Edmund O'Brien as a hoodlum who, while in jail, undergoes a brain operation to eradicate his criminal tendencies. While recuperating from the surgical ordeal, he is hijacked by his former cronies who want the loot for which he has been serving time. Eventually he is able to piece together events out of the past and find the loot.

Thursday, 21 October—Two Movies
MAN WITH THE CLOAK—Joseph Cotton, Barbara Stanwyck. Rating: Fair.

Friday, 22 October—Two Movies
THE SIEGE OF RED RIVER—Van Johnson, Joanne Dru. Rating: Good. Technicolor. SPY DRAMA AND WESTERN. Johnson and Stone steal the famed Gatling machine gun from a special Union soldier guard and then work their way southwest as health medicine salesmen. In Kansas they meet romance and delay and must rely on the mercenary Boone, who betrays them in Indian territory by killing Stone and selling the Gatling gun. These exciting moments are climaxed with recovery of the gun, while the cause for the Confederacy is lost.

Saturday, 23 October—Two Movies
BEHAVE YOURSELF—Shelley Winters, Farley Granger. Rating: Very good.

parents of Donald Edward, their first child. The young fellow weighed 8 lb. 1 1/2 oz. on arrival . . . The 10th was a big day for LT Homer S. Arnold of the Surgical Service and his wife, Suzanne. That was the birthday of their third little girl, Suzanne Stuart, who tipped the scales at 7 lb. 9 3/4 oz. on arrival . . .

Model On Display

(Continued from Page 1)
Smith set to work, constructing each intricate part of the ship, from the hull up. Then came the news of National Nurse Week, and the construction was stepped up so that the model would be ready for display. It is being seen this week by thousands of window shoppers on Market Street, San Francisco, as they pause at the Emporium to see an exhibit of Nurse Corps uniforms, past and present.
In order to finish the model in time without interfering with his full-time detail as clerical assistant on the

Highland Hospital Nurses Invite Knollites to Dance

The Highland Hospital student Nurses extend an invitation to staff and patients for a dance tonight (Friday) at the Nurses' Residence, 1401 East 31st St. Time for the rug-cutting session will be from 2000 to 2400.

ward, SGT Smith has worked evenings and week ends. The model is complete in every detail, and as a last touch, Smith placed several sailors and a Navy Nurse on the upper deck.



Charles P. Emery, left, of the 12ND Civil Service Regional Office talks over Oak Knoll's civilian personnel management with Hal Boyles, Civilian Personnel Assistant.

Regional Office Inspects Civilian Management

Charles P. Emery of the Twelfth Civil Service Regional Office inspected Oak Knoll's civilian personnel management program last week.

Mr. Emery was particularly interested in observing the effectiveness of the civilian personnel program from the points of view of top management, the supervisory staff, and employees generally. In order to get a complete picture, he held informal meetings with personnel of these groups in the course of his inspection, giving both employees and management the opportunity to make recommendations regarding the personnel program.

He reviewed personnel actions taken since the last inspection to determine adherence to merit system principles and applicable laws and regulations in effecting personnel actions under authority delegated by the Commission. He reported at the close of his visit that he had found the program in effect very satisfactory. He especially urged strengthening of supervisor-employee communications and made recommendations regarding the Beneficial Suggestion program. No violations of laws, regulations, or authorities were disclosed.

Staff Personalities



To get the Red Cross by telephone, everyone must talk with Mrs. Margaret Ann Browning, switchboard operator for the Red Cross in the Community Service Building, and it shouldn't be hard. Originally from Muskogee, Okla., where she graduated from Evisalia High School, she now resides in San Leandro with her husband, John, and a 2½-year-old daughter, Deborah Ann, and a French Poodle. Prior to coming to Oak Knoll, Mrs. Browning worked for the Smith Lumber Company as a receptionist. After arriving at Oak Knoll in November '53 she served in the same capacity with the Red Cross, then as a clerk typist, and finally graduated to her present job. Between her work at Oak Knoll and her home, she manages to keep busy without hobbies, though is very fond of gardening.



Meet Gerald A. Webster, HM3, USN, formerly of Reading Center, New York. Web attended Watkins Glen High School and now resides on Santa Cruz Island with his wife Ritsuko, a Japanese war bride from Sapporo, Hokkaida, and their new baby. Webster came into the Navy in December '42, had boot training at Sampson Naval Training Center and Corps School at Portsmouth. From there he went to USNH, Parris Island, the Naval Air Station at Jacksonville and Fort Lauderdale, Florida; to Guam, Okinawa, to the USS REPOSE and DULUTH, and USNH's St. Albans, Charleston, Beaufort. He served with VR 5, Moffett Field, VR 23, Atsugi, Japan, NNMC Physiotherapy School, Bethesda, and finally arrived at Oak Knoll in June of '53. His interests are bowling, fishing and hunting. His ambition is to remain in the Navy for "twenty, maybe thirty."

Hilltoppers Trump SF Naval Shipyard 47-24; Young and Dunnigan Shine

Sparking the game with his passing and running plays, Jack Young guided the Hilltoppers to a 47-24 victory over the San Francisco Naval Ship Yard Thursday, 7 October, on Oak Knoll's field. This brings the Hilltoppers' record to three wins and one loss. Young and Dunnigan figured in almost every touchdown Oak Knoll made.

In the opening of the first half, the Hilltoppers received, and after a series of running plays, quarterback Jack Young sneaked over for the first touchdown of the game. The extra point was missed. The San Francisco Pac-Hunters were unimpressed and bounced back to knot the game 6-6. Young scored again after line smashes by Dunnigan and Burley. Dunnigan scored the extra point on a pitch out, the Hilltoppers then leading, 13-6. The opponents retaliated and scored again but missed the extra point, the score standing at 13-12.

Working from a single wing, the Hilltoppers went into high gear, making three quick touchdowns and conversions before the enemy knew what had happened. The scoring was as follows: In this series of play, Dunnigan ran 13 yards to score a touchdown, with Young running the extra point. The defense held, with Big John Thinker, Will Thomas, and John Bell showing a tower of strength in the line. Joe Arledge, Hooper, and Burley were a vigorous defensive backfield. Young scored the next touchdown, with Dunnigan taking a pitch out for the extra point. Bramschreiber caught a long pass from Young to score and bring the tally to 27-12 in favor of the corpsmen. Burley and Hooper gave fine protection to Young as he shot a pass to Burley, making the board read 34-12 at the half.

At the beginning of the second half,

the San Francisco PacHunters received and scored on a long run but missed the extra point, bringing the score to 34-18. The Knollites came back with runs by Dunnigan and Burley, Young scoring a touchdown from the 12-yard line. The extra point was missed, and the score went to 40-18. The Knoll line held the Pac-Hunters at bay on their own five-yard line, taking possession there, and after a series of plays, moved the ball to midfield only to lose it on an interception.

PacHunters then scored their last touchdown, missing the extra point and bringing the score to 40-24. In the next kickoff, Dunnigan received the ball and raced down the field for 73 yards, outrunning the opponent's secondary defense to hit pay dirt. Young went around right end for the extra point, ending the scoring at 47-24 for the Hilltoppers.

James Hooper filled in for Joe "Hefty" Calloway, defensive center, who is out for the season with appendicitis. Al Moreno and Fred Guith did a splendid job of paving the way for the fleet-footed Knoll backs. Tomcheck was right in there pitching all the way.

Next game for the Knollites at home will be on 21 October against a strong NAS, Oakland. All hands are invited out to see the last game of a winning season. Game time is 1530.

12ND Touch Football League Standings:

	Class	Won	Lost
Mare Island	A	2	0
Oak Knoll	B	3	1
NSC, Oakland	B	3	1
SF Shipyard	A	1	2
Treasure Island	A	1	2
NAS, Oakland	B	1	1
12ND			
Communications B	B	0	4



"THE HILLTOPPER'S FLASH"
Charles Dunnigan, 5 ft. 7½ in., 175 pounds of streamlined power anything he hits the line. Charlie plays the halfback, offensive and defensive for the Knoll touch football team. He also played four years high school football and one year of college ball at Alcorn A & M., Alcorn Mississippi.

Knoll Pistoleers Win Ten Medals

Three Oak Knoll marksmen participated in the Western Revolver Association Pistol Club meet put on by the Oakland Police on 2 October at nearby Knowland Park, bringing home a total of ten medals.

HMC L. L. Linse, marksman third class, found his competition too tough but ENS D. R. Kelley and HMC B. Lowe fared well in the shooting against civilian organizations and servicemen from other activities. ENS Kelley earned two gold medals, one silver, and three bronze medals. B. Lowe captured a gold, two silver, and one bronze medal. B. Lowe will be promoted to first class along with Linse as a result of this match.

Men's Bowling League Starts With Twenty-four Game Schedule, One Tie

The Naval Hospital Men's Bowling League got off to a fast start last week with a resounding crash of pinfall as 12 teams rolled the first games of a 24-week schedule.

Six teams will bowl on Tuesday and Thursday nights each week until a double round-robin schedule has been completed. If the first week is any indication, there certainly will be many hotly contested games throughout the schedule.

The Cops (MAA Force) did everything but put X-Ray on report but they couldn't stop the "Take a deep breath, hold it" boys to a 2-1 victory.

The NP Doctors took the NP Corpsmen into quiet consultation and emerged with a 3-0 sweep, as Dr. Willis rolled a solid 193 game.

The EST Professors held a little after-hour instruction in how to knock down 2137 pins to take a 3-0 victory over their Students.

The Marine Detachment had enough "Semper Fidelis" but not enough pinfall as a strong Finance team rolled the week's high total of 2272 pins to take a 3-0 win with a 191 game by J. B. Amgwert, who led the way. Laboratory couldn't help taking three wins from the CSR boys, especially when they brought their

one-man cheering section in the person of R. J. Besneatte.

The first tie game of the season was rolled as F. W. Day's 194 game and 490 series led the tough Mustang team to a 2½ to ½ win over Dental. G. D. Norton got the necessary strike on his extra ball in the tenth frame to bring Dental the 10 pins needed for a 683 tie in the second game and prevented the shut-out.

BOWLING STANDINGS

	Won	Lost
Finance	3	0
Profs	3	0
Laboratory	3	0
N.P. Doctors	3	0
Mustangs	2½	½
X-Ray	2	1
Cops	1	2
Dental	½	2½
Marine Detachment	0	3
E.S.T.	0	3
C.S.R.	0	3
N.P. Raiders	0	3

Old Maid's laughter—He! he! he!

Boston Child—"Mamma! Mamma! The baby has fell out of the window!"
Boston Mother—"Fallen, you mean, dear. Quick! Run for the doctor!"

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Oakland 14, California

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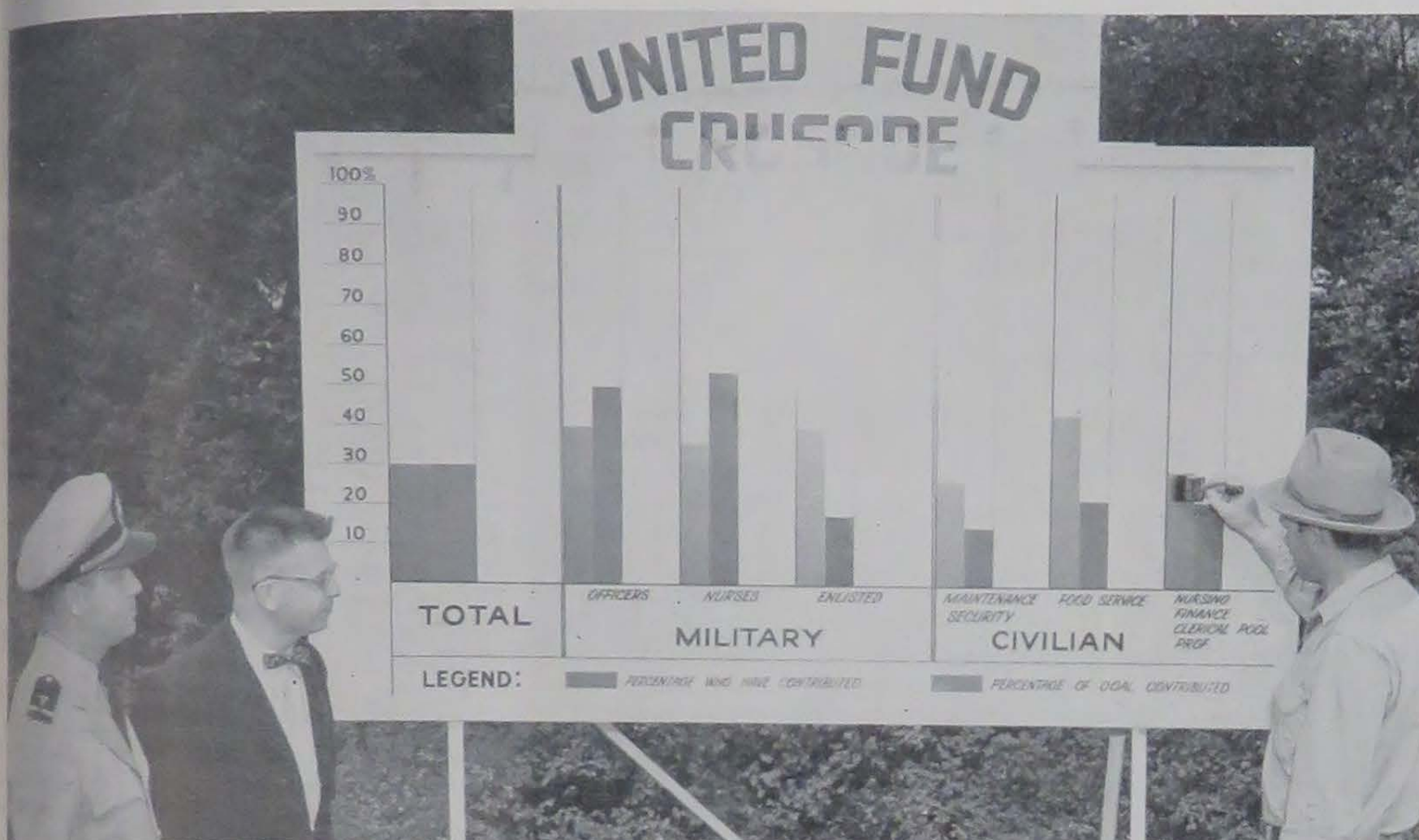
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\$4,789 In, \$8,011 To Go In Fund Drive



Officers Top List With \$1,336

Military and civilian personnel at Oak Knoll had contributed \$4,789 in cash and pledges to the United Fund Drive up until Tuesday noon, according to LT Arthur N. King, MSC, USN, who is in charge of the drive in the temporary absence of CAPT Robert W. Babione, chairman.

This figure represents only 30 per cent of the goal to be reached within the next six weeks, which means that solicitors and donors still have a long way to go before the drive reaches a successful conclusion.

Staff officers have contributed the largest amount to date, with 64 per cent participation and a total of \$1,336 or 63 per cent of their goal.

Top contributor among the civilian groups is the Finance Office force, which had turned in \$474, with 80 per cent participation and 69 per cent of their goal reached.

Figures for comparison follow:

	Amt. Contributed	% Participation	% of Goal
Officers	\$1,336	64%	63%
Navy Nurses	751	46%	61%
Enlisted Staff	350	40%	18%
CIVILIAN STAFF			
Maintenance	432	60%	25%
Food Service	455	86%	25%
Nursing Service	235	38%	21%
Security	53	30%	20%
Finance	474	82%	69%
Clerical	372	69%	47%
Professional Services	341	80%	60%

Totals of the above figures show that 56 per cent of the military and civilian staffs have given or pledged to the drive, and that 39 per cent of the quota of \$12,800 set for the hospital has been collected.

CWOHC Robert C. Davies and Dr. Stewart B. Axtell, key solicitors for the United Fund Drive, look on with concern as George Wyness of Maintenance paints up the day's score on the big board at the "Y" near the Community Services Building. Although certain divisions have contributed generously, the hospital has a long way to go to reach its goal of \$12,800.

Nurses Selected For Promotion

Seventeen Oak Knoll Nurses were busy taking promotion physicals this week as the result of last week's ALNAV that announced their selection for Lieutenant Commander.

In the group named for promotion are LT's Lina Stearnes, Thelma B. Bare, Elizabeth L. Miller, Alice R. Reilly, Anna A. Caes, Phyllis M. Hanwell, Marie M. Cheek, Annie J. Poytress, Althea E. Allzeier, Elizabeth M. Duwe, Rosa J. Delfs, Florence Frazier, Mary A. Martin, and Virginia C. Belden, all USN; and Margaret Jenkins, Ardath J. Baer, and Lois M. Baskin, USNR.

Certify CDR Burroughs To Radiology Board

CDR Clement D. Burroughs, Chief of the Radiology Service, has received word that he has been certified by the American Board of Radiology as a result of recent examinations.

New Club Manager

Robert E. Sharpe, HN, USN, sports writer for the OAK LEAF has relieved Willie Smith, SH1, USN, as manager of the Staff Enlisted Recreation Center.



Dudley R. Britney

Foreman Mechanic Rates 'Outstanding'

Dudley R. Britney has received an Outstanding Performance Rating for his service as foreman mechanic in the Maintenance Division from 1 April, 1954, to 15 July, 1954. He is the first member of the staff to receive outstanding rating under the new system, which directs that each employee be rated on the anniversary of his employment. Mr. Britney's wide variety of responsibilities are concerned with planning, estimating, housing, transportation, safety, utilities, design, engineering, and contract administration.

Artists to Vie in Menu Contest

All artists on the compound—patients, military staff, and civilian workers are asked to get out their water colors and/or crayons and compete in the first Thanksgiving menu cover contest the hospital has ever had.

The rules for the contest are simple. (1) The menu cover should present a Thanksgiving idea—autumn leaves, pumpkins, cornstalks, Pilgrims, a turkey running from a sailor with a hatchet, or something representative of Oak Knoll. (2) No more than three colors should be used. (3) The over-all measurements should not exceed 9½ by 6¼ inches. (4) All entries must be turned in to the Food Service Division office no later than Monday, 1 November. Judging will take place the following day, and a suitable prize, plus the honor of having the design reproduced on more than a thousand holiday menus, will go to the winner.

Patients may work on their entries at Occupational Therapy.

For further information concerning the contest, telephone LT C. R. Thompson, Ext. 267.

18 HA's Advanced To HN This Month

Sixteen corpsmen and two WAVES were advanced to HN on 16 October as a result of the recent examinations.

They are WAVES B. D. Oakland and S. A. Melchior and corpsmen R. L. Bobbitt, W. E. Hall, J. G. Hansen, C. F. R. Johnston, G. A. Meillier, A. S. K. Miles, D. A. Neil, R. R. Odgers, H. Parker, P. O. Romero, W. L. Sanger, Jr., F. T. Smith, K. L. Thompson, and D. A. Vaughn.

ACEA Invites Patients To Grand National

The Alameda County Employee's Association invites 40 patients to see the Grand National Rodeo, Livestock and Horse Show next Friday, 29 October.

Hostesses will accompany the group and refreshments will be served.

The Oak Leaf

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From: Chief of Naval Operations To: All Hands

The following instructions emanate from the Chief of Naval Operations and are directed to all Naval Commands afloat and ashore for command attention.

Military Smartness is an important factor in the exercise of command, and in the field of Public Relations. In the Military Sense, it is a facet of leadership by precept, and it is a command responsibility to insure that subordinates meet the required standards.

The standards of smart appearance and military bearing do not permit of improper wearing of the uniform, worn-out, or tarnished uniform equipment and unmilitary attitudes on public thoroughfares and in public places.

Less easy to define are the qualities of posture—alertness, military courtesy, and gentlemanly behavior. Nevertheless, they are part of the hallmark of the proper military man.

The Chief of Naval Operations considers that these are matters for command attention on the part of all in authority, both officers and enlisted men, and therefore directs that all Naval commands, afloat and ashore, address themselves to the observance of these principles and standards by all Naval personnel.

Let's Roll Oak Knoll

Have you done your share? Who knows—the next one to call upon one of these agencies may be YOU. Few of us appreciate the wonderful work these various charitable organizations do, until we have occasion to call upon them for help. May God grant that will never be necessary. But countless others in your community do need and call upon their services. But we forget that none of them can exist without the real genuine and sincere help of our good American people. Nothing has ever stifled the charity of the American Heart. Let us hope and pray that selfishness will never overtake the generosity of our American people.

Remember your pledge at this time is your charitable contribution for a whole year. Spread out your share over four days or even longer if you wish. But give to the best of your ability. Yes, give till it hurts, for nothing hurts more than a diseased body, a hungry heart, a tortured soul.

Whatever you give, if you give in HIS name, shall be repaid you a hundred fold in this life as in the life to come.

This is our United Crusade. We cannot let it down, as we would not want to be let down if our fortunes took a turn for the worse.

Let's roll, Oak Knoll!

A united appeal offers the contributor the opportunity to accept his "full responsibility." United giving ends the multiple demands on his purse which often force him to turn down a worthy cause.

United Crusade offers a great saving of an important community resource—manpower. Volunteer effort is used to better advantage in one campaign. The time and energy of company personnel is conserved.

Divine Services

Hospital Chapel at Main Gate

PROTESTANT

BIBLE SCHOOL—SUNDAY 0930
 SUNDAY WORSHIP—1030
 HOLY COMMUNION—First Sunday morning each month.

CATHOLIC

SUNDAY MASSES
 0600-0800-0900-1200
 DAILY MASSES—0700 and 1145
 Confessions before Mass
 Saturday—1900
 and before all Masses
 Any other time upon request
 Catholic Oratory in back of Chapel
 Choir Rehearsal—Tuesday 1930

CHAPLAINS' OFFICES
 IN CHAPEL AND 67A

NAVY RELIEF OFFICE—
 IN 67A

BUS TO AND FROM CHAPEL
 ON SUNDAYS 0845 AND 1015

Welcome Farewell

Reporting aboard during the past week were LT Frances L. Sonsalla, NC, USN, from Naval Station, Kodiak, Alaska; HN's R. J. Conro, T. F. Neumeister, from USNH, Mare Island; HN's E. W. Workman, G. A. Campbell, from USNHCS, San Diego; HA's T. W. Cavanaugh, J. E. Eagle, C. L. Fausett, R. W. Hayes, and R. F. La Verne, from USNHCS, San Diego.

Detached were LT Mary J. Wathen, NC, USNR, to NAD, Hawthorne, Nev.; LTJG William F. Hollis, Jr., CHC, USNR, to USS TICONDEROGA; B. A. Pisciola, HM3, and HN's G. V. Watkins, J. P. Cassidy, B. W. Hale, D. G. Laufer, to USNH, Mare Island; and HN's R. G. Buscoe, and E. L. Bishop to USMarCorBase, Camp Pendleton.

Red Cross Ramblings

49ERS VS. LIONS, WOW! We're very lucky at this hospital because in addition to our regular allotment of tickets to the pro football game at Kezar Stadium in San Francisco, the management and San Francisco Chapter of Red Cross have made it possible to get extra tickets for patients in wheelchairs and their attendants. (Is there anybody who doesn't want to attend?) A special stand has been constructed right on field level which will accommodate several wheelchairs and give their occupants the best possible view. It's weatherproof, too—now that we're casting an occasional eye skyward.

BERNE MUNOZ, HM2, ward 78A, had a surprise birthday party the other day that, not only his entire ward, but the one next door got in on too. **Charley McConnell,** of ward 79B, came over and virtually became master of ceremonies of the occasion, passed cake, served the punch, and saw that everyone had a share. In addition to the birthday boy, himself, his mother and grandmother were guests of honor.

DRAGNET! Strange sounds emanated from the pediatrics ward the other day and nobody could blame it on a TV program. Young master **GREG TROPANI, age 6,** discovered Mrs. Lorena Meadows, our Gray Lady piano instructor, who had come to the ward with her miniature electric organ. Greg felt that this fascinating instrument was right up his alley and was soon giving out with the Dagnet theme song and several other recognizable bits, much to the entertainment of everyone.

CONNOISSEURS of bridge, canasta, and other hi-falutin' card games are having a heyday at the Lounge every Tuesday afternoon. Competition is really getting pretty keen with the aid of Gray Lady experts, Mrs. Kidwell and Mrs. Vandevor, to help players brush up on the latest developments.

ROY J. HEIDEL, SK3, of 60A, is a man to reckon with in the field of music. Roy can really make those drums talk and, in addition, is expert on a xylophone and plays a good sax. Hailing originally from Wisconsin, Roy played for years around the Chicago area and was a member of the national prizewinning (for five years in a row) American Legion Band. Heidel is also a specialist on novelty instruments and could give Spike Jones a few tips. As soon as this patient goes back to his local duty station, he is planning to return with a good combo for the enjoyment of all his buddies in the hospital. We'll all look forward to it!

11 November Changed To Veterans' Day

President Eisenhower has called on all Americans to observe Veterans Day, November 11, by remembering "the sacrifices of all who fought so valiantly" and through rededication "to the task of promoting an enduring peace."

The President has signed a proclamation noting that Congress last year passed a resolution changing Armistice Day to Veterans Day, in honor of the servicemen of all America's wars.

The honor of appearing on currency of the highest denomination goes to Woodrow Wilson. His likeness appears on the \$100,000 bill.

Military Offered Psychology Class

A class in Abnormal Psychology is now being offered through Educational Services to all interested military personnel.

LTJG D. L. Briggs, MSC, of the Neuropsychiatric Service will teach the course, which will be worth semester hours of college credit. The text book will be "Abnormal Psychology and Modern Life" by J. Coleman.

This course will provide a study of mental disorders including biological, psychological and sociological factors that cause them. It will furnish introductory information for those in rehabilitation work or those planning careers in specialized fields of psychology and other areas of human relations.

Topics will include abnormal behavior as seen by layman and scientist; developments of modern theories of abnormal behavior; personal development and adjustment; causes of abnormal behavior; classification and description of abnormal reaction patterns; and modern methods of diagnosis, treatment and prevention.

Owners Advised to Lock After Parked Vehicles

A new hospital instruction submitted this week concerning vehicles left unattended within the confines of the hospital and the parking area outside of the main gate is now in effect.

If a car is left in these areas for a period of 15 days and the whereabouts of the owner cannot be determined, the vehicle will be towed to an unguarded storage area and after 60 days will be disposed of as property abandoned to the United States.

"What is a delegate-at-large?"
 "A man who goes to a convention without his wife."

Pay Schedule

The following is a tentative pay day schedule for the next two months. This should help you plan your budget during those periods when week ends and holidays prevent payments on the usual dates. Look for this schedule in every issue of the OAK LEAF.

Monday, NOV. 1—Officers, Staff Chiefs, Patients, Marines.

Tuesday, NOV. 2—Staff enlisted, bed patients, stragglers.

Monday, NOV. 15—Officers, Staff Chiefs, Patients, Marines.

Tuesday, NOV. 16—Staff enlisted, bed patients, stragglers.

Wednesday, DEC. 1—Officers, Staff Chiefs, Patients, Marines.

Thursday, DEC. 2—Staff enlisted, bed patients, stragglers.

Scuttlebutt

FROM NORTH OF THE BORDER: Last week Oak Knoll had visitors from south of the border. This week it is "entertaining" a visitor from north of the border. He is Edward F. Amos, ABTD (able seaman torpedo detection) of Burlington, Ontario, Canada, who was transferred here Monday from the HMCS MAGNIFICENT, where sailors are taught not only to do their duty but to "Fear God and Honor the Queen," according to a highly polished inscription on the quarterdeck of the carrier.

PEOPLE, ETC.: Another Oak Knoll romance culminated in marriage last Friday when Corpswage Betty Walker and Corpsman Charles Mathis were married at the Foothill Baptist Church. Dr. G. A. Weniger officiated and two friends, Paul Scherlie, HN, and James Rino, civilian, witnessed the ceremony. . . People at the Lab were, as they say, "shook," the other day when an NP nurse called to order a Szondi test on a patient. After several phone calls and considerable consternation and strife, it was discovered that the test is done on paper on the Neurophysiologic Service, not in the test tubes of the laboratory. . .

CAPT R. L. Gilman got back from Europe just in time to have dinner with Pierre Monteux before watching the maestro direct the new operatic production "Joan of Arc," which was presented in San Francisco's War Memorial Opera House last week. . . Also among Oak Knoll's operagoers was CDR Helen C. Gavin, who enjoyed Beethoven's only opera, "Fidelio," Tuesday night. . . Lightning struck again when Robert (Lightning) Lessard, electrician, went on a hunting expedition in the neighborhood of Cody, Wyoming.

With the help of his trusty .270 Winchester, he brought back an elk, a deer, and an antelope—460 pounds of meat, dressed. . . Other local hunters back from a week-end expedition up in the Modoc, were CWOHC Timothy Fitzgerald, LT F. W. Day, LCDR M. P. Huber, Jack Brockett, Henry Bourdase and his friend, Bill Blount. Asked how many deer they brought back, they answered: "Quite a few bucks." . . Spook, that blonde cocker spaniel, mascot of the chow line, left the hospital Tuesday with his master, James Honsa, HN, recent graduate of the OR Tech School. Now at home in St. Paul, Minn., Spook is retiring after seven months' active duty. . . HMC Alexander Kozlowski (whose photo will appear on these pages next Friday) was honored at a farewell party at the Chiefs' Club on the eve of his departure for civilian life after 20 years in the Navy.

LIFE BEGINS: LTJG Robert W. Taylor, staff intern, and his wife, Joyce MacGregor, welcomed their first born on 14 October and named him Gregg. The young man weighed 5 lbs., 3 ozs. on arrival. . . Another new staff baby who arrived the same day is Lopechino Santarromana Bernabe, Jr., whose father, an HN conveniently known as "Bernie," is now on leave looking after him. The 7 lb., 2½ oz. boy's mother's name is Lillian.

OAKNOLLUMNI: CDR Richard D. Nies, in-for his annual physical, dropped by the NP service to visit friends this week. He is now practicing in Oakland. . . Tom Newson, one-time Civilian Personnel Assistant for the hospital, is back from around the world and tours of duty on Guam

CAPT T. J. Canty Returns From European Mission

CAPT T. J. Canty returned recently from an official trip to Europe, where he represented the Navy at the Sixth Congress of the International Society for the Welfare of the Crippled and Disabled. Forty-six countries were represented, and more than 100 delegates from the United States were among the 800 who attended.

At the Congress Doctor Canty presented a paper on "Amputee Rehabilitation and Research in Artificial Limbs." He later visited medical, hospital, and rehabilitation facilities in Copenhagen, Denmark; and at Frankfurt, Hamburg, and Karlsruhe, Germany.

At the Orthopedic Hospital in Copenhagen, Captain Canty performed a cine-plastic operation on an upper arm—an operation that had not previously been performed at that hospital. In this operation, a panel of skin is formed into a tube which is passed under a normal muscle in such a manner that a plastic hook can be inserted in the skin tube to activate a prosthetic appliance.

During his visit to the Danish capital, Captain Canty spoke before the staff of the Orthopedic Hospital, and he was interested in learning that the functional brace developed here for poliomyelitis victims is being used successfully in Denmark.

Before returning to Oak Knoll, Doctor Canty attended technical committee meetings of the Advisory Committee on Artificial Limbs of the National Research Council in Washington, D. C. and participated in the Field Testing Program at the Rehabilitation Institute of New York University, Bellevue Hospital.

CAPT Shaw to Get Wellcome Medal, Prize

From Washington comes the word that CAPT Christopher C. Shaw's essay on "The Clinical Syndrome of Acute Renal Insufficiency" has been chosen by the Association of Military Surgeons of the United States to receive the Sir Henry Wellcome Medal and Prize for 1954.

Presentation of the medal, scroll, and award of \$500 will be made at the Honors Night Dinner of the Association to be held at Hotel Statler, Washington, D. C., on 1 December.

Captain Shaw's paper, written during the last few days of his tour of duty as Chief of Medicine at Oak Knoll, was judged the most useful original investigation in the field of military medicine by a committee composed of the vice-presidents of the Association of Military Surgeons.

Intermediate School Open to Top HM's

Any HMC, HM1, or HM2, interested in attending the Intermediate Hospital Corps School, Portsmouth, Va., beginning on 6 December, please call or see Chief Amgwert in the Staff Personnel Office.

Preliminary requirements for the school are two years of obligated service remaining and completion of 24 months of current shore duty.

and in Italy. He and his wife, Elaine, and their three months' old son will leave soon for San Diego, where he is to report for an industrial relations job with the Navy.



Chief Joseph R. Baranski (right) of Environmental Sanitation was relieved of his term of President of the CPO club recently by Chief Charles D. Martin of Property and Accounting. The outgoing president had been in office for the past 20 months. During his administration many changes were made which included the installation of a service bar, canopies for the hatches, draperies, new lighting and a public address system. Chief F. A. Hoke of the CO's mail room was elected Recording Secretary. Other board members are Chiefs Jules Fontaine and Owen W. Williams, both of Environmental Sanitation, S. D. Copeland, Special Services, and J. M. Simms, Photographic Arts.



Among the many guests who came to Oak Knoll last Wednesday when the gate was open in observance of National Nurse week were local leaders in the nursing profession. At Nurses' Quarters, where LTJG Norma J. Joyce presided at the tea table, the photographer snapped Miss Laura McCutcheon of the teaching staff of Highland School of Nursing; Mrs. Mary T. Royal, president, Unit A, California League of Nursing; Mrs. Marjorie Frampton, teaching staff, Highland School of Nursing; CDR Helen C. Gavin, Chief of the Nursing Service and official hostess for the day; and Miss Frances Rule, teaching staff, Highland School of Nursing. Nurses from other Eastbay hospitals and students from Alameda and Contra Costa County High Schools attended.



Well satisfied with their hard-earned diplomas, presented to them by LCDR Donald W. Robinson, are these seven brand new operating room technicians. From the left are Rudolph L. Ciuca, HN, Harold K. Bellows, HM3, HN's James M. Honsa, Henry K. Escue, Lowell J. Nelson, George A. Wynn, and Charles L. Stevens. Bellows, Ciuca, and Honsa were transferred to USNH, Mare Island, and the others are remaining at Oak Knoll.

Staff Personalities



Dr. Jack F. Little, Ph.D., head of the psychology branch of the Neuropsychiatric Service since a year ago this month, hails from San Diego and now lives in Oakland with his wife, Hazel, and three-month-old son, Thomas Carter. Dr. Little attended UCLA and USC, then served as staff psychologist with the Veteran's Administration Mental Hygiene Clinic and at USNTC, San Diego. Dr. Little is a member of the Sigma Xi Honorary Science Society, the East Bay Society for Clinical Psychology, the American Psychological Association, and local professional associations. He is an active member of Local 496 of the National Federation of Federal Employees. Dr. Little plans to make a career of Civil Service. After working hours, he devotes his time to his family, his home, and two favorite hobbies—sailing and tennis.



Another person that is now a "year-old timer" and has put in a lot of time at hospitals is Artie Ione Fuson, HN, who books Glasgow, Montana, as home. After graduating from Nashua High School in Nashua, Montana, she worked in the pediatric clinic at Smith Hospital and the Columbus Hospital in Great Falls. Then the call to "bell bottom skirts" sounded and she answered in November '52, took training at Bainbridge and was the last Corpswive to finish Corps School at San Diego. In July '53 she set foot on the Oak Knoll hills, worked in the pediatric ward treatment room and finally in the pediatric clinic. Ione's ambition is to become a nurse. Her hobbies are swimming, horseback riding, and tennis. Above all she is an ardent YANKEE FAN!

Hilltoppers Belt Communications, 33-19; Burley Injured During Game

The touch football team again showed fine form as they chalked up another win for Oak Knoll in the 12ND Communications tilt on Oak Knoll's field Thursday, winning 33-19.

The game opened with quarterback Jack Young starting off with a bang, making the first touchdown. Dunnigan ran for the extra point to make the score 7-0. The 12ND team took to the air lanes after trying without success to gain yardage with runs, one of them connecting for their first touchdown. The try for extra point was no good, and the scoreboard read 7-6 in favor of the Knollites.

All during the first half, "Big Jim" Howard was a constant threat to the 12ND pass receivers, deflecting and snagging the opponents' passes. On one interception in the last minutes of the first half, he took the ball and ran 30 yards for a Knoll first and ten, setting up a play for the Hilltopper crew. Young passed to Fred Guith; the ball hit Guith's hands, flipped out and into the hands of Dunnigan, who took advantage of the situation and sneaked over for a touchdown. After missing the extra point, the Hilltoppers led by a 13-6 score.

Again the Communication team followed up with a long run and knotted the score at 13-13. Not to be outdone, Dunnigan received on the kickoff and trotted 60 yards, turning and twisting through the enemy's defense. Tom Burley received on a backfield shift and ran over for the third Knoll touchdown. They missed the extra point but remained ahead 19-13. As the horn sounded for the

half, Al Moreno was reaching for a ball carrier. He missed the ball and the player's flag but ripped the player's pants right down the side seam. At the half, the score read, Hilltoppers 19, Communications 13.

In the beginning of the second half, 12ND knicked off to Oak Knoll; Dunnigan received and ran all the way for a touchdown; Burley followed him over for the extra point, making the score 26-13. The opponents received the ball but failed to cross the goal line. The Hilltoppers took over, and Young sent a bullet pass right across the line to left and into the waiting hands of Jim Howard, who went over for the touchdown. Young ran the extra point, making the tally 33-13. It was during this play that Burley was hurt in a pile-up and was taken out for the rest of the game. As game time was running out, the 12ND team was struggling in a last-minute effort to score, and they did finally break through the Knollite defense, bringing them back in the game on the short end of a 33-19 score. In the last minutes of play, Young tried several passes to Bramschriber, but this was "Crazy Legs'" bad day. He just couldn't hold them.

The hospital team, to date, has four wins and one loss—wins over NSC, Oakland, Treasure Island, San Francisco Naval Shipyard, and 12ND. The only loss was to Mare Island. The latest game was played yesterday against NAS, Oakland, too late to make this week's deadline.

X-Ray and Lab in Bowling Lead As Second Week Schedule Rolls On

The hospital bowling league went into the second week of the schedule and emerged with a couple of very close games and an upset. Although the finance team was one of the pre-season favorites, they certainly didn't scare the lab bowlers very much as R. J. Besneatte rolled a 207 game and 493 series to lead last year's champions to a 2-1 victory. Chief Engen rolled season highs of a 214 game and 527 series for the losers. His average also is a league high.

The Mustangs lost the first game to the N.P. Doctors but finally started hitting the head pin to take a 2-1 win as Chief Libbrecht banged out a 201 game. X-Ray really turned on the "juice" as they knocked down 2242 pins to win 3 games from E.S.T. School. A 511 series by J. N. Welch was high for the winners. The Cops and Marine Detachment staged a

nip-and-tuck battle each game, even though it ended in a three-game sweep for the Cops with only 8 pins separating them in the last game. N.P. Raiders registered their first win of the season as they squeezed out the second game by only 6 pins, while the EST Professors took the other games. Dental registered a 3 to 0 win over the CSR boys.

STANDINGS

	Won	Lost
X-Ray	5	1
Laboratory	5	1
Profs	5	1
Mustangs	4½	1½
Finance	4	2
Cops	4	2
N.P. Doctors	4	2
Dental	3½	2½
N.P. Raiders	1	5
EST School	0	6
CSR	0	6
Marine Det	0	6

Hoopsters' Progress Slow But Sure

Try to get a group of WAVES on AM and PM duty and on port and starboard watches together for workouts at the San Leandro gym three times a week, and you will have some idea of the hardships involved as Oak Knoll prepares to field its women's basketball team.

The girls board Special Service carryalls for the trip up the hill every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. LTJG Dolly Carston is the team manager, and in spite of the difficulty, she hopes to whip a team into shape. The team still needs players and a coach.

Anyone wishing to join the team or who want the job as coach are asked to call LTJG Dolly Carston at Physical Therapy, Ext. 438.

In the men's corner of basketball, the BAAF league schedule has not been set for the coming season's competition, but according to CWOHC Orval G. Haines, coach, they are looking forward to practice games the last of October or the first of November. Until the first practice game, regular gym practice will be continued on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays of each week at 1600.

Previews

★ Sunday, 24 October
THE GLENN MILLER STORY—James Stewart, June Allyson. Technicolor. **SICAL ROMANCE.** Rating: Excellent. James Stewart plays the part of the leader, with June Allyson the girl he loves and won. This rags to riches story concerns the life of the beloved band leader who bore himself with humility and consideration even after he had reached heights in the orchestral world. The touch of sadness is at the end of the picture when the plane in which he was disappears somewhere over the Pacific Channel.

★ Monday, 25 October
FOLLOW THE FLEET—Ginger Rogers, Harriet Hilliard. **MUSICAL.** Rating: Very good. This family picture has the Navy as supporting force.

Tuesday, 26 October
PASSION—Yvonne De Carlo, Robert Wilde. Technicolor. This picture's marketing title refers to the passion of anger is good for the whole family.

★ Wednesday, 27 October
HAWK OF WILD RIVER—Charles Bronson, Western. It's time to blaze a six-shooter again.

Thursday, 28 October
YANKEE PASHA—Jeff Chandler, Miss Fleming. **ADVENTURE.** Technicolor. Rating: Very good. Chandler, a free man, rides into Salem, Mass., in 1800, falls in love with Miss Fleming. She not marry him because she has to preserve her father's position and marry another. Chandler later finds out that Miss Fleming does not get married and has to travel through several countries and over high seas before they finally ride back to find happiness.

★ Friday, 29 October
YELLOW MOUNTAIN—Lex Barker, Mala Powers, Howard Duff, William Demarest. **ADVENTURE.** Technicolor. Howard Duff, owner of some rich claims in old Nevada, becomes entangled with a shady character who wants to merge their interests to form a monopoly. Mala Powers, daughter of a mine operator provides the romantic angle.

Saturday, 30 October
THE SUN SHINES BRIGHT—Charles Winninger, Arleen Whelan. **SOUTHERN DRAMA.** Rating: Good. Mr. Winninger (a small town judge, fair-minded and a sense of justice which almost cost him his election) and his old Confederate buddies try to keep quiet the fact that Lucy Lee, ward of an old doctor's illegitimate child of a general's son. When Lucy's mother returns to die in her town, Mr. Winninger arranges the funeral and eventually the relationships are revealed. There is plenty of comedy. Winninger and his cronies put across a gentle and artless atmosphere of a lovely South.
 ★ One showing—at 1830 only.

Counsel: "Do you want to challenge any of the jury?"

Defendant: "Well, I think I could lick that little fellow on this end."

Married life is just one undaring thing after another.

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The OAK LEAF



Donald G. Laufer



Robert M. Manchester

Corpsmen Cited On NP Service

Two hospital corpsmen were recently commended for heroic action on the Neuropsychiatric Service. They were HN's Donald G. Laufer and Robert M. Manchester.

Without hesitation, according to the citation, the two men entered a room in which a fire had been started and was filling the room with smoke and fumes. Without thinking of themselves, they rushed into the room and began evacuating the patients.

Laufer, a neuropsychiatric technician student at the time and Manchester, a technician in the somatic therapy department, were also commended for giving up personal liberty hours on the same day to assist in the recovery of a critically ill patient.

Laufer is a recent graduate from NP School and has been transferred to USNH, Mare Island.

7 Doctors Make CAPT; Huber and Millard to CDR

The possibility of a gold braid shortage at Navy Exchange loomed this week as eleven more officers were selected for promotion to higher rank, in addition to the 17 nurses reported in last week's OAK LEAF.

New four-striper candidates receiving congratulations since the ALNAV came through just too late to make last week's deadline are Doctors Clement D. Burroughs, Chief of the Radiology Service; Wallace E. Allen, Head, EENT Branch; Daniel W. Boone, surgical resident; Mark S. Curtis, Chief of Urology; Hugh V. O'Connell, Chief of Pathology; Leonard H. Barber, radiology staff; and George M. Lynch, Head, Proctology Branch. LCDR George H. Tarr of the EKG Department was selected for commander.

Big news among the Medical Service Corps officers aboard is that LCDR Melvin P. Huber, Administrative Officer, and Matthew J. Millard, Chief of the Finance Division, were selected for commander in the MSC.

LCDR Myrtle M. Warner, Assistant Chief of the Nursing Service, was selected for the rank of commander in the Navy Nurse Corps.

Also of interest, particularly to Dental Corps personnel, is the word that CDR William B. Johnson, Jr., who left in June for Quantico was named for the rank of captain.

Other former Oak Knoll officers to be promoted are Doctors Derrick C. Turnipseed, Lester J. Pope, James Crawford, Wesley Fry, and John S. Shaver to captain; Jesse F. Adams, Dale Watkins, Albert L. May, and Charles K. Holloway to commander in the Medical Corps; and Arthur P. Daul and Fred C. Roepke to commander, Medical Service Corps.

Staff Members Invited To See Grand National

The Grand National Livestock Exposition, Horse Show and Rodeo takes over the San Francisco-San Mateo Cow Palace, tonight (Friday) for its tenth anniversary presentation, featuring Rex Allen, famous Western star of motion pictures and television and his horse Koko.

Staff members desiring to ride on the Greyhound (round trip) sign up at Special Services. The charge will be \$1.50 per person for the bus trip. Servicemen in uniform will be admitted free, but there will be a 50-cent admission charge for wives or dates.

Transportation will leave at 1815 at the parking lot just inside the main gate.



Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer in plastic, the newest thing in window decorations, will be one of the many devices used to decorate Oak Knoll for the holidays. Posing with Rudolph when the Christmas Committee met here Monday night were Miss Mary Valle, secretary-treasurer of the group, Admiral Bradley, COL Frank H. Lane, Commanding Officer, Parks Air Force Base Hospital; Dr. Harrison S. Collisi, Manager, VA Hospital, Livermore; Joseph R. Knowland, publisher of the Oakland Tribune, and Samuel H. Franks, Acting Manager of the Oakland VA Hospital.

Christmas Committee Marks Thirty Years' Service; To Play Santa Here

Forty people who will play Santa Claus to Oak Knoll again this year met at the Officers' Club Monday night to lay plans for their Christmas campaign. They were members of the Veteran Hospitals' Christmas Committee, whose 30-year history of service is well known throughout the community.

The committee began its work at the Veterans Administration Hospital, Livermore, three decades ago, added Oak Knoll twelve years ago, and in turn took in the Oakland VA and Parks Air Force Base Hospitals.

Backed by Joseph R. Knowland, publisher of the Oakland Tribune, the committee enlists the aid of organizations throughout the community each fall in raising some \$40,000 which is spent on Christmas decorations, professional entertainment, and gifts for all patients who must remain in the four hospitals on Christmas day.

The dinner meeting here each October marks the kick-off of the drive and the only opportunity for members of the hard-working group to get together socially during the year.

Admiral and Mrs. Bradley and Captain and Mrs. Abernethy were official hosts for the evening.

Their guests included Mr. and Mrs. Knowland, John Morin, president of the committee, and Mrs. Morin; Mr. and Mrs. Hart Eastman, Miss Mary Valle, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fieberling, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Tofanelli, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer P. Zollner, Dr. and Mrs. R. C. Bitterman, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Bitterman, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Bitterman, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Bitterman.

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Patients, Staff, Invited To Dinner, Floor Show

The Newman Club of the University of California in Berkeley invites 60 staff members and patients for a dinner and floor show Sunday, 21 November at 1800.

Reservations must be made at the Chaplain's Office (Chapel) no later than 1400, Tuesday, 11 November. Please make them as soon as possible, since they are limited to 60.

It has been requested that both staff and patients wear their uniforms for the dinner.

Busses will leave the Community Building at 1700 sharp.

Officers' Halloween Dance Tomorrow

"And the goblins will git yer if yer don't watch out" at the Halloween Dance to be held on 30 October in the upstairs ballroom of the officers' club.

There will be a first-rate band, costumes, or sport clothes, prizes, cider, doughnuts, special Halloween decorations, and baby sitters from 2000-0100.

Admission is fifty cents a person.

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† † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

During these weeks in which more than one hundred benevolent organizations represented by United Charities are making their annual appeal, some have named other worthy causes to which they contribute and have asked, "Is there no end to appeals? How far is our generosity and good will expected to go?"

Why should one complain when he is asked to share a portion of that with which he has been blessed in such a large measure? Why should he ask if there is to be no end to giving when he is a recipient of so many of God's good gifts? Should he be less gifted in kindness than all the forces of life which sustain him? The sun sends its welcome light over the horizon at the appointed time every morning. The varying seasons make their rounds with seed time and harvest so that the petition, "Give us this day our daily bread" may be answered in gracious abundance.

As the blessings of nature continue from day to day and as the mercy of God is shed abroad in our hearts regardless of where we are; so also continue the needs within the lives of men. As long as these abide, as long as hands are outstretched in need, as long as the eyes of orphans plead, as long as institutions of mercy dot our countryside so that those who are sick in mind or body may be ministered unto, so long as men of science carry on research to find a means which will conquer disease, there must be continued giving by those whom God has singularly blessed. There will be no end to that for

"Giving is living," the angel said,

"Give to the needy sweet charity's bread."

"And must I keep giving and giving again?"

My selfish and querulous answer ran.

"Oh, no," said the angel, piercing me through,

"You may stop giving when God stops giving to you."

Support the United Charities campaign! Give to all worthy CAUSES.

LCDR Walter J. Lindemann,
 Protestant Chaplain.

Headless Motorists For Halloween?

SEEN ANY HEADLESS MOTORISTS AROUND LATELY?

"Nobody these days ever tells any good ghost stories like the old one about the **Headless Horseman**," moaned the Oldtimer.

Well, of course not, Oldtimer, times have changed. Folks don't believe in ghosts nowadays and they don't ride horses much any more either.

"Well, how about a **Headless Motorist** then?"

Of all the silly ideas, Oldtimer! Who would ever believe a story about a **Headless Motorist** on the loose in this enlightened age!

"And why not, I'd like to know. From what I've heard, it should not be hard to believe at all. Why just 'tother day a feller was a-tellin' me about being out driving one night when he seen an automobile a-comin' towards him with lights blazing like the headlights on a locomotive. He kept a-signalin' for the dims, but the feller just kept a-comin' on until he was plum blind as a bat from the glare of them headlights. And next thing he knew he was in the ditch. Now if the feller driving that automobile had a head on his shoulders, he sure wasn't a-usin' it!"

Yes, Oldtimer, we'll agree that many a traffic accident has been caused because somebody did not use his head.

DON'T BE A HEADLESS MOTORIST—LET YOUR 'THOUGHT-POWER' GUIDE YOUR HORSEPOWER!

•• Welcome and Farewell ••

Reporting in this past week were LT's John L. Young, MSC, USN, Paul A. Barenberg, MC, USNR, William F. Fry, Jr., MC, USN, Edward E. Parker, MC, USN, from USNH, Annapolis, Md.; LTJG Joseph Steg, MC, USNR, E. C. Wheeler, HMCA, from USS DEAL, Sasebo, Japan; J. E. Heltsley, HM3, from USS HELENA; K. W. Hackler, HM3 HN's K. H. Dietrich, W. C. Austin, R. Clement, W. A. Stephens, W. K. Withers, from USNH, San Diego; H. B. Charlton,

(W), from USNH, Mare Island; F. J. Fahey, S. M. Bartnick, (W), R. C. Wingert, E. R. Wooll, P. E. Shanberger, from USNH, Great Lakes, Ill.; and S. H. Hatten, from USS POWELL.

Detached were LT Robert J. Cales, MC, USN, to Washington, D.C.; E. F. Pon, DK3, to FLTRACEN, San Diego, for USS SHANGRI LA; HM3's H. K. Bellows, D. A. Heiberg, to USNH, Mare Island; and HN's R. L. Cuica, and J. M. Honsa, to USNH, M.I.

Red Cross Ramblings

HOLD 'ER NEWT! Life has really picked up at the Red Cross Lounge with the advent of our new hostess groups at the dances on Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday nights. Being in a wheel chair is hardly a temporary hindrance to **Cpl Anthony (Chick) Chicano** of ward 42A who is out there on the dance floor with the best of them demonstrating plenty of bounce and circling 'round and 'round. His pal, **Lou Medeiros, CSSN, 43B**, was further complicating traffic, but they didn't get their signals crossed up and everyone had lots of fun. Those fellows will really cut a rug when they get back on their feet again!

AT LONG LAST the big upset has occurred in the Thursday afternoon ping-pong tournament. **Bob Seigel, AN, 43B**, in the hottest finish we have seen in a long time, turned over his Champ's Crown to **Sgt A. O. Crenwelge**. It was a toss-up all the way as to who would get that final point. Seigel showed real sporting spirit by putting aside his own paddle which he had won 'way back in Junior High School and playing with an unfamiliar one. **Gromosick**, one to watch in the future, was runner-up. A bumper crowd watched the finals. Seigel was champ for almost two months.

49ERS VS BEARS. This Sunday afternoon will see the unbeaten San Francisco 49ers tangle with the Chicago Bears for their second match of the pro football season. If you remember how the 49ers had to come out from behind a few weeks ago at Chicago on a wet field you'll know that this one packs plenty of dynamite! Check with your staff worker if you're listed and can't go. We can't waste a single ticket.

BIRTHDAYS GALORE. Also on 50A this week was a jumbo party, combination Halloween and birthday party for **M/Sgt Edward Bailor**. Special gurney trimmings, Halloween stunts, and music keyed the festivities. Last week on ward 72B **Barbara Koberstein** was the center of a lively birthday celebration. Staff and patients participated, and the occasion was highlighted by the arrival of a specially constructed brace which Barbara has eagerly awaited.

MEN FRIDAY. The Red Cross Lounge could hardly get along without the able help of such men as **Joe Kenniston, BMSN**, and **Joe Mazzuca, RDSN, 43B**. The loyalty and help of Kenniston has made for smooth sailing at the dances and for any special occasion needing the records or public address equipment. He keeps an eagle eye on the musical balance to the satisfaction of everyone. Mazzuca makes himself generally useful and cheerfully offers a hand, particularly when there is a mean detail to be done! We think this most noteworthy.

Golden Bears to Clash With Bruins Tomorrow

Forty Oak Knoll patients will be among the thousands who will pour into Berkeley's Memorial Stadium tomorrow afternoon to see the Golden Bears pit their strength against the UCLA Bruins.

UCLA, after trouncing Stanford 72-0 two weeks ago and Oregon State 61-0 last Saturday, is favored to win over the Bears, whose brilliant comeback (statistically speaking) last Saturday (they lost to USC 27-29) gives them hope of redeeming themselves after a poor start this season.



Howard Whigham, HN, of the Master-at-Arms force, was completely overwhelmed when his buddies bid him goodbye—in cake frosting—last week as he left for home and civilian life in Southern California. "Whig" plans to go to Compton Junior College and eventually get his degree at UCLA.

Brochure Pictures Knoll ALD Exhibit

IMPACT—A Photographic Study of the March of Medicine arrived in the mall this week, bearing special interest for Oak Knoll personnel.

The brochure, published to acquaint the public with the popular TV show, sponsored by Smith, Kline and French Laboratories, Philadelphia, with the approval of the American Medical Association, contains pictures taken at the AMA convention in San Francisco, when C. Knoll's amputee rehabilitation exhibit won top honors.

Among present and former Knollites who appear in the booklet are young Dennis Worden, 5-year-old bilateral amputee, PVT Cliff Jordan, arm amputee, Charlie Toombes, lateral leg amputee, and Dr. T. Canty.

Divine Services

Hospital Chapel at Main Gate

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BIBLE SCHOOL—SUNDAY 0930
 SUNDAY WORSHIP—1030
 HOLY COMMUNION—First Sunday morning each month.

CATHOLIC
 SUNDAY MASSES
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DAILY MASSES—0700 and 1145
 Confessions before Mass
 Saturday—1900
 and before all Masses
 Any other time upon request
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 IN CHAPEL AND 67A

NAVY RELIEF OFFICE—
 IN 67A

BUS TO AND FROM CHAPEL
 ON SUNDAYS 0845 AND 1015

Have YOU Given YOUR Share to UFD?

Scuttlebutt

RANDOM SIGHTS AND SOUNDS: Bill Thomas of HCQ and Andy Farrington of Dental Clinic sporting new mustachios . . . leaves on the Catalpa tree in front of the Finance Office turning yellow . . . gusts of wind blowing up the ladies' skirts as they step out of their cars these mornings . . . Jerry Schulte of Staff Personnel making up crossword puzzles . . . Roy Ching of the same department refusing to have his name mentioned in Scuttlebutt . . . Ruth Quire still hunting high and low for that sapphire ring she lost people betting on their favorite football team . . .

CONGRATULATIONS to ENS Cynthia Kelly and ENS Margaret Twomey, both JG's in the USNR now.

PEOPLE, PLACES, AND THINGS:

Biochemist John Satterlee lectured at the annual meeting of the California Association of Medical Laboratory Technicians in San Jose on 15 October . . . Two WAVES are mourning the loss of their parakeets—Mary Ann Wadleigh's "Kelly" took to the air and freedom; and Corky Cera's "Eleszar" committed suicide by plunging from her shoulder into a bucket of hot water . . . everyone is talking about Judy Garland's comeback in "A Star Is Born," now showing in downtown Oakland . . . When Joan Dailey does a job, she does it thoroughly. This week when an unwanted mouse visited WAVE Quarters, Joan demolished him by suffocation under a blanket, beaming over the head with a shoe, and sweeping out with a broom . . . Disbursing personnel recently said Bon Voyage to Eugene Pon with a farewell cake. Gene is off to San Diego for special training and eventual transfer to Puget Sound Naval Shipyard and the USS SHANGRI-LA . . . Mary T. Flanagan of X-ray even dreams she is taking X-rays . . . Eleanor Nunzato of Disbursing showed her culinary prowess by coming up with a delicious spaghetti dinner at WAVE Quarters Saturday in honor of Gerry Bourne's birthday . . . That famous fowl fancier William Snook has just counted his ribbons again. He and his family have collected 751 since they went into the fancy bantam business several years ago . . . Barbara Kayser continues to threaten to begin to try a diet—arriving at Quarters with a coconut cream cake . . . NP Corpsman John Fraser and his auto, Melissa, have an understanding. It seems Melissa won't start until there is absolute silence . . . Several students in seamanship were surprised lately when they found that Professor Joe Gobel, HN, their instructor, has his M.A. in philosophy . . . Chief Leslie Johnson of Special Services is now on duty at Info and Ed Services . . . In answer to all queries about her marriage date, Sara Chilcoat says she, too, would like to know . . . A gay time will be had by all at the NP Staff's annual Halloween party at the Castro Valley Lions Club tonight.

LIFE BEGINS DEPARTMENT: HMC Wensel R. Vaughn and his wife, Geraldine, welcomed their second child on 19 October and named her Joanne. The young lady, whose father is an OR Technician, weighed in at 8 lbs. 6 oz.

Miss Waterman Certified Medical Record Librarian

Helen Waterman, Medical Records Librarian, recently returned to her desk in the Personnel and Records office after attending the Annual Conference of the American Association of Medical Records Librarians in Detroit.

At the conference Miss Waterman was honored by being named a certified medical record librarian (a new category established for those of outstanding education and experience) and selected as one of 53 throughout the United States to be named to the founders group of the association.

In her work here Miss Waterman has developed a new type cross-index card which is under current study by BuMed, and she discussed the system with librarians from Bethesda, Great Lakes, and St. Albans Naval Hospitals at a special session during the conference. It is understood that the card is to be accepted for use by all naval medical activities.

CAPT Higgins Returns Home From Middle East

CAPT A. R. Higgins, MC, USN, Retired, visited old shipmates at Oak Knoll last week while he and Mrs. Higgins made plans to locate in the Bay Area.

The captain, former Chief of Medicine, Executive Secretary of the Training Committee, and Director of the Metabolic Research Facility here, recently returned from Cairo, Egypt, where he has served as CO of Naval Medical Research Unit No. 3 for the past two years.

During his tour of duty in Cairo, Doctor Higgins worked closely with the Egyptian Army in studies of the endemic diseases of Egypt. He returned to this country three months ago and was physically retired from the Navy after a period of treatment at USNH, Bethesda, Md.

Officers' Wives to Hold Fashion Show 16 Nov.

"Fashions for the Holidays" is the theme chosen for the fashion show to be presented by the Officers' Wives' Club on Tuesday evening, 16 November, at 2000.

This event, to be held at the club, will replace the usual monthly luncheon meeting.

Mrs. A. C. Abernethy is in charge of arrangements for the fashion show, with Mrs. Thomas Canty, Mrs. Thomas Foley, Mrs. Mark Curtis, Mrs. Orval Haines, and Mrs. Oliver Hall assisting.

Costumes to be modeled by ladies of the club will be provided by Julia's of Pelton Shopping Center.

CAPT Van Zile's Paper In Oral Surgery Journal

CAPT Wilbur N. Van Zile's paper on "Unilateral Hyperplasia of Condyle" appears in the October JOURNAL of ORAL SURGERY.

First Man: Did you hear about the optometrist's daughter?

Second Man: No.

First Man: Two glasses and she was a spectacle.



Christmas gifts, which will include handsome cuff link and tie clasp sets, travel kits, sport shirts, and a variety of other desirable gifts, are given the once-over by John Morin, president of the Veteran Hospitals' Christmas Committee, Admiral Bradley, and Thomas V. Adams, coordinator for Oak Knoll.

Hospital Holiday Plans Get Under Way

(Continued from page 1)

Mrs. H. Buford Fisher, Mr. and Mrs. Felix Chialvo, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Daniels, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas V. Adams, Mr. and Mrs. John Groom, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Lueddecke, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Woolridge, Mrs. Myrtle Geary, Mr. and Mrs. Harry L. Price, Mr. and Mrs. William Stephens, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Mullen, Bryant King and Miss Darlyne, and Bill Fiset of the Oakland Tribune.

Representing the other hospitals served by the group during the holiday season were COL Frank H. Lane, MC, USAF, Commanding Officer, Parks Air Force Base Hospital, and

his Special Services Officer, CAPT Anna M. Pajala; Dr. Harrison S. Collisi, Manager, and Walter E. Kipp, Chief of Special Services, Veterans Administration Hospital, Livermore; S. H. Franks, Acting Manager, and M. R. Kahn, Special Services Officer, Veterans Administration Hospital, Oakland.

Others from Oak Knoll who attended were the Misses Marie Adams and Dorothy Johnson, American Red Cross; ENS Clyde O. Wimberly, acting Special Services Officer in the absence of LTJG Harold Daniel; and Miss Dorothy Thompson.



HMC Alexander Kozlowski retired to the Fleet Reserve last week after 20 years on active duty. The popular chief served as a corpsman aboard the USS LEXINGTON and the USS APPALACHIAN during World War II and not long ago was with the First Marine Division in Korea. Returning to Oak Knoll for his second tour of duty, he went through the Orthopedic Appliance Technician's School and will continue that work in civilian life. He and his wife, Lillian, and two children live in Castro Valley.

Hilltoppers Are 'B' Group Champs

The Oak Knoll touch football team won the class "B" touch football championship without a pass or a run when the last remaining opponent forfeited by not showing up for the scheduled game.

The Hilltoppers were scheduled to play NAS, Oakland, on Thursday, 21 October on the Knoll field. The forfeit gave Oak Knoll a season record of five wins and one loss. The district league Champions will undoubtedly be Mare Island, the only team able to beat Oak Knoll. However, since Mare Island is a Class "A" activity in athletics, this would still give Oak Knoll a perfect record against Class "B" competition.

Many points have been gained by Oak Knoll on various sports toward the Commandant's Trophy in Athletic Excellence, and this win gives the hospital a substantial lead in competition for group "B" Athletics in the Twelfth Naval District. The final roster for the offensive and defensive teams are: Jack Young, quarterback; James Hooper, center; Al Moreno, end; Fred Guith, end; Tom Burley, backfield; Charles Dunningan, backfield; James Thomas, backfield; William Thomas, backfield; James Johnson, backfield; Gene Graves, backfield; John Thinker, center; Dave Bramschriber, end; John Bell, end, and Joe Calloway, center.

Knoll Forms All Girl Keg Team

An all women's varsity bowling league has been set up in the Twelfth Naval District, and Oak Knoll has organized a bowling team to represent the hospital in these coming meets.

The teams will bowl Tuesday of each week, bowling a double round robin in the scratch score league. Awards will be given according to high individual score, series, team series and high game.

The members of the Oak Knoll team are LT's Bernice E. Fenn, Frances L. Sonsalla, Regina K. Coons, LTJG's Francine H. Bedel, Jean H. Huse, Florence R. Dinneen, Virginia Hultin and ENS Jean A. Cameron, all of the Nurse Corps; Waves Ruth Quire, HM1, Gerry Bourne, HM3, and Jo Ann Kunkel, HN.

1st Round Robin Schedule

- 2 November, Moffett Field, Here
- 9 November, 12ND Comm., There
- 16 November, NAS, Alameda, Here
- 23 November, S.F. Marines, There
- 30 November, T.I. Waves, Here
- 14 December, 12ND Comm., Here
- 18 January, NAS, Alameda, There
- 25 January, S.F. Marines, Here
- 1 February, T.I. Waves, There

Staff Personalities



An "ole salt" in staff detail office is Albert N. James, HM1, from Craig, Colorado. James lives in Hayward with his wife Joyce and their son Grady, who was born in the Philippines. James never went to Corps School or graduated from high school, but his experience has been his best teacher. He enlisted in the Navy in '42 and took his boot training at San Diego. Duty stations took him to the USNH, San Diego, FMF, Portland, Oregon, ID School, USS Haven, NOB Subic Bay, NSD, Utah, Deep Sea Diving School, Cargo Handling Battalion, NSC, Oakland, Guam and Japan, USS ABNAKI, ATF 96, USS JASON, Hunter's Point Hosp-AdmSch, and arrived at Oak Knoll in February '54. Gardening and golfing are hobbies for this career man.

Bidding adieu to Oak Knoll soon for sea duty aboard the MSTs ship Thomas Jefferson is LTJG Mildred R. Levin, NC, USN. She was born in Philadelphia but calls Washington, D.C., home. After graduating from Eastern High School in Washington she was employed as a clerk-typist and auditor at the Coast Guard Headquarters in Washington. She had a dream in her heart to become a nurse; so she left the office desk and took her nurse's training at the George Washington University School of Nursing. She remained there after graduation to work in NP Service. She entered the Navy in January '51, had indoctrination at Philadelphia Naval Hospital, and since her arrival at Oak Knoll in July '53, has worked on 73B. Her hobbies are swimming and dancing.



Lab Keglers Take Over Lead in Hospital League; Skiver a "Hooker"

The third week of bowling in the hospital league saw the X-Ray and Profs teams drop out of a three-way tie for the league lead and leave the laboratory team as sole possessor of first place. It also brought forth a mighty fine bowler in the person of Jerry Skiver of the NP Raiders team.

The "Microscope boys" were really focused in on the head pin as the lab knocked down 2303 pins to take a 3 to 0 sweep over the Cops. Chief Stupey rolled a big 223 game and 505 series for the winners.

Jerry Skiver, a newcomer to the station, rolled a whopping 582 series to lead the NP Raiders to a 2-1 win over Dental. Skiver had games of 169, 221 and 192 and from the way that beautiful "hook ball" of his slips into the 1-3 pocket he should have plenty more fine games before the season is over. Dental rolled a nice 818 game for their one win of the night.

The Mustangs could not get rolling in the first game but came back to win the last two games from the Profs

with only 6 pins separating them in the last game. Chief Libbreth had a 512 series for the last winners and Chief Baranski had a 507 series for the losers.

The Finance team rolled season highs of 823 game and a 2391 series as they clobbered the X-Ray team all 3 games. Their pinfall was 520 pins greater than the pinfall of the X-Ray boys when they finished the games.

STANDINGS

	Won	Lost
Laboratory	8	1
Finance	7	2
Mustangs	6½	2½
Profs	6	3
X-Ray	5	4
NP Doctors	5	4
Dental	4½	4½
Cops	4	5
EST School	3	6
NP Raiders	3	6
CSR	2	7
Marine Detachment	0	9

Hospital Staff Men Join 12ND Traveling Kegler Loop

The Commandant's Twelfth Naval District Traveling League this year started on 25 October and will run until the 4th of April with 3 weeks off for the holiday season. Each activity will bowl the other twice.

Team Captains have all necessary information and membership cards. Rules and regulations will be adhered to as set up by the Metropolitan Oakland Bowling Association. Leagues will be sanctioned and will bowl un-

der the auspices of the American Bowling Congress.

Oak Knoll team met the 12ND Staff Monday, 25 October, here and won the first meet by a 2-1 score, Malay, Hasbrook and Griffith being the high scorers. Members of the Oak Knoll men's team are LT Phillip M. Griffith, MSC, team captain; CWOHC Ralph Goerner Jr.; HMC Robert W. Hasbrook; Manuel P. Diaz and Henry R. Malay, HNs.

Team Schedule

- 1 November, NAS, Oakland, Here
- 8 November, WesSeaFron, There
- 15 November, Stanford, Here
- 22 November, NSC, Oakland, There
- 29 November, 12ND Comm., Here
- 6 December, Mare Island, There
- 13 December, 12ND Staff, There
- 10 January, NAS, Oakland, There
- 17 January, WesSeaFron, Here
- 24 January, Stanford, There
- 31 January, NSC, Oakland, Here

Previews

Sunday, 31 October

MEN OF THE FIGHTING LADY—Johnson, Dewey Martin, Walter Pate. DRAMA. Rating: Very good. The color. A story of pilots on the Navy's Fighting Lady, this gives a general view of the problems confronted by the crew and the tensions and boredom they lived through. The climax is a vivid, suspenseful account of how one (Howie Thayer) aids another (Ken Schecter) in bringing his plane back to the pier in spite of wounds, blindness, and a crippled plane. This one is of special interest here since Ken Schecter was an Oak Knoll patient after his return from Korea.

*Monday, 1 November

CAESAR AND CLEOPATRA—Vivien Leigh, Claude Rains, Stewart Granger. DRAMA. Rating: Very good. This should prove highly entertaining to Shakespearean fans. For adults only.

*Tuesday, 2 November

BOB MATHIAS STORY—Bob Mathias. Ward Bond. SPORTS CLASSIC. Rating: Very good. Mathias, the Decatur winner in the Olympic games, twice in succession, in 1948 and 1952, played himself from a teen ager of 17 years to a serviceman in the Marine Corps. His personal life and his romance with the hometown girl take place in their native California, home.

Wednesday, 3 November

SABOTEUR—Robert Cummings, Patricia Lane. This re-issue is for the whole family. It promises a lot of thrills and excitement.

Thursday, 4 November

TONIGHT'S THE NIGHT—Yvonne De Carlo, David Niven, Barry Fitzgerald. There is no review available on this isn't a film, except that the Legion of Decency condemns it.

*Friday, 5 November

SHE WORE A YELLOW RIBBON—John Wayne, John Agar, Shirley Temple. WESTERN. This is a re-issue of that western with the United States Cavalry and its background.

Saturday, 6 November

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT—Lionel Barrymore, Lorraine Day, George Sanders, Herbert Marshall. This is another re-issue of a famous war story, offering thrills, spills, and excitement and tense moments in the life of a front line reporter.

*One showing—at 1830 only.

The CSR team finally broke their drought when they took 2 games from the NP Doctors for their first wins of the season. EST School registered their first win of the season when they did it at the expense of the Marine Detachment, who are still seeking their first victory.

Patient: This is my first operation and I'm rather nervous.

Intern: Calm down, young man. I know just how you feel. This is my first one, too.

From
U. S. Naval Hospital
Oakland 14, California

To

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(Fold in half and then in thirds and staple.)



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Assistant Secretary of Defense Speaks To Hospital Staff



With Admiral Bradley when he welcomed Dr. Frank B. Berry, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health and Medical Affairs, (extreme right) aboard on 28 October were CAPT's J. H. Ward, Jr., Chief of the Medical Service; R. S. Silvis, Chief of the Surgical Service; and A. C. Abernethy, Executive Officer. At the left is LTCOL F. K. Lawford, MSC, USAF, Dr. Berry's military aide.

Seeks to Improve Military Medicine

Dr. Frank B. Berry, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health and Medical Affairs, paid an unofficial visit to Oak Knoll last Thursday, 28 October, coming to the hospital to speak to the assembled staff on present day problems of military medicine.

Dr. Berry, in his present post since 1 January, is very much interested in maintaining and improving the quality of medicine practiced in the service and in providing the manpower needed to staff the various departments.

Some of the factors that will attract young doctors to the service, he said, are increased stability in location; possibility of ultimately obtaining a hospital position similar to a senior academic standing in civilian life, which permits a senior officer to teach or do research or administrative work; a pay scale more comparable to that in civilian life; and particularly the reintroduction of the 20-year retirement privilege. He does not approve of holding doctors in the service against their will.

Of special interest is the scholarship bill which Dr. Berry said his office hopes soon to present to the Congress. The bill as it has been prepared, would provide tuition and an allowance of \$133 a month for medical and dental students. After internship the student would repay his scholarship on a year-for-year basis in the service, with a minimum of three years.

Dr. Berry described the functions of his office, pointing out the close liaison between it and those of the Surgeon Generals of the Army, Navy, Air Force, and the Public Health Service, with the new Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, and international organizations such as NATO and the World Health Organization.

By his training and experience both in and out of the service, Dr. Berry is eminently qualified for the top medical post in the national government. He is a Harvard Medical School Graduate, Class of '17, and was on the staffs of a number of Eastern hospitals before serving in the Army Medical Corps with the rank of brigadier general from 1942-1946. For some time he served as consultant to the Surgeon General of the Army, and he has served as director of the First Surgical Division and Professor of Clinical Surgery for the College of Physicians

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Results of PO Examinations Proves Study Does Pay Off

If there was ever any doubt about whether classes do pay off, it was dispelled last Friday when Staff Personnel announced the results of the recent examinations. Of 41 taking the exams for first class, 15 were advanced; out of 56 going up for second, 33 were advanced and of 250 going up for third, 182 made the grade. In other words, 66 per cent of those taking the examinations passed—a much higher percentage than in past years.

This improvement is believed to be due to the added emphasis that has been placed on preparation for advancement through the Information and Educational Services program of training films, lectures, and the corps school classes taught by LT Mary Martin of the Navy Nurse Corps.

Qualify for HM1

To be promoted to HM1 during the next five months as a result of having passed their examinations are B. T. Kirkland, J. Sunday, D. L. Schoenmann, S. C. Stringham, D. J. Halkovic, B. H. Harvey, R. R. Munce, J. H. Martin, E. W. Newman, B. L. Thompson, and W. M. Allen.

Make Second

To be advanced to HM2 as the result of the examinations are W. E. Adams, R. Clark, L. O. Gordon, Jr., D. C. Howard, J. R. Herbst, R. L. Mills, W. A. Mullen, E. E. McElfish, J. Puskin, R. M. Tucci, T. J. Williams, W. M. Forde, C. W. Green, T. H. Ross, M. F. Rice, J. L. Seale, Jr., W. M. Tom, F. J. Harvey, L. H. Relaford, G. A. Schwalls, W. A. Sanchez, R. G. Stebbins, M. A. Cohen and H. M. Long are to be promoted to DTG2, C. J. Blackard to YN2, F. Quimbo to SD2.

Third Class

Qualifying for third are Corpsmen R. O. Anderson, W. R. Bullock, J. A. Bernardi, L. J. Bainbridge, F. R. Bowen, R. A. Burrows, G. M. Basham, B. D. Buckner, B. M. Cockerham, T. N. Crumbley, M. J. Crowley, G. L. Cates, K. E. Copsey, N. B. Collett, G. A. Cochran, R. T. Careek, M. F. Deeter, L. P. Duranty, D. J. Elliott, D. V. Earl, C. J. Engle, T. B. Fletcher, J. Gounaris, I. T. Higuera, E. W. Hupp, B. J. Hardison, K. M. Kaness, M. R. Lappin, V. R. Langston, G. L. McKay, E. D. Mansfield, A. P. Moulton, L. L. Mass, K. E. Noel, J. A. Owen, L. W. Oyler, R. S. Pappas, R. W. Palla, J. H. Plott, C. M. Pruitt, B. M. Robbins, B. H. Rork, M. M. Richmond, W. W. Soward, R. T. Schinschke, C. D. Stevenson, R. E. Sharpe, C. F. Sivadon, M. K. Sandberg, G. A. Wynn, J. M. Wilson, R. M. Yocells.

D. Bramschreiber, J. F. Dailey, D. H. Drann, W. P. Elsenman, V. A. Ellis, W. A. Edin, L. D. Fletcher, F. Fernandez, R. S. George, A. E. Garcia, R. A. Handley, B. J. Henriksen, J. C. Hooper, J. F. Imler, L. B. Johnson, C. A. LaBonte, R. E. Lee, P. F. (Continued on page 3)



Four staff nurses reported to CAPT Abernethy's office recently for commendations for outstanding service on the Neuropsychiatric wards to which they are assigned. They were, left to right, LT Margaret E. Leggett, LTJG Charlotte J. Miller, ENS Mary Wislowski, and LT Ann R. Kubicz. The first three nurses were commended for service "beyond the ordinary operational expectations . . . giving up personal leisure and recreation in the interest of providing the specialized nursing care which permitted a critically ill patient's ultimate recovery." Miss Kubicz was cited for "an exceptional understanding of the needs of the patients and maintenance of high morale of the corpsmen and WAVES under her supervision."

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The top three-point formula for worth-while living is contained in this immortal statement.

"And now abideth faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love." I Corinthians 13:13.

Here you have three powerful Spirit Lifters. First is faith—faith in God and in Christ, in yourself, in your fellow men, and in life itself. Faith is the greatest power in this world, and it can be yours.

Next is hope, the attitude of expectancy, believing that the best is yet to be, that always ahead lies opportunity. Believe this, and it will be so.

Finally is love, your heart filled with good will, not hate or resentment or ill will, but love. And truly this is one of the greatest qualities of all, a heart filled with compassion and understanding and a desire to help people. Christian love will give deep joy.

Let these three attitudes shine like stars in your life and your spirit will be uplifted always.

LCDR JAMES W. PAUL
 Protestant Chaplain

Marines' 179th Birthday Wednesday

November 10, 1954, marks the 179th year in which Marines have made a substantial contribution to the security of our country. Each year that great heritage of service and accomplishment grows in stature as a result of the courage, the resolution and the selfless loyalty of Marines of all ranks. As in years past, this anniversary is an occasion for reaffirming our pride in the achievements of Marines in peace and war since the days of our Nation's birth.

The magnificent record which has been built over a period of almost two centuries is best measured in terms of the skill and the readiness of our Marine fighting forces, and today, more than in any era of the past, the Marine Corps must stand ready to discharge its mission as a professional fighting force prepared to meet any emergency at the moment it occurs. The grave tensions that pull at the slender threads of peace woven by the free Nations of the world are a continuing challenge to all Marines to work side by side as a team, in a daily effort to become stronger, more effective and more fully prepared to meet our many obligations. If we are to realize our great capabilities and apply them to the fullest advantage of our country, we must face each problem with the same application and devotion to duty that has characterized the actions of our predecessors in the corps since 1775. It is in the example set by those Marines of other generations that we find the inspiration and courage to meet our new responsibilities, however great they may be.

I am proud of the performance of every Marine in fulfilling our obligations during the past year. Our Field Force, stationed in every corner of the globe, has measured up admirably to the many pressing requirements which they have encountered. Our supporting forces have performed their exacting duties with efficiency and economy. The entire corps, thanks to the efforts of every Marine, Officer and Enlisted, Regular and Reserve, is in excellent condition. It is therefore with a sense of deep gratitude in your past accomplishments, and of complete confidence in your capability to meet the challenges of the future, that I extend my personal best wishes to all Marines on this happy occasion, the 179th birthday of our beloved corps.

Commandant of the Marine Corps.

• • Welcome and Farewell • •

Reporting in for duty were CDR Gerald W. Hurst, MC, USN, from NAVSTA, Sangley Point, Luzon; ENS's Joy E. Knight, MSC, USNR, from NAVSTA, Newport, Rhode Island; Theresa F. Wemhoff, NC, USNR, and Jacqueline T. E. Young, NC, USNR, from USNH, St. Albans, New York; HN's T. G. Santi'lans, R. D. Duggan, G. B. Goo, H. B. Wright, N. W. Schwab, E. K. Straight, and HA's N. E. Adams, G. E. Bailey,

J. "J" C. Carter, N. T. Dietz, C. A. Goughler, R. M. Freeman, S. G. Goufirth, from USNHCS, San Diego.

Detached were LT Leonard A. Gay, MC, USNR, to Sasebo, Japan; R. Milestone, HMC, to USNAS, Norfolk, Va.; R. V. Kelly, HM1, to USNAAS, Fallon, Nev.; and C. W. Hooker, HN, to MarCorBase, Camp Pendleton. Released to inactive duty were LT Morton D. Berkow, MC, A. Kozlowski, HMC, H. Whigham, HN. LTJG Marjorie L. Beatty, NC, resigned.

Red Cross Ramblings

FISH ON! The day couldn't have been more beautiful last Friday a couple of wagons full of Oak Knoll patients went fishing at Fremont Tract. Don Bear of the Bear Bait Shop, Berkeley, set the whole thing providing gear, tackle, bait and lunch. The skipper of the JENERN, Chas. Skinner, contributed his beautiful 42-footer and plenty of help to the fellows. Lloyd Klopton, Berkeley Rod and Gun Club member, added his expert assistance. Patients S/SGT J. J. Ryan, C. W. Behrens, CE2, T. H. Topritzhofer, CSGL, PFC R. W. Hendrickson, and R. L. Hoffman, AD3, all of 41B, got up before dawn to go. So did PFC William Murphy, C. F. Johnson, ADAN, D. Logan, FN, R. Ingram, SA, CPL T. Trobridge, and C. J. Coolidge, AC3, of 74A. Oakland Motor Service provided transportation. Although the fish had fed well the day before and were pretty sleepy, Don Logan boasted a gorgeous fifteen-pound striper. Johnson lost a beaut after getting him right up to the net. Other fellows had action and had to return nonkeepers. Since none of the other five hundred-odd boats out that day was getting a nibble, our guys figured that they did pretty well!



Two more corpsmen from the Neuropsychiatric Staff were recommended recently for their exemplary performance of duties in the care of a critically ill patient and giving personal leisure and recreation to the patient's specialized care. They were Reynold L. Kordatzky, HN, Knollite since March 1953 and Joseph A. Majchszak, HM3, here since October 1953. Both Kordatzky and Majchszak had Hospital Corps School training at Great Lakes, Illinois. Majchszak was elected honorman of his class there. He recently received orders for COMSERPAC.

NURSES' AIDES. The children on the pediatrics ward saw new faces among those caring for them this past week, when the Oakland Chapter of the American Red Cross started the services of nurses aides on that ward, under the chairmanship of Mrs. Irving Spiegelmann. Arrangements have been made for two nurses' aides to report for duty each weekday morning to assist the nurses in caring for the youngsters on the ward. The ladies assigned to this duty were all active as nurses' aides in hospitals in this area during the war and have evidenced their interest in serving children by once more becoming active in this Red Cross service.

MYSTERY PASTA. Many questions are asked as to where the Red Cross gets its supplies for this hospital. At our request, they are furnished by our community chapters . . . Alameda, Berkeley, Mt. Diablo, and Oakland. This week Mrs. Martin, Chairman of Alameda Chapter, phoned our office and said, "Of course no Oak Knoll request surprises us . . . but, what DID you use the five pounds of noodles for!?" That solved a king-sized mystery to our staff here. It appears that Mrs. Vance Smith of Alameda Motor Service wanted to be sure that Oak Knoll received everything we had requested. She nipped around and gathered all the bundles to be transported . . . plus an extra one. Canteen Service was planning a buffet dinner for Chapter volunteers at Alameda that evening. They had to rush out and replace the ingredient for their main dish which had simply disappeared! But, no one can say that this hospital doesn't get top service. (Yes, we returned the noodles.)

TOURNAMENT. The ping-pong championship was retained by SGT A. O. Crenwelge who also donated a pair of paddles, rubber covered, especially for use in these tournaments.

Corporal: "Squad's right!"
 Rear Rank: "After all these years he admits it."

Federal Employees Nominate Officers

Members of Local 496, National Federation of Federal Employees met last week and nominated a slate of officers to serve during the coming year.

All nominees are unopposed and will be elected and installed at the next meeting, which is to be held 23 November at the commissary here.

Dr. Jack Little, head of the Clinical Psychology Department, will take over as president, succeeding Fletcher Lyons. Other officers to serve with Dr. Little are George Garner, first vice-president; Woodrow Stuart, 2nd vice-president; Richard McKelvey, 3rd vice-president; Lloyd Scaff, treasurer; Betty Winsby, secretary; John Penn, guardian; Larry Cochran, assistant treasurer; Roy Sperry, assistant secretary.

Local 496 now has a membership of 252, including representatives from NAS, Alameda; NSC, Oakland; Oakland VA Hospital, U. S. Forest Service office in Berkeley, and Oak Knoll. All Civil Service workers are welcome.

Pay Schedule

MONDAY, NOV. 15—Officers, Staff Chiefs, Patients, Marines
 TUESDAY, NOV. 16—Staff Enlisted, Bed Patients, Stragglers.
 WEDNESDAY, DEC. 1—Officers, Staff Chiefs, Patients, Marines.
 THURSDAY, DEC. 2—Staff Enlisted, Bed Patients, Stragglers.
 WEDNESDAY, DEC. 15—Officers, Staff Chiefs, Patients, Marines.
 THURSDAY, DEC. 16—Staff Enlisted, Bed Patients, Stragglers.

Knoll Float To Be Entered In Parade

Oak Knoll will enter a 28-foot float showing Navy preventive medicine as taught to Naval personnel at the EST School when the first Veterans' Day parade is held in downtown Oakland Thursday, 11 November, at 1330.

The float, mounted on a lowboy trailer, will have two main divisions—preventive medicine in the laboratory and in the field, one of the main attractions being a two-foot model of a malaria-carrying mosquito. Personnel to man the float have not been named, with the exception of Chief Fritz Anderberg's famous bulldog mascot, but it is probable that four crewmen will ride along with the float and its mascot.

HM3 J. R. Baranski is working out details of the float, with the advice of a committee that includes CAPT A. C. Abernethy, LCDR M. J. Millard, LT F. W. Day, and Chiefs B. J. Lowe, Fritz Anderberg, Jules Fontaine, Jack Simms, and John Librecht. CAPT R. W. Babione is technical advisor to the committee.

Prizes will be awarded the best floats in the various divisions of the parade.

Dr. Berry's Visit

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and Surgeons at Columbia University. He is a fellow of the American College of Surgeons and is certified by the American Board of Thoracic Surgery.

The doctor's visit to Oak Knoll included lunch at the Officers' Club and a tour of the Artificial Limb Department, Occupational Therapy, and Physiotherapy.

New Enlistment Policy For Reservists on Duty

The Navy has announced new policies governing the enlistment and re-enlistment in the regular Navy of Navy Reserve Enlisted Men now on active duty.

These new policies—outlined in BuPers Instruction 1130.4A, 16 Sept.—apply to Enlisted Men on active duty with the regular Navy Establishment or in training and administrative billets with the Naval Reserve organization (TAR).

The instruction authorizes commanding officers to discharge Enlisted Men, now serving on active duty, for the purpose of immediate enlistment or re-enlistment in the regular Navy.

In addition the instruction outlines the procedures for the changeover of Enlisted Men serving in critical rates; non-critical rates; and those who have participated in servicewide examinations. (AFPS)

Staff, Patients Invited To Pt. Molate Dance

Staff and patients, either stags or couples are invited out to the SGT Gilbert E. Olub at Pt. Molate, Richmond, for a dance from 2100-0100, tomorrow night, 6 November.

There is no admission, and refreshments can be bought at the dance. Providing the music for the evening are the Rhythm Kings.

Scuttlebutt

HALLOWEEN has come and gone—except the memories, among them those of the gay couples at the Officers' and Chiefs' Club parties. The Potters, with their tramp outfits, won the first prize for the best officer couple, and Chief Foltz and his wife took first in that division among the CPO celebrants, coming as two packages of cigarettes (Pall Mall and Raleigh). Dr. Jim Ainley, with his suit of burlap, his beard, and severely maloccluded false teeth, and Dr. F. Hammon as a sweater girl, took prizes in the single men's and women's divisions. Also worth mentioning were the Sultan and his wife, whom no one at the Officers' Club was ever able to identify; Chief Fritz Anderberg, who came as Little Lord Fauntleroy with his nurse; Chief and Mrs. Baranski in their 1910 bloomer bathing suits. There were Liberace and his Brother George, a Halloween cat, the Rag Mop Twins (all unidentified), the Gene Wards of Alameda in their gypsy costumes, and many, many others. And there was CPL Anthony Chicano, who went about the compound last week with a jaunty jack-o-lantern swinging from underneath the seat of his wheelchair.

CONGRATULATIONS: To ENS Norine L. Muhle, NC, USNR, who has sewed on her JG stripe . . . To THE OAK LEAF. A 6 1/2 x 8 mimeographed acorn when it got its start, the LEAF is now twelve years old.

HOLLYWOOD and HISTORY: Van Johnson is a dental officer here. Robert Taylor is an intern. Daniel Boone is a well-known surgical resident. And while we're on the subject of names, Lance J. Cutright, SN, USN, is heading back to the USS POLARIS after treatment here.

LIFE BEGINS DEPARTMENT has only one junior corpsman to report this week, but two patients welcomed offspring during the past few days. Billy Ray Byrd, Sr., FA on 61A, and his wife, Frances, have an 8 lb. 3 oz. boy born on 30 October and named for his dad. LCDR Carl W. Wicke of 66A and his wife, Charlotte, have a 5 lb. 8 1/2 oz. baby girl they call Margo Anne, born on 1 November. The staff newcomer is Michael Alen Forde, born 2 November to William M. and Hilda Forde. The 7 lb. 6 oz. boy's father is an HM3 on duty at the Lab.

A SUDSY GIFT for the ladies arrived Tuesday morning—240 pounds of Lux soap flakes for distribution to new mothers. The shipments are sent regularly by an organization known as GIFT PAX.

CAPT Van Zile in Palm Springs on TAD

CAPT Wilbur N. Van Zile, DC, USN, Chief of the Dental Service, is in Palm Springs for temporary duty under instruction at a session of the American Institute of Dental Medicine.

"I'm fed up on that," cried the baby, pointing to the high chair.

Customer: "Have you a book called, 'Man, Master of Women'?"

Salesgirl: "The fiction counter is to your left, sir."



Shirley Serabia, daughter of Eugene L. Serabia, AD2, stationed at NAS, Oakland, was one of the tots caught admiring the large variety of toys at the Navy Exchange recently when the staff photographer, Joe Arledge dropped by. She evidently has her heart set on the carriage and teddy bear. There are only 32 more Exchange shopping days until Christmas; so in order to get all your gifts, Mr. Smedberg (manager of the shop) urges all to buy early. The large variety of toys includes balls, toy trains, dolls, carriages, miniature cars, trucks, animals, soldiers, bicycles, paint sets, and scores of other playthings. Store hours are from 0930 to 1655, Mondays through Fridays.

Hospital United Fund Drive Reaches Halfway Mark; \$6471 Contributed

The United Fund Drive hit the halfway mark early this week, with military personnel far ahead in the competition. Staff nurses have paid or pledged 77.8 per cent of their quota, while other staff officers have contributed 75 per cent of their goal. Finance Office personnel still lead the civilian groups with 75 per cent of their goal reached.

The total intake as of Tuesday morning was \$6,471. These figures tell the whole story as of Tuesday.

	Amt. Contributed	% of Goal	% Participation
MILITARY			
Officers	1,638	75%	79%
Nurses	957	77.8%	61.5%
EM	1,021	45%	75%
CIVILIANS			
Maintenance	481	28%	69%
Food Service	658	36%	94%
Nursing Service	235	21%	38%
Security	107	40%	65%
Finance	534	75%	82%
Clerical & Records	439	56%	85%
Professional Services	341	60%	80%

For the information of newcomers, United Fund dollars go to more than 100 health and welfare agencies supported by the Eastbay United Crusade. This includes Red Cross and USO, whose services to personnel of the Armed Forces are well known. It includes youth organizations, orphanages, and health organizations such as the American Cancer Society. A substantial share will go to Navy Relief, and a portion will be set aside as a contingency fund from which contributions will be taken for the March of Dimes and a few other worthy organizations that have not affiliated with the Crusade.

The United Fund Drive is the only drive held on the compound. Give the convenient way—once for all. Give enough for all.

To Be Rated In Next Few Months

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Meek, C. F. McCord, J. T. McDonald, M. L. Murphy, J. R. Montoya, J. A. Nedeau, D. C. Nelson, R. L. Oberle, G. F. Olson, E. C. Perkins, R. A. Proctor, J. L. Patten, R. L. Piccone, E. Przybylko, H. E. Parks, R. L. Silver, J. L. Smith, J. F. Schulte, H. R. Seibert, G. A. Schafer, C. Salazar, R. Travelstead, J. R. Wildey, M. A. Wiggins, A. F. Wilms.
R. W. Armijo, J. S. Bucan, F. A. Bujack, T. A. Burley, M. P. Diaz, W. E. Dawkins, K. W. Epps, G. Feliz, B. H. Gilcrest, W. D.

Howell, S. O. Hickerson, W. Kleinsteiber, R. L. Kremers, C. E. Kerns, H. R. Malay, R. L. McNeese, W. L. Morgan, D. J. McCaugh, L. J. Nelson, B. L. Peterson, R. A. Rice, J. A. Rhodes, G. G. Ryan, J. E. Swan, T. P. Scifo, C. L. Stephens, D. A. Studinger, M. E. Swanson, R. J. Teodanno, J. H. Thinker, W. J. Villaneuva, R. A. Wailes, J. M. Watrous, R. J. White.
To go to DT3 are G. D. Norton, M. W. Farris, N. F. Hasty, L. L. Johnson, H. O. Perkins; to JO3, B. Kayser; to SD3, A. Angeles; to SH3, L. Jack; to YN3, A. H. Cooper; to DK3, E. B. Nunziato.

Lab Team Falls To NP Raiders As Marines Score

The fourth week of the hospital bowling league showed that no matter how far down in the standings a team may be, there is always the possibility of upsetting one of the leaders.

The 10th place NP Raiders certainly believed in that old adage of "the bigger they are, the harder they fall," as they pasted a 3-0 loss on the league-leading laboratory team and dropped them into a tie for 3rd place. Jerry Skiver had a 507 series for the NP boys, and Henry Malay had a 206-492 series for the losers.

That old first-game nemesis hit the Mustangs again for the third week in a row as they dropped the first game to the Marine Detachment. The ex-white hats came back strong to take the last two games as they battered down 2345 pins with a big 202-561 series by Chief Libbrecht leading the way. A 476 series by E. J. Peace was high for the Marines, as they registered their first win of the season.

With that great big assist from the NP Raiders, the Finance team moved into the league lead as they plastered a 3-0 shutout on the EST Profs. CWOHC Faunce rolled a 200-507 series for the winners as Chief Crowe was high for the losers with a 473 series. The X-Ray team stayed up among the leaders as they took three games from CSR. The two teams battled on fairly even terms all the way with only eight pins separating them in the last game.

The Cops tangled with the NP Doctors and emerged with two wins and one loss. The Psychiatrists walked away with the first game, but the Sheriffs eked out the last two games by 17 and 16 pins respectively. EST School registered a 2-1 win over the Dental Keglers. Chief George Smith had a 486 series for the winners.

STANDINGS

	Won	Lost
Finance	10	2
Mustangs	8½	3½
Laboratory	8	4
X-Ray	8	4
Profs	6	6
NP Raiders	6	6
NP Doctors	6	6
Cops	6	6
Dental	5½	6½
EST School	5	7
CSR	2	10
Marine Detachment	1	11

Christmas Cards At Ship's Service

Mr. Smedberg, manager of Navy Exchange, announced the addition of an assortment of personalized Christmas cards at the Community Building this week. Name printing service for these cards will take three to seven days.

Also of interest is the fact that Christmas trees will be sold at the hospital service station sometime around the first of December.

Employer to beautiful blonde who has filed a job application:

"Miss Jones, under 'Experience,' could you be a little more specific than just 'Oh, Boy!'"



Posed in the stance that sent many a bullet pass to receivers and amassed many points toward the Commandant's Trophy in Athletic Excellence is Hilltopper Quarterback Jack Young. He has played his last game for Oak Knoll, as he left for civilian life in Richmond, Kentucky, this week. Since his arrival at Oak Knoll in January '53 he was Captain of the '54 football team. He played outfield, pitched for and managed the softball team, bringing home the 1953 Class B trophy. He led the team to 2nd place in Class B competition in '54. He held the third highest number of points in football in 1953 and scored the highest number in 1954. Coach Dale Folger presented him the "Game Ball" as a memento from the team and Oak Knoll.

Girl Basketeers Prep for BAAF League Contests

With their first game for the season on the hardwood just a few weeks away, members of the Oak Knoll Women's basketball team are still putting in many hours of hard work and practice on the courts each week.

The opening game of the season will be a practice one against Letterman General Hospital there on 10 November but the regular scheduled games will start on 29 November with Treasure Island as their first opponent. ENS Dolly Carston is the team manager, and she expects her team to stay out in front till the end. Members of the team are, Shirley Bartnick, Helen Charlton, Barbara Kayser, Beryl Balfanz, Joyce Gibbs, Jan Brogdon, Jerry Basham, Jean Cameron, Dolly Carston, Helen Kuchera, Edith Rush and Joan Kunkel.

TEAM SCHEDULE

- 29 November, Treasure Island, Here
- 6 December, NAS, Alameda, There
- 13 December, Moffett Field, Here
- 3 January, S.F. Marines, There
- 10 January, Presidio, There
- 17 January, Parks AFB, Here
- 24 January, Ft. Mason, There
- 31 January, Letterman, There
- 7 February, bye
- 14 February, Hamilton, Here
- 21 February, 12ND Comm., There

The American Cancer Society, Alameda County Branch, maintains a loan closet of supplies and equipment for use by needy cancer patients in Alameda County.

Knoll Hoopsters Still Practice; Schedule Formed

As the basketball season comes to a head, the Oak Knoll male team continues its quest for precision in passing, shooting, dribbling and teamwork for the coming meets in the Bay Area. However, the final team has not been picked because of inability of the players to attend practice with any regularity.

The team schedule has been set up for the 1954-55 season, and rules and regulations regarding dates, officials, uniforms, composition of teams, officer participation and results have been compiled by the Bay Area Armed Forces League. The League is striving to give a great deal of publicity to the various teams by releasing the highlights of the games to local newspapers. Potential members of the team are George Cochran, Duwaine Elliot, Ernest Hughes, Wiley Halbrook, Daniel Vaughn, Thomas Hester, Marion Oakes, William Allen, Earl Green, Richard McCurdy, Leroy Howard, Richard Goering, Nelson Stewart, Charles Koskiniemi, Walter Austin and William Stephens.

TEAM SCHEDULE

- 29 November, NSC, Oakland, There
- 1 December, Harbor Defense, Here
- 6 December, Letterman, There
- 13 December, NAS, Oakland, Here
- 15 December, 12ND, There
- Holiday Vacation
- 10 January, Port Chicago, Here
- 12 January, Coast Guard, There
- 17 January, bye
- 19 January, WSF, PacFlt, Here
- 24 January, NSC, Oakland, Here
- 26 January, Harbor Defense, There
- 31 January, Letterman, Here
- 2 February, NAS, Oakland, There
- 7 February, 12ND Comm., Here
- 9 February, Port Chicago, There
- 14 February, Coast Guard, Here
- 16 February, bye
- 21 February, WSF-PacFlt, There

Keglers Defeat NAS, Oakland

The Oak Knoll men's bowling team entered in the 12ND Traveling Bowling League Competition won all three games over NAS, Oakland, here Monday night 1 November. The Knollites racked up a total pinfall of 2384 in the three games, with a high game of 826.

The NAS, Oakland, team managed to score only 2291 points during the evening, and their highest game was 784. On the Oak Knoll roster LT P. M. Griffith, HMC R. W. Hasbrook and HN H. R. Malay led in the individual games and series. To date the team has played the 12ND Staff and NAS, Oakland, teams, winning both meets 2-1 and 3-0 respectively. Their second game was won on four pins, and the deciding factor was LT Griffith's turn when he struck in the 9th and struck out in the 10th. The next match will be against the Western Sea Frontier team there on 8 November.

The housewives' best friends is the Alameda County Heart Association which sponsors classes where women with heart conditions and other handicaps learn to take the strain out of housework.

Previews

*Sunday, 7 November
THE BANDWAGON—Fred Astaire, Charisse. MUSICAL. Rating: Excellent. This entire picture is concerned with show within the show. A fading Hollywood star in the person of Fred Astaire goes back to Broadway to play in a show written by his friends, Oscar Levant, ette Fabray and Miss Charisse. Jack Anan, producing the show within the show, takes the script about a writer of stories and turns it into a modern version of "Faust." This flops out of town, recovered after Astaire makes it as it have been.

Monday, 8 November
DUFFY OF SAN QUENTIN—Dru, Paul Kelly. DRAMA. Rating: Good. When the new warden took over at San Quentin, he abolished the stool piling, solitary confinement and other practices, all of which put Duffy through some uncomfortable crossfires. An experiment which resulted in a lot of tension and conflict was the introduction of a lady nurse, in the person of Miss Deane. The story builds up around one of the prison bad boys, Louis Hayward, who eventually wins his freedom through the efforts of District Attorney who had sent him there.

Tuesday, 9 November
HALF A HERO—Red Skelton, Jeanette. COMEDY. Rating: Good. Skelton is the free-lance writer, suddenly gets a job as a re-write man, but happy to get a pay check. His wife quits work, has a nervous breakdown, then plans to move the family out to New York tenement and succeeds in getting a pretty little suburban house which brings happiness to her and worry to him.

Wednesday, 10 November
IT SHOULD HAPPEN TO YOU—Holliday, Peter Lawford. COMEDY. Rating: Very good. Miss Holliday extends her talent in the role of the but appealing blonde who always comes with the answers that fit neither logic. It is a satire on publicity and advertising, with Miss Holliday going to New York to make a name for herself.

Thursday, 11 November
THE STRANGER WORE A GUN—Philip Scott, Claire Trevor. WESTERN. This is a repeat about barnyard bandits.

Friday, 12 November
THEY RODE WEST—Donna Reed, Francis, May Wynn. WESTERN. Francis, a young doctor becomes a big game at Ft. McCulloch on the prairie. He is immediately disliked and causes rifts when he doctors neighboring Indians for malaria. Through his courageous actions the Indians are moved off to make ground during an attack.

Saturday, 13 November
PINOCCHIO—Disney Feature. This will bring a gay time to the whole family. *One movie only at 1830.

Note: In Previews for 29 October, error on the movie "Tonight's The Night" in error. The movie, a good family picture has not been condemned by anyone.

"Who was that lady I saw you talking to at that sidewalk cafe last night?"
 Unhoused husband: "That was at that sidewalk cafe, that was our future."

From _____
 To _____
 U. S. Naval Hospital
 Oakland 14, California

(Fold in half and then in thirds and staple.)

Place
 2 Cent
 Stamp
 Here



The OAK LEAF



CAPT R. S. Silvis inspects the finished product.

Dr. Silvis Invents Suture Needle

CAPT Richard S. Silvis, surgeon and teacher, is also an inventor. Back in 1951, in an article in the Armed Forces Medical Journal, the captain advocated the use of ribbon catgut (originally developed by urologists) for sewing up damaged livers. At that time he used an autopsy needle, but he felt that a ribbon suture, swaged to a rounded long needle, should be produced and made available. Since then he has been in communication with Davis and Geck Suture Company, testing various needles of different lengths and tapers.

This week the finished product arrived. It is a long malleable needle, with the ribbon catgut swaged on (fixed to the head of the needle so that it does not have to be threaded and cause unwanted thickness). The suture does not cut through liver tissue and will make for better results in surgery.

It will be particularly valuable in time of war because of the comparably high incidence of wounds of the liver.

Retires After 30 Years in Service

LCDR Joseph A. Schoenbachler, MSC, USN, now writes "Ret." after his name, for on 1 November he checked out of Oak Knoll and out of the Navy after 30 years' active duty. The MSC officer enlisted in the Navy in Louisville, Ky., in '24. He was commissioned in May, 1943, while on duty at the Medical Supply Depot, Oakland.

Tours of duty for Mr. Schoenbachler have been at the Naval Hospitals at San Diego, Calif.; Guam, M. I.;

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Tulelake Hunt Open to Patients

Four pheasant hunters from the Tulelake hunting grounds in Northern California came to Oak Knoll Saturday to invite a group of patients to share their guns and ammunition when the season opens the week end of 20 November.

The visitors, members of the Tulelake 20-30 Club, were D. R. Simpson, Jr., chairman for the Veterans' Fourth Annual Pheasant Hunt and vice-president of the club, Gene Gresham, Bill Quinn, and Bill Powell. They showed movies taken when groups of Oak Knoll patients flew to Tulelake for the opening of pheasant season the past three years and discussed plans for this year's trip with LTJG Harold E. Daniel, Special Services Officer.

Twenty-two EST Students Graduate

Twenty-two students who made up Class 16 of the Environmental Technician School received their certificates from CAPT A. C. Abernethy, Executive Officer, at last Tuesday morning's graduation exercises.

HMC P. D. Ambrico was honorman, with an average of 95.8.

Other graduates were HMC's R. C. Wylie, R. Milestone, Jr., B. E. Wright, D. E. Reiff, H. D. Burley, H. L. Faircloth, E. F. Power, P. J. Lappeaux, D. H. Hinton, and R. J. Hale; HM1's J. T. Dickson, D. Howard, R. R. Eide, C. D. Ferrell; HM2's B. L. Thompson, D. W. Fishel, J. H. Martin, S. C. Stringham, and B. H. Harvey.

Saturday's Grid Game Against Oregon State

Forty patients are invited to the grid game at Berkeley Stadium tomorrow, 13 November, when UC will play against Oregon State.

Sign up at Special Services, and please do not phone in for reservations. All patients must be in uniform when they board the bus in front of Ship's Service.

Christmas Party Planned for Children

Special Services is planning a Christmas party for children of staff members on 20 December.

All who wish to bring their children please sign up at Special Services before 19 November so adequate plans can be made for the celebration. Children up to and including age 10 are invited.



Edward D. Hall, RD2, had plenty of attention as he left Saturday aboard an Air Force plane for the East Coast. With him were F. A. Schiavo, HN, USN, MAJ Catherine M. Thompson and CAPT Georgie M. Bristol, USAF, NC, and his wife, Dorothy.

Air Force Polio Evac Plane Carries Patient East in Portable Iron Lung

Edward D. Hall, RD2, whose "home" for the past three months has been an iron lung on 80B, flew east Saturday in a special "polio evac" plane that came here from Brooks Air Force Base, Tex., for him.

Hall made the trip aboard the C52 in a portable "iron lung" made of aluminum and plastic, which can be carried like a stretcher or rolled on retractable wheels and weighs 125 pounds, as compared with the 1200-pound respirator Hall had been occupying on the ward.

The Air Force has six of the new lungs for emergency use and in the past two years has carried nearly 200 patients in them from points all over the world to hospitals near their homes.

MAJ John C. Mebane, one of 20 flight surgeons on call for the polio transport work, estimates he has flown the equivalent of twice around the world on missions similar to the one that brought him to Oakland

for the first time. MAJ Catherine M. Thompson, flight nurse, was just back from Germany when she was ordered here. Another crew is en route to Saudi Arabia, and the same crew that took Hall to the VA Hospital in Philadelphia, Pa., went on to Bangor, Me., picked up an Air Force wife, and brought her back to NAS, Oakland, and Parks Air Force Base Hospital, Tuesday.

The flights are a joint effort of the Air Force School of Aviation Medicine at Randolph Field, Tex., and the 1734th Air Transport Squadron, Brooks Air Force Base, Tex.

The crew included CAPT Georgie M. Bristol, flight nurse, and Aero-medical Technicians William J. Sears, Arthur Mendoza, C. W. Lang, and George D. Hataway, Jr.

Hall's wife, Dorothy, and Fortunato A. Schiavo, HN, who has been his special watch since he was brought here from the USS WASP on 31 July, made the trip with him.

Staff Nurses Lead Fund Drive; Exceed Goal by \$102.75; Others Lag

Staff nurses have gone over the top in the United Fund Drive, according to latest word from the office of CAPT Robert W. Babione, chairman of the drive at Oak Knoll.

With LT Thelma Bare acting as head solicitor, the 143 Nurse Corps officers on the staff had contributed a total of \$1,302.75 up until Monday morning. This was \$102.75 over their goal of \$1230 and represented an average contribution of more than \$9 per person.

Solicitors responsible for the nurses' fine showing are LT's Edna Reeves, Phyllis Hanwell, Mary Martin, Marian Morgan, Isabel Meyers, and Kathleen Marsh; LTJG's June Everett, Norma Joyce, Laura Wheeler, Bernadette McKay; and ENS' Virginia Nash and Constance Wolff.

The over-all total had slowly climbed to \$7,075 as of Monday, leaving more than \$5,000 more to go before the hospital reaches its goal of \$12,800.

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† † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

As a minister of religion in civilian life as well as in the Navy Chaplaincy, I have been sorely disturbed over the attitude of resignation with which human beings face life. So many in our generation are plagued with the fatalistic idea that sometimes life is good and sometimes it is evil, and that is the way the chips were meant to fall. I firmly believe that only that which is worthwhile and good in life can be identified with God. I believe, also, that man is a partner with God in continuous Creation, reshaping, and regeneration of life. Therefore, I believe that man (you and I)—is significant. We are the molders of our fate; we, with God, are the shapers of our own destiny and the destiny of those about us.

In commenting on Cain's slaying of his brother, Abel, the ancient rabbi noted that he who slays one human life, it is as though he destroys an entire world. On the other hand, he who saves but one human life, it is as though he saved a whole world. The rabbi wished to convey the idea that a human being is a precious thing, sacred, and full of all kinds of possibilities. To have faith in God means to also have faith in ourselves and in our ability to change life for the better. We are significant in the pattern of the universe. We are the messengers of the Lord sent to help Him set the world aright. We have it in our power to choose life and not death, blessing and not curse. Let us, therefore not resign ourselves to life about us as we find it. Let us rather work toward improving life, toward making our lot a happier one. Let us have the courage to have faith that we can improve our lot.

In our striving, let us remember those beautiful words which the Lord spoke to Jeremiah:

"Behold, I have put My words in thy mouth; . . .
 To root out and to pull down,
 And to destroy and to overthrow;
 To build and to plant.

LTJG STANFORD H. HAHN
 Jewish Chaplain

~ ~ Welcome and Farewell ~ ~

Reporting for duty were CDR's Henry R. Ennis, MC, USN, from USNH, Great Lakes, Ill.; Bernice R. Walters, MC, USNR, from USNH, Corpus Christi, Tex.; LTJG Elizabeth R. Harsha, NC, USNR, from USNH, St. Albans, L.I., N.Y.; and T. L. Williams, HN, from USNH, San Diego.

Detached were LT's Norman F. Carrigg, MC, USNR, to USNav Receiving Station, Fort Douglas, Salt Lake City, Utah; LT Bernard R. Ericsson, MC, USNR, to USNav Receiving Station, Los Angeles, Calif.; LTJG Mildred R. Levin, NC, USN, to USS THOMAS JEFFERSON; HMC's P. D. Ambrico, to USNav-RecSta, Brooklyn, New York; E. F. Power, to USNTC, San Diego; J. F. Swanson, to ComNavFe; R. Milestone, to USNAS, Norfolk, Va.; P. J. Lappeaux, to MarCorps Supply Depot, Barstow, Calif.; HMCA's H. L. Faircloth, to USNavPrevMed Unit No. 1, NAS, Jacksonville, Fla.; HM1's J. R. Slaback, USNavBks, Annapolis, Md.; D. Howard, to NATTC, Norman, Okla.; J. T. Dickson, to USNAS, Memphis, Tenn.; R. R. Eide, to USNH, Philadelphia, Pa.; R. V. Kelly, to USNAAS, Fallon, Nev.; HM2's J. H. Martin, to USNSC, Norfolk, Va.; D. W. Fishell, to USMC-Base, Quantico, Va.; L. J. Feltz, to

AdCom, USNTC, Great Lakes, Ill.; S. C. Stringham, to USNSta, Key West, Fla.; J. Sunday, to USNH, Portsmouth, Va.; B. L. Thompson, to USNH, Portsmouth, Va.; DT2 R. F. Bolfour, to USS CONSOLATION; HM3's R. S. Tompkins, W. A. Shrock, to USMCBase, Camp Pendleton; R. G. McCool, to USNRS, Pearl Harbor, T. H.; DT3, H. M. Long, to NSC, Oakland; HN's J. P. Skiver, to USMCBase, Camp Pendleton; C. W. Hooker, to MarCorBase, Camp Pendleton; D. G. Fine, to ComNavFe.

LCDR Joseph A. Schoenbachler, retired after thirty years; LT's Irving C. Nason, MC, and Louis De Meo, DC, were honorably discharged. Others whose enlistment expired and were discharged were HM3's J. W. Goble, J. T. Young, J. R. Callaway, W. J. Milan, HN's S. R. Beatty, M. Perry, and D. C. Countryman, (W). Released to inactive duty was LT Jolan C. Toth, NC.

Staff Invited to Dance

The Senior Class of Kaiser Foundation School of Nursing invites Oak Knoll staff members to attend their Sadie Hawkins dance tomorrow night, 13 November, at Mosswood Recreation Center, Broadway and MacArthur, Oakland, from 2000 to 2400.

Red Cross Ramblings

COPPER ENAMELING

A brand new craft has been sweeping the country with unprecedented popularity. Not to be left behind, our Red Cross Craft Shop has procured the latest copper enameling kilns, and Gladis Christiana, recreation staff worker, is prepared to pass on the simple techniques which result in glowing gifts for family and friends. One reason for the sudden popularity of this craft is that one may accomplish finished projects in less than two hours. Beautiful earrings, bracelets, brooches, pendants, and even ash trays can be created in this media and no two are exactly alike. The brilliant jewel-like colors make these original and fascinating gifts highly treasured by all who receive them. Remember! Christmas is coming.

THANKS TO THE NURSES for loaning us their fine display of the model ship **USS REPOSE** which has been exhibited for the past week at the Red Cross Lounge. This fine piece of handiwork by **SGT Leland P. Smith** has elicited much interest and comment by patients and staff, many of whom have been aboard the full-size model. We understand that the Chief Nurse's office is having a special case constructed to house this unique exhibit.

STAMP COLLECTORS recently had the pleasure of a visit from Mr. and Mrs. Peter N. Williams representing the Golden Gate Service Club of San Francisco, which promotes a great number of civic projects. Mr. and Mrs. Williams are in charge of stamp materials for veterans and servicemen in some twenty-three hospitals on the West Coast. They were accompanied by fellow members, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Brace, also of San Francisco. Patients on 41A who benefited "philatelically," were **Santiago Busa, SD3**, and **Jean Carabeau, French Navy. Bill Wohlge-muth, 70A**, also shared in the evening's treasure hunt among the well-filled stock books which the visitors always bring on their regular trips to this hospital.

STILL CHAMP: There were close matches all afternoon at the Thursday ping-pong tourney with **SGT A. O. Crenwelge** again on top. There were many exciting volley-ing sprees and runner-up **LT Brown** is another ex-champ. Another helping hand has been added to our volunteer crew at the lounge, **Jim Mapel, FN**, of ward 42B, is really a good man with the phonograph records at the dances and has helped out on several occasions.

Divine Services

Hospital Chapel at Main Gate

PROTESTANT

BIBLE SCHOOL—SUNDAY 0950
 SUNDAY WORSHIP—1030
 HOLY COMMUNION—First Sunday morning each month.

CATHOLIC

SUNDAY MASSES

0600-0800-0900-1200

DAILY MASSES — 0700 and 1145

Confessions before Mass

Saturday—1900

and before all Masses

Any other time upon request

Catholic Oratory in back of Chapel
 Choir Rehearsal—Tuesday 1930

CHAPLAINS' OFFICES
 IN CHAPEL AND 67A

NAVY RELIEF OFFICE—
 IN 67A

BUS TO AND FROM CHAPEL
 ON SUNDAYS 0845 AND 1015

Dr. Harper Speaks On Metabolism

Dr. Harold A. Harper spoke Tuesday night to members of the staff delivering the second of two lectures on "Carbohydrate Metabolism." Dr. Harper is Associate Professor of Physiological Chemistry (Surgery) at the University of California School of Medicine and consultant in biochemistry for Oak Knoll.

Other Basic Science lectures scheduled between now and the end of the year are as follows: 16 Nov.—"Toxemia in Pregnancy"—Dr. Emma P. Page, Clinical Instructor in Obstetrics and Gynecology, U.C.; 23 Nov.—"Diagnosis and Treatment of Peripheral Vascular Diseases"—Dr. Norman E. Freeman, Associate Clinical Professor of Surgery, U.C.; 30 Nov.—"Physiology of the Adrenal Cortex"—Dr. Peter H. Forsham, Associate Professor of Medicine and Pediatrics, U.C.; 7 Dec.—"Physiology of the Thyroid Gland"—Dr. Forsham; 14 Dec.—"Diagnosis and Treatment of Metabolic Diseases of the Bone"—Dr. Gilbert S. Gordan, Assistant Professor of Medicine and Lecturer in Psychiatry, U.C.; 21 Dec.—"Appraisal and Clinical Use of Anabolic Steroids"—Dr. Gordan.

Did You Know?

That the annual electrical bill for the hospital is \$54,973.66 and that the fuel bill is \$139,192.40.

What can we do?

The major portion of the bill for electricity is for lights. The total cost for electricity can be reduced if everyone will concentrate on turning off lights when not required, particularly when daylight is sufficient. Look around you as you read this and see how many lights are burning which are not required and turn them off. Special attention should be paid to outside lights that are left burning in competition with the sun. Not only does burning lights unnecessarily increase electrical costs but it also increases the replacement costs of bulbs. Other steps that may be taken to reduce costs include the turning off of radiators when not required, stopping motors that operate compressors, pumps, fans and machine tools when not in actual use, and securing electric heaters when not required.

It's true that "Uncle" pays the bills but it isn't only his money that's wasted. It's yours, because he gets his from you every April 15th.

Let's all be cost conscious.



Fishing was good when Leonard L. Linse, HMC (left), of the laundry and Bill Hendry, HMC, retired, went duck hunting last Wednesday in Fairfield. After popping off five sprigtails and widgeons, they wound up pulling in three striped bass. Two of the "scale-breakers" weighed 17 pounds apiece, and the other 18 pounds.

Scuttlebutt

SEASONAL SCENES: Chief Baranski surveying the Veterans' Day float with pride... LT's Ann Poytress and Lina Stearns finding out "What Every Woman Knows" at the old James M. Barrie play in which Helen Hayes is starring in San Francisco... Jack Low, newcomer to Physio, on leave to be married... CWOHC and Mrs. Lester Amick celebrating their 20th anniversary at the Tunnel Strip night spots...

PEOPLE & PLACES: Bette L. Peterson and Richard M. Goering, HN's from the NP Service, made it official last Saturday with a diamond on Bette's third finger, left hand... Another engagement of local interest is that of Dixie Lee Parker, HA, Corpswive on 40A, to PFC Ben Earl Smith, USMC, of Kansas City, Mo., a former patient here—2 Nov. was their engagement day... Chief Simms of Photo Arts was really "cutting a rug" at the farewell and birthday party for Bill McNatt at the CPO Club last Saturday night. Bill has been relieved as Club manager by Charles Axworthy... Willis Betts is sporting a new Cadillac, and Bob Foster is the new owner of Jack Young's "Blue Beetle"—a 1941 Plymouth that was Jack's standby during his two years at Oak Knoll... Bertha Hardison and Bill Fitzgerald are at the hand-holding stage... Ralph E. Addington, SN, of the FIRE-DRAKE wishes he hadn't looked at his watch—while driving. He did, hit a telephone pole, and landed on 79B... LT Kim Sun Yong is in Los Angeles for the annual Urological Research Congress, and LT Daniel Simon is in Denver at the Western Cardiac Conference.

LIFE BEGINS DEPARTMENT: The whole Maintenance Staff welcomed aboard Brian Francis Day, 8 lb. 9 1/2 oz. son of LT Francis W. Day, CEC, and his wife, Ruth. The new baby arrived on 3 November.

CONGRATULATIONS to ENS Mary G. Lalley, NC, USNR—a JG as of 1 November.

Young Amputees "Graduate," Go Back to School

Jeanne Lawrence, 7, and Edmund Clarke, Jr., 8, are "walking examples" of how well the Navy takes care of its own. The two children, as lively as they come, have just "graduated" from the Amputee Service here.

Jeanne, a pretty, brown-eyed girl with pigtails, was born with a deformed right arm and a deformed right leg. She has worn a brace since she was nine months old and has walked since 14 months. According to her mother, Dolores, she has always done almost everything other children can do, and it wasn't until the past year that she realized she was different from others.

In July CAPT T. J. Canty amputated the little girl's deformed leg so that it could be fitted with an artificial limb and did a plastic revision of her arm for the same purpose.

Now, less than two months after being fitted, Jeanne not only walks and climbs stairs and ladders, her mother reports that she has taken up rope jumping and carries her year-old brother around the house. She is wearing a cosmetic artificial hand but will eventually be trained to use the more efficient hook-type hand.

Eddie Clarke's is a different story. While his parents were living in San Diego three years ago, he was hit by a car, suffering an injury that necessitated amputation of his right leg above the knee. The leg he is now wearing is the fourth he has had since he lost his own.

"This kid is rough on legs," his mother, Freda, and members of the Navy Prosthetic Research Laboratory staff agree.

"He is more active than most boys with two legs of their own. He skates, plays football, and slides into home base on the neighborhood sandlot," his mother said.

The San Francisco boy, whose father, Chief Warrant Officer Edmund J. Clarke, Sr., USMC, is with the First Marine Air Wing in Japan, will soon be returning to the third grade at Visitation School, San Francisco. Jeanne has a home teacher at present but will enter second grade in public school in Port Chicago when her parents move there soon. Her father, Thomas H. Lawrence, is a Warrant Gunner, stationed at the Port Chicago Naval Magazine.

Retires After 30 Years

(Continued from page 1)

Great Lakes, Ill.; and Yokosuka, Japan, aboard the CALIFORNIA, the RELIEF, BLUE, CLARK, LANG, ALTAIR, WHITNEY, and LIGNITE, and on the staffs of the Pacific Reserve Fleet, Commandant, 12ND; and with MSTs, Western Pacific Area.

Pay Schedule

MONDAY, NOV. 15—Officers, Staff Chiefs, Patients, Marines
TUESDAY, NOV. 16—Staff Enlisted, Bed Patients, Stragglers
WEDNESDAY, DEC. 1—Officers, Staff Chiefs, Patients, Marines
THURSDAY, DEC. 2—Staff Enlisted, Bed Patients, Stragglers
WEDNESDAY, DEC. 15—Officers, Staff Chiefs, Patients, Marines
THURSDAY, DEC. 16—Staff Enlisted, Bed Patients, Stragglers



Edmund Clarke, Jr., 8, and Jeanne Lawrence, 7, graduates of Oak Knoll's Amputee Center, show how well their new limbs work. This is Eddie's fourth artificial leg, Jeanne's first.



Four of these men reported to the CO Friday morning to accept checks totaling \$110, their rewards for beneficial suggestions. They are Bayliss E. Wilbur, K. H. Jenkins, Roy Rountree, and Everett Victor. With them, at right, is Hal Boyles, Civilian Personnel Assistant, who administers the Navy's "Benny Sug" program here.

Four Civilian Employees Paid Total Of \$110 For Beneficial Suggestions

Five beneficial suggestions paid four civilian employees a total of \$110 this week, proving that alert workers can pick up extra cash by putting their ideas on paper.

Largest award in the group went to Everett Victor, mess attendant, who earned \$50 for his suggestion of a change in watches for personnel on the cleaning detail in the Food Service Division. His award was based on an estimated saving of \$1000.

Bayliss E. Wilbur, carpenter, received a 30-dollar award for a venetian blind assembly rig which, it is estimated, will save \$546 in man hours per year. This was the second "Benny Sug" for Wilbur.

K. H. Jenkins, truck driver, re-

ceived \$10 for merely putting on paper his idea to relocate parking stalls so that ambulances can proceed with less delay in a congested area of 70B and another \$10 for suggesting that a parking area for ambulances be made at the south end of Buildings 62A and B.

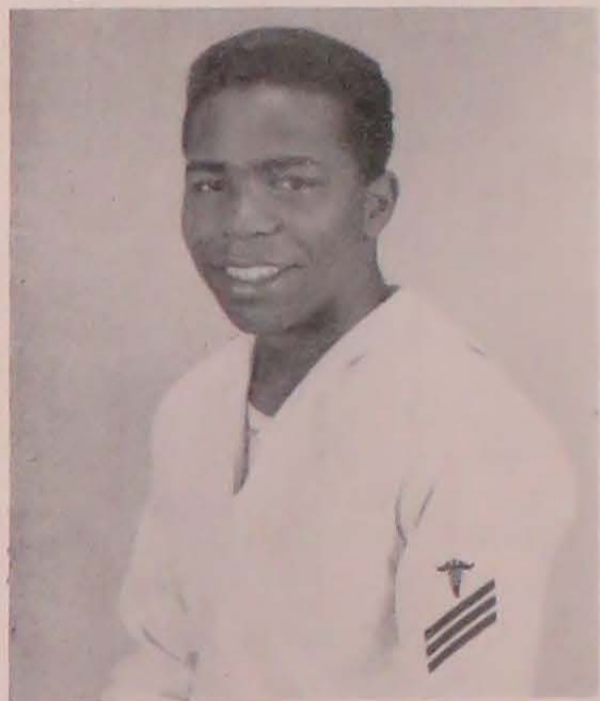
Roy Rountree, cook, got a ten-spot for his idea to put rubber bumpers on dollies used in the Food Service Division so that the possibility of injury to personnel and damage to walls is lessened.

Truck driver Orin Matthews, now separated from the staff, has been mailed a check for \$20 (less tax) for his suggestion for safety side-rails on all powered lift tailgates on trucks.

Staff Personalities



Truly a family man in every respect is Delmar E. Clason, HM1, of the Examination and Treatment Room. Del hails from LaJunta, Colorado, and now lives in Oakland with his wife, Lillian, and their two children, Larry and Beverley. He took advantage of the USAFI Courses by finishing high school in the service and is on his second tour of duty at Oak Knoll. After coming into the Navy in December '42, he took his boot training and Corps School at the old Farrugut Training Center in Idaho, remaining at the hospital after graduation. Further transfer took him to New Calendonia, Bougainville, and nearly every atoll in the Pacific. He finally arrived at Oak Knoll in January '50, went to Artificial Limb School, and was sent from there to USNH, Philadelphia and the Philippines. He returned to Oak Knoll in January '54. His hobby is swimming, and his career is the Navy.



Seemingly always on the shorter end of a tall situation is Ralph W. Exum, HN, from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Ralph attended the West Philadelphia High School but did not get to finish until he came into the Navy, where he used the USAFI Courses to advantage. Prior to his entry into the service, he worked as a druggist helper and soda jerk. In December '52 Uncle Sam called him and he answered, arriving at San Diego NTC for boot camp, which was to be followed by Corps School in Great Lakes. Ralph arrived at Oak Knoll in September '53 and since then has worked on 71A, OPD, 75A, EENT, HCQ, and the NP Service. He is currently in NP School. His hobbies are sports and singing. When this hitch is over he wants to study Elementary Education at Penn State.

Kegling League Suffers Upsets in Week's Matches

The fifth week of bowling in the Naval Hospital League saw a few changes in the standings. The biggest jump was made by EST School keglers, who moved all the way from 10th place to 5th. Laboratory and X-Ray moved up to 2nd and 3rd, and the Mustangs dropped to 4th, while the Finance Team maintained their league lead by a slim margin of one game.

The "big game" of the week was the tussle between the Mustangs and Laboratory. H. R. Malay rolled a nice 533 series as the "pathologists" bounced back from last week's shut-out loss to take a triple win from the "ex-white hats." The Mustangs were slightly below par, as they rolled about 50 pins under their team average, but that didn't make much difference because the lab boys had a 2,181 pinfall.

The biggest change in the standings was brought about when EST School pasted a 3 to 0 shutout on the NP Doctors and moved the students all the way from 10th to 5th. The sanitation boys started the season slowly but are now showing signs of being a first division club. R. B. Hickey of EST started out with a nice 184-174 for the first two games but then came that old "boo boo" game that gets most bowlers as he finished the evening with 454 pins.

X-Ray kept pace with the rest of the leaders as they registered a double win over the NP Raiders, who did salvage the last game. M. L. Smith's 484 series led X-Ray to a nice 2,236 pinfall. The NP Raiders were a little low in spirit as their star bowler, Jerry Skiver, traded his bowling ball for the "greens" of the Marine Corps. The trade wasn't of his own choosing; so the rest of the team decided not to call him back for "consultation."

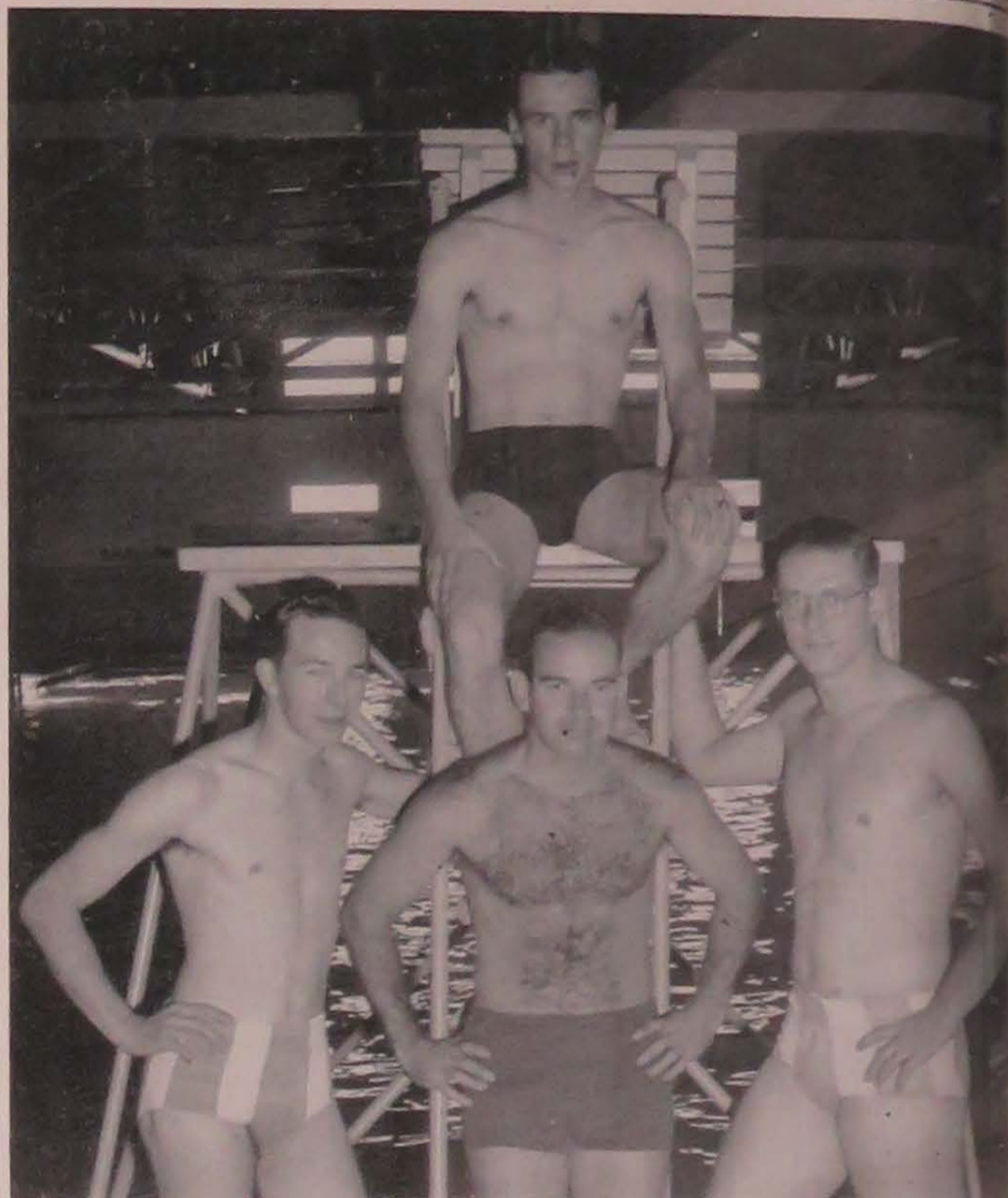
Chief Canaday rolled a 212-495 series to lead the Finance Keglers to a 2 to 1 win over Dental. Finance added one more pin to their 823 league high game but could certainly have used a few of those pins in the last game, as Dental won it by 18 pins. Finance maintained their 760-plus game average by totalling 2,282 pins for their night's work.

CSR was paced by M. P. Diaz's 200 game as they took two out of three games from the Marine Detachment. A 179 game by J. W. Lehfeldt was high for the Marines.

CWO Goerner found the alleys to his liking, as he rolled a 513 series, but it wasn't quite enough, as the Cops beat a steady tattoo on the pins to take two of the three games from the EST Profs.

STANDINGS

	Won	Lost
Finance	12	3
Laboratory	11	4
X-Ray	10	5
Mustangs	8½	6½
EST School	8	7
Cops	8	7
Profs	7	8
NP Raiders	7	8
Dental	6½	8½
NP Doctors	6	9
CSR	4	11
Marine Detachment	2	13



Robert A. Swanson, HN (at top) and Marvin L. Houk, HM3, and James Groom, HM1 (on either side of their instructor James Cox, HM3, of Special Services), having completed their course in Lifesaving, are now qualified to sit on the lifeguard tower. The classes were conducted three nights a week—Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday and two hours a night for a period of four weeks. The men have received lifesaving certificates which are good for three years. Others who completed the course but were not in the picture are ENS Jean Cameron, staff nurse, and Barbara Teal, daughter of Chief Jay E. Teal from Ship's Service. John Murphy, HM1 of Special Services, is also a lifesaving instructor.

Knollite Girls Defeat Moffett Field 2-3; Fenn, Bedel Get High Series

The Oak Knoll Girls' Bowling Team, in conjunction with the 12nd Bowling League, met the Moffett Field keglers here last Wednesday and won the match with a 2 to 3 score. Bernice Fenn got the high series of 420 and Francine Bedel came in second with a 412 series. The opponents got the high game with a score of 157 and they won by one pin with 1,822 to Oak Knoll's total of 1,821.

On the Oak Knoll team were

Bernice Fenn, Frances Sorn, Regina Coons, Francine Bedel, Huse, Florence Dinneen, Virginia Hultin, and Jean Cameron, all of Nurse Corps, and Waves Ruth Gerry Bourne, and Jo Ann K... The next game for the Knollites will be on 9 November against 12nd Headquarters staff there.

Previews

- Sunday, 14 November**
 SO THIS IS PARIS—Tony Curtis, Gloria De Haven, Gene Nelson, Corrine Calvert. This color picture is too new for review.
- Monday, 15 November**
 I WAS A MALE WAR BRIDE—Cary Grant, Ann Sheridan. French Army Officer Cary Grant marries Miss Sheridan, a WAC. The trials and tribulations of being a war bride and other hilarious ventures make this picture a must on your list.
- Tuesday, 16 November**
 MISS GRANT TAKES RICHMOND—Lucille Ball, William Holden. A re-issue on which no information is available.
- Wednesday, 17 November**
 MY DARLING CLEMENTINE—Linda Darnell, Henry Fonda. Here is a real oldie from the year 1907.
- Thursday, 18 November**
 SPANISH MAIN—Maureen O'Hara, Paul Henreid. A re-issue packed full of action, thrills, romance and suspense.
- Friday, 19 November**
 TARGET EARTH—Richard Denning, Virginia Grey. Another new one on which we have no review.
- Saturday, 20 November**
 BROKEN ARROW—Jimmy Stewart, Jeff Chandler, Debra Paget. Here is a repeat of one of the better WESTERNS.

Nowadays the gals believe the way to a man's heart is through a beauty salon.

From: U. S. Naval Hospital
 Oakland 14, California

To: _____

(Fold in half and then in thirds and staple.)

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THANKSGIVING 1954

"Thanks be to God." Just four little words. But words that attempt to express, although ever so inadequately, your and my humble gratitude to the Almighty this Thanksgiving Day. Thanks be to God for making this the land of our birth. Yes, thanks for that very birth itself. Thanks be to God, for the wonderful blessings He has bestowed upon you and me. Thanks be to God for the zephyrs of peace we are able to breathe these troubled years. But above all, thanks be to God for the freedom whereby all of us can bow our heads in prayer this Thanksgiving Day. Yes, thanks be to God we are Americans.

But America is no Saint. She has her faults as we all do. She has made mistakes as all of us have done. But the one thing our country has not failed to do, is to thank its God each year for His bounty and goodness. I wonder then if this is not one reason why our country has not known the ravages of war as has so many countries of the world. Yes, is not our Thanksgiving Day one reason why we have not had our cities bombed and destroyed, why we have not had to dig out the mangled limbs and bodies of our children, our mothers, our loved ones from the charred embers of what was once home.

Truly indeed we in America have much to be grateful for this day. Let all of us then attend the Church of our Faith Thanksgiving Day so that we too may bow our heads in prayerful thanks to the God who has been so good to us.

For "if we but count our blessings instead of sheep," we shall never need any promptings to whimper ever so prayerfully as night covers us in sleep. Thanks be to God.

CDR JAMES C. CONNOLLY, CHC, USN
 Catholic Chaplain

• • Welcome and Farewell • •

Reporting for duty were LT Joseph A. Witt, MC, USN, from Mayo Foundation, University of Minnesota Graduate School, Rochester, Minn.; LTJG's Jerry A. Johnson, MSC, USN, and Jerry B. Knight, MSC, USN, from NavSchools Command, NavSta, Newport, R. I.; WOHC William E. Bates, USN, from NavSchools Command, NavSta, Newport, R. I.; F. B. Donahue, HMC, from RecSta, Norfolk, Va.; HN's R. G. Crawford, from CGMarPac; D. C. Jepsen, (W), D. L. Anstey, A. D. Kersey, and T. L. Williams, and HA's R. D. Ellsworth, D.

C. Hill, B. C. Speegle, L. E. Lohman, and R. Middleton, from USNHCS, San Diego.

Detached were C. E. Reigh, Jr., HMC; HMI's C. J. Stevenson, to ComNavMarianas, R. J. Besneatte, to USNSta, San Francisco, HM3's J. A. Majchszak, to USMCBase, Camp Pendleton, W. F. Young, to USMCBase, Camp Pendleton; and HN's K. F. Henson, to ComNavFe, J. R. Burke, to UCMarCorBase, Camp Pendleton, R. Nakamura, to NavMedUnit, Tripler Army Hospital, C. R. Odom, C. E. Wolever, to USMCBase, Camp Pendleton.

HM3's H. E. Wilson, J. B. Cox, and D. Adams, HN, were discharged.

Reduction in Number

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the next two or three years the numbers of enlisted women will be reduced gradually from 7,000 to 5,000, and the number of officers on active duty from 900 to 500 or 600. These reductions will be accomplished gradually through expiration of enlistments, adjustments in monthly recruiting quotas and the gradual release of senior Reserve officers to inactive duty. However, in order to maintain at least 5,500 officers and enlisted women on active duty in peacetime, it will be necessary to recruit approximately 150 women each month and to commission approximately 135 WAVE officers each year. Every effort is being made to encourage re-enlistments, and there are no plans to effect the early discharge of enlisted women."

Congressman to Speak To NFFE Here Tuesday

Congressman George Miller from California's Eighth Congressional District will speak Tuesday night at 2000 when Local 496 of the National Federation of Federal Employees meets in the CPO Mess Hall.

His subject will be "Current and Future Items of Interest to Federal Employees." All civilian and military staff members are cordially invited to attend.

Also on the program will be installation of officers for the coming year.

I'd like to tell you—all the one about the brig, but the editor tells me that it is barred.

Red Cross Ramblings

AT REVIVAL. A recent upsurge of interest in the art fields has hit Oak Knoll's wards—particularly 50 A and B, where paintings are in full bloom again and a good motto for visitors on the ward is, "Look first . . . and then sit down." Otherwise, amid the anguished artist's outcry, posteriors would resemble Turner's *Sunsets*. Our personal feeling is that these numbered paintings are pretty terrific. They teach the use of materials, brush handling, and the combination of colors. In effect, a real "art ice-breaker." We could cite the example of literally hundreds of patients and personnel who have gone on from there to try their hand at their own creative work—with wonderful results! After all, if Churchill and Eisenhower can do it . . . why can't you?

WILDCATS. For all you compound-bound men this week end, don't miss the big doin's in the Lounge tomorrow afternoon. Oakland High School has a special society of talent known as the Felida Club. (Felida, we understand, means Wildcat in Latin or Greek or sump'in). Anyway, there will be a bevy of young lady singers, dancers, and a good combo to boot. Don't miss the fun.

ANOTHER FAREWELL. A recent member of our Red Cross recreation staff, Annabelle Story, has been assigned to duty as Assistant National Recreation Consultant at our headquarters in Washington, D. C. Miss Story, well known to many of the hospital, will assume her new duties December 15. Friends of Miss Winifrid Eley, former Assistant Field Director (Recreation), here at Oak Knoll will be happy to hear that, upon her return from overseas duty in December, she will rejoin Pacific Area staff to replace Miss Story as Supervisor of Training.

Maureen Ralston Stage Show Makes Hit

One of the finest shows the hospital audience has seen in many a month came to the hospital auditorium last Monday night, when Maureen Ralston of San Francisco brought out a variety of acts, including a slow motion artist who acted as master of ceremonies, singers, dancers, and instrumental soloists.

Maureen and Dial Graham started the show with a steel guitar and banjo duet, "Steel Guitar Rag" and "In the Mood." Then the audience was treated to Maureen's steel guitar number, "Make Love to Me," followed by Graham's "Tiger Rag."

Changing the pace and causing a near riot in the auditorium with her display of feminine pulchritude came Janice Shea and the latest hit tune, "If I Give My Heart to You," followed by vocal impersonations of Ethel Merman and Marlene Dietrich.

Maureen and Graham's next number, "Under the Double Eagle," was followed by the pretty Candi Sisters singing "I Get So Lonely," "Lonesome Polecat" and the "Muskrat Ramble." Danny Rodgers topped off the show and really capped the night's performance with his imitations of James Cagney, Cary Grant, and Jame Stewart, along with hilarious comments about the services, New York, and his family.

Maureen came back again, and all hands took a short trip to Hawaii, where all the talking is done with the hands and feet. Whistles and cheers from the male members of the audi-

Divine Services

Hospital Chapel at Main Gate

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Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

Most newcomers, just as I was, are made aware almost immediately that this is truly a "happy ship." Being impressed enough by this phenomenon to analyze it, I have become convinced that the basic reason lies in the character of the civilian personnel staff which contributes so much to this being a smooth running hospital. (One that functioned erratically could not have such a high morale.) And it is the very reason of smooth operation that the military staff finds it as wonderful a place for duty as most of them apparently do. You can tell they do by asking around "Who's for a transfer?" I have asked, directly and indirectly, at first just casually and then purposefully. No one seems to want to leave. And what better sign is there of a "happy ship"?

There are many intangibles, everyone knows, that go to make a station one with which people like to be identified; but, from my observation, an outstanding factor here is the civilian personnel force unique in number of employees of long tenure. In all my 20 years service, three which were in the Bureau of Medicine and surgery itself, I have never seen such a high percentage of civilian personnel force who appeared to like their jobs so much, as evidenced both by the excellence of their work and by the length of service at one station. Needless to say people who are thoroughly experienced in their jobs do better work with less effort than novices; and their work and guidance makes ours and hence more satisfying, the work of the more or less transient military force, officer and enlisted.

I, as one who already can foresee this as the most enjoyable tour of duty, want to extend appreciation and attention to the group which, in my opinion, makes it singularly possible for the dedicated civilian personnel staff.

LT JOHN L. YOUNG, MSC, USN
 Assistant Personnel Officer

ence brought her back for more piano numbers, and Lola Perez entertained with Spanish and Gypsy tunes on her accordion.



Charles Sutterfield, HM3

Knoll Patient Saves Drowning Boys

Charles U. Sutterfield, BM3, on liberty from 62A, helped save the lives of three young adventurers at Alameda last Saturday.

Sutterfield was at Washington Park Beach when he heard shouts for help from four boys who had become panicky and jumped into the water when their raft was caught in the swift current. Had not he and the park director, Jack Havery, pulled out three of the boys, they might have shared the fate of their 12-year-old friend whose body was recovered an hour later.

According to newspaper reports, the boys had discovered the raft on the park beach and had been planning the raft trip "for weeks."



John L. Bainbridge, HM3, senior corpsman in the Neurosurgery Department, recently received a commendation for duties performed in an exemplary manner in operating room techniques. He was cited for providing outstanding care of patients after they left the operating room and for his willingness to offer assistance beyond scheduled working hours on many occasions. Bainbridge will leave for the Fleet Marines on Thanksgiving Day.

Pay Schedule

WEDNESDAY, 1 DEC.—Officers, Staff Chiefs, Patients, Marines.
 THURSDAY, 2 DEC.—Staff Enlisted, Bed Patients, Stragglers.
 WEDNESDAY, 15 DEC.—Officers, Staff Chiefs, Patients, Marines.
 THURSDAY, 16 DEC.—Staff Enlisted, Bed Patients, Stragglers.
 THURSDAY, 30 DEC.—Officers, All Patients (all pay will be by check).
 FRIDAY, 31 DEC.—Staff Chiefs, Enlisted, Marines.

Scuttlebutt

THEY CAME BACK from Alcatraz —ENS Clyde O. Wimberly, LTJG Joseph E. Honish, Jr., and CWOHC Alonzo K. Spencer, who toured the Federal prison Wednesday, lunched with the warden, and had free barge rides to and from "the rock." The excursion developed as a result of an inquiry concerning laundry facilities. Prison inmates do the wash for Parks Air Force Base, and make, among other things, many of the pushbrooms used to sweep the decks at Oak Knoll.

????????? Exactly what it is and who'll be there, nobody knows for sure, but if half the rumors can be believed, it will be a terrific affair. It will be on 10 December. It will be at the CPO Club. It will be something old and something new. You may have to borrow to get in, but you'll be blue if you don't save the date. Watch for further info in next week's OL.

PEOPLE, PLACES & THINGS: Another of Oak Knoll's bachelors is spoken for. He is Evan Wolfe, civilian psychologist. His marriage to Marian Ruth Anderson of New Britain, Conn. (recently of Berkeley), will take place next spring... Robert Carkeek, HM3, will be back on duty at the Pharmacy tomorrow after taking his pretty bride, Barbara Farnsworth, former civilian secretary, on a Yosemite honeymoon... Madalena Tapia, HN, and Herbert Perkins, DN, have new rates. Since 12 November, when LT Bill Terry and Claudia Romero, HN, "stood up" with them in the office of Oakland's Judge Blaine, they are Mr. and Mrs. ... Richard Smith and Dusty Rhodes stopped in from Travis Air Force Base recently to say hello to all their friends at Oak Knoll... T/SGT Ernest P. Puls of MARCORPS Supply Depot, S.F., didn't realize danger was lurking when he stepped out on the dance floor, slipped, and landed on 43A with a "deranged" left knee... Candy and cigars were everywhere Tuesday as some 80 new petty officers celebrated and sewed on their stripes... LT Glenn A. Young may be walking the boardwalk along with the bathing beauties as you read this. He is in Atlantic City for the annual convention of the American College of Surgeons, his orders said... Yo Kumagai was among the diners at the Bow and Bell, popular restaurant that leans out into the estuary from Jack London Square... The Oak Knoll Combo will play for the dancing at San Francisco's YWCA-USO, 70 Oak Street, Sunday. All servicemen are invited... Congratulations to ENS Bernadette Cebulla, NC, USNR, a JG now.

LIFE BEGINS: LT Robert L. Davis, surgical resident, and his wife, Dolores, welcomed an 8-lb. son, Ted Stuart, on 9 November; Sverre Sandver, HMC, of Lab and his wife, Pherbe, have a new daughter, Kristie "K," born 7 November. She weighed 6 lbs. 12 oz. ... Arriving 14 November at the John Aubrey Palmer home, was Deborah Lucy, weight 7 lbs. 4 oz. Her father, an HM2 at ALD, her mother, Marzelle, and she are all doing nicely, thank you.

Forty Patients to See Ice Cycles in Oakland

The Alameda County Employee's Association invites forty patients to see the Ice Cycles when they come to the Oakland Civic Auditorium on Thursday, 25 November.



LT Charles Asbelle, USNR, rehabilitation expert, has received a bronze plaque from Oakland Chapter 7, Disabled American Veterans, for his work with amputee patients at Oak Knoll. John Engberg, hospital chairman, North, Department of California, who made the presentation at a ceremony in downtown Oakland on 6 November, said Mr. Asbelle was chosen for this honor because he "not only uses his head and his hands in his work but also his heart." Others to receive the plaque from the local chapter in past years are CAPT T. J. Canty, Chief of the Amputee Service; CAPT J. N. C. Gordon, former Commanding Officer; and Bill Sundin, Oakland motion picture projectionist, who has shown movies weekly on the Oak Knoll wards for more than ten years. — Oakland Tribune Photo.



They launched the hospital's first parade float: Standing are HMC J. W. Fontaine, George Wyness, sign painter; Ralph Montgomery, carpenter; and HMC Fritz Anderberg. The capable trio in the front row includes HMC John Libbrecht, Hugo, and HMC J. R. Baranski. Chief Baranski and LT Francis W. Day of the Maintenance Division staff are due at the Courthouse in downtown Oakland tonight at 2000 to receive the prize.

Float Tells Tale of Preventive Medicine

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M. Simms; J. C. Early, HM2; W. E. Betts and R. L. Silver, HN's; CPL D. B. Mathews of the Marine Detachment, and Glarence Lafleur, truck driver. Also playing an important

part in the production were George Wyness, sign painter; and Raleigh Montgomery, carpenter.

CAPT R. W. Babione, Head of the EST School, was technical advisor to the committee.

5 Shutouts Rolled In Knoll League; Finance Leading

The hospital bowling league reached the quarter-way mark this past week with the Finance team still holding on to a slim league lead. It turned out to be a rough week for some teams and profitable for others because of the number of "Triple wins" registered. Of the six games rolled, five ended in 3-0 shutouts. Four of the top teams met each other, and both games were 3-game sweeps. The only team to suffer much was the Mustangs, who dropped to 7th place.

That newly arrived first division club, the up-and-coming EST School team, tangled with the Lab team, another first division club, and knocked down 2,199 pins to take a 3-0 win. The victory moved the students up to 4th place.

Another first division meeting saw the Mustangs and X-Ray battle it out. The Mustangs maintained their team average, but they could not stop X-Ray from battering down 2,362 pins, which was good enough to complete a triple win. M. L. Smith had a nice 494 series for the winners.

The league-leading Finance kegglers continued their consistent bowling to hang a whitewashing on the N.P. Doctors. There was only a 9-pin difference between Finance's high and low games of the night, 773-764, as Chief Amgwert's 522 series was high for the winners. CDR Deen rolled a 498 series for the doctors.

Another blanking was chalked up when the Dental team emerged victorious over the Cops. The sheriffs, rolling their lowest score of the season, just could not seem to hit the head pin the same way the Dentists were hitting it.

The fifth and most unusual sweep of the week was recorded when the CSR club had to forfeit to the Profs. Most of the supply boys had other commitments and could not be present. The professors had to roll their 3 games to make it official, and CWO Goerner rapped out a 512 series which was only 1 pin less than his series of a week ago.

In the only "split" of the week, the Marines took the last two games as R. M. Manchester rolled a big 205 game to help the N.P. Raiders take their only win of the night.

	Won	Lost
Finance	15	3
X-Ray	13	5
Laboratory	11	7
EST School	11	7
Profs	10	8
Dental	9½	8½
Mustangs	8½	9½
N.P. Raiders	8	10
Cops	8	10
N.P. Doctors	6	12
Marine Detachment	4	14
C.S.R.	4	14

Special Note

Anyone interested in bowling is asked to contact Chief Amgwert in the staff personnel office. There are a few teams that at present and in the future will be in need of bowlers.

The call is out for all staff golfers who would like to play on the hospital team. All personnel interested please contact Chief Leslie Johnson at the Information and Education Office Ext. 277.

Staff Personalities



Recently sewing on a shiny new half stripe and celebrating it by extending her service a year to time her discharge with her husband's is LTJG Jean F. Habeck, NC, from Olympia, Washington. Graduating from Aberdeen High School in Aberdeen, Washington, she attended the St. Peter's School of Nursing in Olympia. After her graduation she remained there to work in surgery until donning Navy blues in June '53. She was sent to St. Albans for Naval indoctrination and arrived at Oak Knoll in August '53. Her hobbies are swimming, woodcraft and horseback riding. Since her arrival she has worked on 75A, 61A, 66A, 41A&B, and finally 73A&B.



Seldom publicized and seldom eulogized are the Dentalmen; so let's meet one of our "Unsung Heroes"—Daniel (n) Sanchez, DT3, from Durango, Colorado, who now resides in Oakland with his wife Gladys. Before and after graduating from Durango High he worked for a chain of theaters in the city as head doorman, attired in a tricolored uniform. In '49 another type of uniform appealed to him. He got on the band wagon to take his boot and dental training at San Diego. Then his travels took him to the USNH, Charleston, S. C. and Camp Lejeune, N. C. He served with the 10th Marines and finally arrived at Oak Knoll in December '52. Collecting stamps is his hobby, and as far as the Navy and the future are concerned he's "Undecided" now.

Big Game Tomorrow

Tomorrow's football game at the Berkeley Stadium will be the annual Big Game between UC and Stanford. Forty patients from Oak Knoll will be there as guests of the Associated Students of University of California.

Girl Hoopsters Lose in Game Vs. Letterman

The hospital girls' basketball team met the Letterman Medics on Army ground on 10 November and played the game to a tiring finish, with Letterman winning the necessary two points in the two extra minutes of play to break the tie and bring the score to a 23-25 tally.

This was the girls' first practice game, and according to Coach Duwaine Elliott they will make a fine showing against the Bay Area teams. However, their passing is not up to par and needs polishing. To date Dolly Carston in defense and Shirley Bartnick and Joyce Gibbs in offense look very promising.

In the first quarter of the game, Balfanz and Gibbs scored the first four points for Oak Knoll, and the opponents followed with four points. The second quarter eight more points were hooped by Bartnick, Balfanz, and Gibbs. The Letterman girls likewise picked up six points, and at the half the score stood 12-13 for the Army.

In the last half, the Knoll Medics chalked nine baskets to bring the score to 21-19 at the end of the third quarter. Top of the fourth and the opponents rallied, while Oak Knoll flipped two more baskets. The Letterman crew came up from behind and hooped two more to tie the score 23-23 as the time ran out, leaving the game tied at that score. Officials declared the game open for two minutes to break the tie, and the deciding points went to Letterman on one basket. Next game will be against Treasure Island here on 29 November.

Hospital Kegglers Belt WesSeaFron

The hospital men's bowling team scored another win last week when they met Western Sea Frontier in another of the 12ND Traveling league matches. The Knollites, pitching a total pin cluster of 2536 to the opponents' 2383, gave the Western Sea Frontier the full treatment, climbing out in front and remaining there until the end of the game.

Ralph Goerner got the high game with a 211 in the second tilt and high series of 535 in the last game. The Medics lost the first game by seven pins, 801 to 808.

This week in the third game for the Knoll Medics, Stanford NROTC team won 2-1. After setting a fast average pace for the first couple of weeks, the Knollites hit a slump with a total pinfall of 2372, losing the first game 781 to Stanford's 804. Phil Griffith was the high scorer in the first two games but dropped in pins for the rest of the evening. Ralph Goerner chalked 223 the high game of the third set, with Robert Hasbrook following closely behind with his high in the third game of 174. Joe Libbrecht kept ahead of Henry Malay by 5 points, 145 to 150. The Stanford team kept on the winning edge by a hair with their total of 2289. This brings the Oak Knoll team to 8 wins and 4 losses, and pending the outcome of this week's league tally will probably be at the top along with NSC, and the 12ND Staff. The hospital bowlers meet NSC, Oakland, on 22 November there.

Previews

Sunday, 21 November

VALLEY OF THE KINGS—Robert Taylor, Eleanor Parker. DRAMA. Excellent. Color. In this intriguing Egyptian story, tribal chants and ceremonies come to life, while the Sphinx, the Nile and Egypt's well-known tombs are shown in the flash of the camera. Taylor, an American archaeologist, crosses paths with Miss Parker and her husband, Thompson, in their attempt to find the tomb of Pharaoh. Entanglements involving underworld forces smuggling the contents of the tomb, a saber-and-shield duel, and the perils of a sand storm, are all part of the program.

Monday, 22 November

THE MOONLIGHTER—Barbara Stanwyck, Fred MacMurray. DRAMA. Excellent. Color. Miss Stanwyck is in jail for rustling cattle, and an angry mob boiling with intentions of lynching storms the jail, only to break in and find the wrong man. The injustice of it prompts MacMurray to wreak vengeance, and as a result, he becomes a wounded and helpless man. His former sweetheart, Miss Stanwyck, becomes his present one when she rescues her from a raging river.

Tuesday, 23 November

WEST OF ZANZIBAR—Anthony Quinn, Sheila Sim. This British film is a new lease in color.

Wednesday, 24 November

NAKED JUNGLE—Charlton Heston, Eleanor Parker. ROMANTIC DRAMA. Excellent. Color. Miss Parker comes to the deep jungles of South America to become the mail-order bride of a plantation owner husband. He proves to be more introspective, and self-indulgent, and she learns his wife has been married before. His shock turns into rage. The plot thickens when a huge army of ants attacks the plantation.

Thursday, 25 November

WITNESS TO MURDER—Barbara Stanwyck, Gary Merrill. MURDER. Excellent. Color. Miss Stanwyck accidentally witnesses a murder in an apartment on the street, but when the murderer manages to hide all clues and the body of the girl victim, she is unable to convince the police. The murderer tries to prove to Stanwyck has hallucinations and continues to land her in a city hospital. She finally leaks out and Merrill, the detective who becomes romantically and professionally interested, saves her of course.

Friday, 26 November

SNAKE PIT—Olivia De Havilland, Genn. DRAMA. This repeat is about the recovery of a mental patient in a state institution.

Saturday, 27 November

RIDE VAQUERO—Robert Taylor, John Gardner. WESTERN. Rating: Excellent. Color. Robert Taylor, a tight-lipped, committal, deadly gunman and faithful to Mexican badman Anthony Quinn changes allegiance and switches over to the side of American settlers, developing baronies: Howard Keel and Ava Gardner represent the settlers.

Wife: "I believe my husband is trying on with his secretary."
Maid: "I don't believe it. You're just trying to make me jealous."

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RADM F. C. Greaves

RADM Greaves Inspects Hospital

RADM Frederick C. Greaves, MC, USN, Inspector of Navy Medical Activities, Pacific Coast, and District Medical Officer, conducted his annual inspection of Oak Knoll Monday and Tuesday.

The admiral first inspected Oak Knoll in June 1952 when he came from Washington shortly after being appointed Inspector General of the Navy. He has visited the hospital on many occasions since being assigned to his present post last January.

Admiral Greaves inspected the professional and clinical services of the hospital and his administrative assistant, LCDR E. W. White, the administrative functions. Others in the party were LCDR J. W. Collins, who directed his attention to finance and supply; LT W. S. Anderson, who concentrated on sanitation and food service; LCDR H. B. Marcum, passive defense; CDR J. E. Ross, security; Mr. P. A. Wuebel, records management; Mr. E. H. Thouren, maintenance, and Miss Anne Balbo, civilian personnel administration.

Here to inspect the Chaplain's Division was CAPT G. A. Rosso, CHC, District Chaplain.

Christmas Wrapping Booth Open 1 Dec.

All thumbs? Want help with your Christmas packages?

Then the Officers' Wives' Christmas wrapping service at the local bowling alley is the place for you. The booth will be open from 1 December through 24 December to serve patients and enlisted staff members. An attractive assortment of paper and ribbon is being supplied by Special Services.

Mrs. Bruce Bradley is in charge of the service, and she asks officers' wives who can help with the work to get in touch with her immediately.

"Iron Lung Bus" Carries Airman's Wife Across Bay

Mrs. Beverly Clark, 26, wife of SGT Edwin H. Clark, Dowl Air Force Base, Bangor, Me., has traveled more than most people do in an iron lung and during the past two weeks has made two trips across the Bay in Oak Knoll's ambulance bus, complete with Oakland and Bay Bridge police escort.

Brought here from Maine by the same Air Force plane that recently carried Edward D. Hall of 80B to Philadelphia, Mrs. Clark was taken to Letterman Army hospital shortly after her arrival at Parks, and on 18 November she was transferred back to Highland Hospital, Oakland.

LTCOL Walter M. Edwards, MC, USA, was the doctor in charge of last Thursday's trip, and the bus crew included Melvin E. Bale, Charles F. Maxwell, and Lloyd R. Ellis, HMI's; John E. Smith, HM3; Byron Harrison, civilian firefighter; Vernon Reese, electrician; and Melvin Burr, civilian bus driver, all of Oak Knoll.

Petty Officers May Join Army Club

All Petty Officers are eligible to join the Oakland Army Base NCO club at West Grand and Maritime Street for one dollar (\$1.00) per month.

See Sgt. Young at the NCO club at the Oakland Army Base for further information and membership cards.



HMC J. R. Baranski and CAPT Robert W. Babione, Head of the Environmental Sanitation School, look with justifiable pride on Oak Knoll's latest trophy—presented for first place in the military float division at the community's first Veterans Day parade in downtown Oakland. The float showed the work being done by students trained at the EST School here. Chief Baranski, working chairman of the float committee, received the prize at an award ceremony at the Oakland City Hall last Friday night.

WAVES Plan Yule Party 16 December

Yuletide festivities at Oak Knoll will include a WAVE Christmas Party slated to take place 16 December at 2000 in the Chief Petty Officer's Club.

The price of admission is one dollar per person, and all hands are invited. A buffet dinner and dancing are planned.

Tickets may be purchased from Gerry Bourne, Ruth Quire, Eleanor Di Ioli, Gloria Cera, Mary Anne Wadleigh, Joyce Gibbs and Frances Peters.

30 Patients Bag Limit at Tulelake Pheasant Hunt

"Fantastic" is the word for the hospitality extended to the 30 Oak Knoll patients who flew to Tulelake for the opening of pheasant season last week end.

Taking off from NAS, Oakland, the party flew north across the Oregon border to Klamath Falls, Oregon, where members of the Tulelake 20-30 Club met them with private cars for the trip "home." And it was home, for each patient was assigned to a family and made completely welcome for the week end.

Not only that, their hosts supplied guns, ammunition, hunting licenses, and dogs for the hunt, plus quantities of the finest home-cooked food.

This was the fourth time in as many years that the Tulelake townspeople have opened their homes and hunting grounds to Oak Knoll patients, and as has been the case in past years, each patient came home carrying his limit of two pheasants a day.

CDR Roy W. Tandy, staff doctor, LTJG Harold E. Daniel, Special Services Officer, and Corbit Ray, civilian amputee instructor, were in charge of the group, which included CPL Kenneth Rogers, PFC William A. Chicano, SGT Gordon Printup, CPL Joseph B. Shaw, CPL K. A. Trowbridge, PFC Robert Hendrickson, S/SGT Joseph J. Ryan, PFC John E. Fagin, CPL Alexander Wheeler, PFC George R. Goff, all of the Marine Corps.

Among the Navy nimrods was Jean Carabeau, PO1, French Navy; Walter Davis, SN; James L. Todd, HM1; Robert Sawyer, RMSN; William O. Casey, HM3; Raymond Lindall, BU3; Lawrence Eldrege, SN; Clayton

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Thanksgiving Dinner



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| Ripe Olives | Green Olives |
| Rosebud Radishes | Carrot Sticks |
| Celery Sticks | Sweet Pickles |
| Shrimp Cocktail | |
| Saltines | |
| ROAST TOM TURKEY | |
| Giblet Gravy | Sage Dressing |
| Snowflake Potatoes | Cranberry Sauce |
| Corn-on-the-Cob | Fresh Frozen Buttered Peas |
| Tossed Vegetable Salad, French Dressing | |
| Hot Parkerhouse Rolls | Butter |
| Mince Pie | Ice Cream |
| Coffee | Milk |
| Mixed Selected Nuts | Assorted Fresh Fruit |
| Cigars | Mints |
| Cigarettes | |

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† † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

Another year has rolled around, and once more we shall sing the great Thanksgiving Hymns of the Church, listen to a Presidential Proclamation, and vaguely remember, it may be, pictures of John Alden and Priscilla in borders of corn shocks, pumpkins, and turkeys, as they used to be in the school rooms when we were in the grades. It's the time of year when, if we've ever lived in the country, we think about the crops being gathered in, the barns crammed with corn and hay, and everything made snug for a long winter.

As Americans, we need not look far in things material in order to find reasons for thanksgiving. Whether we go over the river and through the woods to Grandma's house or use a strip of freeway to one of the restaurants on Jack London Square in Oakland or the hills of San Francisco, the fact that America has over 80% of the world's automobiles and purchases 70% of the gasoline will help make the trip possible. Those who will be traveling longer distances will be grateful for the fact that this nation has 53% of the railroads in the world. And should our visit with the folks at home be confined to a wire or phone call, the fact that America has 60% of the world's telegraph and telephone lines will facilitate that contact.

So it is with countless other material blessings that make life sweet in our country as it is in no other land. But we have spiritual blessings in abundance too. We are grateful for the privilege of worship. Our Churches are still free and unpersecuted. We have national leaders who still respect the name and worship of God.

And so, not only on Thanksgiving Day but each day that God extends these blessings to us may we say over and again with hearts full of gratitude: "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits."

LCDR W. J. LINDEMANN
 Protestant Chaplain

NTC, Great Lakes Celebrates Birthday

Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Illinois — the largest of its kind in the Midwest — recently celebrated its 43rd birthday.

The original picturesque 175-acre tract of land — now grown to 1400 acres dotted with some 650 buildings — was provided by the Merchants' Club of Chicago. It was dedicated by President William Howard Taft on 28 October 1911.

Experience is what you have after you've lost everything else.

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Welcome Farewell

Reporting for duty were LCDR Roberta A. Ohrman, NC, USN, from USNH, Beaufort, S. C.; LTJG Wau-nie L. Shelton, NC, USN, from Naval Air Technical Training Center, Norman, Okla.; LTJG Flora J. Stellmacher, NC, USNR, from inactive duty; ENS Eleonore A. Bednowick, NC, USNR, from USNH, St. Albans, L. I., N. Y.; F. B. Donohue, HMC from CoRecSta, Norva; W. T. Della-Santina, HM2, from ComServPac; HN's R. E. Warmouth, from ComServPac; R. G. Crawford, HN, from CGMar-Pac, and D. L. Austey, HN, from USNHCS, San Diego.

Detached were CAPT Robert L. Gilman, MC, USN, to Com5, Norfolk, Va.; LT Elizabeth L. Miller, NC, USN, to NAD, Hawthorne, Nev.; LT Leon R. Briggs, Jr., MC, USN, to NavSta, Treasure Island, San Francisco; B. E. Wright, HMCA, from USMCBase, Camp Pendleton; HM2's F. Tiano, to USNH, M. I., Vallejo, E. C. Hicks, to USNAAS, Kingsville, Tex., and M. W. Farris, DN, to USS WASP.

The decrepit old car drove up to the toll bridge. "Fifty cents!" cried the gateman. "Sold!" replied the sailor.

"You say your uncle died from falling off a scaffold. What was he doing up there?"
 "Being hanged."



William W. Soward, HM3, Gloria R. Cera, HM3, and Francis T. Smith, HN, all three corpsmen on the Dermatology Ward have received commendations for outstanding performance of duty.

Three Dermatology Staffers Commended

One corpswave and two corpsmen have received commendations for outstanding devotion to their work in Dermatology Service. Presentation was made last Friday by Admiral Bradley.

Gloria R. Cera, HM3, an American Spirit Honor Medal Winner in Boot Camp, as senior corpsman of the Dermatology Clinic, has proved to be an excellent leader and has shown a high order of devotion to the clinic and the medical department. Gloria has acted as ward secretary to the Dermatology Service.

William W. Soward, HM3, starting on the Dermatology Service as a ward corpsman and subsequently becom-

ing the leading male corpsman, has distinguished himself by his technical skill, devotion to duty and cheerfulness under all circumstances. He has contributed greatly to the care of many dermatology out-patients and was of great help during periods when there was a shortage of medical officers.

Francis T. Smith, III, HN, according to his commendation, has proved unusually reliable, resourceful, and industrious. His initiative and intelligence are highly commendable and will be a great asset to him upon leaving the service and entering his chosen field of medicine.

Red Cross Ramblings

FESTIVE. With all thoughts concentrated on that wonderful dinner this noon the Red Cross is hustling around the mess halls this morning to make a feast for the eyes as well as the innards. Dorothy Frost, recreation staff worker and a bevy of talented Gray Ladies volunteered to perk up all the tables with Thanksgiving and autumn colors. Thanksgiving, like Christmas, is always pretty special!

THIS AFTERNOON, when you are able to navigate around again, come on over to the lounge. If you have visitors, bring them along, too. Comfortable chairs and tables for cards, plenty of music, and something to snack at. The lounge is truly your "home away from home." Incidentally, we want to mention PFC Fred Sheley of 42A, who is another important member of our lounge family. Fred is certainly being a big help to us, particularly on dance nights when things are really humming.

THIS EVENING they're going to raise the roof of the lounge with a real, honest-to-goodness, old-fashioned Hoe Down! Country folk will be coming in from Berkeley all dolled up in their party clothes. This Circles and Squares bunch has plenty of girls, so come on over and grab a partner. Even if you're not too spry yet, we need a bunch of stompers and clappers, too.

VISITORS. Last Monday afternoon a group of thirty-five Hayward High School students toured the Occupational Therapy Department and Red Cross recreational facilities on this compound. These young people are taking a special course in Recreation Leadership at their school and were greatly interested in the opportunities our patients have at an installation of this type.

ANOTHER "WELL DONE"

Dear Sir:

I am writing to you to let you know how one civilian who badly needed the services of your Artificial Kidney, appreciates the U.S. Navy at Oak Knoll Hospital.

As you probably know, I was admitted on October 12, 1954, and used the kidney two days later. This, I am positive, saved my life.

My sincere thanks to you, your able executive Officer, Captain Abernethy and the many fine Doctors, Nurses, and Corpsmen that helped me through this ordeal. Without exception each and every individual of your staff treated me cheerfully, willingly, and competently.

Two men I must mention specifically — Doctors Paul Doolan and Raymond Watten. These men worked on me with their whole heart and soul . . . hours each day. Whether on duty or not, it made no difference to them. It seemed as though their only thought was for their patients. For their services they have my undying gratitude, and may God bless them always.

Once again, my heartfelt thanks to the entire crew.

Sincerely,

Gordon F. Phelps
 Oakland, California

Scuttlebutt

ROMANCE REPORT: Joan C. Smoody and William Bulen were married in the Chapel at 1200 Saturday, culminating another Knoll romance. Joan was a corpswaver, Bill a former patient. Their attendants were Rose Tucci of EEG and Norbert Marrero. Oakland will be their home. Carmen Gonzalez surprised her co-workers in the Record Office Tuesday by flashing a beautiful diamond ring, gift of Bill Damae, San Jose businessman, whose bride she will be in mid-December.

KNOLLITEMS: ENS Donald R. Kelley, MSC, is wearing a new half stripe. As of 18 November he was a JG . . . Mary Lou Steinman was given the party treatment by her friends in the Record Office last week when she checked out, just to stay at home! . . . Don Rinker of the Lab crew is bristling—with a new moustache . . . Agnes Hoover and her small son Bennie are making plans to join their husband and father in Alaska . . . Tommie Tom Tsai's husband is due to arrive from Hongkong on 22 December . . . Ruth Quire is sporting a Chevy BelAir, vintage '55, first one seen on this compound . . . CDR James Boyers looked snappy in the Bermuda shorts he modeled at the Officers' Wives' Fashion Show, but according to all reports, they left him cold . . . ENS Constance Wolff's battered blue Ford is one of the more colorful cars on the compound, especially when she drives along tooting its "fog horn" . . . Long overlooked, but still worthy of mention, is Captain Silvis' petite Plymouth, which must have been produced sometime in the early 30's . . . Lab staff and guests feted this week's graduating class at a party last Friday at the Terrace Club, where CDR Crafft was heard to explain that he is a bachelor, because he hasn't found a girl who likes cigar smoke. Here is food for thought for the ladies . . . CAPT E. T. Knowles, Exec at Bremerton, was back at his alma mater for a few hours last week.

LIFE HAS BEGUN for Cindy Lane Potts, 7 lb. 2½ oz. daughter of Lewis and Shirley Potts. The little girl's dad is a PNSN attached to the Physical Evaluation Board . . . On 17 November CDR Paul W. Suitor of the Dental Service and his wife, Betty Jean, welcomed their fourth, a 7 lb. 15½ oz. daughter they've named Margaret . . . On 22 November John N. Welch, HM2 of Orthopedics and his Patricia Ann welcomed an 8 lb. 8 oz. boy and named him William Boynton.



Among the attractive models at the Officers' Wives' Club fashion show last week were Miss Ann Gillis, Mrs. Emanuel Rollins, Mrs. Robert L. Baker, and Mrs. Traver Hamilton, who are pictured here. A large crowd attended the show, for which Paul Speegle, TV and Radio columnist for the San Francisco News supplied the patter that made it a complete success. Others who modeled holiday fashions were Miss Marie Adams, Mrs. Paul Doolan, Mrs. Thomas Foley, Mrs. Orval Haines, Mrs. Melvin Huber, Miss Jean Joyce, Mrs. Marshall Olson, Mrs. John Osborne, Mrs. Wilbur VanZile, and last, but by no means least, Doctors Wallace Allen and James Boyers. Mrs. A. C. Abernethy was in charge of the Fashion Show, and the costumes were supplied by Julia's in Pelton Shopping Center.

Previews

Sunday, 28 November

WHITE CHRISTMAS — Bing Crosby, Danny Kaye, Vera-Ellen, Rosemary Clooney. Rating: Excellent. Color. The picture opens with Christmas Eve, close behind the battleline. It then jumps ahead to peacetime and follows Crosby and Kaye as private citizens, to stage and night club fame which finally lands them in a Vermont resort, whose owner, Dean Jagger, is going broke because of the delay of annual snowfall, which results in the loss of his patronage. The solution to this problem furnishes a plot for the picture.

Monday, 29 November

THE WILD HEART—Jennifer Jones, David Farrar. There is no review available on this one.

Tuesday, 30 November

TROUBLE IN THE GLEN — Margaret Lockwood, Orson Welles, Forrest Tucker. **COMEDRAMA.** An American ex-pilot of the U.S. Air Force returns to Scotland after the war and finds the people in his glen troubled by the high-handed activities of the local laird, Orson Welles, a wealthy South American who, with his daughter, has returned to the land of his forefathers. After a brutish fight between the two men, the people of the glen eventually prevail upon the laird to restore peace to the area. The romantic angle is supplied by the laird's daughter and the ex-pilot.

Wednesday, 1 December

UNTAMED HEIRESS—Judy Canova, Don Barry. **SLAPSTICK COMEDY.** Rating: Good. Judy is an orphan who is taken under the wing of two down-at-the-heel theatrical agents when they learn she is the lost heiress to a fortune in gold. A prospector and former admirer of Judy's deceased mother, feels obligated to share the wealth with her daughter. Low characters in the attempt to get the prospector's gold, pretend he is insane and administer all sorts of ancient and modern tortures to make him tell the whereabouts of the treasure. The picture comes to a close with the good folk triumphing.

Thursday, 2 December

RACHEL AND THE STRANGER—Loretta Young, William Holden. A good reissue well worth running again in view of the fine story and excellent acting.

Friday, 3 December

THREE RING CIRCUS — Dean Martin, Jerry Lewis. **COMEDY.** Rating: Very good. Vista Vision. Color. As the title suggests, this picture runs the gamut of fun and laughter in a three-ring circus, a proper setting for the two well-known comedians. Early scenes show the arrival, unloading and setting-up of the circus and lead on to performances on the high wire, the trapeze, and so on. Lewis ultimately attains his ambition to become a clown and Martin works up through the personal assistance of aerial-star Zsa Zsa Gabor to circus manager for Joanne Dru.

Saturday, 4 December

WEAK AND THE WICKED — Glynis Johns, John Gregson. Rating: Good. Based



SGT Gordon R. Printup and PFC Kenneth K. Rogers were two of the happy hunters who bagged limits of pheasant on each of the three days of the annual Tulalake hunt. This picture was taken just after the party landed at NAS, Alameda, Monday afternoon.

Pheasant Hunt Successful

(Continued from page 1)

Johnson, ADAN; M. F. Bartholomew, BU3; Billy D. Wade, RMSN; Robert Hoffman, AD3; Richard A. Ingram, SA; Charles Garde, ADAN; Fred D. Haney, AMAN; Farrell M. White, SA; James P. Bowen, CS3; Joseph L. Kelley, FN; Joe D. Robbins, BMSN; James E. Mapes, SN.

on a novel by John Henry, the story opens with the main character, Miss Johns, being framed by a gambling house owner, on a charge of fraud because she owes more than she can pay. Her experience in prison furnishes the story, and after a period in the maximum-security annex, she is moved to a minimum-security annex, where she and others prove themselves trustworthy and are appropriately rewarded.

First Sailor: "Hey, what's the idea wearing my raincoat?"

Second Sailor: "Well, you wouldn't want your new dress blues to get wet, would you?"

Pay Schedule

- WEDNESDAY, 1 DEC.—Officers, Staff Chiefs, Patients, Marines.
- THURSDAY, 2 DEC.—Staff Enlisted, Bed Patients, Stragglers.
- WEDNESDAY, 15 DEC.—Officers, Staff Chiefs, Patients, Marines.
- THURSDAY, 16 DEC.—Staff Enlisted, Bed Patients, Stragglers.
- THURSDAY, 30 DEC.—Officers, All Patients (all pay will be by check).
- FRIDAY, 31 DEC.—Staff Chiefs, Enlisted, Marines.



10 December



DID YOU KNOW that Oak Knoll maintains its own stables? Of mice, that is, for research purposes . . . that there are only 21 more Navy Exchange shopping days till Christmas?

Sports Highlights

The 12ND Winter Golf Competition is scheduled for the week of 29 November . . . Oak Knoll men's basketball team is still practicing for the league start 29 November against NSC, Oakland, there . . . 12ND Women's Golf Handicap Medal Tournament at the Lake Chabot golf course began 10 November and will run until 1 December . . . Personnel considered potential or good prospects may submit their application for training for the Pan-American and Olympic games . . . As of 10 November Oak Knoll was in second place of the 12ND bowling league . . . To those fellows interested in boxing—sorry Oak Knoll will not have a team for district competition . . . Ruth Quire, Beryl Balfanz and Joan Kunkel have entered the all women golf competition in 12ND . . . Bob Sharpe has an offer from ex-Heavyweight Champion Max Baer to come under his wing for a pro career . . . The hospital girls' basketball team needs a coach. Anyone interested please contact LTJG Dolly Carston, MSC, at Ext. 438.

Patients and staff alike are again reminded that salt and fresh water fishing gear, shotguns, tennis and badminton racquets, boxing gloves, bow and arrows, camping gear and other sports equipment may be checked out in the athletic issue room on the second floor of the Community Service Building. They may be checked out for 24 hours or the period from Friday evening to Monday morning.

CURRENT COMMANDANT'S ATHLETIC EXCELLENCE TROPHIES STANDING

Group A	Points
NAS, Alameda	334.5
T. I.	242.5
NAS, Moffett	212.5
M. I.	178.5
S. F. Marines	91
PacHunters	81
Group B	Points
Oak Knoll	213
NSC, Oakland	189
NAS, Oakland	169
12ND Comm	111



WAVES OFF TO A TEE! Left to right are Beryl Balfanz, HM3, Ruth Quire, HM1 and Joan Kunkel, HN as they prepared to leave for the Women's Golf Competition at San Francisco's Lincoln Park last Wednesday. On the greens, Quire shot a 94, Balfanz 98 and Kunkel 96. After playing 18 holes, Balfanz and Kunkel came back and played basketball against the San Francisco Marines.



LT Ella Mae Vick surprised everyone, including herself, when she hauled in a 70-pound sturgeon on a fishing expedition off Crockett last week end. According to all reports, Miss Vick was in a state of collapse after landing the big fish but declared she would have let it pull her overboard before she would have let it get away. LCDR Myrtle M. Warner was there and can verify any stories Miss Vick may have to tell about her catch.

Girl Keglers Lose to Alameda

The hospital girl keglers met the NAS, Alameda bowlers here last Tuesday and lost the match to the opponents 2-1. This is the third game of the 12ND league Competition for the lady Medics.

Bernice Fenn appeared to be the leading pinman on the Knoll team. In this game she got the high series of the night with a 405, while the opponents got high game of 155. In the first game which the locals won, Oak Knoll stood at 577 total pins, and the Flyers had 561. The second game was 540 to 624 in favor of the Flyers, and the last game 561 to 577.

Knoll Hoopsters Belt SF Marines

Oak Knoll girl hoopsters got off to a flying start in the Bay Area Armed Forces Women's League, Thursday night when they won over the San Francisco Marines by a score of 40-34.

The hospital girls jumped ahead in the first quarter when Balfanz dumped one in the basket for a score and chalked another on a free throw. Kunkel got in a free throw for one and Bartnick hooped another to tally six points for the Medics, but the lady Marines wanted points too and charged in to gain a six-point score. In the second quarter Bartnick chalked 8 points, Gibbs attempted a long shot, but missed. Balfanz made this good by getting a basket and a free throw to place them ahead of the Marines by one point at the half 17-16.

Defenses stiffened in the third quarter as both teams were determined to win and it proved to be a rough and tumble game as Balfanz shot three more baskets, Brenner hopped on two more free throws and Kayser came through with 4 points, to bring the scoreboard to a 29-26 reading. The opponents scored 10 points in this quarter.

MORE BASKETS

The hospital squad continued their attack in the last quarter, with Joyce Brenner adding 4 more baskets to the hospital credit, with Balfanz's support of 3 points. The locals tallied 11 points in the last quarter to 8 for the Marines, bringing the score to 40-34 at the game's end.

TOP SCORER

Beryl Balfanz led the squad with 15 points, Brenner and Bartnick followed with 10 points each, Kunkel and Kayser's 1 and 4 points respectively added the rest of the score. Other players were Dolly Carston, Jean Cameron, Helen Charlton, Jerry Basham, Joyce Gibbs and Jan Brogdon.

In the last game all the Knollites needed was a spare to cinch the game. The team met the San Francisco Marines Monday night, but the results were not available for this issue of the Oak Leaf.

'Big Game' Week For Knoll League Finance in Lead

California and Stanford had the "Big Game" last week, but the hospital bowling league went them better by having two "big games" the top four teams in the standings battled each other. The two brought only a slight change in the standings as EST School moved ahead of the Laboratory and Finance had the league lead cut to one game. The rest of the league remained about the same with the exception of Dental moving ahead of the Profs and CSR moving out of the cellar.

The first "big game" saw the hospital girls ring EST Students win a couple from the league leaders. Although they added to their league high and series record by rolling an 800 game and a 2395 series, Finance didn't have enough pinfall to take more than one game from the sanitation boys. Chief George Smith won a 198-495 series was high for the winners, while Chief Canady rolled 200-527 series for the losers.

The other "big game" was the meeting of the X-Ray and Laboratory teams. H. R. Malay's 487 series wasn't quite strong enough for the Lab, as the X-Ray boys knocked down 2212 pins to register a dominant win and move within one game of first place Finance.

If consistency had paid off, the Raiders would have won 3 games as they rolled games of 700-700-710. But that wasn't what paid off, as the Mustangs took 2 games to maintain their spot in the standings. A game by A. N. James was high for the winners, while a 174 by E. J. Harvey was tops for the Raiders.

To make up for last week's forfeit CSR plastered a shutout on the Cops and moved out of the cellar. The 3 losses by the Cops make it in a row for them. R. F. Dingman had a 175 game for the Sheriffs.

Although they dropped back to the cellar, the Marine detachment had its most productive night, when they took 2 games from the EST Profs. CWO Goerner had his third 500 in a row, as he rolled a 516 series for the losers. A 477 series by J. Lehfeldt was high for the Marines.

Dental moved up into fifth place in the standings by virtue of a 2 game win over the N.P. Doctors.

Individual League Leaders

High average, Libbrecht, J.J. (Marines), 165.
High series, Malay, H. R. (Laboratory), 533.
High game, Stupey, L. R. (Laboratory), 223.

Standings

Team	Won	Lost
Finance	16	3
X-Ray	15	4
EST School	13	5
Laboratory	12	6
Dental	11 1/2	7 1/2
Profs	11	8
Mustangs	10 1/2	9 1/2
NP Raiders	9	10
Cops	8	11
NP Doctors	7	12
CSR	7	13
Marine Detachment	6	14

Harrison: "The girl I marry will be able to blush."
Sweet Thing: "Oh, that's okay, I'll blush every time I'm seen with you."

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"A real big bargain for a buck" is the sales talk being dished out around the compound as plans for the hospital's Harvest Dance shape up. Everyone will be there—officers, enlisted staff, civilians, and patients, and a good time is sure to be had by all. Among the first to buy their tickets for the big UFD-inspired event were (1) Hal Boyles, civilian personnel assistant, who bought his tickets from Bill Alyea of staff personnel; (2) Admiral Bradley, who bought his from LT Edith S. Oliver; and (3) Pinkie Orr, who made her purchase from her fellow commissary worker, Ernie Sivertson.

"Operation Art" Fun-For-All Next Friday Night, Benefit UFD Set for 10 Dec.

Ten Hollywood artists will soon be heading for the Bay Area to sketch more of their favorite subjects—the men of the Navy and Marine Corps.

Their activities coordinated by Jeannie Wilson (whom many Knollites will remember from previous visits), these artists and others affiliated with "Operation Art for the Armed Forces" will arrive at NAS, Alameda, on 9 December, spend the day at USNH, Mare Island, and return here to spend all day Friday, 10 December, sketching patients on the wards. Their sketches will be presented to the patients, who will in all probability be sending them home for Christmas presents.

In the group will be Earl Moran, top pin-up and portrait artist; Fritz Willis, Esquire artist; Johnnie Johnson and Irvin Spence, animator and background artists for MGM's Tom and Jerry cartoons; Charles Day, magazine illustrator and portrait artist; Chuck Cazerno, top illustrator for "the slicks"; Bob Poole, magazine illustrator and portrait artist; Bill Mahood, Disney studio artist; and Francis James, portrait artist.



Oak Knoll had a distinguished visitor on Thanksgiving Day when Mr. J. A. Ford, British Consul in this area, came across the bay to visit two of his fellow countrymen—A. C. Mitchell, SN, left; and Peter Thomas, SA, of Her Majesty's Royal Navy. Mr. Ford represented Sir Robert Hadow, British Consul-General, who visited the two patients unofficially last Saturday. The two British sailors, now on 74A, are recovering from injuries they suffered in a Bay Bridge traffic accident that claimed the life of one of their shipmates from the frigate, HMS MORECAMBE BAY, early in November. Both had multiple injuries, but both are making good progress, and Thomas hopes to be well enough to fly home for Christmas—through the help of the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery.

Harvest Dance For All Hands

Now it can be told. The night of 10 December will be the night of the all-hospital harvest dance cooked up by a special committee as a benefit for the United Fund Drive.

The drive officially ends today, but it is hoped that next Friday night's party will add several hundred dollars to the till.

Tickets a Dollar

Tickets can be bought for \$1 at Navy Exchange lobby, and each may be worth much more to those who are lucky. Dancing to the music of a good dance band, sharing refreshments with your favorite Knollite, and the possibility of winning one of three door prizes are a real "bargain for a buck" as the slogans say.

Door prizes include a 21-inch TV set, a week end for two at Squaw Valley, and a record player. And you needn't be inside the door to get the prize.

Autumn Atmosphere

Corn husks and autumn colors will provide a colorful background for the dancers who may come in gingham and jeans or any casual costume.

HMC J. R. Baranski heads a committee of dance planners who represent all groups of hospital workers, their purpose to put on an all-hands dance to top all others held at the hospital—and at the same time to bolster the United Fund.

Navy Exchange, Toy Shop Open Saturdays

Holiday shoppers will be glad to know that starting Saturday, 4 December until Friday, 24 December, the Navy Exchange Store and the Toy Shop in Building 38 will be open on Saturdays, including 4, 11, and 18 December.

The regular store hours for these shopping days will be from 0900-1700.

United Fund Drive Totals \$7,341.00

Solicitation for the United Fund Drive was over today, and though the grand total of \$7,341 is far short of the goal set for the hospital, a "well done" is in order for all who gave their fair share.

Staff nurses were way out ahead in the giving, with a total of \$1464, which represents 119 per cent of their goal. Ninety-four per cent of the

Nurse Corps officers contributed. Next in line were other staff officers, who raised \$1941 or 88 per cent of their goal, with 91 per cent participation.

CAPT Robert W. Babione, chairman of the drive, is most anxious that all reports be in today. All individual pledges to be paid after this date must be sent to Crusade Headquarters in downtown Oakland.

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Love is a basic need in human development. Every person needs to love and be loved. With mammals the infant is invited to love first by the mother in suckling and caressing. The infant needs affection in order to develop its inherited capacities to motor response (as in play), attentive response (as watching the mother), and emotional response (in returning affection). The need for affection is recognized as one of the most essential needs of normal personality, indicating that the denial of affection is the major cause of neurotic and antisocial behavior. In the view of religion, need is a better concept than instinct because it is a conscious seeking. In needs we find the primary source of religious experience. Out of the depths of human need, men pray to a Creator of values. Unconscious needs exert their influence in organic tensions; conscious needs by open goal seeking, planning and organizing energies.

LCDR JAMES W. PAUL,
 Protestant Chaplain.

Welcome and Farewell

Reporting for duty were LT Glenna M. Stigler, NC, USNR, from USNH, St. Albans, N.Y.; ENS Harold J. Janson, MSC, USN, from USNH, Corona, Calif.; ENS Constance J. Tessmar, NC, USNR, from USNH, St. Albans, N.Y.; S. B. Johnson, HM1, from USNavTraUnit, St. Louis, Mo.; HN's K. H. Jones, from USNHCS, Bainbridge; D. T. Marrujo, and HA's F. A. Allen, R. L. Floyd, T. E. Hickman, Jr., C. A. Millar, M. L. Robeson, J. J. Blevins, from USNHCS, USNH, San Diego.

Detached were LT Alice C. Van Gundy, NC, USNR, to NAS, Hutchinson, Kansas; D. C. Howard, HM2, to USMarCorBase, Camp Pendleton; HM3's W. M. Forde, to NAS, Alameda; M. R. Hauk, to USS HAVEN; and D. C. Young, to USNS, T.I.

Released to inactive duty were LT F. S. Browne, MC; LTJG Joanne Greenwald; Dale M. Folger, HM3; and R. L. Kremers, HN.

The color Alice blue was named for Alice Roosevelt, Theodore Roosevelt's daughter.

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INSPECTION NOTES

Inspections go on as usual at EM quarters and in order to give recognition where it is due, Admiral Bradley has suggested a weekly box score to be printed here.

Topping the list on 30 November were:

Building 127, Petty Officers' Quarters—Outstanding.

Building 135B, HCQ, Dormitories E and F; Building 35, HCQ, Dormitories G and H; Waves' Quarters 123, 124, 129—Excellent.

Hollywood Revue Hits Knollites' Funnybone

The stage show that hit the hospital auditorium and the wards on 24 November at 1700, struck the funny bone of the audience, its master of ceremonies, Dave Ketchem, keeping them in stitches with his wit and humor.

One act that brought down echoes from the overhead was Ailene Flattery, who with her "large economy size," sang red hot mama type solos.

Jackie Watson, baton twirler, who performed for the Los Angeles Rams football games, had all eyes agog when she spun her jet batons in all directions.

Blonde bomb-shell, Mar Delle Anderson crooned "Coax Me a Little Bit," so sincerely that half the men in the audience forgot momentarily that it was only a song.

Wally Hauk, tenor soloist, gave his rendition of "Stars in Your Eyes," and Armand Hoffmann provided background music for the troupe, while Loretta Sweeney, the coy type, pantomimed a dancing doll.

Through arrangements made by the Hollywood Co-ordinating Committee, these stars have entertained in Washington, Oregon, Nevada, Texas, and New Mexico and are soon to go to Alaska.



Preparing their Christmas gifts well in advance are PFC James Gray, 43A, Donald R. Meyers, FN, 42A, and Glenn Hague, MMI, 70B, who are making copper-enamel jewelry under the guidance of Mrs. Gladis Christiana at the Craft Shop.

Red Cross Ramblings

CHRISTMAS PLANNING. Now that we've turned into the last month of the year, plenty of speculation is going the rounds. It's all focused on... "Am I going to get to go home for Christmas or not?" Well, either way, why be down in the dumps? There are loads of things you can do right here in the hospital for your sweetheart, wife, youngsters, or relatives. What nicer present could they receive than one you make yourself to take, or send, home? Bed patients, with the help of our Craft Gray Ladies, can make an infinite variety of beautiful gifts.

SANTA CLAUS CART: Keep an eye out for our special Christmas Cart which is loaded with finished gift suggestions. It has started making the rounds of the wards this week and will continue to do so until the holidays are over. Most popular for babies and real small fry are the cute, squeezey, felt animals—bambis, turtles, rabbits and others. For the lady of the house this is translated into felt evening bags with attractive patterns of sequins. Very chic this season! Huck woven bags and place mat sets are high in popularity, with slippers a close second. Coil copper jewelry is simple and most effective for bracelets and earrings. A twist of the wrist and—presto!!—a present. We could go on enumerating baby shoes, cowboy vests, etc., but you'll just have to watch for the cart and see for yourself.

SPECTACULAR JUDO. Some patients will remember the terrific judo and jiu jitsu demonstration we had here a few months back. Many have asked for a repeat performance. So, on Monday night, 6 December, Mr. Richard Takamoto and his Troupe of Twelve men (and women) will return to the Red Cross Lounge at 1900 hours. Don't miss this one next Monday night!

49ERS IN ACTION. There are two more home games on the pro-football roster. On Sunday, 5 December, the 49ers tangle with the Green Bay Packers whom they barely nosed out at their last meeting. The last game, when they again meet the Baltimore Colts, will be on a Saturday afternoon (instead of the usual Sunday) on 11 December. Get your name down on the Red Cross list early for these games!



Mr. and Mrs. Robert T. Bresnlin

Wedding Bells Ring for Corpswave and Patient

Pauline M. Krampitz, corpswave, became the bride of Robert T. Bresnlin, former patient, in a double ring ceremony at the Chapel last Wednesday, 24 November, LCDR James W. Paul officiating.

The bride wore a gown of white lace over satin with a fitted bodice, portrait neckline with applique scallops of lace and sequins, long high-point sleeves, and a full gored skirt falling from the pointed waistline. She wore an illusion veil cascading from a cap of lace embroidered with pearls and carried a white Bible in which her corsage of white orchids and stephanotis were attached.

Phyllis E. McElfish served as maid of honor, and Estella Horbostel, friend of the bride from Denver, Colo., served as bridesmaid. Gloria Cera and Mary Ann Wadleigh lit the three arms of candelabra at the altar. LTJG John Steward, MC, USN, gave the bride away while Robert E. Bresnlin, father of the bridegroom, served as best man and Theodore M. Tucker, uncle of the groom, ushered in the guests. Olivia Dunn was the organist.

The couple honeymooned in Southern California after a reception held in the CPO Club. They plan to be in Long Beach when the bride is discharged from the service.

Scuttlebutt

TIA from MASEFAU, TUTUILA, SAMOA, has, as far as anyone here has been able to determine, the shortest name in the Navy files. Back home it is not uncommon for a man to have only one name to his name, but when the 29-year-old BM2 joined the Navy 11 years ago, Tia was not enough. So, for the records, he is Tia (N) (N), each N standing for "none." Tia, a patient on 42A, is a right leg amputee as a result of an accident aboard ship.

WE TOOK TO THE TV WAVES again yesterday when Pauline Krampitz took leave from her duties at the maternity ward to sing "Secret Love" on Bonnie Keever's KRON-TV show, competing with the army. Votes from the TV audience (Get yours in—they're to be counted Tuesday) will determine who wins the prize watch and who will return to the show next Thursday...

KNOLLITEMS: Melvin Burr and Kenneth Jenkins both felt like displaced persons when the OAK LEAF came out last week. Burr went on the "Iron Lung Bus" run as a firefighter (not bus driver as reported). Transportation's Kenneth Jenkins drove the bus... Helen Kuchera must have been dreaming of a white Christmas a few days ago. She had walked some distance from the chow hall before noticing that she had brought her empty tray along... Bill Thomas of Commissary is still wondering what happened to the pictures of HIS girl. They belong on HIS mirror... Congratulations to Mary Wislowski and Virginia Sorby who are now wearing IG's stripes... Mrs. Minnie Jack is recovering nicely from surgery and hopes to be back at her desk in the Metabolic Research Facility soon... Turkey and all the trimmings were on the menu at the home of LTJG Ruth Drussel, ENS Ann Gillis, and LTJG Jerry Johnson when they entertained on Thanksgiving—their guests were Joan Frazee, Barbara Kayser, George McElfish, and four UC students whose homes are in Siam, Syria, and Thailand... James Harris, civilian employee at the post-office, has applied for a patent on his invention—a "control" for an automatic lawn sprinkler...

OAKNOLLUMNI: CDR (soon to be CAPT) James Crawford, flew from San Diego to spend the week end with the Abernethys. Doctor Crawford, former head of plastic surgery here, now holds that post on the staff. **RADM R. M. Gillett, San Diego** and former Oak Knoll exec... Digger Solomon writes from Stillwater, Okla. (Box 262) that he misses Oak Knoll—of interest to some may be his confession that he was responsible for the foghorn that nearly blasted men out of their bunks at reveille.

Officers' Wives to Meet Wednesday

The Officers' Wives' Club will meet on Wednesday, 8 December, for luncheon at the Officers' Club at 1300. A film and discussion presented by Eugene B. Morosoli, field representative for "The Wine Growers of America," will make up the program. Hostesses will be wives of officers in the Administrative Division, with Mrs. Melvin Huber in charge. Members are asked to bring a gift-wrapped food parcel for charity.



After 14 months of study and practical work in the Laboratory and Blood Bank, these 14 students received diplomas from Admiral Bradley on Friday, 26 November. This is the sixth class to graduate from the school. Standing, top row, from the left are William Shupe, HM3; Richard Dillon, HM1; Clinton Sprague, HM2; Marvin Hauk, HM3; John Early, HM2; William Forde, HM3; Donald Young, HM3; and John Jacobsen, HM3. Seated are Jason Seale, HM3; Robert Peck, HM3; Donald Schoenmann, HMI, second honorman with an average of 91.77; Douglas Cowser, HM2, top honorman with an average of 96.30; Darrell Bailey, HN, and William A. Mullen, HM2. Shupe, Dillon, Early and Bailey received orders for Radiological Defense Laboratory, Naval Station, San Francisco; Sprague for the USS HAVEN; Forde for NAS, Alameda; Young for USNS, San Francisco; Schoenmann, for USNS, Seattle; Mullen for USNS, Mare Island. Seale, Peck, and Cowser will remain on board for duty.

Previews

Sunday, 5 December
***THE FIGHTING DORSEYS** — James Dorsey, Thomas Dorsey, Paul Whiteman, Janet Blair. **MUSICAL.** As you can gather, this film is on the life of the famous Dorsey brothers, from the time they were youngsters playing their musical instruments together under the watchful eye of their coal miner father, until his death after the two had struggled to success. Jimmy and Tommy quarreled over how to run the band, until Tommy walked out in the middle of a performance and started one of his own. After that one argument, the two refused to come together but were finally reunited at their father's bedside.

Monday, 6 December
***KILLER LEOPARD** — Johnny Sheffield, Beverly Garland. **ADVENTURE.** Beverly Garland, an American screen star looks for her husband, an embezzler, in the heart of the jungle and learns he has gone to diamond mining country to buy bootleg uncut stones. She meets Bomba (Johnny Sheffield) and together they search, finally capturing husband and guide at the diamond mine.

Tuesday, 7 December
***DESTINY** — Aucey Murphy, Mari Blanchard. Here is a flicker too new for review.

Wednesday, 8 December
***JUNGLE GENTS** — Leo Gorcey, Huntz Hall, Laurette Luez, Bernard Gorcey. **COMEDY.** The Bowery Boys discover that Huntz Hall can "smell" diamonds and somehow they manage to get to Africa where they are hired to find stolen diamonds. On this safari, they have many an escapade. Hall eventually finds a vast fortune, and the Bowery Boys head home.

Saturday, 11 December
***FORT VENGEANCE** — James Craig, Keith Larsen. **ADVENTURE.** The Royal Canadian Mounted Police is a new but successful and respected organization at the time of this story, mostly concerned about Sitting Bull's attempt to stir up the peaceful Indians beyond the Canadian border over which he has escaped after killing General Custer. Two American brothers who have been chased across the same border by a frontier sheriff and posse join the Mounties, where one becomes a fine soldier and the other resorts to his old ways and winds up a corpse.

*Designates two showings.
 Thursday's and Friday's movies are canceled due to the dance to be held on Friday, the tenth.

Teacher: "Who won the race between the tortoise and the hare?"
 Student: "What weights were they carrying?"

Pay Schedule

WEDNESDAY, 15 DEC. — Officers, Staff Chiefs, Patients, Marines.
THURSDAY, 16 DEC. — Staff Enlisted, Bed Patients, Stragglers.
THURSDAY, 30 DEC. — Officers, All Patients (all pay will be by check).
FRIDAY, 31 DEC. — Staff Chiefs, Enlisted, Marines.
MONDAY, 17 JAN. — Officers, Staff Chiefs, Marines, Patients.
TUESDAY, 18 JAN. — Staff Enlisted, Bed Patients, Stragglers.



Superior accomplishment has paid off for these four civilian workers—Donna Cruzan, Myrtle Wallin, Elisabeth Winsby, and Minnie Jack. Each has received a 125-dollar-a-year pay raise and a commendation from the Commanding Officer.

Four Civilians Get Merit Pay Increases

Four Oak Knoll civilians, all women, are \$125 a year richer because the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery approved this command's request that they be granted Superior Accomplishment Pay increases.

They are Donna R. Cruzan, Secretary to the Executive Officer; Myrtle B. Wallin, Supervisor of the Records Division's Dictating Machine Transcribing Unit; Elisabeth Y. Winsby,

Supervisory Clerk, Personnel and Records Division; and Minnie F. Jack, Publications Editor (Medical Science Stenographer), Metabolic Research Facility Branch.

With their pay increase notices each worker received a commendation from the Commanding Officer. The awards were based on outstanding performance of duty in their present jobs.

NP Master at Arms Commended by CO

For duties performed with a minimum of supervision and a maximum of initiative, dependability, leadership and devotion to duty, Fred R. Munce, HM2, master-at-arms of the Neuropsychiatric Service, received a commendation last week from RADM Bruce E. Bradley.

"Without previous neuropsychiatric experience, you have made the master-at-arms office a source of strength and harmony which have added immeasurably to the smooth operation of the Neuropsychiatric Service," his commendation read.

Other military distinctions Munce holds are the Purple Heart and the SecNav Letter of Commendation.

Munce reported to Oak Knoll in August 1953.

He and his wife, Margaret Patricia, have a son, John Patrick, who was born two months ago at Oak Knoll.



Knoll Men Hoopsters Win First Game

The hospital basketball team opened the season's first league game on the hardwood by defeating NSC, Oakland, in a smashing victory Monday night at the Supply Center by a score of 71-47.

As the first half opened, Bill Allen started his own personal war on the supply center with the first basket for the Medics. The NSC team was not to be outdone, however, as they remained ahead most of the first half, but the hustle of the Oak Knoll crew kept them struggling to maintain that lead. A sudden burst of energy sent Bristol down the court for a basket, Allen followed him by getting two more baskets, and then the heat was on as Hooper scored another basket. Allen then made a free throw off a double foul, and on the next play made another basket. With the play still going on, Allen received the ball on a rebound to score, was fouled and got a free throw, which brought the scoring to a tie, 16-16. NSC jumped ahead in the last minutes of the half, but the Knollites also spurred ahead as Stephens dipped three baskets to tally and Hickman made a field goal to break the tie. Allen came up with two free throws and ended the scoring for the first half with the Knollites ahead 27-23.

Goering started the second half by getting two baskets and later scored on four free throws. Allen kept at his personal war and tallied three baskets and two free throws. Bristol hooked the ball in for three baskets as Hughes followed with a free throw. Hooper, filling in his individual score card, landed three more baskets and two free throws in the last half. As the Knollites continued in complete command, Travelstead joined the scoring corner by looping one in the hoop. Stephens made three baskets plus a free throw adding to the total score.

High-point man for the game was Allen with 20, followed by Stephen with 11. Lindsay and Harris of NSC each gained 12 points.

The hospital Medics played host to the Harbor Defense team Wednesday night at the NSC, Oakland, gym just too late for this week's OAK LEAF. All home games for the hospital men's team will be played at the NSC gym.



Dale M. Folger, HM3

Athletic Director Folger Leaves

Dale Folger, HM3, USNR, left last week for civilian life and a new job as instructor at the high school at Sisseton, S. D. After serving as Athletic Director for Oak Knoll since his arrival in May 1953, Folger hated to leave the "Ole Homestead" and his many friends, and the feeling was mutual.

Prior to his entry into the Navy, Folger was an Engineer's aid for the Minnesota Inspector of Highways in Moorhead, Minn. He was graduated from Moorhead State Teacher's College, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Physical Education.

Under Folger's leadership, Oak Knoll earned the Commandant's Trophy for Athletic Excellence in 1953 in the Class "B" League and currently is a potential winner of this year's award.

In civilian life he will be an instructor in Physical Education and his wife, Arlene, will be an elementary school teacher. Joe Gerdes, HN, has replaced Folger as Athletic Director.

12ND Bowlers Lose to Knoll's Travel Team

In the sixth game of the season's traveling league matches, the Oak Knoll squad walloped the 12ND Communication's team 2-1 here Monday night.

Veteran J. J. Libbrecht tossed the high game in the first and second laps, but lagged in the third as Henry Malay had high game in the third frame. The Knollites won the first game with a slapping 789 to the opponent's 777; the second the enemy took with 832 to the Medics' 780; in the final tilt, the Okies won with a 866 to the 12ND 755.

Ralph Goerner with 512, J. J. Libbrecht with 547 and Phillip Griffith with 467 were high scorers for the night. Hasbrook's 457 and Malay's 458 contributed to the winning total in the handicap plays.

The hospital team was tied for third place last week and they expect to keep climbing to the very top of the league standings. This game netted 2435 pins for the Knollites and 2414 for 12ND. The keglers will meet the Mare Island team on 6 December on the opponent's alleys.

Finance Keglers Still in Lead; Marines Win

Incoming personnel may add new blood to some of the teams and put them into competition, but from the looks of the Hospital Bowling League at the one-third mark, the champion will be one of the four "700 Average" teams. The present league-leading Finance team is way out in front with a team average of 772, followed by the Mustangs with 725, X-Ray, 719 and Laboratory, 705, but even with those averages, anything can happen in a handicap league. The rest of the teams are certainly going to make sure that the league champion isn't crowned until the last ball is rolled in the 10th frame of the 72nd game.

The old saying that "you can't beat the law" didn't hold true for the Cops when they met the Finance keglers. The league leaders had too much power for the Sheriffs as they knocked down 2377 pins to take all three games. Chief Engen had a 203-530 series for the winners, who added more pins to their high game league record when they rolled an 851 first game.

X-Ray managed to keep right on the heels of the league leaders when they took a 3-0 win from the N.P. Doctors. They certainly didn't have it easy, as the Doctors put on the pressure in the last game but still dropped it by a small margin of one pin. L. N. Howard rolled a 193-490 series for the winners, with M. L. Smith's 190-488 series giving a big helping hand.

The Mustangs warmed up for their "grudge battle" next week with the Finance keglers by throwing a shut-out at the Central Supply club. The "ex-white hats" rolled a 2155 series as their three wins moved them out of 7th place and back up among the leaders.

The steady climb of the E.S.T. School was temporarily halted when the N.P. Raiders slapped a white-washing job at the students. The Raiders knocked the sanitation boys out of 3rd place as F. J. Harvey rolled a 197-513 series and W. C. Austin rolled a 210-512 series to lead the N.P. Techs. This is the second triple win for the NP boys, and they both have been big ones. The previous one was a month ago when they knocked Lab out of first place.

Still feeling good over their victories of last week, the Marines decided to do it again. They hung a double loss on the Dental crew and almost made it three, but they lacked eight pins. Their wins moved them out of the cellar, and they are now resting in 9th spot in the standings.

INDIVIDUAL LEAGUE LEADERS

	High Average	High Series	High Game	Standings
W. C. Austin (NP Raiders)	—170			
J. J. Libbrecht (Mustangs)	—561			
L. R. Stupey (Laboratory)	—223			
Finance	19	5		
X-Ray	18	6		
Laboratory	14	10		
Mustangs	13½	10½		
E.S.T. School	13	11		

Staff Personalities



Beauty and brains, that rare combination, are synonymous with Joan L. Pennock, HN, from Lowell, Massachusetts. After graduating from New England High School at 16, she worked for four years in the business office of the city telephone company. In November, '52, she decided to come "Navy" for a while, starting at Balbridge with boot training and going on to Great Lakes for Corps School. She arrived at Oak Knoll in June '53, worked in the admission room of OPD until she entered Lab School. Going to parties is her chief hobby, but she also enjoys making a home "home."



Need a new upper? Your "lower chopper" giving you trouble? File your complaint with the Dental Department and Dean P. Lawrence, DT1, USN, will get the pleasure of making your new plates. Dean is a native of Corning, Iowa, and now resides in Oakland with his wife Sarah and sons David and Allen. He came into the Navy in March of '47, took his boot training and had Dental School at San Diego. Also while he was stationed in San Diego he was graduated from San Diego High School. He has since had assignments at Cabaniss Field, NAAS, Corpus Christi, Bethesda Prosthetic Lab, School, T.I., NAS, Alameda, Yokosuka, Hunters Pt. He came to Oak Knoll in May '54.

Dental	12½	11
Profs	12	12
N.P. Raiders	12	12
Marine Detachment	8	16
Cops	8	16
N.P. Doctors	7	17
C.S.R.	7	17

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Friday, 10 December, 1954



CDR Shim Ku Bok, ROK Navy, second from right, Commanding Officer of 5 Naval Hospital, Seoul, Korea, compared notes with Oak Knoll administrators when he was here Monday en route home from a medical meeting in Luxembourg. The doctor, who represented Commodore Pak Chu Pyon, Surgeon General of the Korean Navy, will have completed a round-the-world flight when he returns to Korea this week. Meeting with the ROK Navy doctor in the CO's office were LT's Kim Sun Yong, Yu Hyong Pok, Pak Yun Chang, Kim Su Hyon, (all of whom are here for instruction), Captain Abernethy, and Admiral Bradley.

Holiday Season Chock Full of Festive Events

Special Services announces a variety of holiday events—enough for every patient, staff member, and staff member's family, according to the following schedule. Mark these on your calendar and save the dates:

Tuesday, 14 December—The Alameda Rod and Gun Club has invited 12 patients to a Christmas party at Eagles' Hall, Alameda Avenue; all interested are requested to sign up at Special Services by 12 December.

Tuesday, 14 December—The Associated Students, Inc., of San Francisco State College will present a seven-act stage show in the hospital auditorium at 1930.

Thursday, 16 December—A Christmas party will be given by the WAVES at the CPO Club at 2000 for all hands.

Sunday, 19 December—A Protestant Children's Program will be presented by the Sunday School Children at 0900 in the Sunday School Building.

Sunday, 19 December—The Veteran Hospital's Christmas Committee will move in for the day to decorate wards and other parts of the compound.

Monday, 20 December—The Children's Christmas party planned by Special Services will take place in the hospital auditorium at 1400. Santa Claus will tour the compound in a fire truck and visit the pediatrics ward before arriving at the auditorium to distribute gifts to the children at the party.

Tuesday, 21 December—The Starlighters of Marin will present a stage show in the hospital auditorium at 1900.

Tuesday, 21 December—A group of New York artists will tour the wards.

Wednesday, 22 December—Officers will have an egg nog party in the club at 1900.

Friday, 24 December—Protestant Candlelight Service will be held at 2200 in the hospital chapel.

Friday, 24 December—Catholics will hold midnight mass beginning at 2330.

Saturday, 25 December—The Veteran Hospitals' Christmas Committee will provide entertainment and distribute gifts to all patients on the wards.

Sunday, 26 December—The Hollywood Stage Show, featuring Raymond Burr, seven starlets, and an eight-piece band, will perform at 1900 in the hospital auditorium.

From Monday, 20 December through Christmas Day, the Chapel Chimes will be heard on the compound as they peal out the traditional Christmas Carols.

Keep S-D Day Traffic Accident Free

Last year, we Americans killed one person every 14 minutes around the clock, throughout the year. The total 1953 death toll was 38,300. And some man, woman, or child was injured in traffic approximately every 23 seconds—a total of 1,350,000 persons—to the point where they were disabled beyond the day of the accident.

The price of traffic accidents in 1953 in terms of money is estimated to have been four billion dollars, including medical expense, property loss and other costs.

These are the reasons why the President's Action Committee for Traffic Safety, in cooperation with all major traffic safety organizations in the United States, is promoting S-D Day on Wednesday, 15 December 1954—one special day to demonstrate what can be accomplished if every individual accepts personal responsibility for safety. The objective of S-D Day is one completely accident-free day throughout the entire country.

Throughout the nation, civilians and members of the armed forces will strive for a perfect safety record. Such a record seems highly improbable, but it is possible, providing drivers of all motor vehicles proceed with the utmost caution.

Oak Knoll has been remarkably free from serious accidents, but four or five minor accidents a month do occur among hospital vehicles driven by civilian and Navy personnel. All could have been prevented by exercising due caution in addition to complying with the basic driving rules.

On S-D Day next Wednesday, every driver and pedestrian is urged to accept full responsibility for adherence to basic safety principles: 1. Observe the letter and the spirit of all traffic regulations. 2. Be courteous to every driver and pedestrian—practice sportsmanship. 3. Give full attention to driving and walking.

A score sheet will be kept in cooperation with public officials, press association and newspapers so that the results of the first Nation-wide S-D Day efforts may be measured. Let all of us who make up the Oak Knoll population keep S-D a safe day for ourselves and our families.

Corpsman Cited for Standing Polio Watch

Fortunato A. Schiavo, HN, performed his duties in such an outstanding manner when assigned to a special watch on a polio patient from 31 July to 7 November that he received a commendation for his efforts last Friday. The patient, Edward D. Hall, RD2, USN, was recently transferred to the Veterans Administration Hospital, Philadelphia, Pa., and



Fortunato A. Schiavo, HN

Schiavo continued to serve as his special watch until his arrival there.

The commendation read in part: "You spent many hours of your own time in providing extra care for your patient. Your felicitous attitude in many instances kept Hall from becoming apprehensive and disheartened, and your attention to the patient's physical condition was outstanding." En route to Philadelphia, the commendation further stated, "You assisted in making the patient (Continued on page 2)

It's Here—That 10 December Dance

Tonight's the night of the all-hospital Harvest Dance, where everyone can swing his partner into a square dance, a waltz, a tango or what have you, to tunes played by the Twelfth Naval District Swing Band.

Balloons will fly from the auditorium ceiling over a country scene where, among other attractions, there

will be exhibition dancing by a group of expert folk dancers.

Don't forget the time—1900 to 2400. Don't forget the prizes—a TV set, a week end for two at Squaw Valley, and a record player. Don't forget your tickets—there are still a few left. Get them without delay at the Navy Exchange lobby.

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★ ★ CHAPLAIN'S CORNER ★ ★

The American Jewish community is this year embarking upon its fourth century of creative existence within the matrix of the democratic life on this soil. It was in September, 1654, that a handful of Jews arrived in Nieu Amsterdam, known later as New York. For these refugees, fleeing the inquisition in Brazil, New York was their fourth home in what seemed to them an endless search for religious freedom.

That score of settlers has today grown to five and a half million souls, the largest and freest Jewish community in the world. Jews and their fellow religionists throughout our country will recount in every conceivable fashion the Jewish contributions to American life. The patriotism of Jewish fighters in our wars from the Revolution to our own day will be eulogized. The distinguished role Jews have played in the fields of government, welfare, public affairs, commerce and industry, science, music, literature and art—all this will be glorified.

Many factors are responsible for the creative productivity of American Jews to our national culture. Not least among them is the fact that in America organized religion enjoys a position of respect and confidence. Therefore, Jews together with Americans of all faiths enjoy a most important freedom—freedom of religion; the right to worship how and where we please. No freedom could be more precious. It is for us of all faiths to hold fast to this democratic right.

SANFORD H. HAHN, CHC, USNR, Jewish Chaplain



LTJG Joanne Greenwald, released to inactive duty since last week, and LTJG Elbert J. Ellis, USNR, of the San Francisco Recruiting Station were united in marriage here last Saturday, 4 December, at 2000, with Chaplain William F. Paul officiating. The bride cut her wedding cake at a reception at the Officers' Club, after which they left for a 15-day honeymoon and a home on Telegraph Hill, San Francisco. Mrs. Lee Taylor, former Oak Knoll nurse, and Charles D. Smijlsal, friend of the groom, were their only attendants. Richard Greenwald gave his sister in marriage. Ralph Laris, soloist, was accompanied by Olivia Dunn at the organ.

Jewish Meeting at T.I.

A meeting and social gathering of Jewish personnel in the 12th Naval District will be held on Sunday, 12 December, at 1930 in the Reception Room of the Main Chapel at T.I.

The purpose of the meeting is to

Welcome and Farewell

Reporting for duty were CDR John D. Walters, MC, USN, from USNH, Bethesda, Md.; LTJG Louise F. Young, NC, USNR, from USNH, St. Albans, New York; ENS Raymond B. Tatum, from USNS, Treasure Island, San Francisco; HM1's G. Simons, from USNS, Tongue Point, Astoria, Ore.; B. T. Brooks; HM2's R. M. Beckstead; J. E. Kjos, P. E. Ewald, HM3; HN's J. E. McElhatten; R. A. Tillman, from ComServPac; R. G. Johnson from USNS, Tongue Point, Astoria, Ore.; and R. H. Cederlund, Jr., from USNAAS, Fallon, Nev.

Detached were CDR William M. Craft, MC, USN, to Naval School of Aviation Medicine, NAS, Pensacola, Fla.; LT's Leona M. Panther, NC, USNR, to USNH, San Diego, Calif.; Bernice E. Fenn, NC, USN, to NAD, Hawthorne, Nev.; R. A. Dillon, HM1, to RADLDFLAB, NavShipYd, San Francisco; D. L. Schoenmann, HM1, to USNS, Seattle, Wash.; HM2's J. C. Early to RADLDFLAB, NavShipYd, San Francisco; C. T. Sprague, Jr., to USNH, Bremerton, Wash.; W. A. Mullen, to NavShipYd, Mare Island; D. C. Howard, to USMarCorBase, Camp Pendleton; W. F. Shupe, Jr., HM3, and D. E. Bailey, HN, to RADLDFLAB, NavShipYd, San Francisco.

The resignations of CDR's Henry S. Colony, MC, USN, and Mervyn Shoor, MC, USN, were accepted. Released to inactive duty were LTJG Joanne Greenwald, NC, USNR-R; G. E. Tomasi, HM3, D. V. Carano, DTGN, and W. H. Cripps, HN. M. Schechter, HM2, was discharged.

afford Chaplain Sanford H. Hahn, only Jewish chaplain in the District, the opportunity of meeting Jewish personnel and discussing with them matters of common interest. All Jewish personnel are cordially invited.



A special holiday treat was made for the Pediatrics ward by Brownie Troop 69. A colorful December calendar made in the form of a house with windows which open for each day and provide a surprise. Little Susan Martin, Stefi Rice, and Terry Lou (all age 7), with their sponsor, Mrs. George L. Rice, present their gift to Gray Lady Mrs. Ella Rose for young Oak Knoll patients.

Red Cross Ramblings

WHO ARE THEY? During these days (and evenings) previous to the holidays we have many visitors to the compound. They are of all sizes and ages and most of them come bringing something to give—something that they have made lovingly, with their whole hearts, to make someone else happier. All of the fellows ask questions as they see groups going about the Lounge and peering in at the Craft Shop or clustered on the steps at the Community Service Building.

ALL FRIENDS, the wealth of well-wishers to this hospital can hardly be measured. From the little coveys of Brownies and Cub Scouts, darting around, to all of the Veterans' organizations, their Auxiliaries, and the many, many service clubs who are dedicated to giving service to others, they are all your friends.

LOSS TO LOUNGE. One of our best friends is due to leave the service any day now and he surely will be missed. Our Maestro-of-the-Lounge, Howard English, QM1, ward 60A, has big plans as a civilian. English has really done a terrific job at keeping the Lounge in top shape and ready for visitors every day for many, many weeks. "Right hand man" Richard Razo, AN, is also to be sincerely thanked for his help and willingness

to pitch in wherever needed. But these men have done much to make nice for their shipmates.



Another Oak Knoll romance culminated in marriage in the chapel on Friday, 3 December, at 1900 when Georgia A. Schwalls became the bride of Gordon E. Tomasi. Chaplain James W. Paul read the double ring ceremony. The two HM3's were attended by June McDonald, HM3, and David R. Smith, HN. Harry Tritschler, HM1, gave the bride away. The groom was released to inactive service last week. They plan to live in San Diego, where he will take a pre-med course.

Divine Services

Hospital Chapel at Main Gate
 PROTESTANT
 BIBLE SCHOOL—SUNDAY 0930
 SUNDAY WORSHIP—1030
 HOLY COMMUNION—First Sunday morning each month.

CATHOLIC
 SUNDAY MASSES
 0600-0800-0900-1200
 DAILY MASS and ROSARY at 1145
 Confessions before Mass
 Saturday—1900
 Any other time upon request
 Catholic Oratory in back of Chapel
 Choir Rehearsal—Tuesday 1930

CHAPLAINS' OFFICES
 IN CHAPEL AND 67A

NAVY RELIEF OFFICE—
 IN 67A

BUS TO AND FROM CHAPEL
 ON SUNDAYS 0845 AND 1015

Commended for Watch

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 comfortable, eased the transition to his new surroundings and by his presence and encouragement was able to ease the difficulties of transferring the patient from one respirator to another and to lighten the hazardous difficulties in such a transfer."

Schiavo joined the Navy in March 1953 after two years of pharmacy at the University of New Mexico.

Scuttlebutt

SIGNS OF THE TIMES: Patients greening themselves for the Hollywood Artists' visit today . . . Chief Baranski counting the cash he has taken in on ticket sales for the dance tonight . . . CWOHC John H. Faunce and LTJG Harold Daniel looking in the mirror, visualizing themselves as they will soon appear here—in Santa Claus suits . . . Workmen changing the old Artificial Limb Department sign for a new one that reads **NAVY PROSTHETICS RESEARCH LABORATORY** . . .

PEOPLE & PLACES: It was hard to tell who was more excited—Georgia or Gordon Tomasi—anyway when it came time for Georgia to slip the ring on the groom's finger, somehow it got on the fourth finger of his right hand . . . ENS Joy Knight, LTJG Ruth Drussell, and George McElfish, HM1, were among those who saw the London Festival Ballet at the San Francisco Opera House Tuesday night. On the program were "Swan Lake," "Petrouchka," and "Esmeralda" . . . Millie Jackie Crowley, Corpswave in OPD, is wearing a brand new engagement ring sent from Kingman, Ariz., by Marvin E. Brooks, EM2, former patient at Oak Knoll. He was discharged in June and they plan to be married next June . . . Congratulations to Mary D. Oslin of the Navy Nurse Corps Reserve. As of 27 November she has been a JG . . . Jean Reeside, former Knollite Corpswave, now at 50 Fell Street, has orders for MSTs, Yokohama . . . It isn't everyone who can get her name on the cake twice in the Record Office, but that is what has happened to Agnes Hoover. When Travis Ross, Joe Herbst, Dave Bramschreiber, Lance Johnston, Gordon Lucian, and M. L. Murphy made their rates, so did Agnes' husband, an HM1, up in Adak, Alaska. So when the men celebrated with a cake, Agnes came in for part of the honors; then last week, there was another feed all in her honor—with an igloo, Eskimo fisherman, and a dog sled to orient her for the life she will be living after she flies mid-month to join her husband.

LIFE BEGINS: One of the happiest fathers on the compound is Corbit Ray, civilian amputee instructor, whose 8-lb., 2-oz. son, Thomas Charles, arrived on 3 December. Corbit's wife, Betty, was stricken with polio early in her pregnancy but made a good recovery, and she and her young son are doing nicely, with the help of 2½-year-old Susan . . . LTJG Paul W. Scokel, III, and his wife, Mary Lou, are parents of 7-lb., 9¼-oz. Paul Stephen, born on the 3rd . . . CDR Earle Canfield and his wife, Florence, welcomed their fourth child on 4 December—a 7-lb., 8½-oz. boy they've named Mark Sanders.

NAMES: Admiral D. Kelly on Ward 61 is an MM1 from Treasure Island.

Oak Knoll's "Little Red School House" In I & E Gets Good Results for Corpsmen

Although Oak Knoll's "little red schoolhouse" in Building 25 has been in existence almost as long as the hospital itself, new impetus has been added in recent months by an energetic group of "educators" whose work has been done quietly and without publicity but has nevertheless brought outstanding results.

These are LTJG Harold E. Daniel, Information and Educational Services Officer, members of the local examining board, which includes LT Frank C. Johnson, LTJG Raymond A. Nygren, CWOHC's John H. Faunce, Alonzo K. Spencer, Robert C. Davies, and LTJG Daniel; LT Mary Martin, the school teacher herself, and many members of the staff who have given special lectures and demonstrations to corpsmen in order to give them a well-rounded view of hospital functions.

In order to advance in rate, a corpsman must have had sufficient time in service and in rate; must complete and pass the training course required by the Bureau; and in addition, must be able to demonstrate a knowledge of practical factors—laboratory and pharmacy procedures, first aid and

nursing techniques, and a variety of routine office procedures. That is where the "educators" come in. Practically every department on the compound contributes by training corpsmen in the practical factors. Miss Martin coaches the corpsmen in regular training sessions they have learned to like. Members of the examining board test men in the practical phases of hospital work representatives of the different departments have taught them. If the examiner feels a man is ready for advancement and the Commanding Officer approves, his name will be posted when examination time comes.

"Preparation—well, it's just like building a ship," one board member said this week. "Every part of it must be completely seaworthy. Otherwise it will sink at the launching."

The value of study and practical experience was shown by the recent PO examinations, when 66 per cent of all "takers" passed first, second, and third class exams—a much higher percentage than in previous years.

According to the Bureau, there will be more petty officer vacancies next year than this, and all who are interested in going up should be preparing now for the "launching" to take place in February. Further information is available either at Staff Personnel or Information and Educational Services.

Mr. Daniel urges all corpsmen to study continuously for advancement. "Every man interested in his future will start studying for examination in the next rate as soon as he has sewed on his crow," he advised.

Previews

Sunday, 12 December
***GONE WITH THE WIND**—Clark Gable, Vivian Leigh, Leslie Howard, and Olivia De Havilland. It's back again—that fabulous story of the South during the Civil War from 1861 to 1865 and its aftermath. Scarlet O'Hara, the heroine of this complicated Best Seller made into a movie stands for the many conflicts a Southern woman endured in those strife-torn days of the Civil War. There will be only one movie this day at 1300 since the picture takes more than three and a half hours.

Monday, 13 December
****SALOME**—Rita Hayworth, Stewart Granger. **DRAMA.** Color. A full-blown spectacle with the settings of the court of a Roman Emperor and an Eastern potentate, it is a morally significant document concerning the early teachings of Christ and the beginnings of the Christian religion. This swiftly moving story takes place in the time of John the Baptist, until shortly after his execution in the palace of King Herod.

Tuesday, 14 December
****LIVING IT UP**—Dean Martin, Jerry Lewis, Janet Leigh. **Color.** Lewis, a town-struck station agent, is thrown from a freight train into an old automobile which is radioactive from A-bomb tests, and Martin, who becomes his companion and conspirator mistakenly announces Lewis has but three weeks to live. Miss Leigh, a New York reporter, takes him to New York where her publisher and the mayor have alerted the whole city for his arrival. All sorts of involvements, disclosures, surprises and complications start piling up with amusing results.

Wednesday, 15 December
****CANNIBAL ATTACK**—Johnny Weismuller, Judy Walsh. This time Johnny Weismuller's enemies are crocodiles and savages who dress like crocodiles. These men are led by a half-caste jungle girl, the ward of a cobalt mine owner. She has persuaded him to smuggle the cobalt and sell it to a foreign government. Weismuller is called in by the jungle commissioner to solve the mystery of the thefts.

Thursday, 16 December
****THE ATOMIC KID**—Mickey Rooney, Robert Strauss, Elaine Davis. This one is too new for review.

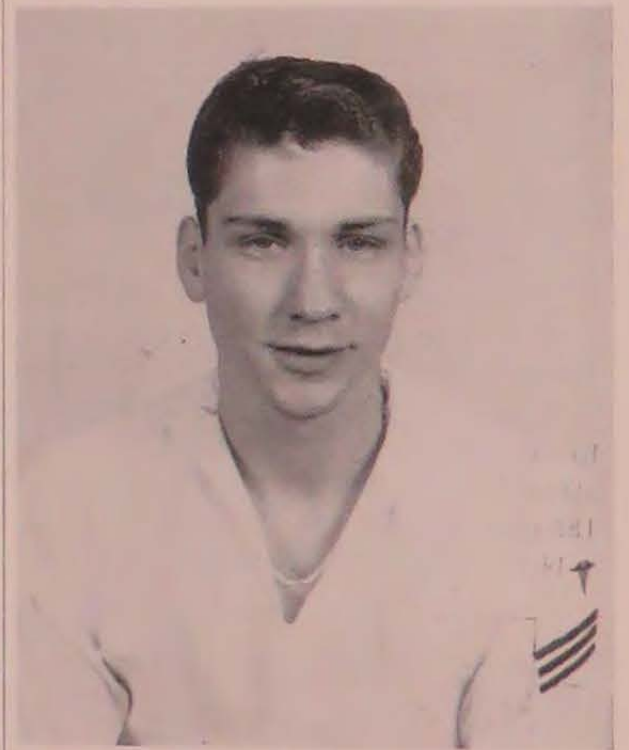
Friday, 17 December
****PHFFT**—Judy Holliday, Jack Carson. **COMEDY.** This laughter concerns a marriage that has gone on the rocks in other words "Phfft." Miss Holliday is a high-paid writer of TV soap operas whose marriage to Lemmon, a theatrical attorney, has simmered down to boredom and bickering. After a Reno divorce, each decides to have a fling. However, ex-husband and wife finally come to realize that their experiments in philandering are uninteresting and they are still in love with each other. A friend of the ex-husband reunites the couple in happy marriage.

Saturday, 18 December
*****COUNSELOR-AT-LAW**—John Barrymore. This is an old favorite and with the never-to-be-forgotten John Barrymore starring, entertainment should be tops.
 *One movie at 1300 only.
 **Two movies at 1730 and 1930.
 ***Two movies at 1430 and 1930.

Staff Personalities



That sparkling personality ricocheting all over the compound is Frances A. Peters, HN, USN, who started life in Ortonville, Mich. Frances graduated from Laureville High School in Laureville, Ohio, then moved on to Pontiac, Mich., for business college. In November '53, she joined the Navy and went to Bainbridge for boots and on to Great Lakes for Corps School; then to Oak Knoll, where she arrived last June. Roller skating, horseback riding, swimming, and reading are Frances' hobbies. She would like to go to the Navy's Aviation Medicine School, but if this hope doesn't materialize, Michigan State College may have another co-ed.



"A friend in need, is a friend indeed" is the slogan of Hugh S. Davis, of Lodi, California, and he tries to live up to it. He lives in Oakland with his wife Jo Ann and their Oak Knoll-born son Forrest. After graduating from Lodi High School, he did some farming, and attended Cal Poly College. In March '52 he came into the Navy, took his boot training and Corps School at San Diego, and arrived at Oak Knoll in February '54. Since his arrival, he has worked on 61A, 74A and currently 43B. He is an amateur boxer and represented Cal Poly while a student there and Navy while at San Diego. His hobby is writing. After this tour of duty is over he hopes to return to Lodi and ranching.

plans were approved in February and the work begun.

Oak Knoll patients were on hand for the recent dedication of the shelter, which will serve disabled veterans as long as Kezar Stadium serves Bay Area sports fans.

DAV Dedicates Veterans' Shelter

A five-year dream of members of the Disabled American Veterans recently came true at Kezar Stadium, San Francisco, when a \$51,000 shelter for disabled veterans was dedicated.

High above the 50-yard line on the north side of Kezar, the roofed shelter is built to accommodate 35 wheelchair disabled veterans. With an entrance away from the crowds, the shelter is reached by elevator which carries three wheel chair patients at a time. In addition to having choice seats in the sunshine (when it shines) the disabled veterans have their own powder room, coffee at the half, and complete protection from the elements.

Frank Curley, Senior State Service Officer, DAV, was the main cog in the drive for the shelter.

"In 1949, a group of us, including the Gold Star Mothers, all interested in the welfare of the disabled veteran—discussed the feasibility of such a shelter," according to Mr. Curley. "At that time, wheel chair patients were seated behind the players' bench, exposed to the elements, and on many occasions were forced to leave the game because of weather conditions."

Representatives of the veterans groups appealed to the Recreation and Park Commission, and though it took some time to "sell" the idea, eventually Mr. Curley and his co-workers surmounted all obstacles, and with the approval of Mayor Robinson and the Park Commission,

Pay Schedule

WEDNESDAY, 15 DEC. — Officers, Staff Chiefs, Patients, Marines.
THURSDAY, 16 DEC. — Staff Enlisted, Bed Patients, Stragglers.
THURSDAY, 30 DEC. — Officers, All Patients (all pay will be by check).
FRIDAY, 31 DEC. — Staff Chiefs, Enlisted, Marines.
MONDAY, 17 JAN. — Officers, Staff Chiefs, Marines, Patients.
TUESDAY, 18 JAN. — Staff Enlisted, Bed Patients, Stragglers.

Finance Keglers Lose Team Lead; Mustangs Win

Not too many changes in position took place in the standings of the Hospital Bowling League this past week, but things really tightened up and brought the 7th place NP Raiders to within 4 games of 1st place and tied Finance and X-Ray. Mustangs and Laboratory exchanged places, Dental dropped two spots, and Finance was forced to share its lead with X-Ray.

The Finance keggers seemed to think there was a mistake in the schedule when they had to meet the mustangs on a night that the "ex-white hats" were hotter than the proverbial 4th of July cap pistol. Chief John Libbrecht bashed out a big 232-210-602 series to lead to the triple clobbering of the league leaders. Libbrecht's series plus CWO Haines' 536 brought about games of 796-872-902 for the record-breaking 2570 series, with that 902 game also being a record. Finance still maintained their consistent bowling by averaging 797 per game for the night, as Chief Joe Engen rolled a nifty 217-568 series.

With the slaughtering of Finance, X-Ray could have really forged into the league lead, but they had the misfortune of being colder than a deep freeze. They had to be satisfied with going into a tie for the lead, as they lost a couple of games to the Dental crew. CWO Davies rolled a 180 game for the Dentists while Eldon McGaha had a 182 game for the losers.

Bowling without the service of their spark plug, Buzz Malay, Laboratory was able to stay up among the leaders as they took a 2-1 win from the Marine Detachment. W. M. Tom's 170 game was tops for the winners as John Huguera rolled a 173 game for the losers.

The EST School kept pace with the rest of the first division when they took a win from the Cops.

The Sheriffs won the last game to break the drought, a string of 11 straight losses. Bob Deloche rolled a 189 game for the students.

N.P. Raiders continued to raise



One of the reasons that the Finance team has been in the lead so long in the intrahospital bowling is team Captain Joe Engen, who rolled a neat 217-568 series last week. Chief Engen also played on Finance's team last winter.

their team average as they knocked down 2208 pins to hang a shutout on the Central Supply crew. Walt Austin's 199-517 series and Bob Manchester's 190-501 series were high for the winners, and W. A. Marrison had a 487 series for the losers.

The EST Profs slapped a white washing job on the N.P. Doctors to move up in the first division.

Individual League Leaders

High Average, J. J. Libbrecht (Mustangs), 171.

High Average, W. C. Austin (NP Raiders), 171.

High Series, H. J. Engen (Finance), 568.

High Game, L. R. Stupy (Laboratory), 223.

Standings

	Won	Lost
Finance	19	8
X-Ray	19	8
Mustangs	16½	10½
Laboratory	16	11
EST School	15	12
Profs	15	12
NP Raiders	15	12
Dental	14½	12½
Marine Detachment	9	18
Cops	9	18
N.P. Doctors	7	20
CSR	7	20

Knoll's Traveling Bowlers Belt T.I.

In keeping with the fine start they made in the first games of 12ND Class B League Bowling Competition, the hospital five-man team chalked up another win, this time the Treasure Island Marines, and winning all three games.

Total pins for all three games played and won last Monday night at Treasure Island was 2387. High individual score for the evening was Phillip Griffith with a 499; Henry Malay was next with 486 and Ralph Goerner followed close behind with 484.

As of this issue, the Oak Knoll bowlers are in third place with 13 wins and 8 losses. The other two top

Hospital Men Basketeers Win One; Lose Another to Letterman Lions

The local hospitalmen added the necessary jet action to produce a near whitewash win over Harbor Defense last Wednesday night at the NSC gym. The Medics won the tilt 73-17 in an almost no contest.

The Harbor Defense team got off to a slow start and only Partee managed to chalk up two points during the entire first half, while Oak Knoll held a field day. Coach Haines played all teams and substituted freely in the first half. On a break in the first stanza Bill Allen, who in the last game held a personal war against the opponents, started his campaign again by leading the attack with 11 points. The Knollites were well in the lead with a 29-2 score at the end of the first half.

Staggering Attempt to Score

Slowly but surely, the Harbor Defense team staggered back in the second half as Smedley and Hodges hooked the mesh for four points, but "Mighty Mite Exum" matched this performance by getting 4 points for the Knollmen. The hospital basketeers broke lose with a rush of buckets to stage a rally in the final half and added 21 points to their lead and ended the game 73-17. Hodges and Kulhman's 7 and 4 points respectively were high scorers for the losers.

High Scorers

Allens' 16 points were high for the night, followed by Goering with 11. Graves, Hooper, and Stephens made 8 points each.

In the second game against the Letterman's Lions Monday night at Letterman Hospital, the Knollites suffered their first defeat of the season, losing by the score of 42-34. In spite of the fact that the Knoll team shows improvement each time they get on the court, the Lions remained ahead of them till the end by 8 points.

In the first half Letterman started the scoring with Buda playing the lead and chalking 20 points between him and Washborn. While Allen scored 17 points for the Knollites in the second half, the Knollites were ahead for the first time when they scored baskets by Allen and Hughes to bring the tally to 24-26 favoring the Acorns. Buda and Washborn kept their campaign on to hoop more baskets for their team and tie the game 26-26 by the middle of the last half. Allen and Hughes, Buda and Washborn chalked the scores for both sides to end the game 42-34.

The Acorns will meet NAS, Oakland on their home floor at NAS, Oakland Monday, 13 December.

Knoll Women Keglers Lose Third Game; Need Team Members

The Oak Knoll Women Bowlers met the Treasure Island WAVES last Thursday night, 2 December, and lost all 3 games to the action-packed T.I. crew on the opponent's alleys.

With the opponents getting high game of 177 and high series of 431, the Knollites were placed in an embarrassing situation when it seemed that they could not get a bead on the main pin. The first game was a neat 521 to 575, the second game, 583 to 586 and the last tilt 524 to 656.

The lady bowlers are in need of more players for the team, to replace those members unable to get off duty to bowl and to have a reserve power unit. Bernice Fenn has been transferred, and that left a hole in the team. Present members are Francine Bedel, Jean Cameron, Ella Mae Vick and Bonnie McCafferty.

40 Patients Invited To Wrestling Matches

Forty patients are invited by the Alameda County Employee's Association to the wrestling matches to be held today (Friday) at the Oakland Auditorium. The matches will feature Primo Carnera, veteran boxer and wrestler.

Transportation will leave at 1900.

Movies scheduled for Saturdays and Sundays at 1730 and 1930 have been changed to only one showing at 1830. There will now be a matinee at 1430 on these two days.

teams are 12ND Staff with 15 wins and 6 losses, NSC, Oakland with 14 wins and 4 losses.

The next game for the Knollites will be Monday night against the 12ND Staff team at Treasure Island.

Hospital Women Defeated by T.I.; Balfanz Hoops 11

The Oak Knoll Women's Basketball squad dropped its second game of the season on NSC gym floor to Treasure Island 16-30, Wednesday, 1 December.

Trailing 2-8 at the end of the first period, Oak Knoll continued the cold streak and at the end of the half, the locals were losing 6-13.

The locals came out stronger in the second half as Kuchera tallied a free throw and one basket. Balfanz got a free throw and made the only basket in this period. The opponents turned on the heat in the final quarter with fine strategy and managed to chalk 30 points to Knoll's 16 when the whistle sounded.

What hindered the Knoll cagers was the inability of the forwards to operate with any effect, and the team missed too many free throws. Bartnick made 2 points in the last quarter. Kuchera, who suffered a sprained ankle in the game made 3 points. Balfanz was the high scorer for the evening with 11 points. Others in the lineup were Brogdon, Carson, Kunkel, Cameron, and Charlton. The girls played NAS, Alameda, Wednesday night, but the results were not available for this issue of the OAK LEAF.

Tickets Available for Christmas Pageant

Special Services has 25 tickets for staff and patients for each performance of the Christmas Pageant to be presented at Oakland Auditorium by the Oakland Recreation Department Saturday, 11 December and Sunday, 12 December.

The matinee will start at 1400 and the evening performances at 2000.

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Among the models who "sat" for Earl Moran (1), top pin-up and portrait artist, when he visited 79A with Jeannie Wilson, artist and co-ordinator for "Operation Art for the Armed Forces," was slightly self-conscious Gregory J. Murphy, SN. Waiting their turns are Carroll R. Flohr, BT3; PFC William T. Wilson; Harry Collier, HM2; CPL Donald R. Van Cleave; PVT Peter Arnouse; and Charles H. Daniels. (2) On 76B Louis Ashford, SN, and Charles Dowdy, FN, were among those who enjoyed the work of genial Lloyd Baker, cartoonist for Saturday Evening Post, Cosmopolitan, and Colliers. (3) Holding the attention of men on 61A was no chore for Irwin Spence, animator and background artist for MGM's Tom and Jerry, who gave away literally scores of lively sketches during the day. In the crowd were Albert A. Fredrickson, GMC; Harry J. Wall, CCM (Ret.); Purvis L. Derouren, FP2; PFC George Wesch; Charles H. Block, HN; Joseph F. Bruno, ADAN; and Jack O. Keith, FN.

Yes, There Is a Santa Claus

There is a Santa Claus, and he is coming to Oak Knoll as sure as this is a Navy hospital.

Scores of townspeople will move in Sunday to prepare the way for Santa's arrival in a red suit on Christmas Day. Many of these people, who will gladly give their Sunday to decorate the hospital, have already given their cash to the cause of Christmas. They are members of the Veteran Hospitals' Christmas Committee—a 30-year-old Santa Claus who has been climbing down chimneys of veteran and service hospitals in the Eastbay Area for three decades.

And, what is more, Santa doesn't wait until Christmas. He is here every day of the year. He is the Red Cross Gray Lady who brings you cigarettes, does your shopping for you, teaches you how to play the piano, or writes letters home for you when you can't manage it for yourself. He is the Red Cross Motor Service volunteer who transports you and your dependent.

Santa is the lady who spends her spare hours knitting crutch socks and afghans for those who need them; he is the women's organization that buys valuable equipment and supplies for the Red Cross Lounge and Craft shop; the veterans' organization that sends bundles of leather and other craft materials for use in Occupational Therapy; the oil company that brings truckloads of oranges several times a year; he is the Navy Mothers' Club that sends cash donations for the recreation fund; the club and the firm that give us TV sets, radios, and record players.

Santa is the entertainer who gives his time to cheer us when we're feeling blue; he's the Hollywood artist and the New York cartoonist; he's the resort town and the hunting area that open their hearts and homes to our patients for wonderful week ends each year. He's all the faithful groups that entertain us regularly, both on and off the compound. He is the Oakland restaurateur who serves six of us a deluxe dinner every week and the merchant who makes us welcome when we are on liberty in this greatest of all Navy communities. Santa is the Bay Area press that tells his many assistants we are here.

To you, Santa, whoever you are and wherever you live, we send our thanks for your many gifts to us. And a very Merry Christmas and a Happy 1955 to you!

Holiday Schedule

Sunday, 19 December — Veteran Hospitals' Christmas Committee will decorate the hospital.

Monday, 20 December, 1400—Special Services Children's Party in the auditorium.

Santa Claus will appear in the auditorium to present each of the children with a gift after touring the compound in a fire truck.

Tuesday, 21 December—New York cartoonists' visit — time to be announced. 1900—Starlighters of Marin stage show.

Wednesday, 22 December, 1900 — Officers Club egg nog party.

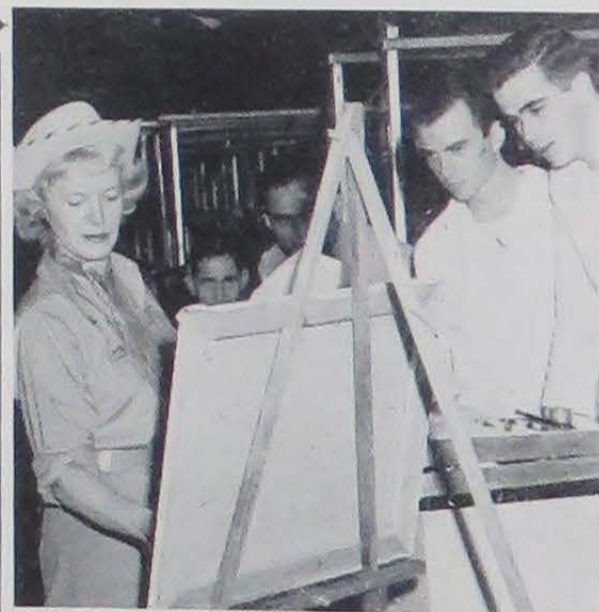
Friday, 24 December, 2200—Protestant Candlelight service in the chapel. 2400 — Midnight mass for Catholic personnel. Holiday for all civilian workers.

Saturday, 25 December—Veteran Hospitals' Christmas Committee will provide entertainment and distribute gifts to all patients.

Sunday, 26 December, 1900—Hollywood Stage Show in the auditorium.

Holiday For Oak Leaf

A special issue of the OAK LEAF, complete with Christmas menu, will come out next Saturday, but no paper will be published the following week.



On 41A Frances James had an attentive pair of onlookers in Kirt W. Bailey, PR1, and Santiago Busa, SD3. Miss James, a specialist in "Westerns," presented her oil painting to the Staff Enlisted Recreation Center, where it will hang as soon as it is framed. (See story on page 3.)

Candlelight, Midnight Services for Christmas

Christmas services in the hospital chapel for both Catholics and Protestants will be held on Christmas eve, with a Protestant Candlelight Service at 2200 and the Catholic midnight mass beginning at 2330.

There will also be a special Protestant children's program at 0900 in Building 133, the Sunday School Building. The children's parents are invited to attend the program

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THE JOY OF LIVING

Ask any man "what is the joy of living" and the majority of them will tell you that it is getting everything you can out of life. Get it any way you can; everywhere you can. Let nothing or no one stand in your way. Because you are a fool if you do.

We are not going to analyze such a philosophy for the simple reason that all of you have witnessed many futile attempts to put it into practice. Only to find that it just does not add up. It does not balance. It cannot balance for the simple reason that man was not made that way. Because his God created man to build and not to destroy.

Rather the joy of living consists in a good conscience. It means being held in honor by your fellow man and not despised. It means lending a helping hand and not a grabbing one. It means whispering a blessing and not shouting a curse. In a word, the joy of living consists in putting everything we can into life, our heart, our soul, our love, the whole man.

Your God has given you the key to the joy of living in the Eight Beatitudes. Perhaps you never heard of them before. In simple language they are what men are made of. Therefore boys would not be interested. But if you have missed some of the joy of living, read them over, give them a try. You have a written Divine Guarantee in each one of the eight. They are mighty spicy reading too, for they are the spice of life, the real joy of living.

—JAMES C. CONNOLLY, O.P., Catholic Chaplain

Christmas Around the Tree or in Bed?

It is with us again—the tangy scent of pine in the air, the bright sprays of holly and mistletoe, the hurried shopping excursions and the mysterious looking packages being smuggled in—all the happy, exciting hurly-burly that spells CHRISTMAS for everybody and holds everybody in its spell.

But unfortunately, this magic season also brings with it increased traffic hazards to motorists and pedestrians. So, whether you are planning that "sentimental journey home" for the holidays or just dashing into town for that last-minute shopping—please exercise A LITTLE EXTRA CAUTION as you go on your way. It could mean the difference between life and death to someone—and that someone could be YOU.

AVOID THE TEMPTATION TO SPEED—Allow enough time for your trip.

GUARD AGAINST HIGHWAY MISHAP—Check on road and weather conditions.

OBSERVE SAFE DRIVING PRACTICES — Obey traffic laws — be courteous.

WATCH YOURSELF — Excessive fatigue — alcohol — make you a poor safety risk.

Let each one of us make it his PERSONAL responsibility to see to it that no traffic accident shall mar the joy of this glorious holiday season.

LET YOUR SAFE DRIVING CONVEY YOUR GOOD WILL MESSAGE THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

Welcome Farewell

Reporting for duty were LT Bella M. Fritz, NC, USN, from Baylor University Hospital, Dallas, Texas; LTJG Margaret J. Strait, NC, USNR, from USNH, St. Albans, L.I., N.Y.; ENS's Betty L. Earnhart, NC, USNR, Carol J. Davis, NC, USNR, and Marilyn C. Sampson, NC, USNR, from inactive duty; W. L. Packard, HM1, HN's V. M. Martinaitis, (W), D. A. Reishus, (W), from Hdqtrs 13ND; G. K. Anderson, HM3, (W), from Com-ServPacArea, San Francisco; HN's G. L. Giuffra, A. J. Conclaves, and HA's W. E. Coleman, D. L. Drake, J. W. Self, P. R. Suka, and W. J. Trowell, from USNHCS, San Diego.
 LT Joseph Steg, MC, USNR, was

Hanukkah Services Planned 24 December

Special Hanukkah services will be held in the 12th Naval District as a part of the Sabbath service on Friday night, 24 December at 2000. The services will be led by Chaplain Sanford E. Hahn in the Jewish Chapel, Building 215, Topside, at Treasure Island. All Jewish personnel are urged to attend.

detached to MCRD, San Diego, Calif. Released to inactive duty were LT Stuart R. Ducker, Jr., MC; LTJG Florence F. Witkowsky, NC, and R. O. S. Ching, HM3. Discharged were N. J. Frazee, HM2, (W), HM3's P. M. Krampitz, (W), B. B. McNatt, and W. A. Kinsella.



The recent judo and jiu-jitsu demonstration at the Lounge held plenty of thrills for patient PFC BILL GORMAN as Richard Takamoto showed him how to break various holds. Gray Lady Marge Bauer hopes it's all in fun.

Red Cross Ramblings

HOSTESS HOP. The high point of the season, so far, was the Christmas dance last week at the Red Cross Lounge. All the men really slicked up for this one, because many of our attractive college hostesses are leaving for their homes, not to return until after the first of the year. There



Robert L. Silver, HN, USN

Sanitarian Cited For Pest Control

Robert L. Silver, HN, of the Environmental Sanitation School was recently commended for his keen and conscientious interest in all functions of his department.

The duties assigned to him were "of the highest order, carried out in a prompt and thorough manner." The commendation further stated that he "willingly gave up liberty time in order to complete insect and pest control which could not be completed during the normal work day."

Previous to his arrival here in August 1953, Silver served at San Diego and aboard the USS FLETCHER (DDE-445). He completed a high school course through USAFI in June 1954.

He hopes to become a Sanitarian in the Public Health Department in Salt Lake City, Utah, at the end of his enlistment in March.

ROTC Student: "One piece fits me."

Supply SGT: "Yeah? Which?"

ROTC Student: "The necktie."

An observing man claims to have discovered the color of the wind. He says he went out and found it blew.

were so many patients on the decorations teams that we can't name them all here, but they certainly did a magnificent job on that Lounge! The large crowd enjoyed the fine music furnished by the "Men of Melody" with chanteuse Kay Ryan. The finishing touch to this fine occasion were the pretty corsages which the patients joined forces to make for the girls.

TRAINEES. Many have asked the identity of the "new ladies in Red Cross uniform." These three staff trainees have been with us a month and will report to their permanent stations next week. Betty Simon received her B.A. at the University of California at Los Angeles and finished her graduate work in Social Welfare there. She will report to United States Naval Hospital, San Diego. Also heading south will be Patricia Twede, Case Aide, from Washington state who took her Sociology major at Holy Names College, Spokane, and Washington State College, Pullman. She will be stationed at United States Naval Hospital, Camp Pendleton.

CHAMP O' THE WEEK in the ping-pong tournament is Robert Chojnacki, SN.

Divine Services

Hospital Chapel at Main Gate
PROTESTANT
 BIBLE SCHOOL—SUNDAY 0930
 SUNDAY WORSHIP—1030
 HOLY COMMUNION—First Sunday morning each month.

CATHOLIC
 SUNDAY MASSES
 0600-0800-0900-1200
 DAILY MASS and ROSARY at 1145
 Confessions before Mass
 Saturday—1900
 Any other time upon request
 Catholic Oratory in back of Chapel
 Choir Rehearsal—Tuesday 1930

CHAPLAINS' OFFICES
 IN CHAPEL AND 67A

NAVY RELIEF OFFICE—
 IN 67A

BUS TO AND FROM CHAPEL
 ON SUNDAYS 0845 AND 1015

Hollywood Artists Entertain Patients

Artists and models had a busy day here last Friday, when ten top-flight portrait artists and cartoonists flew from Hollywood and went to work. Earl Moran, who ordinarily spends his days painting calendar girls, set up his easel on 80B and for a change did a series of water color portraits of men; Jack Burroughs, who has illustrated several of the Tarzan stories written by his famous father, Edgar Rice Burroughs, did charcoal sketches of patients on 70A, and on other wards well-known artists sketched patients, and studio animators did lively cartoons to entertain their eager audiences.

In the group, coordinated by Jeanne Wilson, Hollywood portrait artist, were Johnnie Johnsen and Irwin Spence, animators and background artists for MGM's Tom and Jerry cartoons; Clyde Lamb, cartoonist for Saturday Evening Post; Lloyd Baker, whose cartoons appear in Post, Cosmopolitan, and Colliers; and Frances James, who added her share of color by working in Western costume as she did a Western painting to present to the Enlisted Staff Recreation Center.

This was Jeannie Wilson's fourth annual visit to Oak Knoll since the outbreak of war in Korea. During the war she and members of a large group of artists she has recruited for "Operation Art for the Armed Forces" followed the troops to Korea and sketched men in the combat zone.

Top Cartoonists Coming From N.Y.

Another treat is in store for patients Tuesday when 11 of the nation's best known cartoonists will entertain on the wards.

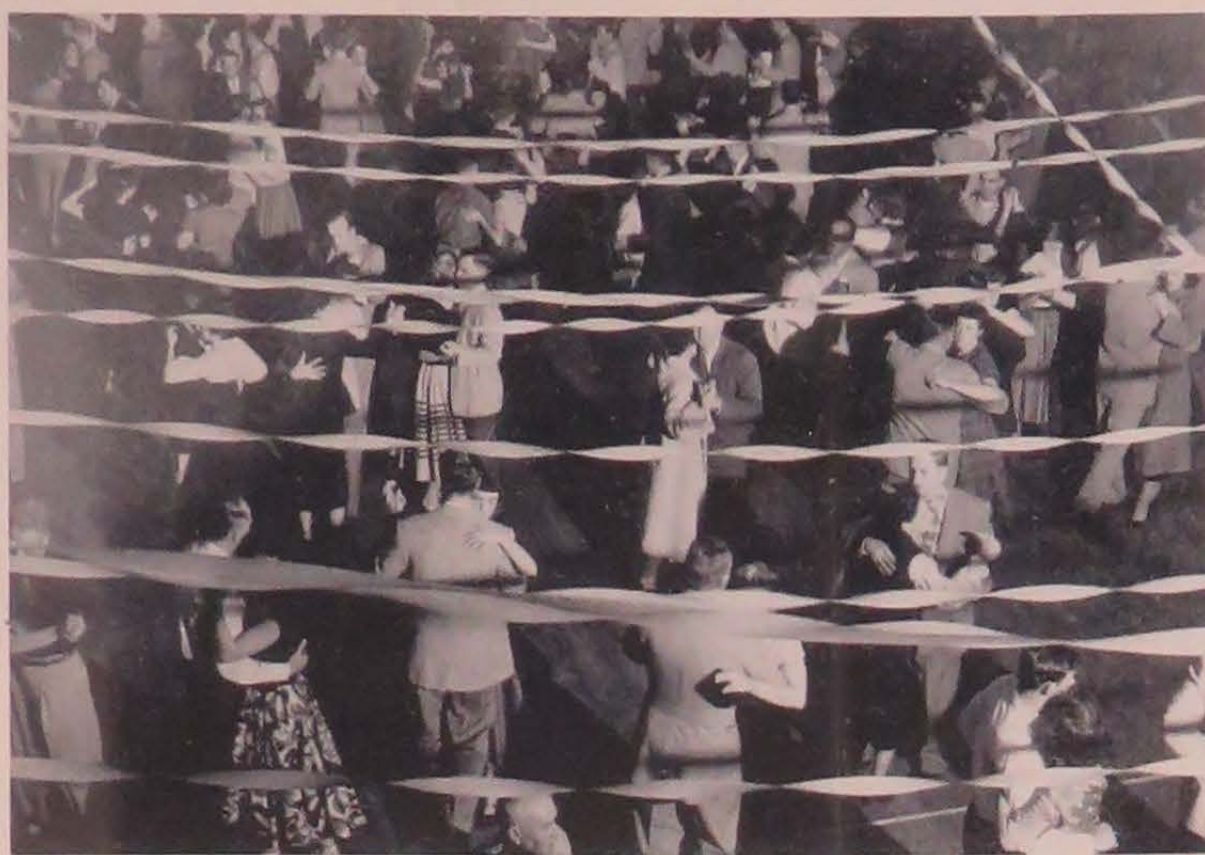
The group, coming all the way from New York to entertain patients in all military hospitals in the Bay Area, will include Rube Goldberg, editorial cartoonist; Russel Patterson, creator of "Mamie"; Ray Van Buren, who draws "Abbie & Slat"; Bob Dunn of "Just the Type"; Al Rosen—"Sweeney & Son"; Bill Holman—"Smokey Stover"; Mike Berry—"Berry's Babes"; Jay Irving—"Willie Doodle"; Buford Tune—"Dotty Dimple"; Bill De La Torre—"Little Padre"; and George Lichty, whose "Grin and Bear It," appears in papers from coast to coast.

The cartoonists' visit is sponsored by the National Cartoonist Society of New York City, and transportation from Washington, D.C., is being provided by the Navy.

The American Federation of Musicians of Los Angeles will send a pianist along to help with the entertainment.

Pay Schedule

THURSDAY, 30 DEC. — Officers, All Patients (all pay will be by check).
 FRIDAY, 31 DEC. — Staff Chiefs, Enlisted, Marines.
 MONDAY, 17 JAN. — Officers, Staff Chiefs, Marines, Patients.
 TUESDAY, 18 JAN. — Staff Enlisted, Bed Patients, Stragglers.
 WEDNESDAY, 1 FEB. — Officers, Staff Chiefs, Marines, Patients.
 WEDNESDAY, 2 FEB. — Staff Enlisted, Bed Patients, Stragglers.



The Twelfth Naval District Band supplied the melodies as couples swung across the deck at the Harvest Dance held last Friday in the hospital auditorium. Given for the benefit of the United Fund Drive, returns so far amount to \$863.00. During intermissions a group of Margot's dancers and highsteppers entertained those present. The winner of the Television Set was an airman at NAS, Alameda. (2) At left, Lloyd Scaff, of Civilian Personnel, winner of the record player, checks the winning ticket with LTJG Harold E. Daniel, MSC, of Special Services. The week end at Squaw Valley went to CAPT L. C. Simpler and his wife, from NAS, Alameda.



Scuttlebutt

SIGNS OF THE SEASON: Officers Wives still enthusiastic over each new wrapping job, despite the hundreds they have already handled for patients and staff at their bowling alley booth . . . staffers selecting trees at the garden shop . . . CDR Gavin going through the Civil Readjustment routine after 30 years of Navy nursing (more about her next week) . . . parties being "cooked up" in very office and department. (Incidentally, because of shortage of time and materials, mental pictures will be the only ones taken of these parties this year) . . . Civilians rejoicing over the holiday and a half President Eisenhower has given them for Christmas and New Year's respectively.

PEOPLE & PLACES: Ruth Christenson of Records is wearing a new diamond, gift of former patient, PFC Marion Miller, USMC, now at TI . . . Chief L. L. Linse is gradually whipping a case of lobar pneumonia . . . Something new has been added to the Abernethy family—a black poodle pup, unnamed at this writing . . . Miriam Davenport of the MedRecs Librarian section, is off to Texas to spend the holidays with her parents . . . "Cardiac" Johnson of X-Ray is up and about after minor surgery, Bonnie McCafferty after major . . . Chief Donohue, new MAA at HCQ finally got his wish for West Coast shore duty after three years at Norfolk. He's a San Franciscan . . . Kay Ryan's Men of Melody really jazzed it up at the Staff Rec center last Thursday night! . . . Congratulations to Alice L. Faulkner of the Nurse Corps, who now answers to LTJG.

LIFE BEGINS DEPARTMENT: LCDR Frank C. Ruys and his wife, Joyce, are parents of a 7 lb. 5½ oz. boy born 14 December. The boy, unnamed at press time, is the third child in the orthopedist's family.

OAKNOLLUMNI: Lillian Chinn Tinsley (Record Office) whose husband, Seth, is a civilian now, is the mother of 5 lb. 7½ oz. Tina Marie, who came in time to spend Christmas with her parents in Richmond, Va. . . The "Aqua-dros" Christmas card shows the doctor and his wife clambering over the rocks of Hawaii in bathing suits and "duck-feet." Dr. Aquadro is now attached to a Navy Diving unit at Pearl Harbor.



LCDR Walter J. Lindemann, CHC, USN, reported to the Commanding Officer's Office recently to receive his Naval Reserve 10-year medal. The Protestant chaplain, commissioned in January 1944, served at Ulithi and on Guam during World War II. He reported to Oak Knoll early in January from the USS MT. OLYMPUS. In civilian life he ministered to Presbyterian congregations in Chicago, Dryden, N.Y., Madison, Ill., and was a Bible instructor at the Missouri Valley College, Marshall, Mo., just before he entered the service. He is a graduate of Wheaton College, Wheaton, Ill., and Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, N. J.



Oak Knoll's residency training program was subject to scrutiny from 9 to 14 December, when Dr. Charles C. Hedges visited the hospital. Dr. Hedges, shown here with Captain Abernethy and Admiral Bradley, is staff representative for the American Medical Association Council on Medical Education and Hospitals and Field Representative for the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals. His headquarters are in Chicago, home of the AMA.

Psychiatric Patients Visit Parks, Plants

As a part of their recreation therapy, psychiatric patients go on Red Cross-arranged excursions to parks and plants in the Bay Area, where citizens of the community graciously act as their guides. Some 35 industrial plants have been hosts to Oak Knoll groups during the past year.

Mrs. Lester W. Hink, Sr. of Berkeley Chapter, ARC, has made the contacts with heads of the firms visited, and Berkeley Chapter Red Cross Motor Corps has provided transportation and Gray Lady escorts.

Tours have taken patients to Moth- (Continued on Page 4)

Acorns Lose Tilt With NAS Cagers

The hospital men's basketball team dropped a close game to the jet-active NAS, Oakland team Monday night, when they met on the hardwoods at the NAS gym. The Airmen won the tilt 67-62.

The Airmen got off to a fast start with some good passes and hook shots to lead the Knollites from the opening 6-0. The Oak Knoll club was not able to keep the early pace and produced only 5 points in their efforts to catch up. The opponents opened their lead to 21-11, when the Medics began to tighten their defense and connect on their shots. The score at the half read 35-28 in favor of the Airmen.

"Ole standbys" for the home boys were Hughes and Allen, who led the attack in the second half, and Graves and Stephens also chalked up their share of the scoring. The ball changed hands repeatedly throughout the game, and excitement was high 'til the last minutes of the final half when NAS stars Wilman and Anderson came through with two baskets to end the night's scoring 62-67.

Summary

Player	FG	FT	F	Pts.
Allen	9	4	3	22
Graves	5	3	5	13
Vaughn	0	0	0	00
Stephens	1	4	1	6
Hickman	3	0	2	6
Exum	0	0	0	00
Parks	0	0	0	00
Hughes	3	1	0	7
Bristol	2	0	1	4
Travelstead	0	0	3	00
McCurdy	0	0	0	00
Goering	1	0	0	2
Wingert	0	0	0	00
Hooper	1	0	1	2
O'Boyle	0	0	2	00

Girls' Bikes Available

Girls' bicycles are now available at the bowling alley from 0800 to 1600, Monday, Thursday and Friday; 1700 to 2100, Monday, Thursday and Friday and 1300 to 1700, Saturdays, Sundays and holidays.



12ND GROUP "B" TOUCH FOOTBALL CHAMPS: Shown with Admiral Bradley when they received their trophies for touch football this week are, standing, left to right: Dave Bramschreiber, John Thinker, Fred Guith, James Hooper, Tom Burley, James Thomas, and Special Services Officer LTJG Daniel. Kneeling are: Al Moreno, Gene Graves, Charles Dunnigan, James Johnson and Bill Thomas. In addition to receiving trophies for winning the championship, members of the team were especially commended by the Commandant for their "wonderful sportsmanship throughout the season."

10th Week Kegling Produces 6 Top Teams; Finance, X-Ray, Lab Lead

The best shooting done by the bowlers in the ten weeks that the league has been underway was seen last week. Six teams shot over 2200 pinfall with a big 2607 being tops, twelve individual games over 190 with a 216 as tops and ten individual series over 500 with a neat 574 leading the way.

League-leading Finance was a wee bit on the warm side, as they rolled games of 937-880-790 for a torrid 2607 series. In pounding out the whopping series, the Finance Keglers had four 500 series, beginning with Chief Engen's big 213-203-574, followed by Chief Canaday's 197-545, CWO Faunce's 201-533, and Chief Amgwert's 197-505.

The Marines won their one game from X-Ray by that three-pin margin and dropped the Radiologists one game off the pace. X-Ray had a 2238 pinfall to take their games, while J. W. Lehfeldt had a 487 series for the losers. Mustangs maintained their pace with the rest of the leaders by taking a 2-1 win from the EST School. CWO Haines' 192-505 series was high for the winners.

CWO Davies and Fred Bujack rolled 215-537 and 198-564 series respectively, to lead Dental to a big 819 game and a 2359 series. The Profs took the last game with a pinfall of

810 as Chief Hasbrook rolled a 215-556 series and CWO Goerner followed with a 216-544 series.

Buzz Malay rolled a 189-516 series to lead Labto a consistent 702-720-700-2122 series and move them back into third place, one half game ahead of the Mustangs. The Cops got back on the winning side; R. L. Hammer rolled a 198 for the winners, while Bob Manchester had a 483 series for the Raiders.

Individual League Leaders

High Average — J. J. Libbrecht, (Mustangs), 171; H. J. Engen (Finance), 171.

High Series — F. A. Bujack (Dental), 564.

High Game — L. R. Stupey (Laboratory), 223.

Standings

	Won	Lost
Finance	22	8
X-Ray	21	9
Laboratory	19	11
Mustangs	18½	11½
Dental	16½	13½
EST School	16	14
Profs	16	14
N.P. Raiders	15	15
Cops	12	18
Marine Detachment	10	20
N.P. Doctors	7	23
C.S.R.	7	23

Hospital Traveling Bowlers Win 2-1 Over 12ND; Hasbrook Earns Award

The hospital traveling bowlers won 2-1 over the 12ND Staff Monday night, 13 December, at Treasure Island. The keggers won the first and last games and lost the second on a 51-pin margin.

In the Class "B" League, NSC, Oakland, leads the way with 19 wins and 5 losses; 12ND Staff follows with 16 wins and 7 losses; Oak Knoll is in third place with 15 wins and 9 losses.

Congratulations are in order for Bob Hasbrook, who picked up a 7-10 split last Monday night, 6 December, and will be awarded a shoulder patch given by the American Bowling Congress for such an achievement.

In Monday night's game, Bob Hasbrook led the scoring in the first game, with a score of 191. Phillip Griffith had a 189 in the second game,

and Ralph Goerner tallied in the third with a 169. The first game pinfall was 861 for the Knoll and 761 for 12ND, the second game 761 to 12ND's 811. In the final game, Oak Knoll felled 819 to the opponents' 780. Total series for the evening was 2441 for Oak Knoll and 2352 for 12ND.

The 12ND league bowling will continue after the holiday layoff when the Knollites meet NAS, Oakland, on 10 January.

"Where is the balance of your rifle?"

"This is all they gave me, sir."

"Do you drink?"

"No."

"Then please hold this bottle while I tie my shoe."

Previews

Sunday, 19 December

HELL'S OUTPOST—Rod Cameron, Joan Leslie. This picture is too new for review but our guess is it is either a war picture or a western. There will be a matinee at 1430 and one evening performance at 1830.

Monday, 20 December

MISTER SCOUTMASTER—Clifton Webb, George Winslow. This repeat will draw laughs with Clifton Webb sprinkling his sophisticated caustic comments throughout the picture. Mr. Webb, a television star whose program is an intellectual bonanza but doesn't affect the younger generation at all, in his attempt to discover the life of youngsters, becomes a scoutmaster. He meets young Winslow, who has an aura of mystery about him. Eventually the two of them become friends and the scoutmaster and his wife finally adopt him.

Tuesday, 21 December

APACHE—Burt Lancaster, Jean Peters, WESTERN. This story depicts the unconquerable, one-man stand of Lancaster against the chastening influence of the white man. Embittered against them, Lancaster's hatred flares even more in prison. After his escape to freedom, Lancaster leads savage reprisals against his enemies, and thinking that Miss Peters was among those who betrayed him, plots to torture her but falls in love with her instead. It is after the arrival of their newborn son that he turns his ways to peace. There will be a stage show at 1930, instead of a second showing of the movie.

Wednesday, 22 December

REAR WINDOW—COMEDY DRAMA. James Stewart, Grace Kelly, Raymond Burr. This is a fascinating tale about a magazine photographer, who while lying up with a broken leg, sees that in his Greenwich Village apartment across the way a neighbor has murdered and dismembered his nagging invalid wife. Miss Kelly, Stewart's would-be fiance, beautiful Park Avenue girl, on a foolhardy impulse becomes instrumental in establishing the gruesome facts.

Thursday, 23 December

THIS IS MY LOVE—Linda Darnell, Dan Duryea, Rick Jason, Faith Domergue. **MURDER**. Miss Darnell is the older sister of pretty Miss Domergue, who is married to Duryea, a one-time promising professional dancer who now, as the result of an automobile accident, is a paraplegic. She lives with her sister and brother-in-law, working as a waitress in their roadside restaurant and writing unsaleable fiction on the side. Her life is one of martyrdom underscored by a long-time engagement to a buffoon she doesn't love. The murder evolves from an eruption of equilibrium—when into their lives comes dark and smooth Jason, a filling station attendant, with whom both sisters fall in love.

Friday, 24 December

CRY VENGEANCE—Mark Stevens, Martha Hyer. Stevens, hero of the Martin Kane and Big Town series, portrays an ex-cop who is determined to avenge a frameup which not only killed his wife and child and left half his face bomb-scarred, but also had him doing a three-year stretch at San Quentin.

Saturday, 25 December

THE MAN FROM THE ALAMO—Glen Ford, Julia Adams. Glen Ford, a man of courage and moral stature is branded a coward and deserter and travels a long, hard road before he proves his real worth. A member of the small band of soldiers defending the Alamo, he is chosen to defend women and children from Mexican rear guard attacks. As a result, he is stamped a worthless man, is tossed into jail and comes close to being lynched. In order to save his life he joins the hated renegades.

*There will be three showings, at 1300, 1730 and 1930.

See Park, Plants

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er's Cakes and Cookies, Chevrolet, Owens-Illinois Glass, Hall-Scott Motors, Albers Milling, Edy's Candy, Gall Furniture, National Auto Fiber, Kellogg, United States Steel, Carnation Milk, Golden Grain, General Electric, Ford Motors, Continental Can, Pabco Products, Dodge Motors, Tea Garden Products, Adhesive Products, Autolite Battery Corporation, Nordstrom Valve Division, American Home Food Corporation, Oakland Tribune, United States Mint, California Packing Corporation, Pacific Tire, Crown Zellerbach Paper, Colgate Palmolive Peet, General Electric Lamp Division, California Wire Cloth, Pacific States Steel, California-Hawaiian Sugar Refining Corp., Fibreboard Products, and Pacific Manifold Book Co.

The Motor Corps Service has also taken patients to Golden Gate Park aquarium and De Young Museum.

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Merry Christmas

Yule Committee Brings Patients Holly and Cheer

Once again the Christmas spirit hovers over Oak Knoll. Chapel chimes are playing Christmas music. Special services are planned for Christmas eve. Gifts are being exchanged between friends. All who are able have gone home for the holidays, but those who are here are looking forward to tomorrow, when the Veteran Hospitals' Christmas Committee will play Santa Claus to the entire hospital. Santa will visit every patient aboard and during the day professional entertainers will tour the wards, bringing a show guaranteed to cheer the gloomiest patient.

Thomas V. Adams is Oak Knoll coordinator for the Veteran Hospitals' Christmas Committee, which has brought happy holidays to the hospital since it was commissioned 12 years ago. Mr. Adams and other members of the committee spend months each year in preparation for Christmas at this hospital, Parks Air Force Base Hospital, and Livermore and Oakland Veterans Administration Hospitals, and the entire community joins in the project by contributing cash gifts to the fund, which is publicized each year through the columns of the Oakland Tribune.

Preliminary to Christmas, members of the committee, some 60 strong, decorated the hospital last Sunday. (See Photos, Page 3).



Monday was a big day for members of the younger set when not one, but two, Santa Clauses arrived at the auditorium to distribute gifts to children of staff members. Some 300 were on Santa's list, and each received a personally selected gift with his name on it. In Photo (1) the children seem more concerned about their packages than about the identity of the whiskered gentlemen. In (2) the Santas (ETJG Harold E. Daniel and CWOHC John H. Faunce) took time out from the festivities at the Auditorium and the Chief's Club, where an auxiliary party was held, to visit the Pediatrics ward, where photographer Joe Arledge, for the moment, got most of the attention. Photo (3) shows the modern Santa's arrival sans reindeer. In addition to the gifts, Special Services distributed candy-filled socks to the children, showed them two Donald Duck cartoons, and brought them Poogi-Poogi, talented musician who pulled live rabbits out of a hat and did all the other things good magicians do.



Star of 'Rear Window' Coming Here Sunday

Raymond Burr, villain of "Rear Window," the picture which had three showings here Wednesday, will be one of the top entertainers to come with the Hollywood group to entertain staff and patients in the main auditorium, Sunday

The curtains will go up at 1900.



CDR Helen C. Gavin, Chief of the Nursing Service, third from right, was the guest of honor at one of the biggest parties of the year last Friday evening, when staff nurses honored her on the occasion of her retirement from the service. With her in the receiving line were Admiral and Mrs. Bradley, Mrs. Redman and RADM John T. Redman, USN, Commandant, Twelfth Naval District; and CAPT and Mrs. A. C. Abernethy.

CDR Helen Gavin, Chief of Nurses Retires After Thirty Years' Service

CDR Helen C. Gavin, Chief of the Nursing Service since 12 February 1951, as of 1 January will trade her Navy blues for civilian clothes after 30 years' service in the Nurse Corps.

Miss Gavin is one of few Navy nurses to remain on active duty for three decades, and during her tour of duty here, she has been senior Navy nurse in the Twelfth Naval District.

Miss Gavin received her training at St. Joseph's School of Nursing in St. Paul, Minn., and was commissioned an ensign in December 1924. She has since had a variety of assignments both at sea and ashore. She served at Naval Hospitals in Washington, D. C.; Guantanamo Bay, Cuba; at Fleet Hospital 109 in Australia, Base Hospital 17 on New Guinea, Mare

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Christmas Menu

Hot Consomme

Relishes

Mustard Dressing

ROAST TURKEY

—or—

BAKED HAM

Southern Cornbread Dressing

Giblet Gravy

Cranberry Sauce

Candied Yams

Carrots Vichy

Butter

Snowflake Potatoes

Ice Cream

Milk

Fresh Frozen Peas

Hot Parkerhouse Rolls

Mincemeat Pie

Coffee

Fruit

Candy

Nuts

Cigars

Cigarettes

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What do you expect FROM Christmas?

The commercial world expects more business and larger profits from Christmas. One of our family traditions which continues to carry a rich seasonable memory is a visit to the large department stores on the day after Thanksgiving to see the brightly decorated store windows and witness the parade of toys and jolly Santa Clauses which made their first public bow on that day. Business men seemed satisfied in those days with the preparations, secrets and jollity of the weeks which still remained before the Noel began. Later, because they wanted more profit from Christmas, pressure was brought to bear and the Thanksgiving Proclamation was issued a week earlier so that a period of concentrated buying might be ushered in sooner. The fact that the clamor of public opinion brought about a return to the traditional date for Thanksgiving did not hush "the voice of Main Street" from sentimentally suggesting Special Christmas sales season start sooner. With absolute disregard for any previously recognized "open season" on Christmas shoppers, the big gain hunters began stalking their prey earlier each year. The reindeer and not the turkey became the decorative ideal for November in many commercial circles, and the mellow autumnal colors usually associated with October's quotable, "When the frost is on the pumpkin," were replaced by the brighter hue of Rudolph's red nose.

Pathetically, because of commercial pressure and social demand, there are those who expect and therefore will receive only weariness from Christmas. The angels who first brought the "tidings of great joy" must weep to hear mortals replace that cordial Christmas Gospel with the drab December dirge, "I'll be glad when Christmas is over."

What do you expect from Christmas? The realization of your expectation rests largely with you. You will not get any more from it than you bring to it. The Advent Season through which we have just passed was meant to bring us to Christmas on our knees. If the four Sundays preceding Christmas served their intended spiritual purpose, you will get much from Christmas. There will be a sense of the nearness to God through paying homage to His Son, a thankful heart for your blessings, a sorrowing heart because of the suffering of those less fortunate than you, a sincere desire to help alleviate their suffering as you have opportunity to do and an earnest resolve to put your unselfish desires into fruitful action. Though Christmas is over in the stores on the eve of the twenty-fourth, it is never over in the life of those who keep the things that Christians may expect from Christmas.

LCDR WALTER J. LINDEMANN, CHC, USNR, Protestant Chaplain

Stow Away Pay-Payroll Savings Way!

Perhaps YOU are one of those folks who've put off regular saving from year to year. Saving can be easier than rolling off the proverbial log—if you buy U. S. Savings bonds regularly through the Payroll Savings plan right here in the hospital. Just sign your name—ONCE—at the bottom of a payroll savings allotment blank. From then on, every time payday rolls around, you'll find yourself actually ADDING to your pay check—in the form of dollars—that GROW. Every \$75 invested today brings \$100 in less than ten years. You can't beat Payroll Savings.

Continue Reduced Furlough Fares

Reduced furlough fares on the nation's railroads for military personnel traveling in uniform at their own expense have been extended to 31 January 1956. Earl B. Padrick, chairman of the Interterritorial Military Committee, has announced. The committee represents all railroads in the east, south and west. Reduction on furlough fares for members of the armed forces was to have expired on 31 January 1955, Padrick said.

This action will continue the tax-exempt round-trip fares, good in coaches only, for military personnel on furlough at the rate of 2.025 cents a mile or less, which results in a saving of up to one cent a mile, and in-

CDR Helen Gavin Retires After 30 Years

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Island, Farragut, Idaho, Great Lakes, Ill.; San Diego, Portsmouth, Va.; Parris Island, S. C.; and Philadelphia, and aboard the hospital ship, USS RELIEF.

Just before coming to Oak Knoll, she was Chief of the Nursing Service at USNH, Bethesda, where Admiral Bradley was her Executive Officer.

Following her detachment next week end, Miss Gavin plans to drive to Southern California and eventually will buy a home somewhere in or near San Diego.

cludes regular stopover and baggage privileges, Padrick pointed out. (Navy Times)



Gift wrapping services were given with a smile as the Officers' wives pitched in and helped patients and enlisted staff with their Christmas packages at a special booth in the Bowling Alley from 0900-1600, Monday through Friday, since 1 December. Peering out of the window from the right are the wives of LCDR Alan C. Pipkin, LTJG Gilbert L. Ashor, CDR Leonard H. Barber, and CDR Robert R. Deen. Admiring the finished product is Maurice J. Caya, EN3, patient on ward 41, while Gale Dross, HN, night corpsman on ward 74A, waits his turn. An unidentified corpsman accepts his gift-wrapped package in the center.

Red Cross Ramblings

SIGHTS—SOUNDS—ODORS. Christmas is really upon us now, and that real Yule spirit has been evidencing itself in so many ways. Tonight the warming, pungent aroma of hot, mulled cider will drift through the wards with brightly decorated gurneys and your ever-faithful Gray Ladies will be on hand. Each ward will have its own Christmas celebration as "home-style" as possible. On one ward a phenomenal display of railroading will take place as the well known Mr. Norman Swart sets up, and runs, his model trains.

TERRIFIC PARTY. Another yearly special for Oak Knoll patients has passed into history. The Olympic Club's annual party at their Lakeside Country Club, San Francisco, entertained sixty-five patients with gifts, a wonderful dinner, and top entertainment last week. The lucky men returned with extra gifts and prizes, a new movie screen, and a badly needed clarinet for the Red Cross Lounge. Many men will enjoy these gifts in the future.

THOSE BOXES all pre-wrapped with cheery Christmas decorations that the Wrapping Committee used when you sent your gifts home were made by hundreds of community youngsters who wanted to add a bit of brightness to the holiday season at this hospital. Literally thousands of delicious cookies have been made and brought for your enjoyment. In keeping with the colorful wards, you'll note that the mess halls have a bit of added cheer for that important dinner tomorrow. All the decorations and favors were sent in by our talented Junior Red Cross members from all the East Bay Schools.

TIME OUT FOR GINGER. Another wonderful off-compound opportunity came with Melvin Douglas' hit play in the City. Seven wagons full of patients have enjoyed this comedy (also courtesy of the Olympic Club). Speaking of going places—our Motor Services from Oakland, Berkeley, Alameda, and Mt. Diablo chapters have been busy taking loads of patients out to enjoy the Christmas

Divine Services

Hospital Chapel at Main Gate
PROTESTANT
 BIBLE SCHOOL—SUNDAY 0930
 SUNDAY WORSHIP—1030
 HOLY COMMUNION—First Sunday morning each month.

CATHOLIC
 SUNDAY MASSES
 0600-0800-0900-1200
 DAILY MASS and ROSARY at 1145
 Confessions before Mass
 Saturday—1900
 Any other time upon request
 Catholic Oratory in back of Chapel
 Choir Rehearsal—Tuesday 1930

CHAPLAINS' OFFICES
 IN CHAPEL AND 67A

NAVY RELIEF OFFICE—
 IN 67A

BUS TO AND FROM CHAPEL
 ON SUNDAYS 0845 AND 1015

decorations during evenings when the lighting effects are truly spectacular. They didn't miss any prizewinners, either.

PATIENT TALENT. Not the least of the nice things we must mention is a wonderful patient-combo that has worked "like the dickens" to build up a repertoire. This week came the grand debut of "Dick and his Bobcats" when they entertained their buddies on the wards. The modern jazz outfit is comprised of Richard Dickerson, FP2, piano; Bruce Brotzman, QMSN, bass viol, and Bob Garner, FN, drums. All of these men deserve a lot of credit for sharing their talent so generously.

Roman Catholics have run for the Presidency of the U.S. only twice—Charles O'Connor as an independent Democrat in 1872 and Alfred E. Smith on the Democratic ticket in 1928.

Oak Knoll Roads Named For Heroes Of World War II

Oak Knoll, with its twisting roads, its buildings set at all angles, and its hills and vales is probably very confusing to a stranger looking for a particular place.

Although it is a fair bet that 90 per cent of the staff at Oak Knoll do not know Trojakowski Road from Evans Road, all the roads do have names. And it is also a fair bet that if 10 per cent of the staff do know the names of the streets, they do not know how they got those names.

Best known landmark about the hospital is Gendreau Circle in front of the Administration Building where the flagpole is located.

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

Blackwood Road, which begins at the main gate and runs to the north boundary, is named for CDR James D. Blackwood, MC, USN, senior medical officer of the USS VINCENNES, which was lost the night of August 8-9, 1942.

Johnson, Alexander, and Crowley Roads are named for three officers who were killed in action at Pearl Harbor on 7 December 1941. They were CDR Samuel E. Johnson, MC, USN; LCDR Hugh R. Alexander, MC, USN; and LCDR Edward E. Crowley, DC, USN.

Johnson Road, one of the longest on the compound, skirts the north and west sides of the hospital; Alexander is the right hand fork running past the library from Blackwood; and Crowley starts at Gendreau Circle and runs to the north boundary.

Evans Road, which also starts at Gendreau Circle and runs to the north boundary of the compound, honors LCDR Edward E. Evans, MC, USN, who was killed during action in the Solomons on 12 December 1942.

Trojakowski Road, a short road near the main gate and terminating on Blackwood, is named for CDR W. C. Trojakowski, DC, USN, killed in action in the South Pacific on 12 June 1942.

Ringness Road, running from Gendreau Circle up to Ward 74, honors LT Henry R. Ringness, MC, USN, who was awarded the Navy Cross posthumously for extraordinary heroism while under fire on Guadalcanal.

Miles, a short street extending from Gendreau Circle and running between Wards 72 and 70, is named for LTJG Samuel S. Miles, MC, USNR, who was killed in the battle of the Solomon Islands while serving with the 1st Marine Division.

Rall Road, which starts at Blackwood and goes past the Nurses' Quarters and Occupational Therapy, honors LT Richard R. Rall, MC, USN, who was killed at Pearl Harbor on 7 December 1941.

Does money burn a hole in your pocket? Don't let it do that. Join the automatic Payroll Savings Plan now and let it slowly pile up.



These are just a few of some sixty good townspeople who moved in on Oak Knoll last Sunday to give the hospital the Christmas look. Individuals and organizations from the whole East Bay gave their time and money to this project, and while Oak Knoll was being decorated, similar groups were busy at Parks Air Force Base Hospital and the Veterans Administration Hospitals in Oakland and Livermore. This is the thirtieth year since the Veteran Hospitals' Christmas Committee was organized, the twelfth year it has served Oak Knoll. Their work may be seen inside and outside the wards, at the Main Gate, Navy Exchange lobby and auditorium, and at the Chapel, the results of their day's work may be seen.

Lung Patients From Fairmont on Tour

Once again the Navy took a group of civilian polio patients for a ride, and it was hard to tell whether patients or attendants enjoyed the trip more.

Through brightly decorated residential sections to Jack London Square and the City Hall Plaza, Picardy Lane, through San Leandro, Hayward, and back to the polio ward at Fairmont Hospital, the patients went, each drinking in the sights. For it isn't every day they have a chance to see the town. At the City Hall Plaza the busses stopped long enough for Santa Claus to come aboard with Christmas greetings and gifts for every patient.

In the three busses rode six iron lung patients and three in chestpirators, and four adults and five children made the bus trip in wheelchairs.

WOHC William E. Bates of Finance was the officer in charge of arrangements for the trip, which were worked out with Dr. Leon Lewis, Chief of the poliomyelitis service for Alameda County. Attendants were Albert Moreno, HM3, and Frances Annabelle Peters, HN.

Since iron lungs and respirators might require the services of an electrician, Ralph Dilbeck, Vernon Reese and Paul Peterson went along in case of emergency. Dan Freitas was the mechanic on the job and Thomas Pratt represented the Fire Department.

Bus drivers were Melvin Fowler, Willie Adams, George Hunter, and Stuart Beck.

The first such trip was made last Christmas, and the generator-equipped bus was used for county patients again last spring when they went to the Shrine Circus.

Thomas Jefferson penned some of his letters left-handed, some right-handed; he was ambidextrous.



It's no easy matter to go sight-seeing when one is in an iron lung, and it takes the help of a number of others besides the bus driver. Here attendants are hoisting one of six respirators aboard the busses that took polio patients on a sight-seeing tour Tuesday night. All patients were from Fairmont Hospital.

18 Staff Officers Selected For LCDR

Eleven reserve and regular Navy Medical Corps officers and three Medical Service Corps officers have been selected for promotion to lieutenant commander, according to ALNAV 62, which arrived Wednesday.

Medical Officers named by the board are LT's Robert H. Lemmon, John J. Marra, Daniel S. Simon, Marsh H. Smith, Richard K. Morgan, Robert B. White, Leonard J. Kreissl,

Jr., Anton A. Tratar, Jr., Raleigh Hood, James Thorn, and Frank Hammon.

Medical Service Corps officers selected were Russell B. Frew, Arthur N. King, and Philip M. Griffith.

Also of interest is the selection of Doctors Alden V. Holmes, now at Mare Island; Lockland V. Tyler, Tripler; Richard Derby, MSTs, and Murdock S. Bowman, USNH, Corpus Christi, Texas, former staff members.

United Fund Drive Nets \$8,729.52; Supports Navy Relief, Other Charities

The United Fund Committee has announced that the 1954 combined campaign for support of the 108 charities of the East Bay United Fund Crusade and the Navy Relief Society (including the \$862.45 net proceeds of the Harvest Moon Benefit Dance), reached a total of \$8729.52



Chief J. R. Baranski, of EST, presents Lester E. Amick, Jr., CWOHC and the Treasurer of the Oak Knoll United Fund Drive, with a check for \$862.45, the amount collected from the tickets sold for the Harvest Dance benefit on 10 December.

SF State College Presents Hit Show

San Francisco State College's variety show on 14 December brought laughs, music, and some superb ad libbing by Dan Cauldwell, emcee of the show.

Three pert little ladies called the Castrolites gave forth with the old favorite, "Tea for Two" and the current "Goodnight Sweetheart," and on the third song they persuaded Francis Gaudrault, FN, of 70A to come close while they sang "Tonight You Belong to Me."

Shirley Lent next sang of a society gal named "Mabel," and Milton Castro sang "If I Love You" and "Because of You." Spirited Melody Kidder, who did a Betty Hutton act, sang of a "Square in a Social Circle." Marilyn Bonyng "wowed" the audience with "Come on and Get Happy" and "That Old Feeling."

The program changed at this point, as all scenes shifted to Hawaii. Janice Bahia with ukelele, accompanied by Fred Baguio, sang "Till Eternity," an original tune written by a hospitalized patient in Hawaii, and Baguio gave out with "Squeeze Me" and "It's Almost Like Being in Love." Gladys Lopez did a Hawaiian dance to "Beyond the Reef" sung by Janice Bahia, with Baguio again strumming the uke. The finale was a group of carols in which the audience was led by the Castrolites.

Pay Schedule

THURSDAY, 30 DEC. — Officers, All Patients (all pay will be by check).
 FRIDAY, 31 DEC.—Staff Chiefs, Enlisted, Marines.
 MONDAY, 17 JAN. — Officers, Staff Chiefs, Marines, Patients.
 TUESDAY, 18 JAN. — Staff Enlisted, Bed Patients, Stragglers.
 TUESDAY, 1 FEB. — Officers, Staff Chiefs, Marines, Patients.
 WEDNESDAY, 2 FEB.—Staff Enlisted, Bed Patients, Stragglers.

in cash. Seventy-two dollars in pledges are still to be paid to the East Bay United Fund Crusade in 1955.

In raising this sum, the military and civilian personnel were assigned goals of three-fourths of one day's basic take-home pay. The military group reached 76 per cent of its goal, and the civilian group 48 per cent.

In distributing the funds raised, 33 per cent of the military contribution, or \$1700, was allocated to Navy Relief. A total of \$7000, including pledges still to be paid direct to East Bay United Fund headquarters, was turned over to that organization this week by the treasurer. The balance will be retained in the accounts of the Oak Knoll United Fund Drive for initial expenses of next year's campaign.

The Committee reports that while the amount raised fell far short of the goal as determined by well-considered needs of the community, it represents the largest per capita contribution in recent years, and solicitors are to be complimented for their efforts, and donors thanked for their generosity in making this possible.

"I sent my little boy for two pounds of plums and he came home with only a pound and a half. Are you sure your scales are correct?"

"My scales are all right, madam. Have you weighed your little boy?"



No wonder these fellows look happy. They are having one of Trader Vic's delicious dinners at his famous restaurant on San Pablo Avenue. Trader Vic Bergeron has been entertaining six patients at dinner every Monday night for as long as anyone in Special Services can remember. In the group this week were Robert "Buzz" Sawyer, BM3; CPL Earle L. Norwood, USMC, Retired; CPL William A. Chicano (behind the gardenia); Paul E. Everrood, BUI; and Ernest D. Carlson, HMI, of Security. Looking over the situation to see that the steaks were done just right is Jack Hartman, maitre d' hotel.

Chapel Services For Season's Holidays

Besides the Midnight Mass tonight, for Catholics, the following masses on Christmas Day, a Holy Day of Obligation, will be said at 0730, 0900 and 1200 and at 0600, 0800, 0900 and 1200 on Sunday, 26 December.

On New Year's Eve, next Friday, 31 December, confessions will be heard in the Oratory from 1900 to 2100 and there will be a Holy Hour in the Main Chapel from 2300 to 0030. On New Year's Day, another Holy Day of Obligation, masses will be said at 0600, 0730, 0900 and 1200. On Sunday after New Year's, 2 January



Bernard A. Stocking, Adjutant, Department of California, Veterans of Foreign Wars, gives a citation and a warm handshake to CAPT T. J. Canty, Chief of the Amputee Service, following a presentation ceremony at the walking clinic. Admiral Bradley looks on registering approval. Frank Curley, VFW member and Senior State Service Officer for DAV, was here to introduce the VFW officials.

Doctor Canty Honored With Special Citation by Veterans of Foreign Wars

CAPT T. J. Canty, Chief of the Amputee Service, and Charles C. Asbelle, rehabilitation specialist, each received a new award to add to the many they have had for outstanding work with patients here and at Mare Island when the Amputee Center was located there. Their latest recognition comes

from the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, Department of California, and the presentation was made at the walking clinic last Friday by Bernard A. Stocking, Department Adjutant, and Anthony R. Nagy, Department Commander.

Dr. Canty and Mr. Asbelle each received handsome certificates for framing, and the hospital on the same occasion received a copy of a VFW resolution commending the Amputee Center.

The resolution, soon to be framed and hung in the Administration Building, reads as follows:

"Whereas, the U. S. Navy Amputation Center originally situated at Mare Island and now located at U. S. Naval Hospital, Oakland, has for the past 11 years, exclusively devoted its activities to the welfare and rehabilitation of amputee battle casualties of World War II and the Korean War; and

"Whereas, this Amputation Center has cared for especially large numbers of men who have undergone amputations in defense of this Nation from all branches of our Armed Forces; and

"Whereas, the Staff of the Amputation Center has been composed of men devoted to rehabilitation of minds and spirits in addition to the physical loss of a limb or limbs and in so doing have developed new concepts of rehabilitation now attracting national and international interest; and

"Whereas, the individual fitting and training of amputee patients has been augmented by intensive research and developmental activities resulting in numerous improvements in artificial limbs and braces now becoming available through commercial limb shops to all amputee citizens of this Nation; and

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1955, all masses will be said at 0600, 0730, 0900 and 1200.

Protestant services will include Christmas music and chimes ringing out from the Chapel Tower tonight from 1615 on, and the traditional Candlelight Service for Christmas Eve, at 2200. On Sunday, 26 December there will be a regular worship service at 1030 in the Chapel.

Plan your savings the Payroll Savings way and watch that pile of green grow, perhaps into a lawn of green around a home, or a four-wheeler green streak down the highway.

Hospital Corpsman Makes Impossible Become Possible

The contributions of a young Naval laboratory technician loaned to the Osaka National University, Osaka, Japan, for the purpose of indoctrinating technicians in the Medical School's Central Clinical Laboratory, has attracted much attention among medical circles in Japan. Behind the scenes there is the story of a friendship that developed between Dr. Toru Miyaji, pathologist at Osaka National University, and William L. Jones, Hospital Corpsman First Class, of the U. S. Navy Fleet Epidemic Disease Control Unit No. Two.

Dr. Miyaji was invited to the American National Cancer Laboratory in September 1949. While in the United States, he lived in a suburb of Washington, D.C., and next door to Jones. They became acquainted and gradually a friendship developed. One day Dr. Miyaji asked Jones in a joking way to come to Japan to help him set up a laboratory on the same pattern as the National Naval Medical Center at Bethesda. Jones answered "Sure—anytime."

Since that time, the laboratory at Osaka University has materialized and quite by chance Jones was assigned to the Far East. When Dr. Miyaji learned of this he contacted Captain R. W. Babione, MC, USN, (now of Oak Knoll—then Officer in Charge of Fleet Epidemic Disease Control Unit Two) and asked if Jones might be permitted to help him set up the laboratory procedures. Permission was granted by the Commander Naval Forces Far East and a casual remark made five years previously became a reality.

While in Osaka, Jones taught the medical technicians methods he had learned as a Naval Laboratory Technician. These methods, as Dr. Miyaji explained, "were found more accurate and simple than had been carried out in this country hitherto"; Jones "has done a three months' job in one month, making the almost impossible possible, despite the barrier of language."

More Honors For Captain Canty

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"Whereas, the accomplishments and the spirit of the Navy Amputation Center, as exemplified in the person of Captain Thomas J. Canty, MC, USN, who has performed approximately five thousand surgical operations without a single loss of life, has made exceptional contributions in rehabilitation of many Veterans of Foreign Wars, as well as others; and -

"Therefore, Be it resolved that this organization be on record as especially proud to acclaim, to salute and to cite, through suitable commendation, the Navy Amputation Center for its many outstanding contributions."

"Daddy," said little Billy, "a fellow in school told me I looked just like you."

"That's nice," said Dad, "and what did you say?"

"Nothing, he was bigger'n me."



It took Bill Holman (in fireman's hat) only a few seconds to bring his "Smoky Stover" to life when he picked up a charcoal pencil, and Dorman Smith, far left, even fewer to produce a caricature of President Eisenhower—a caricature seen often in papers from coast to coast since Mr. Smith is a well-known NEA editorial cartoonist. The pretty girl in the picture is Brenda Carr, who flew along from Washington to provide mood music for the cartoonists while they worked and cracked jokes. At the far left, almost submerged in patients, are two more of the famous cartoonists—Al Posen, creator of "Sweeney and Son," who coordinated the show and Ray Van Buren, who does the popular strip, "Abbie and Slats." Cartoonists must work twice as hard for several weeks before going on one of these trips, they said, because they must draw enough cartoons ahead to keep the papers supplied during the time they are "on the road."

Famed Cartoonists Swamp Hospital With Caricatures

If Special Services had had to pay for the cartoons drawn on the wards and in the Red Cross Lounge Tuesday, its entire bank account would have been spent early in the day; for the cartoonists who visited Oak Knoll were among the highest paid in the country.

Al Posen, whose "Sweeney and Son" appears in papers from coast to coast, acted as master of ceremonies for the lively entertainment brought to this and several other hospitals in the area by the National Cartoonists' Society during the past week.

George Lichti drove over from his Sausalito home to meet the group, contributing Senator Snort and other characters from his widely-read cartoon, "Grin and Bear It." This was his first appearance with such a cartoonists' group, many of which have been touring military camps in the United States, Japan, Alaska, and Korea, since World War II.

Mike Berry delighted audiences with "Berry's Babes"; Ray Van Buren drew characters from "Abbie and Slats"; Bill Holman, wearing a fireman's hat, presented "Smoky Stover"; Jay Irving drew "Cops" for the patients, adding an MAA badge and a chief's hat; and Dorman H. Smith, NEA Editorial cartoonist who lives in San Rafael, did a caricature of "Ike" in a few simple lines, noting that it took him 30 or 40 years to learn to do it so easily.

The show, neatly tied together by Posen patter, also brought pretty Brenda Carr, who provided piano background, sang, and awarded kisses to winners of some of the audience-participation parts of the program.

Rube Goldberg, editorial cartoonist, and Bob Dunne who draws "Just the Type," accompanied the group to other service hospitals but did not come to Oak Knoll since deadlines demanded their return to N.Y.C.



When Jay Irving stepped up to the easel, this is what came out—one of his "Cops" with a Chief's Cap and an MAA Badge added for the occasion. The Cartoonists performed on the wards and in the Red Cross Lounge.

Greetings From the Surgeon General

TO: All Hands, Medical Department of the Navy
This marks my ninth consecutive Christmas in the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery and, therefore, a major milestone in my years of service in the United States Navy.

The Season this year is approached with a particular and peculiar sense of intermingled confidence, hope, regret, satisfaction, and profound gratitude. My gratitude is for the wonderfully faithful and able support I have for eight momentous years received from those (civilian and service personnel alike) with whom here I have had the good fortune to work. My satisfaction is for the accomplishments that have accrued to the good of the Naval Service during my incumbency as either Deputy or Surgeon General. The limitation of those accomplishments constitutes the major cause for such regret as I have. It is in any event devoutly hoped that my successor will realize the same full measure of effort in behalf of the Medical Department of the Navy upon the part of all who comprise that Department that it has been my privilege to realize, and I have every confidence that this will be so.

To all of you I want simply and sincerely to say, "Thank you so much." May you enjoy a most pleasant Christmas and may good health and good fortune abide with you all during the New Year which is at hand and throughout many, many years to come.

LAMONT PUGH
Rear Admiral (MC)
Surgeon General, U. S. Navy



On CAPT Sakuo Mikami's itinerary when he visited the hospital on 16 December was Physical Therapy, where he chatted with CWO Virgil Starr, USN, out-patient, during his Hubbard tank treatment. In the foreground supervising the treatment are Al Moreno, HM3, and LT Florence Frazier, and visible in the background are Admiral Bradley, LT C. H. Corrigan, USN, who accompanied the Captain, and LT Anton Tratar. CAPT Mikami of the Japanese Maritime Self-Defense Force, saw Occupational Therapy, the Red Cross Lounge and Navy Prosthetics Research Laboratory, and enjoyed the view from San Leandro Annex during his visit here.



Five X-ray students received their dip'omas from Chief of the Service, CAPT Clement D. Burroughs (seated lower right), at exercises held at 1000, Wednesday, 15 December. Standing, from the left, are John M. Welsch, HM2; Merlin L. Smith, HM2; Willie Harper, HM2, who received orders for USNH, Mare Island, and Edward Estrada, HM3. Robert G. Stebbins, HM3 (lower left), honorman for the class with an average of 97.41, left for Kwajalein, Marshall Islands, this week. Welsch, Smith and Estrada will remain at Oak Knoll. This was the second class to graduate in 1954.

Advancement in Rates Effective 1 January

Good news stormed through the Ad Building and soon spread over the compound on Tuesday when a dispatch came notifying the enlisted staff personnel that advancement in rating to pay grade E-4 through E-7 would be effective on 1 January 1955. Originally, in accordance with ALNAV 60 all personnel were due for advancement on 16 January 1955 and 16 March 1955. This applies only to those whose eligibility is maintained. (Happy New Year.)

EST School Subject of Navy Times Article

Oak Knoll's EST School broke into print—69 column inches of it—in this week's Navy Times. The article traces the development of disease prevention measures in the Navy, reviews the history of the EST School, its organization under the direction of CAPT Robert S. Poos and LT Joseph L. Yetka, and tells of the different subjects studied by Environmental Sanitation Technicians.

The article headed, "Navy Trains Disease-Fighters to Save Lives" was written by Harold B. Rice, HMC, former student at the school here.

"Though sometimes called 'Flashlight Charley' or the 'rat catcher,' the EST's training obviously qualifies him for a variety of technical jobs, and the demand for technicians is still much greater than the supply," the article reported.

LTJG Briggs on Slate of Academy of Science

LTJG Dennie L. Briggs, MSC, staff psychologist, will be on the program when the annual convention of the American Association for the Advancement of Science is held on the University of California campus next week.

Mr. Briggs will present a paper titled "Some Reflections and Trends in Military Personnel Assessment" at 1400, 28 December, at Room 123, Haveland Hall, near the north gate of the Berkeley campus.

LT Doolan on Program At Letterman Hospital

LT Paul D. Doolan, artificial kidney expert and Director of the Metabolic Research Facility, will be on the program when Letterman Army Hospital presents a program on "Surgery in Acute Trauma" the week of 17 January.

Dr. Doolan will give a "Summary of the Management of Casualties With Acute Renal Failure" at 1015 Wednesday, 19 January, and will be on the panel for a question and answer period later the same morning.

Welcome and Farewell

Reporting for duty were LCDR William J. Spinney, CHC, USN, from Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba; LT Henry Brown, MC, USNR, from USNH, Great Lakes, Ill.; LT William M. Allison, DC, USNR, from Naval Receiving Station, T. I., San Francisco, Calif.; L. R. Trujillo, HM2, from USS BAYFIELD (APA-33), Sasebo, Japan; and H. M. Olson, HN, from Headquarters, FMF.

Detached were LT Marshall W. Olson, MC, USN, to Com3 for duty under instruction in residency training in Radiology at the Memorial Center for Cancer and Allied Diseases, New York, N. Y.; LTJG Shirl R. Graff, MC, USNR, to Commander, Cruiser-Destroyer Force Pacific, San Diego, Calif.; LTJG Florence R. Dinneen, NC, USNR, to Com12 for transportation to Sangley Point, Luzon, Republic of the Philippines.

The resignation of LT Amelia C. Kruczek, NC, was accepted. D. E. Norman, HMC, was released to the Fleet Reserves. G. A. Schwalls, HM3, (W), and M. G. Borkan, HN, were discharged.

Staff Personalities



"Mike Hammer," famed gumshoe of fiction writer Mickey Spillane, is the name given Robert L. Hammer, HM1, USN, of Haverhill, Mass. and Oakland, where he and his wife Janet and their daughters Diane Lee and Debra Lynn are living. Before coming into the Navy, Mike graduated from the Charles W. Arnold Vocational School in Haverhill and he worked for a shoe manufacturer. Then one day on his 17th birthday, he joined the Navy, took 'boots at Bainbridge, started Corps School at Bainbridge, and finished at Great Lakes. Since then he has served at the USNH's at Portsmouth, Va., Philadelphia, Pa., and Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, Newport, R.I., Camp Lejeune, N.C., and at Camp Pendleton with 1st MarDiv. He arrived at Oak Knoll in September '53, and according to present plans the Navy will be his career.



Genial Edward C. Kvale, driver for the CO, is what you might call "comfortably situated." The truth came out when someone asked him how he can afford, on a chauffeur's pay, to fly to Cuba, Mexico City, Las Vegas, and other popular resorts not frequented by the average worker. Several years ago Ed inherited a large sum of money and since then he has enjoyed a bit of travel now and then. Mr. Kvale, originally from Minneapolis, Minn., is an old-timer at Oak Knoll, having been on the staff since September 1945. He attended high school in Seattle and Luther College in Decorah, Iowa. In World War II he became a foreman of boatbuilders at Bethlehem Shipyards at Alameda and later had a job in the VA hospital in Fargo, N.D. He now lives in Oakland with his wife, Thelma. They have two sons—Dean, a Bank of America employee, and Don, in the Air Force on Okinawa.



LT Mary A. Martin

LT Martin Given Commendation

LT Mary A. Martin, NC, USN, instructor for Hospital Corps classes at Educational Services since July 1952, recently received a commendation for her outstanding service.

The commendation, presented by Admiral Bradley, read in part: "Through your enthusiasm and efficient management, classes that heretofore were attended only with extreme reluctance are now a source of interest as well as benefit to our hospital corpsmen. In recent petty officer examinations given at this hospital, 66 per cent of all who took the examination passed—a much higher percentage than in previous years. The classes, to which you have devoted so much of your time and energy, have been in a large measure responsible for this outstanding record. In addition to organizing and conducting the training program for hospital corpsmen, you have done excellent work in indoctrinating Nurse Corps officers as they report aboard. I feel that you have made an outstanding contribution to the services and the reputation of this hospital."

This was Miss Martin's third commendation during her twelve years of active duty with the Navy. The first was from Admiral Wiley for her services at St. Albans, and the second was a Navy Unit Commendation which she received while stationed at Yokosuka, Japan.

Miss Martin received her nurse's training at the Memorial Hospital School of Nursing in Worcester, Mass., and took postgraduate work at Elliott Joslin Diabetic Clinic, Deaconess Hospital, Boston.

Unlike Mary Martin of South Pacific fame, our Miss Martin doesn't want to "wash the sailors out of her hair." She says she loves them and wouldn't know what to do if they weren't "in her hair."

Officers To See New Year In At Club Party

A jam-packed time of fun is promised for the Officers when they attend the steak dinner (New York cuts being served) at the Officer's Club at 1830 New Year's Eve.

Dancing will begin at 2100 with all the traditional hats, noisemakers and decorations for this gay time. Breakfast will be served at 0200 the following morning.

Baby sitters will also be available.

Previews

Sunday, 26 December

CATTLE QUEEN OF MONTANA—Barbara Stanwyck, Ronald Reagan. **WESTERN**. Miss Stanwyck, the daughter of a rancher, drives a large herd of cattle from Texas to Montana to take up the claim her father had staked out years before. Shortly before they reach the land, a neighboring Blackfoot tribe stampede and kill all the cattle, leaving only Miss Stanwyck and her foreman. The Indians are in league with Gene Evans, rancher who dominates the valley. Feudin' an' fightin' and fussin' result. 1430 & 1830.

Monday, 27 December

IVANHOE—Robert Taylor, Elizabeth Taylor. **ADVENTURE**. The pageantry of 12th Century England, the exploits, grace and glory of medieval knighthood and the romantic legends that grew out of the story of Richard the Lion-Hearted are told in this picture. 1730 & 1930.

Tuesday, 28 December

SUDDENLY—Frank Sinatra, Sterling Hayden. **MURDER MYSTERY**. Killer Frank Sinatra is hired to assassinate the "President of the United States" as he is passing through a sleepy California town. Finding the perfect set-up in a house on a hill overlooking the railroad station, the killer and his assistant bluff their way in and make prisoners of the occupants, including an ex-secret service man, his widowed daughter-in-law and son. The sheriff and government man from the secret service, making detailed plans for the protection of "the president," are seized when inspecting the house. The rest of the picture deals with the tensions of the people involved and the eventual death of the would-be assassins. 1730 & 1930.

Wednesday, 29 December

SO BIG—Jane Wyman, Sterling Hayden. This repeat is a family picture of a mother's sacrifices for her son. 1730 & 1930.

Thursday, 30 December

HAMLET—Sir Laurence Olivier, Vivian Leigh. **SHAKESPEAREAN TRAGEDY**. This tragedy of Hamlet, Prince of Denmark, is built around the murder of Hamlet's father by his uncle and Hamlet's wish for vengeance. As full of murders as any modern murder-drama. 1830.

Friday, 31 December

BEAU BRUMMELL—Stewart Granger, Elizabeth Taylor, Peter Ustinov. In a role that demands grace, charm, and daring, Stewart Granger as Brummell rises to personal favor with the prince, despite his frequent insults. It depicts his irresponsible attitude toward his debtors and rather than accept money from his lady love to escape debtor's prison, he abandons her and his country after a rift with the prince. 1830.

Saturday, 1 January

RIOT IN CELL BLOCK 11—Neville Brand, Emile Meyer, Leo Gordon. It tells with frankness and authenticity how prison riots start, their cause and outcome and what happens to guards, officials, convicts and convict leaders before order is restored. It was filmed at Folsom Prison, California. 1830.

Scuttlebutt

PEOPLE & PLACES: Jim Watkins, HN, as of 18 December, is engaged to Donna Greathead of Oakland . . . Bill Stephens, HN, of the NP School and Artie Fusan of the Pediatrics Clinic are officially engaged as of 22 December. Bill put a diamond ring on Artie's finger. They plan a spring wedding . . . Was Mr. Day's face red last Friday! While heavy equipment was undercutting the road shoulder on the way to San Leandro Annex to Admiral Bradley's Quarters was severed—just an hour before time for the CO and his wife to get ready for Miss Gavin's party . . . Captain Silvis is reported to have been the best shot among those who went to Colusa for the annual goose hunt, with Jack Tripplett, Jr., son of the most famous goosehunter on the West Coast, and practically everyone else in the party was at some time nominated for worst shot. Nominees included Dr. Frank Norris, CWOHC Russell Giles, LT Russell Frew, CAPT Mark Curtis, CAPT Leo Potter, LT "Hap" Arnold, and civilian consultants Jerry Crenshaw and Miles Griffin. Aside from the fact that the hunters almost froze to death while bagging only half their limit, a good time was apparently had by all.



LTJG Harold E. Daniel, Special Services Officer, accepts four radios, long-playing classical records, and View Master slides, a Christmas gift from the Sacramento Navy Mothers' Club. From the left are Mrs. Willa Cook and Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Wertz.



Mrs. Donna Beard, in behalf of the Oakland Navy Mothers Club, presents the hospital five more welcome bedside radios. Mrs. Beard is second vice-president of the local organization, which for several years gave \$30 a month for the amputee bowling fund and is now spending \$50 a month for purchase of tickets for various plays and concerts and sports events such as the Navy-Stanford game, for which they supplied tickets for all patients who wished to go.



A check for \$217 from Lake Merritt Chapter, Smooth Dancers Association, Inc., is among the many welcome Christmas gifts the hospital has received during the past week. Mrs. Aline Berg, outgoing president of the group hands the check to LTJG Harold E. Daniel, Special Services Officer, while Elmer Blankenship, new president, stands by with an expression of approval. The money was raised for Oak Knoll at a benefit dance the club gave at Sweet's Ballroom in downtown Oakland on 5 December. Mr. Sweet comes in for his share of thanks since he donated the use of the hall to the Smooth Dancers, who are long-time friends and benefactors of the hospital.



Kirk Lang, FN; Melvin E. Bale, HMI, and Joseph D. Cooper, EN1, in that order, left to right above, were called to the CO's office last Friday for a variety of commendations. Lang, here in patient status since November, received a letter from RADM John R. Redman, Commandant, Twelfth Naval District, for his prompt action and major assistance in extinguishing a fire on the fender system of Pier 46 of the new Richmond-San Rafael Bridge, while a member of the crew of YTB 180 at NSC, Oakland. Bale, on temporary duty in the Electromedical Repair Unit of the Finance Division, was commended for "engineering all endeavors to complete success with little or no supervision, working long and tedious hours to place and keep lifesaving equipment in operative condition." Cooper, the only EN1 of the staff, was cited for volunteering his services when one of the auto mechanics became ill, thus keeping a backlog of work from accumulating. Cooper, who until recently had served as the hospital's Guard Mail driver, will leave soon for duty aboard the USS FRANK E. EVANS (DD-754).

Bowling League Ends 1st Leg of Round Robin

The Naval Hospital bowling league has completed the first leg of a double round-robin and if this is an example, it will really be a battle right down the wire to the championship. The league will take a little time off for the holiday leave period before they roll "Position Week" and then embark on the second portion of the schedule.

When everyone else was splitting their games 2-1, X-Ray registered the only shutout of the week when they took three games from the EST Profs. Knowing that they needed a triple win to go into a tie for the league lead, X-Ray proceeded to batter down 2293 pins with M. L. Smith's 205-505 series leading the way.

Finance couldn't salvage the second game to keep pace with X-Ray's triple win, but they did manage to take a 2-1 win from the NP Raiders and at least keep 50 per cent of the lead. Chief Engen's 508 and Chief Canaday's 502 series led the winners to a 2316 pinfall, while F. J. Harvey had a 206-499 series for the Raiders.

Chief John Libbrecht hit his league-high average right on the nose when he rolled a 514 series as the Mustangs took a 2-1 win from the Cops. The double win stepped the "ex-white hats" up into third place.

NP Doctors broke out of their losing streak by taking a double win from the Marines. J. W. Lehfeldt rolled a big 208 game to lead the Marines to their win in the first game.

The Dental keglers knocked over 2175 pins to take a 2-1 win from the Laboratory to drop the pathologists down into 4th place. Marv Cohen rolled a nifty 218 game and Fred Bujack had a 502 series for Dental. Buzz Malay's 202-514 series wasn't quite big enough for the losers.

Jim Condomitti rolled a 503 series but all the EST Students could register was one win as Central Supply took the other two to keep pace with their co-holders of the cellar.

INDIVIDUAL LEAGUE LEADERS

High Average — J. J. Libbrecht, Mustangs, 171.

High Series—H. J. Engen, Finance, 574.

High Game—M. A. Cohen, Dental, 218.



Young Elmer Curtis' father expected to give him a few pointers when they went fishing awhile back, but somehow, things didn't work out just as expected. Lois Curtis, the boy's mother, who went along more or less to see what things looked like outside the Golden Gate, appears to be better qualified to teach the gentle art of angling. She pulled in almost her weight in salmon, while her husband, a somewhat sturdier type, from whom more would be expected, pulled in only the small specimen posing with him here.

STANDINGS

	Won	Lost
Finance	24	9
X-Ray	24	9
Mustangs	20½	12½
Laboratory	20	13
Dental	18½	14½
E.S.T. School	17	16
Profs	16	17
N.P. Raiders	16	17
Cops	13	20
Marine Detachment	11	22
N.P. Doctors	9	24
C.S.R.	9	24

Men Hoopsters Clobber 12ND, 55-39 At Treasure Island, Wednesday

The men's basketball team met the 12ND Communications cagers at Treasure Island gym Wednesday night 15 December, winning the hoop session 55-39.

At the opening gun Bristol and Hughes started the scoring attack and led the Knollites to a 17-10 lead over the seemingly tiring district team. The Knoll cagers were on the prowl and moved ahead to increase their lead to 20-10. 12ND hoopsters managed to tally six more points be-

fore the half. Gene Graves made 2 fast baskets as the first half closed, with the Medics leading 34-16.

In the second half, Coach Haines played his B team for the first ten minutes but had to take them out after they made only two points on a basket by Parks. As the game became more exciting, tense moments settled over the hardwoods and the Communications team rallied and scored 11 points on baskets by Huly and Hines, Askew and Concoran getting free throws. Goering scored three baskets and a free throw for 7 points to bring the scoreboard reading to 47-39.

With renewed vigor, the Knoll cagers went on to score 8 more points to end the game at the horn, 55-39. High scorers for Oak Knoll were Allen with 13, Goering 10, and Stephens 9. For the opponents, Hurley made 18 points, Hines 11 and Askew 8. The next league game for the Knoll hoopsters will be 10 January against Port Chicago here at NSC, Oakland gym.

YMCA Brings Show to Knoll Stage Tuesday

The Young Men's Christian Association of Oakland is giving a variety show with 25 entertainers participating for patients and staff in the hospital auditorium, at 1930 on Tuesday, 28 December.

Some of the acts will consist of hula, oriental and tap dancing, besides vocalizing and acrobatics.

James Madison was the first President who habitually wore long trousers while he was chief executive.

Girl Hoopsters Lose To Alameda, Moffett

Returning to the NAS, Alameda court for a replay on the basketball game which was battled out last week without qualified referees, the Oak Knoll girls tried their best, only to come home with news of defeat, 16-29. The game, originally scheduled for 6 December, was played Tuesday, 21 December.

Starting forwards were Bartnick, Balfanz, and Gibbs while Charlton, Carson and Cameron played the defensive. High scorer of the evening was Bartnick who tallied 10 points for her team, scoring one basket in the second quarter, three in the third and one in the last quarter.

Balfanz was runnerup, sinking two field goals in the second and third periods of the game. Kunkel piled one into the hoop in the second quarter.

Other members of the Knoll squad playing in the game were Rush, Brogdon and B. L. Earnhart, newcomer to the team.

The Oak Knoll girls also met the Moffett Field Flyettes in a pre-scheduled home game on the opponents' grounds last Wednesday, 15 December.

The game was lost to the air group with a score of 47-29.

In spite of the lack of a coach and irregularity of practice, the members are showing fine team spirit. Their passing, shooting and dribbling are not up to par.

"Did you vote for the honor system?"
"You bet I did—three times."

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