



THE OAK LEAF



New 'Olds' Given For Training Use

A new Oldsmobile was presented to the Amputee Rehabilitation Division at Oak Knoll by the Oldsmobile Division of General Motors. The car will be used in driving instruction for amputee patients.

Each year Oldsmobile presents a new model car to the department for use in driving training until the new model comes out and the old car replaced.

The cars are fitted by the Amputee Division with all controls needed in order that the car may be handled by the physically handicapped. The controls make it possible for a person who has lost one hand and both legs to drive.

In addition to practical training in handling the car, amputee patients at Oak Knoll are also given written tests in driving. When they have completed their training the patients take the standard state examination required before a driving license may be issued.

The new car is a four-door sedan. It was formally presented to the hospital on Monday, 2 July.



J. H. Chapman, representative of the Oldsmobile Division of General Motors, is shown above with CAPT I. L. V. Norman, MC, USN, Executive Officer, after presentation to the Amputee Rehabilitation Division of a new Oldsmobile for use in amputee driving training. The car was formally accepted on behalf of the hospital by CAPT Norman. The auto will be fitted with special controls so that amputee patients may learn to operate it as a part of the rehabilitation program here.

SGT Werner Reininger, USMC, quadruple amputee patient at Oak Knoll, tests the new artificial legs and hands furnished him by the Artificial Limb Department. SGT Reininger left Oak Knoll on Thursday for Travis Air Force base where he boarded a plane to fly to his home in San Antonio, Texas, on Friday, 6 July. It is the first visit home SGT Reininger has had since he was called to active service last July.

SGT Reininger On First Leave

SGT Werner Reininger, USMC, 21-year-old quadruple amputee from San Antonio, Texas, is visiting his home town and his parents for the first time since last 26 July when he was called out of the reserves to active duty with the Marines.

He was flown home by a Military Air Transport Service plane and left Travis Air Force base on 6 July for fifteen days' leave.

Not as helpless now as he was when he came to Oak Knoll in January, SGT Reininger is visiting his father, Mr. Arthur Reininger, and his brother, Norman, for the first time since last summer.

His mother made the trip to Oak Knoll from her home in March to see her son and spent a week end with him.

When the sergeant came to Oak Knoll both of his legs and all of his fingers had been amputated. His limbs were swathed in large, cumbersome bandages.

But now the bandages are off. SGT Reininger has learned to get around "fairly well" on his artificial legs, and although he is able to do some

things for himself with what is left of his hands, work to fit those with artificial limbs is also progressing.

The visit home is a big occasion for the sergeant. In addition to seeing members of his family, San Antonio, the whole city, will turn out in strength on 10 July for a major homecoming celebration.

A baseball game, picnics, community dinners—those are only a few of the events planned in honor of SGT Reininger. Also participating in the events will be the "Ramblin' Wrecks," a national organization of men with 100 per cent disability, of which SGT Reininger is now a member.

SGT Reininger was injured on December 2 while he was a machine gunner for the 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines. He was with his outfit near the Chosin reservoir when the Chinese Reds made their attack on 28 November.

On 2 December Reininger was wounded by a grenade that was thrown into his foxhole. Before he could be evacuated to an aid station, his hands were badly frostbitten, his right leg had been injured by the grenade and his left leg was beginning to "freeze up."

Six days after he was injured Reininger finally arrived at the U.S. Naval Hospital, Yokosuka, Japan, where both of his legs and all of his fingers were amputated.

He remained in Japan until he was flown to Oakland on 23 January.

Official History WWII Available

(By Armed Forces Press Service)

Servicemen who were wounded in action during WWII now have an opportunity to obtain a free copy of the official Army record of "where it happened."

Army Historical Division has announced that the series, "American Forces in Action" is now available to all Servicemen.

While the entire paper-bound series is for sale, any man wounded in a geographical locale covered by any single volume may obtain that volume free, by writing to the Office of the Chief of Military History, Washington 25, D.C.

Following are the titles available: "Papuan Campaign," "To Bizerte with the II Corps," "Salerno," "Volturno," "The Winter Line," "Merrill's Marauders," "Omaha Beachhead," "The Admiralties," "Makin," "Guam," "Small Unit Actions," "St. Lo," "Anzio Beachhead," and "Utah Beach to Cherbourg."

'Mighty Mouse' Artist Gives Navy Drawing

New York (AFPS) — Paul Terry, the creator of "Mighty Mouse" and "Terrytoons," made a gift to the Navy of a picture showing Mighty Mouse riding a Navy Rocket of the same name. The gift was received by Captain Ben Scott Custer, commanding officer of the U.S. Naval Air Station, Floyd Bennett Field, N. Y.

N.F.F.E. Dance Is Set for 21 July

The National Federation of Federal Employees again extends a cordial invitation to all Naval and Civilian personnel to attend a "Summer Dance" from 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. on Saturday, 21 July 1951 at the JENNY LIND HALL, 2267 Telegraph Avenue, Oakland.

Music will be provided by the scintillating pianist and television star JIMMY DIAMOND, and his orchestra. Jimmy and the band have recently played Larkespure, the Yacht Club, several large San Francisco hotels, and at the recent party here at the Officers' club.

A large attendance is anticipated from civilian and military personnel at NAS, Alameda, NSC, Oakland, Hunters Point and other Naval installations. As in the previous affairs the Red Cross representatives will escort patients to the dance, and they will be the guests of the NFFE.

The NFFE urges you not to miss this opportunity to dance to the music of Jimmy Diamond and his orchestra, as well as the chance to acquire new friendships as well as rekindle old ones. Tickets for the dance, which is a "Stag or Drag" affair, are only 50c and may be purchased from civilian personnel on this station.

For additional information, or tickets, call Mrs. Anna Stone, Collection Agent, TH 3-0285.

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† † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

One of the greatest athletes in American sports was a man named Jim Thorpe. In later life he blew the referee's whistle in many an important game. He was well liked by both players and coaches, despite the fact that he often made up rules of his own as the game went on. But his reputation for ruling fairly and impartially made him a favorite.

At the same time Thorpe was deeply religious. He intensely disliked cursing and swearing, especially on the field, as this story proves.

A football player was using foul language repeatedly until Jim could stand it no longer. "You're out of the game," he shouted at the offending player.

"What rule did I violate?" angrily demanded the curser and blasphemer, as coaches and teammates rushed up to the referee to find out the reason for the dismissal. All of them took up the cry: "What rule did he violate?"

Thorpe glared steadily at them as he shouted: "The Second Commandment. 'Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain.'" They obeyed his ruling.

Consider what this Second Commandment demands of us. It commands us to speak with reverence of God and holy persons and holy things. Reverence means honor, respect, mingled with love and awe.

God, who is all-good in Himself and all-good to us, demands respect. I hope there is no one so stupid and senseless as to make fun or to show disrespect to God.

You will meet such people, however, every day. They are not satisfied to ignore God or the things of God or the people who honor God. They go out of their way to insult the Supreme Being. Such people are not only ignorant, they are also extremely impolite.

Reverence in general is the mark of a courteous and intelligent person. Ridicule of sacred things—God or God's name, holy persons and holy things—is the trademark of stupidity and discourtesy. It makes no difference whether the scoffer sits at a professor's desk or behind a big desk in some office, he is stupid and impolite when he makes fun of sacred things.

God does want us to speak of Him, but always with love and respect. He wants us to confess and admit Him before men. God wants us to uphold His sacred word in Holy Scripture.

The Lord wants us to tell others about Himself, to teach His holy name to others, especially to little ones.

He wants us to praise and bless His name and lead others to praise and bless. The Son of God taught us to pray: "Hallowed be Thy Name."

LCDR A. T. WALLACE,
Catholic Chaplain.

Divine Services

Hospital Chapel at Main Gate
PROTESTANT

BIBLE SCHOOL — SUNDAY 0945
SUNDAY WORSHIP — 1100
FELLOWSHIP HOUR — MONDAY
1930 — In Chaplains' Office — Ward 40A

CATHOLIC

SUNDAY MASSES
0600 — 0900 — 1215
DAILY MASSES — 0645 & 1630
Confessions before Mass
CHOIR PRACTICE:
TUESDAY 1900
Catholic Oratory in back of Chapel

CHAPLAINS' OFFICES IN
CHAPEL & 40A
NAVY RELIEF OFFICE — 40A

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

Chaplains of other faiths will be called
upon request

BUS TO AND FROM CHAPEL ON
SUNDAYS 0845 & 1045

CAPT J. N. C. Gordon, MC, USN,
Commanding Officer
U.S. Naval Hospital
Oakland 14, California.
Dear Captain Gordon:

Before I left the hospital yesterday, I tried to get you on the phone to express my appreciation for the excellent care and attention I had been getting while there.

This is to let you know that all went well. Doctors Cuttle and Anderson were thorough; Nurses Sturler, Lloyd and Casey were attentive and solicitous of my welfare; and all the hospitalmen were on their toes to see to my every want. Nothing was lacking in the way of attention and care to make my stay in the hospital as pleasant as such a stay could be.

Cordially yours,
W. A. Angwin, CAPT, MC,
USN (Ret).

Red Cross Ramblings



GENE SCHWARTZ, SN, USN, of Ward 64A, is a very versatile fellow; seems that everything he does, he does well. While a patient here he has been diligent in his daily duty of caring for a beautiful flower garden between wards 64A and 64B. His zinnias, asters and petunias are in bloom and promise to be a mass of color for months to come. He has over 15 varieties of roses in as many colors. Mrs. Carmel Grady, Berkeley Red Cross Gray Lady, has been of great help and assistance in these gardening projects.

STOCK CAR RACES

Like thrilling, exciting climaxes? The hard-top auto drivers are exhibiting their skill these days at the Hayward race track. Last Friday evening several of the patients, SGT M. E. STONE, USMC, CPL LAWRENCE WENZ, USMC, CPL ARVIN SWENSON, USMC, and SGT THEODORE FRAIN, USMC, from ward 74A, were among those in attendance. The Red Cross Motor Service of Oakland took the men to the event in station wagons. If you would like to go, see the Red Cross worker on your ward about the next trip.

BIRTHDAY FOR LENORE

When a Gray Lady celebrates her one and only child's birthday on her regularly assigned ward visit day, that is a lucky day for the patients on her assigned ward. At least the men on Wards 60A and 60B think so, after enjoying the traditional ice cream and cake refreshments provided by Mrs. Claire Claiboe of the Red Cross, Oakland Chapter. Since the young lady of three years could not be present at the festivities, several snapshots assured the men she promises to be a charming prospect in a few years. We believe that some of the patients had some matches in mind, too, from the proud display of photographs that they took from their wallets and the larger ones exhibited on their nightstands.

MARINE PIED PIPER

An obligato to the various hobbies of patients on ward 60B is the flute playing of SGT SEWELL LIFKIN, USMC. He displays considerable dexterity in his talent which he put to valuable use in the bands where he has been stationed. His first musical interest and technique was in brass,

the trumpet to be exact, but in 1942 he was taken prisoner by the Japanese and for the next three years was unable to pursue his musical talent. He began playing the flute in 1947 upon the request of the bandmaster at San Diego and Camp Pendleton. Do we get a concert sometime, Sarge?

CHESS WINS AND LOSSES

The U.S. Naval Hospital Chess Team could scarcely believe their skill or luck, in scoring such a large margin of points over the team from Cutter Laboratories in Berkeley on Monday, 18 June. But the final tally was 22 for us and 11 points for the contenders. Wins were achieved by LTJG JOHN McVEIGH, Staff, SGT LOUIS RAQUINO, USA, Ward 43B; MARTIN MATHER, Ward 62B; ROY D. PRISLEY, SN, USN, Ward 41A, and ALLEN LEVA, HN, USN, of Ward 47B. The following evening a team of six tried their luck and skill against a strong group at Letterman Army Hospital, and emerged six points behind for a loss to the Army. We plan a return match in July.

INDEPENDENCE DAY

The Red Cross Lounge (Building 32) was a beehive of activity on the 4th of July. The old saying, "Watermelon came out of their ears," was in evidence in the afternoon. Huge slices were served, along with cold lemonade. In the evening a popcorn party was held at 1900, and several patients were kept busy keeping the popcorn bowls full. On Thursday, 5 July, Mr. Wilbur Stump, owner of the Blue Notes in San Francisco, projected movies that he had taken in the lounge recently, and also some movies he made of a group that attended a Moose Lodge dinner on 5 June. He later entertained with his unique and versatile piano styling.

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Telephone Office Hospital's 'Pulse'

"Operator. Thank you. They're busy. 48A, here's a call, will you take it? Busy. Naval Hospital. Hello, Moffett? Go ahead, please. The lines are busy, will you wait? Did they answer you? Just a minute, please. Thank you. Let me try the secretary's office. I'll ring now. Naval Hospital. Operator. Thank you. I don't have any outside lines, can you call back? Did they answer? I can ring now. Operator. Thank you. Busy. Whom are you calling on the ward? Thank you."

In case you have ever wondered why the Hospital telephone operator has not responded instantly when you've lifted the receiver you can be fairly sure that she is not over in the corner sipping coffee and chatting gaily with her fellow-operators, as you may have imagined.

Especially can you be sure if you try to call during the peak hours, 0900-1100, 1300-1500 and 1600-1800, when approximately 280 calls per hour are handled by each of the five girls usually on duty.

During these peak periods of the day there may be 75 calls at one time on the five boards, each of which has 15 cords. Sometimes there is a shortage of operators and one of the others has to operate 2 boards at once.

Says Mrs. Jane Hanson, chief operator in the telephone office, "Well, if nervous breakdowns are not an occupational hazard among telephone girls, it's a wonder."

The chief Voice with a Smile declared that originally telephone operators were all males, but that they had to be replaced by the gentler sex. Reason? Girls are more agile with their hands and more patient with their voices. Men growl too easily.

There is a plan afoot to set up an inter-office dialing system which would ease the load considerably. There's also talk of a paging system, which would help much—the "Calling Doctor Kildare" sort of thing.

Main gripes of the telephone girls are: (1) not answering the phone fast enough; (2) calling a person by giving the department, building number—or even diagnosis—instead of the extension number; (3) not knowing the number wanted when the receiver is picked up; and (4) flashing the operator (Calls come into the boards so fast that when you are not answered right away by the operator you will know there are other or more important calls ahead of yours).

Also mentioned was the practice of calling outside numbers on unofficial calls. "How can the operator tell?" Mrs. Hanson was asked.

"Well, when they call TEmplebar 2-1111, for example, I know it's H. C. Capwell, so I ask, 'Is this an official call?' 'Yes,' they say. 'Official business?,' I ask. 'Yes, it's business,' they say. 'I'm sorry, that is the number of a downtown department store,' I say. Bang! goes the receiver."

Mrs. Hanson, incidentally, is as attractive as men usually imagine all telephone operators to be. She has long been active in Little Theatre work in the Bay Area, and won a



Here are the faces that go with Oak Knoll's "Voice With a Smile." (1) Shown busy at work is the day crew, (front to rear) Pat Condie, Mary Weber, Evelyn Kampman and Irma Hancock. (2) Looking up an extension number is Operator Billie Rigg. (3) The lady that heads up the telephone system, Mrs. Jane Hanson. (4) Mrs. Hanson looks over the shoulders of her night crew, including (front to rear) Evelyn Kampman, Dawn Rickman, Vera Martin and Helen Pysh.

scholarship several years ago with the Theatre Arts Group.

Situated immediately behind the operators is a large circular file with listings of all the staff doctors' home and hospital numbers, the departments at each extension number, the most frequently called numbers, and all private numbers and coin box listings.

Since the telephone lines here are already so crowded, patients on the wards may not be called at the ward phone. But each of the portable coin box phones on the wards has its own number which of course may be called to reach the patient.

Helping Mrs. Hanson run the "pulse of the compound" is the telephone supervisor, Dorothy Donnelly. The nine other operators are Ethel Gray, Helen Pysh, Pat Condie, Irma Hancock, Dawn Rickman, Billie Rigg, Vera Martin, Rosemarie Scudier, and Mary Weber.

Old Navy Tradition Is Observed At Expense of New Chief McClain

An old Navy tradition was observed at Oak Knoll the past week when Chief Andy McClain was invited to eat his first meal at Chiefs' Mess. Chief McClain, just promoted to his new rate, was, of course, the "Chief" beneficiary of the tradition, as shown in picture on page 5.

As honored guest of the meal, Chief McClain was presented with a new wooden "trough" neatly lined with waxed paper. In order that the new chief would be certain to get his share of the food, he was presented with a slightly over-size spoon which took the place of all usual silverware in Chief McClain's dexterous hands.

The food was placed in the trough by obliging fellow chiefs and thoroughly mixed and covered with a

serving of soup. Chief McClain's companions in the mess hall, anxious to show that he was welcome to their midst, even seasoned his food for him. The fact that the top fell off the salt shaker while it was being held upside down over his trough, and that the pepper ran more freely than usual was evidence of their generosity.

Overwhelmed by this show of good fellowship, Chief McClain retaliated by standing at attention at his place at table until his "hosts" were seated before he himself took his seat and applied the spoon energetically.

Said fellow Chiefs after the meal: "Our new colleague is a good sport. He took our hazing like a man. We are glad to have him with us."

Life Begins at Oak Knoll

24 June

- KOLODZIEJ, John Steven, to wife of Frank Kolodziej, MMC, 6 pounds.
- EDWARDS, Steven Francis, to wife of Ivan Edwards, HMC, 7 pounds, 14 ounces.
- WALLACE, Michael C., to wife of Marvin Wallace, SK2, 8 pounds, 4 ounces.
- ROTHROCK, George Carter, to wife of George Rothrock, LTJG, 9 pounds, 4 ounces.
- COWDEN, James Etheldred, Jr., to wife of James Cowden, PFC, 5 pounds, 1 ounce.
- LEACH, Richard Randall, to wife of Richard Leach, SR, 8 pounds, 9 ounces.
- JONES, Theron Neil, to wife of Theodore Jones, TN, 3 pounds, 15 ounces.
- McKAMEY, Debra Yvonne, to wife of Norman McKamey, AN, 8 pounds, 6 ounces.

25 June

- SMITH, Richard Dean, Jr., to wife of Richard Smith, SN, 6 pounds, 13 ounces.
- WHITE, Michele Marie, to wife of Donald White, PVT, 7 pounds, 10 ounces.
- RILEY, Colleen, to wife of Edward Riley, HN, Staff, 8 pounds, 12 ounces.
- PACHECO, Dorothy Ann, to wife of Jose Pacheco, SN, 6 pounds, 1 ounce.
- TASSELL, Vicki Lynn, to wife of Gordon Tassell, BM1, 8 pounds, 7 ounces.
- CAMPOS, Ronald David, to wife of Frank Campos, CPL, 6 pounds, 15 ounces.

26 June

- CARDEN, Christine June, to wife of William Carden, HN, 6 pounds, 15 ounces.
- MULLEN, Charles Arthur Allan, to wife of Arthur Mullen, AKC, 6 pounds, 2 ounces.
- PFEIFER, Randy Charles, to wife of Charles Pfeifer, GMC, 7 pounds, 9 ounces.
- RANELLA, Kenneth John, to wife of Frank Ranella, ADC, 8 pounds, 1 ounce.
- BROWER, Melvin Gary, to wife of Bennie Brower, MM3, 7 pounds, 4 ounces.
- VEIT, Girl, to wife of Gordon Veit, YN1, 6 pounds, 1 ounce.
- WARD, Cynthia Ann, to wife of Frank Ward, BM2, 7 pounds, 4 ounces.

27 June

- HEINZ, Richard Gordon, to wife of Vernet Heinz, CDR, 8 pounds, 3 ounces.
- BASS, Kerry Lee, to wife of John Bass, MM3, 8 pounds.
- PICKERING, Ross Aaron, Jr., to wife of Ross Pickering, AA, 8 pounds, 12 ounces.
- YATES, Elizabeth Anne, to wife of Harlan Yates, YNSN, 7 pounds, 2 ounces.
- MAHOOD, Gail Ann, to wife of Foster Mahood, ENS, 8 pounds, 3 ounces.
- MITCHELL, Eric Allen, to wife of James Mitchell, S/SGT, 8 pounds, 8 ounces.

28 June

- HOLLINGSWORTH, Sheila Jean, to wife of Billy Hollingsworth, SN, 6 pounds, 13 ounces.
- STATEN, Eva Delitha, to wife of Ivan Staten, CHCAMP, 7 pounds.
- EWING, Linda Jean, to wife of William Ewing, MA2, 4 pounds, 6 1/2 ounces.
- GABLER, Nita Lynn, to wife of Melvin Gabler, T/SGT, 8 pounds, 6 ounces.
- BEACH, Dusty Brian, to wife of Frank Beach, M/SGT, 6 pounds, 12 1/2 ounces.
- GOOSSEN, Preston John, to wife of Ercel Goossen, LTJG, 7 pounds, 14 ounces.
- WILLIAMS, Delmus Eugene, to wife of Junior Williams, PR3, 7 pounds, 10 ounces.
- HOLBROOK, Patricia Marie, to wife of Robert Holbrook, HM3, Staff, 6 pounds, 10 ounces.

29 June

- SCOTT, Robert Lee, to wife of Virgle Scott, TD3, 7 pounds, 4 ounces.
- STILLWELL, Randolph Charles, to wife of Rex Stillwell, LTCOL, 8 pounds, 1 ounce.
- GODDARD, Linda Ann, to wife of James Goddard, SK1, 7 pounds, 8 ounces.
- AYER, Philip William, to wife of Charles Ayer, EM1, 6 pounds, 10 ounces.

30 June

- WAGGONER, Monty Lee, to wife of Clinton Waggoner, CM3, 9 pounds, 6 ounces.
- GRISSMAN, Gregory Edgar, to wife of Ernest Grissman, LTJG, 7 pounds, 4 ounces.
- CARR, Deborah Carol Ann, to wife of Hubert Carr, HM3, Staff, 6 pounds, 2 ounces.



Patients at Oak Knoll's Red Cross Lounge won't lack for reading matter at least for a while, thanks to the efforts of members of Girl Scout Troop 82 of Oakland. Representatives of the troop last week brought to the hospital a total of 245 pieces of reading material, ranging from comic books and westerns to "Reader's Digest" and pocket-books. Shown above from left to right are Girl Scout Member Jane Pope handing a magazine to PFC Charles Chevaliez; her sister, Gail, handing one to M. R. White, SN, and Norma Hansen, another troop member, handing one to T. E. Massey, MR3. Standing behind White is Red Cross Gray Lady Mrs. Bergmann. Leader of Girl Scout Troop 82 is Mrs. Ted Dreyer of Oakland. The girls spent many months collecting the magazines for the patients at Oak Knoll.

San Carlos, Calif. (AFPS) — Virginia Cadwalder explained to astounded doctors how she swallowed a six-inch swizzle stick. While having a drink in a tavern, "I just tipped back my head and swallowed and down it went."

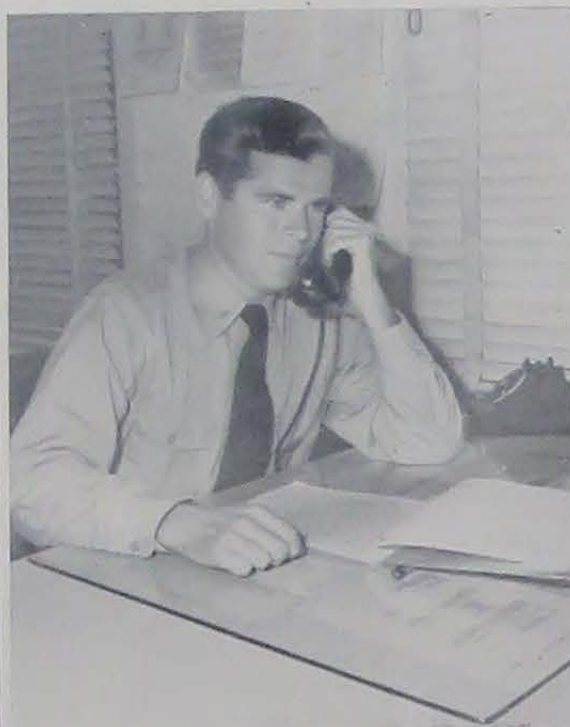
Gardner, Mass. (AFPS) — Mrs. Victoria Bonislowski raises chickens, milks her cow, cares for her garden, pitches hay and does her own housework. She's only 103 years old.

Nashville, Tenn. (AFPS) — Farmers in this area are out to settle an argument. Some say pigs' tails curl right, others say they curl left. So the farmers are going to tabulate the direction of curl in their porkers' tails.

Ontario, Calif. (AFPS) — A chick born here sports two pairs of legs. The front ones are natural, but the second set, right behind the front legs, face backward.

Staff Personalities

A man who is acquainted with the Hospital Corps from the bottom up is LTJG Neil D. Mulcahy, MC, USNR, who was a Pharmacist Mate, Third Class, in World War II. Selected for V-12 training as an enlisted man, LTJG Mulcahy finished his medical schooling at the University of Wisconsin in June, 1948. After that came his internship at the Southern Pacific hospital in San Francisco, plus a year's residency at the same place, and then work with an ear, nose and throat specialist. LTJG Mulcahy came to Oak Knoll on March 1, and is assigned to EENT. A native of Alhambra, California, LTJG and Mrs. Mulcahy have been living in San Francisco up until the past week when they moved to Oakland.



One of the many reservists called back to active duty and now stationed at Oak Knoll is Patrick "Pat" Thomas, HM2, who spends his working hours on Ward 75B. Pat came back into the Navy and to Oak Knoll for duty in January. Before that he had worked in civilian life as an assistant to an Oakland urologist, and he plans to return to that job when he is released to inactive duty. A native of Gurdon, Ark., Pat first entered the Navy in November, 1943, and was discharged at Terminal Island in May, 1946. During his tour of duty he served at the Santa Marguerita Ranch Hospital and aboard the U.S.S. Dutte. He and Mrs. Thomas now live in Alameda.



Once in a while it becomes a reviewer's duty to sound a note of warning about a popular book, and I'm afraid it is necessary with respect to the current best-seller, "Washington Confidential" by Lait and Mortimer. It may be a deceptive book, founded a lot on conjecture and partial truths. One has only to read their "Prophetic" chapter on Estes Kefauver—in which they describe the distinguished and very able Senator from Tennessee as a politician who, they tell us, will white-wash crime in America in return for a chance at the Vice-Presidency—to be stricken with grave thoughts about other such statements. If they missed the mark so badly on Mr. Kefauver, how many like errors are there in the book? As I say, it seems only fair to utter a word of caution when the book is supposed to be factual. Mr. Lait and Mr. Mortimer are men, and like most men can sometimes be led astray when they let hearsay and opinionated guesswork guide their remarks.

Also about the national scene we have two new books on the current struggle: David Duncan's "This Is War," designed from his photographic work in LIFE, and Marguerite Higgins' personal narrative, "War in Korea." Both are excellent. Bruce Catton has just finished "Mr. Lincoln's Army," the story of how a popular general in the Civil War was dismissed from command of the Army of the Potomac by Lincoln, and his then unpopular Secretary of State, Mr. Seward. It's a book that makes you wonder if history doesn't repeat patterns after all.

"A King's Story" by the Duke of Windsor is the retelling from his side of the famous romance with Wallis Simpson. Aably assisted by the editors of LIFE, he has written a very moving book, indeed, and one that comes out, whatever else it is, as a great modern love story.

Western fans will be delighted with Ernest Haycox's new book, "By Rope and by Lead." It is not a novel, but a collection of tales about the winning of the West, told by one of the absolute masters in his field. In the suspense department, honors this week go to Helen MacInnes for "Neither Five Nor Three," a terrifying study in betrayal and a tragic love story as well.

—Frank M. Campbell, HM1.

Pittsburgh (AFPS) — The giant power shovel at a construction project was out of operation for three weeks, but now is working again. A pair of robins built their nest in the shovel and deposited three eggs in it. Workmen waited until the baby robins were ready to leave before putting the shovel back in operation.

Lewiston, Idaho (AFPS) — A motorist drove into a garage and complained of a noise in his engine. When the hood was raised, a robin flew out. Three weeks later, while having his oil checked, the motorist discovered under the hood a nest with three robin's eggs.

WELCOME AND FAREWELL

The census at Oak Knoll climbed faster than inflationary prices during the past week as 70 new staff members reported aboard for duty while only 31 departed for new duties at other activities. Lights burned late in the Personnel Office to handle the unusually heavy load.

Reporting aboard were: LTJG J. L. Laubach, MCR, USNR; LTJG S. D. Jones, Jr., MCR, USNR; LTJG H. M. Upton, MCR, USNR; LTJG J. F. Heckman, MC, USNR; LTJG J. V. Corbett, MCR, USNR, and LTJG S. L. Stillings, MC, USNR, all from civilian life for internship; LTJG R. M. Vetto, MC, USNR, from APO 331, Okinawa; LTJG A. F. Crumley, MC, USNR, and LTJG Franklyn C. Hill, Jr., both of whom just completed internship at Oak Knoll and are now staff members;

LTJG Florence M. Glock, NC, USNR, from inactive duty; LT C. A. Heesaker, NC, USNR, from inactive duty; LTJG R. H. Lee, MC, USNR, from Destroyer Squadron Nine; LTJG C. A. Dillaha, Jr., MC, USNR; LTJG W. M. Douglas, MC, USNR; LTJG E. H. Ninow, MC, USNR, and LTJG C. C. Smith, MC, USNR, all from civilian life for internship; LTJG E. M. Lanthier, NC, USNR, from inactive duty; ENS O. Farrah, NC, USNR, from USNH, Portsmouth, Va.; LTJG F. Clarke, MCR, USNR, to staff from internship; LTJG W. B. Epps, MC, USNR; LTJG F. K. Root, Jr., MC, USNR, and LTJG P. W. Smith, MC, USNR, all from civilian life; LTJG P. C. Nelson, NC, USNR, also from inactive duty;

HMC's E. O. Daugherty, from NTC, Great Lakes; J. M. Williams, from Camp Lejeune; M. J. Ferenchak, from NTS, Newport, R. I.; T. L. Speirer, Port Huron, Mich.; J. A. Hennessey, from COM3, and R. F. Dee, from Receiving Station, D. C.; HMI's A. A. Allen and K. K. Drake, both from USNRECSTA, T. I.; F. J. Holmes, from NAS, Corpus Christi; W. A. Martin, G. E. Rhodes and L. R. Jones, all from USNRECSTA, T. I.; J. A. Thomas, from USNH, Mare Island, and H. E. Geddings, from USNH, Bethesda; HM2's N. D. Paschall, G. L. Fuller and E. E. Roberts, all from USNRECSTA, T. I.; D. H. Middleman, from NAS, Pensacola; H. F. Brandt, Jr., from Quantico, Va.; E. Desantels, W. D. Hanns, W. R. Taylor and D. C. Williams, all from USNRECSTA, T. I.; R. E. Davis, from USNH, San Diego, and J. F. McConnell, from PTS; HM3's A. A. Darter, S. A. Marquardt, F. G. Perez, W. Blevans, J. C. Dice, L. S. Hagen, H. F. Clark, H. L. Brown, M. E. Greer, G. Hennegardt, R. E. Teeter, S. P. Vincent, J. R. Worrel, R. Valentine and C. E. Marckel, Jr., all from USNRECSTA, T. I.; C. F. Kurtz, from NTC, Great Lakes, and R. L. Bellman, from USNH, Mare Island; HN's J. H. Wood and S. G. Curtis, both from USNRECSTA, T. I., and L. L. Hudspeth, from the U.S.S. Mansfield, and HA's A. H. Dearing and A. B. Spensley, both from USNH, Bethesda.

Detached during the week were LTJG W. F. Hofmann, MC, USNR, to NAS, Barbers Pt., Oahu, T. H.; LTJG G. H. Bjorkman, MC, USNR; LTJG C. V. Carlson, MC, USNR; LTJG H. V. Eastman, MC, USNR; LTJG W. L. Ellison, MC, USNR; LTJG W. E. Hird, MC, USNR; LTJG H. A. Lorderbaum, MC, USNR; LTJG

N. G. Lund, MC, USNR; LTJG G. G. Maier, MC, USNR; LTJG M. G. Oopen, MC, USNR; LTJG R. A. Roback, MC, USNR, and LTJG H. S. Wandling, MC, USNR, all to civilian life upon completion of internship; LT Miram E. Bittle, NC, USNR, to Naval Medical School, Bethesda; LTJG G. A. Llewellyn, MC, USNR, to USNAS, Pensacola; LTJG C. Rolle, MC, USNR, to LST Division 34; LTJG J. A. Sheehan, MC, USNR, to Destroyer Division 32; LTJG J. Kohlhaas, MC, USNR, and LTJG W. D. Stuard, MC, USNR, both to civilian life upon completion of internship; LTJG D. E. Cameron, MCR, USNR; LTJG A. F. Dodson, MCR, USNR, and LTJG W. D. Stuart, MCR, USNR, also released to inactive duty upon completion of internship; LTJG C. H. Wright, MCR, USNR, also released to inactive duty;

HMC J. H. Littlejohn, to Medical Depot, St. Louis; HM3's W. J. Harris and W. I. Nelson, Jr., to FMF; HN's C. A. Barger to USNH, Corona, and B. A. Jefferson, M. E. Hadley, J. H. Boster, J. H. Cline, H. T. Suttles and R. L. Worsham, all to FMF.

Laffs

Suzie: "Well, I finally got that raise in salary."

New Stenog: "Honestly?"

Suzie: "Oh, don't be so inquisitive."

Then there was the cross-eyed professor who had no control over his pupils.

We've little fear
From sticks and stones;
It's the bathtub soap
That breaks our bones.

Overheard: "You never kiss me any more. Why can't you be like the man next door?"

Mother: "Why, Bobby! Your nose is swollen. What happened?"

Bobby: "I reached up and smelled a bunflower?"

Mother: "Bunflower? You mean sunflower. There is no 'B' in sunflower."

Bobby: "Oh, no? There was in this one."



New Chief Andy McClain stretches his mouth to the limits to accommodate the spoon fellow chiefs gave him at his first meal at Chiefs' Mess. In honor of his new rate, Chief McClain was given a new wooden trough instead of the ordinary plate used by his companions. Chief L. F. Betoney and Chief J. C. Odom look on with amusement as Chief McClain hurries to get his share of the chow, which had been specially seasoned for his debut.

(See story on page 3.)

Scuttlebutt

By DERF

STUFF 'N STUFF: Paul and Nita Greer have been honeymooning along the California coast. Now, it's back to work!—Wasn't that Joan Gordon cruising around San Francisco with a tall, bow-tied fella?—We think we know why Dean Gilley married his pretty blonde from Kansas. Seems they needed an experienced piano player for the station orchestra. He got a piano player and a wife, to boot—Jackie Sturch's vocalizing gives the band an added lift—Ever since E. S. School's picnic, instructor Bill Evans has had a new interest. Clue: She likes to go around bare-foot—One of the telephone operators, Lorraine Shields, resigned last week. Her reason: "Just tired of work." (Naval personnel shouldn't try that excuse—it just won't work)—The reason we see a lot less of Hank Walker these days is his little blue coupe—Wilson Manuel likes those small intimate, candle-lit bistros on Stockton—"The Diamond Horseshoe" down on MacArthur is getting to be another Knollite hangout—Who is the self-styled "Great Big Mother In White" in the N.P. Service?—Nibbling at the "Paddock" was Clarence Glick—Dancing

at Santa Cruz' "Cocoanut Grove" we saw Phil Barone—Doubled up with mirth at the "Drift Inn" we recognized Loren Dunstan—Bertha "Mae" Durrant gave a surprise birthday party, last Saturday night, for her husband Larry, Commissary II's Chief Meat Chopper—From his sultan, you'd think Father Trower had just come from Florida. But no, it's all East Bay sunshine—Oak Leaf Cartoonist Roy Zetterholm gets his ideas floating on his back in the pool (I just get water in my nose)—Didja see the orchids Katie Robinson received from her swabbie who's stationed in Hawaii?—Millie De Mello, a new typist in the Health Records section, ties with any of you old salts for overseas duty. Mention almost any Island in the Pacific and you can bet she's been on it!—Rita Sula is leaving "sunny" Oakland this week end to join her hubby down in the heart of Texas—What, or who, is keeping Harold Mabie out until four a.m.?—The "Foghorn," Letterman Hospital's weekly, came in for a lot of attention when it was rumored around that it had an article about releasing reserves. Pat Owen's small supply was soon depleted.

LILY LAW: As usual, Tom Raum has been studying California's penal code and here are some of the oddies he found: "Every person who willfully and intentionally breaks down, pulls down, or otherwise destroys any jail is punishable by imprisonment." (Logical conclusion)—"Every person who shall feloniously steal the carcass of a bovine animal is guilty of Grand Theft." (I told you it wasn't a WAVE)—"Any person who purchases any junk from any person under the age of sixteen years is guilty of a misdemeanor." (The little monsters have to make a living some way)—"The person making an arrest must inform the person to be arrested of his intention to arrest him." (Look out, you!)

New York (AFPS)—Two items in a department store advertisement here offered cigars at 28 to 48 per cent reduction, and a low price on a book, "How to Stop Smoking."



"That's it, Mac—2 bottles merthiolate—2 bottles cascara—3 bottles am-
phojel and 6 bottles of hadacol—"

SPORTS

Varsity Softball Tilt to Knollers

Oak Knoll's varsity softball team continued its drive toward the top of the Twelfth Naval District league by taking a contest from Moffett Field by a score of seven to five on Monday, 2 July.

Moore was the winning Oak Knoll pitcher, Malony the losing Moffett Field hurler.

Big stick for the winners was Wong, who collected three hits, two of them doubles, in four appearances at the plate.

Two of his teammates, Hinds and Pyne, average .500 at the plate for the game, getting two hits each in four times at bat. Webb and Pearsall also registered singles in the hit column.

Kust gave Moore the most trouble during the afternoon as he banged out four hits, one a triple, in four plate appearances for the Moffett Fielders.

On Wednesday, 27 June, the Oak Knoll team lost a heartbreaker when Alameda managed to squeeze across a run in the first half of the last inning to break a scoreless tie.

In a hotly contested game in which the hits of both teams totaled only seven. Moore, the Oak Knoll hurler, fought right down to the wire with good support from his teammates before the winning run was scored. Moore gave up five hits during the seven-inning stint.

Meanwhile, Burns, the Alameda pitcher, limited the Oak Knollers to only two bingles, singles by Webb and Moore.

On Monday, 9 July, the Hospital team will go against the Treasure Island Electronics School in the last home game of the tournament. On Wednesday, 11 July, the team will start a long road series when they meet NAS Oakland there.

Table Tennis Tourney Entries Close 13 July

The entry list for Oak Knoll's Intra-hospital table tennis tourney will close 13 July and play will begin on 17 July, according to Welfare and Recreation department.

There are still plenty of openings in the tourney lists and any patient or staff member wishing to compete is urged to sign up before the closing date.

At present only a singles tourney is planned but if enough interest is shown a doubles tourney also will be arranged.



Winners in two Oak Knoll tennis tournaments are shown receiving congratulations from CAPT J. N. C. Gordon, MC, USN, Commanding Officer, after presentation of trophies last week. Shown (left to right) are LTJG H. S. Wandling, Jr., MCR, USNR, first place winner in the singles tourney; J. A. Brisnahan, HM3, half of the second-places doubles combo; CAPT Gordon; Joe Fichter, HN, second-place winner in the singles competition; LTJG P. H. Suess, DC, USN, first-place winner of the doubles tourney, and Joe Reginato, Oak Knoll Athletic Director, Brisnahan's partner in winning second place honors in the doubles. CDR Milton Kurzrok, MC, USN, who was the other first-place winner in the doubles tourney, was not present at the trophy presentation.

PREVIEWS

Sunday, 8 July
IRON MAN—Stephen McNally, Evelyn Keyes. This is apparently either a very new movie or a relatively old one. No information is available concerning it, and no critics' judgments can be found.

Monday, 9 July
KANSAS RAIDERS—Audie Murphy, M. Chapman. This movie has a dual story thread, telling the story of the depredations of the notorious William Clark Quantrill, who bathed the Kansas countryside in blood during the Civil War, and the rise and development of a group of young lads from Missouri, Jesse and Frank James, the Younger brothers, and Kit Dalton. In the leading roles are Audie Murphy as Jesse James, Brian Donlevy as Quantrill and Marguerite Chapman as Quantrill's girl. The movie, in technicolor, has been given a rating of "good" by reviewers. It was released to the public in November, 1950.

Tuesday, 10 July
SIROCCO—Humphrey Bogart, Marta Toren. No information is available concerning this movie, and the title is certainly no clue to what it may be about. However, something can be guessed by the leading actor. If you like "Bogey" Bogart, better plan to see this one.

Wednesday, 11 July
NEVER TRUST A GAMBLER—Dane Clark, Cathy O'Donnell. This, too, is either new or old, as no information is available on it. The title is an interesting one, however, and lends itself to speculation.

Thursday, 12 July
CATTLE DRIVE—Joel McCrea, Dean Stockwell, Chill Wills. No reviews are available on this movie, although it is safe to bet that it is a Western with plenty of action for the boys from out of the Golden West. If you like your movies full of action, this would be the one to see.

Friday, 13 July
MAN WITH MY FACE—Barry Nelson, Carole Mathews. This movie is classed as a "better-than-average thriller" filmed in Puerto Rico. Nelson plays the two lead roles. He's the confused, angered American accountant who comes home to find a double has taken his place, and he plays the smooth brutal bank robber who finally dies in the trap he set for his victim. The movie benefits from the native background and its scenes have a sharp, brittle documentary feeling that adds value. It has been given a reviewer's rating of very good.

Saturday, 14 July
RED, HOT & BLUE—Betty Hutton, Victor Mature. This movie is a relatively old one, released in November, 1949, but as a type of entertainment tailored to take your mind off your troubles it couldn't be beat. Given a rating of "fair-good," it features the singing and antics of Miss Hutton and the bare-chested manliness of Mr. Mature.

S. F. MARINES DOWN KNOLL BASEBALLERS

Poor play in the field by Oak Knoll's entry in the Twelfth Naval District baseball tournament was responsible on Thursday, 28 June, for a 7 to 1 loss to the San Francisco Marines.

The final score does not reflect the highlight of the game, at least as far as Oak Knollers are concerned, which was the pitching stint of Hurler Steve Tamborski.

Tamborski limited the Marines to only three hits during the afternoon, while the Oak Knoll team chalked up nine safeties. Three Oak Knoll errors and failure to get hits at the right time account for the loss.

Teammates hint that Tamborski picked up some pitching pointers from young Stephen, his new son born 23 June. Seems Pitcher Tamborski spent several hours with his young son the two nights before the game, probably talking over the tactics to be used.

Hellem was the pitcher for the Marines.

On Tuesday, 3 July, the Oak Knoll baseball team went against Moffett Field and on Thursday, 5 July, tackled NAS, Alameda.

Trophies Given Tennis Winners

First and second place winners in the Oak Knoll Intra-hospital Tennis tourney last week were presented trophies by CAPT J. N. C. Gordon, MC, USN, Commanding Officer.

The entry considered best in the tourneys, both singles and doubles, was not on hand to accept his trophy, however. CDR Milton Kurzrok, MC, USN, who had battled his way to the finals in both tourneys, was transferred to U.S. Naval Hospital, Chelsea, Mass., before the trophy presentation and before one of the tourneys was completed.

Although he had already won his finals berth in the singles tourney, CDR Kurzrok had to forfeit. He did team up with LTJG P. H. Suess, DC, USN, however, to cop the doubles tourney.

First place in the singles competition went to LTJG H. S. Wandling, Jr., MCR, USNR, while Joe Fichter, HN, copped second place honors.

Second place in the doubles tourney went to a team made up of J. A. Brisnahan, HM3 and Joe Reginato, Oak Knoll Athletics Director.

Knoxville, Tenn. (AFPS) — Police Sgt. Alvin Christie requested demotion to patrolman. "My reason for wanting the demotion," he said, "is that I feel the difference in pay, 17 cents per day, is insufficient compensation for the responsibilities a sergeant must assume."

Atlanta, Ga. (AFPS)—Because her husband "drinks from morning 'til night," a Fulton county woman was applying for a divorce. Judge Ralph McClelland asked, "Has he ever tried Alcoholics Anonymous?" The wife replied: "I guess so, Your Honor, he'll drink anything."

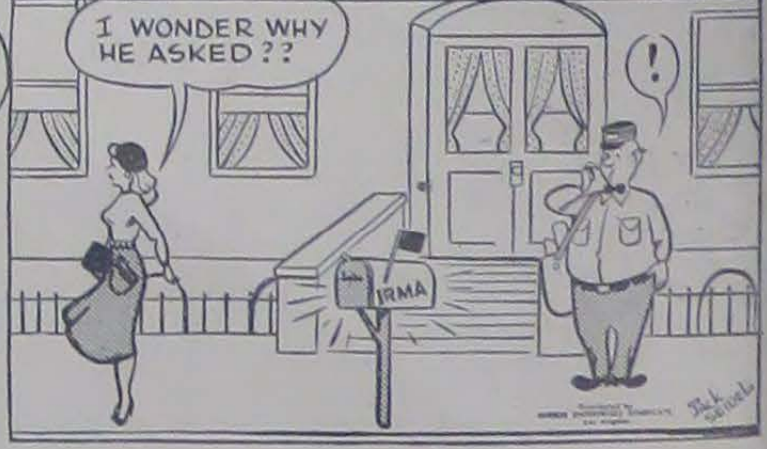
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Release Program For Reservists On Active Duty Outlined In Alnav

Washington (AFPS)—Navy policy regarding discharge or release of Regular and Reserve personnel on active duty, as promulgated in Alnav 62 and 63, dated July 3, 1951, is as follows:

Reserve officers who volunteered for active service in July 1950 in response to BuPers Letter 081735 and signed an agreement to remain on active duty for at least six months, may request immediate release from active duty on completion of 12 months of active service.

Officers of this category who were members of the Organized Reserve or Volunteer Reserve in a drill pay status, will not become eligible for release until they have completed 24 months of active duty.

Regular Navy personnel on active duty in the Regular establishment will be separated on the date of expiration of enlistment as voluntarily or involuntarily extended on or after July 28, 1950.

Naval Reserve enlisted personnel who were on continuous active duty in the Reserve program on June 25, 1950, and while so serving were transferred to active duty in the Regular establishment, will be separated on the date they complete 24 months of continuous active duty computed from July 1, 1949, or from the date placed on continuous active duty in the Reserve program, whichever date is later.

Naval Reserve enlisted personnel who, irrespective of veteran status, volunteered for active duty under

BuPers Letter 081735Z, July, 1950, for an obligated period of at least six months as evidenced by signed entry on page 9 or 13 of their service records, will be separated on the date they complete 12 months active duty since June 25, 1950.

Naval Reserve enlisted personnel who are veterans as defined in Alnav 37-51, and who were not receiving drill pay or active duty pay in the Reserve program at the time ordered to active duty in the Regular establishment, will be separated not later than the date they complete 17 months of active duty, nor earlier than the date they complete 12 months active duty since June 25, 1950, under phasing schedules to be promulgated by the Bureau of Personnel.

Naval Reserve enlisted personnel in the following categories will be separated not later than the date they complete 24 months active duty nor earlier than the date they complete 15 months active duty since June 25, 1950, under the following phasing schedules to be promulgated by the Bureau of Personnel: (A) Enlisted Reservists who, irrespective of veteran status, were receiving drill pay or active duty pay in the Reserve program at the time ordered to active duty in the Regular establishment, except those otherwise included in foregoing categories. (B) Enlisted Reservists who are non-veterans and who were not receiving drill pay or active duty pay in the Reserve program at the time ordered to active duty in the Regular establishment,



VADM George D. Murray, USN, Commander, Western Sea Frontier and of PacResFlt, talked with members of the Physical Medicine staff during his visit to Oak Knoll last week. Shown above (left to right) are LT Jervace Crouse, NC, USN, Supervisor of Physical Medicine; LCDR C. E. Chapman, MC, USNR, in charge of the department of Physical Medicine; Admiral Murray; LCDR C. K. Holloway, MC, USN, of the Neurosurgery Department, and S/SGT Kenneth Olson, a patient at Physiotherapy.

except those otherwise included in other foregoing categories.

Naval Reserve enlisted personnel whose enlistments as voluntarily or involuntarily extended on or after July 28, 1950, expire prior to the establishment of eligibility for separation under other foregoing categories, will be separated on the date of expiration of their enlistments as so extended.

Medal Of Honor Winner Dies Here

LT John Joseph Clausey, USN, Retired, who won the Congressional Medal of Honor for heroic action aboard the USS Bennington in 1905, died Monday at Oak Knoll after a long illness. He was 76 years old.

LT Clausey had served in the Navy for 37 years prior to his retirement in August, 1929. He was a Chief Gunner's Mate at the time he received the Medal of Honor. The Bennington was anchored in San Diego Harbor when one of her boilers blew up, filling the ship with steam. Clausey, at the risk of his own life, repeatedly went below decks to carry out injured shipmates who would otherwise have died as the result of the explosion.

In 1920 the lieutenant served as Commanding Officer of SP 467, an auxiliary vessel, under Fleet Admiral C. W. Nimitz, who was then in command of Submarine Division 14 in Pearl Harbor. They became close friends, and the Admiral visited him frequently during the time he was a patient here.

LT Clausey was a native San Franciscan, but in recent years he and his wife, Kathleen, now a patient on Ward 40B, had made their home in Boulder Creek.



Members of Oak Knoll's largest Operating Room Technician School graduating class received their certificates at the completion of their six months' course last week from CAPT E. H. Dickinson, MC, USN, Chief of Surgical Service. In the group were, left to right, back row: O. M. Knight, HN; L. B. Long, HM2; D. E. Maese, HN; J. F. O'Brien, HN; L. W. Pheby, HM3, and R. E. Randall, HM3; left to right, front row: C. Henry, HN; R. D. Coffey, HM3; T. M. Breeze, HN; J. H. Boudreau, HN; J. R. Blodgett, HN, and F. G. Allen, HN. At right are LT S. M. Bailey, NC, USNR, Operating Room Nurse, and CAPT Dickinson.

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† † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

"THE LOST BOOK"

During the years of the kings of Judah the people had gotten away from God. They had taken up with customs of the heathen and no longer worshipped God. The House of God was in dilapidated condition and had been closed up. Inside was rubbish and dust.

A new king began to reign. This new king Josiah was but a boy, eight years old. For eighteen years he walked past the House of God as it stood in decadence by the road side. When he was twenty-six years old he took over full authority of the government and determined to make radical and much needed reforms.

He called in Hilkiah the High Priest, and ordered the House of God cleaned, repaired and opened for services. In the process of cleaning, The Book of the Law was found in a rubbish heap. The Priest brought the book to the king. When he saw the content of the Scriptures, he declared a fast for all the people and ordered that religious services be held regularly with reading of the Scriptures. Other reforms followed and soon the country began to show moral improvement. In time the nation enjoyed one of the most prosperous and happy periods in its history.

The losing of God's word spelled trouble, immorality and disaster for Judah, whereas worship, Scripture reading and study ushered in morality, justice and prosperity. The same results might be expected in any country in any age.

Today we are facing grave moral and spiritual danger as a nation. The Bible is still the best seller but often it lies in the dust on a mantle shelf or on a table, and is unread. Public worship is often neglected today, and some even go so far as to consider it a practice of sissies and fanatics. Some consider it a retreat from reality, a salve for the souls of the soft.

A new interest in The Holy Bible is urgently needed. It is also just as urgent, that Christian Believers practice their faith by attendance at worship and by private devotions. Unread Bibles and Empty Churches spell disaster for our nation and a decadence in the morals of our people; used Bibles and devout people will open the way for an era of happiness and peace.

Do not allow the Bible to be lost in your home. You and yours need its vigor, hope, wisdom, and challenge.

Most of the strongest military leaders as well as our leading American statesmen are ardent advocates of having an active religious faith. Why not get the Word about **The Word**.

Practice regular worship, publicly and privately. You not only improve your own soul, receive needed spiritual and moral strength, but you influence others toward God, others who are losing hold of the eternal values of life.

CHAPLAIN J. A. WHITMAN

Divine Services

Hospital Chapel at Main Gate
PROTESTANT

BIBLE SCHOOL — SUNDAY 0945
 SUNDAY WORSHIP — 1100
 FELLOWSHIP HOUR — MONDAY
 1930 — In Chaplains' Office — Ward 40A

CATHOLIC
 SUNDAY MASSES
 0600 — 0900 — 1215
 DAILY MASSES — 0645 & 1630
 Confessions before Mass
 CHOIR PRACTICE:
 TUESDAY 1900
 Catholic Oratory in back of Chapel

CHAPLAINS' OFFICES IN
 CHAPEL & 40A
 NAVY RELIEF OFFICE — 40A

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

Chaplains of other faiths will be called
 upon request

BUS TO AND FROM CHAPEL ON
 SUNDAYS 0845 & 1045

Fairmont Hotel Dance Planned By A.W.V.S.

The A.W.V.S. is sponsoring another big dance at the Paris Room of the Fairmont Hotel, on 15 July. Dancing will be from 1500 to 1800, with music for the occasion provided by Lee Scott and his orchestra.

As an added attraction the program will be highlighted by a dance exhibition entitled "Interlude," and will be performed by an experienced group of Arthur Murray dancers. The dance and program comes to servicemen of the Bay Area under the auspices of the Shell Oil Company.

As a footnote to this program, the A.W.V.S. has informed the Welfare & Recreation office that every night, there are 150 tickets available for the performances of "Bloomer Girl," currently playing at the San Francisco War Memorial Opera House.



Flowers this week from the Junior Red Cross at Berkeley Chapter were distributed by Mrs. "Tabby" Payne of Berkeley, assisted by the Red Cross Motor Service driver. Every Friday afternoon Mrs. Payne brings small bouquets of garden flowers to the bed patients, this week through the generosity of Mrs. Daniel Dewey, Headmistress of the Anna Head School, 2538 Channing Way, Berkeley. Mrs. Ann Smith, of Girl Scout Troop 93 and the students selected the blooms from the school gardens, and other students picked and arranged them in tin containers, suitable for the night stands on the wards. Patients accepting the flowers on Ward 62B are William Monday, AN, and John A. Botts, EN3. Throughout the past three years the Berkeley schools have cooperated with the Junior Red Cross in contributing flowers each week for the hospital.

Red Cross Ramblings

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Felicitations and a frosted cake to SGT WILLIAMS ADAMS, USMC, known to his pals on Ward 42A as "Gungho." Did you get your wish, SGT, when you blew out those candles?

MICKEY MOUSE

Children who come to the hospital as patients need not miss play time or fun, or feel too lonely away from Mamma and Daddy. Entertainment is planned weekly for their enjoyment. The Mickey Mouse type of movies, educational shorts, travel to far away places are projected every Thursday afternoon. Story hour and coloring books with crayons are popular activities. Bed patients are given small toys and game equipment and the larger children utilize their time making models and other crafts.

PEOPLE YOU MEET

Mrs. Esther England of Oakland, under the auspices of the Red Cross, Oakland Chapter, has been entertaining patients at the U.S. Naval Hospital for the past six years. She has brought a diversified and most entertaining program to the wards each week including hula dancers, pantomimists, pianists and other talent that has brought joy to the men convalescing here. Last Monday evening she surprised her son, CPL WILLIAM ENGLAND, USMC, of Ward 44B, by bringing a huge birthday cake to his sick bed. All the patients on the ward joined in the merriment and sang a lusty "Happy Birthday, Billie," when the cake was presented.

STRAW HAT REVUE

Now that summer is here, amateur theatricals are "in" again all over the country. A group of young enthu-

siastic drama stars are producing and acting in their combined efforts and are calling it "You Can't Miss." The musical tunes are catchy and there is a punch line a minute. It is held in Lafayette. The patients who have seen it have enjoyed it very much. Red Cross has tickets for performances on Monday and Tuesday evenings during the month of July, transportation will be furnished and we leave the compound at 1900. Sign up now for next week.

Unknown Patient Stops Runaway Car

Some patient at Oak Knoll hospital is due to receive a big "thank you" as soon as his identity is discovered, for it was his quick thinking and action that were responsible for averting damage to LT M. J. Travis' car and possible injury to his three children.

It all happened this way:

Mrs. Travis, while visiting her husband on Ward 68A, parked her car (and children) in the sloping parking area at the end of the ward. Just what started the errant car on its way is not known. What is known is that it rolled down the slope, knocked down a board fence, and was rolling down a steep embankment when the patient, described as "an older man," jumped into the car and stopped it before it could continue its dangerous course.

In the ensuing confusion of getting the car back to the parking area and quieting the frightened but otherwise unharmed children, the real hero of the story disappeared, and though numerous inquiries have been made on wards in the neighborhood of 68A, he has not been found.

Saturday, 14 July, 1951

Life Begins at Oak Knoll

1 July

HEINTZMAN, Kathleen Marie, to wife of John Heintzman, ENS, 6 pounds, 11½ ounces.
 MASSEY, Carol Lynn, to wife of John B. Massey, RMN1, 7 pounds, 12 ounces.
 MARSHALL, Patricia Lee, to wife of Alton Marshall, DC3, 7 pounds, 2½ ounces.
 KOCH, girl, to wife of Fred Koch, LTJG, 7 pounds, 2 ounces.
 STOWERS, Janet Lee, to wife of William Stowers, CPL, 6 pounds, 13 ounces.
 SCARBROUGH, Robert Earl, to wife of Elmer Scarbrough, SK3, 7 pounds, 14 ounces.
 GODDARD, Kathy Lee, to wife of Lowell Goddard, LTCOL, 5 pounds, 11 ounces.
 SANTORO, Gary, to wife of Armando Santoro, DCW2, 5 pounds, 10 ounces.

2 July

SILVA, Philip Loring, to wife of Anthony Silva, BM2, 6 pounds, 1½ ounces.
 KAHLER, Thomas Allen, to wife of George Kahler, AE3, 6 pounds, 6 ounces.
 MIHECK, Deborah Anne, to wife of William Miheck, HM3, 8 pounds, 15 ounces.
 WOLEBEN, Mary Ellen, to wife of Ralph Woleben, LTJG, 8 pounds, 3 ounces.
 BAXTER, Linda Rey, to wife of Reed Baxter, HN, 7 pounds, 3 ounces.
 JORDAN, Diane Marie, to wife of Robert L. Jordan, LTJG, 6 pounds, 5 ounces.

3 July

MADDEN, Linda Kay, to wife of James Madden, M/SGT, 6 pounds, 10 ounces.
 WALLACE, Anya Victoria, to wife of Clarence Wallace, RDSN, 6 pounds, 7 ounces.
 GROVER, John Watt III, to wife of John Grover, Jr., LTJG, 9 pounds, 2 ounces.

4 July

MAGANA, Michael Vincent, to wife of Vincent Magana, ADC, 5 pounds, 15 ounces.
 WILLIAMS, Luceta Eloise, to wife of Wesley Williams, OM3, 7 pounds, 9 ounces.
 McCLURE, Charles Preston, to wife of Charles McClure, HM2, 8 pounds, 4 ounces.
 THOMPSON, William Darrell, to wife of William Thompson, MML3, 8 pounds, 9 ounces.
 KALAL, Richard Kenneth, to wife of Donald Kalal, YN3, nine pounds.
 HOGE, girl, to wife of Johnny Hoge, CS2, 5 pounds, 11 ounces.

5 July

VAN WINKLE, Robert Douglas, to wife of Robert Van Winkle, FN, 7 pounds.
 BRASWELL, Lee Michael, to wife of Lee Braswell, SH2, 7 pounds, 2 ounces.
 WELSH, John Phillip, to wife of Averille Welsh, AT2, 7 pounds, 12½ ounces.
 ELAM, Claudia June, to wife of Claude Elam, MM1, 9 pounds, 5 ounces.
 DUSTRUDE, Stephen Ray, to wife of Ray Dustrude, TEC, 6 pounds, 12 ounces.
 TUBBS, Steven Donald, to wife of Harry Tubbs, SR, 6 pounds, 9 ounces.
 VANDERBUSH, Linda Carol, to wife of Clifford Vanderbush, AA, 6 pounds.

6 July

JOHNSTON, George Alger, to wife of George Johnston, AEM3, 6 pounds, 9 ounces.
 HUGILL, Victor Trent, to wife of Orland Hugill, ALC, 9 pounds.
 STOKES, Allen Edward, to wife of Allen Stokes, ET2, 7 pounds, 6 ounces.
 LINDSAY, Paul Edward, to wife of Edwin Lindsay, DTG2, 7 pounds, 9 ounces.
 KEITH, Edith Linda, to wife of Irwin Keith, ICC, 8 pounds, 4 ounces.
 ALLMON, Janice Lynn, to wife of William Allmon, 1st LT, 7 pounds.
 SILLS, Steven Lewis, to wife of Glen Sills, EM1, 8 pounds, 6 ounces.

7 July

TANNER, Christine Marie, to wife of Gilbert Tanner, MMC, 7 pounds, 7 ounces.
 WOOD, Michael Lewis, to wife of Lewis Wood, ENS, 7 pounds.
 BRAITHWAITE, Frederick John, to wife of Floyd Braithwaite, SGT, 8 pounds, 2 ounces.
 WALL, Beverly Sue, to wife of Charles Wall, PFC, 4 pounds.
 MALONE, Robert Franklin Jr., to wife of Robert Malone, FN, 8 pounds, 12 ounces.
 POOLE, Kathryn Ann, to wife of William Poole, HN, 6 pounds.



Dr. William R. Albus, shown above with CAPT J. N. C. Gordon, Commanding Officer, and CAPT I. L. V. Norman, Executive Officer, spent Tuesday and Wednesday at Oak Knoll inspecting the facilities for intern and residency training. Dr. Albus is the inspector representative on medical education and hospitals for the American Medical Association.

Hospital Patients Enjoy July 4 Week End—Guests At Calistoga

Twenty-one Oak Knoll patients had one of their best Fourth of July celebrations last week, due to the efforts of the Lions Club at Calistoga, their host for the holiday.

The patients left Oak Knoll on a chartered bus early Wednesday morning and arrived in Calistoga at approximately 1030 where the first event of the day was a big celebration parade.

At noon the patients were guests of the Lions club at a Calistoga restaurant for luncheon and in the afternoon were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hughes, who spearheaded the

special celebration for the Oak Knollites.

Also during the afternoon the patients were taken to the Calistoga fairgrounds for a Barber-shop quartet concert.

In the evening the group from Oak Knoll were guests at a dinner at the Hughes home, with the food prepared by the wives of Lions Club members.

Then it was back to the fairgrounds for a full evening's entertainment. First off were auto races, interspersed with vaudeville acts. A fitting climax for the day's activities was the huge fireworks display which followed.

Staff Personalities

Back as a staff member at Oak Knoll after seeing part of the Pacific and the Far East as a regimental doctor with the Fifth Marines is LT. William E. Larsen, MC, USN. Wounded on 8 August near Ching-dong-ni, LT Larsen came here as a patient on 15 December, and has been on the staff since he was taken off the sick list on 16 April. Earlier he had been on the staff in 1947 and 1948 before being assigned to the Marines. A native of Wichita, Kas., LT Larsen graduated from the University of Kansas in 1946. In the Navy for more than four years, LT Larsen has also seen duty in Guam, in China, and at Camp Pendleton.



One of the newer faces around Oak Knoll belongs to ENS Inez Udovich, NC, USNR, who came here on 14 April. ENS Udovich, a native of Chester, Penn., joined the Navy on 1 December 1950 and was first stationed at the U.S. Naval Hospital, Jacksonville, Fla. She received her nurse's training at the Fitzgerald Mercy Hospital, Darby, Penn. Since she has been at Oak Knoll, ENS Udovich worked first on Ward 44A, and is now assigned to Ward 42A. Because she has been in the Navy only slightly over seven months, ENS Udovich has not definitely decided whether it will become a career for her.



Thank You, Oak Knoll

Commanding Officer
U.S. Naval Hospital
Oakland, California

Dear Captain Gordon:

I wish to take this opportunity to thank the doctors, nurses, aides and other employees for the wonderful care and attention given me, while a patient in Ward 73B. As upon every other occasion when I was a patient in other wards at Oak Knoll, I have always been given the best of care.

Sincerely,

Catherine C. Foreman

Scuttlebutt

By DERF

OPERATION TEMSECAL: The O. R. Crew took off the other day—doctors, nurses, corpsmen—and they all went on a picnic party to Lake Temsecal. CAPT Dickinson, Dr. Holloway, and Dr. Christoph showed up together—Dr. Lynch came early and stayed late—one of the best dancers was Dr. Naomi Lund—Shirley Bailey had something hidden in the kitchen which she showed only to her dancing partners—Alvin Buck says he never dances when he's sober, yet he was on the dance deck practically all the time. What do you make of it? Bob Coffey and Lois Rowland seemed to hit it off nicely—Ronnie Randall's girl, Joyce, shifted over to Harold Boudreau every time a fast dance number showed up—"Pappy" Blair brought out his brood, and his little Becky (age 7) was strutting her stuff on the dance floor—Dave Maese kept making like a pair of scissors (meaning "cut in," maybe?)—Maurine "Johnnie" Johnston had the giggles—Larry and Sylvia Katz were the envy of all as they did an exhibition Charleston—Jim Smith went ga-ga every time they played "Don't Do It."—Operation was a success.

ABOUT TOWN: Morris Alderman at the Stockton races—Gracious Lois Smith dining at the Oakland Airport—Bill Jones hitting the road to Pittsburgh to see the folks—The Hopsons celebrating their first wedding anniversary by doing all the clubs on Broadway (San Francisco, that is)—Kent Taylor and his "one and only" watching the moon from the Top O' The Mark—Ken Maxwell and "Nick" Wilkes wandering up San Francisco's Market Street and wondering which neon lighted door to enter.

STUFF 'N STUFF: Bill Evans and Chuck Tinguely flew to Texas for the last week end. Why?—Walt Connick thinks a good name for the Barber shop would be the "Clip Joint"—Lee Doumitt's fella came trotting from Portland to spend a week end with his "baby"—Paul Miller's band sounds best when they play without music—Didja see all the "Canadian Bacon" around the pool over the week end? Thirty seamen from HMCS ONTARIO paid us a visit—Irma Heidell and the lab's Ken McCarty are getting to be what's known as an "item"—Don Hillian is so anxious to pass the exam for HM3 that he takes his books everywhere; to the pool, chow hall, even to the baseball game—NP MAA Monzingo says the EM Recreation Center serves the best beer in Oakland.

LILY LAW: Tom Raum spends his days and nights searching through California's laws so he can compare them with the "enlightened" State of Kansas' laws. Here are some recent acquisitions: "The person adopting another must be at least ten years older than the person adopted" (Sorry, Boys)—"Every person who is intoxicated while acting as the conductor of any horse-drawn railroad train is guilty of a misdemeanor" (Honest Judge, I thought they were alligators)—"The consent of a child, if over the age of twelve years, is necessary to its adoption" (Nothing but millionaires need apply)—"The Uniform Act on Fresh Pursuit, adopted in 1937, has nothing to do with Sailors!



In the Polynesian chapter of "Return to Paradise," James Michener refers several times to the career in Tahiti of the American author, James Norman Hall, who died there suddenly last Thursday night. Here are Micheners' words:

"Jim Hall . . . is the most universally loved American ever to have lived in Tahiti, and one might safely include all Europeans in the comparison. His work is a kind of tribal accomplishment. Boys in Papeete will tell you sorrowfully, 'Jimmy is bogged down on chapter 18.' A Chinese adds 'I hear Hall is going through hell on chapter 18.' Then . . . 'got past 18!' . . . and the news is flashed about the island . . . and everybody is happy that their Jimmy is back on the beam."

The books which were the products of this community concern, most of which were written in collaboration with his World War I flying buddy, Charles Nordhoff, are probably among the most readable and popular adventure romances of this century. "The Hurricane," "Botany Bay," "No More Gas," and, of course, "The Bounty Trilogy." The latter has become an established classic, a permanent addition to world literature.

Nordhoff died two years ago and Jim Hall never found life quite the same afterward. To be sure, he did one more book, the best selling "The Far Lands" and died knowing that even without his buddy, he was able to write first rate fiction.

He was older than Nordhoff and his family expected him to return to Iowa and resume his school teaching there at the end of World War I, at the beginning of which he volunteered for service in France with the Lafayette Escadrille. I say they expected him to return:

But he met and flew with the fiery adventurer, Charley Nordhoff, whose uncle owned a copra plantation in Tahiti. Nordhoff wanted to go out there at war's end and write books; he had a lot of ideas but he needed an academic man to polish his material. Jim Hall was always a man with an eye on "the far lands" himself, and he possessed a rare gift of poetic description that would complement the work of Nordhoff beautifully. When Hall died Thursday night, his relatives in Iowa were still waiting for him to come home.

I was privileged to meet him just once, when he visited his son at USC two years ago, after Nordhoff died. Hall was the kindest, gentlest writer I've ever known, and I learned from that one meeting why "he was the most universally loved American ever to live in Tahiti."

He had found the far land he loved; he did the work he wanted to do in this terrible era when so many people are never able to, and he was at peace with himself. It was a triumphantly successful lifetime, and it will leave a treasured memory among the legends of those beautiful islands which were a part of him.

FRANK M. CAMPBELL, HM1

CPL L. L. Lehr Weds Santa Cruz Miss

A romance has bloomed from the recent trip to Santa Cruz taken by thirty of the patients from Oak Knoll hospital. Married last Saturday, 7 July, in the hospital chapel were Miss Dolores Craig and CPL Lawrence L. Lehr, USA, amputee patient on Ward 43B.

The new Mrs. Lehr is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Ruperto of Santa Maria, California, and is presently employed by the Coast Counties Gas and Electric Company of Santa Cruz.

The couple were introduced at a dance in the Casa Del Rey Hotel, which was part of the planned program of the Santa Cruz week end trip.

Lehr came to Oak Knoll from Letterman Army Hospital, for treatment and training in the use of his artificial limb. He was wounded in December of 1950 while serving with the Army in Korea.

Welcome and Farewell

During the past week activity in the Personnel Office slowed to a near stand-still compared with other recent weeks with only 11 new staff members reporting aboard for duty and only two members leaving for new stations.

Personnel Office workers, who last week greeted 70 new staff members aboard and sent 31 persons on their way to new stations, could hardly slow down to the new pace.

Reporting aboard during the past week were LT Ann Roth, NC, USN, from MSTSP, San Francisco; LTJG Channing Woods, MC, USNR, from NAVDOECES, Far East; LT E. J. Dehler, NC, USN, from USNH, San Diego; CDR H. Wilson, Jr., MC, USN, from New England Deaconess Hospital, Boston; LTJG Beulah F. Jones, NC, USNR, from inactive duty;

HM1's C. Hasson from 100 Harrison St., San Francisco, and R. Bolding, from Treasure Island; HM2 P. B. Woodall; HM3's A. L. Fuller and M. G. Grimes, and HN R. L. O'Connor, all from Treasure Island.

Transferred were CAPT C. E. Bentel, MC, USN, to USNH, Portsmouth, N.H., and G. L. Fuller, HM2, to Treasure Island.



Demonstrating one of the most vital parts of Physical Medicine, massage, are S/SGT J. J. Novotny, USMC, Korean Veteran, LT J. F. Waddle, and R. E. Thiettan, HM3. Massage and muscle manipulation help regain muscle function lost because of injury. LT Waddle and HM3 Thiettan are part of P. T. Staff.

Physical Medicine Is Vital Part Of Knoll Rehabilitation Program

Heat and cold, electric energy and light, massage and exercise, are of inestimable value in the art and science of healing, as men wise in the care of the body have always known. These physical forces, properly employed, may help speed up repair of injured or diseased tissues, restore disturbed function, relieve pain, and improve the condition of the entire body.

No wonder that the Physical Medicine Service at Oak Knoll has such a vital role in the recovery and rehabilitation of patients. Few patients

leave the Hospital without having had a series of treatments at "Physio."

Physical Medicine may be said to have 5 main divisions: 1) thermotherapy, treatment by means of heat or cold; 2) light therapy, treatment by light radiation; 3) electrotherapy, treatment by various forms of electricity; 4) hydrotherapy, treatment by diverse applications of water; and 5) mechanotherapy, treatment by means of massage, exercise and mechanical apparatus.

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Knoll Staffer Says Life At Alcatraz Island 'Not So Bad'

Staff members at Oak Knoll do some unusual things when they are on liberty.

But probably no one does more unusual things than did a staffer at the Hospital in 1945, and now back at Oak Knoll as a reservist on active duty.

R. L. Bellman, HM3, when he was stationed here in 1945 could be seen every liberty night rushing out the

gate, into his car and off to San Francisco, where he caught the boat for Alcatraz.

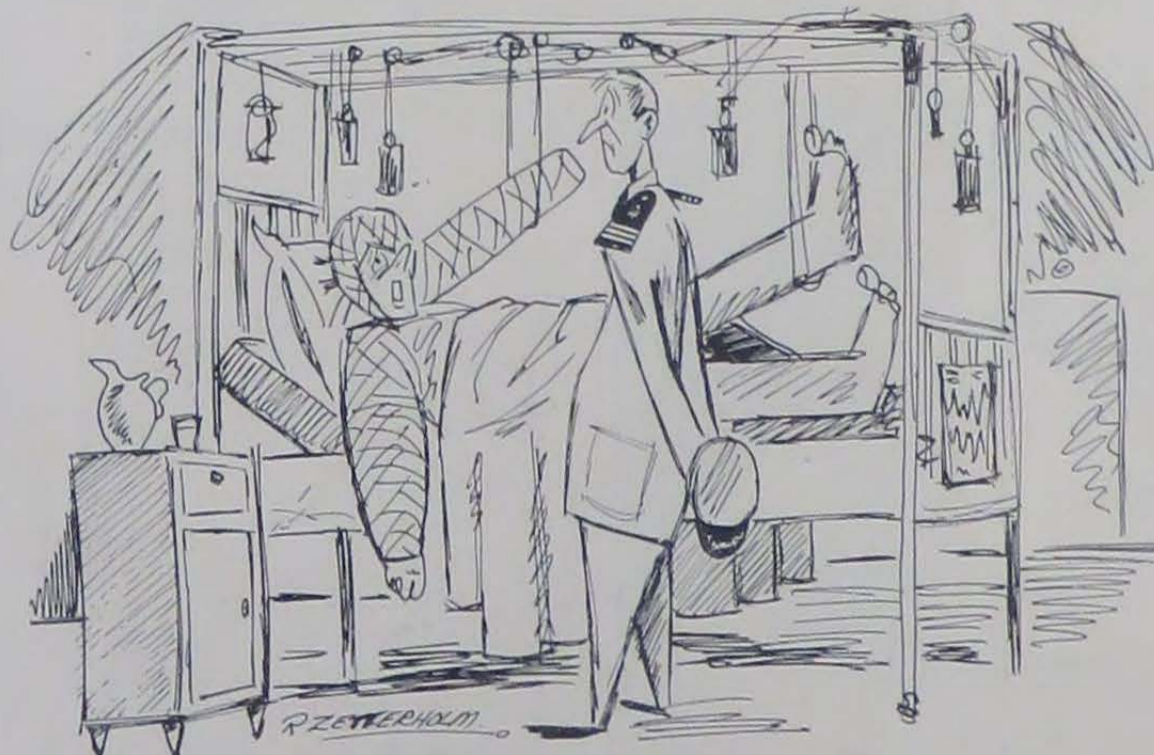
Reason—at that time Bellman's parents lived on Alcatraz, where his father was a guard.

Bellman says life on "The Rock," at least on the side of the fence where he lived, was not as confining as might be expected. There is hourly boat service across the mile of San Francisco Bay to the Fort Mason docks, and recreation centers and a general store for the staff on the island help to dispel the feeling of living in a prison.

Actually the Bellman home was not in the prison, but outside the fence which separates the penitentiary area from the living area for the staff. He and his family lived in what are called "the old army barracks" on the island, which were built in 1866.

So for the eight months he was stationed at Oak Knoll in 1945 and another two months he spent at Camp Parks, Bellman commuted to Alcatraz.

There might be some corollary between Bellman's life at the prison and the fact that he found time between stints in the Navy to get his degree in law.



"Auto accident? No Sir. I was up on the hill at Comm II—my chow cart got away from me, and . . ."

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Therapy Requires Daily Program

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Largely responsible for the successful operation of the department are LCDR Carrie E. Chapman, MC, USNR, and LT Jervace Crouse, NC, USN. Dr. Chapman, who reported aboard last February to head the department, prescribes treatment for each patient referred to her by a ward Medical Officer, and Miss Crouse sees that he gets it. LT Crouse has been supervisor of Physical Therapy since she came to Oak Knoll in July, 1950 and her careful planning and hard work have been instrumental in building up the department so that its facilities are now complete and modern in every detail.

After the patient has been admitted to the department, he follows a daily program with the technicians assigned to treat him. His treatment will vary according to his original injury, his present condition and his progress.

While every patient presents individual problems and differences, treatments do fall into certain patterns.

For instance, the treatment of patients with leg paralysis would probably follow similar lines. An example of this type of involvement was seen in a recently admitted patient whose diagnosis is "Wound, missile, right lower leg with nerve involvement." The peroneal nerve was injured, causing the loss of muscle power in his lower leg and foot and a rather marked foot drop.

Patients of this type are usually treated with whirlpool baths. The injured limb is immersed in the tank of water at a temperature of 98 degrees F. The water is agitated by an electric motor and as the swirling, bubbling water massages and relaxes the muscles of the limb, the blood supply is increased and waste materials are carried off.

The water does its work for 20 or 30 minutes before the hands of the technician take over. Long, easy massage strokes assist the blood flow, stimulate the non-functioning nerves and loosen adhesions in the joints and muscles.

The patient is given electrical stimulation next. The technician puts electricity in the place of the inactive nerve to stimulate the paralyzed



Methods of treatment in physical medicine at Oak Knoll are as varied as the ailments treated require. Shown here are but a few of them. In (1) CPL A. T. Coleman is immersed in the swirling waters of a Hubbard tank which stimulates paralyzed muscles. He is assisted by F. E. Ebbers, HM2. (2) LCDR C. E. Chapman, MC, USNR, in charge of Physical Medicine, watches the efforts of CPL Carl Cash to restore use to the muscles of his leg, as Norman Lawnick, HM3, looks on. (3) CWO Marion Cramer supervises the treatment of F. J. Grothoff, MMFA, in a moist air baker. (4) A. C. Richardson, MMI, is treated by J. C. Leshner, HM3, who is applying electrical stimulation to a nerve which controls a paralyzed leg muscle. Heat, cold, electric energy, massage and exercise all are used in treatment of patients at Physical Medicine.

muscles. This electrical treatment is employed to great advantage to maintain contractility, irritability, tone and nutrition; to preserve normal function; and to prevent the formation of fibrous tissue in the muscle.

Finally, the patient goes to the exercise room where muscle re-education is given to his limb. He is also given general body exercise and special exercise to prepare him for crutch walking.

One of the more unusual cases recently treated by the department was a burn case. This patient had suffered third degree burns of the abdomen, thighs, arms and hands when hit by a jet of steam aboard ship. Swathed in bandages, he was brought to the Physical Medicine Service for his first treatment just two weeks after the accident. This patient was treated in the Hubbard tank, an underwater therapy tub. This tank is a large tub shaped like the number 8; it holds 400 gallons of water. Over 37 pounds of salt were dissolved in the water to make a normal saline bath.

The patient was lowered into this tank by means of an electric overhead hoist. After the dressings were soaked off, the agitated water served to cleanse the burned area and improve the general circulation. The water also removed the effects of gravity and the patient was able to move his limbs and body painlessly while underwater. After his treatment, he was wrapped in a sterile sheet and returned to his ward for re-dressing of the burns. This treatment was given daily for several

weeks. Then the patient was ready for skin grafts, and after a short series of post-surgical treatments was discharged from the Hospital and returned to his ship.

"This form of treatment," says Doctor Chapman, "would be very useful in radiation burns from an atomic explosion. It helps reduce the amount of infection by mechanical means where the individual protective cellular system is depressed."

Other treatments make use of ultra-violet light and radiant heat, shortwave diathermy (an electric wave is passed through the body; resistance of tissue to the wave causes internal heat), pavex boot (used in cases of poor circulation of extremities; changes of air pressure within the boot increases blood flow through veins and arteries), paraffin baths (application of paraffin for heat—an old-fashioned home remedy), contrast baths (water changed from hot to cold to increase blood flow), moist air bakers (a type of steam cabinet), hydrocollator packs (a type of moist heat application), and swimming.

The exercise departments are equipped with every type of apparatus to strengthen the muscles and re-educate them to normal use.

That the Physical Medicine Service is busy is indicated by the fact that 2087 whirlpool baths were given during June. Last month's report also showed 644 Hubbard tank treatments, 2372 massages, 754 walking instructions, and 4635 muscle re-education and exercise treatments. The daily average number of patients was 205 and the total number of treatments for the month was 14,130.

Those going back to duty or leaving the service after a series of physical therapy treatments probably do so with a little deeper appreciation for the able forces of Mother Nature, aided by the able forces of Doctor Chapman, LT Crouse, and their assistants.

Miss Crouse makes her headquarters at Physical Therapy No. 1, where the majority of the patients are orthopedic cases. LT Jean Waddle, NC, USN, is nurse in charge at Physical Therapy No. 2, most of whose patients are cases of central or peripheral nerve injuries. (Also included under Doctor Chapman's direction is the Occupation Therapy department, which was described here several issues ago.)

Other Physical Medicine personnel are LTs Elvera Guebert, Ruth Fabian, and Frances Gustafson; LTJGs Lois Latsch and Sarah J. Griffin, all of the Nurse Corps; CWO Marion E. Cramer; HMC Harry Skelton; HMIs John Shemo and Russell Tolleson; HM2s Lee Steinke, Luke Pickle and Floyd Ebbers; HM3s Walter Sewall, John C. Leshner, Norman S. Lawnick, Ruth Thietten, Frank Jarnevic, Kenneth Binks, Lawrence Heinz, Leonard Towne and Robert Veltus; and HNs Henry Caskey and Bill Brimer.

Three civilians, Ernest Mann, Joseph Perez and Jack Bates assist in the orthopedic rehabilitation program. Mann and Perez are registered physical therapists, and Bates is an amputee walking instructor. All nurses in the department have gone through special training courses in therapeutic work.



CPL H. A. Fuchs practices walking with his artificial leg on a stone strewn area. Giving assistance is Physiotherapist E. L. Mann.



SPORTS

Varsity Baseball Team Drops Two

Oak Knoll's baseball team took it on the chin twice last week in Twelfth Naval District league play.

On Tuesday, 3 July, the Hospital crew lost a close one to NAS, Moffett Field by a score of 6 to 2, and on Thursday, 5 July, was soundly beaten by NAS, Alameda, by a count of 15 to 2.

In both games the Oak Knoll hitting power that has won games before was sadly lacking and without that support the Hospital hurlers were not able to hold down the enemy sluggers to bring about a win.

In the game with Moffett Field, Oak Knoll counted for only three hits, singles by Tamborski, Dinuzzo and Masarick. At the same time the Moffett Fielders got to Oak Knoll Hurler Tamborski for 11 hits. Bradbury was the bad news for the Oak Knoll team when he got three singles and two doubles in five times at bat for the victors. Festa lashed out a home run.

Wills went the route on the mound for Moffett Field. Ragged field play netted nine errors for Oak Knoll, while the Moffett Fielders made three bobbles.

Tennis Tourney Play Begins Here

Twelfth Naval District tennis tournament competition got underway on the Oak Knoll courts Wednesday, 11 July, as first and second round play began in both singles and doubles classes.

Approximately 35 competitors from all over the district were on hand for the beginning. The schedule called for semi-final play on Thursday, 12 July with the finals set for Wednesday, 18 July.

As play began, odds-on favorite to be among top winners in the tournament was LCDR Williams from VR2, NAS, Alameda, who represented the Twelfth Naval District in the All Navy Tennis Competition. While at Annapolis LCDR Williams was a member of the Navy Leach Cup team in its annual competition with West Point Academy.

As tourney play got underway, Oak Knoll representatives included J. A. Brisnahan, HM3, Joe Fichter, HN, and LTJG P. H. Suess, all winners in recent intra-hospital competition.

LAST CALL SOUNDED FOR CAGE ENTRIES

A last call has been sounded by the Welfare and Recreation department for entries in intra-hospital basketball and table tennis tourneys, scheduled to get underway in the next few weeks.

Unless more interest is shown soon, plans for the basketball tournament will have to be dropped because of a lack of entries. Anyone interested in cage competition should get together a team and turn in the names to Welfare.

PREVIEWS

Sunday, 15 July
PEKING EXPRESS—Joseph Cotten, Corinne Calvet. This is a new movie, scheduled for release to the public next month. No information as to its content or quality is available.

Monday, 16 July
THE GREAT LOVER—Bob Hope, Rhonda Fleming. Another of "The Great" movies, and this one with Bob Hope and one of FilmDoms more alluring leading ladies. For a good laugh (and Hope in the role of a "Lover" should be good for quite a few laughs) this is the one to see.

Tuesday, 17 July
RICH, YOUNG AND PRETTY—Jane Powell, Wendell Corey. This is another new one, also scheduled for release to the public next month. In Paris, on state department business Corey, a wealthy Texan, meets his estranged wife who left him 20 years before. Corey's daughter, Miss Powell, believes her mother is dead. Corey tries to squash his daughter's friendship with her mother and her romance with Vic Damone, a young Parisian. He almost succeeds, but in the end—well, there is a lot of music interspersed with the plot, what with Miss Powell and Mr. Damone playing the love interest.

Wednesday, 18 July
THE HOODLUM—Lawrence Tierney, Alene Roberts. This is a new movie and no reviews on it are available as yet. It was released to the public just last month.

Thursday, 19 July
TWO OF A KIND—Edmond O'Brien, Elizabeth Scott. This is either another new one or a very old one, as no information on it is available. The title is interesting however, and Miss Scott has many ardent admirers. This is probably worth taking a chance on.

Friday, 20 July
LULLABY OF BROADWAY—Doris Day, Gene Nelson. This new entry in the field of Technicolor musicals is described as follows: "a commendable effort and contains a sufficient variety of ingredients to put it in the class of healthy box office. The songs used—and written by such long time favorites as Little Jack Little, Harry Warren, Al Durbine, George Gershwin, Cole Porter and others—can be described as the 'Who's Who' of the 'Hit Parade' over many years. The story line is threadbare and more might have been done with the comedy situations." The film, however, has received a reviewer's rating of "very good."

Saturday, 21 July
WAGONMASTER—Ben Johnson, Joanne Dru. No information is available on this movie, but the title would lead one to suspect that it concerns the wide open spaces, and the settling of the Golden West.



Playing it sweet and hot at the dance at the C.P.O. Club on Saturday 7 July, are the "Rhythm Doctors," Oak Knoll's dance band. Members are L. A. Krausharr, on the steel guitar; John Erickson on trumpet, D. A. Gilley on trombone, D. G. Ramsey on the sax, P. A. Miller on drums, M. Sjogren as vocalist and Mrs. Gilley at the piano. D. Byrnes, bass player, is not shown. Miller, band organizer, has a new rate and may be leaving Oak Knoll soon. He is now a Dental Prosthetic Technician.

Softball Squad Gains 3rd Place

Oak Knoll's varsity softball squad continued its drive toward the top of the Twelfth Naval District League during the past week by virtue of a 14 to 2 shellacking administered to the team from the Treasure Island Electronics School.

The win moved the Hospital team into third place in the league and gives it an outside chance to take the district championship if they can continue to win through the rest of the schedule.

Top-notch hurling by Tom Moore and lots of power at the plate was responsible for the win over Electronics School on Monday, 9 July, as Moore held the victims to four scratch singles while his teammates were racking up 13 safeties, three for extra bases.

Tafoya pounded out two doubles for the cause while Barnes was good for a triple and a single. Wong, Webb, Pearsall and Papadakis each got two singles and Young got one safety.

On Wednesday, 11 July, the Oak Knollites put their win streak on the block against NAS Oakland.

During the next week the softball squad is scheduled to face two tough opponents, Treasure Island Receiving Station Ship's Company on Monday, 16 July, and Treasure Island Receiving Station Transients on Wednesday, 18 July.

Baseball game tomorrow—OAKS vs. SAN DIEGO. Sixty-two patients and staff invited. Sign up at W. & R.

CIGARETTES GIVEN HOSPITAL PATIENTS

Representatives of the Liggett & Meyers Tobacco Co. in the East Bay Area visited Oak Knoll Hospital last Tuesday and distributed a free package of Chesterfields to each patient in the hospital.

The contribution of cigarettes came about as the result of the selection of Oak Knoll as the "Chesterfield Honor Hospital" of the week and cigarettes were distributed on the basis of home runs, shutouts, double plays and other feats performed by the Hollywood Stars and their opponents in the Pacific Coast baseball league. The games are sponsored by Chesterfield and broadcast each week over station KLAC in Los Angeles, and during the week of 1 July to 7 July, Oak Knoll was selected as the "Honor Hospital."

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Eleven Service Awards Given

Eleven patients at Oak Knoll were presented Service Awards by RADM B. J. Rodgers, USN, Commandant of the Twelfth Naval District, on Thursday, 12 July.

PFC Charles R. Siegrist, USMC, 76B, of Edinburg, Texas, received both a Bronze Star Medal and a Purple Heart Medal.

Siegrist's citation for the Bronze Star stated that "he fearlessly exposed himself to direct enemy small arms and machine-gun fire while delivering tactical instructions and messages from his platoon commander to the company commander and the squad leaders. His aggressive and unhesitating actions contributed materially to the successful repulse of the enemy attack and set an example for all who served with him."

Medal for 1944 Action

CAPT Philip J. De Groot, USMCR, San Leandro, Calif., was presented the Air Medal for action in 1944.

The award was "for meritorious achievement as pilot of a fighter plane in Marine Fighter Squadron 224 during operations against enemy Japanese forces in the Marshall Islands Area from 15 to 21 February 1944."

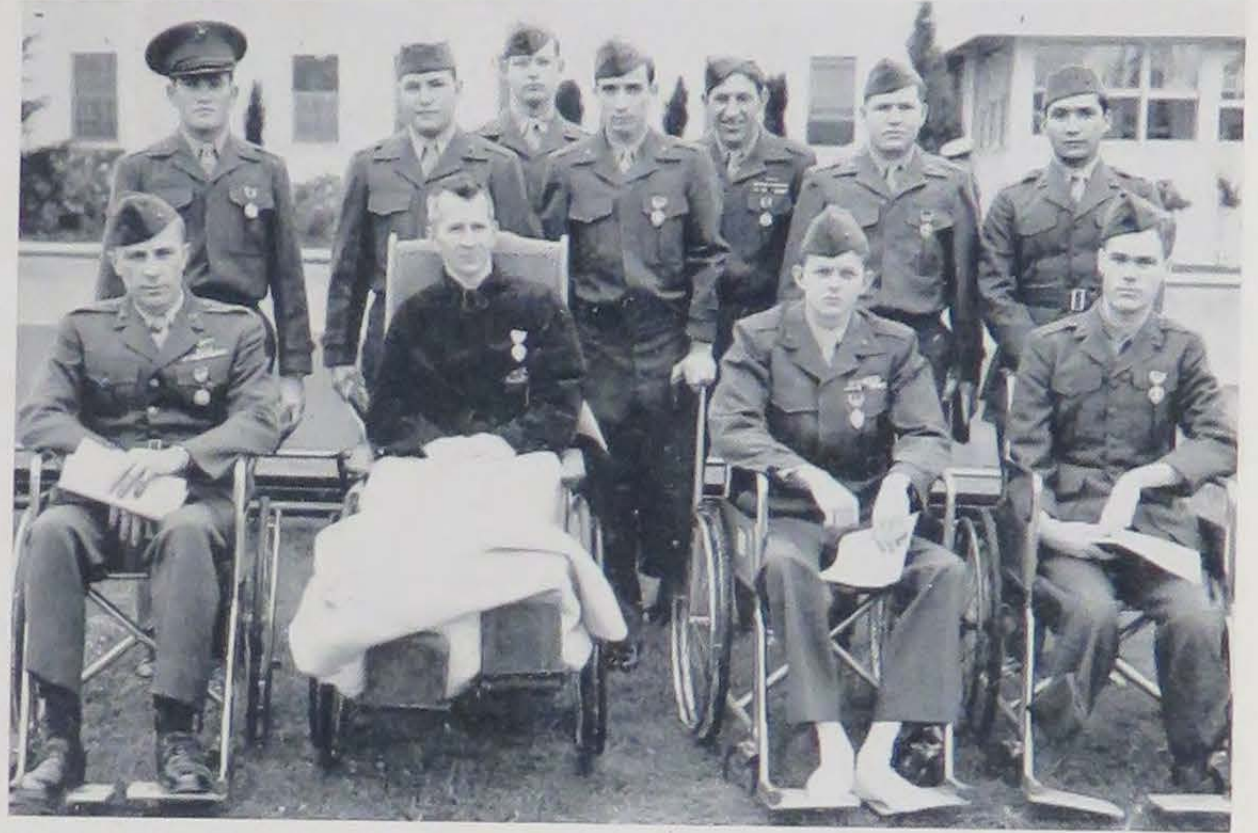
Served With Marines

Three patients, John C. Marshall, HM3, USN; CPL Peter Staphorst, USMCR, and PFC Dwight Miller, USMC, were recipients of Commendation Medals.

Navy Youngsters 'Stand' Inspection

Thirty-seven Navy recruits who ranged in age from a few minutes to four days "stood" their first official inspection when Rear Admiral B. J. Rodgers, USN, was piped aboard Ward 73A last Thursday, and though few comments were heard, it was obvious that the Navy youngsters were less impressed than the Commandant was.

Warned of the impending inspection, LT Angelica Vitillo, NC, USN, Dependent Section Supervisor, had alerted her patients and issued each one a fresh diaper and a highly-polished safety pin. Passing through the rows of bassinets and incubators (his gold braid hidden behind a sterile mask and gown), the Admiral inspected every one of the 37 babies on board and at the end of his tour marked the nursery 4.0.



Eleven patients at Oak Knoll were presented service award medals by RADM B. J. Rodgers, USN, in ceremonies held last week. At left receiving the Air Medal and congratulations from RADM Rodgers is CAPT Philip J. DeGroot, USMC. The decoration was given in recognition of the captain's heroic action in World War II when he piloted a fighter plane in Marine Fighter Squadron 224. The award winners shown above, left to right, front row: CAPT DeGroot; CPL G. B. Wollman, USMCR, CPL V. H. Thompson, USMC, and CPL J. R. Huntington, USMC, all presented the Purple Heart. Back row, left to right: J. C. Marshall, HM3, USN, and PFC D. Miller, USMC, Commendation Medal; PFC C. R. Siegrist, USMC, Bronze Star; PFC H. M. Wade, USMC, the Purple Heart; CPL P. Staphorst, Commendation Medal; PFC H. E. Mangrum, USMC, and PFC F. E. Leyve, USMC, Purple Heart winners.

Marshall, whose home is at Bakersfield, Calif., was cited for service as hospital corpsman with a Marine infantry battalion in Korea on 1 December.

The citation stated: "With complete disregard for his own personal fatigue, he treated the casualties in a highly expeditious and efficient manner, thereby making medical attention available much quicker than would otherwise have been possible."

Staphorst, of Bellevue, Wash., "On one occasion, when his battery was subjected to close-in attack by strong enemy forces, repeatedly and without regard for his own personal safety, exposed himself to enemy fire to continue his duties as crewman of a howitzer engaged in direct fire upon the enemy at ranges as close as 60 yards."

Volunteered As Guard

The citation of Miller, of Sioux Rapids, Ia., stated that "When his platoon had nearly exhausted its supply of ammunition, he volunteered to act as a guard for a vehicle traveling over an enemy-infested road to the battalion supply dump. While loading the vehicle, he was seriously wounded in the arm, shoulder, and chest by enemy fire."

Six other patients were awarded the Purple Heart Ribbon and Medal for wounds received in action. They were CPL James R. Huntington, USMC, Eugene, Ore.; PFC Harold E. Mangrum, USMC, Turley, Okla.; CPL Van Hite Thompson, USMC, St. Petersburg, Fla.; PFC Harvey M. Wade, USMC, Glenwood, Calif.; CPL Billy G. Wollman, USMCR, Danville, Kans., and PFC Frank E. Leyva, USMC, San Antonio, Texas.



RADM B. J. Rodgers, Commandant of the Twelfth Naval District, visiting on Ward 41A last week, talked with CPL Dale Jones, USMC, his wife, Patricia, and their two-month-old daughter, Linda. Little Linda, who was born while her father was in Korea, made the long trip with her mother from their home at Springfield, Mo., to Oakland when the head of the family arrived here 23 June after being wounded on 28 May.

Veteran Patient Is Near-Accident Hero

Fred Moore, a 53-year-old Marine Corps veteran, has been identified as the patient whose quick action recently averted damage to a car belonging to LT M. J. Travis, 68A, and possible injury to his three children.

Mr. Moore, formerly a patient on Ward 75B, has been discharged to his home in Redwood City since the near-accident occurred.

Mr. Moore's identity was not discovered by either LT or Mrs. Travis immediately after the incident, and while the car was being returned to the parking area and the frightened children quieted, he disappeared.

His name was later secured on an accident report by the Master-Arms force.

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† † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

Prayer is taken for granted as part of our national life. Most official occasions, such as the opening of Congress, are accompanied by prayer, our leaders in official capacity pray for the nation and urge everyone else to pray, and our great military leaders by word and example tell us we cannot neglect prayer because we are serving our country, but need it even more. Men who have gone through combat and other dangerous experiences tell us that prayer comes spontaneously and desperately from their hearts at such times. Knowing all this it is strange that most of us pray so rarely, and some not at all.

Christ said, "Pray always." Prayer is a source of strength, inspiration, and even refreshment. The old Romans wondered how the Jewish people could accomplish so much since they took a whole day out of each week for prayer. For years daily family prayer was accepted as the natural thing, even in our country which seems so far away from that now.

If we find prayer unappealing or tiresome, it is because we do not understand it. We might say briefly that prayer is a consciousness of our relationship to God with an attempt to express that understanding by word and action. It comes from deep within us, and so modifies our whole being.

But prayer is not merely lifting ourselves toward higher things by our own boot-straps, so to speak. As by contact with other human beings we draw some of their personalities into our own, so by uniting ourselves with the Supreme Being in prayer we draw into our souls some of the divine Wisdom and Power, and our own weaknesses are overcome, our spiritual possibilities perfected.

We have to learn to pray just as we have to learn to conduct our relationships with other people. But this is not so difficult as people imagine. Prayer should be a part of our daily life, not something we try clumsily to use in emergencies. Even five minutes a day devoted to prayer can give new meaning, purpose and strength to anyone. Patients who have long hours of idleness and suffering can find in prayer a real source of patience and even happiness. Though we pray to honor God we are actually the ones who benefit from lifting up our hearts.

W. TROWER,
Catholic Chaplain.

Divine Services

Hospital Chapel at Main Gate

PROTESTANT

BIBLE SCHOOL — SUNDAY 0945
 SUNDAY WORSHIP — 1100
 FELLOWSHIP HOUR — MONDAY
 1930 — In Chaplains' Office — Ward 40A

CATHOLIC

SUNDAY MASSES
 0600 — 0900 — 1215
 DAILY MASSES — 0645 & 1630
 Confessions before Mass
 CHOIR PRACTICE:
 TUESDAY 1900
 Catholic Oratory in back of Chapel

CHAPLAINS' OFFICES IN
 CHAPEL & 40A
 NAVY RELIEF OFFICE — 40A

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

Chaplains of other faiths will be called upon request

BUS TO AND FROM CHAPEL ON
 SUNDAYS 0845 & 1045

Taps For Sandy Sanderson, BMC

George Sanderson, BMC, who served more than 60 years in the Navy, 45 of which were on active duty, died Tuesday, 17 July, at Oak Knoll. He was 89 years old.

Chief Sanderson enlisted in the Navy 7 July 1882 and was a veteran of the Honduran, Panama and Philippine campaigns. He served aboard the U.S.S. Oregon during the Spanish-American War.

In World War I he served aboard the U.S.S. Brooklyn and later was in China with the U.S.S. Newark. In 1942 Chief Sanderson tired of inactive duty and went to Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox and asked that he be put on active duty. Although he was then in his seventies, his request was granted, and just prior to his retirement in August 1945 he was on duty in a recruiting office in the state of Washington.



Shutter-bug enthusiasts as well as novices in the field of photography find the dark room in the Red Cross Lounge a beehive of activity. Gordon Powell, FT1, of Ward 63B has been on deck to assist those interested in the developing and printing of their photographs. T/SGT Louis Raquino, while a patient on Ward 34B, has mastered the techniques of enlarging. Mrs. Merylyn King, Red Cross Gray Lady of Mt. Diablo Chapter, is assisting the patients. Make an appointment if you would like to use these facilities.

Red Cross Ramblings

HEAR YE! HEAR YE!

Calling all musicians! The dance band playing these Tuesday and Thursday evenings in the Red Cross Lounge is composed of patients, some of whom are soon leaving the hospital. So—there is an immediate need for men who play wind and brass instruments. Anyone who plays these in popular dance style see Miss O'Neill at the Recreation Lounge. Instruments and a room for rehearsals are available.

HATS OFF

To the Motion Picture Service of the Standard Oil Company, we offer special commendation and appreciation for their excellent sport and travel movies brought weekly to this hospital. Armchair traveling or witnessing a sports event provides many interesting hours for all the patients.

MUSIC AND ENTERTAINMENT

The Musicians Union has again extended its program to play on the wards twice a month through December. Last Wednesday evening they entertained patients on Wards 76A, 74A, and 79B. The men enjoyed the music and songs so much that those able to walk followed the show to the next ward. They requested that the musicians return soon for another evening. The show is provided through the cooperation of Local No. 6 of the American Federation of Musicians, through a grant from the Music Performance Trust Fund of the Recording Industry. It is an extension of a program of public service originated by the Recording and Transcription Fund of the American Federation of Musicians, of which James C. Petrillo, is president. They will be here again on 25 July to visit the wards.

RAILROAD MODELS

Hal Wilmunder, EMS1, of Ward 48B, is leaving the hospital this week. He has had a most interesting hobby, constructing railroad models from

"scratch." He recently won first prize at the California State Fair for his model of an old-time locomotive and cars. When asked about his hobbies, he said, "Oh, I have a new one now. I am collecting antique steam engines and putting them in working order in my back yard." "Back yard?" he was asked, and he replied, "Yes, my back yard at my home in Sacramento." He is now the proud possessor of the shortest full-size short-line railroad in the West. Not only is he a jack of all trades but can master most anything in the mechanical line that needs adjusting or fixing. Ask him to show you the snapshots of his engines.



Chaplain (Capt.) William P. Gruno, USA, now visits Oak Knoll weekly. Army patients who would like to discuss their problems with Chaplain Gruno can make an appointment by calling the Army Liaison Section.

Chaplain Gruno served in France and Germany during World War II, with the 63rd Inf. Division. He is currently stationed at the Oakland Army Base, and is available for service to Oak Knoll patients by appointment.

Life Begins at Oak Knoll

8 July

DUCHAUINE, Sandra Yvonne, to wife of Edward Duchaine, AO2, 8 pounds, 14 ounces.
 PERKINS, Darrell Wilcox, to wife of Darrell Perkins, SN, 7 pounds, 8 ounces.
 MALMIN, Murlin Bary, to wife of Cecil Malmin, ADC, 7 pounds, 3 ounces.
 CALLESEN, Karen Craig, to wife of Eugene Callsen, EN1, 7 pounds, 7 ounces.
 ABOARD, Charles Paul, to wife of Paul Aboard, SGT, 6 pounds, 15 ounces.
 HALL, Shirlee Ann, to wife of Ray Hall, CPL, 7 pounds, 9 ounces.

9 July

MUNDAY, Marsha Ann, to wife of Donald Munday, LTJG, 7 pounds, 9 ounces.
 CHELSETH, Janet Ann, to wife of Lloyd Chelseth, AL1, 7 pounds, 1 ounce.
 LAGE, Laura Elizabeth, to wife of Herbert Lage, TEM3, 6 pounds, 11 ounces.
 GALLINEAU, Daniel Lynn, to wife of De Witt Gallineau, HM3, Staff, 5 pounds, 15 ounces.
 CONNOR, Linda Dell, to wife of James Connor, SA, 7 pounds, 1 ounce.
 PERRY, Janet Leilani, to wife of Carl Perry, ET1, 6 pounds, 6 ounces.
 BERGSCHNEIDER, Boy, of wife of Jerald Bergschneider, T/SGT, 8 pounds, 13 ounces.

10 July

WEBSTER, Kathleen Kay, to wife of Guy Webster, AEAN, 6 pounds, 6 ounces.
 CLIFFORD, James Lee, to wife of Edward Clifford, BT3, 7 pounds, 15 ounces.
 WILDER, James Robert, to wife of William Wilder, PFC, 7 pounds, 6 ounces.
 STROUD, Diane, to wife of Edward Stroud, SGT, 7 pounds 14 ounces.

11 July

HARRIS, Damon Thomas, to wife of Thomas Harris, YN2, 7 pounds, 4 1/2 ounces.
 REYNOLDS, Mark Lee, to wife of Eugene Reynolds, ENS, 6 pounds, 11 ounces.
 SMITH, Susan Eileen, to wife of Ralph Smith, SGT, 8 pounds, 14 ounces.
 CLARK, Girl, to wife of Robert Clark, 1st Lt, 5 pounds, 12 ounces.
 NOON, Boy, to wife of Mathew Noon, BTC, 10 pounds, 1 ounce.
 McCARTY, Donna Marie, to wife of Donald McCarty, AD3, 7 pounds, 4 ounces.
 MULLIN, Boy, to wife of Donald Mullin, LT, 6 pounds, 5 ounces.
 OLSEN, Randy C., to wife of Ariel Olsen, ABUC, 8 pounds, 15 ounces.
 GROCHOWSKI, Mark, to wife of Edward Grochowski, AM1, 6 pounds, 9 ounces.

12 July

CLEARY, Kathleen Louise, to wife of Dan Cleary, AN, 6 pounds, 4 ounces.
 AUSTIN, William Ray Jr., to wife of William Austin, FA, 7 pounds, 11 ounces.
 TULL, Boy, to wife of Clarence Tull, CPL, 7 pounds, 4 ounces.
 MADDERN, Monica Anne, to wife of Thomas Maddern, YN1, 7 pounds, 6 ounces.
 MAPP, Winifred Hope, to wife of Milton Mapp, SN, 7 pounds, 2 ounces.

13 July

GOODROW, Terry Lee, to wife of Donel Goodrow, AA, 5 pounds, 14 ounces.
 McINTOSH, Marsha Dierdre, to wife of Floyd McIntosh, ET1, 6 pounds, 11 ounces.
 KELLY, Maureen Ann, to wife of Robert Kelly, SH1, 6 pounds, 10 ounces.
 TAYLOR, Donald, to wife of Vernon Taylor, EM2, 8 pounds, 2 ounces.
 WINGATE, Cynthia Anne, to wife of James Wingate, S/SGT, 7 pounds.
 WILLIAMS, Mary Jo, to wife of George Williams, LTJG, Staff, 8 pounds, 4 ounces.
 WILLIAMS, Kenneth Allen Jr., to wife of Kenneth Williams, SN, 7 pounds, 14 ounces.
 SOOTH, Suzanne, to wife of Wilhelm Sooth, CMC, 7 pounds, 11 ounces.

14 July

ADAMS, Bradley Raymond, to wife of Charles Adams, BTG11, 7 pounds, 4 ounces.
 ADAMS, Patricia Ann, to wife of Robert Adams, MML1, 7 pounds, 1 ounce.
 REYNOLDS, Norma Jean, to wife of Lewis Reynolds, CPL, 7 pounds, 11 1/2 ounces.
 NORTON, MacAnne, to wife of Mack Norton, CPL, 7 pounds, 12 1/2 ounces.
 SOTTER, Pamela Ann, to wife of Jack Sotter, SK1, 7 pounds, 5 ounces.
 WILSON, Florence Caroline, to wife of Donald Wilson, SGT, 7 pounds, 9 ounces.
 HODGES, John Robert, to wife of Robert Hodges, AT2, 7 pounds, 4 ounces.
 ROBBINS, Boy, to wife of Floyd Robbins, YNC, 7 pounds, 14 ounces.
 HANSON, Wayne Arthur, to wife of Carl Hanson, AOAN, 7 pounds, 7 ounces.
 HUNT, Donald Dave, to wife of William Hunt, AMC, 6 pounds, 12 ounces.
 EINARSSON, Diane Jenny, to wife of Gilbert Einarsson, AF3, 6 pounds, 15 ounces.
 ANDERSON, Gerald Douglas, to wife of Walter Anderson, QMC, 6 pounds, 14 ounces.
 BUCHAN, Panny Ann, to wife of Carl Buchan, AA, 5 pounds, 9 ounces.
 HARDING, David Alvin, to wife of Alvin Harding, SGT, 8 pounds, 8 ounces.



NFFE Summer Dance To Be Held Tonight

The "Summer Dance" of the National Federation of Federal Employees will be held from 2100 to 0100 tonight at the Jenny Lind Hall, 2267 Telegraph Avenue, Oakland.

Naval and Civilian personnel at Oak Knoll have been invited to attend the affair. Music will be provided by Jimmy Diamond and his orchestra. Patients will be guests of the NFFE at the dance and the Red Cross will escort them. Tickets to the dance sell for 50 cents.

Washington (AFPS)—When calling the District of Columbia morgue, the person answering the phone would say: "St. Peter speaking." All that is changed now. Joseph F. St. Peter has resigned as assistant to the coroner.

Staff Personalities



A staff member who exchanged the East Coast for the West is LT M. S. Bowman, MC, USN, a native New Yorker, who has lived in San Francisco for the past several years. On active duty in the Navy since July, 1947, LT Bowman graduated from medical school at New York University in March 1946 and interned at Knickerbocker Hospital, New York. He was stationed at St. Albans Naval Hospital for 19 months and then spent 25 months with a Civil Administration Unit on Saipan. During his medical school training, he was a member of the Navy's V-12 program. LT and Mrs. Bowman, and their daughter, Janet, two-and-a-half, reside in San Francisco.



Some of the artists who performed on stage last week are Jimmy Buchanan, on the tenor sax; Commodore Lark on bass, Memory Midgett on piano, and Louis Miller on bass. These musicians are members of the Four Naturals, instrumental quartet. Also shown is Miss Pat Lane in one of her acrobatic dance routines.

Well-Known Performers Are Featured In Stage Show Presented at Hospital

Oak Knoll's hats are again off to Mrs. Esther England, who brought another fine stage show and some well-known performers to the stage of the Community Service building last week.

Ben Watkins acted as M.C. for the proceedings, which featured, in addition to the stage performers, the fine jump music of Jimmy Buchanan and his Four Naturals, an instrumental quartet. The ensemble included Jimmy on the tenor sax, Commodore Lark on bass, Memory Midgett at the piano, and Louis Miller on drums.

One of the highlights to the entire show was the lovely singing of Lillian

Gale, mezzo-soprano with the San Francisco Opera Company. Also featured on the stage were the Davis Twins, Clyde and Juanita, June Winter, Howard Eastwood, and Pat Lane with her acrobatic dance routine.

Mrs. England has announced that she will endeavor to bring a stage show to the Oak Knoll auditorium stage every Tuesday, and will feature some of the best known performers in the Bay Area.

Lectures Scheduled For Indoctrination

A series of indoctrination lectures for medical officers serving their first active duty assignment at Oak Knoll will begin on Monday, 23 July, and end Saturday, 18 August.

The lectures will deal with military and naval medical subjects and will include two visits to nearby Naval stations.

A total of 35 Medical Officers are serving their first Active Duty Assignment at this station.

Construction Work Contracts Awarded

Four contracts were awarded recently for construction work at Oak Knoll, according to an announcement by the Twelfth Naval District Public Works Office.

O'Mara & Stewart, Ltd., San Francisco, were awarded the contract of \$109,521 for reactivation of laundry facilities. The Fire Protection Engineering Co., San Francisco, was low bidder for the installation of sprinkler systems in buildings at the hospital for the amount of \$185,955.

For renovations, alterations and additions to various buildings and electrical facilities, the Greuner Construction Co., Oakland, was awarded a contract for \$288,670. Harold Beasley, Vallejo, was awarded a contract of \$14,582 for installation of heating facilities in several Hospital buildings.





There have been a great number of books out about the late President of the United States, Franklin D. Roosevelt. Now comes an anthology of selected passages from all of them, entitled, "The Roosevelt Treasury." For a fast moving portrait of a working president, this book is probably the best yet. Perhaps what makes the difference is the fact that 27 of the articles in it are by Franklin Roosevelt himself. He wrote as well as he spoke, and most of the time his own writing seems to stem from the tradition of Mark Twain. He loved the technique of the "tall story" and the suddenly planted gag line. Had he lived, Mr. Roosevelt was to have joined the editorial staff of one of the great national magazines. Reading his accounts of how government works, and there can be no duller literature as compiled by a pedant, one regrets the dynamic, immensely readable essays that would have been forthcoming, to say nothing of the great autobiography that never got written.

Mr. Roosevelt's gift seems to have been the fact that he saw events and told them in terms of people; and he loved people of all kinds. There is another new book, a deeply personal one by a great personality in the theater that also deals with events and people which goes just the other way. Reading "His Eye Is on the Sparrow," you get an uneasy feeling that Ethel Waters doesn't think much of the human race—and she has good cause not to. Her career has been a triumphant one, achieved against absolutely incredible odds, and it would be strange indeed, if she had come through those battles spiritually unscarred. Without her tremendous faith in God, which is the theme of the book, she would be today a pathetic, broken figure instead of the strong personality she is.

Human compassion apparently can be carried too far, however, if you believe Eric Linklater's fantastic little blood-chiller, "Mr. Byculla." The title figure is an Indian mystic of the Thugee variety who feels so violently sorry for people that he can't resist helping them out of their misery. When he gets loose in a London fog, you won't stop reading 'til the last page ends, and then you'll look over your shoulder as you totter up to bed that night. Pleasant dreams, friends—

—Frank M. Campbell, MH1.

A Red-haired Daughter For Mrs. Perry

Mrs. Marguerite Perry, wife of Carl Perry, ET1, USN (Ret) and former crew's librarian, returned to Oak Knoll last week for the arrival of her first child, Janet Leilani. The baby was born on 9 July. She weighed 6 pounds, 6 ounces, and like her mother, is a red-head.

Montgomery, Ala. (AFPS)—A local ordinance states that it's against the law to refuse to leave a burning building.



Graduation ceremonies were held Friday, 20 July, for the thirteen members of the largest class to complete the course for Orthopedic Appliance Technicians at Oak Knoll. Six of the men completing the course will be transferred to the U.S. Naval Hospital at Philadelphia where they will work in the prosthetic shop, while the other seven will remain at Oak Knoll. Members of the class are, back row (left to right) L. Mallari, HN, G. Heath, HN, L. E. Roberts, HM2, H. Harvey, HM2, L. Wheeler, HN; second row (left to right) C. H. Helms, HM2, C. Sharp, HM3, R. F. Dingman, HN, J. E. Denfield, HN; front row (left to right) C. G. Nelson, HM1, D. E. Clason, HM3, LTJG R. M. Ware, MSC, USN, Artificial Limb shop supervisor and instructor; J. T. Downs, HM3, and K. A. Mikesell, HN. A new class made up of 14 men, will start the six month course Monday, 23 July. The class graduating Friday was the eighth to receive its certificates since the course was started.



The Oak Knoll C.P.O. Wives club held its monthly meeting at the Chiefs' Club on 11 July. Present at the meeting were (left to right) Mesdames Speire, Morrison, Sims, Spratt, Anderberg, Scott, Martin, McBeath, Hale, Crowe, Rose, Linse and Maddox. At the meeting Mrs. Martin was elected vice-president of the club. Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Crowe were hostesses. The next monthly session will be held 15 August when Mrs. Rose and Mrs. McBeath will be hostesses. Mrs. Scott is president of the club.

1,515 Free Telephone Calls Placed Since Patient Service Was Started Last October

Since last October, 1515 free long distance telephone calls have been placed by the Red Cross Gray Ladies for patients admitted to this hospital from Korea. This service was made possible by the generosity of the San Francisco CALL-BULLETIN, whose War Wounded Fund accepted donations from the public for providing the service to all Korean wounded admitted to military hospitals in this area.

On 6 July, the CALL-BULLETIN terminated this service; however, the

Beloit, Wis. (AFPS)—A law forbids sleeping rooms below ground level, so authorities at Beloit college, cramped for space and not wanting to build an addition, dug out the basement and turned it into the first floor.

American Red Cross immediately assumed sponsorship of the service so that the same facilities are available to the Korean returnees. Gray Ladies will continue to assist patients admitted from Korea to place free long distance telephone calls to their families in the States, if they have not already placed the call before arriving at this hospital.

If the families of the patients live outside the Continental United States, the Red Cross will arrange to send telegrams or cables without cost to the patient.

Dallas, Texas (AFPS)—When R. T. Shiels leaned out a window six floors up, his spectacles fell off. They hurtled toward the street and fell through a foot-wide opening of a water-tank truck. The driver drained the tank and returned the glasses.

Welcome and Farewell

Thirty new staff members reported aboard last week while 36 members were transferred.

Reporting aboard were LTJG Joseph H. Kushner, USNR, from civilian life; LCDR Carl W. Deonier, MC, USN, from USNH, Mare Island; LTJG Robert W. Cox, MC, USNR, from Colorado General Hospital; CDR Ralph D. Ross, MC, USN, from Commander Task Force 313; LTJG Willis O. Schaupp, MC, USNR, San Francisco Hospital; LTJG John R. Chamberlin Jr., MC, USNR, from Presbyterian Hospital Association of Colorado, Denver; LTJG John R. Kiser, MC, USNR, from San Francisco Hospital; LT Lois E. Adrian, NC, USN, from U.S.S. CONSOLATION; LT Joseph L. Whatley, MC, USN, from U.S. Naval Hospital, Naval Base, S. C.; LTJG Charles G. Kramer, MC, USNR, from Headquarters Fort Lawton, Washington.

LTJG Thomas W. Burns, MC, USNR, from inactive duty; LTJG Harold S. Shuler, MC, USNR, from Surgical Team No. 4, Naval Forces, Far East; LTJG Stuart H. Martin, MC, USN, from Civil Administration Unit, Palau; CDR Marion E. Roubush, MC, USN, from NMMC, Bethesda; LTJG Abby Franklin, MC, USNR, from Headquarters Base, Kobe; LTJG Keith W. Spaulding, MC, USNR, from inactive duty.

HM1 V. D. Sessions from USN-RECSTA, T. I.; HM2 D. A. Knudsen, from Tripler Army Hospital; HM3's C. R. Coulson from APA 220; E. E. Richardson from USNH, Portsmouth, N. H.; B. D. Laman, from U.S.S. Rochester, and H. Alcanter from Japan; HN's D. D. Wall from USN-RECSTA, T. I.; R. D. Jensen from U.S.S. Dixie; A. P. Williams from U.S.S. Hollister; HA's L. C. Jones from USNH, Mare Island; H. J. Williams Jr., from USNRECSTA, T. I.; W. D. Orr and R. V. Daley, both from USNH, Mare Island, and DA O. C. Hulsey from USNTC, San Diego.

Detached during the week were LTJG Alice R. Shipley, NC, USNR, to Naval Ordnance Test Station, Inyokern; CDR Wait R. Griswold, MC, USN, to USNH Camp Pendleton, Oceanside; LTJG Patricia Stater, NC, USN, and ENS Ruth A. Gaver, both to civilian life; LTJG Jack Fiebing, MCR, USNR, to U.S.S. WHETSTONE; LTJG Shirley A. Wheeler, NC, USNR, to civilian life; LTJG Paul Nordin, MC, USNR, to M5TSP, San Francisco.

HM1's E. B. Clark and C. R. Henry to 50 Fell St., San Francisco; HM2's H. P. Casaletto to U.S.S. WINDHAM BAY, and J. J. Davish to U.S.S. CURTISS; HM3's H. G. Hayes to Camp Pendleton; R. L. Burton to NavSta, T. I.; J. Brown, C. W. Mathisen, N. D. McNair, F. E. Voss, all to Coronado; R. L. Holbrook to FTC, San Diego; and L. P. Smith to FMF; DTG J. S. Comeaux to FMF; HN's H. H. Weisberg and H. J. McBreaity, both to NTC, San Diego; W. B. Levern, L. S. Saalman, C. R. Gathings, D. V. Hare, H. B. Harris, B. A. Wolfe, K. R. Ellis, F. R. Goodall and C. E. Hjelt, all to FMF; W. L. Bowie to U.S.S. NEREUS; A. A. Kreuger to Mare Island FFT; J. H. Wood to NAS, Alameda, and R. P. Marshall and T. G. Matthews to U.S.S. SPERRY.

Saturday, 21 July, 1951

Tradition Backs Standards of Navy Nursing Service

Nursing is a science and an art, and in the Navy it is also a military command. In addition to general nursing duties, Navy nurses may also be trained as specialists in operating and delivery room techniques, flight nursing, occupational therapy, anesthesia, dietetics, physiotherapy, blood bank operation, and other medical specialties. These are the skills that may be developed; the art of nursing is in the compassion and sensitivity which are so vital a part of the care for the suffering and for which women seem particularly adapted.

RADM Lamont Pugh, MC, USN, Surgeon General of the Navy, declared recently, "In the middle of the nineteenth century the most brilliant star to appear in the firmament of military medicine was not that of a doctor but of a nurse, Florence Nightingale, who lighted a lamp that has cast its benevolent and comforting beam upon the misery and suffering of the human race in every land and in every clime, with ever-increasing strength and effectiveness, from Balaklana and Burnside Bridge to Pusan, Inchon, and Honam."

The Navy nurse is a teacher and administrator. She is in charge of the ward in the absence of the ward medical officer, and it is she who is responsible for instructing Hospital Corpsmen in their duties.

According to the Act of 1947 establishing a permanent Nurse Corps of the Navy, "Officers of the Navy Nurse Corps shall have authority in medical and sanitary matters and all other work within the line of their professional duties in and about Naval hospitals and other activities of the Medical Department of the Navy next after officers of the Medical Corps of the Navy. They shall exercise such military authority as may be prescribed from time to time."

The nursing service is one of the major professional departments of the Oakland Naval hospital. CDR Helen C. Gavin, NC, USN, is senior Nurse Corps officer. Miss Gavin entered the Navy in 1924, and has had tours of duty in every part of the United States, as well as Cuba, New Guinea, the Philippines and aboard the USS Relief.

"Navy nursing," says Miss Gavin, "affords nurses an opportunity to exercise their proficiency in all fields of clinical nursing, as well as the opportunity for continuing an advanced education at leading Universities."

Her chief assistant is CDR Rosalia Jorgenson, NC, USN, who is responsible for all administrative records, and determines detail and work assignments of all nurses.

At present there are 240 nurses on board; a year ago there were about 135. Thirty-two have college degrees, and one nurse, LT Jane Hardy, NC, USN, has a law degree from Hastings College of Law in San Francisco. LTJG Mary Finn, who conducts classes and on-the-job training for Hospital Corpsmen in nursing procedures and techniques, has an M.A. in history from the University of New Hampshire.

Oak Knoll nurses are required to be on 24-hour emergency call at all times.



One of the least appreciated of facts concerning the operation of a Naval Hospital is the great variety of skills required of the Navy's Nurses and the number of specialties covered by Nurses in their everyday work. Here are shown only a few of the many jobs handled by the Nursing Service at Oak Knoll. (1) CDR R. Jorgenson, seated, Assistant Chief of the Oak Knoll Nursing Service, looks over a report with LCDR M. M. Warner, who assists in the supervision and administration of the Nursing Service. (2) ENS M. Mahan is one of the many nurses who aid in the care of Oak Knoll's youngest patients in the Hospital nursery. (3) CDR H. C. Gavin, Chief of the Oak Knoll Nursing Service, under whose capable supervision the smooth-working service is kept operating at its peak of efficiency. (4) LTJG E. F. Steinwand is shown in the role generally associated with nurses, work on one of Oak Knoll's many wards, where temperature and pulse taking are numbered among the routine jobs. (5) Another facet of the Nursing Service is shown by LTJG B. Szostak, one of the Nurses who supervises preparation and serving of food to patients on special diets. (6) Many nurses are kept busy in Oak Knoll's large Out-Patient department. LT J. M. Hanks is shown recording the blood pressure of a patient. (7) LT S. M. Bailey, left, supervises the work of a corpsman in Surgery II, where she is also one of the supervisors in the Operating Room Technicians' school. (8) And ENT LT M. T. Mariniak watches over another OPD patient who has just received treatment in that department.

Facts about Oak Knoll nurses:

LT Charlotte Maas, supervisor of the N.P. wards, was selected in February 1947, to serve as consultant nurse for the Brazilian government. While in Brazil she helped set up plans for a future Flight Nurse program.

LTs Delma Linville, supervisor of the orthopedic wards, and Margaret Mariniak, 45A, were shipmates aboard the USS Bountiful while that ship took part in the Saipan, Guam, Peleleu, Iwo Jima, and Philippine operations during World War II.

LT Jervace Crouse, supervisor of

physical therapy, was Chief Nurse at Fleet Hospital No. 15, on Guam, from February 1945 to November 1945.

LT Lois Adrain has just recently come aboard after serving a tour of duty in Korean waters aboard the USS Consolation.

LT Ruth Williams, who works in the Senior Nurse's office, was the Senior Nurse in the Naval dispensary at Yokosuka, Japan, from which station she went to Columbia University to get her degree in nursing education.

LCDR Myrtle Warner, assistant to Miss Gavin, has served on two hospital ships, USS Relief and USS Refuge. She was married last November after getting her B.S. in nursing education at Columbia University.

LT Dorothy Holtberg, 43B, LT Thelma Hase, 54, and LT Betty Warden, 62B, are all taking flying lessons. Miss Warden already has her pilot's license. Miss Holtberg, in addition, is studying for a master's degree in health education at Stanford University.

Scuttlebutt

By DERF

STUFF 'N STUFF: Little Barbara Stevenson is planning a Caribbean cruise for November—she wants to go where it's warm, and it isn't in California—Chief Jeanne Banks is going to spend her leave in the Cape Cod-Boston area—Remember the Legal Department's Chief Branson? He's starring in the Carmel Valley Barn Theater's production of "Apple of His Eye." The usually caustic critics gave him very favorable reviews—Getting some sun and exercise at Russian River we spotted Welfare and Rec's popular Edna Rowan—Ruth Freudenvall just returned from a glamorous trip to New York — Everyone seems to be trotting around: Ray Babin returned from a leave in the bayous of Louisiana and brought back a new Studebaker. Is it true he was "hooked" while on leave?—Dental's Dr. Melser is getting that healthy tan look at the base pool—Cuddled up on the sun deck with "Washington Confidential" was Bob Bechler; in spite of Frank Campbell's blistering review of the Mortimer-Lait expose—Neuro-surgery is planning a picnic after hearing about O.R.'s successful Temescal operation—Charlie Atwill says he should have stayed in bed on Friday the Thirteenth: First, he was reclassified 1-A by his local draft board, and secondly, he found out that he wouldn't be released this summer as he had planned—Legal's Tom Raum wants to know if the time spent battling Kansas floods will count as sea duty?—

WHAT NOW? All you hear these days is "When are you getting out?" "What are you going to do?" I've been eavesdropping (as usual) and here's what some of our local celebrities plan to do: Joe Toschi will return to the laundry where he was chief engineer—Jim Pinkerton plans to resume his career as an accountant—The University of Indiana is the bait for Tennis Star Jim Brisnahan—Al Zamsky, our lithe lifeguard, will return to the U. of Utah—Chief Andy McClain thinks he'll accept a janitorial position because he has had so much Navy experience in that line—Jean Fontenot will resume his graduate studies in sociology—Some sort of educational work will claim John Crosby—Chuck Kurtz is going back to Illinois and teach math—Bob Gibson will get his Ph.D. in Pharmacology—Frank Campbell will return to his radio classes at San Mateo Jr. College and also to radio writing and production for Station KSMO—Bill Jones has his mortuary awaiting him and also a position as deputy coroner of Contra Costa County—A civil service position at the Naval Supply Depot, Oakland, beckons Dave Brittain — "Muggsie" Mahoney will teach physical education in Bakersfield—George Green contemplates attending the Idaho State Pharmacy School — "Dutch" Nesterhoff's first plan is to "just live," later he'll go back to being a meat cutter until he can start his own meat market—Pete Bowers is returning to New York for "permanent duty"—John Reische has an interesting plan: he and a friend will "scrounge around" Peru for six months before returning to California to eke out their daily bread — and Derf? He's planning a long, leisurely trip to Europe before buckling down to work.



Twenty Oak Knoll patients turned Izaak Waltons for a day on Thursday, 12 July, and deserted the sun-baked hills surrounding the compound for the lure of the deep water where the big ones are found. Shown above are some of the scenes from the day-long venture and some of the results produced. 1. Gathered around with their laden hooks dipped invitingly in the water, patients give a resounding cheer as one of their fellow-anglers pulls his catch into the boat. Seated at left with the bandana over her hair is Miss Polly Tracy, Red Cross Recreation Expert, who accompanied the patients on the trip. 2. The fishermen, with part of their catch, gather around Sponsor Ray Gardiner, front center, who made the whole trip possible. 3. Being checked off by Miss Tracy as they board the bus to begin the trip, patients' smiles are a clue to the tenor of the whole outing. 4. Two of the anglers are burdened with poles, bait and food as they go down the ladder to board the fishing launch. Photos of the day's outing were taken by J. J. McBeath, CHM, of Oak Knoll's Photo Arts Department.

Bob Murphy's Fistic 'School' U.S. Navy

By Armed Forces Press Service

Irish Bob Murphy, lighth-heavyweight fighter, learned a trade in the Navy. His specialty didn't call for a higher rating and wasn't listed in a training manual: But it paid tremendous dividends in civilian life.

Murphy put on boxing gloves for the first time in the Navy. During his six-year hitch he devoted every waking hour to perfecting his skill. There were many interruptions to sidetrack his new vocation.

He was in the engine room of the USS Lexington 35 feet below the waterline, when the carrier turned into a roaring inferno. He was one of the last men to leave the ship alive.

Evansville, Ind. (AFPS)—"Stick 'em up," the three-year-old cowboy fan told his neighbor. The neighbor smiled patiently until the gun went off: The "junior Jesse James" had found a 22-cal. target pistol in his home. The neighbor "headed for the hills."

Denver (AFPS)—Robert Clock's car was stolen, but he can't understand why. It had no transmission and no left front wheel.

FIRST OF SUMMER FISHING GROUPS TAKE JOURNEY TO HALF-MOON BAY

Fishermen from the Oak Knoll Rod and Reel Club on Thursday, 12 July, went on the first of a series of fishing trips out of Half Moon Bay, at Princeton-by-the-Sea, with a boat and skipper for the excursion provided by Ray Gardiner, and bait for the anglers donated by Tony Ramos of the Monterey Fish Shop, 4715 East 14th Street.

The fishing program and schedule were planned by Al Acardi of Radio Station KLX, who describes the trips on his radio program called "Fish Finds," broadcast every Thursday at 1915.

On alternate Thursdays groups of 20 will be treated to a chance to do some fishing out of Half Moon Bay, and every other Thursday, groups who are interested in fresh water fishing will leave from "The Skip-pers" in Vallejo. Bait for this trip will be furnished by the Lucky Bait Shop, 6608 San Pablo avenue.

A member of the Red Cross staff accompanies each group, and transportation for the trips is provided by the Welfare and Recreation department.

Largely responsible for making fishing gear available for those wishing to use it is Mr. Clarence Wilson, Hospital chairman of the Associated Sportsmen's clubs, and all the fishing equipment has been donated by sportsmen's clubs.

Montesano, Wash. (AFPS)—You'll have difficulty telling time in Grays Harbor County. The inland section operates on standard time and the central section on daylight saving time. But the northwestern section has this system: Monday to Friday, daylight saving time; from 6 p.m. Friday to 6 p.m. Sunday, standard time.

Santa Ana, Calif. (AFPS) — After 41 years of school-teaching, Miss Minnie Penman retired. She taught penmanship.

Berkshire, Mass. (AFPS) — Noted on the menu of the Dawes Farm Inn: Roast Native Turkey, \$2.50; Southern Fried Chicken, \$2.50; Broiled Sirloin Steak, \$3.00; Children Under 7 Years, \$1.25.

PREVIEWS

Sunday, 22 July
SECRET OF CONVICT LAKE—Glenn Ford, Gene Tierney. This is a relatively new film, and no information is available as yet concerning it.

Monday, 23 July
FILE ON THELMA JORDON—Barbara Stanwyck, Wendell Corey. You may remember this one as just plain "Thelma Jordan," as it was released way back in January of 1950. When first released this movie was given a rating of "good" by reviewers, and although a fairly old one it may be more worth seeing than some of the more recent productions.

Tuesday, 24 July
MASK OF THE AVENGER—John Derek, Anthony Quinn. This must be another new one, since the findings of reviewers seem to be unavailable. No clue as to the nature of the movie can be gained from the title, although it is an interesting one.

Wednesday, 25 July
IF THIS BE SIN—Myrna Loy, Richard Greene. This is another old one, released to the public September 8, 1950. A United Artists production, it has been given a rating of "fair" by critics, and is recommended for adults only.

Thursday, 26 July
THREE GUYS NAMED MIKE—Jane Wyman, Van Johnson. This movie was released to the public in March of this year, with a rating of "good" by advance reviews. In the movie the life and loves of an airline stewardess have been wrapped into an amusing comedy. The story starts with Miss Wyman, a typical, pretty young lady from a small town, entering the stewardess' school and from then on takes the audience on an interesting trip through her training and her first flight. Miss Wyman in the movie deals with three suitors all bearing the first name of Mike trying to outdo each other in winning her as a bride.

Friday, 27 July
I CAN GET IT FOR YOU WHOLESALE—Susan Hayward, Dan Dailey. Here is a movie that was rated "very good" by critics and was released to the public in April. In the film the authentic workings of the colorful fashion business are shown behind the story line of Miss Hayward, an ambitious model turned designer, Dailey, a brash salesman, and Sam Jaffe, an expert pattern cutter who quit their jobs to enter a contract partnership to manufacture dresses. The partnership proceeds smoothly while profits mount until Miss Hayward and Dailey clash.

Saturday, 28 July
THE CAPTURE—Lew Ayres, Teresa Wright. This film was released to the public in June, 1950 and rated only a "fair" from reviewers. No other information on the movie is available.

Adrian, Mich. (AFPS) — Mrs. H. Hirschberg returned a purse she found. The purse contained \$17, but because of her honesty, Mrs. Hirschberg received a reward of \$25.

Buffalo, N. Y. (AFPS)—Mrs. Samuel Yochelson stumped the experts in a radio quiz program and received an encyclopedia. She mailed her question 12 years ago.

St. Louis (AFPS) — Imaldo R. Simone sent in two false alarms because he was "overworked and feeling tired."

Fort Worth, Texas (AFPS)—Mail troubles are expected in the J. W. Evans home within a few years. In addition to J. W., are his four sons, also named J. W. Evans.

Little Rock, Ark. (AFPS)—A. M. Allen wants to tell the world what a taxidermist does for a living. He is plagued by people calling and asking for a taxi.

Spokane, Wash. (AFPS)—Cooing pigeons harassed Dennis J. Williams to the extent that he set out two suffed owls to scare the pigeons away. The pigeons left and two live owls moved in.

Rutledge, Ga. (AFPS)—Rev. W. R. Rutledge is pastor of the Rutledge Baptist Church in Rutledge.

MSC Officer New C.O. MedSupDep.

CDR Clarence J. Owen, USN, of 727 Santa Clara Avenue, Alameda, has become the first Medical Service Corp. officer ever to head a Navy medical supply depot as he assumed command of the Oakland Naval Medical Supply Depot.

CAPT B. G. Feen, Medical Corp. USN, former commanding officer of the installation, read the directive making Owen head of the world's largest Navy medical supply depot before 250 civilian and military personnel.

He and his wife, Alma, have a son, LT Clarence J. Owen, USN, who is serving on a cruiser in the war zone, and a daughter, Mary, wife of LT R. O. Newbern, USN, on submarine duty in the Atlantic.

'Tale of Chocolate Cake' Makes FPO Justly Proud

Pearl Harbor, T. H. (AFPS)—Mail for the Servicemen does go through.

The wife of a Navy man in Portland, Ore., prepared a chocolate cake for her husband in Korea. It was placed in a box and wrapped with cellophane. Beneath the wrapper was placed a card reading "To My Husband on Father's Day."

The cake was flown by commercial lines to San Francisco. There MATS picked it up and flew it to Japan. It was carried the last 40 miles over rough terrain in a military truck, and delivered two days before Father's Day after a journey of 7,000 miles, requiring six days' time. FPO officials say proudly that not a hole was punched in the cellophane wrapper, nor was the chocolate covering disturbed.

Oglethorpe, Ga. (AFPS)—J. W. Lawhon set a trap to catch the mice in his office. One morning he noticed the mice had chewed away part of the trap's base.

Los Angeles (AFPS)—This West Coast city is proud of outpointing New York City. The last name in the New York telephone directory is Zyzneski. In Los Angeles it's Zzyzz.

Gardner, Mass. (AFPS)—Mrs. Victoria Bonislowski raises chickens, milks her cow, cares for her garden, pitches hay and does her own housework. She's only 103 years old.



Enlisted staff personnel and their ladies jammed the Enlisted Men's Recreation Center on Friday, 13 July, for a weekly party and dance. Music for the affair was again provided by the station's Rhythm Doctors. Recognizable in the foreground center, above, are Oak Knoll's well-known husband and wife team "Red" and Mrs. Hirschberger. Another dance was held last night, and judging from all reports, the EM parties are becoming more popular all the time.

E.M. Lounge to Feature Weekly Frolics During Summer Months

Fear of the "Friday the Thirteenth" jinx was not in evidence on Friday, 13 July, as staff members and their ladies jammed into the Enlisted Men's Recreation center for the weekly dance.

Music for the affair was furnished by the staff orchestra, The Rhythm Doctors, under the direction of Paul Miller, HM2.

The dance was only one of a series of such gatherings which are planned for each Friday during July and part of August.

Another, this one a strictly "Date Dance," with stags prohibited from attending, was held last night, 20 July.

The affairs are sponsored and staffed by the Oak Knoll Welfare and Recreation department and no charge, either for admittance or refreshments, is made.

Glowing reports of the music and dance floor have been made by persons attending the weekly parties, one of the few places where a full evening of entertainment can be had at no cost. The company has been termed congenial, the music is both sweet and hot and the refreshments all that could be desired.

The interest that is shown in the weekly parties will be the guage to their frequency, and Welfare personnel urge that All Hands attend as many of the dances as possible.

★ ★ CHUCKLES ★ ★

Definition of a cynic: One who doesn't even believe that the stork brings baby storks.

Cpl. Hanbeck: "Digging out holes?"
 Cpl. Jones: "Nope, I'm digging out dirt and leaving the holes."

There was a young lady named Carol
 Who loved to play cards for apparel;
 Her opponents' straight flush
 Made the young lady blush,
 Now Carol's apparel's a barrel.

Onions to onions,
 Peas to peas,
 Cover the spuds
 Pa's gonna sneeze.

Pvt.: "Don't you think Ethel looks bad in that low-cut evening gown?"
 Pfc.: "Not as far as I can see!"

Actor: "The death scene was a riot."
 Actress: "How come?"
 Actor: "The corps got the hiccoughs."

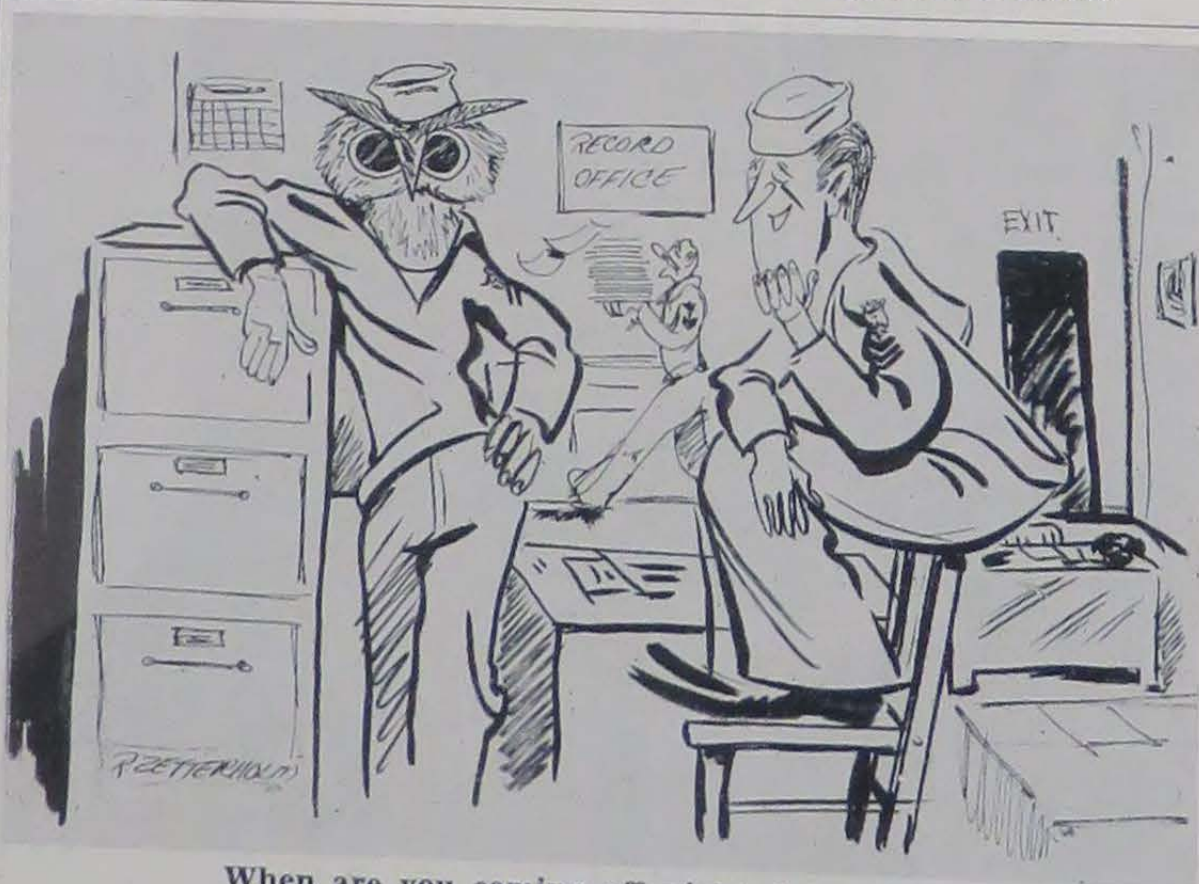
Then there is the girl who doesn't have to worry much about her family tree if she has the right kind of limbs.

The bachelor is a happy guy,
 He has a lot of fun.
 He sizes all the cuties up,
 And never Mrs. one.

The candlemaker still has the best job of all. He only works on wick ends.

SN: "If you were a poker player, what would you call a cheap ante?"
 SA: "My mother's sister."

How True Dept.: A lot of girls buy soap that promises "skin you love to touch." But just try it!



When are you coming off night duty, Andy?



CDR Williams Tennis Champion

CDR R. Williams, of VR2, Alameda NAS, reigned supreme this week as undisputed tennis champion of the Twelfth Naval District as a result of a tournament completed 18 July at Oak Knoll.

CDR Williams defeated Matt Tuite, ET2, EMS, Treasure Island, by scores of 6-3, 8-6 to gain the championship. Third place in singles competition went to Steve Morgan, YNS1, also of VR2, Alameda.

In doubles competition CDR Williams and Morgan teamed up to ride rough-shod over all other teams to win the trophy in that class also.

Twenty-eight court men competed in the singles competition and eight teams from all over the district entered the doubles lists.

HOSPITAL SOFTBALL NEARING FINALE

Intra-Hospital softball competition appeared to be headed for a show-down play-off between the Chiefs and Officers as the summer league went into its last week with only four games remaining on the schedule as the Oak Leaf went to press.

Both the C.P.O. team and the Officer squad had one game yet to play. On Thursday, 19 July, the Officers were slated to play Surgery II, but results were not available in time for publication. On Tuesday, 24 July, in the last scheduled game, unless a make-up is necessary, the Chiefs will put their win streak on the line in a game with the Independents.

Still not determined at press time was the outcome of a game between the Civil Service Girls and the Independents on Wednesday, 18 July. The other game still to be played is between the N.P. Department and Surgery II on Monday, 23 July.

NAS Is Victim Of Knoll Softballers

Oak Knoll's drive toward the Twelfth Naval District softball championship got a shot in the arm on 11 July when the Hospital squad squeezed out a 3 to 2 win over NAS Oakland, but suffered a temporary set-back Monday, 16 July, in losing a heart-breaker to Treasure Island Receiving Station Ship's Company by a score of 2 to 0.

Next week the Hospital crew will play two games which will probably be the deciding factor of its chances for the championship. On Monday, 23 July, the Oak Knollites will meet League-leading Fleet Air, Alameda, and on Wednesday, 25 June, will play second place NAS, Moffett. Both games will be played on the oppositions' fields.

In the win over NAS Oakland, Oak Knoll pitcher Moore had a shut-out going into the top of the fifth when three errors let in both Oakland runs. Oakland was able to garner only four hits off Moore's offerings, while the Oak Knoll squad got to Oakland Pitcher Johnson for six hits.

Three of these were by Webb, one of them a double, while Tafoya also contributed a double and Hinds and Pyne a single each.

In the Treasure Island game last Monday the two teams played scoreless ball until the first half of the sixth inning, when a single and two Oak Knoll errors allowed the two runs to score. Moore's tight hurling limited the Treasure Islanders to only four hits, while three Knollites—Wong, Hines and Young—were good for singles off T.I. Pitcher Pendleton.

Playing a brand of softball that is of championship caliber and bolstered by the top quality pitching of Moore, Oak Knoll, after lagging far behind at the beginning of the season, is now considered one of the top contenders for the District Championship.

Roses are red
Violets are blue
Lily's are pink—
I saw them on the line.

Junk Man: "Any beer bottles for sale, lady?"

Aunt Matilda: "Do I look like I drink beer?"

Junk Man: "Any vinegar bottles, lady?"



Winner of three third place awards at the recent Twelfth Naval District swimming meet at Treasure Island, A. G. Zamsky, HN, captain of the Oak Knoll team, is shown above (No. 7) poised for the start of one of the freestyle events in which he placed. Oak Knoll's team ranked fifth among the ten teams entered in the meet.

Tank Team Places Fifth in Meet; Zamsky Is Third in Three Events

Oak Knoll's tank team swam to a fifth place rating at the Twelfth Naval District Swim meet held at Treasure Island 11 July, and brought four third place medals in individual competition back with them.

Captain and top point-winner for the Hospital squad was A. G. Zamsky, HN, now known as the "Ironman," who won three medals for placing third in three events. These were the 50-meter freestyle, 100-meter freestyle, and 200-meter freestyle.

Also a point-winner at the meet for Oak Knoll was D. C. Staight, HN,

who swam to a third place medal in the breast-stroke event.

The balance of the Oak Knoll team was made up of LTJG A. S. Hambly, Jr., backstroke, and G.E. Papadakis, HM3, and L. V. Bowman, HM2, who competed in the relay events.

N.A.S. Oakland walked off with the Commandant's Cup by winning the largest number of points in the 10-team competition.

Team Captain Zamsky had high words of praise for the showing made by his teammates in the stiff competition.

Varsity Baseball Squad Wins One, Loses One in District Play

Oak Knoll's hitting prowess was the deciding factor on 12 July when the Hospital's entry in Twelfth Naval District baseball competition won out over NSC, Oakland, 7 to 6.

The Hospital sluggers got to two NSC hurlers for 13 hits. The top of batting order accounted for nine of these when both Bournellis and Young had perfect days at the plate. Bournellis collected four singles and a walk in five appearances, while Young, in his five times at bat, smashed out two doubles and three singles.

Wright accounted for the only round-tripper of the day, while Amos contributed a double and McCann and Tamborski each a single.

NSC held a one-run lead until the first half of the eighth inning when Oak Knoll scored two runs on hits by Tamborski, Bournellis, and Young to gain the winning margin and end the scoring for the afternoon.

Big stick for NSC was Cunningham, who got three hits, one a triple, off Oak Knoll's Tamborski, who went the route on the mound for the Knollites.

But it was a different story on Tuesday, 17 July, when Two Rock Ranch Station bashed three Oak Knoll hurlers for 14 hits to score 19 runs, while Oak Knoll could manage only five runs from eight hits.

Tamborski began the game on the mound for Oak Knoll but was relieved by Haile, who in turn was replaced by Bournellis in a fruitless attempt to stop the opposition's hitting power.

Young and Bournellis again starred at the plate, each collecting two hits, as did Tamborski. Hull and McCann got one each.

On Thursday, 19 July, the Oak Knoll team was set to go against Camp Stoneman and next week will meet the Presidio on Tuesday and Mare Island on Thursday.

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WAVES Mark Ninth Anniversary

On 30 July, 1942, President Roosevelt signed legislation authorizing enlistment and commissioning of women in the United States Naval Reserve, and this week as their ninth birthday is to be observed with special celebrations throughout the nation, Waves of the Navy may look back with pride over the outstanding work their corps has accomplished. Peak strength of the Waves was reached in July, 1945, when there were approximately 86,000 Waves on active duty in the nation. The Wave complement at Oak Knoll, where the first three Waves reported in February, 1943, reached its peak in October, 1945, when 355 enlisted personnel and 24 officers were aboard. Today there are over 5,000 Waves on active duty in the United States, England, Germany, Alaska, Hawaii, and the Caribbean Area. At this station there are 37 enlisted Waves and four Wave officers. Of this number, 17 are reservists called back to active duty since the beginning of the Korea

emergency. Others are USN — through legislation approved by President Truman in 1948, making Waves a part of the regular Navy.

Next week has been proclaimed "Waves in the Navy" week in the Bay Area, with an All-Wave Birthday Party scheduled for Monday afternoon at 5:30 at the Officers' Club on Treasure Island. The festivities will include a cocktail party and banquet and a special program by the Treasure Island Chorus of sixty voices of sailors, both male and female. All Waves in the Bay Area, Regular Navy, Reserves, and Veterans, are cordially invited to attend, either in civilian clothes or uniform, LCDR Esther L. Millard, USN, Assistant for Women, Twelfth Naval District, has announced. In addition to attending the All-Wave get-together, Oak Knoll Waves will celebrate the anniversary with a special party at their quarters tomorrow evening.

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In Memoriam

The Colors at Oak Knoll were flown at half-mast during the past week after the death of ADM Forrest P. Sherman, United States Chief of Naval Operations, of a heart attack Sunday, 22 July, in Naples, Italy.

ADM Sherman, who had consistently underlined the importance of a strong Navy to National Defense, had been in Europe on a diplomatic role—negotiating to secure sea and air bases for his country in Spain.

His body was flown back to Washington, D. C., by a Navy plane on Thursday, 26 July, for a final tribute by President Truman, fellow Naval personnel and all United States citizens.

Oak Knoll Colors remained at half-mast until sunset Friday, 27 July, in memory of the late Chief of Naval Operations.

† † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

In India years ago there lived a beggar who would go from door to door begging bread. When he heard that the Maharajah or great king was coming to his village, he decided to ask for enough money from the king so that he could live in comfort for the rest of his days.

Early the next morning the beggar arose, and, with his begging basket, hurried to the main street to be close to the line of march. Soon he heard the cry: "The Maharajah is coming. The Maharajah is coming." Peering down the street he feasted his eyes on the gorgeous procession, the glittering trappings, the prancing horses. As the king's chariot approached, the beggar wormed his way to the front line, rushed out to the king and held his gaunt hand pleading for a gift.

Slowly and thoughtfully the Maharajah turned to the beggar, looked him full in the face. Then the king himself held out his royal hand to the beggar, as if to ask for a gift. What could the beggar do? What could he give his king? Give he must—but what? Into his begging basket he plunged his hand, found a few grains of corn, and put them quickly into the king's hand. The latter bowed his thanks and the procession moved on.

It took the beggar several minutes to recover from the surprise of having the king ask him for something. When he finally got his bearings and picked up his basket, he heard the clink of coins. In his basket he found several pieces of money, evidently placed there by one of the king's servants, during the brief time when the beggar had given his king what little he had. For those few worthless grains of corn the king had given him golden coins.

Our dealings with God are very much like that. We are all beggars; God is the Great King. Of the King we ask favors and blessings. But like the Maharajah, Almighty God turns about and asks us first to give Him something, however small, however worthless, however cheap it may appear. In return for the smallest gift to Him, God gives generously to us.

Many of God's gifts to us depend on what we give to God. For actual kernels and scraps of time or energy or effort Christ makes precious rewards. "A cup of cold water given in my name shall not be without its reward."

What are some of these little things, these scraps and kernels, for which we receive such big rewards? First is the little item of morning prayer. It takes just a scrap of time and effort, but it makes the entire day worthwhile; it gives color and meaning to everything done that day.

A kind word, a kind deed, is another kernel we place in the outstretched hand of our heavenly King. He wants it from us to prove our generosity, before He returns that kindness a hundredfold. As a reward He has promised nothing less than the kingdom of heaven. Did Christ not say: "Come ye blessed of my Father, possess the kingdom of heaven. I was hungry and you gave me to eat. I was thirsty and you gave me to drink; sick and you visited me; naked and you clothed me."

Think of it—heaven for visiting a sick person, heaven for feeding the hungry. Give and it will be given to you. Be generous with God and God will be generous with you.

A. T. Wallace,
Catholic Chaplain.

Red Cross Ramblings

FINNY FRIENDS

Pfc. WALTER KAUL, USMC, of Ward 74A, is the proud possessor of a small aquarium consisting of goldfish and guppies. This week a new "friend" was added: The Betta, a very pugnacious tropical fish bred in the United States for its beauty, and in Siam, where it originated, for its fighting qualities. It is perfectly safe to place a Betta in a tank with other varieties, but two male Bettas in the same tank invariably tangle in a slashing battle which continues until one of them is killed. Even in erting a mirror in one of the tanks creates furor in this small fish. There are 31 popular varieties of tropical fish. Americans first took up household aquariums as a hobby in 1874 when the first goldfish were imported here from Japan. In the early 1900's came the Guppy—once described as a "very small fish, only smaller." It was followed by other tropical fish, which, because of their beautiful colors, their fascinating habits of courtship, their nest building and fighting, pushed the stodgy goldfish out of favor. By the 1930's a Guppy could be bought for 10 cents, and the boom was on. Today there are 10,000,000 tropical-fish fanciers in the United States. If you are interested in these finny friends, tell the Red Cross Worker on your ward.

CHESS MATES

Castro Valley visited the hospital last week for a tie game with our chess club. BILLY WOOLMAN up on Ward 71B has a sad chess tale to tell. Seems like when he was out in Korea where they don't have much recreational material or opportunity except "fireworks" he longed for a chess game during a lull in battle. Out of buttons, wood and various native materials they improvised an ingenious set. To his dismay, someone stole it. Some new books have been added to the Chess library, one well worth reading is "Chess Fundamentals" by Capablanca.

SAN QUENTIN

Mrs. M. Wasson, Red Cross Motor Service, is a sister-in-law of the Assistant Warden at San Quentin Prison across the Bay and made it possible for several of the patients to

vi it there 20 July. They were accompanied by Mrs. Ronada Robinson, Red Cross Gray Lady. JOSEPH BERLIN, SN, S/SGT AL REQUEJO, USMC, NELSON COBLE, SA, CPL JERRY WOHLGEMUTH, USMC, all of Ward 65B, and PFC MELVIN BOLTON, USMC, Ward 63A, enjoyed the afternoon, viewing the recreational facilities and seeing how a state prison runs.

CROQUET

On the green between Wards 75 and 76 could be heard the sound of wooden balls whirring through the air. Upon close scrutiny one saw patients bending over small hoops set up in the grass, hitting large round wooden balls with mallets. What was happening? A fast game of croquet the object of which is to drive the balls through the wickets with the least number of drives for the winner. Those participating were SGT A. STONE, USMC; J. HAWKER, GERN W. BARNES, HN; CPL J. HAWKINS D. CANISSARIO and several other patients from Ward 76B.



Harold W. Boyles

Harold W. Boyles New Civilian Director

Harold W. Boyles, new civilian personnel assistant, reported aboard this week as successor to Thomas R. Newsom, who recently left Oak Knoll to take a position on Guam.

Mr. Boyles comes to Oak Knoll from the Naval Supply Center, Oakland, where he has headed the wage and classification section in the industrial relations department for the past six months.

Prior to working at NSC, he had been superintendent of employee relations at Hawthorne Naval Ammunition Depot, Hawthorne, Nevada—a job he worked up to after beginning as a laborer in the depot some eight years before. During this time he had taken three years out, from 1942 to 1945, to serve as a Naval aviator for the Naval Air Transport Service (NATS).

Mr. Boyles is married and has three children: Tommy, 6; Marilyn, 4, and Jimmy, 1 month. He is enthusiastic about his new position here and hopes to become acquainted with the staff soon.

Divine Services

Hospital Chapel at Main Gate

PROTESTANT

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

CATHOLIC

SUNDAY MASSES
 0600 — 0900 — 1215
 DAILY MASSES — 0645 & 1630
 Confessions before Mass
 CHOIR PRACTICE:
 TUESDAY 1900
 Catholic Oratory in back of Chapel

CHAPLAINS' OFFICES IN
 CHAPEL & 67A
 NAVY RELIEF OFFICE—
 IN CHAPEL

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

Chaplains of other faiths will be called upon request

BUS TO AND FROM CHAPEL ON
 SUNDAYS 0845 & 1045

Saturday, 28 July, 1951

Welcome and Farewell

There were more "Welcomes" than "Farewells" during the past week at Oak Knoll with a total of 38 new staff members reporting aboard for duty while only 13 were transferred to other stations.

Reporting aboard were LTJG Carolyn L. Russell, NC, USN, from Air Transport Squadron Three, NAS, Moffett Field; LTJG T. A. E. Datz, MC, USNR, from Headquarters Fort Lawton, Wash.; LTJG J. G. Seygried, MC, USN, NNMC, Bethesda; LTJG Daniel T. Cloud, Jr., MC, USNR, from Headquarters 155th Station Hospital, APO 503; LTJG R. E. Wilson, MC, USNR, from Denver General Hospital, Denver, Colo.; LT M. H. Hill, Jr., MC, USN, from U.S.S. Piedmont; LTJG R. L. Baker, MC, USN, from Naval Receiving Station, Pearl Harbor; LTH R. Fannan, NC, USN, from University of Colorado, Boulder, Colo.; LT Louise M. Nowak, NC, USN, from MSTSP, San Francisco; LT Francis V. Buchanan, NC, USN, from University of Colorado; CDR V. E. Wagner, MC, USN, from U.S.S. Prairie.

HMC's P. R. Ragle from USNH, Bethesda; R. W. Malcolm, from USNH, Great Lakes, and B. E. Watson and R. E. Power, Jr., both from NTC, Bainbridge; HMI's D. Z. McLaughlin from San Diego, and R. C. Edwards and R. E. Rayfield from USNH, Great Lakes; HM2's L. J. O'Brien, J. E. Brandenburg, M. Martinez, J. E. Christopher, R. B. Tognny, L. A. Sapp, J. F. Crawford and R. H. Devoe, all from Treasure Island; W. R. Conly from NTC, Great Lakes; G. F. Vernon from USNH, Bethesda; R. J. Wilson from Quantico, Va., and R. L. Gates from USNH, Philadelphia, Pa.; HM3's, J. A. Wilburn, D. I. Deboer and F. M. Stein, all from Treasure Island; B. M. Geringer from NTC, Great Lakes; C. A. Blythe, Jr., from USNH, Philadelphia, and D. Langford, from NSA, Stockton; HN S. W. Baker, from the sicklist, and J. J. Muzio, DA, from Treasure Island.

Detached were LT E. L. Harris, NC, USNR, to Commanding General, Department of Pacific, San Francisco; LT J. M. Hanks, NC, USNR, to Barstow Annex, Marine Corps Depot of Supplies, San Francisco; HMI's B. W. Bradbury to USNH, Key West; and G. M. Long to USNH, Portsmouth, Va.; HM2's L. E. Roberts and C. H. Helms to USNH, Philadelphia, and D. W. Personette to USNH, Great Lakes; HM3's R. W. Miller to NAS, Memphis, and J. T. Downs and D. E. Clason, both to USNH, Philadelphia, Pa.; HN's J. L. Wheeler and J. E. Denfeld, Jr., both to USNH, Philadelphia; and L. J. Clevenger to USNH, Bremerton.

Leona Steinike, HM2, was stationed at Oak Knoll from '45-'47. When she was recalled last October, she began doing physical therapy again at her old stand. ("Next time I'll request China.")

He: "You go to bed and I'll wash the dishes."

She: "Those paper dishes won't stand another washing."

He: "That's all right; I'll erase them tonight."



Ann Badalato, HM3, checks with Marjorie M. Mahoney, HMI, at the OOD's desk to see whether she has grown. When she joined the Naval Reserve in 1944, she was said to be the smallest Wave accepted for service. She was and is four feet, nine and three-fourths inches tall and weighs 93 pounds. Ann has had a variety of assignments during her Navy career and at present is serving as an occupational therapy technician in the NP ward.

Verla Ashby, HN, is from Sparks, Nevada. She doesn't gamble, but she does take a chance now and then—like when she joined the Reserves.

Ina M. Boyles, HA, loves to write and receive letters. Lots of them go to and come from Anamosa, Iowa, her home town.

LTJG Norma M. Brown, SCW, the hospital's disbursing officer, has the reputation of being an excellent cook. She has a collection of 20 or 30 cookbooks and subscribes to Gourmet.

Marion E. Cramer, CWO, is the only commissioned warrant officer in the WAVES. She has had a course in polio work under Sister Kenney at the University of Minnesota hospital. Miss Cramer collects antique jewelry, old silver and brass (the brass doesn't have to be too old), and makes her own clothes.

Katharyn L. Evans, HN, writes poetry as a hobby. Three of her poems have appeared in "Seventeen." She was a student nurse in civilian life and plans to go to operating room technicians' school here.

Leonore E. Doumitt, HM3, was a music major at the University of Oregon. She also taught dancing at the Arthur Murray studios.

Lucille Harrison, HMI, presently working in the O.P.D. record office, plans to transfer soon to the Nurse Corps. She is a registered nurse, graduate of the Holy Cross School of Nursing in Salt Lake City.

Jan Greuner, HM3, went on a 14,000-mile train tour of the United States after graduating from the College of the Pacific. Her ticket was 10 feet long.

Irma Julia Heidell, HN, is gathering old nylon stockings to make a rug for the WAVES rumpus room.

Florence R. Jones, HN, plays 2nd base on the Nurses' softball team. She loves ALL sports. Florence has a twin brother in the Navy Reserve.

Barbara Stevenson, HM3, is a former member of the San Francisco Opera Ballet Company.

Ruth E. Freudenvoll, HN, sculpts and does landscape painting for her hobbies.

Ripples

LT Lucille R. Clark has been a line officer (communications), a Supply Corps officer, and is now a dietitian in the Medical Service Corps.

Vivian Stockdale, HM2, graduated from Santa Rosa (Calif.) Junior College.

Ruth E. Thietten, HM3, has a collection of over 600 pairs of salt and pepper shakers. Some are worth at least \$25 a pair. She has them from Japan, China, France, Germany, Cuba, England, and Mexico.

Katherine O'Malley, HMI, was discharged from Oak Knoll in October, 1945, and returned here five years later after being recalled from the Reserves.



Holding colors is a real partnership affair when Gordon and Edwina Hirschberger have the duty at the OOD's desk together every sixth day. Both Hirschbergers are HM2's, and as far as anyone here can determine, they are the only man-and-wife colors team in the Navy. They met at Oak Knoll and were married in the chapel in May.

Edwina is regularly assigned to the Property and Accounting Office.

Marian Morey, HM2, loves whodunits, especially Dashiell Hammett and Perry Mason. She voluntarily returned to the Waves and loves it.

Kathryn Robinson, HMC, chief master-at-arms of the Oak Knoll Waves, trained as an operating room technician, is working in the medical record library now, and has quite a reputation as a fisherman.

Patricia Ann Rogalinski, HN, is engaged to a patient here whom she met last April 31 while both were waiting in one of the chow lines.

Edith D. Rush, HMI, an X-ray technician, flies for her hobby. She has a private license and 225 hours' flying time.

Beverly J. Scheidt, HN, worked on a newspaper for four years before joining the WAVES. She speaks German, Spanish, and French. Her main aim? Overseas duty.

Regina Spaatz, HM2, is a member in good standing of the Victor McLaglen Light Horse Troop in Los Angeles.



LT Lila E. Suiter, MSC, USNR, senior Wave officer on the compound, is on duty in the laboratory at the Medical Research Facility. "The opportunity for learning and for service have made belonging to the Waves a distinct privilege for any woman," she said this week when asked how she feels about the service.

JoAnn A. Jordan, HN, joined the WAVES in October, 1950, after the death of her husband, who was a chief pharmacist's mate. She works in the Delivery Room and takes care of the babies as soon as they are born.

Pauline Lemich, HMC, instructor in X-ray techniques, got polio in 1935 and spent five years in the hospital. As part of her rehabilitation she took up ballroom dancing on doctor's orders and after two years was able to give dancing exhibitions.

Elisabeth Ledbetter, HN, has been in three auto accidents since February—but never as the driver. Toll so far: one broken neck.

Marjorie M. Mahoney, HMI, has a master's degree in English and is working on her Ph.D. in Education. She recently won a scholarship to Occidental College in L.A. to enable her to do work in psychometrics for handicapped children.

Joyce Irene Meyer, YNCA, is the only yeoman WAVE on the compound. She was the Captain's writer for the director of training at the 5th Naval District office (Norfolk, Va.) before coming here last September.

Rea M. Miller, HM3, thinks heaven is Harbor Beach, Michigan, her home town, and figures that she has 1 year and 84 days to get to her destination.

Jean Naylor, HM2, was a teaching associate in public health at the University of California before being recalled to the Waves. She is a native daughter, loves Cal football games, and hates people who don't like California weather.

Lucille Moore, HMI, M.A.A. at the Wave quarters, has put in for a transfer to Pearl Harbor and hopes to get there soon. She's been packed for weeks.

Arlene E. Normington, HM2, is captain of the NP staff bowling team and bowls with the hospital team in its league games.

Angie Weston, HM3, has a husband on the compound. He is Fireman Richard Weston. Mrs. Weston helped open Ward 62A for Korean casualty admissions and cites this as the most interesting work she has done in the Navy.

Mary L. White, HN, was a model, repeat: a model, in civilian life.

Life Begins at Oak Knoll

15 July

BERLUND, Paula Ann, to wife of George Berlund, MM2, 7 pounds, 12 ounces.
MOBERLY, Diane Teresa, to wife of Arthur Moberly, LTJG, 7 pounds, 4 ounces.

16 July

ZABLOCKI, Girl, to wife of Daniel Zablocki, ADC, 7 pounds, 8 ounces.
MANELA, Helen Grancine, to wife of Feliciano Manela, SD3, 7 pounds, 5 ounces.
LITTLE, Boy, to wife of Edward Little, CDR, 5 pounds, 9 ounces.
GRAHAM, Janet Rae, to wife of Bernard Graham, CE1, 6 pounds, 8 ounces.
KOTH, Quintus John Henry, Jr., to wife of Quintus Koth, ENS, 6 pounds, 6 ounces.
AYERS, Roderick Lee, to wife of Robert Ayers, SGT, 7 pounds, 11 ounces.
DAVIS, Thomas Allan, to wife of Jack Davis, AN, 6 pounds, 12½ ounces.
LUBY, Girl, to wife of Frank Luby, AD2, 8 pounds, 4 ounces.

17 July

ANDREWS, Janenne Louise, to wife of Robert Andrews, MM3, 7 pounds, 2 ounces.
CHAPMAN, Boy, to wife of Robert S. Chapman, 5 pounds, 13½ ounces.
HOUGHTLING, Gail Lynne, to wife of Richard Houghtling AO3, 7 pounds, 10 ounces.
McTAMMANY, Gael Allen, to wife of John McTammany, LTJG, 5 pounds, 8 ounces.
CAUDILLO, Girl, to wife of John Caudillo, HM3, 5 pounds, 6 ounces.
BOLLIG, Ronald Gene, to wife of Eugene Bollig, SGT, 7 pounds, 15 ounces.

18 July

BLACKWELL, Gayla Jean, to wife of Robert Blackwell, SHSN, 6 pounds, 12 ounces.
HALL, Timothy David, to wife of Forrest Hall, BMC, 5 pounds, 15 ounces.
SMITH, Boy, to wife of Curtis Smith, PN3, 7 pounds, 6 ounces.
WEBBER, Anita Kay, to wife of Solon Webber, ADC, 7 pounds, 6 ounces.
LEASER, Jan Renee, to wife of George Leaser, ALC, 11 pounds, 8 ounces.
VOGT, Cathleen Mary, to wife of Leonard Vogt, LTJG, 6 pounds, 8 ounces.
RODGERS, Michele Jean, to wife of John Rodgers, PVT, 7 pounds, 2 ounces.
SANDERS, William, to wife of Junior Sanders, ALC, 8 pounds, 12 ounces.
ZAMORA, Girl, to wife of Ramon Zamora, AN, 7 pounds, 4 ounces.
THOMPSON, Marvin Fred, Jr., to wife of Marvin Thompson, PR2, 8 pounds, 14 ounces.
HENDRICKSON, Virginia, to wife of Jerome Hendrickson, ADAN, 7 pounds, 9 ounces.

19 July

LINDO, Girl, to wife of William Lindo, SD1, 6 pounds, 14 ounces.
RIVARD, Erica Jeanne, to wife of Earl Rivard, ENS, 7 pounds, 2 ounces.
STOW, Cindy Rae, to wife of Raymond Stow, CS2, 7 pounds, 12 ounces.
DRIESSEN, Daniel, to wife of William Driessen, LT, 8 pounds, 8 ounces.
ST. GERMAIN, Denelle Louise, to wife of Richard St. Germain, S/SGT, 5 pounds, 14 ounces.
STALNAKER, Ruth Louise, to wife of Owen Stalnakar, MM2, 6 pounds, 7 ounces.
CONNICK, Walter Eugene, to wife of Walter Connick, HM1, 7 pounds, 4 ounces.
CARTWRIGHT, Denton Curtis, to wife of Herbert Cartwright, PVT, 8 pounds, 8 ounces.
LEMIEUX, Paulette, to wife of Paul Lemieux, AE3, 6 pounds, 9 ounces.
JANOPAU, Mona Marie, to wife of Peter Janopaul, T/SGT, 6 pounds, 5 ounces.

20 July

HOWE, Karen Lynn, to wife of William Howe, T/SGT, 7 pounds, 3½ ounces.
HOFFMAN, Stephen, to wife of William Homan, SGT, 6 pounds, 12 ounces.
MURPHY, Patricia, to wife of Charles Murphy, HMC, 7 pounds.
COE, Cathy Rae, to wife of Cecil Coe, RMC, 7 pounds, 3 ounces.
PUCHEU, James William, to wife of Leroy Pucheu, SN, 7 pounds, 12 ounces.
MILLER, John Michael, to wife of Loren Miller, AMAN, 7 pounds, 12 ounces.

21 July

HEILMAN, Randolph Jay, to wife of Ross Heilman, YN2, 7 pounds, 3 ounces.
STEPHENSON, Rena Diane, to wife of Richard Stephenson, SN, 8 pounds, 2 ounces.
ADAMS, Joyce Ann, to wife of Martin Adams, AN, 6 pounds, 9 ounces.
TRACY, Terrence Michael, to wife of Terrence Tracy, SN, 7 pounds, 12 ounces.
COFFIN, Sidney Lee, to wife of Laddie Lee Coffin, CPL, 8 pounds, 1 ounce.
CHAMBERS, Frank James, to wife of James Chambers, AK3, 8 pounds.
ANDREWS, Kathleen Ann, to wife of George Andrews, MEG2, 7 pounds, 7½ ounces.

VADM Murray to Retire After 44 Years of Naval Service

Vice Admiral George D. Murray, USN, will end a naval career of 44 years on 1 August when he is relieved as Commander Western Sea Frontier and Commander Pacific Reserve Fleet—the Navy's top post in the Western United States—by Vice Admiral John L. Hall, USN. Admiral Murray, the Navy's senior aviator on active duty, is retiring.

The setting for the colorful ceremony will be the flight deck of an aircraft carrier, a weapon Admiral Murray pioneered. He was Commanding Officer of the first aircraft carrier (U.S.S. ENTERPRISE) to launch a strike against the Japanese, who were attacking Pearl Harbor on 7 December, 1941, as the Big E was steaming to Pearl from Wake Island.

The change of command ceremony, at 11 o'clock in the morning, will be aboard the carrier, U.S.S. ANTIETAM (CV-36) in San Francisco Naval Shipyard, Hunters Point. Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, USN, has been invited to attend.

Admiral Murray has been a frequent visitor at Oak Knoll during his tour of duty as ComWesSeaFron, and was recently aboard to visit and present awards to Korea casualties.

The retiring admiral enrolled in the Naval Academy, Annapolis, in 1907 and graduated four years later. He directed famous flattops in some of the most daring strikes in the Pacific war, from Pearl Harbor to the Marshall and Gilbert Islands, Tokyo, the Battle of Midway, and the Solo-

mons. Late in the war he was Commander, Air Force, Pacific Fleet, and when peace came was Commander, Marianas Islands, in which role he accepted the Japanese surrender of Truk, mid-Pacific stronghold.

Admiral Murray's relief, Admiral Hall, also has had a colorful career, beginning with his entrance into the Academy in 1909. After serving in destroyers and battleships in World War I, he had varied duty until World War II, when his ability to organize and carry out amphibious assaults won recognition not only from his own government but from foreign countries as well. He helped plan and execute the invasions of North Africa, Sicily, Italy and Normandy, all in the European-Mediterranean theater of war, and of Okinawa in the Pacific.

When the Japanese quit, Admiral Hall was assisting in the amphibious training of General MacArthur's troops due to land in Kyushu, Japan. In October 1945 he became Commander, Amphibious Forces, Pacific Fleet, commanding more than a half million men and 3,000 ships.

Admiral Hall comes West to his new command from a tour of duty as Commandant, Armed Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Virginia. He and Mrs. Hall will live in Quarters One, Yerba Buena Island, San Francisco Bay.

Admiral and Mrs. Murray plan to reside in San Francisco after 1 September.

'Previews of Progress' Will be Presented Here

Something new in the way of stage shows will be brought to the Oak Knoll Auditorium on Tuesday, 7 August, at 1900 when General Motors brings to the hospital its "Previews of Progress."

Described as a "non-commercial stage presentation that illustrates dramatically the contributions of science and research to better living," the show features the latest in mechanical inventions.

For example it will be shown how two liquids placed in a bottle and shaken vigorously for sixty seconds can produce a white fluffy mass of synthetic rubber in the fastest polymerization known to science.

Also the show will demonstrate broadcasting sound on a light beam, a mercury vapor lamp smaller than a cigarette that gives off a light one-fifth as brilliant as sunlight, and how a drinking glass may be shattered by the vibration of a musical tone.

The program, which has been well received at other appearances, will be free.

Pawtucket, R. I. (AFPS) — John McIntyre, Jr., married Margaret McIntyre. Her father is John McIntyre, and her brother, John McIntyre, Jr., was an usher at the wedding.

Warwick, L. I., N. Y. (AFPS) — Emery Jernquist's house has been freshly painted—with five-inch turquoise blue, red, orange, yellow, cream and coral polka dot. Says he doesn't know what gave him the idea, but people seem to like it.



Here are two of the acts which contributed to the success of the stage show presented by Mrs. Esther England at the Auditorium on Tuesday, 17 July. At right, Marylin Lugorio is shown in the midst of her Spanish Dance number, while above the Bow Tie Trio is shown giving out with its interpretation of "Brazil."

Dancers, Singers, Instrumentalists Feature Stage Show at Auditorium

Patients and off-duty staff members at Oak Knoll on Tuesday, 17 July, were treated to another stage show presented at the Community Service Building Auditorium under the direction of Mrs. Esther England.

The show got off to a fiery start with Miss Elinor Nelson, who pleased the audience with her interpretation of the Spanish Dance.

She was followed on stage by Leon Hines, a singer of popular songs who made a hit with his renditions of "September Song," and "Beyond the Reef."

Next was Bob Enos with his accordion and a spritely playing of the old favorite of accordionists, "The Twelfth Street Rag." Called back for

an encore, he gave out with a spirited rendition of "The Sheik of Araby."

Back to vocal artists, next on stage was Delores Vitrella, who sang "Estrallita," and "My Blue Heaven." She was followed by the Bow Tie Trio, made up of a sax player, an accordionist and a bass player.

The afternoon's entertainment was brought to a rousing finish with the dancing of Marylin Lugorio, who was familiar to many as Danny Kaye's dancing partner in "On the Riviera."

Mrs. England should be commended by Oak Knoll personnel for the consistently high class entertainment she furnishes at the hospital.



Chief Shields Named To Bethesda School

One of Oak Knoll's better known staff members, Chief F. G. Shields, will check out Monday, 30 July, for Bethesda, Md., where he will attend a nine-month course in the Navy's Medical Administration School.

Chief Shields, who has been in charge of the staff detail office for nearly two years, came to Oak Knoll on 5 March 1949. Before being assigned to the detail office he worked briefly in the enlisted personnel and officer personnel offices.

Never too busy to listen to requests from staff members—for changes in duty, for special liberty or some other request, Chief Shields will be missed by the crew.

Here's wishing you "smooth sailing," Chief, and all kinds of success in your new assignment.

Saturday, 28 July, 1951



There is a reason for the smiles you see on the faces of the three gentlemen looking over the shoulder of Lee Huggins, HMI, of the Civil Readjustment Office. Huggins is holding an Honorable Discharge certificate just like the ones to be presented to the three men today. They are, left to right: Charles B. Hilburn, HN; Robert R. Gammon, HMI, and Forrest Arden Swanson, HA, the first three staff members at Oak Knoll to be discharged upon completion of the year's extension of their enlistment in the reserves.

Three Staff Members Receive Discharges Under ALNAV 62

Today, Saturday, 28 July, will always be a big day in the memories of three staff members at Oak Knoll. Why? Because today they are again leaving active duty in the Navy for civilian life.

The three, first enlisted staff personnel to leave Oak Knoll under the provisions of ALNAV 62 (separation instructions), are Robert R. Gammon, HMI; Charles B. Hilburn, HN, and Forrest Arden Swanson, HA.

They are being discharged from the Navy under the ALNAV provision which requires separation at the end of the year's extension of enlistment in the reserves. These three enlisted in the reserve in July 1946, and their four-years-plus-one end today.

Although these three new civilians came from different parts of the United States, were called back to active duty at different times, and are going back to varying ways of life, all have one thing in common. They are glad—in fact, very glad—to be getting back to civilian life.

Gammon, who was called back to active duty on 13 September, 1950, first off is going to take a vacation. Then he and his wife will move from their present home in Berkeley to their new home in Walnut Creek. After that Gammon will begin looking seriously for a sales job.

A veteran of three years, 11 months, active service in World War II, Gammon saw duty at Great Lakes, San Diego, Shoemaker, and independent duty on LCI 1029. He also attended Clerical Procedures school and Independent Duty school. Since being called back to duty in September, he has been stationed at Oak Knoll, where he worked in the Record Office until May and more recently was assigned to the Artificial Limb Department storeroom.

He is a native of Indiana, but he and Mrs. Gammon for the past few years have lived in Berkeley where

Gammon was employed by the American Trust Company.

Hilburn, who was called to active duty 5 January, served 22 months during World War II at USNH, Jacksonville, Fla., and at the dispensary at NAS, Hutchinson, Kans. His home is at Red Oak, Oklahoma.

After being released to inactive duty in 1946 he attended Eastern Oklahoma A. and M. College for a year and a half and East Central State in Oklahoma for a year. When called back to active duty he was employed by a highway construction firm.

"I have no idea what I am going to do now," he said. "I'll have to go to work right away, I know that."

At Oak Knoll since he was called back into the Navy, Hilburn has been assigned to 45 A and B.

He is married and an expectant father.

Swanson, who has put in his time since he was called to active duty on 9 March as galley corpsman for Wards 64 A and B, served 18 months during World War II. All of this period, with the exception of boots and Hospital Corps School at San Diego, was spent at USNH, Jacksonville, Fla.

A resident of Sutherland, Nebr., Swanson is married and has a two-and-a-half year old son. He is going back to his old job as a truck driver with a Nebraska public power district.

To these three, first of many that will leave Oak Knoll, members of the staff wish "Smooth sailing" in their civilian pursuits.

The tall private stood next to a grizzled sergeant drinking beer. The barmaid was flirting with the private. When the sergeant left the bar, she nestled close to the private and said, "Now's your chance, honey." "Sure is," said the private, and quickly drank the sergeant's beer.



One of my principal functions in the library is to act as Gestapo Representative (i. e., Master-at-Arms) for the place. I make myself universally admired and loved by checking hat removals and seeing to it that people don't bring candy or ice cream in with them so they can leave sticky fingermarks on the books. Coke bottles are also frowned upon, and mild frenzies are induced by citizens who grind cigarette butts into our carefully nurtured linoleum.

All in all, however, we are a lively little family, believing as we do in the inherent goodness of mankind and that there are no people like people. Mrs. Berger, the new librarian, late of Fort Dix, N. J., and therefore new to Navy ways, would amend that to read no people like Navy People. She is no doubt remembering "Mike," now gone to duty again, one of our recent patients. He was a wonderful, typical regular Navy man in the best sense of the term. His field days will live in memory forever.

The first Monday she was here, Mrs. Berger was at the desk checking in books from the wards, when "Mike" and his crew of four went to work. She glanced up and uttered a small cooing sound when she discovered that there was no longer any furniture in the lower end of the library. She cooed again upon finding it stacked halfway to the ceiling

Hi-Lites

Long Beach, Calif. (AFPS)—Dolores Fulton wants the police to do something about the man who comes around every night and barks at her dog. She says her dog is annoyed.

New York (AFPS)—R. O. Zee, a hotel investor, is circulating a petition to have all holidays fall on Monday so people could have a long week-end over the holiday period.

Harrisburg, Pa. (AFPS) — The State Legislature voted down a bill which would make the Great Dane the commonwealth's legal mascot.

Bloomington, Ind. (AFPS) — Joseph Oliver told his five-year-old son to keep out of the barn because "there's a boogey man in there." The youngster took care of the "boogey man." He burned down the barn.

Hiawatha, Kans. (AFPS) — Banker Roy Ruth counted the stack of \$5 bills—\$500. Then he turned the stack over and counted again—\$530. He found six of the bills were \$10 on one side and \$5 on the other.

New York (AFPS)—Finley Chandler and his girl friend each owned half the car. After a heated argument with the young lady, Finley took a sledge hammer and demolished her half.

Decatur, Ill. (AFPS) — Police are searching for the man who stole his best man's car and drove off, leaving his bride-to-be at the church.

Shipmate's Death Mourned by Staff

Members of the staff were saddened this week by the death of their friend and shipmate, Hobart W. Bosworth, HN.

Bosworth, granted leave Saturday, was en route to his home in Thibodaux, Louisiana, to visit his parents when he was critically injured in an automobile accident in Kingman, Arizona. Authorities here, upon learning that he had a severe skull fracture and that no brain specialist was available in Kingman, arranged to have Bosworth flown back to Oak Knoll. A plane was dispatched from NAS, San Diego, with a Navy doctor aboard. At 2220 Monday Bosworth was taken aboard the plane, which left immediately for NAS Oakland and Oak Knoll. Treatment, including blood plasma was continued en route and he apparently "held his own" during the flight, but his condition was extremely critical. He died at 2345 Tuesday without regaining consciousness.

Bosworth had been attached to Oak Knoll since 13 April 1950 and had recently been on duty in the dressing room at the OOD's office.

across the fish bowl end, effectively walling up our readers behind it. Presently the whole structure moved back to the far side, all the readers obediently following. Swabs, wax, buffers swung in and around the desk, in tightening concentric circles. Mrs. Berger drew in her feet and sat on them lest they get buffed, too.

Finally, when she turned her back to deposit some books on the ward cart, "Mike" and the four boys simply picked up her desk and added it to the pile of furniture which had now found its way to the porch.

Mrs. Berger sat a moment staring at the vacant space which had been her "office" a few seconds before, and then cried out more in sorrow than in anger:

"At Fort Dix—" she said to Mike. "At Fort Dix, we had an entire platoon of Army men come down every day to work in our library. A platoon is over fifty men. But they never created THIS kind of chaos!"

Mike bowed slightly in her direction, and grinning from ear to ear, answered:

"Course not, ma'am. Four sailors can always raise more hell than a full platoon of soldiers. E'body knows that."

But when it was over, the library shone as it seldom had before.

Mike was in charge of our coffee mess in the back room while he was here.

(No, we do NOT allow the coffee in the library proper, either.) Mike was an old hand at making coffee, Navy style, and prided himself on the kind that etches its initials in the cup before you can drink the first two swallows. "Tarantula Juice," Mike called it, and always let it perk an extra thirty-five minutes.

We miss him sorely, now that he's gone.

In short, friends, no book reviews this week. Just an introduction to our genial family in the library. Come see us, won't you?

—Frank M. Campbell, HMI.

Scuttlebutt

By DERF

STUFF 'N STUFF: Willie Jefferson can't get enough of the "Valentino Tango." It's his newest fad (dancing the tango), he says its the Cuban in him coming out—We're all wondering if Carmen Gonzales is going on a vacation or honeymoon—Staff Personnel's Hope Sink took off for a three-day stay at Lake Tahoe. If it's good enough for Rita Hayworth it's good enough for Hope—Why does it always happen? The pool was closed for repairs during the hottest spell we've had all summer—Lolling about Santa Cruz and eyeing all the bathing beauties we saw Frank Jarvenic and Bob Veltus—Physio's Jervace Crouse was taking in the scenic beauty of Carmel last week end—It wasn't the scenic beauty that lured Ray Babin to the same town. Ask him and watch him blush—"Men seldom make passes at girls who wear glasses" is disproved by Officer Personnel's attractive Mary Schwartz—Lee Steinike is getting ready for a change of altitude. She's going on a two or three-week leave in the neighborhood of Denver—Cecil Lockwood has been back in Oklahoma for the past few weeks—By the time you read this, jovial and rotund Chief Shields will be packing for a trip to Bethesda, Md. He'll be a Medical Administrative Technician when he finishes school—Dick Ludden is back from TAD at Fairfield AFB and is off on a thirty-day shipping over leave—Speaking of Fairfield, did you see the other TAD fellows when they came down to take their exams for advancement in rate? They were wearing the newest thing in Naval uniforms, to-wit: undress blue jumpers and neckerchiefs—Chief B. F. (Biff) Wilson writes from Yokosuka that it was almost like stepping into Oak Knoll when he visited the Naval Hospital there—so many familiar faces. Why does Lillian Chinn refuse to date that poor little fellow who asks her day after day?—"Mom" Mullins' midnight chow appeals to the new interns as much as it did to the last "Batch"—The newest pastime at Oak Knoll is looking at the "Rogues' Gallery" in the Ad Building lobby and trying to recognize friends—Walt Connick's Mrs. awakened him at 0300 the other day and presented him with a 7½ lb. boy. "Good morning, papa"—MAA Lu Moore says she has the best suntan on the base but won't show it to us. I'm from Missouri and you've got to show me!—The three inseparables, Zeigler, Hill, and Morini are even doing their tour of night duty together—The new TV set in HCQ 135 is keeping a lot of the boys at home these nights—We think Mrs. Weaver of the library should throw a cocktail party to inaugurate the new lawn furniture the library acquired. How about that, Mrs. Weaver?—Stanley Miller's Yokosuka adventures sound like something humorist S. J. Perelman might write—Harold Hensle just doesn't fit into the Navy pattern at all. He'll never tell us where he's been or what he's been doing. Careful girls, you know these quiet ones—Blanche McDermott has been pretty starry-eyed lately, and I know it isn't love for her work—Did you say you had a dog you didn't want? Bring it right down to Staff Personnel and give it to Ray Hopson. He's starting a "Lonely Hearts Puppies Kennel."



PFC G. H. Woodworth, USMCR, a patient on Ward 42A, is the happy recipient of a wheel chair, given to him by members of the Oakland Navy Mothers Club No. 13. Shown presenting him the chair are Mrs. Lida E. Jensen, left, Commander of the club, and Mrs. Ida S. Clark, First Vice-Commander. Mrs. Jensen said funds to purchase this chair and another one given to CPL Frank McKnight were raised from an annual bazaar, monthly birthday luncheons, and individual donations. The club has approximately 125 members. The chairs were given to the patients individually after conferences were held with ward nurses and doctors to determine which patients were the most deserving.

The woman was visiting a friend in the hospital. All the time she was there, he just kept grinning at her. Finally she said, "What are you grinning for, I haven't said anything humorous?" Replied the patient, "I know, but the doctor has me in stitches."

A woman used to go to the doctor to see if she could have children. Now she has to go to the landlord.

Conductor (looking at 12-year-old child): "How old is your child?"

BM1: "Five years old."

Conductor: "He looks older than that to me."

BM1: "Can I help it if he worries."

Ensign: "Did you swab that deck?"

Seaman: "No."

Ensign: "'No' what?"

Ensign: "No swab."

Staff Personalities



One of Utah's many contributions to Oak Knoll's staff, A. J. Southwick, is the possessor of the happy smile greeting all who climb to the top deck of the Administration Building. Office assistant for CAPT I. L. V. Norman, "A. J." was called back to active duty on April 28. He graduated from the University of Utah in 1949 with a Bachelor of Science degree. His majors were business administration and speech, which he put to good use as a salesman. Hailing from Bountiful, Utah, A.J. is married and the father of a small daughter, born just two months before he came back into the Navy. He's going back to Utah, of course, when he is a civilian again.

One of the brighter spots topside in the Administration Building is a civilian worker down at the end of the hall near the office of the Chief of Surgery. She is Miss Joan Smejkal. No newcomer to Oak Knoll, she has worked at the hospital for two years and one month. When she first came here she did secretarial work in the legal office and recently she was transferred to her present job, which, to be exact, is that of assistant to the secretary to the Executive Secretary of the Training Committee. A native of Maryland, she now lives with her parents in San Leandro. That Joan likes her work at Oak Knoll is evidenced by her long tour of duty here. And staff members who see her around the Ad. building hope that she decides to stay here a long time.



Gold Star and Navy Mothers Serve Oak Knoll Patients

There are some unsung heroes at Oak Knoll—heroes who wear no medals, are never seen about the compound—unknown except to a few of the staff members and many of the patients.

They are members of the Oakland Navy Mothers' Club No. 13 and the Oakland Chapter of the American Gold Star Mothers.

Members of the Navy Mothers' club have been coming to Oak Knoll at least once a week every week since the Hospital was commissioned in 1942 to fold bandages at Central Supply. Gold Star Mothers have not missed a week since their group was formed more than two years ago.

The Gold Star Mothers can be found every Monday from 0900 to 1430 or 1500 in a small room near Central Supply hard at work, and the Navy Mothers are there at the same hours on Tuesdays.

But this once-a-week stint is not all these women do for Oak Knoll. Last week the Navy Mothers purchased and gave wheel chairs to two amputee patients. The Gold Star Mothers, once monthly, hold bingo parties on one of the wards, for which they furnish all the prizes and refreshments.

Members of both clubs knit crutch pads and stump socks, bring cookies and cakes to patients, make layettes for babies born at Oak Knoll and find countless other ways in which to ease the time patients must spend at the Hospital.

Why do they do this? The club members have very simple reasons.

As one Gold Star Mother, whose son was lost with the U.S.S. Houston and who now has another son in the Navy and another in the Merchant Marine, said:

"The more time you can give, the better off you are. It is much better to be doing all you can than to sit at home and worry."

WW I Yeoman (F) on Knoll Civilian Staff

Today Oak Knoll has 41 wives aboard, seventeen of whom are reservists dating back to World War II. And it has one yeoman (f) who dates back to World War I. She is Persis A. Stanley, who joined the service in 1918 and was one of 7,000 women in the Navy at that time.

Mrs. Stanley had tours of duty at Boston and Great Lakes, and it was at the latter station that she met Chief Storekeeper Stanley, to whom she was married following their return to civilian life after the close of the war. Mr. Stanley returned to active duty with the rank of CHPOLK during World War II, and following his death at the U.S. Naval Hospital New Orleans, in 1944, Mrs. Stanley returned to the Navy to serve as civilian traffic clerk in the Disbursing office at NAS, Miami, Florida, a position similar to that she now holds at this hospital.

St. Louis (AFPS) — The new consulting internist for the Frisco Railroad's hospital association is named Dr. Safety R. First.

Separation Schedule for Reserves Is Set Forth in Recent ALNAV

Naval Reserve enlisted personnel defined in paragraph 9 of ALNAV 62 (Veterans On Inactive Duty) shall be separated in accordance with the following phasing schedule. Reading in two columns from left to right. Column able — month and year of separation, column baker — inclusive dates placed on active duty.

Column A (Release)	Column B (Active Duty Date)
OCT. 1951	21 July to 15 Aug. 1950
NOV. 1951	16 Aug. to 5 Sept. 1950
DEC. 1951	6 Sept. to 17 Sept. 1950
JAN. 1952	18 Sept. to 30 Sept. 1950
FEB. 1952	1 Oct. to 18 Oct. 1950
MAR. 1952	19 Oct. to 6 Nov. 1950
APR. 1952	7 Nov. to 30 Nov. 1950

All after 30 November 1950 will be released at the end of 17 months active duty since 25 June 1950.

Naval Reserve enlisted personnel defined in paragraph 10, able, ALNAV 62, who are veterans defined in ALNAV 37 (Veterans On Active Duty Receiving Drill Pay), shall be separated in accordance with the following phasing schedule. Reading from left to right. Column able — month and year of separation, Column baker — inclusive dates placed on active duty.

Column A (Release)	Column B (Active Duty Date)
OCT. 1951	21 to 31 July 1950
NOV. 1951	1 to 8 Aug. 1950
DEC. 1951	9 to 16 Aug. 1950
JAN. 1952	17 to 24 Aug. 1950
FEB. 1952	25 to 31 Aug. 1950
MAR. 1952	1 to 6 Sept. 1950
APR. 1952	7 to 12 Sept. 1950
MAY 1952	13 to 18 Sept. 1950
JUNE 1952	19 to 24 Sept. 1950
JULY 1952	25 to 30 Sept. 1950

All after 30 September 1950 will be separated at the end of 22 months active duty since 25 June 1950.

Naval Reserve enlisted personnel defined in paragraph 10 able ALNAV 62, who are not Veterans defined in ALNAV 37 (Non-Veterans Receiving Drill Pay) shall be separated on the date they complete 24 months active duty since 25 June 1950.

Naval Reserve enlisted personnel defined in paragraph 10 baker ALNAV 62 (Non-Veterans On Inactive Duty) shall be separated on the date they complete 22 months active duty since 25 June 1950.

Naval Reserve enlisted personnel shall be separated in accordance with BUPERS CIRLTR 85-51.



If you have noticed a studious expression on the faces of many staff members recently, it is because of the service-wide examinations for advancement in rate that have been given at Oak Knoll. Shown above are a part of the Third Class Petty Officers on the staff sweating out the written examination for advancement to Second Class. HA's, HN's and HM2's have also taken the written tests.

USAFI Courses Available Here

Patients and staff members were reminded by memo during the past week of the educational services available at Oak Knoll.

Included in the services offered are counseling and guidance for enlisted personnel, Navy training courses for advancement in rating, Education Manuals for both group and individual study and General Education Development tests to measure the degree of educational maturity.

Through the Educational Services department at Oak Knoll can be arranged off-duty courses at accredited colleges, universities, and junior colleges, or USAFI correspondence courses and university extension correspondence courses.

Personnel at Oak Knoll interested in furthering their education or training are urged to consult with the Educational Services Department in order to take advantage of these opportunities.

"I'll take some rat poison."
 "Will you take it with you?"
 "No. I'll send the rats over."
 Dumb: "These beans are fresh."
 Dora: "Then slap them in the pan."

PREVIEWS

Sunday, 29 July

PLACE IN THE SUN—Elizabeth Taylor, Montgomery Clift. Producer William Wellman's "Classic of the Year," based on Theodore Dreiser's novel, "An American Tragedy." This movie, which concerns itself with the life of Clyde Griffith and the murder of his mistress, has been receiving favorable reviews since its recent release. If you have read "An American Tragedy," or are a fan of dramatic movies, this one should prove interesting.

Monday, 30 July

PAID IN FULL—Robert Cummings, Elizabeth Scott. This is a new movie and no information is available at this time.

Tuesday, 31 July

LITTLE EGYPT—Mark Stevens, Rhonda Fleming. There is no information available on this one either. Apparently a new one or an old one. However, the title is an interesting one and it has Rhonda Fleming as one of its stars. Those two facts should be enough for this one to be included on your schedule.

Wednesday, 1 August

GUN PLAY—Tim Holt, Joan Dixon. For you lovers of the action-packed western films, this is it. Holt and his cowpoke buddy, played by Richard Martin, are employees of rancher Joan Dixon and come to the aid of a young man whose father is hanged on charges of robbing the town bank. Efforts to prove the father innocent are frustrated at every turn by the banker and his henchmen, but persistence pays off when Holt discovers a swindle in the banker's deep and dark past. The movie has been given a rating of "fair" by reviewers.

Thursday, 2 August

MY FORBIDDEN PAST—Robert Mitchum, Ava Gardner. This film, classified as "Heavy Drama," is set in New Orleans in the latter part of the 19th century. The plot revolves chiefly around maneuvers of Ava Gardner to revenge herself on her lover, Robert Mitchum, who marries another. Before it is over the movie covers a sudden death, a murder trial, attempted seductions and what have you. Reviewer's rating: "Good."

Friday, 3 August

HERE COMES THE GROOM — Bing Crosby, Jane Wyman. This is one of Crosby's pictures we are not acquainted with and no information is available. However, it should be enough to see "Der Bingle" listed as the star to deduce that the movie has some singing by an old master. In addition, Jane Wyman is always a good bet. If you can imagine Bing as a groom, this would be a good one to see. Maybe Bing is the father of the bride, which would seem more feasible.

Saturday, 4 August

YELLOW CAB MAN—Red Skelton, Gloria DeHaven. This one is a fairly old one, and its nature should not be too hard to guess, what with Red Skelton in a leading role. Released to the public April 7, 1950, the movie has been rated "very good" by critics. For an evening of comedy, you can't go wrong on this one.

Oak Knoll Guests Win NFFE Frolic Prizes

Proving again that when "good fellows get together" a good time will be had by all, a congenial group composed of civilian and Naval personnel from the hospital, Naval Air Station, Navy Supply Center, and Hunter's Point enjoyed an evening of dancing at the Jenny Lind Hall on Saturday, 21 July, under the auspices of the National Federation of Federal Employees.

The dancing was enlivened by the sparkling music of the talented pianist, Jimmy Diamond, and his orchestra, and those in attendance were so enthusiastic about his music that arrangements have already been made to have him play at the NFFE dance and smorgasbord planned for the last part of October.

The Oak Knoll aggregation, led by Manual Garcia, HM2, who took home the "Hospitality Set," walked off with the lion's share of the raffle and door prizes. Harry Lucas, brother-in-law of Naomi Mann and seller of the winning ticket, won the travel clock, while R. E. Shannon, who purchased his ticket from William Fisher, now owns a new steam iron. Ruby Ostler, who also was a winner at the last NFFE dance, acquired several crisp dollar bills.

Two inmates were conversing in their well-padded cell.

"I've just decided to buy all the diamond and emerald mines in the world."

The second gent considered this seriously for a few moments, and then murmured softly: "Don't know as I care to sell."

Old Maid: "Has the canary had its bath yet?"

Servant: "Yes, ma'am. You can come in now."

Teachers Right If They Do Wrong

Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind. (AFPS) — Three instructors in the Army Finance School here are assigned the duty of doing everything wrong.

Sgt. Philip F. Coccio, Cpl. Carl N. Erickson, and Pvt. Donald C. Kamin are countermen in the Model Officers Section.

The countermen attempt to pass counterfeit money, cash bonds improperly and short-change the student disbursers in order to teach them what to do by illustrating what shouldn't be done.

The method bears results, according to Sgt. Coccio. "Once you startle a student by showing him he's just accepted a counterfeit \$10 bill, he's learned a lesson he never forgets."

"Square Those Hats"

By R. Zetterholm



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District Champ Hopes Dealt Blow

Twelfth Naval District Championship hopes of the Oak Knoll varsity softball team suffered a staggering blow on Monday, 23 July, when the team went down to defeat before a strong crew from Fleet Air Alameda by a score of 8 to 2.

However, the Hospital entry was almost assured a place among the top four of the twelve teams entered after winning over Treasure Island Receiving Station Transients by the count of 7 to 0 on Wednesday, 18 July.

On Wednesday, 25 July, the Oak Knollites went to NAS Moffett Field for the final scheduled game of the league. Still to be played is a make-up game against the Treasure Island Electronics School and a protested game play-over against ACM 13.

The win last week over Receiving Station Transients was highlighted by Moore's two-hit pitching and a perfect day at the plate for Wong. Wong collected two singles, a double, and a home run for four appearances.

While Moore made the Transients' hitting attempts almost futile, his teammates garnered seven safeties off the offerings of Farley, the T.I. hurler.

These, in addition to Wong's four hits, included triples by Webb and Pearsall and a double by Tafoya.

In the loss to Alameda, Moore limited the opponents to only five hits, but loose play in the field allowed the eight runs to score.

Oak Knoll batters were able to get only three hits off Alameda pitcher Deland. Webb punched out a homer and a single and Papadakis contributed a single.

Softball Honors To Chiefs' Team

The CPO team last week walked off with top honors in the finale of the intra-hospital softball league by squeezing out the Officers in a close finish.

The Chiefs were declared winners after winning their last scheduled game against the Independents on the basis of a forfeit.

The winning club will be presented a trophy at ceremonies to be held in the near future, while a medal will be awarded to the second-place Officers' team.

Meanwhile, one more team is needed to fill the ranks for the intra-hospital basketball tournament, scheduled to get underway on 30 July. To date seven teams have been entered in the "Dungaree League," to be played on outdoor courts.

The teams entered are X-Ray, Bag Room, Welfare and Recreation, Surgery II, Commissary I, The Lettuscouts and The Unsettled Five.

W. V. Johnson of Welfare and Recreation asks that an eighth team be organized and entered in the tourney before the starting date on Monday. Any cage players interested are urged to contact Welfare and Rec.

GOLF TOURNAMENT PLANS ANNOUNCED

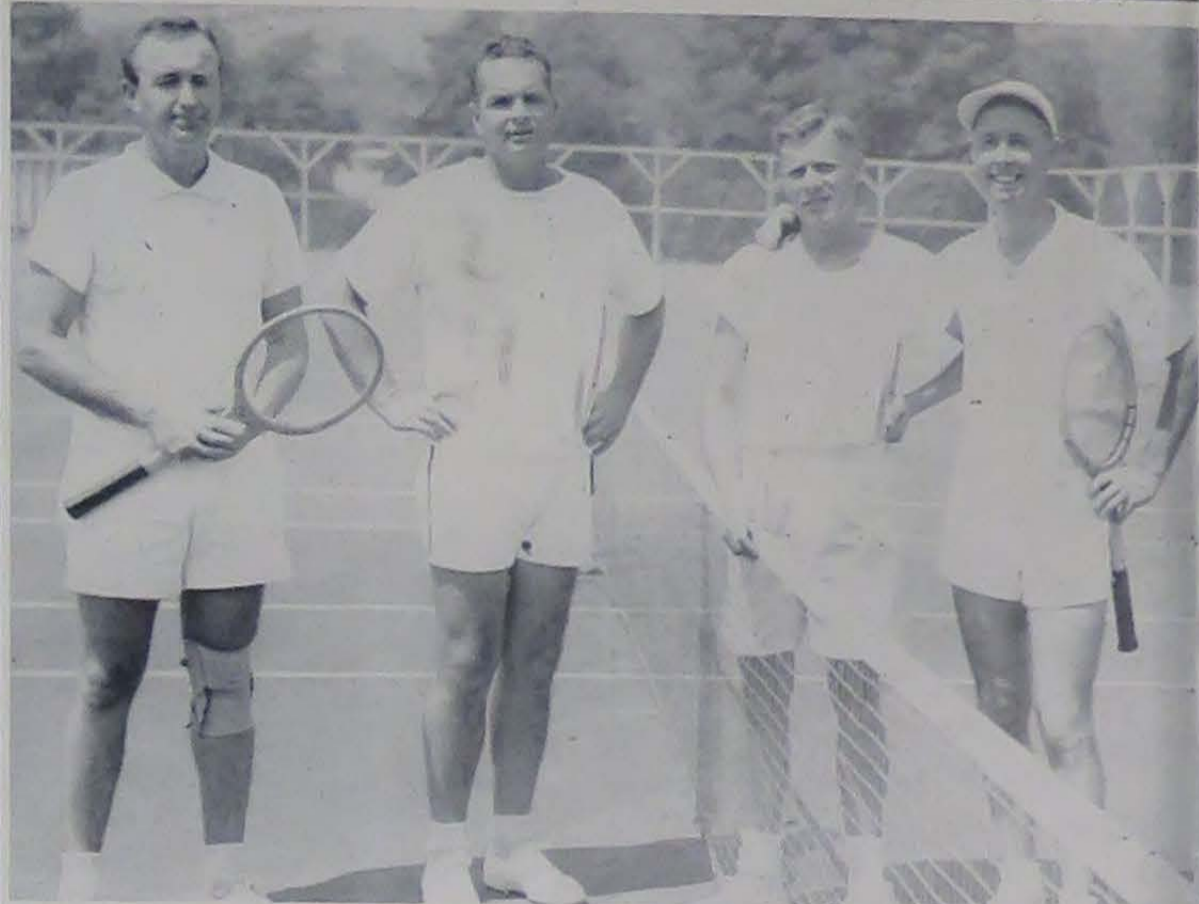
Plans for an intra-hospital golf tourney, open to both men and women on the staff, have been announced by the Welfare and Recreation department.

Entries for the tourney, to be played on the Lake Chabot course, must be in by 14 August, with play scheduled to open on 23 August. Anyone interested in competing in the tourney is urged to contact W. V. Johnson at Welfare and Recreation.

Meanwhile, only a few days remain for women at Oak Knoll to enter the Twelfth Naval District Women's Golf tourney, to be played 8 August at Sharps Park in San Mateo County.

Entries must be submitted to the Twelfth Naval District through the Oak Knoll Welfare and Recreation department by 6 August.

"Glasses certainly help to cure that tired feeling," declares an oculist. "The trouble being, of course that most people can't afford to keep filling them."



Finalists in doubles competition of the Twelfth Naval District Tennis tourney completed on the Oak Knoll courts last week are shown above just before beginning the final sets. On the left side of the net are the second place winners, LT William Crowley and LCDR J. D. Campbell, both of NAS, Moffett Field, and on the right are Steve Morgan, YNS1, and CDR Richard Williams, both of VR2, NAS, Alameda, the district champions. CDR Williams also copped first place in singles competition, and Morgan placed third.

Laffs

Puzzled Girl: "My sister just had a baby, but they didn't tell me whether it's a boy or a girl, so I don't know if I'm an aunt or an uncle."

"I never let any grass grow under my feet."

"Oh, a go-getter, eh?"

"No. Been in the Navy for 20 years."

He always called a spade a spade until he hit his foot with one the other day.

"Which would you rather give up, wine or women?"

"Depends on the vintage."

The lead dog in a dog team is the only one that gets a change of scenery.

"Do you believe in clubs for women?"

"Only when kindness fails."

A man ambled into a tennis tournament and sat down on a bench.

"Whose game?" he asked.

A shy, young thing sitting next to him looked up hopefully.

"I am," she replied.

"How did you break your leg?"

"Threw a cigarette in a manhole and stepped on it."

A tomahawk is what when you go to sleep suddenly and wake without hair there is an Indian with.

KNOLL BASEBALLERS LOSE TO PRESIDIO

Oak Knoll baseball fortunes suffered another setback last week when the Hospital aggregation lost to a team from the Presidio of San Francisco by a count of 12-0.

The Oak Knollites were able to muster only three hits, singles by Dinuzzo, Tamborski and McCann. Tamborski was on the mound for Oak Knoll until the sixth inning when he was replaced by Amos.

On Thursday, 26 July, the Hospital team was scheduled to meet Mare Island.

Inglewood, Calif. (AFPS) — The Social Security Office, located on the second floor, has a sign on the first floor: "Are the stairs too hard to climb? Go into the furniture store and call Orchard 1-7604. We will come down to see you; Social Security Administration."

A young woman just home from college for summer vacation and very enthusiastic about the benefits of physical culture, said to her father: "Just watch this exercise. To develop the arms, I grip the rod by one end and move it slowly from left to right." "Well, well!" exclaimed the father. "What won't science discover next! If that rod had straw on the other end you'd be sweeping."

Perhaps the reason American men do not copy the European custom of kissing miladys hand is that it's too much bother to watch which one holds the cigarette.

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Patients Enjoy Recreation Week End As Guests of Citizens of Willits

Thirty patients from Oak Knoll hospital enjoyed the roles of VIPs (Very Important Persons), at least they were VIPs as far as the citizens of the town of Willits, California, were concerned. The thirty patients from Oak Knoll journeyed to Willits to spend a week end doing nothing but relaxing and having a wonderful time—all at the expense of the town of Willits.

The group left Oak Knoll hospital Friday morning at 0900 and proceeded to NAS Oakland by bus, where they were loaded into a MATS plane and flown to the Ukiah airport, just 23 miles from the town of Willits. The big plane pulled to a stop on the Ukiah strip and the guests from Oak Knoll were promptly introduced to a group of pretty young hostesses who had volunteered to show the men from Oak Knoll the Willits brand of hospitality.

The guests were driven to Willits in private cars and taken directly to Brooktrail's Dude Ranch, where a lunch was served and all hands were officially welcomed aboard by the dignitaries of the town. Then arrangements were made for tours through the sawmills and woodmills in the area, and horses were made available to those who preferred to ride the many horse trails through the dude ranch. After being taken to their respective week-end lodgings to freshen up, the VIPs were again taken to Brooktrail's for dinner, entertainment, and dancing later.

Saturday morning saw a late breakfast served at Carson's Inn,

after which the boys were taken on a 50-mile tour of the Redwoods and the big trees. Stops were made at the Tree House, the Drive-thru Tree and many other places of interest, the last stop being Lane's Redwood Flats for lunch and more sightseeing.

Dinner on Saturday evening was served at Carson's Inn, and then some of the VIPs were taken to Ukiah to enjoy the thrills of the Hard-top Auto races there. Others of the guests were driven to the Community auditorium for a dance, and were given the chance to meet the people of the town. There were many other activities, however, because on Saturday night some of the guests were taken to private homes, and if they did not care to attend the dance, were provided with transportation to go any place, or do anything they might wish.

Breakfast on Sunday morning was served at the Masonic Temple from 0800 to 1000, and then most of the guests were free for more entertainment until time for the Community barbecue. Those of the group who were links fans were taken to the Ukiah golf course for nine holes of golf and they were served breakfast at the Forks Inn.

The culmination of the entire week end came when the Knollites were taken to the park to the barbecue. Dinner was served in the form of garlic bread, barbecued beef (all you could stuff down) and boiled beans, all washed down with good hot coffee or ice-cold beer, whichever one

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Four Oak Knoll patients who are former members of the Third Battalion, Seventh Marines, are shown above talking with Miss Mavis Hooker, who presented the men radios given them by the citizens of Ukiah, California. The patients, left to right, are PFC James C. Pless, CPL R. W. Cybulski, CPL Clarence E. O'Flynn and PFC Spero P. Spiliotis. Miss Hooker is the winner of a recent beauty contest at Ukiah. Twenty-six radios were given to former members of the Marine unit and a television set was given to the hospital by the citizens of Ukiah.

Radios Given Marine Unit Members; Hospital Presented Television Set

Santa Claus came to Oak Knoll Tuesday — in the form of generous citizens from the city of Ukiah, who brought 26 radios for members of the Third Battalion, Seventh Marines, who are now patients here, and a television set for the hospital.

The Third Battalion, Seventh Marines, was adopted by Ukiah as that

city's outfit some time ago as part of a "Morale Ammunition Drive," in which citizens and civic clubs donated gifts of money for the unit.

When the money was collected, the citizens of Ukiah wrote to the commanding officer of the unit in Korea and asked how it could best be spent in behalf of the unit. The commanding officer polled members of his outfit, and it was decided that the funds should be used to buy something for wounded members of the Third Battalion who are now patients at Oak Knoll Hospital.

The radios and the television set were the result.

Citizens of Ukiah who drove to Oak Knoll Tuesday for the presentation of the radios included Bob Friedman, secretary of the Adoption Committee, Mr. and Mrs. Al Walsh, spearheaders for the drive; Paul Southerly, of the Ukiah chamber of commerce, Early Deane, editor of the Ukiah News, Mrs. Deane, and Miss Mavis Hooker, named "Miss Transportation" in a recent Ukiah beauty contest.

Mr. Friedman gave this explanation of how the Third Battalion, Seventh Marines, was selected by the city as "its" outfit:

There are seven men from the city serving in Korea, and the name of each man's outfit was written on a slip of paper. The slips of paper were put into a hat, and at a drawing, the name of the Third Battalion was drawn.



H. W. Boyles, new Oak Knoll Civilian Personnel Assistant, above right, is shown presenting a certificate of completion of the Navy correspondence course to E. O. Spratt, DTGC, of the Dental Clinic. Certificates were also presented to, left to right, Elizabeth Romel, Elizabeth Smith, Jeannette Ramirez, Wandama Harris, Edna Rowan, Sally Spencer, June McKinney and Elizabeth Bullock. Chief Spratt has the distinction of being the first enlisted man to complete the hospital's correspondence training course. The Commanding Officer has urged that all personnel engaged in the preparation of correspondence take this training course, which is part of the Employee Development Program conducted by the Civilian Personnel Office. Due to the large number of clerical personnel at the hospital, the training course is being conducted on a first-come-first-served basis. Civilian employees and enlisted personnel who desire to participate in the five one-hour sessions should contact the Civilian Personnel Office, Extension 147, as soon as possible.

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† † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

No nation ever won a war by its industrial potential. It is what a nation actually produces that counts: No military campaign was ever won by the trained reserve that it had on paper. It could win only by the effective forces on the line. No dogfights were ever won by planes on the drawing boards. They were won only by planes in action. These statements seem so self-evident that one wonders, "Why make them?" Yet, there is in our country a philosophy that what we could do if we wanted to is what counts. We are willing, apparently to pit our intentions against the performances of others.

This attitude carries over into the field in religion. We get the feeling that as long as the Bible is on the shelf, where we have access to it, we don't have to bother to use it. As long as we go to church often enough to know what goes on in church, we don't have to take religious worship too seriously. We assume that in the moment of crisis or distress, there will always be time to secure the needed religious strength.

Some of our nation's leaders are frankly worried over our tendency to regard latent strength as though it were actual strength. What can be done about a frame of mind that is determined to invest in television sets and pleasure rides rather than security? When the time comes to convert our wealth into tools for self-defense, it may be too late. These leaders study the calendar, and they study production rates; but the political temper of the American people does not allow them to "play it safe." "The calculated risk" looks more like a bettor's dope sheet every day.

The spiritual climate of our country is sagging enough to alarm some of our religious leaders. It is true that churches are sharing the prosperity of our nation as a whole, that attendance is holding up pretty well, and that the publicity is more favorable than ever before. Yet the spirit of sacrifice has not taken root. Church members don't sacrifice the time to lay the Bible on their laps. Taxpayers are regarding evasion as an innocent game. Some elected officials have elevated corruption to the level of S.O.P. Sometimes we justify these practices as a temporary adjustment to the present unusual conditions. The assumption is that if the chips were really down, we could all behave like good Americans again.

America has a vast spiritual potential. It was founded on principles of lasting validity. It has retained the institutions which can regenerate moral strength. The question is whether the day of stress will find us falling apart at the seams or bursting with the power of noble purpose. This is not a question for the President to decide, but for you. Will you make use of your chapel and the community's churches? Will you dig into that hand-me-down Bible? Will you show by your conduct what you learned there? Then you are doing much to bring our whole nation into full strength.

WILLIAM P. GRUNOW, Chaplain (CAPT), USA.

Divine Services

Hospital Chapel at Main Gate

PROTESTANT

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

CATHOLIC

SUNDAY MASSES
0600 — 0900 — 1215
DAILY MASSES — 0645 & 1630
Confessions before Mass
CHOIR PRACTICE:
TUESDAY 1900
Catholic Oratory in back of Chapel

CHAPLAINS' OFFICES IN
CHAPEL & 67A
NAVY RELIEF OFFICE—
IN CHAPEL

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

Chaplains of other faiths will be called
upon request

BUS TO AND FROM CHAPEL ON
SUNDAYS 0845 & 1045

Oak Knoll Waves Heard on Radio

Waves at Oak Knoll took to the airwaves during the past week in connection with their ninth anniversary.

LT Lucille Clark, MSC, USN, dietitian at Oak Knoll, was interviewed on Monday, 30 July, the day of the anniversary, on the Ann Holden show over a local radio station. She was interviewed concerning the history of the Waves and her work at Oak Knoll.

On Tuesday, 31 July, Ann Badalato, HM3, believed the smallest Wave in the Navy today, was interviewed at Broadway and MacArthur Blvd. by a KFRC sidewalk reporter.

CWO Marion E. Cramer, USN, the only commissioned warrant officer in the Waves, was interviewed on station KGO on Wednesday, 1 August.



SGT Curtis A. Sheridan, USMC, of Milpitas, California, now a patient of Ward 44B, has spent the last three months in a body cast. To while away the long hours of convalescence, he has learned to weave and is now busy making a cream and silver luncheon set. Mrs. Mary Y. Rugh, Red Cross Gray Lady of the Berkeley Chapter, is shown assisting him with his craft.

Red Cross Ramblings

ALL-ARABIAN HORSE SHOW

Beautiful Arabian horses, approximately two hundred of them, will take over the Cow Palace this week end when the second All-Arabian Horse Show takes place. The show, which will be the largest one of its kind in the nation, will also feature a special arena performance Saturday, 4 August, at 2000, and another on Sunday, 5 August, at 1400. Arabian horses from all over the western states and Canada and Mexico will be exhibited at the week-end show. The Arabian horses are the original domesticated horses and have histories which date back to the days of Mohammed. "El Coyote," a fabulous trick roper from Guadalajara, Mexico, will be one of the stars of the special performances. If you would like to attend the show, see the Red Cross worker on your ward about tickets and transportation.

STAMP CLUB

Did you know: Stamp news will soon be published in comic book form? After much experimentation, a bi-monthly magazine dedicated to the story behind the stamps, will be on the market. These stamp comics are a far cry from the blood-and-thunder type of comic book material sold on the news stands today. Instead, this little booklet selects five or six stamps, and in an animated form tells an interesting story about each stamp. The first issue of this magazine is being sent to stamp editors and writers throughout the country, and the general opinion is that the material is good. Are you interested in this hobby? The stamp club meets in the Recreation Room, topside ships service, every Wednesday afternoon. If you are a bed patient, tell the Red Cross worker on your ward about your interest, and she will be happy to furnish you with more information and details about stamps.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!!

Felicitations and best wishes to CPL LEONARD COSSITT, USMC, and CPL ROBERT McNALLY,

USMC, who celebrated their 21st birthdays last week.

WAFFLES

The four waffle irons in the Red Cross Lounge were kept very busy on Ward 74A the other evening. It was Tuesday when the Gray Ladies were seen enroute to the ward with their arms filled with electrical appliances, eggs and milk, pitchers, and waffle mix. SGT JOHN SJURSEN was a most helpful assistant, serving the waffles to the bed patients, thereby earning a generous share for himself. SGT HARRY FELDMAN and CPL WILLIAM MORRIS were kibitzers to the project and assisted in serving the soft drinks. SGT GORDON McNIEL, USMC, had recently acquired a new waffle iron and suggested that we utilize it for the evening and it was a great help. That it was a successful party was evidenced by the "clean plates" when the last waffle was baked.

Commanding Officer
U.S. Naval Hospital
Oakland, California

My Dear Captain Gordon:

We wish to thank you for your kind letter and words of sympathy in the loss of my husband, George Sanderson. We value your kind offer of help if needed.

We would like to let you know how much we appreciated the care and kindness given him during his stay at the hospital.

Everyone, doctors, nurses, corpsmen, even the patients, looked after him as if he were their own. And I really believe they felt he was.

Thanking you once more for everything.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Minnie Sanderson
and Family

Life Begins at Oak Knoll

22 July

PISIAS, John Lewis, to wife of James Piasias, SKC, 8 pounds, 8 ounces.
 AKIN, Nina Ruth, to wife of Thomas Akin, MES3, 7 pounds, 6 ounces.
 HUFF, Kim La Verl, to wife of William Huff, BTR2, 8 pounds, 2 ounces.
 LA BARGE, Peter Gustavus, to wife of Vincent La Barge, LTJG, 8 pounds, 11 ounces.
 POLHAMUS, Duane Wesley, to wife of Duane Polhamus, AN, 9 pounds.
 CHRYSLER, Lance James, to wife of James Chrysler, PFC, 6 pounds, 4 ounces.
 FRANETOVICH, Susan Mary, to wife of Frank Franetovich, LCDR, 7 pounds, 12 ounces.

23 July

PASQUALE, Joni Ann, to wife of Edward Pasquale, PFC, 6 pounds.
 GOMES, Robert Lee, Jr., to wife of Robert Gomes, FA, 6 pounds, 6 ounces.
 HART, Boy, to wife of Donald Hart, ET2, 6 pounds, 8 ounces.
 CORELLA, Dorothy Rose, to wife of Raul Corella, SGT, 7 pounds, 12 ounces.
 LIGGETT, Girl, to wife of Philip Liggett, AD1, 8 pounds, 4 ounces.
 GAMACHE, Linda Pauline, to wife of Paul Gamache, PFC, 8 pounds, 6 ounces.
 CHANEY, Carol Ann, to wife of Ernest Chaney, CS3, 8 pounds, 10 ounces.
 CENTER, Ralph Evans, to wife of Milton Center, TN, 5 pounds, 14 ounces.
 COHAN, Peter Scott, to wife of George Cohan, LTJG, 7 pounds, 3 ounces.
 ESTRADA, Andrew Michael, to wife of Richard Estrada, SN, 7 pounds.

24 July

McKINZIE, Barbara D., to wife of Elbridge McKinzie, ADC, 7 pounds, 3 ounces.
 BLOAT, Wilma Fay, to wife of William Bloat, FA, 6 pounds, 10 1/2 ounces.
 BROWN, Dennis Allen, to wife of Eugene Brown, TD3, 6 pounds, 13 ounces.
 GOLWAY, James Frederick, to wife of Hugh Golway, LCDR, 7 pounds, 10 ounces.
 CHILDRESS, Caroli Jane, to wife of Luther Childress, BM3, 8 pounds, 2 ounces.
 BURRIS, William Gene, to wife of William Burris, YN3, 9 pounds, 6 ounces.
 WADE, Glenda Sue, to wife of Ivan Wade, FN, 7 pounds, 14 ounces.

25 July

ODOM, Don Leon, to wife of John Odom, HMC, 9 pounds, 1 ounce.
 VIGIL, David Bruce, to wife of Henry Vigil, RMI, 7 pounds, 5 ounces.
 HOLLEY, Boy, to wife of William Holley, BM2, 7 pounds, 6 ounces.
 BURTON, Michael Gene, to wife of Lee F. Burton, AN, 9 pounds, 12 ounces.
 BOSLER, Girl, to wife of Leonard Bosler, BM2, 7 pounds, 5 ounces.
 BECKHAM, Diana Louise, to wife of George Beckham, SN, 6 pounds, 12 ounces.
 HIATT, Larry Wayne, to wife of Robert Hiatt, FN, 7 pounds, 8 ounces.

26 July

WHITE, Thomas Alan, to wife of Thomas White, IC3, 7 pounds.
 CRANFILL, Girl, to wife of Albert J. Cranfill, ET3, 6 pounds, 8 ounces.
 SUCH, Shannon, to wife of Theodore Such, PFC, 6 pounds, 7 ounces.
 WATFORD, Girl, to wife of Arthur Watford, ME3, 7 pounds, 11 ounces.
 LLOYD, Linda Marie, to wife of Ronald Lloyd, AN, 6 pounds, 3 ounces.
 NABITY, Thomas Stanley, to wife of Stanley Nabity, LTJG, 6 pounds, 8 ounces.
 DINGEL, Ronald Glen, to wife of Henry Dingel, ADE1, 7 pounds.
 GILLIHAN, James Alan, to wife of James Gillihan, EM3, 9 pounds, 10 ounces.
 PALMER, Marci Denise, to wife of Jerry Palmer, OM1, 6 pounds.
 O'REGAN, Girl, to wife of Patrick O'Regan, TM1, 8 pounds, 8 ounces.

27 July

HEBERT, Vincent Robert, to wife of James Hebert, HMC, 8 pounds, 1 ounce.
 BOLCHALK, Stephanie Ann, to wife of Thomas Bolchalk, MM1, 7 pounds, 5 ounces.
 WHITE, Randolph Allen, to wife of James White, LTJG, 6 pounds, 2 ounces.
 GOODMAN, Deborah Susan, to wife of Perry Goodman, ENS, 7 pounds, 11 ounces.
 FARTHING, Richard Arlin, to wife of Arling Farthing, BMG1, 8 pounds, 14 ounces.

28 July

GONZALES, Emory Thomas, to wife of Walter T. Gonzales, Jr., AL2, 7 pounds, 15 ounces.
 BURRIS, Sue Ellen, to wife of Hugh B. Burris, LCDR, 6 pounds, 15 ounces.
 LIEBIG, Neal Glenn, to wife of Wilfred Liebig, SA, 8 pounds, 1 ounce.
 MYRES, Dennis Paul, to wife of Walter Myres, ADC, 8 pounds, 2 ounces.

CAPT Sherwood Heads Pediatrics

Oak Knoll's new Chief of Pediatrics, CAPT David W. Sherwood, MC, USN, reported aboard during the past week from the U.S. Naval Hospital at Chelsea, Mass., where he had held a similar position for the past four years.

CAPT Sherwood, a graduate of the Harvard University Medical School, was practicing pediatrics in Boston when he became an officer in the Medical Corps of the Navy early in World War II. In the Navy he was first stationed at the U.S. Naval Hospital in Philadelphia and later at the Office of Officer Procurement in Baltimore.

He then went overseas with Mobile Hospital No. 8 on Guadalcanal, and during the ensuing 18 months he also served with the 1002nd Seabees in the New Hebrides, with the Army at New Georgia, and with a malaria control unit on Tulagi.

Back in the states he was stationed at the U.S. Naval Hospital, Brooklyn, until his discharge in 1945.

CAPT Sherwood came back into the Navy on 23 June, 1947, and served at Chelsea until he was transferred to Oak Knoll.

The new Chief of Pediatrics is a member of the American Academy of Pediatrics and of the American Board of Pediatrics. He is married and the father of one child.

New York (AFPS) — Roland Kann, a shoe salesman, reported to police the theft of 100 women's shoes from his car. Like the traditional confused recruit, the wearer would have to have two left feet—they were all for that foot.



Pauline Lemich, HMC, receives congratulations of CAPT J. N. C. Gordon and CAPT I. L. V. Norman, as she signs re-enlistment papers for another six-year hitch in the Navy. Chief Lemich, an X-ray technician, joined the Waves in July, 1943. Her home is in Van Nuys, Calif. She started nurse's training in 1935 but was forced to give it up because of an attack of polio. While hospitalized she began X-ray training. Now a registered X-ray technician with the American Registry of X-Ray Technicians, she also belongs to the American Society of X-Ray Technicians, and the California Society of X-Ray Technicians. In addition to Oak Knoll, she has had duty at USNH, San Diego, USMCAS, El Toro, USNH No. 128, Pearl Harbor, and USNH No. 10, Aiea Heights.

Baltimore, Md. (AFPS)—The court magistrate dismissed the accused charged with violation of Ordinance 438. The court clerk, police commissioner's secretary, and the traffic bureau didn't know what the ordinance was.

San Antonio, Tex. (AFPS) — City detectives, voting for officers in the police association, cast 50 more ballots than there were members present.

Meeting Scheduled By Navy Wives Club

East Bay Island Navy Wives Club No. 108 will hold their regular meeting on Tuesday, August 14, 1951, at 8:00 p.m. in the Webster Community Hall, Kane and Gibbs, Alameda.

There will also be a Board of Directors meeting on August 9th at 8:00 p.m. at the home of the president, Mrs. Penny Walden.

The club is striving for a larger membership and urges all wives of enlisted Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast-Guard personnel in this area to attend the meetings and become members.

Anyone desiring further information may call Mrs. Penny Walden, president, at LA. 2-0905 or Mrs. Betty Del Rosario, recording secretary, at LA. 3-5969.

Five Staff Members Presented Discharges

Five more staff members left Oak Knoll during the past week as the final day of the one-year extension of their enlistment in the reserve came up and they were discharged under the provisions of ALNAV 62.

The new discharges brought to eight the number of staff members discharged since the ALNAV went into effect.

The new civilians and the date of their discharge are John B. Leach, HM3, Walter Wooden, Jr., HN, and Clarke A. Bonham, HN, 1 August; John W. Erickson, HA, 2 August, and Alvis E. Hotchkiss, HMC, and Harold Shoemaker, HN, 3 August.

A man and his wife were suffering from seasickness while their young son seemed to be enjoying the situation. Finally the mother mustered enough courage and voice to say: "John, I wish you'd speak to Willie."

The father, unable to lift his head, said feebly, "Hello, Willie."

Staff Personalities

The man with the job most sought by the staff members at Oak Knoll. The man: **Billy DeBruler**, HM2, USNR. The job: Holding forth at the staff leave and liberty desk. Maybe Bill doesn't have the final say on leaves and liberty, but he should be close to the source. A native of Sublette, Kans., Bill was called back to active duty on 9 April, reported to Oak Knoll a few days later, and in a few more days had brought Mrs. DeBruler and his three-and-a-half-year-old son to Sunny California. A meat market manager in civilian life, Bill served five and half years during World War II, including more than four years overseas.



A familiar face that will be missed around Oak Knoll after today is that of **CDR Bruce R. McCampbell**, MC, USN, who is being detached for service aboard the USS Consolation. Assistant Chief of Surgery for the past few months, CDR McCampbell came to Oak Knoll 21 September, 1950. He graduated from the University of Tennessee College of Medicine in March, 1941, and has been in the Navy since 7 April, 1941. A native of Fountain City, Tenn., he is married and has three children. Before coming to Oak Knoll the Navy sent him to the Cleveland, Ohio, Clinic for special training.



A pictorial presentation of just a few of the highlights of the trip to Willits last week end. (1) CPL J. A. Yarborough, USMC, and PFC J. C. Pless, USMC, enjoy the company of two young hostesses as they cool their feet after a hike. (2) Special guests for the week end prepare to take off at NAS Oakland. (3) SGT A. C. Porter and SGT J. C. Joines get a little assistance in picking out souvenirs and gifts at the Drive-thru Tree gift shop. (4) SGT Joines and PFC Pless watch the humidity gauge in the control room of drying kiln at the Redwood Mill in Willits. The Knollites were taken on tours of the mills in the area. (5) Miss Marta Deos of Willits demonstrates the intricate steps of the Mambo, during the program and dinner at Brooktrail's Ranch. (6) CPL R. L. McCauley, SGT J. C. Joines, PFC A. C. Pless, R. E. Rampton, HMI, and H. E. Skelton, HMC, watch the process of treating wood for plywood at the plywood mill in Willits. (7) Being introduced to some of the hostesses for the week end, the group is shown just after the MATS transport plane landed on the Ukiah airstrip. The group was then driven to Willits. (8) On Sunday morning at the Ukiah golf course, PFC A. M. Coutu displays excellent form as he tees off from the first tee. Just after this picture was taken, PFC Coutu smacked the ball about 200 yards down the middle of the fairway.

Saturday, 4 August, 1951

Scuttlebutt

By DERF

OAK KNOLL SIGHTS: An amputee sitting in a wheelchair in front of the Artificial Limb Shop holding a new pair of limbs—Two wheelchairs clasped together and holding three Marines, all amputees, streaking down the hill from the nurses' quarters to the swimming pool.

RX: Salty sunbathers around the base make their own sun tan lotions. One of the most popular Rx's is made from baby oil (or mineral oil), iodine, and a few drops of after-shave or cologne to give it that personalized touch.

STUFF 'N STUFF: The CPO Club seems to be very popular these days. Don't know whether it's because of Chief Bak and Joe Toschi's management or the type of refreshments they serve—The C.P.O.'s gathered around a couple of afternoons ago to bid adieu to Chiefs Holland, Shields, Baptle, and Conrad. They must have said a lot of goodbyes for the midnight watches and the chiefs collided on the ramp—John Riesche took off on a thirty-day leave. Imagine, he passed up a Canadian holiday with his folks to stay home. He must have been listening to Rosemary Cluney warbling "Come On—A My House" and taken her advice—Do you know the Brig's "Dutch" Brunberg? If you don't, you should amble over and get to know him so that when he resumes his pro-basketball career with Oakland's Blue and Gold team you can say "I knew him when . . ."—The Caries Caretakers have a new dental-filley, Rose Attenisla, who has been molesting molars down Pensacola-way—Week-ending at swank Los Laureles Lodge in Carmel Valley was Wilson Manuel. By the way, he'll probably be in the October class of the Officer Candidate School at Newport, R.I.—Ex-Oak Leaf Editor Bob Innes writes that OCS is a hard grind with little liberty. Aiyiyi—such a price for such a little piece of gold on the sleeve—Dorothy Hargraves' swabbie husband steamed into port and gave her a pleasant surprise—Two more of our bachelors found our state of bliss unbearable and dropped anchor with some cute little chicks. John Scott was one and Gerry Cavanaugh the other—Could have sworn I passed the Durants cruising up around Lake Tahoe last Sunday—Claire Martini is buzzing around in a new Chevrolet. They certainly like cars in her family; four in the family, and they have three cars—Russian River entices the Kollnites. What's up there? Last Sunday it was Betty Wimsby—today it's Bob Bechler and his little hausfrau—June McKinney and Shirley Larrivee were passing around Chinese Chews and Mexican wedding cakes to celebrate their promotions to GS3—P & A's Pat Mass is all adither. Her man, Herbie, an ex-Knollite, is due in any minute—The "Drag-dance" was so popular there will be another this coming month.

Originally commissioned in 1935 as a Second Lieutenant Coast Artillery Corps Reserve (Anti-Aircraft) he transferred to the Medical Department in July 1939 and was assigned to duty with the 115th Medical Regiment 40th Division, California National Guard, with which unit he came on extended active duty in March 1941 and has been on continuous active duty since that time. During the recent war, Major

What a day. I lost my job. I lost my billfold. My wife left me. The Senators lost to Chicago. It's unbelievable—leading by three in the eighth, and they lost to Chicago.

The easiest way to change a woman's mind is to agree with her.



Now It's Major N. J. Cantley, MC, USA

Promotion to Major of N. J. Cantley, MSC, USA, Army Liaison Officer at Oak Knoll, was announced last week by the Department of the Army. Major Cantley is shown above receiving congratulations from MAJ GEN Leonard D. Heaton, MC, USA, Commanding Officer of Letterman Army Hospital, while LT COL James H. Mackin, Letterman Executive Officer, pins on one of his new leaves. (U.S. Army Photo.)

Cantley served as Adjutant of a field hospital in the Aleutian Islands. Prior to coming to his present post, Major Cantley served two and a half years in Germany as the Registrar of the 97th General Hospital in Frankfurt am Main.

Major and Mrs. Cantley have purchased a home in Millbrae and most of his spare time ever since has been taken up with the joys and tribulations of home ownership.

Fighter Pilot Shot Down in Korea Has Praise for Rescuing 'Copter

It would not be possible to praise the work of helicopters in Korea too highly, according to LTJG Oliver D. Droege, USNR, Navy fighter pilot who is now a patient at Oak Knoll.

LTJG Droege was rescued by one of the "flying eggbeaters" after bailing out of his burning plane behind enemy lines in Korea on 28 June while making his 37th mission from the carrier, the U.S.S. Boxer.

That morning LTJG Droege left the Boxer, which was between 75 and 80 miles at sea off Korea, and flew to a point about 10 miles back of enemy lines to drop napalm bombs on a Red command post.

The lieutenant and the pilots of the three other planes with him had nearly completed their run and LTJG Droege was just dropping his napalm when Red bullets struck his plane's main fuel line.

Fire started immediately and gas pouring along the bottom of the cockpit fed the flames.

"I pulled up sharply, climbed to 1,500 feet and bailed out," LTJG Droege said. "When I got on the ground and had moved away from the chute, I showed myself to the other planes and then hid in heavy brush."

The other planes, after seeing that he had landed safely, streaked toward the Allied lines to get help. LTJG Droege, who had suffered second and third degree burns, remained hidden in the brush for an hour and 45 minutes. Then the rescuing helicopter, flown by Marine Captain C. W. Parkins, appeared.

In spite of heavy fire from the enemy (nine holes were later found shot in the helicopter) the 'copter hovered close to the ground, lowered a sling and pulled the downed pilot aboard, while three Navy planes stayed aloft to discourage the Reds from spoiling the rescue.

Marine, Navy Doctor Test Skill with Cape

Coronado NAB (AFPS)—The Marines believe in taking the bull by its horns. CPL Al Guerra and Navy physician LTJG William H. Bloom, stationed at San Diego Naval Hospital, recently tested their skill with the cape in a Coronado ring.

Both men are ardent bull fight fans. They began to practice with the cape starting on calves, but this is the first public demonstration for both.

Two professional Mexican bull fighters appeared on the same program. The animals expressed no preference between the pros and the novices.

Warren AFB, Wyo. (AFPS)—PFC Dunwoody had "some brass" when he made a telephone call here recently. He told the operator it was General A. Dunwoody calling, and the service was prompt.

The operator discovered the "general" was a PFC, but she could only smile—for the airman's full name and rank is PFC General A. Dunwoody.

Waves Celebrate Ninth Birthday

Waves at Oak Knoll celebrated the ninth anniversary of the founding of their corps in a big way early the past week with a party at the hospital Waves Quarters and another at the Officers' Club at Treasure Island.

The Oak Knoll party was held from 1900 to 2100 on Sunday, 29 July, the day before the anniversary, with an estimated 100 guests attending, among them CAPT and Mrs. J. N. C. Gordon and CAPT. and Mrs. I. L. V. Norman.

One of the highlights of the party, called a "howling success" by those who attended, was the food, which included fried chicken, baked ham, and all the other items which go to make up a sumptuous meal.

In honor of the occasion a huge birthday cake, resplendent with nine candles was baked for the party at Comm II.

On Monday many of the Oak Knoll Waves went to Treasure Island for the All-Wave Birthday Party which got under way at 1730. Festivities included a cocktail party and banquet and a special program by the Treasure Island Chorus of sixty voices of sailors, both male and female. The party was attended by Waves from all over the Bay Area, Regular Navy, Reserves and Veterans.

Staff Dances, Picnic Slated for August

The recreation committee for Oak Knoll's enlisted staff personnel has come up with a full schedule of plans for the next month with events slated which suit every member of the staff.

The month got off to a good start last night, 3 August, at the EM Recreation Center with a juke box dance.

On Sunday, 12 August, is scheduled what may be one of the best affairs of the whole month, a staff picnic at Redwood Regional Park—Orchard Section. Transportation to and from the picnic will be provided and will leave the Community Services Building at 1200.

On Friday of the same week, 17 August, a date dance is slated at the Recreation Center. The dance will be complete with door prizes, corsages, and music by the orchestra. Stags, however, will not be welcomed to this event.

The next week, on 24 August, there will be another dance, and this time the stags will come into their own, what with student nurses attending as partners for the evening. This affair, again, will feature music by an orchestra and corsages for the ladies.

On Friday, 31 August, the month will end as it began, with a juke box dance.

Make plans now to attend as many of these affairs as possible. You won't be sorry.

Jacksonville, Fla. (AFPS)—When police picked up 14-year-old Gene Berman, they thought they had a run-away. But they found he had with him a four-foot-seven-inch boa constrictor, 21 baby boas and a three-foot Everglades rat snake. "I'm a dealer in snakes—I sort of deal. It pays my expenses for trips," Gene explained. They let him go.

E.E.N.T. Service Work Is Varied

The Eye-Ear-Nose-Throat Service is organized to take care of all the eye, ear, nose and throat ailments affecting the active-duty service personnel, retired personnel, veterans, and dependents.

The Ophthalmology branch of the Service is concerned with the diagnosis and treatment of eye injuries and disorders. It contains a surgery suite for performing eye operations, a "spectacle" dispensing unit, and a section for performing refractions and prescribing corrective lenses.

The Otorhinolaryngology branch takes care of the ear, nose, and throat part of the service. The includes surgery, as well as routine and special examinations.

Ward 45A is assigned to ear, nose and throat cases, and Ward 45B to eye cases, and clinics for handling both types of cases are situated in 45B.

"Personnel assigned to the E.E.N.T. Service," says CAPT B. N. Ahl, chief of E.E.N.T., "are all key personnel prepared for a variety of jobs. If patients pile up at one spot, someone moves in and helps until the line is moving smoothly again. In this way personnel never find time hanging heavily on their hands."

E.E.N.T. is a busy service. About 3,000 patients are seen a month and approximately 100 operations performed during this same period. There are 60 ward patients in addition.

Many Korean war casualties have come through the E.E.N.T. Service for treatment and rehabilitation.

CAPT Ahl cited the case of a Marine Corps sergeant who arrived from Korea with the expectation of losing his right eye, which had been penetrated by numerous tiny particles of shrapnel from an exploding hand grenade. Today, after multiple operations, he is awaiting his discharge to civilian life with a right eye in which he has normal vision with corrective glasses.

The case was also cited of a soldier who had been hit in the neck by mortar fire last September. The mortar fragment had injured his vocal cords and destroyed his voice. In May his throat was operated on, a tantalum strut inserted (this is a piece of metal which acts as a support until normal tissue grows back), and today the soldier is talking again.

E.E.N.T. Personnel

Captain B. N. Ahl, MC, USN, was stationed aboard the U.S.S. Missouri as senior medical officer at the time of the Japanese surrender. He witnessed the entire proceedings from the bridge and later secured the tablecloth and mess bench that the documents were signed on. They are now in the Naval Academy museum.

Grover A. Chessmore, HN, has arrived back at E.E.N.T. after a recent siege of the mumps.

LCDR J. B. Dominey, Jr., MC, graduated in pharmacy at the University of Texas, where he also took his medical training. He got his Navy wings in 1944 upon completion of the course in aviation medicine at Pensacola. He was a flight surgeon until coming to Oak Knoll last March.

E. T. Fowler, Jr., HM3, names baseball and stamps as his main hobbies.

Jerry Lee Gorman, HN, holds the



Shown here are a few of the scenes that are commonplace in the widely-varied work that goes on daily in E.E.N.T. (1) CAPT B. N. Ahl, Chief of the service, consults with a patient of the department. (2) LT L. V. Tyler, MC, USN, is shown in the Ophthalmology branch of the department examining a patient's eyes. (3) Jeffrey Lee Gorman, HN, is shown making one of the more familiar tests of the department, watching closely as a patient squints to see the letter chart on the wall. (4) James G. Saxton, HM3, in the Otorhinolaryngology branch of the department, tests the hearing of one of the many patients treated in the E.E.N.T. service every day.

Bronze Star and Purple Heart medals. He served as a corpsman with the 1st Tank Battalion, 1st Marine Division, in Korea, and was wounded by shrapnel in the arm and leg at Chosin reservoir.

Robert W. Hall, HN, won letters in football, basketball, and track during his high school days. He was a student at Denver U. before coming into the Navy.

Ensign Nancy Lee Harrigan, NC, paints seascapes in oils during her off hours. Her interest in painting comes naturally. She has an uncle, aunt, father, and brother, who all have artistic talent.

LTJG Marie Y. LeClair, NC, recently began taking piano lessons for the first time, but she has a long-standing interest in music and quite a collection of records, mostly classical.

LT Margaret I. Mariniak, NC, was on the nurses' softball team until she

hurt her arm. Miss Mariniak is interested in photography — like almost everyone else in E.E.N.T.

William F. Moyer, HN, likes roller skating, ice skating, basketball, dancing, mechanics, working on his car, sailing — and dates. But not necessarily in that order of preference.

LTJG Neil D. Mulcahy, MC, was a corpsman for 15 months during World War II at Great Lakes. He entered the University of Wisconsin medical school on the V-12 program.

LT Josie H. Richmond, NC, has asters, coral bells, dwarf dahlias, and snapdragons growing in her garden down Oakland way.

Raymond C. Russell, HN, names as his chief interest in life: getting out.

James G. Saxton, HM3, trains horses at El Rancho Mar Monte, his parents' 70-acre ranch near Carmel. His quarter horses and thoroughbreds have won a number of prizes.

LTJG Betty Steinwand, NC, has

taken a cooking school course recently and there's method in it. She has asked for leave to be married in September.

Harry P. Stumpf, HM3, was a scoutmaster back in 'lil ol' Texas where he hails from.

D. J. Tattershall, HN, graduated from the Mid-West School of Optics and worked as a representative for the Columbian Optical Development Laboratories before entering the Navy to work as an optical technician.

LT L. V. Tyler, MC, is a graduate of the School of Aviation Medicine at Pensacola, and was a Navy flight surgeon attached to a Marine Transport Squadron prior to his arrival at Oak Knoll.

Mrs. Blanche C. Wilsie, civilian secretary of the E.E.N.T. Service, lists as her hobbies: making hooked rugs, mystical philosophy, and horse racing.



Last Sunday evening after seeing Howard Hawk's movie, "The Thing," for the third time, and reveling in the audience reaction of delighted shrieks, groans and squeals, I commenced to wonder what it is that makes people love to scare themselves silly and call it entertainment. The same thing applies in terms of books. A good story of murder, mystery or otherwise, will be a hardy perennial; in fact it has been since Conan Doyle unleashed the whole thing with Sherlock Holmes. Right now we have 19 advance notices for the new Mickey Spillane book, "The Big Kill." It runs two hundred and some pages in which there occur nine bloody deaths, described in hideous—and when speaking of Spillane I mean HIDEOUS—detail.

Now we have the new field of shocker, symbolized by "The Thing," or to call it by its proper title "Who Goes There?" by John W. Campbell, Jr., distinguished pacemaker in science fiction. Certainly "The Martian Chronicles" by Ray Bradbury is a fine novel; it is fantasy, to be sure—of the kind I usually shy away from like poison—but "Chronicles" is more than that. It's philosophy, adventure, pity and terror, all rolled into one. For my money, the critic who said that with "Martian Chronicles" science fiction has come of age was dead right.

Bradbury has a new book out called "The Illustrated Man" — tales of fantasy and horror—more than actual science fiction. One gets the impression that Bradbury has what MacCullhers calls "a sense of the dreadful" which is what makes you see little white things disappear around the corner of your desk if you happen to look up from the book late at night.

Groff Conklin has a new anthology of science fiction short stories out, and the novels of Robert Heinlein from the magazines are now to be had in regular book form. In short the first really NEW field of literature since the early nineteen-twenties is now open for business and going strong, and if reading it, your hair turns white before your time, so much the better. It's all good fun, friends.

FRANK M. CAMPBELL, HM1

Welcome and Farewell

The census at Oak Knoll dropped again during the past week as 29 staff members left the hospital for new assignments and only 11 persons reported aboard to fill their places.

Reporting aboard were CAPT David W. Sherwood, MC, USN, from USNH, Chelsea, Mass.; LTJG K. L. Senter, MC, USNR, from Ft. Lawton, Wash.; LT E. J. Merte, NC, USN, from University of Indiana, Bloomington, Ind.; LTJG F. D. Malkinson, MC, USNR, from HDQTRS 361st Station Hospital, APO 1055; LT L. C. Anderson, NC, USNR, from MTSTA, Naval Control of Shipping Officer, New York;

E. W. Rabe, HM3, from Treasure Island; HN's R. W. Russum, F. J. McKenna and I. C. Adams, all from USNH, Mare Island; R. Attenisia, DN, from NAS, Pensacola, Fla., and R. L. Purser, DA, from NTC, San Diego.

Transferred from Oak Knoll were LTJG W. C. Schaupp, MC, USNR, to Naval Administrative Command, NAVTRCTR, San Diego; LTJG J. R. Kiser, MC, USNR, also to San Diego; LTJG R. E. Wilson, MC, USNR, to San Diego; LTJG M. A. Blum, MC, USNR, to Destroyer Division 102; LTJG P. H. Suess, DCR, USNR, to USS Cape Esperance;

HMC W. Holland to FMF; HM1 J. J. Alcedo, to Research Unit No. 1, Berkeley; HM2's R. L. Gillett to FMF, and L. B. Long to COMSTSNORPAC; HM3's "J" L. Clark, W. J. Feeney and V. R. Telesca, all to FMF; R. E. Randall to USS Sitkoh Bay; R. D. Coffey and L. W. Pheby to COMSTSPAC, and R. L. Bellman to USNH, Mare Island; HN's R. J. Corbin, A. D. Rindfuss and L. E. Shurmantine, all to FMF; F. P. Snavelly to USS Haven; T. M. Breeze to USS Thomas Jefferson; D. E. Maese to USS Windham Bay; O. M. Knight to USS Sitkoh Bay; C. Henley, F. H. Allen and J. R. Blodgett, all to COMSTSNORPAC; and H. J. Boudreau and J. F. O'Brien, both to COMSTSPAC; and W. D. Hunsickey, DN, to Treasure Island.

The little moron's watch had stopped ticking and he tried to find the trouble. Finally he took the back off it, went into the works, and found a dead bug. "No wonder it doesn't work," he said, "the engineers dead."



Top flight entertainment featured the stage show presented at the auditorium on Tuesday, July 25. At right, nine-year-old Kathleen Staples teams up with dancer Janet Elliott for the grand finale of the afternoon. At left, Buster the Talking Parrot, who was a first-class bond salesman during World War II, is coached by Gale Harlan. His appearance at Oak Knoll was Buster's first since the end of World War II, and he made a big hit.



G. M. Science Show Set for Oak Knoll

What is expected to be the tops in unusual entertainment will be brought to Oak Knoll Auditorium on Tuesday, 7 August, in General Motors' "Previews of Progress."

The program is planned to illustrate the contributions of science and research to better living, and features the very latest in mechanical inventions.

It will be demonstrated how two liquids placed in a bottle and shaken vigorously for sixty seconds can produce a white fluffy mass of synthetic rubber, and how to broadcast sound on a light beam, among other exhibits.

Judge: "Give the court your name, occupation, and state the charge against you."

Defendant: "My name is Sparks, I am an electrician, and I am charged with battery."

Judge: "Officer, place this man in a dry cell."

A certain country minister posted this notice on the church door: "Brother Smith departed for heaven at 4:30 a.m."

The next day he found written below: "Heaven, 9:00 a.m. Smith not in yet. Great anxiety."

Youthful Talent Feature of Show

Mrs. Esther England scored again last week with patients and staff at Oak Knoll when on Tuesday, 24 July, she brought to the auditorium a stage show with an accent on young talent and variety.

The biggest hit was made by Buster, the Talking Parrot, who maintained an icy silence when confronted by the microphone on stage, but could think up all sorts of acid comments, and screeched them at the top of his voice, when seated in the audience. In his first appearance since the end of World War II, Buster was as big a friend to the servicemen as he ever was during his long tour of duty with U.S.O. shows.

Another performer that won the hearts of her audience was nine-year-old Kathleen Staples, who exhibited a stage presence and ability that is often missing in more mature performers. Kathleen's vocal solos were applauded heartily, especially her performance of "Lullaby of Broadway."

Kathleen joined with two other performers, Isabelle Starr, 17, and Janet Elliott, 16, to end the show with a song and dance routine. The three girls are all students of Fay Christy, who presented a solo tap dance number as a part of the show. Earlier Miss Elliott gave an exhibition of her tap dance ability, while Miss Starr entertained with a "hula."

Other highlights of the hour-long show were a piano solo by Frank Denke, vocal solos by Charlotte Kerl and Sherry Stevens and a group of accordion numbers by Madelina Martinella.

A young woman awakened her husband the other night and complained that she heard a mouse squeak. He answered her drowsily: "What do you want me to do, get up and oil it?"

She: "How about that diamond ring you promised me?"

He: "Extenuating circumstances perforce me to preclude you from the bauble."

She: "I don't get it."
He: "That's right."

Willits Week-end Outing

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preferred. Many of the boys remarked they had tasted barbecued beef before, but the beef served at Willits was real barbecued beef, cooked and seasoned just right.

At 1615 on Sunday afternoon, the guests were driven to the Ukiah airport where the big MATS plane waited to take them back to Oakland. However, it was after 1700 when all the reluctant farewells were over. Finally the big plane took to the air. At 1800 the plane touched its wheels on the strip at NAS Oakland, bringing thirty tired, but very happy, VIPs back to Oak Knoll.

"Eavesdropping again," said Adam as his wife fell out of the tree.



" Special Watch Last Night, Ma'am."



Airmen Downed By Links Squad

Oak Knoll's varsity golf squad turned up in the winner's column in Twelfth Naval District competition on Thursday, 26 July, when the Hospital crew downed a team from Moffett Field by a score of 8½ to 6½.

Members of the Oak Knoll team are Willie Jefferson, Pete Bowers, Chief Cannell, LT Spence and Theodore Nelson.

The linksmen will attempt to repeat their triumph when they meet the Treasure Island Electronics School on Thursday, 9 August.

Meanwhile, the closing date, 14 August, for entries in the intra-hospital golf tournament for both men and women drew nearer. Tourney play will begin on 23 August on the Lake Chabot course.

Anyone interested in competing in the tourney is urged to contact W. V. Johnson at Welfare and Recreation.

Oak Knoll Nurses Enter Win Column

Oak Knoll's Nurses' softball team turned up in the winning column of Twelfth Naval District women's competition on Thursday, 26 July, when the hospital team out-ran the Camp Stoneman Wacs by a score of 14 to 12 in a free-scoring game.

However, fortunes suffered a lapse on Tuesday, 31 July, when the Oak Knoll team lost to the Presidio Wacs.

Undaunted, however, members of the team were still optimistic as they prepared for a game scheduled with the NAS, Alameda, Wacs on Thursday, 2 August.

Moffett Defeats Softball Squad

Regular season play of the Oak Knoll Varsity Softball team ended on a sad note Wednesday, 25 July, as the local team fell prey to a strong outfit from NAS, Moffett Field, and lost by a score of 8 to 4.

The Oak Knollites can still salvage a fourth place in the Twelfth Naval District competition, however, by winning two make-up games as yet unscheduled. These will be played against the Treasure Island Electronics School and ACM13, both far down in league standings.

In the Moffett Field game the Oak Knoll hopes were dimmed by a disastrous third inning when the Airmen stampeded to five runs off a combination of hits and errors by the Oak Knollers.

Hurler Tom Moore went the route for the Hospital team, while Rodriguez handled mound chores for the Moffett Field crew and limited the Hospitalmen to five hits.

These hits were by Wong, Young, Pearsall, Tafoya and Moore.

Cage Tournament Schedule Listed

Schedule for the 14-week intra-hospital basketball league was completed during the past week, with first game date postponed from last Monday to 6 August.

The "dungaree tourney," to be played on outside courts, was all set to go, as the eighth team—the Nite Crew—completed its team roster and was added to the other seven teams previously signed up.

On Monday, 6 August, play will get underway as X-Ray meets Comm I. Slated to meet Tuesday, 7 August, are the Bag Room and the Lettusouts. Wednesday, 8 August, will find Welfare and Recreation up against The Unsettled Five, and the first week's play will end Thursday, 9 August, with Surgery II facing the Nite Crew.

Manhattan Beach, Calif. (AFPS) —A member of the town council told his colleagues that somebody in the street department better learn to spell. Herrin St. has been spelled Herin, Heron, Herin and Herring.

Little Rock, Ark. (AFPS) — A sanitation department worker quit his job because "garbage smells too bad."



Four Oak Knoll patients took to the boats on Thursday last week and demonstrated their skill at fishing at Half Moon Bay. Shown above holding some of the beauties they caught during the all-day outing are Lee Haley, A/C, USAF; SGT John Christensen, USMC; Joe Cenoz, QMS3, USNR, and SGT Jim Joines, USMC. The fishing trip, planned by the Red Cross, is a weekly feature for patients at Oak Knoll, alternating between deep-sea and fresh-water fishing.

PREVIEWS

Sunday, 5 August

JIM THORPE, ALL AMERICAN—Burt Lancaster, Phyllis Baxter. Burt Lancaster, as the famous Indian athlete Jim Thorpe, enrolls at Carlisle Indian School where his athletic prowess immediately becomes evident, first as a sensational track star and then as an All-American football player. He goes on to fame in the 1912 Olympics. He later takes up professional football, but the death of his son ruins his career. He is rescued from drink and a feeling of defeat when he takes a coaching job at the parochial school once attended by his dead son.

Monday, 6 August

THE OUTRIDERS—Joel McCrea, Arlene Dahl. This is an old one, released back in April, 1950. For the fans of the chase and the life in the early days, this Western should fill the bill.

Tuesday, 7 August

THUNDER IN THE HILL—Claudette Colbert, Ann Blyth. This is a fairly recent release by Universal and no information is available concerning it.

Wednesday, 8 August

THE THING—Kenneth Tobey, Margaret Sheridan. This is a movie that was surrounded by mystery during its production, and in it "The Thing" turns out to be a man, or a creature, from another world, assumed by the characters in this fantastic melodrama to be from Mars although there is nothing to prove it. An American scientific expedition, lodged at the North Pole, comes to the conclusion the thing is more intelligent than humans and stronger, but machine-like and without benefit of the reactions normally attributed by humans to other humans. How The Thing nearly destroys the expedition and is itself destroyed is too good to tell.

Thursday, 9 August

BULLFIGHTER AND THE LADY—Robert Stack, Gilbert Roland. This movie, formerly entitled "Torero," has been given a rating of "very good" by its reviewers. As you can plainly see from the title, it is all about that favorite sport south of the border and should prove interesting to those intrigued by that kind of carrying on.

Locals Blasted In Diamond Tilt

Oak Knoll baseball stock dropped again Tuesday, 31 July, as the hospital team was bounced 16 to 2 by a strong Treasure Island crew.

Amos started on the mound for Oak Knoll but was relieved a few innings later by Tamborski. Oak Knoll hitting power took leave of absence for the afternoon, but Treasure Island bats more than made up for it.

A chance to get into the win column was lost on Thursday, 26 July, when a game scheduled against Mare Island had to be called off because of wet grounds.

The Knollites were slated to go against NAS Oakland on Thursday, 2 August.

Friday, 10 August

LEMON DROP KID—Bob Hope, Marilyn Maxwell. This story of a guy and some dolls brings to the screen a group of the late Damon Runyon's amiable and larcenous Broadway characters as delightfully true to life as if you were sitting in Mindy's meeting them yourself. The movie allows Hope to deliver the kind of restrained comedy, based entirely on dialogue rather than situation, which made him famous. Hope as the Lemon Drop Kid is innocently trying to make a dishonest buck by touting at a Florida race track when by mistake he touts the girl friend of gangster Moose Moran on a horse that sees. From there on—better see the picture rated "excellent" by reviewers.

Saturday, 11 August

THE REFORMER AND THE RED HEAD—June Allison, Dick Powell. This is a very old film, released early in 1950 and described as comedy and drama. In its lead roles are one of Hollywood's best husband-wife teams, and two people that made a big hit in a personal appearance at Oak Knoll.

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Navy Surgeon General Visits Oak Knoll



Two of the Navy's top-ranking medical officers were Oak Knoll visitors Tuesday. They were Rear Admiral Lamont Pugh, MC, USN, (second from left) and Rear Admiral A. H. Dearing, MC, USN (third from left). They are pictured here with Captain J. N. C. Gordon, MC, USN, Commanding Officer (left), and Captain I. L. V. Norman, MC, USN (right), before they left the Administration Building for a tour of the compound. Admiral Pugh, Surgeon General of the Navy and Chief of the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, stopped here en route back to Washington after a month's tour of Navy Medical Department activities in the Pacific, and Admiral Dearing recently came from Washington to assume his new duties as Inspector, Medical Activities, Pacific Coast, and District Medical Officer, Twelfth Naval District.

RADM Pugh Speaks at All-Hands Meeting

Rear Admiral Lamont Pugh, MC, USN, was "piped aboard" Tuesday noon for his first visit to Oak Knoll since he assumed the duties of Surgeon General of the Navy and Chief of the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery last January. His visit here was the last stop on a month-long tour of Navy medical installations throughout the Pacific. In his party were Captain Winnie Gibson, Director, Navy Nurse Corps, and LTJG H. E. Sinclair, MSC, USN. He was also accompanied to Oak Knoll by Rear Admiral A. H. Dearing, MC, USN, Inspector, Medical Activities, Pacific Coast, District Medical Officer, 12ND, member of the staff of Commander, Western Sea Frontier, and former Commanding Officer of Oak Knoll; and his administrative officer, CDR C. S. Fay, MSC, USN.

Following luncheon at the Officers' Club, where chiefs of services and heads of departments had an opportunity to meet the Surgeon General, the visitors toured the hospital with the Commanding Officer, stopping to see facilities at San Leandro, the Neuropsychiatric Service, Environmental Sanitation School, Red Cross Lounge and Craft Shop, Wave Quarters, EM Recreation Center, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Artificial Limb Department, Neurosurgery suite, CPO Club, Blood Bank, and Central Supply.

At 1600 all hands who could be spared from their duties assembled in the auditorium to hear the Admiral speak.

In reporting his recent travels he gave high praise to the work of doctors, dentists, nurses, hospital corpsmen, and dental technicians on duty at Pacific medical installations from Okinawa to the Aleutians.

"The things I saw out there led me to think more strongly than ever that we belong to a team of thoroughbreds, and I am very proud to be a member of the team," he said.

Admiral Pugh spoke of the new developments that have been brought into the Navy medical picture by experience in the Korea conflict. He mentioned the Navy's surgical teams operating in the combat area and the floating laboratories that have been developed to cope quickly and effectively with any outbreak of disease in the area. He lauded the spirit of hospitalmen and dental technicians in the Far East and stated that "Navy doctors in Korea are doing a magnificent job."

The Surgeon General also com-
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Dan Kimball Takes Oath of Office As Fiftieth Secretary of Navy

Dan A. Kimball, Army Air Corps aviator of World War I and Under Secretary of the Navy since May, 1949, took oath of office on Tuesday, July 31, 1951, as Secretary of the Navy succeeding Francis P. Matthews, who resigned to become U. S. Ambassador to Ireland.

Mr. Kimball, born in St. Louis, Missouri, on March 1, 1896, and now a resident of Los Angeles, California, is the fiftieth man to hold the post of Secretary of the Navy since establishment of the Navy Department on April 30, 1798.

Mr. Kimball first joined the Navy Department in February, 1949, as Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Air. A licensed pilot, he had been Vice President and Director of the General Tire and Rubber Company. He was nominated by President Truman for Under Secretary on May 13, 1949, and approved by the Senate on May 19, 1949.

Mr. Matthews became Secretary of the Navy on May 25, 1949, succeeding the late James Forrestal. An Omaha, Nebraska attorney he is the first Nebraskan to hold the office.

On the eve of his departure from the Navy Mr. Matthews, in a message to all Naval personnel, said: "I wish to express to the men and women of the United States Navy and the United States Marine Corps and their Reserve components, serving the nation patriotically throughout the world, my sincere appreciation for the loyalty they have shown throughout the period of my incumbency. To me it has been a great privilege to serve with them and to experience, in the face of an increasingly critical world situation, a resurgence of the traditional American naval custom to meet the issue squarely and to surmount all difficulties, whatever the cost in effort and sacrifice. This spirit was exemplified in high degree by the late Admiral Forrest P. Sherman, USN, whose tragic death we all mourn. To all hands I commend the emulation of his ideal of service to the end that the United States Navy may be ever maintained as the greatest in the world. To Naval and Marine Corps personnel everywhere, a grateful well done and good wishes to each of you!"

62 New Arrivals Boost Local Census

Lights burned both early and late in Oak Knoll's maternity department during the past week as 62 new citizens were ushered into the world.

Three staff members were among the new fathers at week's end. They are David Middleman, HM2, whose son, David Henry, Jr., was born July 29, weighing in at 6 pounds, 3 ounces; Charles Fisher, HM2, the father of Ruth Elizabeth Fisher, born 30 July, weighing 7 pounds, 6 ounces, and Ralph Crowe, HMC, whose son, Jeffrey Alan, was born August 1, weighing 7 pounds, 7½ ounces.

Heavyweight among the new members at Oak Knoll was William James Maranto, born to the wife of Charles Maranto, ETC, on 2 August. The young man weighed in at 9 pounds, 14 ounces. Chief Maranto is stationed at Hunter's Point.

One set of twins, William and Robert Pruett, also arrived at Oak Knoll last week. The twins' father, CPL Clyde Pruett, is in Korea.

This week's roster of new babies is the largest to come to the Oak Leaf office in many weeks.

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† † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

TAKE TIME TO LIVE

To see death hover near the fairest youth of many lands and make its choices from among them is a most unsavory sight. Youth, whose lives are crowded with plans and prospects—youth, who should be confident in the promise of many days to come, but who, paradoxically, live as though they had less time than the aged. "The days of his youth hast thou shortened: . . . Remember, how short my time is." Thus spoke the Psalmist—Time is short, whether you're twenty or whether you're eighty.

"For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past. . . Thou carried them away as with a flood." ". . . For tomorrow we die."

But we don't. Life goes on—here and now for most of us, and if not here, then somewhere else—not with forgetfulness, but with clear memories of all that has been, and with the promise of all cherished things renewed . . . "Remember how short my time is." . . . To youth pressed for time, to youth in a generation of uncertainties, we can only say:

Live your lives as though they would continue forever—for they will! And this assurance leaves room in life only for the things we would be proud to acknowledge no matter how long we lived, and it leaves no cause for crowding years into days, blindly and breathlessly; no place for questionable short-cuts, or for the cheapening of any part of life because time may be short.

Time is spent quickly for all of us, whether we're old or whether we're young. But tomorrow we live—according to the promise of Him who died that men might live.

F. C. ADAMS, HM3, L.D.S. Group Leader.

Divine Services

Hospital Chapel at Main Gate

PROTESTANT

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

CATHOLIC

SUNDAY MASSES
 0600 — 0900 — 1215
 DAILY MASSES — 0645 & 1630

Confessions before Mass
 CHOIR PRACTICE:
 TUESDAY 1900

Catholic Oratory in back of Chapel

CHAPLAINS' OFFICES IN
 CHAPEL & 67A
 NAVY RELIEF OFFICE—
 IN CHAPEL

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

Chaplains of other faiths will be called upon request

BUS TO AND FROM CHAPEL ON SUNDAYS 0845 & 1045

Holy Day Masses

Three Holy Day Masses will be held by Oak Knoll Catholics on Wednesday, August 15, the Chaplain's Office has announced.

The Masses, to be held at the Chapel, will be at 0600, 1000 and 1200.

Thank You, Oak Knoll

My dear Captain:

Recently my son, George Cook, underwent a very serious orthopedic operation in your hospital and remained in Ward 47B for a period of approximately three weeks. During the course of that time, I visited him in Ward 47B practically every day.

I wish to compliment you on the quiet efficiency of every activity which came under my personal observation at the Oak Knoll Hospital. I was tremendously impressed with two things:

1. The excellent spirits and air of confidence in the treatment they were receiving on the part of the patients.

2. The courteous, efficient service of all hands in this department, from Captain Frank P. Kreuz (MC), U.S.N. and Lieutenant Commander George C. Beattie (MC), U.S.N., the ward physician, through the latest recruit.

I wish to express my thanks to your entire staff, including the gate sentries, for their very courteous treatment.

Very truly yours,

/s/Albert G. Cook, Jr.

Rear Admiral, U.S.N. (Ret.)



Arlene DeCamp and her violin provided one of the highlights of the stage show presented at Oak Knoll on Tuesday, 31 July. Miss DeCamp, who is a member of the Dick Foy orchestra, also sang vocal solos as a part of the afternoon's entertainment.

Another England Hit Presented in Auditorium

Apparently with an unending stream of talent available, Mrs. Esther England brought another top-notch stage show to the Community Services Building Auditorium on Tuesday, 31 July.

And patients and off-duty staff members with their guests flocked to see it, hoping, meanwhile, that the talent available to Mrs. England would prove unlimited.

One of the brighter spots of the afternoon's entertainment was presented by lovely Rose Letkovitch, a singer. Miss Letkovitch, who combined a fine singing voice with her beauty and sparkling personality, is a refugee from the Russian zone of Germany. Her parents were killed when she was a 12-year-old child.

Another high spot of the show was the dancing of three girls, Jean, Beverly and Shirley. The three teamed up for a sparkling hula number that made a big hit with the audience, and then two of the girls, Beverly and Shirley, presented individual performances.

Instrumental numbers also provided a good part of the afternoon's entertainment with Pianist Harold Zolman from Radio Station KFRC, marimba-playing Barbara Johnson, a dance studio accompanist, and Violinist Arlene DeCamp, from the Dick Foy orchestra.

Miss DeCamp also favored with vocal solos.

Master of Ceremonies for the show was Glen Haywood.

On Wednesday, 8 August, more entertainers were brought to Oak Knoll by Mrs. England for performances on individual wards, much to the liking of bed patients.

Portland, Ore. (AFPS) — Sherman Baker had an argument with a woman in a second floor apartment. Walking out in anger, Baker stepped out a window instead of the door.

Red Cross Ramblings

GOLF SCHEDULE

Have you wanted to try swinging a golf club again? Need some sunshine and exercise? Two trips every week take off for nearby golf courses. Monday at 1200, departs from the Red Cross Lounge (Building 32) for the Orinda Golf Club. The green fees are gratis, clubs for the game will be furnished at the Club. Mrs. W. C. Parker and Mrs. John Folliard are the Gray Ladies in charge of this activity. The Alameda Municipal Golf Course continues to function on Tuesdays, leaving the compound at 0930 and returning about 1500. Lunch is furnished by the Navy Commissary. This course over in Alameda is flat, ideal for the patients who may have some difficulty climbing hills or walking up steep grades. Sign up with Miss Lucy O'Neill, Red Cross Recreation Worker at the Red Cross Lounge, get in the swing and watch that ball go down the fairway for a hole in one, perhaps?

LONG-HAIRED MUSIC

Several of the men attended the Summer Series of the San Francisco Symphony Orchestra last Wednesday evening. Arthur Fiedler, guest conductor from the East Coast, is here for a series of eight "Pop" Concerts to be held each Wednesday evening during August. Tickets and transportation are available to any of you who are interested in semi-classical and light operatic music. Patients who attended last week enjoyed the violin soloist very much.

HILLBILLY MUSIC

It isn't necessary to inquire whether or not many of you like hillbilly music. The answer is evident when one is on the wards and can hear many and diversified radio programs, the majority are tuned in to "that music from the Ozarks." On August 28th COTTONSEED CLARK of Station KVSM, the Bay Area's Western Music Broadcasting Station, will visit the hospital and entertain with his favorite ballads from "them thar hills." He has received many requests from the men convalescing here at the hospital and his program will include as many as possible.

MAGAZINES

We have an abundance of reading material topside Community Service Building, a variety of magazines and pocket editions of things "just off the press" can be scanned and taken to your ward for perusal. If you are a bed patient and have been interested in a definite article or story, ask the Red Cross Worker on your ward and she will bring it to you.

EL NIDO RANCHO BREAKFAST

The Sunday Morning radio broadcast parties continue in popularity. The Rancho is situated in the Berkeley hills and the outdoor swimming pool glistens in the sunlight while the reflections of the gay-colored beach umbrellas that surround the pool are a tempting scene and well worth the trip there. JOHN H. OLEJNECZOK, CS2, U. S. Navy, of ward 41A, received the free telephone call to his home in Wilkes Barre, Pennsylvania, being the patient the farthest from his home town.

If you like to sing, dance, or play a musical instrument we would like to have you contact us at the Red Cross. Staff and patients are invited to take part and if you have had any amateur or theatrical experience let us know about it. Musical instruments are available in Red Cross Lounge.

Life Begins at Oak Knoll

29 July

CULTON, Charles Dorman, to wife of Dorman Culton, QM2, 4 pounds, 14 1/2 ounces.
 EAGAR, Layton Wendle, to wife of Wendle Eagar, AA, 7 pounds, 14 ounces.
 HASTEN, Andrea Lynn, to wife of Lyle Hasten, EN1, 7 pounds, 3 ounces.
 HENDREN, Raymond Kenton, to wife of Raymond Hendren, SGT, 7 pounds, 3 ounces.
 M. GISTRADO, Christopher Ricardo, to wife of Ricardo Magistrado, FN, 6 pounds, 14 ounces.
 RUSSELL, Dana Howard III, to wife of Dana Russell, 1st LT, 7 pounds, 7 ounces.
 PRUETT, William and Robert (twins), to wife of Clyde Pruett, CPL, 4 pounds, 1/2 ounce, and 4 pounds, 2 ounces.
 VAUGHAN, Gregory John, to wife of Edwin Vaughan, HM1, 7 pounds, 7 ounces.

30 July

MIDDLEMAN, David Henry, Jr., to wife of David Middleman, HM2, 6 pounds, 3 ounces.
 JOHNSON, Georgiana Jean, to wife of George Johnson, GM2, 7 pounds.
 SMITH, Paula Jean, to wife of Paul Smith, SN, 7 pounds, 1/2 ounce.
 AHRENS, Girl, to wife of James Ahrens, BM2, 7 pounds, 1 ounce.
 REBOL, Sharon Ann, to wife of Joseph Rebol, RM1, 9 pounds, 1 ounce.
 FISHER, Ruth Elizabeth, to wife of Charles Fisher, HM2, 7 pounds, 6 ounces.
 WEBER, Susan Mary, to wife of Duane Weber, SK3, 7 pounds, 2 ounces.
 PIKE, Ross Melvin, to wife of George Pike, BMC, 7 pounds, 6 ounces.

31 July

ROBERTS, Lindsey Leland, to wife of Vernon Roberts, AT1, 8 pounds, 4 ounces.
 STRINGFELLOW, Mary Ellen, to wife of Orville Stringfellow, M/SGT, 8 pounds, 12 ounces.
 STORCH, Donna Marie, to wife of Albert Storch, SN, 4 pounds, 4 1/2 ounces.
 STUPEY, Anne Christine, to wife of Laurence Stupey, HM1, 7 pounds, 8 ounces.
 JOHNSON, Cynthia Lee, to wife of Lee E. Johnson, MM3, 5 pounds, 7 ounces.
 HANSCOM, Kevin Patrick, to wife of Thomas D. Hanscom, S/SGT, 9 pounds, 1 ounce.
 SMITH, Stephen Murrell, to wife of Murrell A. Smith, SN, 5 pounds, 15 ounces.
 BOYD, Linda Lee, to wife of Lee A. Boyd, AA, 7 pounds, 2 ounces.

1 August

TEAL, Elizabeth Louise, to wife of Edward Teal, FP2, 7 pounds, 3 ounces.
 CROWE, Jeffrey Alan, to wife of Ralph Crowe, HMC, 7 pounds, 7 1/2 ounces.
 VAN WEY, Marion Ella, to wife of Jack Van Wey, S/SGT, 9 pounds.
 HORNE, Cheryl Ann, to wife of John Horne, MA2, 8 pounds, 7 ounces.
 HOFFECKER, Susan Lee, to wife of George Hoffecker, AD1, 7 pounds, 3 ounces.
 CHANCE, Kathryn Diann, to wife of John Chance, ADC, 7 pounds, 9 ounces.

2 August

WARE, Patricia Jeanne, to wife of Arthur Ware, AM3, 6 pounds, 10 ounces.
 MILLER, Boy, to wife of William Miller, Jr., SD1, 9 pounds, 3 ounces.
 BENAS, George Magnus III, to wife of George M. Benas, Jr., LTJG, 7 pounds, 10 ounces.
 QUINT, Jan Marie, to wife of Kenneth Quint, TEO3, 7 pounds, 4 ounces.
 NICHOLS, Boy, to wife of William Nichols, SN, 6 pounds, 6 ounces.
 BAILEY, Michael Carl, to wife of Bobby Bailey, AL3, 7 pounds, 14 ounces.
 MARANTO, William James, to wife of Charles Maranto, ETC, 9 pounds, 14 ounces.
 WERNER, Sandra Gail, to wife of Henry Werner, SN, 7 pounds, 7 ounces.
 CONLEY, Sharon Lee, to wife of Kenneth Conley, MM2, 4 pounds, 13 ounces.

3 August

HENDERSON, Charlotte Marion to wife of Cecil Henderson, MMC, 6 pounds, 13 ounces.
 MILLER, Ann Elizabeth, to wife of Kenneth Miller, LT, 8 pounds, 8 ounces.
 WHEELER, Bonnie Ellen, to wife of Thomas Wheeler, SN, 6 pounds, 4 ounces.
 WILSON, Steele Decatur, to wife of Steele Wilson, ADE2, 7 pounds.
 CULLUM, Roberta Kay, to wife of William Cullum, DT1, 7 pounds, 4 ounces.
 KELLER, Barbara Elizabeth, to wife of George Keller, LT, 6 pounds, 14 ounces.
 BROCATO, Boy, to wife of Samuel Brocato, LT, 8 pounds, 7 1/2 ounces.
 LEYMANN, Boy, to wife of Robert Leymann, AD1, 8 pounds, 6 ounces.
 JARREAU, Kathy Faye, to wife of Clarence Jarreau, SN, 6 pounds, 3 ounces.
 MARTINEZ, Ronald, to wife of Avedon Martinez, SGT, 5 pounds, 7 1/2 ounces.
 BANAHAR, John Bond Gregory, III, to wife of John Bond Banahar, Jr., LTJG, 6 pounds, 3 ounces.
 LYLES, Edward Davis, Jr., to wife of Edward Lyles, AD3, 7 pounds.
 LAMMERS, Bruce Edward, to wife of Lester Lammers, AT1, 8 pounds, 10 ounces.

4 August

BUTTELMAN Deborah Elaine, to wife of Herbert Buttelman, Jr., SN, 6 pounds, 6 ounces.

'Wheelchair' Homes Fund For Veterans

Nearly 3,600 seriously disabled veterans have established their right to federal grants for "wheelchair" homes, The Veterans Administration has announced.

Originally, only paralyzed veterans could receive the grant, but the amended law makes eligible all veterans of war or peace-time service since 1898, whose service-connected disabilities result in the loss, or loss of use, of both legs.

The homes incorporate such special features as ramps, instead of steps, doorways wide enough to accommodate a wheelchair, special bathroom fixtures, and exercise rooms equipped in accordance with the needs of the individual.

As of 30 June, 1951, the housing plans of 1,880 disabled veterans had been approved in a total amount of \$17,046,449. Of this number 1,552 veterans planned to build new homes, while the remaining 328 will remodel their present homes or pay off indebtedness on special homes already acquired.

Veterans of the Korean fighting qualify for special housing grants on the same basis as other veterans. However, V.A. said most of these eligibles are undergoing hospitalization and will not be planning their housing needs until they have received the maximum benefit of hospital treatment.

RADM Pugh At Hospital

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mented favorably on the work that is being accomplished at Oak Knoll, referring specifically to the Artificial Limb Department, "the only one of its kind in the world," and the Environmental Sanitation Technicians School. With reference to the school, he pointed out the fact that while surgeons may save lives one by one, those who go into public health and preventative medicine may save thousands from disease and death in one "operation."

The Admiral was particularly impressed, during his tour of the hospital, with the Wave and Hospital Corps Quarters and expressed the wish that similar facilities were available to all enlisted personnel in the Navy.

Following the all-hands assembly in the auditorium, staff nurses gathered at their quarters to meet Captain Gibson and hear her discuss the work of the Navy Nurse Corps and to talk over their individual problems with her.

Detroit (AFPS) — Charged with knocking a policeman off the sidewalk, Edward Jefferson offered the following explanation: "I saw a big bee land just above the officer's collar on the back of his neck and I didn't want him to get stung, so I hit the bee as hard as I could."

BROOKS, Edward Glenn, to wife of Aaron Brooks, SD2, 7 pounds, 10 ounces.
 PEASLEE, Michael Barry, to wife of Robert Peaslee, AM1, 8 pounds, 4 ounces.
 BEIER, Ronald Lee, to wife of Robert Beier, FN, 7 pounds.
 CARRIG, Rebecca Sue, to wife of Raymond Carrig, HM3, 6 pounds, 5 ounces.
 DOWNER, Michael Robert, to wife of Robert Downer, RMSN, 5 pounds, 4 ounces.
 RICE, Patricia Ann, to wife of Boyd Rice, AD2, 7 pounds, 14 ounces.
 TARBOX, Jeffrey Hamlin, to wife of Ronald Tarbox, ENS, 8 pounds.
 TANZER, Catherine Marvin, to wife of Ward H. Tanzer, 6 pounds, 9 ounces.



CAPT Robert L. Gilman, MC, USN CAPT Gordon H. Ekblad, MC, USN

CAPT Gilman Relieves CAPT Ekblad As Head of Dermatology Service

CAPT Robert L. Gilman, MC, USN, reported aboard last week preparatory to assuming his post as Chief of the Hospital's Dermatology Service.

He will relieve CAPT Gordon H. Ekblad, MC, USN, present Chief of the Service, who will leave in a few weeks for the U. S. Naval Hospital, Corona, Calif., to head the Dermatology Service.

CAPT Ekblad has been at Oak Knoll since 5 October 1948, coming here from Northwestern University at Chicago, where he had been stationed the previous year.

CAPT Gilman came to Oak Knoll from U. S. Naval Hospital, Philadelphia, Pa., where he had been Chief of the Dermatology Service for the past five years.

In the Navy since March, 1941, he has also seen duty at the Naval Hospitals in New Orleans, La., and Aiea Heights, T. H., served with the Armed Guard and on transport duty, and was also stationed for a time in Puerto Rico.

A graduate of the University of Pennsylvania's School of Medicine, CAPT Gilman also attended the University of Wisconsin. He is a member of the American Academy of Dermatology, of the American Dermatological Association and of the American College of Physicians.

Mrs. Gilman is now residing in her husband's home town, Cheyney, Pa., and will join her husband later. CAPT and Mrs. Gilman have one daughter, who is currently working with the U. S. State Department in Germany.

Staff Personalities



A New York state resident who is fast becoming a Californian is LTJG Lela Cleone Longstreet, NC, USNR, who holds forth on Ward 70A. A native of Elmira, New York, and a graduate of the nursing school at the Arnot-Ogden Memorial Hospital in Elmira, Miss Longstreet became a part of the Navy on 7 September, 1950. She was first stationed at the U.S. Naval Hospital, Jacksonville, Fla., and came to Oak Knoll on 7 January, 1951. In addition to 70A, she has also been assigned to Wards 60 and 61. Miss Longstreet lists dancing and swimming as her favorite hobbies. And how does Miss Longstreet like Navy life after nearly a year of duty? "Very much."

A cowboy in whites — that's Herbert H. Hansen, HN, who hails from a ranch near Sheridan, Montana. Currently assigned to Ward 65A, Herb has also worked on Wards 64A and B since he came to Oak Knoll six months ago. Before coming to Oak Knoll he was at San Diego for Boot Camp, Corps School, and duty. With more than half of his four-year enlistment behind him, Hansen is planning to go back to ranching in Montana with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chris Anderson, when he finishes his tour of duty. Until that time, however, he will spend his working time "riding herd" on the patients assigned to his care and, in his free time, indulging in his favorite hobby, coin collecting.





Mickey Banfield's hobby is hunting —hunting good restaurants, that is. She and her husband explore interesting eateries in the Bay Area.

Patricia Ann Bess has five bowling trophies that she and her "ball-and-chain" won in the Ball and Chain League when she worked at the Oakland Army Base and he was stationed there.

Robert LeRoy Birrell, HM2, has climbed six times to the top of 12,000-ft. Mt. Timpanogos, near Provo, Utah. He was a student at the University of Utah.

Coralyn Conant, supervisor of the Medical Survey Unit, has seven Scotch Collies that have won many a prize. When Mrs. Conant came to Oak Knoll last August she was the only office worker in the unit. Now she supervises 16 clerk typists and stenographers.

Grace Johnson, who hails from Tacoma, Wash., studied business subjects at Pacific Lutheran College and Washington State University.

Caroline Kevern was born in Brooklyn, U.S.A. She has two boys—Richard, two, and David, three.

Raychel "Rusty" Kane, HM3, was an art major at San Diego State College before she was recalled to the Waves last November. She has traveled across the continent about eight times.

Phyllis La Far, assistant supervisor of the Medical Survey Unit, was a 1st Lieutenant in the Wacs from 1942-1945. At the Philadelphia base where she was stationed, Mrs. La Far served as the Base Chemical Warfare Officer.



Here are the people who keep the Medical Survey Unit operating smoothly. Shown above left are (left to right) Grace Johnson, Patricia Bess, Etta Louise Walker, Jean Peeler and Raychel Kane, HM3. Above right are Caroline Kevern, Blanche McDermott, Catherine O'Malley, HM1, Kent Taylor, HM2, and Virgil Sessions, HM1. Above center are Senior Board Members CDR W. S. Francis, MC, USN; CDR J. F. McMullin, MC, USN; CAPT E. H. Dickinson, MC, USN; Mrs. Coralyn Conant, unit supervisor, and CDR T. D. Cuttle, MC, USN. At lower left are Mickey Banfield and Phyllis LeFar, and at lower right Clara Tengan and Robert Birrell, HM2.

DISPOSITION OF PATIENTS IS JOB OF KNOLL MEDICAL SURVEY UNIT

If you are a patient at Oak Knoll, either enlisted man or officer, naturally you are concerned to know whether you will be returned to duty, discharged, or given further treatment. The Medical Survey Unit, a section of the Records Branch, is where the reports are processed to answer this question for you.

When a patient's condition has improved so that a disposition of his case is indicated, or when a patient has been on the sick list continuously for six months (officers, three months), the ward medical officer submits a rough draft of his case, with clinical notes and health records, to the Medical Survey Unit office. A report is prepared there for presentation before either the Clinical Board or the Board of Medical Survey.

The Clinical Board is the appropriate body when discharge is indicated and retirement benefits are to be decided. However, the Clinical Board does not itself make the final decisions respecting separation from service and disability retirement benefits. It makes its recommendations and then transmits these cases to the Physical Evaluation Board—a separate organizational unit—for disposition, and the Board's recommendation is subject to final approval by the Secretary of the Navy.

The Board of Medical Survey decides the cases of patients who are not under consideration for discharge because of physical disability (unless the patient has a disability which existed prior to enlistment and was not

aggravated by service). This Board determines, as a rule, whether the patient's condition indicates that he should be returned to duty, limited duty, or further treatment. A Convenience of the Government discharge is recommended by the Survey Board when a patient is not physically disabled, but is considered unsuitable for service (typically, this means personality difficulties or, possibly, an acute predisposition to sea sickness).

Patients appear personally before the Boards, which convene every Monday. The Medical Survey Unit notifies every patient as to the time of his appearance. If the recommendation of the Board has been limited duty, the patient is asked if he would prefer any specific duty station, and his request is given full consideration.

The Clinical Board and Board of Medical Survey consist of three medical officers: a senior member, an associate member, and a member and recorder. Medical and Surgical Board meetings are held regularly in the conference room on Ward 67B. The Neuropsychiatric Board meetings are held regularly on Wards 56 and 83A. Captain E. H. Dickinson, MC, USN is Senior Member of all boards by precept. CDR T. D. Cuttle, MC, USN and CDR W. S. Francis, MC, USN serve as permanent acting Senior Members for the Medical and Surgical Board meetings. CDR B. I. Kahn, MC, USN and CDR J. F. McMullin, MC, USN serve as permanent acting Senior Members for the Neuropsychiatric Board meetings.

Blanche McDermott is an auto racing fan. Her present hitch is her third at Oak Knoll (1945, 1949, 1951). One more time, and she's in for life.

Catherine O'Malley, HM1, intends to return to the Municipal Railway, San Francisco, when she gets her discharge.

Jean Peeler has a bronze medal which she won for roller skating before her marriage and two children.

James D. Pinkston, HM1, is a dachshund fancier. He used to try to raise them, but it didn't do any good. They're just built that way, he decided.

Virgil Dee Sessions, HM1, has just returned from a duty station in Guam. He usually spends his leave time in piscatorial pursuits. Likes to fish, too.

Clara Tengan came to Oak Knoll two years ago from the island of Kauai, Hawaii. She is one of the few civilian employees who lives, as well as works here. Miss Tengan resides with a Navy family on the compound.

Etta Louise Walker's betrothed is getting his M.A. in agricultural economics at U.C. They plan to be married in September.

Cornelius Whiteside was a 30-year man in the U.S. Army. He served from 1918-1948 and retired as master sergeant. Mr. Whiteside was in the Aleutians during World War II.

Indicative of the expansion of this department is the fact that in July, 1950, 30 Clinical Board and 30 Survey Board cases were processed by the Medical Survey Unit. In July 1951, 206 Clinical Board cases and 112 Survey Board cases were processed.



Scuttlebutt

By DERF

DISHING THE DIRT: Dr. Kahn's scribe, Marge Green, is cruising around in a new yellow Chevrolet Belle-air. Ah, these civilians have it. —Tom Raum, Wichita's famous HN, was home on a three-week leave and was asked to serve as Traffic Judge for two weeks. I'll bet no sailor paid a fine during his judgeship—Didja hear about the Chief who accidentally blackened his wife's eye? Poor guy will never hear the end of it from his Mrs. — Marion Morey bought five acres of land on Mt. Baldy. Mountain climbing at Oak Knoll whetted her appetite for the real big ones—Gene Walters is back from a leave in Kansas. He spent most of his time bailing water out of his home—Sight-seeing and sampling the cuisine at Fisherman's Wharf we spotted the X.O.'s messenger, "A.J." Southwick—Cuddled up in a corner of the cocktail lounge at the St. Francis, Lloyd Watson was celebrating his release to inactive duty—Over in the Mural Room, Kent Taylor was celebrating the same wonderful thing—Even if she doesn't get any fish at Half-Moon Bay, Chief Katie Robinson does come back with a blush-co'ored suntan—Kay O'Malley doesn't get her release until March of next year so she's bought up a lot more yarn and plans to keep busy with her knitting—Walt Peterson says the new greeting around Oak Knoll has become "When do you get out?"—If LT John Morrow seems to use his arms more often than usual now it's because he wants you to notice his new full stripe of gold braid—Pretty Alice Hook (ed) a corpsman, but not from Oak Knoll. He's a San Diego boy—The John Corbetts act as though they'd been married on'y a day or two and in reality it's been all of three weeks—Chief Jeanne Banks' parties can be described on'y by "Fabulous."

BEER BUST: No one danced at the last "Juke Box Dance." Guess all the dancing guys and dolls are waiting for the orchestra dances—A small crowd gathered to watch TV and sip politely, and I've yet to see so much sipping stuff left over—Verla Ashby and her table gave vent to their enthusiasm with barbershop harmonies, and the Lab's Norman Paschall received a rousing response to his Irish Airs — A few of us felt undressed without MAA badges. Every other person was wearing one—"Pappy" Dakis divided his time between duty with the refreshment stand and a pretty blonde who waited breathlessly for him—Jessie Hall and Clyde Bond kept refreshment dispensers Hank Wong and Jack Leshner busy—Be sure to get a date for the "Drag Dance" on the 17th. There will be a ten-piece dance band for the gala occasion.

SANITATION PICNIC: Both E.S.T. classes and their instructors trekked up to popular Lake Temescal for a picnic last Saturday. Lots of families came for the food, fun, and swimming—The Yetkas and Dunhams had their broods in the warm sunshine—Bill Burns and Dick Sherman brought their wives and tots to meet the classmates—Howie Geddings and his pert Mrs. were avid tennis spectators — Bob Davis couldn't decide what to eat. There was so much of everything — Chief Daugherty had them guessing about his pretty chick—Norma Brown's escort umpired the softball game—Venturesome Arlene Normington and John Redmond braved the cool Temescal water — Jean Naylor came back raving about a "Wonderful Time."

Baltimore (AFPS)—Three brawlers were told by the judge that he'd drop the charges if they left town. The man named North went west, Easterly went south, Southern paid his fine and stayed around town.



Another television set was presented to Oak Knoll on Wednesday, 1 August, by the members of the Hayward Kiwanis Club. Funds to purchase the set were donated by members of the club after the appearance at one of its meetings of M/SGT W. J. Adams and SGT J. L. Christensen, two Oak Knoll amputee patients. The television set, placed on Ward 42A, was presented by the club in the memory of one of its former members, the late LCDR George Scruggs, USN, Commanding Officer at Camp Parks during World War II. Mrs. Scruggs attended the presentation program, under the direction of Dr. Robert Young, program chairman for the club. Rev. Godfrey Matthews offered prayer. Shown above at the presentation are (left to right) M/SGT Adams, SGT Christensen, Mrs. Scruggs, and Mr. Charles H. Long, president of the Hayward club.

WELCOME AND FAREWELL

The drop in the staff census at Oak Knoll continued unabated during the past week as more than twice as many persons left the hospital as reported aboard.

Forty-two former Oak Knollites took off for widely varied duty stations, while only 20 were assigned to Oak Knoll for duty.

Reporting aboard were CAPT Robert L. Gilman, MC, USN, from U.S. Naval Hospital, Philadelphia, Pa.; LTJG Joseph H. Brock, MC, USNR, from HDQTRS Japan Replacement Training Ctr., 8042D Army Unit; LTJG Frank C. Johnson, MSC, USN, from U.S. Navy Civil Administrative Unit, Marshalls; LTJG Frank C. Spencer, MC, USNR, from inactive duty; LTJG Robert J. Alderson, MC, USNR, from inactive duty; LTJG Ralph W. Jacobs, MC, USNR, from FMF, Camp Pendleton; ENS Mary M. Wentzel, NC, USN, from Institute of the Pennsylvania Hospital, Philadelphia; LTJG Russel W. Bagley, MC, USNR, from 10th Station Hospital, APO 301; LTJG Harold R. Englander, DC, USNR, from inactive duty; LTJG John H. McLaughlin, MC, USNR, from HDQTRS, FMF, Camp Pendleton; and LTJG Mary Stefanick, NC, USN, and LTJG Ellen E. Stricklin, NC, USN, both from Institute of the Pennsylvania Hospital;

HMC's E. H. Brown from Treasure Island, L. V. Lahmon from USMC, and G. G. Skeith from 100 Harrison St., San Francisco; HM1 W. E. Scott from USMC; DTG3 E. R. Tupper from Treasure Island; HN'S R. E. MacDonald from Treasure Island and A. C. Nemitz and E. A. Thompson, both from USNH, San Diego.

Transferred to other activities were CDR Bruce R. McCampbell, MC, USN, to the U.S.S. Consolation; LTJG John R. Chamberlin, Jr., MC, USNR, to Oahu, T.H.; LT Evelyn R. Bowling, NC, USNR, to civilian life; LT Dorothy M. Holtberg, NC, USNR;

LTJG Inez L. Armstrong, NC, USNR; LTJG Marie J. Janosky, NC, USNR; LT Mary E. Pavlick, NC, USNR, and LT Bertha M. Bayers, NC, USNR, all to MSTs, North Pacific Area/Naval Control of Shipping Officer, Seattle; LT Ann E. Dressel, NC, USN, to Naval Administrative Command, San Diego; LT Dorothy A. Iverson, NC, USNR, to NAS Quonset Point, R.I.; LTJG Keith W. Spaulding, MC, USNR, and LTJG Robert W. Cox, MC, USN, both to U.S.S. Consolation; LTJG Robert M. Ware, MSC, USN, to Naval School of Hospital Administration, Bethesda; LTJG Albert F. Crumley, MC, USNR, to Naval RecSta, Seattle;

HMC's C. J. Baptie to COMSTS-PAC; H. R. Conrad to COMNAVFE; F. G. Shields to NNMC, Bethesda, and C. B. Gordon to NavMedSupDep, Oakland; HM2 H. McClelland, Jr., to U.S.S. Bayfield; DTP2 P. A. Miller, to NavSta, Treasure Island; HM3's C. E. Guzzo, V. E. Heckel, D. M. Martin, A. G. Sander and R. E. Shawler, all to U.S.S. Haven; and C. J. Robinson to NAS, Oakland; HN'S E. F. Kelley to FMF; J. L. Abbey, D. M. Bowles, A. B. James, G. W. Oberlin, F. R. Rutkowski, R. A. Pickell, H. P. Sanders, T. J. Wilkes, T. S. Wilkin, C. G. Woods, T. Ybarra and G. J. Zissis, all to U.S.S. Haven; R. A. Nelson to T. I., and R. E. Freudenvoll to USNH, St. Albans, and DN R. Attenisia, also to Treasure Island.

Hero: "Did I tell you about when I was torpedoed on a destroyer and lived for 16 days on a can of sardines?"

Gal: "Goodness, weren't you scared of falling off?"

"They had to shoot poor Fido today."

"A mad dog?"

"Well, he wasn't any too pleased."



Oak Knoll's quadruple amputee, SGT Werner Reininger, USMC, meets James Wilson, quadruple amputee of World War II. Mr. Wilson is currently on tour of military hospitals under the auspices of the Surgeon General of the Army, to demonstrate the use of his artificial limbs. Shown with Mr. Wilson and SGT Reininger are Mrs. Wilson and LTJG E. E. Bleck, MC, USNR. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson spent last Friday touring the entire rehabilitation center at Oak Knoll.



Bill Duff is a young friend of mine, an actor by profession, late of the U.S. Army and now residing within viewing distance of the United Nations Building in New York City. He was telling me, not long ago, of his activities back there in the realm of Civilian Defense. The only question which his councilors weren't able to answer for him was "Why?"

"If I am to be bombed out of bed early some morning . . ." Bill said, "I should like, as well as knowing where the sand-box, firehose, first aid kit, and bottled drinking water are . . . I should like to know WHY this is happening. What have I not done, what do I not know—what mistake have I, multiplied by millions, made that this should fall on me out of the blue?"

Naturally I had no answer. No hard and fast rules exist to explain the modern, tangled world. But there are a few things Bill can read—since I once taught him, he asked for suggestions—a few books, and more of them are coming all the time, are now being published to give the lay reader some insight into today.

The best of these is called "GREAT ISSUES" (Harper & Co.) and is edited by Stuart Gerry Brown. For a panoramic history of the whole situation in which we find ourselves, it is the finest anthology of careful, considered opinion I have ever read. (Among other things it ought to be required reading for every Naval Reservist who wonders "What Happened?")

"The Making of Public Opinion" by Emory Boagardus is another valuable contribution, and the editors of Fortune with their "USA: The Permanent Revolution" have given us a concrete picture of our side in the struggle for the world.

Finally there is the current news. Actually I could prepare a lecture on current events this afternoon and have these events so shift that it would be worthless tomorrow morning. So you have to operate from day to day—and there you use the newspapers. We have here, for example, papers from all sectors of the country—Chicago, Seattle, Dallas; papers from Alabama, New York, Missouri, what-you-will. These give you a picture, or at least the beginning of a picture, of what the people think. And in the end, it is the people who make up the nation's collective mind and decide what is to be done. That in itself baffles the totalitarian enemy and terrifies them; and that in the end will be our most powerful weapon.

Yes, I think maybe the only answers to be found are in books like "Great Issues" and your daily papers . . . those and the answers in your own mind. For after all, you are the people, and when you think of it, in your heart, don't you pretty well know WHY, and what has to be done . . . ? Sooner or later?

FRANK M. CAMPBELL, HM1

Lakewood, Ohio (AFPS) — G. V. Harris telephoned his vacationing wife and told her she had taken the mail box key with her. She mailed it back to him.

Picnic at Park on Tomorrow's Schedule

Oak Knoll staff members tomorrow (Sunday) will gather for what is expected to be one of the best recreation events of the month—a picnic at Redwood Regional Park, Orchard Section. Transportation to and from the picnic grounds will be provided and will leave the Community Services Building at 1200.

On Tuesday, 14 August, Mrs. Esther England will make her weekly contribution to the recreation schedule of the hospital when she brings another of her popular stage shows to the Community Services Building auditorium.

And on Friday, 17 August, a date dance with all the trimmings is slated for the Enlisted Men's Recreation Center. Featured at the dance will be a 12-piece orchestra, door prizes and corsages.

Stags, however, will have to wait until the next week, on 24 August, when student nurses will attend to serve as partners for the evening. This affair, too, will feature music by an orchestra and corsages for the ladies.

1st LT Glenn Will "Shoot the Breeze" on TV

First Lieutenant Robert F. Glenn, USMCR, a patient at Oak Knoll, will appear on the Navy's Television show "Shootin' The Breeze," on Monday, 13 August.

LT Glenn, an enlisted man in the Marine Corps during World War II, was wounded in Korea on 9 June while serving as a rifle platoon leader of Co. F, 2nd Batt., 1st Regiment.

A resident of Castro Valley, Calif., he was called back to active duty approximately 10 months ago and had been overseas three months before he was wounded when an enemy bullet struck him in the head.

Five More Staffers End Careers In Navy

Five more staff members left Oak Knoll during the past week for civilian life via the "expiration of extension of enlistment in the Reserves" route. The new civilians increase to 13 the number created at Oak Knoll under the provisions of ALNAV 62.

Those discharged are John Lucich, HM3, Truman C. Tyler, HN, and Lloyd E. Watson, HN, all of whom left Oak Knoll on Monday, 6 August, and Kent Taylor, HM2, and Ben "A" Jackson, HM3, discharged on Tuesday, 7 August.

MAJGEN Noble Coming to Present Awards

MAJGEN A. H. Noble, USMC, who recently assumed the duties of Commanding General, Department of Pacific, United States Marine Corps, will present awards to some 20 Oak Knoll patients in special ceremonies to be held Thursday at 1330 in Gendreau Circle.

All men who are to receive awards are veterans of the fighting in Korea.

SGT Reininger Speaks

SGT Werner Reininger, USMCR, spoke yesterday noon to members of the San Bruno Rotary Club. He was introduced by R. E. Rampton, HM1, of the Public Information staff.



Members of the San Francisco 49'ers professional football squad visited Oak Knoll hospital on Sunday, 5 August, to talk with Korean war casualties for whose benefit the 49'ers will play the Washington Redskins at Kezar Stadium in San Francisco on Sunday, 19 August. The game will be sponsored by the Press and Union League Club of San Francisco for wounded veterans in service and veteran hospitals in the Bay Area. Above PFC James R. Huntington, USMC, left, snaps a picture of Visco Grgich and Frank Albert, two 49'ers, as they talk with CPL Frank Merkle, USMC.

Shun Tattoos and Live Longer Is Sound Advice of Medical Men

By Armed Forces Press Service

The lights in the window of Professor Painless' tattoo shop illuminated the myriad assortment of subjects which a customer could have "engraved" into his skin. The prices, according to the professor, were the most reasonable in town.

Two young sailors were attracted by the colorful display and, in a short time, were bickering as to who was "chicken" and who wasn't.

"Aw, go-way. Yer chicken. I'll bet ya five bucks you don't get tattooed."

"Who's chicken? I'll bet you're the first guy to back down."

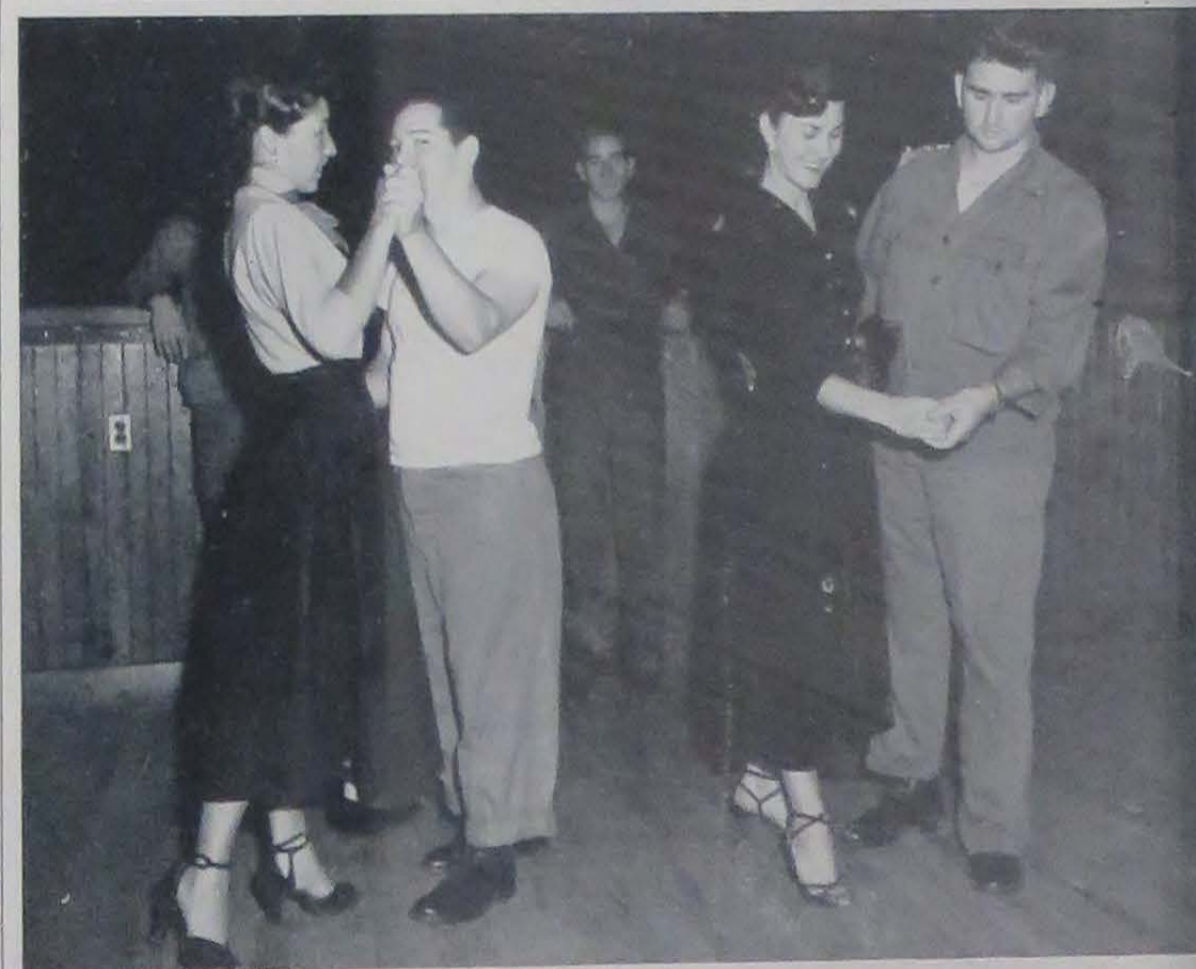
And so it goes. Until, finally, they end up by timidly entering the parlor of epidemic decorations and selecting a \$1.50 job, just to show they aren't afraid.

What are they getting—outside of a conglomeration of red and blue scratches on their skins? They stand a chance of picking up something far less attractive. The medical people call it "Homologous Serum Hepatitis."

Breaking down that medical jargon into plain, every-day talk, it means Yellow Jaundice; not the kind you get with a cold, either.

This is a more serious type that can destroy the tissues of your liver or it can cause a long sickness—sometimes result in death.

This, and many other communicable diseases, can result from a careless or lazy tattoo artist who transmits the diseases through unsanitary tattoo needles.



Amputee patients at Oak Knoll receive the best in dancing instruction each week when instructors from Arthur Murray's Studio come to the Hospital to help them regain their ability on the dance floor. Considered an important part of rehabilitation for the patients, the dancing not only helps them become more accustomed to using their artificial limbs, but also aids them in regaining a skill which can be used in the future. Above, taking a few turns with two attractive instructors, are SGT Earl F. Winchester USAF, left and PFC Robert Garrett, USA, both patients on Ward 41A. Looking on in the background and awaiting his turn on the floor is CPL Edward Hansen, USA.

Patients and Staff Find Philately Fascinating Hobby

Advice From Experts Aids Collectors

Hospital stamp collectors recently had the pleasure of meeting one of the country's well-known philatelists, when Mr. Al Hendry and his assistant, Miss Elizabeth Patton, came over from San Francisco for the stamp club meeting and gave added stimulus to this popular hobby. Mr. Hendry has long conducted a weekly radio program over KGO and appears with Miss Patton Monday evenings on the only stamp television show now produced in the States.

Since a majority of the Oak Knoll Club members are patients on Ward 63B (even two corpsmen participate in the activities), a round table discussion group assembled there, and later the guests went to other wards to meet some of the bed patients.

The Oak Knoll Stamp Club, an integral part of the Red Cross recreation program, was organized over two years ago and has had a very lively career. More recently it has become particularly progressive under the leadership of Mrs. Alice Dallas, Alameda Gray Lady, and collector of repute, who can give expert advice to both beginner and connoisseur. The club meets each Wednesday of the week in the Red Cross recreation room topside the Community Service Building, where supplies are available to the members. Miss Burnette Thompson is the staff recreation worker in charge.

At the present time, 22 names are on the club roster, most of them returned marines and sailors from overseas, whose convalescence has been shortened by participation in this hobby.

Recently a picture of patients on Ward 76B, who have been particularly enthusiastic, appeared in STAMPS, a weekly magazine of philately. The article accompanying it provoked much interest in our club, and as a result, philatelic material began arriving and has proved a great stimulus to the patients, who depend largely on the generosity of outside contributors.

Among the many letters which accompanied recent donations two of special interest are quoted:

Dear Red Cross:

I read the article in STAMPS relative to the Stamp Club you have there at the Oakland Naval Hospital, which has brought back old memories, as I spent two months there as a Marine Casualty during World War II. I am rated totally disabled now with a heart condition and have taken up stamp collecting. Enclosed is a collection of my surplus stamps, which I hope may give the GIZmos and Swabbies a lot of enjoyment. I served with the M. T. Company of the 29th Marines, 6th Division, and would enjoy hearing from any of the boys who might care to write. Being the oldest man in the Company, I received the nickname of "Pop," also our two boys served overseas with me during the war. I notice by the picture that there are single deck beds. We had double deckers when I was there. I was on Ward 63B. Hope to be hearing from you guys; so happy pasting.

Semper Fidelis

"Pop" ARTHUR S. BOND.

14014 West Parsley Drive,
St. Petersburg 6, Florida,
Madeira Beach.



Stamp club enthusiasts at Oak Knoll recently had an opportunity to meet Mr. Al Hendry, well-known philatelist. Shown above, left to right, are Marion Rottman, SN, K. R. Halton, SOG2, Al Bucher, HN, Mrs. Alice Dallas, Red Cross Gray Lady; Mr. Hendry, LT Howard Ward and Miss Elizabeth Patton.

Dear Red Cross:

I have just finished reading an article in STAMPS about the need for additional material for members of the Stamp Club to work with. I am forwarding to you under separate cover some stamps that I hope will be usable. My interest in the boys there is understandable when you know that I served in both wars, came out of the 1st as a corporal and the 2nd as a major. My son, Ralph H., graduated from high school at 17 and immediately enlisted in the Navy, serving approximately two years (USS Pine Island), returned home and had in two years of college when the Army requested applicants for commissions who were ex-service men and with at least two years of college, he was accepted and graduated in April 1949 at Fort Benning, Ga., was sent to Japan for his tour of active duty, when the trouble started in Korea he was in the 35th Infantry of the 25th Division and was sent into Korea about the first part of July, he was mortally wounded on 19 August and died on the plane taking him from Pusan to a hospital in Japan. So you see my response to the article in question is based on an admiration and respect for all service men. If any of the boys would care to write to me, I would be happy to answer and perhaps put in a plug for Montana. I know that if any of your patients are from Texas, they no doubt have mentioned the glories and alleged beauty of our annexed ally. Certainly hope that some of the stamps can be used and will fill a need.

Very truly yours,

HENRY W. QUEEN,
Major AUS-Ret.

2204 Elm Street,
Billings, Montana.

Wonder how many fig leaves Eve tried on before she said, "I'll take this one?"

At Last—a Bowsprit For Good Ship Oak Knoll

Although the keel of the Good Ship OAK KNOLL was laid a few months after Pearl Harbor, with launching ceremonies taking place in July 1942, the builders overlooked one important item—a bowsprit, omission of which has left the "vessel" somewhat snub-nosed and unseaworthy these past nine years.

Various suggestions were made, some reminiscent of ancient ships, whose prows were distinguished by carved dragons' heads and sometimes by the figures of beautiful women. But hospital authorities vetoed these ideas in favor of the more modern, military structure erected this week. It is distinguished by the hospital seal, the hospital flag, and the words, "U. S. Naval Hospital, Oakland, California," at either side.

CAPT Gillett Stops Here En Route to Tokyo Job

Captain R. M. Gillett and Mrs. Gillett and their son Bob arrived here Tuesday to visit the many friends they made during his tour of duty as Executive Officer. Leaving here two years ago, Captain Gillett has since served as Commanding Officer of the hospitals at Chelsea, Massachusetts, and Bethesda, Maryland. He is now en route to Tokyo for a new assignment on the staff of the Commander Naval Forces, Far East.

Vacationist to druggist: "Have you anything that's good for mosquito bites on top of poison ivy, over sunburn?"

PREVIEWS

Sunday, 12 August

MEET ME AFTER THE SHOW—Betty Grable, Rorey Calhoun. MUSICAL. This is a new one, scheduled for release by 20th Century-Fox to the public some time this month. Therefore, no reviews are available on it as yet. However, with Betty Grable listed as the leading star, what else is needed? The fact that the movie is in color makes it even better. Betty Grable in color. Who could ask for more in the movie line?

Monday, 13 August

FATHER OF THE BRIDE — Spencer Tracy, Joan Bennett. COMEDY. This is an old one, released in June, 1950. In fact it is so old that its sequel, "Father's Little Dividend," has already played most of the major theaters. "Bride" has a rating of excellent from reviewers and was a huge success. If you haven't seen it this may be your last chance. If you have seen it, but need some relaxation and comedy, this would be a good one to see.

Tuesday, 14 August

TRIO — Jean Simmons, Michael Rennie, Anne Crawford. DRAMA. This movie is made up of three Somerset Maugham novellas, and according to critics is better than the first adaptation of four Maugham stories under the name "Quartet." The names of the individual stories are "The Verger," about a Sexton who, when it is found that he can neither write nor read, is let go and proceeds to prosper in the tobacco business; "Mr. Knowall," a sharply-etched characterization of a loud busybody aboard a ship, and "Sanatorium," a romantic occasionally moving bit about people confined in a tuberculosis sanatorium in Scotland. Reviewer's rating: "Excellent."

Wednesday, 15 August

ROADBLOCK — Charles McGraw, Joan Dixon. DRAMA. The disastrous effects of avarice are demonstrated in this drama of an insurance investigator who turns to crime to win his lady love. McGraw, a detective for an insurance company, falls in love with Joan Dixon, but Miss Dixon makes it quite obvious she is an expensive type of girl, a luxury a detective could never afford on his modest salary. What McGraw does about this, and what this does about McGraw is the sum and substance of the movie, rated "good" by reviewers.

Thursday, 16 August

THE WHISTLE AT EATON FALLS — Lloyd Bridges, Dorothy Gish. DRAMA. This is a new one, scheduled for release this month. Because it is such a recent production, no reviews on it are available. It is produced by Columbia.

Friday, 17 August

FLYING LEATHERNECKS — John Wayne, Robert Ryan. ACTION. This new film, subject of which is made obvious by the title, will be released to the public later this month, but has an advance rating of "excellent." Done in color and featuring tough-man John Wayne, who has fought more battles than perhaps any other man alive today, it should be interesting to see how the Marines do it Hollywood style.

Saturday, 18 August

THE SKIPPER SURPRISED HIS WIFE — Robert Walker, Joan Leslie. COMEDY. This oldie, released in June, 1950, is slightly hoary with age, and any reviews done on it have apparently mouldered away into dust. Call this one the Surprise Package of the Week.

Chicago (AFPS) — Scoutmaster Frank Singleton had just given his troop a lecture and demonstration in artificial respiration. Leaving the room, he discovered a grass fire, tried to extinguish it, and became overcome by smoke. His Boy Scouts revived him — with artificial respiration.

MY FRIEND IRMA

by Jack Seldel



AFPS



SPORTS

Entry Lacking In Cage Circuit

Oak Knoll's intra-hospital basketball tourney hit a snag last week when two teams scheduled to take part dropped from the roster before play even got underway.

Although the first game was scheduled for Monday, 6 August, when X-Ray was slated to meet Comm I, the game had to be cancelled when Comm I withdrew from the league. Tuesday's scheduled game met a similar fate when the Bag Room squad, slated to play the "Letusouts," also dropped from the league.

By mid-week Commissioner W. V. Johnson had signed up one team, Physio I, to take the place of the laggards, but one berth in the league was still vacant and Johnson was still searching for cagemen.

On Wednesday, 8 August, Welfare and Recreation was scheduled to meet the Unsettled Five on the outdoor courts, with Surgery II slated to go against the Nite Crew on Thursday, 9 August.

The tourney will cover a seven-week period and will end with a Round Robin play-off among the first four teams to determine the hospital championship, Johnson said. The league play is scheduled to end Friday, 21 September and the Round Robin two weeks later.

The schedule, as it stands now, for the next week: Monday, 13 August, Physio I versus Unsettled Five; Tuesday, 14 August, no game unless another entry is found; Wednesday, 15 August, Welfare and Recreation versus Surgery II, and Thursday, 16 August, X-Ray versus the Letusouts.

The termite's nightmare: "I dreamt I dwelt in marble halls."

Hospital Lauded As Tourney Host

Oak Knoll's Welfare and Recreation Department has been the recipient of many pats on the back since Oak Knoll played host to the Twelfth Naval District Tennis Tourney last month, acclaimed by many as the best-run tournament in some time.

The affair, under the direction of W. V. Johnson and other personnel in the department, has been lauded because of its smooth operation and the unstinting cooperation of the host station to make the tournament a success.

Praise for handling of the tourney has come both from participants and Recreation officials at stations in the district and from district headquarters.

Final round play was completed on the Oak Knoll courts on 18 July. Twenty-eight court men competed in the singles competition and eight teams from all over the district entered the doubles list.

Knoll Baseballers Win, Lose Contest

Oak Knoll's baseball squad on Thursday, 2 August, got its big bats to working and slammed out 10 hits to score a 3 to 2 win over NAS, Oakland, in ten and a half innings, but a few days later were humbled, but good, when they lost to McClellan Air Force Base by the count of 16 to 4.

Tamborski was the hero of the NAS, Oakland, game as he went the entire route on the mound, in the extra-inning tilt, limiting the Oaklanders to six hits, and then batting in the winning run in the first half of the eleventh with a towering triple.

The winning run was scored by Amos when he slammed out his third double of the afternoon just before Tamborski's three-bagger.

Other big bats for the Oak Knoll cause were wielded by Bournellis and Young, both of whom got a triple off the offerings of NAS, Oakland, hurler Gonzales.



The winners! Here are members of the victorious Chiefs' softball team with the trophies presented them as station champs. Shown above in front of his teammates is Chief O. L. Jacobson, team captain. Others are, second row (left to right) Crowe and Rose; third row, Tafoya and Kautz; top row, Lawnick, Betoney and Cavianni. Members of the team not present for the trophy presentation included Walden, Odom, Branson and Haines.

CPO Team Cops Intra-Hospital League Title and Trophies

Members of the Oak Knoll C.P.O. Softball team, winners of the just-completed intra-hospital softball league, were presented individual trophies mounted on desk calendars by CAPT J. N. C. Gordon, Commanding Officer, last week.

The Chiefs, who won 13 and lost only one game during the 14-week tourney, barely nosed out the second-place Officers' team, which finished the season with a 12-2 record.

Members of the winning team are Chief O. L. Jacobson, shortstop and captain; Lawnick and Branson, pitchers; Betoney, third base; Cavianni, right field; Tafoya, center field; Kautz, second base; Crowe and Walden, catchers; Rose, left field; Odom, first base, and Haines, outfield.

The winners lost the second game of the tournament to the Officers but then went on to win all the rest of their games, including a return match with the Officers, to capture the trophies. The Officers, however, in addition to losing to the Chiefs, also were

beaten by a strong Surgery III team.

The Chiefs were tagged the "d your best when the chips are down" team when they pulled from behind in the last inning to win three games during the season. Team members said a large part of the credit for the successful season should go to the two pitchers, Branson, who was on the mound the first part of the season, and Lawnick, who ably carried on in the last part.

All-around good hitting and field play was also credited as playing leading role in the season.

At the trophy presentation, members of the team also handed out kudos to two opposing players: Dave of the Lab team, cited as the best pitcher they faced, and Dr. Bancro of the Officers' team, best all-around player.

11 Golfers Sign Up For Tournament

With preliminary round play scheduled to begin in less than a week, 11 persons were signed up for the Oak Knoll intra-hospital golf tournament as the Oak Leaf went to press.

Preliminary rounds will be played at the Lake Chabot course on Tuesday, 14 August, with finals slated for the same course on Thursday, 23 August.

Persons listed as entries to date include CDR J. R. Dillon, LTJG J. Kushner, G. M. Nelson, H. E. Corne, Pete Bowers, Chief Cannell, T. Spence; W. Jefferson, T. Nelson, LTJG H. B. Bracken and G. Papadakis.

Meanwhile, Welfare and Recreation announced that entries, either male or female, will be accepted until time for preliminary round play.

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Staff Members Are Commended

Two staff members at Oak Knoll were presented commendations on Tuesday, 14 August, by CAPT I.L.V. Norman, MC, USN, Acting Commanding Officer, for special work done in their line of duty.

Receiving the commendations were Ralph Crowe, HMC, USN, and William R. Yates, HN, USN.

Chief Crowe, on the Oak Knoll staff since 30 September, 1950, was commended for his excellent work as an instructor in Military Sanitation in the Environmental Sanitation Technician course at Oak Knoll from 1 November 1950 to 10 August 1951.

The commendation stated: "During the period of establishment and organization of the Environmental Sanitation Technicians' course many problems were encountered that required extensive professional knowledge, good judgment and persistence. The manner in which you accomplished your responsibility during this vital period served as an inspiration to students and was admired by other members of the staff."

Chief Crowe, a native of Oak Grove, La., and now a resident of San Lorenzo, Calif., has slightly more than 16 years in the Navy.

Yates was cited for his extraordinary work while serving as special watch on a patient from 8 May 1951 to 1 August 1951. The citation stated:

"Your performance of duty was outstanding. The patient's recovery from head injuries and extensive burns was due, in large part, to your intelligent and faithful care. This case presented many unusual problems in nursing care and required a high level of intelligence and persistence. You have demonstrated a keen sense of judgment and devotion to duty."

Yates, in the Navy approximately nine months, came to Oak Knoll after boot camp and Hospital Corps School at San Diego. His home is at Tahlequah, Okla.



Ralph Crowe, HMC, is congratulated by CAPT I.L.V. Norman, MC, USN, Acting Commanding Officer, after being presented a commendation for his work in connection with the organization and work in the Environmental Sanitation Technicians' School at Oak Knoll.



This machine was used at the "Previews of Progress" show on Tuesday, 7 August, to show the effect of compression on fuel utilization in an engine. Without compression the engine was able to lift the weight only to approximately 37 on the foot-pounds scale. However, under compression, the weight soared up near the top of the scale.

Knollites Shown Science Marvels

Patients and staff members were given a chance to see some of the marvels of modern science on Tuesday, 7 August, when General Motors' "Previews of Progress" was presented at the Community Services Building auditorium.

One of the highlights of the hour-long show was the demonstration of the brilliancy of light possible from a mercury vapor lamp, which, although smaller than a pencil, lighted the entire auditorium.

It was explained that while the first electrical light bulb utilized only 10 per cent of the electricity expended for light, the fluorescent lamp utilizes 37 per cent, while the mercury vapor lamp attains a brilliancy equal to one-fifth the brilliancy of sunlight.

Also demonstrated was the effect of vibrations of sound in shattering of a drinking glass and transmission of sound over a beam of light.

Other demonstrations included the production of synthetic rubber by the mixture of two liquids, the increased utilization of fuel in an engine by compression, and the inner-workings of a model jet engine.

Thirty Corpsmen Advanced to HN

Names of 30 staff members who successfully completed examinations for advancement to HN were announced last week. The advance in rating for the new HN's became effective Thursday, 16 August.

Those advanced: I. M. Boyles, G. W. Corbett, W. P. Crowley, Jr., R. V. Daley, D. E. Davies, J. E. Davis, A. H. Dearing, R. G. Durkee, J. R. Greenwald, R. L. Haile, J. L. Heaney, N. W. Heywood, Jr., H. R. Hubbard, L. G. Jones, W. M. Lathrop, Jr., R. D. McNemar, J. R. Miller, J. N. Montgomery, M. D. Orr, H. J. Owens, R. B. Peters, K. L. Powell, L. P. Ryon, D. Skileh, D. B. Snogren, A. B. Spensley, J. E. Sturch, V. L. Weaver, H. S. Williams, Jr., and W. R. Yates.

One other staff member, J. J. Muzio, was advanced from DA to DN.

Another Dance Is Scheduled Friday

Stags at Oak Knoll, if they felt left out of it last night (Friday) at the date dance, will have their chance next Friday, 24 August, when several student nurses will attend the dance at the Enlisted Men's Recreation center in order to provide them with partners.

The affair will be complete with all the trimmings—an orchestra to provide the music, refreshments for all hands, and there will be corsages for the ladies.

The following week on Friday, 31 August, there will be a juke-box dance at the center to finish out a full month of entertainment.

This makes a total of four dances for the month of August, the first one held was a juke-box dance on Friday, 3 August.

CDR Canty to Represent Navy at Meet

CDR Thomas J. Canty, MC, USN, Chief of the Amputee Service, has been selected as the Navy's official representative to the Fifth World Congress of the International Society for the Welfare of Cripples, to be held in Stockholm, Sweden, from September 9 to 14.

In Stockholm, Dr. Canty will present a paper on the research done at Oak Knoll, with an Oak Knoll-made movie to illustrate his report. He was chosen for the assignment because of the remarkable progress made in the

development of artificial limbs and in the rehabilitation of amputee patients at the Amputee Center here.

While abroad, CDR Canty will visit several amputee centers in Europe, among them those at Roehampton, England; Heidelberg, Berlin and Munich, Germany; Vienna, Austria; Venice, Italy; Berne, Switzerland; and Paris, France.

At each he will inspect facilities for treatment of patients and discuss developments in prostheses, spending several days in each city. He will also

explain to doctors there the new Navy developments that have already attracted nation-wide attention.

In charge of the Navy's Amputee Center since 1945, CDR Canty has been at Oak Knoll since 19 June 1950, when the center was transferred here from the Mare Island Hospital.

Mrs. Canty will accompany her husband on the trip. They expect to leave Oak Knoll for Washington, D.C., on or around 1 September and to be gone about a month.

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Every Man Is a Navy Reporter

(The following article is reprinted from the 6 July 1951 issue of THE NASTUGI NEWS, station newspaper of NAS Atsugi, Japan.)

Every man is a Navy reporter.

Perhaps you haven't stood with pencil poised to transcribe for NASTUGI NEWS the deathless prose of Joe Blow as he learned that he passed the exam for third class.

Nevertheless, you do a lot of Navy reporting that you probably haven't thought of as such.

Look at it this way and you will understand why.

Every letter to the wife, best gal, or dad is a report of you and the Navy which you serve. These reports, passed by hand and by word of mouth to friends and relatives in the home community represent one of the most potent sources from which the public formulates its opinion of the United States Navy and the personnel thereof.

By telling the story in the intimate and informal language of the many thousands of individuals who comprise it by matter-of-fact presentation of realities both good and bad, much will be attained towards the goals of fostering a sustained public interest in the Navy and in emphasizing the part naval air power continues to play in the Korean area and elsewhere.

Particularly gratifying and comforting to those at home whom we hold near and dear is the mention of such things as church attendance, sports participation, sight-seeing trips and other wholesome expenditures of time.

Unfortunately, NAS Atsugi lacks many recreational and social conveniences which characterize duty on stateside stations. Nevertheless, there is abundant evidence that the Navy is doing the best it can with the facilities at hand—and is busily improving and expanding for maximum utility and comfort at least possible cost.

These hardships are things which the recipient of your letters undoubtedly will understand . . . and which he will interpret as a challenge to you. He knows that every breakfast is not apples and beans, and that every watch isn't stood from 0000 to 0400.

No one in the United States Navy doubts that it is the best afloat anywhere. This truism should be the basis for the reporting which you do in your letters home.

† † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

It's impossible to measure or even imagine the energy expended by all the human race in a single day. But of one thing we can be sure; that all activity, day after day, is fundamentally a quest for happiness. And that is right because the desire for happiness is the driving force behind all we do. It was put into our nature by God who planned and created us.

From the agitation in the world, we can gather that happiness is not so easy to find, and some never find it at all.

Is there any formula which will guarantee happiness? The answer is "Yes" and "No," depending largely on whether or not we know what we are looking for. "No," in the sense that happiness cannot be produced synthetically or by any short-cut. But we can answer "Yes" in the sense that an understanding of what happiness is will place it within the reach of anyone.

Happiness is within us—it is a spiritual and lasting thing. We often confuse pleasure with happiness, and usually the two will go together, but not by seeking pleasure alone. Pleasure is a temporary thing which is gone in a short time, leaving us more empty than before and more unhappy, too, if nothing lasting has been created within us.

Fortunately it has been provided that we all find happiness in different ways, according to our individual abilities and opportunities. The most important element is the realization that we are accomplishing something worth while and lasting, and are contributing our bit, no matter how small, to the well being of others. As surely as this feeling is lacking and we realize we are not doing all we should, we are dissatisfied and not happy. God intended us to be happy and he put it within our reach. Each person must know himself and the opportunities he has, and work from there on. It is not easy, requires real effort, and means we will have to choose some things for our lives and eliminate others. Even God cannot make us happy—it is a creative job each must do for himself.

W. TROWER
Catholic Chaplain

Red Cross Ramblings



Mrs. Natalie Morino, Red Cross Gray Lady, and CPL Walter Kaul, USMC watch the antics of a new member on the ward. Through the generosity of Mrs. John Harper, Ward 74A is now the proud possessor of a Betta, tropical fish known by the name of "Blue Boy." He flares up and fights when another fish is placed in the fish bowl, or when he views his own image in a mirror.

KICK OFF: The Forty Niners Football team has cordially invited Oak Knoll patients to attend the forthcoming games at Kezar Stadium. Many new stars have recently been introduced to the Forty Niners' roster, including Y. A. Tittle, formerly with L.S.U. and the Baltimore Colts, and is reported to be one of the most promising players in today's professional football. The first game was an intersquad game, with the remaining games scheduled as follows:

- 19 Aug.—49ers vs. Washington Redskins
- 26 Aug.—49ers vs. Chicago Bears
- 30 Sept.—49ers vs. Cleveland Browns
- 28 Oct.—49ers vs. L. A. Rams

SWEET LEILANI: During the recent visit of Hilo Hattie, now entertaining at the St. Francis Hotel in San Francisco, she interpreted the Hula to the patients of Ward 43A. The rhythmic movements, she explained, tell the story of the dance. She then took STAN SHIRLEY, HM2, by the hand and put her yellow flower lei around his neck, and they began, first with hands on hips, then shaking the hips, and finally using the hands in motion. With such an expert teacher, it was amazing how easily one can really "Hula" in such a short time.

CAMERA FANS: If you have taken some good pictures, then complained that they were printed too light or too dark—that enlargements are too expensive—don't blame the photo service that you use. Blame yourself! Paper, chemicals, enlargers, and expert instructions are available at the Red Cross darkroom (Building 32) in the Lounge. Make an appointment with Miss Roehrig, Red Cross Recreation worker, to use the facilities available.

HOW MANY CANDLES ON THAT CAKE????: CPL. WALTER KAUL and SGT DONOVAN CUNDY of Ward 74A celebrated this past week. Both are wounded veterans of the Korean action. For Kaul, it was his 21st birthday, and for Cundy, the 24th. Here's wishing you both a successful year ahead!!!

THIS SHOULD PUZZLE YOU
There is a wide variety of jigsaw puzzles—all sizes and descriptions—now available. Come on up to the Red Cross Recreation Room, topside the Community Service Building and select as many as you like. Be patients may speak to the Red Cross workers about obtaining them.

Colors at Half Mast Honor Stephen Early

Colors in Gendreau Circle were at half mast Monday and Tuesday to honor the memory of Stephen T. Early, former Deputy Secretary of Defense.

Mr. Early served as press secretary to President Roosevelt throughout his administration and served briefly under President Truman until he was named Deputy Defense Secretary after the death of James V. Forrestal in 1949. He left government service late last year and held the office of vice-president of Pullman Inc., when he was stricken with the heart attack that caused his death.

Divine Services

Hospital Chapel at Main Gate

PROTESTANT

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

CATHOLIC

SUNDAY MASSES

0600 — 0900 — 1215

DAILY MASSES — 0645 & 1630

Confessions before Mass

CHOIR PRACTICE:

TUESDAY 1900

Catholic Oratory in back of Chapel

CHAPLAINS' OFFICES IN
 CHAPEL & 67A
 NAVY RELIEF OFFICE—
 IN CHAPEL

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

Chaplains of other faiths will be called upon request

BUS TO AND FROM CHAPEL ON
 SUNDAYS 0845 & 1045

Life Begins at Oak Knoll

5 August

BARRETT, boy, to wife of Charlie Barrett, CK1, 6 pounds, 14 ounces.
 LANE, Susan Olivia, to wife of Ronald Lane, HN, 7 pounds, 15 ounces.
 KELSO, Wanda Lynn, to wife of Howard Kelso, ADC, 6 pounds, 10 ounces.
 MALOATA, Neil Faaulu, to wife of Faaulu Maloata, GM3, 7 pounds.
 WILLIS, Toni Marie, to wife of Rufus Willis, YN1, 7 pounds, 6 ounces.

6 August

HOYE, Gary William, to wife of William V. Hoyer, EN3, 7 pounds, 10 ounces.
 HUGHES, girl, to wife of Edward L. Hughes, ETSA, 6 pounds, 13 ounces.
 DILBECK, Kirk, to wife of Thomas M. Dilbeck, PN3, 6 pounds, 13 ounces.
 PALMGREN, Marlene Marie, to wife of Carl T. Palmgren, Jr., 6 pounds.
 HEFLEY, Brenda Aileen, to wife of James Wm. Hefley, Jr., AM3, 6 pounds, 14 ounces.
 RINEY, William Paul, to wife of William Riney, SN, 7 pounds, 3 ounces.
 WAN, Gary Richard, to wife of Claude Swan, AN, 5 pounds, 8 ounces.

7 August

WOODBURY, Linda Carol, to wife of Tom A. Woodbury, EN2, 7 pounds, 3 ounces.
 HAMMOND, boy, to wife of Carl Hammond, ATC, 9 pounds.
 JOIA, Dolores Ann, to wife of Anthony Joia, RT1, 7 pounds.
 BILLINGS, Susan Diane, to wife of Walter Billings, AN, 6 pounds, 6 ounces.
 COBB, Deborah Ann, to wife of Cleveland Cobb, Jr., TESN, 7 pounds, 8 ounces.

8 August

GINSBERG, Leslie Clinton, to wife of Isidore E. Ginsberg, ADC, 7 pounds, 13 ounces.
 STEWART, Robert Lewis Jr., to wife of Robert L. Stewart, SN, 4 pounds, 12 ounces.
 SMITH, Richard Dwight, to wife of Richard Smith, AD2, 6 pounds, 11 ounces.
 ROSE, Stanley, to wife of Harry Rose, EMP2, 7 pounds, 14 ounces.
 McAFEE, Danna Lee, to wife of Daniel McAfee, AN, 7 pounds, 5 ounces.
 SHIPMAN, Mark Tully, to wife of Everett Shipman, AMS2, 6 pounds, 15 ounces.
 SMITH, Steven Jerrold, to wife of William Smith, SK1, 6 pounds, 11 ounces.
 CARVER, Gerald Roger, to wife of Le Roy Carver, LT, 8 pounds, 8 ounces.
 SEARLES, Jeffery Scott, to wife of Leland D. Searles, AL2, 7 pounds, 6 ounces.
 ROSS, Lorinda B., to wife of Charles Ross, CT2, 6 pounds, 15 ounces.
 LIEDERBACH, Susan Marie, to wife of Kenneth Liederbach, BM3, 7 pounds, 9 ounces.

9 August

TOWNSEND, Penny Christine, to wife of Darol Townsend, EMFN, 8 pounds, 10 ounces.
 TURNIDGE, Valerie Ann, to wife of Ralph Turnidge, GM3, 7 pounds, 8 ounces.
 BLAKE, Christine Laurie, to wife of Alexander Blake, AMC, 6 pounds, 7 ounces.
 RICHARDSON, Terry Lee, to wife of Lawrence L. Richardson, SH3, 6 pounds, 7 ounces.
 LENTZ, Victoria Ann, to wife of Frank Lentz, SN, 7 pounds.
 OWENS, Kathleen Ann, to wife of John Owens, FP3, 7 pounds, 8 ounces.
 LUNDY, girl, to wife of Thomas Lundy, SD3, 7 pounds, 2 ounces.
 JENKINS, boy, to wife of George Jenkins, AD1, 8 pounds, 9 ounces.
 DU CHANNOIS, Jeannette Diane, to wife of Francis DuChanois, LT, 8 pounds, 2 ounces.

10 August

HOEKSTRA, David Lee, to wife of Bruce Hoekstra, FA, 8 pounds, 8 ounces.
 SPANGLER, Kathi Rae, to wife of Donald Spangler, SA, 7 pounds, 8 ounces.
 ARNOLD, Wendal Luther, Jr., to wife of Wendal L. Arnold, CPL, 4 pounds, 13 1/2 ounces.
 WATSON, Linda Bernice, to wife of Lee Watson, FA, 7 pounds.
 WENTWORTH, Sheldon Linwood, to wife of Chester L. Wentworth, CPL, 6 pounds, 14 ounces.

11 August

STAIR, Carolyn Sue, to wife of Robert Stair, LTJG, 8 pounds, 9 ounces.
 HILDEBRAND, John, to wife of Bernard V. Hildebrand, HMC, 7 pounds, 6 ounces.
 BEARDSLEY, Mary Cecelia, to wife of Francis Beardsley, SC, 8 pounds, 6 ounces.
 BOCK, Diane Elizabeth, to wife of Charles Bock, 1st LT, 8 pounds.
 WILL, Jerome James, to wife of James C. Will, LT, 7 pounds, 6 ounces.
 ADKINS, Michael Edward, to wife of Henry Adkins, SD3, 8 pounds, 8 ounces.



A few highlights of the visit of Hilo Hattie and her cast at Oak Knoll on Thursday, 9 August. (1) That's Oak Leaf Photographer Max (Hawaiian War Chant) McElroy under the big hat, learning the "ins and outs" of the Hula under the expert tutoring of Hilo Hattie. (2) Here she is—Lei Aloha, who demonstrated how a Hula should really be done. (3) Lei and Hilo Hattie visit with CPL Walter H. Kaul, USMCR, during a visit to Ward 74A. (4) Lined up for the finale are (left to right) Lei, Gene Conklin, Hilo Hattie and Max Day. In the background at the piano is Frank Sabatella.

Hilo Hattie Explains Finer Points of Hula

"These boys always watch the wrong thing when they see someone doing a Hula. It's the hands of the dancer that tell the story."

That observation was made by Hilo Hattie, fabulous and famous performer and personality, as the audience at the Oak Knoll Auditorium whooped and hollered at the conclusion of the gyrations of Lei Aloha, Hula dancer with Hilo Hattie's company, which presented a stage show at the Hospital on Thursday, 9 August.

Hilo Hattie, well versed in the lore and history of her homeland, the Hawaiian Islands, went on to remark: "A long time ago music in the Islands was a simple thing of only approximately four tones. But that is all changed now. And the Hula has changed as much as the music."

She pointed out that the Hula, probably the most commercialized product of her Islands, began as a religious dance, although it is seldom thought of in that way today, and that dancers of the Hula used their hands to tell a story set to music.

"But now no one watches the hands," she lamented.

In spite of this, Hilo Hattie in her program here told a story of her native Islands, while the story and description of the scenes included were put into dance form by Miss Aloha. She was right — no one watched the hands.

Hilo Hattie has been coming to San Francisco nearly every summer

for the past 12 years for her stint with Harry Owens and his Royal Hawaiians. In the winter she is in Los Angeles for TV shows and in between times commutes to the Hawaiian Islands.

At one time (she didn't say how long ago) Hilo Hattie was a teacher, but by some chance slipped into the entertainment field, and there she has been since.

She explains it simply: "There is lots more fun in this."

That she enjoys her business was evident as she cavorted about the stage with other members of her cast, Gene Conklin, soloist with the Owens Band and formerly with Freddie Martin's Orchestra; Frank Sabatella, pianist and Max Day, trumpet player in the Owens Orchestra, who is also a singer.

But Hilo Hattie hasn't lost her knack for instruction, either. Anyone who can teach Oak Leaf Photographer Max McElroy the rudiments of the Hula is a teacher without peer.

When Hilo Hattie arrived backstage at the Oak Knoll Auditorium, her first act was to remove her shoes and stockings ("I can't talk with my shoes on," she explained) and her second act was to tie a large bandanna around the "waist" of her floor-length "Mother Hubbard." ("This," she added, referring to her garb, "is one of the things the missionaries brought to the Islands.")

Then, donning the floppy straw hat that is part of her costume, she

stomped happily about in her bare feet, keeping her co-entertainers moving at a rapid pace as her program moved ahead smoothly.

After the auditorium show, Hilo Hattie and her company, brought to Oak Knoll through the auspices of the Red Cross, presented their acts for patients on Wards 74A and 43A.

It was easy to see why Hilo Hattie had chosen the entertainment field for her career. Hilo Hattie would not feel at home anywhere else.

Picnic, Barbecue Planned by Officers

Staff Officers and their families have been invited to attend a picnic and barbecue to be held at the Officers' Club on Sunday, 26 August, from 1300 to 1900.

The event will feature, in addition to good food, games for both children and adults with prizes to be awarded to the winners.

Baby sitters will be provided for the children.

Cost for the event will be \$1.00 per person, with children under 10 admitted free.

A sergeant drilling a batch of recruits saw that one of them was out of step. Going to the man as they marched, he said sarcastically: "Do you know, Bud, that they're all out of step except you?"

"Well," was the answer, "you're in charge, you tell 'em."

Scuttlebutt

By DERF

STUFF 'N STUFF: Cecil Lockwood, Bob Gibson, and Dave Brittan have been cleaning their hunting rifles. Deer season is on and they're looking forward to some venison steaks—Dr. Marvin Alberg is "Home" again. "Home" is the Navy. He's been attached to an Army group for the past year—Lou Freeze writes from Korea that he's attached to a surgical team with the Army. You see, Navy medical personnel are so skilled that all the Armed Forces vie for our services—Rosebelle and "Lizzie" Tom, Mong Chew, and Bessie Wong were in an auto accident last week, Rosey's first thought after the accident was, "I hope I haven't lost my typing eraser"—Frank Holmes likes to take his family out to Lake Temescal—Bill Yates did such a skillful job on a special watch in neurosurgery that he received a commendation—"Jack" Beebe can't conceal his glee. He now has a baby girl to play with his little boy — Chief Austin, formerly in O.P.D., was on Phil Regan's radio program t'other night — Hughes McCrearity and Howard Weisberg are back after a four-weeks course of instruction in Motion Picture Operators' School in San Diego. If you think we've had some hot weather lately, ask them about San Diego—Civil Readjustment's JoAnn Mills is off on a leave. So is pretty Joan Smejkal. Joan has been hearing so much about Lake County, she decided to visit it and form her own opinion—Three MSC Officers added some gold braid to their sleeves last week: LTJG's Tipton, Johnson, and Yetka advanced a half notch—Noel Gray and Harold Keller are busy cramming. They'll take qualifying exams for commissions in MSC this month.

PICNIC TIME: Redwood Park was the scene of three picnics last Sunday. The CPO's, patients, and staff enlisted personnel gathered at various locations in the area for ball games, horseback riding, hiking, and of course, chow! Chef Boyles and his Mrs. grilled the hot dogs—Snapping pictures like mad was Earl Walsh—Tommy Aasum drove up with a carful of folks—Gordon Dolliver came back with a souvenir: to-wit, a cracked windshield from a high fly ball — Walt Connick's Mrs. had their new young'un out—Hank and Ruby Tolleson were busy watching their Sherry —Lu Moore drove up in her red firewagon and dropped off Angie Weston, Vivian Stockdale, and Lucille Harrison. By the time they arrived, only hotdogs were being served—Bob Allen demonstrated his horsemanship while his little woman hit homers—Whenever anyone saw the Charlie Fishers, they automatically began to hum, "Hello, Young Lovers . . ."—"S.J." Colley was kept busy scurrying after his two bambinos — Someone said, "I have 12 glasses of foam, and two of beer"—"E.J." Stanphil, little John Banta, and Marion Morey went whisking by in a big, black Buick—Jake Kautz was trying hard to get a suntan—Clem Guth's small one, Larry, was almost adopted by the Staff Personnel crew—The Peelers (a family, not a society) and the Claytons seemed to be enjoying it all—Tom Moore and Leland Gentzler had the duty at the picnic grounds, but seemed to enjoy themselves between chores.

Hospital Grounds Get "New Look"

A favorite leisure-time activity at Oak Knoll for the past few days has been watching the giant draglines tearing up the roads, maintainers pushing the dirt around, and rollers rolling it down. Many have asked what is going on.

Here is the answer.

According to LT George W. Barnes, CEC, USN, Chief of the Maintenance Division, the roads are being torn up for resurfacing and strengthening of the old base, where it has started to give way. At the same time, the roadway is being broadened wherever possible to allow more parking spaces; and some of the roads are being regraded and lowered or raised to allow for better drainage.

The work, being done by J. Henry Harris of Berkeley, is expected to be completed in two or three weeks. The roads will be given a new asphalt black top finish. Only roads needing repairs will be worked over at this time. Harris' bid on the contract was \$47,224.

But that doesn't account for all the holes and trenches being dug around the compound. In an entirely separate project, all steam lines on the compound are being "tied" together. This will make it unnecessary to shut off so many buildings if there should be a break in the steam line, as has been done in the past.

The Harris firm also has another contract for construction work at Oak Knoll, this one amounting to \$49,500. Under the provisions of this contract, approximately 650 feet of the creek which bisects the compound will be filled in and the water sent through six-foot conduits to be buried in the original creek bed.

This area, near the administration building, will be filled level full, covered with concrete, and the space between the two roads used for parking.



Doing the honors in the cooking department at the staff picnic last Sunday is L. E. Boyles, civilian cook from the Commissary. Mr. Boyles spent a busy Sunday afternoon preparing a big layout of food for the members of the staff. His work was commended by all present.

STAFF PICNIC FEATURES FOOD, BALL GAMES, HIKING, RELAXATION

Last Sunday's enlisted staff picnic in the Orchard Area of the Redwood Regional park proved to be a big success as a good proportion of the staff turned out to enjoy the sunshine, games, cold beer, and barbecued hotdogs.

The weatherman outdid himself for the occasion as he turned out a beautiful summer day so that Knollites might frolic in the sunshine. Along with the sun came, of course, the traditional softball games, horseback riding, hiking, and just taking it easy in the shade. However, some of the more energetic members of the staff had a ball game going immediately upon the arrival of the athletic equipment, while still others whetted their already sharp appetites by hiking through the hills.

Chow, of course, was the big item on the agenda. The menu featured

along with the "Redhots," Boston baked beans, potato salad, pickles and olives, fresh vegetables, and either cold beer or soda pop with which to wash them down.

Six Staff Members Discharged Last Week

The number of Oak Knoll Staff members discharged under provision of ALNAV 62 jumped to 19 this week as six more men reached the end of the year's extension of their enlistment in the Naval Reserve.

Those leaving Oak Knoll this week were Phillip G. Chew, HM2 and Jasper R. Cummings, HM3, both on 1 August; L. B. Towne, HM3, and D. F. Daniel, HM3, 15 August, and Bret L. Miller, HN, and Stanley A. White, HN, 16 August.



Nearly a hundred members of the N.A.C.C.A., national association of trial attorneys, who devote their service to handling cases for injured persons, visited Oak Knoll amputee center recently. They were representatives of the association's 1,500 members at a conference in San Francisco. Since the attorneys handle cases for many persons who have undergone traumatic handicaps, they were very interested in the rehabilitation work done for patients at the Amputee center. The visiting lawyers, as befits their profession, had innumerable questions to ask about the Oak Knoll services, and many asked for reprints of technical articles published by the Artificial Limb Department in the past several years. Above, a group of the visitors watch Captain Harry Oakley, a former patient at Oak Knoll, demonstrate the use of his artificial arms as CDR T. J. Canty, MC, USN, Chief of the Amputee Service, explains the workings of the prosthesis.



At work in the Navy Exchange department are a few of the people we see every day, but know only their faces. Above left) Hilda Peters, Manager of the Soda Fountain. (Above center) A. L. Smedburg, Manager of the Exchange, and Kathryn McIntyre, cashier. (Above right) "Freddie" Claussen, salesgirl at the cigarette counter in the Ship's store.

Navy Exchange Is Now Remodelled

This week the Oak Knoll Navy Exchange completes a \$50,000 remodeling job that was started last February.

Ship's Service Store has been re-decorated and redesigned, new equipment has been provided for the fountain (including a walk-in refrigerator, a dishwashing machine, and ranges); and the former one-pump gas station is now enlarged to regular service station size and furnishes complete lubricating and accessory jobs.

The fountain has been remodeled in stainless steel, and bright attractive murals now adorn the walls. It is open to all hospital personnel, civilian and military, according to fountain manager Hilda Peters.

Business in all departments of the Exchange has increased considerably since the changes have been made. This is especially true in the store, which has increased its cubic space 50 percent since last February; has added cornices and store fittings a la I. Magnin; has installed "islands" in the center aisle for the greater convenience of the customers; and has put in badly-needed fitting rooms.

"But there is always room for improvement," says A. L. Smedburg, Navy Exchange manager. He declared that suggestions for improvement of service in the Exchange are always welcome and that a suggestion box would be installed in the main entrance to the store.

The Oak Knoll Navy Exchange is one of a chain of similar exchanges located at various stations throughout the Navy, all managed by the Navy Ship's Store Office, Brooklyn, N.Y. The mission of each is: (a) To provide merchandise and service for authorized patrons at the lowest possible cost. (b) To provide, through accrued profits, additional money for the welfare and recreation of Naval personnel. (c) To promote morale through the operation of well-managed, attractive and serviceable exchanges and service activities.

Most Navy exchanges operate one or more units that include a retail store, a cafeteria, a soda fountain, laundry, dry cleaning plant, cobbler shop, tailor shop, and a barber shop—all for the use of authorized patients.

The Brooklyn Office insures that Navy standards are maintained throughout the exchanges; makes recommendations to the Bureau of Supplies and Accounts on the establishment or disestablishment of its exchanges; and establishes selling prices and formulas in order to achieve adequate profits for payment to the recreation fund, as well as the lowest possible prices for the Navy Exchange patrons.

Hazel Goldsborough, beautician, says her husband and sons cook as well as she does. "Whoever happens to be home first gets the meal."

A. L. Smedburg, manager of the Navy Exchange, started the Exchange at Treasure Island five years ago, transferred to the Naval Supply Center where he was also manager, then came to Oak Knoll three and a half years ago.

Shirley Ross, office clerk, teaches first and second grades during the school year, and works at Oak Knoll in the summer.

Who's Who in Oak Knoll Ship's Service

Amaliese D. Blackwell, sportswear, won a silver cup for her waltzing skill back in the days of auld lang syne. Her husband is Navy Chief Lon B. Blackwell, on duty in the public works office.

Marie Lewis, fry cook, has a husband who is a deep-sea diver. He was a Navy diver and is now helping to put in the sewer from Oakland to Alameda.

Lucille D. Catenazzo, fountain salad girl, goes in for record collecting in a big way, and has an indexed collection of about 2,000 records. "But," says she, "No jive. I don't think jive is music."

Vera Christensen, infant wear clerk, says that making home-made bread is her specialty.

Veda Clarkston, store clerk, used to run a craft shop in the lobby of the Community Service Building, where the present enlisted men's barber shop is located.

"Freddie" Claussen, cigarette counter girl, is a record collector, likes horseback riding, picnics, rollerskating, and dancing.



W. F. Henton, of the barber shop, says he likes to cut hair in his spare time, and thus he has a full time hobby. He served in the Navy from '42 to '45 in the submarine service.



Kenneth Fowlks, watchmaker, did watch repair work from 1941 to 1945—as a soldier in Uncle Sam's Army.

Isabelle Flott, sandwich girl, began collecting plants when she was ill last April, and the other girls in her department presented her with two blooms.

Winifred L. Heifner, night manager of the fountain, was once the champ pie-maker of Colorado Springs, Colo., her home town.

Laura Jones, seamstress in the cleaning and pressing shop, is a whiz at making artificial flowers.

Johnny Joyce, manager of the pressing shop, was the welterweight interstate college boxing champion of Michigan in 1932 and 1933, Michigan Golden Gloves champ, and boxed professionally for one year before becoming a math and chemistry instructor. He is an ex-Chief Pharmacist's Mate, having enlisted in the Navy in 1941 for 4½ years' service.

Louise Kinner, Navy Exchange Office staff, is on her vacation—trying her luck in Reno.

Genevieve "Billie" Stafford, store clerk, has two sons, 28 and 30. The younger is a Navy veteran wounded during World War II and was a patient at Oak Knoll for some time.

Charal Lee Mack, assistant night manager in the fountain, is learning to become an Air Raid Warden, going to school once a week to learn fire-fighting, first aid and what happens if an A-bomb drops.

Kathryn McIntyre, cashier, has a grandchild of five, but you'd never guess it.

Lois S. (Mother) Mittig, men's furnishings, takes care of her home by remote control of her eldest girl, 14, who in turn manages the other three children—two boys, 15 and 10, and another girl, 9.

Bill Meyers, manager of the three exchange barber shops (officers', enlisted men's, and the one on 25A for Corpsmen) is having a look-see at the Northwest woods while on his vacation.

Marie Trowe, clerk in the tailor shop, modelled clothes for a department store in Salt Lake City, Utah, before coming to California to find gold.

Louise Quinlan, office staff, purchased a new home recently and spends her spare time fixing it up.



Louis Falvola, of the cobbler shop, used to manage the shop in the Alameda exchange. He likes grand opera, and his work specialty is hand-made orthopedic shoes.



A fish story with evidence to prove it. That giant ling cod being held by J. C. Shipp, HMI, above, was caught on Thursday, 9 August, on a Red Cross recreation fishing trip at Half Moon Bay. The over-sized hunk of sea food was caught by Ray Gardiner, who provided the boat for the fortnightly affair. The fish, weighing in at 26½ pounds, was only one of many caught in last Thursday's expedition, but exceeds by far the weight of any caught on hospital trips up to this point. Shipp, assigned to the Master-at-Arms force, accompanied patients making the fishing trip.

Welcome and Farewell

The transactions of the personnel office at Oak Knoll during the past week ended up on the credit side for a change as 23 new staff members reported aboard compared to 17 who were detached for transfer to other activities.

Reporting aboard were LT Lillian T. McCabe, NC, USNR, from MSTSP, San Francisco; LTJG James P. Ahstrom, Jr., MC, USNR, and LTJG Lee B. Meyer, MC, USNR, both from Hdqtrs San Francisco, Port of Embarkation, Fort Mason; LT Edna I. Johnson, NC, USN, from Naval Personnel, Naval Government of American Samoa; ENS Ruth M. Standish, NC, USNR, from Naval Hospital, Bethesda; LTJG Leo B. Myers, MC, USNR, LTJG Charles M. Hamilton, MC, USNR, and LTJG Marvin R. Alberg, MC, USNR, all from Hdqtrs San Francisco, Port of Embarkation, Fort Mason; LT Mary C. McDougall, NC, USNR, from Inactive duty;

HM2's U. Brummett, D. R. Fisher and I. E. Tague, all from Treasure Island, and J. G. Heid, Jr., from NCAS, El Toro; HM3's R. W. Teply, B. S. Morgan, W. A. Westover, Jr., and J. R. Gordon, all from Treasure Island; HN's M. C. Walter, from Treasure Island, and H. J. McBreairety and H. H. Weisberg, both from NTC, San Diego; HA's D. R. Harlan and D. R. Cambra, both from Hospital Corps School, San Diego, and DA W. L. Porteous, from NTC, San Diego.

Detached last week were LTJG Charles M. Hamilton, MC, USNR, to Naval Magazine, Port Chicago, Calif., LTJG Stewart P. Tipton, MSC, USN, to PACRESFLT, San Francisco Group, LTJG Franklyn C. Hill Jr., MC, USNR, to 12ND FFT, LTJG Frank Clarke, MC, USNR, to Naval



Pursuing our idea of the popularity of detective story and horror fiction, I strolled along our south porch the other day and took a second look at the mystery books which, over the years, have continued to be "hardy perennial" favorites.

One of the first modern mystery stories turned up Saturday in the Armed Forces pocket-book edition. It was 1928 when J. B. Priestly wrote his horrific masterpiece "The Old Dark House," but the book reads as well today as it did then. It was designed first as a movie for Boris Karloff and later became a popular novel. The Karloffian quality is still with us as the frightened guests tip-toe upstairs trying to see in the light of the single candle what IT is that waits for them on the first landing.

Among the men who made the nineteen-twenties a high point of detective fiction, few can hold the stage of the reader's mind better than the late Earl Derr Biggers. His Charlie Chan stories, "Behind That Curtain," "Charlie Chan Carries On," "The Black Camel," and above all, "The Keeper of the Keys," are still among the best character study mystery stories of the era. The key, of course, is the character of Chan, the Oriental who traded his great asiatic heritage for success in the Occidental world and who then discovered (in "Keeper of the Keys," the last in the series) that he was neither fish nor fowl, no longer a part of either world. When Biggers created that character in terms of human tragedy his work ceased to be merely good mystery stories. . . . he then became a great novelist as well.

And since we're progressing backward in this, one never ceases to be amazed at the enduring qualities of the Conan Doyle stories. Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson still journey forth by night, and as William Gillette said: "It isn't what the criminal will do to Holmes that matters; rather, the suspense is derived from what Holmes may do to him." And surely "The Hound of the Baskervilles," a case in point, is the finest detective story in the English language. Read it, even now, and that damned hound will still bay at you in your dreams.

One more word: We now have a door box for returning books when the library itself is not open. There is a slot in the main door for the purpose just opposite building 40A and 40B. Simply drop your due books in that slot and we'll check them in for you the following morning.

Frank M. Campbell, HMI

Medical School, Bethesda, Md., LCDR Dale B. Watkins, MC, USN, to Potomac River Naval Command, Washington, D.C., LTJG Alice L. Berry, NC, USNR, LTJG Janet B. Beyer, NC, USNR, LT Doris E. Long, NC, USNR, all to MSTSP, San Francisco, Calif., and LT Lois M. Highfill, NC, USN, to USNH, Memphis, Tenn.

HM3's C. R. Smith, R. Monte, and HN's M. D. Nicholson, and C. F. Young to FMF; HM3 J. E. Thornburg to COMNAVFE, HM2 L. T. Baker to DISMEDOFF, HM3 J. H. Rempe to USS Haven, and HN W. G. Shove to Naval Hospital, San Diego.



CPL Joseph G. Nienstadt, 19, 1st LT Edward J. Cronin, 25, PFC Milton D. Newcomer, 21, PFC Filemon F. Concepcion, 19, and CPL Lawrence M. Lucido, 21, are shown (left to right) discussing their old outfit—3rd platoon, Baker company, 3rd battalion, 1st Regiment, 1st Marine Division—and the time when all four were wounded by land mines. Nienstadt, who was injured a week earlier than the others, Newcomer, Concepcion, and Lucido, are all on Ward 43. LT Cronin, their platoon commander, is convalescing on Ward 69.

Marines from Same Platoon, Wounded Together, Now on Ward Together Here

Three Marines, who fought together in Korea, were wounded together in an exploding mine field, are now recovering, together with another member of their outfit, wounded a week earlier, on Ward 43 at Oak Knoll. Each of the three lost a left foot as the result of his wounds. The other member, CPL Joseph Nienstadt, lost his right leg below the knee.

And also at Oak Knoll, but on a different ward, is the men's platoon commander, LT Edward Cronin, who lost his left leg in the same mine field debacle.

The Marines are PFC Filemon F. Concepcion, PFC Milton D. Newcomer and CPL Lawrence M. Lucido. Here is their story:

Concepcion was on the flank of his platoon, which was on patrol, when he stepped on a mine. Another member of the platoon heard the explosion from the other side of the mine field, saw Concepcion was hurt and came crawling back to help him. He got within a few feet of Concepcion before another mine went off and killed him.

Then Newcomer came up, and Concepcion told him to get a corpsman. Starting off, Newcomer stepped on another mine about five feet from Concepcion. By this time Lucido had come down the hill from the direction of our lines. He ran over to help Concepcion and Newcomer.

"When I got to them, Concepcion was sitting up with his Browning automatic rifle, looking for the enemy, and I didn't even think he was hurt."

Lucido picked up Newcomer and started back up the hill. He hadn't walked ten feet when he got his. This mine explosion caused Lucido to lose his left foot, and fractured Newcomer's remaining "good leg."

Altogether seven mines exploded among members of the unit (Third Platoon, Baker Company, Third Battalion, First Regiment, First Marines) within five minutes. The toll: nine badly wounded and one dead.

Saratoga Springs, N. Y. (AFPS)—"I'll be in to see you," Monroe Blake told his twin sister as she was on her way to a hospital for an appendectomy. Next night, sure enough, Monroe arrived at the hospital—with appendicitis.

Willits Trippers Lauded in Letter

The following is a letter received by 12ND public information office, and written by Mr. W. D. Ford of the Veterans Entertainment Committee in Willits, California:

May 1, on behalf of the committee entertaining the veterans from Oak Knoll Hospital during the past week end, extend to you our thanks for sending such a fine group of young men. We couldn't have hand-picked a better bunch if the job had been left to us. They were grand and we all hope they enjoyed their stay with us as much as we enjoyed having them.

There was never the slightest unpleasantness during the entire week end and judging by the amount of Willits lipstick which was taken aboard the plane to Oakland on Sunday we believe the boys found the escorts we provided were pretty nice young ladies.

May 1 commend especially Chief Skelton and Rampton. (I don't know his rank) for the fine job they did in working with the local committee in seeing that everything functioned smoothly. It was a pleasure meeting them and working with them.

Thanks again for sending a swell bunch of boys. It helps to raise one's morale to know we have so many fine young men in America who, in spite of their physical disabilities, can still have lots of fun.

*Very truly yours,
W. D. Ford.*

Los Angeles (AFPS)—The county board of supervisors turned down a proposed law which would require fan dancers to carry identification cards. Reason: "Technical hardships."

President Opens Washington USO

Washington (AFPS) — President Truman appealed to cities and towns of the country to provide Service personnel with proper recreation and decent housing for their families in a recent speech marking the reopening of the U.S.O.-Traveler's Aid Armed Forces Lounge in Union Station here.

"They have not been getting the right sort of treatment in some of our towns and cities," the President declared.

At the conclusion of ceremonies re-activating the Service facility which received large patronage during World War II, the President presented the keys of the establishment to two members of the Armed Forces, Army SFC Irving B. Wait, of Los Angeles, and Wave Seaman Shirley Burns, of Wyandotte, Michigan.

"This room was originally intended for the use of kings and queens, presidents and prime ministers of foreign governments — VIP's," Mr. Truman said.

"Now we are planning to turn it over for use, seven days a week and 24 hours a day by the people who are in fact 'very important people'—the men and women of every rank and every branch of our Armed Services.

"These young people are the basic defense of this nation. They stand between our free country and the terrible dangers that threaten it from abroad. They are the fundamental defense of human freedom all over the world," the President said.

Hi-Lites

Coyote, N. M. (AFPS) — An escaped convict knocked on a door and asked for a drink of water. The person answering the knock was the deputy sheriff who was looking for him.

Mays Landing, N. J. (AFPS)—Five hundred nudists held a fashion show here recently.

Newport News, Va. (AFPS)—Postmaster Bob Cutler was unable to enter the Virginia State Amateur Golf Championships. His entry blank was postmarked too late.

Salt Lake City (AFPS)—A pet store, featuring dachshunds, posted the following sign: "Get a Long Little Doggie."

Cleveland (AFPS)—The phone rang in Alvin Sutton's home. "Hello, Peanuts," the voice said. "I wanna make a bet." "Hold on a second," Sutton answered. Then he had the call traced. Shortly after, Peanuts was out of business. Sutton is the city's anti-gambling official and the caller got the wrong number.

Asheville, N. C. (AFPS)—The famous short story writer, O. Henry, is buried near this town. In memory of the author, civic officials named a street for him. Although he wasn't Irish, he is now. The street sign reads, "O'Henry."

Los Angeles (AFPS)—In a week, the L.A. court of domestic relations heard the marital problems of couples named Woo, Marriage and Justice.

Staff Personalities



If all the Utahans at Oak Knoll were suddenly to return to their native state—and most of them would like nothing better, the Hospital staff would suffer considerably. One of Utah's sons, and one that is well-known among other members of the staff, is Walter Peterson, HMI, from Salt Lake City, who holds forth at the disciplinary desk in the Master-at-Arms office. Walt came back to active duty nearly a year ago, leaving a job with Sears and Roebuck Stores, which he hopes to return to when his extension expires in March. This is Walt's second tour at Oak Knoll, as well as in the Navy. During his previous three years service, he spent three months working in the hospital Record office.

Another of the popular figures topside at the Administration Building is Missouri's contribution to the Oak Knoll staff, Tom Burns, HMI, who hails from Willow Springs. Tom, assigned to the Care of the Dead office, came back to active duty in the Navy on 14 February and after a short stint at Treasure Island, reported to Oak Knoll. A partner, with his brother, in furniture and undertaking business back home, Tom is married and has a 10-year-old daughter, Carolyn. A veteran of three and a half years' service during World War II, most of which he spent in the Pacific, Tom is heading back for Missouri as soon as possible.



'Get Tough' Policy Adopted by Navy In Battle Against High Rental Fees

Washington (AFPS)—The Navy has adopted a "get tough" attitude in the nation-wide fight to bring unfair rents into line with existing conditions.

Putting teeth into the battle, Navy Secretary Dan A. Kimball has instructed Navy and Marine Corps commanding officers to place out of bounds any housing they find charging exorbitant rental fees.

The SecNav directive said: "In extreme cases, where housing is considered unsafe or unsanitary, commanders of naval districts or river com-

mands, chiefs of air training commands, or commanders of Marine Corps supporting establishments are authorized to declare such housing out of bounds."

Intensification of the crackdown is in cooperation with a Senate Armed Services subcommittee's drive against rent-gouging in military areas.

Commanding officers are further instructed to cooperate with civilian groups in the fight, and to inform personnel under their commands of all rent control regulations and legal matters pertaining thereto.

The Vicious Circle

By R. Zetterholm



"How did it go today...?"

"How did it go last night...?"

PREVIEWS



Sunday, 19 August
SECRET OF CONVICT LAKE—Glenn Ford, Gene Tierney, DRAMA. This is a new picture, set for release to the public sometime this month. It has been given an advanced rating of "very good" by the critics, and has been described as an "adult" picture. No other information is available concerning it.

Monday, 20 August
DUCHESS OF IDAHO—Esther Williams, Van Johnson, MUSICAL. This MGM film is as old as the preceding is new. It was released in July, 1950. Filmed in color and with Esther Williams cavorting in a bathing suit and Van Johnson lending his boyish charm this is a good movie for those addicted to the light and easy. And what if the movie is old—Esther Williams definitely isn't and never will be.

Tuesday, 21 August
MAGIC CARPET—Lucille Ball, John Agar, ADVENTURE. This film is a brand new one, in fact the probable date of release to the public has not yet been set by Columbia. Hence, no information concerning its content is available.

Wednesday, 22 August
ON THE LOOSE—Joan Evans, Robert Arthur, DRAMA. The gist of this movie which takes up the problem of the so-called "loose" teen-ager, is that parental love is necessary for the wholesome youngster and its absence causes such youngsters to seek love elsewhere, even unwisely, following such a goal to the unsavory excitement of roadhouses, liquor and promiscuous necking. Joan Evans is the confused youngster whose actions give her a bad name among her high school friends and their parents. And, being also castigated by her selfish parents, she tries to drown herself. What happens from here on will surprise you.

Thursday, 23 August
PICKUP—Hugo Haas, Beverly Michaels, DRAMA. This is another new movie, also scheduled for public release this month. The film has been given an advance rating of "very good." No other information is available concerning it.

Friday, 24 August
MR. DRAKE'S DUCK—Douglas Fairbanks Jr., Yolande Donlan, COMEDY. This movie, a British film, is also set for release this month. There have been no reviews published concerning it.

Saturday, 25 August
THREE LITTLE WORDS—Fred Astaire, Red Skelton, MUSICAL. This is an oldie—released circa August, 1950. It features, of course, dancing by Mr. Astaire and a great deal of expert mugging and a smaller portion of less-expert singing by Mr. Skelton. Should add up to an evening's good fun, however.

Laffs

Co-ed: "Where can I get some silk covering for my settee?"

Floorwalker: "Lingerie, next aisle to the left."

Cop: "You're about the worst driver I ever saw. I'm arresting you on four counts. You drove through a red light. You're going the wrong way on a one-way street. You've been hitting 50 or better right down-town. And you didn't pay any attention to my siren for 10 blocks."

The offender's wife leaned across her silent husband, smiled sweetly, and said: "You mustn't mind him, officer, he's dead drunk."

For the benefit of his children at Christmas, a man dressed up in a Santa Claus suit and slid down the chimney. Whereupon his wife went up to him, kissed him, and said: "Merry Christmas." The youngest spoke up and, to his mother's chagrin, said, "Goodness, first the ice man, then the milk man, and now Santa Claus."

A pickpocket is a man who generally lives alone, but occasionally goes out in a crowd for a little change.

Lulu: "Do you know how to drive a baby buggy?"

Luke: "Not exactly. How?"

Lulu: "Tickle its feet."



SPORTS

Baseball Entry Drops Two Tilts

Plagued by a lack of players and insufficient practice, Oak Knoll's baseball team dropped two more Twelfth Naval District tilts during the past week.

On Thursday, 9 August, the Hospital team lost a tight game to league-leading Travis Air Force Base by a score of 8 to 4. Tamborski was on the mound for the Knollites and limited the Airmen to eight hits, while his teammates racked up five safeties.

Spero Spiliotis, an amputee patient at Oak Knoll and a former baseball player of some renown, caught two innings for the Hospital team.

On Tuesday, 14 August, the Knollites were smacked down by the San Francisco Marines to the tune of 18 to 4. Again Oak Knoll was troubled by a lack of players and had difficulty rounding up the necessary nine men.

Hill was the hurler for the Oak Knoll team and limited the Marines to only eight hits in the five innings played, but several walks and some loose field play allowed the Marines to score almost at will.

Oak Knoll batters collected four hits.

On Thursday, 16 August, the Hospital team was slated to meet Moffett Field and on Tuesday, 21 August, will play NAS, Alameda.

First Bond Drive Since WW II to Start in Fall

By Armed Forces Press Service
America's first and most important U.S. Defense Bond Drive since WW II will begin Labor Day, Sept. 3, and will run through Oct. 27.

The following is a special plea by GEN Matthew B. Ridgeway to aid and underline the importance of purchasing bonds. It's entitled: "A Message to Americans."

"I am a member of the U. S. Army. "It has been my privilege to share service with your sons in battle in Korea.

"You can be very proud of these men.

"Men from every walk of life and every corner of America.

"I have known their strength of soul and spirit.

"They deserve the best.

"The best in arms, in clothing, in food, in equipment, the best of everything that will make their task easier by a little, for no one can make it easy in truth.

Call Sounded for Football Players

Although there is no noticeable snap of autumn in the air as yet, Oak Knoll's touch football season will soon open and a call has gone out from Welfare and Recreation for gridiron greats.

W. V. Johnson, of Welfare and Recreation, has asked that teams wishing to compete in the annual intra-hospital touch football league contact him as soon as possible. League play will get underway on 1 September.

On 4 September varsity grid hopefuls will begin practice under the watchful eye of Joe Reginato, who last year piloted Oak Knoll to the Twelfth Naval District touch football championship.

District competition will get underway on 13 September.

Hospital Tied for Commandant's Cup

Oak Knoll and NAS, Oakland, were neck and neck this week in competition among Twelfth Naval District Class B teams for the Commandant's Trophy. The trophy is awarded to the station compiling the most points in district athletic competition.

Both Oak Knoll and NAS, Oakland, had amassed 125 points at the end of this week. Points are awarded on the basis of placings in the various district leagues. Oak Knoll participates in seven district athletic competitions, NAS, Oakland, in five.

Oakland's point total was boosted considerably recently when that station marked up first place ratings in both bowling and swimming. However, Oak Knoll stands to gain some points in several sports, the outcome of which has not yet been decided. These include baseball, softball and golf.

More points can be picked up by the hospital in the other two sporting events, pistol shooting and touch football.

Meanwhile, the Hospital's standing in district softball will be nearer final computation on Thursday, 23 August, when the Oak Knoll squad is scheduled to play the Treasure Island Electronics School in a make-up game.

"You can make your support count by purchase of United States Defense Bonds."

Gen. Matthew B. Ridgeway
Supreme Commander of Allied Forces in the Pacific.



Officers' golf teams from Oak Knoll and Letterman Army Hospital met at the Presidio Golf Club in San Francisco on Thursday, 2 August, and the Army crew came out on top, 20 to 4. Because of the illness of one member of the Oak Knoll team, Major Sanford Vaughan of the Army played for the Navy team. Members of the teams, shown above, are CAPT Lloyd I. Shone, MC, USN; LTCOL Frank Fortunato, MSC, USA; LCDR Lyall C. Bishop, DC, USN, and LTCOL Wendell B. Patton, MSC, USA.

Basketball League Roster Completed

The roster for the intra-hospital basketball league has been completed as play goes into the second week with a squad from the N.P. Department filling the vacancy created when the Bag Room dropped from competition.

In the only score reported in last week's play, the Physio I squad ran rings around the Unsettled Five to win 48-15.

The schedule for the next week: Monday, 20 August, Letusouts versus Nite Crew; Tuesday, 21 August, Physio I versus Surgery II; Wednesday, 22 August, X-Ray versus Unsettled Five; Thursday, 23 August, N.P. Department versus Welfare and Recreation.

Knoll Golf Tourney Draws 17 Entries

Preliminary rounds in the intra-hospital golf tourney were played Friday, 17 August, at the Lake Chabot course. Seventeen persons had submitted entries at mid-week.

Finals in the tourney are scheduled to be run off on the same course on Thursday, 23 August.

Completing the list of entries were F. M. Stein, A. H. Amison, P. G. Fox, E. H. Ninoble, H. L. Sanders and T. R. Brack. Other entries were listed last week.

Meanwhile, Oak Knoll's Varsity golf squad racked up another victory in Twelfth Naval District competition, this one over the Electronics School at Treasure Island, on Monday, 13 August. Willie Jefferson, golf squad mainstay, led his teammates to a 8½-6½ triumph.

Nurses Gain Win Over McClellan

Oak Knoll's entry in the Twelfth Naval District Women's Softball league racked up its fourth win of the series Thursday, 9 August, by out-slugging the McClellan WAFs to a score of 13 to 7.

The Oak Knoll Nurses tallied first when Holtberg smacked a double to bring in Jones. Three more runs were added in the third inning on a triple by Lofland, and the locals increased their lead to ten runs in the fifth when Sheidt tripled and Holtberg smashed a round-tripper.

Oak Knoll's final tally was marked up in the seventh on a home run by Bailey. Larson went the route for Oak Knoll on the mound, and chalked up five strike-outs. Brooks was the pitcher for McClellan.

On Thursday, 16 August, the Nurse met the Moffett Field Waves for the final game of the league.

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Corpsmen's New Duty Watch System To Take Effect at Hospital Monday

New regulations designed to cut down the working hours of ward corpsmen at Oak Knoll will go into effect on Monday, 27 August. The new plan will do away with the present Port and Starboard set-up entirely, and substitute a Morning Watch and Afternoon Watch.

The new system has been in use for some time at USNH, Bethesda, Maryland, and was so successful there that its adoption by other hospitals was recommended by the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery. It is also in operation at San Diego.

If a ward corpsman is assigned to A.M. duty when the new system goes into effect Monday, here is his schedule:

Monday: Work from 0700 to 1230, attend school from 1300 to 1400, liberty from 1600 to 0645 Tuesday.

Tuesday: Work from 0700 to 1500, liberty from 1600 to 0645 Wednesday.

Wednesday: Work from 0700 to 1230, attend school from 1300 to 1500, liberty from 1600 to 0645 Thursday.

Thursday: Work from 0700 to 1500, liberty from 1600 to 0645 Friday.

Friday: Work from 0700 to 1430, liberty from 1600 to 0645.

Saturday: Work from 0700 to 0930. Liberty begins at 1200 and expires at 1200 Monday. When the corpsman comes back to duty at 1200 on Monday, he will assume the schedule for P.M. watch, as follows:

Monday: Work from 1230 to 2230.

Tuesday: Liberty from 0700 to 1200, attend class from 1300 to 1500, work from 1500 to 2230.

Wednesday: Liberty from 0700 to 1200, work from 1230 to 2230.

Thursday: Liberty from 0700 to 1200, attend class from 1300 to 1500, work from 1500 to 2230.

Friday: Liberty from 0700 to 1415, work from 1430 to 2230.

Saturday: Work from 0930 to 2130.
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3 Patients Presented Purple Heart Medals

Three Oak Knoll patients were awarded Purple Heart medals during ceremonies last week.

Second Lieutenant Charles D. Ransdell, USMCR, 23, and Earl L. Taylor, SN, were presented their medals by CAPT J. N. C. Gordon, MC, Commanding Officer. Taylor has since been transferred to Treasure Island for discharge. LT Ransdell is still convalescing from concussion caused by a mortar shell while he was serving with the 7th Regiment, 1st Marine Division, 29 May, 1951, on the Korean front.

First Lieutenant Lawrence A. Lindsay, USMCR, received his medal from CAPT I. L. V. Norman, MC, Executive Officer. LT Lindsay's injuries were caused by shrapnel while he was serving as a platoon leader with the 5th Regiment, 1st Marine Division, 15 April, 1951, on the Korean front.



Vice-Admiral John Leslie Hall, Jr., USN, who on 1 August reported to duty as Commander, Western Sea Frontier and Pacific Reserve Fleet, paid his first visit to Oak Knoll Wednesday morning. He was accompanied by Rear Admiral A. H. Dearing, MC, USN, who serves as a member of his staff, in addition to handling the duties of inspector, Medical Activities, Pacific Coast, and District Medical Officer; and by his aide, ENS W. G. Cook, USN. Admiral Hall, particularly interested in visiting the amputee patients and seeing facilities available for their rehabilitation, stopped on Ward 43A to chat with PFC John Fagan, USA, and CDR Thomas J. Canty, MC, USN, Chief of the Amputee Service. The visitors also went through the Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy, and Artificial Limb Departments.

Further Opportunities to Attain Commissions Granted Enlisted Men

Washington (AFPS)—Further opportunities for qualified enlisted men to attain commissioned officer status have been announced by the Navy. Four previous directives governing appointments have been cancelled and superseded by BuPers Circular Letter 127-51 (NDB, 31 Jul 51).

Eight basic qualifications are set forth in the new directive. Briefly, they are: 1—The applicant must be male; 2—He must be over 19 and under 27 years of age for appointment to the Unrestricted Line, and for the Restricted line (Specialists) he must be over 19 and under 33 years of age; 3—Must be a graduate of an accredited college or university with a baccalaureate degree (4-year course); 4—Must be a citizen of the U.S. or a naturalized citizen for at least 10 years; 5—Must be physically qualified according to U. S. Navy medical standards; 6—Must establish mental, moral and professional fitness; 7—Must be on active duty for a period of at least two months; 8—Must have at least six months' obligated service.

Those who meet the above qualifications, may submit a written request to their commanding officers, outlining their qualifications. The commanding officer, after considering the qualifications, will direct the applicant to be physically examined.

Following the accumulation of required forms and documents, the applicant will be interviewed and graded by a board of officers. Detailed information on the forms and documents are listed in the new circular letter.

Upon receipt by the Bureau of Naval Personnel of all data, the information will be screened and, if qualified, the man will be ordered to a course of instruction at the Naval School, Officer Candidate, Newport, R.I.

His commission, upon successful completion of the instruction course, will be in the Naval Reserve.

Complete information on the various fields in which commissions may be granted is carried in the circular letter.



Second LT Charles D. Ransdell receives congratulations from CAPT J. N. C. Gordon, MC, USN, Commanding Officer, after the Marine was awarded the Purple Heart Medal for wounds received in combat. LT Ransdell was injured when struck by mortar shrapnel while serving in Korea with the Seventh Regiment.

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SUCCESS

In 1923 a group of the world's most successful financiers met at the Edgewater Beach Hotel in Chicago. Those present were:

The president of the world's largest independent steel company.

The world's greatest wheat speculator.

The president of the New York Stock Exchange.

A member of the cabinet of the President of the United States.

The greatest "bear" in Wall Street.

The president of the Bank of International Settlements.

The head of the world's greatest monopoly.

Collectively, these tycoons controlled more wealth than there was in the United States Treasury, and for years newspapers and magazines had been printing their success stories and urging the youth of the nation to follow their examples. Twenty-six years later, however, here is what had happened to them.

The president of the steel company lived on borrowed money for the last five years of his life, and died penniless.

The wheat speculator died abroad insolvent.

The president of the New York Stock Exchange had just been released from Sing Sing.

The member of the President's cabinet was pardoned from prison so he could die at home.

The greatest "bear" in Wall Street committed suicide.

The president of the Bank of International Settlements committed suicide.

The head of the world's greatest monopoly committed suicide.

All of these men had learned how to make money, but not one of them had learned to live. The words of Jesus Christ in St. Mark 8:35-37 are most appropriate here:

"Whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life FOR MY SAKE AND THE GOSPEL'S, the same shall save it. For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?"

—E. L. WADE, Protestant Chaplain

Divine Services

Hospital Chapel at Main Gate

PROTESTANT

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

CATHOLIC

SUNDAY MASSES
0600 — 0900 — 1215
DAILY MASSES — 0645 & 1630
Confessions before Mass
CHOIR PRACTICE:
TUESDAY 1900
Catholic Oratory in back of Chapel

CHAPLAINS' OFFICES IN
CHAPEL & 67A
NAVY RELIEF OFFICE—
IN CHAPEL

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

Chaplains of other faiths will be called
upon request

BUS TO AND FROM CHAPEL ON
SUNDAYS 0845 & 1045

House Passes New Military Program

Washington (AFPS) — The House of Representatives has passed and sent to the Senate a bill authorizing \$5,768,720,328 for expenditure in the largest military construction program in history. Prompt passage is expected in the Senate.

The huge building program will be devoted to rehabilitation, and renovation of old, and construction of new Army, Navy and Air Force buildings in the U. S. and abroad. It is to "support adequately and make effective" the three-and-a-half-million-man force scheduled to exist by June 30, 1952.

The bill authorizes a billion-dollar system of overseas air bases, many of them in the Western European area.

The Air Force will get \$3,543,661,800 of the funds. The Army will receive \$1,423,791,528, with \$801,267,000 allotted to the Navy.

Red Cross Ramblings



Shown above are some of the members of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars, a group which has been most generous in the donations to the hospital. They have assisted in securing some of the furnishings for the Red Cross Lounge, including rattan furniture. Above, (left to right) are John Benson, FA, USN, Ward 83B; Mrs. Marget Walker, VFW Auxiliary District Hospital Chairman; Mrs. S. H. Allredge, District President; Mrs. Helen Hobbs, Department Hospital Chairman; Miss Lucy O'Neill, Red Cross Recreation Worker at the Red Cross Lounge; S/SGT E. C. Nance, USMC, of Ward 48B, and CPL William Goodwin, USMC, also of 48B.

HOPALONG CASSIDY: Last Sunday while attending the football tilt at Kezar Stadium between the 49ers and the Washington Redskins, the patients had a close-up of Hopalong Cassidy and his famous white horse, Topper. SGT CHARLES IRWIN, USMC, and CPL JOSEPH BELL, USMC, of Ward 43A, were sitting in their wheel chairs behind the twenty-yard line when "Hoppy" rode up to them dressed in his well-known cowboy outfit, reached down and shook hands with Irwin. Hoppy then rode out to the center of the field and presented the football to the teams for the kick-off. Many of the small fry that were present at the game went home clutching their programs which contained Hopalong Cassidy's autograph.

GOIN' FISHIN'? The fishing season opened with a splash this summer, and many a patient has returned tired but happy with his catch. If you are a fisherman how about joining our Oak Knoll Rod and Reel Club? Miss Polly Tracy, Red Cross Recreation Worker, is in charge and welcomes you to come along. We have literature and books available on the subject of deep sea and fresh water fishing. Should your hobby be tying flies, or repairing fishing gear, we can use your nimble fingers for these projects.

WHAT'S MY NAME?: Ask T/SGT R. SCHEIDT or CPL HANK BERWICK, USMC, of Ward 79B about this one. Monday evening the Gray Ladies brought a new game to the ward, a series of pictures pasted on strong cardboard were passed among the patients. They looked at them, and remarked, "Oh, this is an easy one," but upon close scrutiny found that the face didn't match the body. That was the mystery and they began to identify the improvised faces that had been removed from other pictures and pasted upon these bodies. Some were difficult but these two patients were the leading contenders

for first and second prizes. Perhaps they used that old adage, "I would know your face any place . . ."

SONGSTRESS DELUXE: Miss Lillian Gale of Oakland, who, during her free time, visits the wards to sing songs from operettas and light classical selections for the men. Last week while at the hospital she left a small toy monkey, a keepsake, in her parked car. He was about a foot high and wore a small leash. Should anyone know of his whereabouts Miss Gale is anxious to hear about it. She has had him since her school days and feels that he is her good luck charm.

ALCAN HIGHWAY: Bert George and his wanderlust partner will bring their movie film and colored slides to the Red Cross Lounge on 27 August at 1915. In 1948 they decided to take a pleasure and hunting trip along the Coast on the newly completed Alcan Highway. They took pictures all along the way and upon their return projected them to their friends. Everyone who has seen them has thought them so unusual and remarkable that much interest was created in the community. They thought that the men here at the hospital might like to see them too; so we have made a date for them to bring them out to you. Don't forget it is Monday, 27 August, at the Lounge.

Three Staff Members Discharged by Navy

Three more staff members received their discharges and left Oak Knoll during the past week under the provisions of ALNAV 62 as they reached the end of the extension of their enlistments.

The new civilians, who increase to 22 the number of staff members discharged at Oak Knoll, are Roy Coon, Jr., HM3, on 18 August, and Gene W. Atland, HM3, and Albert G. Zamsky, HN, on 20 August.

Life Begins at Oak Knoll

12 August

- KASHUDA, boy, to wife of Edward Kashuda, AL1, 7 pounds, 5 ounces.
- TOTTY, Katharyne Sue, to wife of Arvey Totty, SGT, 7 pounds, 3 ounces.
- GIRONE, Carmen Ray, to wife of Nicholas Girone, AK3, 8 pounds, 6 ounces.
- KJOS, Robert Clayton, to wife of Roy Kjos, AEM2, 6 pounds, 10 ounces.
- PEREZ, Susan Lynn, to wife of Ferman Perez, SA, 5 pounds, 8 ounces.

13 August

- SHERMAN, Kathleen Diane, to wife of Jack Sherman, YNSN, 6 pounds, 2 ounces.
- PAWLONEK, Stephen Charles, to wife of Henry Pawlonek, AB3, 8 pounds, 10 ounces.
- CRUYS, Dora Leilani, to wife of George L. Cruys, BM3, 5 pounds, 15 ounces.
- COLE, Albert David, Jr., to wife of Albert Cole, BM2, 7 pounds, 13 ounces.
- McCANN, girl, to wife of Kenneth McCann, TEM3, 6 pounds, 10 ounces.
- NEWBILL, Janet Lyn, to wife of Harold Newbill, DK2, 6 pounds, 12 ounces.
- HANBURY, Lawrence James, to wife of James Hanbury, SGT, 7 pounds, 12 ounces.
- SLATTERY, Paul John II, to wife of Paul Slattery, AE1, 7 pounds, 15 1/2 ounces.
- FOREMAN, Cristy Gay, to wife of William Foreman, SGT, 7 pounds, 1 ounce.
- WRIGHT, Terra Marie, to wife of Chester Wright, SDCA, 6 pounds, 14 ounces.

14 August

- CRIEGO, Sandra Diane, to wife of John Crieago, T/SGT, 8 pounds, 4 ounces.
- ROSEVEAR, Nora, to wife of Donald Rosevear, AA, 5 pounds, 3 ounces.
- BUTCHER, Bruce Harley, to wife of Jasper Butcher, HN, 7 pounds, 3 ounces.
- COOPER, Barbara Sue, to wife of Lenard Cooper, EM2, 8 pounds, 1 ounce.
- ROSLUND, Cassie, to wife of Gerald Roslund, SGT, 8 pounds, 4 ounces.
- MALICK, boy, to wife of Sam Malick, RELEC, 5 pounds, 13 ounces.
- JOLLY, boy, to wife of Teddy Jolly, S/SGT, 6 pounds, 12 1/2 ounces.
- JONES, Sharon Marie, to wife of William Jones, RN3, 7 pounds, 9 ounces.

15 August

- ALEXANDER, Harry Ross, to wife of Clifford Alexander, LTJG, 7 pounds, 5 ounces.
- DAZHAN, Antoinette Katherine, to wife of Pablo Dazhan, FP3, 6 pounds, 8 ounces.
- GRAVES, Valerie Lynn, to wife of Herbert Graves, SN, 7 pounds, 4 ounces.
- STADER, boy, to wife of James Stader, 6 pounds, 14 ounces.
- MARTINEZ, Janet Jovita, to wife of Soledad Martinez, AN, 7 pounds, 8 ounces.
- CATANESE, Susan Marie, to wife of Charles Catanese, LT, 6 pounds, 10 ounces.
- MURPHY, Dennis Charles, to wife of Andrew Murphy, HM2, 7 pounds, 14 ounces.
- JENKINS, Frank Preston, to wife of Joe Jenkins, AE1, 8 pounds, 10 ounces.
- WEBB, Elizabeth Ann, to wife of E. C. Webb, FN, 6 pounds, 9 ounces.
- STANLEY, John Curry, to wife of Donald Stanley, LCDR, 7 pounds.
- JOHNSON, Linda Grace, to wife of Lester Johnson, LTJG, 6 pounds, 15 ounces.
- GOWAN, Gail Lynn, to wife of William Gowan, PFC, 7 pounds, 10 ounces.
- PRESCOTT, Penny Mildred, to wife of David Prescott, BM1, 7 pounds, 4 ounces.

16 August

- CROSS, boy, to wife of James Cross, LTJG, 6 pounds, 5 ounces.
- BIXBY, Linda Sue, to wife of Paul Bixby, LT, 8 pounds, 1 ounce.
- BOWERS, Laura Lee, to wife of Richard Bowers, LTJG, 5 pounds, 15 ounces.
- CHALKLEY, David Alan, to wife of Johnnie Chalkley, LT, 7 pounds, 5 ounces.
- MARTELLO, boy, to wife of August Martello, AMC, 8 pounds, 8 ounces.
- DECKER, Daniel Ryman, to wife of Paul Decker, RM3, 7 pounds, 8 ounces.
- HORNEY, Linda Jean, to wife of Thomas Horney, EN2, 7 pounds, 15 ounces.
- KINCHELOE, Conley Eugene, Jr., to wife of Conley Kincheloe, PFC, 9 pounds, 4 ounces.
- FERGUSON, Robert Allen, Jr., to wife of Robert Ferguson, SA, 8 pounds, 4 ounces.
- SVETLIK, Lorelei Lorrain, to wife of Edgar Svetlik, FN, 7 pounds, 10 ounces.
- LEACH, Sharon Ann, to wife of Marshall Leach, MEG1, 6 pounds, 3 ounces.
- WILSON, Stacy, to wife of Testing Wilson, RM3, 7 pounds, 7 ounces.
- HEATH, Deborah Kay, to wife of Roy Heath, AE3, 5 pounds, 8 ounces.
- WHILDEN, Franklin Packard, to wife of Thomas Whilden, TE3, 7 pounds, 4 ounces.

17 August

- BAXTER, Panda Lee, to wife of Frank Baxter, SN, 8 pounds, 4 ounces.
- VOST, Sandra Carol, to wife of Stuart Vost, END2, 7 pounds, 3 ounces.



Just a few of the many fine acts from the stage show presented here last week by the Laurel Post No. 9865 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. (Above left) Ed Cary apparently does not approve of his wife smoking, because the picture shows Ed flipping a cigarette out of her mouth with his nine-foot bull whip. (Above center) Pretty little songstress Ann (Terry) Richards gives out with one of her fine vocal numbers. (Above right) Art Leopold, television performer from New York and Hollywood, puts his heart and soul into his comic rendition of a popular song.

Thank You, Oak Knoll

17 August, 1951

Dear Captain Gordon:

During the past month my daughter, Cynthia, has been undergoing treatment in your hospital for Perthes' disease.

On more than one occasion Mrs. Boland has informed me of the kindness and consideration shown her by members of your staff.

In as much as I will be away from home for some time to come, it is indeed a mental relief to know that they will receive such excellent treatment.

I wish to thank you for all you have done in my behalf, for I am sure that your problems are many, what with the status of present world affairs.

Sincerely,
JEREMIAH M. BOLAND
 Major, U.S. Air Force

Quality Entertainment Is Presented By Laurel Veterans of Foreign Wars

Quality entertainment was the featured attraction of the Stage Show presented here last Tuesday evening by Laurel Post No. 9865 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of Oakland. Performers, both amateur and professional, trod the boards of the auditorium to present a talent display, under the emceeship of Bob Seaman, and the entire performance was enthusiastically received by all hands.

As a sort of in-between-the-acts feature of the show, Bob Seaman, Ann (Terry) Richards, and Bill Morrison presented a series of "Black-outs," the sort of thing made famous by Ken Murray. They made use of some old jokes presented with a new twist.

Vocalists of the show were Ann Richards, Lena Lucas, and Pattie Siroix of Bay Area Television fame,

and Art Leopold, whose vocal antics brought him back for three encores. Featured as instrumentalists were Bob and Ken, young accordion duo, with a very professional presentation of popular songs.

On hand with a western act were Edward and Elaine Cary. Ed whirled ropes around the stage and jumped in and out and around them, all to music. As a topper to his act, Ed flicked a cigarette out of Elaine's mouth with his nine foot bull-whip.

The show was brought to Oak Knoll by the members of the Laurel Post No. 9865 of the V.F.W., and to represent the post were Al Steinberg and Dan Lucas, post members. They gave their pledge that they would again bring entertainment to the Knollites as soon as their activities would permit.

- SPIGENER, Thomas Edward, to wife of Edward Spigener, BM2, 7 pounds, 13 ounces.
 - HUDDLESTON, boy, to wife of Jack Huddleston, HM1, 4 pounds, 7 1/2 ounces.
 - WALDEN, Shirley Ann, to wife of Roy Walden, SN, 7 pounds, 3 ounces.
 - STAUFFER, Susan Jane, to wife of Kenneth L. Stauffer, HN, 6 pounds, 13 ounces.
 - LIGHTFOOT, Scott Nelson, to wife of Charles Lightfoot, AA, 8 pounds, 15 ounces.
 - NAGLE, Jeffery Howard, to wife of Howard Nagle, PFC, 7 pounds, 14 ounces.
- 18 August
- WHITE, Richard Irving, to wife of George White, LCDR, 7 pounds, 7 ounces.
 - DOWNWARD, girl, to wife of Russell Downward, YNTSN, 7 pounds, 8 ounces.
 - BLACK, Barney Alvin, to wife of Barney Black, DKC, 8 pounds, 4 ounces.
 - CHERNEY, Susan Louise, to wife of Boris E. Cherney, LTJG, 7 pounds, 15 ounces.
 - BALDWIN, boy, to wife of Maurice Baldwin, LCDR, 8 pounds, 8 ounces.
 - OLSEN, Eugene Mitchell, to wife of Eugene Olsen, LT, 9 pounds, 9 ounces.
 - BURDE, girl, to wife of Richard Burde, MM3, 6 pounds, 2 ounces.
 - McFARLAND, Linda Margaret, to wife of John McFarland, LT, 8 pounds, 10 ounces.
 - BAKER, Robert LeRoy Jr., to wife of Robert Baker, AB3, 8 pounds, 8 ounces.
 - BONNER, Barbara Lynn, to wife of Alfred Bonner, EN2, 7 pounds, 11 ounces.
 - McCAMPBELL, girl, to wife of Bruce McCampbell, CDR, 5 pounds, 7 ounces.
 - KEMPLE, Katherine Gail, to wife of John Kemple, TD3, 6 pounds, 4 ounces.
 - HALLMARK, Shirley Ann, to wife of Richard Hallmark, SN, 7 pounds, 3 ounces.
 - ESCOBEDO, Sylvia Ann, to wife of Gilbert Escobedo, SGT, 6 pounds, 15 ounces.
 - FULKERSON, Carol Jean, to wife of Frederick Fulkerson, FN, 7 pounds, 15 ounces.

HMI's Divided Into Eight Sections

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Sunday: Work from 0700 to 2000. At 0700 on Monday the corpsman will go back to the A.M. watch for the next week.

For a corpsman assigned to the P.M. watch when the new system goes into effect, the situation will be reversed, with the first week on P.M. duty, the next on A.M., etc.

For night duty corpsmen on the wards the schedule will be liberty from 0700 to 2200 and duty from 2230 to 0700 the next day Monday through Friday; liberty from 0700 to 1800 on Saturday with duty from 2130 to 0700 on Sunday, and liberty from 0700 to 1800 on Sunday and duty from 2000 to 0700 on Monday.

"The corpsmen involved are responsible for making this plan work," stated LT J. W. Parsons, MSC, USN, Assistant Chief of Personnel and Hospital Corps Division Officer.

He pointed out that under the new plan there will be only half as many corpsmen on each ward in the morning and that the corpsmen must be responsible for seeing that the work is done.

He also added that ward corpsmen will not stand special watches under

the new set-up unless absolutely necessary.

Some changes will also be made for corpsmen below the rating of HM2 who work in special departments. These men will work from 0800 to 1630 and will be on a three-section watch. On duty days they will be available for special watches from 1630 to 0800 and from 1200 Saturday until 0800 Monday, and will attend classes from 1300 to 1500 on their duty days.

This three-section watch has been so arranged that these men will have two of three week ends completely free. Plans call for Section II to have the duty Monday, III Tuesday, I Wednesday, II Thursday, III Friday and I Saturday and Sunday. On the next Monday, Section III will have the duty, with a jump of one section on each succeeding Monday.

Also under the new system, HM1s will be divided into eight watch sections instead of the present six, while HM2's will remain on a six section watch.

Sign on a store: "Mother-in-law died. Closed for the holidays."

Everybody Uses X-Ray Services

Hardly a patient passing through the Hospital has escaped the X-Ray department, having been sent there for either diagnosis or therapy.

Diagnosis is the chief function of the Radiology Service. Another very important task is the treatment of benign and malignant diseases that are amenable to X-Ray therapy.

The diagnostic work of the Radiology Service includes both film and fluoroscopic examinations and interpretations. (Fluoroscopic examinations are valuable for diagnosis of moving organs.) Every medical and surgical specialty requires diagnostic X-Ray service, and films made range from routine chest plates to examinations of the gastro-intestinal and rapid serial X-Ray of cerebral vessels.

X-Ray therapy is used for treatment of skin diseases, inflammatory ailments, and malignant tumors.

Radiology Service has doubled and during some short periods tripled its pre-Korean load. Last month 2,940 examinations of all types were made for diagnostic purposes, and 263 X-Ray treatments were given.

A new \$50,000 addition to the Service has just been completed. This new wing provides two additional X-Ray rooms and considerably increased office space.

X-Ray equipment becomes more complicated and efficient every day. An example is the new \$23,000 phototimed X-Ray machine, one of the few in the Bay Area. This machine controls the exact amount of radiation required in each case by utilizing electronic beam control of film exposure. Phototiming promotes uniformity of radiographs and thus relieves technicians of many of the routine details that otherwise would be subject to factors of error.

Another new mechanical marvel is the rapid serial filming device used in examinations of the heart and blood vessels, where multiple images must be quickly obtained. According to CDR J. G. Bulgrin, MC, USN, acting chief of the Radiology Service, "Serial radiography constitutes a new advance in study of cerebral blood vessels, and by this method serious diseases of cerebral vessels, and perhaps heart vessels, can be diagnosed much more quickly."

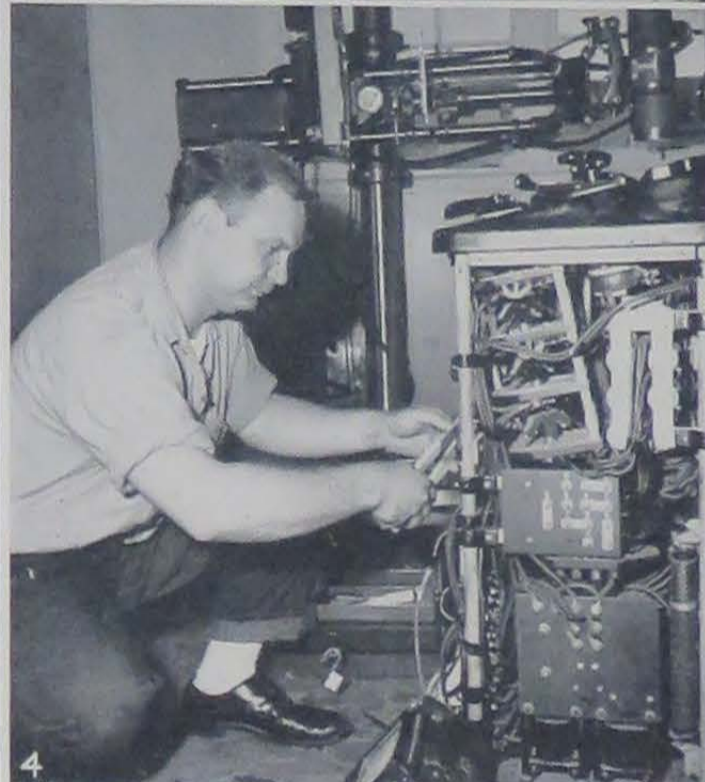
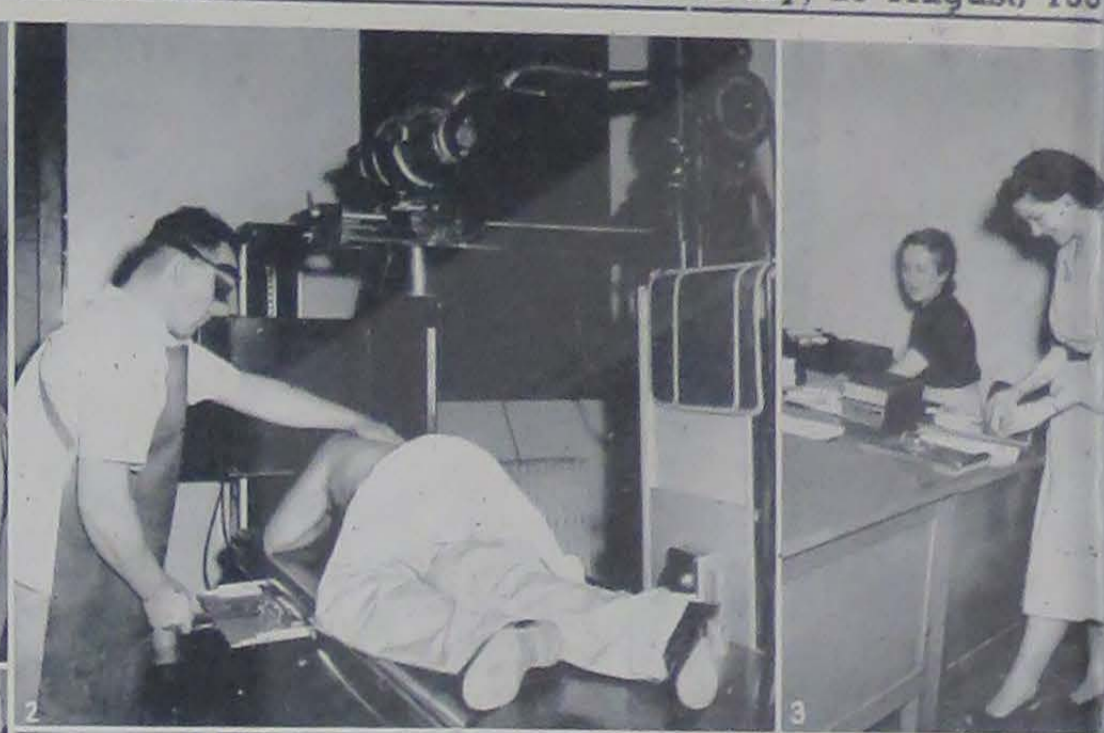
Five physicians and 18 X-Ray technicians are at present on duty in Radiology and nine students are currently attending the school for technicians. Classes are conducted under the immediate supervision of Chiefs Homer H. Berry and Pauline Lemich.

Pauline Lemich, HMC, in addition to being well qualified for her work in the X-Ray Department, makes it her main interest in life. She spends countless hours correcting the papers of X-Ray Technician School students.

Jack B. Leffingwell, HM1, is an Esquire in the Elks and a hot rod enthusiast.

Naomi Leofbourrow, dictaphone transcriber, plays the organ every Sunday for a church in San Francisco.

Earl A. Briggs, HM1, is the daddy of the Radiology Service. His three children are Earl, Jr., 7, Tommy, 4, and Kathy, 2.



Here are some of the members of the Radiology Service staff on the job. (1) CDR J. G. Bulgrin, Chief of the Radiology Service, studies X-Ray films. (2) Ollie E. Bonine, HMC, USCG, a student in the X-Ray technician class, prepares a patient for an X-Ray picture. (3) Two office workers, Mrs. Alice Kinkella (seated), and Naomi Leofbourrow, are kept busy with the voluminous clerical work necessary in the department. (4) A. C. Riley, HM, who works in civilian life as a maintenance and repair technician for a large manufacturer of X-Ray machine, performs installation maintenance and repair work in the department. (5) Sharon Morris, another civilian office worker, is shown at her typewriter preparing reports. (6) H. H. Berry, HMC, is supervisor of students attending the X-Ray Technician School.

Who's Who In Radiology Service

LCDR Joseph C. Bacon had his radiology residency at USNH San Diego from 1946-47, whence he went to take eight months' postgrad work in radiology at the U. of Pennsylvania School of Medicine. Prior to coming to Oak Knoll he served for 30 months at USNH, Corpus Christi.

Homer H. Berry, HMC, spent six months on Upulu, British West Samoa, and knows how to speak most of the Polynesian dialects.

Raymond R. Boeding, HM1, was inconsiderately recalled two months ago, right in the middle of working for a degree in bacteriology at the University of Kansas.

Ollie E. Bonine, HMC, USCG, student in the class for X-Ray technicians and only Coastguardsman in Oak Knoll at the present time, was awarded a Letter of Commendation for assisting USS Benevolence survivors when she went down in the Bay. He was on the USCG cutter Gresham at the time.

Albert F. Brack, HN, X-Ray student, plans to study Physical Education at Baylor University in Texas, his home state, when he gets out.

Tommy R. Brack, X-Ray technician (brother of Albert), has just shipped over for another six-year hitch. He was on the Radiology Service bowling team that won this year's hospital championship.

CDR J. G. Bulgrin, MC, Chief of the Radiology Service, names golf as his favorite sport—if only he had time to play it.

Sett S. Casini, HM2, goes in for photography in a big way. He has a professional enlarger, a 16 mm. camera—the works.

Frank W. Cole, HM3, was a feather expert before coming into the Navy.

PFC John William Diamond, USAF, X-Ray student, is said to be one of the best microphotographers in the country, he says.

Kenneth Craig Dougherty, HM3, plans to go into the building contracting business with his father-in-law as soon as he finishes up the present business in the Navy with his Uncle.

Orville L. Eytchison, HM2, met his wife aboard the USS General G. M. Randall, where both had duty during the Randall's participation in the Inchon invasion and Hungnam evacuation. Mrs. Eytchison was LTJG Elinor Eytchison, NC, Ward 73B, until last Monday, when she received her discharge.

Joseph W. Finley, HM1, came here June 1 from Kodiak to enter X-Ray school. He brought back some 35 mm. color slides of sunsets and wildlife that he claims are beauties.

John T. Gardner, HN, was a pre-med student at Southern Methodist U. His father is a Texas physician.

LTJG Charles H. Gray, a member of the Sierra club, once climbed Mt. Whitney, the highest mountain in the U. S. (which he says is really breeze).

LTJG Donald W. Hack received his undergraduate and medical training at the University of Michigan.

LTJG Guy M. Hicks was one of 57 Navy medical officers selected last October to help meet a sudden Army shortage of medical officers in Korea. He served with the 5th Regiment 24th Infantry Division, and returned to the Navy last June.

Mrs. Alice Kinkella, dictaphone transcriber in X-Ray, worked for 1 years in the Superintendent of Documents office, Washington, D. C.

Lewis E. LaGrange, HM3, X-Ray student, has 12½ years to go to realize his ambition of becoming a 20 year man in the Navy.

John R. Lamb, HM3, got his B.S. last year at the College of the Pacific in zoology. He worked as a quality control technician in a food processing plant prior to joining our firm this year.

Lyle Lowell Lane, HM1, is a pheasant and deer hunter from the Black Hills of South Dakota.

PFC George R. McDonald, USAF, X-Ray student, is one of three A. Force men, presently studying to be technicians. He was a gyro calibrator prior to entering the Navy.

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Upon careful consideration, I think that I shall murder him. It will be a calm, deliberate act of vengeance and entirely just. For, though we have no idea yet who "HE" is, we know—Mrs. Berger and I—that HE exists somewhere on the compound and is our mortal enemy.

It is HE for example who has persuaded some of our readers that I was talking through my hat when I hinted that we don't like to have people eat in the library. Since I mentioned that fact four weeks ago, whole committees smuggle their lunches in at noon, and there are at least four invisible fiends who scatter peanuts on the linoleum for others to come along and grind under foot. Then there are the crusher-outers who kick the remains of their cigarettes as far under the book shelves as possible.

All of these are obviously "HIS" representatives.

Probably HIS most memorable day's work occurred on the Tuesday that the Surgeon General paid Oak Knoll a visit. On Monday I had my crew of four washing windows (after HE had blocked all efforts the previous week for acquiring a ladder). The windows took all day, since we have seven hundred and eighty individual panes of glass in this literary emporium. I told my crew to be on hand at eight sharp Tuesday morning for the Field Day that would have us shining by the time Admiral Pugh came for inspection.

By nine-thirty Tuesday morning,

Who's Who in X-Ray

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Robert Peter McPhederain, HM2, builds gas-motored model airplanes for a hobby. He is presently engaged on a Navy fighter plane, the F8F Bearcat.

Lawrence F. Moad, HM2, had a small interest in a liquor store, where he was employed while going to college (St. Mary's and U. C.).

Sharon "Shonnie" Morris, dictaphone transcriber, is the nightingale of the Radiology Service—plays the piano and loves to sing.

George W. Ransey, HM3, says his hobby is women but he's married "so that cuts that out." He comes from "where they make Pontiacs, Chevvy's and Olds — good ol', lil ol', Pontiac, Michigan."

Edith D. Rush, HMI, combines two of her hobbies—flying and photography—by taking pictures when she takes up a plane.

PFC Steve M. Stephens, USAF, X-Ray student, plans to be married in another month.

Elwood O. Sumner, HM2, would be a good man to know if you're looking for an oil well. He got his B.S. in petroleum geology at the U. of Arkansas and plans to take his master's degree in the same subject when he is discharged.

Talbert Welch, Jr., HN, is active in DeMolay and a roller skater of no mean accomplishment.

Maurice Young, HMI, managed a drug store in Hobbs, New Mexico, before being recalled last February.



Shown above are a group of German scientists and officials of the Artificial Limb Department at Oak Knoll. The scientists toured Oak Knoll artificial limb and amputee patient treatment facilities on Thursday, 16 August. Sponsored by the Technical Assistance program of the Economic Cooperation Administration, the scientists were here to learn new methods of treatment that may be used to help the recovery of German veterans.

when not a single soul had appeared, Mrs. Berger had begun talking quietly to herself in a corner and my ulcer was talking, but not quietly. I called the patient detail office and was informed that HE had commandeered every last man they had for a "special unexpected working party." No crew. No Field Day.

Happily a personable young man named Tommy, who reads here a good deal, stood up and volunteered to give me a hand and between us we had the decks in good shape by noon. By one we had the garden furniture shined and the porches cleared and all was well.

At exactly three o'clock we were invaded by the largest single group of happy, healthy young animals I have seen since I've been here. The corps school classes had been assembled to attend the Admiral's address and having been mustered, they were then told to "go down by the library and wait." (HE, naturally, had suggested the location.)

They drank cokes, smoked a carton of cigarettes each, and since they were legion and I am one man, there wasn't much to do but grab my broom and dust pan after HE had finally passed the word for them to surge forward to the auditorium.

The tension in Mrs. Berger was mounting. She was wondering by then if it is proper etiquette to drop a deep curtsy before a Surgeon General, but I told her that in America it wasn't necessary. With that I went, myself, to hear Admiral Pugh's address. It was nearly four o'clock, and I left Mrs. Berger standing at the back of the library waiting to receive the inspection party which would doubtlessly come through en route to the auditorium.

When the address was over, I hurried back to find out how we passed the inspection. Mrs. Berger was sitting at her desk murmuring to herself again.

"They don't like me, that's what it is. They're trying to drive me mad."

Admiral Pugh's party, it seems, had been rerouted by Someone. They had never even stopped at the library.

Some day I think that I shall write a book about HIM—but not before I've killed him first.

—FRANK M. CAMPBELL, HM1

Welcome and Farewell

Staff personnel transactions during the past week again balanced out in favor of the credit side of the ledger with 29 members reporting aboard for duty and only 15 transferred to other activities.

Reporting aboard were LTJG Mary F. Smith, NC, USN, from MSTSP; ENS Mary E. Cardarelli, NC, USNR, ENS Viola Chaya, NC, USNR, ENS Marian B. Clark, NC, USN, ENS Kathlenn M. Dunn, NC, USN, and ENS Dolores A. Henkel, NC, USN, all from U.S. Naval Hospital, St. Albans, N.Y.; LT Raleigh M. Hood, MC, USN, from U.S. Naval Barracks, NOB, Marianas; LTJG Franklyn P. Bousquet, Jr., MC, USNR, from Inactive Duty;

HMC's R. C. Crawford, from Navy 3923, and O. R. Shepard, from Tac Gr, PacResFlt, Tacoma, Wash.; HM2 H. E. Johnson from Treasure Island; HM3's B. W. Bristow and R. C. Seastrand, both from Treasure Island, and R. Roberson from MCAS, El Toro; HN's D. M. Mattox, from U.S. Naval Hospital, Bethesda, Md., and R. M. Beckstead from NTC, San Diego, and HA's H. N. Morlock, R. C. Norrish, C. A. Brown, D. E. Frohning, J. L. Henderson, B. J. Peterson, R. C. Hendley, R. G. Sims, N. L. Baxley and T. F. McGreane, all from Hospital Corps School, San Diego.

Also reporting aboard were HA's J. W. Ross, H. L. McKendrick, and F. M. Leake, all from Hospital Corps School, San Diego, Calif.

Transferred during the past week were LCDR John G. Rennie, MC, USNR, to civilian life; LTJG Joseph H. Brock, MC, USNR, to Naval Air Station, Whidbey Island, Wash.; LTJG Alvin W. Melsner, DC, USNR, and LTJG John B. McVeigh, DC, USNR, both to Naval Administrative Command, NavTrnCtr, San Diego;

HMC R. Crowe to MSTs, San Francisco; HMI's J. F. Carey, Jr., to FTC, San Diego, and W. A. Martin, to Medical Research Unit No. 1, Berkeley; HM2, L. V. Brown, Jr., to NAAS, Monterey; HM3's V. Turri, Jr., to NAD, Hawthorne, Nevada, and B. C. Berkenstock to Camp Lejeune; HN's

German Limb Experts Visit Rehab Center

A group of German medical and artificial limb specialists visited the Amputee Center at Oak Knoll on Thursday, 16 August, to learn the latest developments in their field.

The group is making a six-week tour of Veterans Administration and military hospitals and artificial limb centers under the sponsorship of the Technical Assistance program of the Economic Cooperation Administration.

The seven scientists and officials who accompanied them were taken on a tour of the Artificial Limb Center, the amputee wards, Occupational Therapy and Physical Therapy facilities at Oak Knoll.

CDR T. J. Canty, MC, USN, Chief of the Amputee Service, explained and demonstrated the latest developments in prostheses and also told the scientists of the work done in rehabilitating amputees at Oak Knoll.

Other facilities visited by the group in this area included the University of California Medical School and the Veterans Administration regional offices in San Francisco and the University of California at Berkeley, where they learned what has been done in mechanical studies of leg motion.

The knowledge gained by the scientists will be used to help disabled veterans in Germany.

Two States Grant Bonuses to Vets

Washington (AFPS)—Two states have passed legislation granting bonuses to their citizens who serve on active duty during the Korean situation.

Michigan has granted a death benefit of \$500, and Vermont has passed a law granting a maximum payment of \$120 to enlisted men.

The Michigan payment of \$500 is made to surviving spouse, child or children, parent, dependent brothers and sisters or those who acted as parents for the deceased.

The service requirement states that the payment will be made in case of death if the serviceman or woman was on active duty on or after June 27, 1950, and if death resulted from service causes. Information may be obtained from The Adjutant General, State of Michigan, Bonus Division, Lansing 1, Mich.

Vermont is paying \$10 a month, with a \$120 maximum, to those who served on active duty after June 27, 1950. The applicant must be an honorably discharged ex-enlisted man or survivor of such.

Further information can be obtained from the Adjutant General's Office, State of Vermont, Montpelier, Vt.

Medics' Hit Parade

- "Liver Come Back to Me."
- "Saline, Saline Over the Bounding Main."
- "Beguaze of You."
- "Just a Little Fond Infection."
- "Gall or Nothing at All."
- "Itch You is or Itch You Ain't My Baby?"

E. R. Neville and E. J. Swannick, both to FMF, Camp Pendleton, and L. M. McDonald to NAD, Hawthorne, and DN R. W. Johnson to FMF, Camp Pendleton.



CPL W. E. Conway, USA, studies his orders naming him successor to CPL Pat Owens, USA, looking over his shoulder, at the Army Liaison Service.

CPL Conway Named To Liaison Service

CPL William F. Conway, USA, arrived at Oak Knoll during the past week to take over his new job at the Hospital's Army Liaison Section.

He replaces CPL Pat Owens, who has been at the Liaison Section since 12 October 1950, and is due to be released from active duty early next week under the reserve release program.

CPL Conway, who came here from Letterman Army Hospital in San Francisco, has been in the Army nearly six years and has been stationed at Letterman for the past 2½ years. His home is at Los Angeles.

CPL Owens, from Kalispell, Mont., enlisted in the Army in July, 1948, and was released to inactive duty in May, 1950. He was called back to active duty 12 September 1950.

73 Babies Arrive In Big Week At O.P.D.

The week of 12-18 August was a banner week for the Maternity Department at Oak Knoll, as a larger number of stork-flights than usual terminated at the hospital.

During the week 73 babies made their appearance, 42 girls and 31 boys.

Listed among the proud new fathers were four members of the Hospital staff, one former member and two patients.

New members of the Oak Knoll family are Bruce Harley Butcher, the 7 pound, 3 ounce son of Jasper Butcher, HN, born on 14 August; Dennis Charles Murphy, son of Andrew Murphy, HM2, who weighed in on 15 August at 7 pounds, 14 ounces; a son born to the wife of Jack Huddleston, HM1, on 17 August, weighing 4 pounds, 7½ ounces, unnamed as the Oak Leaf went to press; and a daughter, Susan Jane, born to the wife of Kenneth L. Stauffer, HN, on the same day, weighing 6 pounds, 13 ounces.

Also among the new fathers was CDR Bruce McCampbell, MC, USN, whose wife gave birth to a daughter on Saturday, 18 August. CDR McCampbell is now assigned to the USS Consolation.

The two patients on the list are Barney Black, DKC, whose wife gave birth to a son named Barney Alvin on 18 August, and Stuart Vost, END2, whose wife gave birth to a daughter, Sandra Carol, on 17 August.

Scuttlebutt

By DERF

Anyone can become a columnist. To prove my contention I've asked three friends to spend an hour or two in contemplation and whip up an article apiece. My friend, Nel, submits the first:

HERE 'N THERE: Norman Benito and George Corbett spend all their liberties in Santa Cruz, land of the bathing beauties—Johnny Huff and Bill Roam go as far as Los Angeles and the southern counties—in pursuit of better weather, no doubt—Howard Riley can't make up his mind between his Redwood Canyon hide-out and Fresno—Kenny Welch plays around up in Sacramento—while Lennie Livingston dashes off to Paso Robles (wherever that is) — the Corpsmen on Ward 51 are all eager to wash Vivienne Olsen's new Buick Riviera—all except the one who rides in it the most—Pat Boaz gets many sweet smelling letters from a lass in Topeka, Kansas—Virginia Jensen keeps looking for "intellectual" dates (it takes brains?)—Donald McNab concentrates on the student nurses at one of the local hospitals—Wonder why Jessie Downs is keeping his recent marriage to a local belle a secret?—Jack Huddleston was nursing a large, swollen lip last week and we understand there's a very interesting story that goes with it—Don Mason has a large store of stories about the three years he spent as a student in Mexico City and Saltillo—Gerry Lyons and Willie Jones spend a lot of time at the Roller Derby—they're fascinated by the muscular femmes who try to slaughter one another—Web Van Blaricon says he has some "info" on how to get rich in a few hours of liberty time—sounds interesting—Ross Sharp can cut hair as well as any professional—he sometimes scalps a few "friends" up in Bks. 77—Norman Lawnick, an ex-prof at the U. of Missouri, has almost completed the requirements for his doctorate in Education. That boy also pitches for the Chief's ball team and collects classical and musical comedy recordings—The way Dale Herrick goes at his body building exercises you'd think the "Mr. America" contest was next week.

NP STAFF PICNIC: The NP Department's picnic at Lake Temescal was a raging success—Arlene Nornington and Vernon Madison organized the affair—Every one was there—Dr. Lloyd and his corn-cob pipe—Dr. Morrow and the family—The Psychology Department's Dr. Wolf—Charlie Rhodes, Eugene Anway and some of their cronies said they had mucho beer—Morris Alderman couldn't stop comparing everything with Connecticut where he'll soon be—Saw Dr. Butcher—Dr. Jordan was among the picnic-goers with his "heir conditioning"—We all thought Dave Hanna's husky little son would go over big on the TV wrestling matches—Night Corpman Don Countryman showed up in broad daylight for the first time in months—Looked rather owl-eyed—Mel Edwards gave his all to the softball game—Game was pretty good until the ball landed in the salad dressing—Van Blaricon's dog, Judy, showed off by drinking quantities of beer—Chefs Ed Gormet and Madison prepared the steaks—John Batson



Something new has been added at the Transportation department at Oak Knoll. Queenie, the dog who has attached herself to that department since she arrived at the hospital approximately a month ago, has presented her masters with six puppies. The puppies, like their mother, of no particular breed, were born on 11 August. The pups are as yet unnamed and it has not been decided whether they are to become a permanent part of Transportation.

"Submarine Attack Teacher" Can Duplicate Actual Sub Operation

By Armed Forces Press Service

New London Submarine Base, Conn. — "Surface ship sighted, sir! Bearing 250. Range seven miles."

The scream of the Klaxon summons all hands to battle stations. Submerging, the submarine closes on its prey.

"Up periscope!" Briefly the slender tube breaks the water. The target ship is only 2,000 yards distant, its course and speed computed with lightning accuracy by the sub's fire-control team.

Data goes into an electric "brain," a firing key in the conning tower is pressed — and a salvo of torpedoes leaps to intercept the doomed vessel.

Only there is no concussion of exploding torpedoes. No periscope view of the sinking ship. For it's taking place, not on the high seas, but in a dry-land submarine.

Every instrument and control is real. Procedure is exactly what would happen in battle. But all action takes place within a three-story brick

building. The conning tower is a stationary steel cylinder and the target ship is an optical illusion.

This is the Navy's new "Submarine Attack Teacher." Students track targets with the newest aids of radar "pips" and propeller noises. A control board maneuvers scale models of enemy ships on a zig-zag course.

Students plot the sub's course a controls in the conning tower to correspond with that of the target. Everything is provided except the sweat on the captain's forehead.

Another training aid is the diving trainer. Students practice submerging, rising, and balance under perfectly simulated conditions. Even the tilting effect of a sub in action is duplicated in the diving trainer.

With the device the instructor can interrupt the students' mimic attack in any phase, "freezing" the situation while he corrects a learner's mistake or discusses an interesting point.

★ ★ ★ HI-LITES ★ ★ ★

Syracuse, N. Y. (AFPS)—Doctors spent more than an hour in a vain attempt to reset a man's dislocated shoulder. Finally, in disgust, the man got off the operating table, stepped on his right hand with his left foot, popped the shoulder back into place, and went home muttering to himself.

Salt Lake City (AFPS)—A man trained his dog to keep strangers away from his house. He returned one evening to find the dog holding the

and his wife supervised the events with a parental affection—Albina Yeager and Elsie Steward always insists upon punctuality, but guess who came late—hope we have another, soon.

NEXT WEEK: Guest "Snooper" Number Two.

police and fire departments at bay while the house burned to the ground.

Sanford, Me. (AFPS) — Charles I. Millis has been appointed dean of students at Nasson College—a women's school.

Maysville, Ky. (AFPS)—Mrs. Ir. Beckett, taking her first driving lesson, cautiously turned a corner and sideswiped five cars.

Springfield, Ill. (AFPS)—A charitable institution purchased a one-time brewery as a home for the rehabilitation of alcoholics.

Berlin, Conn. (AFPS)—"Honest George" told police his car hit another, and then admitted he had no driver's license. But his honesty was to no avail. George Washington was fined \$30.

PREVIEWS

Sunday, 26 August
SATURDAY'S HERO—John Derek, Donna Reed. **DRAMA.** Derek, high school football hero in a poor mill town, wins an athletic scholarship to a fashionable Virginia college. Derek is soon disillusioned. He is so busy winning football games for the school and his wealthy sponsor that he can find no time for his studies. Derek is at the peak of his career when he is permanently injured in a game. Unable to play football, he leaves school and returns home, gets a job, finishes college at night and marries Miss Reed as soon as he can afford it. This is a new one, with no release date set as yet.

Monday, 27 August
DEVIL'S DOORWAY—Robert Taylor, Lewis Calhern. **WESTERN.** This is an oldie, released in September of 1950. It has been given a rating of "average" by reviewers and is made up of all the usual ingredients of a wild west movie. If you go for the chase and the roar of six-shooters, better plan to see this one.

Tuesday, 28 August
FORCE OF ARMS—William Holden, Nancy Olson. **DRAMA.** Here's a new one, set for release next month, with an advance rating of "good." Based on a Richard Tregaskis story, the film is full of the war and its sound. Men fight and die on the muddy San Pietro front, routing the Germans from mountain positions. His platoon just pulled out of the battle line, Mr. Holden meets WAC lieutenant Olson and the two are attracted but don't get together again until after he has been made a lieutenant. They fall in love, get engaged and Holden is wounded. At the same time he suffers a guilt complex over a comrade's death, but this is soon cleared up by Miss Olson.

Wednesday, 29 August
CORKY OF GASOLINE ALLEY—Jimmy Lydon, Scottie Beckett. **COMEDY.** This is a new one, with no release date set as yet, and a follow-up of an earlier film entitled plainly "Gasoline Alley," with the same leading characters. Both films are based on the characters in the comic strip "Gasoline Alley" which has had many avid followers ever since Skeezik was left on Uncle Walt's doorstep.

Thursday, 30 August
ODETTE—Anna Neagle, Trevor Howard. **DRAMA.** This film released in May of this year, has been given a rating of "very good" by reviewers. The story concerns secret British agents in Occupied France, and is based on real events and actual people. Even though she has three children, Odette, played by Miss Neagle, joins the British secret service and is smuggled into France. There she meets Mr. Howard, another British agent, and the two are later captured by the Germans. Sentenced to death, Odette is instead released to advancing American troops and reunited with Howard.

Friday, 31 August
PEOPLE WILL TALK—Cary Grant, Jeanne Crain. **COMEDY.** This is a new film, set for release next month, with an advance rating of "excellent." Cary Grant can be very funny at his own kind of humorous situation and this movie might be very much worth seeing.

Saturday, 1 September
TOAST OF NEW ORLEANS—Katherine Grayson, Mario Lanza. **MUSICAL.** Here he is—the modern-day Caruso, and with the popular thrush, Miss Grayson. If you go for Lanza's vocal talent, 'nuff said.

Navy Rocket Soars 135 Miles to Set Record

History was made when the U. S. Navy's Martin Viking VII single-stage rocket soared to a record height of 135 miles. Even as the dust was settling from this astounding flight, military rocket experts were at work preparing a new test which, if successful, will shatter all existing records.

The current altitude record for rockets is held by the "WAC Corporal," a two-stage rocket which climbed to an altitude of 250 miles last November.

A single-stage rocket is one in which only the power of the rocket itself is used as a propellant. In a two-stage rocket, such as the WAC Corporal, a "mother rocket" carries it to a certain height and then the WAC Corporal is launched from the mother rocket, continuing the upward climb.

Staff Personalities



Presenting the head of the Hopson family at Oak Knoll—Ray Hopson, HM2, who can be found in the staff personnel office. Ray came to Oak Knoll on 22 February after being recalled to active duty on 3 February and since that time has spent most of his working hours helping staff members arrange transportation to this vicinity for their wives and families. After serving 26 months in the Navy during World War II, Ray went back to Wichita, Kas., and in January, 1951, shortly before coming back to the Navy received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics and Accounting from Wichita University.

The distaff side of the Hopson family—Mrs. Dorothy Hopson, who currently is holding forth at the Change of Diagnosis desk at Oak Knoll's record office. Mrs. Hopson began work at Oak Knoll on 13 March, shortly after her husband came here for duty. Also from Wichita, Mrs. Hopson worked three years for Southwestern Bell Telephone company and later for a Wichita automobile dealer. She and Ray were married 14 months ago. The Hopsons' plans for the day when Ray is released to inactive duty are indefinite, but it is a sure bet that Ray's new diploma from the University will be put to work.



Appropriation Bill Rider to Speed Release of Veterans If Approved

Inactive reserves now on active duty in the Navy and anxious to get back to civilian life will watch with interest the fate of the military appropriations bill now pending before the U. S. Senate.

In the House of Representatives a rider was attached to the bill forbidding the armed services to continue paying an inactive or volunteer reservist on active duty after 30 November if he has put in 12 months of active duty since 27 June, 1950, and also had 12 months' service between 7 December, 1941 and 2 September, 1945.

The rider passed in the House of Representatives by a vote of 122 to 102. If approved by the Senate, the

bill will go to President Truman for his signature.

Under present release provisions for reservists classed as "inactive," the Navy requires that they serve a maximum of 17 months and a minimum of 12 months.

A recent ALNAV provided that inactive reservists called to active duty after 30 November, 1950, must serve 17 months or until the end of the year's extension of their enlistment, whichever comes first.

Big Arm, Mont. (AFPS)—Ade Wagner, on a fishing trip, caught a three-foot rattlesnake, and found four of its rattles painted with bright red nail polish.

Show, Game, Dance On Week's Agenda

The coming week will feature three main events from the Welfare and Recreation Department, and both patients and staff are urged to participate when possible.

Next Tuesday, 28 August, Cottonseed Clark, well-known Bay Area television performer, will present a stage show in the Community Service Building Auditorium. The show will begin at 1900 and will feature, along with Cottonseed, a group of talented stage performers.

All hospital personnel, patients and off-duty staff, who are interested in seeing the Oaks play the Seals in the Oakland ball park, contact Welfare and Recreation. The game is scheduled for Thursday, 30 August.

Another staff dance will highlight the week's activities on 31 August. The dance will feature juke-box music, and the guests of the evening will be a group of student nurses. All enlisted staff members are invited to attend.

Varsity Golf Team in Tilt With NAS Oakland

Oak Knoll's varsity golf crew met NAS, Oakland, in a crucial match on Wednesday, 22 August, which may play a large part in deciding the winner of the Commandant's Cup Trophy in Twelfth Naval District athletic competition.

Going into the match, NAS, Oakland, and Oak Knoll were tied with 125 points each in Class B competition for the Trophy.

Meanwhile, on Wednesday, 15 August, Oak Knoll's golf squad fell victim to the sharp-shooting of the team from NAS, Moffett Field, and were defeated by a score of 9½ to 4½.

Picnic, Barbecue Planned by Officers

Good food, good entertainment and good company — those will be the main features of the picnic and barbecue to be held at the Oak Knoll Officers' Club tomorrow, 26 August, from 1300 to 1900.

Staff, Officers and their families have been invited to attend the event. Cost will be \$1.00 per person, with children under 10 admitted free.

Besides the food, highspot in any event of this kind, there will also be games for both children and adults, with prizes to be awarded to the winners.

Baby sitters will be provided for the children.

Jimmy was assigned by his teacher to write a composition about his origin. He questioned his mother.

"Mom, where did Grandma come from?"

"The stork brought her."

"Well, where did you come from?"

"The stork brought me, and you, too, dear."

So, the small modern wrote as the introduction to his composition: "There have been no natural births in our family for three generations."

"I want to buy this book, 'Little Women.' I have a friend who's going to marry a midget."



"Inspection Over? . . . ?"

SPORTS

CDR Dillon Top Golf Qualifier

CDR J. R. Dillon, with a six-over-par 76 in preliminary rounds, led qualifiers as Oak Knoll linksmen teed off yesterday (Friday) in final rounds of the Hospital intra-hospital golf tournament at the Lake Chabot course.

Six entrants gained a place in the championship flight in preliminaries on Friday, 17 August, with eight other competitors fighting it out in the First Flight.

Teamed with CDR Dillon in one of the championship flight threesomes were H. E. Cornell, HM1, who carded a 78 in the preliminary round and Willie Jefferson, HN, who scored a 79.

The other championship flight threesome consisted of LTJG E. H. Ninow, with an 81; Ed Cannell, HMC who scored 83 in the preliminary, and P. G. Fox, HN, also with an 83.

Competing for first flight honors, with their scores in the preliminary play, were LTJG H. B. Brackin, 86; T. R. Nelson, HM3, 90; T. R. Brack, HM2, 93; G. E. Papadakis, HM3, 94; LTJG J. Kushner and F. M. Stein, HM3, both with a 95; LT H. L. Sanders, 97, and G. N. Nelson, HM2, 98.

Four trophies will be presented to the winners in the final round. They will go to the first and second place winners in both the Championship and First Flight.

The talkative lady was telling her husband about the bad manners of a recent visitor. "If that woman yawned once while I was talking to her," said the wife, "she yawned a dozen times."

"Maybe she wasn't yawning, dear," answered the husband, "maybe she was trying to say something."

Physio I Downs Surgery Cagers

Action was still slow during the past week as the intra-hospital outdoor court basketball tourney moved into gear. Only game result posted as of mid-week was the 17-16 win of Physio I over Surgery II on Tuesday, 21 August.

A game scheduled Monday night, 20 August, between the Letusouts and Nite Crew was postponed.

Meanwhile, another team was added to the eight-team roster as X-Ray withdrew its entry from the running. Their place in the schedule was taken by a crew from the Laboratory.

Games scheduled for the next week include: Monday, 27 August, Unsettled Five versus Surgery II; Tuesday, 28 August, Laboratory versus Nite Crew; Wednesday, 29 August, Physio I versus N. P. Department, and Thursday, 30 August, Letusouts versus Welfare and Recreation.

Baseball Tilt at Alameda Postponed

Baseball activity at Oak Knoll slowed to a stand-still during the past week as the season neared its end, with the only game scheduled, against NAS, Alameda, on Tuesday, 21 August, postponed.

With no game scheduled on Thursday, 23 August, Joe Reginato's stalwarts will get their next test on Tuesday, 28 August, when they are scheduled to go against NSC, Oakland.

Meanwhile, on Thursday, 23 August, the remnants of Oak Knoll's high-flying varsity softball team, bolstered by some of the baseball squad traveled to Treasure Island to play a make-up game with the Electronics School there.

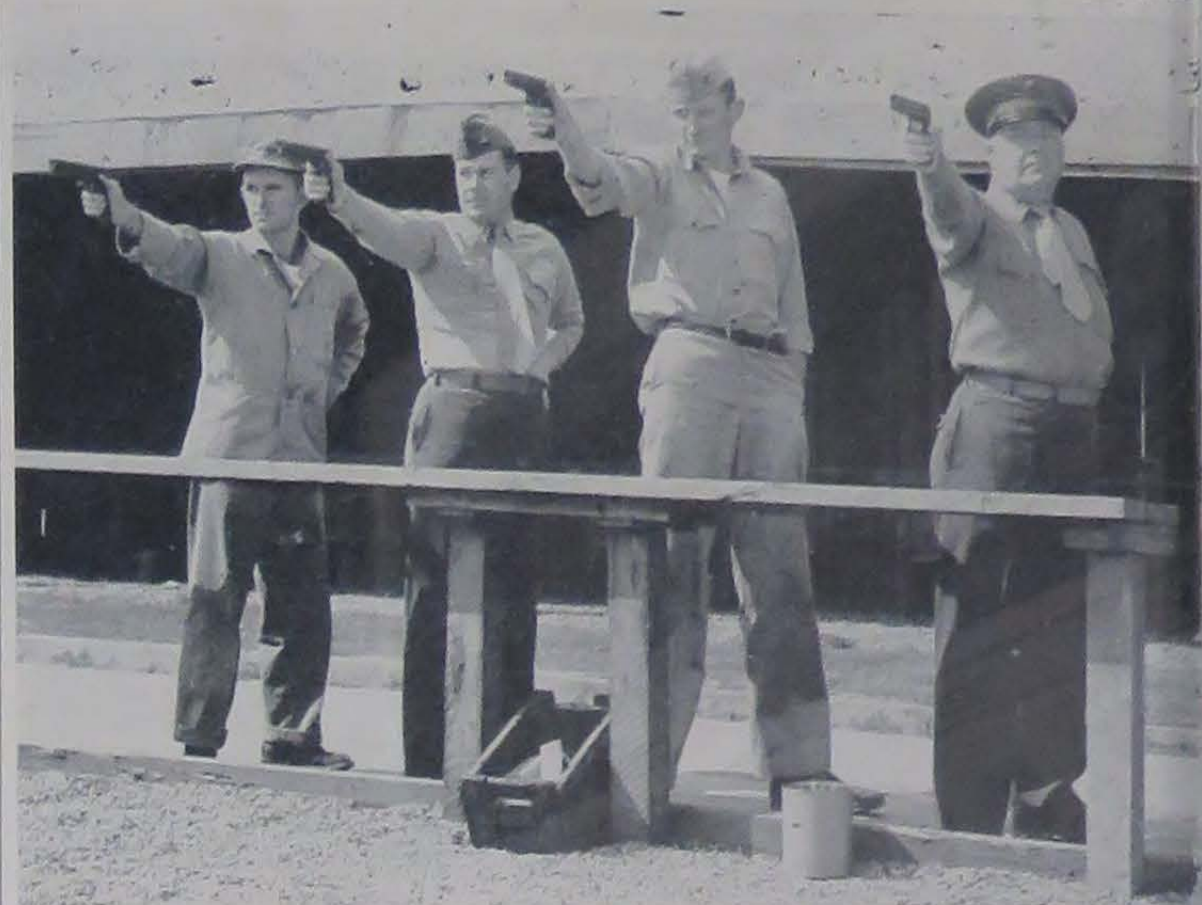
Tom Moore, who pitched Oak Knoll to a place among the top four teams in district softball competition during the season recently completed, was scheduled for mound duty again.

The meanest thing you could do to a woman would be to lock her in a room with 1,000 hats and no mirrors.

Mother: "Why are you rolling the garbage can around?"

"Willie: "To amuse the baby sitter."

Mother: "Where is she?"
Willie: "Inside the garbage can."



Four of the members of the Oak Knoll pistol team are shown as they lined up for a practice session at the range at NAS Alameda. Pictured (left to right) are CPL R. E. Scothorn, USMC, Staff, LT F. A. Gessner, USMC, Staff, CPL R. E. Lownes, USMC, patient and CWO J. J. Gillette USMC, Staff. Added to the team since the above photo was taken are LT G. F. McPherson, USMC, patient, CWO D. W. Henderson, USMCR, Staff, and CPL R. O. Pelton, USMCR, Staff.

Knoll Pistol Team Boasts Expert Marksmen from Patients and Staff

Oak Knoll's Pistol Team is gaining in importance on the athletic scene as Oak Knoll and NAS, Oakland, go down to the wire, neck and neck, in their battle for the Commandant's Cup Trophy in district competition.

On Tuesday, 21 August, the team traveled to NAS, Alameda, for a practice session. Members of the team are CWO D. W. Henderson, USMCR, CPL R. O. Pelton, USMCR, CPL R. E. Scothorn, USMC, LT F. A. Gessner, USMC and CWO J. J. Gillette, USMC, all staff members of the Marine detachment at Oak Knoll,

and CPL R. E. Lownes, USMC, a patient, and LT G. B. McPherson, also a patient.

Several of the team members are recognized marksmen. LT McPherson was a welcome addition to the squad when he came here as a patient from 100 Harrison Street, San Francisco, where he was one of the leaders of the Pistol Team.

Also expected to rank high in district competition are CWO Henderson and CWO J. J. Gillette, both of whom have a high standing in pistol shooting circles.

Opening Football Practice Monday

Preliminary practice for grid hopefuls at Oak Knoll will be held at 1600 Monday, August 27, at the Hospital baseball diamond, the Welfare and Recreation Department has announced.

Anyone interested in either intra-hospital or varsity touch football is urged to turn out for this first warm-up pre-season practice.

Plans now call for play in the intra-hospital football competition to begin on 1 September, and W. V. Johnson of Welfare and Recreation has asked that teams wishing to compete contact him with their roster of players as soon as possible.

On 4 September varsity grid hopefuls will begin practice. They will be under the watchful eyes of Joe Reginato, who last year piloted Oak

Last Game Is Lost By Oak Knoll Nurses

Oak Knoll's Nurses' softball team ended their part in district Women's Softball competition on Thursday, 1 August, when they lost to the Moffett Field Waves by a score of 10 to 3.

The loss left the Hospital entry with a season record of four wins. Final standings in the district league had not yet been computed when the Oak Leaf went to press.

Pat: "Do you ever sit around with your nose in a book all night?"
Mike: "Yes."
Pat: "Painful, isn't it?"

Knoll to the Twelfth Naval District touch football championship, a feat he hopes to repeat this year.

District touch football competition will get under way on 13 September.

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Jack Stahl



THE OAK LEAF



Shown above are the staff members and civilian drivers who received a commendation from CAPT J. N. C. Gordon, Commanding Officer, for their work in connection with the plane crash in which 50 persons lost their lives last Friday morning. Nine of the men were on the scene with equipment two hours after the accident and worked for the remainder of that day recovering bodies of the victims. On Saturday, 25 August, the day after the tragedy occurred, the rest of the group, many of them voluntarily, returned to continue the recovery of bodies.

13 Decorated by MAJGEN Noble

Ten patients and three staff members at Oak Knoll were presented service awards by Major General Alfred H. Noble, USMC, Commanding General, Department of the Pacific, Marine Corps, in formal ceremonies held at 1330 Friday, 24 August, in Gendreau Circle.

Two patients, Richard L. Hope, HM2, USN, and SGT Joseph B. Fries, USA, were awarded Silver Star Medals.

Hope was decorated "for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Corpsman, attached to a Marine Infantry Battalion in action against
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Richard L. Hope, HM2, USN, is shown receiving the Silver Star Medal from Major General Alfred H. Noble, USMC.

Oak Knoll Staff Members Commended for Work at Scene of United Air Lines Crash

Oak Knoll personnel who aided in the recovery of bodies after the crash of a United Air lines DC6B near Decoto on Friday, 24 August, were commended Wednesday morning by CAPT. J. N. C. Gordon, Commanding Officer.

Two ambulances, a fire truck, and a panel truck carrying stretchers, along with nine Oak Knoll staff members, arrived at the scene at 0745, approximately two hours after the disaster occurred, and stayed throughout the day until 1800 when the detail was secured. The Navy ambulances were the first to arrive, and during the day the men searched the entire crash area for bodies of the victims of California's worst air disaster in which 44 passengers and six crew members lost their lives.

On Saturday 27 enlisted men, many of them volunteers who gave up their liberty, returned to complete the recovery of bodies.

In addition, an investigating board from Oak Knoll, made up of CDR W. A. Butcher, MC, USN; LTJG D. R. Stutler, MSC, USN, and LTJG H. J. Montgomery, DC, USN, assisted by C. W. Atwill, HM2, and L. D. Robinson, HM3, was convened to identify three Navy personnel among the victims.

The Oak Knoll personnel were also commended by H. P. Gleason, Sheriff of Alameda county. His letter, quoted at right, formed the basis for the CO's commendation.

Men who were at the scene of the crash on Friday, 24 August, were E. H. Brown, HMC, H. C. Kelso, HM2, J. A. Thomas, HM1, E. O. Carp, HM1, C. W. Atwill, HM2, J. Welch, HM3, C. W. Dyson, HM1, J. L. Whitfield, HM1, and F. M. Hicks, HM1.

Patients Invited to Attend State Fair

On Thursday, transportation will be provided for patients wishing to attend Disabled Veterans' Day at the California State Fair. Patients wishing to take advantage of this opportunity, which includes free admission to all concessions at the fair grounds and to the races and other shows, must sign up with the Welfare and Recreation department by Monday.

Men commended for their work Saturday were Brown, Whitfield, and Hicks, and A. M. Kjergaard, HN, J. J. Redmond, HM1, W. E. Smeal, HM2, R. A. Smith, HM3, F. E. Wheeler, HM2, L. G. Tafoya, HM2, E. J. Kautz, HM3, E. C. Walsh, HM3, D. Skiles, HN, J. L. Heaney, HN, B. R. Comer, HN, T. B. Franklin, HM3, C. P. Buck, HN, J. C. O'Banion, HM3, A. K. LaVa, HN, G. L. King, HM1, V. P. Jensen, HN, D. H. McClung, HM3, W. D. Hanns, HM2, J. H. Jones, HN, D. E. Davis, HN, V. R. Boyles, HM1 and R. E. Richardson, HN.

Five civilian drivers at Oak Knoll's Transportation Department were also commended. They are S. Beck, Robert Sedam, G. M. Riggs, W. C. Paskey, and D. Mohr.

Dear Captain Gordon:

May I take this means of expressing my appreciation and gratitude for the excellent service given this office and the community in general by the detail sent under your direction to give assistance at the scene of the very serious airplane accident last Friday, which occurred near Decoto in this county.

I do not have the names of all the personnel who participated, but I feel that each should be commended individually for their splendid service. They placed themselves at the disposal of our Deputy County Coroner and engaged in the least spectacular, but most difficult job of removing the remains of those killed in the disaster and bringing them over very rough terrain to places where they could be transferred to vehicles. Had any person survived this accident, I know that your men and your ambulances would have been on the scene in plenty of time to possibly save their lives.

It is heartening to know that we have a unit in this community which is able and willing to render such splendid service at such short notice.

Will you express my gratitude to these men for their services?

Cordially yours,
H. P. GLEASON
Sheriff
Alameda County

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President Truman to Open Bond Drive

On Labor Day the President of the United States will open a nation-wide defense bond drive to continue until 27 October, the Secretary of the Navy announced in an ALNAV issued this week.

"All Americans will be urged to invest regularly in United States Defense Bonds as the most effective action individuals can take during this emergency to relieve inflationary price pressures and help strengthen the national economy upon which the defense program will make its full impact in the next few months," the SecNav said. He also re-emphasized the fact that the practice of thrift and investment of a portion of personal income in Defense Bonds is a vital patriotic service every individual may perform.

The Navy will participate in the drive as it has in all preceding bond campaigns. The Secretary of the Treasury has asserted that the long range and continuing aspect of the payroll savings plan is the most important phase of the fall drive. The Navy maintains its payroll savings plan as a continuing administrative function in all commands employing civilians and proudly attained an average 65.4 per cent participation of all civilian employees in July, the highest percentage since July 1946.

† † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

Some time ago a young wife applied for a divorce. She named as the third party, not the usual "flame," but a husky African lion weighing 130 pounds. Felix the Lion had the run of the house. He slept on the sofa; he sharpened his teeth on the furniture; he was given the best food money could buy. When the wife protested, her husband replied: "Honey, I like that lion better than I do you."

The moral of the story: Be sure your marriage partner does not intend to keep a lion in the house. The very thought is ridiculous until we realize that many enter marriage feeding a destructive lion. What are untamed passions and feelings, what are uncontrolled temper and jealousy, what are selfishness and self-will, but lions, heedless and reckless, destroying married love and family life?

Years before your marriage begin to tame these lions. Future husbands and wives begin their training as infants. Give a child everything he wants; never correct; never discipline; never teach them to master their emotions—and you are feeding a den of lions that will wreck any marriage.

1. Train your will. Merely to wish is not using your will. Do something difficult just to strengthen the will. Train your will in small things first.

2. Develop your character. Honesty, truthfulness, kindness, consideration, courtesy, tact, purity and a healthy attitude toward sex, are parts of your character. A solid balanced character is one of the best protections for your marriage. It is also an attractive feature to some future partner.

3. Right now develop a sense of responsibility. Be faithful to every trust that is placed in you. Do your duty in little things and big things whether you are watched or not. How else will you be able to assume the responsibility of a family? The young person who can never be relied upon is feeding a lion that will one day devour him and his loved ones.

4. Our fourth requirement is a religious backbone. What would your body do without a backbone? You would drop in a heap. Without a moral backbone you will fall into a moral heap. Your moral backbone is best developed by the conscientious practice of your faith. Learn all you can about your religion. Pray every day. Do what is right because it is right. Work on these four suggestions and you will be preparing for a happy marriage.

—A. T. WALLACE, Catholic Chaplain

Divine Services

Hospital Chapel at Main Gate

PROTESTANT

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

CATHOLIC

SUNDAY MASSES
 0600 — 0900 — 1215
 DAILY MASSES — 0645 & 1630
 Confessions before Mass

CHOIR PRACTICE:
 TUESDAY 1900

Catholic Oratory in back of Chapel

CHAPLAINS' OFFICES IN
 CHAPEL & 67A
 NAVY RELIEF OFFICE—
 IN CHAPEL

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

Chaplains of other faiths will be called
 upon request

BUS TO AND FROM CHAPEL ON
 SUNDAYS 0845 & 1045

Red Cross Ramblings



U.S. Naval Hospital is a blue ribbon winner again! At the recent Hobby Show and Fair held in Hayward Highlands, our handicrafts were judged the best in their class. SGT L. V. Ottinger, USMC, of Ward 44A and T. C. Scroggins, SN, USN, had entries in the contest. Ottinger exhibited his Heidelberg style stein and Scroggins his leather work, tooling being his specialty. Mrs. G. Niemann, Red Cross Craft Lady of Mt. Diablo Chapter, instructs and assists in the making of these crafts.

CLASSICAL RECORD HOUR: Do you enjoy listening to classical records? The Lounge (Building 32) has a wonderful new long-playing attachment and a very fine collection of operas and symphonies.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!: Felicitations and a frosted cake with 20 candles to EARL GOULD, USMC, of Ward 79B, and LEONARD DUFFY, USMC, of Ward 42B.

TWIN LAUNCHING: JOE CEN-OZ, QM3, USNR, of Ward 48A, is handling out cigars this week. Why? He is the proud father of twin boys at the Pomona Valley Hospital. When asked the proverbial question "How much do they weigh?" he replied, "Their displacement is 5 pounds, 6 ounces, and 4 pounds, 6 ounces." The new submariners will make their home port at Walnut, California. Congratulations, Joe!

BEAT THAT TEAM!!!: Now that Fall is in the air and it's about time to watch those teams make their big scores, Mr. Bill Sundin, chairman of the Veterans Committee (composed of Disabled American Veterans, Bill Erwin Post, American Legion of Oakland and VFW of Emeryville) is bringing the latest films of the 1951 baseball season to the wards for projection. Among his collection, too, are Spills and Thrills of motor car racing, scenes from the Big Top in the circus world and one of those funny men, Abbott and Costello. Watch for these films on your ward one of these evenings soon.

CHOW TIME: Perhaps, when scanning the current magazines, you come across advertisements of flapjacks with bacon and eggs you think to yourself, "Gosh, I wouldn't mind a plate right now." Well, you can have 'em, and you can sit around the outdoor swimming pool and listen to the KLX Breakfast Club broadcasting its weekly Sunday morning program. Mrs. Margaret O'Brien, until this past week Miss Knappenberger, owner of the El Nido Rancho Restaurant, is the generous donor for

Bloodmobile to Be at Oak Knoll

Civilian employees at Oak Knoll who have wanted to give blood for the wounded in Korea but who have been unable to get to a blood donor center, will have the center brought to them on 21 September. On that date a Red Cross Bloodmobile, complete with all the necessary blood drawing equipment, will come aboard and it is hoped that at least 200 donors will volunteer.

Hal Boyle, Head of Civilian Personnel, has announced that arrangements have been made so that every civilian who wishes to give blood may be excused from his work to do so. Refreshments will be served to each donor before he returns to his job.

Who Can Give?

You can give blood if you are between 18 and 60 and if you weigh at least 112 pounds. If you are between 18 and 21, you must bring a signed permit from your parents or guardian. You cannot give blood unless three months have elapsed since your last donation; nor can you give if you have a cold, if you have ever had malaria, yellow jaundice, or tuberculosis, or if you have been in a malaria zone in the past two years. Mothers may not give within a year after confinement, and a full year should have elapsed after miscarriage or surgery. Another point to remember is that donors must not eat for four hours prior to appointment.

Detailed information concerning the Bloodmobile's visit will be issued in a Civilian Personnel Memorandum within the next few days.

these Sunday morning brunches and also the long distance telephone call for the patient who is the longest distance from his home. Ask the Red Cross Worker on your ward about signing up for the trip next Sunday morning. Transportation leaves at 1015.

FORT BRAGG WEEK-END HOSTS FOR KNOLLITES



A story in pictures of the trek to Fort Bragg, California, made last week end by thirty patients from Oak Knoll: (1) The group lands at the County Airstrip and looks over the schedule of events for the next three days. (2) During the Kangaroo Court, for the coming "Paul Bunyon" celebration Jim Slease, CD2, doles out the punishment to a young lady who was not in the proper "Paul Bunyon" attire. (3) E. B. Sloan, GMI, and CPL R. C. McNalley, USMC, find time to chat with two charming hostesses at the dance at the Veteran's Memorial Hall. (4) Touring the town, Jim Slease, CD2 and PFC F. E. Lichty, USA, look over a pair of caulked boots worn by men in the logging operations. (5) Touring the mill, a pretty miss shows the operation of the bookkeeping machines to CPL S. L. Turner, SGT D. Krywoikulski, and PFC D. L. Koegel. (6) Dancing in the Community Hall was the order on Saturday night. SGT Frank Golemi, USMC, and SGT Donovan Cundy, USA, demonstrate they can dance in spite of wounds. (7) The Logger's Lunch at Union Camp No. 2 proved that the loggers have big appetites as well as being big men. (8) During the Kangaroo Court ceremonies "Paul Bunyon" himself latched onto the Fort Bragg Chief of Police and LTJG C. N. Woods, Medical Officer in charge of the group, and locked them up in jail. (9) "Smelly, ain't they?" says Bud Weger, SN, (in striped shirt) as SGT Donovan Cundy picks up one of the big Rock Cod in the plant at the Noyo Fishing Wharf. The Knollites agreed that the fish smelled better after they went through the packing process.

Fort Bragg Fetes Knoll Patients

The city of Fort Bragg, a small town on the California Coast some 170 miles north of San Francisco, played host to 30 patients from Oak Knoll Hospital last week end. Most of the guests who trekked to the Northern California logging center were men back from the Korean battle area.

Friday morning at 1100 the twin-engine plane left the airstrip at NAS, Alameda, and 50 minutes later arrived at the County airport about 18 miles from Fort Bragg. The guests from Oak Knoll were driven to the Noyo fishing center for a meal of smoked salmon, and baked Rock Cod with all the trimmings, washed down by cold beer, pop, or coffee, depending on one's tastes. After all hands had stuffed themselves with seafood, members of the group were driven to their respective places of lodging to deposit gear and freshen up prior to a tour through the big Union Lumber Co. sawmill, located just one block west of the main street in the town of Fort Bragg. After the tour the Knollites were given the rest of the afternoon off to see the town, sleep, or whatever they might desire to do, and transportation was available at all times. Dinner on Friday evening was served in the Veterans Memorial Hall, and was followed by a dance there, to which a number of the young ladies of the town had been invited.

At 0830 on Saturday, the Knollites were feted at breakfast as guests of the Fort Bragg Rotary club, and taken on a tour of the fish packing center at the Noyo fishing wharf. It was contemplated that those in the party who desired should be taken out in one of the fishing boats, but the weather did not permit the excursion. The group then embarked for the Union Lumber Co. Camp No. 2, where they were served a logger's lunch consisting of crab-meat salad, fried chicken, home-made rolls, and all the rest that makes up a logger's lunch. (Many of the guests remarked that if that was a logger's lunch, they would hate to have to put away a real logger's dinner). Because of the extreme fire-hazard at this time of year, the group was taken back to the mill and shown a movie, rather than taken on a tour of logging operations in the area. Free time was again the order, as the Knollites looked over parts of Fort Bragg they had missed the previous day. On Saturday evening, a Kangaroo court was held on the main street, and those who were not correctly dressed for the coming Paul Bunyon Days Celebration were placed in the "Jail" and subsequently fined or otherwise punished, and many of the Knollites participated in the fun at the session. A "Family Style" dinner on Saturday evening was followed by a "Paul Bunyon" dance at the Community Hall.

On Sunday morning, the Knollites were routed out of bed at an early hour to be taken to breakfast in private homes of the citizens of Fort Bragg. Church services following breakfast were scheduled, along with private tours of the area. Lunch on Sunday was of the picnic style, and then many Knollites adjourned to ball park for the baseball game.



Reynard, the Fox, poses prettily with his captors as he sits atop the trap that captured him at San Leandro late last week. Holding the fox is Fireman Robert McCartney, who built the trap. Byron Harrison looks on admiringly.

Staff Personalities



Anxious to get back to civilian life to finish his college work is James Pinkston, HM1, now bending his efforts to help the Clinical Board operate smoothly. Jim, whose home is at Novato, Calif., was one semester away from his degree at the University of San Francisco, when he was recalled to active duty on 5 February. Jim came to Oak Knoll soon after being recalled and since has worked with the Physical Evaluation Board as well as the Clinical Board. In civilian life he was an accountant and auditor as well as a student. Jim is a veteran of three and one-half years' active duty in World War II, with service on a YMS in the Atlantic. He raises dachshunds as a hobby.

Three Staff Members Discharged by Navy

Three more staff members at Oak Knoll during the past week doffed their blues for the checks, plaids, stripes or what-have-you of civilian life. The men returned to civilian life at the end of the year's extension to their enlistment, as provided by ALNAV 62.

The new civilians, increasing to 25 the number of staff members discharged at Oak Knoll, are J. D. Pasklay, HM2, on 24 August; John Chambers, HN, on 27 August, and J. E. Ficheter, HN, on 29 August.

Oak Knoll's member of the ham radio operators' fraternity is LCDR J. F. Adams, MC, USN, who first became a "ham" when he was in high school. Dr. Adams said some one left a crystal set in a locker at his high school in Memphis, Tenn., and he became interested. As a result he got his ticket in 1946 and has been on the air off and on since. Dr. Adams came to Oak Knoll on 16 June after a tour of duty aboard the U.S.S. Toledo. A graduate of the University of Tennessee, he joined the Navy in 1943 and during World War II served at Portsmouth, Va., with an LCT group and a DE division among other stations. He is married and has a 15-month-old son.



Scheduled Events for Week at Oak Knoll

Two events are on the schedule for the next week that should interest Oak Knollites in the recreation line.

On Tuesday, 4 September, summer school students at the University of California will present a variety show in the Community Services Building Auditorium at 1400.

On Thursday, 6 September, 40 patients will be taken to see the San Francisco Seals play the San Diego Dons in an afternoon game.

"Coon Trap" Nets Fox for Fireman

An Oak Knoll fireman, whose hobby is hunting and fishing, who was a game ranger in Oklahoma, and who trapped 'coons in Arkansas, last week set a 'coon trap at San Leandro and caught a fox.

The fireman, Robert McCartney, fashioned a plywood box affair, with a door operated by a trigger, and baited it, hoping to catch some of the 'coons seen on the San Leandro compound.

The first night his catch consisted of a large and rather unhappy cat. Second night California's wild life took no notice of McCartney's trap. But on the third night, 23 August, the trap was baited with shrimp and set near the flag pole in front of the San Leandro Administration Building. Sometime during the night a six-months old red fox set off the trigger and was ensnared in the Arkansas fireman's 'coon trap. Although he wore a leather collar and apparently had been in captivity before, the young fox was described as only "fairly" tame.

Efforts are now being made to locate possible owners, but if he is not claimed soon, he will be turned over to a local zoo.

Since the fox was caught, McCartney's trap has also yielded two other specimens of wildlife—a pretty raccoon and a skinny-tailed possum—all candidates for admission to the zoo.

Welcome and Farewell

Action in Oak Knoll's personnel office slowed to a crawl during the past week and traffic in and out of the main gate was noticeably light. Only 15 new staff members reported aboard during the week and only seven Knollites shipped out to new stations.

Reporting aboard were ENS Mary L. Connolly, NC, USN, ENS Helen M. English, NC, USNR, and ENS Marjorie A. Gui'day, NC, USNR, all from U.S. Naval Hospital, St. Albans, N.Y.; LTJG Glenn R. Arthurs, MC, USNR, from Camp Pendleton; LT Lyla L. Metschl, NC, USNR, from MSTs, North Pacific Area, Seattle; LT Ardath J. Baer, NC, USNR, from MSTs Atlantic, Naval Control of Shipping Officer, Brooklyn; and LTJG Clement S. O'Meara, DC, USNR, LTJG Harold J. Montgomery, DC, USNR, LTJG Donald C. Rose, DC, USNR, and LTJG Walter N. Johnson, DC, USNR all from U.S. Naval Station Treasure Island;

HN J. A. Cash, from Treasure Island; HA D. D. Coffman from Hospital Corps School, San Diego, and DA's E. F. Rhodes, Jr., C. P. Stone and J. W. Wishard, all from NTC, San Diego;

Transferred were CAPT Gordon H. Ekblad, MC, USN, to U.S. Naval Hospital, Corona, Calif.; LTJG William W. Benefiel, MC, USNR, to U.S.S. Hector (AR-7); LT Angelica Vitilio, NC, USN, to Naval Dispensary, Washington, D. C.; LTJG Elinor B. Eytchison, NC, USN, to civilian life; LTJG Lois F. Latsch, NC, USNR, to U.S. Naval Hospital, Philadelphia, Pa.;

HM3 C. F. Kurtz, to 50 Fell Street, San Francisco, and L. E. Biggs, HN, to NAAS, Monterey.



Shown above at their jobs are some of the men who spend their working hours removing fire hazards at Oak Knoll and putting out the minor blazes that sometimes start. (1) George P. Garner, fire inspector, works on one of the many reports connected with his work of eliminating fire hazards. (2) In one of their endless drills are (left to right) D. M. Prendergast, hoseman; Emory Pettigrew, assistant fire chief; R. F. Walsh, driver; Captain William Maxey and W. K. Mulhare, hoseman. (3) James L. Reams, driver, checks the gauges on the fire truck. (4) Captain William Maxey grabs up the phone as a call comes in—hope it isn't a fire. (5) Fire Chief James O. Raser, who has been a fireman since 1917, is in charge of the Oak Knoll unit. (6) Lester Wilbanks, fire inspector, checks a building number on a map of the San Leandro compound.

Fire Prevention Work Is Lauded

"Fire activity, we are proud to state, is very low for a Hospital of this size. Fire Chief James O. Raser said this week in discussing the important job he holds here. "The old adage of 'a ounce of prevention' certainly has proved itself in our Department."

Chief Raser came here in 1945 from Treasure Island, where he had been assistant chief for two years after retiring from the Oakland Fire Department, and at the same time new equipment arrived and the fire stations at Oak Knoll and the new hospital at San Leandro were equipped with two engines that gave a total of 2 000 gallons of water per minute under pressure.

Experienced help was recruited from the ranks of retired city firemen, some of whom came from departments in the Bay Area and other from as far as Los Angeles and Nebraska. They helped form a training cadre for the younger members of the Department. Fires were numerous at that time because of the extensive repair and construction activities. "But due to the unceasing fire prevention work of our inspectors, fires have been, and are, kept to minor proportions," Chief Raser said. "The worst hazard is smoking, especially smoking in bed."

Fortunately, there have not been any spectacular fires at Oak Knoll. Trash container, grass, and mattress fires have been the usual run. Unquestionably, fire prevention and inspection have paid off.

Since the outbreak of fighting in Korea, the Fire Department has added new personnel and reactivated the San Leandro station, which has been closed several years ago.

The main hazard there comes from the wild life that has invaded the deserted compound. Possum, coon, quail, cottontails, skunks, and a herd of deer, from the San Leandro chapter of the Friendly Forest Firebuff (The night patrol complains particularly about the herd of deer, which has to be virtually shooed from the roadways.)

Fire department personnel are required to maintain and improve efficiency by attending at regular intervals the fire-fighting courses that are conducted at the Naval Support Center. This schooling covers a phases of fire-fighting, including atomic radiation monitoring. Four members of the department are presently designated as qualified radiation monitors.

Future plans envisage purchase of new equipment and fire-fighting gear, including a new ladder truck with hydraulic aerial.

license. He is taking the course with Trans Ocean Airlines.

Robert F. Walsh, driver, is Mulhare's fellow member in the Dublin Literary League.

Robert E. Watson, hoseman, has the Purple Heart and Silver Star which were awarded him for his service with the Marines at Guadalcanal. He does fine woodcarving and wood working, and makes much of his own furniture.

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WHO'S WHO IN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Captain Robert Amburgey, in his capacity as damage control man in the Naval Reserve, observed the atomic bomb tests held last Spring at Kwajalein.

Robert W. Barnett, hoseman, went to Alaska last year to hunt moose, caribou, and black bear.

Captain Melvin Burr, supervisor at San Leandro, was a civilian chief of police at Camp Shoemaker until 1945. His wife is Ella Burr of Civilian Personnel.

John C. Caldwell, hoseman, was on occupation duty in Germany when he served in the Army Air Corps from 1945-46.

George P. Garner, inspector, is a Chief Warrant Officer in the California National Guard, and a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He was a Marine patient at Oak Knoll from June 1943 to February 1944.

John Guiney, driver, helped build the Oakland-San Francisco bridge as a steel rigger back in 1936-37.

Byron F. Harrison, driver, has quite a reputation as a carpenter. He spent 28 months in the Aleutians from 1941-45 as an Infantry staff sergeant.

Oswald R. Herrmann, hoseman, is the oldest man in the department; he'll be 65 in December.

Walter J. Hicks, driver, sells Mercury autos for an Oakland agency on his days off.

H. B. Jones, hoseman, is from Mesquite, Tex., fabulous playground of the international set.

Captain Charles De Journette is a former Navy firefighter—served in the Aleutians.

Frank Maciel, hoseman, is kept busy these days in fixing up the new home he has just bought in San Lorenzo Village.

Laurence MacWhinney, driver, got his start in firefighting during World War II when he was a Chief Warrant Officer in the Navy and was handed the job of firefighting officer on his ship.

Captain William Maxey used to be an M.P. in the Army.

Robert D. McCartney, hoseman, builds fences, gates, cabinets, etc., when he rides his woodworking hobby.

B. L. Montgomery, hoseman, spent over a year in Italy on occupation duty when he was in the Army from 1946-49.

Captain Edward Montoire retired in 1942 from the City of Alameda F.D. after 25 years. Says the fire houses are easier to keep clean than they used to be when he first began. Then fire trucks were horse drawn.

William K. Mulhare, hoseman (and former steel worker) is an active member of the Dublin Literary League, a reading group that meets to discuss the latest best sellers,

Benjamin E. Nelson, assistant fire chief, is a Native Son of the Golden West. He collects guns—like almost everyone else in the Oak Knoll F.D.

Theodore E. Newcomb, hoseman, was a flight deck bos'n on the Lexington, Ranger, and the Philippine Sea.

Patrick John Lane, hoseman, served as a stern deckhand on the Admiral's barge when he was in the Navy many long years ago.

Captain W. H. Loder has a gold mining claim at Siskiyou, where he intends to retire soon and just fish, hunt, and take out a little gold now and then.

Emory Pettigrew, assistant fire chief, is a fishing tackle advisor for Montgomery Ward's in Oakland. He is also a member of the Purdue University board of training for arson investigators.

Tom Pratt, hoseman, names coasting as his hobby — "just coasting along."

David M. Prendergast, hoseman, was a theatrical stage employee in Colorado Springs, Colo., for 40 years.

Fire Chief James O. Raser used to be a driver for Oakland's horse drawn fire equipment back in the good old days. He retired as Captain in 1943 after 26 years service.

R. V. Voight, hoseman, is not far from getting his commercial pilot's

Scuttlebutt

By DERF

Mot Muar, an old Tahitian friend, contributes the second in a series of guest columns:

Little Ray Babin was really "shook" this past week as a result of a joke played on him by the gang in his office. Seems he stayed "down the hall" too long, was placed on report, served with summons, and taken to "mast" right on the spot—Mr. Haines, Commissary Officer, is sporting a new Cadillac so long that it now costs him 50c to cross the Bay Bridge—Speaking of automobiles, our friend, Fred Comas of Staff Personnel, tripped and broke the mirror off Captain Dickinson's car last week. At last report, Fred was studying a Korean dictionary—Lloyd Linton Sills, Oak Knoll's Georgia peach, has established himself as unofficial "Chief of Chits" for the entire Administration Building. If you want anything, you'll have to clear through him — Jack Beebe was really a busy man last Sunday. He stood three watches at

the same time, and still found time to make an ambulance run—It is worth a trip down just to look over the new additions of feminine "scenery." Our congratulations to those responsible for the selections — Joan Smejkal was seen driving up the hill the other evening with enlisted men hanging out of every window of her car. "Just taking the boys to chow!"—Paul Vossburgh, of Organization, has a new interest in life. He has taken up ping pong, and is challenging everyone who gets within a mile of the E.M. Center—George Corbett is working overtime these nights trying to take care of the new influx of babies in the nursery—wonder if he uses that ukulele of his to soothe the little dears—"A.J." Southwick, right-hand man to the X.O., recently returned from surveying his kingdom in Utah. Ask him now what he thinks of California—Chuck Ritter, man in charge of diapers at the laundry, is wearing a big smile these days. His little woman just floated in from flooded Kansas—Enlisted personnel in the record office are taking a poll to determine the girl that they would like most to sharpen a pencil for. Charlie (Digger) Atwill is conducting his own private contest to find which girl is that office would look best on his embalming table.—Pretty Nancy Schwartz of the Officer Transfer Section is leaving Oak Knoll to become a wife. Some men are just selfish — We hear that "Salty Joe" Schodl had quite a plane trip the other night when he flew to Nevada to return with a patient. The weather got rough on the way back, and from all reports the patient looked better than Joe when they landed — Big John Ronan, on the sick list with the polio bug for some months, is back on duty and looking hale and hearty —Ask Alice Hook what she got for her birthday. Too unmentionable to mention here—Big talk around the compound these days concerns Roy Zetterholm and his expert cartooning. One of his offerings is featured in the latest edition of ALL HANDS —If Oak Knoll ever decides to start a radio station, it certainly has a head start on personnel. HM1 Frank Campbell was a noted radio writer on the Coast, while Clayton Holm of HCQ was well known in Minneapolis and the Rocky Mountain region as an announcer and program director. You frequently see this pair together,

Who's Who in Knoll Fire Department

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Richard Weston, hoseman, did his early flying as a tail gunner with the U.S.A.F. over England, France, Belgium, and Germany. Now he has a commercial pilot's license.

Lester C. Wilbanks, fire inspector, is probably the man responsible for the fire department's interest in guns. He collects antique firearms and owns, among others, a 100-year-old Kentucky rifle, a cap and ball affair with 40 in. barrel; a pistol with six barrels, called a "pepper box"; and a tiny pistol, 3 in. long.

Robert D. Wray, hoseman, says he drinks Hadacol for his hobby.

Ralph A. Zobel, hoseman, raises canaries and finches, and until recently kept several bee hives. He was LTJG during his Navy service, and was fire chief at the Naval Station at New River, N.C.

James L. Reams, driver, is both Old Navy (1920-26) and Old Army (1942-45). He was a machine gunner in World War II and is entitled to wear four battle stars.

Don Regalia, hoseman, was manager and buyer for men's sport wear stores in Walnut Creek and Concord before joining the Oak Knoll F.D. last January.

Everett C. Roark, hoseman, has appeared as an amateur entertainer in several shows held in our auditorium. He was known as the Singing Swabby in his Navy days. He is past president of Butcher's Union Local 508 of Oakland and San Francisco.

Robert T. Russell, driver, played pro football for the San Francisco Clippers, the Los Angeles Bulldogs, and the Hollywood Rangers, before joining the fire ladders.

Captain Tony Viada's hobby is visiting other fire stations for new ideas about firefighting. He comes from a fire-fighting family: his brother is a fireman; his dad and grandpa used to be,



The Oak Knoll Enlisted Men's Recreation Center on Friday, 24 August, was again the scene of gaiety and frolic as another of a series of summer dances was held. Shown above partaking of the refreshments which aided in the success of the affair are (left to right) Mrs. R. Jensen, Dick Light, Mrs. M. Bennett and Mrs. and Mr. Thomas Hays.

Patients Urged to Sign For Recreation Trips

Patients may begin signing up at the Welfare and Recreation Department during the next week for two events scheduled for later in the month which should prove of interest.

On Sunday, 16 September, a group of patients will be taken for a day of fun to the Russian River, as the guests of the Alameda County Employees Association, with lunch at Murphy's Guest Ranch House.

The group will leave Oak Knoll at 0830 for the full day's outing, which will include, among other things, good food, swimming, hot baths, dancing, and a scenic tour.

And on Friday, 21 September, 200 patients have been invited to attend a Donkey Softball game to be held at the Oaks ball park. Sponsor for this event is the Veterans of Foreign Wars Cooties. Transportation to and from the game will be provided.

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comparing notes on the industry — Harold Mabie and Ray Pollard have suddenly developed an interest in the hospital swimming pool. Come now, boys, I know you don't like water that well—Little Pete Bowers has nearly completed his present tour of duty. He left last Tuesday for New York. He'll be discharged next month, join his family, and start back to school—



Sunday, 2 September
RHUBARB—Ray Milland, Jan Sterling, COMEDY. The World Series comes up early in October and Paramount is all ready to cash in on the baseball spirit with this movie, to be released later this month. This picture concerns, believe it or not, a ferocious alley cat named Rhubarb who is the owner of the Brooklyn "Loons." Rhubarb inherits his millionaire master's fortune and the baseball team. Milland, the cat's guardian, finds his fiancée, Miss Sterling, is allergic to cats. Rhubarb is kidnaped during the World Series. A daughter of the cat's late master tries to do him in to get her hands on the money. All in all, you'd better see the movie or you'll never believe it.

Monday, 3 September
KILL THE UMPIRE—William Bendix, Una Merkel, COMEDY. Here, for the second night in a row, is another comedy about baseball—this one of the 1950 vintage. It was released in May of last year and what with William Bendix in the top role, rated a "very good" from reviewers. If not sated with this type of thing, this would be a good one to see, and might even be better than the newer model.

Tuesday, 4 September
CROSSWINDS—John Payne, Rhonda Fleming, DRAMA. This is a new Paramount release, slated to hit the neighborhood movie house in October, and given an advance rating of "good" by reviewers. No information is available as to what type of movie it is but it is in color and has Rhonda Fleming. You want more?

Wednesday, 5 September
HILLS OF UTAH—Gene Autry, Donna Mortell, WESTERN. Here is a new one, with public release date not set as yet. One of Autry's latest entries in the six-shooter and wild chase marathon, it might be a good one to include in your schedule, unless you are a dyed-in-the-wool Roy Rodgers or Hopalong Cassidy fan.

Thursday, 6 September
HARD, FAST AND BEAUTIFUL—Claire Trevor, Robert Clarke, DRAMA. This movie, released earlier this year, concerns the fortunes of a brilliant young amateur tennis star, with an overambitious mother. Directed by Ida Lupino, the girl friend or wife may like this one better than you do. The story traces the career of the tennis player from high school graduation through a swift rise to world amateur championship under the scheming guidance of her mother, who yields to a shady promoter's plans for capitalizing on the girl by accepting money from a hotel chain and other commercial institutions, in exchange for having the girl make publicity tours, wear sponsored apparel and lend her name to various profitable purposes. There is a love angle, too, of course. Reviewer's rating: "Very good."

Friday, 7 September
VENGEANCE VALLEY—Burt Lancaster, Robert Walker, WESTERN. This film has been rated an unusually good Western, including Technicolor photography, he-man acting on the part of Lancaster, plenty of zip and action and a slickness which makes for real enjoyment. It concerns Lancaster's attempts to help his wayward brother, played by Walker, and his final failure, at least in that respect.

Saturday, 8 September
ROGUES OF SHERWOOD FOREST—John Derek, Diana Lynn, DRAMA. No information available on this one. The title, however, would lead one to expect something along the Robin Hood line. Could be labeled "Surprise of the Week."



SPORTS

Knoll Sluggers Win Over NSC

Oak Knoll baseballers lashed out 13 hits, seven of them for extra bases, on Tuesday, 28 October, to down NSC, Oakland, eight to four in an Armed Forces League tilt.

The Hospital team collected five of the hits and two of the runs in the first inning, and in a wide-open fourth inning scored five more runs on four hits, an NSC error and a walk. The final run was added in the seventh.

Tamborski went the route on the mound for the Oak Knollites, giving up 11 safeties. The Hospital crew was charged with four errors, the NSC team with three.

Hill led his teammates at the plate with three singles in five appearances. Bournellis collected two doubles during the afternoon, and Tamborski registered two singles. Benson bashed out a triple, Amos a double, and McCann, Dinuzzo and Papadakis each a single.

On Thursday, 31 August, the Oak Knoll baseball team was scheduled to make its last home grounds appearance against NAS, Oakland.

Three Grid Practices Scheduled for Week

Football practice at Oak Knoll will begin in earnest after the Labor Day holiday, with practice sessions scheduled for 1530 on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday of next week.

Plans for an intra-hospital touch football tournament were still pretty much up in the air as the Oak Leaf went to press, but Welfare and Recreation Department officials said the only thing lacking is entries.

If enough interest is shown, the intra-hospital competition will get under way as soon as possible.

Moore's 3-Hitter Good for Victory

A hybrid mixture of Oak Knoll softball and baseball players went to the Electronics School at Treasure Island on Thursday, 23 August, to play a Twelfth Naval District softball league make-up game and came home the winners by a score of 4 to 2.

The Oak Knoll team garnered six hits, while Hospital crew hurler Tom Moore limited the Electronics School team to only three bingles.

The Oak Knoll hits, all singles, were by Dinuzzio, Moore, Papadakis, Hines and Webb, who got two.

On Thursday, 6 September, the Oak Knoll crew will go to Travis Air Force base to play the remaining make-up game of the season's schedule.

The Hospital team has a very good chance of finishing among the top three or four teams in the district.

Things were not so good for Oak Knoll, however, in Women's softball competition. According to the final standings in the league play which ended last week, the Oak Knoll representatives ended up in last place among the ten teams, with four wins and 11 losses.

First place went to the Treasure Island Waves, who won 11 and lost two during the season, while the San Francisco Women Marines copped second with 11 wins and four losses.

NP Cagers Down Welfare and Rec

Action continued slow in hospital basketball competition during the past week, with the N.P. department walking off with a win in the only game played when they beat the Welfare and Recreation 34-31 on Friday, 24 August.

On Monday, 27 August, Surgery II won by a forfeit over the Unsettled Five, and on Tuesday, 28 August, the Nite Crew won over Laboratory in the same way.

The schedule for the next week: Monday, 3 September, Welfare and Recreation vs. Nite Crew; Tuesday, 4 September, Unsettled Five vs. N.P. Department; Wednesday, 5 September, Letusouts vs. Physio I; Thursday, 6 September, Laboratory vs. Surgery II.



Willie Jefferson, HN, winner of the championship flight in the Oak Knoll intra-hospital golf tournament receives congratulations from CAPT J. N. Gordon, Commanding Officer, as Jefferson was presented his trophy. Other receiving trophies are (left to right) Ed Cornell, HMI, Championship flight runner-up; Jefferson, CAPT Gordon, LTJG Brackin, winner of first flight competition, and LT H. L. Sanders, first flight runner-up.

Jefferson Gains First Place Trophy In Knoll Golf Championship Flight

Willie Jefferson, HN, mainstay of the Oak Knoll varsity golf team, reigned this week as champion of Hospital linksmen after he walked off with top honors in the intra-hospital golf tourney final round played 24 August at the Lake Chabot course.

Jefferson, who carded a 79 to gain a spot in the championship flight, came through with a sizzling 73 to cop the title and Championship Flight First Place trophy.

H. E. Cornell, HMI, copped second place honors in the championship flight with a 75, two strokes behind Jefferson. His qualifying score was 78.

In First Flight competition, LTJG H. B. Brackin, who also led qualifiers in that bracket, came home the winner with an 82. He qualified with an 86.

Second place in this flight went

to LT H. L. Sanders, who cut a qualifying score of 97 to a neat in the finals round.

CDR J. R. Dillon, with the qualifying score of 76, again carded a 76 to place third in the championship flight. Other final scores in the flight included Ed Cannell, HMC, LTJG E. H. Ninow, 90, and P. G. F. HN, 95.

G. E. Papadakis, HM3, grabbed third place honors in first flight competition with an 89, five strokes better than his qualifying 94. Other finishers in the first flight, and the scores, included Nelson, 90; T. Brack, HM2, 93; LTJG J. Kushn 101, and Foster, 113.

Trophies were awarded to first and second place winners in both flight Preliminary rounds in the intra-hospital tourney were played on 17 August.

Tennis Tournament Plans Announced

Plans have been announced by the Welfare and Recreation department for another intra-hospital tennis tournament, with the starting date tentatively set for 10 September.

All entries for the tourney must be in with the Welfare and Recreation department by 6 September.

Present plans call for singles and doubles competition for both men and women and a mixed doubles bracket if sufficient interest is shown.

Knoll Links Crew Loses to Alameda

Oak Knoll's varsity golf crew wound up second in a triangular meet at NAS, Alameda, on Wednesday, 22 August, but only because one of the three teams, NAS, Oakland defaulted.

So the triangular match turned into a two-team match won by NAS, Alameda, who beat the Oak Knoll crew to the tune of 12½ to 2½.

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Boarding the bus above are patients from Oak Knoll who attended the morning session of the Japanese Peace Treaty Conference in San Francisco's War Memorial Opera House on Wednesday, 5 September. The patients, first of four groups to attend the conference, witnessed the adoption of conference rules, election of a permanent chairman and vice-chairman and the opening phases of the meeting.

Plans Made For New Fund Drive

Plans for a United Fund Campaign to be held from 15 October to 5 November were rapidly shaping up this week as Captain I. L. V. Norman, Executive Officer, who will act as chairman of the drive, met with his committees to formulate a plan of "attack."

The united drive will replace the numerous drives in which hospital personnel have heretofore been asked to participate and will make giving simpler and will assure support of worthy organizations, members of the united fund organization believe.

Relief and charitable organizations to be supported by the campaign are the American Red Cross, Navy Relief, Community Chest, Cancer Society, American Heart Society, American Association of Rheumatic Diseases, National Polio Foundation, and Cerebral Palsy Fund. A board of governors will be appointed to determine how the various agencies will share in the amount collected during the three-week drive.

Results of the Thursday session at which plans were made for the successful conduct of the drive will be published in the Oak Leaf and in memorandums to be circulated during the coming week. In attendance at the meeting, at which Captain Norman presided, were LT R. L. Thompson, MSC, USN, who has been named Executive Secretary, CDR R. W. Ohl, DC, USN, and Miss Dorothy Thompson, publicity; CWO L. E. Amick, HC, USN, treasurer; Major N. J. Cantley, MSC, USA, and LT J. W. Parsons, MSC, USN, auditors.

Key personnel designated to head the drive in their various departments are CDR R. S. Poos, MC, USN, Medical and Medical Service Corps; LT M. J. Doyle, NC, USN, Nurse Corps; CDR J. A. Whitman, CHC, USN, Patient Personnel, all Wards; Mr. H. W. Boyles, Civilian Personnel; HMC A. W. McClain, Hospital Corpsmen; S/SGT W. W. Van Court, Marine Detachment; Miss Marie Adams, American Red Cross; Miss Louise Kinner, Navy Exchange.

Civilian Workers To Donate Blood

Civilian employees at Oak Knoll were reminded by memorandum during the past week of the impending visit at the Hospital of a Red Cross Bloodmobile on 21 September, when they will have a chance to give blood for the wounded in Korea.

The Bloodmobile will be complete with all the necessary blood drawing equipment, and it is hoped that at least 200 donors will volunteer.

Hal Boyles, head of Civilian Personnel, has stated that arrangements have been made so that every civilian who wishes to give blood may be excused from his work to do so. Refreshments will be served to each donor before he returns to his job.

Blood donors must be between 18 and 60 and must weigh at least 112 pounds. If the donor is between 18 and 21, a signed statement from parents or guardian is necessary. Also three months must have elapsed since the last donation, and the donor must not have a cold, or ever have had malaria, yellow jaundice or tuberculosis or have been in a malaria zone in the past two years.

Donors must not eat for four hours prior to appointment.

CAPT Higgins Named Lecturer At U.C.

CAPT. A. R. Higgins, MC, USN, Chief of the Oak Knoll Medical Service, has been appointed as a lecturer at the University of California School of Medicine and will speak at the school at seminars on internal medicine through the coming year.

Patients Attend Peace Confab

Oak Knoll patients during the past week had an opportunity to attend the historic Japanese Peace Treaty Conference meetings in San Francisco.

Thirty-five patients were scheduled to attend the morning sessions of the conference on four days, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Transportation to and from the War Memorial Opera House, where the conference is being held, was provided, and a block of tickets for Oak Knoll representatives was reserved on each of the days through special arrangements made by the Red Cross.

For the patients the conference had a special significance since some of them are still recuperating from wounds received in the war against Japan.

The conference also gave the patients attending an opportunity to see in person dignitaries from nations all over the world and to see them sit down together in an effort to work toward peace, an opportunity not often available.

The patients were more fortunate than many who wished to attend the conference. With a very limited number of seats available for the general public, the line of persons hoping to get tickets began to form more than nine hours before the doors opened for the Wednesday morning session.

Trip Included In Recreation Events

Two recreation events of more than usual interest for patients are scheduled for week after next, with lists for those wishing to attend still open for additions at Welfare and Recreation.

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Practical Joke Uncovers Talent

Hester Biting RMSN, a WAVE patient on 40B, was the recent "victim" of a practical joke that turned out decidedly in her favor.

Some friends took her to an Oakland night spot on Amateur Night last week and completely unbeknownst to Miss Biting entered her name as a singing contestant. (Little did they suspect that she had been

an active member of the Harrisburg, Pa., Choir Society.)

It was murder. Miss Biting sang two songs, "Two Young" and "Mam-selle," capturing the hearts of all present (except the other three contestants) and first prize money of \$10 to boot. Also she is invited to return in four weeks to participate in the Grand Slam with the other first prize winners.

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THE HOUSE WITH THE GOLDEN WINDOWS

There is an old story about the house with the golden windows. A modern version of this story was enacted last week as a carload of travelers approached a city.

As the car sped along the broad highway a boy in the back seat saw a large dome-shaped building in the far distance. The building sparkled in the light of the evening sun, for it had beautiful golden windows. Another person in the car thought it must be the state capitol, or perhaps it was a great church with golden panes. "I wish our house had golden windows," said the boy.

A few minutes later as the car drew near, the building turned out to be an ugly, dingy factory and the golden windows became plain, dusty glass. "I'm glad our house doesn't have windows like that," said the boy.

Sometimes we so wish we could trade jobs, problems or situations with the other fellow. From our point of view he has so much; his job is so easy, his burdens so light. His house certainly has golden windows. However, if we were familiar with the true facts we would see he spent many years learning his difficult trade, he has heavy responsibilities, he works while we play.

If you cannot find contentment and happiness in your present environment and daily routine, it is perhaps true that you will never find it unless your attitude changes. Happiness is the by-product of a state of mind, not a result of surrounding oneself in a circle of wishes. You cannot exchange places with that other "lucky" fellow anyway, so instead of wasting time in envy, jealousy and wishing, why not turn your ambitions, talents and thoughts to the satisfying job of wholesome, useful living?

Religious Faith can provide a clear vision so that eternal values may be distinguished from the gilt and glitter of things "that moth and rust doth corrupt." Try Faith, the only short-cut to happiness, contentment and peace of mind. You will thereby fit your house with golden windows.

J. A. WHITMAN,
Protestant Chaplain

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Officers' Wives Club Plans Tea For 12 Sept.

The Oak Knoll Officers' Wives Club has planned to start its Fall season with a tea to be given 12 September, 1500, at the Officers' Club.

Assisting Mrs. J. L. Zundell as hostess will be Mrs. A. L. Schultz, Mrs. C. K. Holloway, Mrs. M. S. Bowman, Mrs. R. E. Mitchel, Mrs. W. F. Hughes, Mrs. D. W. Hack, Mrs. R. M. Ohl and Mrs. R. L. Thompson.

The Commanding Officer's wife, Mrs. J. N. C. Gordon, Honorary President of the Club, with Mrs. M. M. Rubin, President, Mrs. Benjamin Ahl, Vice-President, Mrs. Lorenz Hapfer, Secretary, and Mrs. George Barnes, Treasurer, will greet the 150 members.

Members of the Club include wives of the officers attached to the hospital and also Navy doctors wives residing in the Oakland area whose husbands are on duty in the Pacific.

It is hoped that nobody has been overlooked. However, if any wives have not been invited, please do call Mrs. Robert F. Christopher, KELlog 6-0641.

Red Cross Ramblings



M/SGT W. J. Adams, USMC, of Ward 42B, at a recent West Coast League game had an opportunity to meet the managers of two League teams, Mel Ott (left) of the Oakland Oaks, and Lefty O'Doul (second from right) of the San Francisco Seals. Shown above at right is Mr. Clarence Wilson of the Associated Sportsmen of California, who has arranged for the two managers to come to Oak Knoll on Monday, 10 September, to visit with patients at the Red Cross Lounge. Time of the visit has been set at 1900.

BALL ONE!

To all of you avid fans of America's Number One sporting event—Mel Ott, manager of the Oakland Oaks, and Lefty O'Doul, manager of the San Francisco Seals, will informally visit with the patients in the Red Cross Lounge (Building 32) on next Monday evening, 10 September, at 1900. They will answer all your queries and discuss the game of baseball with you. Introductions will be made by Mr. Clarence Wilson of the Associated Sportsmen of California, who is making their appearance possible at this time.

HEY! HEY! SWING YOUR PARTNERS

Have you ever attended a Barn Dance? Anyone who was at the Red Cross Lounge on Friday evening knows what real fun can be. Plenty of partners for everyone resulted in something more than just a real old-fashioned hoe down. Perhaps you know that California leads the nation in folk dancing? These Friday gatherings in the Lounge from 1900 to 2100 bear out that fact. If you are an on-looker—meet the hostesses from Oakland and Berkeley and join in the fun. Simple rhythms or the more complicated reels and squares are taught during the evening. Bring your ward pal along next week. Remember the date, every Friday evening at 1900 in the Red Cross Lounge.

MOST POPULAR HOBBY

Interest in stamp collecting is again on the upgrade. Thanks to the large number of donations that the Red Cross has received from clubs and individuals in the nearby communities, there are many fine stamps and the necessary equipment for both the beginner and the most experienced collector. The Stamp Club meets at 1400 every Wednesday afternoon topside Ships Service Building with Mrs. Alice Dallas, Gray Lady coordinator. Let us hear from you if you are a bed patient, and we will be glad to aid you in this hobby. If you are ambulatory, come on down.

KICK-OFF

There have been many inquiries regarding football games for the pa-

tients. The 49ers Football Team has cordially invited the men to attend their games at Kezar Stadium. The next home game when tickets will be available will be 30 September when they play the Cleveland Browns. The next home game will be played on 28 October when they meet the Los Angeles Rams.

GOIN' FISHING?

Those anglers who can wield a mean casting rod are hauling in the big ones. Not far off shore can be seen schools of deep sea bass, ling and rock cod, bluefish, yellowtail and others that make the depths boil. On alternate Thursdays we cruise out of Half Moon Bay. Every other Thursday we will go to local waters for fresh water fishing, leaving at "The Skippers" in Vallejo at the foot of Georgia Street. The Navy Commissary provides the "chow" for those sea-going appetites. Transportation is sent with the cooperation of the Navy, Welfare and Recreation Department. If you want to be a good working member of the Oak Knoll Rod and Reel Club, help us get the gear in good shape and keep it that way.

CDR and Mrs. Canty Off To Europe For Parley

CDR T. J. Canty, MC, USN, chief of the Oak Knoll Amputee Service, and Mrs. Canty left Oak Knoll Monday, 3 September for Washington, D.C., and will fly from there to Stockholm, Sweden, where Dr. Canty will be the Navy's official representative at the Fifth World Congress of the International Society for the Welfare of Cripples, to be held from September 9 to 14.

While abroad CDR Canty will visit several amputee centers in Europe, among them those at Roehampton, England; Heidelberg, Berlin and Munich, Germany; Vienna, Austria; Venice, Italy; Berne, Switzerland, and Paris, France.

CDR and Mrs. Canty will return to Oak Knoll in approximately one month.

Life Begins at Oak Knoll

26 August

- LOVGREN, Robert Dale, to wife of Chester Lovgren, CPL, 8 pounds, 13 ounces.
- ASINGER, Michael John, to wife of Charles Asinger, CPL, 7 pounds, 8 ounces.
- INGEMANSSON, boy, to wife of Nils Ingemansson, CPL, 6 pounds, 10 ounces.

27 August

- MONASTERIO, Rita Ann, to wife of Michael Monasterio, EN2, 5 pounds, 15 ounces.
- PENNEWELL, Vicki Eve, to wife of George Pennewell, SA, 7 pounds, 3 ounces.
- COBB, Edith Lily, to wife of Harold Cobb, AN, 8 pounds.
- HALE, Ronda Jo, to wife of Dick Hale, SK3, 6 pounds, 12 ounces.
- THOMAS, Steven William, to wife of William Thomas, SHN3, 10 pounds, 9 ounces.

28 August

- CURRY, Darrance Andre, to wife of Lucius Curry, FN, 4 pounds, 15 ounces.
- CARNAL, Patricia Anne, to wife of Warren Carnal, FC2, 6 pounds, 11 ounces.
- McGINNIS, Daniel Kevin, to wife of Robert McGinnis, LTJG, 9 pounds, 7 ounces.
- CONOVER, Wayne Brian, to wife of George Conover, LCDR, 7 pounds, 2 ounces.
- KAUFMAN, Sandra, to wife of Richard Kaufman, ENS, 7 pounds, 4 ounces.
- DRUMMONDS, Nicolette, to wife of William Drummonds, HN, 5 pounds.
- GAFFORD, Gerald Alexander, Jr., to wife of Gerald Gafford, LTJG, 7 pounds, 4 ounces.
- LAMBERGER, Leah Kay, to wife of Howard Lamberger, SK2, 6 pounds, 8 ounces.

29 August

- MINYARD, Randy Lee, to wife of Jesse A. Minyard, EN3, 8 pounds, 3 ounces.
- WARD, boy, to wife of Billie Ward, SD2, 7 pounds, 4 ounces.
- RANDALL, Laura Ann, to wife of Kirby Randall, AL1, 6 pounds, 6 ounces.
- WATKINS, Rebecca Jo, to wife of Derald Watkins, SN, 7 pounds, 1 ounce.
- WILKERSON, James Douglas, to wife of Nully Wilkerson, AL3, 9 pounds, 1 ounce.
- DAVIS, Judy Kay, to wife of Loyal Davis, CSI, 8 pounds, 4 ounces.

30 August

- BRYANT, girl, to wife of James Bryant, HM3, 6 pounds, 15 ounces.
- HENNING, Robert Dempster, to wife of Raymond Henning, MML3, 6 pounds, 7 ounces.
- BERNIER, Carol Elice, to wife of Clarence Bernier, AA, 7 pounds, 10 ounces.
- JUARROS, Nicki Lee, to wife of David Juarros, PFC, 7 pounds, 8 ounces.
- FREITAS, Marc Edwin, to wife of Richard Freitas, PFC, 6 pounds, 12 ounces.
- DALLAS, Ellen Christine, to wife of Donald Dallas, QMS3, 6 pounds, 15 ounces.
- COGSWELL, girl, to wife of George Cogswell, LT, 8 pounds, 13 ounces.
- CORNELL, Glen Allen, to wife of Rex Cornell, MML2, 8 pounds, 9 ounces.
- WEBSTER, girl, to wife of Robert Webster, LT, 6 pounds, 13 ounces.

31 August

- ROEDER, Wesley Michael, to wife of Bertam Roeder, LTJG, 8 pounds, 4 ounces.
- DALTON, Raelene Sue, to wife of Raymond Dalton, YNSN, 6 pounds, 11 ounces.
- EDGERTON, Larry Wayne, to wife of Harry Edgerton, FN, 6 pounds, 10 ounces.
- MESSER, Donna Denise, to wife of William Messer, MEG1, 7 pounds, 4 ounces.

1 September

- TURNER, girl, to wife of Charles Turner, SGT, 6 pounds, 11 ounces.
- SHARF, Susan Elizabeth, to wife of Andrew Sharf, LTJG, 7 pounds.
- JOHNS, Karen Ruth, to wife of Glen Johns, DC3, 7 pounds, 13 ounces.
- TROUT, William Michael, to wife of William Trout, HM3, 6 pounds, 7 ounces.
- SHERTZER, Steven Francis, to wife of Francis Shertzer, S/SGT, 5 pounds, 4 ounces.

Knollites Feted At Disabled Vets Day

A bus load of Oak Knoll patients on Thursday, 6 September, went to Sacramento to attend Disabled Veterans' Day at the California State Fair.

The group left Oak Knoll at 0830 and returned late in the evening.

At the fair the patients were admitted free to all concessions at the midway, the races, and other special shows.



Johnny Castro (right) drew loud applause with his accordion solos at the stage show at the Community Services Building Auditorium on Tuesday, 4 September. At left, shown in the midst of their Spanish dance number are Johnny and Emily. The stage show, which drew a large audience, was sponsored by the East Bay High Schools.

East Bay High Schools Bring Top Entertainment To Oak Knoll

Oak Knollites were treated to top flight entertainment on Tuesday, 4 September, when a stage show sponsored by the East Bay High schools was presented at the Community Services Building Auditorium.

The ten-piece band opened the afternoon's show with four numbers, "Blue Moon," "I Apologize," "Brazil," and "Choo Choo Choogie." This was followed by a vocal solo, "Too Young," by Don Smith, who drew loud applause from the near-capacity audience.

Johnny Castro was next on the program with his accordion, fol-

lowed by the band and Arthur Fletcher at the piano in "Deep Purple," and "You Can't Get a Man With a Gun."

Then came one of the highlights of the afternoon, a Spanish dance by a team named "Johnny and Emily."

Other features of the program included a vocal solo by Gilda Randal, a piano solo by Roxanna Chu, vocal solo by Sonja Shellhammer, additional numbers by the band and accordion solos by Johnny Castro.

The program was arranged by Arleen Ackerman and Frank Barber. Harry Spence acted as master of ceremonies.

Staff Personalities

A "Plank Owner," and then some, at Oak Knoll is Miss Claire Martini of the Care of the Dead Office. Miss Martini, a native Californian and a resident of nearby San Leandro, first came to Oak Knoll as an employee of the contractor who built the hospital. And before construction was completed, she applied for and received a Civil Service appointment in order that she would be able to continue working at the hospital after its opening. However, because her rating came through before the hospital was opened, she spent six months working at another Navy activity in this area, and came to Oak Knoll on 16 November, 1942.



Presenting the man many Reserves on duty at Oak Knoll are anxious to meet—Lee Huggins, HM1, of the Civil Readjustment Office. Huggins, a reserve himself, is one of the staff who handles the many papers that must be in order before return to inactive duty. A teacher in the grade schools at Denver, Colo., before being called to active duty in January, Huggins is a graduate of Regis College in Denver. He has also taken some graduate work at the University of Denver and hopes to complete work for his Master's Degree in Education when returned to inactive duty. Huggins served three and one half years in the Navy during World War II, mostly aboard an LCI in the Pacific.



There has been a sudden call for books upon which currently popular movies are based. People have been looking especially for "Captain Horatio Hornblower." Unfortunately the picture is a composite of several of the Hornblower novels by C. S. Forester, and there is no one story that exactly follows the plot of the movie. Since the novels are not written in any chronological order—"Mr. Midshipman Hornblower," the first episode in the saga, having been the last book actually written—we are a little at a loss to tell our readers how to proceed. Probably the best way is just pick up "Ship of the Line" or "Beat to Quarters" and start in. Each one is complete and each is a rousing good historical novel of the Napoleonic period. Hornblower never really lived, of course, but he probably had his closest counterpart in Captain Hardy, who was Chief of Staff to the great Lord Nelson.

If you want factual background on the same period which still reads like a novel, I cannot recommend too highly the magnificent biography published some years ago by Richard Aldington called "The Duke." It is a romantic saga of the whole period done in terms of the life of Arthur Wellesley, Duke of Wellington. (Lady Barbara in the picture is a fictional sister of his, added for the convenience of Hollywood, I suppose.) Anyhow, "The Duke" is as well written as any of the novels and is all the more fascinating because every word of it is true.

And to complete the picture from the French side, there is the Napoleonic trilogy by Fletcher Pratt. Forester uses information from all these sources as background, while he tells the imaginary rise of Horatio Hornblower, who was a stern taskmaster in the British tradition but also a man of much kinder disposition. For lovers of the colorful past any of these books will make joyful reading.

From the American past three best-selling authors have also recently drawn fiction portraits. Frank Slaughter has given us "Fort Everglades," Frank Yerby mixes history with sex in "A Woman Called Fancy," and VanWyck Mason retells the Confederate story of "Proud New Flags." All of these move out of the library as fast as we can get them in again.

James Michener has said that he sees no justification for novelists who write historical romances. Well, I can give him a very simple one. People of all variety thoroughly enjoy reading such books. Is there a better justification anywhere for setting pen to paper?

FRANK M. CAMPBELL, HM1

Decatur, Ill. (AFPS)—Householders failing to pay their water bills are being notified that their water will be turned off. Water Commissioner Homer L. Chastian discovered his name was on the list.

Long Beach, Calif. (AFPS)—Four men had to put Eugene Atkins back on his feet after a chair had collapsed under him. Atkins weighs 682 pounds.

Orthopedic Care Vital At Knoll

Orthopedics developed originally out of the procedures in caring for crippled children. The term combines the two Greek words "orthos" (straight) and "pais" (child). It now describes the branch of surgical practice that is concerned with the skeleton and its associated soft tissue parts (muscles, tendons, joints, etc.).

Sixty to seventy percent of the human body surface is extremity (arms and legs) by nature, and therefore more subject, because of its surface area, to injury. No wonder, then, that although the Orthopedic Service at Oak Knoll usually averages about 15% of the total hospital patient census, the percentage of Korean casualties during the first 6 months of 1951 that were admitted to the Orthopedic Service was 85%.

Says Captain Frank P. Kreuz, MC USN, Chief of the Orthopedic Service, "Orthopedic treatment in World War II and the Korean conflict has shown much improvement over that used in past wars. But judicious treatment for severe Korean casualties with multiple major wounds could not be successfully carried out except for the excellent cooperation and team-work given this department by the departments of X-Ray, Neurosurgery, Plastic Surgery, Physical Medicine, and Occupational Therapy; also we are fortunate in being able to call upon the services of our three fine civilian consultants, Dr. William F. Holcomb, Dr. Arthur Holstein, and Dr. Douglas Toffelmier."

The Orthopedic Service is organized into the traumatic surgery, the non-traumatic surgery, and training branches.

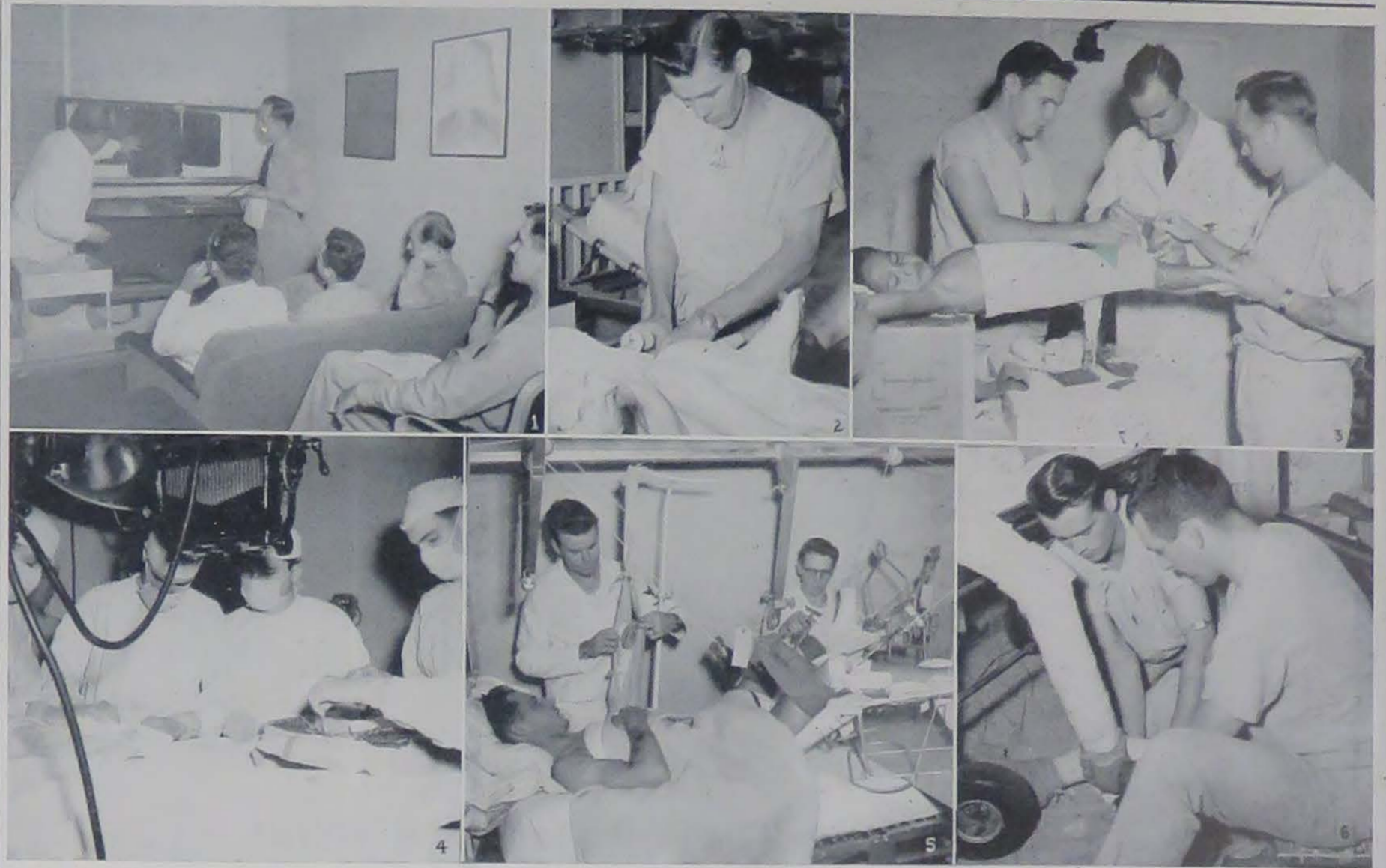
Traumatic (acute injury) orthopedic surgery provides diagnosis and therapeutic care for the fractures and dislocations of the skeleton and injuries to the associated soft tissue parts. These cases are cared for on Wards 41A and 41B.

Non-traumatic orthopedic surgery is concerned with diseased bones and associated parts. Wards 48A, 48B, 49A, and 62A are set aside for these cases. This branch includes reconstructive orthopedic procedures, such as bone grafts, modelling of new joints, replacing of bone defects, and tendon transplantations. Wards 44A and 44B are assigned to reconstructive orthopedics.

Specialized equipment is necessary for reconstructive orthopedics. A recent innovation is the insertion of large nails or steel rods within the marrow cavity of a broken thigh bone. This usually allows the patient to become ambulatory within a few weeks after surgery, whereas previous methods of treatment often required a prolonged bed confinement of from 4 to 8 months.

Another recent innovation is the remodelling and reconstruction of the hip joint by the use of an artificial cup inserted in the hip joint. Even more dramatic is the replacement of the entire hip joint socket by an artificial plastic device that is used when the hip joint wears out.

In and Out-Patient consultations and treatment are provided in Building No. 5. (Out-Patient visits to Orthopedic Service vary from 1000 to 1200 a month.) Here also are orthopedic X-Ray facilities, the plaster room for the application of plaster



Here are a few of the scenes from the everyday activity in the Orthopedics Department. (1) CAPT F. P. Kreuz, MC, USN, Chief of the Orthopedic Services, discusses X-ray plates with other members of his staff. (2) J. E. Butcher, HN, saws a section from the leg cast of a patient. (3) Here LT C. A. Mead, assisted by Duane Sowl, HM3 (left), and B. K. Alquire, HN, places a cast on a young patient suffering from polio. (4) Dr. Mead, third from right, again assisted by corpsmen, is shown in the midst of surgery in the Orthopedic Service. (5) This looks complicated, but J. R. Worrel, HM3 (left), and James Coombs, HN, know exactly what all the lines and pulleys are for. (6) Here LTJG R. M. Vetto, MC (left), with a corpsman's assistance, applies a cast to a patient.

casts and splints, and an operating suite designated as Surgery 1 (presently under repair).

Approximately 300 casts are applied each month. The cast room is maintained by 7 corpsmen, who are extremely adept in handling plaster. Although all manipulations or changes of position of the bone are done by the doctor in charge of each case, the corpsmen are relied upon with considerable confidence in the replacing of casts. It is a standing tradition among these technicians that if one inadvertently hurts the patient, he must buy cokes for all present.

Other activities of note in the Orthopedic Service include:

The volume of children's orthopedic consultations and treatment compares with and frequently surpasses many of the large civilian clinics in the United States and is easily among the largest in the Navy. The variety of this work comprises club feet, congenital hip dislocations, scoliosis (curvature of the spine), and reconstruction following infantile paralysis;

The Bone Bank, which allows the Orthopedic Service to preserve, by refrigeration, large and small portions of bone and thus enables the surgeon to have available bone for reconstructive cases. The Bank eliminates, frequently, necessity of a second operation to obtain the required bone, and it is especially useful in replacing large defects in injured bone. Recently the principle of bone preservation was entirely changed through Navy-sponsored research under the guidance of Captain Kreuz when he was stationed at the Navy Medical Center in Bethesda. This new principle preserves bone aseptically in glass containers that do not require refrigeration;

The Training Branch, which plans for and trains residents and interns, nurses, and hospital corpsmen. Members of the staff and civilian consultants provide such training in: a) basic sciences, b) children's orthopedics, c) adult orthopedics, and d) operative and cast technique.

Who's Who In Orthopedics

Thomas R. Asum Jr. HN is a gas model airplane fiend.

LTJG J. P. Ahstrom MC graduated from the University of Richmond and Northwestern Medical Schools.

Bruce K. Alquire HN is a carpenter knickknacker.

Florence Bateman R.N. makes yum yum chicken cacciatore.

Leland D. Bench HN is studying boxing from a professor on E. 14th St.

George Bournellis HN played professional baseball with the S.F. Seals from 1948-49.

Elizabeth Bullock, cast room clerk, can take dictation in German, Spanish, and English.

Lloyd M. Clark HM3 was playing the cornet in the University of Kansas band and studying pharmacy when he was recalled in June.

Ensign Marian B. Clark NC gets homemaking magazines and uses her family to practice recipes on.

LTJG D. T. Cloud MC was on duty with the Army at 155th Station Hospital in Yokohama from November 1950-June 1951.

Dale D. Coffman HA had his own band, *The Twilighters*, and broadcast regularly over *KTSW*, Emporia, Kansas, prior to entering the Navy last October.

James Coombs HN got his degree at a Kansas City Cooks and Bakers school in '47. His apple and cherry pies won the blue ribbon at a Salt Lake County Fair.

Samuel G. Curtis HN has 28 units to go for his degree in pharmacy at *Brigham Young University*.

Thomas E. Darter HM3 raises glad-iolas at his Livermore home for exhibitions and shows.

Jack C. Dice HM3 was studying at the *University of Denver* to be a public health sanitarian when he was recalled in June.

LT Dorothy M. Eoff NC bowls, golfs, rides, and basketballs.

Kenneth K. Drake HMI is an alumnus of the *Royal Academy of Dra-*

matic Arts, London, and the *Pasadena Playhouse College of Theatre*. (Drake was visiting his girl friend in Egypt when he was recalled in June.)

Betty R. Evans, secretary of the Orthopedics Service, worked in the Executive Office of the President, Washington, D.C. from 1940-41.

Ensign Romaine A. Farrell NC comes from *Washington, D.C.*

Thomas Lee Faulkner HMI was working as a printing pressman in Pine Bluff, Ark., when he was tapped last October.

Harry K. Fullmer HM3 thinks that orthopedics ought to help a lot in his ambition to be a carpenter.

John H. Gourley HN was doing graduate work in biochemistry and anatomy at the *University of Arkansas* when he was recalled in February.

LT Mary Grande NC does oil painting. When she was stationed in the TB nursery at Guam last year, she made Disney posters for the children.

Max E. Greer HM3 retains his interest in the Oklahoma A&M chapter of *Sigma Chi*, of which he was vice-president.

Ensign Mary A. Gros NC is learning how to keep house for her husband who is in the *Army Quartermaster Corps*.

LT Goldie Hague NC is learning to play the accordion.

Rocky Haile HN was studying physiotherapy at *Fresno State College* when Uncle Sam beckoned.

LT Jane Hardie NC enjoys her record collection (favorite opera: *La Boheme*).

Martin M. Heberling HM3 graduated from the Bethesda school for bone bank technicians, taught there until last December when he came to work in the local bone bank.

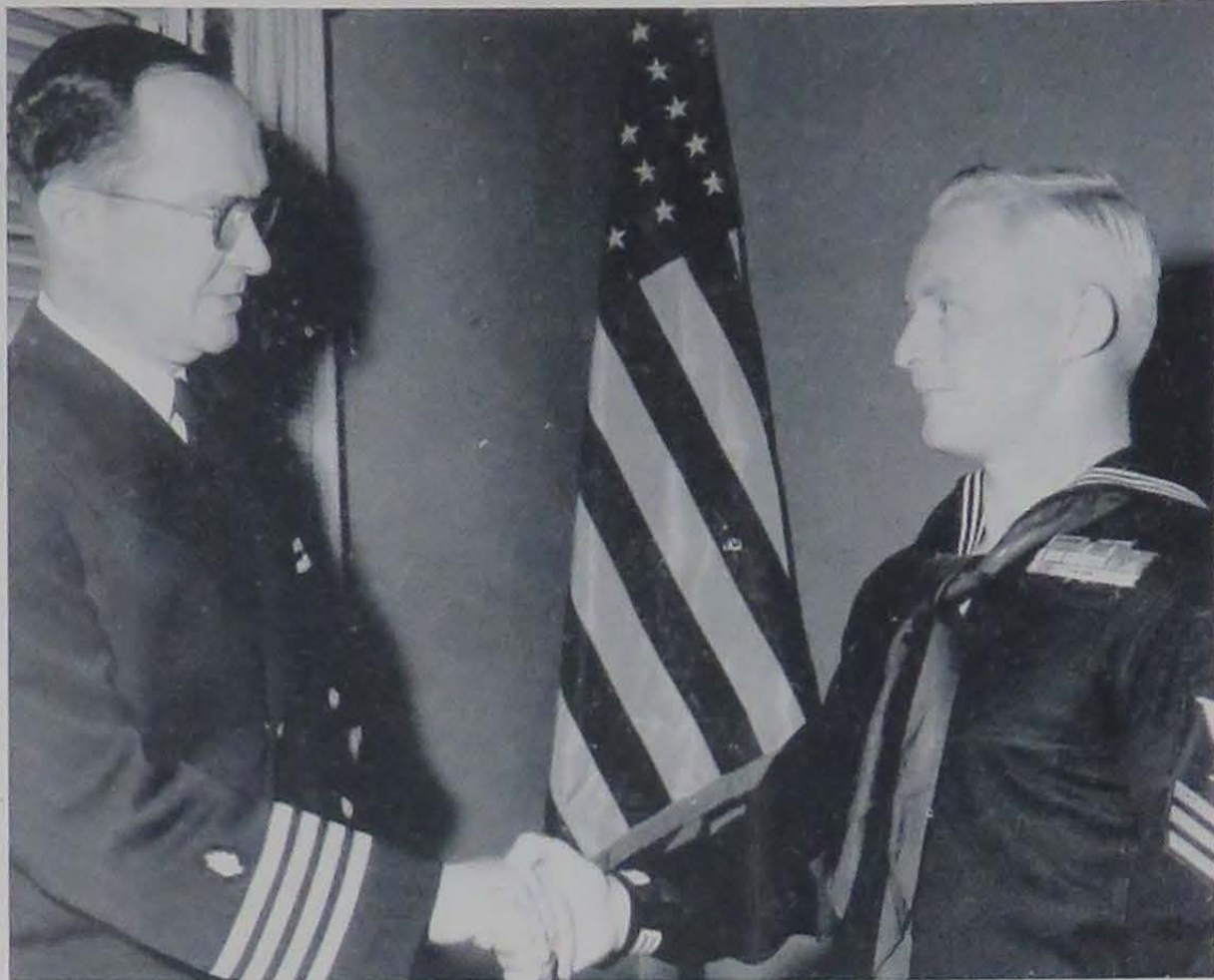
(Because of a lack of space not all Orthopedics Department personnel are listed in this week's "Who's Who." The balance of the list will be carried in next week's *Oak Leaf*.)

Scuttlebutt

By DERF

DISHING THE DIRT: Chief Cannell and Loren Dunstan left last Wednesday to attend the Western Society Electroencephalography Conference in Seattle—Drs. Barton and Bacon both made LCDR on the last list of promotions—If you glance through the 1931 issue of Spalding's Official Baseball Guide you'll see LT J. W. Parsons in the 4th Marine's, Shanghai-China picture. Seems that the 1931 manager of the team is the present Commandant of the Marine Corps—Seems to me I've seen Rita Moore and her "Bill" at the Fairmont tea dances—Lee Doumitt likes the atmosphere of the "Alley"—Is it true that the Southern Pacific Railroad had to put on an extra freight train to take care of all the copies of "The Oak Leaf" the Hopson family sent to Wichita?—Ray Rios is back from TAD at Fairfield; he prefers the Navy way of life to that of the Air Corps—Persis Stanley in Disbursing is planning her flight to Maine for a long rest. Jolly and rotund Mrs. Abbott will handle transportation details while Mrs. Stanley is away—Bill Johnson's "Bunny" is working hard at her Christmas present for Bill. She's promised him some little "Bunnies"—Phil Fox is telling everyone about the cute things his new little daughter does—Fred Hicks was caught at the scene of the UAL crash at Decoto by the TV fans on the base. They immediately recognized him by his flashing MAA badge—Bessie Wong finally finished a pair of argyles. No need to guess who is wearing them. Just lift up Dave Aoki's trouser cuff and you'll see them—Max Cosslett's back from Utah with the family and a long, shiny, new car—Hughes McBreaarty is writing an essay on "The value of wearing a uniform on liberty."—Watched Ed "Dusty" Desautels making like a man of distinction last week end—Banks is back, and EEG's got her—Harold Huggins spent the Labor Day week end in Washington State showing off his poodle at the dog shows—The Hopsons went along to keep the poodle company—Staff Personnel held a picnic on Labor Day at Lake Temescal. You never saw such a beat-up bunch of men as that gang when they went to work on Tuesday—Cecil Lockwood's Mrs. stopped by the E. M. Lounge the other night and saw some sailors playing shuffleboard: "You'd think they'd get enough of shuffleboard at sea," she cooed to her boy. That girl hasn't seen a Navy ship, I'm afraid!—Red and Edwina Hinchberger are cruising down LA way on a short leave—Rosabelle Tom went up around Yosemite on her three-day week end—We think the projectionist at the showing of "Rhubarb" should receive a "Catadamy Award."

Author: "I once got \$10 a word."
 Editor: "Hmmm! How was that?"
 Author: "I talked back to the judge."
 "Mandy, do you know anything of my wife's whereabouts?"
 "Well, ah ain't sho, but I believes I put em in de wash."
 Then there was the cannibal's daughter who liked the boys best when they were stewed.



Most recent re-enlistment among staff members at Oak Knoll was that of C. L. Rudolph, HMI, who signed over on 29 August for six more years in the Navy. Rudolph, a veteran of almost nine years' service in the Navy, is shown above being congratulated by CAPT J. N. C. Gordon, MC, USN, Commanding Officer. A native of Louisburg, Nova Scotia, Rudolph now calls Medford, Massachusetts, his home. He is married and has one son.

PREVIEWS

Sunday, 9 September
A MILLIONAIRE FOR CHRISTY—Fred MacMurray, Eleanor Parker, COMEDY. Here is what the trade magazine says about this film: "The film fan who seeks only divertimento when he relaxes in a theatre seat after a hard day at the office is sure to find this giddy, uninhibited romantic comedy to his liking. With Fred MacMurray, one of the screen's most experienced comedians, setting the pace, and a very fast pace it is, "A Millionaire for Christy" is a carefree romp from start to fadeout." With the added note that the movie concerns an inheritance amounting to \$2,000,000, a giddy secretary and an unbelieving MacMurray, that should be about enough of a come-on. Reviewer's rating: Very Good.

Monday, 10 September
FORTUNES OF CAPTAIN BLOOD—Louis Hayward, Patricia Medina, ADVENTURE. This one is an oldie, released in June of 1950 and given a rating of "Very Good" by reviewers. If you prefer the films with lots of action and bare-chested bravery, this is the one to see.

Tuesday, 11 September
THE STRIP—Mickey Rooney, Sally Forrest, DRAMA. Here is a relatively new one, released to the public just last month. It has been given a rating of "good." No information is available concerning the subject matter of the film.

Wednesday, 12 September
CRIMINAL LAWYER—Pat O'Brien, Jane Wyatt, DRAMA. What makes a criminal lawyer named Reagan tick seems to be, in this movie, alcohol, and Pat O'Brien gives veracity to the role. In this new film, to be released to the public next month, O'Brien is the fast thinking mouthpiece for criminals, who period-

ically goes on a toot, and rescues himself in time to produce a trick or a bag of them to free a client. His ambition is to be a judge; but better elements of the bar blackball him. His chance comes in rescuing the son of one of those elements from a vehicular homicide charge using the devices frowned upon by the bar; in this instance, choosing motorists as jurists, and then framing them in accidents.

Thursday, 13 September
DARLING, HOW COULD YOU?—Joan Fontaine, John Lund, DRAMA. This is another new one, set for release next month. Nothing is known about it except that it carries an advance rating of good. Tag this one "Surprise of the Week."

Friday, 14 September
WHEN THE WORLDS COLLIDE—Richard Derr, Barbara Rush, DRAMA. This one is a question mark. If the title is a clue, it should be interesting to say the least. No information is available on it, however, but it sounds as though it would be worth the 12 cents.

Saturday, 15 September
BETWEEN MIDNIGHT AND DAWN—Mark Stevens, Edmond O'Brien, DRAMA. Ever wonder what was going on in those hours when you are safely in bed? Here is your opportunity to find out. This film, released in 1950, is about the men who ride the prowling cars day and night through the teeming streets of a big city. The picture reflects the many hours of routine cruising, with the radio apt to bring danger to the men at any moment; the necessity of dealing with anything from drunks and street-fights to small-time crooks, and the team work that apprehends gangs and their leaders after a major crime.

Welcome and Farewell

The staff personnel office had a reasonably light week the past week, with the traffic out of Oak Knoll noticeably heavier than in-bound traffic. During the week 18 staff members left Oak Knoll for new duty stations, while only nine persons reported aboard for duty.

Reporting aboard were LTJG Robert S. LeMasurier, MC, USNR, from inactive duty; LTJG William B. Jensen, MC, USNR, from Naval Forces, Far East; LTJG Morton R. Steinberg, MC, USN, from Destroyer Division 162; HM3's A. J. Calandrelle, from USS Bayfield; R. S. Pomeroy and O. T. Beach, both from NAV-RECSTA, Treasure Island; HN's R. Schapiro and M. W. Rucker, both from U.S. Naval Hospital, Philadelphia, Pa., and HA R. H. Jones, also from USNH, Philadelphia.

Transferred were LTJG Frances J. Witte, NC, USNR, to civilian life; LTJG Charles H. Gray, MC, USN, to Naval Medical School, Bethesda, Md.; LT Neale H. Morrow, DC, USN, to USNH, San Diego;

HMI's P. Bowers, Jr., to USNH, St. Albans, N.Y.; M. R. Hoffer to Med-SupDep, Oakland, and J. H. Ingram to FMF; HM2's T. R. Brack, G. T. Friesz, W. D. Hanns, H. E. Johnson and F. A. Meek, all to FMF, Camp Pendleton; and D. E. Brittain, to MedSupDep, Oakland; HM3's D. Rushing, R. E. Teeter and R. W. Teply, all to FMF, Camp Pendleton; HN's E. J. Stanphill, R. D. Jensen and D. E. Johnson, also to FMF, Camp Pendleton, and SA D. R. Scharf, to USS St. Paul.

Need A New Razor? Then Write To KCBS

A recent letter received from Mr. Patrick McGuirk, of radio station KCBS, has invited patients, staff, and civilian employees of Oak Knoll Hospital to take advantage of an offer made by Bill Weaver of the "Waiting for Weaver" radio program. Mr. Weaver has made the following offer: "Anyone desiring a free Durham Enders razor, ready for shaving, can have one by simply dropping Mr. Weaver a postcard and writing the word **RAZOR** on it."

There are no strings attached to this offer and all patients, staff members and civilian employees at Oak Knoll who desire one of these razors free of charge, may have it by sending a postcard to Bill Weaver, Radio Station KCBS, Palace Hotel, San Francisco, California.

More Giant Carriers Planned By Navy

Washington (AFPS)—The Navy will ask for more giant aircraft carriers following completion of model tests now being conducted.

"Additional large flattops are a matter of considerable urgency because the Navy has larger and heavier planes coming into production," Secretary of the Navy Dan A. Kimball said.

Current tests of scale model of the 60,000-ton super-carrier James V. Forrestal is expected to give Navy engineers all the information needed for future construction of more ships in this class.



"Sanitation Dept., Ma'am . . . you called about some ants?"

SPORTS

Swim Lessons To Be Started Here

A new feature in Oak Knoll's athletic program was announced this week as plans were made for the beginning of swimming classes at the Hospital pool.

Present plans call for classes each morning, one from 1000 to 1100 for females and from 1100 to 1200 for males. Anyone interested in learning to swim is urged to sign up as soon as possible at the pool.

Aimed particularly at non-swimmers and beginners, the classes will provide a chance for all station personnel to learn a skill everyone should have, and in addition provide a new form of recreation for many.

More Grid Players Sought For Squad

An urgent call for touch football players was sounded this week by the Welfare and Recreation department, as the opening date, 13 September, for league play neared.

Only twelve men turned out for practice on Tuesday, 4 September, and there was a noticeable lack of ends and backs. Football officials announced that both officers and enlisted men are eligible to play on the station team.

Meanwhile, Welfare and Recreation also asked that departments enter teams in the proposed station touch football competition as soon as possible. The tournament will get under way as soon as a sufficient number of entries is received.

District football competition games will be played on Thursdays, at 1530, and is scheduled to be a "dungaree" league. Regular football uniforms will not be worn.

Cage Tourney List Needs Team

Catastrophe struck at the Oak Knoll intra-hospital basketball league this week as one of the eight teams, the Unsettled Five, dropped from the competition, leaving a big hole in the league schedule.

Any department able to round up five cage men is urged to contact Welfare and Recreation as soon as possible in order that league play may continue on schedule.

In the only score reported during the past week, Welfare and Recreation defeated the Lettusouts on Friday, 31 August, by a score of 40 to 24.

The schedule for next week: Monday, 10 September, Surgery II vs. NP Department; Tuesday, 11 September, Nite Crew vs. Physio I, and Wednesday, 12 September, Laboratory vs. Welfare and Recreation.

Pistol Shoot Final To Be 15 September

Finals in Twelfth Naval District pistol shooting competition have been set for 15 September and will be held at NAS, Alameda.

Oak Knoll will be represented by a team made up of CPL R. E. Scothorn, LT F. A. Gessner, CPL R. E. Lownes, CWO J. J. Gillette, LT G. B. McPherson, CWO D. W. Henderson and CPL R. O. Pelton.

Although the hospital team, made up of Marines, has not taken part in any competition to date, practice session results have indicated the Oak Knoll crew, made up of some of the best shots in the district, will be among the top contenders.

Eight Entries Made For Tennis Tourney

Eight entries were made during the past week in the proposed intra-hospital tennis tournament, with a minimum of that many more needed before tourney play can get under way.

Those entered to date include W. W. Ash, HN; F. L. Prosser, HN; R. E. Lowns, CPL; B. Ledbetter, HN; J. Brisnahan, HM2; O. Aoki, HM3; B. Belcher, HM2; K. E. Irrganghan, HN, and G. E. Papadakis, HM3.

The tourney, open to both men and women, is the second of the summer at Oak Knoll. Welfare and Recreation personnel would like to get at least 20 entries; so anyone interested in competing is urged to sign up as soon as possible.



Getting ready to usher in the basketball season at Oak Knoll are Tom Moore, HM2, and H. T. Wong, HM2, both of Welfare and Recreation and both members of the Knoll basketball team. Both men are busy getting equipment ready for inter-hospital and varsity basketball play.

Baseballers Take Last League Tilt

Oak Knoll's representative in the Twelfth Naval District baseball league rounded out scheduled play on Friday, 31 August, with a 3-1 win over NAS, Oakland, in a seven-inning game.

Tamborski went the route on the mound for the Hospital team and limited the losers to only two hits. Oak Knoll bats, meantime, racked up four safeties.

The Hospital team scored twice in the second inning after Dinuzzio's first inning double went for naught and he was left stranded on base. In the second inning McCann bashed out a single to get on base and then scored on Hines' double. Hines crossed the plate later in the same inning when Papadakis was out on a fielder's choice.

The final counter for the locals came in the next inning when Dinuzzio was put on base by a walk and scored on a screaming double by Amos.

It was not until the sixth inning that NAS, Oakland, was able to get a hit off Tamborski. In that inning the losers' first and only run crossed the plate when Williams bashed out a double. Osborne singled for NAS in the last inning but was left stranded.

Oak Knoll had a perfect day in the field as the team went errorless through the entire seven innings. One error was charged against the NAS, Oakland, crew.

A man smashed a clock and was accused of killing time. However, he won the case by proving the clock struck first.

Softball Team In Final Appearance

Oak Knoll's softball team made its final scheduled appearance of the season on Thursday, 6 September, against a team at Travis Air Force Base, but results were not available as the Oak Leaf went to press.

Tom Moore was scheduled to go on the mound again for the Hospital crew, and hoped to repeat his feat on 23 August when he limited the Electronics School at Treasure Island to only three hits as the Oak Knoll crew won 4 to 2.

Although play has been completed in Twelfth Naval District softball competition, league officials have not yet published final standings. It is believed, however, that Oak Knoll will be among the top four teams in the district.

Golf Crew Entered In 3-Way Contest

Oak Knoll's golf team travelled to NAS, Alameda, on Wednesday, 5 September, to take part in a triangular meet including NAS, Oakland, and Treasure Island. Results were not available as the Oak Leaf went to press.

The Oak Knoll crew, headed by Hospital Champion Willie Jefferson, hoped to get back in the winner's column after losing out to Alameda in the last match by a score of 12½ to 2½.

NAS, Oakland, scheduled to play in the earlier meet forfeited, giving Oak Knoll a second place.

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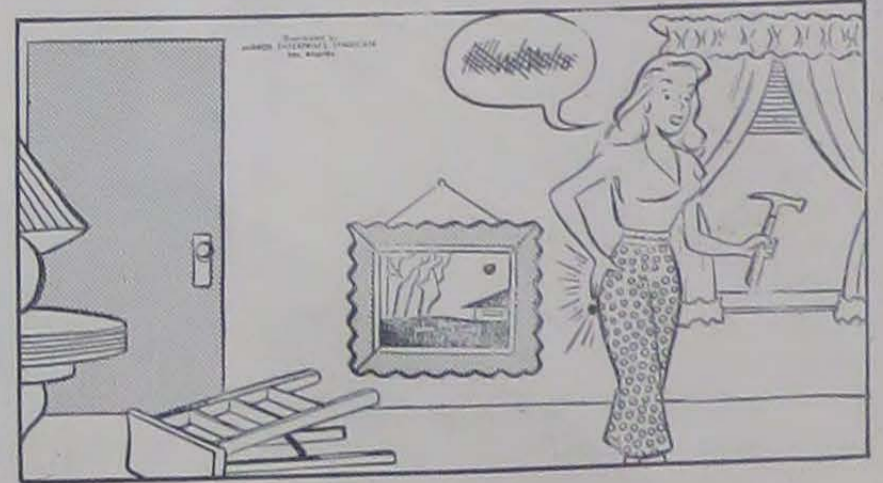
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UNITED STATES NAVAL HOSPITAL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA

Saturday, 15 Sept., 1951



PFC Alvin Long, USMC, an amputee patient at Oak Knoll, gingerly holds his new son, David Leon, born at Oak Knoll on Monday, 3 September, as his wife Nancy, looks on approvingly. PFC Long, whose legs were amputated below the knees after he was wounded in Korea, has another son, John, now a year and a half old.

Double Amputee Has a New Son

If Oak Knoll Patient PFC Alvin Long, USMCR, appeared somewhat weak in the knees during the past week, he had reason to — in fact, several reasons.

He is the father of a new son born on Monday, 3 September, and named David Leon. He was standing on a new pair of artificial legs. And he is making plans to move his family into a new home.

Young David, the second son in the Long family, weighed in at six pounds, four ounces. His brother, John, is a year and a half old.

PFC Long was wounded on 17 May 1951 when a Chinese hand grenade exploded under his feet while he was serving as a stretcher bearer with the Seventh Regiment, First Marine Division in Korea.

As a result of the wound, both of Long's legs were amputated below the knee.

Now PFC Long, with his wife, Nancy, and two sons, will move before long into a new home in Tamalpais Valley. The home is being built for Long by fellow carpenters in Mill Valley Carpenters Local 1710, AFL, with assistance from other unions and material contributed by more than 40 firms.

Knollites Urge Blood Donations

A nurse and a patient from Oak Knoll took to the air lanes during the past week in the interest of increasing blood donations for the war wounded.

On Monday, 10 September, at 1500 SGT A. C. Porter, USMC, an amputee patient on Ward 43A, appeared on the Navy TV show "Shootin' the Breeze," over Station KPIX. On the program RADM A. H. Dearing, MC, USN, Inspector of Pacific Coast Medical Activities and 12ND Medical Officer, spoke of the need for blood and the outstanding cooperation of Naval personnel in donating blood. SGT Porter told of his experiences in receiving blood and the need for it in an interview with LT J. E. Adams, Radio and TV officer for the 12ND Public Information Office.

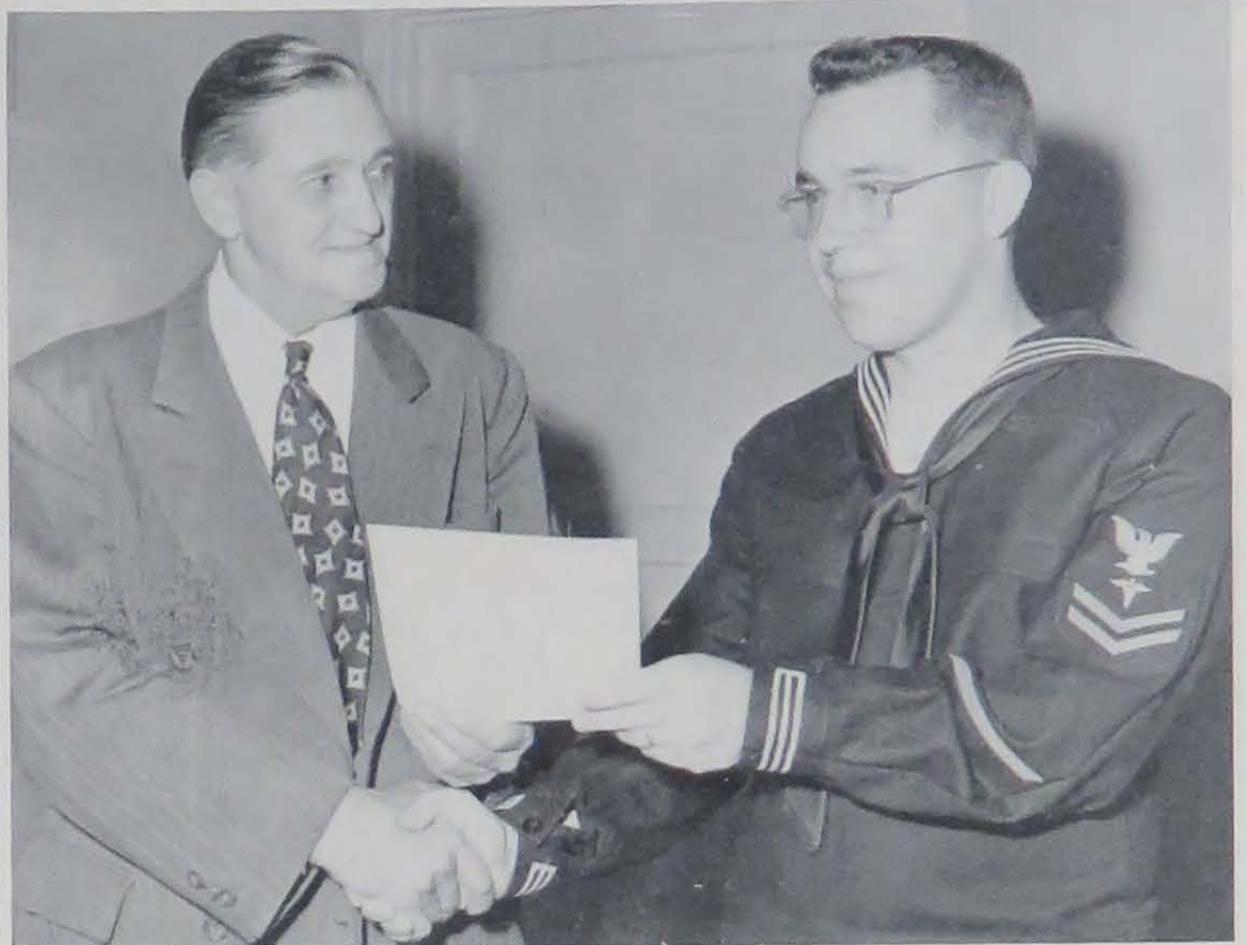
On the same day LT Lois E. Adrian, NC, USN, Special Diet Kitchen supervisor, appeared on the Bill Weaver show at 1400 over station KCBS. LT Adrian in an interview told of the uses and need for whole blood. Her report was based on her experiences aboard the USS Consolation.

CPL Duffy Speaker For Bond Ceremony

CPL Leonard Duffy, USMC, amputee patient at Oak Knoll, last week participated in ceremonies held at the U.S. Naval Supply Depot, Clearfield, Utah, in which the Depot was presented the Minute Man Award for 90 per cent participation in the Defense Bond drive.

At the ceremonies the Award was formally presented to the Depot by Georgia Neese Clark, Treasurer of the United States.

CPL Duffy, in a brief speech, underlined the necessity of continued bond purchases for the strengthening of the nation's defenses.



Charles R. McClure, HM2, honor graduate of the second class to complete Oak Knoll's Environmental Sanitation Technicians' school is presented a certificate as a registered sanitarian in the state of California by Walter S. Mangold, associate professor of Public Health at the University of California School of Public Health. McClure successfully passed the examination for registration in the state while attending the E.S.T. school here.

McClure, EST School Honor Grad, Is Qualified as State Sanitarian

Charles R. McClure, HM2, was the honor man of the second class to complete Oak Knoll's Environmental Sanitation School course. McClure, who finished with an overall average of 93 per cent, led the class of 21 that graduated at the completion of the five-month course yesterday.

A sanitarian for the Oklahoma State Department of Health in the City-County Health Department of Shawnee, Okla., before he was recalled by the Navy in January, 1951, McClure received his Bachelor of Science degree in Biology at Oklahoma Baptist University in February 1948.

While attending Oak Knoll's E.S.T. school, McClure took the examina-

tion and successfully qualified as a Registered Sanitarian in California. This is regarded as evidence that the school is given civilian recognition as an accredited course for requirements of registered state sanitarians.

McClure is married and has two children, a son and a daughter. He is slated to report for duty at the Navy Receiving Station in Norfolk, Va.

The 21-member class graduated by the school Friday, 14 September, was the largest to date. The first class, graduated five months ago, had 18 members. The third class, half way through the course, has 13 members, and the fourth class, slated to begin Monday, will have 17.

Plan Poster Contest for United Fund Drive

Now hear this, all hands! Your idea to publicize the coming United Fund Drive plus the industry to put that idea on poster paper may win you a cash prize (\$10 for first, \$5 for second). Paper and paint are available at Occupational Therapy or the Red Cross Craft Shop. It's easy, but you must work fast, since entries must be submitted to the Welfare and Recreation Office by noon Thursday to qualify. Judging will take place Thursday afternoon, and winners will be announced in next week's OAK LEAF. All posters will become the property of the United Fund Drive Committee, and the winners will be

reproduced for general distribution on the compound.

Judges will be CDR R. W. Ohl, DC, USN, LTJG Joyce Cox, NC, USNR, and R. E. Rampton, HM1, CAK LEAF editor.

At a special meeting Wednesday the Board of Governors for the Fund Drive (CAPT. I. L. V. Norman, CDR J. A. Whitman, CDR H. C. Gavin, H. W. Boyles, Miss Marie Adams, and HMC A. W. McClain) set \$12,000 as the Hospital's goal in this drive to include all drives to which personnel have given their support in previous years. This figure is based on the hope that Officers and Red Cross workers

will give the equivalent of a day's pay and enlisted personnel and civilian workers a half day's pay.

The Board voted to give 30 percent of the funds collected to Community Chest, 30 percent to Navy Relief, 30 percent to Red Cross, and to divide the remaining 10 percent equally among smaller organizations such as the Cancer Society, American Heart Society, American Association of Rheumatic Diseases, National Polio Foundation, and Cerebral Palsy Fund.

The above information may be used for poster material, and further suggestions will be circulated to wards and departments early next week.

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There is an old saying that "No one can give to another what he does not himself possess." This truth seems so simple that no one could miss it, but unfortunately human nature is such that we often overlook what is most obvious.

One practical application of this is that when we want to improve another person, or the world in general, the right place to begin is with ourselves. But we manage to ignore this, and as a rule we want to start by changing the other person.

This rule is certainly the basis of Christ's teachings. The example of personal goodness does more than anything else to influence others. It is in this way particularly that everyone of us can do his share of improving others with offense to none. Again and again Christ rebuked those who were deceiving themselves about their own condition while trying to improve others.

Personal integrity and the sterling qualities of character which go to make up the ideal person are certainly rare enough in the world to be noted and admired. They can only be created from inside, by the person concerned. But when they are achieved, nothing can be more valuable. Our best contribution to general welfare is to make of ourselves the ideal person we want to see in others.

W. J. TROWER
Catholic Chaplain

Civilian Leave Cut From 26 to 20 Days

Annual leave of civilian employees of the Navy has been cut from 26 to 20 days a year, according to the provisions of a recent ALNAV. The new regulation became effective 1 July 1951.

The ALNAV makes no change in the 15 days per year sick leave allowed civilian employees.

The order also provides that all employees will be required to use all leave accumulated during 1951 prior to 1 June 1952.

RADM Royar Appointed To Washington Post

Rear Admiral Murrey L. Royar, commanding officer of the Oakland Naval Supply Center since early 1948, recently was named to the Navy's top supply post—chief of the Bureau of Supplies and Accounts in Washington.

RADM Royar, 56, succeeds Rear Admiral C. W. Fox, and, in turn, will be succeeded here by Rear Admiral T. Earle Hipp.

RADM Royar is a native of Los Angeles and a 1917 graduate of the University of California. His 34 years in the Navy has been spent in the Supply Corps, with several tours of duty at Mare Island and the 12th Naval District here prior to his assignment to the Oakland depot — largest naval supply center in the Nation.

Bingo Party, Picnic On Schedule for Staff

A full schedule of recreation events for September for staff members and their guests has been outlined by the Recreation Committee to follow up the Date Dance held at the Enlisted Men's Recreation Center last night.

Next Friday night, 21 September, the schedule calls for a Bingo Party, featuring prizes and refreshments, to be followed on Sunday, 30 September, with a picnic for staff members at Redwood Regional Park Trail's End.

To get October started off on the right foot, a stag dance has been planned for 5 October with student nurses invited to attend to provide partners. Also to be featured are good music and refreshments.

Red Cross Ramblings



Baseball fans at Oak Knoll on Monday, 10 September, had an opportunity to talk with two old-timers in the game at the Red Cross Lounge. Shown above, Mel Ott (seated on table, right), manager of the Oakland Oaks, and Lefty O'Doul (also seated on the table), manager of the San Francisco Seals, are surrounded by patients and baseball figures as they answer questions and make comments on the national game. Standing back of the two men is Mr. Clarence Wilson of the Associated Sportsmen of California, who arranged their visit. Standing second from left is Burnette Thompson, Red Cross Recreation Worker.

GREEN THUMBERS

Feel that new pulse in the air, especially mornings and evenings? Notice how that rain the other day made you feel good and, made everything look fresh? If that is your reaction, you are a born gardener at heart.

Do you know that even here in the hospital you can make your own garden and watch things grow? It's not necessary to grow everything from seed because bedding plants, bulbs, shrubs and all necessary tools will be provided to you on request. Just ask your Red Cross recreation worker for anything you would like in the gardening line. Bed patients may have special containers and a choice of a wide variety of attractive growing things to make their own miniature bedside gardens.

Patient gardening at Oak Knoll is sponsored by a very active group of local ladies, the Oak Knoll Garden Club. Each year they raise funds for gardening materials for patients and they will be happy to visit and discuss gardening problems with any person on this base, either patient or staff. Mr. Bernard Garcia, head of the gardening crew on this compound, is also always available for help and suggestions to anyone who wants to make a garden, either large or small in the vicinity of wards or quarters.

A NOVELTY FOR ARTISTS

Art is very much alive at this hospital with many active participants working with various art media. CAPT A. R. Higgins, MC, USN, Chief of the Medical Service, has persuaded the internationally-famous MR. JULES CHARBNEAU to bring his collection of remarkable miniatures to Oak Knoll on Tuesday evening, 18 September. Mr. Charbneau will visit two wards on this base to exhibit these miniatures and answer questions. Any interested persons are in-

vited to attend, so watch for announcements of time and location of this unusual feature.

HILLSIDE HABITANTS

You should know HARRY CAYCE ESA, on Ward 63A. Cayce holds up the reputation of Texas just fine, all by himself. Sports minded, this patient, a former student of journalism and sports writer of experience, intends to write "The Great American Novel" someday.

Wardmate BRUCE L. ASH WORTH, SN, is really sampling the services. Formerly with the Army in Korea, he joined the Navy after his army discharge in February 1951 and saw duty on the U.S.S. IOWA. What's next—the wild, blue yonder?

PARANQUILINA LIMA (Navy Retired) used to bolster up the high point average of the Navy baseball and basketball teams in San Diego.

Thank You, Oak Knoll

Dear Captain Gordon:

I wish to express to you and through you to Captain E. H. Dickinson, Captain L. B. Shone and personnel of Ward 40A, my sincere thanks and deep appreciation for the excellent service and fine treatment tendered my wife in early August.

The skill of these two Medical Officers and their assistants and the preparation of the patient for an operation make for the greatest confidence in the outcome of their work and are a credit to the Navy and your command.

Sincerely yours,
J. C. Tate,
Commander, CEC, USN.

Divine Services

Hospital Chapel at Main Gate

PROTESTANT

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

CATHOLIC

SUNDAY MASSES
 0600 — 0900 — 1215
 DAILY MASSES — 0645 & 1630
 Confessions before Mass
 CHOIR PRACTICE:
 TUESDAY 1900
 Catholic Oratory in back of Chapel

CHAPLAINS' OFFICES IN
 CHAPEL & 67A
 NAVY RELIEF OFFICE—
 IN CHAPEL

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

Chaplains of other faiths will be called
 upon upon request

BUS TO AND FROM CHAPEL ON
 SUNDAYS 0845 & 1045

Life Begins at Oak Knoll

2 September

COLEMAN, Lynda Corrine, to wife of Keith Coleman, CMC, 7 pounds, 7 ounces.
 JOHNSON, Larry Eugene, to wife of Edward Johnson, AN, 9 pounds.
 HAWTHORNE, Elaine Lea, to wife of James Hawthorne, ET2, 6 pounds, 6 ounces.
 BYRNE, Theresa Marie, to wife of James Byrne, HN, 6 pounds, 14 ounces.
 MORIEKO, Rosemary, to wife of Richard Morieko, SN, 8 pounds, 8 ounces.
 RUSS, LL, Deborah Joyce, to wife of George Russell, AOT2, 7 pounds, 3 ounces.
 MERKEL, Thomas Albert, to wife of Albert Merkel, BMI, 8 pounds, 6 ounces.
 FOSTER, Victoria Marie, to wife of Leonard Foster, YN3, 5 pounds, 2 ounces.
 STOVALL, Lana Jeanette, to wife of Edgar Stovall S/SGT, 6 pounds, 12 ounces.

3 September

GASKILL, James Michael, to wife of Raymond Gaskill, QM1, 6 pounds, 1 ounce.
 LONG, David Leon, to wife of Alvin Long, PFC, 6 pounds, 4 ounces.
 REDMOND, Ronda Maurene, to wife of Thomas Redmond, BT2, 5 pounds, 9 ounces.
 BOWKER, Keith Allen, to wife of Irving Bowker, First LT, 7 pounds, 9 ounces.
 SERAFINO, Edward Anthony, to wife of Augusto Serafino, SK2, 7 pounds, 3 ounces.
 SHUMWAY, Margaret Rose, to wife of Walter Shumway, ET2, 6 pounds, 9 ounces.
 TROUTMAN, Michael John, to wife of Aubrey Troutman, QM3, 5 pounds, 8 ounces.
 TROUTMAN, Denise Marie, to wife of Aubrey Troutman, QM3, 5 pounds.

4 September

HOPKINS, Boy, to wife of Jerry Hopkins, SN, 4 pounds, 14 ounces.
 VIGIL, Deborah Leth, to wife of Gene Vigil, PFC, 7 pounds.
 DAVIS, Girl, to wife of Everette Davis, TN, 7 pounds, 13 ounces.
 HANSEN, Lauralee, to wife of Robert Hansen, ENS, 7 pounds, 13 ounces.
 SCHILLING, Frank Allen, to wife of Millard Schilling, S/SGT, 7 pounds, 11 ounces.
 FOBROY, Barbara Ann, to wife of Willard Fobroy, HN, 7 pounds, 13 ounces.
 CLARK, Thomas Forrest, Jr., to wife of Thomas Clark, BM2, 8 pounds, 14 ounces.
 AGUZIN, Claire Therese, to wife of Nicholas Aguzin, First LT, 7 pounds, 2 ounces.

5 September

MARTINEZ, Donald J., to wife of Jose Martinez, SN, 6 pounds, 4 ounces.
 SCHANTZ, Beth Anne, to wife of Burton Schantz, CPL, 6 pounds, 12 ounces.
 CAMPBELL, Donelle Lee, to wife of Donald Campbell, SGT, 8 pounds, 12 ounces.
 BREWER, Dwayne Daniel, to wife of Daniel Brewer, AN, 6 pounds, 11 ounces.
 GRIFFIN, Kathleen Ann, to wife of John Griffin, ADC, 5 pounds, 11 ounces.

6 September

WRIGHTSMAN Ted Edward, to wife of Harold Wrightsman, RMC, 5 pounds, 14 ounces.
 MATTHEWS, Neula Denise, to wife of Francis Matthews, SN, 6 pounds, 9 ounces.
 BRENT, Thomas Michael, to wife of Gerald Brent, PFC, 9 pounds, 12 ounces.
 McCLOSKEY, Candace Lynn, to wife of George McCloskey, 6 pounds, 2 ounces.

7 September

McCOMBS, Teresa Ann, to wife of Ernest McCombs, PN3, 6 pounds, 5 ounces.
 MIRICK, Claudia Dorene, to wife of J. D. Mirick, MM1, 6 pounds, 15 ounces.
 HILLBRAND, Richard Clark, to wife of Robert Hillbrand, SN, 9 pounds, 7 ounces.

8 September

MEADS, Philip Hill, Jr., to wife of Philip Meads, SA, 5 pounds, 12 ounces.
 GREEN, Leslie, to wife of John Green, SD2, 8 pounds, 6 ounces.
 PERRY, Lucinda Louise, to wife of Marshall Perry, JTJG, 7 pounds, 12 ounces.
 HILL, Michael Lee, to wife of Rowland Hill, AN, 5 pounds, 10 ounces.
 HINTZ, David Wayne, to wife of Doran Hintz, SN, 7 pounds, 3 ounces.
 MORTON, Ladonna Lee, to wife of Ronald Morton, SN, 6 pounds, 6 ounces.
 SEIM, Richard Lee, to wife of Chris Seim, ET3, 6 pounds, 5 ounces.



Shown above are the 21 members of the second class to complete the course at the Oak Knoll Environmental Sanitation Technicians' school. The class was graduated yesterday. Members are, first row (left to right) Grady L. King, HMI, Sterling C. Bowers, HMI, Vincent L. Dunham, HMC, George S. Moore, HMC, John J. Ormonde, HMC, Edward J. Walden, HMI and Virgil R. Bayles, HMI; second row, (left to right) John J. Reimond, HMI, Eugene K. Earhart, HM2, Hilland M. Hart, HM2, William L. Burns, HM2, Hugh M. McConnell, HMI, Franklin E. Wheeler, HM2, Charles A. McClure, HM2, and Robert V. Althaus, Jr., HM2; third row (left to right) Richard A. Sherman, HM3, William E. Smeal, HM2, Harry W. Wheaton, HM2, Ramsey A. Smith, HM3, Alldon H. Sockwell, HMI, and Lambert G. Backmeier, HMI.

Reserves May Now Go USN In Present Rate

The Bureau of Naval Personnel, in circular letter 128-51 of 31 July, authorizes the enlistment or reenlistment of Naval Reservists on active duty into the Regular Navy in their present pay grades and associated general service rates, subject to certain minimum requirements. These requirements and clarification of the new directive are briefly outlined:

First, the enlistment of a Reservist on active duty into the regular Navy is defined as that of a person who has had no previous service in the Regular Navy. When a man or woman has served previously in the regular Navy, such transfer is known as reenlistment.

Until further information is available, transfers to the regular Navy under this program are authorized only in pay grades E-4, E-5, and E-6. The transfer of personnel in pay grade E-7 (C.P.O.) will be subject to further correspondence from the bureau. In pay grades lower than E-4, current directives are in effect.

The minimum qualifications are, briefly: (1) Have completed one year's continuous active duty prior to the application for transfer; (2) pass mental tests required of all regular Navy personnel; (3) be a citizen of the United States or an insular possession thereof; (4) meet physical standards; (5) be between the ages of 18 and 31, EXCEPT: in the case of individuals who have not reached their 40th birthday, total active Naval service may be subtracted from actual age to determine "Service Age"; (6) Loyalty certificates are required; (7) must be considered by the Commanding Officer to be qualified in all respects to perform the duties of his rating in the regular Navy.

In order to determine the professional and military qualifications for transfer to the regular Navy, Reservists will be required to pass the appropriate general service scheduled competitive examinations in which all phases of the general service rate are included in the scoring. Also, under this modification of the program, Reservists who have been advanced to temporary rates since entering ac-

Wild Deer Eat Shrubs; Staff Nimrods Bag Two

Chief Gardner Bernie Garcia was suffering from frustration. The trees and shrubs he watered and cultivated daytimes were munched night times by the deer that roam the hills. Deer repellents failed. No trespassing signs were utterly disregarded. The jack-rabbit-size deer seemed to be multiplying like jack-rabbits, and the trees and shrubs on the oak-dotted knolls were pruned to the quick.

Finally, an appeal was made to the sympathetic game warden of Alameda County, who granted permission to kill ten deer on the hospital compound. The CO, wanting to accomplish this job in the safest, most humane manner, appointed the two best shots among the big shots on his staff to handle the assignment, and in three nights of hunting CAPT E. H. Dickinson and CDR Tracy Cuttle, successfully exterminated two small bucks.

It is hoped that the exploits of these nimrods will discourage other deer from coming to the hospital for their evening snacks.

Plastic Surgery Fetes Corpsman at Party

Walter "Red" Fehliman HM2, senior corpsman in plastic surgery and operating room technician at Oak Knoll for the past two years, was given a going-away party at Surgery 2 last week.

Operating room colleagues and friends, including doctors, nurses, and fellow corpsmen, joined to say Hail and Farewell to Red, who was being transferred to Marine Barracks, Camp Pendleton.

Operative duty may enlist in the regular Navy in their permanent USNR rate and be advanced to their present temporary rate when qualifying (unless already having done so) in service-wide competition.

She: "The baby has swallowed the matches."

He: "Here, use my cigarette lighter."

Welcome and Farewell

The well beaten path made by staff members leaving Oak Knoll got another good working out during the past week, while traffic into the base was barely enough to keep the grass down. All told, 24 staff members left the hospital during the week, while 12 reported aboard.

Reporting for duty were LTJG Helen C. Murphy, NC, USN, from Air Transport Squadron Eight; HMC's W. W. Black from USNH, Philadelphia, J. Myers from USNH, St. Albans, N.Y., J. C. Terry, also from USNH, Philadelphia, J. D. Morehouse, from Treasure Island and E. J. Mahoney, from USNTC, Great Lakes; HM2 S. E. Sanborn from Treasure Island; HM3 J. Fortuna and D. N. Newberry, both from USMC, San Francisco, and HN's W. L. Leffin and J. R. Ferris, both from USNH, Philadelphia, and R. A. Obler from USMC, San Francisco.

Leaving Oak Knoll were CWOHC John E. Roach, USN, to NROTC Unit, University of California; LT James D. Davidson, MC, USNR, released to inactive duty; LTJG Guy M. Hicks, Jr., MC, USNR, to Naval Supply Center, Oakland; LTJG Rodney E. Abernethy, MC, USNR, to Naval Construction Battalion Center, Port Hueneme; LCDR Harry P. Mahin, MC, USN, to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba; LT Albert P. Spaar, MC, USNR, to inactive duty; LT Hazel I. Hoops, NC, USN, to Civilian life; LTJG Pauline Babyak, NC, USNR, and LTJG Gertrude M. Christianson, NC, USNR, both to inactive duty; LTJG Dorothy M. Helland, NC, USN, to civilian life;

HMI's R. A. Monzingo and "S" "J" Colley, both to FMF, Camp Pendleton, and L. R. Jones to HCS, USNH, Great Lakes; HM2's R. C. Price, W. M. Fehliman, R. H. DeVoe and V. A. Perez, all to FMF, Camp Pendleton; HM3's G. E. Albert to FMF, Camp Pendleton, W. F. Trout to U.S.S. Taylor and L. E. LaGrange to NAS, Seattle; HN's A. K. LeVa, R. I. Weaver, and D. B. Snogren, both to FMF, and T. Welch, Jr., to Naval Shipyard, Mare Island.

Who's Who in Orthopedics

(Continued From Last Week)

LTJG Arline Murphy NC hails from Miles City, Mont., fashion center for that part of the state.

Bruce L. Nelson HN likes low dives and swimming.

LT Louise M. Nowak NC comes from South Bend, Ind., and is a r-r-rabid Notre Dame football fan.

Roderic A. O'Connor HM2 was doing free lance fashion photography prior to being recalled in January. What he doesn't know about a hemline isn't worth knowing.

Thomas G. Plews Jr. HM3 is a Mason, an Elk, a member of the Chamber of Commerce, and a member of the 250 Ford Salesmen club. He used to help his dad run the Ford agency in Rocky Ford, Colo.

LTJG Betty Jane Pomerening NC, operating room nurse in orthopedic surgery, was working to get her B.S. in Nursing Education at Loyola University prior to her return to the Navy in January.

LTJG N. L. Portello MC graduated from the University of San Francisco and Marquette University Medical School.

May Replogle, secretary of 41A, 41B, and 48B, is a geranium collector and has about 30 varieties at present. Her eldest son is in the Air Force.

Earl E. Richardson HM3 fixes radios for his hobby.

James R. Retter HN is a model plane collector—has made a model of at least one fighter plane to represent every country in World War II.

LT Ann Roth NC collects poetry books and clippings. Her favorites?: Dorothy Parker and Edgar Guest.

Robert J. Ruegg HM3 got his B.S. last year from the University of Denver and was teaching commercial subjects in high school when the Navy said "commere."

M. L. Sackett HA is a former aircraft mechanic for TWA.

Albert L. Seamands HN hunts big game back in Lander, Wyoming.

Ensign Virginia Shortell NC majored in dramatics at La Grange College, Georgia.

Earl D. Sidener HM3 was a man in gray at the Kansas City post office before becoming a man in blue last April.

John J. Silveira HN used to be a hunter's guide up Modoc County way. W. F. Simpson HM2, operating room master-at-arms, names reading, fishing, and travelling, as his main interests.

Henry C. Smith HM3 likes to read historic novels. Enjoys those by Frank Yerby best.

George H. Snyder HN reports his hobbies as: working and training horses and dogs, fishing, swimming, and sleeping.

LTJG Bette J. Southard NC was an allergy clinic nurse in Portland when recalled.

Duane D. Sowl HM3 is an expert skier but stays away from ski jumping. Says he is interested in orthopedics only from the professional viewpoint.

LT Gwendolyn Spille NC names chow mein and watermelon as her favorite foods.

LT Elsie V. Stewart NC was fishing for blue gear on the San Joaquin river not long ago when she hooked

a big two-pound catfish that gave her such a scare she almost jumped out of the boat.

CDR Harold A. Streit MC was Chief of the Orthopedic Service prior to Captain Kreuz' coming aboard.

LT Felicia Szajnar NC knits argyle socks and goes bowling in her spare time. She is an alumna of Simmons College in Boston.

LTJG Eleanor A. Torkelson NC has been active in 4-H clubs for 15 years, is an alumna of Northwest School of Agriculture and Montana State College.

Ensign Dolores Troskoski NC returned a week ago from Japan, where she had a tour of duty on a medical ward at Yokuska.

LTJG R. M. Vetto MC graduated from Gonzaga University and the Jefferson Medical College.

Stuart P. Vincent HM3 was teaching 5th grade and working on his M.A. in Education at the time of his re-awakening to the beauty of Naval service last June.

CDR Vincent Wagner MC was a medical missionary at the Oberlin School in Taiku-Shansi, China, from 1929-1934. His wife is an M.D. (She was a classmate and went with him to China.) He has a son in his first year at U.C. Medical School.

P. N. Winsett HN plays his violin for square dances. He's a gun collector too.

L. F. Wittler HM3 got his B.A. in '49 at the University of Nebraska and was working as a C.P.A. in Lincoln, Neb., prior to becoming an HM3 again.

Fred O. Wood HM3 claims to have been a shepherd, croupier, black jack dealer, bouncer, bar boy and cattle rustler. He also boasts of a one-year perfect attendance medal from the Boy Scouts of America (1939).

Charles A. Wooten HN once received a prize of \$175.00 for winning a jitterbug contest in San Diego.

James R. Worrel HM3 used to do medical photography for the Navy at Pearl Harbor. He took colored slides of operations. Later he became a movie cameraman for an advertising firm.

LT Florence V. Hoerr NC is attempting to be a "past master of cookery" to please her husband, who is attending the School of Forestry at U.C.

K. A. Horvath Jr. HN used to help his father train race horses—New England in the summer, Florida in the winter.

LT Beulah Jones NC is interested in leatherwork and is presently working on a python skin purse.

LTJG Annette A. Kalista NC is a polka enthusiast.

Leo E. J. Kean HM3 was a cowboy on his uncle's ranch when another uncle invited him to be a sailor.

Bobby G. Kelly HN is a science fiction fan (interplanetary division).

George J. Korbis HN guitars for his hobby when he's not auto mechanics.

Captain Frank P. Kreuz, MC, chief of the Orthopedic Service, attended Marquette, Northwestern, University of Pennsylvania, and the University of Vienna.



Receiving congratulations above from CDR J. G. Bulgrin, MC, USN, of the X-Ray Department, are three men who successfully completed the Oak Knoll X-Ray Technicians course on Thursday, 6 September and received their certificates. The graduates, left to right, are L. E. LaGrange, HM3, O. E. Bonine, HMC, USCG, and Talbert Welch, Jr., HN. The X-Ray Technician course at Oak Knoll requires six months of instruction and work in the department.

LT S. V. Landreth MC was an electric welder for Kaiser Shipyards in Portland before starting his pre-medical studies.

LT Delma Linville, supervising nurse of the orthopedic wards, raises dwarf fruit trees (pear, cherry, plum, lemon and lime) for a hobby.

Neil R. Major HM1 got his A.B. at the Western State College of Colorado in June 1950.

Stanton J. Margrave HN was Kansas' ¼ mile high school champ back in his salad days.

LT Charles A. Mead MC was in Ko-

rean waters on the USS Repose from September 1950 to May 1951.

LTJG L. B. Meyer MC was with the 1st Mobile Army Surgical Hospital unit in Korea from Jan.-July 1951. He's a graduate of Stanford and Columbia Medical school.

Edward C. Mills HM3 is another science fiction reader (Time Machine department).

A. C. Murphy HM2, senior corpsman in orthopedic surgery, was buying sportswear for Roos Bros. in S.F. before the Navy rudely interrupted.

Staff Personalities

A popular worker at the civilian personnel office at Oak Knoll is Mrs. Ella Burr, Civilian Personnel Assistant. Mrs. Burr, who has been employed at Oak Knoll since 11 August 1947 when she started as a personnel clerk, could hardly live closer to her work. The Burr home is just outside the compound fence, and from her office window Mrs. Burr can check her laundry when it is hanging outside. And the Burrs are definitely an Oak Knoll family. Her husband, Melvin, late of the Seabees, is on the hospital fire crew. Both are originally from Nebraska City, Nebr., but have lived in California since 1944, when Mr. Burr was stationed here with the Navy.



Here he is — Oak Knoll's Legal Eagle, Tom Raum, HN. A famous son of Wichita, Kans., Tom received his law degree from Washburn University in Topeka in 1949 and was serving as Deputy District Attorney in Wichita when he was called back to active duty with the Navy in February. He came to Oak Knoll early in March and since has held forth in the Legal Office. A veteran of more than three years service with the Navy during World War II, Tom is single and plans to take the fastest means of transportation available back to Wichita when he is released by the Navy. But he says it's the job he goes back to. On leave of absence while serving his active duty hitch, Tom's anxious to get back in the courtroom.



Scuttlebutt

By DERF

STUFF 'N STUFF: LT Lila Suiter kills two birds with one stone down at the swimming pool: while she reads her "Alice in Wonderland," she also sunbathes—**Joe Heid** and **Clay Christopher** are acting very mysterious about that 2 a.m. party they attended. What went on, boys?—**Walt Connick's** broken arm is a result of a baseball game at Temescal — **Disbursing's Lois Smith** is back after a long rest in Oregon; now it's **Madeline Martin's** turn to rest—**Dee Borrar** is the name of the pretty lass now working in Staff Personnel. Her other half is currently attending the Lab School — **Barbara Silva** has started the boys in the Record Office swimming. If she took up welding, they'd follow suit—**Al Southwick** and **Joe Schodl** have taken a new interest in political science since attending the Japanese Peace Treaty Conference—**Marge Green, Elsie Pierce** and **Edna Rowan** couldn't leave their typewriters; so they scooted to the nearest TV set during their lunch hour and watched the diplomats at the Opera House thataway—**Ken Stauffer** has a new addition to the family and her name is "Susie"—The **Squires** also enlarged their brood with some Siamese cats—Wasn't that Dermatology's **Wolf** atop the Mark Hopkins staring at the delegates? — "**Muggsie**" **Mahoney** was riding the Carousel at the Fairmount's Merry-Go-Round Bar with not one, but TWO escorts—They say **Virginia Jensen** finally ended her quest for an "intellectual" date. Aren't his initials "N.L."—There must have been a lot to do and see at the State Fair in Sacramento cause **Lee Steinike** didn't get back until the wee hours — **Chief Katie Robinson's** cronies brought her a cake to celebrate her fifth anniversary in the Waves—The Recreation Committee is already making plans for a Halloween Costume Party to be held at the EM Center. Be thinking about a costume to wear—

NOTES ON THE JAPANESE PEACE TREATY CONFERENCE: Much excitement — lots of famous people who had only been names and pictures in the newspapers before — flashing, blinding cameras everywhere—TV cameras constantly grinding—newsmen and cameramen from all nations — fierce, solid appearing MP's at all the entrances and exits — a policeman guarding the Chief Soviet delegate from autograph seekers — **Gromyko** appears much younger and pleasanter in person—seldom did he use a headset for translations—**Dean Acheson** is a walking advertisement for the smart New York tailors, Brooks Brothers—Japanese Premier **Yoshida** was obliging and friendly to autograph hounds and well wishers—**Carlos Romulo's** speeches had the students of semantics agog. He has a broad and interesting vocabulary — The Spanish-speaking delegates used fluid, flowery phrases which the translators just couldn't put into English—The Liberian delegate read a newspaper during some of the most interesting speeches—Attractive **Mrs. Burns**, a Red Cross Gray Lady, was surrounded by a sea of swabbie patients—by

Patients on Trip Early Tomorrow

A busload of Oak Knoll patients will leave bright and early tomorrow (Sunday), at 0730, to be exact, for a trip to Russian River, where they will be the guests of the Alameda County Employees Association for a day of fun.

Previous plans to leave the hospital at 0800 had to be changed because of additions to the scheduled activities for the day, which will include good food, swimming, dancing, hot baths, and a scenic tour.

Meanwhile, Welfare and Recreation officials announced that openings were still available for patients wishing to attend a Donkey Softball game to be held at the Oaks ball park on Friday, 21 September.

Two hundred patients have been invited to attend the affair, sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars Cooties. Transportation to and from the park will be provided, and Post 1010 has invited all hands in for the evening for refreshments and entertainment.

Also included on the recreation schedule for Oak Knoll patients is a stage show to be presented at the Community Services Building Auditorium at 1500 on Tuesday, 25 September. The show is being presented by Mrs. Esther England, who has brought numerous shows of high quality to the base.

St. Louis (AFPS)—For returning \$250 which he found to an ice cream company, seven-year-old Charles Gibson will receive all the ice cream he and his family can eat for a month.

flicking a switch on a portable set one could hear the speaker's words in any one of six languages—English, Spanish and French, in that order, were the three languages most commonly used.

A Letter to the Editor

THE PACIFIC COMMAND
and
UNITED STATES PACIFIC FLEET
Headquarters of the Commander-in-Chief

5 September, 1951

Editor, "The Oak Leaf"

U. S. Naval Hospital

Oakland 14, Calif.

Dear Editor:

I note with interest how your Oklahoma ranger and Arkansas trapper caught various and sundry varmints with a so-called "Coon-trap."

This contraption is really an old-fashioned Southern haregum (made in the early days from hollow gum trees because of the scarcity of lumber).

If you will look through your files you will find that this was not the first time coons have been so trapped at OAK KNOLL.

The previous trapping was made necessary because the night nurse was frightened during her rounds in the vicinity of Wards 63A and B by a litter of coons rattling garbage cans.

Yours sincerely,

C. A. BROADDUS

Rear Admiral, MC, US Navy

Fleet Medical Officer

United States Pacific Fleet

(Yes Sir!! — Ed.)

Knoll Civilians To Donate Blood

Oak Knoll civilian employees during the past week have been completing and turning in forms signifying their plans to donate blood when a Red Cross Bloodmobile visits the Hospital on 21 September.

With hopes that 200 persons will volunteer to donate blood for the wounded in Korea, early indications were that the turn-out will reach expectations. However, there is no limit on the number of persons who may contribute.

Arrangements have been made so that every civilian who wishes to give blood may be excused from his work to do so. Refreshments will be served to each donor before he returns to his job.

Unfilled Civilian Positions Listed

As of 11 September 1951 this hospital is recruiting qualified applicants for the following vacant positions:

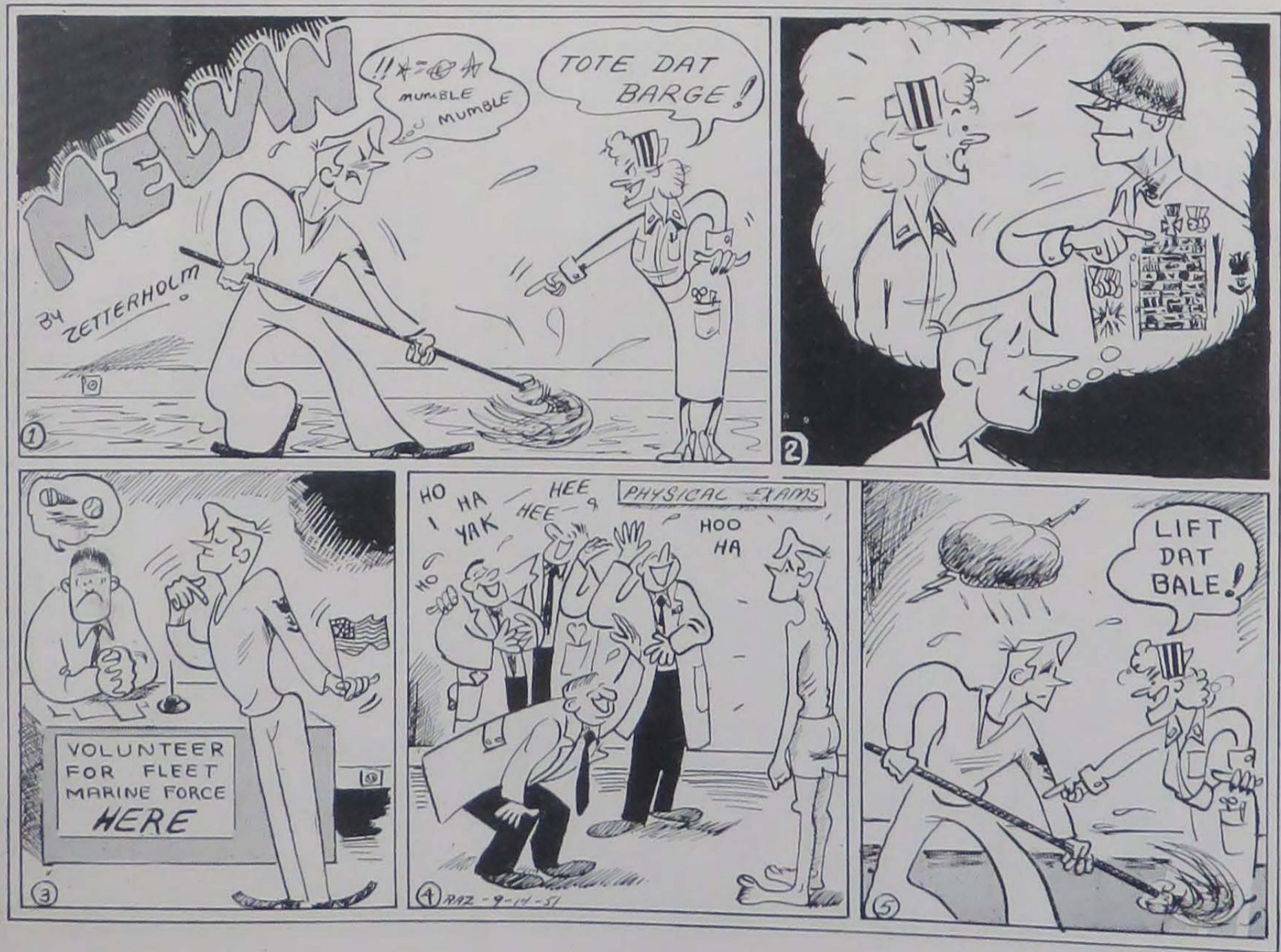
- 1 Telephone OperatorGS-3
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- 1 Clerk-TypistGS-2
- 2 GuardsCPC-4
- 1 Procurement ClerkGS-4
- 1 StorekeeperGS-4
- 1 StorekeeperGS-3
- 1 StorekeeperGS-2
- 1 Property & Supply Clerk.....GS-3
- 1 Laborer-Cleaner (Nurses Quarters)
- 6 Social WorkersGS-7
- 1 Occupational Therapist.....GS-7
- 1 Occupational Therapy Aid (Arms)GS-5
- 3 Mess Attendants (Male) Veterans Only
- 1 Laborer (Maintenance)
- 1 Laborer-Cleaner (Maintenance)

Applicants or employees interested in promotions, should contact the Civilian Personnel Office for additional information.

Officers' Club Mess Closed for Renovating

The mess hall at the Officers' Club will be closed for three weeks beginning Monday, 17 September while the galley is being renovated. Other facilities of the Club will remain open, and during that period Officers may take their meals at the Sick Officers' mess, Commissary I.

The average serviceman has found out that it takes a king's ransom to have a date with a queen.





Grid Squad for Offense Formed

Oak Knoll's gridiron greats moved closer to the stage where they will be ready to take on district opposition during the past week as practice sessions, held three times weekly, moved into the scrimmage stanza.

An offensive unit made up of W. A. Jones at center, Tamborski and Papadakis at the ends, Dinuzzo at right half, Peterson at left half and Irvin at fullback, ran off plays against other members of the squad.

The schedule for Twelfth District play has not yet been completed, although the original date for the first game was set for 13 September. Oak Knoll football officials hope to repeat last year's record when the Hospital team captured the district championship.

New Tennis Tourney Entries Are Listed

Opening date for Oak Knoll's second tennis tournament of the season has been set for next week, with 13 entries made as the Oak Leaf went to press.

New entries, to add to the eight previously listed, include Joe Reginato, B. Irvin, Jim Peck, B. Peterson, and D. D. Lewis.

The entry list is still open, however, and will remain so right up until the first game of the tournament gets underway. Welfare and Recreation officials had hoped to get at least 20 entries for the tourney.

Noticeably missing among the contenders are women players, who are as eligible as men to take part in the tourney. However, to date not one woman has signified her intention of entering the tourney.

Revised Swimming Class Plans Told

Revised plans for swimming lessons offered to Oak Knoll staff members were announced during the past week. According to the new schedule, lessons will be given at the Hospital pool only on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, instead of every day as originally announced.

Time of the lessons, however, remains the same. Classes for nurses and Waves will be held from 1000 to 1100 on each of the three days and for men from 1100 to 1200.

Travis Softball Winner, 2 to 1

A post-season softball game played at Travis Air Force Base on Thursday, 6 September, found Oak Knoll on the losing end of a tight 2-1 score.

Although the Knollites collected five hits during the seven innings, they managed to push only one run across the plate, which held them even with the Airmen until the last inning when the opponents scored the winning run.

Tom Moore, on the mound for Oak Knoll, limited the Travismen to only two hits, but the Airmen made good on both of them for a run.

Oak Knoll hits were made by Papadakis, Hines and Wong, and by Moore, who collected two during the afternoon.

Pending are arrangements for a return game with the Airmen at the local field. Final standings in Twelfth Naval District softball competition, which was completed several weeks ago, have not yet been announced.

Knoll Finishes 10th In Baseball League

Final standings in the Bay Area Armed Forces Baseball League, completed last week, found Oak Knoll firmly ensconced in tenth place among the 13 clubs in the league, with a season record of six wins and 21 losses.

Travis Air Force Base copped first place honors in the league with a record of 24 wins and only two losses, while NAS, Alameda, finished second with a 22-5 record.

Oak Knollites gained some pleasure, however, from the fact that the Hospital team finished ahead of NAS, Oakland, who ended up next to last with four wins and 24 losses. This final standing will add to Oak Knoll's point total in the battle for the Commandant's Cup trophy.

In the last game of the season, on 31 August, Oak Knoll downed NAS, Oakland, by a score of three to one.

Sgt: "I miss the old cuspidor since it's gone."

Pvt: "You missed it before—that's why it's gone."

Irate man on telephone to operator: "Am I crazy or are you?"

Operator: "I'm sorry, sir, we are not allowed to give out that information."

Four Teams Close as Intra-Hospital Cage Tourney Enters Last Week

Competition in the Oak Knoll intra-hospital basketball competition is expected to grow stronger during the next week as tournament play moves into the last round. The four teams leading the league will be selected for the opening of a playoff round robin at the end of the week.

At midweek, the Nite Crew, with a record of five wins and one loss,

was leading all other teams, with Welfare and Recreation hot on the heels with four wins and one loss.

On Wednesday, 12 September, Welfare and Recreation expected to even the count as they were scheduled to play the Laboratory team, which date has failed to show up at game time. A forfeit to Welfare and Recreation would cause a tie between that team and the Nite Crew.

Interest was added to the competition on Friday, 7 September, when in a make-up game, the Welfare and Recreation crew downed the Nite Crew by a score of 32-20, the Nite Crew's first loss since the league began.

However, on Tuesday, 11 September, Nite Crew snapped back to take a 46-30 win over Physio I.

Tied for third and fourth place in the league at midweek was Physio I and the NP Department, each with a record of three wins and two losses.

The schedule for the final week Monday, 17 September, Surgery II vs. the Letusouts; Tuesday, 18 September, Welfare and Recreation vs. Physio I; Wednesday, 19 September, Laboratory vs. NP Department.

Links Squad Wins, Ties In Triangular

Oak Knoll's golf team romped to a 11½ to 3½ win over NAS, Oakland, in a triangular meet held at NAS, Alameda, on Wednesday, 5 September, and tied with the other team involved, Treasure Island, by a score of 7½ to 7½.

Outcome of the meet was especially gratifying to the Oak Knoll athletes, since NAS, Oakland, is the Hospital's leading competitor for the Twelfth Naval District Commandant's Trophy in Class B athletic competition.

On Wednesday, 12 September, the golf team met a crew representing the Coast Guard at the Lake Chabot course. However, results were not available at press time.



Sunday, 16 September

PAINTING THE CLOUDS WITH SUNSHINE—Dennis Morgan, Virginia Mayo, MUSICAL. This is a new one to us, and no information concerning it is available. Miss Mayo, however, is a mighty winsome lass and her dancing and Mr. Morgan's singing could add up to nice entertainment for a warm September evening. This one will probably take your mind off your troubles.

Monday, 17 September

TEA FOR TWO—Doris Day, Gordon MacRae, MUSICAL. Here is another movie along the same lines as the previous one, but this one is a year older, released 2 September 1950. But your lady will like to hear Mr. MacRae and an evening spent looking at and hearing Miss Day can never be counted other than well-spent. This one, like the previous one, probably will not tax your thinking and would be a good way to relax pleasantly.

Tuesday, 18 September

BEST OF THE BADMEN—Robert Ryan, Claire Trevor, WESTERN. Ryan, a Union Officer, captures the last member of Quantrell's Raiders who, since the end of the Civil War have become outlaws. The men are offered amnesty if they can prove they were actually members of the Confederate army. Ryan learns at that time that due to a delayed letter he has been a civilian for three months. A detective wants the outlaws turned over to him for the reward, but Ryan hides his civilian status, and in defending the men, kills a deputy. He joins the outlaws, but only until he can prove his innocence. Released last March, this one comes without a reviewer's rating.

Wednesday, 19 September

CHAIN OF CIRCUMSTANCES—Richard Grayson, Margaret Field, MELODRAMA. This one is a new one, released last month. In it, the adoption of an infant provides the key for a melodramatic film involving a young couple who find themselves the victims of a "chain of circumstances" for which they are not responsible. According to a trade magazine, the film is "made up of contrived situations and the story, generally, is lacking in freshness." Reviewer's rating: Fair.

Thursday, 20 September

THE MOB—Broderick Crawford, Betty Buehler, DRAMA. This is either a very new one or a very old one, as no information is available concerning it. Brod Crawford has been in some good movies, however, and this may be another one. Surprise of the Week.

Friday, 21 September

DESERT FOX—James Mason, Jessica Tandy, DRAMA. Here is one so new no reviews are available on it. It is set for release next month, and judging from the title it may have to do with the activities of the Desert Fox, Marshal Rommel, in Africa, during the late war.

Saturday, 22 September

PRETTY BABY—Dennis Morgan, Betsy Drake, COMEDY. And so ends the week, with Dennis Morgan back to finish it, as he started it. Only this time it is an oldie, released a year ago. If you still have those troubles, might make one more attempt to rid yourself of them by seeing this one.

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UNITED STATES NAVAL HOSPITAL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA

Saturday, 22 Sept., 1951



Even though both arms have been immobilized, 2nd LT Harry Caviston, USMC, has a very optimistic attitude toward his recovery. He is now a patient on Plastic Surgery Ward 76B, where he is recovering from wounds received in Korea, when he was hit by a "Bouncing Betty" land mine.

Airplane Splint Grounds Patient

"I don't know why you want a story on me," remarked 2nd LT Harry Caviston to the reporter, "Nothing happened except that I got hit, just like a lot of other guys here at Oak Knoll."

However, the modest officer's appearance today indicates that something did happen to him, because one arm is held in place by an airplane splint, his other arm and both legs are swathed in bandages. The story goes this way. LT Caviston and his squad were on patrol in the vicinity of Wonsan at 0400 hours on 3 July. They were making their way through a heavily-mined area when one of the Marines stepped on the trigger mechanism of a special kind of mine, affectionately known as a "Bouncing Betty." The trigger tossed the mine about six feet into the air, and it exploded, throwing small steel balls in every direction, killing one member of the squad and wounding four others. The "Bouncing Betty" type of mine was developed by the Germans in WWII for anti-personnel use.

LT Caviston was the most seriously wounded of the group, being hit by missiles in both arms, his back, and both legs. He is currently undergoing treatment in the plastic surgery department and will later have some nerve repair work done in Neurosurgery. His spirits, however, have not been dampened by his condition. "The only complaint I have," he quipped, "is that I can't smoke or even scratch my nose. Someone has to do it for me."

Football Parade Led by Patient

CPL Charles V. Irwin, USMCR, of Ward 43A, last (Friday) night acted as Grand Marshal for the annual Football Festival Parade in Berkeley, which heralds the opening of the University of California football season.

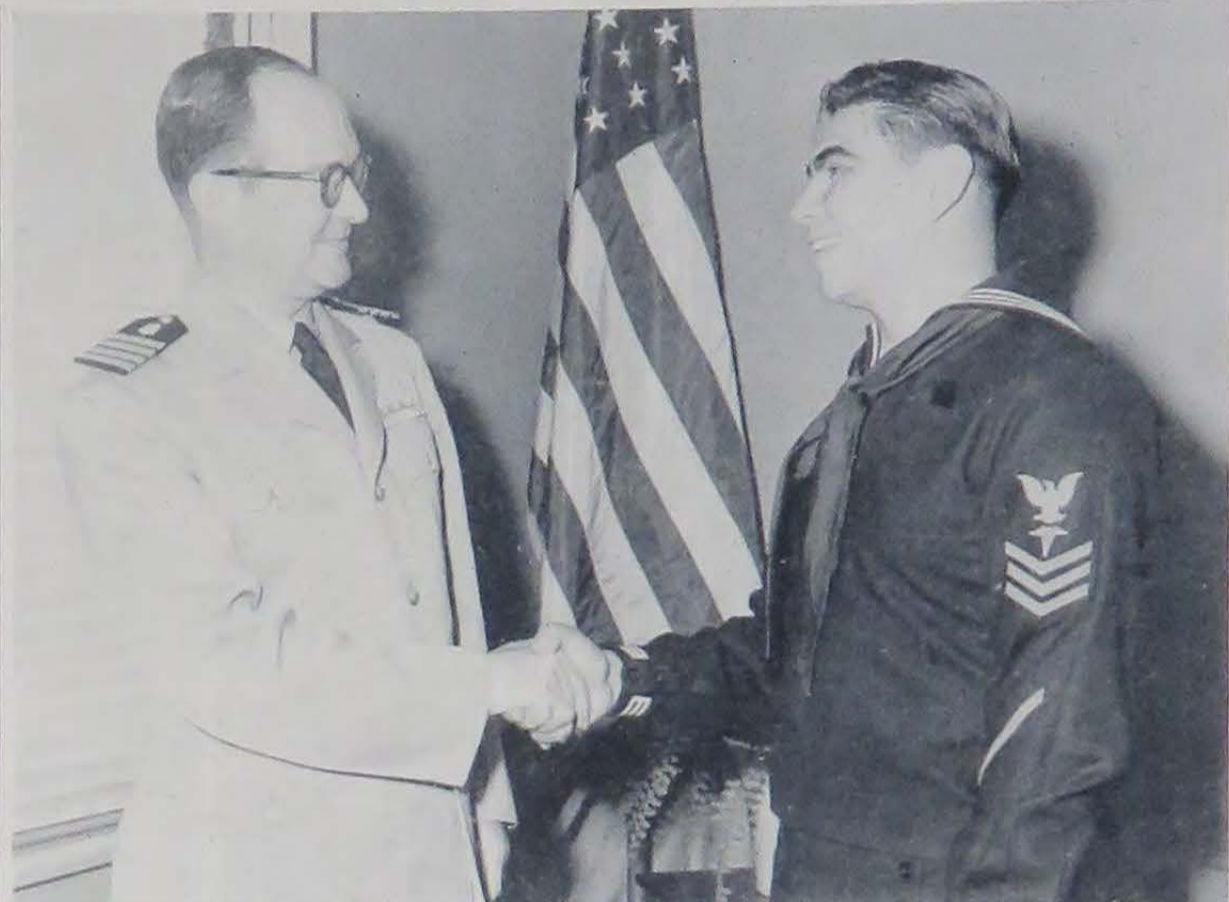
On Thursday CPL Irwin attended a garden party in Berkeley at which Miss Football was chosen from beauty queens representing campuses all over the United States. Today (Saturday) he will be one of a group of patients to attend the University of California opening game against the University of Santa Clara.

Irwin, a double amputee, is a native of North Sacramento, Calif. He was wounded in Korea on 29 November when struck by machine gun bullets.

Marine Corps Plans Release of Reserves

Washington (AFPS)—The fourth and fifth increments of Marine reservists are to be released from active duty this month and in October. They will be either priority one veterans or men older than 26 who have completed a minimum of 12 months' active duty.

Marine reservists called up prior to 15 September, 1950, will be released this month. The October increment will consist of those called prior to 4 October, 1950.



Armand F. Casillas HMI, staff member of Oak Knoll, receives congratulations from CAPT J. N. C. Gordon after receiving a commendation in recognition of his work in connection with an automobile accident.

Held Over!

Because of limited participation in the United Fund Drive poster contest, the closing date has been moved up to next Thursday, 27 September.

Prizes of \$10 and \$5 are offered for the first and second place. Ideas must be your own, but you may obtain materials either at Occupational Therapy or the Red Cross Craft Shop. The poster need not be expertly drawn—it's the idea that counts. The contest is open to ALL HANDS.

Staffer Receives Commendation

Armand F. Casillas, HM2, a staff member at Oak Knoll, received a letter of commendation on Tuesday, 18 September, from CAPT J. N. C. Gordon, MC, USN, Commanding Officer, for the part he played in saving from possible death a mother and her two children.

The citation stated:

"On 29 August 1951, while driving on State Highway 48 between Vallejo and Sears Point, Calif., you were witness to an auto accident, involving Mrs. Cawley and her two children. Mrs. Cawley's car left the highway and plunged into the watery slough. Mrs. Cawley was thrown clear of the vehicle. The oldest daughter, four years of age, remained in the car, but the youngest, a baby girl of ten months, fell into the water and was floating face down.

"Disregarding your own personal safety, you went to their rescue. You brought the baby to safety and then you went to the aid of Mrs. Cawley and her other child. Utilizing your knowledge of first aid, you revived the family and kept them from lapsing into a state of shock. You remained in attention upon the family until the arrival of a medical officer.

"Your quick thinking, your efficient application of first aid and your disregard for your personal safety and welfare has been credited with saving the lives of Mrs. Cawley and her two daughters.

"Your energy, loyalty and devotion to duty is highly commendable and reflects credit upon yourself, this command and the Naval service."



Members of the Advisory Committee on Artificial Limbs of the National Research Council visited Oak Knoll Tuesday 18 September, to inspect surgical and rehabilitation and vocational work with amputees here. Shown above (left to right) are Prof. H. D. Eberhart of the Department of Engineering of the University of California, who is a member of the committee; Charles Asbelle, Rehabilitation Specialist at the Oak Knoll Amputee Service; CAPT F. P. Kreuz, Jr., MC, USN, Chief of the Orthopedic Service; General F. S. Strong, Jr., of Washington, D. C., also a committee member, and Eugene Murphy, an engineer with the Mellon Institute.

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† † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

JEWISH HIGH HOLY DAYS

Rosh Hashana, the Jewish New Year, and Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement) soon to be observed by the Jewish people everywhere are Holy Days, which serve to remind man of the constant need for self-examination and introspection. Moments of rapture and remorse are recalled, as well as soothing and sadness. God is implored by the heart as well as the lips.

"Create in me a new heart and a new spirit." These words, written by Israel's ancient psalmist, form the motif for these days. All mankind is called upon to embark upon a process of self-regeneration. We pray to become worthy enough to sense the redeeming power of the Eternal. Whatever burdens we shall have to bear, individually and collectively, whatever trials we shall be constrained to face, we shall know that God is with us, leading us, guiding us, strengthening our heart and reinforcing our will.

Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur are holidays of the heart, where the secrets of the heart are bared to God, where man strives to achieve "atonement" with God and with his fellowmen. These Holy Days ring out a clarion call for the regeneration of the individual and for the glorification of the brotherhood of man. No one of us can fail to heed this cry or the salvation of our world. Our lives and futures are intertwined. Consecration of heart and mind, mutual respect and love, are the daily bread of all that these Holy Days seek to bring forth upon this earth.

RABBI PAUL M. STEINBERG
 Jewish Chaplain

Jewish Holy Days Schedule Is Listed

Dates published during the past week indicate that Jewish Holy Days will be observed as follows:

Eve of New Year—Begins at sundown, Sunday, 30 September.

New Year—First Day, Monday, 1 October.

New Year—Second Day, ends at sunset, Tuesday, 2 October.

Eve of Day of Atonement—Tuesday, 9 October (Sundown).

Day of Atonement—Wednesday, 10 October (Sunset).

Mothers' Club Gift To Furnish Newspaper

The Welfare and Recreation department has announced the receipt of a check for \$24 from the El Gabilan Navy Mothers' Club No. 224 at Salinas, Calif., for a one-year subscription to the San Francisco Examiner.

The newspaper will be sent to one of the receiving wards at the Hospital. According to a letter accompanying the check, the money was raised through donations by the club members.



In the solarium of the Red Cross Lounge, Mr. Al Stolowitz, of B'Nai-Brit Oakland Lodge No. 252, explains the basic principles of Chess to Mary White HN, Preston Washington, SN, and L. L. Richardson, SH3. Onlookers are Harvey McCoy, MEFA, and Mrs. Mildred Ross, Red Cross Gray Lady. Mr. Stolowitz will be coming to the Lounge every Tuesday to give instruction in Chess.

Red Cross Ramblings

CHECKMATE

The Chess Club, teeming with activity of late, has been playing matches almost weekly for the glory of old Oak Knoll. MAXWELL PYLE, of 66A, WILLIAM H. VANDIVER, HN, corpsman from Ward 72, and C. W. WILLITS, HM3, corpsman from 70A, won the match with Cutter Laboratories six to four last week, and in stronger force the Oak Knoll team will take on Castro Valley this week. ENS GEORGE THOMPSON, 69B, in his witty sheet of chess news, "The Chess-Nut," warns of the pitfalls attendant on drawing a "female contestant"—keep your mind on the game.

If you would like to learn to play, a Gray Lady or ERNIE BARTHOLOMEW, veteran patient from 76B, the chief high organizer of chess activities, will be glad to bring you a book on chess, a board, chessmen, and some words of sage advice. If later you find you need more words of sage advice, Mr. and Mrs. DOUGLAS and Mr. CLARK, who have been coming out here to instruct in chess, may easily be enticed to your ward.

In lighter, merrier vein, GERALD HARRIES, SA, 61A, has taken to playing an occasional game of checkers with his chess set—very disturbing to casual kibitzers to see pawns madly jumping bishops, queens, rooks and knights.

CONGRATULATIONS

Ward 44A is not ordinarily a ward to look for orange blossoms on—old shoes are more like it, though even they are apt to smell of fish—but here it is, wedding rings and large, large smiles on the faces of two new grooms, JESSIE NAUMAN, GMSN, and MAX DAVIDSON, SN. Congratulations all around.

CRAFTWISE

In the past three weeks some very clever and original ideas have taken shape in the popular ceramics program in the Craft Shop. G. A. CHINN, FN, 48B, and SGT L. V. OTTINGER, 44A, working on the slab method in pottery, have made some dog house ash trays—and the chimneys really smoke. SGT DON PHILLIPS, 44A, has made a tugboat that does everything but whistle, and W. O. GREEN,

PN3, 44A, does Chic Sales Special complete with catalogue (figure this one out—it's worth a laugh).

E. E. MacPHATTER, AN, 45E spends most of his time in the Craft Shop painting underglaze on beer steins—rough work but Mac says they're worth it. DON RAMSEY, AN 44A, also has the beer mug bug, and now has a pair to his credit. Many patients have been making canap trays and salad plates shaped like leaves.

Among the many patients doing crafts in the wards, PAT DOLAN AB1, 70A, is outstanding with his work on knotted belts. GLENN SOETH, SOG3, 45A, the new wizard of leather carving, has made twelve purses and a trillion wallets.

CLICK

"Turn out the lights and let's see what develops"—familiar cry from the dark room in the Lounge where under dim, but "safe" lights, all sorts of developing, printing and enlarging goes on, Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, 1300 to 1600 and Monday nights, 1900 to 2000. If you're confused in the midst of all these clocks, ringing bells and solutions in a row, we'll be glad to demonstrate how the hocus pocus comes off. In fact we'll even lend you one of our cameras to click around with over the week end and some nice old film that saw its expiration date about 1948 to play with, too. This way you'll learn the tricks twice as fast because elderly film needs special developing to replace its poor old silver nitrate. Or if you buy your own film and contrive to overexpose it right off the bat, we can show you how to take away some of the sturdiest silver nitrate and come out with a picture after all.

Then with any energy left over—any you've saved by doing everything the easiest way in the first place—what about trying a color shot—no any old predetermined colors like you'd have to take with Kodachrome film, but your own original, hand-picked colors? We have paints for tinting, paper with the necessary "bite" (hence, use safe lights), toothpicks and cotton, and we'll be glad to show you how to put them all together any Friday afternoon.

Divine Services

Hospital Chapel at Main Gate

PROTESTANT

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

CATHOLIC

SUNDAY MASSES
 0600 — 0900 — 1215
 DAILY MASSES — 0645 & 1630
 Confessions before Mass

CHOIR PRACTICE:
 TUESDAY 1900

Catholic Oratory in back of Chapel

CHAPLAINS' OFFICES IN
 CHAPEL & 67A
 NAVY RELIEF OFFICE—
 IN CHAPEL

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

Chaplains of other faiths will be called upon request

BUS TO AND FROM CHAPEL ON
 SUNDAYS 0845 & 1045



Shown above are some of the activities at General Surgery. At left, LT M. W. Johnston, NC, USNR, and Corpsman Daley remove a tray of sterile instruments from the autoclave. Center, syringes and needles are prepared for sterilization by Bill Simpson, T. R. McClure and H. C. Kelso. At right, in the midst of an operation are CDR D. C. Turnipseed and CAPT E. H. Dickinson, Chief of the Surgical Services. In the background are two masked assistants.

GENERAL SURGERY IS ONE OF OAK KNOLL'S LARGEST

The surgeon working with his sure, knowledgeable fingers; the resident surgeons, the interns assisting and learning, apprentices in a profession as ancient and yet as modern as man's history; the scrub corpsmen, keenly alive to the surgeon's every wish and especially pleased to be able to anticipate the surgeon's every move.

The circulating corpsmen, darting here and there as needed around the operating table, in instant response to the slightest request; the nurse anesthetist, watching her patient and chart with eagle eye; the circulating nurse, zealous to see that not the slightest breach of sterile technique occurs.

The entire team working as an informed, trained, organic unit whose one end is the welfare of the human being stretched out on the table: surely there are few places where knowledge, cooperation, and a humane objective meet so perfectly as within the confines of a surgery's operating room.

One of Branches

Chief of the Surgical Service which comprises General Surgery, Plastic Surgery, Neurosurgery, Thoracic Surgery and Anesthesiology, is Captain E. H. Dickinson, MC, USN; his assistant is CDR D. C. Turnipseed, MC, USN. LT F. M. Thornburg, MC, USN, heads the Anesthesiology branch. Each of the other special surgical branches has at its head a specialist in that particular field.

Let us follow a general surgery patient from the time it is first decided to operate on him.

Conference Staff

The patient who is being considered for surgery is examined by the general surgery staff after a medical officer has reported his case to the group. The surgical conference staff meets with Doctors Dickinson and Turnipseed every Monday through Friday at 3:30 p.m. to consult upon the cases to be operated.

After the patient is scheduled for surgery, various lab tests are taken, and he is seen by one of the anesthesia staff doctors who determines what type of anesthesia is best fitted to that particular patient and the operation that is to be performed.

Just prior to the operation, the patient is given a sedative to quiet his fears so that he arrives at surgery with a sense of security and well-being.

Condition Watched

A sphygmomanometer with a stethoscope attached is then strapped to his arm for the purpose of taking frequent and periodical blood pressure and pulse readings.

If he is to be given a regional anesthesia (nerve block), the doctor-anesthesiologist administers it, and then stays with the patient throughout the operation. He is at the patient's head, checking his respiration, operating the gas anesthesia machine and fluid intake apparatus (Whole blood and a glucose-sugar-water solution is given in most major operations.), adjusting the depths of anesthesia, keeping the surgeon informed of the patient's condition, and reassuring the patient until the operation is complete.

Until the operation actually begins there is a flurry of activity. Lights are being adjusted, materials being brought in from the supply room, and other last minute preparations being made.

Action Shifts

When all is ready, the surgeon makes his initial incision. The operation has begun.

It used to be thought that a small incision was one of the signs of a good surgeon. But this is no longer believed. Modern methods of aseptic technique are relied upon to reduce the chances of infection. The incision is made as large as is necessary for the surgeon to see what he is doing. Nor is any premium put on a lightning-fast operator. With the use of whole blood, intravenous medications, and improved anesthetics, the danger of shock to the patient is much reduced. The surgeon can take all the time he needs, and also be able to explain to his assistants just what he is doing and why.

The climax is reached when the surgical specimen is removed or the surgical repair completed. Then the various layers of skin and other tissues that have been cut are sewed together with catgut, silk or cotton

thread, or wire. The thin, even scar is a mark of the surgeon's skill.

Returned to Ward

After the operation is completed, the patient is watched until the effects of anesthesia wear off. He is then returned to his bed in the ward where he is under constant surveillance by the ward nurses and corpsmen. If any difficulty arises post-operatively because of the anesthesia used, it is instantly reported to the anesthesia department, which then advises the ward doctor as to treatment.

Says Doctor Dickinson: "No little tribute can be paid to the part that the modern anesthesiologist plays in the surgery today. Without him much of today's surgery would be impossible. The safe conduct of the patient through his period of anesthesia demands expert knowledge of the various anesthetic agents and of the techniques for the administration."

General Surgery is divided into sections for clean surgery (non-infected cases), septic or "dirty" surgery (infected cases), and the workshop, Surgery 2, where the operating rooms are located.

Surgery Clinic

A 1 p.m. daily Clinic is held for examination of patients referred from other Services and other Bay naval activities. General Surgery wards are 70A and B, 40A, S.O.Q. (66, 68 and 69), and 71B.

Some 14 to 16 surgeons work on the general surgery wards and assist in other surgical activities (plastic surgery, neurosurgery, proctology, orthopedics, amputee, and urology). This rotation is considered an important part of training for the general surgeon, since in some localities these various types of surgery are performed by surgeons with general training. The total capacity of the Surgical Service is approximately 200 beds and the total number of operations in the month average 125 or more.

Since the Korean conflict the volume of work done in General Surgery has increased markedly. This is due chiefly to the increased number of Navy personnel in the area. However, a certain percentage of the increase

has of course been from Korean war casualties. In general this type of case has been that of multiple injuries involving the abdomen, chest, and extremities.

VA Patients

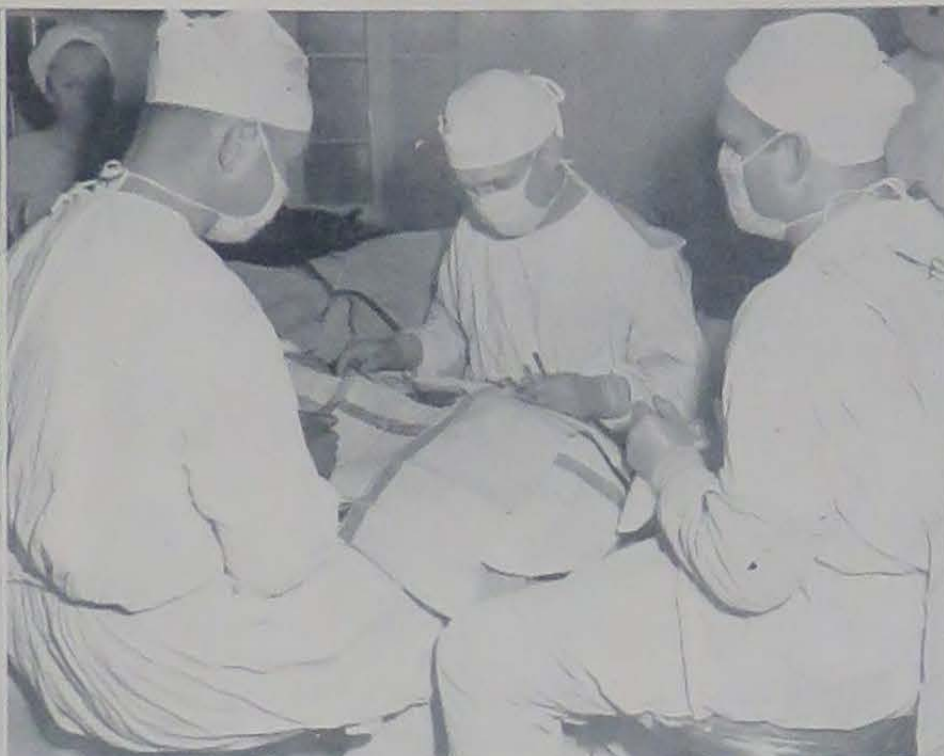
Another group constituting a particular interest to the general surgeon is that of Veteran Administration patients. Many of these are older men who require surgery for cancer or other conditions peculiar to the old age group. This is professionally advantageous to the general surgeon staff, since this type of case is not usually found in the younger, active duty group of patients.

Formerly the Chief of Surgery in this hospital covered a vast field of operative endeavor and was known simply as the "Surgeon." Today surgery has become such a vast territory and surgical literature so voluminous, that it is impossible for any individual to know it all. Therefore, various surgical specialties have arisen, such as Neurosurgery, Plastic Surgery, Thoracic Surgery and Cardio-Vascular Surgery.

Captain E. H. Dickinson MC USN, a general surgeon, is chief of the Surgical Service at Oak Knoll. He is assisted by CDR D. C. Turnipseed MC USN, head of the general surgery branch, LT F. M. Thornburg MC USN, head of the anesthesia branch, and by specialists in the other surgical branches, supported by a brilliant group of civilian consultants, who are faculty members of the Stanford and University of California medical schools.

"It is the responsibility of all in the Surgical Service," says Doctor Dickinson, "to realize the great heritage that they have. The recognition of this debt imposes the burden of passing on to posterity our experiences."

There is no more brilliant chapter in the annals of medical history than that of the steady progress made in surgery since the time of the "barbaric surgeons." Today's surgeon is no mere technician. He is not only informed by the latest advances in medical and scientific knowledge, but he has as a matter of course contributed to them. In the more recent advances, even the heart—"the last frontier of surgery"—has been successfully operated on.



More scenes in General Surgery: At left, LT F. M. Thornburg, Head of Department of Anesthesiology, checks anesthetic equipment with the administrator. Center, CDR Turnipseed, left, and assistants are proceeding with the operation. At right, LT J. H. Spence, of the Anesthesiology department, keeps a constant check on the patient's blood pressure while the operation is progressing.

LCDR Jesse F. Adams, MC, is a ham radio operator (W6FNT); he is also teaching himself to play the flute.

Allister A. Allen, HM1, was doing research and field work in agricultural economics at the University of California when he received his bid to join the Navy.

LTJG Russel W. Bagley, MC, got his bachelor's degree at Dartmouth College and his M.D. at Tufts College Medical School.

LT Shirley M. Bailey, NC, operating room supervisor, names bear-hunting as her favorite outdoor sport.

Marvin C. Blair, HM1, Surgery 2's senior corpsman, is a lapidarist.

LT Marjorie A. Brown, NC, attended Creighton University, Omaha, Nebraska.

LT Martha E. Clark, NC, hails from Roanoke, Va., practically a center of that part of the state.

LTJG Anna M. Clarke, NC, anesthesiologist, used to be a science instructor in Waterbury, Conn., Brass Center of the World.

Jerry W. Coble, HN, represented Hastings, Neb., in 1949 as a welterweight in the Golden Gloves.

B. T. Cooper, HN, is married to Geraldine Cooper, civilian nurse in the Dependents Service.

John A. Crosby, HM2, taught elementary school after graduating from the University of Colorado.

Albert S. David, HN, has a model railroad that is worth several hundred dollars.

Dudley A. Desler, HM3, likes good food, clothes, semi-classical music, beautiful women, and last (but not least) beer.

Captain E. H. Dickinson, MC, Chief of the Surgical Service, was Clinical Professor of Surgery at Hahnemann Medical College at the time he returned to the Navy in June 1949.

LT Lorraine Dickson, NC, comes from Tooele, Utah, which is at the exact geographical center of that part of the state.

Gilman D. Duffy, HN, won a blue ribbon for Showmanship in exhibiting dairy stock at the Curry (Ore.) County Fair.

LTJG Elizabeth L. Evans, NC, is engaged to be married to a Minneapolis doctor next month.

Paul Felix, HM3, was taking a pre-med course at the University of South Dakota when the Navy changed his course last January.

Who's Who In General Surgery

Don T. Franklin, HM3, got his B.S. this year in petroleum geology from the University of Nebraska.

James R. Greenwald, HN, was taking a pre-med course at U.C.L.A. prior to scrambling aboard last December with the Army in hot pursuit.

John E. Hawkins, HN, intends to go back to work as a "roughneck" in the oil fields when the Navy releases him.

LT Mildred L. Herring, NC, of Spartanburg, South Carolina, names cooking as her hobby.

Cecil Ray Hickman, HM2, was working as a mortician in Marietta, Okla., when the Navy claimed his body last January.

Frederick N. Hiers, Jr., HN, got his B.S. in chemistry at the University of South Carolina.

James J. Hill, HN, soaks up California sunshine for a hobby. (So that's where it's been going!)

LT Maurice Hood, MC, graduated from Southwestern Medical College. He's from Lubbock, Texas.

LTJG William F. Hughes, MC, graduated from Villanova College and the Jefferson Medical College.

Richard C. Jenkinson, HA, was taking a physical education course at Santa Rosa J. C. prior to joining the Navy team in January.

LTJG William B. Jensen, MC, anesthesiology resident, was recalled last October and served in Korea until July 1951 as a Navy doctor attached to the Army.

James C. Johnston, HN, was working as a transport operator for an oil company in Arkansas prior to accepting the Navy's offer last January.

LT Maurine W. Johnston, NC, has a B.A. in English from Denver University.

Howard C. Kelso, HM2, of Greenbrier, Arkansas, raised purebred Jersey cattle and Tennessee walking horses when he was back in civilization.

"Lea" Kosach, secretary in Surgery 2, was secretary to the Director, U. S. Naval Radiological Defense Laboratory in S. F. prior to coming to Oak Knoll.

LTJG Charles G. Kramer, MC, was awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious service as a battalion surgeon.

Cyril W. Kretschmer, HM1, assistant senior corpsman in Surgery 2, was

managing the drug department in Macy's Kansas City store when recalled.

LTJG Stella Maxine Lambros, NC, anesthesiologist, participates in tournament golfing.

Lee Daiwun, HA, was attending Reedley J.C. and driving a truck during summer vacation in his insufficiently appreciated civilian days.

Lowell F. Leibold, HM3, hails from Independence, Mo., home of the boss.

CDR G. M. Lynch, MC, reported at Oak Knoll last October from Adak, Alaska, where he was Senior Medical Officer.

Ensign Patricia A. Lynch, NC, has a collection of several hundred classical records.

John C. Marshall, HM3, won a Letter of Commendation for his meritorious service with a Marine infantry battalion in Korea last December.

Thomas R. McClure, HM3, expects to study architectural engineering.

LT Maude M. McCormack, NC, skis every winter and water skis in the summer.

LT Mary C. McDougall, NC, used to raise tropical fish before coming into the Navy.

Ensign Elizabeth Moody, NC, is an alumna of Florida Southern College.

Billie S. Morgan, HM3, was a teacher in the on-the-farm training program for veterans back in Missouri.

Allen Morini, HN, is interested mainly in getting back to the East Coast in time to see the Boston Red Sox in the world series.

Albert C. Nemitz, HN, was a construction worker and farm hand in civilian life.

Joe C. O'Banion, HM3, threw over the trombone that he played in the Texas Technological College band to join the Navy.

CDR L. W. Olechowski, MC, used to be County Examiner for the Wayne (Mich.) County morgue.

Mrs. Emily H. Petersen, secretary on Ward 70A, has two grandchildren, both boys.

Frederick L. Prosser, Jr., HN, owned a restaurant in civilian life. He aims to become an industrial psychologist.

Ensign Evelyn Lou Rhodes, NC, is an alumna of the University of Kansas City, Kansas City, Mo.

Ensign Lois May Rowlands, NC, is a past officer of the Pennsylvania Order of the Eastern Star.

LTJG Marianne Schulz, NC, hails from Monroe, Wisc., the population center of that part of the state.

LTJG James G. Seyfried, MC, graduated from Vanderbilt University Medical School.

LTJG Harold S. Shuler, MC, was awarded a Commendation Medal for meritorious service as a member of a surgical team.

James S. Smith, HN, was named to the All-State Basketball team (1948) and All-State Baseball team (1947) when he played with the East high school in Salt Lake City.

LT J. H. Spence, MC, anesthesiology resident, got his B.A. and M.D. from the University of Texas.

LTJG Frank Spencer, MC, graduated from Vanderbilt University and the U.C.L.A. School of Medicine.

Ensign Elaine Sroka, NC, worked in the contagious diseases ward at the Herman Kiefer hospital, Detroit, Mich., prior to entering the Navy.

Donald D. Stiles, HM3, models wax faces and tries to change their expressions by cosmetics; he intends to take a restorative art work course to learn to fix up faces.

LT F. M. Thornburg, MC, chief of the Anesthesiology branch, was a mortician, painter, welder, carpenter, farmer, and coal miner, prior to getting his M.D. at Indiana University.

CDR D. C. Turnipseed, MC, assistant chief of the Surgical Service, entered the Navy in 1938; served much of that time on Asiatic duty and the Philippine Islands.

Ensign Inez M. Udovich, NC, hails from Chester, Pa.

Manuel Vilchez, Jr., HN, was majoring in art work at Modesto Junior College when he enlisted in January.

LT Joseph L. Whatley, MC, got his B.S. at The Citadel, Charleston, S.C. (West Point of the South) and his M.D. at the Medical College of South Carolina.

Robert R. Willmes, HN, sold soda pop in Hastings, Neb., prior to signing up for adventure, travel, and education, in 1948.

LTJG Helen Wolosemko, NC, anesthesiologist, collects bone China cups and saucers.

Lloyd M. Wright, HN, was a railroad signalman at Kansas City, Mo., terminal last November when the Navy signalled him.



Nowhere on the face of the earth is there a fighting force equal to the United States Marine Corps. More and more you realize this as you watch the Marine patients here express their choice of reading matter. One might expect men who have come through the bitter holocaust of Korea to look chiefly for "escape" literature.

Not a bit of it. The Marines come in and steadily check out books on war topics. When we received David Duncan's "This Is War," such a steady stream of Marines descended on us that we now allow only one of our two copies out; the other remains here at all times for the men who wish to look through it for the scenes of events they knew so well.

They constantly use LIFE's pictorial history, "World War II" and they have all found, out on the north sunporch, our special collection of oversize books on the recent wars. In the far right corner we have one special upright stand where these very large books are kept, since they will not fit on ordinary bookshelves.

Then, in the library proper, there is the 940.54 section of regular printed volumes on the conduct of war in general, from Clauswitz to Churchill, or John Barry to Holland M. Smith.

You can only conclude from the vast amount of reading they do, in these books and the Navy manuals in the 300. section, that these young men, far from seeking escape, are using their time to gather additional information about their craft.

(For me, curious memories keep recurring. These youngsters are so very like the generation which went just before them, a generation which probably now is serving as instructors and officers.)

(Watching them intently studying Duncan or the rest, you wonder where Don Sawyer is now . . . the kid from Missouri who once fished you out of a river and whose buddies donated various pieces of spare clothing so "Doc" wouldn't spend the cold night sodden.

(Or Chuck Hart, the communicator who left the outfit when he got shot up badly; then, eight years later, hale and hearty, turned up at a movie premiere you were covering at the Fox Theater—"The Sands of Iwo Jima." Hart was at 100 Harrison then, and when KVSM's equipment failed at a crucial moment that night, he plunged in with what makeshift tools he could find backstage at the Fox and had the station back on the air in a matter of seconds . . . Which is what you mean by "craftsmen"; whatever task comes to hand, brother, they know HOW.)

The books they read, these men of the tradition of Tarawa and Iwo, are only a symbol and a pretty inadequate one at that. No book could do the Marines justice, though some have come close . . . by men like their own John Thomason. Duncan's pictures are closest of all probably, dealing not in words but in the look of the men as they fought.

"A valiant shield for the great Republic" Churchill called them, and he of all men should know.

FRANK M. CAMPBELL, HM1.



Here are the Gentlemen of Sweet Harmony who have provided the music for the last three dances at the Enlisted Men's Recreation Center. The men are part of the Treasure Island Navy Band during their working hours, but the music they provide for dancing leaves little to be desired. Along with the good music, another feature of the staff dances is corsages for the ladies.

Former Knoll Patient Dies In Home Town

Word of the death on 25 August of James H. Vowell, ENSN, former Oak Knoll patient, was received here this week. Three months ago, on 6 June, after doctors found that Vowell had only a short time to live, he was flown by the Navy to the Naval Hospital in Memphis, Tenn., near his home town of Bruce town, Tenn.

Vowell, who suffered from a brain tumor, died at his home in Bruce town. His wish to see the "old home town" was granted a little more than a week before his death when he was taken home from the hospital in Memphis.

Air Force Forms New Guided Bomber Squad

Washington (AFPS) — The Air Force will organize its first Pilotless Bomber Squadron (light) at the Coca, Fla., Missile Test Center, October 1, the U. S. Air Force has announced.

The squadron will be equipped with the new flying, guided bomb, the B-61 pilotless bomber, development of which was announced simultaneously.

The B-61, also known as the "Matador," is reported in production. It is a true guided missile as distinct from a "drone" aircraft, which is a conventional plane converted for remote control operation. The B-61 provides no facility for human occupancy.

Staff Personalities

That deep Texas drawl you hear emanating from Ward 43A these days belongs to the ward doctor, LTJG C. N. Woods, MC, USNR, who hails from Dallas. Dr. Woods came to Oak Knoll on 6 July after serving 10 months in the Far East as a member of Surgical Team No. 3. Since coming to Oak Knoll he has been assigned to amputation surgery. Proud of his Texas background, Dr. Woods comments he never had to leave home until he joined the Navy in July 1949. He attended Southern Methodist University in Dallas and in June 1949 received his degree from the Southwestern Medical School, also in Dallas. Dr. Woods lists hunting and fishing as his favorite hobbies.



One of Nebraska's several contributions to the staff at Oak Knoll is Gilbert Nelson, HM2, assigned to the Inside Master-at-Arms force. Nelson, an accountant, was in charge of the bookkeeping office at a state hospital in Lincoln before coming back to active duty on 8 September, 1950. His wife and two sons, aged 2½ and 1½, are living in Lincoln now, and Nelson plans to go back there as soon as he finishes his present stint. Since he came to Oak Knoll on 3 October, Nelson has spent all but one month in the MAA office, where he prepares cases for Captain's Mast. During World War II he spent more than three years in the Navy, mostly overseas.

PREVIEWS

Sunday, 23 September
DAY THE EARTH STOOD STILL—Michael Rennie, Patricia Neal, DRAMA. This is a new one, slated for release to the public some time this month. No reviews are available on it as yet, although advance viewer's say it is good. At the title leads to some speculation, you can label this one "Surprise of the Week."

Monday, 24 September
THREE CAME HOME—Claudette Colbert, Sessue Hayakawa, DRAMA. This is an old film, released in April, 1950, has received a rating of "excellent," as the story has to do with American civilians in a Japanese Prison camp during the war. Claudette Colbert has received favorable notices for her part in this film. If you haven't seen it, better this time it might be your last chance.

Tuesday, 25 September
SUBMARINE COMMAND—William Holden, Nancy Olson, DRAMA. Fittingly here Navy personnel have a chance to see a film about the Navy before it is released to the general public next month. Sandwiched between two tense sequences of submarine warfare in the Pacific, first against the Japanese and then against the Reds in Korea, the body of this film is leisurely, talky examination of the inner conflict of a naval officer who has sacrificed his commanding officer and one of his men to save the ship and its crew. The action material, filmed at sea with the cooperation of the Navy, is termed excellent. More's the pity there is so little of it and far too much dialogue about a combat decision that was inevitable, militarily correct and morally right. Reviewer's rating: "Good."

Wednesday, 26 September
FATHER TAKES THE AIR—Raymond Walburn, Walter Catlett, COMEDY. If it were possible to have two "Surprises of the Week," this would be the second one, since, although this picture was released in June reviews should be available, but either it has been reviewed at the reviews misplaced or no one took trouble to review it. In the trade magazine it is rated an "average" film, which may be an overstatement. However, the review gives no clue, the players are relatively unknown, so if you want to take a chance you might go and look at it.

Thursday, 27 September
JOURNEY INTO LIGHT—Sterling Hayden, Viveca Lindfors, DRAMA. This movie, tagged "Religion on Skid Row" is a new one, to be released next month also. The story is of a Protestant minister who loses his faith, tries to bury himself as a "bum" among the homeless, eventually finds renewed faith and a purpose in life. In the movie Hayden plays the part of a minister who doubts the existence of God and the value of prayer while Viveca Lindfors is the blind daughter of a minister who conducts a Skid Row mission. In the beginning a word sermon by Hayden is interrupted as his wife, an alcoholic, walks down the central aisle of the church. Feeling that she cannot keep up with her husband's ambitions and sense of importance, she commits suicide. Take it from there.

Friday, 28 September
ANNE OF THE INDIES—Jean Peters, Louis Jourdan, DRAMA. This, too, is a new one, also slated for general release next month. There is no reviews available, except that the Legion of Decency has rated it unobjectionable for adult. Presuming you are an adult, you might enjoy it.

Saturday, 29 September
THREE SECRETS—Eleanor Parker, Patricia Neal, DRAMA. This is an oldie, released last October. It has been given a rating of "Good." Nice fare for otherwise quiet Saturday night.

H. W. Boyles to Speak At N.F.F.E. Meeting

Hal Boyles, Civilian Personnel Assistant at Oak Knoll, will be the speaker Friday night, 28 September when members of Local 496 of the National Federation of Federal Employees meet at the Lakeview Branch Library, 550 El Embarcadero, Oakland.

Mr. Boyles' subject will be "Retirement in Civil Service." The meeting is scheduled for 2000, and all civilian employees of this hospital and other military activities in the Eastbay Area are invited to attend.

Scuttlebutt

By DERF

STUFF 'N STUFF: Anna "Butch" Laughlin flew to New York for a twenty-day leave. While in the Big Town Butch is going to pick up a new car (among other things)—Finance's Marion Trujillo scans the Shipping News every A.M. before anything else. Her swabbie-mate is due back from a round-the-world cruise and it's so hard for her to concentrate on anything except nautical news—Back in the "old days," Harold Hensle was an HN under Oliver Larivee, HM1, at San Leandro. Now they're both HM1's at Oak Knoll. They get together over fishing poles every once in awhile to swap sea stories.—Over Frisco way they have a Hotel Justice and next door to it is the Armed Forces Police Station—no connection, I'm sure—Phil Barone is off on a ten-day leave. He went on a long trip—way over to San Jose — Y'know if you're stuck for something to wear to the EM Center's forthcoming Halloween Costume Ball, you can always gather some of the leaves from the fig trees that grow in front of the Artificial Limb Shop and you'll be all set to go—Chief Nye isn't very Spanish sounding, is it? But try speaking the lingo with him and you'll be surprised at his fluency. He had to learn Spanish in self defense; you see, his wife speaks nothing else—Oak Knoll must have a good reputation all over the USA. Chief Kelly just reported aboard for a two weeks training period from the USS PRAIRIE STATE, a Reserve Training Ship in New York City—"Jake" Kautz and Gene Walters are sorry to see the summer slipping by. There won't be many more week ends like the last one at Santa Cruz which was chock-full of the Three B's (Beach, belles, beer)—Dorothy Hager is back from a week's leave with a driver's license. Now all she needs is a car to practice some of her tricky maneuvers—Ray Hopson almost stole the show at his cousin's wedding in Sacramento when he showed up in his white tux.

EM DATE DANCE: Too bad the wonderful dance music by TP's 13-piece orchestra didn't draw more couples—the girls always go for the corsages—the fellows for all the free beverages—Elaine Felix was selected to draw the winner for the first door prize and drew her own ticket. She didn't know it until the first prize had been given to the John Crawfords because her hubby had wandered away with their winning ticket—First prize was a Parker pen and pencil set—To make amends Elaine was given second prize, a nine-piece set of handsome towels—Pat Tamborski was able to drag her lifeguard husband from his watery post and get him on the dance deck—A crowd gathered round George Cawley's table to bid him adieu—The Morgan Pearalls looked comfortable on a sofa—The Jarneviics were sure they'd win one of the door prizes this time, but they'll have to come again and try some more—Hank Wong kept the thirsty ones happy—

REMINDER: The last picnic of the season will be held at Trail's End, Redwood Regional Park, next Sunday, 30 September. Come and bring the family.

APOLOGY: Last week "Scuttlebutt" mentioned Chief Katie Robinson's fifth anniversary in the Navy. It was her

Navy Announces Building Project

Washington (AFPS)—A vast 105-warship construction project including the conversion of a guided missile submarine and equipping three Essex-class carriers to handle jet-powered atomic bombers, has been announced by the Navy.

In addition to the carrier conversions, the Navy is building a 60,000-ton super carrier which will be capable of handling atomic bombers. The new "flat-top" will feature an elevator-type control island which can be lowered to create an unobstructed flight deck.

Sixteen submarines will be modernized as fast "Guppy" class craft with snorkel breathing tubes, permitting long under water cruises. Armament improvements call for installing rapid-firing eight-inch guns on seven heavy cruisers and better five-inch guns on 52 destroyers. Six submarines will be converted for anti-sub warfare.

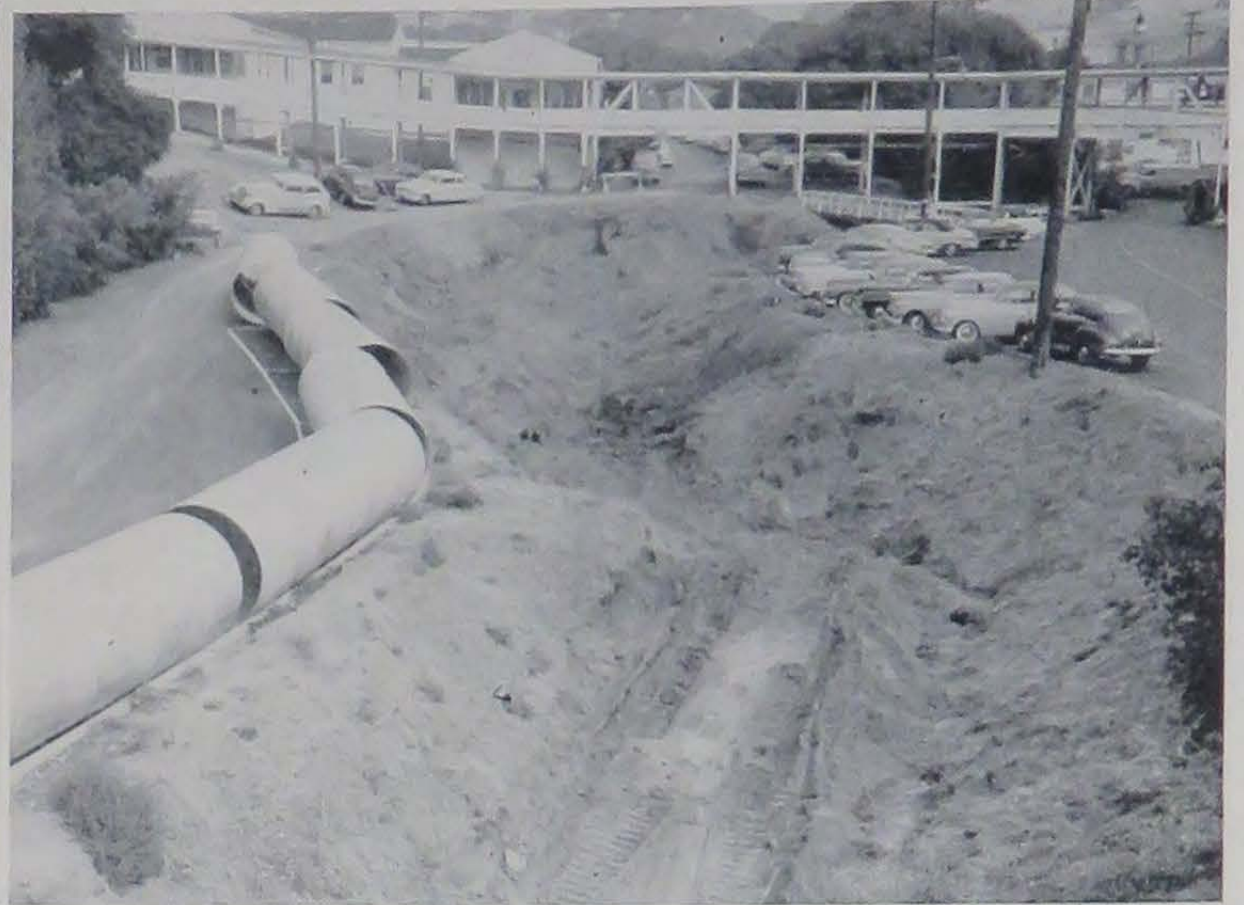
In an earlier announcement, the modernization of 12 destroyers and four submarines as radar picket ships to strengthen U.S. defenses against possible bomber attacks, had been disclosed by the Navy.

Caddies Wanted

Caddying jobs at Sequoyah Golf Course are available to patients and members of the staff who would like to work on Wednesdays, Saturdays, and Sundays beginning at 1230, Welfare and Recreation announced.

Customary fees for caddies are \$3 for 18 holes (single) and \$6 for 18 holes (double). Transportation to and from the golf course will be furnished by Wel & Rec, where applicants are asked to sign up. Men serving as caddies shall not wear uniforms.

fifth anniversary at Oak Knoll and her eighth in the Navy. We'll have to change our motto: "We may not always be right, but we're never wrong."



Showing part of the progress of the current construction project on the hospital compound, the above picture shows how the creek has been excavated for the laying of the giant conduit. When the 6-foot pipe has been laid, the gully will be filled in with dirt to provide additional parking space near the administration building.

A WORD TO THE WISE

From: Commandant Marine Corps
To: All Marines

15 September 1951
ALMAR 39

A Reservist undergoing pre-trial investigation, awaiting or undergoing trial, serving sentence, or otherwise in a disciplinary status will not be released from active duty until the matter is concluded.

A Reservist indebted to the government by reason of fine or forfeiture of pay, or serving in a probationary status as a result of disciplinary action will not be released from active duty while that indebtedness or probationary status exists, except upon the expiration of his enlistment as involuntarily extended.

A Reservist will not be detained for the purpose of being a witness in a court martial.

Wasp Recommissioned In Brief Ceremony

Brooklyn, N. Y. (AFPS) — Once again the "stinger" of WWII will roam the seas. In brief ceremonies at the New York Naval Shipyard here, the aircraft carrier USS Wasp CV-18 was recommissioned.

The 32,000-ton flat-top, modernized under a speed-up program six months ahead of schedule, has an increased displacement of 5,000 tons and will be capable of handling jet-propelled planes.

ADM Lynde D. McCormick, Cin-ClanFlt., the principal speaker, said it was his opinion that eventually all aircraft carriers "will be equipped with atomic bombs." He added that the "size of the atomic bomb has been reduced and its availability increased."

Commanding USS Wasp is Capt. Burnham C. McCaffree.



SPORTS

Varsity Cagers To Open 4 Dec.

Increasing emphasis was placed on varsity basketball at Oak Knoll during the past week as intra-hospital basketball competition moved into its final week.

District basketball competition will begin on 4 December and Coach Joe Reginato already has his scouts watching cage men for possible varsity material.

Meanwhile, it was learned that Oak Knoll will probably have an entry in Twelfth Naval District Women's basketball competition. A delegation from Oak Knoll, including Tom Moore, named to coach the women's team, on Wednesday, 19 September attended a meeting of district officials to discuss plans for such a league.

In intra-hospital competition, four teams were neck and neck as they neared the wire in the schedule and their places in the four-way play-off were assured. These teams are the representatives of the Nite Crew, Welfare and Recreation, Physio I and the NP department.

Opening date for the round robin play-off has not been set as yet.

Hospital Golfers Top Coast Guard

Oak Knoll's Golf Crew rode roughshod over a crew representing the Coast Guard at the Lake Chabot course Wednesday, 12 September, winning by a score of 10 to five.

The match ending the regular scheduled play for the Hospital team, but the squad traveled to Mare Island on Wednesday, 19 September, to take part in an invitational match there.

Standings in Twelfth Naval District golf competition have not been determined as yet.

Tennis Tourney Matchings Made

Matchings have been completed for the second intra-hospital tennis tournament of the season and play is expected to begin as soon as contestants can arrange time for their matches.

First round pairings reveal Irrgan-gha vs. Aoki, Papadakis vs. Belcher, Reginato vs. Lewis and Peterson vs. Irvin. Four contestants, Prosser, Brisnahan, Peck and Arnold, drew byes in the first round and will not see action until the second round play gets under way.

Jim Brisnahan, a runner up in the tournament held earlier in the season, and a member of the Hospital varsity tennis team, is expected to be one of the top contenders for the crown in this tourney. He will meet the winner of the Papadakis-Belcher match in the second round.

Marksmen Finish Fourth in Contest

Oak Knoll's pistol team finished fourth in a field of five at the Bay Area Armed Forces match at NAS, Alameda, on Friday, 14 September, scoring a total of 927 points. Team honors went to the San Francisco Marines, with a final count of 1035 points.

However, one member of the Oak Knoll squad placed high among individual finishers. LT G. B. McPherson, USMC, a patient, finished third in individual ratings and grabbed off first place in the timed fire competition.

The course of fire at the meet was the National Match, consisting of 10 rounds slow fire at 50 yards, 10 rounds timed fire at 25 yards and 10 rounds of rapid fire at 25 yards, using the .45 caliber service automatic.

Other members of the Oak Knoll team include CPL R. E. Scothorn, USMC, staff; LT F. A. Gessner, USMC, Staff; CPL R. E. Lownes, USMC, patient; CWO J. J. Gillette, USMC, staff; CWO D. W. Henderson, USMCR, staff, and CPL R. O. Pelton, USMCR, staff.

Vincennes, Ind. (AFPS)—A local farmer complained of thieves stealing his watermelons. When Sheriff Francis Thomas ventured into the watermelon patch, he was confronted by a boy who asked: "You come out to steal watermelons, too?"



"Photographers' Day" is a necessary evil, according to most coaches, who fall football practice opens on college campuses all over the country. As not to be outdone by the collegians, Oak Knoll's grid stalwarts lined up during a recent practice to be immortalized on film in a picture that is certain to strike terror into the heart of all potential foes. Shown above, standing (left to right) are Coach Joe Reginato, Irvin, Hines, Jones, Lyon, Papadakis, Hergenreder and Assistant Coach W. V. Johnson, and in the front row (left to right) Tafoya, Korbis, Dinuzzo, Abramoirecz and Estrada. Other grid aspirants, missing practice, also missed having their picture taken.

Gridders Battle TI on Thursday

Coach Joe Reginato's Oak Knoll 1951 football squad will face the first test on Thursday, 27 September when they meet Treasure Island on the local field at 1400.

With his team rounding into shape after thrice-weekly practices, Reginato is expected to throw the book at the Treasure Island team in the kickoff of the Twelfth Naval District six-man football league. Featuring a balanced attack of hard running, razzle-dazzle ball handling, speed, sharp blocking and passers who would put Sammy Baugh in the shade, the Oak Knoll squad will be divided into two platoons for the initial combat.

At present only four activities have entered teams in the district competition. In addition to Treasure Island and Oak Knoll, these squads will represent NAS, Moffett Field, and NAS Oakland.

Named to starting positions on the offensive team are Tamborski at Peck at the ends, Jones at center, Dinuzzo at right half, Peterson at left half and Papadakis at full. The defensive starting lineup has Hergenreder and Tafoya at the ends, Estrada at center, Lyons at right half, Bournellis at left and Irvin at full.

Personnel at Oak Knoll are urged to turn out in force for this opening clash in the football season to lend support to the Hospital team.

Laffs

"Who is that brunette over there?"
"That's John's wife. Don't you know her?"
"Oh, I thought he married a blonde!"
"He did, but she dyed."

Pvt.: "May I have next Wednesday off?"
Sgt.: "What for?"
Pvt.: "It's my silver wedding anniversary and my wife and I want to celebrate."
Sgt.: "What! Are we going to have to put up with this every 25 years?"

There used to be something about me that girls liked . . . but that's all spent now.

Wife to husband after several rounds of drinks at a cocktail party: "Henry, don't take another cocktail. Your face is already getting blurred."

It is impossible for a woman to be married to the same man for 50 years. After the first 25, he's not the same man.

Doctor: "You're looking better since I gave you those sleeping pills."
Patient: "Yes, doctor, I mixed them with the rooster's meal, and he doesn't wake up so early."

"Mommy, why is it Daddy doesn't have much hair?"
"He thinks a great deal, dear."
"But Mommy, then why is it you have so much hair?"
"Finish your breakfast, dear."

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United Presents Gifts to Staff

In appreciation of their assistance at the scene of the United Air Lines disaster near Decoto on 24 August, 32 Oak Knoll staff members this week received personal gifts from Mr. W. A. Patterson, president of United Air Lines; and the Welfare and Recreation department received a check for \$500.

The individual gifts were monogrammed cigarette lighters bearing the United Air Lines shield.

In a letter to Captain Gordon, Mr. Patterson wrote: "I want to express to you, and through you to your personnel, our deep appreciation and thanks for the splendid assistance rendered following the accident to United Air Lines' Flight No. 615 on August 24, 1951, near Decoto, California.

"I understand those who participated in our behalf were E. H. Brown, HMC; H. C. Kelso, HM2; J. A. Thomas, HM1; E. O. Carp, HM1; C. W. Atwill, HM2; J. J. Redmond, HM1; R. A. Smith, HM3; L. G. Tafoya, HM2; E. C. Walsh, HM3; J. L. Heaney, HN; T. B. Franklin, HM3; J. C. O'Bannion, HM3; G. L. King, HM1; D. H. McClung, HM3; J. H. Jones, HN; V. R. Bayles, HM1; J. Welch, HM3; C. W. Dyson, HM1; J. L. Whitfield, HM1; F. M. Hicks, HM1; A. M. Kjergaard, HN; W. E. Smeal, HM2; F. E. Wheeler, HM2; R. E. Wheeler, HM2; E. J. Kautz, HM3; D. Skiles, HN; B. R. Comer, HN; C. P. Buck, HN; A. K. LaVa, HN; V. P. Irving, HN; W. D. Hanns, HM2; D. E. Davis, HN; R. E. Richardson, HN; S. Beck, Robert Sedam, G. M. Riggs, W. C. Paskey, and D. Mohr, civilian drivers.

"I am not attempting to appraise the value of such work, but along with our appreciation and thanks, I am sending under separate cover individual gifts for these men as well as the enclosed token check as recognition of the service they rendered and hope you can use it toward one of your many worthwhile projects."

CAPT Gillett Selected For Promotion

Captain R. M. Gillett, who served as executive officer at Oak Knoll from 7 July 1947 to 1 August 1949, has been selected for promotion to the rank of Rear Admiral, Medical Corps, United States Navy. This news came Monday after the President had approved the recommendations of a selection board that convened in Washington on 12 September.



The staff's spontaneous decision to help a shipmate and his family this week resulted in a gift of \$346.51 to Mrs. Carl Moton, whose smile broke through tears of gratitude when the photographer appeared. Chief Estes, who presented her the check, and Mrs. Edna Bourdase, secretary to the Administrative Assistant, took the initiative in soliciting contributions, and both wish to express their thanks for the quick response of Knollites, particularly those in the Public Works Department, whose donation was especially generous. The Motons recently lost one son, age 3, and their other boy, who is only 1, is seriously ill. Both were admitted to the Dependent Service for treatment of a disease of malnutrition. The father, Carl O. Moton, SK1, is on the USS CASSIN YOUNG.

Staff Picnic to Be Held Tomorrow

Hopes were high for good weather as staff members at Oak Knoll made final plans to attend the staff picnic to be held Sunday (tomorrow) at the Trail's End area of the Redwood Regional park.

A bus to take staffers to the picnic ground will leave from the Community Services building at 1230 Sunday.

Picnic plans call for all the best things usually found at picnics and in an abundance which should satisfy anyone. In addition to the usual food and liquid refreshments, Welfare and Recreation has on the schedule a series of games and contests with prizes to be awarded to the winners.

On 5 October, staff members will again put on their party clothes for a dance at the Enlisted Men's Recreation Center, complete with the orchestra from Treasure Island and corsages for the ladies. In addition, a group of student nurses from nearby civilian hospitals will be on hand to dance with the dateless.

District Chaplain Will Speak Sunday

CAPT R. R. Marken, CHC, USN, Twelfth Naval District Chaplain, will be the speaker at the 1100 Protestant services at the Oak Knoll Chapel on Sunday, 30 September.

FLASH!

A patient and a staff member shared honors in the USF poster contest that closed Thursday. The ten-dollar first prize will go to PFC John Stephanopoulos, USMC, and five dollars to Leonardo, Mal-lari, HM3.

The winning poster, which will be reproduced for general distribution on the compound, shows outstretched hands holding contributions for each of the organizations to be supported by the forthcoming drive.

Honorable mention in the contest was given to posters submitted by Philip Quesada, SN, USN, (Ret), CPL S. Romero, USMC, James Stefke, SN, USN, Dan Caldwell, SN, USN, patients; and Willie Jefferson, HN, staff.



Shown above are Miss Sraijati Sastroamitjojo (left), and Miss Raden Adjeng Soeschat Erna Djajadintrat, the two Indonesian government officials who visited amputee rehabilitation and treatment facilities at Oak Knoll on Wednesday, 19 September.

Officials Here From Indonesia

Two officials of the Indonesian Government visited the Navy's Amputee Center here Wednesday, 19 September, to pick up pointers on rehabilitation and vocational training for citizens of their own country.

They were Miss Raden Adjeng Soeschat Erna Djajadintrat, head of the Indonesian Departments of Vocational Training for Girls and Veterans Rehabilitation, and Miss Sraijati Sastroamitjojo, head of the Indonesian Department of Social Service.

Their visit was arranged by the State Department, and they were brought to Oak Knoll by Miss Hester Hood, Assistant Regional Representative for the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, Federal Security Agency.

During the morning, Miss "Jaja" and Miss "Saso" (as they are called for the sake of convenience) were shown vocational and rehabilitation facilities at Oak Knoll. They later lunched at the Officers' Club and attended a conference with Amputee Service officials in the afternoon.

On a tour with LTJG E. E. Bleck, MC, USNR, of the Amputation Surgery Department, the visitors saw the Artificial Limb shop, the Occupational Therapy and Physical Therapy Departments and amputee wards.

The two Indonesian women are spending six months in the United States under a fellowship granted by the State Department.

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What Is UFD?

UFD is the United Fund Drive through which members of the staff at Oak Knoll are asked to give their support to national and community agencies that need the help of all who can give. It is one big drive to replace the half dozen or more drives that have been conducted on the station in previous years.

Funds collected will be split eight ways—so that Navy Relief, Community Chest, and Red Cross will each receive 30 per cent of the total intake and the March of Dimes, Cancer Society, American Heart Society, American Association of Rheumatic Diseases, and Cerebral Palsy Fund will share the remaining 10 per cent. For that reason, a large contribution from the hospital will be necessary, and all hands are asked to give and give generously. Twelve thousand dollars is the goal set for UFD by members of the key committee in charge of the drive.

When Does UFD Start?

UFD will begin on 15 October and continue through 5 November so that there will be ample opportunity (and ample money, the committee hopes) for all to give. Names of solicitors in all departments of the hospital will be published in next week's issue of the Oak Leaf so that members of the staff will know to whom their contributions may be given, once the drive begins.

† † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

Some years ago a wealthy gentleman advertised in the daily paper for a coachman to drive his team and carriage. This was the ad:

"Wanted: a coachman who knows his business. None but those with steady hands and a cool head need apply."

Three candidates applied for the position. To each one the employer put this question:

"How near to the edge of a cliff can you drive without throwing the carriage over?"

"Within a yard," answered the first applicant with confidence.

When the same question was put to the second candidate he answered: "I can go within a foot of the edge."

The third man received the same test question.

"Well, Sir," he slowly answered, "I never try to see how near to a dangerous place I can drive. I always try to keep as far away as I can."

"You are the man for me!" declared the employer as he took the man into his service.

Getting to Heaven is something like climbing a mountain. Often the road is littered with the rocks and ruts of temptation. Frequently there are sharp turns and narrow, dangerous spots. We can't always avoid temptation, but we can stay away from evil—the precipice which brings death to the soul. The trick is not to get as near as we can without taking a fall. The sensible course is to stay as far away as we can. To do this in spiritual life is impossible without the help of God. That is why we ask our heavenly Father, in the Lord's Prayer, to "Deliver us from evil." The word "Deliver" here means to keep all evil away from us as much as possible, and to keep us away from evil, too. It means that, should we fall into it, or come dangerously near, we want the Lord to save us from it.

We use the word "us" because we want ourselves delivered first, but not ourselves alone. We want the Lord to deliver our friends, and relatives, and benefactors from evil also. We ask the Lord to deliver everyone from sorrow and trouble and affliction. It is a prayer of all God's children for all God's children.

By "evil" we mean harm of any kind and all kinds. Trials and crosses are included in this evil, insofar as they might lead us into sin. Often God permits affliction as a means of merit and award.

It is both natural and necessary to ask God to spare us suffering and affliction. Yet, many neglect to do this. They pray to God only when human resources fail. All too frequently when people with some difficulty or problem are asked: "Have you prayed over it?", the frank answer is: "No, I suppose I should."

Say the Lord's Prayer from now on with increased understanding and attention. Say it often and say it well.

—A. T. WALLACE, Catholic Chaplain

Red Cross Ramblings



Patients on Ward 44A were pleasantly surprised last week when Mr. Esther England walked in with the "Four Freshmen," currently billed as Fack's night club in San Francisco. The well-known vocal and instrumental quartet are famous for their offerings on Capitol records and recently appeared with Jane Powell in "Rich, Young, and Pretty."

LULLABIES ON PEDIATRICS

Perhaps the new generation on 72B has not been initiated yet to the varied talents of DON SKILES, HN, corpsman on that ward. In addition to the routine duties expected of him, they should know that Don possesses an outstanding baritone voice which he handles with considerable skill on special occasions. His first Oak Knoll performance was at the recent Gray Lady Capping Ceremony at the Officers' Club, and the applause meter indicated a tremendous success. Some of his formal training was received at Colorado State Teachers' College before he decided to embark on a Navy cruise.

CHESS AGAIN

Our chess schedule is settling down for the season, and we have bookings with outside teams for each Monday night of the month. The last tilt was with the Black Bishop Club of Hayward Union High School. These young lads, under the sponsorship of their mathematics teacher, MR. H. KILGORE, play a sharp game, and to date we have not been able to outwit their tactics.

OPERA-GOERS

Yes, we have a number of gold curtain fans on the compound, and it was a pleasure to escort a group to a magnificent performance of "Otello" last Sunday. This particular opera was the choice for the opening night and received outstanding reviews. Escorted by Gray Lady Joan Peacock, patients making the trip to the San Francisco Opera House were LEE R. PADEN, CN, 41B; PRESTON WASHINGTON, SN, 76A; EDWARD McKINNEY, HM2, and JOSEPH AVINA, QM2, 62B. We hope there will be future excursions of this kind across the Bay; so please make yourselves known, fellows, if you care to be notified if and when the opportunity arises.

GOOD FELLOWS GET TOGETHER

There's no closer clan feeling than that found among professional projectionists, we've heard. And so it was natural that PFC MARION RISCH, 82B, former Santa Rosa theatre employee before the Reserves tapped him, should look up Mr. Sundin on

one of his frequent visits here to the wards with special sports films. The courtesy is performed by Mr. Sundin on his free nights from the Fox-Oakland Theatre, where he operates the new \$30,000 installation. The two flicker artists compared notes with much enthusiasm.

Jewish Holy Days Observation Begins

Jewish servicemen and women throughout the world will join the co-religionists in prayer and meditation as they observe the Jewish New Year (Rosh Hashana) and Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur) which occur on 30 September, 1 and 2 October and 9 and 10 October.

The Jewish people observe these days in serious reflection of the year that has passed, and consecrate themselves anew toward achieving peace within themselves and the God.

Synagogues and Temples in San Francisco and the East Bay Area are cooperating toward welcoming a service personnel to these religious services.

Divine Services

Hospital Chapel at Main Gate

PROTESTANT

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

CATHOLIC

SUNDAY MASSES
 0600 — 0900 — 1215
 DAILY MASSES — 0645 & 1630
 Confessions before Mass
 CHOIR PRACTICE:
 TUESDAY 1900
 Catholic Oratory in back of Chapel

CHAPLAINS' OFFICES IN
 CHAPEL & 67A
 NAVY RELIEF OFFICE—
 IN CHAPEL

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

Chaplains of other faiths will be called upon request

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130 RED CROSS GRAY LADIES CAPPED AT CEREMONY

One hundred and thirty Gray Ladies from Oakland, Alameda, Berkeley, and Mount Diablo Red Cross chapters were capped at impressive ceremonies at the Officers' Club on 20 September 1951. During the ceremonies CAPT J. N. C. Gordon presented certificates to Doris Anovich, Lucille Comicia, Ina Chapin, Beatrice DeMonte, Soila Eison, Thelma Harvey, Mary Lee Hewitt, Lennice Holmes, Dorothy MacDonald, Matilda Maurice, Ruth Nield, Hazel Nixon, Genneveve Pereira, Mabel Pither, Ernestine Randall, Patricia Taff, Merle Thompson, Betty VanCamp, and Marian Veasy, all of the Alameda Chapter.

Estelle Arroyo, Dorothy Blake, Ann

Busby, Irene Capell, Barbara Calkins, Joyce Carlson, Maxine Clark, Doris Cantos, Margot Courtois, Mary Crofton, Doris Elliott, Clarus Faubion, Helen Ferris, Elizabeth Folliard, Shirley Hendricks, Alma Hicks, Barbara Kenny, Lucille Lane, Marie Laurence, Winifred Lawrence, Ann Le Brun, Helen LeFebre, Marie Liechty, Edna Maleton, Marilyn Marvin, Elinore McIntire, Laura Morris, Leoto Moulton, Joan Peacock, Muriel Penfield, Margaret Rees, Barbara Robbins, Elizabeth Ross, Winifred Rhodes, Bertha, Saario, Ruth Shadlich, Geraldine Slater, Evelyn Smith, Helen Stansfield, Winifred Tisch, Katherine Titsworth, Doris Wiseman, and Alice Wormley, Berkeley Chapter.

France Achener, Pusala Chang, Nell Eggerts, Lydia Hammonds, Dorothy Herman, Janet Jansse, Mildred Luedemann, Catherine Myers, Elsa Niemann, Mae Thorne, Mignon Upchurch, Juanita Waite, and Peggy Young, Mt. Diablo Chapter.

Helen Alfstrom, Virginia Anderson, Margaret Baender, Dorothy Balmer, Ruth Bergman, Audrey Bessemer, May Blos, Mary Brand, Kathryn Cain, Beverley Clausen, Jane Colville, Marcella Dailey, Dorothy Davis, Allicena Dunn, Patricia Dempsey, Virginia Erickson, Catherine Flemming, Ergia Fraire, Patricia Gardiner, Carol Jane Golden, Lucille Gold, Peggy Gruner, Roberta Hale, Bernardine Hansen, Barbara

Harrington, Margaret Hawkins, Norma Hedberg, Antoinette Henderson, Lurline Hendricks, Louise Holcomb, Barbara Horning, Grace Howlett, Cayren King, Ruth Knight, Dorothy Luty, Cecile Maillet, Catherine Marsh, Florence Murray, Alma Myers, Lois Nolting, Wynne Palmer, Virginia Parker, Edith Peterson, Louise Pitney, LaVerne Pizzotti, Doris Radcliff, Barbara Riva, Mildred Ross, Mary Helen Schmehl, Alice Spencer, Barbara Stiles, Margaret Tait, Marjorie Welsh, Jan Wyler, and Charlyne Yater, Oakland.

The Gray Ladies were capped by Miss Vera Wilkinson and Miss Winifrid Eley, Assistant Field Directors, and Miss Marie Adams, Field Director, presided at the ceremonies.

Life Begins at Oak Knoll

16 September
HARDIMAN, Debra Jane, to wife of Calvin Hardiman, CPL, 6 pounds, 13 ounces.
BLACKBURN, Jeffrey Dale, to wife of Cecil Blackburn, SN, 6 pounds, 5 ounces.

17 September
HOWELL, Joan Margaret, to wife of Robert Howell, SA, 7 pounds, 6 ounces.
FRANK, Nancy Jean, to wife of Robert Frank, RTR1, 9 pounds, 5 ounces.
GIBSON, boy, to wife of Raymond Gibson, HM3, 8 pounds.
KING, Beverly Ann, to wife of Richard King, AN, 7 pounds.
BAKER, boy, to wife of James Baker, CAPT, 7 pounds, 2 ounces.
LARSON, Karen, to wife of George Larson, LT, 9 pounds.
DORN, Gregory Lin, to wife of James Dorn, SN, 7 pounds, 10 ounces.
BRIGGS, Cathleen Ann, to wife of Michael Briggs, YNSN, 7 pounds, 1 ounce.
JONES, David Carlton, to wife of Everett Jones, ET2, 6 pounds, 5 ounces.
THOMASSON, Margo Katherine, to wife of Earl Thomasson, UT2, 4 pounds, 14 ounces.
FEASTER, Janice Kay, to wife of Joseph Feaster, LT, 8 pounds.
HAND, boy, to Dennis Hand, SGT, 5 pounds, 12 ounces.
PRICE, Joel William, to wife of Ellis Price, TEM3, 7 pounds, 9 ounces.

18 September
FRAZIER, Leon Smith, to wife of Luther Frazier, SD3, 7 pounds.
WILSON, Ray Lee, to wife of Ernest Wilson, FA, 6 pounds, 1 ounce.
BLACK, Barbara Ginette, to wife of James Black, AO2, 6 pounds, 13 ounces.
MAHONEY, Patrick Dennis, to wife of Jack Mahoney, LTJG, 8 pounds, 4 ounces.
MOORE, Steven Sumner, to wife of Norman Moore, SGT, 7 pounds, 5 ounces.
CALHAN, David Eugene, to wife of Charles Calhan, ETC, 7 pounds, 6 ounces.
BERKLOW, Jonathan Oliver, to wife of James Berklow, ADC, 6 pounds, 1 ounce.
NETTLES, Janet Eileen, to wife of Alvin Nettles, SN, 7 pounds, 3 ounces.
GRIGGS, Richard MacLean Sinclair, to wife of Richard Griggs, AM1, 6 pounds, 8 ounces.
CLAPP, boy, to wife of Theodore Clapp, SN, 6 pounds, 1 ounce.

19 September
SMITH, Sheila Darlene, to wife of Frederick Smith, SN, 6 pounds, 7 ounces.
HILL, Denise Louise, to wife of John Hill, YNSN, 9 pounds, 9 ounces.
FLORES, Raquel, to wife of Robert Flores, CPL, 7 pounds, 12 ounces.
FLORES, Michael Steven, to wife of Salvador Flores, BM1, 6 pounds, 13 ounces.

VROLYK, girl, to wife of Raymond Vrolyk, LTJG, 8 pounds, 6 ounces.
SCOTT, girl, to wife of George Scott, BM3, 7 pounds, 5 ounces.
PALCIC, Ronald Alan, to wife of Kenneth Palcic, AM3, 8 pounds.

20 September
FRANZ, Marsha Ann, to wife of Edward Franz, CAPT, 7 pounds, 11 ounces.
MILLARD, William Allen, to wife of Charles Millard, FN, 8 pounds, 5 ounces.
PETERSON, Ralph, to wife of Walter Peterson, HM1, 8 pounds.
GREEN, Linda Ellen, to wife of Edgar Green, SN, 9 pounds, 10 ounces.
SISSON, Mary Jean, to wife of Norman Sisson, FN, 7 pounds, 7 ounces.
SMELSER, Michael Eugene, to wife of Clarence Smelser, AA, 7 pounds, 9 ounces.
BRYANT, Earl Pressley, to wife of Earl Bryant, SGT, 7 pounds, 8 ounces.
DOULAS, Rosalie Carmen, to wife of Nick Douglas, BTG2, 6 pounds, 8 ounces.

21 September
FROST, Jack Russell, to wife of Alwyn Frost, S/SGT, 7 pounds, 13 ounces.
THOMSEN, George John, to wife of George Thomsen, Jr., BMC, 7 pounds, 6 ounces.
SVRCULA, girl, to wife of Joseph Svrcula, BM3, 5 pounds.
CIFUENTES, Lauren Ann, to wife of Lawrence Cifuentes, BM3, 6 pounds.
ROWLEY, Lynda Jean, to wife of Clyde Rowley, YN2, 6 pounds, 11 ounces.
ALLINSON, Donald Allan, to wife of El Don Allinson, HN, 6 pounds, 13 ounces.
WITZKE, Dane Lee, to wife of Daniel Witzke, EN2, 6 pounds, 9 ounces.
GETTEL, Nancy Lynn, to wife of Oliver Gettel, FA, 6 pounds, 7 ounces.

22 September
ACHEY, Loretta Darlene, to wife of Paul Achey, ABG3, 6 pounds, 8 ounces.
HAUSSLER, Gerald Richard, to wife of Gerald Haussler, FA, 7 pounds, 12 ounces.
MILNER, John Franklin, to wife of Chauncey Milner, OMS1, 7 pounds, 7 ounces.
FITCH, Robert Stephen, to wife of James Fitch, ADC, 7 pounds, 5 ounces.
KINCANNON, Eric Gene, to wife of Garland Kincannon, AKAN, 8 pounds, 4 ounces.
SMITH, Carol Suzanne, to wife of James Smith, ADE2, 4 pounds, 8 1/2 ounces.
DULL, Steven, to wife of James Dull, CAPT, 7 pounds, 3 ounces.
CRISWELL, Gale Jean, to wife of Lamar Criswell, AD3, 6 pounds, 3 ounces.
PALENSKE, John Neil, to wife of John Palenske, CMCN, 8 pounds, 15 ounces.
NALTY, Shannon Patrick, to wife of Homer Nalty, YN1, 6 pounds, 9 ounces.
GARCIA, Daneil Yganacio, to wife of Alfonso Garcia, PFC, 7 pounds, 6 ounces.

Lt. F. M. Thornburg Is Appointed Fellow

LT Frank M. Thornburg, MC, USN, this week received word that he has been appointed a Fellow of the American College of Anesthesiologists.

New York (AFPS)—Past and present met with unhappy results when a 19th century stagecoach collided with two modern automobiles. The cars had fender scratches, but the old coach was undamaged.

Muskegon, Mich. (AFPS)—Pretty Miss Delores Berreuzo was in the finals for the title "Miss Michigan of 1951." Suddenly the zipper on her evening gown gave away. Officials judging the beauty contest unanimously agreed that she should carry the Michigan laurels in the coming Miss America pageant.

Garden Grove, Calif. (AFPS)—The 162 members of the local Izaak Walton League had to postpone their annual fish fry for a month. They hadn't caught enough fish.



Three Medical Officers from Letterman General Hospital in San Francisco on Tuesday, 25 September, visited Oak Knoll to inspect Obstetric and Gynecology facilities at this hospital. The officers were COL Edward A. Zimmerman (second from left), head of the OB and Gyn Departments at Letterman; LTCOL Morris E. Brackett (center), and LTCOL James W. Harrison (second from right), of the same departments. At extreme left above is CAPT M. M. Rubin, MC, USN, head of the Department of Obstetrics at Oak Knoll. The Army Officers were CAPT Rubin's guests at a luncheon after the inspection.

Wage Disbursing Complicated Job

This is the story of how (but not why) you get paid at Oak Knoll and of the crew on the lower deck of the Ad building whose job it is to see that you get paid correctly and on time.

As you probably know, pay day for officers and chiefs is the 1st and 16th of each month; for staff enlisted, the 2nd and 17th; for patients the 3rd and 18th; and for civilians, the 1st and 3rd Fridays.

There are 3 lines each for staff and patients. Pay lines are conducted alphabetically. "Each person should see that no one gets ahead of him incorrectly," says LTJG Norma M. Brown, SCW, Chief of the Disbursing Division. "This delays us from making the next pay line on time."

If you miss your scheduled line, you should fall out and make the next regularly scheduled line, says Miss Brown.

The "straggler line" at 1300 has been eliminated; too many didn't show up at their regularly scheduled time in order to avoid standing in line.

Some bed patients are now being paid the afternoon prior to their regularly scheduled day to get the patients' pay day completed on the day scheduled. "But," warns Miss Brown, "this will apply only to those who are strictly bed patients."

Money lists are posted 24 hours in advance of pay line time, so that everyone has time to find out how much they have coming and to question the amount due if there seems to be an error.

A frequent source of misunderstanding is that of "advance pay." Advance pay of one, two, or three months may be authorized upon a permanent transfer of duty station. This advance may be taken prior to departure or within 30 days after reporting to a permanent duty station. (Advance pay does not apply to patients.)

When you get an advance of pay, it merely means that Uncle Sam is lending you money in advance of your earning it. It is paid back over a six months period (one/one-eightieth per day). An advance of pay is commonly known in the Navy as a "dead horse."

"What date shall we put on our pay receipts?" is frequently asked. The answer is: Use the current date when being paid in regular pay line. Any one being paid in the ward or getting special pay in the Disbursing Office should leave the date blank.

Much pertinent information regarding pay appears on the bulletin board located on the ramp behind the Ad building. The Disbursing Office information window will not be opened for normal operations on any pay day unless for an absolute emergency; however, patients may check on staff pay days regarding their amounts due.

Transportation is another important section of the Disbursing Office. This section is set up to handle the claims of both staff and patient personnel who have performed travel under orders or who are being transferred under orders and are to be furnished transportation by the government.

Who's Who In Disbursing



Here some of the people in the Disbursing Office are shown at their jobs. 1. Lillian Dubois, one of the old-timers in the department, checks some pay records. 2. Three more familiar persons in the department, (left right) Margaret Drake, Lois Smith and Madeline Martin. 3. LTJG Norma M. Brown, SC, is the Chief of the Disbursing Office. 4. Another long-time employee in the department is Mrs. Ethel B. Brusco, chief clerk. 5. Seated at their desks in the disbursing office are (front to rear) Evelyn Cadieux, Madelyn Schwartz and Grace Coleman. 6. Ray Hopson, of the staff personnel office, checks travel orders with Mrs. Agnes Abbitt, who holds forth at the transportation desk in the disbursing office.

A traveler may be reimbursed for travel already performed, or may be sent at government expense to whatever destination orders designate. Under the Joint Travel Instructions for the Armed Forces, effective last April 1, mileage and per diem rates were changed and are being paid accordingly.

Total number of checks written per month by the Disbursing Office, including Navy and civilian payrolls, travel checks and refunds, numbers about 6500.

Worthy of mention also is the service provided by the Disbursing Office in safekeeping of valuables belonging to patients.



The green stuff being handed out here by CHPCLK J. F. Jacks, USN, Assistant Disbursing Officer, is always welcome at Oak Knoll. Raking it in is J. H. Wallie, DTG3.

Agnes R. Abbitt is married, has a 5-year-old boy, a cat, dog, canary, and a bowlful of guppies.

LTJG Norma M. Brown, SCW, disbursing office chief, is a member of the American Association of University Women. She's working on her master's degree in dietetics.

Ethel B. Brusco, chief clerk, has a season ticket to the San Francisco Opera. Her favorite operas: "Carmen" and "La Boheme."

Evelyn M. Cadieux enjoys making hooked rugs with flower designs.

Jean Capri lives in Antioch and rides her own horse—a bayfaced mare—when she goes riding.

Grace R. Coleman shows her Boxer dog in training and raising exhibitions. The Boxer has two legs on a C.D. (companion dog) certificate.

Margaret N. Drake has a B.A. (Majors: French and Sociology) from Cornell College, Iowa.

Lillian A. Dubois loves wrestling matches—it's the gruesomeness, she says, that seems to appeal to her.

Grace Farnsworth bakes delicious cookies.

Mary Anne Johnson graduated from the Naval Radio and Communications School for Radio Operators back in 1942.

Bess Krahulik was a Naval Supply Center girl until she graduated to Oak Knoll.

Gwen Lawrence is presently on vacation. She flew to Detroit to meet her husband, who just received his discharge from the Navy.

Madeline M. Martin was a yeoman during World War II on Admiral King's staff, Potomac River Naval Command.

Madelyn M. Schwartz used to do court reporting for the Army on general courts-martial. She's married to a Tribune sportswriter.

Helen Simmons collects French

dishes—anything over 100 years old. Lois Smith likes gardening. She specializes in camellias, fuschias, and begonias.

Rachel Stephens is a registered nurse. She was working at the Lakeside Community Hospital, Lakeport, Calif., until she was hurt in an accident in January.

Mrs. Esther C. Wathen enjoys reading Dickens for her hobby.

Two Staff Members Receive Discharges

Two more Oak Knoll staff members left the hospital during the past week as they became eligible for discharge from the Navy under the provisions of ALNAV 62. They were Walter A. Sewell, HM3, on 20 September and Charles W. Atwill, HM on 25 September.

The new discharges increase to the number of staff members released at the end of the year's extension of enlistment.

ALNAV 94 Relates To Reserve Officers

ALNAV 94: Should any Naval Reserve Officer receiving orders releasing him from active duty desire to continue on active duty for a period of six months or more, BuPers should be informed immediately by dispatch if necessary, otherwise by letter, of desired duration of extension, if known, otherwise indicate indefinite, and officer should remain at that ship or station until further instructions are received from BuPers.

Educational Services and Adult School Program Offer Courses

Dear old golden rule days have rolled around again, and so have Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic — not to mention a host of other courses and educational services available for patients and staff of the hospital. The following is a brief summary of educational opportunities at Oak Knoll, as well as at the school programs in nearby communities.

1. **Counseling and Guidance** are available to enlisted personnel who need any type of academic work to aid them in preparing for advancement in rating or for continuing their general education or vocational preparation, and to all officers who desire to improve themselves professionally or to increase their general knowledge.

2. **Navy Training Courses** are stocked and issued to individuals.

3. **Educational Manuals** (known as EM's) cover a wide variety of subjects, academic, technical, and vocational, at both the high school and college levels. Testing service is available without charge.

4. **Off-Duty Courses at Accredited Colleges, Universities, and Junior Colleges.** Financial support (currently \$15.00 per course per semester or quarter) may be given for courses that clearly contribute to improve performance of duty or professional capabilities of applicants.

5. **GED Tests (General Educational Development)** are designed to measure the degree of a serviceman's educational maturity, regardless of the source from which the knowledge was obtained.

6. **USAFI (U. S. Armed Forces Institute) Correspondence Courses.**

7. **University Extension Correspondence Courses** are offered through USAFI by the extension divisions of certain cooperating colleges and universities in both academic and technical subjects.

8. Patients unable to go to 25A may obtain Educational Services on their wards. In response to a phone call, a member of Educational Services will be happy to visit the ward and discuss the above-mentioned opportunities in greater detail.

9. **Naval Correspondence Courses** are available to officers and recommended enlisted men upon application via official channels to the Naval Correspondence Course Center in Brooklyn, N.Y.

LTJG David R. Stutler, MSC, USN, assistant Personnel Officer, heads the Educational Services department here. Assisting him are LT Edna Johnson, NC, who is in charge of the refresher and indoctrination courses given for hospital corpsmen; Andy McLain, HMC, an M.A. in biological sciences from the University of California; and Robert D. Gibson, HMI, who holds an M.S. in pharmacy from the University of Kansas.

Adult school programs in Oakland, Berkeley, Alameda, and the University of California Extension have just begun to roll.

For further information about the Oakland Adult Education program call TEmplebar 6-2622; for the Berkeley program call BErkeley 7-9580 (afternoons) or BErkeley 7-3432 (evenings); for the Alameda program call LAkehurst 2-6700; and for the University of California Extension program call GLencourt 1-5150 (from 12 noon to 9:30 p.m. daily, except Saturday).



Shown above are three of the 111 civilian employes at Oak Knoll who donated their blood when the Red Cross Bloodmobile visited the hospital on Friday, 21 September. Bloodmobile attendants supervised the giving of blood and afterward served refreshments to donors.

Oak Knoll Civilians Donate 111 Pints of Blood in Current Drive

Civilian employees at Oak Knoll on Friday, 21 September, donated 111 pints of blood for the wounded in Korea when a Red Cross Bloodmobile visited the compound.

The number of donations nearly doubled the 55 pints given when the Bloodmobile last visited Oak Knoll in December. Arrangements were made for donors to leave their jobs to give blood, and refreshments were served to them before they returned to work.

A total of 131 employees appeared at the Bloodmobile, but 20 were turned away because of recent illness or other disqualifying factors. Those who offered to give blood included:

L. M. Bonner, K. James, D. Prentice, E. Smith, and C. Ellis, Nursing Service; H. Benoit, A. Godwin, S. Marino, P. Myers, J. Guerro, E. Rahlf, R. Souza and B. Storye, Nurses Quarters; E. Kampman, Telephone Office; J. Bates, R. Stroop, Artificial Limb Department; M. A. Johnson, Disbursing Division; M. T. Green and E. Wolfe, Neuropsychiatry Service;

R. G. Arriola, C. Cannon, A. Carlton, S. Carson, O. Collins, J. Crayton, J. Freudenthal, R. Frizzell, M. Fuller, R. Garcia, R. Hanson, V. Johnson, I. Jones, J. N. Lewis, B. McCain, D. McCloud, M. Moore, A. C. Nickerson, P. Orr, G. A. Parrish, J. W. Pearson, I. M. Preston, W. Robinson, J. O. Sam, E. Sivertson, P. Sonnier, Commissary Division; P. A. Bess, D. J. Borrer, A. E. Carter, C. Conant, D. Hopson, C. J. McKinney, E. R. Sheldon, B. Silva, S. Squire, C. Tengan, Personnel and Records Division; M. B. Ashley, E. C. Burr, B. A. DeJong, M. D. Hoff, Civilian Personnel;

E. Burch, G. Christiana, H. Goldsborough, C. Kramer, G. Roehrig, B. Thompson, H. Whitten, American Red Cross; D. S. Hyman, Environmental Sanitation; R. Landor, Public Information; L. W. Allen, L. Cochran, G. Henich, S. Thomas, Finance Division;

L. M. Brown, L. Burton, C. M. Griffith, V. Hughes, J. D. Jackson, E. W. Reihl, M. Siehe, Laundry; P. F. Fallon, Occupational Therapy; H. Zlibon, Dermatology; L. Boyles, J. Brunson, L. Hackney, A. Jackson, I. Jackson, L. Johnson, H. Jordan, W. Mayes, S. Rogers, D. Ross, E. Sage, D. Wright, Commissary;

J. Ames, E. Benedicto, A. Bowater,

H. O. Bradley, M. Burr, F. A. Burriss, W. R. Carter, C. R. Cathcart, F. Coster, H. Derringer, L. Duckworth, L. R. Erwin, F. David, A. Garrett, R. Smith, L. Hagen, E. M. Harrington, B. Harrison, C. Jackson, C. Lodge, F. Lyon, L. Morrissey, H. Moser, I. Mowat, I. Myers, C. Peralta, R. Person, H. W. Peterson, V. C. Reese, A. Reyes, A. Rieb, A. B. Simmons, J. W. Smith, J. Nida, J. Turner, R. Walker, C. Washington, O. White, Maintenance.

In connection with the blood drive, H. W. Boyles, Civilian Personnel Director, stated: "Particular commendation is due to the civilian employees of the Nursing Service and the Personnel and Records Division, both of which exceeded quotas set.

"The Red Cross has requested that all who assisted be issued a hearty 'thank you' to add to the satisfaction already attained by the fact that they have helped our troops in Korea."

Game on Schedule for Patients Next Week End

The usual busload of Oak Knoll patients will be taken to the University of California-University of Minnesota inter-sectional football game at Berkeley on Saturday, 6 October. California, ranked among the top ten teams in the country this year, and Minnesota, always rated among the best, are expected to do battle with all restraints off. The bus will leave at noon, and patients are urged to sign up with Welfare and Recreation.

Payroll Savings Bond Drive to be Spurred

Hal Boyles, Civilian Personnel Assistant, who has been designated as Savings Bond Officer for the hospital, met with a group of bond drive representatives Thursday to make plans to push the current bond drive. The Secretary of Navy announced in a recent Alnav that all Navy activities should strive for 65 percent participation in the payroll deduction savings plan. At the present time only 35 percent of Oak Knoll's staff is participating in the bond savings program.

Staff Personalities

Another of the many reservists on the staff at Oak Knoll who are going to resume college educations when released to inactive duty is George Green, HM2, whom you probably have seen around the Officer-of-the-Day's office. Green was a student at Idaho State at Pocatello when called back to the Navy, and he still has a year to go for his degree in Pharmacy. A native of Winnemucca, Nevada, Green is married and has a six-year-old son. He came to Oak Knoll shortly after being recalled on 1 March and has been around the O.O.D.'s desk most of the time since. He served three and a half years in the Navy during World War II, including 18 months in the Pacific.



Being manager of the Navy Exchange cobbler shop at Oak Knoll is not the most important duty of Martin J. Clifton. He is an ordained and licensed minister of the Church of God in Christ, at Sixth and Market in Oakland, where he preaches and conducts the services on Sunday. In his spare time he studies and visits other hospitals and churches. Rev. Clifton started as a helper in the cobbler shop approximately six years ago and moved up to the post of manager three and a half years ago. He recently returned from his vacation, during which he went on an evangelistic auto tour through the states of California, Arizona, New Mexico and Texas.





PFC Joe Asquini, USMC, an amputee on Ward 43A, shows his skill on roller skates by whirling around the Oak Knoll Physiotherapy department. Joe began roller skating just ten days after he was fitted with his artificial leg.

Welcome and Farewell

The staff personnel office took a breather this week, and while throwing out the welcoming mat for only 10 persons, bade a fond farewell to 18 former Knollites, who were dispatched to new activities.

Reporting aboard for duty were LTJG Bill Bond, MC, USNR, from inactive duty; CDR Deane S. Marcy, MC, USN, from USS Gen. G. M. Randall; LTJG Waldena O'Barto, NC, USN, from Air Transport Squadron Two, NAS, Alameda; LCDR Howard W. Hill, MC, USN, from MSTs Pacific; WOHC John H. Faunce, USN, from Naval Medical Supply Depot, Oakland.

HM2 B. F. Keller, HM3's L. F. Esser, R. E. Crawford and E. F. Mall, and HA T. C. Baker, all from Treasure Island.

Detached were LT Theodore L. Althaus, Jr., MC, USNR, to NTC, San Diego; LCDR William J. Trower, CHC, USNR, to MSTs North Pacific Area, Seattle; LT Francis Marshall, MC, USN, to USNH, Chelsea; LTJG Abby Franklin, MC, USNR, to Navy Recruiting Station and Office of Naval Officer Procurement, Seattle; LCDR James W. Birss, MC, USNR, to civilian life; LTJG Russel H. Lee, MC, USNR, to inactive duty; LTJG Elizabeth L. Evans, NC, USN, to civilian life;

HM1's J. L. Simmons to USS Ryer; G. J. Cawley, to COMNAVFE; G. F. Rhodes to USS Repose and F. G. Bruinsma to COMSTSPAC; HM2's D. R. Fisher to Camp Pendleton, L. H. Sapp to USS Ashtabula, and A. J. Southwick to USS Iowa; and HN's J. S. Smith, H. K. Clemence, P. Seymour and R. L. Tracy, all to FFMF, Camp Pendleton.

Sacramento, Cal. (AFPS)—J. H. Mendenhall wants something done about a sign in front of his house pointing to the county hospital two blocks away. It seems that too many expectant mothers have been keeping him busy answering the doorbell.



"THE BATTLE OF 'HIM'" (Round Two)

The Enemy knows, now, that we have taken HIS measure and reprisals have begun. When, for example, the main drawer of the librarian's desk jammed shut with the keys inside and for two hours resisted all efforts of locksmiths to open it, we knew WHO had been at work. (Her lunch and household account money as well as the multitude of little prime necessities which a woman carries in her purse were also locked away. I suggested having Adam Coutts at the Lab mix us a small bottle of nitroglycerin as a possible method of opening the desk, but the committee in charge seemed to feel this would merely be playing into HIS hands, since the resulting disturbance would doubtless drive away our more studious readers forever.)

Or again, HE has also tried to hint at scandal. Last Tuesday on our final check of the place before Inspection, we discovered a line of DIAPERS drying in our stack room (???) (I keep wondering just what HE has been doing that we don't know about.)

Then there is the matter of the Form "R" for supplies which we fill out on alternate weeks. HE obviously has had a hand in the preparation of the terms used in these curious documents. (Here, of course, HE rises above the ordinary mortal and reaches out to engulf the entire Navy in the scope of HIS genius.) For example, a tiny item like a paper clip is written about at marvelous length. "53-C-12340." (The serial number alone is physically longer than the clip.) "CLIP, Paper, Wire, Ideal, Small." (Ideal? How do we know until we've tried using it?) It would be quite simple to say "Paper Clip" and let it go at that, but HE knows better. It's much more fun to dig through the terminology; so much more frustrating, and in frustration, naturally, HIS finest handiwork is spawned.

HE is everywhere and HE whispers to worn out sailors at day's end, "How nice a tall glass of beer would taste right now, or a martini perchance, or for a prettier blaze, a double boiler-maker."

This suggestion is many times acted upon, causing small, happy riots to occur across the surrounding landscape and the return of the natives about three a.m., usually singing or attacking stubborn locker doors (which HE has fastened shut) with blunt instruments, hatchets, can-openers and the like. This in turn causes further rioting in the barracks by humorless citizens who happen to want an uninterrupted night's sleep.

The trouble is that HE is everywhere around us and you never know when HIS newest brain-child will come YOUR way, darkening your days and filling your typewriter with copies in sextuplicate.

—FRANK M. CAMPBELL, HM1

Syracuse, N. Y. (AFPS)—William Fish of Fish Avenue was charged with speeding. He explained to the judge that his wife became ill eating fish and he was hurrying to get her home. He got hooked for a \$10 fine.



When Harry Holcombe, HMC, signed over for another six-year hitch in the Navy last week, he received congratulations from RADM C. A. Broadbent, MC, USN, Fleet Medical Officer of the Pacific Fleet, who was visiting Oak Knoll at the time while enroute from Washington, D. C. to Pearl Harbor. Chief Holcombe is currently attending Oak Knoll's Environmental Sanitation Technician School.

Scuttlebutt

By DERF

STUFF 'N STUFF: Remember how the Underwater Demolition Teams were glamorized in the "Frogman?" We now have one of the Frogmen aboard. Chief Emerson of the EST School just left one of the UD teams for school at Oak Knoll—Helen Pysch, one of our telephone girls, is in Honolulu for a vacation. She left a Miss and will return a Mrs.—Fred Timmerman, probably the biggest boy in the Ad Bldg., has the smallest desk there—Betty Kirkwood is the pretty new telephone operator—Claire Martini should receive some sort of decoration. In the nine years she has been on the base, she has never walked from the main gate to her office until one day last week—Beverly Hoffman, Betty Nelson and Lizzie Ledbetter celebrated their birthdays last week. Katie Jones made them happy with her celebrated bowling ball—Walt Peterson was so excited about the birth of his new heir he couldn't remember the child's name—Will Branson, Legal's ex-Chief, is now appearing at Monterey's Wharf Theater in "Of Mice and Men." No, I don't get free passes for the plug.

Larry Katz' medical illustrations are so good that BuMed has designated him a Medical Illustrating Technician while still attending O. R. School—Laurence Pendleton BOQ's mainstay, got himself a ball and chain a couple of days ago—he's now married—Wasn't that Disbursing Mrs. Ethel Bruso laughing like mad at the "Straw Hat Revue" sketches?—"Muggsie" Mahoney's swabbie husband steamed into Seattle last week and "Muggsie" hopped into her flivver to meet him. She'll spend a 30-day leave hovering between Denver and Albuquerque—X-Ray's Sharon Morris and the Cast Room's Skip Ahlstrom would make novelist Faith Baldwin very happy. Miss Baldwin is always concocting romances in hospital corridors and Sharon and Skip are living testimonials that it does happen!—Didja hear anyone screaming for help last Sunday? If you did, it was Lu Moore as she hauled in her first salmon — Harold Clark's

buggy was decorated with a pair of deer antlers last week. It was no accident, he really shot one.

BINGO: A jovial crowd gathered last Friday night for the first Bingo party in the EM center—Bill Evans called the numbers with Lee Steinike's assistance—Arlene Normington walked off with a portable iron—Rita Moore is going to keep warm with the grand prize, a soft, fleecy virgin wool blanket—Jack Davis has a streak of luck. A carton of cigarette and a salad bowl set—As usual bachelors walked away with most of the household prizes while the married ones drooled with envy—Some of the other prizes were: a camera with three rolls of film—an old fashioned set of highball glasses—candy—cigarettes—stationery—cutlery—pencil sets—coasters—and Revere kettles—I heard lots of requests for a repeat Bingo party.

OPERA: EAST vs. WEST: The Operas given at the Met in New York and those presented at the Opera House in San Francisco are the same, but there are certain differences that strike one immediately—there's much more glamour and excitement in a Met performance—staging on the West Coast seems much fresher—the Met's sets are grander (and older)—costuming for the principals is about par—the choruses and lesser stars fare better in the East when it comes to a wardrobe—Kurt Herbert Adler's chorus seems superior to the Met's—the stars are given a greater variety of roles on the West Coast—you hear less Wagner on this side of the Rockies—and the dances in San Francisco are superior to the Met's.

Louisburg, N. C. (AFPS)—It seems that everyone but "Fido" enjoyed the circus parade. The little terrier broke loose, chasing 11 elephants into the outskirts of town.

Louisville, Ky. (AFPS)—Wesley Hull fell five stories down an elevator shaft. Walking away he told rescuers "I think I landed on my head."

ALL DEPENDS ON HOW YOU LOOK AT IT!

By RAZ

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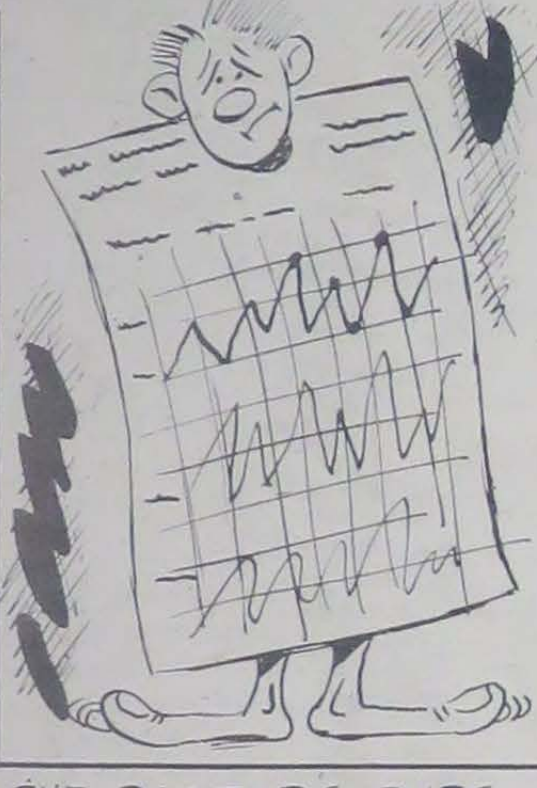
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THRU... THE PATIENTS EYES

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Staff members and their guests were treated to something new in the way of recreation last Friday when the Recreation Council planned and staged the first Bingo party in the enlisted lounge. Upwards of 75 staffers and their guests were on hand to enjoy the games, cold drinks, coffee and doughnuts, and the dancing afterward. The concensus seems to be that bingo parties should be included in the regular monthly schedule of events at the lounge.

3 Games Listed For Grid Squad

With their initial test by fire behind them, Joe Reginato's Oak Knoll grid team could look ahead at week's end to what the season has in store for them.

The Hospital team played its first game on the home grounds Thursday, 27 September, against Treasure Island, but results were not available at press time.

At present two more home games are scheduled in the next three weeks. On Thursday, 4 October, Oak Knoll will play NAS, Oakland, at the Hospital, and will meet VR2, from NAS, Alameda, here on 18 October.

In the only other game scheduled, Oak Knoll will travel to Moffett Field on Thursday, 11 October.

Those are the only four teams entered in district competition at this date.

Return games with the other three teams entered may be arranged in the future.

PREVIEWS

Sunday, 30 September
RED BADGE OF COURAGE—Audie Murphy, Bill Mauldin, DRAMA. This film, a new one, is based on a story by Stephen Crane, one of the best war stories ever written; has two well-known war figures for leading players, and is directed by the efficient John Huston, so it should be a good one. But according to the trade magazine, something is missing someplace and the film doesn't measure up to its ingredients. To quote the trade magazine "something seems to have been lost in the editing and continuity, and beyond the emphasis on a young soldier's baptism of fire, there doesn't seem to be sufficient dramatic strength to the proceedings."

Monday, 1 October
CHEAPER BY THE DOZEN—Clifton Webb, Jeanne Crain, COMEDY. This is an old one, released in April, 1950, and probably already seen by at least 75 per cent of the movie-goers. Based on a recently popular book, the movie is classed as "Very Good," and if you haven't already seen it, and like Webb's type of humor, you better see it this time.

Tuesday, 2 October
THE HIGHWAYMAN—Wanda Hendrix, Charles Coburn, ACTION. This period picture, filmed in color, is set in the England of George II, whose American colonies are being exploited by his unscrupulous noblemen. An honest nobleman who, posing as a highwayman, undertakes to thwart the efforts of his fellow courtiers to perpetuate the existing arrangement under which debtors are sent to the colonies under sentence as slave labor. Every adjective in the book has been used to describe this film and the reviewer's rating is "very good." It was released last month.

Wednesday, 3 October
BEDSIDE MANNER—John Carroll, Ruth Hussey. This one is a mystery. No information of any kind is available concerning it. The title is interesting. It is hereby nominated "Surprise of the Week," hands down. Take a chance and see it.

Thursday, 4 October
LITTLE BIG HORN—John Ireland, Lloyd Bridges, DRAMA. Here is told the tragic story of a Cavalry detachment that set out from Fort Abraham Lincoln to intercept and warn General Custer's command on its way to the Little Big Horn and decimation by the Sioux. With Bridges and Ireland as the personally antagonistic officers in charge, the detachment makes its way doggedly through Sioux-infested

Mare Island Beats Knoll Links Team

Oak Knoll's golf crew finished its season on a sad note on Wednesday, 19 September, in a match with Mare Island where the Hospital team was defeated by a score of 14 to 1.

The defeat was quite a setback after the Knollites turned in a sparkling 10-5 victory over the Coast Guard in the previous week.

Although play in the Twelfth Naval District Golf league was completed several weeks ago, final league standings have not yet been announced.

San Antonio, Tex. (AFPS) — A frantic woman called upon Police Officer M. E. Houston to scare her children because they wouldn't behave.

Girl: "All my life I have been saying my kisses for a man like you."
Sailor: "Well, sweetheart, right here is where you lose the savings of a lifetime."

terrain, suffering hardships, fighting off sniping attackers, sustaining casualties, but driving forward until wiped out to a man. Reviewer's rating: "Very Good."

Friday, 5 October
COME FILL THE CUP—James Cagney, Phyllis Thaxter, DRAMA. This is a new one, not even set for release as yet. Therefore, no information is available on its subject matter. Jimmy Cagney, though getting older, is still among the best, so probably it is worth the twelve cents.

Saturday, 6 October
I'LL GET BY—Bill Lundigan, June Haver, MUSICAL. This is practically an all-star in the musical field. In it appear June Haver, Gloria DeHaven, William Lundigan, Dennis Day, Jeanne Crain, Dan Dailey, Victor Mature and Reginald Gardner. The story, what there is of it sandwiched between a score of songs, is about, you guessed it, show business. And it comes in color, also, touches on the end of the war—well, whatever you want, you will probably find some of it here.

Stage Is Set for Cage Tourney End

The final game in the regular schedule of the intra-hospital "dun-garee" basketball tourney was played on Thursday, 27 September, and week's end found the stage set for the opening of the play-off round robin next week.

In the Thursday game, Welfare and Recreation met Physio I, but results were not available as the Oak Leaf went to press. Both teams, however, have secured a place in the play-offs and will meet again there.

The other two top teams of the eight-team league are the Nite Cre representation and the N.P. department. In the round robin, each of the teams will play three games, one each with the other teams. Some close contests are expected as the four teams finished the regular league play at a most neck and neck.

Immediately after the round-robin Coach Joe Reginato will begin work fashioning an Oak Knoll varsity basketball team for entry into Twelfth Naval District basketball league. Opening date for competition in that league has been tentatively set for 4 December.

Another group on the compound exhibited rising interest in the sport during the past week as Welfare and Recreation's Tom Moore returned from a district meeting to set up rules and regulations for a District Women's basketball league.

It was decided at the league meeting to use the usual women's basketball rules and to go ahead with preparing of a schedule. Tom Moore will coach the Oak Knoll entry in the league.

Reginato Wins First Tennis Tourney Tilt

Only one match was played in the first round of the intra-hospital tennis tourney during the past week. In that match Reginato defeated Lew Peck handily in two straight sets, 6-4, 6-

By his victory Reginato gained the right to play Peck in second-round competition.

However, another second round matching was completed when Arnold dropped from the listings, giving Irrganghn a free pass to the second round and a chance to play Prosser.

Still unplayed in the first round are the Peterson-Irwin match, the winner of which will meet Arnold in the second round, and the Papadakis-Belcher contest, the winner to play Brisnahan.

The matches are being played at the convenience of the competitors so there is no set date for completion of the tourney.

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LCDR Esther Millard, USN, of Twelfth Naval District Headquarters, visited Oak Knoll on Tuesday, 2 October, to talk with Oak Knoll Waves and inspect facilities here. She is shown above with Katherine Robinson, HMC, one of the few Waves to sport two hash marks.

Lecture Series Brought To Close

Last of a series of indoctrination lectures on the "Medical Aspects of the Atom Bomb" was presented yesterday afternoon for staff Medical, Dental, and Medical Service Corps officers. The series was arranged by CDR Ralph Ross, MC, USN.

Prior to reporting here for duty on 1 July, CDR Ross served with Joint Task Force 3 as Senior Medical Officer on the staff of the Commander, Task Group 3, and as such was the radiological safety officer during the atom bomb tests at Eniwetok. He was also assigned to the radiological safety section on the staff of the Commander, Joint Task Force 1 at Bikini in '46.

The series of lectures, implemented by films, included discussions of "Pathologic Effects of Radiation," "Radiation Detection Instruments," and "Treatment of Casualties Resulting from an Atomic Weapon." Special attention was given to "Burns" in a report by CAPT E. H. Dickinson; "Fractures and Traumatic Injuries"—CAPT F. P. Kreuz; "Blood Substitutes"—CAPT A. R. Higgins; "Radiation Injury"—CDR Ross.

At yesterday's meeting, CAPT I. L. V. Norman discussed the hospital's disaster bill.

There can be no "lost generation of children." Foster homes, institutional care, day nurseries and adoption are the antidotes to loneliness and neglect provided by Community Chest Child care services.

Anne M. Norman Welcomed Here

At Oak Knoll, where babies arrive by the dozen (See Life Begins . . . Page 3), births are not news. But when a Navy man becomes a father for the first time after he is a four-striper and executive officer of the hospital, that is front page news and plenty of reason for the proud, pleased expression on CAPT I. L. V. Norman's face this week.

The new baby, who has been named Anne Marie, weighed 6 pounds, 11 ounces upon her arrival Sunday, 30 September, at 2211. She and her parents were all reported to be doing nicely as the Oak Leaf went to press.

San Francisco USO Gets New Quarters

The USO at 620 Sutter Street, San Francisco, moved on Monday, 1 October, to new quarters at 233 Pine Street, between Sansome and Battery.

The new location will give the USO more space and opportunity for continuous program. The same USO staff will be on duty at the new spot with Mrs. Eloise Hirt in charge and Miss Lucile Elder assisting.



Leonardo Mallari, HM3, left, congratulates PFC John Staphanopoulos, USMC, winner of the United Fund Drive Poster contest, as the latter displays the work that won him a ten-dollar prize. Mallari's poster, which took the five-dollar second prize, may be seen in the background. The marine patient was uncertain how he would dispose of his prize, but Mallari, staff man on duty in the artificial limb department, was very decisive about his five-dollar bill. "I'm going to save it till October 14 and give it to the United Fund Drive," he promptly announced.

Facilities At Oak Knoll Serve Dual Role In Employment Of Physically Handicapped

President Truman has proclaimed the week of 7 to 13 October as National Employ the Physically Handicapped Week, and in the observation of this week, Oak Knoll finds itself in a unique position.

PRIME INTEREST

Oak Knoll, as a Naval activity with civilian employees, is an employer of the physically handicapped, and, as a hospital caring for wounded and injured service men, has a prime interest in seeing that these physically handicapped obtain employment when they leave the hospital.

In both instances, Hospital efforts to employ the handicapped, or to find employment for them, are carried to the farthest possible extent.

V. A. COOPERATES

The amputee center cooperates with the Veterans Administration and California State Employment Office, along with other agencies, in seeing that all handicapped persons leaving the hospital are given job opportunities. And the bulletin board of every amputee ward at Oak Knoll carries job listings.

RANGE IS WIDE

"It is simply amazing the range of jobs these amputees are able to fill successfully," Charles Asbelle, rehabilitation specialist, stated. "Former patients are now in every job from mortician to movie actor. And they are successful. These people know they are competing for their job; they appreciate the job; and they are willing to give a little extra to the job in order that they may be successful."

He continued: "We make an effort to fit the job to the man and vice versa, and we have been very successful. It is quite heartwarming to have businessmen come here and see our facilities and make contacts which later will mean a job for some handicapped person."

FIRM EMPLOYS 33

He cited as an example the California Steel Company, which after visiting Oak Knoll some time ago agreed to hire one amputee on a trial basis. That the trial was a success for everyone concerned is proved by the fact that the firm now has 33 amputees among its employees.

In addition, the Amputee Center, in cooperation with the state employment agency, maintains window displays in surrounding cities showing the rehabilitation work done with amputees and the accomplishments in fitting them for jobs.

VETERANS GIVEN PRIORITY

In connection with the employment at Oak Knoll of physically handicapped persons, H. W. Boyles, Civilian Personnel Director, stated, "It is the Navy Department's policy to give thorough consideration to Physically Handicapped persons for jobs which they can perform without being a hazard to themselves and others. Disabled Veterans are, by law, given top priority in appointments."

"The Hospital presently has 72 disabled veterans in its employment in addition to other disabled personnel.

"For some positions at the hospital the applicant is required to have a specific type of disability in order to be eligible for consideration for the job."

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† † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

"OLD HANK AND HIS PAPER HOUSE"

There lived on a homestead in early days in western Nebraska an eccentric old codger whom everyone knew as "Old Hank." With willows for beams and old pasteboard boxes as a substitute for boards and plaster, he built a shack to live in. He covered the roof with hay, poked the stove pipe out through a hole in the wall, and then he was ready to live.

Old Hank had a hillside covered with sunflowers; he ordered Russian tame sunflower seed from a seed catalogue. Then he told his neighbors: "I have built a fine house and now I will sow this hillside with tame sunflowers to mix with the wild ones and I will raise a fine crop and in a few years I'll be rich."

Five years later when it came time to "Prove Up," and get a deed for the homestead, Old Hank had drifted on somewhere. His old paper shack had caved in and its ruins stood in the midst of a jungle of large wild sunflowers. Across the line fence was the neighbor's field of fine alfalfa and in the distance his sturdy ranch buildings, with cattle grazing on the hills beyond.

Many people are like Old Hank in character building and planning. Good, sturdy materials are available that would build a good life: religious teachings, home training, good citizenship principles, common-sense, judgment. But some people, with all these character materials near them, build a flimsy moral structure that time and nature will damage and cave in. When their life should be yielding a harvest in abundant living, it is hemmed in by a jungle of worthless weeds.

Military life offers a rich opportunity for moral and spiritual self-improvement, and many are taking advantage of these values to build a strong moral character.

J. A. WHITMAN,
Protestant Chaplain.

Divine Services

Hospital Chapel at Main Gate

PROTESTANT

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

CATHOLIC

SUNDAY MASSES
 0600 — 0900 — 1215
 DAILY MASSES — 0645 & 1630
 Confessions before Mass

CHOIR PRACTICE:

TUESDAY 1900
 Catholic Oratory in back of Chapel

CHAPLAINS' OFFICES IN
 CHAPEL & 67A
 NAVY RELIEF OFFICE—
 IN CHAPEL

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

Chaplains of other faiths will be called
 upon request

BUS TO AND FROM CHAPEL ON
 SUNDAYS 0845 & 1045

Dances At Fairmont On Sunday Cancelled

A.W.V.S. dances for enlisted men at the Fairmont Hotel Terrace ballroom on Sunday afternoons have been cancelled until December.

The dances were cancelled because of a drop in attendance caused by football games at Kezar Stadium.

Staffer Released Under Phasing Plan

John E. Brindle, Jr., HM2, was detached from the staff at Oak Knoll for return to inactive duty in the Navy Reserve on Thursday, 4 October, under the phasing schedule set forth in ALNAV 69-51.

Brindle, whose home is in Denver, came to active duty on 6 August. His release to inactive duty will become effective on 7 October.

Under the provisions of the ALNAV inactive reservists called to duty between 21 July and 15 August 1950 will be released to inactive duty this month. Active reservists called between 21 and 31 July 1950 will also be released during October.

Red Cross Ramblings



"Welcome Wagons" made their welcome appearance at Oak Knoll again Thursday, 27 September, bringing to patients at the Hospital entertainment and food. Above members making up the "Wagons" are shown offering selection of fruit to patients Frank Banas, Kenneth Fitch and Bufo. Lively. Standing second from right is Red Cross Gray Lady Mrs. Eileen O'Shea. The "Wagons" come to Oak Knoll once a month and are sponsored by the Chevrolet Motor Company.

FISH ARE BITING THESE DAYS!

Last Thursday the Rod and Reel Club took off for the briny deep up Vallejo way. Patients boarded the Falcon and sailed out to look for silver bass. After letting the fishing lines down TOM HARDEN, SN, ward 61A, had a tug and pulled in an eight-pound beauty. A few small ones were caught, and after chow the fishing party decided to go up around the breakwaters at Napa; the biggest one landed in this area was a five pounder! They pulled anchor and arrived back at the hospital around 1630 with their catch. The day was rough and windy, but the fish were biting. There will be another trip on Thursday next, leaving the hospital at 0630. Alternate weeks we go deep sea fishing at Half Moon Bay.

on ward 74A. Blue Boy, with his body and fins an iridescent cornflower blue, stands out against the subdued color and lack of long flowing fins of Madame Betta. He has been busy the past few days building a bubble nest three to six inches in diameter. After the eggs are put into the bubble nest the female is removed. Later, we'll be looking for a small family of these fighting fish. Bed patients are kept busy keeping an eye on Blue Boy these days. We would be happy to set up a small aquarium next to your bed if you like tropical fish, or if you would like to know more about this hobby, let us know.

FLOWERS! ! !

Those flowers which appeared on your bedside table on Friday afternoons have been sent by members of the Berkeley Junior Red Cross. Each week the pupils of a school collect flowers from their own homes and from generous neighbors. At their school they arrange them in appropriate containers — they do amazing things to small tin cans covering them with crepe paper or patterned wall paper, which enhances the beauty of the blooms on your bedside tables. George Kato, a student from Waseda University, Japan, assisted recently in arranging the flowers as a representative of the Japanese Junior Red Cross.

Auto Accident Fatal For Civilian Employee

Q. P. Boykin, 27, 970 76th Avenue, Oakland, an assistant cook in the Commissary department, died last Saturday at Highland Hospital as the result of injuries in an auto accident. Mr. Boykin leaves many friends at Oak Knoll. He had been employed here since 1946 when he started as a mess attendant. He was made assistant cook last November.

Community Chest family service agencies help individuals who come to them with many different kinds of problems, including marital difficulties, illness and handicaps, economic and employment problems, and housing and vocational placement.

BLESSED EVENT DEPARTMENT

Blue Boy, the Siamese fighting fish, known as a Betta, has welcomed a female companion in his tank next to the bedside of WILLIAM SLEAVE and WALTER KAUL.

Life Begins at Oak Knoll

23 September

- FIOCCHI, Virginia Kay, to wife of Robert Fiochi, PNC, 7 pounds, 6 ounces.
- WOODWORTH, Kenneth Jackson, to wife of Homer Woodworth, PFC, 7 pounds, 13 ounces.
- BRACKEN, Bobby Edgar, to wife of James Bracken, SN, 6 pounds, 5 ounces.
- PARKER, Craig Alan, to wife of Harry Parker, LTJG, 6 pounds, 8 ounces.
- MATUSIAK, Albert John, Jr., to wife of Albert Matusiak, SGT, 4 pounds, 11 1/2 ounces.
- GLOVER, Suzanne DeEtte, to wife of Harlan Glover, HM2, 7 pounds.
- LOGAN, Sarah Jane, to wife of William Logan, CDR, 7 pounds, 5 ounces.
- YOUNG, Robert Wayne, to wife of Paul Young, AO2, 8 pounds, 6 ounces.

24 September

- CRUZ, Mary San Nicolas, to wife of Luis Cruz, MUS2, 6 pounds, 14 ounces.
- GONZALEZ, David Gerard, to wife of Jimmie Gonzalez, MEFN, 5 pounds.
- HOWARD, Larry Eugene, to wife of Eugene Howard, AKN, 4 pounds, 6 1/2 ounces.
- ADDLEMAN, Richard Alan, to wife of Robert Addleman, SN, 7 pounds, 2 ounces.
- BRACKLEY, Patti Ann, to wife of Orvil Brackley, EMC, 7 pounds, 2 ounces.
- SCHNELL, Boy, to wife of Allen Schnell, HMC, 7 pounds, 9 ounces.
- STODDARD, William Charles, to wife of William Stoddard, YN3, 6 pounds, 15 ounces.
- FLOLO, Pamela Jean, to wife of Warren Flolo, HM2, 6 pounds, 7 ounces.
- EVERHART, Stephen Dale, to wife of Everett Everhart, SA, 6 pounds, 11 ounces.
- ESTER, Curtis John, to wife of Andrew Ester, AO2, 4 pounds, 3 ounces.
- LIVINGSTON, Genise Ann, to wife of George Livingston, ME3, 6 pounds, 13 ounces.
- BOGGER, Barbara Jean, to wife of Richard Bogger, ADC, 6 pounds, 1 ounce.

25 September

- COLLINS, Wayne Bruce, to wife of William Collins, SA, 6 pounds.
- PLUMMER, Linda Faye, to wife of Andrew Plummer, SN, 8 pounds.
- ABARE, Michele, to wife of Edward Abare, MM1, 8 pounds.
- CHRISTIANSEN, Scott Carroll, to wife of Richard Christiansen, SN, 7 pounds, 8 ounces.
- HAMILL, Mark Richard, to wife of William Hamill, LTJG, 7 pounds, 13 ounces.
- DONNELLY, Michael Edward, to wife of Charles Donnelly, SN, 7 pounds, 14 ounces.
- BRAVO, Alex Caneles, Jr., to wife of Alex Bravo, CPL, 7 pounds, 9 ounces.
- ROBERTS, Donald William, to wife of Malcolm Roberts, MM3, 7 pounds, 8 ounces.
- LUNT, Randolph Lee, to wife of Ralph Lunt, AD2, 7 pounds, 8 ounces.
- MERCER, Girl, to wife of Clarence Mercer, DK1, 7 pounds, 7 ounces.
- GEYER, James Alan, to wife of Earl Geyer, LCDR, 9 pounds, 9 ounces.
- LANGLOIS, Candace Louise, to wife of Clement Langlois, CDR, 7 pounds, 8 ounces.

26 September

- BRODIE, Andie Virginia, to wife of Andrew Brodie, GM2, 4 pounds, 5 ounces.
- FEITAG, Stanley Joseph, to wife of James Feitag, AM3, 8 pounds, 6 ounces.
- BURNHAM, Holly Ann, to wife of William Burnham, EM1, 8 pounds, 9 ounces.

27 September

- GRUNOW, David Martin, to wife of William Grunow, CAPT, 7 pounds, 4 ounces.
- JENNINGS, Jacqueline Irene, to wife of William Jennings, AM3, 7 pounds, 10 ounces.
- WILKES, Cynthia Dawn, to wife of William Wilkes, ADE2, 6 pounds, 12 ounces.
- BAYLARD, Barbara Allyn, to wife of Robert Baylard, S/SGT, Staff, 7 pounds, 13 ounces.
- ALESZKA, Penelope Joan, to wife of Benjamin Aleszka, ETC, 8 pounds, 10 ounces.
- ELWOOD, Boy, to wife of Dale Elwood, TM1, 5 pounds, 15 ounces.
- GALLI, Boy, to wife of Francis Galli, TESN, 5 pounds, 7 ounces.
- BROWN, Joseph Gary, to wife of Richard Brown, BM2, 6 pounds, 13 ounces.
- WEISHAAR, Ronald Eugene, to wife of Alfred Weishaar, ACAN, 8 pounds, 8 ounces.

28 September

- PARRISH, Donald Roy, to wife of Norman Parrish, RD3, 7 pounds, 8 ounces.
- HAROLD, Ronald Dale, to wife of Orland Harold, SA, 6 pounds, 11 ounces.
- FIELD, Randolph Matthew, to wife of Randolph Field, SN, 5 pounds, 12 ounces.
- VAN NOSTERN, Rodney Edwin, to wife of Richard Van Nostern, YNSN, 8 pounds, 1 ounce.
- PETERSEN, Mildred Jeanne, to wife of Julius Petersen, CS3, 6 pounds.
- HERRON, Linda Joyce, to wife of Herbert Herron, SGT, 7 pounds, 9 ounces.
- TULLEY, Paul James, to wife of Paul



Three highlights of the stage show presented at the auditorium on Tuesday are pictured here. At left is Bernice Franette, formerly vocalist with the Phil Spitalny Orchestra, who made a big hit with her audience; center, "Mr. America" Jimmy Payne boosts five-year-old Jimmy Jr., high overhead as part of their acrobatic act. At right, Babette is caught in the midst of her dance which captivated the audience.

H. W. Boyles Speaks On Federal Retirement

Members and guests of NFFE's Local 496 were treated last Friday night to an interesting and educational discussion of the Federal Retirement Program by guest speaker Harold Boyles, Civilian Personnel Assistant of the Hospital.

Mr. Boyles explained the operational functions, concepts and basic statistical calculations of the program which led Mr. Earl Hoage, National Representative and Organizer of NFFE for 32 years, to comment: "Although having heard numerous explanations of the program, including speeches by the chairman of the Civil Service Retirement Board, I have never previously had the opportunity and pleasure to hear a better presentation of the subject." All NFFE members of Local 496 are hopeful that Mr. Boyles will be a guest speaker at another meeting in the very near future.

Free Luckies Passed Out To Knoll Patients

It was free cigarettes for patients and staff members at Oak Knoll last week.

Mr. A. Bear, sales representative for Lucky Strike in this district, visited all wards and departments, passing out sample packages of cigarettes.

- Tulley, HA, 9 pounds 1 ounce.
- CAPPS, Martha Kathleen, to wife of Orville Capps, CS1, 8 pounds, 2 ounces.
- ELDRIDGE, Lenora Diana, to wife of Truman Eldridge, FN, 6 pounds, 4 ounces.

29 September

- RHODES, Jamesa Ann, to wife of James Rhodes, AK3, 7 pounds, 4 ounces.
- MORGAN, Gina Ann, to wife of Harold Morgan, YN1, 5 pounds, 8 ounces.
- WHITWORTH, Susan Nilox, to wife of Samuel Whitworth, AN, 6 pounds, 10 ounces.
- SANTOS, Joseph Anthony, to wife of Jose Santos, SD2, 8 pounds, 5 ounces.
- SWEGART, Girl, to wife of Albert Swegart, HM3, Staff, 7 pounds, 1 ounce.

Welcome and Farewell

The staff census at Oak Knoll took a jump upward during the past week, with 30 new staff members reporting aboard while only eight were dispatched to new assignments.

Reporting aboard were LT Vera E. Kramer, NC, USN, from Columbia University, New York; HMC's E. P. Campbell from the U.S.S. Keppler and G. W. Taylor from Treasure Island; HMI's J. N. Sklinchar from USNH, St. Albans, and R. H. Davis, from Marine Corps Receiving Depot, San Diego.

HM2's C. L. Jett, from NMS, Bethesda, and M. L. Crouse and E. A. Collette, both from Marine Corps Receiving Depot, San Diego; HM3's J. H. Hall, Jr., from USNH, San Diego, and W. C. Kohl and R. K. Tyrer, both from Marine Corps Receiving Depot, San Diego; HN's J. B. Elliott and R. L. Carpenter, both from Marine Corps Receiving Depot; G. D. Crumpler from NS, San Diego, D. "G" Dean, G. W. Murray and W. Wideman, all from USNH, San Diego; HA's H. E. Kilgore, E. B. Blount, D. E. Dale, D. G. Drake, J. N. Erdahl, J. F. Girodo, R. E. Hargan, E. N. Matsul, L. A. Warner, J. E. Moreland, V. L. Hughes (W), and O. A. Prine (W), all from USNH, San Diego.

Detached during the past week were LT Ruth L. Hemp, NC, USNR, to U.S.S. General J. C. Breckinridge; HMI's C. F. Vance to USS Estero, A. A. Allen and E. E. Walker to the USS Baltimore, W. O. Squire to Camp Pendleton, A. F. Casillas to Net Depot, Tiburon, and D. J. Peeler, to NAS, Pensacola, and HM2 L. K. Taylor to the USS Baltimore.

The American Cancer Society is the only voluntary health agency in the United States devoted to the control of cancer through a comprehensive program of education, service and research.

Stage Show Wins Knollites' Favor

Another crowd-pleasing stage show was presented in the auditorium on Tuesday, 25 September, by Mrs. Esther England.

Opening the show, Babette charmed the audience with three vocal solos, and later returned to the stage to present a sizzling Hula which brought howls of approval from her predominately male audience.

One of the highspots of the show was the performance of Jimmie Payne, "Mr. America of 1950," and his five-year-old son, Jimmie, Jr. The two combined to present acrobatic feats which made the audience gasp, and Jimmie Senior gave an exhibition of muscle control the likes of which has never before been seen at Oak Knoll.

Two other vocalists, Miss Lily Shackly and Miss Bernice Franette, appeared during the program. Miss Shackly captured considerable applause with her low, vibrant voice, while Miss Franette's spirited job of "No Business Like Show Business" made her a hit.

Other features of the program included "Connie and her Castanets" in two sparkling Mexican dance numbers and two duets by Maureen and Darlene with their steel guitars.

Ray Drake, accompanist for the program, also played a piano solo, "How High The Moon."

Baseball Games Shown On TV In Auditorium

Patients and off-duty staff members at Oak Knoll were given an opportunity to see the Giant-Dodger National League play-offs and the World Series on television during the past week as TV sets were set up in the Hospital auditorium.

During the second game of the play-off as many as 50 persons crowded around the single set in the auditorium, and plans were made to put more sets into operation during the World Series.

Plastic Surgery 'New' Specialty

"Plastic Surgery," explains O. W. Wickstrom, MC, USN, Head of the plastic surgery department of the Surgical Service, "deals with the restoration of surface defects in order to improve appearance or restore function, or both."

While plastic and reconstructive surgery is a comparatively recent specialty in the Navy, dating from the early days of World War II, it had an even earlier stimulation in the unusual wealth of new material provided by the mass, multiple wounds of World War I.

Experience and knowledge in plastic surgery gained from both World Wars have been of great value in treating cases resulting from the present Korean conflict. The development of new drugs and antibiotics; the utilization of new materials; the introduction of new techniques in skin grafting and bone and cartilage transplantations—all these have lent a tremendous impetus to the recent development of this specialty.

Certain types of plastic surgery were practiced many centuries ago, and even today many of the principles laid down by the early fathers of the art are found to be useful. In early Sanscrit documents that date from three to four thousand years B.C., there is described a method of rhinoplasty in which the nose was built from cheek flaps, and skin grafting operations were done among the Egyptians as far back as 3500 B.C.

Skipping a few hundred centuries to 1442 A. D., we find the method first introduced of applying a skin flap from the arm to rebuild a nose. In 1442 a man wrote to his friend: "If you want a new nose, pay me a visit. Branca, a Sicilian surgeon, has found a way to restore lost noses."

During the nineteenth century development of the successful transplantation of skin, cartilage, bone, and fat, and the satisfactory repair of certain deformities, such as cleft lip and cleft palate, took place.

"For the most part, the basic job of plastic surgery is the transplantation of tissue," according to Doctor Wickstrom.

Skin grafts are secured in today's plastic surgery by several methods, among them the Brown electric dermatome, the latest development in skin graft instruments. This power-driven machine was developed by a Navy doctor during World War II to cut grafts at any desired thickness with speed and simplicity. The graft is cut by pressing the "Dermatome" down on the skin and sliding it forward, in much the same manner as using an electric hair clipper.

Typical of cases to be found in Oak Knoll's Plastic Surgery department is that of a Marine corporal who suffered a hand grenade wound of his lower right leg in Korea last May. A large piece of surface tissue and bone had been torn out by the grenade's explosion.

The tissue was replaced by a pedicle flap, which brought a new supply of blood and a covering of normal skin to the injury. This flap was cut from the calf of the left leg to cover the defect on the right—a "cross leg" graft.

Skin grafts are used when superficial coverage is needed. The pedicle flap is employed when deep tis-



Here are a few scenes from the everyday activity at Oak Knoll's Plastic Surgery Department. 1. CDR J. Connelly, MC, assistant chief of the department (left), CAPT O. W. Wickstrom, MC, Department Chief, and a department nurse examine the skin graft of patient E. L. Laizure. 2. W. L. Barnes, HN, (left), and Corpsman Benito are shown in the process of applying a dressing to a patient's leg. 3. Corpsman Knight of the Plastic Surgery Department removes a syringe from the sterilizer. 4. Reaching into the cabinet of the plastic surgery ward office for a medication is Marvin G. Grimes, HM3. 5. Patient J. B. Hamilton is helped in making a telephone call by ENS S. O. Boyd, Ward nurse. 6. LTJG J. H. McLaughlin, MC, (left), assisted by Cavanaugh and Barnes, does some reparative surgery.

sues repair is being done. The flap is a piece of skin that has been detached from its underlying support, but which still remains partially connected at some portion of its base through which it receives its blood supply.

At a later date the Marine patient will have a bone graft placed under the pedicle flap to restore the continuity of his shattered tibia.

Many burn cases are treated at Plastic Surgery. Burns—especially severe burns—are surgical problems, involving the same factors which surgeons must face every day—shock, infection and loss of tissue.

Recently a Navy commander received third degree burns on his legs, arms, and face, when the Corsair plane he was flying crashed. He was rushed to a nearby hospital where blood transfusions, antibiotics, morphine, and salt solutions, were administered. In up-to-date treatment of burns, no lotions, ointments, or powders are applied; there is no local treatment of the burned area.

Eight days later the commander was transferred to Oak Knoll for skin grafting. He has had two sessions in the operating room. Split thickness grafts have been transferred from the abdomen, chest, and back to cover his hands, arms, and legs. All major raw areas have now been covered, and he is nearing the day when he'll be completely healed.

Assisting Captain Wickstrom in his work with plastic surgery patients are CDR J. R. Connelly, who acts as assistant head of the department, and LTJG John H. McLaughlin, resident in Plastic surgery. Dr. Charles Steiss, of San Francisco, a former Navy doctor who helped start the Plastic Surgery department at Oak Knoll, continues his affiliation as a civilian consultant and operates regularly in this capacity.

Who's Who in Plastic Surgery

LCDR Charles K. Holloway, MC, got his B. A. and M. D. at the University of Texas. Doctor Holloway's hobby is sound electronics—reproducing records under high fidelity.

W. L. Barnes, HN, won the All-District medal in basketball when he attended Cottondale (Fla.) high school.

CDR Joseph R. Connelly, MC, was captain of his track team at St. Peter's College. He received his medical degree at Temple University Medical School.

LT Lily Giem, NC, is much pleased over having recently dropped her JG.

Marvin G. Grimes, HM3, helped put over the Football Festival as a member of Berkeley's Junior Chamber of Commerce last year.

LT Arlene V. Kissner, NC, majored in psychology when she attended Oklahoma City University, Oklahoma City, Okla.

ENS Elizabeth M. Lukoskie, NC, collects phonograph records and names Spike Jones as her favorite classical composer.

LTJG John H. McLaughlin, MC, did his undergraduate work at the University of Notre Dame and got his M.D. at the University of Illinois. He served with the 1st Marine Division in Korea from August '50-June '51.

William T. Ormsby, HN, was a mortician and assistant coach in civilian life. He likes sports in general and won his "M" at college.

Kenneth L. Powell, HN, was a hair-dresser and plumber before the Navy took him out of that nonsense.

C. M. Rhodes, HN, graduated from Ponce De Leon high school, Coral Gables, Fla., and certainly doesn't look his age.

Dean F. Robinson, HM3, had three semesters of pre-med at Dodge City (Kansas) Jr. College prior to joining our firm.

John W. Ross, HA, was a log scaler for his father in Elk, Calif., near Boonville, before the Navy got into the act.

ENS Anne M. Sheridan, NC, names photography and "trying to learn golf" as her present interests.

LTJG Jean L. Strecker, NC, was a commercial artist before the Navy recalled her in February.

Mrs. Cleo B. Vlught, secretary of the Plastic Surgery department, names driving her 1951 Chevrolet as one of her favorite hobbies.

Dennis Du Wall, HN, is looking forward to some winter skiing. Last winter he was with the 3rd Batt., 7th Marines, in Korea.

LT Inez Watson, NC, broils steaks as her cooking specialty—nice work if you can get them.

CAPT O. W. Wickstrom, MC, USN, entered the Navy from private practice in 1930. He specialized in Otolaryngology and has been head of the E.E.N.T. department in various large naval hospitals.

Eugene T. Wright, HA, remodels guns of various kinds; he's also interested in woodworking, softball and electric wiring.

W. C. Knight, HM2, was a barber in the Sunset District of San Francisco when he was recalled last September.

Newburyport, Mass. (AFPS)—Greetings! A motorist lost control of his car and crashed through a billboard reading, "Welcome to Newburyport."



Our September shipment of books from the Bureau got delayed somewhere along the line, and it is thought that HE had them addressed to NCS, Pago Pago, or some such place. With our regular allowance from Welfare, however, we have been carried through the drought of new books, and several excellent things are now available.

William Faulkner's new play, "Requiem For A Nun," is in. He has had it printed with lengthy descriptive passages in place of stage directions, so that what you get is a hybrid of two forms. Not a bad idea since it will be at least a couple of years before the play, which opens on Broadway this fall, will get around for the rest of the country to see. (It is a bang-up mystery story, by the way, and you will wonder what on earth the title means until about three pages before the very end of it.)

For lovers of the historical novel, Irving Stone's retelling of a great love story — that of Andrew and Rachel Jackson — is a must. "The President's Lady" is a fine adventure piece about the American frontier and the ruthless politics that sometimes infested it. Andrew Jackson cut quite a figure and made a great president, but it was his wonderful wife who pointed the way for him.

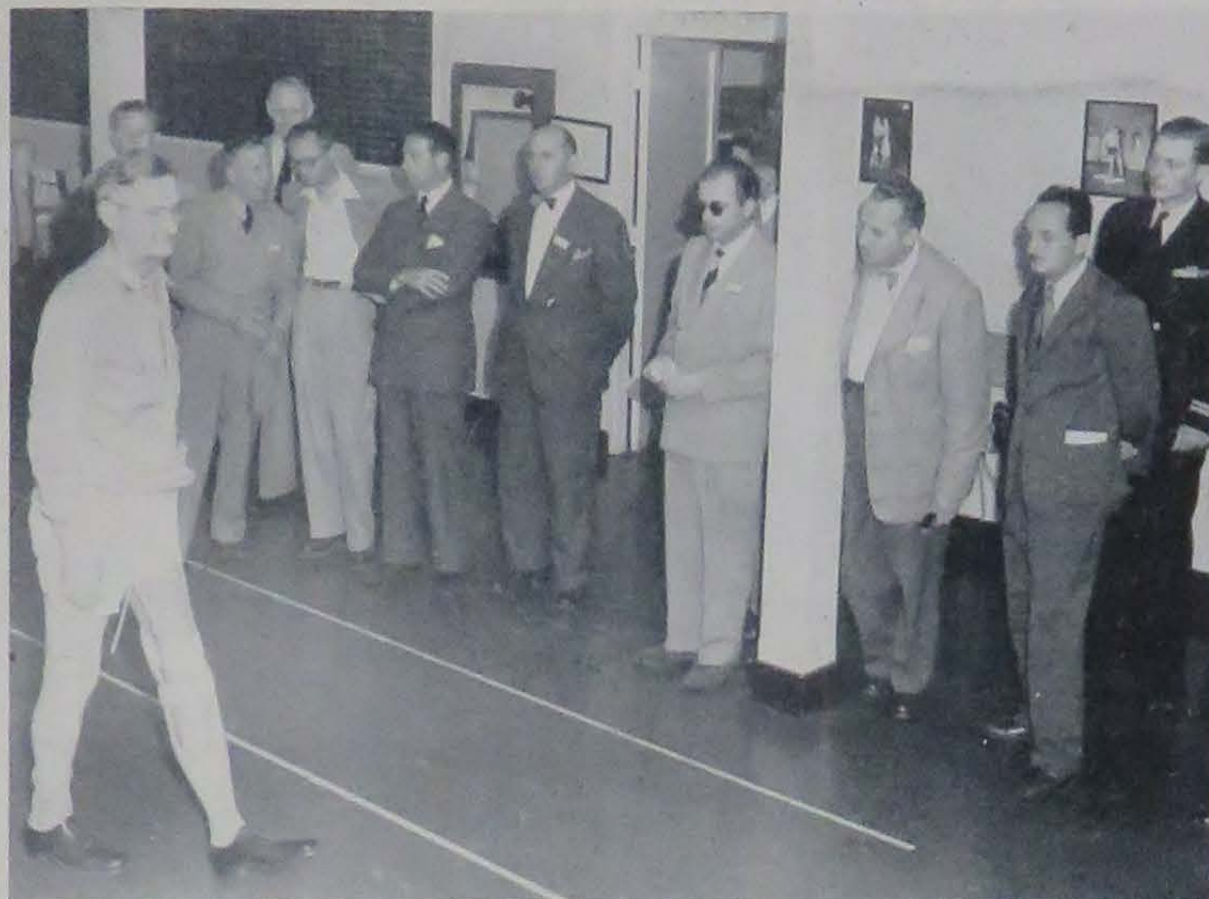
Another historical work, hardly to be called a romance, is Scholem Asch's titanic portrait of the lawgiver, "Moses." He tells how a young Egyptian Prince rose to greatness, gave a whole people a religion and in the bargain founded the first real society of men who were free in their relations to each other and equal before God. Asch, whose past works have been such fine books as "The Nazarene," "The Apostle" and "Mary" now climaxes his career with a towering biography of the greatest figure in the Old Testament. Of the new books, we recommend "Moses" by Scholem Asch as without doubt the finest.

For short story readers, we also have the O. Henry Prize Stories of 1951. Welty, Capote, Faulkner, Hersey, Downey—all the best are represented.

And lastly, for my buddies, the science fiction readers, we finally have a copy of John W. Campbell's history-making "Who Goes There?", more familiarly known by its film title, "The Thing." (Brothers, the picture was as nothing, believe me. The book begins practically where the movie ended. Daagh!)

One final note: Every third week from now on, the library will be closed on Tuesday mornings for general field days. Most of the time we can sweep, swab and buff in and around our readers, but since walking across wet wax is not conducive to good health for hospital patients, we have decided that on Super-field days, we had better close for the sake of general safety. If you try the door and find it locked some Tuesday look about for a small sign saying "Field Day," and you'll understand. We're always back in business by noon anyhow.

Frank M. Campbell, HM1



Shown above are a few of the journalists from North Atlantic Treaty Organization nations who visited Oak Knoll on Wednesday, 3 October. Above they have demonstrated for them an artificial leg made at the Oak Knoll Artificial Limb department. The visitors toured Occupational Therapy, Physio Therapy, the amputee wards and the Artificial Limb Shop.

RADM McElligott New CO Coast Guard District

Rear Admiral R. T. McElligott, USCG, has taken over the command of the Western Coast Guard Area and is Commander of the 12th Coast Guard District.

He relieved Rear Admiral J. E. Sitka, USCG, who went into retirement on Monday, 1 October, after more than 42 years of service in the Coast Guard. Formal change of command ceremonies were held for the occasion on board the Coast Guard Cutter GRESHAM which is tied up at the Coast Guard Base, Government Island, Alameda.

Tickets Available For Show At Cow Palace

Servicemen in the Bay Area will have an opportunity to attend the opening performance of the Grand National Livestock Exposition, Horse Show and Rodeo free of charge on October 26 at the Cow Palace in San Francisco.

The first performance of the 10-day show was scheduled to be specifically dedicated to the Armed Forces.

Service officers at various stations in the region will be provided with coupons for this opening performance for distribution to officers and men.

Staff Personalities



LCDR Carrie E. Chapman MC USNR, chief of the Physical Medicine Service at Oak Knoll, received her training in physical medicine under a fellowship at world-famous Mayo Clinic. She was an anesthesiologist at Mayo prior to receiving her fellowship.

Doctor Chapman entered the Navy in February 1951, after resigning from the Acuff Clinic, Knoxville, Tenn., where she had developed the physical medicine department.

During World War II she served on a state board for the recruitment of WACS in her native state of New Hampshire.

Doctor Chapman is the only woman who heads a Medical Service at Oak Knoll.

When civilian personnel come to Oak Knoll to work, one of the first persons they meet is Mrs. Betty DeJong, a personnel clerk at the Civilian Personnel Office. It is Mrs. DeJong who fingerprints the new employees, helps them fill out the necessary forms, and gets them squared away at their new jobs. Mrs. DeJong, a native of Omaha, Nebr., but a Californian since she was three years old, lives at Castro Valley and came to Oak Knoll on 27 November 1950. In addition to her work here, Mrs. DeJong finds time to care for her three children, two daughters, aged 15 and 10, and a six-year-old son. For what spare time she has, Mrs. DeJong says gardening gets first call.



NATO Journalists Visit Oak Knoll

Journalists from member nations of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization on Wednesday, 3 October, visited the Navy's Amputee Center at Oak Knoll. The group is making a tour of the United States.

Included among the visitors were Etienne Antherieu of Figaro, in Paris; Carlos Van Bellinghen, Director of Cultural and Press Relations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Belgium; Leo Maria Bollingier, Foreign Editor of Het Volk, Ghent, Belgium; Bruno D'Agostini, Il Messaggero, Rome; Rene Sedillot, Editor in Chief, La Vie Francaise, Paris; George Soloveytchik, Allied Newspapers, London; LTJG T. G. B. King, USNR, escort; Renato Giordano of Il Mattino D'Italia, Naples; Piero Martinotti of Nuova Stampa, Turin, Italy; Hans Hansen, Editor, Ventsres Pressebureau, Copenhagen; Sven Ludvigsen, Chief of Akuelk Kvarter, Danish State Radio, Copenhagen; Jacques Rozner, Editor in Chief, Les Echos, Paris; John White, International Press Division, U. S. State Department; Dirk J. DeJonge, Editor, Haagsche Courant, The Hague; Feize Spits, Chief of Press and Radio, Army Information Service, The Hague; Alv Kjos, Chairman of Storting Defense Committee, Oslo, Norway, and Tomas Torsvik, Editor of Bergens Tidende, Bergen, Norway.

The group was accompanied to Oak Knoll by LT Inselman, of the Twelfth Naval District Public Information Office.

At the hospital LTJG E. E. Bleck, MC, USNR, of the Amputation Surgery Department, conducted the group on a tour of the Artificial Limb Department, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy and the Amputee wards.

Luncheon Is Planned For Officers' Wives

The second meeting of the Officers' Wives Club will be a luncheon scheduled for 1230 on Wednesday, 10 October, at the Officers' Club at NAS, Alameda.

Mrs. Charles E. Bancroft, hostess for the meeting, has arranged with Breuner Company of Oakland to have Mrs. Muriel Fogg present a short talk at the luncheon on newer trends in color in interior decorating.

Mrs. Fogg is with the Home Planning Department at Breuners.

Assistant hostesses for the luncheon will be Mrs. John R. Heckman, Mrs. Harold Streit, Mrs. Julius Spencer, Mrs. Frank M. Thornburg, Mrs. Frank B. Fuller, Mrs. John T. Morrow, Mrs. Vernon L. Boersma, Mrs. Melvin P. Huber and Mrs. Bernard I. Kahn.

Navy Relief Society financial assistance is predicated upon two basic considerations: (1) an established Naval status and, in the case of dependents, actual dependency as opposed to mere relationship, and (2) there must be real need.

Port Washington, Wis. (AFPS)—Mrs. Fred Schuknecht received a birthday card from a friend, who wrote on the envelope: "Please hurry, postman. I'm late already." Scrawled beneath it were the words: "Can't. I'm tired."

Scuttlebutt

By DERF

Didja ever wonder how some of the couples we know met? I have, and as usual, I satisfied my curiosity. The Hopsons met while on a blind date—Hope Sink met the man whose name she bears at a dinner party in Chicago—Dee Borrer met her Bob through her mother (that's a new twist)—Phyllis Lockwood's brother gave a party and she met her mate thataway—Bill Johnson met "Bunny" at the U. of Nevada when they were both grinding away at their studies—Bob Allen met Sally while she was vacationing in Colorado Springs, Colo. (she'd go anywhere to get out of Kansas)—Clem Guth met Pat in a drug store in Alma, Kansas (don't tell me you've never heard of Alma, Kansas!)—Neil and Vera McCoy met while on a double date—Vera was the other fellow's date—Jessie Hall met the mother of his children when she invited Jess' girl friend and her beau (Jess) over for dinner. If that girl could have foretold what would have happened, I'll bet she never would have accepted that dinner invitation.

Evelyn Doliver met "Dolly" when she was interviewed by him for a position. Three months later she was Mrs. Dolliver—Isabel Ramirez and her spouse met at the tender age of four.—Gloria met Lee Tafoya at a basketball game. She came with Lee's sister to watch him warm the bench—Shirley met Oliver Larivee at a dance—When June McKinney was eleven years old she took a cruise and met the boy who in later years gave her a wedding ring—Joyce and Vincent Padilla met when they were both high school students in sunny San Jose—Agnes Abbitt was attending Purdue University and her Ben was working in Lafayette, Ind., when he dropped in at her sorority house and love's course unfolded—Lee Huggins met Cricka through one of Lee's frat brothers (that's the first time I've heard of a frat brother coming in handy)—the famous Hirschbergers met right here at Oak Knoll (if they'd tell me the exact spot, I'd put up a plaque).

"Diamond Lil" Dubois met her lover-boy through the driver of the car in which she commutes to and from work—Librarians find their husbands among the books: Helen Weaver encountered "Papa" Weaver at the Mare Island library—Emma Berger and her architect first gazed longingly at one another in a library in Atlantic City, New Jersey—Harold Mabie and his hausfrau were high school classmates in Pueblo, Colorado—Glenn Speidel found his romance in a German class at the University of Nebraska—Bob Rampton found more than Easter eggs when he went on a blind date to an Easter picnic—Chief Andy McClain's Mrs. dropped a book at USC library. Andy gallantly retrieved it and he's been at it ever since.

Carl Martin was the personnel officer at the Boston Receiving Station. The officer he replaced was Madeline Martin's brother and thus began another romance—Lloyd Sills was dating a student nurse not so long ago. One day she introduced Lloyd to her roommate, Bette, and from then on, Bette took over. So, girls, be wary about introducing your best beaus to your girl friends—"Muggsie" Mahoney met Earl Mains at the USNH, Coronado, during the last war. That's how she became Mrs. Mains—Billy and Theresa Slover



Shown above are the members of the Neuropsychiatric Technicians' School at Oak Knoll which will be graduated on Friday, 12 October. They are, back row (left to right): Fred Collins, HMI, N.P. Technicians' School; Clerical Assistant, J. R. Miller, J. H. Huff, J. L. Heaney, R. H. Hubbard, J. H. Peck, B. B. Peterson, E. P. Board and Oliver Larrivee, HMI, M.A.A.; second row (left to right): L. L. Livingston, J. E. Davis, D. Skiles, C. C. Leonard, E. L. Northrup, W. H. Roam and G. I. Stens, and front row (left to right): E. C. Elcisin, R. W. Thompson, W. M. Jones, CDR B. I. Kahn, MC, USN, Neuropsychiatry Service; CDR J. F. McMullin, MC, USN, Chief of Service; LT M. L. Welter, NC, USN, Nursing Instructor; H. E. Carr, K. M. Welch and J. T. Downes.

Costume Party Month Headliner

Oak Knoll staffers could look forward to a full month's recreation schedule as October moved into its second week, following the Stag Dance held at the EM Center last (Friday) night.

The Treasure Island Dance band and student nurses for partners were on hand for the first entertainment activity of the month, along with corsages for the ladies and the usual refreshments.

Another of the popular bingo parties will be held at the Center on Friday, 12 October, with prizes and refreshments, and on Friday, 26 October, will come the highlight of the month, the staff's "Halloween Costume Ball." Feature of that event will be Larry Cappelli's Band, now playing at the Lake Merritt Hotel. Prizes will be given for the best costumes.

And things were not dull for patients, either. Today (Saturday) a busload of them journeyed to Berkeley to see the University of California tangle with the University of Minnesota on the gridiron, and tonight another busload will attend the Policeman's Show and Ball at the Civic Auditorium.

The primary purpose of the American Heart Society is to help increase the amount of money available for cardiovascular research. Specific research projects are directed toward finding the causes of rheumatic fever, hardening of the arteries, and high blood pressure.

Professor: "I will not begin today's lecture until the room settles down." Voice from the rear: "Go home and sleep it off."

met at a dance; then they worked together for several summers. He saw what a good worker she was and decided she would go well in his household—The Ships met at an American Legion dance—Walt and Jean Connick grew up in the same neighborhood of Eureka (Eureka!!)

Hikes In Rate Are Authorized

Authority has been received by Oak Knoll Personnel officials for advancement in rate of six HM2's and 72 HN's, provided those scheduled for advancement are qualified in all respects.

The rates will become effective 16 October.

Those listed for advancement to HM1 (T) include H. F. Brandt, W. R. Conley, A. N. Crossley, R. E. Davis, R. C. Mack and A. V. Rodda.

HN's scheduled for advancement to HM3 include T. R. Assum, W. B. Anderson, V. Ashby, A. R. Barnes, L. D. Bench, C. A. Baughn, A. F. Brack, J. D. Brinkerhoff, J. R. Burton, D. M. Cinealis, B. T. Cooper, J. L. Coombs, A. D. David, R. L. Day, R. F. Dingman, J. J. Dinuzzo, A. D. Dolph, J. T. Downes, R. W. Duncan, L. A. Dunstan, E. D. Durr, E. C. Elcisin, J. A. Engler, S. D. Epp, E. R. Gaskell, J. L. Gorman, M. E. Graham, G. O. Greene, P. T. Grier, C. E. Griggs, D. R. Hillan, B. B. Hook, K. E. Irrgang, A. J. Jackson, J. A. Jenkins, A. M. Justice, H. L. Keller, B. G. Kelly, L. A. Kraushaar, C. F. Langworthy, E. L. Ledbetter, R. B. Lemieux, C. C. Leonard, T. E. Lucas, T. W. Manion, R. C. Mantiglia, W. J. Manuel, S. J. Margrave, J. P. McAdaragh, J. M. McMillen, R. M. Miller, M. Munic, R. M. Naughten, B. L. Nelson, S. A. Newquist, N. J. Paredes, R. K. Parker, M. A. Pearsall, W. Pupaneck, T. C. Raum, D. K. Richardson, R. E. Richardson, W. G. Spridgen, K. L. Stauffer, G. A. Stevenson, N. R. Targon, G. W. Thompson, H. W. Walton, W. Webb, N. M. Webster, H. H. Weisberg, K. M. Welch.

L. Pendleton is listed for advancement from TN to SD3.

We are almost wholly ignorant of the cause of rheumatic fever, but research made possible by contributions to the American Association of Rheumatic Diseases offers our best hope toward learning the answers.

"Drop in some night," said the Eskimo, "and we'll chew the fat together."

Civil Service Job Applications Open

A competitive promotional examination has been announced for the position of Leadingman Pipefitter, a salary of \$4,846 per annum for the Naval Hospital, Oakland, California. Applications will be accepted from any indefinite, probational, or permanent civil service employees at this hospital.

Applicants must have had at least two years of journeyman or high experience in Pipefitter-type work. Application Cards Form 5000-AI which are available at the Civilian Personnel Office, must be filed with the Board of U. S. Civil Service Examiners, Twelfth Naval District Bldg. 178, Treasure Island, San Francisco, California, not later than 1 October 1951. Applicants will be required to pass a written test in addition to meeting the experience requirements.

Staffers Must Take Tuberculosis Tests

Word has been received that all enlisted staff members under the age of 35 years will be required to undergo skin tests for tuberculosis. The tests are being administered in topside of Building 25A, just above educational services.

Those who cringe at the thought of a needle need have no fear because the tuberculin test drop is merely injected into the epidermis of the forearm, and no bad effects are forthcoming.

All staff enlisted members under the age limit are urged to have the test completed prior to the end of the coming week. Topside of 25A will be open during the regular working hours.

The Navy Relief Society is not a government agency but is supported entirely by private funds.

The will read: "And so being of sound mind, I spent every cent I had before I died."

PREVIEWS

Sunday, 7 October
THE GREAT CARUSO—Mario Lanza, Ann Blyth. **MUSICAL.** Well, surely you have heard of this one. To quote, without comment, the trade magazine: "Here again the motion picture industry shows what it can do when the best of ingredients and all-out effort are poured into the making of a picture. There seems little doubt that this opulent Technicolor film about the man who is considered to have possessed perhaps the greatest singing voice will be rated as one of the top pictures of the year, and for good reason. It has taste and talent." Certain to be good in this film: the appearance of Dorothy Kirsten, Irmila, Novotna, Teresa Celis, Blanche Thebom and other operatic stars. And then there is Lanza.

Monday, 8 October
LOVE THAT BRUTE—Paul Douglas, Jean Peters. **COMEDY.** Here is an old one, released in June of 1950, but Mr. Douglas and Miss Peters should form a duo that does not tarnish with age. Should be a rather welcome relief after the rather heavy fare from the previous night.

Tuesday, 9 October
GO FOR BROKE—Van Johnson, Warner Anderson. **WAR.** Here is an excellent film that you would do well to see. It concerns the war service in Italy and France of the Nisei, or Japanese-Americans, who were all volunteers in the United States Army. Johnson plays the part of a Texas lieutenant who finds that he is assigned to a unit composed entirely of Nisei volunteers.

Wednesday, 10 October
THE LADY AND THE BANDIT—Louis Hayward, Patricia Medina. **ADVENTURE.** This film, which was released to the public last month, has been given a rating of "Good" by reviewers. Originally titled "Dick Turpin's Ride," no information is available concerning it. Label it "Surprise of the Week."

Thursday, 11 October
TOKYO FILE 212—Florence Marly, Robert Peyton. **DRAMA.** This film tells the story of Mr. Peyton, attached to Army Intelligence, who arrives in Tokyo to investigate Communist sabotage of military supplies to the Korean front. Peyton presses his investigation of the Red underground, in which Miss Marly is involved as a courier and informant.

Friday, 12 October
NO HIGHWAY IN THE SKY—Jimmy Stewart, Marlene Dietrich. **DRAMA.** This film, to be released to the public this month, has been given a rating of "very good" by advance reviewers. No information concerning it is available, but with Mr. Stewart and Miss Dietrich in the lead roles, it is hard to see how it can miss.

Saturday, 13 October
THE BIG LIFT—Montgomery Clift, Paul Douglas. **COMEDRAMA.** Here is an old film, released in May of 1950, and the title would lead one to suspect it might have something to do with the Berlin Airlift.



Lots of good food, and games for the kids were only two of the highlights of last Sunday's staff picnic, held in the Trail's End area of Redwood Regional Park. In the upper photo R. O. (Tommy) Thomas makes sure that each person has an ample helping of barbecued beef, while Knollites help themselves to other items on the menu. In the lower picture, Fred Comas, of the recreation council gives the "Go" signal for a group of the small fry who enjoyed the games as much as did the grownups. Winners in the small-fry games were rewarded with prizes and candy.

The basic aim of the American Cancer Society is to bring to every person in the country sufficient knowledge about cancer so that he will not lose his life needlessly, as approximately half of present cancer patients do.

Nine communities — Alameda, Albany, Berkeley, Emeryville, Kensington, Oakland, Piedmont, San Leandro, and San Lorenzo—are included in the Federation of East Bay Community Chests. Seventy two separate campaigns are combined in one.

Near 200 Relax At Final Picnic

A capacity crowd of almost 200 staffers and their guests were on hand to enjoy the games, good food, hiking, and just plain relaxing that were the features of the last staff picnic of the season last Sunday, at the Trail's End area of the Redwood Regional Park.

In spite of an overcast sky, the Knollites turned out in numbers large enough to take good care of the barbecued beef, Boston baked beans, and other items on the menu for the day. Softball games, horseshoe pitching, hiking, games for the kids, and many other forms of recreation kept the Knollites busy for most of the afternoon, and it was toward evening when the last car-load left the area.

Orchids of the day go to the Welfare and Recreation department, the Recreation Council, and especially to R. O. (Tommy) Thomas, head cook in Commissary I, who took care of the culinary activities of the day. Last Sunday's frolic in the hills was the last picnic of the season, and during the coming winter months the picnics will be replaced by other activities to be later announced.

Enlist today in the United Cerebral Palsy fight and help give the cerebral palsied a chance to become self-sufficient members of society.

The little boy awoke at four in the morning and asked his mother to tell him a story.

"Just be patient, dear. Daddy will be home soon and we'll hear a story that'll be a honey."



SPORTS

Hospital Cinches District Trophy

Athletic Director Joe Reginato, the Welfare and Recreation Department Staff, and Oak Knoll athletes have done it. They have won for the hospital the Twelfth Naval District's Commandant's Cup Trophy for the high-point total in Class B Athletic competition.

Although not all competition is completed, Oak Knoll has cinched the cup with a point-total thus far of 245, 50 points ahead of its nearest competitor, NAS, Oakland. The best the Air Station can do is add 35 points by winning touch football competition and chances of that happening appeared slim after the 33-0 shellacking they took at the hands of Oak Knoll in a practice game last week.

The wide range of athletics offered at Oak Knoll, along with several all-around athletes who help the hospital gain points in all sporting events, are responsible for the victory. Here is a run-down on the points garnered by the hospital in the different sports:

Swimming, 16; tennis, 22; volleyball, 10; baseball, 35; golf, 25; softball, 30; basketball, 35; bowling, 15, and wrestling, 3.

Reginato explains that sports in which more than 20 points were scored indicates the Oak Knoll entry finished among the top three, while 35 points mean the hospital won the championship.

Reginato had special words of praise for his all-around athletes, especially George "Pappy" Papadakis, HM3, who won points for the hospital in seven different sports. Among the others who participated in more than one sport are Tamborski, Brisnahan, Dinuzzo, Irvine, Moore, Wong, and Tafoya.

Gridders Blast NAS, Oakland

A fast ground game, pin-point passing, a stubborn defense and outstanding field generalship were exhibited by Oak Knoll's touch football team in its opening test of the season on the home field Thursday, 27 September, as the Hospital team waltzed by NAS, Oakland, in a practice tilt by a score of 33-0.

The Knollites were scheduled to play Treasure Island in a league game, but after the Treasure Islanders forfeited, the practice game was arranged. Oak Knoll and NAS, Oakland, were slated to meet in a regular league tilt on Thursday, 4 October.

As his charges stormed across the double line five times during the game, Coach Joe Reginato had words of praise for the Knoll defensive unit, under the leadership of Assistant Coach W. Johnson, which held the opponent scoreless and matched the offensive unit touchdown for touchdown. Standout on defense, said Reginato, was Tafoya, a hard-charging, bone-crushing end who, time after time, broke through the line to smear plays before they could get underway.

On the offensive side, here is the way Oak Knoll scored:

1. Tamborski scampered 15 yards into the end zone after taking a 20-yard pass from Dinuzzo, the diminutive quarterback, whose handling of the Oak Knoll team was the main difference between the two opponents.
2. Ormsby plunged over from two yards out for the touchdown, then passed to Irvine for the point.
3. Papadakis faded way back and hurled a long 45-yard pass to Tamborski for the TD, then Papadakis was on the receiving end of a throw from Dinuzzo for the point.
4. Dinuzzo whipped a short pass to Irvine, who demonstrated exceptional running ability as he scampered 35 yards to score.
5. Papadakis threw a jump-pass to Irvine who showed his heels to the opponents, running 20 yards to score. Papadakis took a pitch-out and went over standing up for the extra point.

Coach Reginato, who said he was "well satisfied" with the showing of his charges, passed out special bouquets to the passing of Papadakis, the running of Irvine, the quarterbacking of Dinuzzo and the defensive work of Tafoya.

The wide range of plays mastered by his men was counted as one of the main ingredients of the victory, as well as the defensive work of the squad under Johnson.

When somebody gives a dollar to the American Cancer Society, a quarter of it pays for nationally planned research projects; 60 cents stays in his local Division to support education and service programs; the remaining 15 cents pays for exhibits, pamphlets, movies, and national public education, and other services and expenses on the national level.



Attendants at Oak Knoll's swimming pool are kept up to snuff on life saving ability by constant practice sessions. Above Jim Brisnahan (left) and Athletic Director Joe Reginato watch as Jay Chaney tows Steve Tamborski to the edge of the pool. Oak Knoll's swimming pool is open from 0930 to 2030 every day and either individual or group instruction is available for non-swimmers by qualified instructors.

Navy Men (Not Airmen) Win Over Oak Knoll In Travis Softball Game

When a newspaper carries an erroneous story and is forced to carry a correction in a later issue, it is an occasion for much gnashing of the teeth and beating of the breast and near-by reporters by the editor, and on occasions heads of recalcitrant city room slaves have been known to roll with the frequency and resoundings usually associated with bowling balls in a 12-alley parlor.

On 15 September, on the Sports Page, the Oak Leaf carried a story concerning the defeat of the Oak Knoll softball stalwarts by a Travis Air Forces team. Written with audible sobbs and tear-drops in place of periods, the story told in detail of how the gallant Knollites were beaten when the opponents squeezed across a run in the last inning to win two to one.

But this week, a correction must be made. And although the score remains the same the wounds of defeat are considerably lessened. A new fact has turned up, namely: the team which beat Oak Knoll was made up almost entirely by Oak Knollites on Temporary Duty at Travis from Oak Knoll.

Six members of the team were R. L. Harrison, HN; J. R. Burton, HN; R. J. Rains, HN; H. J. Walling, HN; F. G. Felicia, HN, and E. E. Roberts, HM3, all Oak Knollites, good and true. The rest of the team was made up of (hateful word) airmen.

A communication on this subject from the Navy Medical Liaison Officer at Travis, stated "This 'Air E Vac' Team was organized by this office and consists mainly of Hospital Corpsmen, on TAD, from USNH Oakland. This team was organized, back in April of this year, with the thought, and consensus, of the men, that the Navy should field a softball team, that could, and would, make a good showing against the Air Force teams that were entering the Travis intramural softball league. In order to establish an athletic program, and to help maintain a high morale factor, with these men, a team was entered in the league. At the end of the sea-

son, last week, 'Air E Vac' was credited with 22 wins and six defeats which placed them in second place in the league standings, which, not only permitted them to be in the final playoffs, but also awarded them a second place trophy. This trophy will be presented to the Commanding Officer, USNH, Oakland, after it has been officially awarded."

The communication further explains the presence of three airmen on the team in the following manner: "Since the Navy Air Evacuation Unit works on a 24-hour basis, and the complement of Hospital Corpsmen on TAD, from USNH, Oakland is only 15, it became necessary to augment the team with the three airmen."

The communication concludes "Acknowledgement should be given these men, as they showed fine competitive spirit, were at all times good sportsmen, and are a credit to the Navy."

To this the Oak Leaf can only say "Amen."

PLANS ANNOUNCED FOR KEG TOURNEY

Keglers at Oak Knoll will be interested to know that plans are now being made to begin an intra-hospital bowling tourney about 15 October.

The Welfare and Recreation office has asked that departments begin lining up their teams and electing their managers. The names of managers making up the teams, the manager's name and telephone number must be submitted to either Joe Reginato or W. Johnson at the Welfare and Recreation Office in writing.

Reginato has also issued a call for someone who would like to act as commissioner of the league, to keep track of standings, schedules, etc.

Plans now call for a single round tournament first to give the teams a chance to size up their opposition. Then about the middle of next month the regular bowling league will be underway.

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UNITED FUND DRIVE OPENS MONDAY

Final Plans Are Made, Solicitors Named For Each Department

All was in readiness at week's end for the opening, on Monday, 15 October, of Oak Knoll's first United Fund Drive for the benefit of eight organizations.

Final plans were completed, battle lines drawn and strategy studied yesterday (Friday) when the 165 solicitors who will approach every member of the staff for contributions, met with CAPT I. L. V. Norman, who is chairman of the Drive's Board of Governors. At the meeting instruction sheets were distributed to the solicitors and final instructions were given.

Ninety per cent of the funds collected in the drive will be divided among the three major agencies, the Community Chest, the Navy Relief and the American Red Cross. The American Cancer Society, American Heart Society, American Association of Rheumatic Diseases, National Polio Foundation and the Cerebral Palsy Fund will receive equal shares of the remaining 10 per cent.

Goal of the drive is \$12,000. Officers and Red Cross workers are being urged to give or pledge a minimum of one day's pay to the drive, and enlisted men and civilian workers are being encouraged to give a half day's pay.

Solicitors for the drive are:

Nurses: LT M. J. Doyle, Chairman; LTJG Margaret Larson, LT Adelaide Mugford, LT Lillian Henry, LT Edna Johnson, LT Lorraine Rau, ENS Kathleen Clark, LT Aleda Swanson, ENS Evelyn Rhodes, LT Mary Welter, LT Marie LeClair, LTJG Kathleen Christensen, LTJG Caramae Milam, LT Paline Bednarski, LTJG Joyce Cox, ENS Anne Sheridan, ENS Marie Oling, LT Marie Pelletier, LTJG Martha Parrish, ENS Elizabeth Lukoski, LT Albena Kuntar, LT Lyla Metschl, LT Frances Buchanan, LT Lois Adrian, LT Martha Clark, LTJG Bernice Szostak, LT Ellen Smith.

Civilian Personnel: H. W. Boyles, Chairman — Commissary Division; E. Silverton, Sub-Chairman, P. Orr, S. Carson, H. Britton, E. Laubsch, R. Frizzell, A. Brown, E. Harris, P. Sutton, R. Wright, M. Blaine, C. Jones, J. Romano, W. Smith, L. Burney, A. Carlsen, L. Venters, D. Wysinger, L. Boyles, P. Shumate, D. Ross, L. Matthews, J. West, J. Morris, E. Gile, G. Shoales, W. Staples, L. Barrich. Maintenance Division: G. Delmar,

Sub-Chairman, V. Wise, J. Spagnolletti, C. Wright, H. Preston, J. Turner, S. Glick, G. Turner, B. Garcia, A. Kerby, C. Carter, B. Nelson, C. DeJournette, E. Pettigrew.

Nursing Service: E. Premo, L. Holder and T. Crabtree, Sub-Chairmen, M. Fomera, R. McKelvey, B. Storay, R. Oster, E. Cross, D. Joseph, O. Majors, S. Littleton, D. Prentice, Z. Williams. **Disbursing Division:** E. Bruso, Sub-Chairman, B. Krahulik. **Office of Administrative Officer:** E. Bourdase, Sub-Chairman, E. Kampman. **Personnel and Records Division:** E. Winsby, Sub-Chairman, E. Tom, E. Sheldon, E. Stromberg, P. LaFar. **Neuropsychiatry Service:** M. Cannell, Sub-Chairman, I. Johnson.

Finance Division: H. Williams, Sub-Chairman, L. Cochran, S. Luther, J. Allen, G. Lopez, J. Furtado, J. Miller, Jr., M. Siehe, Z. Topritzhofer, Z. White, V. Hughes, E.S.T. **School:** D. Hyman. **Radiology, EENT and Physical Medicine Services:** N. Loofbourrow. **Social Service Branch:** M. Mason. **Research Service:** B. Edwards. **Surgical Service:** A. Ko-

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These two Oak Leaf staff members received commendations from the Commanding Officer for their work on the station newspaper. At left is the Oak Leaf columnist, "Derf," who writes "Scuttlebutt," and who prefers, for obvious professional reasons, to remain unidentified, and at right is Roy Zetterholm, Oak Leaf Cartoonist. Zetterholm is holding both the citation from the CO and a "Pat On The Back" Award from the Armed Forces Press Service which he won for the month of September.

Zetterholm and Derf Commended

Two members of the Oak Leaf staff, Cartoonist Roy Zetterholm and Columnist "Derf" were given recognition for their work when they received commendations by the Commanding Officer, on Tuesday, 9 October.

In addition Zetterholm was presented a "Pat On The Back" by the Armed Forces Press Service for his cartoon, which appeared in the Oak Leaf for 8 September.

In Derf's commendation the Commanding Officer stated:

"Your weekly contribution, the 'Scuttlebutt' column, to the station newspaper, the Oak Leaf, has been a source of enjoyment and amusement to all. Your constant efforts to keep up on the activities of station personnel, and write about them in an enjoyable, readable manner are to be commended. Everyone looks forward, each week, to your column which has become a regular feature of the Oak Leaf. Your endeavors

have reflected credit upon yourself, this Command and the Naval Service."

Derf's first "Scuttlebutt" column appeared in the Oak Leaf for 14 October, 1950, and every week since has chronicled the doings of Oak Knoll staff members.

Zetterholm's commendation stated:

"Your contributions to the station newspaper in the form of cartoons and humorous sketches have delighted all who have read the Oak Leaf. You are to be commended for sharing your talent so unstintingly and for devoting so much of your leisure time to the creation of humorous ideas for the enjoyment of others. Your artistic efforts have enhanced our enjoyment of the Oak Leaf and have brought credit upon yourself, this Command and the Naval Service."

The Merit Citation of the Armed Forces Press Service (Continued on Page 5)



CPL Martin Bonadurer, USMC, a patient on Ward 79A, shows fellow patient Marvin Huether, FA, the hole through his helmet caused by shrapnel from an enemy mortar shell. Bonadurer is also holding his helmet liner which was pierced twice—once when the shrapnel went in and one when it came back out after bouncing off Bonadurer's skull.

(See story on page 3)

The Oak Leaf

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WHY FIRE PREVENTION WEEK?

Some of you may be questioning why a week should be set aside each year as Fire Prevention Week.

Since the week designated is always that in which 9 October, the anniversary of the great Chicago Fire of 1871, falls, you may be inclined to pass it over as fitting memorial to that great conflagration. Or perhaps you may regard it as just another promotional stunt.

In either case, you may well be asking why devote just a week to it instead of making it a year around activity.

We find that on an average, nearly 11,000 persons lose their lives each year in fires, and a majority of these deaths occur in homes, where more than 400,000 fires were reported last year.

During 1950 we burned \$700,000,000 worth of property—the highest fire loss in history.

These figures supply the answer to the question as to why we should have a special "Fire Prevention Week"—to point out the need for year-round vigilance.

During Fire Prevention Week the Oak Knoll Fire Department gave a demonstration showing how patients could be evacuated from a ward in record time in case of fire. In addition, inspectors from the department presented lectures and a film to all hands to show what to do in case of fire and how to avoid fires.

J. O. RASER, Fire Chief

† † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

In the reign of King Philip of Macedonia the chief magistrate of the beautiful city of Athens visited him. The King remarked: "I have often heard of your wonderful city, and I have often been told that it is exceedingly beautiful." "My Lord," answered the magistrate Demades, "you have been told the truth; but no one can describe the greatness and beauty of our city except one who has seen it, and even his words could never convey to your mind what it is really like."

Urged by the king to tell what he could, Demades spoke of the wealth of the people, the beauty of the buildings and the education for which it was famous. When the description was finished, King Philip cried out: "That city must be mine, cost what it may. I will risk everything I have to make that city mine."

There is another city far more glorious than Athens, the city of Heaven, of which St. Paul tells us: "The eye has not seen, nor ear heard, neither hath it entered into the heart of man what things God hath in store for them that love Him." Hearing of Heaven, thinking of Heaven, we cry out with King Philip, "That city must be mine."

Heaven is the home of God, a place where we will taste to the full true joy, true peace, true rest. One soon tires on earth of even pleasant things. We soon become bored with the most interesting show, the most interesting story teller. There is a limit to earthly pleasure.

Not so in heaven. The pleasure is never ending; always interesting, ever new. There will be no pain, no sickness, no sorrow. No deaf, no mute, no blind. We will not have to worry about paying bills to the butcher, or baker.

Hearing of this heavenly home, learning of its joy never-ending, we cry out as did King Philip when he heard of the desirable city of Athens: "That city must be mine." That city of Heaven must be mine, will be mine. I will make every effort to be sure that it is mine. Keep that heavenly city always in mind, and some day it will be yours.

A. T. WALLACE
 Catholic Chaplain

Divine Services

Hospital Chapel at Main Gate

PROTESTANT

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

CATHOLIC

SUNDAY MASSES
 0600 — 0900 — 1215

DAILY MASSES — 0645 & 1630
 Confessions before Mass

CHOIR PRACTICE:
 TUESDAY 1900

Catholic Oratory in back of Chapel

CHAPLAINS' OFFICES IN
 CHAPEL & 67A
 NAVY RELIEF OFFICE—
 IN CHAPEL

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

Chaplains of other faiths will be called
 upon request

BUS TO AND FROM CHAPEL ON
 SUNDAYS 0845 & 1045

Red Cross Ramblings



Even if all the good things said about California weather are not born out and it turns unusually cold this winter, patients on the amputee ward at Oak Knoll should be kept warm, thanks to the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Tent 33, at Santa Cruz. Members of the group have presented 14 afghans to amputee patients and are planning to make more for the men here at the hospital. Shown above, (left to right) Mrs. Haillie Lewallen, President of the group; Mrs. M. Hansen, Red Cross Gray Lady, CPL L. M. Lucido, USMC a patient on Ward 43B; Mrs. Leo Steele, Mrs. Ann Roche, Mr. Coleman Lewallen, CPL J. Concepcion, USMC and SGT J. F. Policastro, USMC, both patients on Ward 43B.

MOST POPULAR HOBBY

Interest in stamp collecting is again on the upgrade now that the leaves are turning and Fall is in the air. Thanks to the large number of excellent donations that the Red Cross has received from clubs and individuals in the nearby communities there are many fine stamps and the necessary equipment for both the beginners and the most experienced collector. The Stamp Club meets topside the Community Service Building at 1400 every Monday afternoon. If you are a bed patient, the Red Cross worker on your ward will help you to begin or aid you in furthering this hobby.

GALS! GALS! GALS!

Now that the football season is on again and the University of California is in session for the Fall Term the Red Cross has been interviewing the coeds for hostesses to spend the Thursday of each week here on the hospital wards. Needless to say, they are most welcome as have been the girls who were here the past three years participating in ward parties and game activities.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU

SGT JOHN THOMASSEN, USMC, Ward 79B, was pleasantly surprised when a large cake decorated in autumn colors was wheeled on the ward midst a gay rendition of Happy Birthday. John has spent the past fifteen years of his life in the Marine Corps and said that this year his birthday party was a real surprise.

MUSIC! MUSIC! MUSIC!

Do you attend the Tuesday and Thursday evening dances in the Red Cross Lounge? If so, you have danced to the music of our patient combo. CPL GEORGE H. WOODWORTH, USMC, blows a mean trumpet, CPL GEORGE HAYES, USMC, has a set of drums with all the "trimmings," E. J. PORTER, SN, USN, runs the gamut on the piano

from Dixieland jazz to a dream waltz tempo. NIEVES NEVARE (Ret.) USN, beats it out on the bandleader's fiddle, while in the wind instrument department there are H. C. CARRERON, AN, USN, on the saxophone and PFC M. SPEARS, USA, playing the alto sax. The musicians have been hard at work making good arrangements and a smooth, sparkling style of rhythm for their various dance routines from fox trot to samba. Come on down and bring your ward pal and listen to the latest tunes.

HORSES

Mills College will present their Fall Horse Show on 21 October and the patients are invited to attend the gala event. Let us know if you would like to go.

ART EXHIBIT

Many people viewed the works of the late LEWIS EDMUND EVANS that were on display at the Red Cross Lounge, brought here through the courtesy of that charming New Zealander with the clipped English accent, Mr. Tom Doyle, a life-long friend of the Evans family. They have been an inspiration to many of the patients who have studied art and are interested in the further pursuit of it, especially so when they realized that Mr. Evans contracted polio at the age of nine, and all his painting was done from a wheelchair with his one hand. His picture of resistance is an oil painting depicting a river area now changed due to an earthquake. The river ran north and south and now runs east to south due to the earth's cavities. To residents of Napier, New Zealand, it is an added attraction because to people today it really is a picture of the 1890s. Thanks to Public Works in setting up the easels and boards for such a magnificent display. They had the boards built in no time for the exhibit.



Pharmacy, which may be one of the smaller departments at Oak Knoll, is also one of the more important. Here are some of the people who keep it running smoothly. 1. LT R. L. Thompson, MSC, Chief of the Department, needs a book to keep track of his appointments, since he is also head of the Welfare and Recreation department. 2. Robert H. Walker, HMI, (left) and Jay F. Pegg, HMI, take orders for drugs from one of Oak Knoll's many departments. 3. Shown compounding drug items are A. L. Fuller, HM3 (left) and Dan W. Howard, HM3. 4. W. D. Bowles, HMI, of the O.P.D. Pharmacy weighs a medication. 5. An order for one of the wards has just been filled by the Smiling Pharmacist, John P. Lewis, HM3. 6. Harold L. Keller, HM3, keeps a check on supplies of the myriad items stocked by Pharmacy.

Up-To-Date Oak Knoll Pharmacy Beehive Of Activity

Oak Knoll's pharmacy service is a beehive of activity—and no wonder. Nine men dispense approximately 40 different stock solutions that total 260 gallons and 3000 separate items (including 1600 prescriptions) each week. Sixty new medicinal products on the average are introduced every day by the various pharmaceutical companies, and the Oak Knoll pharmacy keeps up-to-date on them all.

A prescription presented at the pharmacy window is first checked as to proper form and dosage. Ingredients are then weighed, compounded as required, and packaged and labeled. The prescription label, bearing the same number as the prescription, is checked by another member of the staff. The prescription is then delivered to the patient or corpsman. All prescriptions are kept on file for 2 years for future reference.

Wards draw their drug supplies on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday by submitting their prescriptions and drug books between 0800 and 1000, and completed orders are picked up the same day between 1300 and 1600.

Main functions of the Pharmacy Service are procurement, manufac-

turing, and dispensing of drugs.

1) Procurement determines the drugs to be purchased. This branch screens new pharmaceuticals to prevent duplication, selects the proper dosage forms, and decides from which manufacturer the drugs are to be bought.

2) The manufacturing branch compounds all drug items that can be economically made with the equipment available. Of course this considerably cuts the cost of drug dispensing for the hospital. Special care must be given to many solutions to prevent their decomposition by light, heat, bacterial contamination and growth, and incompatibilities.

3) Dispensing is the prescription-filling branch. Most prescriptions require some compounding. Here is where the pharmacist must especially remember his chemistry. Dispensing has not yet reached the point of pouring from one bottle to another. This branch is also responsible for keeping records on all narcotics, poisons, barbiturates, alcohol, and dangerous drugs.

Pharmacy is an ancient science. The first literature pertaining to medicinal substances is the Papyrus Ebers, which dates from about 1600

B. C.—shortly prior to the time of Moses. Many of the drugs enumerated in this manuscript are in common use today. It also contains chapters on means of conjuring away diseases.

On the other hand, "Ninety percent of the millions of prescriptions filled in the United States last year," says LT R. L. Thompson, MSC, "could not have been filled 10 years ago because the drugs were not in existence at that time."

Pharmacy also has a branch in the Dependent Service, where free packaged medicinals are dispensed to dependent patients and where prescriptions that do not require compounding are filled. All other prescriptions, including those that contain poison, narcotics, or dangerous drugs, are referred to the main pharmacy for dispensing. During September the out-patient pharmacy dispensed more than 700 prescriptions per week.

Special procedures are required for narcotics. Alcohol and all narcotics are inventoried daily by the pharmacy, and on the first of the month by the Narcotic Inventory Board.

All poisons and dangerous drugs are segregated. Prescriptions for

these are given special handling. Poison labels and special packaging are used, and each person to whom poison is issued must sign for it in the poison register.

The pharmacy is required to keep a two weeks' supply of the standard drugs that are listed in the Army and Navy catalog. Drugs that are not on this list are purchased locally upon the request of the doctor. A stock of these "open purchase" drugs is maintained in the pharmacy.

A pharmacist is never through learning. There is a continuous training program for the pharmacy staff. Lectures and discussions concerning new drugs, techniques, and dosage forms, are held weekly.

Every man in the Pharmacy Service is a college graduate and registered pharmacist except two, who each have one year to go before getting their pharmacy degrees.

In Community Chest youth service agencies (YMCA, Boy Scouts, Camp Fire Girls, etc.) growing boys and girls and young men and women learn to be good citizens and to develop hobbies and skills of lifelong value.



Barry Lind, HM2, is shown here filling a bottle with a preparation made in the department.

O. L. Contributors Are Commended

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Forces Press Service was awarded to Zetterholm "in recognition of outstanding natural talent, creative ability, industry and use of a subject designed to boost service morale generally."

Zetterholm's work has received attention among service publications. One of his cartoons was reproduced in the August issue of "All Hands," and permission has been requested to reproduce a full-page cartoon by Zetterholm in the Dry Dock, station paper at the U.S. Naval Hospital, San Diego.

Zetterholm's first cartoon for the Oak Leaf appeared on 12 May, and each Oak Leaf since has featured a cartoon or comic strip by the talented cartoonist.

Fire, earthquake or flood—in any disaster your local Red Cross draws on national resources to provide food, clothing and shelter.

CDR Lane Named New PIO For 12th Nav. Dist.

CDR Richard Lane, USN, has relieved CAPT J. L. Collis, USN, as Public Information Officer for the Twelfth Naval District.

A native of Berkeley, CDR Lane graduated from the Naval Academy in 1933, and later saw duty on a number of ships. From May, 1937, to August, 1939, he served on the USS Augusta, flagship of the U.S. Asiatic Fleet.

He later served as gunnery officer of the USS Mississippi, and for his services was awarded the Bronze Star Medal with Combat "V" for meritorious achievement.

Since the end of World War II, CDR Lane has served as a public information officer on the East Coast. In July, 1948, he was assigned to the Staff and Faculty of the Armed Forces Information School, Carlisle Barracks, Pa.

Surgical dressings, prepared by Red Cross volunteer production and supply workers, are used in all military hospitals in the Oakland area.

Patient Wins Jackpot On TV Quiz Program

SGT Allen Porter, USMC, an amputee patient on Ward 43A, did himself proud on the Stanway Sweepstakes Television quiz show on Monday, 8 October.

First SGT Porter answered the questions thrown at him to win two preliminary prizes, a serving tray and a Val-Pack Suitcase.

Then came the jackpot question, and it was quite a question: How many individual families live in housing units in the Bay Area?

SGT Porter, not a native of the Bay Area, took a wild guess, 35,000, and that was close enough to the correct answer, 46,000, to win the prize, a Dormeyer Electric Food Mixer.

SGT Porter, a bachelor, says he doesn't think he will have any trouble finding a use for the prizes.



Edward A. Cannell, HMC, (right) and Lorin A. Dunstan, HN, are shown holding copies of the commendation presented to them by the Commanding Officer during the past week. The commendations were presented in recognition of the staff members' election as associate members of the Western Society of Electro-Encephalography. They are believed the only EEG Technicians who have been recognized by the Society with an associate membership.

Welcome and Farewell

The staff census at Oak Knoll remained nearly in balance during the past week in spite of the transactions of the personnel office. During the week 20 staff members departed for new activities, while 17 persons arrived at the hospital to take their places.

Reporting aboard were LT Valera C. Vaubel, NC, USN, from Stockton Annex of the Naval Supply Center; CWO Jasper J. Gillette, USMC, from Marine Barracks, Treasure Island; LTJG Oliver E. K. Hall, MC, USN, from the USS MAURY.

HMC's D. P. Moorefield from USS MELVIN R. NEWMAN; S. M. Winter, R. R. Warren and K. R. Null, all from San Diego, and R. E. McGinnis from the sick list; HM1's D. J. Scoffern and R. "F" Scoffern and H. C. Miller, Jr., all from San Diego; HM2 L. R. Capson, also from San Diego; HN's W. R. Bates from San Diego, G. G. Gomez and R. Watkins, both from USNH, Mare Island, and R. F. Rhynes from USNRECSTA, Seattle, and HA J. M. Brown from U.S. Naval Hospital Corps School, San Diego.

Detached to new activities were LTJG Charles D. Kitch, MC, USNR, to MSTs, North Pacific Area, Seattle; LT Agnes L. Lervik, NC, USN, to USS GENERAL J. C. BRECKINRIDGE; LTJG Joan L. Huber, NC, USN, to USS GENERAL A. E. ANDERSON; LTJG Dolores N. Ryan, NC, USNR, to inactive duty; LT Rita D. Clarke, NC, USN, to Naples, Italy; CDR Rosalia Jorgenson, NC, USN, to USNH, Great Lakes; ENS Ferne I. Allred, NC, USNR, to civilian life; LT Arlene M. Pike, NC, USNR, to inactive duty.

HM1 J. N. Sklinchar to Naval Shipyard, San Francisco; HM2's M. Morey to NAS, Moffett, and E. E. Roberts to Air FMF, El Toro; and HN's W. Pupanek and J. W. Switzer to NNMCC, Bethesda; J. J. Hill, S. A. Newquist, R. J. O'Connell, H. J.

Two Knoll E.E.G. Staff Men Cited

Oak Knoll's two Electro-Encephalography Technicians last week were awarded commendations by CAPT J. N. C. Gordon, MC, USN, Commanding Officer, in recognition of their election as associate members of the Western Society of Electro-Encephalography.

The two technicians are Edward A. Cannell, HMC, and Lorin A. Dunstan, HN. They are believed the only EEG Technicians in the Navy who have been accorded an associate membership in the society.

Both Chief Cannell and Dunstan completed EEG Technicians' School at Oak Knoll in 1946, and were two of the three members of the last class of the school at Oak Knoll. After completion of the school both were assigned to other duty stations and Dunstan was later released to inactive duty. Chief Cannell returned to Oak Knoll 18 months ago and Dunstan 10 months ago.

As associate members they will be allowed to attend meetings and conventions of the society and will receive the society's monthly bulletin.

CDR H. S. Colony, MC, USN, also a member of the Oak Knoll staff, is a regular member of the society, and CDR B. I. Kahn, MC, USN, is an associate member.

The commendation of the Commanding Officer stated: "Your interest in broadening your knowledge in your particular field is to be commended. The additional knowledge gained through such contacts and through membership in the Western Society of Electro-Encephalography cannot be minimized and will reflect credit upon yourself, this Command and the Naval Service."

Owens, N. B. VanderLaag and N. M. Webster, all to Air FMF, El Toro, and D. L. Bartholomew to USS SKAGIT.

WHO'S WHO IN PHARMACY

William D. Bowles, HM1, has a year to go to get his degree in pharmacy at the University of California. He owned part of a drug store in Oakland when he was recalled last February.

Albert L. Fuller, HM3, got his B.S. in pharmacy at the University of Utah.

Dan W. Howard, HM3, had three years as a pharmacy major at the College of the Ozarks in Arkansas. His wife had a baby boy at Oak Knoll the 15th of last month.

Harold L. Keller, HM3, got his B.S. in pharmacy from the State College of Washington. He was working as a registered pharmacist last September when the Navy wrote him a new prescription.

John P. Lewis, HM3, received his B.S. in pharmacy from the College of the Ozarks. He's registered as a pharmacist in Arkansas.

Barry L. Lind, HM2, got his pharmacy degree last year at the University of Utah. He is registered as a pharmacist in California and Utah.

Jay F. Pegg, HM1, is a University of Oklahoma graduate in pharmacy. He's married and has two children.

LT R. L. Thompson, MSC, USN, Chief of the Pharmacy Service (also of Welfare and Recreation), was a naval aviator in World War II, logging some 3,000 hours while on anti-submarine duty in the Atlantic. He has his B.S. in pharmacy from the University of Georgia.

Robert H. Walker, HM1, graduated from the University of Colorado in pharmacy last year. He's also a graduate of the Navy Low Pressure Chamber school and the Independent Duty school.

Because cancer is chiefly a disease of adult life, the bulk of the Cancer Society's educational effort is aimed at the adult population that is in the "cancer age." But the importance of educating young people is not overlooked. The Society uses every conceivable means to get cancer facts to the public.



Fred Comas came in the other day to look through our new shipment of books while Mrs. Berger, Tommy, Little and I were cataloging and assembling them for distribution.

Fred put his name on the list for Margaret Case Harriman's "The Vicious Circle." He no more than walked out the door than four more people came in and added themselves to the waiting list for the same book. Since I never heard of the book, or the Algonquin Hotel Round Table which it describes, I read it myself the same evening. It is the story of Heywood Brown, Alexander Woolcott, Edna Ferber, George Kaufman and the rest of the crew who shaped the American theater and literature in the nineteen twenties and early thirties. But above all, it is the story of Harold Ross, who founded the wonderful magazine "The New Yorker," and of Frank Case who ran the Algonquin Hotel. Mrs. Harriman is Frank Case's daughter, and her portrait of her father, a courtly gentleman of the old school as well as a great host in the grand manner, is one to treasure along with Clarence Day, Sr., and Frank Gilbreth. The biography of Harold Ross is a refreshing study of a man's absolute integrity. The rest of the fabulous crew are wonderful people, witty and fiery and founders of a whole literary tradition . . . but it is Mr. Ross who stands out as the great man of the lot. ("New Yorker" fans do not need to be told this.) As a dual picture of a floating literary population on one hand, and the struggle of two men to do the thing they loved most doing on the other, I cannot remember reading a finer book. We shall have to buy three more copies, I'm sure; the demand will probably beat "From Here To Eternity," and "The Caine Mutiny" combined.

I wish I could say as much for another book, this time a novel, that is much in demand, J. D. Salinger's "The Catcher in the Rye." (Salinger writes for the "New Yorker" by the way, but you can be quite sure Mr. Ross' editorial know-how never had a chance to reach this manuscript.) The writing job in "The Catcher" is in itself an abomination before heaven and all English teachers. It's written in a pseudo-slang jargon that makes it well nigh unfathomable. The story has to do with a tender-hearted young lad who flunks out of every school to which his parents send him because everything and everybody he meets is "a phony." When his younger sister, at one point, asks him if there isn't anything in life he likes, he can't quite find any answer. Life has been that brutal to him. Well, rubbish!! In my opinion, the book is about as phony as the world the kid keeps crying about.

Anyhow, you have some idea of the wide choices to be had here. Whatever you like, fiction or non-fiction, high comedy or grim death, you'll find it here someplace. It's YOUR library.

Frank M. Campbell, HMI



Roy S. Madden, HMC (left), a patient on Ward 41A, is told the background of an oil painting by the late Lewis Edmund Evans, by Mr. Tom Doyle, a life-long friend of the artist and the man responsible for the showing of Evans' pictures here. The picture shown above is a special one, since it is of a river area now changed by an earthquake. The river ran north and south near Napier, New Zealand, but now runs east to south.

House Endorses New Bill To Pay Bonus For Immediate Reenlistment

Washington (AFPS)—The Armed Service Committee has endorsed a new bill pertaining to reenlistment bonuses.

Under the new bill, sponsored by Rep. Paul J. Kilday, Texas, those who reenlist within three months from date of discharge would be paid a lump sum bonus of \$40, \$90, \$160, \$250, \$360 for reenlistments of 2, 3, 4, 5, or 6 years respectively.

For those who reenlist for an unspecified period of more than six

years the sum will be \$360 paid them when they sign up.

After six years they will get an annual bonus of \$60 for each additional year, up to a total of \$1440.

Those who enlisted for an unspecified time prior to October 1, 1949 would receive \$110 and \$60 for each year up to \$1440.

Anyone who was discharged or didn't complete term of enlistment would be required to refund a comparable portion of the bonus.

Staff Personalities



Another Oak Knoller who plans to go to college when he gets out of the Navy is Ivan "Jack" Bristow, HM3, Corpsman on Ward 46A. Jack was attending Junior College in his native city of St. Joseph, Mo., when he signed up with the Navy on 29 October 1948, and he plans to return there to complete his study of chemistry. After Boot Camp and Corps School at San Diego, Jack was assigned to duty at the Naval Hospital at Mare Island in July, 1949 and came to Oak Knoll in March of 1950. He now calls Tacoma, Wash., his home town and when asked if he was married, replied, "No, thank you." Seems he likes the life of a single man.

Oak Knoll is the second duty station in the Navy for ENS Darlene Koch, NC, USNR, nurse on Ward 45A. When she joined the Navy in May 1950, ENS Koch first served at the U.S. Naval Hospital at Great Lakes and came to Oak Knoll 6 January, 1951. At this station she has worked on several wards, including 46, 72, 60 and S.O.Q. wards. Right now Miss Koch's main activity is learning to cook, since actually she has not been Miss Koch at all since 9 September, when she was married to LT Lewis Heroy. A native of Gaylord, Kansas, she attended the Bethany Hospital School of Nursing in Kansas City, Kansas.



Knollites Shown Famous Paintings

Staff members and patients at Oak Knoll during the past week had an opportunity to see the paintings of Lewis Edmund Evans, noted New Zealand artist, plus paintings by his uncle, Bernard Evans, and other members of the Evans family.

The famous watercolors of the late Lewis Edmund Evans, a native of Napier, New Zealand, and his surrounding countryside by the late Lewis Edmund Evans, a polio victim, were shown at the Red Cross Lounge on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, 7, 8, and 9 October.

Considered to be watercolor at its best, the paintings were shown here through the courtesy of a La Jolla, California, resident, Thomas Barry Doyle, who during the lifetime of the artist accompanied him on his day painting excursions about Napier.

Included in the collection were "Boulton Abbey," by Bernard Evans; "St. Mary Abbots Kensington," by Wilfrid Evans, and "The Thames and "Cavalier" by Edmund Evans.

The paintings have also been shown at Lourve, Berlin, London and Stockholm museums. The first showing of these paintings by Mr. Doyle was in La Jolla at the War Memorial Building for the Polio Fund on 12 and 13 February, 1949.

PREVIEWS

Sunday, 14 October
CLOSE TO MY HEART—Ray Milland, Gene Tierney, DRAMA. Here is one new it has not been scheduled for public release yet. Hence, no reviews or information concerning it are available.

Monday, 15 October
THE FIREBALL—Mickey Rooney, John O'Brien, MELODRAMA. It's a great one for the Irish. This is an old film released back in October of 1950. Any reviews that might have been made of it are gathering dust in some forgotten file. Mr. Rooney and Mr. O'Brien are old stand-bys, though, and usually go good together. If you haven't already seen it, it might be worth a chance on.

Tuesday, 16 October
RAWHIDE—Tyrone Power, Susan Hayward, WESTERN. All the action of the "big budget" Western takes place at a Rawhide relay station of the San Francisco to St. Louis stagecoach line. Tyrone Power, playing the assistant outpost keeper, and Susan Hayward, a passenger bound for St. Louis with her sister's child, held prisoner by a group of bandits. Power and Miss Hayward are taken for ransom and wife but they are so interested in trying to escape that there is no time for romantic interest. Some additional excitement is created by several attempts to assault the girl by a leering, lusty outlaw. He is killed just as he is about to take Power. The film ends, as one would expect, with three of the four outlaws dead and the other captured. The gold they were after has been saved and the girl and the stagecoach man learn they care for each other. Talk about surprise endings!

Wednesday, 17 October
TWO DOLLAR BETTOR—John Lee Mahoney, Marie Windsor, DRAMA. No clues in this one. Featuring two not-too-well-known principals and made by a not-too-well-known company, Realart. On this one you bet is as good as anybody's as to what might be.

Thursday, 18 October
STRANGERS ON A TRAIN—Roman, Farley Granger, DRAMA. This is a much-heralded film that was drawn to capacity audiences to first-run theaters a few months ago. The reviewer's rating of this one was "excellent." It has a good plot and holds its suspense well. You won't be sorry you saw it.

Friday, 19 October
CAVE OF THE OUTLAWS—McDonald Carey, Alexis Smith, DRAMA. Here is another new one, not set for release to the public. Again no information or advance reviews are available.

Saturday, 20 October
THE GUNFIGHTER—Gregory Peck, Helen Westcott, WESTERN. An old one released in July of 1950. Gregory Peck usually shows up well in these blood and thunder films and sets a mean horse, so the Western earlier in the week didn't satisfy your appetite, here is the additional one that should.

Scuttlebutt

Dear Derf,

What's the matter with the fellows at Oak Knoll? You must have seen what happened at last Friday's Stag Dance. The Recreation Council "imported" sixty good looking hostesses and at least a third of them were left stranded about the dance deck. Yes, I know, some of the men can't dance, but they can all carry a conversation, can't they? We're always hearing "You never get any girls for the dances." You saw what happened when we lined up some of the cutest tricks that ever hit a suture.

What's the remedy, Derf?

Sincerely,

Fred Comas

HERE 'N THERE: Even now, weeks after it happened, we still hear guffaws about how "Bos'n" Van Horn found a white mouse—One of the new chiefs aboard, Campbell by name completed a round-the-world cruise before reporting to our little hill for duty. Chief Campbell sailed via the Suez and Panama Canals. Some of the points he touched were Gibraltar, Greece, Ceylon, Okinawa, Formosa, Japan, Hawaii and the Canal Zone. Some sailors have all the luck! — One of the pleasantest singing voices around these parts belongs to Don Skiles — Ronimy Love has kept the Limb Shop busy debating whether or not you hand out cigars when your Mrs. presents you with a baby girl. We've consulted our Adviser on Birth Etiquette and she says, (and I quote) "Boy or girl, it's the stogie that counts"—It's a wonder the contractors on the Base accomplish as much as they do. All our sailors spend their lunch hour mentally manipulating cranes, bulldozers, and the laboring crews. You will find the Sidewalk Superintendents holding forth every noon — Harold Hensle and Mary Herrell both received offers inviting them on a Temperance Lecture Tour. Why those two, do you suppose?—Daiwun Lee is carrying his arm up above his head in some sort of support. One of the minor injuries of the football season—Chief Bak is back drumming up trade for his CPO Club enterprise after a short leave in Washington—You won't find Harry Miller, HMI, loafing any time away. He has twins, about two and a half years old, to while his time away—Amid posing bathing beauties, Chinese models, flashing cameras, and expensive camera equipment we spotted Bob Veltus and his auburn-haired wife (The Camera Show at the San Fran Auditorium)—When Annie Badalato steps out, it takes two to keep pace with her. Last week it was Lennie Towne and Stanley Newquist — The Gold Dust Twins (Dorothy Hager and Hope Sink) took off last Friday for three days of Yosemite sightseeing. Hope Sink nearly spent a night in the pokey when she snapped off a piece of pine for a souvenir—The biggest question around the Base in "What happened to the milk?"—When you yell for Scoffern, be sure and give the initials. Two of them just reported aboard, Bob and Dixon. They're both back from Korea, both married, and will both be released in a couple of weeks.

There's no doubt about it, Dale Coffman is the politest boy that ever stepped

a foot on Oak Knoll soil—Glancing through the August issue of "Our Navy" I spotted a picture of Civil Readjustment's Phil Barone sharing his "C" rations with a Korean waif—"Digger" Chambless, our ex-M.A.A., stopped by last week on his way from Korea and on his way to civilian life in Georgia — Glenn Speidel left the twentieth century last Sunday and spent the afternoon amidst the intrigues of the medieval Russian court at a matinee performance of "Boris Goudenoff" (ask Glenn for the correct spelling) — Just one year ago this month Leo Capson, HM2, left Oak Knoll for the FMF. He's back at the old nesting ground and glad of it — Persis Stanley flew back from New York for the Cal-Minnesota Game. We drool everytime she raves about the seafood dinners she had while in Maine — Vince Padilla and Cecil (Lockjaw) Lockwood were also rooting for the Golden Bears—After this week end, watch for the new and glistening crows all around. Tom Raum can hardly wait to sew on his Third Class rating and lord it over an HN—The one to watch will be Leo Spencer. He switches from bell bottoms to a CPO's suit.

The American Association of Rheumatic Diseases asks every person to realize that rheumatic fever and the resulting rheumatic heart disease is the leading cause of death in the United States between the ages of 5 and 19 years. Approximately one in every five children who develop rheumatic fever dies within ten years.

Clinic services, bed care, X-ray, use of operating rooms and medicines are provided on a free and part-pay basis by Community Chest hospitals such as Children's Hospital of the East Bay and Herrick Memorial Hospital.



Enjoying the music of "The Band of the Blue and Gold" from the EMS center at Treasure Island, were Oak Knoll staffers and 60 charming student nurse guests from Merritt Hospital, at the EM center last Friday, 5 October. In addition to the good dance music the recreation council provided refreshments, pretzels and potato chips, and corsages for the ladies. It was one of the regularly featured stag dances of the month.

★ ★ CHUCKLES ★ ★

Diner: "Waiter, why does that hound sit next to my table and growl at me?"

Waiter: "Oh, don't mind him, sir. He's just mad because you're eating out of his dish."

Customer: "I'd like some rat poison, please."

Clerk: "Will you take it with you?"

Customer: "No, I'll send the rats over after it."

That's a nice suit, Sam. How much was it?"

"A hundred and sixty dollars."

"Isn't that kind of expensive?"

"Oh, I don't know—I got fifteen pairs of pants with it."

"So you deceived your husband," said the judge gravely.

"On the contrary, your honor, he deceived me. He said he was going out of town and he didn't go."

The doctor was questioning the new nurse about a patient.

"Have you kept a chart on his progress?"

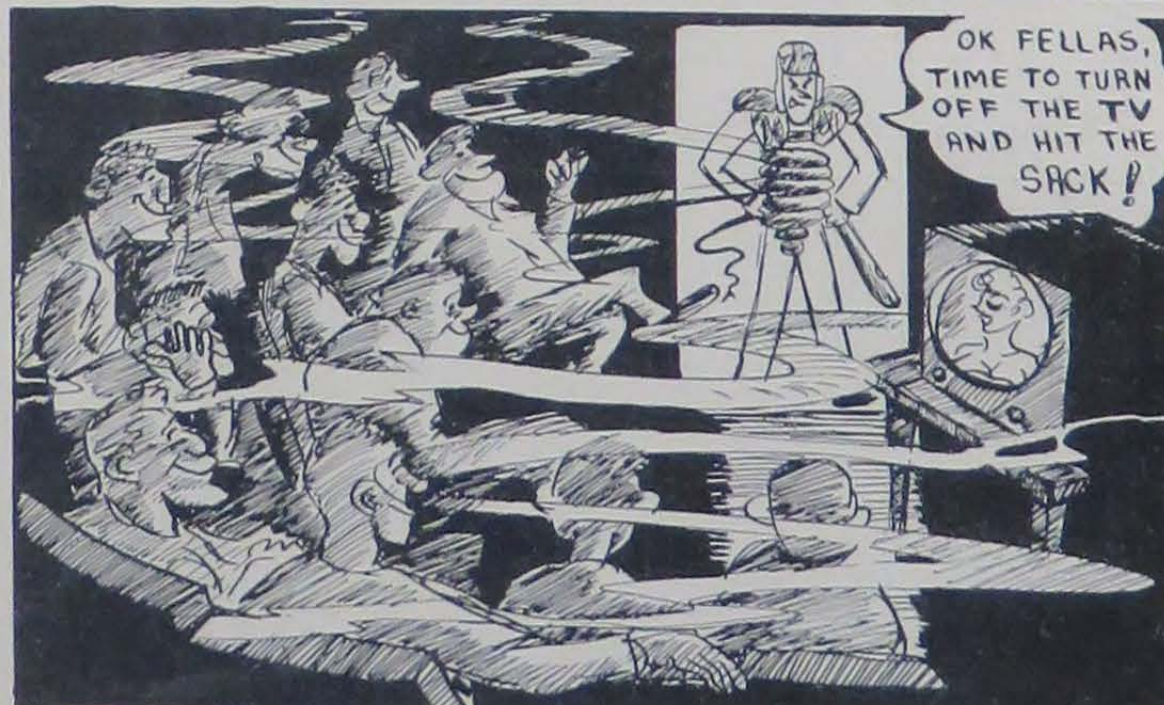
"No, but I can show you my diary."

Daughter: "Mom, what kind of a husband would you advise me to get?"

Mother: "You just get a single man and leave the husbands alone."

A gentleman slipped on an escalator and started to slide down to the bottom. Half-way down he collided with a lady, knocking her down also and the two continued on their way to the bottom landing.

After they had reached the bottom, the lady, still dazed, just sat there on the gentleman's chest. Looking up at her, he finally said politely, "I am sorry, Madam, but you'll have to get off now—this is as far as I go."



SPORTS

Cage Play-Off Dates Scheduled

The intra-hospital dungaree basketball tourney moved nearer to completion this week as final dates were finally set for the four-team round-robin play-off.

The play-off games have been scheduled for Monday, Tuesday and Friday of the coming week. Teams slated to participate in the play-offs are Welfare and Recreation, Nite Crew, Physio I and the NP department.

The four teams won their berths in the play-offs by finishing at the top of regular play in the eight-team league, completed two weeks ago.

Meanwhile, Coach Joe Reginato was on the lookout for cage talent among staff members as the opening date, 4 December, of Twelfth Naval District basketball competition, crept nearer.

Also a call has been sounded for all women basketball players, who are asked to report at the outdoor courts on Monday and Tuesday, 15 and 16 October, at 1530. These practice sessions will decide which potential players' suits will be ordered.

Four Big Events Set For October

Looking ahead at the rest of the month there are four major events on the schedule for Oak Knoll patients.

On Tuesday, 16 October, a busload of patients will be taken to the Oakland Indoor Championship Rodeo to be held at the Exposition Building. The bus will leave at 1930 and any patient wishing to attend is urged to sign up immediately with Welfare and Recreation.

On Saturday, 20 October, a busload of patients will be taken to Berkeley to see the Glorious Bears of the University of California chew up their coast competitor, the University of Southern California. The next Saturday, 27 October, another busload will see the Bears tangle with a strong Oregon State team.

Then to end the month, on Monday, 29 October, the Eden Chapter of B'nai Brith will present a stage show at the auditorium at 1900.

For the staff, high spot of the month will be the Halloween Costume Ball at the Enlisted Men's Recreation Center.

Tennis Tourney Nearing Finale

Tennis tourney play at Oak Knoll moved nearer the semi-final round as more scores were posted in second round play.

In the final game of the first round, Irvin defeated Peterson in straight sets, 6-0, 6-2, to win the chance to meet Arnold in the second round. Arnold, who drew a bye in the first round, is untested as yet in tourney play.

In a second round match Reginato forfeited to Peck, giving Peck a berth in the semi-final play where he will meet the winner of the Irvin-Arnold competition.

Another post in the semi-final round play was won by Brisnahan who ousted Papadakis in second round play by a score of 8-6, 7-5. Brisnahan will now meet the winner of the Irrgang-Prosser match to decide who moves to the finals.

No set dates have been announced for the remaining games of the tourney. The games are played at the convenience of the contestants.

More Teams Needed For Bowling League

Bowlers at Oak Knoll are rather few and far between or else they are just not making their talents known. With the opening date of the intra-hospital bowling league less than a week away, there was a noticeable dearth of interest shown as the Oak Leaf went to press.

The lack of teams may force postponement of the previously scheduled 15 October opening date of the league, and the call again has been sounded for departments to line up their teams and turn in their rosters to Welfare and Recreation.

The bowling team's manager in each department must be submitted to either Joe Reginato or W. Johnson at the W. and R. office in writing.

Plans call for a single round tournament first to give the teams a chance to size up their opposition. Then about the middle of next month, the regular bowling league will get under way.

Red Cross volunteer workers numbered a monthly average of 82,000 last year. They buy their own uniforms, and gave over 11,000,000 hours of their time during 1950.



In a scene that is more suggestive of tackle than touch football, Oak Knoll's "Pappy" Papadakis (dark shirt) is halted rather abruptly by an unidentified NAS, Oakland, grid stalwart after a short gain, as two more arm-men rush into the fray. Oak Knoll End Tamborski can be seen in the background.

Knoll's Rampaging Grid Team Runs Wild To Defeat NAS, Oakland, 42-6

Oak Knoll's rampaging touch football team came through again last week as they ran NAS, Oakland, into the ground again, this time by a score of 42-6. The win left the Hospital team undefeated as they went against NAS, Moffett Field on Thursday, 11 October.

The win over NAS, Oakland, on Thursday, 4 October, duplicated a 33-0 manhandling given the airmen a week earlier in a practice game, with superior field generalship and better team play again the deciding factors.

Following a lack-luster first half that ended with the Knollites ahead 15 to 6, the Oak Knoll crew broke loose in the second half to score six touchdowns and three extra points while holding the opponents scoreless.

Oak Knoll counted first in the game when Lyons swept around right end and scampered 60 yards behind good downfield blocking to cross the double line. A fumble spoiled the extra point attempt.

A few seconds later Oak Knoll picked up two more points on a safety when the NAS, Oakland, team fumbled Papadakis' booming kick-off in its own end zone.

It was not long after that before Oak Knoll again gained possession of the ball and after moving across the center-field marker Papadakis looped a pass to Irvine who scampered the remaining 10 yards to score. Another Papadakis pass, this time to Tamborski, was good for the extra point.

NAS, Oakland, racked up their only

score shortly before the first half ended after a 50-yard pass from Peterson to Pierce put them deep in Oak Knoll territory. Lahai scored for the opponents on a pitch-out from the ten-yard marker. The try point was no good.

In the second half the Knoll stalwarts really broke loose, as Lyons charged across the goal line three times and Irvine and Tamborski each scored once.

Again it was the play-calling of Dinuzzo, the hard-running of Lyons, the fleet-footedness of Irvine and the passing of Papadakis coupled with steady play of the remainder of the team which made the win possible.

Coach Joe Reginato expected to go along with the same starting team against Moffett, with Estrada at center, Tamborski, Peck and Irvine alternating at the ends, Dinuzzo at right half, Peterson at left and Papadakis at full.

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THE OAK LEAF



Two staff members and four patients were presented service awards by the Commanding Officer at ceremonies held Thursday, 11 October. Shown above, front row (left to right) are: LTJG E. E. Bleck, MC, USN, who was presented a Commendation Medal; PFC W. C. McQueen, Jr., Purple Heart Medal and CPL J. M. Baysinger, Purple Heart Medal and a Gold Star in lieu of a Second Purple Heart; and back row (left to right): PFC N. S. Hedrick, PFC E. A. Bruno, both presented the Purple Heart Medal; and J. S. Edwards, Jr., HM3, a Navy Unit Commendation.

Two Staff Members, Four Patients Presented Service Awards by C.O.

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The staff members were LTJG E. E. Bleck, MC, USNR, who received a Commendation Medal, and James S. Edwards, HM3, USN, who was presented a Unit Commendation.

The patients receiving awards were CPL James M. Baysinger, USMCR, who was presented a Purple Heart Medal with a Gold Star in lieu of a second Purple Heart, and PFC Neal Spencer Hedrick, USMC, PFC Eugene A. Bruno, USMCR, and PFC William C. McQueen, Jr., USMCR, all of whom received Purple Heart Medals.

The Commendation Medal was presented to LTJG Bleck "For meritorious service as the medical officer in charge of a volunteer medical team from the USS MADDOX which directed the care of the wounded and dying aboard the USS BRUSH on 26 September 1950, after the USS BRUSH struck an enemy mine in North Korean waters."

The citation stated: "LTJG Bleck displayed exceptional proficiency and skill in diagnosing the seriousness of each injury; and the treatment prescribed in each case resulted in the satisfactory recovery of many wounded who otherwise might have died, been maimed, or permanently scarred. His calm and efficient direction of medical personnel under

adverse conditions resulted in the wounded receiving prompt and proper medical aid, and his conduct was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

Edwards was commended as a member of Special Operations Group, Amphibious Group One, Pacific Fleet, consisting of the USS HORACE A. BASS, Underwater Demolition Team One and Reconnaissance Company (Minus), First Marine Division, "for outstanding heroism in support of military operations against enemy aggressor forces in the Korean Area from 12 to 25 August, 1950.

The Unit Commendation stated: "Cooperating completely in all phases of operations elements of Special Operations Group, Amphibious Group One, penetrated confined and shallow waters to conduct night raids against targets approximately 200 miles behind enemy lines on the east coast of Korea and during the period 12 to 16 August, destroyed railroad tunnels and bridges, thus disrupting the enemy's main line of communications. Operating off the west coast of Korea from 22 to 25 August the Group carried out night beach reconnaissance missions and achieved the hydrographic survey of three enemy-held beaches despite opposition encountered on the last night which forced the reconnaissance party to withdraw under fire."

Staff Contributes \$3000 in First Week of Fund Drive

The big thermometer near the main gate climbed upward slowly but surely as Oak Knoll's first big United Fund Drive was launched this week, and by Friday morning—just four days after the drive began—the mercury had hit the three thousand mark.

"Since this drive is to support worthy agencies and organizations that need all the help we can give them, I hope that in two weeks remaining in the drive every member of our staff will contribute and that we can reach the goal of \$12,000 set by our United Fund Committee" Captain Gordon said this week in discussing the fund campaign.

Nearly 200 solicitors representing all departments of the hospital met in the auditorium last Friday to hear talks about the various organizations to share in the drive—Navy Relief, Red Cross, Community Chest, American Cancer Society, National Polio Foundation, Cerebral Palsy Fund, American Heart Society, and the American Association of Rheumatic Diseases. Solicitors are now covering the compound, asking each worker to give as generously as possible—officers and Red Cross workers at least the equivalent of a day's pay and civilians and enlisted personnel a half day's pay.

In previous years separate collections have been taken for each of the organizations included in UFD. The drive now in progress, for the convenience of the staff, will be the only one held on the station this year. It will continue through 4 November.

Cerebral palsy is one of the greatest cripplers of mankind. It can strike anyone of any age, anywhere, at any time.

Fall Down Ladder Dry-docks Doctor

There is more than one way to get a vacation in the Navy, and LTJG Robert Harvey, MC, USNR, has come up with a new twist as far as that particular problem is concerned.

It seems that he was taking in the Stanford-UCLA football game last weekend with a group of friends. They stopped to see ex-Marine 1st LT Frank Muetzel, former amputee patient at Oak Knoll, who is now a pre-med student at Stanford. In showing the group through his house, Mr. Muetzel had a little difficulty with his artificial limb as he descended the stairs, and Dr. Harvey came alongside to lend the necessary balance. Somehow the doctor tripped over the ex-Marine's artificial leg, and both went crashing to the bottom of the stairs.

Muetzel came through unscathed, but not Dr. Harvey, who turned up here with a simple fracture of the right fibula, and was admitted to Ward 69A, where he had heretofore been Medical Officer. With his right leg encased in a cast, he is now enjoying the best medical care the Navy has to offer. His only comment: "I never had it so good."

Dorothy Kirsten Carries Bouquet From Three Opera Fans at Hospital

Three opera-lovers among Oak Knoll's patients recently attained a goal desired but seldom reached by other fans of the Golden Curtain when they became personal friends of opera star Dorothy Kirsten.

The three patients, Joe Neinstadt of 43A, and Vic McFadden and Russell Ralston, both on Ward 43B, attend the opera in San Francisco regularly and have met a number of the stars. Their friendship with Miss Kirsten was the subject of the following item in Herb Caen's column in the 11 October San Francisco Examiner:

"Of Human Interest: The knowing ones among the town's opera fans were slightly amazed at "Madame Butterfly" the other night—when Star Dorothy Kirsten made her first appearance carrying a big bouquet of

chrysanthemums. . . . Those flowers aren't in the script, obviously (the first scene is set in Springtime and 'mums are a fall flower) but Miss Kirsten talked Director Armando Agnini into the gimmick. Reason: The bouquet had been sent by her three most devoted fans, "Jersey," Russ and Vic, wounded Marine veterans from Oak Knoll Hosp., who were cheering in the audience. . . . The card with the flowers read: "To the dearest Dorothy in the world, from your gang at Oak Knoll." Miss Kirsten will return the compliment by singing for her gang at the hospital."

Joe "Jersey" Neinstadt reports that although no date has been set as yet, Miss Kirsten hopes to be able to come to the Hospital soon.

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† † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

"RAINBOW AT NIGHT"

Did you ever see a rainbow at night? Well, it is a rare phenomenon but it sometimes happens.

A young man who was having heart-breaking personal troubles took his best friend with him and went on a fishing trip to a mountain lake. The friend had tried to speak words of comfort and help but he could not seem to think of words that would restore personal faith in God.

The two men fished from a boat in the middle of the lake until long after dark, for it was late October and darkness came long before fishing hours closed. Suddenly a dense black cloud hid the brilliant harvest moon. In the pitch darkness that followed, the fishermen huddled in the boat as torrents of rain began to fall. In a few minutes it was over. The rain stopped as quickly as it had started and the black cloud moved over toward the nearby mountain. Again the yellow moon flooded the lake with light.

Suddenly there blazed forth across the black sky a great rainbow. It couldn't be! Yet, there it was, larger and more colorful than any ever seen by day. A Rainbow at Night!

The man who had tried to find words of comfort looked over at the rain-streaked face of his friend and said, "The God who can produce a rainbow at night can surely bring faith and hope to you" . . . and He did, for today that man is a happy, prosperous, active citizen of his community.

Most people face their share of trouble sooner or later. God can send his rainbow of hope at the darkest hour. The scriptures declare, "Have faith in God . . . with God all things are possible." If you face trouble do not despair. God has not forgotten you. It may be you have forgotten God.

J. A. Whitman,
 Protestant Chaplain.

The American Heart Association is a national voluntary health agency whose membership is composed of laymen, physicians, and scientists interested in reducing disability and death resulting from diseases of the heart and blood vessels.

Divine Services

Hospital Chapel at Main Gate

PROTESTANT

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

CATHOLIC

SUNDAY MASSES
 0600 — 0900 — 1215
 DAILY MASSES — 0645 & 1630
 Confessions before Mass

CHOIR PRACTICE:
 TUESDAY 1900

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

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

Chaplains of other faiths will be called upon request

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Program Now Under Way To Select New AVCADS

Applications are again being received for the Naval Aviation Cadet flight training program, according to LCDR F. E. Tonrey, procurement officer at the Oakland Naval Air Station. The program has been closed since October 1950, Tonrey stated.

Applicants must be between the ages of 18 and 27, a citizen, in excellent health, unmarried and have completed a minimum of two years of college work. Candidates must apply before receiving notice to report for induction under the selective service system.

Following acceptance here, NAVCADS are sent to Pensacola, Florida for 18 months of flight training. They are then commissioned Ensign, USNR, or Second Lieutenant, USMCR, and designated a Naval Aviator.

Navy Relief help often includes services other than financial, such as the services of a Navy Relief Nurse, assistance with transportation, housing, securing information about dependency allowances, pensions, government insurance, locating and communicating with Navy personnel, and advising about available community resources.

Red Cross Ramblings



The group that provides the music, hot and sweet, for dances in the Red Cross Lounge, and who made an appearance on television last week, is shown above. The musicians are E. J. Porter, SN, USN, piano; CPL George H. Woodworth, USMC, trumpet; CPL George Hays, USMC, drums; H. J. Camero, AN, USN, sax; and Nieves Nevarez, USN (Ret), bass. Picture with the group is Mrs. Edith H. Vandevor, Red Cross Gray Lady, Berkeley chapter.

TV DEBUT

Were you in front of a TV set last Thursday afternoon when the Oak Knoll patient band participated in the Les Malloy and Company program? It was arranged that the band play on the show by LT Phillips, of the 12ND Public Information Office, and Jack Bates of the Oak Knoll Artificial Limb Department. For the patients, it was an introduction to a world of fantasy. First they were asked to put on TV makeup in the most ghastly shades of yellow, but they discovered later during the broadcast that it was to tone down the shades of skin pigment for projecting. Their program ran all the way from a hillbilly number to "Begin the Beguine."

U. S. MARINE BAND

Twelve patients were the guests of the U. S. Marine Band last Monday afternoon and again in the evening, to hear the concert at the Oakland Auditorium. It was a variety program with music from "The Halls of Montezuma" to John Phillip Sousa's marches.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

How many candles did we count on the cake that was given to CPL Clarence Strickland, USMC, of Ward 74A, last Tuesday, 16 October? He hails from Inglewood, California. When his family arrived at the hospital to visit him, they encountered an old friend, Mrs. Eleanor Booth, President of the Navy Mother's Club, who brings entertainment and bingo parties to the wards each month. So-oo, her group surprised Clarence and the entire ward with a super-duper birthday party, cake and all the trimmin's.

CRESSMONT STABLES

Did you sign up to attend the Horse Show on Sunday, 21 October? We will leave the hospital at 1300, and some of you who like to ride may want to participate in the ring festivities . . .

PARLEZ VOUS FRANCAIS?

Why not take advantage of the excellent instruction in that romantic language of the French? Perhaps you might be interested in ordering your favorite dish in a fancy French restaurant.

GRAY LADIES

A new class of Gray Ladies has just completed a two-week training course at the hospital, and will soon be seen doing Personal Services, Crafts and Recreation, in the afternoon and evenings. There will also be a new group of hostesses for the wards and lounge, and quite a few are University of California co-eds.

BEEN FISHING?

The fishing season is officially open for patients here at the hospital. Thursday, 11 October, was a record day up Vallejo way when the men went on the in-bay fishing trip. It was the first fishing trip for SG Stanley Turner, USMC, of Ward 79. It was not long after the anchor was dropped before he felt a tug at his line and pulled in a striped bass weighing over two pounds. Stanley was very proud of his catch and is thinking of taking Mr. Fish to the taxidermist to have him stuffed for posterity. A wire recording was made of the trip by Miss Polly Tracy, Red Cross Recreation Worker, and it was broadcast over Al Acardi's "Fun Finders" program on KLX. Many thanks to Al, Ray Gardner of Half Moon Bay, Ney Raahange of Marin Island Ferry, and several fish and bait shops for making these fishing trips possible each week. Clarence Wilson, Chairman of Associated Sportsmen's Clubs of the Bay Area, is the coordinator.

Three Staff Members End Tour Of Duty

Three more staff members went out the Oak Knoll main gate for the last time during the past week to return to civilian clothes and way of life.

Leaving at the end of the year extension in their enlistment were John Fortuna and Lloyd M. Wright. Fortuna's extension ended on 19 October and Wright's on 19 October.

Ross R. Warren was released from inactive duty with the Naval Reserve on 16 October under the phasing schedule.

Life Begins at Oak Knoll

7 October

PARKS, David Christopher, to wife of Benjamin Parks, FP2, 5 pounds, 11 ounces.
 ACTON, Nancy Gail, to wife of James Acton, LTJG, 6 pounds, 1½ ounces.
 LOE, Pamela Ann, to wife of Wallace Loe, AM2, 6 pounds, 10 ounces.
 BEHNING, Jill Ann, to wife of Earl Behning, LTJG, 7 pounds, 8 ounces.
 ENOS, Linda Marie, to wife of Francis Enos, OMC, 7 pounds, 8 ounces.

8 October

HANER, William Dean and Carlene, to wife of Ernest Haner, BT3, 6 pounds, 7 ounces, and 5 pounds, 15 ounces.
 WASHINGTON, Richard Paul, to wife of Donald Washington, CPL, 7 pounds, 5 ounces.
 PEREIRA, Clement Edward III, to wife of Clement Pereira, Jr., MM3, 6 pounds, 11 ounces.
 MCBRIDE, Donald Earl, Jr., to wife of Donald McBride, QM2, 4 pounds, 12 ounces.
 GARNER, Boy, to wife of William Garner, ALC, 6 pounds, 8 ounces.

9 October

TURNER, Carolyn Marie, to wife of Willis Turner, AE1, 8 pounds, 5 ounces.
 SEITZ, Jo Ann Ellen, to wife of Henry Seitz, AB3, 4 pounds, 15½ ounces.
 DE LA CRUZ, Patricia Roseta, to wife of Graciano De La Cruz, SDC, 8 pounds, 5 ounces.
 EMERSON, Philip Andrew, to wife of John Emerson, ADCAP, 7 pounds, 7 ounces.
 EISENMAN, Girl, to wife of Donald Eisenman, AT3, 5 pounds, 4 ounces.

10 October

FRANKS, Girl, to wife of Raymond Franks, ABC, 6 pounds, 4 ounces.
 HOLMES, Denise Geraldine, to wife of Gerald Holmes, ME1, 8 pounds, 2 ounces.
 MADDEN, Boy, to wife of Edwin Madden, CDR, 7 pounds, 1 ounce.
 FOSTER, Andrew Bennett, to wife of Morton Foster, HM2, 9 pounds, 5 ounces.
 BALFOUR, Robert Arthur, to wife of Robert Balfour, DN, 8 pounds, 8 ounces.
 DE GARMO, Girl, to wife of Ira Dean De Garmo, MM3, 7 pounds.

11 October

SNYDER, Theodore John, to wife of Robert Snyder, ADAN, 7 pounds, 1 ounce.
 DAVIDSON, Douglas Roy, to wife of William Davidson, SN, 7 pounds, 8 ounces.
 SIMONSEN, Phillip Neil, to wife of Neil Simonsen, FA, 6 pounds.
 ETHRIDGE, Randall Wayne, to wife of Leon Ethridge, CMCN, 8 pounds, 5 ounces.

BALLWEBER, Sharon, to wife of Willard Ballweber, EMFN, 6 pounds, 14 ounces.
 BROWN, Richard Stuart, to wife of Joy Earl Brown, LCDR, 4 pounds, 14 ounces.
 HAYDEN, David Alan, to wife of Robert Hayden, EM1, 6 pounds, 1 ounce.

WISE, Richard Alan, to wife of Donald Wise, AG1, 7 pounds, 12 ounces.

12 October

DEITERING, Lynnette Ann, to wife of Lawrence Deitering, AMC, 4 pounds, ½ ounce.
 LYONS, Catherine Ann, to wife of Norwood Lyons, LCDR, 9 pounds, 2 ounces.
 HENRY, Arthur Jerome, to wife of Elester Henry, AM3, 7 pounds, 13 ounces.
 ATCHISON, Girl, to wife of James Atchison, ET1, 4 pounds, 10½ ounces.
 MCGANN, Thomas Joseph, to wife of John McGann, ADC, 6 pounds, 12 ounces.
 BECKER, Charlene Francis, to wife of Erwin Becker, AN, 8 pounds, 7 ounces.
 WHITE, Michael David, to wife of William White, LI2, 7 pounds, 10 ounces.
 GOODWIN, Tove Ellen, to wife of Oliver Goodwin, SGT, 7 pounds, 6 ounces.

13 October

OLSON, Shari Lynn, to wife of Carl Elmer Olson, PFC, 5 pounds, 6 ounces.
 DUKE, Arthur Dennis, to wife of Rudolph Duke, SHSN, 8 pounds, 5 ounces.
 HAWLEY, Charles Ernest, to wife of William Hawley, LTJG, 8 pounds, 2 ounces.
 CHIPMAN, Katherine Ruth, to wife of Harold Chipman, CPL, 7 pounds, 8 ounces.
 BOBROWNICKI, Janice Lynn, to wife of Walter Bobrownicki, AOC, 6 pounds 6 ounces.
 QUINTINO, Terrance Lee, to wife of Lee Quintino, MEG1, 7 pounds, 2 ounces.
 WINKLE, Barbara Ann, to wife of Arthur Winkle, SN, 7 pounds, 4 ounces.
 SORENSON, Julie Ann, to wife of Carl Sorenson, RD3, 8 pounds, 15 ounces.
 BAKER, Robert Gary, to wife of Robert Baker, AOC, 7 pounds, 1 ounce.
 SULARSKI, Girl, to wife of John Sularski, 6 pounds 10 ounces.
 MASON, Thomas Walter, to wife of Lawrence Mason, MM2, 8 pounds, 8 ounces.

500 Doctors Set To Convene Here

More than 500 East-Bay civilian and Navy doctors will convene here Monday evening when the monthly meeting of the Alameda-Contra Costa Medical Association is held at the Commissioned Officers' mess.

Dinner will be served at 1830 and at 2015 a scientific program will be put on by members of the staff. Following introductory remarks by Captain Gordon, CDR Tracy D. Cuttle will present a paper on "Cat Scratch Fever." Other topics to be discussed are "Orthopedic Problems of Interest to the General Practitioner" by Captain F. P. Kreuz and "Cerebral Aneurysms" by CDR A. L. Schultz.

This will be the eighth annual get-together for the Oak Knoll staff and East Bay medical men.

Two More New Fathers Among Staff Members

Two more Oak Knoll staff members joined the growing ranks of new fathers last week, and in the O.P.D. Nursery were two new members of the Oak Knoll family.

Jill Ann Behning put in her appearance on Sunday, 7 October. She is the daughter of LTJG and Mrs. Earl Behning and weighed in at seven pounds, 8 ounces. LTJG Behning is an assistant Dental Officer at Oak Knoll.

On Wednesday, 10 October, Andrew Bennett Foster was born to the wife of Morton Foster, HM2, also a staff member. His weight: nine pounds, 5 ounces.

NFFE Harvest Dance Invitation Extended

The National Federation of Federal Employees extends a cordial invitation to all naval and civilian personnel of the hospital to attend a "Fall Harvest Dance" on Saturday, 3 November, from 2030 to 0100, at the Jenny Lind Hall, 2267 Telegraph Avenue, Oakland.

Music for the occasion will be provided by the popular Niles Kenney and his orchestra. Dancing will be modern style, but "Old Fashioned Country Style" clothing, along with good fellowship will be the features of the evening.

Refreshments will be available, as will an opportunity to win one of the three 15-pound turkeys for your Thanksgiving dinner.

With the tickets only 50 cents, no one can afford to pass up this opportunity to attend the gala affair. Come either "Stag or Drag." For further information and tickets, call Mrs. Anna Stone, Collection Agent, TH. 3-0285.

Mr. Ackland in V.A. Office

Pinch-hitting for Richard A. Springer, VA Contact Representative for Oak Knoll, while he is hospitalized for a check-up, is W. C. Ackland. Mr. Ackland is from the contact division of the Veterans Administration Regional Office in San Francisco.

You can help in the fight against infantile paralysis by contributing to the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis through the United Fund Drive.



Two Oak Knoll staff members last week discarded their bell-bottom blues for Chiefs' garb, and with their advancement in rating went the usual initiation that accompanies the promotion to Chief. Above, the new chiefs, George J. MacLaughlin (center) and Leo Spencer (right) eat the customary first meal at CPO Mess from wooden troughs, with the aid of slightly over-sized spoons. Looking on with evident amusement is another Chief who went through the same routine not too long ago, Chief Andy McClain. In the lower picture Chief L. F. Betoney, Chief Master-at-Arms, hands chief neckties and hats to Chief Spencer and Chief MacLaughlin as other staff chiefs look on.

Appearances Made For NEPH Week

Oak Knoll patients and staff members made several public appearances last week in observance of National Employ the Physically Handicapped week. On Thursday, 11 October, Jack Bates of the Artificial Limb Shop appeared on the Marge King television show on KGO-TV at 1400 and was interviewed in connection with work done with amputees at Oak Knoll.

Later the same day and on the same station, a five-piece orchestra made up of Oak Knoll patients appeared on the Les Malloy show. They were: N. Nevarez, AN; H. C. Cameron, AN; CPL G. A. Hayes; PFC G. H. Woodworth and E. J. Porter, SN.

On Friday, 12 October, Charles Asbelle, rehabilitation specialist at Oak Knoll, was interviewed on the News of the World Show over KNBC at 1700. Mr. Asbelle told of rehabilitation facilities here and efforts made by the Amputee Department to find jobs for patients when they leave the service.

In addition, the Amputee Department, in cooperation with the state Employment Service, again produced the annual window display at Vallejo, showing rehabilitation procedures for amputees.

Milwaukee, Wis. (AFPS)—A notice on the Marquette University bulletin board gave this bit of advice: "For sale: Good courting car. Owner needs money to buy baby buggy."

Fall on Land Mine Nets Broken Arm

PFC Daniel W. Silvers, now a patient on Ward 44B, is probably one of the few persons alive today who fell on a land mine which exploded, lived to tell about it, and suffered relatively minor injuries.

"I'll say I didn't come out so bad," says Silvers, who is being treated for a fractured left arm and a puncture of his left eardrum. "I might have left my head in Korea."

Silvers was at the point of his Marine company going into the attack about 25 miles north of the 38th Parallel on the Korean front, when suddenly sniper fire began.

Silvers was looking out for mines and just at that moment spotted one. He threw himself flat on the ground several feet away from the mine—directly over another one.

How does he explain the fact that he wasn't killed?

"It was just because I was so close to that mine when it went off. It never had a chance to get started."

It has been estimated by the Children's Bureau that there are not fewer than a half-million children of school age (5 to 15) in this country who have rheumatic heart disease.

Panton, Vt. (AFPS)—Miss Stella L. Christie, a student at Middlebury College, told police she lost control of her car while lighting a cigarette. She is 86 years young.

Neurosurgery Here Is 'Best'

It was a bone graft operation. The surgical patient was a young Marine who had received a shrapnel wound in his forehead on the Korean front. A large piece of his skull, extending from and including his right eyebrow ridge to the hair line, had been removed in a previous operation. Now the neurosurgeon, CDR Arthur L. Schultz, MC, USN, chief of Neurosurgery, aided by CDR Spencer W. Northup, MC, USNR, and LTJG Kenneth L. Senter, MC, USNR, was preparing to graft a bone from the patient's hip to replace the bone (about 2 inches square) that was missing from his forehead.

After the bone had been removed from the outer layer of the hip with a small surgical hammer and chisel, the surgeon meticulously fitted it into its new location, wired it to the bone areas on each side, and closed the wound. Simple and neat and logical—yet how astonishing.

"The Neurosurgery facilities at Oak Knoll are the best in the Navy," states Doctor Schultz. "We have a compact, self-contained arrangement here with the most up-to-date equipment—in fact, everything a neurosurgeon could ask for."

Ward 78A contains the new specially-designed neurosurgical operating suite, which includes the operating room, an adjoining X-ray room, and a room for electroencephalography (brain wave studies), in addition to storage, sterilizing and other facilities.

The main portion of Ward 78A is divided into cubicles for acute head injury cases and post-operative patients. Each unit is equipped with oxygen and suction apparatus.

Following operation the patient is placed directly in bed in surgery, where the anesthetist and doctor are immediately available in case any complication occurs.

Ward 79B is used as a diagnostic and admission center, and Ward 79A is used for care of convalescent neurosurgery patients.

The paraplegic cases (those paralyzed from the waist down), the quadraplegic cases (those paralyzed from the neck down), and other severe nerve and brain wound patients are treated on Ward 74A. Here they are next to Physiotherapy No. 2 where all types of physical medicine treatment can be given them. This ward is equipped with special beds controlled by handles that the paraplegics can use to raise and lower themselves as they wish without help.

Neurosurgery is an ancient art. Unmistakable trephine (surgical) holes have been found in the skulls of Egyptians and Incas among others, indicating that these races had doctors who were not afraid to open the head. And a few of their patients survived, as evidenced by the fact that some of the wounds show healing.

Despite an early start, it was many years before surgeons dared to operate for brain tumors. This type of surgery is relatively recent in origin.

Developments in neurosurgery are occurring at a rapid rate. One of the more recent advances is in the use



Here are a few scenes from Oak Knoll's Neurosurgery Department, described as "the best in the Navy." 1. Chris Giraldes, HN, removes the sutures closing the cranial incision of Patient E. D. Collins. 2. Doctors, nurses and corpsmen are unidentifiable behind masks as they perform an operation. 3. LTJG C. B. Milam, NC, USNR of Ward 78B, administers oxygen to a patient following surgery. 4. Billy Slover, HN, reaches for a container of sterile dressings for one of his patients.

of arteriography. This technique utilizes the injection of a dye that is visible on X-ray plates.

It is injected into one of the neck arteries and photographed as it passes through the brain. Since the time of passage through the blood vessels of the brain is about 4 seconds, the operation must be precisely timed. Using special equipment, it is possible to take 8 pictures during the available 4 seconds. Oak Knoll is one of the few hospitals in the West that has the Fairchild rapid X-ray sequence camera that does this work.

By studying the blood vessels of the brain with this method the neurosurgeon can diagnose tumors, abnormal or diseased blood vessels, and other brain conditions that previously were poorly outlined or not seen at all by older methods.

Census on the four Neurosurgery wards ranges from 150 to 230 patients.

"Our department has a large job during any war," says Doctor Schultz. "The nurses and corpsmen working on these wards are specially trained for their duties, which are highly exacting. Trained and competent personnel as well as new methods have greatly increased the safety, accuracy, and scope of brain surgery."

Who's Who In Neurosurgery

Daily Brooks, HM3, was farming in Pocahontas, Arkansas, last November when he heard the Indian love recall.

Richard Chaplin, HM3, attended the University of Kansas prior to enlisting in the First Line of Defense.

J. L. Farrow, HM3, names "Cussing the Navy" as his favorite (indoor) recreation.

O. L. Fischer, HM3, has his B.S. in agriculture from the University of Nebraska; was a soil conservationist with the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

LT Mary A. Fraser is working on her M.A. in counseling and guidance at Columbia University.

ENS Frances B. Fraska took the post-graduate course at the Neurological Institute, McGill University, Montreal, Canada.

Anthony Gallo, HN, names his present interests as "becoming manager of grocery store again."

Christopher Giraldes, Jr., HN, names as hobbies: painting, interior decorating, gardening, dancing, camping, and trying to keep from getting married.

LT Mary Grande got her nursing cap at the University of Oregon Medical School of Nursing.

James E. Howard, HA, attended Contra Costa J. C. and worked in drug store prior to becoming affiliated with the Navy last June.

ENS Kimic Ihara comes from Lihue, Kauai, Territory of Hawaii.

Robert Irvine, HN, was an inspector for a postage meter outfit in Stamford, Conn., before switching over to us.

LTJG Virginia M. Jensen won a scholarship when she was at the Laysan Island College Hospital.

LT Vera Kramer is enjoying her third tour of duty at Oak Knoll. She recently got her B.S. at Columbia University in the Advanced Neurological Nursing Program.

Kenneth W. Hamilton, Jr., HM3, collects coins for a hobby. One of his more interesting items is an 1808 one-half cent piece.

Harold Grangoff, HA, worked for the VA and the Post Office before deciding to give the Navy a whirl last February when he was recalled.

Burl Laman, HM3, has the Korean medal with three stars for his service with the heavy cruiser U.S.S. Rochester during several invasion operations.

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Staff Personalities

A sailor on Oak Knoll's staff who has spent nearly as much time under the sea as on it is P. R. Ragle, HMC, in charge of the Commanding Officer's Mail Room. Chief Ragle has been in the Navy just less than 12 years and has spent five of that time, including the war years, in the submarine service. Chief Ragle came to Oak Knoll on 18 July after completing the Naval School of Hospital Administration at Bethesda. Prior to attending the school he had been stationed at the Receiving Station in San Diego. A native Californian, Chief Ragle is married and has two sons, aged four and six. He has been assigned to the CO's Mail Room since coming aboard Oak Knoll.



One of the few plank-owners left at Oak Knoll is Mrs. Edna Bourdase, Secretary to the Administrative Officer, Mr. Daul. Mrs. Bourdase began work in Oak Knoll's record office on 1 August 1942, and was one of the first four civilians to work at the hospital. She was first assigned to her present job on 1 January 1944 when LCDR Robert Montgomery was Administrative Officer. For eight years Mrs. Bourdase's husband was head chauffeur at Oak Knoll. Mrs. Bourdase is a native of California, born and raised in Oakland, "and I've been out of the state only a few times," she remarks. Her many friends at Oak Knoll hope she doesn't change her ways and stays at Oak Knoll.



Among the men with grants-in-aid from the American Cancer Society will be found the names of some of the country's most eminent scientists working in many exciting lines of research.

The Red Cross has been named by the Department of Defense as the official blood procurement agency for our Armed Forces.



PFC A. S. Olson, USMC, blinded by a wound he received in Korea on 11 September, is presented a Braille watch by members of the B.P.O.E. Veterans Service Committee for the Bay Area. The watch was given to the Elks for presentation to a blinded service man by Miss Marie Burgess of Reno, Nevada. Making the presentation are Mr. Al Roberts (left) and Mr. George Wigginton. Olson was able to tell the time within 15 minutes after he had the watch in his hand.

19-Year-Old Marine Loses Sight For Life After 11 Days in Korea

In Korea for 11 days, and blinded for life.

That is the story of PFC A. S. Olson, USMC, who was recently admitted to Ward 45B for treatment before being transferred on to the Naval Hospital at Philadelphia, the Navy's center for treatment of the blind.

Olson, a native of Brooklyn, N.Y.,

joined the Marines six months ago and was wounded on 11 September in Korea while serving as a communications man with a mortar platoon of the Third Battalion, Seventh Regiment.

Olson, a 19-year-old tow-headed kid of a Swedish descent, suffered a missile wound that destroyed his sight permanently, but he is not letting it get him down.

Who's Who In Neurosurgery

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ENS Viola Chaya was at St. Albans before graduating to Oak Knoll.

Paul T. Grier, HN, was attending the University of Kansas last February when the Navy welcomed him aboard.

A. D. Dolph, HM3, did farming and carpentering when he was back in the old country—Missouri, that is.

Carl Leiss, HN, graduated from Capital College of Pharmacy, Denver, Colorado, was a pharmacist in civilian life.

Hugh McKendrick, HA, is a junior member in good standing of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Robert McNemar, HN, was attending Fresno State College 10 months ago when he joined up.

LTJG Caramae B. Milam graduated from the St. Peter's Hospital School of Nursing, Olympia, Wash.

Mrs. Mary M. Militello, secretary, attended Teachers' College for two years before deciding on a business course.

LT Adelaide Mugford, operating room supervisor, collects miniature horses.

Charles L. Priddy, HM3, got his B.S. in business administration at the University of Oklahoma.

Douglas Ramsey, HN, was studying engineering at the University of Montana 13 months ago.

John Thomas Ronan, HM3, was owner and manager of a restaurant in Wayne, Neb., when the Navy recalled him.

John B. Ryan, HM2, names drinking coffee and telling lies as his favorite hobbies.

Eugene Schmader, HA, comes from Weeping Water, Nebraska.

LTJG Kenneth L. Senter, Jr. got his B.S. at Bowdoin College, his M.D. at Tufts Medical School. He's a Diplomat of the National Board of Medical Examiners.

Billy L. Slover, HN, won his high school letter all four years in basketball, track, and softball.

LTJG Mary Frances Smith comes from Houston, Texas, native habitat of oil zillionaires.

LTJG Frances J. Van Epp was a public health nurse for the American Cancer Society in her civilian days.

William R. Yates, HN, was a student at the Northeastern State College at Tahlequah, Okla., before the Navy beckoned.

E. A. Thompson, HN, has been on duty in Korea, China, Japan, and Pearl Harbor in his two years in the Navy.

ENS Carolyn D. Woodward, of Buffalo, N.Y., is interested in all sports, particularly the N. Y. Yankees and the Buffalo Bison's Hockey team.

R. L. Wade, HA, clerked in a drug store at Ogden, Utah, prior to joining the Navy.

CDR Spencer W. Northup, MC, USNR, was practicing general surgery in Toledo, Ohio, when the Navy recalled him in August, 1950.

CDR Arthur L. Schultz, MC, USN, was Senior Medical Officer on the USS Little Rock during 1945-46 and visited 23 foreign countries on a voyage that included sailing around Cape Horn as one of its highlights.



R. W. Thompson, HM2, receives congratulations from CAPT J. F. McMullin, Chief of the Oak Knoll Neuropsychiatric Service, during graduation exercises for the second class to complete Neuropsychiatric Technicians school here. Thompson has the distinction of being the first HM2 to complete the N.P. School course at Oak Knoll. The exercises were held Friday, 12 October. Captain McMullin addressed the class, and certificates were presented by the Commanding Officer. A reception for graduates and their guests was held following the ceremony.

Congratulations were also in order last week for CAPT McMullin, who added the fourth stripe to his sleeve on Monday, 8 October. A graduate of Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia, he has been at Oak Knoll as chief of the Neuropsychiatric service since 10 January, 1951. Prior to that he was Chief of the Neuropsychiatric service at the Naval Training Center and the Marine Corps Recruiting Depot in San Diego. CAPT McMullin recently completed his fifteenth year of active duty with the Navy.

Scuttlebutt

INNOVATION: Because of a bouquet of Chrysanthemums sent to Opera Star **Dorothy Kirsten** by three Oak Knoll Gyrenes, San Francisco opera-goers were treated to a novelty. Cio-Cio in Puccini's opera "Madame Butterfly" always carries a spray of cherry blossoms. Last week Cio-Cio sang "Un Bel Dio" whiffing her Oak Knoll chrysanthemums.

BINGO: Crowds jammed the EM Center last Friday night to play with the beans and scorecards—Jim Henry called some lucky numbers for Clem Guth. Clem lugged home some glassware; sixteen pieces of it—Charlene Rampton, the editor's boss, won a sport shirt, and he's still trying to argue her out of it—I'll bet someone gets a Ronson lighter from Clem Poor. That's what he won and he's a non-smoker. No vices?—Tom Raum pulled out some lucky numbers for a five or six-year-old boy. The kid walked out with the grand prize, a portable radio—Jack Beebe was sporting a flaming red tie he won—The Toschi's will smell good for months to come. They took home several jugs full of cologne—What more could anyone want: congenial people—good food—prizes—and it's all free!

CARMEL CAROUSEL: The Peninsula has been drawing the Knollites. A few week ends ago the **Bob Allens** "discovered" it and they've been hard at work ever since rounding up other couples for more week ends among the Carmel pines—While I soaked up the sun on the white Carmel sand last week end, **Ray Babin** and **Hughes McBrearity** walked by with two cute tricks perched on their arms.

STUFF 'N STUFF: Bob Gibson was real lucky last week. As a result, he was bulging with silver dollars—Jack Glover, one of the HA's who reported aboard for duty a few days ago was No. 2 man in a class of 71 at the San Diego Corps school. I think I'll have him "prep" me for the HMI exam. Bet he could, too—Wil Collins, a new dental dilly from San Diego, couldn't wait to get his hands on some porcelains and enamels; so he bypassed a fifteen-day leave and reported for duty! Such an eager-beaver—Ensign Phelps at Travis AFB lost two of his best athletes to the FMF: Bob Brins and Jim Burton. Maybe Charlie Metcalfe and Pete Hatch will have a chance now—Bill Shellenberger is a one-man band. Do you know that boy plays the clarinet, cornet, baritone, drums, saxophone and flute? Oh, I almost forgot. He sings too.—Lucille (Lu) Moore finally got her wish. After eight years of trudging up and down the hills of San Leandro and Oak Knoll she'll set sail for Hawaii. There's only one thing that bothers her. What will she do without Lulu, her goldfish?—If you think "Jake Kautz" looks a little "different" lately and can't quite decide what it is, look at his haircut closely. He trims it himself! —Anna "Butch" Laughlin must have struck it rich in New York. She drove back a 1951 "88" Oldsmobile—Rod O'Connor tells friends he's going to stop reading "Scuttlebutt" because he's never seen his name among the hoipoloi. So, here it is. We can't afford to lose a reader—Dick Haas was minding his own business, as usual, in the Ship's Service t'other p.m. when a woman asked him to hold her baby for a few minutes. He held it for two hours while she saw the late show—

Pay Hike Pending For Armed Forces

Washington (AFPS) — Members of the Armed Forces may receive a raise in pay in the near future.

The Defense Department has forwarded a bill to Congress that would provide a 10 per cent increase in basic pay, and food and quarters allowances for all members of the uniformed services. It is doubtful, however, if the bill will come up in Congress during the present session.

The proposed pay increase is designed to offset the rise in the cost of living and to bring military pay more in line with recent pay increases granted to civilian industrial employees and government workers. The raise would be retroactive to July 1, 1951 and would limit any increase to \$800.00.

The increase would apply across the board to officers and enlisted personnel of the regular and reserve forces, both active and retired, and includes cadets and midshipmen as well as personnel of the Coast Guard, the Coast and Geodetic Survey and the Public Health Service.

The last military pay raise came about under the Career Compensation Act of 1949. Since then the cost of living has risen nine and one half per cent (9½%).

They're calling "Derf" "The Thing" since he appeared as the Headless Sailor—Whooping it up at the College of the Pacific's Homecoming game we saw Ben Keller—Lawrence Florio beat his brains out at the UCLA-Stanford game—Whenever anyone has motor trouble, they invariably say "If only Al Riley were here to help."

About 50% of all reported cases recover completely from polio. Another 25% recover with slight after-effects that do not interfere with normal living. Approximately 17% are seriously and permanently crippled, and about 8% die.



Assistants crowd around as LT Mead applies a cast to the fractured leg of Queenie, Transportation Department mascot. Administering the anesthetic is LT Spence. Scene of the operation was the Oak Knoll cast room. Latest report: Operation a success.

"Queenie," Transportation Mascot, Wears Cast After Bout With Auto

Gloom pervaded the Oak Knoll Transportation Department on Friday, 12 October, when Queenie, the department's pet dog, was struck by a car and suffered a fractured leg.

But if fate decreed that Queenie must suffer the fate of so many dogs, it couldn't have happened in a better place.

Fortunately a man from transportation was driving immediately behind the car which struck her and was able to pick her up and rush her off for medical care.

Queenie was taken to the Cast Room where, after a brief consultation, LT C. A. Mead, Jr., MC, USN, reduced the fracture (a break of the "right hind tibia") and applied a long leg walking cast.

The anesthetic, sodium pentathol, followed by a few drops of ether, was administered by LT J. H. Spence, MC, USN.

After treatment, Queenie was removed to her bed in the Transportation Department office where members of the department maintained a constant vigil until she recovered from the effects of the anesthetic.

Today, department personnel are glad to report, the swelling in Queenie's leg has gone down, and although the cast slows her down a bit, she is able to get around without too much trouble.

Prognosis: Queenie will be as frisky as ever when the cast is removed the first part of next month.



SPORTS

Moffett Falls To Knoll Gridders

Oak Knoll's undefeated touch football team tucked another win under its belt last week when the hospital crew downed NAS, Moffett, by the score of 30 to 6.

Kept to the ground by a strong wind that hampered passing plays, Oak Knoll constantly broke through the Moffett defenses for long gains. The first score was racked up early in the first half when Papadakis streaked over from four yards out after the Oak Knollers had moved the ball deep into enemy territory behind a terrific running game.

The Knollites scored once more before the half ended on what was without doubt the most spectacular play of the game. Despite the hard wind, the strong arm of Papadakis was good enough to whip the ball 35 yards through the air to Tamborskifi who caught the pigskin over his shoulder and scampered untouched the remaining 30 yards for the score. Both conversions were good.

Two more points were added shortly before the half ended when the Oak Knoll defensive team crashed through to catch the Moffett ball carrier in the end zone for a safety, making the half-time margin 16-0.

Moffett counted first as the second half got under way when an alert airman defender intercepted an Oak Knoll pass and showed his heels to the baying of the pack. A fumble spoiled the attempted conversion.

Oak Knoll again turned to its ground game for the third touch-down of the day, and Dinuzzo smacked over for the score after runs, by Papadakis and Irvine had taken the ball downfield.

Irvine gets sole credit for the final score of the afternoon, after he plucked a Moffett Field pass out of the air and turning on his outstanding speed to outdistance the defenders.

It was the second pass interception for Irvine, an earlier interception nipping in the bud a Moffett rally that threatened to carry the airmen to another score.

Coach Reginato's men were not expecting an easy time of it on Thursday, 18 October, however, when they were scheduled to meet Fleet Air, Alameda, on the home grounds. Fleet Air, who defeated Moffett by approximately the same margin as Oak

6 Teams Entered In Kegler League

Six teams have been entered in the Oak Knoll intra-hospital bowling league, and Athletic Director Joe Reginato is hoping that at least two more teams, and possibly four more, will be added before the league begins.

The teams entered to date are "The Three Vs," managed by Proper; Staff Personnel, under Nelson; Laboratory I, under Harding; Laboratory II, under Spencer; Record Office Women, managed by Chinn, and Record Office Men, under Babin.

Reginato has scheduled a managers' meeting for Monday at 1230 at the Welfare and Recreation office to complete plans for the league.

Noticeable because of their absence among the entered teams are several former stalwarts of the alleys, including the NP Department, an Officer team, Nurses team and Nite Crew men, to mention a few. These departments, which have turned out good teams in the past have been urged to get together a team for this league.

Knoll, was expected to offer the first strong threat to the Knoll win skein.

Although the Knollites won handily over the Moffett crew, Reginato was not entirely pleased with the team's performance. The timing of the offensive team was noticeably below par and made plays usually good for gains go for nothing. Lack of practice sessions as often as needed was cited as the cause for this.

Reginato hesitated to pick outstanding performances by any particular man on his squad, giving all-around team play credit for the win.

The team suffered a loss of one of its members last week when Ormsby, a pillar of strength on defense, received his transfer orders. Reginato has his fingers crossed, fearing he may lose other players via the transfer route before the season ends.

Miami, Fla. (AFPS)—Unable to produce a birth certificate for Social Security authorities, James F. McCutcheon won his age dispute with living proof by introducing his 65-year-old son, Robert.

Brazil, Ind. (AFPS)—Mrs. Geneva Mae Pollum was granted a divorce because her husband cut off her supply of popsicles. He ordered the family grocer not to charge any more frozen suckers to their account.



The athletic ability of Oak Knoll staff members has made itself known at other stations in the Bay Area. Above are shown six Knollites who won the trophies shown while on TAD at Travis Air Force Base. The six corpsmen, together with three Airmen, made up the league winning softball team. Standing at left is ENS Phelps, Navy Medical Liaison Officer at Travis. Members of the team (left to right) are HM2 Newsome, R. L. Harrison, H. J. Walling, HN, F. G. Felicia, HN, R. J. Rains, HN, and J. R. Burton, HN. The team members are being congratulated by CAPT J. N. C. Gordon, MC USN, Commanding Officer, for the winning team.

Women Cagers Urgently Needed

It is beginning to appear that Oak Knoll may be without an entry in the Twelfth Naval District's Women Basketball competition if more interest is not shown by Nurses and Waves at the Hospital.

Coach Joe Reginato, whose aim is to give personnel here every athletic competition possible, is ready to do all he can to help organize a women's team and will provide a coach from the Welfare and Recreation staff.

Two practice periods have been set aside for women's basketball on Reginato's crowded schedule. These are from 1100 to 1200 each Monday and Tuesday, and at 1530 the same days.

With high hopes of maintaining Oak Knoll's standing as the leader in Twelfth Naval District Class B athletic competition, Reginato has urged that a women's team be formed in time to enter the district league, which will get under way in the near future.

Meanwhile, varsity basketball hopefuls at Oak Knoll have been working out in small groups with Coach Reginato, getting in some pre-season shooting practice and sharpening their ball handling. Reginato said he would be available for anyone wishing to try out for the team for informal practice sessions. Opening date for District Twelve basketball competition has been set for 4 December.

Nite Crew Winner Of Play-off Game

Nite Crew's entry in the intra-hospital basketball league play-off moved one up on its competitors on Tuesday, 16 October, by defeating Physio I in the first game of the round robin by a score of 36-30.

The other teams scheduled to participate in the play-offs, Welfare and Recreation and the NP Department were slated to meet on Friday, 18 October, but results were not available at press time.

Three games are scheduled for next week in the six-game round robin. On Monday Physio I will tackle the NP Department; on Tuesday Welfare and Recreation is scheduled to meet the Nite Crew and on Friday Physio I will play Welfare and Recreation.

The birds and bees must have it tall When their babies start askin' stuu

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Toy Sales Here to Start Monday

The first sign of the approaching Christmas season will be apparent at Oak Knoll on Monday, 29 October, when the Navy Exchange's Toyland will open topside in the Community Service Building.

A. L. Smedburg, Manager of the Exchange, has announced that \$10,000 worth of delight for the kids will be unveiled that day in the large room decorated for that sole purpose.

While stating that there will be plenty of toys for all purchasers, Mr. Smedburg pointed out that the early shoppers will have the widest selection. Extra clerks have been hired to handle the heavy business expected. What will probably be the most popular branch of the Exchange between now and 25 December.

Christmas stock for the regular Navy Exchange will be on the shelves approximately 15 November, Mr. Smedburg stated, adding that all necessary steps are being taken to handle the expected rush of shoppers as the holiday season nears.

Red Cross participates in civil defense by home nursing training, thus insuring proper care and quicker recovery for the injured and ill.



Members of the Board of Examiners for the American Board of Internal Medicine paused between sessions of the examinations given Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday on Ward 61A to have their picture taken by the staff photographer. They are, left to right, Doctors Marion Blankenhorn, Victor W. Logan, John S. Lawrence, A. M. Snell, Maxwell N. Wintrobe, A. R. Higgins, Tracy D. Cuttle, Howard Lewis, William A. Werrell, Burrell Raulston, Walter Lincoln Palmer, and Roy W. Scott.

321 Staff Members Up for Advancement

If you notice a preoccupied air about the base between now and January, and the lights seem to burn rather late in the Corps Quarters, it can be attributed to the fact that 321 staff members have been nominated to take exams in January for advancement in rate.

American Board Internal Medicine Gives Exams for Specialists Here

Approximately 100 physicians from the Western Area of the United States reported Monday to U. S. Naval Hospital, Oakland, and Wednesday wound up a three-day series of examinations by the Board of Examiners of the American Board of Internal Medicine, successful completion of which will qualify candidates as certified specialists in Internal Medicine.

PATIENTS SERVE

Some 120 patients selected by Captain A. R. Higgins, MC, USN, Chief of the Medical Service, and members of his staff, served as examination material, and Navy nurses, Hospital Corpsmen, and civilian secretaries assisted. This is the first time such an examination has been given at Oak Knoll.

EXAMINING BOARD MEMBERS

Dr. Walter Lincoln Palmer, Professor of Medicine, University of Chicago, and Chairman of the Board of Internal Medicine, and Dr. William A. Werrell, Madison, Wisconsin, Executive Secretary and Treasurer of the Board, supervised the examinations.

Members of the examining board were Howard Lewis, M.D., Professor of Medicine, University of Oregon; Victor W. Logan, CAPT, MC, USNR, Assistant Professor of Medicine, University of Rochester; Maxwell N. Wintrobe, M. D., Professor of Medicine and Head of the Department of Medicine at the University of Utah; Roy W. Scott, M.D., Professor of Medicine, Western Reserve University School of Medicine, Cleveland, Ohio.

Marion Blankenhorn, M.D., Professor of Medicine, University of Cincinnati School of Medicine; John S. Lawrence, M.D., Professor of Medicine and Chairman of the Department of Internal Medicine, University of California at Los Angeles; Burrell Ralston, M. D., Professor of Medicine and dean of the medical school, University of Southern California; Albert M. Snell, M.D., CAPT, MC, USNR, Palo Alto, Clinical Professor of Medicine, University of California School of Medicine and consultant in Medicine, U. S. Naval Hospital, Oakland; CAPT A. R. Higgins, MC, USN, and CDR Tracy D. Cuttle, MC, USN, U.S. Naval Hospital, Oakland.

During the examination of 100 civilian physician candidates for certification by the American Board of Internal Medicine held in the Medical Service of this hospital, the examiners and candidates expressed high praise of the selection and preparation of cases and the uniform courtesy and assistance by ward personnel.

To the many Medical Officers, Nurse Corps Officers, Hospitalmen, and patients who made this excellent operation possible, the Chief of the Medical Service extends congratulations and a "Well Done."



More than 500 East Bay civilian and Navy doctors convened at Oak Knoll Monday evening, 22 October, for the monthly meeting of the Alameda-Contra Costa Medical Association. Feature of the eighth annual get-together for the Oak Knoll staff and East Bay Medical men was a dinner served at 1830, followed at 2015 by a scientific program by members of the staff. Following introductory remarks by CAPT Gordon, CDR Tracy Cuttle presented a paper on "Cat Scratch Fever." Other topics discussed were "Orthopedic Problems of Interest to the General Practitioner" by CAPT P. Kreuz and "Cerebral Aneurysms" by CDR A. L. Schultz. Shown above at the meeting are (seated) Dorothy M. Allen, M.D., President of the Association, CAPT Gordon, and (standing, left to right) CAPT Norman, Donald D. Lum, M.D., Association Councillor; Paul Michael, M.D., Secretary-Treasurer, and C. J. Atwood, M.D., Association Vice-President.

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† † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

In a quaint little village far up in the mountains of Switzerland there lived years ago an old man who had spent his life working in ivory. His hair was white; his shoulders bent. But his eye was bright and his hand steady, as he fashioned the hard, white ivory daisies, violets and buttercups.

From his window he could look for miles over the valley. The long look rested his eyes; but it also was his inspiration, for it let him see the gorgeous sunsets, and especially the glorious flowers pinned to the steep hillsides.

One day a visitor chose six of his flowers to take to her daughters in America. As she placed them against the soft velvet of her dress, they seemed so real that she exclaimed with admiration: "They are perfect, just perfect. How can you make them so real?"

"No, Madam," the old carver replied. "They are not perfect. I wish I could make just one perfect one. For thirty years I have tried to make a flower like God has made, but something is always missing. When I bring in a flower from the field and set it beside my own, I see how imperfect my workmanship is. However, I have honestly and laboriously tried, and it is worthwhile giving one's life trying to make a perfect thing, don't you think?"

The mother brought the flower pins home to her daughters, and tried her best to give them the message and spirit of the man who made them. His name was Hans Klatt.

Years later one of these daughters is known as a wonderful, ideal mother; patient, courteous and loving. When a friend asked the secret of her well known goodness, the young mother brought out the flower pin her mother had brought from Switzerland, and briefly told the story of the man who made it. She concluded by quoting the old carver's words: "It is worthwhile giving one's life trying to make a perfect thing."

Then she added: "Through the years that sentence has been a challenge. I cannot be a perfect mother; I cannot expect to have perfect children. But I can keep on trying for that. Like Hans Klatt, I want to give my time and talent to making a beautiful life, as perfect a life as possible."

Many of us want to be more perfect; we want to be more like the divine, attractive Model who spoke from the mount over 1900 years ago, telling us that they are blessed, they are truly and spiritually happy who try, who strive, to be more like the divine Model.

A. T. WALLACE
Catholic Chaplain

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Honorable Mention

(Reprinted from the station paper of nine years ago this week) HONORABLE MENTION TO: Cordle, Jesse L., WT1/c, injured in one of the battles which proved so disastrous to the Jap fleet, for his ever-ready smile which shows the TRUE MORALE of our mates at sea . . . Hoping his advanced rating comes soon—Warrant J. G. Lott . . . Miss Emilie M. Edwards, A.R.C. Recreation Officer — you think she's your own mother and after talking to her you wish she was . . . Granere and Davis, PhM2/c's for their acts of kindness to the patients of ward 7-A . . . The Station Kitty-cat for displaying her new family, to the consternation of all concerned—in front of the chow house . . . Coker, K. R., HA2/c, our volunteer staff artist—more for next week!!!!



October birthdays were honored on Wards 60A and B last Tuesday, 16 October, in the afternoon with Mrs. Claire Claeboe, Oakland Gray Ladies as hostess. The traditional cake and ice cream were provided by the Corps Christi Catholic Church, of which she is a member. Halloween colors predominated; pumpkins with faces sat around the edge of the gurney as it was wheeled on to the ward. The huge cake was frosted in chocolate with a vivid orange "HAPPY BIRTHDAY, FELLOWS" inscribed across the top. Congratulations to all of you whose birthstone is the opal of the merry month of October. The birthday celebrants, shown above, were (left to right) Clarence Hodge, Eartha Gray, William Lee and R. L. Walruff. Standing behind is the hostess, Mrs. Claeboe.

Red Cross Ramblings

ON THE NOSE

The Oak Knoll Meadows Race Track opened officially last Thursday evening on Ward 60A, with W. S. TUCKER, Veteran patient, as Master of Ceremonies. Special credit should go to Chief G. M. LANGWELL, who so capably used his artistic talents in setting up the necessary props for the event. Several Gray Ladies assisted as bookies and secretaries, and apparently a considerable amount of "money" changed hands. Five horses were in the running with Jay Jeeze and Hangover the winning favorites. However, Corpsman's Delight and Chow Hound were not too disappointing. Other wards may look forward to this high-powered combination operating on the compound during the winter season.

TALKING DOG????

A talking dog? It isn't possible. Everyone knows that a dog can't talk. Monday, October 29 at the Red Cross Lounge (Building 32) you can see for yourself the "World's Greatest Talking Dog." His name is Pal, he can add, subtract, and divide and always has the correct answers. This is not the only attraction to be held at this stupendous sport program. The Barberettes, a group of young married women from Martinez, (one of the girls sings bass) have had considerable success and will sing their favorite barber shop ballads here for you. Why did the Yankees win the pennant in 1951? One of baseball's most avid enthusiasts and collector of items about the baseball great will be present. He is the possessor of an all-around baseball items scrap books, will discuss baseball players, games, and unusual situations occurring in the sport. See if you can stump him with a question on America's favorite sport.

FIVE HITS

The past week a big campaign has

been going on in the Red Cross Lounge to find a name for the patient band that has been playing for the dances. Many names were suggested but the one receiving the most votes was "5 Hits." The band plays everything from sweet to jive. The piano player, E. J. Porter, went home for 30-days leave, so a new one was recruited, PFC JAMES MALCOLM of Ward 76A, who has now joined the band. Miss Lucy O'Neill, Recreation Worker in the Lounge, announces that the "5 Hits" have received so many invitations that there aren't enough evenings to book the requests they receive. Have you heard the boys play? Dancing in the Lounge every Tuesday and Thursday evenings beginning at 1900 and lasting until 2100, with hostesses from Berkeley and Oakland Red Cross Chapters to dance with the patients.

Kabot-Kaiser Hospital Patients Visit Knoll

Twenty-five paraplegics from the Kabot-Kaiser Foundation of the Permanente Hospital, Vallejo, visited Oak Knoll on Sunday, 21 October. The visitors stopped at the Red Cross Craft Shop and Lounge and toured the compound in a bus. Some of the visitors gave recitations for patients at the lounge. They were accompanied by Miss Gertrude Showers, Recreational Director at the hospital. The group plans to return to the hospital in the near future when they will entertain patients with a square dance in wheel chairs.

An American Heart Society pamphlet points out that diseases of the heart and circulation remain the nation's No. 1 cause of death, taking almost double the combined toll of the next five leading causes.

Life Begins at Oak Knoll

14 October

ALYEA, Dian Gail, to wife of Clifford Alyea, M/SGT, 7 pounds, 12 ounces.
 DELANEY, Craig William, to wife of Donald Delaney, SK3, 6 pounds, 8 ounces.
 CORMIER, Warren Mark, to wife of Warren Cormier, LTJG, 5 pounds, 11 ounces.
 KITTLE, Cynthia Jean, to wife of Robert W. Kittle, TM2, 7 pounds, 1 ounce.

15 October

HALL, Davis Allan, to wife of Jerald E. Hall, OMO3, 6 pounds, 11 ounces.
 GREEN, Girl, to wife of Kenneth J. Green, AN, 7 pounds, 10 ounces.
 DISSELKAMP, Catherine Louise, to wife of Joseph Disselkamp, AN, 6 pounds, 6 ounces.
 WINDHAM, Robert Edward Jr., to wife of Robert E. Windham, SGT, 6 pounds, 14 ounces.
 HOATE, Edward Howe Jr., to wife of Edward H. Choate, HM3, 6 pounds, 6 ounces.
 McCLELLAN, Laura, to wife of Jerry A. McClellan, AN, 6 pounds, 12 ounces.
 HAY, Peggy Lou, to wife of Robert F. Hay, ADE1, 8 pounds, 9 ounces.
 SMITH, Norman Robert, to wife of Norman L. Smith, AV3, 6 pounds, 5 ounces.

16 October

JESS, Louis Willard Jr., to wife of Louis W. Hess, MM2, 8 pounds, 2 ounces.
 ESSON, Linda, to wife of Charles Jesson, LTJG, 7 pounds, 11 ounces.
 SIMS, Charylee Ruth, to wife of Charles Sims, AD1, 6 pounds, 10 ounces.
 JOUNG, Steven Thomas, to wife of Bobby Young, RD3, 6 pounds, 9 ounces.
 TOKES, Steven Edwin, to wife of William Stokes, YN3, 5 pounds, 4 ounces.
 ASKIEWICZ, Susan Elizabeth, to wife of Chester Jaskiewicz, CPL, 6 pounds, 11 ounces.
 MORGAN, Rae Lynn, to wife of Duane Morgan, ADE3, 7 pounds, 7 ounces.
 RIFFITH, Ralph, to wife of Thomas Griffith, FN, 8 pounds, 2 1/2 ounces.
 GOODWIN, David Allen, to wife of Joseph Goodwin, SGT, 8 pounds, 3 ounces.

17 October

KEEFE, Janie Kathleen, to wife of Charles Keefe, CS3, 4 pounds, 2 1/2 ounces.
 NOCOM, Boy, to wife of Generoso Nocom, EM2, 7 pounds, 3 ounces.
 CHUAB, Caroline Ann, to wife of Thomas Schuab, HM2, 7 pounds, 6 ounces.
 MOUNT, Carolyn Marie, to wife of Lloyd Mount, CPL, 8 pounds, 2 ounces.
 DYER, Michael Joseph, to wife of James Dyer, LT, 6 pounds, 8 ounces.
 DEAN, Timothy Andre, to wife of Rolfe Dean, FT3, 8 pounds, 9 ounces.

18 October

KENNIFF, Boy, to wife of James A. Kenniff, LCDR, 6 pounds.
 COONS, Patrick Marion, to wife of Bruce D. Coons, PFC, 5 pounds, 13 ounces.
 HAAGENSEN, Daniel Lee, to wife of Perry J. Haagensen, BM1, 6 pounds, 3 ounces.
 ROCKMAN, Debra Eileen, to wife of James O. Brockman, YN2, 6 pounds, 9 ounces.
 HUDSON, Edward Franklin, to wife of Edward Hudson, MES2, 7 pounds, 4 ounces.
 STOCKMEYER, Brian Douglas, to wife of Donald Stockmeyer, AD1, 5 pounds, 15 ounces.
 SMITH, Brian Russell, to wife of Wilburn Smith, PVT, 6 pounds, 11 ounces.
 MADDEN, Girl, to wife of Robert Madden, LT, 6 pounds, 4 ounces.
 WEAVILL, Thomas Darrand, to wife of Thomas W. Weavill, CPL, 6 pounds, 8 ounces.
 McCALLIN, Lucia Agnes, to wife of Paul McCallin, LTJG, 7 pounds, 11 ounces.
 RILEY, Maureen Therese, to wife of Maurice Morley, AOU3, 8 pounds, 4 ounces.
 HARMON, Eugene William, to wife of Eugene Harmon, CN, 7 pounds, 15 ounces.
 ANDERSON, Carl Wayne, to wife of Archie Anderson, SN, 7 pounds, 15 ounces.

19 October

ROGERS, James Milton, to wife of James M. Rogers, S/SGT, 7 pounds, 9 ounces.



Another class has completed the course in Navy correspondence, a part of the Employee Development Program conducted by the Civilian Personnel Office at Oak Knoll. Members of the class are: back row (left to right) Nadine Waibel, Lorraine Hodges, Maxine Ashley, instructor; Marjorie Pinter and Charlotte Thomas, and front row (left to right) Carmen Gonzalez, Arlene Normington, HM2, Audrey Sims, Stella Bush, Rayma Burgess and Dolores Gable. The Commanding Officer has urged that all personnel engaged in the preparation of correspondence take this course. Due to the large number of clerical personnel at the hospital, the training course is being conducted on a first-come-first-served basis. Civilian employees and enlisted personnel who desire to participate in the five one-hour sessions should contact the Civilian Personnel Office, Extension 147, as soon as possible.

Hilda Peters, manager of the Navy Exchange fountain, wishes to express her deepest appreciation and sincerest thanks to the many persons on the compound whose kindness and condolences were extended to her because of her father's death.

BAILEY, Jacky Gene, to wife of Bobby Jack Bailey, SA, 6 pounds, 15 ounces.
 SMITH, Sylvia Lee, to wife of Isaac Smith, TN, 8 pounds.
 EDWARDS, Stephen Martin, to wife of Walter Edwards, LTJG, 7 pounds, 1 ounce.
 VINCENT, John Herbert Jr., to wife of John H. Vincent, ATAN, 8 pounds, 9 ounces.
 MOORE, Peggy Lynn, to wife of John P. Moore, UTC, 7 pounds, 9 ounces.
 RUBINO, Josephine Ann, to wife of Louis F. Rubino, AN, 6 pounds, 2 ounces.
 McELHINEY, James Roger, to wife of James McElhiney, LT, 6 pounds, 14 ounces.
 TERRY, Catherine Lee, to wife of Paul Terry, SK2, 8 pounds, 1 ounce.
 HARRIS, Girl, to wife of Craddock Harris, YN3, 5 pounds, 6 ounces.

20 October

LINDSEY, Glenn Charles Jr., to wife of Glenn C. Lindsey, AN, 8 pounds, 2 ounces.
 SALAS, Mary Elizabeth, to wife of Jesus Salas, AKA, 7 pounds, 14 ounces.
 BROWN, Deborah Gail, to wife of Elkina Brown, CS2, 7 pounds, 8 ounces.
 MORROW, George Nelson Jr., to wife of George Morrow, BUL3, 7 pounds, 5 ounces.
 FORBES, Gary Lee, to wife of John C. Forbes, AM2, 7 pounds, 5 ounces.
 MEYERS, Philip Wayne, to wife of Bernard A. Meyers, SN, 7 pounds, 11 ounces.
 QUAVE, Cynthia Alice, to wife of Walter Quave, SN, 7 pounds, 8 ounces.

CDR T. J. Canty Returns After Tour Of Europe's Rehabilitation Centers

CDR Thomas J. Canty, MC, USN, Chief of the Amputee Service, returned to Oak Knoll on Thursday, 18 October, after a tour of more than a month in Europe where he was the Navy's official representative to the Fifth World Congress of the International Society for the Welfare of Cripples, held in Stockholm, Sweden, from 9 to 14 September.

At the Stockholm meeting, attended by approximately 800 representatives of 30 nations, CDR Canty presented a paper on the research done at Oak Knoll, with an Oak Knoll-made movie to illustrate his report.

Following the conference CDR and Mrs. Canty visited several amputee centers in Europe, including those at Roehampton, England; Heidelberg, Berlin and Munich, Germany; Vienna, Austria; Venice, Italy; Berne, Switzerland; and Paris, France.

CDR Canty said he had opportunity to see internationally-known doctors perform operations and visited excellent orthopedic hospitals in nearly every European country. He also had an opportunity to renew acquaintances with European experts who have visited facilities at Oak Knoll.

"There is nothing like this (the Navy's amputee center at Oak Knoll)

anywhere in Europe," CDR Canty commented. He explained that the organization here, which follows all the way through rehabilitation and job placement, is entirely different from the organization in Europe.

While in Europe CDR Canty also visited the largest artificial limb shop in the world at Roehampton, England.

He remarked that he and Mrs. Canty were well-received at all the cities they visited and that Mrs. Canty was able to serve as his interpreter when they visited Germany.

Four Staff Members End Tour of Duty

Four more staff members have left Oak Knoll for return to civilian life via the discharge to inactive duty or end of enlistment route.

Harold L. Fisher reached the end of the extension of his enlistment on 18 October, and Jerry L. Gorman the end of his on 26 October.

William P. Havens was detached from Oak Knoll on 18 October and released from active duty on 22 October. Robert "F" Scoffern was released from active duty on 24 October.

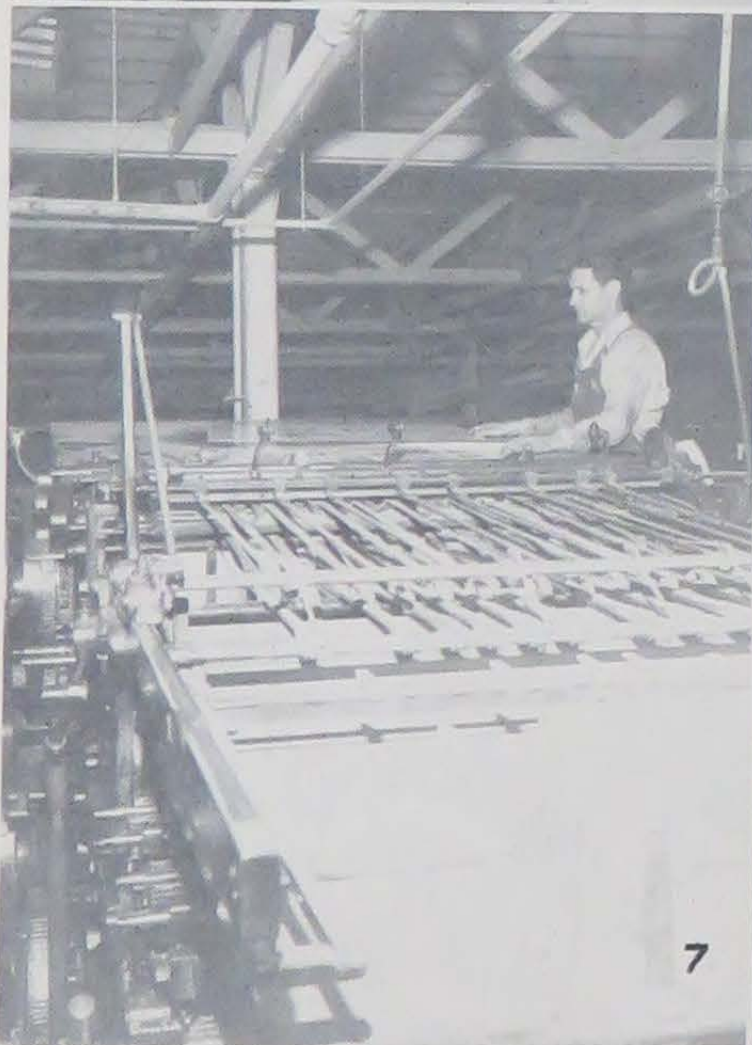
There's Always Someone Who Doesn't Get the Word

By Roy Zetterholm



R.A. ZETTERHOLM

THE OAK LEAF GOES TO PRESS



Although everyone is well acquainted with the sight of a reporter chasing about the compound interviewing patients and staff members for stories or with the sight of a photographer loaded with gear on the look-out for good picture material, not everyone is so well acquainted with the behind-the-scenes work that goes into the weekly publication of the station newspaper. Gathering the information for the Oak Leaf is only a part, but a very important part, of the publication. This gathering of news items and pictures is a continuing process that starts all over again as soon as one issue is completed. The stories are written, the pictures printed, and both are turned in to the editor and editorial advisor for approval (2). Then the written material is taken to the printer where it is set in type by the linotype operators and the type in turn is read for the first time by the proofreaders, and corrections are made by the operators (3). This much of the process is completed by Wednesday of each week and on Wednesday night the editorial staff pastes up a dummy copy of the week's paper from the printed galleys of type (4). Meanwhile, the pictures have been taken to the photo-engravers where they are reduced to the correct size and made into engravings or "cuts" (5). On Thursday, after headlines have been written and set in type, all the material is gathered together and the paper is "made up" in metal forms which later will go on the presses (6). After the make-up is completed by a composing room worker, entire page proofs are drawn and the copy is proofread for the second time. Final corrections are made, and the paper is turned over to the pressmen (7), and printed on large sheets, each of which hold two complete copies of the paper (8). These are cut in half and the paper comes out of the folder at the rate of 80 copies per minute (9). After being folded, the edges are trimmed, the 2,500 copies brought back to the compound and distributed by the staff late Friday night.

Station Paper Marks Ninth Year

What today is a well-established, carefully edited, and professionally printed newspaper was spawned nine years ago on 23 October 1942, when a four page mimeographed publication first appeared at Oak Knoll under the title "You Name It."

In that first issue CAPT F. R. Hook, MC, USN, then Commanding Officer, stated: "This is the first issue of what we hope will prove to be a very useful paper. Its function is to disseminate information and provide amusement for our patients and staff. To be successful it must have the support of all of us. God speed the 'You Name It.'"

It was not until the third issue appeared, on 6 November, that the present name, "The Oak Leaf," was printed across the top of the first page. An item on the page announced that LCDR Clarke Moore Johnson, then a staff member, was the one who had suggested the chosen name.

The item said: "This name has real significance: It is the base of the medical emblem, and therefore fitting for a hospital paper. It also designates the location of the institution in Oakland. It is the hope of the editorial staff that this 'Leaf' or leaflet will prove to be a true product of the sturdy institution of which it is a part. Its success will depend upon the continued cooperation of all hands. Please send in any items of news or scuttlebutt that may come your way."

"The Oak Leaf," in those early days, already gave some hint of the amazing growth it was to undergo in the next nine years. The four page issue grew to 16 pages for the first Christmas Issue in 1942, and contained such columns as "Funny Bone," "Things To Do and Places To Go," "Library News," "Red Cross Items" and "Know Your Officers," to mention a few.

On 26 March 1943, when the movie schedule listed five movies a week, instead of the original two, The Oak Leaf contained the following cryptic note, entitled, "An Executive Memorandum:" "The bus will not make trips to and from church on Sunday because no one ever rode on it."

On 20 August 1943 was given the first hint as to who was actually editing The Oak Leaf. That issue carried the notice, "Three Cheers for Bob Connell for the swell job he did on The Oak Leaf. He's now working on Staff Personnel. The new editor of The Oak Leaf is R. E. Cadwallader." In those days The Oak Leaf reported a full-page front page drawing by J. Quesenberry, Art Editor, who also contributed a full page of cartoons called "This and That." The Oak Leaf at that time also went in for poetry, some issues having as much as a full page of rhyme.

The sprawling infant had troubles too, as is noted in the following item from the 27 August 1943 issue: "Due to a breakdown in the mimeograph machine we were unable to publish The Oak Leaf last week. We are now able to get out a few hundred copies this week for distribution amongst the personnel."

Today, 2,500 copies of The Oak Leaf are whipped off the presses in less time than it took the early editors to mimeograph and staple their relatively few copies.



"This is the first issue of what we hope will prove to be a very useful paper. Its function is to disseminate information and provide amusement for our patients and Staff. To be successful it must have the support of all of us. God speed the 'YOU NAME IT' "

F. R. HOOK (MC) U.S.N.
Commanding Officer.

PRIZE ?????????????????????? PRIZE

KNOW YOUR OFFICERS

A prize will be given for the most suitable name for Your Paper. The contest is open to everyone. COME ON MATES--Think fast (all mental strain patients will be sent free of charge to Dr. Sowers) and let us hear from you. Q. Who'll take care of Dr. Sowers if he enters the contest? A. Censored.

- Captain F. R. Hook (MC)
Commanding Officer
- Captain P. P. Maher (MC)
Executive Officer
- Commander G. W. Smith (MC)
Clinical Director
- Lt. Comdr. B. F. Sowers (MC)
Chief of Surgeons
- Lt. Comdr. R. F. McLaughlin (MC)
Chief of Medicine
- Lieut. (jg) Ruth E. Cleaver
Chief Nurse

Turn your entries in to the Chaplain's Office not later than Wed. Oct. 28-2400. Watch for the name of the winner. WILL IT BE YOU?????????????????????

Here is the first issue of your station newspaper. The paper, which measured 6½ by 8 inches, was mimeographed. The headlines, cut on the stencil by hand, were few. Two issues later the name "The Oak Leaf" was permanently adopted after a "name" contest among staff members.

Editor Cadwallader left The Oak Leaf on 12 November 1943 with the following philosophical statement:

"To the staff of The Oak Leaf I can only leave a gang who spend much time criticising the paper instead of doing something to better it. Someday they shall realize that this paper can be made into something interesting. But until then, you had best learn to weather the criticism that will pour in."

The date of 13 May 1944 will always be a milestone in the career of The Oak Leaf, for it was on that date that the first printed edition appeared and for the first time the reproduction of photographs was possible. The first issue featured a two-column cut of the Commanding Officer, CAPT A. H. Dearing, MC, USN, now RADM Dearing, Twelfth Naval Dis-

trict Medical Officer, to whom the new Oak Leaf was dedicated.

The paper at that time was a mighty production, listing an editor, an associate editor, two contributing editors, an art editor, a photographer and three correspondents. It was then semi-monthly and was directed by a staff chaplain.

By 21 July 1945 the paper had adopted the present masthead and had graduated to its present size, with pages 9½ by 13½ inches. At the same time it began receiving national news from Camp Newspaper Services, and circulation had reached its highest point in history, 5,000 copies each week.

One of the most notable of the war-time staff members of The Oak Leaf was Trondby Fenstad, HM3, a University of Chicago graduate, who first appeared as associate editor in October 1944. He later moved up to managing editor, a post he held until December 1945. It was during his regime that many of the features still used in The Oak Leaf today were first adopted.

Ship's Service

(Reprinted from the station paper of nine years ago this week) The latest addition to the hospital is the opening of the Ship's Service at the recreation center from 0900 to 1700 daily, except Sundays. The following activities are available to all hands; store, fountain and barber shop. In time the pressing shop will be in operation which will effect a great saving in your pressing and cleaning costs. Regular bus trips from the Administration Building to the Recreation Center will be arranged shortly. The Ship's Service department is your activity, for your use. The profits are used for your entertainment. Our desire is to serve you.

LCDR R. F. Redden
Ship's Service Officer

Cooperation

(Reprinted from the station paper of nine years ago this week) COME ON MATES! . . . Let's watch those cigarette butts. They're not only fire hazards but mar the efforts of the C.O. in trying to keep our grounds attractive to our visitors. Follow the directions on what to do with cigarette butts and what kinds of matches to use as are posted on the compound.

(We can well take note of this item nine years later—Ed.)

No important staff changes were made, until 6 October 1945, when a Dorothy Thompson, PhM3/c, was added as an associate editor, a post she held until 8 December of the same year.

On 11 May 1946, John Penberthy, PhM3/c, who had been a very successful cartoonist on the paper since 17 December 1943, a period of nearly two and a half years, was discharged from the Navy, and another artist was called in to draw a sketch of the Commanding Officer saying "Well Done," to him.

In that period, as it always has, The Oak Leaf accurately mirrored the rise and fall in the number of persons at Oak Knoll. In mid-1946 the entire editorial staff consisted of the editor and an editorial advisor, and issues with more than four pages were rare indeed.

In the years between the end of the Second World War and the beginning of the Korean conflict the Oak Leaf remained static, editors coming and going at frequent intervals.

It was on 31 July 1948 that the name of Miss Dorothy Thompson again appeared in The Oak Leaf, this time as an editorial advisor, a post she still holds.

On 19 August 1950 The Oak Leaf chronicled the arrival of reservists called back to active duty. This first group consisted of 14 enlisted men, four nurses and four doctors, and the activities of both the Hospital and The Oak Leaf began to pick up. The next week 68 new staff members reported aboard.

On 2 September 1950 The Oak Leaf duly noted the arrival of 18 wounded Marines, the first Korean casualties to be treated at this hospital.

A few months later, on 10 March 1951, R. E. Rampton made his appearance on the Oak Leaf as a reporter, and on 7 April Ron Landor joined the staff. Roy Zetterholm drew his first cartoon for the Oak Leaf on 12 May 1951, and the next week, Rampton moved up to the editor's post, succeeding Bob Innes. The same week G. L. Speidel joined the staff as a reporter, and the week following J. J. MacBeath, HMC, and M. E. McElroy, HM2, were named photographers, and the present staff was completed.

Such has been the history of The Oak Leaf. Whether its original purpose "to disseminate information and provide amusement for our patients and staff," has been fulfilled is a matter of opinion. Certainly it has not been fulfilled as adequately as possible. If it were, there would be no place for The Oak Leaf to go, for a newspaper's continued life is tightly and inseparably bound up with its continued improvement.

MOVIES

(Reprinted from the station paper of nine years ago this week)

Saturday:
"The Wife Takes A Flier"
Joan Bennett
Franchot Tone

Sunday:
"To The Shores of Tripoli"
Maureen O'Hara
John Payne

NOTE: Shorts with Feature.

UFD NEEDS ALL HANDS SUPPORT

Hospital patients had contributed approximately \$1000 to the United Fund Drive and were still giving as the Oak Leaf went to press. This generous amount, collected by hospital chaplains and their assistants is most gratifying, as has been the response from a number of departments which were rapidly approaching the 100 percent mark at mid-week.

But some departments were lagging far behind, and some fifty solicitors appointed to collect donations had not yet reported their intake to the United Fund Drive Office. This means that possibly 50 percent of the staff had not been asked to give by the time the drive reached the halfway mark Thursday when contributions and pledges totaled approximately \$6,000—one-half the amount set as the goal for this drive.

Since the fund is to be spent for Navy Relief, Red Cross, Community Chest, March of Dimes, American Heart Society, American Association of Rheumatic Diseases, Cerebral Palsy Fund, and the American Cancer society, your contribution now may be considered insurance against future disease and disaster and assurance that you and your family will be cared for in time of emergency and that your children will grow up in a healthful, happy community.

This is a sound investment, and for that reason everyone on the station is being asked to share in it.

HMC Musick Scores High in G.E.D. Tests

P. E. Musick, HMC, a member of the staff of Oak Knoll's Environmental Sanitation Technician's School, knows what he is talking about.

This was proved recently when the chief took an Armed Forces General Education Development Test, and his score was high enough to place him in the top ten percent among all members of the armed services.

Chief Musick's score was one of the highest ever recorded at Oak Knoll's Information and Education Services.

The test is a standardized examination which is given to all members of the Armed Forces and measures the educational attainment of the person being tested. It includes interpretation of reading matter, natural science and literary material.

"Queen for a Day" Set For Knoll Broadcast

Mutual Broadcasting System's famous daytime radio show, "Queen For a Day," will be broadcast on a national hook-up from the Community Services Building Auditorium on Tuesday, 13 November.

Each year the program awards approximately \$700,000 worth of gifts to some 250 "Queens" crowned on the air. Prizes range from refrigerators, stoves, washing machines, furniture, luggage, clothing, shoes and practically everything sold in any store.

The show here will be exactly the same type as those presented each week day from the Hollywood studios.



When I told Bob Rampton that the book factory was in operation again, he took off his glasses and said "The What?" as though our assembly line here had been a well-kept secret.

The book factory is a term we use to describe the processing of new books when they arrive. Mrs. Berger catalogues them according to their subject matter (two cards for our files, one for Bureau) and then passes them on to the patient detail and me.

Tommy, Little, Kim and I sit at a row of desks. One man stamps "US Naval Hospital, Oakland" on the edges of the book and throughout its pages at the end of each chapter. The next man stamps it according to month and year received; then it is handed over to the committee on pasting. Borrower cards and pockets are pasted in the back, with a calendar sheet facing them, while publishers blurbs are attached inside the front cover. Nonfiction or technical books are then numbered! fiction goes straight to the shelves.

When a hundred books or so are moving down the line, it looks very like a factory, arms stamping, pasters pasting, coffee flowing. (Pertinent information: we have bought our own coffee for some time past: Mrs. Berger feels that commercial coffee is stronger than Navy type. Which no doubt accounts for the number of teeth that fall out here each week.)

Quite often capsule criticism is born as the books move along. One gets interesting sidelights about what people like to read. A Mickey Spillane book is very likely to vanish somewhere between Mrs. Berger's typewriter and my end of the line, a distance of ten feet. (The book will reappear three hours later with appropriate comments from the gentleman who has been reading and working simultaneously; this breeds odd types of pasting jobs—Tommy once got his left hand pasted into a book of William Faulkner—and frequently members of the factory stumble away cross-eyed at day's end.)

Now that we have a phonograph in the library and are inaugurating concert hours and request periods, we shall probably set the book factory to music. We can stamp and paste in waltz time or to tunes from "South Pacific." Of course, that doesn't say what happens when somebody plays Stan Kenton.

Frank M. Campbell, HMI

Library Opens Soon

(Reprinted from the station paper of nine years ago this week) Our efficient librarian, Miss Catherine Baker, will soon be giving Ward service for bed patients on all the latest books. In the meantime, you shipmates who would like a book to read may have one by visiting the new station library where Miss Baker will be found more than willing to assist you in your needs.

Your Navy Relief dollar will be used as a loan many times over to ease the burden of Navy people who need temporary help.

Staff Personalities

One of the older hands among the reservists at Oak Knoll is Staff Personnel's Fred Comas, HM2, who reported here for active duty on 15 October 1950. A native of San German, Puerto Rico, Fred spent three years in the Navy during World War II. Fred received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Park College, Missouri, and in 1949 received his Master of Arts in Romance Languages and Literature from the University of Columbia. Due for release to inactive duty in the near future, Fred plans to tour Europe, from Sweden to Italy, until June, 1952. After that—well, that is still rather far away.



One of the relative newcomers to Oak Knoll and to the Navy is ENS Ellen B. Frame, NC, USN, ENS Frame, as you might guess from her mid-western accent, is originally from St. Louis, Mo. She attended Nursing School at St. Luke's Hospital in St. Louis. When she joined the Navy in December, 1950, she was first stationed at Jacksonville, Fla., and came to Oak Knoll on 20 April 1951. Since arriving at Oak Knoll she has been assigned to Ward 76B. Although she has been a resident of the Golden West for more than six months, Miss Frame declines to comment on how she compares California and that place back east, Florida.



WELCOME AND FAREWELL

The staff census at Oak Knoll took quite a drop during the past week with 43 staff members leaving the hospital for new assignments while only seven persons reported aboard to replace them.

Reporting aboard were LTJG Adolph S. DesGeorges, DC, USN, from the USS REPOSE, CWOHC Harold L. Fox, USN, from the First Naval District, LT Dorothy R. Dudas, NC, USNR, from USNH, Beaufort, S. C., HN R. N. Kolb from Treasure Island, HA's B. J. Boydston and M. A. Stouffer, both from Hospital Corps School, San Diego, and DA J. D. Bailey from USNTC, San Diego.

Transferred were LTJG Norman L. Protello, MC, USNR, to Administrative Command, Naval Training Center, Bainbridge, Md., LT Josephine Buchanan, NC, USN, to Naval C.B. Center, Port Hueneme, LT Mildred L. Herring, NC, USN, and LT Elvera C. Guebert, NC, USNR, both to USNH, Corona, LTJG Andrew G. Sharf, MC, USNR, LTJG Robert J. Alderson, MC, USNR, and LTJG Neil R. Anderson, MC, USNR, all to Marine Barracks, Camp Pendleton, LTJG Kenneth L. Senter, Jr., MC, USNR, to San Francisco Naval Shipyard, San Francisco; LT Edna M. Stutler, NC, USN, to USNH, Mare Island, LT Betty J. Streeb, NC, USN, to civilian life, LTJG Charles R. Smith, MC, USNR, to Naval Shipyard, San Francisco; LT Beulah F. Jones, NC, USNR, and LT Catherine A. Heesaker, NC, USNR, both to NAS, San Diego, LTJG Florence M. Glock, NC, USNR, and LT Mary A. Foley, NC, USNR, both to Tripler Army Hospital, Oahu, LT Violet M. Nelson, NC, USN, to Naval Air Station, Alameda.

HMC's P. Cavaianni to USS HAVEN, and J. A. Maddox to USS VAMMEN,

HMI's R. R. Boeding to USS FRONTIER, B. D. Roberts to USS ZEALOUS, J. A. Balsey to USS SARSI, C. E. Walter to Tripler Army Hospital, Oahu, and L. Moore to Pearl Harbor. HM3's F. G. Brazil, Jr., J. G. Schoen and W. F. Werner, all to USS HAVEN, and F. D. Taylor to Tripler Army Hospital, Oahu; HN's C. C. Carr and B. R. Comer, both to USNH, Mare Island, J. L. Heaney to USNH, San Diego, W. R. Roam to USNH, Corpus Christi, K. M. Welch to USNH, Bremerton, S. T. Cox, J. R. Greenwald, K. A. Mikesell, W. T. Ormsby, D. N. Skiles and R. E. Tannehill, all to USS HAVEN, R. H. Hubbard to USNH, Great Lakes, and G. A. Stevenson to Camp Pendleton; HA's E. Davis to USNH, Bremerton and G. I. Stens and E. P. Boaz, both to USNH, Mare Island.

Drunk (on telephone): "Ish this the fire department?"

Fire Chief: "Yes, What do you want?"

Drunk: "Shay, can you send a fire down here? It's colder than Alaska."

Once-a-bride: "John, tomorrow is our wedding anniversary. Shall I kill the turkey?"

Once-a-groom: "What for? He had nothing to do with it."

"Here comes a friend of mine who is a human dynamo."

"Really?"

"Yes, everything he has on is charged."

"My holdup days are over. I'll hang 'round these joints no more."

Thus spoke the worn-out garter, Collapsing on the floor.

Scuttlebutt

By DERF

Nine years ago when the "Oak Leaf" was in its swaddling clothes our staff was scattered over the four corners of this old world. Annette Kalista was a high school bobby soxer in Cleveland, Ohio—Bill Bates was mastering Algebra in Dalhart, Texas, Junior High School—D. L. Henderson was a student at Westport High School in Kansas City—In the days of '42 LT Stutler was aboard the troop ship GENERAL EDWARD RUTLEDGE. The Rutledge was commonly known as "Tombstone Eddie" because part of the ballast consisted of Civil War tombstones—Clayton Rudolph was pondering over the tough subjects at the Portsmouth, Va., Corps School — Jim Rouse was on active duty at the Norfolk Training Station—Oakie Shepard was on independent duty aboard the USS PC-481 en route to the Casablanca invasion—Chief Noble was far out on the Island of Tongatabu which is one of the Friendly Islands—Ed Mahoney was doing EENT surgery with Mobile Hospital No. 2 at Pearl Harbor—George MacLaughlin was welding ships at the Boston Navy Yard and was getting ready for a call to the Navy—Chief Ingalls was attached to the famous Marine Air Group 21 at Oahu. This was the first air group assigned F4U's (Gullwing fighter planes) and its CO was the war ace, Major Foss—Harry Holcombe was dispensing pills in the USS PENNSYLVANIA's pharmacy—Ralph Emerson was under instruction at the Naval Hospital in Corpus Christi—Mark Cain was just across the Bay at the Naval Shipyard's dispensary in Frisco—Chief Black was watching the swishing grass skirts on American Samoa—Tom Speirer ran one of those stations you don't talk about in Norfolk—Jeff Hennesay was a passenger aboard the USS HENDERSON en route to the USA for a tour of shore duty after three years afloat—LCDR Olive Boyer was working on a plastic surgery ward at the San Diego Naval Hospital. She came up to Oak Knoll and helped open some of the wards when our "Oak Leaf" was in its diaper stage—LTJG Bill Epps was an aviation cadet at the University of Iowa where he had been on active duty for one month and was "making muscles, since lost, like mad"—CDR Helen Gavin was doing a stint of duty at Barragut Training Station—Chaplain Whitman was the student counselor at the University of Idaho and the pastor of one of the local churches — CDR Langston was the Medical Officer aboard the USS OCEANOGRAPHER, a survey ship—About the time our famous weekly was seeing the light LT Olive McClatchey was thinking of giving up her staff position at the Mary Lanning Hospital in Hastings, Nebraska, and joining the Navy. She did, too, the next month—CAPT Dickinson was the Senior Medical Officer aboard the USS IDAHO in those days—Arl Crossley was with the First Marine Division at Guadalcanal — Chief Daugherty was commissioning a 100 bed dispensary at Roseneath, Scotland, on the Firth of the Clyde—Aboard the USS SOLACE, in the operating room, was Clarence Smith—Chief Terry was getting plenty of sunshine at the Naval Air Station at

Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii—Jay Wagner was also at NAS, Kaneohe Bay, and now they're both at Oak Knoll's Sanitation School — John Wolfe was aboard the USS NEVADA at the Bremerton Shipyard—Jim Williams was practicing his Spanish when he wasn't working at the Dispensary at "Gitmo" Bay, Cuba—CDR Englefried was head of the Dept. of Physiological Chemistry at the Naval Medical School in Bethesda, Md.—Chaplain Wallace was a schoolboy at the Chaplain's school at Norfolk—CDR Kahn was the MO of the Base Air Detachment, USMC, FMF, at NAS, San Diego—Marion Cramer was taking the Sister Kenny course for the treatment of polio at the U. of Minnesota—Dr. Holloway was a senior at the U. of Texas' Medical School in Galveston—CDR Roudebush was at the Naval Training Station, Newport, R. I.—Welfare and Rec's LT Thompson was a Naval aviation cadet at Lakehurst, New Jersey — Army Liaison's Major Cantly was the CO of the Medical Detachment at the 183rd Station Hospital, Anchorage, Alaska—Dr. Alberg was a pedagogue in Zoology at the U. of Denver—A lot of printer's ink has spilled over this type since the "Oak Leaf" was first published and we've all come a long way since then, haven't we?

Scuttlebutt

(Reprinted from the station paper of nine years ago this week) I ONLY HEARD THAT: SCHULTZ, PhM3/c has the preetiest pair of shorts with the preetiest little yellow ribbon around the bottom and we wonder to whom they belong? . . . TRACY has the love bug—Come on Tracy, when's the date? . . . Some patients rating liberty are abusing the privilege. Results will be forthcoming. Wait and See . . . Who is the certain Corpsman from Buffalo, N. Y. who does not take to the drafts of California — Meaning the Weather, of course? . . . Less noise from the third deck of the Nurses Quarters — remember, the Nurses who are off duty must sleep . . . It must be true that gentlemen prefer blondes with all the bleaching going on lately (but, thankfully, we have a famous Hollywood cosmetologist to save them the embarrassment of results) . . . Well . . . No I won't tell you—at least not now—read this column next week and see what else I heard!!!

Cokes

(Reprinted from the station paper of nine years ago this week) Please return your Coke bottles to the racks. Each bottle is worth 2c and our profit on each bottle is 1c and the loss of one bottle takes the profit of two. The Welfare Fund is used for "The sole purpose of the benefit of Hospital personnel. Our profit goes into the fund.

(AMEN!!!—Ed.)

Lafayette, Calif. (AFPS) — The quietness of this community was shattered recently when loud music blared from a church tower at 2 a.m. The pranksters' selection: "Don't Roll Those Bloodshot Eyes at Me."



A gift of \$500 was presented last week to Oak Knoll by the San Francisco Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association. The money will be used to pay for installation of a new altar rail for the chapel, and it is hoped that it will be in place by Thanksgiving. Shown above looking over the blueprints for the altar rail are (left to right) Chaplain J. A. Whitman, Mr. Albert Wong, Mr. Albert Chow and Mr. Kenneth Kealy Lee of the Benevolent Association, and Chaplain A. T. Wallace.

Walter, HMI, Cited For Travis Work

Another Oak Knoll staff member has been awarded a letter of commendation by the Commanding Officer for outstanding performance of duty.

Charles Emile Walter, HMI, USN, was presented the letter in recognition of his outstanding work in blood processing while on temporary additional duty orders at Travis Air Force Base.

Walter's citation stated, in part, "Your work as a laboratory instructor has been excellent. Your lectures and demonstrations were always presented in clear, concise terms and with patience. Army, Navy, and Air Force personnel under your supervision and training developed into excellent laboratory technicians."

The letter stated further: "Your reliability and capability in the performance of your duties aided considerably in the expeditious shipment of thousands of pints of whole blood from the Armed Forces Blood Processing Laboratory and in maintaining the highest medical standards in the unit."

Walter had been on TAD orders at Travis Air Force Base from 22 September 1950 to 3 October 1951.

Twelve Staffers Given Advancements in Rate

Twelve staff members were wearing more red on their left arms this week after they were advanced from HM3 to HM2. Advancements in rate became effective 22 October.

Those promoted were Philip A. Barone, John G. Caudillo, James S. Edwards, Donald L. Henderson, Charles E. Pace, Charles C. Spencer, Albert S. Childs, Elmer E. Jenkins, Carroll S. Morris, Robert W. Oborn, Howard L. Serfoss and Fred O. Wood.

Another staff member, James M. Fountain, was advanced in rating to DTG2.

Important advances have been made in heart research in the past few years, especially in the discovery of new drugs and surgical techniques.

PREVIEWS

Sunday, 28 October
ALONG THE GREAT DIVIDE—Kirk Douglas, Virginia Mayo, MELODRAMA. Very little information on this one, other than that it was released last June and has been rated "very good" by the reviewers. Kirk Douglas has made some good movies, and Virginia Mayo is always nice to look at. The two accompanying features should be good, a newsreel and a comedy entitled "Twenty's S.O.S."

Monday, 29 October
BROKEN ARROW—James Stewart, Debra Paget, WESTERN. This is an old film, released in August, 1950, so you may have seen it before. One of the big-budget Westerns it may have a bit more depth than the cheap fitted-to-pattern sagas of the great west. Jimmie Stewart, also, is an actor of no mean talent, although perhaps typed a bit. The short subject should offer some relief: "Red Ingle & Gang."

Tuesday, 30 October
SILVER CITY—Yvonne DeCarlo, Richard Arlen, Edmund O'Brien, WESTERN. No information on this one. It is a new one that has not yet been scheduled for release by Paramount. Two Westerns in a row might seem like too rich a diet, unless they happen to be two good Westerns. Comedy with this one, called "Popeye Ala Mode."

Wednesday, 31 October
CASA MANANA—Robert Clark, Virginia Welles, COMEDY. Robert Clark opens a Los Angeles night club with Virginia Welles as his singer after the pair have been fired from an advertising agency on charges of attempting to fix a talent contest sponsored by the company. The ad agency boss tries to woo Miss Welles away from Clark and at the same time ruin his night club business. With the help of a booking agent he almost succeeds in both his aims. Miss Welles learns of the treachery in time to return to Clark for the club's opening night. Well, it should put you in the mood for the short subject, entitled, "The Knife Thrower."

Thursday, 1 November
MAGIC CARPET—Lucille Ball, John Agar, ADVENTURE. This one is also a new one, release date not set as yet. No information is available concerning it. Short subject: "She Took a Powder."

Friday, 2 November
LET'S MAKE IT LEGAL—Claudette Colbert McDonald Carey, COMEDY. This movie with the unusual name will be released to the breathlessly awaiting public next month. It can be expected to draw large crowds. The short subject, however, should be more to the point and might answer some questions you have had. It is entitled "Why Korea?" As if that weren't a full evening's subject, there will also be a newsreel.

Saturday, 3 November
MY BLUE HEAVEN—Betty Grable, Dan Dailey, MUSICAL. This film was released in September 1950 and had a big run at the big theaters. As you probably have guessed it features a lot of singing and dancing, both by Miss Grable and Mr. Dailey, and that could add up to a very enjoyable evening. There is a short, "Shooting the Salmon Rapids."

Bowling League Starts Tuesday

Final arrangements for the Oak Knoll intra-hospital bowling league were completed at a manger's meeting on Monday, 22 October, and the first games in the preliminary league will be played at 1900 on Tuesday, 30 October.

It was decided at the meeting that following the preliminary league, a final and championship league will begin approximately 3 December. G. N. Nelson has been named commissioner for both leagues, and all games will be played on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Ten teams are entered in the competition. They are Physio, the Three U's, Staff Personnel, Nurses, Lab No. 1, N.P. Department, Record Office Women, Record Office Men, Lab No. 2 and Artificial Limb.

The first games on Tuesday will find Physio pitted against the Three U's, Staff Personnel against the Nurses and Lab No. 1 versus N. P. Department.

On Thursday, 1 November, Record Office Women will play Record Office Men, Lab No. 2 versus Artificial Limb, and N. P. Department versus Physio.



An example of how a physical handicap can be overcome was given to staff members and patients at Oak Knoll on Tuesday, 23 October, when Jimmy Nichols, who has only one arm, gave an exhibition of his golfing skill at the Hospital athletic field. Nichols, in spite of his handicap, proved his ability to smash out long drives or control his shots with an amazing degree of accuracy. It was the second time Nichols has come to Oak Knoll to display his skill with the clubs.

HOSPITAL ATHLETICS HIT BY TRANSFERS

There is an old story about the large supply of crying towels athletic coaches need as they bewail the lack of ability shown by their charges. But of late Oak Knoll Athletic Director Joe Reginato has needed a larger number of towels than usual, and not because he lacked talent.

The first blow came more than a week ago when Football Stalwart Ormsby left Oak Knoll for a new assignment. But that was only the beginning.

This week Willie Jefferson, HN, winner of the intra-hospital golf tournament last summer and mainstay of the Oak Knoll varsity golf crew, departed for a tour of duty with the Marines.

On the same draft was listed the name of Estrada, who has done yeoman's duty as center of the Oak Knoll touch football team.

As if that weren't enough, Steve Tamborski has been slated to leave within a few days for a tour of duty at sea. Steve was a part-time hurler and full-time player on the Oak Knoll baseball team last summer and has been a hard-charging pass-snagging end of the touch football team.

To top it off, Reginato has even lost one of the men who could have cried with him. W. Johnson, HM1, assistant football coach, commissioner of last summer's Twelfth Naval District's Tennis Tourney played at Oak Knoll, and all-around handyman in Oak Knoll athletic events, now has a new detail and his services are lost to Reginato.

Troubles come in big gobs for Reginato.

Sixty per cent of your Red Cross contribution is spent locally on vital services to the Armed Forces.

Woman in traffic court: "I was driving down Congress avenue with my husband at the wheel..."

Recreation Leads In Cage Play-offs

Welfare and Recreation moved out in front in the round-robin play-off of the intra-hospital basketball tournament by a 28-24 defeat of the Nite Crew entry on Tuesday, 23 October.

The win gives Welfare and Recreation two wins against no losses in the play-off, with one game, against Physio I, still to be played. That contest was scheduled for Friday, 26 October, but results were not available in time for publication.

Physio and Nite Crew were all tied up at mid-week, with one win and one loss each, while the N.P. Department was trailing with two losses.

VARSITY BASKETBALL PRACTICE SCHEDULED

The first group workout for varsity basketball hopefuls at Oak Knoll has been slated for Monday at 1500, and Coach Joe Reginato and Assistant Coach Tom Moore will be on hand to look over prospects for the team the hospital will enter in district competition, scheduled to start on 4 December.

SPORTS

by Bill Hockersmith

(Reprinted from the station paper of nine years ago this week) Well, they're doing it again. The A. F. of L. are taking the boys to the fights over in 'Frisco. And what a fight! "Hammering Hank" Armstrong, former world's "Champeen" versus Frisky Fritzie Zivic. Boy! That will really be a Lulu. This is Hank's big chance to prove whether or not he's going to make the grade on that old comeback trail. Zivic is still on top and one of the best. Armstrong has plenty of the old moxie and is well versed in the art of fighting and knows, and will use, a lot of his famous tricks; that is, using his head (for butting purposes mostly) and a few backhands. But then, Zivic's no newcomer to a little barroom brawling. All in all, it ought to be a pip!

Knoll Grid Team Romps to Third Successive Win; Still Undefeated

Oak Knoll moved with ease over what was expected to be the toughest competition in the Twelfth Naval District touch football competition Thursday, 18 October, and romped home the winner over Fleet Air, Alameda, by a score of 32-6.

The Hospital crew, as usual, had trouble getting started and managed to cross the double-stripe only twice during the first half. Both of these touchdowns came on passes from Papadakis to Irvine. Papadakis connected once more on a pass to Estrada for an extra point, giving the Corpsmen a 13-0 half-time lead.

As the second half got underway, however, it appeared that the 13 point margin would soon disappear. After Oak Knoll kicked off, Fleet Air came up with a long pass play on their first offensive maneuver which covered the sixty-odd yards necessary for their first score of the afternoon. But the Airmen failed to make good the conversion.

On the next play, the emphasis shifted back to the opposite direction. After the Fleet Air kick off, Oak Knoll found itself in possession of the ball on its own 35-yard line. Papadakis faded back and once more unleashed a long throw to Irvine who grabbed it on the run and kept running until he crossed the goal line. The conversion attempt was not good.

It was not long after that before Oak Knoll again gained possession of the ball. Quarterback Dinuzzo took the ball from center, faked to his halfback, twisted and turned away from Fleet Air defenders and whipped a jump pass just over the line of scrimmage to the waiting Papadakis. Papadakis scampered the remaining 20 yards for another TD, but again the conversion attempt failed, making the score 25 to 6.

But the Oak Knoll offense wasn't through yet. In the dying moments of the game, Lyons came up with what was possibly the outstanding play of the day, when he scooped up a shoe-top pass from Papadakis and ran 25 yards for the final touchdown.

This time the conversion, a Dinuzzo to Irvine pass, was good, to make the final score 32-6.

With the victory over Fleet Air Oak Knoll has triumphed handily over three of its four opponents in the district league. Still untested is the Treasure Island team, but that team was soundly beaten by Fleet Air.

Oak Knoll drew a bye for Thursday, 25 October, and is next scheduled to meet Treasure Island on the opponent's field on Thursday, 1 November.

Transfers continue to cut into Joe Reginato's squad. Latest to leave is the bulwark of the team's forward wall, Estrada, who has been one of Oak Knoll's strongest pillars on defense at center. Reginato fears more squad members will be lost before the season is ended.

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The two men shown above, Willie Jefferson, HN, (left) and Robert L. Franssen, SA, last week were commended by the Commanding Officer. Jefferson was commended for his work while assigned to the Welfare and Recreation Department, while Franssen was cited for rendering first aid to a victim of an accident.

Patient, Staffer Are Commended

Two Oak Knollites, a staff member and a patient, received commendations last week from the Commanding Officer.

The commendation of Willie Jefferson, HN, winner of Oak Knoll's intra-hospital golf tournament last summer, and leading scorer of the hospital varsity golf team, stated: "While detailed to the Welfare and Recreation Department of this hospital you have been zealous in your devotion to duty. Your participation in extracurricular activities is to be commended. Due mainly to your efforts during the District Golf Tournament, this Command accumulated many points toward its final high score in the District Athletic Competition. Your specific detail, the Enlisted Men's Recreation Center, has always reflected the great amount of work and energy you have spent in its upkeep. Your devotion to duty and its performance are highly commendable and reflect credit upon yourself, this Command and the Naval Service."

Jefferson last week was transferred to Camp Pendleton for duty with the Marines.

The patient commended was Robert Leo Franssen, SA.

His citation stated: "On 8 October 1951 at the intersection of MacArthur Boulevard and Estudillo Avenue, San Leandro, California, you rendered first aid to the seriously injured victim of an accident. Your assistance and efficient application of first aid has been made the subject of a letter of appreciation to this command. Your action in rendering such assistance and first aid is highly commendable and reflects credit upon yourself, this Command and the United States Naval Service."

Opera Fans Are Given 'Wallenstein Awards'

Three Oak Knoll patients had their cake and ate it too last week end as they went to Los Angeles as guests and then were presented medals for their efforts.

Joe Neinstadt, Russ Ralsten, and Vic McFadden, opera fans from the hospital, were guests at Los Angeles last week end of the manager of the San Francisco Opera Association. While there they witnessed the five hour presentation of Richard Wagner's "Parsifal," after which conductor Alfred Wallenstein presented them with engraved medals which read, "The Wallenstein award for endurance in the face of 'Parsifal'."



PFC Austin M. Cahill, who received 23 pints of blood while spending five hours in surgery at Oak Knoll, smiles happily as he talks with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Murray Cahill of Birmingham, Alabama. PFC Cahill now is on the road to recovery.

23 Pints of Blood Given Patient During Five Hours of Surgery Here

PFC Austin M. Cahill, USNR, a 21-year-old Marine from Birmingham, Ala., owes his life to blood—23 pints of rare type AB Rh positive blood and such compatible substitutes as were available when he recently spent five hours in surgery at Oak Knoll.

No figures are available for comparison, but Oak Knoll Blood Bank authorities know of no one who has received as much blood as fast as Cahill "took it" while surgeons worked to repair a serious wound he received in action in Korea.

When young Cahill was flown to Oak Knoll via Travis Air Force base on 16 October, his outlook was anything but promising. He had lost 40 pounds since being hit in the neck, shoulder, and chest by shrapnel from an enemy mortar shell a month before. His right arm was paralyzed, and there was an ugly swelling at the right side of his neck. Three days after his arrival here he began to suffer from sharp pain in the area of the swelling, and breathing was practically cut off by pressure from a huge blood clot that had formed where a mortar fragment had torn into the innominate artery—one of the large vessels branching off the main artery leading from the heart. Although the clot may have kept him from bleeding to death, it was obvious to Navy doctors that he was hemorrhaging again and that the source of the bleeding would have to be found—and soon.

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UFD Becalmed In Third Week

Oak Knoll's United Fund Drive went full speed ahead during its first ten days. This week it was definitely in the doldrums. Why?

Chain smokers are still chain-smoking. Plump girls are still eating chocolates. People who haven't bought television still go to movies.

Personal pleasures are fine. We are for them. But we also believe in being foresighted enough to support organizations whose purpose is to maintain the every day pleasures through health education and research, recreation facilities, and relief from financial stress in time of emergency.

Our goal has been set at \$12,000—a figure based on half a day's pay for civilians and enlisted staff, and a day's pay for officer personnel. This may pinch the pocketbooks of some, but more than likely most of us will never miss it.

Total cash and pledges in the drive had reached \$6,333 on 30 October. Although the drive was originally scheduled to end Monday, it has been extended through Friday, 9 November so that all will have ample opportunity to give. Don't forget—if your solicitor hasn't found you, you may make your contribution direct to UFD office in the Navy Exchange lobby.

68 at Hospital Get Rate Hike

Sixty-three HA's at Oak Knoll were busy sewing another white stripe on their left sleeve on 1 November as their advancement to HN became effective. Also effective on the same date were the advancements of six DA's to DN and two SA's to SN.

The new HN's are: N. L. Baxley, L. A. Brown, J. M. Brown, C. A. Brown, R. Brown, L. I. Boyd, Jr., B. Boydston, E. B. Blount, D. R. Camacho, D. D. Coffman, G. F. Costa, D. G. Drake, R. S. DeGabriele, J. M. Erdahl, D. E. Frohning, O. Garza, J. W. Glover, D. A. Haskins, J. Fanjul, V. Hughes, W. B. Hamlin, R. E. Harlan, J. H. Heidebrecht, D. R. Harlan; J. L. Heaps, J. D. Holdeman, J. J. Huff, L. J. Hickman, J. E. Howard, J. L. Henderson, R. C. Hendley, W. H. Jones, C. H. Johnson, H. G. Jackson, R. H. Jones, R. C. Jenkinson, H. E. Kilgore, Jr., E. B. Linder, D. Lee, R. A. Ludden, T. F. McGreane, E. N. Matsui, H. L. McKendrick, H. N. Morlock, E. L. Northrup, R. C. Norrish, O. A. Prine, B. J. Petersen, T. E. Palette, R. E. Prusso, T. C. Robbins, J. W. Ross, E. R. Sevilla, M. A. Stouffer, R. W. Seymour, R. G. Sims, W. Shellenberger, J. H. Tracy, M. Villalobos, L. Wade, L. A. Warner, R. W. Wilson and M. M. Wyant.

Advanced from DA to DN were D. K. Burke, W. L. Porteous, R. L. Purser, E. F. Rhodes, C. P. Stone and J. W. Wishard.

The new SN's are J. Baucum and P. L. Cole.

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† † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

"CHIPMUNK LAKE"

From the depths of a canyon in the high Rockies a man and his son started up a winding trail that they were told would lead to the very top of a great mountain peak and to a beautiful lake. They had started very early in the morning and now as hours passed, it seemed they would never reach the top.

About mid-afternoon they met a group of people coming down the steep trail. These people were tired and disgusted for they said, "You will find the top just ahead and the lake is just an old mud hole. We can't see why people make so much over such a miserable scene. The goal isn't worth it." Then the disgusted group moved on down the trail.

The man and boy soon climbed over the ridge and below them in a gully was the old mudhole. On a crude signboard were the words, "Chipmunk Lake."

Beyond the muddy pond the trail went on up to a higher ridge whose lofty height reached far above the timber line. The tired climbers kept climbing and finally got to the very top. They looked down and in a beautiful valley below was a sparkling blue lake surrounded by great spruce trees, and beyond stood a wall of red rock spires glistening in the sun. The view was wonderful. The man looked at the awe-inspiring scene, and said to the boy, "Too bad those other folks turned back at Chipmunk Lake."

In man's search for happiness, for God, and His kingdom, many people turn back at Chipmunk Lake. They don't go far enough. They miss the opportunity to share in life's richest blessings or to see the glory of God's Kingdom. Life is disappointing and bitter. They descend to the depths in failure when they could climb to the heights of success and happiness.

Others, realizing happiness, success and the Kingdom of God are linked in one mountaintop panoramic view, press on toward the goal. They reach the heights through perseverance, sacrifice and moral courage, and can then enjoy the rich blessings and inspiration God meant His children to receive. There is deep personal satisfaction and soul-peace in the mountaintop view which gives one a spiritual understanding of life's vital problems and arranges values in proper proportion. Sure, it takes faith and ambition to reach the top, but the goal is worth it.

J. A. WHITMAN
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Hospital Chapel at Main Gate

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 Adm. Bldg. Annex

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 SUNDAYS 0945 & 1045

Only Surviving JUNEAU Officer Visits Here

Sailing has been smooth and rough for CDR Roger O'Neill, MC, USN, Senior Medical Officer on the USS IOWA, who was a recent visitor to the hospital, but without doubt the most memorable moment in his Navy career came when he was a member of the crew of the USS JUNEAU during World War II.

In South Pacific waters, the USS SAN FRANCISCO signaled the JUNEAU for medical aid after both had been hit in a "brush" with the enemy. The Senior Medical Officer, indisposed as a result of a minor wound, sent his junior officer, Dr. O'Neill, with three corpsmen, to lend assistance.

As their whaleboat pulled away toward the SAN FRANCISCO, a huge explosion was heard astern, and looking back Dr. O'Neill and his corpsmen watched the remains of their ship go under. The doctor was the only officer of the ill-fated JUNEAU who survived. According to Naval history, ten enlisted men in addition to the whaleboat's crew of three were saved.

Red Cross Ramblings



Some chess kibitzing took place on Ward 66B when Chief Bos'n M. Pyle (Ret.) sparred with Mr. Gottfried Lutz of Cutter Pharmaceutical Laboratories in Berkeley. ENS Carl Johnson (Ret.) from Stockton, Calif., a member of the local team for a long period during his hospitalization while convalescing here prior to returning to civilian life. Other members of the Cutter Lab Team were paired with Oak Knoll club members at the Red Cross Lounge. This month's match was a win for the visiting team by close score of 7-5. Miss Burnette Thompson is the Recreation Worker in charge of the Chess Club.

WITCHES ON HALLOWEEN

Last week the wards were a maze of yellow and black crepe paper, witches, skeletons and pumpkins galore. Ward 43 made their paper hats for the big night, utilizing brown paper bags as the foundation, concocting their own versions of what a Halloween hat should look like. Scissors and colored crayons were much in evidence and some of the finished products would put Lily Dache to shame. Ward 74A, as part of the festivities, had a "ducking contest" using large dishpans filled with those delicious California apples. SGT MERLIN STONE, USMC, must have, at one time, been a diver because he certainly was able to hold his breath at great length to submerge for that warty apple that insisted upon sinking to the bottom of the pan and remaining there. And what about those doughnuts tied to a string, CPL CASH? The Red Cross Lounge was in gala dress, with pumpkins and corn stalks everywhere. Hostesses wore rainbow shaded masks, and the theme for the evening's dancing was "the goblins will get you if you don't watch out."

HOW DOES YOUR GARDEN GROW?

The Oak Knoll Garden Club came to Wards 75B and 76B Wednesday afternoon, 24 October, bringing with them abalone shells, humus and sand, and a great variety of small plants, mainly cacti and succulents. Each patient selected the plantlets he wanted for his own garden and all who were able, planted and arranged pleasing and varied results. No two arrangements were the same. Several of the men gleefully picked out the sharpest and spiniest items exclusively to be put together in their miniature bedside table-top garden. We can only assume that everyone else better watch out before he sits down. Anyway, the dish gardens are certainly an artistic success.

AMERICAN LEGION PARTY

The American Legion Auxiliary

No. 5 of Oakland, Mrs. Lillian Smith, president, entertained Wards 43A and 42B last Thursday, 25 October. Mrs. Esther England, veteran program manager, ranger, member of this group, was responsible for the fine variety show composed of such popular entertainers as Howard Eastwood, pianist; Bob McMillan, pantomime artist; Mary Thompson, blues singer; Dolores V. Arella, songstress of ballads of the day, and Juanita and Clyde Davis, tap dancer. We hope that they will make another visit to the hospital soon.

TRUMP YOUR PARTNER'S ACE

Do you like to play bridge or canasta but feel that you need some brushing up on the rules? Mrs. H. B. Kidwell, Berkeley Red Cross Group Lady, is in the Lounge (Building 3) every Tuesday afternoon to assist you in your game. The TEBS, Telephone Girls Employees of San Francisco, spend alternate Saturday afternoons in the Lounge. Last Saturday they brought Halloween decorations, pumpkins, skeletons and decorated cakes for the patients. The next party will be Saturday, 10 November. Remember the date and bring your ward pal along for fun and dancing at 1400.

VFW AUXILIARY

The men on Wards 76 and 63 were entertained by hula and can-can dancers last Monday evening. The pianist played all the tunes from the Hit Parade, and many requests were made for the favorite tunes of the past year.

Two Staff Members End Tour of Duty

Two more enlisted members of the staff left Oak Knoll last week to resume civilian pursuits. Dixon J. Sorenson, HM1, was released to inactive duty under the phasing schedule on 24 October, and William K. Cooper, HN, reached the expiration date of the year's extension of his enlistment on 31 October.

Life Begins at Oak Knoll

- 21 October**
HENDRIX, Raymon Blake, to wife of Raymon Hendrix, MM2, 7 pounds, 11 ounces.
BLACK, Cheryl Lee, to wife of Arrel Black, HM2, 8 pounds, 12 ounces.
STENGER, John Gilbert, to wife of John Stenger, CPL, 5 pounds.
HOLTON, girl, to wife of Wallace Holton, LTIG, 6 pounds, 10 ounces.
LORINSER, Stephen Robert, to wife of Robert Lorinser, RMN2, 6 pounds, 7 ounces.
SHACKLEFORD, Mary Helen, to wife of Frederick Shackelford, BT3, 7 pounds.
- 22 October**
SLAUGHTER, Wayne Steven, to wife of Thomas Slaughter, SN, 7 pounds, 10 ounces.
SCHROEDER, John Franklin and James Francis, to wife of Warren Schroeder, AE1, 7 pounds, 12 ounces, and 6 pounds, 5 ounces.
ELLISON, Michael Lynn, to wife of Leonard Ellison, HN, 5 pounds, 2 ounces.
HOFFMAN, Wayne, to wife of Zane Hoffman, Jr., LCDR, 7 pounds, 7 ounces.
COLLINS, girl, to wife of William Collins, Jr., LTJG, 8 pounds, 1 ounce.
SMITH, boy, to wife of Glen Smith, YNC, 7 pounds, 8 ounces.
SHEFFIELD, Karen Lee, to wife of William Sheffield, MM3, 7 pounds, 12 ounces.
- 23 October**
ROBERSON, Janice Kay, to wife of Ted Roberson, BMC, 5 pounds, 1½ ounces.
HAEFFER, girl, to wife of Patrick Shaefter, HM3, 6 pounds, 13 ounces.
LANHAM, Kevin Mack, to wife of Mack Lanham, AL1, 9 pounds, 3 ounces.
MURELLO, Lawrence Jaime, to wife of Peter Murello, M/SGT, 7 pounds, 7 ounces.
RENSON, Nancy Gay, to wife of William Renson, LTIG, 7 pounds, 2 ounces.
VIDETO, William Riley Jr., to wife of William Videto, ENS, 5 pounds, 13 ounces.
COLTER, Suzanne Lynn, to wife of Charles Colter, MA3, 7 pounds, 11 ounces.
KENNEDAY, Sharron Lee, to wife of Charles Kenneday, CAPT, 5 pounds, 15 ounces.
BROWN, Christine Margaret, to wife of Charles Brown, EMP2, 8 pounds.
PERRY, William Eugene Jr., to wife of William Perry, TET2, 5 pounds, 12 ounces.
COLLINS, William Randall, to wife of Frederick Collins, BM3, 9 pounds, 7 ounces.
- 24 October**
KELLY, Christine Louise, to wife of James Kelly, ETCA, 7 pounds, 10 ounces.
CARTER, Deborah Maureen, to wife of Rex Carter, T/SGT, 6 pounds, 2 ounces.
GROSSKOPF, Adelle, to wife of Homer Grosskopf, LT, 6 pounds, 10 ounces.
FULLER, James Patrick, to wife of James Fuller, YN2, 7 pounds, 1 ounce.
MAJOR, Terry Kathleen, to wife of Neil Major, HM1, 6 pounds, 11 ounces.
FANGER, Faith Patrice, to wife of Henry Fanger, AOC, 8 pounds, 3 ounces.
REYNOLDS, Michael Gay, to wife of Gabriel Reynolds, HN, 9 pounds, 1 ounce.
ROGERS, William Lawrence, to wife of Robert Rogers, Jr., SA, 7 pounds, 1 ounce.
RUESS, Michael David, to wife of Robert Rueess, AD3, 7 pounds, 12 ounces.
ROSE, Joseph Anthony, to wife of Joseph Rose, SN, 7 pounds, 2 ounces.
DOLSON, Ellen Maurine, to wife of Lee Dolson, LT, 8 pounds, 10 ounces.
WAGNER, Christopher Jerrold, to wife of Aurand Wagner, MML3, 7 pounds, 8 ounces.
- 25 October**
WARD, Patricia Evon, to wife of Gary Howard, PN1, 7 pounds, 10 ounces.
WEBER, Rosemary Ann, to wife of John Weber, AOC, 9 pounds, 6½ ounces.
GOODWIN, Gary Robert, to wife of Thomas Goodwin, LT, 8 pounds.
BLAKESLEE, Leslie Margaret, to wife of Rollin Blakeslee, LT, 6 pounds, 12 ounces.
O'SHEA, Robert William, to wife of William O'Shea, Jr., 8 pounds, 6 ounces.
MOON, Michael Lee, to wife of Gordon Moon, AN, 9 pounds, 6 ounces.
- 26 October**
VISTY, Mary Elizabeth, to wife of Edward Visty, HN, 6 pounds, 8 ounces.
STONE, Barbara Louella, to wife of William Stone, EN3, 5 pounds, 3½ ounces.
WAKEMAN, Dennis Ray, to wife of Robert Wakeman, EM3, 6 pounds, 8½ ounces.
CLARKE, Christine Lee, to wife of Charles Clarke, ENS, 9 pounds.
THOMAS, William Franklin, to wife of William Thomas, Jr., AE1, 7 pounds, 1 ounce.
FAGALDE, Donald Gilbert, Jr., to wife of Donald Fagalde, SN, 7 pounds, 1 ounce.
OGLE, Michael Paul, to wife of Paul Ogle, AD1, 7 pounds, 1 ounce.
DYKEMA, Christine Elaine, to wife of Owen Dykema, ENS, 7 pounds, 3 ounces.
BIRKI SHAW, Janice Arlene, to wife of Ronald Birkinshaw, HA, 6 pounds, 11 ounces.
- 27 October**
McCARTE, Barbara Ann, to wife of William McCarte, BT2, 7 pounds, 8 ounces.
HOUDASHELT, Anita Sharon, to wife of Charles Houdashelt, ADC, 8 pounds, 4 ounces.
THOMAS, Clifford James, to wife of Clif-



Distinguished visitors from the Research Department of the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery in Washington, D.C., were at Oak Knoll on Friday, 26 October, for a conference on matters pertaining to Navy Medical research. They were RADM B. A. Groesbeck, Jr., MC, USN, and CAPT C. W. Shilling, MC, USN. They were accompanied during their visit by CAPT Carl Schlack, DC, USN, of the Naval Medical Research Institute at Bethesda, Md. Shown above taking part in the conference are (left to right) LT J. R. Kimmel, MC, USNR, and LTJG T. W. Burns, MC, USNR, both of the Oak Knoll Metabolic Research facilities; CAPT J.N.C. Gordon, MC, USN, Commanding Officer; CAPT Schlack, RADM Groesbeck, CAPT A. R. Higgins, MC, USN, Chief of the Oak Knoll Medical Service; CAPT Shilling and CAPT I.L.V. Norman, MC, USN, Executive Officer.

7 of Knoll Staff Are New Fathers

Sixty babies were born at Oak Knoll's Delivery Rooms during the week from 21 through 27 October, but this figure is no record here. Of more interest is the fact that seven staff members, as well as one patient, became fathers last week.

First staff member to welcome a new child during the week was Arrel Black, HM2, of the Graphic Arts department, whose daughter, Cheryl Dee, was born Sunday, 21 October and weighed 8 pounds, 12 ounces, when first placed on the scales.
On Monday, 22 October, Michael Lynn Ellison, the son of Leonard Ellison, HN, also of the staff, made his appearance, weighing in at 5 pounds, 2 ounces.
LTJG William Benson was the third staff father. His daughter, Nancy Gay, was born Tuesday, 23 October, and weighed 7 pounds, 2 ounces at birth.

Two staff members became fathers on Wednesday, 24 October. Terry Kathleen Major is the new daughter of Neil Major, HM1. She weighed 6 pounds, 11 ounces. Gabriel Reynolds, HN, welcomed his 9 pound, 1 ounce boy, Michael Gay, the same day.

Wednesday's feat was duplicated on Thursday, 26 October. Mary Elizabeth Visty is the new daughter of Edward Visty, HN, and weighed 6 pounds, 8 ounces. Born the same date was Janice Arlene Birkinshaw, the new 6 pound, 11 ounce, daughter of HA and Mrs. Ronald Birkinshaw.

The new patient-father is William Perry, TET2, of Ward 60B, whose son, William Eugene, Jr., was born 23 October and weighed in at 5 pounds, 12 ounces.

- ford Thomas, SA, 9 pounds, 2 ounces.
BRADSHAW, Joyce Elaine, to wife of Delmar Bradshaw, YN3, 6 pounds, 13 ounces.
HARRIS, Ramona Joyce, to wife of Wilson Harris, SH3, 6 pounds, 8 ounces.
FRANCO, John Daniel, to wife of John Franco, SGT, 6 pounds, 6 ounces.
CAUDILL, girl, to wife of Jordan Caudill, LCDR, 7 pounds, 15 ounces.
HOLCOMB, Margaret Cleo, to wife of Norman Holcomb, AN, 7 pounds, 8½ ounces.
JACKSON, Willard Alfred, Jr., to wife of Willard Jackson, SN, 7 pounds, 4 ounces.

Welcome and Farewell

The staff census at Oak Knoll took another drop during the past week as transfers to other activities again outnumbered the transfers to the Hospital. During the week 27 persons left Oak Knoll for new assignments while only 19 reported for duty here.

Reporting aboard were HMC's H. L. Davis from U.S. Marine Corps Headquarters, Department of the Pacific, T. Moracca from MST3, Pacific, and W. L. Randall from the USS WARRICK; HM1 F. B. Reando from USNH, Bremerton; HM3 M. P. Cook from USNRECSTA, Treasure Island; HN's C. R. Christman and S. F. Griffith and HA's M. Kyrioglou, C. G. Bernard, J. R. Brubaker, W. A. Clark, L. S. Davis, E. A. Derrick, J. A. Hughes, Jr., R. L. Rogers, A. E. Basques, A. M. Dekelboum, J. G. Schoenbachler and R. E. Nicolaisen, all from Hospital Corps School, San Diego.

Transferred during the week were CAPT Anton Zikmund, MC, USN, to USS HAVEN, LT Marie Y. LeClair, NC, USNR, LT Inez Watson, NC, USN, and LT Dorothy M. Eoff, NC, USNR, all to USNH, Corona; LT Goldie F. Haigh, NC, USNR, and ENS Carolyn L. Harris, NC, USNR, both to civilian life;

HMC T. Moracca to 50 Fell St.; HM1's K. K. Drake to Fleet Training Center, San Diego, and D. A. Parker to Naval Station, Treasure Island; HM2's H. J. Padgett to District Headquarters and C. H. Christopher to USS MERRICK; HM3's W. M. Jones, to OCS, Newport, R.I., D. R. McNab to USNH, San Diego, L. Mallari, to Naval Station, Sangley Pt., P.I.; L. F. Esser to District Headquarters and R. E. Richardson, C. A. Baughn, J. L. Coombs, L. F. Leibold, W. J. Manuel, J. S. McCollum and R. N. Naughton, all to FMF, Camp Pendleton; HN's H. H. Weisberg to USNH, St. Albans, and F. A. Prosser, E. Estrada, W. Jefferson and H. S. White, all to FMF, Camp Pendleton.

Visitor: "Live here all your life?"
Native: "Don't know, ain't dead yet."

Civilian Pay Is Hiked 10 Percent

Pay has been boosted for all graded (white collar) employees by 10 per cent. Where the entrance salary of the position in which the employee is serving is less than \$3,000, the employee receives a flat \$300-a-year increase. If an employee is in a higher salary step than the first step of the grade, the amount of the increase will be 10 per cent of the first step of the grade, not 10 per cent of the higher pay step to which the employee may have advanced.

The first check which will include the increase will be issued on 15 November.

The raise was retroactive to 8 July 1951. A lump sum payment will be made on approximately 15 November to cover the period from 8 July to 27 October. The lump sum payment will be subject to the new withholding tax rate and also to retirement or social security deductions, as applicable to the individual employee.

Navy Conducts Tests With One-Man 'Copter

Washington (AFPS)—The Navy is experimenting with a one-man helicopter.

It has contracted with the Roto Craft Corporation, Glendale, California, for the basic research of a one-man helicopter to be strapped on a man's back.

The present contract calls for only two of the devices.

No mass production figures in the plans.

Although the device has not been officially tested, engineers assume that it may obtain speeds of 50 to 70 miles per hour. Its weight is 100 pounds.

Pomona, Calif. (AFPS)—Proving that even a Hercules can be domestic, George L. Nance, a 200-pound stevedore of San Pedro, won a blue ribbon at the Los Angeles County Fair—for tating.



Here are the people who handle the large amount of paper work and records necessary to supervise civilian employees at Oak Knoll. 1. Mrs. Ella C. Burr is in charge of the employment section of civilian personnel and supervises a staff of seven assistants. 2. Shown here (left to right) are Mrs. Olivia B. Spencer, Miss Maxine Ashley and Miss Elenore A. Muller, who work in the recruitment and placement fields of the department. 3. Mr. Harold W. Boyles is the civilian personnel assistant at Oak Knoll. 4. Mrs. Madelon Drum has the job of examining job description. 5. Shown here (left to right) are Mrs. Shirley Davis, in charge of files; Mrs. Charlotte Thomas, who figures pay increases, and Mrs. Betty DeJong who prepares personnel folders. 6. Mrs. Mellie Hoff works with the records and reports section.

Civilian Personnel Serves Oak Knoll in Many Ways

"Civilians?" you may ask. "What are civilians? Where do they come from? Why are they always out of uniform?" Good questions all.

To get right to the heart of the matter, civilians are part of the hospital staff, helping the Navy to get its work done. They are recruited by the Civilian Personnel Office under the direction of H. W. Boyles, civilian personnel assistant.

According to Mr. Boyles, it is the aim of his office to insure the hospital a sound personnel program.

"The Civilian Personnel Office," he declared, "has a dual obligation to see that all supervisors are properly instructed in civil service regulations as well as good management practices and to advise all employees of their rights, privileges, benefits, and obligations as civil service employees."

Mr. Boyles is particularly anxious "that all civilian employees understand that they may discuss with him any problems they may have in connection with civil service."

Mrs. Ella C. Burr is in charge of the employment section, supervising a staff of seven assistants. In filling the civilian complement here, the number and types of positions to be filled are allocated by the executive and administrative officer and are filled through close coordination with department heads, who make the final selections for their staffs.

Since civil service regulations require that all positions be currently described so that employees will re-

ceive equal pay for equal work, it is the job of Madelon M. "Bonnie" Drum to insure that position descriptions are accurate at all times.

Mrs. Drum explains classification to employees and supervisors and assists them in the preparation of position descriptions. She also keeps records in connection with the Beneficial Suggestion program and assists various divisions in the hospital in preparation of their organizational charts.

Under Mrs. Burr, and in direct charge of the recruitment and place-

ment fields, is Maxine Ashley, who also teaches the course in Navy Correspondence Training.

Miss Ashley and Mrs. Burr have both recently been appointed detached members of the 12th Naval District board of civil service examiners.

Also in the recruitment and placement section are Elenore Muller and Sally Spencer, who screen and interview job applicants, recruit for "eligibles," and arrange for the necessary pre-employment clearances.

The records and reports section maintains for each employee a per-

sonnel folder which contains complete information on promotions, pay increases, and much other pertinent data. Mellie Hoff heads this section under Mrs. Burr's supervision.

Working in the reports and records section are:

Betty DeJong who prepares personnel folders of new employees and obtains records of their previous employment; in addition, she does the performance rating forms for supervisors and reviews the completed ratings; Charlotte Thomas who has the pleasant job of figuring periodic pay increases for employees and seeing that the pay increases meet payroll deadlines; and Shirley Davis, newest member of the Civilian Personnel Office staff, who is in charge of personnel and correspondence files.

Who's Who in Civilian Personnel

Maxine B. Ashley names Arts and Crafts, Gardening, Interior Decoration, and Dancing as her leisure activities.

Harold "Hal" W. Boyles met his wife, who was a Wave, at Naval Air Station, Norman, Okla., while he was an aviation cadet there.

Ella C. Burr is an alumna of Lindenwood College, St. Charles, Mo. Her husband is a firefighter on the compound.

Shirley J. Davis' father has been in the Coast Guard for 22 years, is a Chief Boatswain's Mate on the USCGC Taney. Mrs. Davis has a four-months-old boy, Stephen.

Betty A. DeJong raises 30 varieties of roses and 50 varieties of irises in her garden patch. She also has three children.

Madelon "Bonnie" Drum likes to go to the beach to relax in the sand but definitely not to go into the water. Mrs. Drum has an 11-year-old daughter, Carol.

Mellie D. Hoff collects china and silver; she has a 12-year-old girl; her husband is a Chief Pharmacist's Mate in the Coast Guard.

Elenore A. Muller rides the range at her father's San Ramon ranch on her week ends. She's a member of the Metropolitan Horseman's Assn.

Olivia B. Spencer used to be a dental assistant. Her home town is Irvington, Calif.; she travels, sews and horseback rides for diversion.

Charlotte J. Thomas has a dog, some fish, and two parakeets to help amuse her 9-year-old girl, Charleen.

Armed Forces Boosts Women Service Quota

Washington (AFPS) — Armistice Day, November 11th, marks the opening of a campaign to recruit 72,000 officers and enlisted personnel for the women's services of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Air Force.

The Drive is in conjunction with the present "Share Service for Freedom" recruiting program which plans to bring to 112,000 the number of women in the Armed Forces by June 1952.

Recruiting goals for the women's services include: Army—22,147, Navy—4,689; Marine Corps—750, and Air Force—43,906.



Members of the B'nai Brith, Eden Lodge No. 1659, and the Ladies Auxiliary, Chapter 671, on Monday, 29 October, presented a television set to Oak Knoll. The presentation was made in connection with the stage show presented here by the Lodge and Auxiliary. Shown above with the new set are (left to right) Mr. Jack Malamet of the Lodge, Mrs. David Brenner, co-chairman of the Auxiliary, CAPT J. F. McMullin, MC, USN, who accepted the set on behalf of the hospital, and Mrs. Myron Lees, also of the Auxiliary.



Usually this column has to do with the new books that we receive from the Bureau or buy with our Welfare allotment. This time, however, I should like to say a few words about a book that hasn't been written.

Some months ago, in a burst of angry frustration brought on by circumstances that could only have been occasioned by that unknown but virulent assailant whom we dubbed "HE," I said that someday I would like to write a book about HIM. This led to a discussion with Bob Rampton about the fact that the whole subject of the returned Naval Reservists (for whom HE seems to have had many lovely surprises in store, the end of which are not yet visible) might make a readable, funny and, it is devoutly to be hoped, salable book. I thought we might call it "Second Time Around." This was said as pure speculation over a couple of quiet brews (the only sure refuge from HIM that I know).

Word gets around.

Roy Zetterholm promptly offered to do cartoon illustrations for the book, when and if. Several citizens have volunteered anecdotes which will be immensely useful, and then one night while listening to Bob Scobey's Dixieland outfit in Oakland, a pattern seemed to be merging where the anecdotes and HE all fitted together.

I know when I'm licked. The darn book will HAVE to be written.

I also realize that "Second Time Around" will be about service people but not exclusively about reservists. LT Thompson pointed out that the Medical and Hospital Corps are large institutions which have never been treated much in books. Which is a good jumping off place; there's a wealth of material to be had and so far no one has yet touched it.

So I have my work cut out for me,



One of Oak Knoll's favorite doctors, CAPT Anton Zikmund, MC, USN, was detached from service at the hospital last week. CAPT Zikmund has been Assistant Chief of the Medical Service at Oak Knoll since he reported aboard here on 20 February 1951. He has been assigned to the staff of the USS HAVEN where he will be Chief of Medicine. The best wishes of all the members of the staff go with him.

and so does Oak Knoll.

It's likely to be a community project with anecdotes and editorial comments coming from all sides. Which is not a bad idea. Maybe some of you who read this column have some stories or some things of interest to recount. If you do, come and see me. I'm the large object in undress blues that checks out books at the main desk and I'll be delighted to meet you.

It's a little early to say exactly WHAT kind of book we'll have, but next week—since I'm plum out of space at this point—I'll give you a little idea of what I think makes a book worth reading.

—Frank M. Campbell, HM1

"Dear Mom," wrote the private. "Your guess is as good as mine about where we're going. They gave me shots for yellow fever and a fur cap."

3 Transfusions Simultaneously

(Continued from Page 1)

At 1800 Friday, 19 October, CAPT E. H. Dickinson, MC, USN, Chief of Surgery, assisted by members of his staff, opened Cahill's chest to find the bleeding points and tie them off in an effort to stop loss of blood and restore normal circulation. It was necessary to cut into the clot, which by this time had grown to the size of a football. Profuse bleeding was inevitable.

The hospital blood bank stood ready with 13 pints of AB blood, but it soon became apparent that more would be needed. Locating and closing wounds in a bleeding vessel is a slow, painstaking process, and the patient was losing blood fast.

While three transfusions, pumped simultaneously into the veins of one arm and both legs were being administered under pressure, CDR J. J. Engelried, MSC, USN, in charge of Oak Knoll's blood bank, was busy borrowing more blood from Alameda County and Irwin Memorial blood banks and calling his crew back to work, some of them from their beds.

Only one in 50 persons has type AB blood—the type the young Marine on the operating table was losing as fast as he could be transfused more. The Navy Bloodmobile, the day of the operation, had drawn 397 pints of blood from Navy donors at Treasure Island, and there was just a chance that one or two of those might be AB. A dozen men, trained blood bank technicians, knew that one pint of blood might mean the difference between life and death for Cahill. They worked as if their own lives depended on it, typing the blood they had finished collecting only three hours before. Three pints of AB blood were finally obtained from this lot.

Whether Cahill had any blood of his own left when they closed his wound doctors do not know. They do know that he received more than twice as much blood as a normal body contains, much of which he lost along with his own. Three more pints given post-operatively brought the total to 28 pints in 12 hours.

Five days after the operation, Cahill was removed from the critical

Full Schedule Of Events Listed

A full schedule of events for patients and staff members has been arranged for the next few weeks by the Welfare and Recreation Dept.

On Tuesday, 6 November, TV Star Cottonseed Clark and his company will present a stage show at the Community Services Building Auditorium at 1900.

On Friday, 9 November, a busload of patients will be taken to the Richmond auditorium to see the Horace Heidt show, to be sponsored by the Richmond DAV Chapter.

Saturday, 10 November, the usual busload of patients will go to Berkeley to see the University of California-Washington Pacific Coast Conference football game.

Also on the schedule is the Police Amateur Boxing show to be staged at the Oakland Auditorium on Wednesday, 14 November. More details of that event will be announced later.

And on Thursday, 15 November, one or two busloads of patients will attend the opening night of the Sonia Henie Ice Follies at the Cow Palace in San Francisco.

USS Haven Brings 85 Korean Vets to Knoll

The USS HAVEN arrived in the Bay Area last Tuesday bringing wounded veterans of the Korean fighting to hospitals in this area.

Oak Knoll Hospital received a total of 85 patients, of whom nine were officers. The Record Office reports that the bulk of these wounded veterans were members of the Marine Corps.

list, and today he is believed to be on the road to recovery. He has regained some feeling in his right arm. He can breathe normally and smile happily at his parents who flew here from their home in Birmingham last week.

PFC Cahill had been in Korea for three months when he was wounded while serving as assistant gunner in a squad firing 35 mm rockets in A Company, First Battalion, First Regiment, First Marine Division.



Six patients at Oak Knoll last week received very welcome gifts. Mrs. Isabelle Mosher of the Parnassus Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star in San Francisco is shown above presenting six afghans made by members of her group to CDR H. C. Gavin, NC, USN, Chief of the Nursing Service, for distribution to patients. Mrs. Mosher said her chapter will bring more afghans to patients as needed.

Scuttlebutt

By DERF

HALLOWEEN DANCE: Amidst weird skeletons, hovering witches, black cats, and laughing Jack-O-Lanterns the gaily costumed Knollites danced to the mellow music of Larry Capelli's orchestra last Friday night—Dozens of pumpkins were cut into Jack-O-Lanterns by **Jean Naylor**, **Chief Ferenchak**, and **Dorothy Hopson**.—Hundreds of balloons were blown up by **Lee Steinike** and her lusty Physio cohorts—The **Ramptons** and **Burns'** with **Ray Hopson** hung miles of streamers—The **Caudillos** came as clowns—**Art Pederson** and his cute flapper stopped the show with their tricky Charleston—**Arlene Normington** drew long low whistles as she swished in as a "Vamp"—**Bill Jones** was a perfect Mammy Yokum—**Roy Gage** must have practiced somewhere to have developed that perfect drunken gait—several wives dressed their husbands in "Drag" (a California vernacularism meaning to dress in women's clothing)—The O.O.'s **M. D. Orr** and **H. S. Williams** came as Schmos or something. Their picture is in the Oak Leaf, you decide what they are!—A lot of excellent cooperation from all hands made possible one of the best dances of the year.

THIS N' THAT: They're calling **Isabel Meyers'** new red Nash Rambler a "Tomato Can on Wheels." I wish I had such a tomato can—While we're dishing cars, have you seen the hearse **Ed Spencer** is driving around?—What's the attraction for **Donna Mattox** in Los Angeles? We see her zipping down there so often!—**Gunnar Pederson** likes the Paddock because of pianist **Frank Wells'** droll anecdotes—Didja hear **LT Parker** and **Al Rodad** on the airwaves the other a.m.? They were plugging the work of the Blood Processing lab at Travis AFB—**Ann Franklin** and **Elaine Felix** have a lot to talk about these days. They are both awaiting an offering from the stork—**Alice Hook's** one and only, **Bob Nicolaisen**, checked in for duty and we can hear Alice purring a mile away—Sorority girls pass candy around when they're engaged, but **Elsie Pierce's** candy must have meant she's a GS5 now, because I know she was already a mother—It's hard to believe that attractive **Jean Capri** and gay **Helen Simmons** are mothers. They look so young. Yet, Jean has a son in the Navy and Helen's son is a student at SF State—Have you ever met a completely satisfied man? If you haven't, stop and talk to **John Pratt**, the mailman—**Ray Babin's** home, "Carol Ann," was the subject of a layout in the "New Orleans Times-Picayune." It's one of those old southern mansions we only see in the movies nowadays—**Al Dekelboum**, an HA who just reported aboard, is a brain. He has to wind up as No. 1 man in a class of 72—**John Reische** went duck hunting the other day and if we told you how many he bagged he'd have the game warden down on him—**Gordon Dolliver** and **Lee Huggins** were snowbound up around Denver last week. Aren't we lucky things like that don't happen in sunny Oakland?—"Muggsie" **Mahoney** is back at the OOD's info desk after covering more than 5000 miles on a 30-day leave. She and her Earl strayed into Canada and travelled as far south as New Mexico.



winner; **Bill "Mammy" Jones**, first prize; and **H. S. Williams** and **M. D. Orr**, third prize. The little girl in front, **Margaret Ann Ebbers**, won the title of cutest costume at the ball, in spite of **Bill Jones'** efforts.



Oak Knoll staff members turned out in force on Friday, 26 October for the Halloween Costume Ball at the Enlisted Men's Recreation Cent. And not only did they turn out in force—they also turned out in some of the weirdest get-ups ever seen. For example, there were two clowns (above left) who, under all the grease paint, may be recognized as the **John Caudillos**. In the photo at right are shown the prize winners in the costume contest. They are (from left to right) **Roy L. Gage**, second prize; **Bill "Mammy" Jones**, first prize; and **H. S. Williams** and **M. D. Orr**, third prize. The little girl in front, **Margaret Ann Ebbers**, won the title of cutest costume at the ball, in spite of **Bill Jones'** efforts.

Halloween Pranksters Fly "Jolly Roger"

Halloween goblins roamed the Oak Knoll Hospital compound last Wednesday night and left behind them one of the cleverest pranks of the season.

When it came time for colors on Thursday morning, the duty section in the O.O.D.'s office was mildly amazed to find a "Jolly Roger" flying at the top of the flagpole. The pennant was white instead of the conventional black, but nevertheless sported the traditional skull and crossbones of the old-time pirates of the high seas.

Hi-Lites

Boston, Mass. (AFPS)—Asking for an early end to the legislative session, State Senator **Silvio Conte** said he hadn't been home in a long time. Argued the Senator: "We had three children in 24 months, and now we haven't had a birth in eight months and people are beginning to talk about it."

Waukegan, Ill. (AFPS) — At a downtown store, firemen worked feverishly to gain entrance as white clouds of smoke poured from within. Once inside they were greeted by thick clouds of DDT. The janitor was spraying to kill insects.

Clinton, Mass. (AFPS)—Searching for news, Reporter **William Coulter** dropped in on the local draft board. He got his news—orders for him to report for his pre-induction physical.

Anderson, Mo. (AFPS)—If **George Willis** can preserve that 59-year-old bottle of strawberry pop until February, he will inherit a \$14,000 Kansas farm. His grandfather's will stated that if Willis, on his 65th birthday, could produce one unopened bottle, he would be the benefactor.

Worcester, Mass. (AFPS)—"This is getting publicity the hard way," commented **Mrs. John May** after attending the baptism of her 20th child.

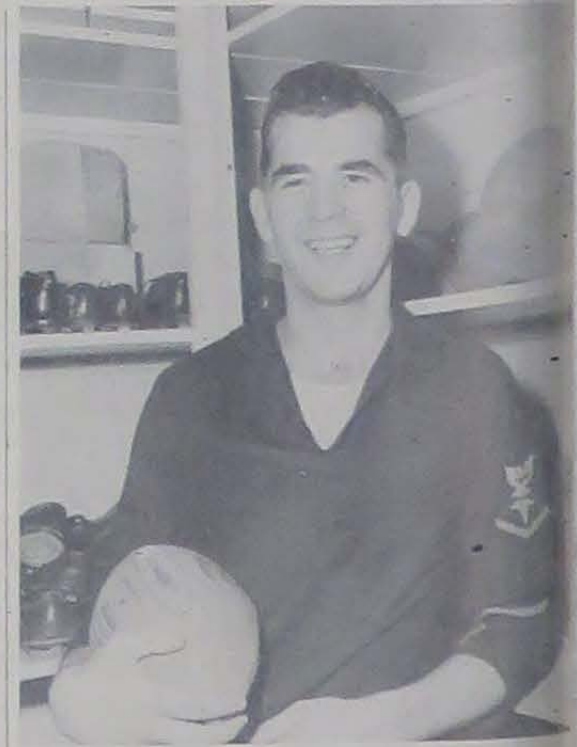
Upper Darby, Pa. (AFPS)—**Parker Jerrell** missed a 15-foot putt by the mere degree of a fraction of an inch. He stood amazed as a butterfly landed on the ball, knocking it into the cup.

Comanche, Okla. (AFPS)—One of **Everett Thompson's** hens lays her eggs in a pan of water whenever the weather gets too warm.

Santa Fe, N. M. (AFPS)—**Jack Holmes**, director of the State Legislative Reference Bureau, received a letter from a Boise, Idaho, man which said: "Dear Sirs: I would like any information you could give me."

Staff Personalities

Oak Knoll's best all-around athlete—this distinction, without argument—goes to **George "Pappy" Papadakis**, HM3. Since he reported to Oak Knoll when called back to active duty on 28 August, 1950, Pappy has been a mainstay on last winter's softball and tennis teams and on this fall's football team. A native of Ashland, Wisconsin, Pappy was hitting the books and the baskets for LaCrosse State Teachers College when he came back to active duty. And he plans to return there in January, since he is due to be released to inactive duty in December under the phasing schedule. At LaCrosse he will continue his work toward a degree in Physical Education.



One of the people you are bound to become acquainted with if you spend any time at all at Oak Knoll is **Robert McCann**, HM1, who handles the leave and liberty office at the Main Gate. A native of Woodbine, Ia., "Mac" came back to active duty in the Navy on 13 March and has been at Oak Knoll since. Last summer he was one of the regulars of the Oak Knoll baseball team when he played most of the time as catcher. Mac was in private business before he was recalled. He is married and has a two-and-a-half year old daughter. Mac finished a six-year hitch in the Navy on 10 December 1947, three years of which were spent with the Fleet Marines.



14-Act Program Presented Here

Patients and staff at Oak Knoll on Monday, 29 October, were treated to a fast moving, entertaining hour-and-a-half show by B'nai Brith Lodge 1659 and Ladies' Auxiliary, Chapter 671 at the Community Services Building Auditorium.

The show consisted of fourteen acts and covered the entire circle from riotous comedy to outstanding talent. Main feature of the program was the tireless work of Master of Ceremonies Al Millman, who, in addition to opening the show with selections on his home-made, one-string fiddle, kept the audience cheering with his antics throughout the program.

Also one of the brighter spots of the evening was petite Barbara Wright, with her tap dancing and, together with Beverly Hitchcock, a sizzling hula that brought the show to a rousing finish. Miss Hitchcock also presented a piano solo.

Little Jeannie Ataide proved that she has talent to spare with two Spanish dances, while another youngster, David Warren, presented feats of magic with all the aplomb of a veteran entertainer.

Included in the program were a number of vocalists, ranging from the romantic tenor voice of Al Mandella to the deep bass voice of John Julian, whose tones went clear to his toes in "Asleep in the Deep," and "Old Man River."

Other vocalists were the "Liltin' In Rhythm" voice of Betty Brown, the Betty Hutton style singing of Judy Perkins and the clear, sweet voice of Beverly Wiseman.

Also with a vocal number, but in a slightly different class, was the foot-stompin' Tennessee music presented by the Helton Brothers as they accompanied themselves on a guitar and banjo. The mountain music nearly brought the house down.

Another act which had the audience joining in on the fun was Peggy Holt and her accordion as she led the crowd in some community singing.

In addition to the first-class show, the lodge and its auxiliary presented the hospital with a television set. The set was received on behalf of the hospital by CAPT J. F. Mullin, MC, USN.

CPL Hix Is Named Honorary Marshal

CPL Jerry Hix, amputee patient on Ward 42B, has been selected to act as Honorary Grand Marshal for the Armistice Day parade to be held in downtown Oakland on Sunday, 11 November.

RADM P. E. Hipp, USN, Commanding Officer of the Naval Supply Center in Oakland, will be the Grand Marshal for the parade.

Along with CPL Hix, approximately 20 other amputee patients from Oak Knoll will take part in the parade. Arrangements for their participation are being conducted through the Disabled American Veterans chapter in Oakland.

The new baby has its father's nose and its mother's eyes. Yes, and if grandpop doesn't stop leaning over the crib, it's going to have his teeth.



Here are a few of the 14 acts presented by B'nai Brith, Eden Chapter, at the Community Services Building auditorium Monday, 29 October. At left is Judy Perkins, a TV performer, who delivered her songs a la Betty Hutton. At center with his home-made one-string fiddle is Al Millman, who later put his fiddle aside to act as master of ceremonies for the show. No program would be complete without a hula dance and the two girls at right, Barbara Wright and Beverly Hitchcock, did it up fine at the Monday night show. In addition to the hula, Barbara Wright presented a tap dance number, and Miss Hitchcock a piano solo.

Marine Kibitzer Kills Movie Queen's Punch

With the 1st Marine Division, Korea (AFPC)—At a motion picture shown to the First Marine Regiment, within sight of enemy lines, seriousness was the plot but humor rolled from its audience.

During a melodramatic scene, a blonde had slain her lover with a forty-five. She turned her tear-streaked face toward the audience and pleaded, "Oh, what shall I do?"

A Marine in the rear, making his exit, yelled back: "Get up off the firing line and pick up your brass!"

PREVIEWS

Sunday, 4 November

THE WELL—Henry Morgan, Barry Kelly, DRAMA. There is no information available on the subject matter of this film, and the title certainly gives no clue. It is known, however, that the Henry Morgan listed is not the sometimes radio comedian. The film was released to the public on 10 September and critics call it excellent. There is also a one-reeler in color called "Art of Archery" plus a newsreel.

Monday, 5 November

PANIC IN THE STREETS—Paul Douglas, Richard Widmark, MELODRAMA. Here is another movie with a rating of "excellent." It is an older one, released more than a year ago. Paul Douglas is always good in this type of thing and Richard Widmark should be an adequate co-star. Don't let its age deter you from

seeing a good movie. Also: "Monkeys is the Cwaziest People."

Tuesday, 6 November

ALICE IN WONDERLAND—Disney Cartoon. This is the one you have been hearing so much about, and this is the one that is all cartoon. There was another "Alice" released about the same time that employed some people and the argument as to which is the best reproduction of the Lewis Carroll masterpiece has raged ever since. Here is your chance to see one side of the argument. This movie has been drawing immense crowds in New York where it opened. Also a one-reeler entitled "Flying Padre."

Wednesday, 7 November

VALLEY OF FIRE—Gene Autry, WESTERN. For all Western fans, here is a chance to steal a march on your comrades on the outside. This shiny new Autry film has not been released as yet to the general public. Because it is so new there are no reviews available, but his fans know what to expect of Autry. Also "Trouble in Laws," for an added attraction.

Thursday, 8 November

THE UNKNOWN MAN—Walter Pidgeon, Margaret Leighton, DRAMA. This movie has been called "a sometimes interesting, often conventional, exposition of the theme that one way or another justice will triumph." Mr. Pidgeon plays the part of a prominent corporation attorney in a city which is crime-ridden and corrupt. He is wealthy, respected and has never soiled his career by crime cases and knows little about the underworld activities around him. His placid life changes overnight, however, when he is talked into defending a young hoodlum with a criminal record, charged with murder. How the attorney later commits a murder himself, and, in turn, is murdered, can best be left unsaid. Also a one-reeler in color, "Putting on the Dog."

Friday, 9 November

STARLIFT—All Star Cast, EXTRAVAGANZA. Here is another new one that the public has not had a chance to see as yet. Produced by Warner Brothers, it is labeled a "musical" and chances are the plot, if any, will not play an important part in the film. It is a fairly long movie, something over an hour and a half. But there are enough big names in it to keep it interesting. Also a newsreel.

Saturday, 10 November

MISTER 880—Burt Lancaster, Dorothy McGuire, DRAMA. If you haven't already seen this one, you better grab this chance because it is too good to miss. It's a story, factually established, of the little, nice old guy who makes his own income, counterfeit variety, and successfully evades the efforts of Uncle Samuel's Secret Service for some 10 years. This one, without doubt, is an excellent movie. Also, "Music of Manhattan," a one-reeler.

A survivor of a torpedoed ship was telling a horrified old lady of his terrible experience: "And there I saw the torpedo, lady, coming for our ship."

"Oh, dear," she gasped, "I do hope it was one of ours."



"... And in my opinion the safest place to be, in the event of an atomic blast in San Francisco, is the basement of a house ... in New Jersey."

SPORTS

Football Squad Back in Action

Oak Knoll's touch football crew returned to action this week on Thursday, 1 November, as the Hospital team laid its record of no defeats and three wins on the line in a game with Treasure Island on the enemy's grounds.

Results of the game were not available in time for publication.

Oak Knoll players were optimistic as they went into the fray, pointing out that Fleet Air, Alameda, a 32-6 victim of the Oak Knoll attack two weeks ago, had defeated Treasure Island in an earlier game.

Eddie Estrada, workhorse center for the Hospital crew, made his last appearance with the Oak Knoll team in the Treasure Island game before reporting to Camp Pendleton for duty with the Marines. It is believed Estrada's excellent defensive play and aggressiveness will be sorely missed by the Oak Knollers, although Jones, who will probably be his replacement, is expected to hold down the center post without too much trouble.

Coach Reginato planned to use the same attack in the Treasure Island game Thursday, putting his faith in the quarterbacking of Dinuzzo, the throwing arm of Papadakis, the speed of Irvine and the hard charging of Lyons.

Steve Tamborski, who has played end for the Oak Knoll crew thus far this season, also made his final appearance on Thursday as he prepared for a stint of sea duty. Tamborski's ability to snag passes will be missed by the Oak Knoll crew.

Water Safety Classes To Be Formed Here

Life saving and water safety classes got under way at the Oak Knoll swimming pool during the past week, with 17 persons turning out Thursday from the N.P. department for instruction.

At present classes are being held to suit the convenience of staff members until it is determined how many are interested in the instruction and a definite schedule can be arranged.

Anyone wishing to take part in the program is urged to sign up at the swimming pool as soon as possible.

She: "I've changed my mind."
He: "Does it work any better than the old one?"

W. and R. Cops Cage Tournament

Welfare and Recreation ruled this week as basketball champions of Oak Knoll after winning the intra-hospital league play-offs early in the week. The W. and R. crew walked off with the first place award after Physio I forfeited the play-off game scheduled for Friday, 26 October.

On the squad for the winning team were Lonick, Dr. Boersma, Marston, Spencer, Papadakis, Wong, Moore, Brisnahan and Gage.

Finishing second in the league was the Nite Crew, with two wins and one loss, while Physio I finished with one win and two losses and N.P. Department three losses in the four-way play-off.

VARSITY BASKETBALL WORKOUTS ARE HELD

Daily workouts for men hoping to make the Oak Knoll varsity basketball team are being held under the direction of Coach Joe Reginato and Assistant Coach Tom Moore, but unless more interest is shown in the next month, the Hospital team will go into the Twelfth Naval District league at a distinct disadvantage.

Coach Reginato says men are not turning out for practice with the regularity and in the number wished, and urges that men hoping to make the team be at the courts at 1500 as many days as possible.

Opening game for the Hospital team will be on the home courts on Tuesday, 4 December, with the crew from Pacific Reserve Fleet as opponents. Games will be played twice weekly, on Tuesdays and Thursdays, throughout the league schedule.

The nine teams entered in the league are Oak Knoll, Pacific Reserve Fleet, Treasure Island, Naval Air Oakland, Moffett Field, Coast Guard, VR-2 Alameda, Mare Island, and Naval Air Alameda.

The Oak Knoll squad has not been completed so there is still plenty of opportunity for men wishing to try out for the team.

Meanwhile, practice continues for the Oak Knoll women's basketball team, with Coach Reginato in charge. Practice sessions are held at 11:00 on Monday and Tuesday.

Mother: "I wish I had ten hands."
Little Boy: "Not me. It's enough trouble to wash two."



It may not be the right way but it's the easy way to score basketball points. Shown above are a few of the members of Oak Knoll's women's basketball team. Left to right are Betty Warden, Margaret Meriniak, Shirley Bailer, Dolores Henkle, and atop the ladder scoring the point is Cleone Longstre. Coach Joe Reginato reports that even though he now has good talent for the team, he needs more participants. All nurses and WAVES are invited attend the practice sessions.

Bowling League Gets Under Way

The practice bowling league at Oak Knoll got under way during the past week with all three alleys going full tilt on Tuesday and Thursday evening.

The Nurses, the Three U's, Staff Personnel, Physio and the N.P. Department were all on hand for the first night, on Tuesday, while Record Office Men, Record Office Women, Lab No. 2, Artificial Limb, N.P. Department and Physio were slated to work out Thursday night.

In the first night's action Kalle-myn of the Three U's racked up the high score of a three-game series with a 548. High individual game honors went to G. Nelson, bowling league commissioner and member of the Staff Personnel team, with a 199.

The practice league will be completed on 29 November, by which time all of the teams will have had a chance to bowl with five of their competitors to size them up before the regular league gets under way on 4 December.

The young lover was obviously reeling out a heavy line trying to impress the beautiful young girl at his side. "Those warm lips, and those beautiful eyes! Where did you get those eyes?"

The girl, unimpressed: "They came with my head."

"But darling, why aren't you wearing my fraternity pin?"
"All the fellows say it rips their coats."

Jim Brisnahan Gains Tennis Final Berth

Jim Brisnahan, tennis mainstay at Oak Knoll, won a berth in the final of the intra-hospital tennis tournament recently when he defeated Irrgang in straight sets, 9-7, and 10-8.

Irrgang won his way to the semi-finals and the right to be defeated by Brisnahan when he won in second round play over Prosser on a forfeit.

In another bracket, action was slower. Still to be played is the semi-final match between Irvin and Peck. Irvin moved to the semi-finals on forfeit by Arnold, and Peck on a forfeit by Reginato.

The winner of the Irvin-Peck match will meet Brisnahan for the championship.

"My wife says if I don't give up drinking she'll leave me."
"Gosh, that'll be pretty bad, won't it?"
"Yeah. I'll miss her."

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CPL Victor McFadden, a promising art student before he was called back into the Marines, is shown working at cartoons at Occupational Therapy. In spite of the fact that he lost his left hand, the one he used to draw with, in a hand grenade explosion, he is still a promising art student, this time with his right hand.

Artist Undaunted By Loss of Hand

A little more than a year ago the Kendall School of Design at Grand Rapids, Mich., had a promising student, training to be a commercial artist, who had been attending the school for a year and a half.

The student, V. L. McFadden, just a youngster barely in his twenties, was from Grandhaven, Mich. He had been drawing for as long as he remembered. He was left-handed, wrote that way and played ball that way, so naturally he drew that way, too. He planned to enter the American Academy of Art in September of last year.

Then in August, 1950, on the 25th, the art student became CPL V. L. McFadden of the United States Marine Corps, called back to active duty from the reserves.

A month and a half later, on 5 October, he went overseas with C Company, of the Seventh Regiment of the First Marines.

He played his part as a Marine in a combat area, the same as all his buddies. Then one day, on 23 April, 1951, McFadden and his company were engaged in a bitter battle near the 38th parallel.

While he and several other men of his unit were crouched under cover during part of the fighting, a hand grenade thrown by the enemy was lobbed into their midst.

Without thinking of his art career, or of anything other than the grenade, McFadden reached down and picked it up—with his left hand, of

Reservist Term Cut One Month

Enlisted reservists called to active duty in the Navy after 30 October 1950, who were not drawing drill pay when recalled, and who are classified as veterans of World War II, will remain on active duty a maximum of 16 months, according to a new ALNAV.

The new order, ALNAV 109, modifies previous ALNAV's which set the maximum term of active duty for such reservists at 17 months.

The new ALNAV states that the 16-month limit shall apply in all cases except where the reservist is hospitalized or under medical treatment, is in a disciplinary status or voluntarily executes a request to remain on active duty.

The ALNAV states: "In order to insure that such personnel are separated not later than the date they complete 16 months active duty, they shall be transferred for separation in sufficient time to allow for completion of all travel to place of separation plus an additional seven days to allow for unforeseen delays and separation processing."

To be classified a veteran under the terms of the ALNAVS involved the reservist must have served 12 or more months of active duty in any branch of the Armed Forces between 7 December 1941 and 2 September 1945.

The cut of one month in the amount of active duty time such reservists must put in was made necessary by provisions of Defense Department Appropriation Act of 1952, which was approved on 19 October 1951.

The Act provides, in part, that no appropriation contained in the act may be expended for the pay or allowances of such reservists after the 16-month period, unless the reservist extends voluntarily.

Eddie Cantor to Visit

FLASH!

Personnel at Oak Knoll are in for an entertainment treat that will equal anything in the past 12 months.

Eddie Cantor, star of stage, screen, radio, television or what-have-you, will visit the hospital on Wednesday, 14 November.

Watch bulletin boards for later details.

course—and started to throw it back in the direction from which it came. Then it exploded.

Slightly more than two weeks later when CPL McFadden arrived at Oak Knoll, on 12 May, he wasn't left-handed any more.

The grenade explosion had taken

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Joseph R. Knowland, publisher of the Oakland Tribune, and Miss Mary Valle were among the members of the Veteran Hospitals' Christmas Committee who met here Monday night to discuss their 1951 Christmas plans with Captain Gordon. This was the annual kick-off dinner for the Christmas committee, which is made up of prominent Oakland citizens who have been providing holiday festivities for VA hospitals in this area for the past 27 years and for Oak Knoll since its commissioning in 1942.

Also present were H. Buford Fisher, president of the committee, and Mrs. Fisher; Arthur Daniels, coordinator for Oak Knoll, and Mrs. Daniels; Mr. and Mrs. John Morin, Mrs. G. Valentine, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Meese, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Nat Levy, Mrs. May Q. Lilienthal, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer P. Zollner, Mr. and Mrs. Walter J. Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Henderson, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Bitterman, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph L. McKee, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Groeniger, Jr., Mrs. Myrtle Geary, Burt Geary, Mr. and Mrs. T. V. Adams, Hart Eastman, Dr. W. A. Cassidy and Richard L. Yates from the VA Hospital, Livermore; W. J. Dann, S. H. Franks, and Mrs. Mary Raines from the Oakland VA hospital.



Eighteen members of the Bay Bridge Chapter of the Gold Star Mothers of America visited patients at Oak Knoll on Monday, 5 November. They were conducted on a tour of facilities at the hospital by CWOHC Faunce of the Artificial Limb department, Chief Pauline Lemich, and Chief Kathryn Robinson. They visited amputee wards, Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy, the Red Cross Craft Shop and Lounge, the Library and the Artificial Limb Department. Above Mrs. E. Sanford, Past President of the Chapter, is shown handing an album of records to Oak Knoll Librarian Mrs. Berger. In addition to giving the library records and books, the members of the chapter also presented amputee patients with afghans.

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† † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

Most of you have heard the story of King Midas. Above all things Midas loved gold, gold and more gold. One day while gloating over his treasures this king begged and received from the gods the gift of the golden touch; that is, everything he touched would turn to gold.

Without delay Midas proceeded to use his power. But—as he put on his coat, it turned to gold, and became so heavy and uncomfortable that he could hardly wear it. When he picked up a beautiful flower in his garden, it turned to gold. His little daughter came running to him. He caught her up in his arms, only to have the lovely, lively little one turn into a still, cold statue—of gold.

Beside himself with grief, King Midas called out to the gods to take back the gift of the golden touch, to give back his daughter, his flowers as they were. His plea was heard. Midas was cured of his greed for gold.

Of course this is a legend and no one ever really had the golden touch. No one? You and I can have the golden touch, if—we do everything for the for the honor and glory of God. You and I can have the true golden touch, that is, we can turn everything we touch every day into eternal gold; gold that will not rust, gold that cannot be stolen from us, gold that will not deprive us of the simple beauties and joys of each day. By offering every thought, word and act of every day to the honor and glory of Almighty God, you turn that thought and word and act into precious gold.

When one considers how easy it is to acquire this golden touch, how easy to turn every day into a treasure of eternal gold, we wonder why more people do not avail themselves of this tremendous power. This offering should be made immediately upon rising every morning. You can offer the day briefly in your own words: "O God, I offer this day to you."

It is a pity that we do not get the full advantage out of every day. That work you do has to be done anyway. Why not offer it to God? Those discomforts, those pains, they have to be borne anyway. Why not offer them up?

A good intention even adds to the pleasures of life, because recreation, good times, should also be offered to God. The golden touch must turn every moment of every day into something precious.

J. A. WHITMAN
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Hospital Chapel at Main Gate

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CHAPEL & 67A
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IN CHAPEL

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in Staff Conference Room,
Adm. Bldg. Annex

Chaplains of other faiths will be called
upon request

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SUNDAYS 0845 & 1045

Newman Club Fete To Honor Patients

Fifty patients from Oak Knoll have been invited to a dinner at Newman Hall, Newman Club Catholic Student Center at the University of California on Sunday, 18 November.

In addition to the dinner, the patients attending will get to see an interesting floor show later in the evening. Time of the dinner has been set for 1800 and the transportation will leave Oak Knoll at 1700.

Any one wishing to attend is urged to sign up as soon as possible with Welfare and Recreation. In a letter to LCDR A. T. Wallace, Catholic Chaplain at Oak Knoll, Rev. Francis G. Quinan, Director of Newman Hall, pointed out: "So there will be no misunderstanding let me say that, while this is a Catholic Student Center, we make no distinction of race, color or creed."

Red Cross Ramblings



Halloween festivities were in order for all hands at Oak Knoll last week, even for the shut-ins in the Pediatrics ward. Miss Kay Stewart, Red Cross Recreation worker, along with Miss Josephine F. Conrad, ward nurse, and Richard Durkee, HN, ward corpsman, stage a halloween party for the kids complete with Jack O' Lanterns, paper hats and goodies.

THIS SHOULD PUZZLE YOU

There are a wide variety of jigsaw puzzles of all sizes and descriptions available now. Come on up to the Red Cross Recreation room, topside the Community Service Building, and select as many as you like. If you are a bed patient, speak to the Red Cross worker on your ward and she will be glad to bring a selection to you.

TROPICAL FISH

To CPL LEONARD COSSITT, USMC, and CPL GERALD HIX, USMC, of ward 42A, and their nearby ward pals, many questions arise concerning tropical fish. Can fish be bred in an aquarium? How much do fish grow? How long do fish live? The reason for all these questions is that they are now the possessors of a variety of tanks and a small aquarium both containing all kinds of tropical fish. One of the major problems is how to keep the fish isolated and alive, meaning by that, not to put the Siamese fighting fish (male of the species) in the same tank. But, a glass partition solves the problem for these two tank residents. They also have two pairs of Peacocks, a gray-colored fish with dark brilliant lines striping their bodies. They have acquired a huge family of Guppies and there is never a dull moment in the lives of these many-hued males. Between courting, challenging each other, hunting food, and investigating the aquarium, they are kept fully occupied. They are among the tamest of our aquarium fishes, and have the most curiosity of all. The Guppy, because of their taste for mosquito larvae, have been transplanted to all warm parts of the world, thus becoming a direct aid to human life by helping to eradicate the mosquito that carries the germ of deadly yellow fever. It is a delightful pastime on the ward to study the colors of a large collection of males, especially when the sun or other strong light reflects from their sides. Their young are born alive, but as with all live-bearers, certain precautions are necessary to preserve them through early in infancy.

BARBERETTES

Barbershop quartets have had considerable fame throughout musical circles for many years. Four young women from Martinez, California,

wives of Navy personnel, have banded together as a hobby and discovered that their voices blend rather well. Mrs. Margie Keith sings bass, while Emma Kopasis, Carol Walsh and Betty Fraga harmonize with their alto and soprano voices. They will come to the hospital on 15 November to entertain the patients, through the courtesy of Mr. Clarence Wilson, Chairman of the Associated Sportsmen's Clubs of the Bay Area. Watch for them on your ward.

STAMP CLUB

Did you know: Stamp news will soon be prepared in comic book form. After much experimentation, a bi-monthly magazine, dedicated to the "Story Behind the Stamps," will soon be on the market. These stamp comics are a far cry from the blood and thunder type of comic book material sold at many of the news stands today. Instead, this little booklet selects five or six stamps, and in animated form, tells an interesting story about each stamp. The first issue of this magazine is being sent to stamp editors and writers around the country, and has so far received favorable reception. Are you interested in pursuing this hobby? Or, perhaps you have been a stamp collector in the past. The Stamp Club meets in the Recreation room, topside the Community Service Building, every Monday afternoon. If you are a bed patient, tell the Red Cross worker on your ward about your interest and she will be happy to furnish you with more information about stamps and stamp collecting.

STAMPS ON TELEVISION

Mr. Al-Hendry, who produces the KGO-TV weekly stamp program on Monday evenings, and Miss Elizabeth Patton, his assistant and script writer for the show, will present a stamp exhibition on 12 November, 1845 to 1900. The show will be broadcast over station KGO-TV and will be presented especially for hospitalized servicemen. It will be given in conjunction with the current AWVS stamp drive. Mrs. W. Lansing Rithschild is in charge of the stamp division of the San Francisco chapter of AWVS. Mr. Hendry and Miss Patton will do a similar show in Southern California on 26 November, on a Los Angeles TV station. Be sure to watch for them.

Life Begins at Oak Knoll

28 October

SOPP, Connie Kay, to wife of Clesson Sopp, PCLK, 7 pounds, 13 ounces.
 BALA, Boy, to wife of Sancho Zabala, SD1, 6 pounds 3/4 ounces.
 ELLS, Kathryn Ellen, to wife of Richard Sims, CPL, 7 pounds, 6 ounces.
 ZIMMERMAN, John Lawrence, to wife of Harold Zimmerman, AD1, 5 pounds, 11 ounces.
 VE, Margo Louise, to wife of Rommy Love, HM1, 7 pounds, 12 ounces.

29 October

LAKE, Donna Janine, to wife of William Lake, ET1, 7 pounds.
 WILLEY, Charles Edward, to wife of William Twilley, SGT, 7 pounds, 3 ounces.
 OSTER, David Lee, to wife of Jay Foster, ET2, 7 pounds, 1 ounce.
 COLLINS, Girl, to wife of Wetdell Collins, HM3, 6 pounds, 13 ounces.
 TERRILL, Girl, to wife of Edwin Terrill, PFC, 7 pounds, 1 ounce.
 EWETT, Stephen Henry, to wife of Henry Hewett, AMC, 7 pounds, 8 ounces.

30 October

WILSON, Katherine Louise, to wife of Raymond Wilson, SH2, 7 pounds, 5 ounces.
 MORRIS, Catherine Ann, to wife of Charles Morris, SN, 6 pounds, 4 ounces.
 MARDOCK, Diane Elizabeth, to wife of Marvin Mardock, MM3, 6 pounds, 9 ounces.
 WILLIAMS, Ike Ronnie, to wife of Ike Williams, TN, 8 pounds, 8 ounces.
 LANNING, Vickie Marie, to wife of Vester Lanning, SN, 7 pounds, 9 ounces.
 MCBRIDE, Pamela Ann, to wife of Fred McBride, YN2, 7 pounds.
 MERKEL, John Russell, to wife of John Merkel, Jr., ENFN, 8 pounds, 6 ounces.

31 October

MURPHY, Kathleen Anne, to wife of John Murphy, QM1, 8 pounds, 6 ounces.
 BEHREND, David Michael, to wife of John Behrend, CSI, 7 pounds, 1 ounce.
 READ, Patricia Lorraine, to wife of Phillip Read, FN, 5 pounds.
 WALKER, Scott Alan, to wife of Stanford Walker, LT, 7 pounds, 1 ounce.
 RAZET, Virginia Lunn, to wife of Frank Brazet, AEC, 6 pounds, 8 ounces.
 TERRILL, Diana Lynn, to wife of Robert Merrill, AM1, 8 pounds.
 SEMINOFF, Stephanie Ann, to wife of Nicholas Seminoff, CAPT, 5 pounds, 6 ounces.
 VAUGHT, Linda Elaine, to wife of William Vaught, LT, 6 pounds, 15 ounces.
 BOE, Melissa Pearl, to wife of Nils Boe, LCDR, 6 pounds, 4 ounces.

1 November

LATHAM, Virginia Lorraine, to wife of Lawrence Latham, PHAN, 8 pounds, 10 ounces.
 CHAMBLISS, Alan Bruce, to wife of Joe Chambliss, LT, 6 pounds, 12 ounces.
 RICKMAN, Rita Royal, to wife of Lee Rickman, SGT, 6 pounds, 4 ounces.
 ANDERSON, Bruce Bradley, to wife of William Anderson, SGT, 6 pounds, 2 ounces.
 FOSS, Douglas Lawrence, to wife of Lawrence Foss, BTG1, 7 pounds, 10 ounces.
 REGA, Joseph, to wife of Joseph Rega, CDR, 7 pounds, 1 ounce.

2 November

FISHER, Toni Luana, to wife of Eugene Fisher, BMC, 8 pounds, 12 ounces.
 JENSEN, Bruce Irvine, to wife of James Jensen, PFC, 7 pounds, 11 ounces.
 YON, Girl, to wife of Herbert Yon, SC2, 7 pounds, 11 ounces.
 HERBERT, Girl, to wife of Leo Herbert, YN2, 7 pounds, 4 ounces.
 HARRITY, Kevin Douglas, to wife of Robert Harrity, PFC, 7 pounds, 5 ounces.
 MCFARLAND, Sandra Joy, to wife of James McFarland, CPL, 7 pounds, 1 ounce.
 EHLE, Katherine Wooldridge, to wife of Arthur Ehle, CAPT, 6 pounds, 15 ounces.
 BUTLER, Michael James, to wife of Philip Butler, HM1, 8 pounds, 7 ounces.
 PEVOTO, Renee Denise, to wife of Floyd Pevoto, PRI, 7 pounds, 14 ounces.
 MOORE, Donald Eugene, Jr., to wife of Donald Moore, AO3, 8 pounds, 9 ounces.

3 November

PAYNICH, Stephenie Irene, to wife of Vence Paynich, CAPT, 9 pounds, 10 ounces.
 MCPHAIL, Scherryl Darlene, to wife of Darrell McPhail, ANAM, 6 pounds, 10 ounces.
 KOCHERT, Mary Elizabeth, to wife of Frederick Kochert, TMP2, 4 pounds, 10 ounces.
 FISHMAN, Twin Girls, to wife of Isaac Fishman, HM2, 6 pounds, and 6 pounds, 8 ounces.



Amputees at Oak Knoll last week had a chance to hear of job opportunities in the firm of General Electric Company. Shown above, Mr. A. M. Demont (seated) talks with a group of patients at the Physical Therapy Department. Standing beside him is Mr. Charles Asbelle, Rehabilitation expert at the Amputee Center. Mr. Demont told the patients of training programs offered by General Electric and of the need for veterans with a technical know-how of modern equipment.

Credit Is Recommended For Service Schooling

Recommendations regarding the accreditation of the educational experiences of service personnel have been published by the Commission on Accreditation of Service Experiences, American Council on Education.

The recommendations have been made as an aid to leaders in secondary and higher education for possible use in the development of a set of practices in regard to the amount of formal school credit a serviceman shall receive for education received while in the armed services.

Some of the recommendations are:

That no high school academic credit be given for basic or recruit training.

That completion of basic training be accepted as meeting the requirements in physical education, hygiene and military training at the freshman and sophomore college level.

That a secondary school or state department of education grant a diploma or equivalency certificate on the basis of high school level General Education Development Test results, provided that legal requirements have been met and a certain minimum score attained in the tests.

That high school level GED Tests be used for college admission of adult service personnel and veterans.

That the college level General Educational Development Tests be used to appraise the student's educational accomplishments in broad subject areas.

That the United States Armed Forces Institute, Marine Corps Institute and Coast Guard Institute courses be accepted for credit when validated by terminal examinations.

That credit for formal service school training continue to be granted.

Further information regarding the amount of credit that may be received for educational work done while in the service may be found at Oak Knoll's Education and Information Service.

General Electric Engineer Visits Knoll to Discuss Job Prospects

Mr. A. M. Demont, Manager of Engineering at the Pittsfield, Mass., Ordnance Operation, which is Navy-owned and General Electric operated, was at Oak Knoll on Friday, November 2, to talk with amputee patients of job opportunities with General Electric.

Looking primarily for men with college degrees in engineering, Mr. Demont told the men that the plant, which specializes in the manufacture of fire control gear, could be a spot for persons with the correct technical background who are looking for jobs.

He said he was seeking men who

could help design new and more effective gear, improve present gear or help in repair work. He emphasized the need for operational know-how which, he felt, could best be found among veterans who had worked with the gear.

He also told the men of the training courses offered by General Electric, and made arrangements with the Amputee Department here to aid retired amputees who wish to take part in such a program.

Mr. Demont was accompanied during his visit at Oak Knoll by Mr. Virgil Girard of the San Francisco General Electric Office.



Distinguished visitors at Oak Knoll Friday, 2 November were Dr. Reuben L. Kahn, originator of the Kahn test, and Mrs. Kahn. Dr. and Mrs. Kahn are shown above with CDR John J. Engelfried, MSC, USN, of Clinical Pathology, who has been a friend of the Kahns for more than 20 years. While at Oak Knoll the doctor visited the laboratories, the Physiotherapy department and Occupational Therapy. He also addressed the staff on the subject, "Universal Kahn Reactions in Health and Disease."



Action in Oak Knoll's "Hospital within the Hospital," the Dependents Service, is fast and furious. Above are some scenes from an average day. 1. Shown at a familiar job in the main nursery are LTJG Madge Mahan, NC, USNR, and A. A. Vance, HM3. 2. Something that never ceases to amaze is the number of births at Oak Knoll. Checking the month's list are (left to right) Miss Fitzpatrick, civilian attendant; Mrs. Metz, civilian nurse; CAPT E. T. Knowles, MC, USN, Head of the Service; ENS Neth, and Mrs. Holder, supervisor of hospital attendants and nurses. 3. Playtime at Pediatrics, with Dick Mantiglia, HM3, reading to two patients, LT S. R. Burns, MC, USNR, Ward Medical Officer and LT M. J. Meyers, NC, looking on while Ross Sharp, HM3, entertains another patient. 4. Shown talking with a patient are CAPT M. M. Rubin, MC, USN, Supervisor of Gynecology, and LT C. E. O'Hara, NC, USN. 5. Making preparations in the Delivery Room are L. D. Brown, HM3, and ENS M. E. Watson. 6. Showing off some of their new charges are (left to right) ENS B. A. Dunphy, LTJG E. M. Lux and M. Shanahan, HM3.

DEPENDENTS SERVICE PROVIDES BEST FOR FAMILIES

To the working and fighting men of the armed forces, their families are the quintessence of all that seems worth living and fighting and dying for. And providing the best possible medical care and treatment for the families of all military personnel is the primary mission of the Dependents Service.

This Service is a small hospital in itself, but most of us think first of its obstetrics department. Obstetrics and the Out-patient departments are under the direct supervision of CAPT Edward T. Knowles, MC, USN, who is also Chief of the entire service.

Long before prospective mothers are admitted to the Hospital for the blessed event, they are seen regularly and often by staff obstetricians and given a battery of lab tests and examinations to insure the final result: a healthy mother and child.

With the increase in the number of naval personnel in this area, there has been a corresponding jump in the number of deliveries per month. In the past year the increase has been from an average of 175 deliveries per month to the present 250.

Not always is the course of pregnancy an uncomplicated one. Mothers in need of special treatment, including Caesarean sections, are cared for on Ward 73B. Also on 73B are the labor room, delivery rooms, premature nursery, and main nursery.

Resident pediatricians examine the

babies immediately after birth and again very thoroughly before they are sent home with their mothers.

Often a baby decides to appear on the scene much before he or she was "scheduled" and isn't quite as large as a full-term baby. This calls for special treatment in the premature nursery.

Premature infants are placed in incubators and fed and cared for there until they have attained a weight of 5½ pounds and are ready to join their families. This nursery averages about 15 admissions a month. The special formula room is kept busy supplying about 120 bottles of formula a day to these ravenous mouths, as well as to those in the pediatrics ward.

Mothers and babies are both seen

at least once a day by Dependents Service physicians, and consultations with other Services such as Radiology and Pathology are frequent.

Remember when new mothers were kept in bed for 10 days to 2 weeks after a normal delivery? Now they get up for short intervals within 12 to 24 hours, and it agrees with them.

During the hospital stay of 3 to 5 days mothers are carefully observed and treated and then released. But that is not the end of Oak Knoll's concern for them. They are then seen at home by the O.P.D. visiting nurse, and after the baby is six weeks old both mother and baby come in to O.P.D. again for a check-up.

Then there are children who need treatment for the broken arms from bicycle accidents, and other ills to

which children are particularly prone.

The pediatrics Department is on Ward 72B and is under the direction of Captain David W. Sherwood, MC, USN. At present it is undergoing remodeling and enlarging so that there will be more space for beds and cribs.

Nurses, doctors, and corpsmen are all especially fond of working with young children and have developed knacks for making them feel as home as possible. The youngsters have a play area all their own, complete with swing and sandbox and other good play equipment. Birthdays are of course always an occasion for a party.

The gynecology department of the Dependents Service is on Ward 72A and is under the supervision of Captain M. M. Rubin, MC, USN. The other medical and surgery wards for women dependents are 40A and B.

Incidentally, the present cost of hospitalization to the patient is \$10 per day. The cost of having a baby at Oak Knoll is under \$10.

"We think of the Navy primarily as a fighting force," said Doctor Knowles, "but the Navy also is proud that it takes care of its own. And that means the best and most improved medical treatment for our families as well as for our men. That is what we are trying to achieve here in the Dependents Service."

Who's Who in Dependent Service

Thomas R. Aasum, HM3, Corvallis, Ore., joined the Navy to see the world, but so far in five tours of duty he hasn't left the West Coast.

Johnny Arhontes, HN, was attending San Jose State College last September when he decided to join our fraternity.

Joe Anna Bailey is a member of the Berkeley Victory City Club, Darcus Circle (Missionary Sociality),

and the Mt. Calvary Baptist Church.

Ina M. Boyles, HN, plays cards and rides horseback for divertimento. Her real interest, however, is getting to lab school at Bethesda.

Rayma Fae Burgess won first place for a clarinet solo in an inter-mountain high school contest not so very long ago.

Glenn C. Cooksey, HM3, was farm- (Continued on Page 5)

Who's Who in Dependent Service

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ing in Missouri last March when he came to the end of a furrow, and who should be waiting for him but the Navy.

Thelma R. Crabtree, civilian nurse on 40A, was a LCDR in the Navy Nurse Corps during World War II.

LTJG Carl A. Dillaha, Jr., MC, USNR, is a graduate of the University of Arkansas Medical School.

Edward F. Downey, HM3, was a mortician and burial insurance salesman (Convenient Lay Away Plan) in civilian life.

Marie C. Dutton names the UNITED FUND DRIVE as her main interest at present.

LTJG Joseph H. Kushner, MC, USNR, graduated from the University of California Medical School.

James N. Erdahl, HA, is an alumnus of Contra Costa and Vallejo junior colleges; was a pharmacy clerk in civilian life.

Katharyn L. Evans, HN, was a student nurse at the Memorial School of Nursing in Danville, Va., before entering the WAVES.

Catherine Fernandez is entitled to wear the American Theatre and Victory medals when she marches with her American Legion unit. She was a WAVE during World War II.

LTJG Irving Fine, MC, graduated from Stanford and University of California Medical School. He was a pediatrician in civilian life.

LTJG Hilda I. Florey, NC, graduated from Temple University School of Nursing.

LTJG Helen Fogel, NC, was obstetrical nursing in Kansas City, Mo., when the Navy recalled her in September, 1950.

LT Betty Jean Francis got her A.B. degree at Centre College, Danville, Kentucky.

Wilma Freudenthal estimates that in the 7 years she has worked as admitting clerk in O.P.D. she has filled out birth certificates on over 18,000 Oak Knoll babies.

Jual Gant likes to cook. Tamale pie and strawberry shortcake are two of her specialties.

Irma J. Heidell, HN, takes an active interest in the Five Hits, the patients' band at Red Cross lounge.

Larelda E. Holder raises flowers, does needle work, and has two grandchildren who take up the rest of her spare time.

Mildred E. Holmes swims, dances, rollerskates, iceskates, skis, craft-works, and Girlscouts.

Don K. Hinds, HA, hails from Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada.

Florence Roberta Jones, HN, has a twin brother who is almost as good at sports as she is.

CAPT E. T. Knowles, MC, USN, builds boats and then sails them. He put the Dependents Service at USNH at Honolulu into commission prior to coming to Oak Knoll.

Anne S. Koughan woodworks and upholsters when she's not taking care of her husband and two children.

Dale Langford, HM3, had a poem published in the 1950 Anthology of College Poetry. He got his B.S. degree in animal husbandry at Colorado A. and M. (Majoring in winged horses?)

Erma A. Lazzereschi names as her

chief interests in life: church, home, daughter, garden, sewing, and her husband.

Richard C. Mantiglia, HM3, attended Georgetown University Washington, D.C., before enlisting in August, 1950.

Lillie Bea Marshall used to be an airplane motor mechanic at Alameda Naval Air Station.

Richard H. Metzler, HM3, was a member of the board of trustees of the Hopland (Calif.) High school in civilian life. As publicity man, he helped hop up the Hopland Hop Festival for two seasons.

LT Martha J. Meyers, NC, USNR, worked as a civilian nurse at USNH Oakland before changing her cap to gold braid last November.

LTJG Eleanor Marie Lux, NC, USN, is taking courses at the University of California for her present hobby.

George W. Barron does copper art work and cooking for his hobbies.

Jo Frances Conran graduated from the Episcopal Hospital School of Nursing, Philadelphia, Pa. She's currently learning to play golf.

LT Gladys M. Cote, NC, used to be with the U.S. Indian Service in New Mexico and Oklahoma. Her husband is a naval aviator.

Ophelia Majors is an alumna of Jarvis College.

Donna M. Mattox, HN, knows all about honeymoons. She's from Niagara Falls, N.Y.

LTJG Paul McCollin, MC, is an alumnus of the University of Colorado; he was a resident in obstetrics and gynecology at the medical center there.

Rosemary W. McMican collects salt and pepper shakers. She has one from every state, including a 75-year-old pair of rabbits with gold ears.

A. Beale Metz goes in for culinary arts. She has an old Virginny fruit cake recipe that has been handed down from paleolithic times.

May V. Mullen has a curious hobby. She collects half and silver dollars.

Captain Morris Merrill Rubin, MC, USN, was at Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941 as staff medical officer on Admiral McCain's carrier task force.

Rita J. Moore, HN, was a student at Modesto junior college when sea fever struck.

Sally S. Morehead races with her husband to turn the calendar first at the end of the month. The winner chooses the place that they go out to for dinner that month, and the loser pays for it—"no matter how much they eat."

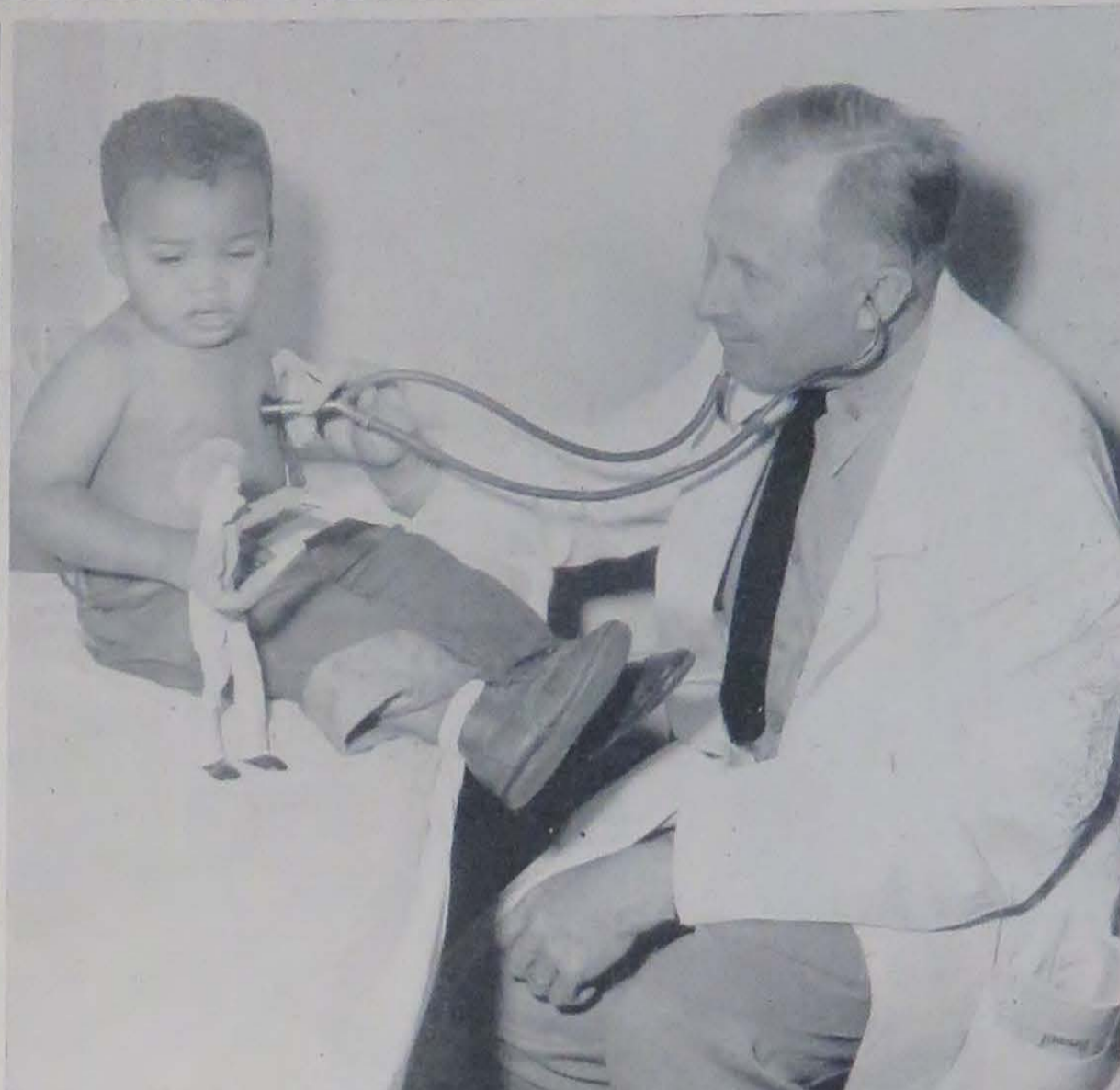
LT Catherine E. O'Hara, NC, USN, graduated from the Salem (Mass.) Hospital Training School.

Ruby B. Ostler is president of the young people's organization in her church and vice-president of Local 496, National Federation of Federal Employees.

Dorothee B. Prentice is a graduate of the Menninger School of Psychiatric Nursing, Topeka, Kansas. After resigning from the Navy in November, 1946, she ran a grocery store in Oakland.

Gladys Pezzolo attended the Holy Names College in Oakland when it was only an academy.

Marjorie Thompson is active in the Eastern Star.



Not too happy about that thing being poked at him by CAPT D. W. Sherwood, MC, USN, head of Pediatrics, this young man has part of his attention diverted by the toy standing by.

CDR Ralph D. Ross, MC, USN, graduated from Northwestern U. Medical School. He's had tours of duty at San Diego, Guadalcanal, Samoa, Jacksonville, Fla., Bikini, and Eniwetok, since joining our firm in March, 1942.

Captain David W. Sherwood, MC, USN, is an alumnus of the Harvard Medical School.

Gordon R. Smith, HMI, intends to return upon his release from duty to the Colorado State College of Education, where he got his B.A., to complete work for his master's.

Charlie C. Spencer Jr., HM2, played basketball for Oak Knoll last year. He's a trombone player too.

Charles E. Stallman, HN, lists as his interests: his wife, fishing, bowling, and football.

Norbert J. Steinhauser, HM3, had a tidy job as chemist for the Tidy House Products Corp. when the Navy made him its offer last January.

Webster O. Stephens, HN, is interested in studying to become a physician when he gets out of the Navy.

Barbara Jean Stevenson, HM3, is interested in getting a transfer overseas, either to England or Pearl Harbor.

Anna P. Stone is an alumna of the University of Urieff, Russia. Mrs. Stone, collection agent, is treasurer of East Bay Local 496, National Federation of Federal Employees.

Norman R. Targon, HM3, used to be a meat packer back in his Golden Age.

Betty Thomas served in the South Pacific while a member of the Army Nurse Corps from 1943-46. She's a graduate of Xavier College.

Jay Paul Thomson, HN, was all-state end on the Brigham Young University football team when it won the Utah state championship several years ago.

Aaron A. Vance, HM3, is married, but has no children of his own as yet. However, he does have about 40 newborn babies to change in the nursery.

Ensign Evelyn M. Viguess, NC, is an alumna of St. Olaf's College, Northfield, Minn.

Prudence Vukman loves to play poker.

LT Betty J. Warden, NC, USNR, has her private pilot's license. On the sedater side she goes in for hand weaving.

Ensign Marion Watson, NC, USNR, is mainly interested in "getting back East out of this fog."

Thomas E. Weilert, HM3, has two children and is expecting his third in January.

Ensign Marilyn Wullschlerger, NC, is presently engrossed in becoming a career wife, redecorating a new house, and providing prenatal care for her cocker spaniel.

Ensign A. M. Yeager, NC, graduated from the Sacred Heart School of Nursing, Allentown, Pa.

400 NFFE Members Frolic at Dance

Some 400 Federal employees and their friends — many of them from Oak Knoll—frolicked Saturday night at the Fall Harvest Dance put on by Bay Area locals of the National Federation of Federal Employees.

Cornstalks and pumpkins decorated Jenny Lind Hall, where the dance was held. Mrs. May Mullen and Manual Garcia, HM2, were in charge of decorations. Music for dancing was supplied by Niles Kenney and his orchestra.

Highlight of the evening was the drawing for four Thanksgiving turkeys given away by the organization. LT Norma Brown, Disbursing Officer, drew the lucky numbers for Don Stone, Master of Ceremonies. Three Knollites—ENS P. D. Kelley, NC, USN, Dorothy Thompson, and M. E. Graham, HM3 — were winners, and the fourth turkey order went to William Carr of Naval Air Station, Alameda.

Mrs. Anna Stone, Chairman of the Joint Entertainment Committee for the three locals, in charge of arrangements for the dance, has announced that hospital employees and their friends may look forward to another big NFFE party in three months.



JACK BAILEY

Knollite to be "King for a Day"

Are you one of these people who have always had a secret desire to do something you knew you couldn't—or shouldn't—or perhaps weren't able to do?

Well, maybe your ship has come in. Some lucky patient or staff member at Oak Knoll on Tuesday, 13 November, is going to be in just that spot, where his word is law and where he can reign in any way he sees fit.

On that date, between 2000 and 2030 someone at Oak Knoll will be chosen "King for a Day," as radio's famous coast-to-coast show starring Jack Bailey appears at the Community Services Building Auditorium.

The show will be open to all hands, both staff and patients, and dependents of either may look on at the fun but may not participate in the program. Each man attending the show will be given a card on which he may state what he would do were he "King for a Day."

From all the cards submitted the staff of the show will select the 30 best. And these again will be winnowed out to select the five lucky men who will actually appear on the show. The selection of the "King" from the five will be made by the audience.

The program will get under way at 1900, and the actual radio program will be recorded from 2000 to 2030 for coast-to-coast broadcast over the Mutual network at a later date.

Included in the company appearing here will be Announcer Gene Baker, Producer Jim Morgan and his assistant, Jan Lundell, and Writer Don Victor. With Bailey, they will present the same show they do five days a week on MBS.

Approximately \$700,000 in prizes and trips are given away in a year by the show, and the total mileage of trips for that period will total almost 500,000 miles. A total of 250 "Queens" are crowned each year on the radio show, another 50 on personal appearances.

Tickets for the show are now available at Welfare and Recreation, and must be picked up and filled out prior to admission to the program, and will be picked up on entering the auditorium. Only staff members and patients will be eligible to win prizes.

Officers' Wives to Present Style Show

Members of the Officers' Wives Club will entertain their husbands with a Champagne Style Show at the Officers' Club on Saturday evening, November 17 at 8 p.m.

Mrs. Robert S. Poos, Chairman for the Show, will be assisted by Mrs. James R. Dillon, Mrs. Benjamin N. Ahl, Mrs. James G. Bulgrin, Mrs. Frank M. Thornburg, and Mrs. Bruce R. McCampbell.

Mrs. Poos has arranged with Julia's Fashion Apparel Shop at Pelton Center for the selection of attractive and appropriate styles for the theme of the show, "Dawn to Dusk." Mrs. N. J. Cantley will be in charge of decorations.

Members who will model are Mrs. Charles K. Holloway, Mrs. W. L. Thomas, Mrs. Julius H. Spence, Mrs. Lloyd B. Shone, Mrs. Sidney D. Jones, Mrs. Robert L. Baker, Mrs. Douglas W. Henderson, Mrs. Claude R. Joyner, Jr., Mrs. Eugene E. Bleck, Mrs. John R. Heckman and Mrs. Derrick C. Turnipseed.

It is hoped all who plan to come to the show will secure their tickets (\$1.50 each) prior to November 10 from Mrs. James R. Dillon, 9751 Burgos Avenue, Oakland, LO 2-2852. If additional tickets are available they may be obtained from Mrs. Dillon after the 10th.

Artist Renews Studies

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the hand he used for his drawing and for nearly everything else he did.

Being a logical young man, McFadden decided the only thing to do was to become right-handed, even in his art work. And then began the long, tedious job of learning to make his right hand do what his left hand had always done before—to hold a pencil or brush steady enough to draw.

LCDR R. Nesgis, NC, USN, supervisor of the Occupational Therapy Department at Oak Knoll, where McFadden does his work, states, "It is always hard to change from one hand to the other, even for signing your name or for ordinary writing."

But McFadden kept toiling away, still firmly determined on a career as a commercial artist. Today, six months after he lost his left hand, he is almost back to the spot where he was before. Gradually his right hand has become more steady; it has learned to obey his commands and transmit to the paper what he wants it to transmit.

And the left-handed artist, who lost his left hand, is well on his way to becoming a very successful right-handed artist.

Baconton, Ga. (AFPS)—Buster, a bulldog owned by Jack Simpson, likes bathing so much that he jumps into every tub of water he sees. His latest episode found him being rescued from the bottom of a 30-foot well.

Dean: "So you confess that this unfortunate Freshman was carried to the fishpond and drenched? Now, what part did you take in this disgraceful affair?"

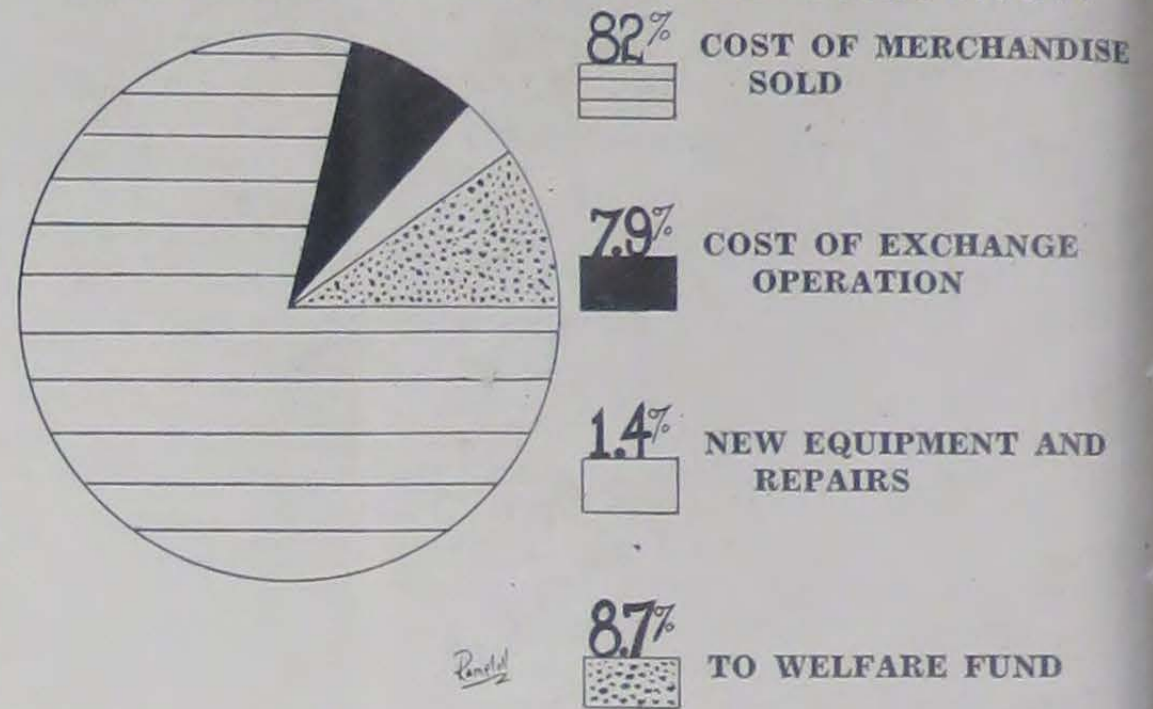
Soph: "The right leg, sir."

"Now be a good boy and say ah-h-h so the nice doctor can get his finger out of your mouth."

Your Navy Exchange Dollar The Dollar With the Two-Way Stretch

The dollar you spend at the Navy Exchange serves you two ways. First, it saves you money on the goods and services you buy. Second, the profits made on goods and services sold are returned to you through Welfare and Recreation funds.

ANALYSIS OF EXCHANGE OPERATION



Every man and woman in the naval service, and their dependents, are partners in your Navy Exchange, whose 3-fold goal is: (1) to provide a convenient and reliable source from which authorized patrons may obtain, at the lowest practicable cost, those articles and services needed for well-being and contentment; (2) to provide, through profits, a source of funds to be used for the welfare and recreation of naval personnel; (3) to promote the morale of the command through the operation of a well-managed, attractive, and serviceable exchange.

So . . . Be smart! Save at your Navy Exchange and remember that all profits come back to you through Welfare and Recreation.

Staff Personalities

An Oak Knoller from the Old South is Mary White, HN, who spends her working hours on 40A, the dependent surgery ward. A native of Mobile, Ala., Mary tomorrow (Sunday) will celebrate her first anniversary in the Navy. In that twelve months she has been through Boot Camp at Great Lakes, Corps School at San Diego and has spent the remainder of the time here, on pediatrics and her present job. Although Mary is single at present, she doesn't plan to stay that way long and in the near future will marry her sailor. When she completes her four-year hitch in the Navy, Mary plans to attend Nurses' School.



One of Oak Knoll's doctors back to this country after a tour of duty in the Korea area is LT Charles A. Mead, Jr., MC, USN, of the Orthopedic Clinic. LT Mead spent seven months as Orthopedist aboard the USS REPOSE. A native of Washington, D. C., he received his degree at George Washington University and came into the Navy upon completion of the V-12 program. He interned at the Naval Hospital in Bethesda, and after a short tour of sea duty returned to Bethesda for a two-year residency in Orthopedics. He also spent a year with a sub squadron in Florida. Married, LT Mead has two children, a daughter and a son.



Five Staff Members End Tour of Duty

Five more enlisted staff personnel left Oak Knoll during the past week and a half; four via the expiration of extension of enlistment route, and one under the phasing plan for the return to civilian life of inactive reservists.

The four men whose enlistments have expired are Wm. Charles Cronican, HA, and Harry R. Storer, Jr., HA, both on 5 November; Wendel B. Fink, Jr., HM2, on 6 November, and Robert W. Oborn, HM2, 9 November. Released from active duty on 2 November was Richard D. Bartholomew.

Scuttlebutt

By DERF

HAVENSCOOP: The USS HAVEN corpsmen tell us that their favorite publication is the "Oak Leaf." It's nice to know—a lot of familiar faces showed up around Oak Knoll after the HAVEN docked. More than two-thirds of the ship's medical complement passed through these sacred gates at one time or another—Bert Cooper, HM2, who was in civilian personnel in September, '50, came in on the HAVEN as a patient—So did Paul Snavely, one of Wichita's favorite sons.

STUFF 'N STUFF: You'll never recognize Annie Badalato after the plastic surgery department gets through with her. We're all eager to see the "new" Annie—Art Dearing is off to San Diego for a course of instruction in Motion Picture Operator's school. He'll toddle back in four weeks and show movies for us—LT Norma Brown is gadding about in a new 88 Oldsmobile. Those disbursing girls have the loot. Madeline Martin from the same office is driving her friends around in a new Dodge—

GOOD NEWS: If you Reserves think you're the forgotten people, take a gander at the 28 September issue of U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT. The article is "What Reserves Can Expect," and it actually gets to the basis of most gripes that Reserves have.

HERE 'N THERE: Dick Beckstead is sporting a Mohican-type haircut. He must have been down in L.A. Isn't that where all those fads begin?—If you see a crowd at the bowling alley, chances are they'll be admiring trim Frances LeCocq who rolls 'em for the "Hits and Misses"—Dr. Eckart's huge grin means he will soon be hanging out his civilian bingle in Hutchinson, Kansas. The O.D.'s office wanted to put on sackcloth and ashes when they heard of his leaving, but I convinced them that Kansas isn't Siberia—

RECREATION: Four new members have been added to the Recreation Committee. Tom Burns, HM1, Tom Baum, HM3, Al Hyso, HN, and Rita Moore, HN. Leona Steinike and Fred Thomas are old timers on the Committee which plans those gay parties at the EM Center. Y'know they like to get your suggestions and reactions about the affairs they sponsor—

DISHING THE DIRT: Mrs. Otto Wickstrom is one mother who believes in keeping abreast of her son's college work. She's as informed as her son, Otto, Jr., on all of his courses in literature and political science—Lil Chinn keeps purling and knitting on socks, but who are they for?—They're saying John Welch has been stepping out with lassie who's initials are B.S.—Betty Hiera is the name of the good looking gal who just began her chores at the Medical Library. Her phone number is in the book—Roy Zetterholm's hilarious cartoon strip, "All Depends on How You Look at It," was reproduced in full by San Diego's "Dry Dock"—What's the name of that little spot on Market Street where Bob McKinnon spends so much of his time?—Dorothy Thompson already has her Thanksgiving turkey. She won it at the N.F.F.E. dance last week—Surprisingly enough, the worst light on the base is where you need it most, in the library!



Only slightly more than two months ago, the parking area shown above was a deep and broad gully through which meandered a small stream. Now it is a large, smooth area which does much to alleviate the shortage of parking spaces on the Oak Knoll compound. Buried deep below the automobiles is a six-foot conduit through which the small stream now runs. And the dirt used to fill the gulch also created new parking areas at various spots around the compound where hills were cut away and leveled.

PREVIEWS

Sunday, 11 November

BLUE VEIL — Jane Wyman, Charles Laughton, DRAMA. This new film, listed as one that is sure to be attractive to women, has been described as a "tear-jerker of considerable effectiveness and a three-handkerchief picture, at least. Maybe four." The movie revolves around Miss Wyman who loses her baby immediately after birth. Since her husband was killed in France during World War I, the lonely Miss Wyman gives ground to her strong maternal instinct and determines upon a career as a governess. The story thereafter traces her life from youth to advanced age as a loving guardian of the babies placed in her care. In effect the film is a series of unrelated episodes until the strings are pulled together at the close. Reviewer's rating: "Excellent." Also a news reel.

Monday, 12 November

THE BLACK ROSE—Tyrone Power, Orson Wells, ADVENTURE. Here is an oldie, released early in September of 1950. Very little information is available concerning it, except that it was given a rating of "Excellent" when it was released. And it is in color, too. No short subject this time.

Tuesday, 13 November

TOO YOUNG TO KISS—June Allyson, Van Johnson, COMEDY. Set for release to the public some time later this month, this film has not been reviewed as yet. It would seem to be a sure-fire hit at the box office, however, judging from the names of the leading players. Miss Allyson is one of the best, and Mr. Johnson also has a large following. Also on the program—"Mouse Trouble," a one-reel color cartoon.

Wednesday, 14 November

JUNGLE MAN HUNT—Johnny Weissmuller, Sheila Ryan, ADVENTURE. This movie was released to the public last

month and has received a rating of "Good." It can be easily characterized as one of those films where the bare-chested hero tangles with every type of quadruped or what have you in deepest Africa, but there is always a beautiful woman about to lean on the aforementioned bared chest. Well, Mr. Weissmuller can swing a mean grapevine. By way of contrast, a short entitled, "Prison With a Future."

Thursday, 15 November

SEA HORNET—Rod Cameron, Adele Mara, MELODRAMA. Public release date has not yet been set on this one, and no information is available concerning it. The title sounds interesting, however. Also "Ballot Box Bunny," with You-Know-Who, a one-reel comedy in color.

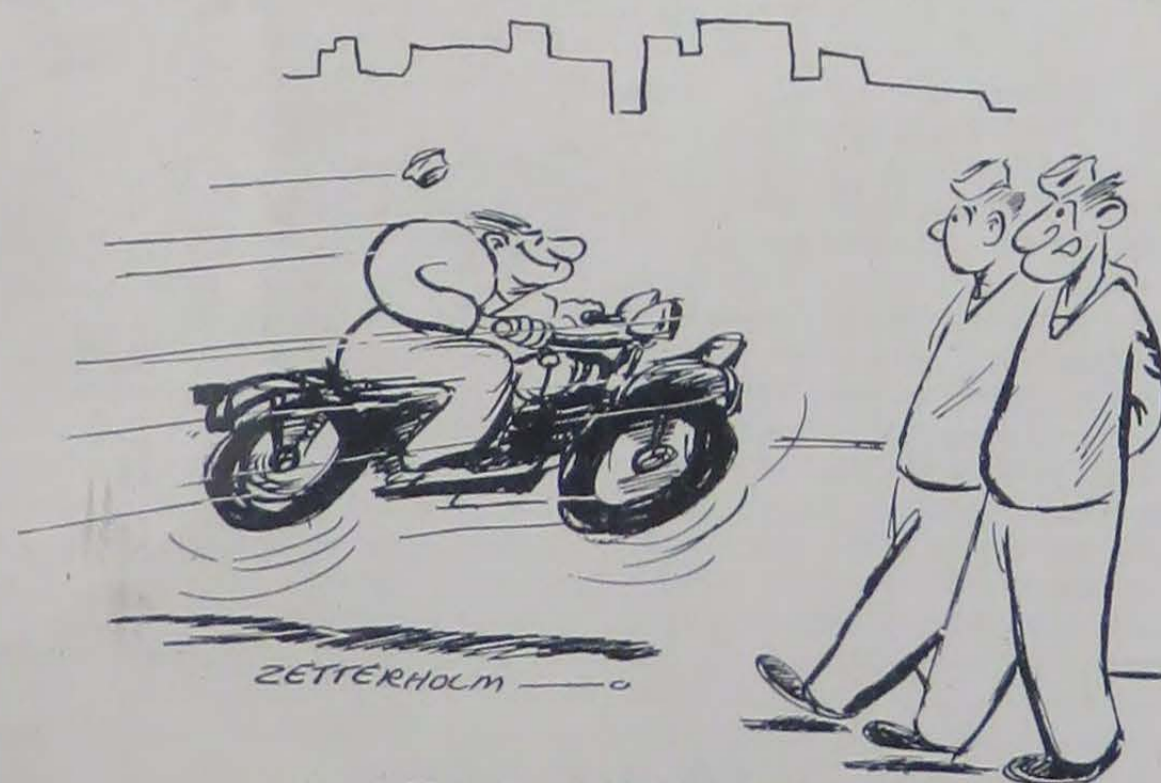
Friday, 16 November

GOLDEN GIRL—Mitzi Gaynor, Dale Robertson, MUSICAL. Another new one, to be released some time this month. In the meantime, no information at hand, except that it is in color and includes quite a bit of singing. Should be restful entertainment for over-worked brain cells. There is also a news reel.

Saturday, 17 November

TICKET TO TOMAHAWK—Dan Dailey, Anne Baxter, WESTERN. Now here is an old one that this reviewer remembers seeing way back in the pre-Navy days. Hazy memory recalls that it is in color with a strong strain of humor running through it. Something about carrying a railroad, complete with train, over a mountain too. Also plenty of brilliantly painted savages lurking about. With it—"Monkey Doodle Dandies."

Mother: "Where do bad little girls go?"
Daughter: "Everywhere."



... More Special Watch Material

Welcome and Farewell

Action in the staff personnel office was slow during the past week, as traffic to the base dropped almost to a stand-still and traffic to new assignments fell below previous weeks. All told, six persons reported for duty during the past week, while 21 left Oak Knoll for new duties.

Reporting aboard were LTJG Anna M. Stary, NC, USN, from USNAVSTA, Tongue Point, Astoria, Ore.; HMC J. R. Detata from USNRECSTA, Norfolk, Va., DT1 W. H. Cullum from NNMC, Bethesda, HM2 I. W. Hillyard from USS PCS 1446, and HM3's P. B. Hatcher from Naval Hospital No. 3923 and D. R. Selberg from FMF, Department of Pacific.

Transferred were LTJG Richard Bartholomew, MC, USNR, to civilian life; ENS Mary A. Gros, NC, USNR, to inactive duty; LT Patricia L. Welch, NC, USNR, to USNH, Corona, Calif.; LT Leah L. Gowell, NC, USNR, to inactive duty;

HM1's J. A. Thomas to USS KEARSARGE and P. D. Wolf to District Staff Headquarters; HM2's G. A. Henschberger and E. D. L. Manning, both to USNH, Corona, H. R. Brown and R. E. Gometz both to USS KEARSARGE, J. A. Winchester to NAS, Alameda, and H. O. Beahm to NAAS, Monterey; HM3's R. M. Miller to USNH, Great Lakes, B. E. Sitz, S. F. Tamborski and J. C. Palmer, all to USS KEARSARGE, and HN's G. W. Murray, J. N. Montgomery, D. E. Lakey, W. H. Taylor and S. J. Margrave, all to USS KEARSARGE.

The sun-baked cowboy swaggered into the saloon and through parched lips ordered the bartender to give his horse a bucket of his best whiskey.

"And what'll you have, stranger," asked the bartender?

"Nothin'," shot back the dusty cowboy, "I'm drivin'!"

The new teacher said: "I want you all to be so quiet you can hear a pin drop."

There was complete quiet for a few seconds, then a voice from the rear broke the silence: "Let 'er drop!"

SPORTS

Fourth Straight Won by Gridders

Oak Knoll's rampaging touch football team has done it again. On Thursday, 1 November, Coach Joe Reginato's undefeated squad plastered a hard-fighting Treasure Island team to the count of 51 to 20.

The victory for the Hospital crew made the season record read four wins and no defeats as the offensive-minded Knollites led the Twelfth Naval District touch football league.

On Thursday, 8 November, the Oak Knoll team went against NAS, Oakland, a team the Hospital crew defeated earlier in the season by a score of 42-6. However, the Corpsmen were expecting a tougher time of it this round. They expected to meet a vastly improved Airman squad that may present a battle right down to the finish line. Results of the game were not available at press time.

The next Thursday, 15 November, the Oak Knollites are scheduled to meet NAS, Moffett, another team that fell to them earlier in the season.

In the game against Treasure Island, the fast working Oak Knoll team took the starch out of the opponents with little delay, when, on the first play from scrimmage, "Pappy" Papadakis faded back and heaved a long pass to Irvine, who let the Islanders chase him the entire distance remaining to the goal line. All in all, the play covered approximately 55 yards. And after that, there was little doubt as to the outcome.

Irvine and Papadakis were the bright spots of the Knoll offense during the afternoon, as three times the duo combination worked for scores. Irvine, who gives everything he's got, and that is quite a bit, was particularly effective as his blazing speed and outstanding ball-sense again and again aided the Knoll cause.

Steve Tamborski, playing one of his last games for Oak Knoll before being transferred, also scored twice, both on passes from Papadakis, and even Dinuzzo, who masterminds the Oak Knoll offense from the quarterback post, got into the act when he snagged a short pass dead over center by Papadakis for one of the Hospital scores.

Eddie Estrada, a pillar of strength at center for Oak Knoll, did it up fine in his last appearance before reporting for duty with the Marines. Only a bruised knee could force him to slow down as he continually bashed through to break up Treasure Island offensive patterns.

With only three more games scheduled in the District League, the Oak Knoll team is hoping against hope that the record can be kept clean for a perfect season.

Sailor: "Waiter, bring me some tomato juice for a pickup."

Waiter: "Yes sir; and what will you have for yourself?"

"I'm telling you for the last time that you can't kiss me."

"Fine, I knew you would weaken sooner or later."

Women Cagers to Open on 29 Nov.

Oak Knoll's Women's basketball team got down to fundamentals during the past week as publication of the Bay Area Women's Basketball League schedule revealed the Hospital team would play its first game on Thursday, 29 November.

On that date, the Oak Knollites will open against the Treasure Island Waves at Treasure Island. First home court appearance will be on 6 December, against the Camp Stoneman Wafs.

Other teams entered in the league are Presidio Wacs, Moffett Field Waves, Ft. Mason Wacs, McClelland Wafs, Alameda Waves, San Francisco Marines, Travis Wafs, Hamilton Wafs and the Stoneman Wacs.

Coach Reginato would still give a glad welcome to additional female talent on the base and points out that the squad could stand to be larger.

Meanwhile, in men's varsity basketball, Coach Reginato and Assistant Coach Tom Moore continue to work in advance of the opening game against Pacific Reserve Fleet on the home courts on 4 December. Nine teams are entered in the men's league, ten in the women's league.

Many Events Set For Coming Week

Social calendars at Oak Knoll should be pretty well filled for the next two weeks judging from the list of events scheduled by the Welfare and Recreation office.

Today (Saturday) the usual busload went to Berkeley to the University of California-University of Washington football game, and last night staff members gathered at the EM Club for a bingo party.

On Wednesday, 14 November, a busload of patients will be taken to the Policemen's Amateur Boxing show at the Oakland Auditorium and you can sign up now at Welfare and Recreation. The bus will leave Oak Knoll at approximately 1900.

The next night, Thursday, 15 November, one or two busloads of lucky patients will journey to the Cow Palace in San Francisco to see the opening night performance of the Sonja Henie Ice Show.

On Friday, 16 November, VFW Post 1010 in Emeryville has invited all hands to attend its Drum Corps Appreciation Night, which will include a dinner, refreshments and entertainment. More information can be picked up at Welfare and Recreation when signing up for the affair. Slated to start at 2000 transportation will leave Oak Knoll at 1900.

Also on 16 November Oak Knoll staff members will caper to the music of the Treasure Island EM School orchestra at an EM Center dance, with five turkeys to be given away as door prizes.

And on the same day, one or two busloads will be taken to the Oakland Auditorium for the show of them all, the Larry Noble show, with



Action is fast and furious at the Oak Knoll Bowling Alleys on Tuesdays and Thursdays now that the practice bowling league is in full swing. Shown above with the best of bowling forms are members of the Nurses team, who tangled with Lab No. 1. The practice bowling league is slated to end on 29 November and the regular league gets under way the first week in December.

Practice Bowling Enters Third Week

Bowlers at Oak Knoll are sharpening up their forms as the Hospital's practice bowling league goes into its third week.

Some high scores have been posted in the first three sessions. Larrivee of the N.P. squad racked up a 216 on Tuesday, 6 November, and on the same night Scott of the Three V's scored a 201.

Games played Thursday, 1 November, pitted Record Office Men against the "Hits and the Misses," who have replaced the Record Office Women; Lab No. 2 versus Artificial Limb and N. P. Department versus Physio.

On Tuesday, 6 November, Nurses played Lab No. 1, Three V's met Staff Personnel, but The Hits and Misses failed to get together a team in their scheduled contest with the N.P. Department.

Women Invited Enter One-Day Links Meet

Women golfers at Oak Knoll have been invited to take part in a one-day golf tourney to be held at the Alameda Municipal Golf Course, starting at 0900 on 27 November.

The tournament, to be sponsored by the Twelfth Naval District, will feature numerous prizes—for high score, low score or what-have-you.

Transportation to the event will be furnished by the Welfare and Recreation department. Some men's golf equipment is available at Welfare if contestants wish to use it.

a cast of more than 100. Included in the cast are Eddie Cantor, at least one Hollywood celebrity, Horace Heidt Talent Show winners, Ted Mack Amateur Hour winners, Del Courtney and his 20-piece orchestra and many others. Those attending that show will leave Oak Knoll at approximately 1900. Sign up now at Welfare and Recreation.

Looks like November is going to be quite a month.

"I'm going to visit Yellowstone Park."

"That's a nice place, don't forget Old Faithful."

"Oh, no. I'm taking her with me."

Jim Peck Cops Tennis Tourney

Jim Peck, HN, tall, rangy tennis player from the hills of Tennessee, reigned this week as tennis champion at Oak Knoll. Peck, night corpsman on one of the N.P. wards, defeated Jim Brisnahan, HM2, in straight sets, 9-7, 6-2, to cop the championship.

Earlier he had defeated Bob Irvin, also in straight sets, to gain the chance to move to the finals. The finals in the tourney were played on Thursday, 1 November.

Irvin and Irrgang were slated to meet on Wednesday, 7 November, to determine third place winner in the singles tourney, but results were not available as the Oak Leaf went to press.

Peck, who practically grew up on a tennis court, was No. 2 man on the tennis squad at the University he was attending before coming into the Navy. He had been slated to move into the No. 1 spot on the college team before the Navy call came.

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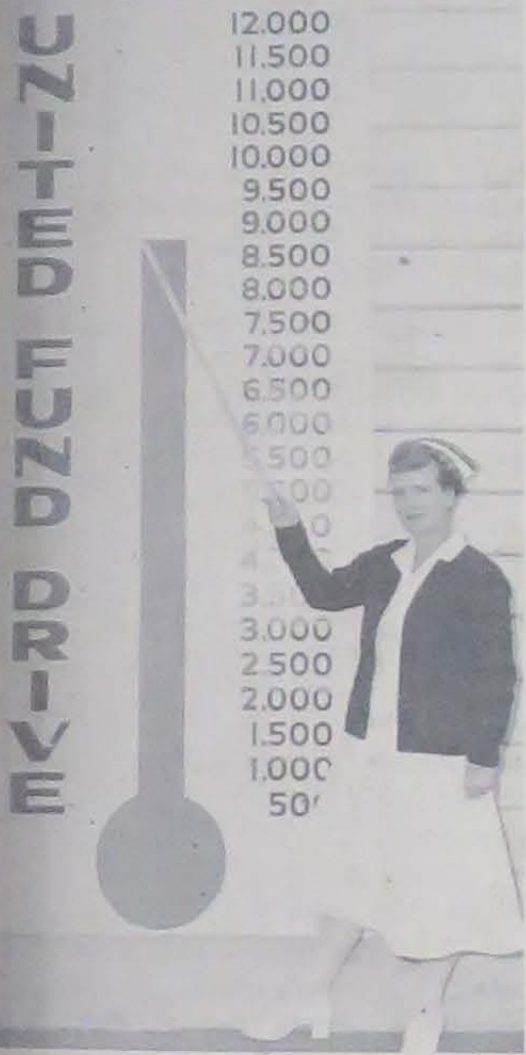


THE OAK LEAF



United Fund Drive Total to Reach \$9,000; Campaign Termed Success

GIVE



Nurse Corps, Patients Given Special Praise

Donations to Oak Knoll's first United Fund Drive stood at a grand total of \$8,528.38 as the Oak Leaf went to press in mid-week. However, a few donations yet to be received were expected to boost the total over \$9,000 before the books were finally closed later in the week.

The drive, first experiment with a united attempt to collect funds for several organizations at the same time, was considered a resounding success by officials. Using the figure of \$9,000, the three main beneficiaries, Red Cross, Navy Relief and the Community Chest, stand to receive more support from Oak Knoll than was given in individual drives last year.

The three organizations will receive equal shares of 90 per cent of the total, or \$2,700 each. Last year the Community Chest donation from Oak Knoll amounted to only \$1,330, while \$1,465 was given to the Red Cross, and last year, through participation in the Alameda Carnival, Oak Knoll contributed a total of \$2,038 to Navy Relief.

Of the total figure contributed in the drive \$8,051.63 was in cash and \$476.75 in pledges. Here is the breakdown of donations received:

Civilian personnel at Oak Knoll, \$2,335.70; Naval Officer personnel, \$3,333; Naval Enlisted personnel, \$864.16; Red Cross and Navy Exchange Employees \$398.25, and patients and United Fund Drive Headquarters, \$1,199.52.

Officials of the drive had special praise for Nurse Corps members and patients at Oak Knoll. Those two groups were especially generous in their donations, and played a very large part in the success of the drive.

After 90 per cent is set aside for the three large organizations, the remaining 10 per cent will be divided equally among five smaller beneficiaries, the American Cancer Society, American Heart Society, American Association of Rheumatic Diseases, National Polio Foundation and the Cerebral Palsy Fund.

LT M. J. Doyle, chairman of the solicitors for the Nurse Corps at Oak Knoll, examines the large United Fund Drive Thermometer as the red line moves up to the near-final figure of slightly over \$8,500. The Nurse Corps, along with patients, received special praise for generous contributions to the drive. Nurse Corps solicitors, who collected a total of \$1,901.25, were LTJG Margaret Larson, LT Adelaide Mugford, LT Allan Henry, LT Edna Johnson, LT Elaine Rau, ENS Kathleen Christensen, LTJG Caramae Milam, LT Pauline Bednarski, LTJG Joyce Cox, ENS Anne Sheridan, ENS Marie Oling, LT Marie Pelletier, LTJG Martha Parrish, ENS Elizabeth Lukoski, LT Frances Buchanan, LT Lois Adrian, LT Martha Clark, LTJG Bernice Szostak and LT Ellen Smith. Solicitors for the Chaplains' Office, who collected \$1,095.42 from patients were CDR J. A. Whitman, chairman; LCDR A. T. Wallace, LCDR E. L. Wade, V. D. Sessions, HMI, M. J. Garcia, HM2, F. C. Adams, HM3, T. W. Walsh, HM3, C. Blondino, HN.

Thanks and "Well Done"

As acting Commanding Officer and Chairman for the United Fund Drive, I want to thank all who participated. Although we fell short of the goal set for the first united drive held here, the amount contributed represents generous contributions from many departments and individuals, and it is gratifying to note that united support of beneficiary organizations resulted in a marked increase over amounts collected in separate drives held in previous years.

A "Well Done" to solicitors and members of the key committee, who gave their time as well as their financial support to insure the drive's success, and to all contributors.

I. L. V. Norman, Captain, MC, USN



PFC George H. Haas, Jr., USMC, was one of 25 patients presented service awards at ceremonies held at Oak Knoll, Thursday, 8 November. PFC Haas was presented the Purple Heart Ribbon and Medal for wounds received in combat in Korea.

25 Patients, Doctor Given Medals At Knoll Presentation Ceremony

Twenty-five patients and one staff member received service awards at ceremonies held at Oak Knoll on Thursday, 8 November, CAPT I. L. V. Norman, MC, USN, Executive Officer, making the presentations.

LTJG Ralph W. Jacobs, MC, USNR, of the Medical Service at Oak Knoll, was awarded the Bronze Star Medal "for meritorious achievements in connection with operations against the enemy while serving with a Navy Medical company in Korea from 15 September 1950 to 8 June 1951."

The citation stated: "Serving as medical officer, LTJG Jacobs displayed outstanding confidence, leadership and professional ability in the performance of his duties. Working long, arduous hours without regard for his personal fatigue, he supervised the collecting and clearing of casualties with a high degree of success. For a portion of the period assuming charge of the evacuation of patients in addition to his regular duties, he inspired those who worked with him by his cheerful and willing devotion to duty."

CAPT Phillip J. DeGroot, USMCR, was presented a Gold Star in lieu of the Third Air Medal, "for meritorious acts while participating in aerial flight, as a pilot attached to a Ma-

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Hungry? Feast Your Eyes on This Menu!

Oak Knollites are going to eat hearty on Thanksgiving Day, 22 November.

Here is a brief run-down on the menu:

- Roast Turkey, with giblet gravy and New England dressing.
- Cranberry sauce.
- Snowflake Potatoes, Glazed Yams, Fresh peas, fresh corn niblets.
- Tossed vegetable salad with French dressing.
- Oyster Bisque with saltine wafers.
- Radishes, green onions, sweet pickles, ripe and green olives.
- Sesame rolls and butter.
- Pumpkin pie and ice cream.
- Coffee.
- Mixed nuts, assorted fruits and candy, and, courtesy of the Welfare Fund, cigarettes and cigars.

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HOMECOMING

If we were free to go our own way, the footsteps of most of us would turn homeward. In time of war perhaps the greatest unfulfilled longing in all the world is the longing expressed by the words, "I want to go home." When millions of men are in far countries and strange places, or battlefields and on broad seas, among friends and foe alike, this thought will not be stilled, "I want to go home." A world weary of war wants to go home. But there isn't much time for homecoming in a world of strife. Men can't go home until the might of arms has brought down the enemies of peace. To do so, might mean much lost for little gained.

Nearly two thousand years ago there walked among us "a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief," who said of Himself: "The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head." He wanted to go home, too, but He waited until His work was finished—until He had given a way of life and a pattern for peace. And notwithstanding all well-intentioned plans, treaties; notwithstanding the plottings of dictators and the benevolent hopes and sincere strivings of honest statesmen, the fact remains that within the gospel of Jesus Christ lies the only solution to the problem of permanent peace—and perhaps almost the only solution which in principle and in practice has not been tried.

Of course, there are those who will indulgently raise their shoulders and their eyebrows and speak of this as a beautiful but absurd idealism, and because force seemingly has been the only course open in the past, we may think that the world can be made safe by force always, but sooner or later we shall come to know otherwise. Then it could be that nevermore would there be men weary on the field of battle, yearning for home—but it won't be on the basis of a peace dictated to an enemy preparing in his heart for the next opportunity to fight.

The day when men shall nevermore be called upon to leave home for war will be when the enemies of righteousness have been defeated on all fronts, and shall have accepted the terms quietly dictated by the Prince of Peace nineteen centuries ago: "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart. . . and thy neighbor as thyself."

F. C. ADAMS, HM3

LDS Group Leader

Divine Services

Hospital Chapel at Main Gate

PROTESTANT

BIBLE SCHOOL — SUNDAY 0945
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CATHOLIC

SUNDAY MASSES
 0600 — 0900 — 1215
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 CHAPEL & 67A
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 IN CHAPEL

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

Chaplains of other faiths will be called upon request

BUS TO AND FROM CHAPEL ON SUNDAYS 0845 & 1045

Chrysanthemum Named For RADM S. S. Cook

Rear Admiral S. S. Cook, MC, USN, already well known in Navy medical circles, has also made his mark in the horticultural world.

Last week at the annual chrysanthemum show at Lakeside Park, Oakland, the "RADM S. S. Cook" was introduced to chrysanthemum fans and fanciers. The fall flower, named for the Admiral by Robert J. Ammerman, head nurseryman for the Oakland Park Department, is a brick red daisy variety with yellow center and buff under-petals, with many blossoms growing on a single stem.

Admiral Cook during his tour of duty as Commanding Officer at Oak Knoll, was an active member of the Business Men's Garden Club of Oakland, sponsor for the chrysanthemum show. Many of the flowers and shrubs on the hospital grounds are gifts from that organization.

Red Cross Ramblings



How is your memory for popular tunes of the day? Mrs. Susan Miller, one of our recent class of Gray Ladies assisted by Miss Sara Taff, both from Oakland Chapter, spent Monday evening on Ward 74A, entertaining patients with a "Romance in Musical Tempo." Mrs. Miller played eight bars of a certain tune and the men, as they read the story on paper, filled in the missing line with the tune played. Among those participating were PFC Raymond Godman, USMC, and PFC Augustin Deloa, USMC.

MONTE CARLO PARTY

November 22 is Thanksgiving Day and to start out the week's festivities, on Monday evening, the 19th, there will be a Monte Carlo Party with all the trimmings in the Red Cross Lounge (Building 32). All the games will be set up and you will be given a handful of paper money to bet on your favorite number. B'nai Brith of Oakland is the sponsor of this party. At the end of the evening after the refreshments are served, the prizes will be auctioned off to the holder of the largest quantity of paper money. Don't forget the date, Monday, 19 November, and bring your ward pal along for a gala night of fun. On Tuesday, 20 November, a Turkey Trot will be held with the hostesses entertaining. Thanksgiving Night we will have an Open House, a homey get-together. Friday we will entertain you with squares and rounds, a good old fashioned dancing party.

SKETCH ARTISTS

Have you ever seen your likeness in charcoal or in water color? Several artists under the sponsorship of the Berkeley Chapter of Red Cross spent Saturday afternoon on the wards sketching the men. These artists are studying all these techniques at the California School of Arts and Crafts. Would you like to be done in oil? Not the Ali Baba type, but it can be done for posterity under the skill of these capable artists. Tell the Red Cross worker on your ward and she will send the men to see you next time they visit the hospital.

PHOTOGRAPHY

How's about a visit to our Dark Room in Building 32? It is set up for developing and printing for all sizes of film. It is open Wednesday evenings and every afternoon during the week. We will be happy to instruct you. There is no rule of photography for discovering beauty or any fixed formula for determining what is artistic. It is up to the snapshotter's ability to visualize beauty, separate the "wheat from the chaff," then make the most of the possibilities at hand. It is largely a matter of one's viewpoint; one's likes and dislikes. Even people rated as authorities on

art disagree. One group may discard a picture which later another group may choose as an excellent example of photography. First, provide every picture with a single, dominant idea that can be easily understood by anyone to whom the picture is shown. Second, work for a well-balanced composition in your view finder before snapping the picture. Generally the important subject should not be in the direct center. Third, study the light and the shadow areas. Fourth, allow ample exposure to bring out desired shadow detail. If this "talk" is not clear, come on over and we will assist in clarifying it for you.

KICK-OFF

The 49ers play the Chicago Cardinals at Kezar Stadium on Sunday, 18 November. Kick-off is at 1400, and we will leave the hospital from in front of Ship's Service as soon as you have eaten "chow." Sign up immediately with the Red Cross worker on your ward if you would like to go.

CHESS

The Oak Knoll chess team and the team from Letterman Army Hospital ended in a tie last week when the Knollites met the Letterman team at the Presidio.

Patients from Oak Knoll who participated were Robert F. Field, ENL, Ernest M. Bartholomew, veteran, William A. Dotson, QM1, and Eugene H. Banderob, USN (ret), and Newell Haywood, HN.

Dinner for Patients, Staff Dance Scheduled

Fifty patients tomorrow (Sunday) will attend a dinner at Newman Hall, Newman Club Catholic Student Center at the University of California. In addition to the first rate dinner, the patients will enjoy a floor show later in the evening. The group will leave the hospital at 1700.

The staff affair, scheduled for 30 November, will be a dance at the Enclosed Men's Recreation Center. Scheduled for the outing is an unnamed outside orchestra, turkeys to be given as door prizes, and student nurses who have been invited as partners for stags.

Life Begins at Oak Knoll

4 November

PIMENTEL, Lawrence Reposo II, to wife of Lawrence R. Pimentel, PFC, 5 pounds, 8 ounces.
GIBSON, Cindy Jo, to wife of Richard Lee Gibson, AN, 7 pounds, 1 ounce.
SCHMICK, Martin William, to wife of William M. Schmick, DK3, 8 pounds.
IRVIN, William Howard III, to wife of William Irvin, SGT, 6 pounds, 4 ounces.

5 November

GRAHAM, boy, to wife of Joseph Graham, TN, 6 pounds, 3 ounces.
BURCH, Carol Lynne, to wife of Jack K. Burch, AN, 7 pounds, 11 ounces.
ANDERSON, Georgia Jennette, to wife of Andrew Anderson, LTJG, 6 pounds, 6 ounces.
WELCH, Diana Marie, to wife of John D. Welch, EN3, 6 pounds, 5 ounces.
THOMAS, Aaron Scott, to wife of Norman Thomas, CS2, 9 pounds, 9 ounces.
COFFEY, girl, to wife of Edward Coffey, CHSCLK, 5 pounds, 13 ounces.
ROESNER, Kristina Ann, to wife of Earl Roesner, LT, 7 pounds, 15 ounces.
SMELSER, Linda Ann, to wife of James Smelser, AO3, 7 pounds, 1 ounce.
SAVACOOOL, Mary Jane, to wife of James Savacool, LCDR, 8 pounds, 4 ounces.

6 November

STRAHL, Brian Lane, to wife of Robert E. Strahl, LT, 5 pounds, 15 ounces.
BRACKIN, John Curtis, 1st born, and Robert Lewis, 2nd born, to wife of Henry B. Brackin, LT, 5 pounds, 12 ounces, and 5 pounds, 3 ounces.
KURLINSKI, Joseph Raymond, Jr., to wife of Joseph R. Kurlinski, FP2, 7 pounds, 14 ounces.
FERGUSON, Richard James, to wife of Homer C. Ferguson, PFC, 9 pounds.
HERRINGTON, Dorothy Evangeline, to wife of Kenneth F. Herrington, LT, 6 pounds, 15 ounces.
JENKINS, boy, to wife of Herbert A. Jenkins, MM1, 7 pounds, 10 ounces.

7 November

PEDERSEN, Eric Steven, to wife of Leif A. Pedersen, ALC, 6 pounds, 6 ounces.
GALLARDO, Donald Richard, to wife of Donald R. Gallardo, SA, 6 pounds, 2 ounces.
IRWIN, Eileen Lois, to wife of Harold C. Irwin, SA, 7 pounds, 4 ounces.
TAFUYA, Brenda Lee, to wife of Lee Gilbert Tafuya, Jr., HM2, 6 pounds, 13 ounces.

8 November

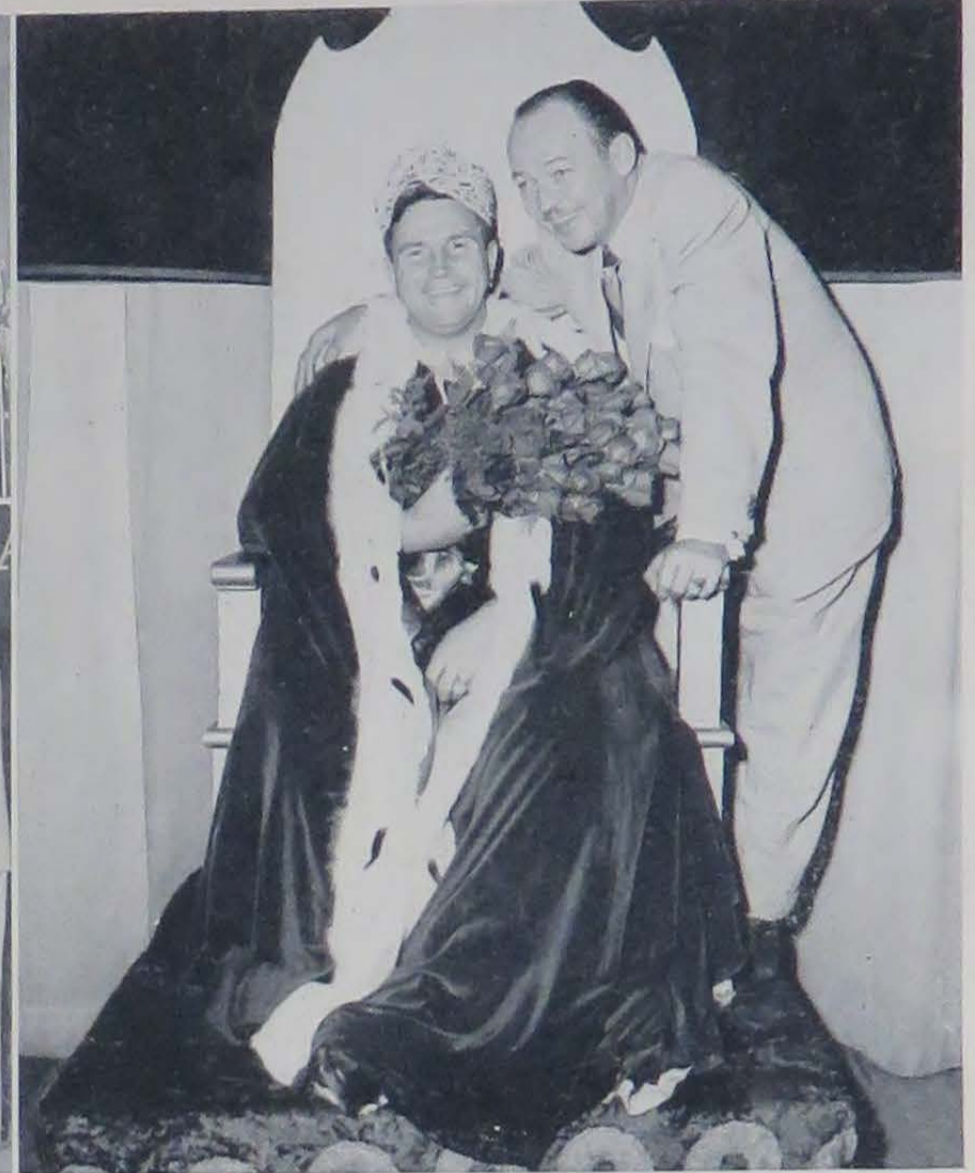
AUSTIN, Mark Richard, to wife of Robert S. Austin, AD2, 6 pounds, 3 1/2 ounces.
GLASSCOCK, Michael Andrew, to wife of Donald E. Glasscock, SK3, 5 pounds, 1 ounce.
CHESMORE, Mary Lynn, to wife of Grover A. Chessmore, HM1, 7 pounds, 12 ounces.
HAINES, Gregory Malcolm, to wife of Alfred Haines, AN, 7 pounds, 15 ounces.
COLLINS, Robert Howard, to wife of Samuel H. Collins, EMFN, 8 pounds, 3 ounces.
ROBINSON, Richard Lee, to wife of Joseph R. Robinson, CSSN, 7 pounds, 12 ounces.
PRICE, Elizabeth Louise, to wife of Walter E. Price, CPL, 7 pounds, 7 ounces.
WALKER, Linda Lee, to wife of Robert W. Walker, HM1, 7 pounds, 4 ounces.

9 November

HERBERT, Yvonne Dolores, to wife of Allen Herbert, CPL, 5 pounds, 4 ounces.
BAKER, Jerry Michael, to wife of Richard S. Baker, AMC, 7 pounds, 11 ounces.
WUNSCHEL, Larry Martin, to wife of Lee Martin Wunschel, IC2, 8 pounds, 13 ounces.
HORST, girl, to wife of Elmer L. Horst, 8 pounds, 14 ounces.
GENDRON, Lauren, to wife of Laurence Gendron, S/SGT, 6 pounds, 9 ounces.
GRAMANN, Deborah Elaine, to wife of Alden E. Gramann, AMC, 8 pounds, 5 ounces.
GOGGINS, William Paul, to wife of William Goggins, GMSN, 6 pounds, 6 ounces.
DRAKE, girl, to wife of Howard W. Drake, Jr., PFC, 6 pounds, 11 ounces.
HOLZAPFEL, boy, to wife of Alfred F. Holzapfel, CDR, 7 pounds, 12 ounces.

10 November

SNELLER, Edward Jr., to wife of Edward Sneller, SGT, 7 pounds, 10 ounces.
PINKERTON, Daniel Ford, to wife of Chester F. Pinkerton, CDR, 8 pounds, 6 ounces.
SNELL, Katherine, to wife of Earle O. Snell, Major, 7 pounds, 11 ounces.
MRAZIK, Joseph Steven, to wife of Joseph Mrazik, FCI, 8 pounds.
STEVENS, Debra Antoinette, to wife of Jack Stevens, S/SGT, 5 pounds, 13 ounces.
ANDERSON, Gail Judith, to wife of Richard Anderson, HM3, 5 pounds, 11 ounces.
SAVARRO, Richard John, to wife of Rudolph John Navarre, MM2, 7 pounds.



Pictured above are a few of the scenes in the production of the Old Gold cigarette radio show, "King for a Day." In the upper left photo the gang is shown on stage just as Jack Bailey gets ready to sign off the air. Pictured at lower left are a few of the Knollites whom Jack Bailey interviewed on the program, along with a pretty miss from the show who helped display the prizes. In the picture at the right Emcee Jack Bailey poses with "King" Roy L. Gage, HM3, of Special Services, who was selected KING FOR A DAY.

Five Staffers Are Proud New Fathers

Last week was another big week at the Oak Knoll Maternity Department, with 48 babies arriving. Among the proud new fathers were five members of the staff and two patients.

Passing out the biggest cigars was LT Henry B. Brackin, Jr., MC, USN, of the Psychiatry Service, whose wife gave birth to twin sons on Tuesday, 6 November. The new boys are John Curtis, who weighed five pounds, 12 ounces, and Robert Lewis, who weighed in at five pounds, three ounces.

The next day, 7 November, Lee Tafuya, HM2, of the Record Office, became the father of a daughter, Brenda Lee, whose birthweight was six pounds, 13 ounces. The same day, Leif Pedersen, ALC, patient on Ward 46A, and Harold C. Irwin, SA, patient on Ward 80B, became fathers. The young Mr. Pedersen, named Eric Steven, weighed in at six pounds, six ounces, and Miss Eileen Lois Irwin at seven pounds, four ounces.

On Thursday, 8 November, Miss Mary Lynn Chessmore, was added to the household of HM1 and Mrs. Grover Chessmore, and Miss Linda Lee Walker, was welcomed by HM1 and Mrs. Robert H. Walker. Miss Chessmore tipped the scales at seven pounds, 12 ounces, Miss Walker at seven pounds, four ounces.

Ending the week, HM3 and Mrs. Richard Anderson became the parents of a new daughter, Gail Judith, who weighed five pounds, 11 ounces.

Erwin, Tenn. (AFPS)—Ernest Britt slept peacefully, lying face down between the rails. Suddenly a 17-car freight train bore down on him and thundered over his body. Expecting to find a mangled body, trainmen instead were given a "bawling out" from the "disturbed" snoozer.

Jack Bailey Crowns Roy Gage, HM3, "King For A Day"—Prizes Galore

The Old Gold cigarette program, "Queen for a Day," invaded the hospital compound this last week to select a patient or staff member to be "King for a Day." Emcee Jack Bailey presented the show in the Community Service Building for an audience of some 300 Knollites.

In the process of the program Roy L. Gage, HM3, of Welfare and Recreation found himself elected "King" because of his wish that he could get some new clothes for his wife and three children for Christmas. Gage was elected from five finalists selected from the audience and was pleasantly surprised when Jack Bailey said that Gage's mother would be flown out here from Arkansas City, Kansas, to visit the family.

The king's prizes included a platform rocker with ottoman, a 10-inch Arvin TV set, a deep sea fishing rod and reel, a tailored suit from Foreman & Clark in San Francisco, a suit

for Mrs. Gage from Hollywood, outfits for his three daughters, complete King's Men shaving ensemble, a pair of opera glasses, a power tool kit with electric hand saw, a bathrobe with slippers and pajamas, 4 sport coats, 6 sport shirts, 2 pairs of Levis with sport shirts, 1 dozen hand-painted ties, 2 dozen hole-proof socks, and numerous other items that Gage couldn't recall at the writing of this article.

Roy and his family were royally entertained last Friday as they left the hospital in a big black Cadillac and were taken to Fisherman's Wharf for dinner, then to Golden Gate track for the races, followed by the evening at Bimbo's 365 Club in San Francisco with dinner.

Gage's reaction to the whole affair is as follows: "I'm really thrilled about the whole thing, but I'm still bewildered, and don't know how it happened."

WELCOME AND FAREWELL

For the first time in several weeks, the number of persons reporting aboard at Oak Knoll for duty during the past week outnumbered the persons leaving the Hospital for new duty assignments.

During the week 17 persons reported aboard, as compared with 13 who were transferred. New staff members are:

LTJG Daniel W. Clark, MC, USNR, from Camp Pendleton, LTJG Ruth H. Styron, NC, USN, from civilian life; LTJG Edna C. Lenz, NC, USN, from U.S. Naval Air Station, Norfolk, Va.; HM1 E. Lewis from USN Ammunition Depot, T.H.; HM3's D. R. Selberg and J. Vandenberg from Department of Pacific, FMF, and J. E. Calvert from Treasure Island; HN J. L. Lee from San Diego; HA's M. A. Christensen, M. G. Cowles, A. E. Estrada, J. E. Kehler, J. O. Leslie, D. J.

Suryon, G. Vigil and N. J. Frazee, all from Hospital Corps School, San Diego, and JOSA D. L. Linsea from USNRECASTA, Treasure Island.

Transferred were LTJG Caramae B. Milam, NC, USNR, to civilian life, LTJG Earl M. Behning, DC, USN, to Naval Dental Clinic, Pearl Harbor; LTJG Vernon L. Boersma, MC, USNR, to Military Sea Transportation Service, San Francisco; LTJG W. P. Benson, Jr., MCR, to U.S. Naval Hospital, San Diego.

HM1's R. C. Otte to USNS Depot, Tiburon, and F. M. Hicks to USS STRIVE; SDC L. J. Rice to NAS, Alameda; DT2 F. E. Henderson to USS HAMUL; HN's A. Gallo to NAAS, Monterey, R. N. Kolb and A. E. Smith to U.S. Naval Magazine, Port Chicago, and E. L. Harwood to USS PRAIRIE, and DA W. K. Collins, to USNSTA, Kwajalein.



The jobs of personnel in Special Services are many and varied—from chauffeuring movie stars to putting up television aerials. Shown above are some of the people who do the jobs. (1) Leland Gentzler, HM1, numbers among his duties a daily trip to the District Special Services office to pick up the film that Knollites will see that evening. (2) Keeping the records straight and scheduling special events are the jobs of Mrs. Edna Rowan (left), William E. Jones, HM1, and Henry T. Wong, HM2. (3) Holding up the athletic side of the Special Services Department are (left to right) George Papadakis, HM3, Athletic Director Joe Reginato and Tom Moore, HM2. Papadakis and Moore also can be found cleaning up the Enlisted Men's Center after affairs there. (4) Some night when you are watching the movies at the auditorium, give a thought to the men running the projectors; namely, Hughes McBrearty, HN, (left) and Roy "King" Gage, HM3. (5) Usually found holding forth at the pool tables and the bowling alley is Arthur Dearing, HN, now learning to operate movie projectors as part of his job. (6) Surrounded by tubes and all the other things that make up the working parts of radios and television sets is Robert Vaughan, civilian repairman, a silent partner in the entertainment provided on the wards.

Welfare and Recreation Is Now "Special Services"

Arranging a Hollywood guest star appearance, chartering a bus for a football game, wrapping gifts, writing thank-you notes, and selecting patients for dinner parties—these are a few of the activities of Welfare and Recreation Department, now known as Special Services Division.



Here are the men who will teach you how to swim if you show up at the hospital swimming pool. They are (left to right) Jay Cheney, HN, and Jim Brisnahan, HM3. The swimming pool is open to both staff and patients, and Jay and Jim are always on hand.

Chief of the Division where all recreation activities at Oak Knoll are handled, is LT R. L. Thompson, MSC, USN, who is also Chief of the Pharmacy Service. Mrs. Edna Rowan, secretary and bookkeeper, assists LT Thompson and is responsible for the coordination of most of the department's activities.

Facilities for use by both patients and staff at the hospital are the bowling alley, a pool room, a softball and baseball field, four handball courts, nine tennis courts, two movie theaters, the recreation center, and the library. Also under the department is the CPO Club.

Swimming, golf, and tennis lessons are offered by the athletic section of the department to anyone interested. Joe Reginato is the athletic coach in charge of instruction and is the man in charge of organizing the athletic teams that participate in 12ND leagues and in intra-mural sports. Oak Knoll won the 1951 District Athletic Championship.

Equipment for sports and leisure-time include everything from catcher's mits to golf clubs. Other recreation equipment, used in the wards, distributed and kept in condition by the Special Services Division, includes an estimated 60 TV sets, 33 pianos, and 425 radios. Most of these have been donated to the hospital

by individuals and civilian organizations.

Almost every day of every week the department staff works to present regularly scheduled events and a variety of entertainment, and to cooperate with civilian groups who provide much of the outside recreation for patients.

During football and baseball seasons, tickets are donated by civic groups, and busses are procured by the department to transport patients to local games.

Regular recreation activities for the staff are planned at monthly meetings of the Recreation Committee. Two or three dances are held each month, and bingo parties are provided at no cost to staff personnel.

Another job the department undertakes is in supplying music for chapel services, financing flowers for the chapel, arranging for programs and publicity to be printed, and assisting in the chapel's financial obligations.

Oak Knoll is fortunate in being close to San Francisco and within a short distance of Hollywood, thus making it possible to obtain the best in professional entertainment. All professional entertainers volunteer their services, and the department staff works to assist them in putting

on shows. Shows are presented each week by entertainers from San Francisco. Celebrities that have appeared here in recent months are Lucille Ball and Desi Arnaz, June Allyson, and Dick Powell, Dinah Shore, Doris Day, Margaret Whiting, Hilo Hattie, Rita Hayworth, Jack Benny, and Edie Cantor.



LT R. L. Thompson, MSC, USN, is Chief of the Special Services Division and is largely responsible for arranging the shows and special events provided for personnel at the hospital. Serving a dual role, he is also Chief of the Pharmacy Service.



Clyde and Juanita Davis, part of the program presented in the Community Service Building Auditorium, are shown in their dance routine which highlighted last week's program. The show was brought to Oak Knoll by Mrs. Esther England.

Bay Area Talent Is Presented at Knoll

Mrs. Esther England scored another hit in the Community Service Building Auditorium last week as she brought another array of Bay Area talent to Oak Knoll Hospital.

Spearheading the show was Howard Eastwood, pianist, who accompanied the performers and presented his own piano stylings. Lowell Harmon acted as emcee and gave out with his "Dennis Day" type tenor. Doris Wickland, song stylist, Don Burke, accordionist, Charlotte Kerl, singer, Beverly Page, dancer, Naomi Myers, popular song stylist, all made up the rest of the program.

The show wound up with the popular Davis twins, Juanita and Clyde, doing a dance routine under black light.

Knollites to Hunt Today at Tule Lake

Twenty-seven Korean casualties and three staff members are at Tulelake, California, this week end for some choice hunting and fishing.

The week end, arranged by the Tulelake 20-30 Club with the cooperation of the community as a whole, was planned, according to George Douglass, Project Chairman of the 20-30 club, "to share with the incapacitated veterans the bountiful hunting pleasure readily found only in the Tulelake Basin."

The recreation party left Oak Knoll Friday morning, and flew to Klamath Falls, Oregon, from where they were driven to Tulelake. Members of the group are being housed and fed in groups by residents of the community.

Guns, ammunition, guides, dogs and hunting vehicles were furnished for patients wishing to hunt, and experienced guides were on hand to take the visitors out on Tule lake for an afternoon of duck hunting from boats.

Staff members accompanying the patients are LTJG C. N. Woods, MC, USNR; HM1 R. E. Rampton, Editor of The Oak Leaf, and HM2 M. E. McElroy, Oak Leaf Photographer.

The group is scheduled to return to Oak Knoll late Sunday.

Lafayette, Ga. (AFPS)—Some people save the first dollar they earned, but J. L. Williams saved the first biscuit his wife baked after their marriage in 1924.

Frankston, Texas (AFPS) — Mrs. Lallie Carter moved into her so-called "haunted house" and announced that she was "here to stay." Supporting her claims was a double-barreled shotgun, a .38 calibre pistol and a Boston bulldog.



LTJG Ralph W. Jacobs, MC, USNR, a staff member at Oak Knoll, is congratulated by CAPT I.L.V. Norman, MC, USN, Executive Officer, after receiving the Bronze Star Medal "for meritorious achievement in connection with operations against the enemy while serving with a Navy medical company in Korea."

Bronze Star, Air Medal, 24 Purple Hearts Presented at Circle Ceremony

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rine Fighter Squadron, from 2 April 1951 to 24 April 1951."

That citation stated that during this period CAPT DeGroot "successfully completed his twenty-first through fortieth combat mission against the enemy over Korea, where enemy fire was either expected or received."

Presented Gold Stars in lieu of a second Purple Heart Medal were CPL Ralph Bevins, Jr., USMC; PFC Louis M. Hickman, USMC; PFC Edmond G. Hendrix, USMCR, and PFC Alan P. Smith, USMCR.

Purple Heart Medals were presented to MAJ Douglas K. Morton, USMC; MAJ Leo F. Tatro, Jr., USMC; Second LT Neal H. Ness,

USMC; CPL Lawrence E. Nelson, USMC; PFC Ralph A. Mikkelsen, USMC; CPL Robert A. Jensen, USMCR; CPL Joseph J. McCarthy, USMC; CPL John L. Paul, USMCR; Hayden P. Summerfield, HM3, USNR; PFC Robert Barham, USMCR; PFC Phillip E. DelCampo, USMC; PFC Harry S. Pietrowicz, USMC; PFC Wesley W. Frye, USMCR; PFC Raymond L. Godman, USMCR; PFC Louis E. Weirton, USMCR; PFC Francis L. Christensen, USMC; PFC Thomas F. Roberson, USMC; PFC Thomas H. Willman, USMC; PFC George H. Haas, Jr., USMC; PFC Alan P. Smith, USMCR, and PFC Edmond G. Hendrix, USMCR.

Who's Who In Special Services

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Mrs. Edna Rowan, secretary-bookkeeper, devotes her off-time to her husband Bob. Mr. and Mrs. Rowan recently acquired a daughter-in-law when their son Wally was married.

Joe Reginato, a civilian and a Marine Corps Reserve captain, is the father of twins. The children are seven years old and were born at USNH, Oakland.

A cabin up in the mountains around Quincy, Calif. is the retreat of Robert Vaughan, civilian radio and electronics technician.

Roy L. Gage, HM3, was a coxswain in the Coast Guard during the last war. After a stint as a locomotive fireman and a rock planer (we don't know what it is either), and after acquiring a wife and three daughters, Roy changed his rate to corpsman in 1948 because, he says, he was "tired of working."

Leland Gentzler, HM1, a native of Oklahoma and a former high school science teacher, lists fishing, traveling, hiking, camping, reading, handiwork . . . and loafing, as his hobbies.

Ex-mortician William E. Jones, HM1, USNR, spends his leisure hours swimming, dancing, playing tennis,

working in fraternal organizations, and attending to his home and wife, Darleen.

Hughes McBrearty, HN, is a motion picture operator, has been to motion picture operator's school, and tells us that two of his favorite pastimes are . . . photography and MOVIES!

Arthur Dearing, HN, is an outdoorsman. He likes hunting and fishing and attended the Paul Smith School of Forestry for two years.

James A. Brisnahan, HM3, has attended three colleges in three states, the Navy's hospital corps school, and has been an athletic trainer and a bartender.

George Papadakis, HM3, attended the University of Wisconsin, Northland College, and La Crosse State before entering the Navy.

Henry T. Wong, HM2, in addition to his Navy duties, is one of the two directors of the Saint Mary's Chinese Catholic Boys' Club. He has a wife, Lillie, and a son, Adrian Michael.

Another hunting, fishing and athletics enthusiast, Thomas R. Moore, HM2, was a physical education instructor before joining the Navy.



Recognizable among those who shared the fun and food at the 7 November Hail and Farewell party at the Commissioned Officers' Mess are, left to right around the table: Mrs. James P. Abstrom, Jr., Dr. Abstrom, Mrs. E. H. Dickinson, LT John T. Morrow, Jr., MC, USNR, and Mrs. Morrow.

Newcomers and departing members of the staff were honored guests at the party, as were a number of doctors who were in the Bay Area for the American College of Surgeons Convention last week.



Most of the time this book column is just good fun. I have peculiar likes and dislikes about books and nearly always when I give a book a bad review, you may be assured that it will be a best seller forthwith. (I once called "The Naked and The Dead" an insult to the American Armed Forces, and look what that got me. Still think it is, but Reinhardt's have grown wealthy. . . . Ah, well.)

About four weeks ago I said what I thought of Salinger's "The Catcher in the Rye." This brewed me a hurricane of major proportions and the screams of the dead and dying still echo about the place. Even Mrs. Berger dissented and there are rumors that rebuttals may appear in The Oak Leaf before long, in fact, one citizen was heard to remark, "Well, he doesn't really like anything."

Now, I am moved to protest.

My notion of a fine book is the new Laura Hobson novel, "The Celebrity." It is about an author who writes because he likes to, does NOT suffer from maniac cycles, is NOT unhappy with his wonderful wife, and has only one outburst of temper in the whole book when someone tries to tell him what he OUGHT to write. This sounds dull but it isn't. It's the story of an average family moving against circles of celebrities and still maintaining some sense of balance. Beyond that it is a glowing account of a successful marriage between two fine people. When you put it down, you have a warm feeling inside and you have made the acquaintance of a man and his wife well worth knowing.

In a totally different field, political non-fiction, we have "The Forrestal Diaries." Here are the day to day notes of a man driven to destruction by his own integrity. As Forrestal struggles against party politics and public apathy to save the nation in spite of itself, we see almost a Greek tragedy unfolding.

We see loyalty, honor, courage and

6 Knoll Staffers Civilians Again

Oak Knoll staff members continue leaving a few at a time for civilian life as their turn comes up under the phasing schedule or as their year's extension of enlistment expires.

Six men left during the past week. Released to inactive duty were William H. Johnson on 15 November, and J. C. McCasland on 14 November.

Discharged at the expiration of their enlistments were Eugene T. Wright and Frank B. Townsley on 12 November, Henry L. Rutz on 14 November and L. W. Whitbred on 16 November.

Commanding Officer On Selection Board

Captain J. N. C. Gordon, MC, USN, Commanding Officer, is on temporary additional duty orders in Washington this week to serve as president of a selection board for lieutenant commanders.

In his absence Captain I. L. V. Norman is acting Commanding Officer, and Captain E. H. Dickinson is on duty as Executive Officer.

finally madness and death but also ultimate victory when Forrestal's trusted friend, Robert Lovett, is named Secretary of Defense and the Forrestal plans become reality the year after Korea. We have here a portrait of a great American whose only fault seems to have been that he loved his country too terribly, in the literal sense of that word.

What makes a good book? I think it is the quality that adds something to the reader's understanding, or emotional perception, or both. It will move him, as the Greek plays did, to pity and terror when confronted by the dark recesses of the human heart, but it will also remind him and bring him the consolation that God created man in His own image, and man quite often behaves as such; far more often than not, the spark of Divinity shines through—even if many modern writers haven't found it out yet.

FRANK M. CAMPBELL, HMI



LTJG Oliver D. Droege, USNR, pilot who bailed out of his plane behind enemy lines in Korea, is shown talking with Major Douglas K. Morton, USMC, who guided the helicopter that rescued the Navy flier. The two met again at Oak Knoll where they are patients on the same ward.

Navy, Marine Pilots Meet Again; First Met Far Behind Enemy Lines

A Navy pilot and a Marine pilot, who first saw one another when the Marine aided in the rescue of the Navy man 10 miles behind enemy lines in Korea, met again recently at Oak Knoll where they are now patients on the same ward.

They are LTJG Oliver D. Droege, USNR, who was rescued by a helicopter after his plane was hit and burned behind enemy lines, and Major Douglas K. Morton, USMC, who guided the helicopter, and whose own plane was to crash a few months later.

It was on 28 June that the two first met. That was the day LTJG Droege bailed out when his plane caught fire deep in enemy-held territory while he was making his 37th mission from the carrier, USS BOXER.

When LTJG Droege got on the ground, he showed his position to other planes that had been flying with him, and then hid himself. The other pilots immediately radioed back to Allied lines the position of the downed flyer.

Major Morton had just completed a run directly in front of his own lines and was heading back to the squadron to refuel when he heard the radio report of the downed pilot. After fueling his small observation plane, he was given the job of leading the helicopter to where LTJG Droege was waiting.

First Major Morton flew to the spot to see how much ground fire he could draw from enemy troops, in an effort to determine if it would be safe for the helicopter to come in. Finding that it was, he guided the 'copter in, then hovered over the area while the rescue was effected.

The helicopter came around the hill to the side where LTJG Droege was hidden. Then Major Morton watched while the sling was lowered, saw LTJG Droege make a stab at it and miss, watched the helicopter swing around the hill again, and drop the sling a second time. This time the Navy man caught it. Because the ground fire was so heavy, the helicopter was forced to fly away from the area with LTJG Droege still dangling several yards below in the sling.

Examination at a rear-area hospital proved LTJG Droege was suffering from second and third degree burns.

All in all LTJG Droege estimates he spent approximately an hour and a half on the ground before the helicopter picked him up, with the Major's plane hovering protectively overhead.

Major Morton, in turn, was injured on 18 September, when his plane, an L-19, was hit by heavy caliber machine gun bullets and crashed after a dive from about 500 feet up near his home air strip. Major Morton was flying as observer that day; the pilot of the plane was killed in the crash.

The Marine, who had completed more than 300 missions in his "grass-hopper" planes, suffered burns, a dislocated and fractured hip and a fractured left arm.

Overseas 12 months with the First Marine Air Wing, MAJ Morton won a field commission at Guadalcanal in World War II. LTJG Droege had been overseas four months when he was wounded last June.

Cahill Case Brings Blood Donor Offers

Publicity concerning a Marine patient at Oak Knoll who was given 23 pints of rare type AB Rh positive blood during five hours of surgery has had a very pleasing result.

CDR J. J. Engelfried, MSC, USN, in charge of Oak Knoll's blood bank, reports that he has had at least four calls from individuals with that type of blood offering to make donations to the Hospital blood bank.

And, in addition, there has been some increase recently in the number of persons coming to the blood bank to donate blood. This, too, is believed to be, in part at least, a result of the story.

The patient, PFC Austin M. Cahill, USMCR, was given the 23 pints of blood, plus three more pints post-operatively, as Oak Knoll doctors repaired a serious wound he had received in action in Korea.



CDR H. C. Gavin, NC, USN, Chief Nurse at Oak Knoll, is shown above talking with Miss Lesley Keller, 20, aboard the hospital ship, USS HAVEN, on Tuesday, 6 November. Miss Keller, a student nurse at the French Hospital in San Francisco, was one of approximately 100 student nurses from Bay Area hospitals who toured the Navy ship and talked with Navy nurses to get an inside look at the life of a Navy Nurse aboard ship.

Scuttlebutt

By DERF

FAREWELL TO ARMS: During November and December many familiar figures will hoist their sea-bags over their shoulders and head for civilian life—Staff Personnel's **Gordon Dolliver** heads for the wintery wastes of Denver, Colorado—**MAA Herb Scheiderer** says he's going right back into the Reserves. Seeing is believing, **Herb!**—**Jim Shipp**, who also sports a glistening MAA badge, tramps back to Atlanta, Georgia, where he'll adorn the offices of General Motors.

The O.R.'s Marvlin Blair has succumbed to the charm of the Bay Area. Marv will move his brood to San Francisco and put his experience and salesmanship to work for the American Sterilizer Company—Down Tulare way there's a Style Shop. Half of it belongs to HCQ's MAA, George Allen. So, if you're in the neighborhood, drop in and he'll give you some bargains. Rod O'Connor will be surrounded by pretty models when he resumes his work as a fashion photographer in the Bay Area or in L.A.

CSR's **Al Childs**, who claims to be the first Reserve at Oak Knoll (he reported aboard 21 August '50) will be teaching school in cold, cold Utah—Physio's **Frank Jarnevic** is looking forward to the Kansas City steaks which will be nearby when he begins working for the Wadsworth VA Hospital in Missouri—The pitter-patter of tiny feet will follow MAA **Joe Geis** when he resumes the management of his pre-school nursery. He'll also do electrical contracting—

Another California convert is WENT's Grover Chessmore. An apprenticeship in the plumbing business beckons him in Alameda—NP's Howard Riley will be ensconced in a plush office at J. C. Penney's—Did you say mollies would get a 20% discount?—The White Motor Company in Atlanta, Georgia, is getting back its best mechanic, Lloyd Sills—When you're flying through Greensboro, N.C., stop at the Eastern Air Lines Office and say hello to Ernie Howell—Oklahoma's Lee Gentzler will be home just in time to cop with the Christmas mail avalanche—

GRIPES: Wouldn't it be nice, just once, to go through the chow line and not have to wait for food, china or server?

DON'T YOU LIKE: The helpfulness of Marie in the Ship's Service Laundry—the friendliness of the Bay Area residents to all servicemen—the variety of sea foods here—Christmas with lots of snow (that's the only time we like snow).

STUFF 'N STUFF: Willie Harper, IN, had the 1,000th Standard Transfer Order for 1951 when he left for the Fleet Marine Force. Guess that's some sort of record for little Oak Knoll—We now have a JOSA (journalist) aboard for duty. She's friendly—**Dorris Linsea** from Ely, Nevada—**Don Dearth** is back in his green O.R. pajamas after a long leave—The new staff enlisted personnel officer is **LT R. O. Harrison**—The library has been playing Christmas carols during the day. Aren't you rushing us a bit, "Mother" Weaver?

NITELIFE: Everyone seems to have a favorite little spot. Bob Thompson and Bob Davis like the local "Firefly"—Familiar faces at the Universal

Club are **Joe Geis** and **Beverly Hoffman** (but not together)—At the Pioneer Village you'll encounter Chief Spratt—*pert Joann Jordan*—Physio's **John Brimer**—SGT **Jim Sutterby** from the Marine Detachment—Physio's **Lloyd Gardner**.

BINGO: The games and fun at the Bingo parties get better all the time. Excitement ran high the other night—especially when six players scored Bingo for the final and grand prize, an electric razor. **Bob Veltus** walked home with it—**Frank Campbell** won a pair of bright p.j.'s. He'd almost forgotten what they were used for—**Norman Paschall** now has a compact for some little fish's Christmas present—**John Shemo** will be a lot warmer with the sweater he won—**Ray Pollard** took his wife a set of scaled kitchen knives—there were lots of other prizes, all free, too, so plan to attend the next Bingo Party at the EM Club.

Dependent Service Cont. from Last Week

Because of space limitations last week we were unable to print all of the "Who's Who" for the Dependent Service Department feature. We are carrying the remaining names this week.

Miss Yoneko Kumagai bowls, dances, and record collects.

Clare Elis fills her spare time with church activities.

Susie M. Littleton is an alumna of the **Samuel Houston College** (Texas division).

LTJG Marjorie Lloyd, NC, has as her main hobby at present: studying ways of getting back East.

Rea M. Miller, HM3, likes to ride red fire engines.

Harriet N. Morlock, HN, used to be a life insurance secretary in the Big Town.

Mary E. Jay has quite a collection of dolls; makes all of their clothes.

Ross L. Sharp, HN, is an alumnus of the **Moler Barber College**.

Mary Sakata is an alumna of **San Jose State College**.

Beverly Hoffman, HN, is on the nurses' basketball team.

A recruit was on guard duty with specific orders to admit no car unless it bore a special tag. He stopped a tagless car bearing a high-ranking officer. The guard heard the officer order his driver to go right through, and calmly said: "I'm sorry, sir, but I'm new at this. Who do I shoot, you or the driver?"

Staff Personalities

Utah is well represented among the staff members at Oak Knoll, and one of the Salt Lake City boosters in our midst is **William Stone, HM3**, Operating Technician in Neurosurgery. Recalled to active duty on 15 January, Stone reported to Oak Knoll on 2 February. Three days later, back in Salt Lake, his wife gave birth to twin daughters, named **Terrie** and **Susan**. Stone was studying pre-med at the University of Utah before called back, and hopes to return to college when he is released next spring. He served three years and eight months in the Navy on a minority cruise during World War II, part of which time was spent with the Fleet Marine Force in China.



One of the persons you won't be seeing around Oak Knoll very much longer is **James C. Shipp, HM1**, of the Inside Master-at-Arms office. Jim was called back to active duty on 13 October 1950 and has been at Oak Knoll since. When released next month Shipp plans to return to his home town, Atlanta, Ga., and his old job with General Motors. Jim served one month less than six years during World War II, more than half of which was with the Marines. He was also rated as a Diver, First Class, when discharged. Married, Jim is the father of two children, a daughter, aged two, and a five-year-old son.

★ ★ CHUCKLES ★ ★

Shed a tear for the woman who went insane trying to have the last word with an echo.

"Why shouldn't I get too close to the fan with my wig on?"

"You're too old to be blowing your top."

"Have you any good after-shave lotion?"

"Yes. Here's a number that drives the girls crazy. It smells like money."

"I heard your husband ran away with the cook."

"Oh, it doesn't matter too much. I was going to fire her anyway."

Dinner guest: "Will you pass the nuts, professor?"

Professor (absent-mindedly): "Yes, I suppose so, but I really should flunk them."



"Fish Soup, Mate . . ."

"Ma, what's a second-story man?"

"Ask your father. If I don't believe his first tale, he always has a second."

A big-time gambler's funeral was well attended by his professional friends.

"Our friend, Spike, isn't dead," the speaker said. "He's just sleeping."

From the rear came a voice: "I've got \$100 that says he's dead."

After searching in vain for a job, a man applied for relief. A girl was behind the desk filling out a questionnaire.

"Do you owe any back house rent?"

"Ma'am," he replied with utmost dignity, "we have modern plumbing."

"What flavors do you have in ice cream?"

The girl with the inflamed throat answered: "Vanilla, strawberry and butter pecan."

"Do you have laryngitis?"

"No, just vanilla, strawberry and butter pecan."

Airman: "I just got a letter from a man saying that if I don't stay away from his wife, he's going to shoot me."

Chaplain: "Well, I suppose you're going to take heed of his warning?"

Airman: "Can't. He didn't sign his name."

Sgt. Glover: "How did your wife get along with her reducing diet?"

Sgt. Plover: "Fine. She disappeared completely last week."

Woman tourist, posing for a snapshot in front of fallen pillars of an ancient temple in Greece: "Don't get the car in the picture or my husband will think I ran into these things."

SPORTS

Knoll Team Idled By Bad Weather Cage Teams Near First Game Form

Rain last week put a temporary halt to the victorious march of Oak Knoll's touch football team, when the game scheduled with NAS, Oakland, on Thursday, 8 November, was halted by wet grounds.

The Hospital crew hoped to get back on the victory trail on Thursday, 15 November, as they went against Fleet Air Alameda, generally classified the toughest team in the league, in the last scheduled game of the season.

With four victories and no losses under the belt going into the final game, the Oak Knollites were odds-on favorites to win the tilt from the team they had soundly defeated once before earlier in the season.

However, the Knollites were not looking for an easy afternoon. The Airmen from Alameda are rough and tough and held Oak Knoll to a very close score throughout the first half of the earlier contest.

Oak Knoll for the first time was playing without its outstanding center, Eddie Estrada, who has left these parts for a tour of duty with the Marines. Eddie's aggressiveness at center on the defensive squad was expected to be sorely missed, as was his competent ball handling on offensive play.

Going into the game, Coach Joe Reginato planned to use the same tactics which have been successful thus far this season. Trusting in the smooth ball handling of Quarterback Dinuzzo, Reginato planned to rely on the passing arm of Papadakis, the feet-footedness of Irvine, and the hard charging of Lyons to break open the Alameda defenses.

Almost daily practice for both men and women basketball players continued during the past week as Coach Joe Reginato and Assistant Coach Tom Morre whipped their teams into shape for the opening of Twelfth Naval District competition early next month.

First home grounds appearance of the women's team will be on Thursday, 6 December, when the hospital crew tangles with the Camp Stone-man Wafs. The men will open on the home courts on Tuesday, 4 December, as they go against Pacific Reserve Fleet.

Any basketball player, male or female, who up to now has kept his or her talents a secret, had better turn out in the not too distant future if they wish to be considered for either of the squads, as both teams are fast rounding into shape.

With good entries in both leagues, Coach Reginato hopes to continue Oak Knoll's supremacy in District Class B competition, which has already cinched the Commandant's Trophy for Oak Knoll in class competition.

Ladies' Golf Tourney Openings Available

There are still plenty of spaces open for Oak Knoll women who wish to take part in a one-day golf tournament to be held at the Alameda Municipal Golf Course, starting at 0900 on 27 November.

Awards will be presented at the tournament for low net score, low gross, closest to handicap, closest to pin, the longest drive and the highest score, which means there will be a lot of winners.

Transportation to the event will be furnished by the Welfare and Recreation department, and men's golf equipment is available at Welfare for those contestants wishing to use it.

The tournament will be sponsored by the Twelfth Naval District.

Any Oak Knollite wishing to take part is urged to contact Welfare and Recreation as soon as possible.

Denver, Colo. (AFPS)—Patrolman Ernest Kampmueller arrested a motorist for passing a red light, ordered him to turn back to the police station. The violator was cited again when he went through the same light.



Jim Peck, HN, winner of Oak Knoll's just completed singles tennis tournament, receives congratulations of **CAPT I. L. V. Norman, MC, USN**, Executive Officer, after presentation of trophies last week. Peck won the first place award from **Jim Brisnahan, HM2**, in straight sets, 9-7 and 6-2. Others shown above (left to right) are Athletic Director **Joe Reginato**, **Bob Irvine, HN**, who lost to Peck in the semi-finals but won third place, and **Jim Brisnahan**, second place winner.

PREVIEWS

Sunday, 18 November

TWO TICKETS TO BROADWAY—Tony Martin, Janet Leigh, **MUSICAL**. This film is aptly described by the trade publication as a "light-hearted, charmingly nonsensical musical about a small town girl who finds love, success and excitement on Broadway. The only difference is that, where at one time it was the theatre or Hollywood which gave the youngsters a break, today talent-hungry television is the benefactor." Photographed in color, the movie features "smart dresses, colorful sets, stunning dance routines and a veritable deluge of tuneful songs, which make this one of the most lavish musicals of the year." Other big names in the movie are Gloria DeHaven, Eddie Bracken, Ann Miller and Barbara Lawrence. Reviewer's rating: "Excellent."

Monday, 19 November

TWO FLAGS WEST—Linda Darnell, Joseph Cotten, **WESTERN**. And here is the story of this one: A Union Army depleted by casualties enlists Confederate prisoners in its frontier posts. These prisoners plot and hope for freedom, but stay at their posts in white unity against the savage Indian. The final scene, according to a trade publication, "in which the post is attacked by raiding Apache Indians, is lengthy, somewhat brutally realistic, and gives too late the much needed action." For a rootin' tootin' "Yippee" type movie fan, this could be just the ticket. Reviewer's rating: "Good."

Tuesday, 20 November

WEEKEND WITH FATHER—Van Heflin, Patricia Neal, ????. No information of any kind as to age, content, plot or quality, is available concerning this movie. Van Heflin has been featured in some very good films, however, and usually does himself proud in a leading role. If you are a gambler, the odds on this one are good.

Wednesday, 21 November

CHICAGO CALLING—Dan Duryea, Mary Anderson, **DRAMA**. No information is available concerning this film. No reviews have been published to date.

Thursday, 22 November

TEN TALL MEN—Burt Lancaster, Jody Lawrence, **ADVENTURE**. Little is known about this film except that it is in color and that Burt Lancaster, one of the more popular he-man actors of the day, has the leading role. The title is interesting. The film will not be released to the public until next month, so here is

a chance to gain a march on the people on the outside.

Friday, 23 November

MY FAVORITE SPY—Bob Hope, Hedy Lamarr, **COMEDY**. Not up to date as we should be on Bob Hope's epics, we are not certain whether this is a very new film or a very old one. Of course, with Bob Hope as the leading actor, the plot has very little to do with the movie, and it will be good if you like Mr. Hope, or bad if you don't. It should be different to find him playing opposite Miss Lamarr, however. And you can bet Hope enjoys it, too.

Saturday, 24 November

FOR HEAVEN'S SAKE—Clifton Webb, Joan Bennett, **COMEDY**. A somewhat ancient comedy device has been employed to good advantage in this amusing and often hilarious comedy about an angel who comes to earth and materializes in order to make a couple realize the blessings which are attached to parenthood. Produced and released in time to catch the Christmas trade last year, much of the film borders on slapstick, but most of the comedy is in the dialogue and the wealth of conversation at times becomes a drag on the proceedings. Reviewer's rating: "Good."

Practice Keg League Nearing Final Round

With sessions of the Oak Knoll practice bowling league scheduled to terminate within the next two weeks and the regular league slated to get under way shortly thereafter, members of the 10 bowling teams were working hard during the past week to sharpen their aim for that head pin.

Each of the teams is given a chance to measure its strength against some other team in the league at least once a week, and on occasions, twice a week, as the three alleys at Oak Knoll go full blast each Tuesday and Thursday night.

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CPL Wendell Kintrea, above, has reason to smile. He stepped on two land mines within minutes of each other and suffered only relatively severe wounds from the flying shrapnel.

Marine Survives Two Mine Blasts

To step on one land mine and still be alive and in one piece would be luck enough.

Marine CPL Wendell A. Kintrea, Ward 79B, stepped on two land mines within two minutes in the trench sector on the Korean front on 2 October, 1951, and he is not only alive, but is intact and convalescing nicely.

"I guess the Lord must have been with me that day," Kintrea said when he returned a few days ago from overseas.

He was laying the communication lines that his 11th Regiment (artillery) First Marine Division, would need to provide cover for the infantry troops who had just gone through. The rest of his crew was out of sight and several hundred yards behind when the first mine blew up suddenly and death under his feet.

"At first I thought my leg was broken," declared Kintrea. "It felt sort of wobbly. I couldn't hear much else when the mine went off. But I was scared, and, without thinking, I started to run down to the road where I could see an army outfit in the distance. Then I stepped on the second mine and blacked out."

A helicopter flew him to the 121st Army Evacuation Hospital near Seoul, where he was operated on that night for multiple shrapnel wounds (some of them serious) and for an injury to the back of his head. He will need another operation in the future when a bone graft or metal plate will replace the small piece of bone missing from his skull.

"My memory and eyesight seem slightly affected, but other than that, I feel fine," CPL Kintrea said.

Top Show Given By Eddie Cantor

Eddie Cantor, famous for over 42 years in the entertainment world, put on a one-man show here on Thursday, 15 November.

His jokes, songs and show business reminiscing brought laughs and many bursts of applause from a capacity crowd in the auditorium.

Cantor's large eyes rolled and his feet shuffled as he sang the immortal songs from his Broadway shows, and other melodies he has made famous through the years. For over an hour, the famous minstrel talked of his life as an entertainer and the many theatre stars he has known and worked with. His stories of great people and great shows were accompanied with familiar old songs that are generally associated with Cantor's name, such as "Ida," "Whoopee," and "If You Knew Susie."

Mr. Cantor was accompanied by two pianists that have worked with him for many years, Ernie Stewart and Martin Fried. The three had returned from Europe just a few days before they appeared here.

With his accompanists, Mr. Cantor had visited Letterman Hospital the morning before coming to Oak Knoll. Immediately after his show here, he was to appear at the Veteran's Administration Hospital in Oakland.



Eddie Cantor sings into the microphone and into the hearts of the crowd that gathered to see him here last week.



A distinguished visitor at Oak Knoll the past week had more than a usual interest in the workings of the hospital. He was Dr. A. L. Miller, Congressman from Nebraska's Fourth Congressional District. As a Congressman, Dr. Miller has much to do with veteran and servicemen's affairs; as a doctor, he is interested in the workings of a hospital, and as an amputee, he is interested in the work done by the Amputee Center. Congressman Miller is on the West Coast to attend meetings of a Congressional Select Committee.

Holiday Leave Regulations Listed For All Staff Members, Patients

Regulations for Christmas and New Year holidays leaves were announced last week in Executive Officer's Memorandum No. 78-51.

LEAVE PERIODS

According to the memorandum, staff enlisted personnel may be granted leave over two periods as follows: From the end of working hours on Friday, 21 December until 0800 Friday, 28 December, and from the end of working hours Thursday, 27 December until 0800 Thursday, 3 January.

The memorandum further states: "In order that this may be accomplished, it may be necessary for certain men and women taking leave over Christmas to have those taking leave over New Year's to stand by for them and vice versa. A similar arrangement may be necessary in the case of those standing section watches. Normally, reliefs will not be available."

OFFICER PERSONNEL

Leave for staff officer personnel, including nurses and interns, may be granted for the same periods and

subject to the same conditions as set forth for enlisted personnel.

Patients may be granted annual leave for the period beginning 1630 Friday, 21 December, until 0730, 6 January, the memorandum states. Annual leave is authorized for civilian employees for Monday, 24 December, and Monday, 31 December, subject to the individual requirements of the service or department concerned.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

The liberty and leave schedule "is promulgated with the intent to grant as much time off for staff and patient personnel during the Christmas and New Year holiday as is consistent with the mission and work load of this command," the Executive Officer stated in the memorandum.

EMERGENCY LEAVE

Leave in excess of that authorized for staff personnel will not be granted except in emergencies, and such requests shall be forwarded to the Executive Officer for final approval. Approved leave requests must be forwarded to the Personnel Officer for preparation of leave papers.

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† † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

"ARE YOU RICH?"

What do you think makes a person rich? Is it possession of a lot of money, property, stocks and bonds? All these have varying (relative) value from zero to a large amount. What is gold worth if there is no food to buy with it, or what value is a house if no one lives in it? What then, are true riches? Riches are the sum-total of those factors that, joined together, provide contentment, faith and hope for the present and the future.

The factors that constitute true riches are Knowledge, Ambition, and a practical Philosophy of Life.

You must have knowledge—enough to live contentedly in your neighborhood; enough to satisfy your own soul; enough to know how to do your part in the world's work in a most satisfactory manner.

You must have ambition; an inner urge to work and share in duties and responsibilities so that the world may be a little better place to live in and the people in it a little happier because you have labored.

Then to be rich you must have a practical philosophy of life; that is, you must be able to put knowledge and purpose together into a useful pattern. This pattern of practical, good living has certain standards of measure, and these we often call ideals. Then, by gaining knowledge, using it in sincere ambitious effort and directing this effort by standards or ideals dictated by God's Divine Purpose, you can become rich. This wealth will reflect itself in personal contentment, faith in the present, and hope for the future.

J. A. WHITMAN,
Protestant Chaplain.

Dance, Dinners, Parties Scheduled For Oak Knoll Staff and Patients

With Thanksgiving past, staff members and patients at Oak Knoll are looking ahead to more special events planned by the Special Services Department.

On 30 November the staff will swing and sway to the music of the Larry Capella Orchestra at the Enlisted Men's Recreation Center. Student nurses have been invited to serve as partners for stags, and turkeys will be given away as door prizes.

The same night a busload of patients has been invited by the Moose Lodge to a potluck supper and entertainment. Transportation will leave from the Hospital at 1700. Anyone wishing to attend is urged to sign up at Special Services.

On Saturday, 1 December, 40 Oak Knollites have been invited to attend the "Big Show of 1951" featuring gymnastic teams and athletes from all over the country. The show will be held at the Oakland High School auditorium.

On Wednesday, 5 December, the Alameda chapter of D.A.V. has invited patients and their families to a dinner, party, and entertainment, scheduled to begin at 1830. Anyone wishing to attend should sign up at Special Services.

And on Friday, 7 December, the staff will gather at the EM Club for another Bingo party, this one to feature turkeys as prizes.

Red Cross Ramblings



The track now opens at 1900 on Ward 71A, with the winnings being paid off in play paper money. CHARLES M. SCHILL, DC2, bet on the perennial favorite, Seabiscuit, and Miss Jackie Purves, Gray Lady from the Oakland Chapter, and who acted as banker, gave him his winnings in paper money.

THANKSGIVING TIME IS HERE AGAIN!

During the past week many packages and baskets of odd sizes were seen on their way to the various wards. Parties of all kinds were held from putting the tail feathers on Mr. Tom Turkey to guessing the weight of Plymouth Rock. In the days of our forefathers, history tells us, as do many Technicolor movies, the Pilgrims went out with their shooting irons and bows and arrows looking for a bird! The other evening the men on Wards 42 and 43 had devious means of shooting the turkey from their bedside. Large turkeys were painted on dart boards, and each patient was given a turn with five darts to hit the bullseye. Next game was unscrambling a Thanksgiving menu, printed on a large sheet of paper. The words were all in order BUT mixed up; such as lbteig vrayg. So many patients were runners-up for first prize that we had to draw straws for the prize. The Lounge was jumping on Tuesday evening when all the hostesses of the entire week arrived in their very best to dance at the Turkey Trot.

BURIED TREASURES

All of us at one time or another dream of finding "buried treasures," and a few of the more fortunate of us do. Philately has its buried treasures, too, and every so often someone discovers treasures worth thousands in the oddest places. Recently a gentleman was way off the beaten track and stopped at a house to get food and lodging. While there he recognized a scrap of paper which was one of the postmaster's provisional issues pre-1847. Further search revealed that people were burning these stamps. He immediately salvaged as many as were left, and today there are about ten new varieties of Postmaster Provisionals that are available to rich collectors, because one man hit a pot of gold. Another pot was struck a number of years ago in Hawaii where a person was visiting a local public school. Under a coat of whitewash he discovered two Missionary stamps, some of the world's rarest. A schoolboy in Massachusetts

was looking through the effects of an elderly Missionary from Persia who had died about twenty years before and had left her effects to the local library. There he discovered a cover addressed to her by an old school chum who was a missionary to Hawaii and bore a thirteen-cent Missionary stamp worth several thousand dollars. The library added many new books to its shelves when this was sold.

Would you like to dig for gold? Start collecting stamps. There is a gold mine of information available to those who do. Start mining today by asking your Red Cross worker about the Red Cross Stamp Club. Mrs. Alice Dallas, Red Cross Gray Lady, is here every Monday to visit the bed patients and meet with the ambulatory patients topside of Ship's Service Building.

CHOW TIME

When you come across magazine advertisements showing flapjacks with bacon and eggs, you think to yourself, "Gosh, I wouldn't mind a plate right now." Last Sunday morning CPL JOE NEINSTADT, USMC, Ward 43A; CPL JAMES BAYSINGER, USMC, Ward 43A; PFC PHILIP CONCEPCION, USMC, Ward 43B, and CPL LAWRENCE LUCIDO, USMC, Ward 43B, were guests at the El Nido Rancho, situated on the Orinda Tunnel road near Lafayette. The patient residing the farthest distance from the Bay Area was given a free long distance 'phone call to his home. CPL Neinstadt was the lucky winner; he spoke to his mother and dad in Jersey City, N.J. If you are interested in attending one of these Sunday morning brunches, let us know. The station wagon leaves at 1015 and returns around 1400.

Three Staff Members Discharged By Navy

Three staff members returned to civilian life last week as they reached the end of the year's extension of their enlistments. They were Donald F. Mann on 19 November and Walter F. Davis and Harry J. Thompson on 20 November.

Divine Services

Hospital Chapel at Main Gate

PROTESTANT

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

CATHOLIC

SUNDAY MASSES
0600 — 0900 — 1215
DAILY MASSES — 0645 & 1630
Confessions before Mass
CHOIR PRACTICE:
TUESDAY 1900
Catholic Oratory in back of Chapel
CHAPLAINS' OFFICES IN
CHAPEL & 67A
NAVY RELIEF OFFICE—
IN CHAPEL

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

Chaplains of other faiths will be called upon request

BUS TO AND FROM CHAPEL ON
SUNDAYS 0845 & 1045

Life Begins at Oak Knoll

11 November

TREVINO, Gilbert Micheal, to wife of Gilbert Trevino, AN, 7 pounds, 1 ounce.
 TOVES, Linda Ann, to wife of Jesus Toves, SD2, 6 pounds, 2 ounces.
 RATHBUN, Robert Lewis, Jr., to wife of Robert Rathbun, AM3, 8 pounds.
 DAVIS, Teresa Yee, to wife of Halsey Davis, CPL, 6 pounds, 1 ounce.
 LA HAIE, Christine Hilda, to wife of Eugene La Haie, SHSA, 7 pounds, 15 ounces.
 OATES, Robert Arnold, to wife of Arnold Coates, TE3, 8 pounds, 10 ounces.

12 November

GOHLESTON, D'Arcy, to wife of John Gohleston, TN, 6 pounds, 4 ounces.
 RADER, Steven Ronald, to wife of John Rader, YN3, 8 pounds, 4 ounces.
 RUBIN, Nancy Anne, to wife of Joseph Rubin, YNC, 7 pounds.
 SMITH, girl, to wife of John Smith, S/SGT, 6 pounds, 6 ounces.
 EGBERT, Jill Louise, to wife of Dwight Egbert, AN, 6 pounds, 8 ounces.
 SUMMY, boy, to wife of Richard Summy, HMC, 8 pounds, 6 ounces.
 HOFFLIN, Thomas Earl, to wife of Robert Hofflin, AN, 7 pounds, 7 ounces.

13 November

AINSWORTH, Carol Aline, to wife of Alvin Ainsworth, CPL, 7 pounds, 1 ounce.
 ANTON, George James, to wife of James Saxton, HM3, Staff, 8 pounds, 3 ounces.
 BOYES, David Wayne, to wife of Allen Boyes, ET2, 6 pounds, 1 ounce.
 AUREZ, James William, to wife of Jose Aarez, AD1, 8 pounds, 5 ounces.
 NEWMAN, Jacqueline Joanne, to wife of John Newman, SO1, 6 pounds, 6 ounces.
 BLACK, Billy Lawrence, to wife of Lawrence Black, CS3, 7 pounds, 15 ounces.
 ANDERSON, Lucinda Kay, to wife of Walter Anderson, HM1, 6 pounds, 2 ounces.
 QUIMBY, Clarissa Lynne, to wife of Ralph Quimby, HM3, 7 pounds, 5 ounces.

14 November

LEWETT, Kerry Colleen, to wife of Allen Lewett, AOU3, 6 pounds, 15 ounces.
 WILLIS, Juanita Lee, to wife of Richard Willis, ET2, 5 pounds, 11 ounces.
 GERMAN, Christopher Lee, to wife of Kenneth German, SN, 8 pounds.
 PARIS, James Robert, to wife of Scott Paris, SN, 6 pounds, 1 ounce.
 KEY, Robert Duane, to wife of John Key, CS2, 8 pounds, 9 ounces.
 RUCKER, Sharon Ann, to wife of Raymond Rucker, FN, 7 pounds, 11 ounces.
 HINZE, girl, to wife of Dean Hinze, AM2, 5 pounds, 3/4 ounces.
 DRISCOLL, Gilbert Ordway Jr., to wife of Gilbert Driscoll, SGT, 8 pounds, 8 ounces.

15 November

PETERSON, Sharon Ann, to wife of Arnold Peterson, SN, 7 pounds, 7 ounces.
 GIRARDO, Ronald Dean, to wife of Eugene Girardo, ET2, 8 pounds, 8 ounces.
 ILLYER, Guy Timothy, to wife of Frank Ilyer, HMC, Staff, 6 pounds.
 HOJNACKI, Gerald Stanley, to wife of Stanley Chojnacki, PFC, 8 pounds, 7 ounces.
 GANO, girl, to wife of Hubert Gano, LT, 7 pounds, 1 ounce.
 MOTLEY, Cynthia June, to wife of Frank Motley, AT2, 8 pounds, 6 ounces.
 BERLONG, Susan Clark, to wife of Daniel Berlong, LT, 8 pounds, 9 ounces.

16 November

MACCALLISTER, Franklin Charles Jr., to wife of Franklin MacCallister, AM2, 9 pounds.
 ROTH, Linda Louise, to wife of Merton Roth, FN, 6 pounds, 8 ounces.
 O'REILLY, Terrill May, to wife of Everett O'Reilly, SK3, 6 pounds, 2 ounces.
 COLE, Frank William Jr., to wife of Frank Cole, HM3, Staff, 8 pounds, 10 ounces.
 LADLEY, Bard Edwin, to wife of Carl Ladley, SGT, 7 pounds, 2 ounces.
 BLACKARD, Edwin Robert, to wife of Clifford Blackard, YN3, 6 pounds, 7 ounces.

17 November

THOMAS, Marian Kay, to wife of Harrie Thomas, BM1, 5 pounds, 11 ounces.
 KELP, Richard Andrew Jr., to wife of Richard Kelp, CPL, 9 pounds.
 LIGHT, Bonnie Lee, to wife of Clyde Light, SN, 7 pounds, 3 ounces.
 SCHUBACH, Scott Anthony, to wife of Erwin Schubach, AM3, 7 pounds.
 MCCORKLE, John Alexander II, to wife of John McCorkle, LCDR, 7 pounds, 15 ounces.



CDR J. G. BULGRIN, MC, USN

VA Will Review Vet Applications

Veterans Administration said today it will review all previously disapproved applications for vocational training from disabled Korean veterans, to determine whether they now might be eligible under Public Law 170, dated October 11, 1951.

The veterans whose requests had been turned down need not file new applications, VA added. The review will be automatic, and veterans eligible under the new law will be notified.

Before Public Law 170 was enacted, vocational training for Korean veterans was limited to those with service-connected disabilities resulting from combat or extra-hazardous service outside of combat.

Nevertheless, VA received some applications from veterans whose disabilities did not fall in either category. These are the cases to be reviewed, VA said, since Public Law 170 has removed the two limitations.

Under the new law, a veteran may be eligible for the vocational rehabilitation training if (1) he received a compensable service-connected disability any time after June 27, 1950; (2) he has a discharge under other than dishonorable conditions, and (3) he needs the training to overcome the handicap of his disability.

Under Public Law 170, the disability may have occurred anywhere in the world—not necessarily in combat or under extra-hazardous conditions.

Vocational training for veterans disabled after fighting started in Korea is essentially the same as the program which has been in effect since 1943 for disabled World War II veterans. As a result, most of the policies and procedures set up under the World War II program have been carried over to apply to Korean veterans. In fact, Korea veterans may apply for their training on the same forms used by veterans of World War II.

The ending dates of the two programs are different, however, VA said. World War II veterans must begin rehabilitation training in time to complete it by July 25, 1956. Korea veterans will have nine years from the end of the current emergency in which to train.

Louisville, Ky. (AFPS)—The stork had arrived at the Howard A. Par-tusch home and the agreed upon signal was given. Fluttering in the breeze below Old Glory was a baby's diaper.

Two Commanders To Be Promoted

Two Commanders at Oak Knoll have been selected for promotion to the rank of Captain in the Navy's Medical Corps. They are CDR Robert S. Poos, MC, USN, and CDR James G. Bulgrin, MC, USN.

CDR Poos came to Oak Knoll from the epidemiology unit at San Diego on 15 October 1950 to set up the Environmental Sanitation Technicians' School here. He has been in charge of that school since its successful beginning.

A graduate of Washington University in St. Louis, CDR Poos first entered the Navy in 1936 and prior to World War II served with a destroyer division in the Asiatic theater. During the war he was Chief Health Consultant for Navy shipyards on the west coast, served for a time aboard the USS KENNETH WHITING and in the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, and at the end of the war was aboard the USS PROVIDENCE.

CDR Bulgrin came to Oak Knoll on 27 February 1950 and is now Chief of the X-Ray Department. A graduate of Wisconsin University, he interned at Kansas City General Hospital before entering the Navy in January of 1937. He came to Oak Knoll from Philadelphia Naval Hospital and has specialized in X-Ray work since the end of the war.

He lists as some of his former duty stations the U.S. Naval Hospitals at Bethesda, Md., and Charleston, S.C., and duty with a submarine tender along with other ships and stations.



CDR R. S. POOS, MC, USN

Welcome and Farewell

The transfer trend reversed itself at Oak Knoll this week, and although traffic was unusually light in all departments, more persons left Oak Knoll for duty at new stations than reported aboard here. A total of 21 persons left the hospital, as compared to 12 new staff members.

Reporting aboard were LT Benjamin F. Burns, MC, USN, from USS HECTOR; CDR Mason Morris, Jr., MC, USN, from Naval Hospital, Coco Solo; LTJG Howard E. Milliken, Jr., MC, USNR, from inactive duty; LT James I. Thorn, MC, USN, from U.S. Naval Air Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and LTJG Sterling B. Sud-darth, MC, USNR, from inactive duty.

HMC R. D. Nations from USNAVSTA, Great Lakes; HM1 J. B. Doss from USS GENERAL W. A. MANN; HM3's W. E. Holtman from NNMC, Bethesda, and H. J. Koons from USS LST 883; DN B. D. Brock from NTC, San Diego; HA J. F. McGuire from HCS, Great Lakes, and DA M. D. Patterson from NTC, San Diego.

Transferred during the week were LCDR Demerle E. Eckart, MC, USNR, and LTJG Marie F. Barr, NC, USN, both to civilian life; HM1's M. L. Borunonville to USS STAFF, N. R. Major to USS PELICAN and H. D. Pearson to USS REPOSE; HM2's S. S. Casini to USS MERRICK and B. F. Keller to NSC, Stockton Annex; HM3's J. W. Nash, to USNAVSTA, Treasure Island, R. W. Fertig to Hunter's Point, E. D. Berg, G. D. Hansen, S. D. Jacobsen and J. C. Leshner, all to FMF, Camp Pendleton; DTG3 E. R. Tupper to NSC, Oakland; HN's A. H. Dearing, II, to USNTC, San Diego; and D. L. Barnes, N. L. Baxley, C. D. Blondino, J. S. Chaney, H. Hansen and W. J. Leffin, all to FMF, Camp Pendleton.

Port Washington, Wis. (AFPS)—Intense pain couldn't keep teacher Sam DeMerit from giving "On-the-spot" advice. While operating a planer, he accidentally nipped off two fingers, turned to his students and commented "This isn't the way to do it, boys."

New York (AFPS)—Time-honored myths were exploded when Martin Klein, director of the Automobile Club of New York, reported that women drivers are more thorough than men when learning and have an "aptitude for careful driving."

Yule Party Planned For Officers, Wives

Christmas cheer will be "on the house" when staff officers and their ladies attend a Christmas eggnog party at the club from 1600 to 1800 on Sunday, 23 December.

A special feature of the party will be exchange of Christmas greeting-through, a display of cards from members of the staff. This year, to obviate the need for deluging the mails with holiday greetings for those whom they see frequently at work and at the club, staff officers are asked to address an all-inclusive greeting to the Commanding Officer and staff. Cards should be mailed early as they will provide the motif for the party decorations.

Marine Stationery For Korea Veterans

Word has been received from the Commandant of the Marine Corps that a quantity of letterhead airmail stationery has been purchased, and will be given out on a gratuitous basis to patients who served in Korea with the 1st Marine Division, Fleet Marine Force, and the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, Fleet Marine Force.

The Marine Detachment reports that the letterhead stationery for the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing has been received at this Command and is available for patients who wish it. However, the writing paper for the 1st Marine Division has not yet been received, but is expected to arrive shortly. When these supplies arrive, the word will be passed, and stationery may be picked up at the Marine Detachment Office.



Handling all the money and supplies it takes to run a large hospital can be quite a task. Pictured above are some of the people who do the job. 1. Raymond Friedenberg, Albert Swegert, HM3, H. R. Ledeker, HM1, and Mrs. Genevieve Smith of the Fiscal Branch, look over some accounts. 2. Chief of the Finance Division, LCDR A. Bowdle, MSC, USN, is the man responsible for all the activities of the Finance Department and all the accompanying headaches. 3. L. E. Amick, CWOHC, USN, is the Assistant Finance Officer. 4. In the civilian payroll section of the Fiscal Branch are: Carmen Epperson, Lola Cochran, Terry La Force, Fern Rogers, Lois France, and Helen Johnson. 5. Having a conference in the Materiel Records Station are: Shirley Luther, Helen Williams, Arles Boden, Frances Botelho, E. O. Campbell, HMC, W. D. Haile, HMC, A. E. Cato, HM1, and D. C. Woolsey, HM3. 6. Mr. H. F. Hitz, Chief Fiscal Accountant is in charge of the "book work" end of the Finance Department. 7. Five gals and one guy who work in the Procurement Branch, William Warfield, HM3, Gloy Henich, Lorraine Hodges, Esther Erickson, Bertha Durant, and Marion Trujillo.

Finance Department Here Has Vast Responsibility

Recent Reorganization Coordinates Duties of Many Different Branches

"Responsible for direction and control of finance and supply functions of the hospital." This, briefly, is the duty of the Finance Department. To enlarge on that definition, and attempt to convey an idea of the vast amount of work it does, we may say—that the department is responsible for all of the money connected with operating the hospital—salaries, equipment, food and medical supplies—and the procurement, storage and distribution of all equipment and supplies.

Head of the department is Finance Officer, LCDR A. Bowdle, MSC, USN. Assisting him are L. E. Amick, CWOHC, in charge of repair divisions and laundry operations which also come under the Finance Department's jurisdiction, and the Chief Fiscal Accountant, Mr. H. F. Hitz.

The department was reorganized about three months ago, coordinating the duties within the many different branches.

For the last six months, the use of addressographs and bookkeeping machines has replaced the manual operation of typewriters and calculators in figuring the many accounts handled by the department. The new machines and methods of operation

have eliminated the necessity for employing three additional staff employees, according to Mr. Hitz.

Another responsibility that has recently been assumed by the department is the delivery and maintenance of all materiel procured and stored by them. These duties were formerly handled by other departments.

Thirteen Medical storerooms house the supplies and equipment necessary to the operation of the hospital. Receipt, inspection, and issue of materials is handled by the Materiel Branch, headed by Helen Williams.

Actual procurement of all services and materials for the hospital is handled by the Procurement Branch under Mrs. Henich.

The Fiscal Branch, the third unit under the Chief Fiscal Accountant, is headed by Mrs. Friedenberg. Civilian payrolls and allotments and accounting are figured here. Civilian per annum and per diem accounts are under the charge of the civilian payroll section.

Records of military payrolls are kept in the Fiscal Branch, but actual military payrolls and the issue of military pay are handled by the Navy disbursing office.

Who's Who in Finance

Ray Friedenberg is an ex-Navy man. He is now married and is a model railroad enthusiast.

Lois C. France, head of the per diem payroll section, is originally from Burden, Kansas, and has two children, Connie and Buddy.

Ridge, Ark., is the home port of E. O. Campbell, HMC, USN, who has had continuous service since 1938.

William D. Haile, HMC, USN, is another "20-year-man," having been on active duty since 1940. He is married and has two children.

Helen A. Williams, supervisor of the Materiel Division, is the former owner of a box company in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Kent L. Christensen, HM1, was a drug salesman in civilian life, and attended the University of Utah in his home state. He is married and has two children.

Newlywed James Lawson has been married a little over three months. His primary interest at present would seem to be his wife—a secondary interest is woodwork.

A wife and young daughter signify "home" to Frank Quezada, Jr., who was with the 15th Army Air Force in Italy in the last war.

Terry LaForce, Supervisor, civilian payrolls, attended the College of Commerce in Stockton, California. One of her prime interests is participating in the Santa Rosa Flying Club activities.

Another flying enthusiast is Frances Botelho, Property and Supply clerk, who flies with her husband. The couple has a year-old son.

Gloy A. Henich, Procurement supervisor, is a skiing and photography fan. Her husband, Emil, is a tower operator at the Oakland airport.

A. J. Cordova, head storekeeper, is a Silver Wedding Anniversary man. He has been married 25 years, has two daughters, one son, and one granddaughter. Before coming to Oak Knoll, he had worked as a coal miner, hard rock miner, truck driver, receiving clerk, ammunition inspector, rancher, cabaret owner, and storekeeper.

Mong Kwock Chew, HM3, USNR, says his foremost interest in life is "to return to civilian life."

Mrs. Carmen Epperson, a native of Turlock, Calif., is a clerk-typist in the Finance Dept.

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Who's Who In Finance

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Dolores H. Cooper's home town is Tacoma, Washington. California has become home for her and her husband and their three children.

Lola Cochran, per annum payroll working supervisor, used to live in Walla Walla, Washington. Her home was right outside the walls of the state prison.

Fern L. Rogers, a native of Oakland, likes to go to musical stage shows. Outside of her job as time, leave, and payroll clerk, she keeps busy knitting, learning to ice skate, and traveling to interesting places.

Frances D'Angelo, another of the rare natives of Oakland, is interested in crocheting, embroidering and other fancy needlework.

Fancy needlework is the pastime of still another Oaklander, Esther Erickson. Esther attended the Central California Commercial College.

Shirley M. Luther, property and supply clerk, has a husband and a four-year-old daughter. Her latest hobby is gold prospecting!

Bill Warfield, HM3, attended the University of Missouri before he was recalled to active duty in February.

Genevieve T. Smith hails Harlan, Iowa, as her home town.

William A. Reynolds, HM3, USNR, attended Southeastern State Teachers College and Oklahoma University, and was a drug salesman before being called back to the Navy.

Merritt E. R. Smith, HMC, USN, retired, joined the Navy in 1914, saw duty on 10 ships, and was on convoy duty off Mexico during WWI.

John K. Allen, LT (HC), retired, now a civilian storekeeper in the finance department, served on seven ships, seven stateside shore stations, five hospitals, four overseas shore stations and hospitals, and attended three Navy schools . . . a total of 26 years of duty. He rose from Hospital Apprentice to Lieutenant during his career.

Thelma R. Coyle resigned her job as clerk-typist with the Finance Dept. on Nov. 16, to take up the career of knitting tiny garments and being a mother in January.

Canadian-born Lorraine Hodges attended George Washington University, has worked in Alaska, and is going to Japan after Christmas. She is married and has a daughter. Her husband, a Major in the Air Force, is a fighter pilot, missing in Korea.

Marion G. Trujillo is married to a radioman on active duty in the Navy Reserve. Her hobbies and interests include oil painting, flying, and playing nurse maid to two love birds.

Donald Woolsey, HM3, USNR, is from Tucumcari, N.M. He is married and has a daughter, Joan.

Bertha I. Durant's husband, Lawrence, works in Commissary I here at Oakland N.H. They have one son, Robert.

James L. Tweedy, HM1, USN, has been on active duty since 1946. He and his wife own a trailer house in Castro Valley. They got the trailer to beat housing shortages and to keep their worldly goods together while being stationed here, there, and everywhere."



A "Champagne Fashion Show" at the Officers' Wives' Club was held last Saturday. Here are a few of the young wives that modeled the latest in cocktail hour and evening dresses: Mrs. J. R. Heckman, Mrs. J. H. Spence, Mrs. W. L. Thomas, Mrs. Robert L. Baker, Mrs. Douglas Henderson, Mrs. Sidney Jones, and Mrs. Charles K. Holloway. Fashions for the affair were furnished by Julia's Shop, in Pelton Center, San Leandro. Mrs. Richard Poos was the chairman of the committee for the after-noon's social event.

Staffer Is Cited For Work at Travis

Charles W. Metcalf, HM1, was awarded a letter of commendation last week by CAPT I. L. V. Norman, Acting Commanding Officer, for his exceptional work with the Navy Air Evacuation Unit at Travis Air Force Base. Metcalf has been on temporary additional duty with the unit since 27 December 1950, and is one of the original members of the group.

The citation stated, in part: "At the height of the evacuation of Korean War wounded you remained on duty for long periods of time without sleep or liberty so that the Navy and Marine Corps combat evacuees could be processed expeditiously.

"Your tireless efforts while attached to the Joint Air Force-Navy Air Evacuation Unit were an inspiration to your subordinates and gave your superiors at Travis Air Force Base and at this Command confidence in your leadership and in your administration of the matters for which you were responsible."

Metcalf was recalled to active duty on 15 August 1950, and is scheduled to be released on 1 April 1952.

Albert H. Swegart, HM3, USNR, was a public school accountant in Denver, Colo., before his recall to active duty last February. He is married and has one daughter.

Isaac Fisher is married and has five children.

Harry R. Ledeker, HM1, USNR, holds a BS degree in business from Oklahoma A. & M. He is married and has a daughter one year old.

Helen M. Johnson works as a clerk-typist in the finance dept. and husband Wirt Johnson, HM2 is assigned to physiotherapy here.



There is a curiously hybrid form of fiction being turned out these days that defies most efforts to classify it. Graham Greene calls it an "Entertainment" to separate it from his serious work as a novelist. In so doing he performs himself something of a disservice.

"This Gun For Hire," "Confidential Agent," and "Brighton Rock," while they are listed as mystery stories, can hardly be called less than serious novels. They are primarily works of character, studies in the violence of human nature, in the dark corners of the mind and spirit. Raven in "This Gun For Hire" is a paid killer, but he also, terrifyingly, is a human being in dreadful spiritual distress. The boy in "Brighton Rock" who holds his associates in gangdom in mortal terror of him, and who, finally, appears before the horrified reader as not human at all, is certainly not a stock villain in an ordinary mystery story.

Looking along mystery shelf on the south porch of the library, one begins to realize how many other topflight mystery writers have followed Greene's lead and are writing novels of character in place of the old style WHODUNIT. Nowadays they tend to ask not Who, but WHY? And it strikes me as being all to the good.

The young English writer, Eric Ambler, is one of the best. His "Journey Into Fear"—albeit a novel of World War II—is surely one of the finest adventure stories of the decade. It moves with the speed of light

Rations Increased To \$1.20 Per Day

ALNAV 117 received at the hospital on 10 November, has given the authority to increase the allowance for commuted rations and leave rations for enlisted personnel to one dollar and twenty cents (\$1.20) per day, effective 1 November.

At the same time ALNAV 118 increases the hospital rations to \$1.20 per day effective last 1 November, but adjustments will not be made on collections already taken or checkages submitted since that date.

and never gives you a moment's let-down. "A Coffin For Dmitrios" is another of his which builds slowly, ever so slowly, through a quest for information about a man who has been murdered before the book begins, to a climax that puts you squarely on the edge of your chair.

The new Ambler novel, "Judgment on Deltchev," is laid in an iron-curtain country where Mr. Ambler's journalist starts prying into the state's case against a man who is charged with treason. As the prying goes on, the journalist gradually begins to think that the Communist case is NOT all lies, that they may have a real point in trying Deltchev. Before he is through digging, the journalist has learned the whole story about both sides . . . and by that time knows so much that neither side will allow his survival when he attempts to return to the free world. You take it from there.

These are more by a long way than just detective stories. They are super-thrillers, the more thrilling because they are also superlative studies in human evil.

Can you call the creation of characters like that mere entertainment?
FRANK M. CAMPBELL, HM1

PREVIEWS



Sunday, 25 November
HIS KIND OF WOMAN—Jane Russell, Robert Mitchum, **MELODRAMA**. This movie, released last July, has received a rating of "Very Good" from reviewers. No information available concerning its plot, but Miss Russell and Mr. Mitchum should make an interesting pair.

Monday, 26 November
ALL ABOUT EVE—Bette Davis, Anne Baxter, **DRAMA**. If you haven't seen this picture before, by all means do not let this opportunity escape. If you have seen it, it would be no waste of time to see it again. The story, written by Joseph L. Mankiewicz, is of the stage and stage people. Bette Davis portrays with a devastating candor a stage star turning 40 who befriends a girl fan she belatedly learns is seeking, and takes, her place in the Broadway sun. In addition to the work of Miss Davis and Miss Baxter as the two principals in the movie, a sterling and outstanding performance is turned in by, George Sanders, who plays the part of a Broadway critic. To quote the trade publication: "But it's in the dialogue, rather than in any major point intended, that the picture excels. The conversation, and the whole of the film is conversational, bristles with satirical observations, subtle references, glib parlance, trade talk, irony and wisecrack, with a dash of double entendre here and there for full measure."

Tuesday, 27 November
BIG NIGHT—John Barrymore, Jr., Joan Loring, **DRAMA**. This is a new film not scheduled for release to the public until next month. No information is available concerning it.

Wednesday, 28 November
CLOUDBURST—Robert Preston, Elizabeth Sellers, **ADVENTURE**. This also is a new film. Although it was supposedly scheduled for release on 3 August, no reviews have been published. It is filmed by United Artists.

Thursday, 29 November
THE LADY SAYS NO—David Niven, Joan Caulfield, **COMEDY**. Seem to be having a run of new United Artist publications this week on which there are no reviews and no information available. This movie was scheduled or release to the public earlier this month. Whether it was or not is not immediately determinable. The title arouses curiosity, however, and it would be interesting to see just what the lady says "no" to.

Friday, 30 November
FLAME OF ARABY—Maureen O'Hara, Jeff Chandler, **??????**. Seem to be drawing a blank this week. No information at all on this one, and can't seem to determine whether it is new or old. It is a good bet that it is one of those desert pictures, however, lush with hot tropic nights, ladies in gossamer gowns, etc.

Saturday, 1 December
THE JACKPOT—James Stewart, Barbara Hale, **COMEDY**. This is an older film, released in November of 1950. Jimmy Stewart is usually rather effective in a comedy film, and if you haven't seen this one, better grab this chance.

HI-LITES

Minneapolis, Minn. (AFPS)—Disregarding modern fables, bandits entered the home of Mrs. Richard Tucker and took nothing but the kitchen sink.

Riverside, Calif. (AFPS)—Earl Mason drove into his garage, discovered that his gas pedal was stuck. Failing to stop, he zoomed through the rear wall of his garage, a hedge, plowed through a neighbor's garage, leveled a fence, struck a water hydrant, crashed into another garage and rammed a brand new automobile. Mason's car suffered \$100 damage, but Mason, nary a scratch.

Hometown, U.S.A. (AFPS)—Among the unusual-named towns of the U.S. are: Accident, Md.; Batiest, Okla.; Boxspring, Ga.; Dry Prongs, La.; Burnt Corn, Ala.; Cuckoo, Va.; Difficult, Tenn.; Whoopflarea, Ky., and Soso, Minn.

Chicago, Ill. (AFPS)—Silvia Ginger hesitantly admitted that she had been robbed of her purse, paycheck and her badge. She's a policewoman.



After a hard day of hunting, Oak Knoll patients (above left) were guests of some of the citizens of Tulelake at dinner on Saturday night. The mode of transportation, (upper right) the VR5 plane and crew from Moffett Field, are shown just after the plane landed at Klamath Falls, Oregon.



Showing off the results of the week-end hunt at Tulelake, California, are (upper left) PFC J. W. Gill, CPL R. L. O'Grady, PFC M. J. Meade, and SGT A. T. Dytkiewicz. At the lower left, T/SGT R. S. Kennemore and PFC M. J. Meade take a couple of practice shots while waiting for a flight of geese to come over. One of the best bags of the hunt is displayed by T/SGT R. S. Kennemore, who brought back a total of two pheasants and four geese.

25 Knoll Patients Trek to Tulelake For Week-End Bird Hunt; Almost All Bag Limits

Oak Knoll hospital can boast of its share of sharpshooting nimrods, as was evidenced by the return of the Tulelake hunting party last Sunday evening. When the bus pulled in the main gate from NAS Oakland, there were twenty-eight very tired hunters aboard, most of whom were carrying their limit of pheasants and geese. Plans for the hunting trip in Northern California started a while back when the Tulelake, California, 20-30 Club with other civic groups decided it might be a good idea to get some of the boys just back from Korea and give them a taste of what the Tulelake residents like to think of as the "best shooting in the world."

The next step, of course, was hunting licenses. They were provided for the group by the townspeople. In fact, all the necessities for the trip, includ-

ing guns, ammunition, accommodations, and food were furnished for the hunters, through the cooperative efforts of the citizens of Tulelake. The Knollites left the hospital at 0845 and boarded a Navy Fleet Logistics Air Wing plane at NAS Oakland, then were off the deck at about 0945. Two hours and twenty minutes later the plane landed at the airport at Klamath Falls, Oregon, and the party was taken to Tulelake by auto. Hunting in the area started on Friday afternoon as members of the party were taken out to get in some late afternoon goose shooting. However, most of the party, and the townspeople were chiefly interested in the pheasant hunting which got under way at 0634 on Saturday. From then on the success of the hunt depended largely on the keen noses of the dogs and the sharpshooting of the

patients. Saturday's shooting proved to be good, as most of the hunters bagged limits. On Sunday morning the pheasant shooting was hampered by a wind that made for some of the best goose hunting this reporter has ever seen. The geese flew in low, and at times the sky was literally black with birds. When preparations were made for take-off on Sunday afternoon, there were so many birds stowed in the 'midships freight compartment that some of the gear in the plane had to be shifted to maintain good balance for getting off the ground. There is no doubt about the success of the week-end hunt, and patients who went want to express a big "Thank You" to all the citizens of Tulelake for a very wonderful week-end trip.

Scuttlebutt

By DERF

MY LAST ROUNDUP: In some of "Starlift's" background shots we spotted "extras" Bill Jones, "Derf" and Bill Booth. They were all on TAD at Travis AFB when the picture was being filmed—Jean Naylor, HM2, one of the instructors at the EST School, will soon shed her Navy hospital corps rate for the silver bars of an Air Force LT—Johnny Brubaker gets all the backstage dirt about the opera stars from his cousin who sings with the San Francisco Opera Company—For the past few months the top men at the San Diego Corps School have come to Oak Knoll. Marvin Cowles was No. 1 man in his class. Nathalie Frazee, HA, who has a B.A. degree from UCLA, came in with secondary honors in the same class—Jim Leslie, who came in with the last batch of corps school grads, is a local lad. In fact, he just received his degree in sociology from San Francisco State.

X-Ray's Dr. Hack is always among the top ten when the subject of popular doctors arises — Wayne Westover, HM3, was handing out cigars like mad a couple of days ago. He was admitted to the Bar of California (no, it's not a local saloon!)—We're all wondering what or who lures Ulysses Brummett to Mill Valley. It's a long ride—Roy "King for a Day" Gage is looking around for another apartment. He needs more storage space for the loot he won t'other nite—The only one in Disbursing who isn't griping these days is placid Gwenn Lawrence—The boys in the barracks are chipping in for a bouquet for the little gal who pays the high pay grades DAYS before the lower pay grades—Jim Brinkerhoff received a nice present from BuMed. They made him a Dermatology and Syphilology Technician.

Eddie Cantor's nostalgic reminiscences interposed with songs which are usually associated with him was one of the best stage shows of the year. Sonja Henie's feats on ice lured scores of Knollites; Kent Christensen, Don Packard, Larry Florie, Al Riley, Don Davies and Al Tarrant. There were lots of others, too, but we were too busy watching the belles on blades to jot their names down—Alice Hook and Bob Nicolaisen trot up to the altar to exchange vows in a few days—Chief Hillyer's main topic of conversation now is his new born son.

DRUM STICKS: The Date Dances



One of Kentucky's contributions to the staff at Oak Knoll is Warren McHargue, HN, Operating Room technician at neurosurgery. A native of Corbin, Kentucky, McHargue joined the Navy on 4 August 1949. After Boot Camp and Hospital Corps School at San Diego, he reported aboard at Oak Knoll in March, 1950. Here he attended Operating Room Technicians' school, and since has also worked at both Surgery I and Surgery II. Between the completion of high school and the date he joined the Navy, McHargue worked for a time at a tourist court in his home town. Figuring he still has some time, McHargue is in no hurry to complete plans as to what he will do after his Navy hitch.

Another member of the Master-at-Arms force that will be leaving Oak Knoll before too many days is Herb Scheiderer, HM2, of the Security Division. Herb reported back for active duty at Great Lakes on 10 August and came to Oak Knoll a few weeks later. A native of St. Louis, Mo., Herb is going back there when released to inactive duty to take up his old job with an electrical firm. Herb served three years in the Navy during World War II, and spent most of the time on the west coast. He never got up as far as Oak Knoll, however, Mare Island being his closest duty station. In spite of the time he has spent in the Navy, or perhaps because of it, Herb is still single.



★ ★ CHUCKLES ★ ★

Psychiatrist: "That habit of talking to yourself is really nothing to worry about."

Patient: "Perhaps not. But I'm such a bore."

"What does the bride think when she walks into the church?"

"Aisle, alter, hymn."

Most men prefer a well-formed woman to a well-informed woman.

are lots of fun—they're not crowded, so there is always the intimate air of small parties which everyone enjoys—ten turkeys were the door prizes and among those who carted gobblers home were Jim Shipp, Bob Allen, Billy DeBruler, Jake Kautz, Neal McCoy, Dick Stone, Jim Peck, Jim Bryant, and Mike Vlamis. Tom Lawless, who is "batching it," was one of the lucky winners, but in return for the promise of a drumstick he gave his turkey to one of the young married couples.

TIP: If you enjoy good theater, amble down to the Theater Arts Colony in San Francisco, for Leslie Abbott's production of DETECTIVE STORY. You won't see any better stage productions in this area. After the show they'll serve you coffee in the rehearsal rooms and you can meet the production staff and cast. You'll also enjoy their prices!!

POSTSCRIPT: The next issue of "The Oak Leaf" will feature a new column, SPOTLIGHT, written by "Judex" which will replace SCUTTLEBUTT and "Derf." After more than a year of "dishing the dirt" it's time to put the cover on the manhole and let someone else uncover the "dirt." Most of you know by now that "Derf" is "Fred" spelled backwards, and that Comas follows Fred.

Pat: "But, Mike, why did you join up with these Communists? Are you daft?"

Mike: "No. The doctor told me I had only 10 days to live, and I figure it's better one of these Communists dies than a good Irishman."

A firefly backed into an electric fan. It was de-lighted—no end.

A college student employed on a part time basis to collect some very bad debts, got tremendous results with the following letter: "Dear Sir; If you do not pay your bill immediately we will take steps that will astonish you."

They stretched the man out on the police station floor and the doctor examined him. "This man has been drugged."

The policeman who had brought him in turned white and said: "I might as well admit it—I drug him four blocks."

A little boy was saying his go-to-bed prayers in a very low voice. "I can't hear you, dear," his mother whispered.

"Wasn't talking to you," said the wee one firmly.

Magazine salesman: "Would you like a Woman's Home Companion?" Old Maid: "Would I? Come on in."

Wolf: "For two pins I'd kiss you." Girl: "Take 'em. My hair will come undone anyway."

In a race there were a bumble bee, a honey bee and a vitamin B. The vitamin B-1.



Fred Closter, refrigeration repairman at Oak Knoll, is shown above holding a check for \$39.90 which he was presented for a beneficial suggestion which will result in considerable savings each year. Mr. Closter's idea calls for a "pipe within a pipe" to cut down on rusting and resulting replacement cost of tanks for water coolers. The inside pipe will carry the Freon gas needed for cooling the water, which will be carried in the outside pipe. The check was presented to Mr. Closter by CAPT I. L. V. Norman, MC, USN, Oak Knoll Executive Officer.

Units Must Now Prove Right to KOWAR Medals

Additional information is now required for units submitting claims to COMNAVFLETCOM for eligibility for Korean Service Medals and engagement stars for the period from 27 June 1950 to 2 November 1951.

In submitting claims for the Korean Service Medal inclusive dates of the periods in Korea area and periods in Japanese home waters must be included.

In claims for engagement stars, the inclusive dates of each period of eligibility with statements of qualifying combat duty performed each period must be included.

The order further states that units of the mobile logistic support force are eligible for engagement stars only for the periods they were in the company of units of other forces concurrently qualifying in accordance with OPNAV Circular Letter 169/51 or for periods in combat with the enemy.

The order states that units having already submitted claims must submit the additional data as required to comply with the new order.



Watch the ball—not too hard—if you hit the eight you lose—don't scratch keep one foot blah blah . . .

SPORTS

Knoll Gridders Finish Undefeated; Cop Twelfth District Championship

Oak Knoll's touch football team on Thursday, 15 November, spotted a hard-fighting NAS, Moffett Field team 26 points, then battled back to win 27-26, keeping its victory skein clear with five wins and no losses, and cinching the Twelfth Naval District touch football championship.

The final game of the league, scheduled to be played against NAS, Alameda, on Tuesday, 20 November, was cancelled because of a wet field.

Backers of Oak Knoll had little to cheer about during the first half of the game against Moffett, as the usually potent Oak Knoll offense could not get rolling, while the Airmen roared to a 26-point lead in the first ten minutes of play.

It was not until the last five minutes of the first half that Oak Knoll gave its backers any cause to cheer. After three long passes from Papadakis, intended for Irvine, failed, Quarterback Dinuzzo called for a short pass and Papadakis whipped one over center into Irvine's waiting hands 10 yards beyond the line of scrimmage. Irvine turned on his blazing speed to go into the end zone untouched. Then with less than 50 seconds remaining before the half, Papadakis scampered over for a touchdown and then converted to leave Moffett with a 13-point margin at the halfway point.

Coach Joe Reginato blamed the failure of the long passes, usually effective for the Oak Knollites, on an unusually aggressive Moffett line. Although Irvine, because of his speed, was able to get behind the defenders, Papadakis was forced to retreat by the hard-charging line to the point where his throws were not reaching Irvine.

In the second half, Oak Knoll re-

versed the trend of the first part of the game, and looked like an entirely different team. After a long run-back by Irvine on the kick-off, and two short passes from Papadakis to Peterson, Oak Knoll found itself within the Moffett 20-yard line. Papadakis carried the ball over for the score in three more plays and then converted, to narrow the margin to six points.

Playing almost all the second half in Moffett's end of the field, Oak Knoll threatened several times but was unable to score until Tafoya, playing at center, grabbed a Papadakis pass in the end zone. Papadakis then scampered over with the game-winning extra point.

But Oak Knoll backers were brought to the edge of their seats as Moffett Field, with less than two minutes to play, came storming back. They got to within two yards of the Oak Knoll goal line, and, on a fourth down, only an on-the-spot play by Tafoya pulled the game out of the fire for the Hospital team.

Moffett employed a short pass over center to make the final two yards on the fourth down, but just as the pass receiver began to step over the goal line he was halted by Tafoya. Oak Knoll managed to keep control of the ball for the rest of the game.

BOWLING MEETING SET FOR MONDAY

A meeting to plan Oak Knoll's regular bowling league has been scheduled for 1215 Wednesday, 28 November, at the Special Services office.

Athletic Director Joe Reginato has asked that all managers of teams in the practice league, to be completed 29 November, and representatives of any new teams be on hand.

The regular league will start early in December.

New team members planning to attend the meeting are asked to bring a copy of their team's roster, along with the manager's name and telephone number.

Charleston, R. I. (AFPS) — Town Clerk Linton L. Brown has petitioned the town council to pay for the heat and telephone for his office. He's been paying it out of his own pocket for the last 20 years. Complained Mr. Brown: "There is a limit, and I've reached it."



Two of Oak Knoll's promising entries in the Navy Olympic competition are shown getting in condition for the coming events. Doug Richardson, HM3, in sweat suit, who throws the javelin, and Larry Katz, HN, who wrestles in the 135 pound class, get in condition by doing roadwork and wrestling every day. Staff members who are interested in the Navy Olympic competition are urged to contact Joe Reginato, Athletic Director.

Nurse Crew Set For First Game

With their first game less than a week away, members of Oak Knoll's Women's Basketball team was putting in several hours of hard work at the practice courts during the past week.

Here is a brief run-down on some of the members of the squad, as listed by Joe Reginato: LTJG Nora Young, one of the leading contenders for a spot at forward; ENS Dolores Henkel, a long shot artist and an effective ball handler; LT Betty Warden, leading prospect for the center position; LT Margaret Mariniak, characterized as the "outstanding all-around player" on the squad; LT Charlotte Bailey, another all-around player who will probably see action both on offense and defense; LT Louise Fidler, one of the newer members of the squad; LTJG Hilda Florey, who played on a college team; LTJG Cleone Longstreet, who specializes in one-handed shots from 15 or 20 feet out, and these newer members of the squad, as yet unassessed by Reginato—ENS Mary Stewart, LT Rauha Niemi and LTJG Martha Parrish.

Camden, N. J. (AFPS)—Ambulance attendants arriving at the scene of an auto accident found the driver unhurt. With them on their return to the hospital, however, were three women spectators who had fainted.

Cedartown, Ga. (AFPS) — While driving in the country, Emmett Hight faced an airplane taxiing down the highway. Calmly, he passed by, running his truck under the plane's wing.

Cage Practice Lack Lamented

Coach Joe Reginato, who is proud of Oak Knoll's standing in Twelfth Naval District athletic competition, is somewhat gloomy these days about the Hospital's varsity basketball crew.

Up to this point Reginato has had trouble getting enough of his squad together at one time for a real scrimmage under game-like conditions. Although considerable talent has turned out for the cage sport, practice sessions have not been all that could be desired.

Due to the onslaught of the rainy weather, practices for the men are now being held at the San Leandro gymnasium from 1100 to 1200 and from 1500 to 1600 every day.

The squad members have the makings of a good team, Reginato says. He cites the ability of A. D. Dolph, a cinch starter at forward and a veteran from Oak Knoll's team last year, Bob Marston, key man for the center slot, Bob Veltus, another probable forward, and B. B. Peterson and Bob Peck, two rangy cagers, who could fit in with any ball team.

Then there is Tom Moore, who alternates at center, Henry Wong, effective either at guard or forward, Don Amos, Rocky Haile, J. W. Glover, "Shorty" Green, typified by Reginato as a good ball-handler and a driver, the two Browns, J. M. and Ron, and C. C. Spencer, also a hold-over from the 1950 squad.

Places on the squad are still open to men who can meet the competition and anyone interested is urged to turn out at one of the practice sessions soon.

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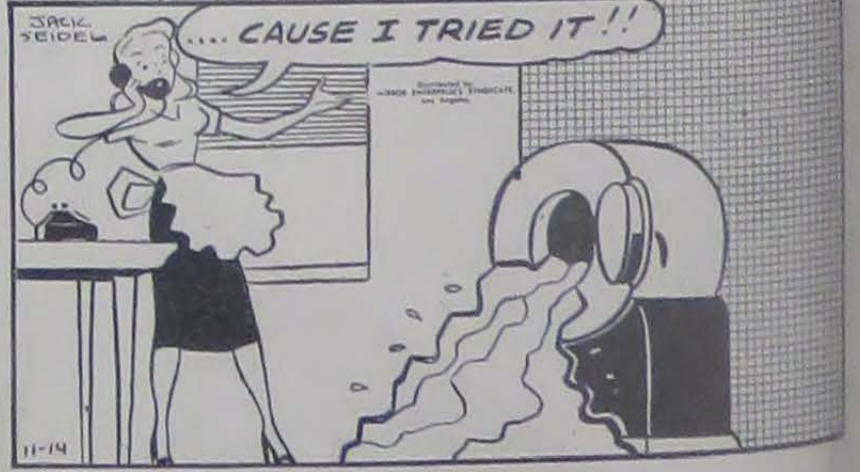
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THE OAK LEAF



CPL Joseph Breen, USMC, now a patient at Oak Knoll, was the sole survivor when a Chinese Red infiltrated into Allied lines in Korea and killed the other three men in Breen's bunker.

Patient Is Lone Attack Survivor

It was 0100 in a four-man Marine bunker on the Korean front line, 30 September 1951. The howling wind and the driving rain were perfect accomplices for enemy infiltrators. One man was on watch. The other three Marines were sleeping—as well as you can sleep when death may be the bad dream that awakens you.

Seconds later the dream became an evil reality. Two of the Marines were dead and one was fatally wounded—victims of an attack with an automatic weapon and three grenades by the hand of a Chinese Red who had sneaked through the lines.

Let the lone survivor, Marine Corporal Joseph Breen, now a patient at Oak Knoll, tell the story of the nightmare and of his own amazing escape.

"I heard the first hand grenade land on the floor of the bunker, and that woke me up. I just had time to throw my blanket and sleeping bag over the grenade and turn my back before it exploded.

"The man on watch was killed and the rest of us were wounded. I got 28 pieces of shrapnel in my back.

"Then this guy poked a burp gun through the hole in the bunker and sprayed the inside. I felt the bullets going through my hair. They didn't hit me, but they got the other two." (One Marine was killed outright and the other died about two hours later.)

"Then he threw in his second grenade and I got hit again, in the left leg and ankle—eight pieces of shrapnel this time.

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Release Dates For 150 Listed

A total of 150 enlisted staff members at Oak Knoll are scheduled to become civilians during the period from 1 December to 31 March. Of this number, 74 will reach the expiration of the one year extension of their enlistment, while the other 76 will be returned to inactive duty in the Naval Reserve in accordance with ALNAV's 73-51 and 109-51.

During the four month period, there will be a slow increase in the number to leave Oak Knoll each month, starting with 24 in December, 32 in January, 45 in February and jumping to 49 in March.

EXTENSIONS END

During December six staff members will reach the end of the extension of their enlistment, and 18 will be released under the phasing schedule. In January the numbers will be 20 and 12 respectively; in February 22 and 23, and in March, 28 and 21.

The six men slated to reach the end of their enlistment during the next month, their rate and their present duty assignment include R. D. Eby, HM3, 68A, on 1 December; H. C. Garner, HA, 65A, on 15 December; R. D. Marston, HM2, Record Office, on 18 December; R. A. O'Connor, HM2, OOD Office, on 5 December; J. G. Strunk, HM3, 42B, on 12 December, and J. A. Weesner, HM1, TAD, on 1 December.

DECEMBER RELEASES

Scheduled for release during December under the phasing schedule are G. M. Allen, HM1, HCQ; M. C. Blair, HM1, Surgery 2; B. W. Bristow, HM2, HCQ; G. A. Chessmore, HM1, EENT; A. S. Childs, HM2, CSR; F. E. Comas, HM2, Staff Personnel; L. A. Dunstan, HM3, EEG; J. I. Geis, HM1, outside detail; L. R. Gentzler, HM1, NMAA; P. A. Hatch, HM1, TAD, AirEvac; E. M. Howell, HM3, 66B Receiving Room; F. I. Jarnevic, HM3, Physio; G. E. Papadakis, HM3, Special Services; E. E. Richardson, HM3, 62A; H. D. Riley, HM2, N.P. Department; R. O. Scheiderer, HM2, Security; J. W. Schwartz, HM2, Laboratory; J. C. Shipp, HM1, MAA, and L. L. Sills, HN, Receiving Ward.

Three Staffers Return To Life Of Civilian

Three staff members became civilians again during the past two weeks as they reached the end of the extension of their enlistment. They were F. N. Dreher, whose extension ended on 23 November, and G. H. Dolliver and J. D. Thompson, both on 26 November.



Looking over Santa's offerings in the Toyland in the Community Service Building are HM2 and Mrs. L. R. Capson, along with their two children Robbie, age 4, and Pattie, age 20 months. In the above picture Robbie, Pattie, and Mrs. Capson watch "Pop" have his fun manipulating the ladder mechanism on a large fire engine. The toy shop has a complete line of presents for Santa to leave for the kids on Christmas morning. According to the latest information, there will be no new stocks in the shop after 10 December, so it is urged that all hands shop early and get the best selection.

Christmas Committee Planning Holiday Events For Knoll Patients

Plans are being made again this year to observe a tradition which began before Oak Knoll existed, whereby patients of military hospitals in the Bay Area will be given the best possible Christmas.

Arrangements for the celebration of the holiday are being made by the Veteran Hospitals' Christmas Committee for the 27th consecutive year. Last year, with help from communities throughout Northern California, the all-volunteer "Santa Clauses" distributed more than 2,700 personalized gifts, decorated every nook and corner of the military hospitals, and radiated as much cheer as they could by employing teams of professional entertainers.

The committee is headed by Mr. H. Buford Fisher, civic leader and an employee of the East Bay Municipal Utility district. Acting as coordinator for Oak Knoll is Mr. Arthur Daniels. Members of the committee will de-

scend, on the hospital in force on Sunday, 16 December, and when they leave the compound will be covered with greenery and decorations from the main gate to the highest hill.

On Friday, 21 December, the committee will sponsor a gala stage show for staff and patients at the Community Services Building auditorium, plus similar entertainment for patients who are not able to attend the auditorium presentation.

But, of course, the biggest day of all will be Christmas Day when Santa Claus will arrive at the hospital early in the morning and spend most of the day distributing gifts to each patient in the hospital. Another feature of the day will be the usual Christmas feast.

So, things look mighty good for those who will spend Christmas at Oak Knoll; thanks, in large part, to the generous citizens of the surrounding communities.

The Oak Leaf

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† † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

In an ancient Austrian city there is a wonderful bridge. Along the railing of this bridge stand twelve statues of Jesus Christ. One statue shows Our Lord as a Prophet; another as a King; others, as the Great Physician, the Pilot, the Good Shepherd, the Carpenter, and so on.

Early in the morning come the carpenters and mechanics on their way to factory and workshop. They stop before the statue of Christ, the Carpenter, and ask Him to help them that day with hammer and saw.

Sailors and pilots bow to Christ the Pilot. The doctor, going on his rounds, pauses to look into the face of the Great Physician. Every profession and every craft finds something in the Master to imitate, something to admire, something to inspire.

The New Testament throws the spotlight on Christ as a Physician. The leper cried out to Him: "Lord, if Thou wilt, Thou canst make me clean." And the leper was cured. Shortly afterward a Centurion, a Roman officer in charge of one hundred men, came to ask Christ to cure his servant. Without even going to the Centurion's home, Jesus cured the servant. His many miracles of healing make Christ the special Model of all who heal—doctor, nurse, corpsman, pharmacist; yes, and of those countless millions who in private life take care of the sick, the infirm and the aged.

Christ is the Pattern of the weary, hungry and thirsty, of those who are misunderstood, of the poor, the suffering, the shut-in, the invalid. Who was more shut in than He who was nailed helplessly to a cross?

Think often of the twelve statues on that Austrian bridge. Think especially how Christ is your particular Model, in your particular place in life. Some scene in scripture will show Him as your Pattern. Keep that picture in mind every day.

A. T. WALLACE,
Catholic Chaplain.

Divine Services

Hospital Chapel at Main Gate

PROTESTANT

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

CATHOLIC

SUNDAY MASSES
 0600 — 0900 — 1215
 DAILY MASSES — 0645 & 1630
 Confessions before Mass
 CHOIR PRACTICE:
 TUESDAY 1900
 Catholic Oratory in back of Chapel

CHAPLAINS' OFFICES IN CHAPEL & 67A NAVY RELIEF OFFICE— IN CHAPEL

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

Chaplains of other faiths will be called
 upon request

BUS TO AND FROM CHAPEL ON
 SUNDAYS 0845 & 1045

Dance and Holiday Festivities Are Slated For Knoll Staff and Patients

Several events for both staff members and patients have been scheduled for the next few weeks by the Special Services Department.

On Wednesday, 5 December, the Alameda Chapter of D.A.V. has invited patients and their families to a dinner, party and entertainment, scheduled to begin at 1830. Anyone wishing to attend should sign up with Special Services.

On Friday, 7 December, staff members will gather at the Enlisted Men's Recreation Center for another bingo party with prizes for all the winners.

Fifty tickets are available for the annual Christmas Pageant to be staged at the Oakland Auditorium on

Sunday, 9 December, by 1,600 school children from the East Bay Area. The pageant, sponsored by the Oakland Recreation Department, is one of the outstanding entertainment features offered during the holiday period. Transportation to and from the event will be furnished.

On Monday, 10 December, 25 patients are invited to a dinner and Christmas Party with the First Presbyterian Church Men's Club in Oakland. Transportation will leave the hospital at 1830.

And a busload of patients have been invited to attend the V.F.W. Post 1010 Past Commanders' Night smoker in Emeryville on Friday, 14 December.



Working in anticipation of the coming holiday season, many patients are using the facilities in the Red Cross Craft shop to prepare their Christmas gifts. Left to right are WALTER SIMS, HM2, DEVERNE COOK, GMN3, RUSTY CHRISTIANA, Red Cross Recreation worker in charge of the craft shop, CPL CHARLES NORWOOD, USMC, and BROOKS CHAMBERS, MNL1.

Red Cross Ramblings

CHRISTMAS WRAPPING SERVICE

Now that you have survived that turkey dinner with cranberry sauce and mince pie, we would like to remind you that Christmas is just around the corner. So-o, the Officers' Wives and Chiefs' Wives (in two shifts each day) under the guidance of Mrs. J. N. C. Gordon, will be on hand to help you wrap your packages for the big day. Gay colored papers depicting the theme of Christmas from Old St. Nick and his red-nosed reindeer to the more conservative red and green cellophane will be furnished. The outside wrapping, too, will be supplied for mailing to distant destinations. WHERE? Room in the Bowling Alley, next to Community Services Building. WHEN? Wednesday, 5 December until Monday, 24 December. HOURS? 0930 to 1600, Mondays through Fridays. This service is for patients and male staff members. If you are a bed patient see the Red Cross worker on your ward and we will be glad to bring your be-ribboned package back to you. Isn't that a relief? And think how nice not to have to mill around in the crowded shops.

RECORDINGS

Have you heard your voice as transmitted on a record? It is now possible to hear it with our excellent recording apparatus in the Red Cross Lounge, or if you are a bed patient, we can bring the recording machine to you and you can make one on the ward. Perhaps you would like to send a vocal letter home, maybe wish the folks a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Do it now before the last minute rush of the holidays.

JOTHAM VALLEY

Patients from various wards attended the sparkling new musical play at the Berkeley High School Community Theatre last week. The Broadway cast has played to packed houses on five continents. They dramatize the simple human factors which are the key to unity between men and nations. The men enjoyed it very much and thought it was a "great show."

GUYS AND DOLLS

Joan Wills, known on Broadway

when she played in the current musical hit as Joan Read, entertained the men on the wards the past two weeks. Her husband was a patient on Ward 68A and was awaiting transfer to the hospital at San Diego. CPL JAMES MILLER, USMC, and PFC GERALD ROWLAND, USMC, of Ward 42B, enjoyed her renditions of the popular song hits of the day. The men on the Contagion Ward particularly liked "Because of You." We hope that you can return soon again, Joan.

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA CO-EDS

Since the University of California has been in session for the Fall Term a group of Gals have been spending one evening each week participating in ward parties and game activities. The past week a group of twelve came to Ward 42A and had a super-duper scavenger hunt, matching descriptions with ads taken from magazines. Look for the gals on your ward soon.

CHOCOLATES, BON BONS AND FUDGE

CHARLIE SCHULL, Veteran on Ward 63B, who has spent many months convalescing here, celebrated his birthday on 23 November. He was the recipient of a large box of chocolates. This and many more gayly wrapped packages arrived through the generosity of the City of Berkeley Personnel Department. The girls in the office made the candy themselves. The Women's Auxiliary of the 91st Division of Berkeley donated the remainder. HARRY DURHAM, SN, USN, of Ward 50B, while in bed kept thinking of how he would like some home-made fudge. We were able to make his wish come true.

Amsterdam, N. Y. (AFPS)—Horn honked and a police whistle screeched but John Cady went on talking to a girl. The local judge defined it as "blocking traffic" and had the last words—a \$5 fine.

Los Angeles, Calif. (AFPS)—An age-old adage made the headlines when Choppo, a tempered Chihuahua bit his pursuer, E. B. Brown. The dog released his hold when Brown returned the compliment.

Life Begins at Oak Knoll

18 November

SHINN, Patricia Jane and Pamela Jean, to wife of Steven C. Shinn, EN1, 5 pounds, 12 ounces, and 6 pounds, 4 ounces.
 GEORGE, Christine Marie, to wife of Arthur George, ETC, 8 pounds, 1 ounce.
 BEAR, Girl, to wife of John Bear, LCDR, 8 pounds, 14 ounces.

19 November

KILCLINE, Thomas John, Jr., to wife of Thomas Kilcline, LTJG, 8 pounds, 8 ounces.
 SMOCK, Catherine Marie, to wife of Richard Smock, SN, 7 pounds, 7 ounces.
 GILLIGAN, Deborah Lynn, to wife of Jack Gilligan, SN, 7 pounds, 15 ounces.
 HARPER, Richard Michael, to wife of Richard Harper, CPL, 7 pounds, 14 ounces.
 STOUPA, Anne Marie, to wife of Robert Stoupa, MA1, 7 pounds, 12 ounces.
 HELANDER, Judith Lynn, to wife of Reuben Helander, EN1, 8 pounds, 1 ounce.
 JAZWINSKI, Celeste Pearl, to wife of Metody Jazwinski, EN1, 6 pounds, 2 ounces.
 CARPENTER, Wayne David, to wife of Warren Carpenter, SN, 7 pounds, 8 ounces.
 SCOTT, Thomas Cary, to wife of Denzil Scott, GMC, 7 pounds, 10 ounces.
 CAMBRA, David Eugene, to wife of Leonard Cambra, CSSN, 6 pounds, 11 ounces.

20 November

SHAFFER, Charles Loren, Jr., to wife of Charles Shaffer, PN1, 7 pounds, 9 ounces.
 HOLMES, John Selders III, to wife of John Holmes, AE3, 7 pounds, 10 ounces.
 BAHLMAN, Pamela Robin, to wife of Robert Bahlman, LTJG, 8 pounds, 9 ounces.
 GUYTON, Jimmie Joseph Jr., to wife of Jimmie Guyton, SK3, 8 pounds, 7 ounces.
 MOGABGAB, Louis Lang Jr., to wife of Louis Mogabgab, RDSN, 5 pounds, 12 ounces.
 BERNINZONI, Michael James, to wife of Edward Berninzoni, ADEAN, 7 pounds, 12 ounces.
 SLOAN, Susan Lee, to wife of Dennis Sloan, CAPT, 7 pounds, 1 ounce.
 REDDICK, Boy, to wife of Raymond J. Reddick, CHCAMP, 7 pounds, 3 ounces.
 GARZA, Lynn Denise, to wife of Manuel Garza, CPL, 7 pounds, 10 ounces.
 WESTON, Edward Raymond, to wife of Frederick Weston, AMS1, 8 pounds, 5 1/2 ounces.

21 November

LONDON, Stephanie Ann, to wife of Donald London, LT, 7 pounds, 8 ounces.
 SMITH, David Edward, to wife of William Smith, SN, 6 pounds, 12 ounces.
 MILES, Kathleen Jean, to wife of John Miles, AMC, 8 pounds.
 SOMERS, David Irvin, to wife of Lester Somers, LTJG, 9 pounds, 2 ounces.
 JONES, David Trall, to wife of David Jones, SGT, 6 pounds, 11 ounces.
 MITCHELL, Kenney Bryant, to wife of Cleo Mitchell, YNT3, 7 pounds, 7 ounces.
 PENNER, Dale Kenneth, to wife of Robert Penner, SN, 7 pounds, 13 ounces.
 EDDY, Collette, to wife of Jack Eddy, AEM2, 7 pounds, 8 ounces.
 GOODIN, Richard Javan, to wife of Javan Goodin, Jr., AM1, 9 pounds, 4 ounces.

22 November

BUTZ, John Michael, to wife of Herbert Butz, LCDR, 6 pounds, 7 ounces.
 WILSON, Cathleen Christina, to wife of James Wilson, SN, 6 pounds, 3 ounces.
 ROBBINS, Reid Allen, to wife of Reo Robbins, OMC, 6 pounds, 11 ounces.
 LAYMANANCE, Sandra Ann, to wife of Louie Laymanance, FN, 6 pounds, 1 ounce.
 BRAWNER, Sidney Frederick, to wife of Lindsey Brawner, ADC, 7 pounds, 12 ounces.

23 November

PAQUETTE, Girl, to wife of Robert Paquette, HM3, 4 pounds, 6 1/2 ounces.
 BUBECK, Frederick William III, to wife of Frederick Bubeck, Jr., SN, 8 pounds, 11 ounces.
 ALTHOFF, Toni Michele, to wife of Ralph Althoff, AD1, 6 pounds, 10 ounces.

24 November

STEARNS, Linda Susan, to wife of John Stearns, CPL, 7 pounds, 8 ounces.
 JANSSE, Melinda, to wife of Calvin Jansse, FN, 8 pounds, 10 ounces.
 METTZ, Jerilyn Ann, to wife of James Metz, AD2, 7 pounds, 13 ounces.
 FAUST, Rebecca Joyce, to wife of William Faust, RM1, 7 pounds, 2 ounces.
 SLOBODNY, Debra Joan, to wife of Joseph Slobodny, EM1, 6 pounds, 5 1/2 ounces.
 GOODALE, Christine Diane, to wife of Kenneth Goodale, LT, 7 pounds.
 MORAN, Sharon Kay, to wife of James Moran, HM2, 9 pounds.



Oak Knoll's touch football team was district champ this year, and the members don't do bad around a banquet table either, as is shown above. Seated around the table (left to right), are Wirt Johnson, assistant coach, George Papadakis, Jim Brisnahan, Jim Peck, Bob Irvine, Bruce Peterson, Coach Joe Reginato, Jerry Lyons, Haines Jones, Lee Tafoya, Jerry Dinuzzo, Harry Hergenrader, George Bournellis and LT R. L. Thompson, Oak Knoll Special Services Officer.

VA Now Provides Care For Vet Out-Patients

The Veterans Administration has announced it is trying to solve the problem of providing hospitalization and outpatient treatment for several thousand veterans with mental illnesses who might qualify for such care under a new law.

The new law provides that for the purpose of VA hospitals and medical care, including outpatient treatment, World War II veterans and those with service since 27 June, 1950, who develop an active psychosis within two years from the date of separation from active service shall be deemed to have incurred the disability in active service.

Before the law was passed, many such veterans were classified as non-service-connected cases and thus entitled to VA hospitalization only when a bed was available in a VA hospital, providing they signed a statement that they could not afford the treatment elsewhere. However, they were not entitled to outpatient treatment at VA expense.

VA is now faced with the task of reviewing the cases of approximately 9,000 WW II veterans awaiting hospitalization who have psychosis classified as nonservice-connected. Those found eligible will be reclassified as service-connected, which gives them a priority for hospitalization and makes them eligible for outpatient treatment.

Under the new law, World War II veterans and those with service in the Armed Forces since 27 June, 1950, who have developed an active psychosis within two years after separation from service, may file applications for hospitalization or outpatient treatment as service-connected cases. Those now on waiting lists for hospitalization need not file new applications as their cases will be automatically reviewed.

Dinner Honors Knoll Athletes Who Won District Football Championship

Sixteen Oak Knoll athletes were honored at a dinner last Tuesday evening to celebrate the winning of the 12th Naval District touch football championship.

The Oak Knoll gridders went the entire season undefeated, winning five games and losing none. This is a remarkable record when you consider that the team was made up of staff members and competed against teams from much larger installations than Oak Knoll.

In after-dinner remarks Coach Joe Reginato offered his congratulations to the team and noted that he felt it an honor to work with such a group of athletes who practiced on their own time off and played the game merely for the satisfaction of good friendly athletic competition. Assistant coach Wirt Johnson, HM2, echoed

Reginato's sentiments and added special comments in behalf of George Papadakis, HM3, who he felt is one of the best all 'round athletes. LT R. L. Thompson, MSC, USN, Special Services Officer, said that the fine spirit of competition displayed by the team is one of the greatest and most often overlooked attributes of the American people.

Knollites who were members of the championship team are Jim Peck, Bob Irvine, Bruce Peterson, Jerry Dinuzzo, Jerry Lyons, Lee Tafoya, Haines Jones, George Papadakis, Jim Brisnahan, Wirt Johnson, Harry Hergenrader, and George Bournellis. Two members of the team have been recently transferred and could not attend the dinner. They are Steve Tamborski and Eddie Estrada.

Steps Now Outlined For Military To Cast Absentee Ballots In Election

(By Armed Forces Press Service)

Sometime during the coming year you will receive a red-striped postcard. By filling out this postcard you will take the first step in casting an absentee ballot.

If you decide to vote, there will be a few things to fill out on the card. You will then mail the postage-free card to the capital of your home state. As soon as your state determines that you are an eligible voter, a secret ballot will be mailed to you at your military address.

When you receive the ballot, you vote in secret the same as if you were voting at home. You will check off the candidates of your choice, seal the envelope, and have the proper person attest that you were the person who marked the ballot. Drop the envelope in the mail, and you've voted. If you have any questions before you mark the ballot you may see your voting officer who knows the

answers. But remember, the choices you make are your own when it comes to marking the ballot.

Back home, the ballot will be counted on the appropriate day with the votes of your neighbors and you will have participated, with equal voice, in the election.

If by chance you're stationed near your home town, you will be allowed up to one day off in which to vote. This is in addition to your regular leave time.

Thus, the Services have the responsibility of seeing that the door is left open for you to vote. The states generally make it easier for you to exercise your vote than for civilians.

Of course, you must meet the eligibility requirements of your particular state. These have been greatly simplified in the past few years for Servicemen. The requirements for each state will be published in later issues. Watch for them.



Working in the laboratories and on the ward of the research facility at 46A keeps this staff busy. 1. Berdean Edwards, LT Lucille Clark, and Clyde Langworth, HM3, prepare a "tailored" diet for a patient in the special galley the facility operates for the preparation of special foods. 2. CAPT A. B. Higgins, MC, USN, Chief of Medicine, heads the Metabolic Research Facility. 3. Dr. Dirstine and LT Joe Kimmel examine a device for blood analyzation, known as a filter paper electrophoresis apparatus. 4. LTJG Burns and ENS English examine one of the patients on the ward. 5. Mrs. H. B. Schwarz and Mrs. M. F. Jack work busily, taking care of all of the secretarial duties of the facility. 6. Mrs. M. E. Hutchin and Mr. C. J. Rogers do some chemical testing in one of the laboratories. 7. Regina Spatz, HM2, hands some glass tubes down to Mr. T. V. Almirante (or is he handing them up to her?). 8. D. L. Hawkins, HM3, and C. B. Holm, prepare a patient for an intravenous injection. Many patients on the ward are fed intravenously, after a careful selection of the foods to be given, in order to get the most benefit out of the smallest amount.

Knoll Metabolic Research Facility Coordinates All Hospital Research

The Medical Research Facility, official research unit of the U.S. Naval Hospital, Oakland, was activated 12 July 1951, with the object of coordinating all the research activities of the hospital. Since that time, many research projects in all aspects of medicine have been proposed by staff officers, and a number of research projects have been completed; others are under way; and still other projects are planned for the future. The type of facilities which are present in Ward 46A and the background and skills of the personnel associated with the MRF have formed the trend of projects undertaken, with emphasis on metabolic and biochemical approaches to clinical problems.

A large controlled study of the effect of certain drugs which have been proposed in the treatment of arthritis has been carried out. Current studies include attempts to improve available methods of feeding patients intravenously by means of more efficient amino-acid mixtures and testing of a new plasma substitute called oxypolygelatin. This substance is of importance as a possible plasma substitute to be stockpiled in the event of military or civilian mass casual-

ties, because of the completely inadequate supply of whole blood in mass casualty treatment. A continued study of hepatitis of the virus type has been under way for several months.

Future plans for projects to be investigated by the Medical Research Facility include radioactive isotope research, for which facilities have recently been procured.

Thank You, Oak Knoll

Dear Captain Gordon:

We would like to express our thanks at this Thanksgiving season for the understanding and excellent care given me during my recent illness, while confined to the respirator on Ward 50A.

Oak Knoll is fortunate to have doctors and nurses such as Dr. Francis, Dr. Ninow, Dr. Kimmel, LT Swayne, LTJG Young, ENS Farrell, ENS Gillday, LT Swanson, LT Stewart and ENS English.

My mother and I feel that this fine care was truly a big step toward my recovery from polio.

—Grace Louise Shaull, AN.
—Mrs. Stanley H. Shaull.

Who's Who In Metabolic Research

LT Joe R. Kimmel, MC, USNR, is interested not only in the creation of an artificial kidney, but in model railroading, too. He is married and has two children, Philip, 4, and Lynn, 2.

LTJG Thomas W. Burns, MC, USNR, a native of Los Angeles, is a photography enthusiast.

Tomas V. Almirante put in 22 years of duty as a steward, first class, with the Coast Guard. He is married and has a child, 4 years old.

Philip H. Dirstine, a biochemist with a Ph.D. from Stanford, used to be an instructor in chemistry at UCLA and the University of Santa Clara. He is married and has three children.

Charles J. Rogers is another family man, with a boy, 1, and a girl, 4. He is a biochemist with the research facility.

Wave LT Lucille R. Clark, MSC, USN, attended North Dakota Agricultural College in her home town of Fargo, N. D., and had her dietetic internship at Ancher Hospital, St. Paul, Minn. Her interests outside of her job are literature and art.

Maxine Hutchin attended the University of California at Berkeley, and Stanford. She is married and her

hobbies are hiking and raising orchids.

Mrs. M. F. Jack, editor (Medical Science) and secretary for the facility, has been a translator and was a stenographer in Bernard Baruch's office during WWI. She attended schools in Washington, the Dominican Republic, Cuba, and Mexico. Mrs. Jack is a dog lover and is interested in languages, inter-American relations, and her daughter, Donna, who is secretary to the Executive Officer at Oak Knoll.

Helen B. Schwarz graduated from high school in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, is married and has two children.

Clyde F. Langworthy, HM3, is interested in model building, stamp collecting, writing and playing music, and collecting classical records. Clyde describes himself as "footloose and fancy free."

Berdean Edwards, civilian dietitian, attended the University of California and St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester, Minn. She is interested in golf, bridge, and the theater.

Regina Spatz, HM2, and "Reggie" among her friends, is a horse enthusiast. (Continued on page 5)



The Korean section of James Michener's new book begins as follows:

"Forty minutes after I landed in Korea two enlisted men warned me: 'Sir, if you go home and write a musical and call it SOUTH KOREA, and put in pretty girls and singing men, we're going to bash your brains in.'"

Primarily, Mr. Michener's thesis in "The Voice of Asia" is one that states how we have failed in our communications with other countries in the Orient. He says, and we know, that we were right in trying to throw the Communists out since they had invaded the place, but he says we have lamentably failed to set our case forth properly to Asia. For that matter, he goes on, "it was shocking to me . . . to find that even our own men in Korea did not know why we were there. The morale of troops on this point was so low that six times I had an opportunity to address large groups on the simple A-B-C's of America's existence."

Might he not say the same thing to us of the reserve contingent? Only Harvard's Dr. Conant has actually put into words the real purpose of the call-back which brought confusion to so many of us. "We have averted atomic war, by the narrowest of margins to be sure—" said Dr. Conant a month ago, "But we HAVE averted it." We brought to bear the threat of full American mobilization and we served notice that beyond Korea the enemy may go no further. By coming back for this brief period, we have tipped the scales at least for this time and prevented the appalling catastrophe which might have occurred, only no one actually got around to saying it until Michener put it in his book and Dr. Conant made his speech. We are serving a purpose of desperate importance; never think we aren't. "The Voice of Asia" is a clean, clear blueprint of that purpose and I earnestly recommend it to all of my colleagues who DO wonder "why?" and if the so-called "police action" means anything.

Michener is the first American neo-politician who has a large popular following — his "Tales of the South Pacific" and "Return to Paradise" were both best sellers, and his operetta "South Pacific," written in collaboration with Messieurs Rodgers and Hammerstein, made theatrical history. He has a large following and has elected to put the fact to patriotic usage, a gesture practically unheard of among modern novelists, most of whom are content to tell us that civilizations is falling and maybe we should let it go, anyhow.

Michener doesn't say it WON'T fall, he thinks it will if we don't take the reins and stop the crash. But that's his very point; all is not lost unless in blindness and stupidity and selfishness we let it be lost. "We are a dauntless people—" he is telling us. "And anything we want to do, we CAN do. Lincoln called us Man's last, best hope of earth . . . and the words were never truer than at this moment . . ."

FRANK M. CAMPBELL, HMI.



Shown above are the members of the third class to be graduated from the Environmental Sanitation Technician's School at Oak Knoll. Graduation ceremonies were held Friday, 30 November. Members of the class in front row (left to right) are HMC J. M. Williams, HMC J. A. Hennesay, HMC M. J. Ferenchak, HMC T. L. Speirer, HMC E. O. Daugherty and HMC R. F. Dee. In the back row are HM2 J. F. McConnell, HM2 D. H. Middleman, HMI F. J. Holmes, HMI R. E. Davis, HMI A. M. Crossley, HMI H. F. Brandt, Jr., and HMI H. E. Geddings.

Patients Offered Florida Vacation

Patients recovering from wounds received in Korea have been offered free lodging for a two-week vacation in Florida.

The offer was made to Korea veterans and their wives by Mr. Louis T. Davidson, proprietor of the Saxon Motel, 301 NE 62nd Street, Miami. Mr. Davidson would stand the lodging expense at his motel and the other expenses involved would have to be borne by the individuals themselves.

Who's Who In Metabolic Research

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siast. She likes the animals enough to ride them and collect figurines of them. She has a collection that includes pictures and figurines of bronze, wood, ceramics, and other metals. She has won several ribbons in group competition horseback riding.

ENS Helen M. English attended the Hamot Hospital School of Nursing in Erie, Pa. Her first tour of duty after she entered the Nurse Corps last February was at the Naval Hospital at St. Albans, N. Y.

Del Hawkins, a corpsman in the research facility, worked at an advertising agency before being recalled to active duty. He is married and has a son 3 years old.

Clayton B. Holm, HM3, was a radio announcer before returning to the Navy. He claims he attended the "school of hard knocks."

A. G. Gaddini, HN, USN, likes horses, dogs, and is interested in commercial art. His home town is Des Moines, Iowa.

Richard D. Anderson, HM3, USNR, was a police patrolman in Colorado Springs, Colo., before getting his "greetings" from Uncle last April. He is married and has 2 children.

LCDR Lila E. Suiter, MSC, USN (W), is enjoying a 15-day leave in Tombstone, Ariz., as we go to press.

Welcome and Farewell

Hospital Corps Schools in both San Diego and Great Lakes contributed to Oak Knoll's staff during the past week with the result that the names of 35 persons were added to the staff roster, as compared with the 11 who left Oak Knoll for new assignments. Of those reporting for duty, 23 were HA's.

Reporting aboard were LT Carl L. Ebnother, MC, USN, from USS PRINCETON; LTJG Earl A. Loomis, Jr., MC, USNR, from USNH, Philadelphia; LT John L. Gwinn, MC, USNR, from MSTs, Pacific; WOHC Timothy P. Fitzgerald, Jr., USN, from Naval Medical Supply Depot, Oakland; LTJG Virginia M. Jennings, NC, USN, from temporary duty;

HMC's R. E. Bobb, from NAS, Ocean, Va., and K. W. Cross from USNRECSTA, San Francisco; HMI J. S. Murray from Tripler Army Hospital; HM2 M. R. Brown from COMSTSPAC, San Francisco; HN's E. H. Nelson and G. B. Rice from HCS, San Diego, and W. B. King from HCS, Great Lakes, and HA's F. D. Biddle, C. E. Hall, Jr., K. E. McCormick, G. M. Mirasol and E. E. Rogers, all from HCS, San Diego; and J. W. Roper, J. W. Madden, W. F. Gentleman, J. Daugherty, Jr., D. E. Daley, R. G. Maenner, T. K. Akers, D. A. McClure, E. W. Anderson, C. E. Schoen, G. P. Larion, T. E. Scardefield, E. F. Holtz, A. E. Grime, G. E. Flory, D. J. Dawson, R. L. Slaughter and A. L. Bernard, all from HCS, Great Lakes.

Transferred during the week were LCDR Carl W. Deonier, MC, USN, to the sick list; LTJG Shirley M. Renner, NC, USN, and ENS Charlotte K. Ottesen, NC, USNR, both to civilian life; LT Charles A. Mead, Jr., MC, USN, to Children's Hospital, Boston; HMI's R. A. Hogan to NSC, Oakland, and W. R. Conley to AdCom, Great Lakes; HM2 R. L. Gates, also to AdCom, Great Lakes; HM3's L. A. Heinz, to USS KEARSARGE, R. E. Fritz to FMF, Camp Pendleton, and

Knoll EST School Graduates 13 Techs

Graduation ceremonies were held here yesterday, 30 November for the third class to complete Oak Knoll's school for Environmental Sanitation Technicians.

At the ceremonies a brief statement was made by CDR Robert S. Poos, MC, USN, Head of the Environmental Sanitation Technician course, and the technician certificates were presented by CAPT J. N. C. Gordon, MC, USN, Commanding Officer.

The class, made up of 13 members, was the smallest to finish the course since its beginning. The preceding class, graduated on Friday, 14 September, had 21 members, and the first class, which completed the course five months earlier, had 18 members. The fourth class, in session since Monday, 17 September, has 17 members.

Members of the third class are HMC's Raymond F. Dee, Ethridge O. Daugherty, Matthew J. Ferenchak, Jeffie A. Hennesay, Thomas L. Speirer and James M. Williams; HMI's Herman F. Brandt, Jr., Arl M. Crossley, Robert E. Davis, Howard E. Geddings and Frank J. Holmes, and HM2's John F. McConnell and David H. Middleman.

Whistle Routs Reds

Somewhere in Korea (AFPS)—He who whistles last, usually has the loudest whistle.

In a recent commando raid against Communist concentrations, UN forces ran into the problem of how to get the sleeping Reds out of their bunkers.

The UN soldier finally came up with the solution—a whistle, which he blew loud and long.

The awakening enemy mistook it for a warning of an impending attack, raced out of their bunkers, and were quickly wiped out.

E. L. Ledbetter to NTC, Great Lakes, and HN I. M. Boyles, also to NTC, Great Lakes.

Order Published On Information

New instructions have been received from the Commandant, Twelfth Naval District, relative to the dissemination of information concerning the benefits to which dependent survivors of active or retired Naval personnel are entitled.

The new instruction states, in part:

"In a great many instances where active and retired Naval personnel die, the widow or other dependent survivor is not cognizant of the laws covering government benefits or the procedure to be followed in obtaining them. In their uncertainty they call upon some official on active duty for help and guidance. This is particularly true in the case of the survivors of retired personnel.

"Since the persons seeking the information are under personal distress, it is felt that they should not be burdened additionally with possibly misleading, although well-intended, information. Therefore, when Naval personnel stationed in this district are confronted with questions concerning survivor benefits, it is suggested that they not attempt to offer helpful, and perhaps erroneous, information; but that they refer the person making inquiry to the Office of Civil Readjustment, Room 175, Federal Office Building, San Francisco, California; telephone Market 1-3828, extensions 258 and 259.

"The Office of Civil Readjustment is prepared to give full and sympathetic service to dependent survivors regarding their benefits under existing laws and the procedure necessary to obtain them.

"It is pointed out, however, that survivors of active duty personnel will always be informed by the cognizant medical activity regarding burial benefits and arrangements to which they are entitled."

The new instruction cancels and supersedes Twelfth Naval District Memorandum No. 51-21, and applies to all commands and their personnel within the geographical limits of the Twelfth Naval District, as well as to retired Naval personnel residing within the Twelfth Naval District.

Marine Played Dead To Escape From Enemy

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"I saw him stick his head in the hole and look around. He couldn't see me because it was dark and I was in the corner. I grabbed my carbine to fire at him but the gun jammed, and while I was trying to clear it he threw in his third grenade.

"I had time just to throw myself down in the entrance of the bunker. Only two small pieces of shrapnel from this grenade hit me. I got them in the right heel."

"Then he came around to the entrance where I was lying flat—conscious but playing dead. He picked me up by the hair, dropped me, and walked away. It was a close call.

"For about 10 minutes I lay still until I was sure he was gone. Then I went in to check on my men in the bunker. I found two of them dead—one of them was my best friend—and the third man badly wounded.

"I got my carbine cleared and stood watch until morning when help came."



Gerald Reese, HN, is congratulated by CAPT I. L. V. Norman, MC, USN, Executive Officer. He received a commendation for his work while on special watch on an Oak Knoll patient. Reese was cited for his "keen sense of devotion to duty."

HN Gerald Reese Given Commendation For Work While On Special Watch

Gerald Reese, HN, staff member at Oak Knoll, last week was commended by CAPT I.L.V. Norman, MC, USN, Executive Officer, for his work while detailed to a special watch on a patient at the hospital.

The commendation stated: "While detailed to a special watch on Robert H. Stott, VAP, you evidenced a keen sense of devotion to duty. You voluntarily stood extra watches on Mr. Stott and did more than was expected of you in helping to keep the patient comfortable and in a pleas-

ant frame of mind during his last days.

"Your extra attentions, such as keeping the patient's family comforted and informed as well as aiding them after the patient's decease, are evidence of performance of duty far and beyond the prescribed standards.

"Your energy, loyalty and devotion to duty is highly commendable and reflects credit upon yourself, this Command, and the Naval Service."

Staff Personalities

A staff member who has spent nearly all his Navy career on the West Coast is Frank Summers, HM3, a native of Osborn, Mo. Called back to active duty on 13 March, Summers came to Oak Knoll a few days later. Since then he has worked on Wards 54 and 78A and now is assigned to CAPT Roger's office. In his previous tour of duty except for 11 months in Farragut, Ida., Summers spent the entire two and one half years on the West Coast, with duty at San Diego and Mare Island. When returned to inactive duty, he plans to go back to his job as a freight accountant with the Western Weighing and Inspection Bureau at Kansas City.



Winding up nine years' active duty in the Navy and soon to return to inactive duty is Dewitt W. Gallineau, HM3, currently assigned to Ward 43A. Gallineau first joined the Navy in January, 1941, and served for the next eight years, four years of which were with the Marines. Called back to active duty 1 November 1950, he came to Oak Knoll after a month at the Naval Hospital in San Diego. When he is released in February he plans to return to his job with General Motors in Rosemead, Calif. At Oak Knoll Gallineau has also worked in Pediatrics and on Ward 63A. His son, Daniel, was born at Oak Knoll five months ago.

PREVIEWS

Sunday, 2 December

ELOPEMENT—Clifton Webb, Ann Francis, COMEDY. Clifton Webb has become a top-flight box office drawing name in the past few years, and 20th Century-Fox is taking advantage of it. This movie is latest in a number that has featured Webb recently, and the name alone is enough to draw large audiences. This new film, not scheduled for public release until later this month. No reviews are available concerning it. Also two short subjects, "Football's Winning Ways," a one-reeler, and a newsreel.

Monday, 3 December

AMERICAN GUERRILLA IN THE PHILIPPINES—Tyrone Power, Michelle Puelle, MELODRAMA. This movie tells how island warfare against the Japanese invader was organized in the Philippines with American support. The story, based on a novel of the same title by Leo Wolfert, foregoes a single smashing climax for a series of intermittent highlights brought to a head, after adventure and misadventure along the heroic lines of storybook heroes, in the promised return of General MacArthur as liberator of the islands he was forced to abandon. Power plays the part of a naval lieutenant whose torpedo squadron is shot up. He and a small group decide to strike for Australia, are shipwrecked and forced to return. In the doing he meets Miss Puelle. The developments of the story divulge how Power becomes enlisted in the guerrilla movement and how he remains behind to hide, sweat and suffer for the three years which must elapse before the Americans return.

Tuesday, 4 December

LIGHT TOUCH—Stewart Granger, Pier Angeli, DRAMA. This movie tells the story of the regeneration of an art thief, played by Mr. Granger. Through deceit and mean stratagems he hires Miss Angeli to duplicate a religious painting he stole from an Italian gallery. Her faith, sweetness and incredible bravery and devotion to him swerves him from victory in battle against the law and against a cultivated dealer and his friends. He returns the painting to its legitimate place in a church in Sicily. The movie has received a rating of "good" from reviewers. No short subject, since the feature is just under two hours long itself.

Wednesday, 5 December

CAPTAIN BLOOD—Errol Flynn, Olivia DeHavilland, ADVENTURE. Not up-to-date on Mr. Flynn's latest, it is not immediately known whether this film is hoary with age or shiny-new. But, new or old, it is an Errol Flynn movie, and therefore within a definite pattern. For relief there is a short subject, called "To Be or Not To Be." Not written by Old Will, we'll wager.

Thursday, 6 December

DRUMS OF THE DEEP SOUTH—James Craig, Barbara Payton, DRAMA. This one was scheduled for release in October, but if it was released it made no big splash. Surely the name of the leading lady is familiar, if you have followed the recent news stories at all. If you want to see her in a movie, this may be your only chance. Also a comedy, "Cold War," by Desi and in color.

Friday, 7 December

DECISION BEFORE DAWN—Richard Basehart, Gary Merrill, DRAMA. This movie was released in August, and reviewers say that it is "unobjectionable for adults," which may or may not be a compliment. No other information is available. Also a newsreel.

Saturday, 8 December

MAD WEDNESDAY—Harold Lloyd, Frances Ramsden, COMEDY. Some years ago, Harold Lloyd made "The Scoundrel of Harold Diddlebock," written and directed by Preston Sturges from an original screenplay by the same Preston Sturges. Here it is, in slightly less running time than originally, and under the new title "Mad Wednesday." The film opens with the closing scene of the Lloyd classic, "The Freshman," wherein he saved the game for the old school, hilariously. An old grand promises him a job, and this movie takes it from there. For this particular kind of comedy, you can't beat Harold Lloyd. Also a Disney cartoon.

The best way to get rid of the noise in the back of the car is to make her sit up front.

The time a man likes to see a girl stick close to her knitting is when she's wearing a bathing suit.

IN THE Spot-light

By JUDEX

The Oak Knoll spotlight this week shines on Fred Comas. We can think of no better way to begin this column than by paying tribute to our predecessor. We know of no one person who has given more freely of his time and talent to help make the days of his shipmates a little brighter. Through his SCUTTLEBUTT column, and his work on the recreation committee, Fred has brought a lot of enjoyment to all of us. He has never been too busy to help with a new project or to plan a new picnic or party for the staff. At the Bingo games and dances, it was Fred who always came early and stayed late to help with the dirty work. This is all the more remarkable when you consider that he is a reservist, recalled and serving without his consent. All of Oak Knoll thinks us in saying, "Good Luck, Derf, we'll miss you!"

EMANCIPATION NOTES: A great vacuum will be created in the receiving room next week when Lloyd Hils completes his tour of duty and heads for the land of the peaches. He hopes there is nothing significant about being released on Pearl Harbor Day (7 December). Lloyd and the little woman will set up housekeeping in Atlanta — Bob Eby, HM3, of A, one of the most popular Corpsmen on the compound, leaves on 1 December for the great plains of Nebraska. He plans to become the Admiral of a fleet of trucks — If you have noticed all the funny symbols and markings on every calendar on the base, it's just the reservists pecking off the days.

FAMOUS NAMES AMONG THE PATIENTS: SN Robert E. Lee, YNSN George Washington Taylor, and ML1 Christopher Columbus Brown. **SHIPS THAT PASS IN THE NIGHT:** Old timers at Oak Knoll will be interested to know that our favorite WAVE, Mary Hanlon Black, is still and happy at NAS Alameda. Her hubby recently made Chief and shipped out to Pensacola Naval Air Station. So soon after the wedding, huh! — We hear that another hospital alumnus, HM2 Joe Schodl, is now MAA aboard the USS HAVEN. Complete with badge, yet — Our erstwhile Chief Master-at-Arms, Chief L. F. Betoney, packs up his band-aids this week and heads for the East Coast. He's slated for duty aboard a destroyer — From the recent deluge of Civil War movies here, it appears that Hollywood is intent on starting the big conflict all over again. After the most recent, "Two Bags West," rebel yells were heard reverberating between the mountains. Even more alarming, we hear that a Confederate flag flies proudly over one bunk in the Corps quarters. Thinking of seceding, boys?

AMONG OUR OWN: Roy Zetterholm is exerting all his artistic talents to design a new birth certificate for all those babies born at Oak Knoll. HA Bob Nicolaisen returned from leave this week with that tired look—Recent returnees to the fold from leave include Commissary's Red Raymond, who has been sojourning in Oregon—All the boys from Kansas are getting excited about the coming basketball game between California and Kansas State

Free Stationery Here For Two Marine Units

Last week the "Oak Leaf" carried a story relative to the gratuitous distribution of letterhead stationery for the 1st Marine Division and the 1st Marine Air Wing of the Fleet Marine Force.

Word has been received from the Marine Detachment that paper and envelopes for both the 1st Marine Air Wing and the 1st Marine Division have arrived at the hospital. Those who are entitled to use the paper may have it by picking up a supply at the Marine Detachment Office.

to be played at Berkeley on 14 December. There is much talk of packing the galleries to help cheer the Wildcats on to victory—Oak Knoll is getting its share of the smart boys from the various corps schools these days. Arriving last week from Great Lakes were Tom Akers, who graduated No. 1 in a class of 68, and Eugene Anderson, who was the runner-up in the same class. Welcome, replacements! — HM1 Flora Belle Reando looks like a real doctor, running all over the place with her little black bag. Says she is just keeping busy till her man comes home from Korea—Ask Elizabeth Winsby what she uses that big spotlight on her car for—Now that all hands have survived Thanksgiving (more or less) all eyes are turned toward the coming Christmas holidays. Many of the staff who live close enough will be heading home on leave. Harold Mabie is jumping the gun to get an early start. **ADD FUTURE HEARTBREAKERS:** Miss Jenifer Baldrige, age two. Her pop works in the lab—Those new faces in staff personnel belong to Smith Hughes, HM3, and WOHC Timothy P. Fitzgerald, Jr. The latter is a BRAND NEW officer —Gordon Green of Surgery and HM2 John Reische are making big plans to attend the Rose Bowl game on New Year's Day. And whom do you guys know? —Ray Hopson is very proud of his better half these days. Dorothy won \$15.00 on the big game last week—Tom Burns and his recreation committee are cooking up some big deals for the first part of the new year. Plans include some surprises, and more of those popular bingo parties.



Chief L. F. Betoney examines the new Chief Master-at-Arms badge now worn by Chief M. E. Nye as Chief Betoney turns over the duties of that office after nearly two years. Looking on are members of the staff (left to right): HMI Frank Cavit, HMI Ward Scott, HMI Earl Kallemeyn and HM2 Gilbert Nelson.

Chief Betoney Ends Three-Year Duty Tour Here; Presented Commendation

Chief L. F. Betoney, Hospital Chief Master-at-Arms for the past two years, and a member of the Oak Knoll staff for the past three years, checked out at Staff Personnel office on Thursday, 29 November, for his new duty station. Chief Betoney will travel to Norfolk, Va., where he will pick up a ship. Replacing him as Chief Master-at-Arms is Chief M. E. Nye. Before leaving Chief Betoney was

presented an official commendation for his work here by the Commanding Officer. Chief Betoney came to Oak Knoll in December, 1948 from the USS LEO (AKA-60), and has been Chief Master-at-Arms since 23 February 1950. Chief Nye, the new Chief Master-at-Arms, reported aboard at Oak Knoll recently from the USS KANKAKEE (TAO-39).

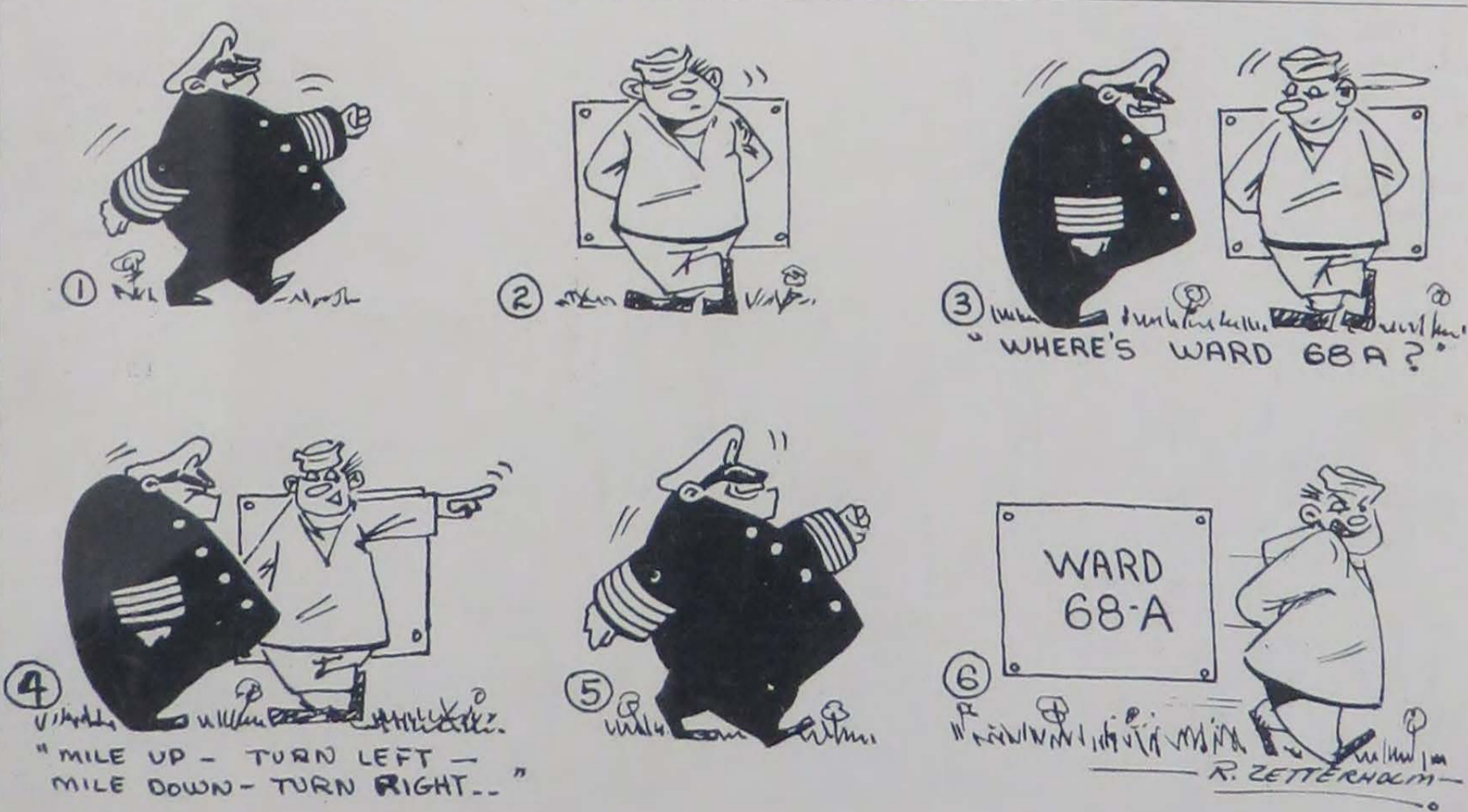
HI-LITES

San Jose, Calif. (AFPS) — Orin Andres reported to police that his "little old car beat up a great big freight train." Investigating, they discovered that his Model A had suffered only slight damage in derailing five freight cars.

Richland Center, Wis. (AFPS)—It's not done very often, but William Sippy's cow fell into a treetop. Falling off a 100-foot cliff, the bovine became wedged in the tree. A garage wrecker lowered the boom and hoisted the cow back to where cows belong.

Portland, Ore. (AFPC)—There's no "cents" curing a cold like this, believes Lawson McCall who, while making a speech, popped a cough drop into his mouth and noticed five minutes later that it was a penny.

Sierra Madre, Calif. (AFPS)—Puff, a cat belonging to Mrs. Alfred Stirton, has adopted a family. She has hatched a "litter" of eggs and is nuzzling and washing the chicks regularly.



Reginato Glum In Cage Outlook

If odds-makers were interested in Oak Knoll varsity basketball successes, Oak Knoll would be going into the opening game of the Twelfth Naval District league on Tuesday, 4 December, as distinct underdogs.

Coach Joe Reginato felt quite successful last week when he managed to get eight players at the San Leandro gymnasium all at the same time, and was able to scrimmage two four-man teams.

"I don't suppose I will get to see a five-man scrimmage until the opening game," he lamented. "You can't see how a team functions in practice that way."

"We will go into the game as underdogs," Reginato stated, "Although we have not been able to practice as regularly as we would wish to, we will do the best we can and there is an outside chance we may surprise someone."

In spite of the fact that several regulars are left over from last year's team, Reginato is not too optimistic about the early-season form of his squad.

The opening game for the Oak Knollites will be on 4 December when they meet Pacific Reserve Fleet, on the home, that is San Leandro, floor. The schedule for the month of December includes:

- 6 December, Mare Island Hospital—here.
 - 11 December, Mare Island—there.
 - 13 December, Naval Air, Alameda—here.
 - 20 December, Coast Guard—here.
- No more games are scheduled until after the holiday season, when Oak Knoll will travel to Moffett Field on 8 January.

Pittsburgh, Pa. (AFPS)—Wife Margaret Kearns didn't approve of her husband's coming home with lipstick on his shirt. Result she spiked his gravy with roach powder. He's in the hospital and she's in court.



Shown above are the members of Oak Knoll's championship touch football squad, with Coach Joe Reginato (left), LCDR W. G. Palmer, Twelfth Naval District Special Services Officer (second from left) and CAPT J. N. C. Gordon, MC, USN, Commanding Officer (right). Team members are (front row, left to right) Dinuzzo, Johnson and Peterson, and (back row) Papadakis, Jones, Irvine, Tafoya, Lyons and Peck.

Nurses' Cagers Get First Test

The outlook was grim Thursday, 29 November, as Coach Joe Reginato and the Oak Knoll entry in the Bay Area Armed Forces Women's Basketball league left the hospital for the first game of the season against the Treasure Island Waves.

Although results of the game were not available at press time, Coach Reginato was prepared for the worst. As he left the hospital he had only two substitutes for the six-member team, going up against the 1950 League Champions. Reginato had visions of ending up without a full team on the floor, if any of his players exit via the foul route.

The Oak Knoll Women's team will make its first appearance on the home floor on Tuesday, 6 December, against the Camp Stoneman Wafs. The schedule for the next two months includes:

- 13 December, Ft. Mason Wacs—there.
- 3 January, Camp Stoneman Wacs—here.
- 10 January, Moffett Waves—here.
- 17 January, Alameda Waves—there.
- 24 January, Presidio Wacs—there.
- 31 January, Travis Wafs—there.

All home games will be played in the San Leandro Hospital gymnasium, and will start at 1900.

VICTORY LAURELS GIVEN GRIDDERS

Members of the Oak Knoll Twelfth Naval District touch football championship team for 1951 Wednesday, 28 November, received just acclaim for their successful season.

The eight members of the team, Assistant Coach Wirt Johnson and Head Coach Joe Reginato were presented blue jackets trimmed in gold by the Twelfth Naval District. In addition, LCDR W. G. Palmer, Special Services Officer for the District, presented the championship trophy to CAPT J. N. C. Gordon, MC, USN, Commanding Officer, and the team.

Members of the team were George Papadakis, backfield; Haines Jones, center; Bob Irvine, end and backfield; Lee Tafoya, end; Jerry Dinuzzo, quarterback; Jerry Lyons, backfield; Jim Peck, end, and Bruce Peterson, backfield.

Two other stalwarts of the football team, who helped the team to several victories early in the season, were transferred to other activities before the season ended. They were Eddie Estrada, hard fighting center, and Steve Tamborski, stellar end.

The Oak Knoll team completed its season two weeks ago with a completely clean slate of five wins and no losses.

Bryan, Tex. (AFPS)—Betye Rainwater married Clinton Fawcett here recently.

Winter Bowling Plans Completed

Final plans were completed at a meeting Wednesday, 28 November for the annual winter Intra-hospital bowling league.

League games among the 14 teams entered will get under way on Tuesday, 4 December.

Scheduled to play the first night are Surgery II vs. Staff Personnel, Nurses I vs. Artificial Limb, and Nurses II vs. Record Office.

On Thursday, 6 December, Laboratory I will meet Hit and Miss, Laboratory II will play the N.P. Department, and the Three V's will meet Rambling Amps I.

Other teams entered in the league are Physio, and Rambling Amps II.

Final rounds of the practice bowling league, started last month, were scheduled to be played on Thursday, 29 November.

G. N. Nelson, commissioner for the practice league, was also named commissioner for the regular league.

Benton, Ill., (AFPS)—Clem Cable got rid of the bees nesting in the eaves of his house by lighting a rat smudge. He burned down the house in the process.

New York (AFPS)—Paul Sweetser lost control of his motorcycle and crashed through the window of the "Tumble Inn" cafe.

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LTJG P. E. MUSICK, MSC, USN

LTJG P. E. Musick Is New Officer

The enlisted staff roster at Oak Knoll lost one member last week but the list of officers gained one name when HMC Paul E. Musick of the Environmental Sanitation School staff became LTJG Paul E. Musick, MSC, USN.

Thus, LTJG Musick once more donned the uniform he wore prior to January 1947, when he reverted to his permanent rank of HMC.

LTJG Musick came to Oak Knoll in September, 1950, as a Chief and has since been a member of the staff of the EST school. The date of his rank is 27 August 1951 and the effective date 29 August 1951.

After completing high school in his home town of Remer, Minn., 23 years ago, LTJG Musick joined the Navy and became a Hospital Apprentice Second Class, after completion of Corps School in San Diego.

His first duty stations were USNH, Bremerton, the USS RELIEF and USS BLACKHAWK. He was in Shanghai when that city was occupied by the Japanese in 1937, and shortly thereafter reported for duty at USNH, Chelsea, as a Laboratory Technician. After a tour of independent duty aboard the USS GEORGE E. BADGER, LTJG Musick became an instructor at the Hospital Corps School in San Diego.

Commissioned as a Pharmacist in 1943, he served aboard the USS WASP through seven major engagements, for which his ship was presented a Presidential Unit Citation and LTJG Musick a personal commendation. He was promoted to Chief Pharmacist and Ensign while aboard the WASP and later was promoted to LTJG.

He then served as Hospital Corps Officer at UHNH, Oceanside, and attended Hospital Administration school in Bethesda.

After a period of duty at USNH, New Orleans, he reverted to his permanent grade of HMC in 1947 and was assigned to duty at the San Francisco Naval Shipyard.

Before coming to Oak Knoll he was with the Epidemic Disease Control Unit No. 6 at Pearl Harbor.

Today Is Holy Day

Today, 8 December, 1951, is to be observed as Holy Day for all members of the Catholic faith.

The Chaplain's office has scheduled masses to be celebrated at 0600 and 1215.



Members of the Oakland Veterans' Christmas Committee gather round to look at one of decorative displays to be used during the coming holiday season. Pictured above, left to right, are Mr. John Morin, Chairman of the Decorations Committee, Mr. Don Henderson, Past President of the Committee and Mr. Elmer P. Zollner, Past President of the Committee and Coordinator at the Oakland Veteran's Administration Hospital. The Veterans' Christmas Committee will invade Oak Knoll Hospital compound on 21 December to spread the traditional holiday good cheer.

Events Planned For Yule Season

Affairs for both Oak Knoll patients and staff members, and for families as well, are being arranged for the Christmas season.

The Christmas atmosphere will pervade the entire compound after members of the Veterans Hospitals' Christmas Committee arrive in force on Sunday, 16 December, to decorate the buildings and wards in true Christmas colors.

On Wednesday, 19 December, at 7:00 the annual Christmas program will be presented at the Community Services Building Auditorium by the San Francisco Examiner. The show, which will include acts by professional entertainers, has always been a favorite at Oak Knoll.

And Friday, 21 December, promises to be a red-letter day for those still on the compound.

Festivities will get under way at 1400 with an all hands party at the Auditorium to which all dependents are invited. The program will feature Roger Wesley's puppet show, and, best of all, Santa Claus, and gifts for all the children.

On the same day the Veterans Hospitals' Christmas Committee will present its annual stage show at the auditorium. This is another annual feature that has always been a favorite.

And the same evening staff members will gather at the Enlisted Men's Recreation Center for the Staff Christmas Party and Dance. Student nurses will be invited so that there will be plenty of attractive partners for stags. Refreshments will be served, and 10 turkeys will be given away as door prizes.

Hospital Survives Lashing Gales, Heavy Rains With Minor Damage

Rain came down in sheets, winds approached hurricane force, the skies were dull and leaden, and seemed determined to squeeze every last bit of moisture out upon the poor humans below. But the good ship Oak Knoll weathered the storm.

In San Francisco houses slid down the side of the precipitous hills. But at Oak Knoll where the precipitousness of the hills is unquestioned, only a minor slide that temporarily closed one road occurred, according to LT G. W. Barnes, CEC, USN, Chief of the Maintenance Division.

In Oakland, in Alameda, in Richmond, traffic was halted by high water, cars were inundated, buses waterlogged. But at Oak Knoll the water gurgled merrily down the drains and the six-foot conduit which replaced the creek near the Administration Building passed its first test with flying colors as the cars parked above it equalled the number on any dry day.

Throughout the storm area, wires were lashed about freely by the angry wind, snapping and whipping with great abandon, causing trolleys, refrigerators, radios or what-have-you to revert to inanimate pieces of machinery. But at Oak Knoll only for a brief period Saturday night was the hospital darkened when one wire gave way in the gale.

Thus—as assessment of damages: A few colds from neglecting to carry umbrellas and wear raincoats and galoshes; a few late arrivals from failure to allow extra time to compensate for poor driving conditions; some short tempers, a universal wish for the return of sunshine.

Other than that Oak Knoll's spirit and efficiency were not noticeably lessened by the worst storm to hit the area in years.

Six Knoll Staffers Civilians Once More

Six former staff members said their farewells to Oak Knoll during the past week and departed for various civilian pursuits.

The new civilians, their former rates and details and the date of departure, are Robert D. Eby, HM3, 68A, 1 December; John A. Weesner, HM1, TAD, AirEvac; George M. Allen, HM1, HCQ; Fred E. Comas, HM2, Staff Personnel, James C. Shipp, HM1, MAA, and Marvin C. Blair, HM1, Surgery II, all on 3 December.

Weesner and Eby were released at the end of the year's extension of their enlistment; the others under the phasing schedule for return of reservists to inactive duty.

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† † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

Did you ever see a handful of rough, uncut diamonds? They are dark, worthless looking stones, and you might never guess the handful was worth a fortune.

A story is told of a Dutch farmer who lived in an isolated area of South Africa years ago. He lived in a mud-plastered stone hut and made a meager living trying to raise vegetables in the same yellow clay with which he plastered his house.

One day a visitor stopped at the Dutchman's house. He was asked to stay for dinner, which he gladly did for he loved Dutch cooking, and the farmer's wife prepared a wonderful meal. After they had eaten and were visiting about the news of the outside world, the visitors noticed occasional rough dark stones sticking out of the plaster on the wall. Then he glanced down and saw that the door was held open by a large stone of the same type.

The stranger asked about the stones and the farmer said, "Oh, they don't hurt the plaster any. The big one makes a rather pretty door weight." On request the Dutchman gladly gave his guest a handful of the rough stones and the door weight besides. The dark looking rocks were really uncut diamonds and worth a fortune.

Most people have in their possession many factors that unused are like "Rough diamonds in the plaster . . ." worthless; or used, they become a vast treasure. Home and school training, moral precepts, the faith and influence of true friends, religious training, and the great spiritual contribution to the individual by the Church, personal faith in a good and providential God. . . . these and many more factors when used and experienced become sparkling jewels leading to joy and victory.

You can be like the farmer in this story; you can see these spiritual jewels and simply ignore them, "After all, they will not hurt the plaster." Many an individual has seemed to have so little of these spiritual contributions in preparation for life; then somehow he has searched and found them, polished and developed them until that individual's life became a gem of hope, beauty and faith for all who knew him.

You have a sacred responsibility to God, to yourself and to your fellowmen to make your life worth more than an ornamental door stop.

J. A. WHITMAN
 Protestant Chaplain.



Mrs. Esther England, entertainment chairman for the American Legion Auxiliary No. 5 of Oakland, brings a variety show to visit the wards once each month. Last week Mrs. Marion Gardner, Hospital Chairman, and Mrs. Lillian Griswold, 1st Vice-President, accompanied the entertainers while they sang and danced for the patients on Ward 74A. PFC Raymond Godman, USMC, and CPL Ray Westerman, USMC, were among the interested spectators as the gal sang "My Man." Mrs. Sylvia Chapman, Red Cross Gray Lady from the Oakland Chapter, escorted the group to the ward.

Red Cross Ramblings

SHIP AHOY!

Recently Dick and Wallace Breuner, owners of Breuner's Store in Downtown Oakland, very generously offered their 52-foot twin screw cabin cruiser to the patients at Oak Knoll for fishing trips around the bay. Twelve men spent Thursday, 29 November, aboard, leaving the Oakland Yacht Harbor at 0900 for a cruise around the bay. Mr. Ben Sharpstein, a skipper of many years' good standing, was at the helm, describing points of interest and dropping anchor at the "good fishing holes." Those aboard who were interested in dropping a line over the side discovered a school of small sharks, and later caught a flounder that found its way into the frying pan later in the evening. If the weather permits, there will be another fishing cruise on 13 December. See the Red Cross worker on your ward about details.

DAD'S CLUB FOLLIES

Last week end station wagons left the compound bound for the Alameda High School to witness the yearly production of the Dads' Club. The theme revolved about life at sea, with a volcano erupting in the background. The Emcee was outstanding, and the impersonations equalled those of some of our leading screen stars. The men reported it to be an excellent show and they laughed "till our sides ached."

CHECKMATES

The California School for the Blind Chess Team resumed its monthly visits to the Lounge on Monday, 3 December. Eight young men represented the school and gave the Oak Knollites a stiff battle. However, the teams were fairly well matched, and the season promises to be a very competitive one. Cutter Laboratories will send their delegation of Chess experts on Monday, 10 December. Remember, these matches are open to all players on the compound and are not confined to experienced or expert

players. It is strictly, strictly amateur all the way around.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

Congratulations were in order last week for CAPT George W. Taylor, MC, USN (RET), on Ward 69A. A beautifully-decorated cake was shared by his many friends on the ward. Several birthdays were also honored on Ward 60B during the past month. Refreshments provided by the Corpus Christi Church Guild were served to the November-born. Juddle Price on Ward 50B, a resident of Crescent City, California, celebrated his birthday on 1 December.

TOUCHDOWN

Now that most of the gridiron games have been played and the upsets have been discussed at length, Ward 63A has had its own tilt. It was called the Cereal Bowl, and the teams playing were the Rice Krispies and the All-Brans. The game was close but the Rice Krispies were the final victors when the whistle blew. CPL LARRY ORLANDO, USMC, quarterback, led his team mates to a well-earned victory. Some of his assistants were GEORGE KOHNEN, SKSN, USN, H. K. McELFRENCH, BMC, USN, ROBERT MITCHELL, HMI, USN, and MARVIN RATTMAN, SN, USN.

THEME SONGS

Upon entering Ward 79B last Monday evening, all was quiet and patients were bending over papers with pencils in hand. Suddenly the piano was heard and everyone started talking at once. "No, I think it should be Eddie Cantor, no, maybe it's Glenn Miller!" The game was to identify the person who made that particular theme famous as a by-word. Three patients tied for first prize: EDWARD RAUSH, LOUIE HICKMAN, and GENE FRAZIER. As the Gray Ladies were leaving the ward the men said, "Bring that game back again, we are going to listen to the radio all week for clues."

Divine Services

Hospital Chapel at Main Gate

PROTESTANT

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

CATHOLIC

SUNDAY MASSES
 0600 — 0900 — 1215
 DAILY MASSES — 0645 & 1630
 Confessions before Mass
 CHOIR PRACTICE:
 TUESDAY 1900
 Catholic Oratory in back of Chapel
 CHAPLAINS' OFFICES IN
 CHAPEL & 67A
 NAVY RELIEF OFFICE—
 IN CHAPEL

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

Chaplains of other faiths will be called upon request

BUS TO AND FROM CHAPEL ON
 SUNDAYS 0845 & 1045

Divers to be Helped by Underwater TV

Washington (AFPS) — Underwater television may soon be used by the Navy to protect and aid human divers in their work, it has been disclosed by RADM Homer N. Wallin, Chief of the Navy Bureau of Ships.

The use of television cameras beneath the sea will help divers spot and prepare for dangerous situations and improve shipboard co-ordination of underwater activities, according to ADM Wallin.

Chief advantages of the system, it is hoped, will be the time saved in underwater exploration. The time a diver can spend underwater in depths over 40 feet, is severely limited due to the water pressure. Cameras lowered in a specified area will enable personnel on the ship to examine accurately the ocean bottom and adequately prepare the diver for his descent.

Life Begins at Oak Knoll

25 November

BUSCH, Susan Beth, to wife of Arling Busch, ADC, 5 pounds, 8 ounces.
BLAS, Karen Lee, to wife of Leland Dias, ADI, 7 pounds.

26 November

JOHNSON, Lynn Renae, to wife of Derwood Johnson, SK1, 6 pounds, 11 ounces.
VIA, Girl, to wife of Hubert Via, LT, 6 pounds, 12 ounces.
JOHNSON, Charles Van Byrd, to wife of Charlie Johnson, 1st LT, 7 pounds, 7 ounces.
BOONE, Jimmie Glyn, to wife of Earl Boone, BM3, 9 pounds, 8 ounces.
CHAPETA, Jeffrey Scott, to wife of Richard Chapeta, SGT, 6 pounds, 1 ounce.
FAIRBANKS, Dorothy Jean, to wife of Jimmy Fairbanks, AR, 4 pounds, 8 3/4 ounces.
WOLFE, Randy Lee, to wife of Franklin Wolfe, CS2, 6 pounds, 6 ounces.
USHER, Ella Mardell, to wife of Jack Usher, FCS2, 6 pounds, 14 ounces.
RAPACZ, Gary Raymond, to wife of Raymond Rapacz, MM1, 8 pounds, 6 ounces.

27 November

GRISSOM, Michael Edward, to wife of Billy Grissom, ADAN, 7 pounds, 9 ounces.
ALFORD, Patrice, to wife of Roy Alford, COL, 8 pounds, 15 ounces.
NORRIS, Barbara Lynn, to wife of Robert Norris, BM3, 7 pounds, 3 ounces.
HEBERT, Deana Marie, to wife of Charles Hebert, GM3, 6 pounds, 10 ounces.
PROULX, Christine Ann, to wife of Norman Proulx, SK3, 6 pounds, 5 ounces.
SPEER, Pamela Jean, to wife of George Speer, FTSN, 8 pounds, 2 ounces.
HAYDON, Deborah Ann, to wife of Thomas Haydon, SK3, 8 pounds, 2 ounces.

28 November

DONNAN, David Richard, to wife of Burton Donnan, 7 pounds, 12 ounces.
EDWARDS, Barbara Ann, to wife of George Edwards, SK3, 7 pounds, 4 ounces.
SIMMONS, Dennis Edward, to wife of Albert Simmons, EM1, 8 pounds, 5 ounces.
RAMSEY, Linda Susan, to wife of Richard Ramsey, PFC, 8 pounds, 3 ounces.
PETERSEN, Lee Bennett, Jr., to wife of Lee Petersen, AE1, 6 pounds, 13 ounces.

29 November

BAGLEY, Mark Eugene, to wife of James Bagley, BM3, 8 pounds, 1 ounce.
VIEIRA, Diolinda Cecelia, to wife of John Vieira, BM2, 6 pounds, 11 ounces.
DE YARMIN, Richard Michael, to wife of Raymond De Yarmin, YN1, 9 pounds.
COURTOIS, Sherman Andrew, to wife of Frank Courtois, BT3, 8 pounds, 14 ounces.
GIBBS, Vera Lee, to wife of Verris Gibbs, ADC, 3 pounds, 9 ounces.
KING, Boy, to wife of Nathan King, LT, 5 pounds, 5 ounces.
JAMES, Tia, to wife of Robert James, LTJG, 5 pounds.
HART, Roxine Cheryl, to wife of Robert Hart, QM3, 7 pounds, 12 ounces.
BAYER, Elaine, to wife of Norman Bayer, RD2, 9 pounds, 2 ounces.
FALLAW, Robin Darryl, to wife of Hurklyn Fallaw, S/SGT, 8 pounds, 3 ounces.
EDMISTEN, Patricia Kay, to wife of Earl Edmisten, ADC, 7 pounds.
INLAY, Barrie Dennis, to wife of Floyd Inlay, SN, 5 pounds, 8 ounces.
ANDERSON, Nancy Lee, to wife of Le Roy Anderson, SN, 6 pounds, 5 ounces.
GOODMAN, Julie Anne, to wife of Virgil Goodman, AEM2, 7 pounds, 1 ounce.
DELLARD, Larry Russell, to wife of Donald Dellard, BTEN, 7 pounds, 15 ounces.

30 November

ELMORE, Robert Michael, to wife of Elmer Elmore, BM3, 8 pounds, 8 ounces.
ROCKETT, Gail Diane, to wife of James Rockett, LTJG, 7 pounds, 2 ounces.
IMONS, Ervin Wilson, Jr., to wife of Ervin Simons, SK3, 6 pounds, 10 ounces.
CORTEZ, Boy, to wife of Ernest Cortez, BMSN, 4 pounds, 1 ounce.
STRAHM, David Christian, to wife of Rolf Strahm, ET3, 8 pounds, 2 ounces.
HESS, Charles Douglas, to wife of Conrad Hess, CS1, 6 pounds, 2 ounces.
WOLFE, James Roger, to wife of Roger Wolfe, LCDR, 7 pounds, 6 ounces.

1 December

TOOREY, Mark Lee, to wife of Donald Toorey, TD2, 8 pounds, 7 ounces.
SEAMANDS, Katherine Irene, to wife of Albert Seamands, HN, 6 pounds, 14 ounces.
DAKIN, William Gary, to wife of Robert Dakin, HM2, 6 pounds, 15 ounces.
DAWSON, Sheri Lynn, to wife of Bobby Dawson, FN, 6 pounds, 5 ounces.
McLAREN, Michael George, to wife of Raymond McLaren, S/SGT, 6 pounds, 11 ounces.
SMITH, Samuel Willie, Jr., to wife of Samuel Smith, AMAN, 7 pounds, 10 ounces.
SILVA, Nancy Marie, to wife of Earl Silva, T/SGT, 6 pounds.
CONDER, Beth, to wife of Verne Conder, QM3, 6 pounds, 14 ounces.

Pageant, Party Tickets on Hand

As the Holiday season nears, the tempo of social activities at Oak Knoll becomes more rapid, with new events constantly being added to the schedule.

In line with the season, 50 tickets have been made available for the annual Christmas Pageant to be held at the Oakland Auditorium on Sunday, 9 December. The cast is made up of 1,600 school children from the East Bay Area. The pageant is sponsored by the Oakland Recreation Department and is regarded as one of the outstanding entertainment features offered during the holiday season. Transportation to and from the auditorium will be provided.

On Monday, 10 December, the San Francisco Veterans of Foreign Wars will present a variety show at the Community Services Building auditorium. The same day 25 patients and staff members have been invited to a dinner and Christmas Party given by the First Presbyterian Church Men's Club in Oakland. Transportation will leave the hospital at 1830.

An invitation has also been extended to a busload of patients to attend the V.F.W. Post 1010 Past Commanders' Night smoker in Emeryville on Friday, 14 December.

On Sunday, 16 December, 40 staff members and patients have been invited to a dinner and evening of entertainment by the University Masonic Club of Berkeley. Dates will be provided for those attending, and part of the entertainment will consist of dancing. Any one interested is urged to check with Special Services regarding transportation.

Wives of Officers To Meet Wednesday

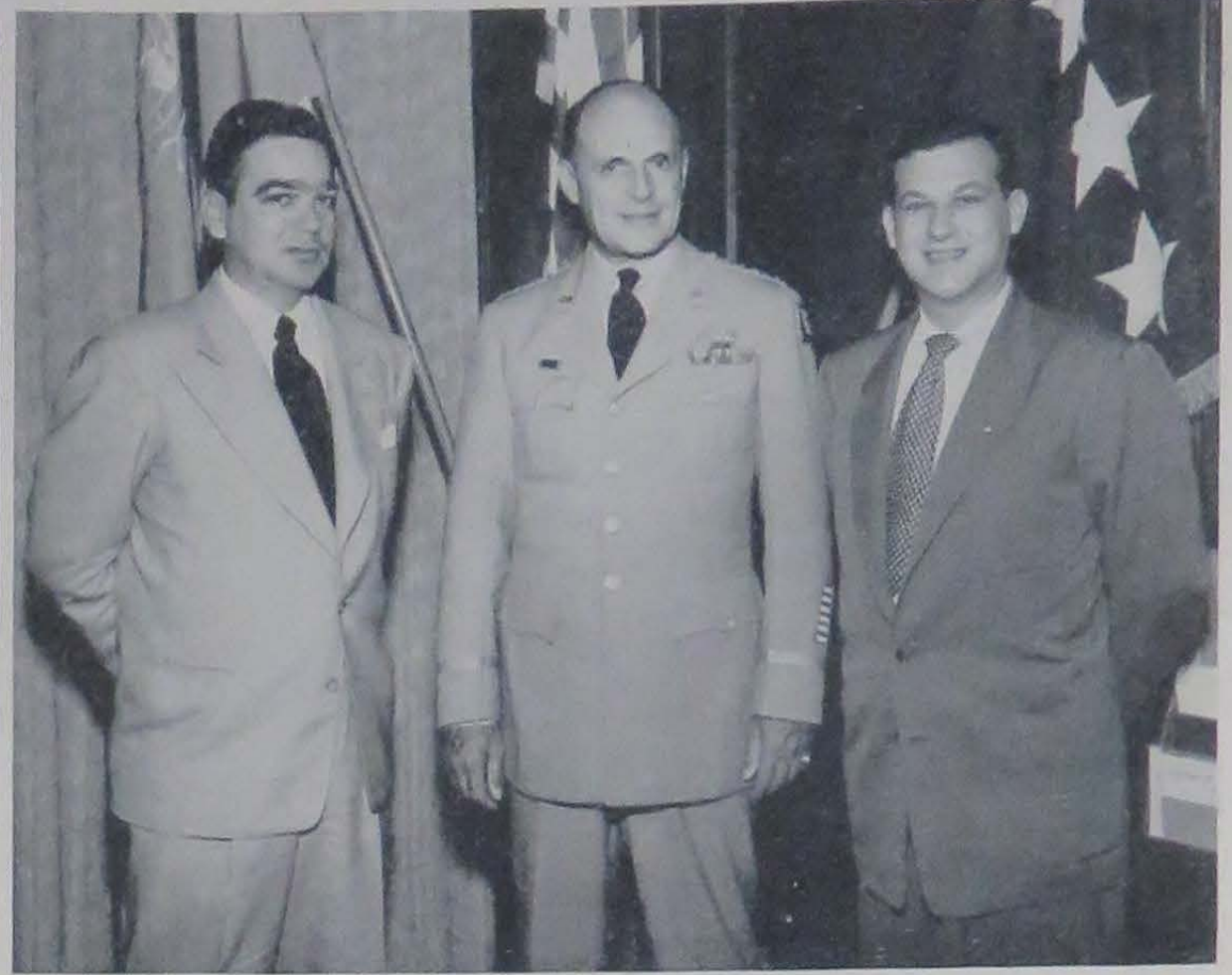
Members of the Officers' Wives Club will hold their December meeting Wednesday the 12th at the Officers' Club.

Following the luncheon, which will be served at 1215, a demonstration and talk on the preparation of party sandwiches will be given by Mrs. Kathleen Jensen, Sunbeam Bread Hostess. Another feature of the program will be the exchange of "white elephant" Christmas gifts.

Mrs. Derrick C. Turnipseed is in charge of arrangements for the meeting, and she is being assisted by Mrs. George W. Barnes, Mrs. Bruce R. McCampbell, Mrs. Walter N. Johnson, Mrs. John H. McLaughlin, Mrs. Sidney Jones, Mrs. George C. Beattie, Mrs. Carl A. Dillaha, Jr., Mrs. Russell W. Bagley, and Mrs. James P. Ahstrom, Jr.

Newcomers and other members of the club are asked to call Mrs. Turnipseed, TR 2-7721, for reservations. As a reminder for the mothers, five hours of free baby sitting will be provided.

Spokane, Wash. (AFPS)—Bored while his parents talked with a man in the "big building," a small boy curiously pulled a switch. Within minutes the law was on the scene. He had pulled a burglar alarm switch at a branch bank while his parents discussed a loan.



Joseph Glider (right) of the Disabled American Veterans, and his friend, Herb Miller, are shown above with GEN Matthew B. Ridgway, Commander-in-Chief, Far East, when the three visited recently in the Office of CINCFE, Daie Ichi Building, Tokyo. (U.S. Army Photo.)

DAV Official Who Toured Europe, Far East, Now Oak Knoll Patient

Joseph Glider is an old hand at using an artificial leg, having lost his own right leg in 1943. He is now at Oak Knoll, where doctors hope they can save his other leg from infection.

Glider, a field director for the Disabled American Veterans organization, recently completed a tour of hospitals in Europe and the Far East Command, to help in the rehabilitation of new amputees.

Accompanying Glider on the tour was Herbert J. Miller, also a field director, and another disabled veteran. Glider and Miller are co-owners of a company in Los Angeles that manufactures military trophies and awards. Over a hundred, or about 85 per cent, of the employees in the factory are amputees of World War II and the fighting in Korea.

Glider is a former Army sergeant who lost his left leg below the knee as the result of an infection that developed while he was on maneuvers in Florida. He later met Miller, an ex-pilot who was disabled in a plane

crash. Through the assistance of the DAV, they were able to make their tour of Europe, Japan and Korea and to do a great deal to help rehabilitate other amputees.

While on tour, they received several citations for their visits in the Far East and for the morale-building effect their tour had on amputees. They were cited by BRIGGEN Clyde L. Brothers, Air Force surgeon; by MAJGEN Erskine Hume, Army Medical Director of the UN Forces in Korea, and by GEN Matthew Ridgway. They also met with GEN Eisenhower while on tour of Army hospitals in Europe.

Glider, a native of Pittsburg, Calif., is married, and his wife, Geneva, is also an amputee. They met at Mare Island in 1949 when she was being fitted with an artificial limb after she had lost a leg in a plane crash.

He was formerly a student at a dramatic school in Oakland and worked for a time for the American Broadcasting Company in Hollywood.

Opening for Training Assistant Announced by Civilian Personnel

The Civilian Personnel Office is recruiting qualified applicants for the position of Training Assistant (general), GS-8.

Applicants must have had four years of experience in one or a combination of the following: 1) experience in an administrative or supervisory capacity with personal responsibility for training employees; 2) experience as a supervisor or consultant in an educational program; 3) experience in county agricultural extension or home demonstration work; 4) teaching in a program of vocational, technical, or adult education; 5) experience in training, systematically planned to meet operating needs; 6) teaching in an accredited secondary school or teaching education, public administration or psychology at the college level; expe-

rience as a social group worker responsible for planning group activities.

Education in a college or university of recognized standing may be substituted for not to exceed three years of experience.

Further information may be obtained from Mrs. Ella Burr in Civilian Personnel, Extension 153.

Sacramento, Calif. (AFPS)—Richard Desmond is a landlord who loves kids. In advertising for tenants, he insisted that they have children.

Indianapolis, Ind. (AFPS)—Asked why he had been on the roof of a local hotel, a 28-year-old man told police that he "was waiting for a space ship."

Who's Who in Legal Office

Russell H. Giles, CWOHC, USN, holds an LL.B. from Georgetown University. He is a trap and skeet enthusiast, and is a member of no less than seven trap and skeet associations, from California and Nevada to New York.

Tom Raum, HM3, USNR, who also has an LL.B. degree, attended the University of California at Los Angeles, the University of Wichita, and Washburn University Law School. His main ambition right now is to get back to his civil law practice and a job as Deputy District Attorney in Wichita, Kansas.

Stanley W. Baker, HN, USNR, received his LL.B. from the University of Kansas City. He was an attorney before being called back into the Navy. Stan is married and has a daughter 10 months old.

Wayne A. Westover, Jr., HM3, USNR, attended the University of California at Berkeley, received his LL.B. at Hastings College of Law, in San Francisco. Any time he has left over from his present Navy duties, he devotes to the building trades. In particular, he is interested in brick construction and landscape design.

Elizabeth Tom, secretary to the Legal Officer, attended Heald's Business College in Oakland. Her hobbies, she says, are "knitting socks," bowling, and pretty cars.

Agnes B. Hocking, also a secretary to the Legal Officer, attended the University of Minnesota. She has two children, a son, the eldest, and a daughter who is married and lives in Minneapolis.



These are the people who "make the Legal Office go." Each of the four Navy men in the office holds an LL.B. degree. Their experience in civilian life and in the Navy qualifies them to handle the many legal problems that are brought to their office every day. 1—Wayne Westover, Jr., HM3, USNR, points to a page in a reference book while Mrs. Agnes Hocking looks on attentively. 2—Russell H. Giles, CWOHC, USN, heads the Legal Office and is also an Assistant to the Personnel Officer. 3—Tom Raum, HM3, USNR, looks up from his study of a technical point of law. 4—Elizabeth Tom listens as Stanley Baker, HN, USNR, explains how a legal form is to be filled out.

New Sub-Killer Is Commissioned

(By Armed Forces Press Service)

New London Naval Submarine Base, Conn.—The first of a new class of post-war submarines designed expressly for hunting out and destroying enemy undersea craft was commissioned here recently.

Called the USS K-1, it is a small, super-quiet, lethally armed "killer" vessel.

The deadly craft is nearly half the size of the standard WWII fleet V type submarines.

The K-1 is equipped with a snorkel for breathing underwater. And her magnifying "ears" are sensitive enough to distinguish a man's breathing within a certain vicinity.

The K-1's plant of attack is simple and deadly. With her "ears" as her major weapon she can search suspicious waters. When contact is made with the enemy an "electric brain" plots her course, speed, and depth. Silently, she moves in for the kill, strikes, and then quickly makes her escape.

The entire operation is done while submerged.

While undergoing experiments, the K-1 carried a crew of four officers and 35 enlisted men. She's 190 feet in length and displaces 750 tons.

This newest defensive weapon in undersea warfare has been assigned to the Submarine Force, Atlantic Fleet.

Oak Knoll's "Legal Eagles" Cope With Varied Problems

Do you have troubles? Want to adopt a baby, grant a power of attorney, or will your millions to charity? You have come to the right place if you happen to wander into that learned corner of the record office called the Legal Section. The service is free, for the use or abuse of both patients and staff.

If you have committed the unpardonable sin of breaching the Navy's laws, you have also come to the right spot. The legal staff, consisting of four attorneys and two secretaries, stands ready to help you out of a jam or slam you into the local bastille at the drop of a hat.

That genial gentleman heading the Department is Commissioned Warrant Officer Russell H. Giles, a product of Duquesne and Georgetown Universities. In addition to his duties as Legal Officer, he also bears the imposing title of Assistant Personnel Officer. Mr. Giles is the Trial Counsel, or prosecutor, in all Special Courts Martial. He is the representative of the government in all cases of United States of America versus John Doe.

The assistants to the Legal Officer include Tom Raum HM3, Stan Baker HN, and Wayne Westover HM3.

Among the barristers there is a literal cross-section of the nation. Bar-associations of four states, Maryland, Kansas, Missouri and California, as well as the Federal Bar, are represented. The two secretaries, Elizabeth Tom GS-5, and Agnes Hocking GS-4, are both residents of the Golden State.

The work of the Legal Office falls roughly into two categories: Matters of discipline, and legal assistance. In the disciplinary phase, once a court martial has been awarded by the Commanding Officer at mast, the attorneys are called into action. Formal charge sheets are prepared, and the prosecution's case is organized. The legal office also takes the initiative in informing the accused of his rights and arranging counsel to represent him. During and after the trial, they handle the multitude of paper work required by the government in disciplinary matters.

In the field of legal assistance, the legal staff stands ready to help all hands with any problems with which they may be confronted. The preparation of documents occupies a good deal of the staff's time. Wills, powers of attorney, contracts, and affidavits are prepared on a large scale. One of

the attorneys is always available to help you with problems of divorce, adoption, inheritance, or pending litigation. However, due to the limited staff and facilities, legal assistance matters which require extensive follow-up must be referred to the District Legal Assistance Office at Treasure Island.

In addition to its other duties, the legal office assists in conducting official Navy investigations, handles all matters of indebtedness, prepares all correspondence of a legal nature, and processes all discharges of an undesirable character.

This office also maintains a protective watch over you while you are under the thumb of the local constabulary, should you ever be so unfortunate as to get into trouble with the civilian authorities. Liaison work with the local authorities is one of the most important functions of the legal office. Through the cooperation of the patients and staff, excellent relations have been maintained.

Should the need arise, seek out that busy little corner of the record office in the Administration Building, where those on duty are ready to help or sympathize, as your need may require.

KOWAR Disabled Get More School

World War II veterans who have returned to active duty and who were disabled after the outbreak of Korean hostilities, may be eligible for vocational training under a recent law, even though they have already trained under the GI Bill or Public Law 16, according to the Veterans Administration.

The provision for additional training for World War II veterans was included in a law passed late in 1950 and amended in October, 1951. Under that law, veterans who received service-connected disabilities after 27 June 1950 may take training if they need it to overcome the handicap of those disabilities.

The fact that an eligible veteran had taken advantage of previous veterans' training programs is no bar to further training should his disability be such as to require it.

In determining whether ex-GI Bill or Public Law 16 veteran-trainees need additional training under the new act, VA said it will adhere to the following procedures:

The veteran's previous records of advisement and training, as well as his current medical record, will be considered, so that earlier training may be utilized as fully as possible.

For a veteran who interrupted Public Law 16 training to re-enter the armed forces, his past training record and present medical file will be evaluated to learn whether he still is able to go ahead in the same employment objective.

10,000 Waves Sought by Navy

(By Armed Forces Press Service)

All benefit and career opportunities offered men in the U.S. Navy have been made available to women who select the naval service as a career.

Officially known as Women in the U.S. Navy, but more commonly called WAVES, they may enter into 28 of the Navy's 62 ratings or become Line officers. Several of the Navy's staff corps in which women may attain a commission are open.

The Navy currently is seeking 10,000 WAVES; as of May, 1951, about 5,000 of this figure had been realized. The Naval Reserve boasts slightly more than 1,000 WAVES.

Women who are excited by foreign place names can sate that urge in the WAVES. The Navy has women on duty in such places as Guam, Alaska, Hawaii, England, Germany, Japan, and France. WAVE hospital corpsmen are able to go to sea in hospital ships.

Enlisting for a period of four or six years, WAVE recruits receive their initial training at Bainbridge, Md. Nearly all of their instructors are women.

The training courses in recruit indoctrination include naval history, naval organization and administration, naval personnel, ships and aircraft, jobs and training, physical training and military drill.

More than 79,000 WAVES proved to the Navy during WWII that they could step into practically any shore billet and release a man for duty with the fighting fleet.



One of the first to take advantage of the Christmas gift wrapping service was John McGuire, HA, shown above handing a package to be wrapped for mailing to Mrs. F. H. Anderberg, one of the Chiefs' Wives group on hand Wednesday afternoon. Other wrapping service workers shown are Mrs. June Rose (left) and Mrs. C. V. Martin.



CPL Richard S. Sundeen considers himself lucky for having gotten off with two broken elbows, a nerve injury in his right arm, and a piece of shrapnel in his abdomen when an enemy machine gun bullet went down the barrel of his rocket gun and exploded the rocket while it was still in the chamber.

"One-in-Million" Wounds Marine

Marines call a million dollar wound the one that gets them home and in one piece. Marine Corporal Richard S. Sundeen, now a patient at Oak Knoll, got his million dollar wound on 8 November, 1951 by a chance shot in a billion.

An enemy machine gun bullet flew down the barrel of the 3.5 rocket gun (super-bazooka) that Sundeen was preparing to fire, and exploded the rocket in the firing chamber. Both his elbows were fractured; the nerve in his right arm was severed, and pieces of shrapnel penetrated his abdomen.

"It should have taken my head off or blown me to pieces," he grimly remarked. "I was lucky at that."

Sundeen, leader of a four-man rocket section crew, had been ordered to destroy an enemy machine gun nest that was firing on a small knoll in front of our lines in the Punch-bowl area on the Korean front.

He had just taken over for a minute as gunner on one of the two rockets in his charge and had leaped up to fire his weapon when the freakish hit occurred.

"I was given four quarts of blood, and I don't need to tell you that saved my life," Sundeen declared.

Prior to entering the Marine Corps two years ago, he was a student at Kansas City Junior College. He served ten months overseas with the Seventh Regiment, First Marine Division, prior to receiving his present injuries.

Sundeen had been wounded once before, on 8 September, 1951, by artillery shrapnel in the legs. He has been awarded the Purple Heart and a Gold Star in lieu of a second Purple Heart.

"I spent most of my vacation in Paris and I drank lots of tea while I was there. It's a funny thing about the tea they serve in Paris. They put bubbles in it."



Gift Wrapping Service Opened

Oak Knollites apparently are firmly of the belief that it is more blessed to give than receive, and within a short time after the gift wrapping service opened at the Bowling Alley office on Wednesday, 5 December, some 20-odd persons had turned up to have their Christmas purchases gaily and colorfully wrapped or prepared for mailing.

The wrapping service has all the supplies and gift-wrappers necessary to go full blast from 0930 to 1600 each week day from now until Monday, 24 December.

Doing the wrapping for any male staff member or patient are the Officers' and Chiefs' Wives, in two shifts each day, under the direction of Mrs. J. N. C. Gordon.

Bed patients may take advantage of the free wrapping service through the ward Red Cross worker, who will see that the gift is taken to the service, wrapped and returned.

The bright ribbons, colorful boxes, and strong paper and twine, and the usual Christmas paper, are all furnished by the Red Cross and should prove very helpful to the many men on the base who are all thumbs when it comes to tying Christmas packages.

try to foist on you. Hostesses who serve drinks with grenadine should be stricken from your call-list, and bartenders recommending hideous fantasies with sweet mixes "Should be delivered to the tortures while their bars are placed under interdict."

"The Hour" is a gem, and its philosophy will show you the way to serenity. The cocktail hour, with its water of life and warm conversation among good friends, "Is the healer, the weaver of forgiveness and reconciliation, the justifier to ourselves and one another. . . ."

"One more . . ." he says, "And then, with a spirit made whole again in a cleansed world, to dinner." Need anyone say more?

FRANK M. CAMPBELL, HMI

Two immensely civilized books have turned up recently that brought joy to my artistic soul and taught me how to make a good Martini. "Two Cheers for Democracy" is a collection of essays and radio lectures by E. M. Forster, author of "Passage to India." Mr. Forster is a believer in the good (i.e. quietly genial, liberal, inquiring, gentlemanly) life where people had time to read all the books they wanted, attend concerts or not as the idea struck them and generally absorb more of the good things available to man. He sees this way of living perish a little more each day and he murmurs sadly, but always with restraint and taste as befits a Victorian caught in the wrong century, at the departure of what he calls culture. I make him sound pedantic and dull; he's neither. It is probably the masterpiece of dry wit, and sometimes outright fun, that we have had this year.

The other book, by a distinguished historian, novelist and critic whom I am privileged to call my friend, is "The Hour," Bernard DeVoto's glorious rhapsody to, what in his eyes, is the most vital moment of the day, the cocktail hour. When one is discouraged after a day's work, when all seems lost and done, "This is merely a moroseness of tired and buffeted men, an illusion, and help is at hand to brush it away. . . . We need only a moment of quickening, a reminder by wisdom laced with a little water, that there are dignity and gallant deeds and dauntlessness and disregard of the odds, that evil yields and the shadows flee away." I have sampled Mr. DeVoto's Martini's before dinner and he tells you the truth. The world thereafter is **not** the same place. As well as telling you how to make these delights, which he cautions you "Have a high muzzle velocity," he sets forth a list of drinks to be avoided, of poisons that untrustworthy and ignorant people may

Civilian Leave Changes Listed

New rulings in regard to annual and sick leave for civilian employees have just been announced by the Civilian Personnel office.

The recent ruling that changed the leave system from 26 days annual leave to 20 days per year has been cancelled by the Annual and Sick Leave Act of 1951, which will become effective on 6 January 1952.

Beginning 6 January annual leave will accrue as follows: a) employees with less than 3 years federal service, 13 days per year; employees with 3 to 15 years federal service, 20 days per year; employees with more than 15 years federal service, 26 days per year.

All civilian service for the federal government and all active duty periods in any branch of the military service of the U.S. government will be creditable in determining the employees length of service for leave computation. Employees will be entitled to carry a maximum of 60 days annual leave from one calendar year to the next.

Employees will not accrue annual leave until they have completed 90 days of employment without a break in service. After completion of 90 days of service, leave will be credited for this period.

Effective 6 January 1952 all employees will accrue sick leave on the basis of 13 days per year. There is no longer any restriction on the maximum amount of sick leave which may be accumulated. The 90 day restriction after entrance on duty prior to accrual of annual leave is not applicable to sick leave.

Prior to 1 January 1952 all employees will be provided with information from the records of the Civilian Personnel Office as to the dates of creditable service shown in the employee's record. Employees will be given an opportunity to provide the Civilian Personnel Office with information concerning previous federal employment which may not have been previously claimed.

Thirty-six Win Medal Of Honor in Korea

Washington (AFPS) — Thirty-six Americans have won the Medal of Honor, the nation's highest military award, since the outbreak of Korean fighting.

The Army has awarded 28 Honor Medals—seven to living soldiers, four to men who are listed as missing in action, and 17 posthumously.

Six Medals of Honor have been awarded in the Marine Corps, three posthumously and three to living Leathernecks.

The Navy and Air Force each have bestowed one Honor Medal. The Navy officer survived to receive his medal. The Air Force man lost his life.

Olean, N. Y. (AFPS) — William J. McKelley's love for bees is dwindling. Having been bitten three times in ten days, he has asked the Common Council to pass an ordinance making honey bees unlawful in residential areas.

Watertown, N. Y. (AFPS) — For driving while under the influence of alcohol, Tom Collins was given 30 days in jail.



S/SGT Hurklyn Fallaw, USMC, didn't have far to go when he visited his son, Robin Darryl, for the first time. Fallaw is a patient on 76B; Robin, born 29 November, and his mother, Geneva, were patients on Ward 73A until they left for their home in Alameda Sunday.

In the photo above, ENS Lorraine Jones, NC, USN, of the nursery, holds the 8 lb., 3 oz. boy while the father, a veteran of the Korea fighting, views him with pride and wonder. This is the first child for the South Carolina couple, temporarily making their home in Alameda while he is under treatment here. SGT Fallaw has been in the Marine Corps for seven years and had been overseas for a month when he was hit in the face by enemy shrapnel.

Wilton, N. H. (AFPS)—There must be an easier way to cut a lawn, believes Policeman Arthur Deilig, hospitalized with a fractured arm and hip injuries. He fell down and was run over by his power lawn mower.

Butte, Mont. (AFPS)—Hunter Elvin Kinner was shot by his dog! Swerving his auto to avoid an oncoming car, his shotgun slid to the seat and his dog stepped on the trigger.

Staff Personalities



The blond young man who does his "Barbering Business" in the staff barber shop, Building 25A, is Bob Amos. Amos has been at Oak Knoll approximately two months, coming here from Oklahoma City, where he attended barber college and got his master barber's license. He served eighteen months with the infantry on occupation duty in Korea following World War II, and has spent most of his time since then in the great state of Texas, where he owns a home. Since coming to the West Coast he has not been able to form a good or bad opinion of California, but that is understandable since he has only been married for six months and still has his head in the clouds.

Add to the list of unusual jobs held by Hospital Corpsmen—Edward L. Sell, HM3, an architect, who draws up the plans for any remodeling or new construction done at Oak Knoll. Sell, of course, is well qualified for his job. He received his Master's degree in architecture from the University of Kansas in the spring of 1950, and before being called back into the Navy in June had practiced his profession in Wichita. Assigned to the maintenance office thus far in his second time around, he served 27 months in the Navy during World War II, all but three months of which was spent with the FMF. Married, Sell is the father of an eight-month-old son.



Cow Palace Cage Schedule Is Told

Basketball fans at Oak Knoll will be glad to know that nine nights of intercollegiate basketball will be presented at the Cow Palace during the 1951-52 season.

Highlight of the season's schedule will be a Big Ten-Pacific Coast East West doubleheader with California and Oregon of the Pacific Coast Conference playing host to Wisconsin and Iowa.

- The schedule:
- Friday, 21 December, California vs. Oregon State, Stanford vs. USF.
 - Thursday, 27 December, California vs. Iowa, Oregon vs. Wisconsin.
 - Friday, 28 December, California vs. Wisconsin, Oregon vs. Iowa.
 - Friday, 1-February, San Francisco State vs. Santa Clara, Saint Mary's vs. UCLA.
 - Saturday, 2 February, San Francisco State vs. San Jose, Santa Clara vs. UCLA.
 - Friday, 8 February, Stanford vs. Saint Mary's, USC vs. Santa Clara.
 - Saturday, 9 February, Stanford vs. Santa Clara, USC vs. USF.
 - Thursday, 21 February, St. Mary's vs. USF, Santa Clara vs. San Jose.
 - Friday, 22 February, Losers and winners.

Chuckles

"Hear you lost your best friend. How did it happen?"
 "He was keeled by a weasel."
 "Could never happen?"
 "Oh, yes. Is driving hotomobile. Is comeeng to railroad crossing. Didn't hear the weasel."

The new stenographer was being given her first instructions by the boss. "There are two words I never want you to use around here. One is lousy and the other is terrific."
 Steno: "What are the words?"

"Anyone would think I was nothing but a cook in this house," the wife complained.
 "Not after a couple of meals they wouldn't," her husband retorted.

Most men wouldn't mind their wives having the last word if they wouldn't keep repeating it.

Some girls think the latest swim suits are indecent. Others have good figures.

Customer: "Remember that cheese you sold me yesterday?"
 Grocer: "Yes, it was fine Swiss cheese."
 Customer: "Did you say it was 'imported' or 'deported' from Switzerland?"

Sailor: "Every time I kiss you, it makes me a better man."
 Cute Chick: "Well, you don't have to get to Heaven in one night."

Doctor: "I'm sorry, but I'm all out of gas."
 Girl in chair: "Holy smoke! Do dentists pull that old stuff, too?"

Doctor: "Your stomach is out of order. You'll have to diet."
 Patient: "What color?"

IN THE
Spot-light
By JUDEX

Our Spotlight this week shines on the forgotten men of Oak Knoll. Holding down our furthest outpost are our seldom remembered men at Travis Air Force Base. Although members of our staff, these men are on temporary additional duty, performing vital functions in connection with air evacuation of combat casualties and blood processing. Away from the home base for months at a time, the men of Travis are doing a grand job which reflects credit on this command and the Naval service. We know that you fellows there at the "Siberia of the West" are loyal readers of The Oak Leaf. So that you will know we still remember, here is a great big, "Hi, Gang!"

OUR BRANCH OFFICE: HM1 Charley Metcalfe has a wife and three little sons waiting for him in Savannah, New York. We hear that John Metzler was quite a football star in high school. Francis Felicia, HN, is a farmer by trade. He rode the tractor at Reliance, S. D. HN Bob Harrison hails from the great state of Oregon, and really likes that hunting. Howard Walling worked for the U.P. at Sun Valley, Idaho, before being employed by Uncle Sam. Harry Butler, HM3, will soon be going home to his wife and wee one in Texas. February is the month of liberation. Also going home soon will be Richard Sidener. His wife waits impatiently in Sacramento. HM2 John Griffith is one of the big wheels in the Eagles Lodge. Tom Newsome used to pass out the traffic tickets in Lincoln, Nebraska. HM1 Bill Evans is the proud possessor of an A.B. degree from Kansas University. Another native of the Golden State is HN Bob Carpenter. Les Thomson, HM2, was a display man before the Navy had other ideas. Floyd Van Dyke, true to his name, was a painter in Sacramento. R. C. Mack is a landscaping artist. Between wars, that is. HM2 Leonard Olson did a lot of fishing around Vallejo when he wasn't busy with his 7-UP truck. HM1 Alvin Rodda calls Sacramento home. His spouse and two-year-old son are there. Arvis Latham, HM1, will be going back to his butchering business in March. Another rugged outdoorsman is HM2 Keith Workman. Between fishing trips, he is a truck driver. Wesley Hansen, another Oregonian, is single and very eligible. Did you know that Thornton Lohnes was a scoutmaster in Hutchinson, Kansas? HM3 Joe Taddeo hails from Rochester, New York, where he worked in a cereal plant. Larry Sprague is an X-Ray technician by profession. HM2 Clyde Bond really loves that wild Wyoming. The city is Sheridan. Charley Jett's pride and joy is his family in Long Beach—two sons, so far.

THE HOME PORT: Chief Paul Musick has received word of his promotion to LTJG. It couldn't happen to a nicer guy. Also, our congratulations to HMC Phil Ragle, who is slated to don the bars of an Ensign. Big John Ronan left our midst last week to join the ranks at 50 Fell Street. Ann Badalato says that it took her seven months to find out who "Derf" was. Just when she solved the mystery, "Judex" appeared. Now she is really confused. You should start

PREVIEWS

Sunday, 9 December
CALLAWAY WENT THATAWAY—Howard Keel, Dorothy McGuire, COMEDY-DRAMA. This is a new movie, not yet scheduled for public release, and no information of any sort is available concerning it. Also two short subjects, "Triplet Trouble," a one-reeler in color, and a newsreel.

Monday, 10 December
CALL ME MISTER—Betty Grable, Dan Dailey, MUSICAL. This is a full treatment of a Hollywood Betty Grable vehicle, in color, with music and dances galore. A relatively old film, it was released to the public last February. Miss Grable and Mr. Dailey should make a good team and La Grable is always mighty luscious. Also a one-reeler in color, called "Rabbit Stew."

Tuesday, 11 December
DISTANT DRUMS—Gary Cooper, Mari Alden, DRAMA. Here is another brand new one that the public has not yet had a chance to see. No information is available as to plot, but Gary Cooper is almost a sure bet.

Wednesday, 12 December
HOT LEAD—Richard Martin, Jean Dixon, ADVENTURE. Another new one that you can see before your friends outside. No reviewer's reports available, but the title sounds interesting if you like the rough and ready type of story. Also a two-reeler on "The Pinkerton Man," which should give a well rounded out evening of that particular kind of movies.

Thursday, 13 December
FINDERS KEEPERS—Tom Ewell, Julia Adams, ?????? This one doesn't seem to be listed by the more recent issues of the trade magazine, so it may be new or old, good or bad, in color or not—no information at all on it. If you like to take a chance, this is one place where you can do it. For twelve cents, what have you got to lose, and it might be very good. Also a one-reeler on Jerry Gray and his orchestra.

Friday, 14 December
FIXED BAYONETS—Richard Basehart, Michael O'Shea, ADVENTURE. Here is another new one that the reviewers haven't seen as yet. It is not scheduled for release to the public until later in the month. It sounds like a bare-chested thriller-diller, however, for the fans of that kind of movie. It is accompanied by something called "Sno' Fun," in color and in one reel, plus a newsreel.

Saturday, 15 December
HALLS OF MONTEZUMA—Richard Widmark, Walter Palance, DRAMA. There should be little doubt as to the subject of this movie, but let's let the trade magazine tell it: "Here is a magnificent portrayal of an episode of Marine fighting on a Pacific Island during World War II. While the time-setting is a few years ago, the spirit and action of the picture—conveyed most vividly in Technicolor—may be applied to the American forces now struggling in Korea. There the topography and climate are different but the death, hunger and heroism are the same. Richard Widmark, as a Marine Lieutenant, has the central role and plays it with a distinction that will not be overlooked when Academy Awards are voted upon. When the story begins on a transport approaching an enemy-held island, Widmark has already been through much fighting in other island landings. As all normal men, he is afraid. However, as a strong man, he does not show his fear. Only a medical corpsman, Karl Malden, knows that the lieutenant suffers from torturing migraine headaches"—Take it from there.

making plans now for the big staff Christmas party on 21 December. It should be the best of the year.



A six-member class on Friday, 30 November, was graduated at the completion of the six-month course for X-Ray Technicians at Oak Knoll. Members of the class and technician school officials shown above are (front row, left to right) PFC Steve Stevens, Pauline Lemich, HMC, instructor in the school, Albert Brack, HM3, and Joseph Finley, HM1; (rear row, left to right) CDR J. G. Bulgrin, Head of the X-Ray Service, PFC John Diamond, PFC George McDonald, and John Gardner, HM3.

WELCOME AND FAREWELL

Although there was considerable activity in staff personnel during the past week, the additions to the staff nearly balanced the number of persons who left Oak Knoll. A large part of the influx of new staff members can be traced to the forming of a new class for the Environmental Sanitation Technicians' school here.

All told, 29 persons reported aboard for duty during the week, just two less than the number transferred to new activities.

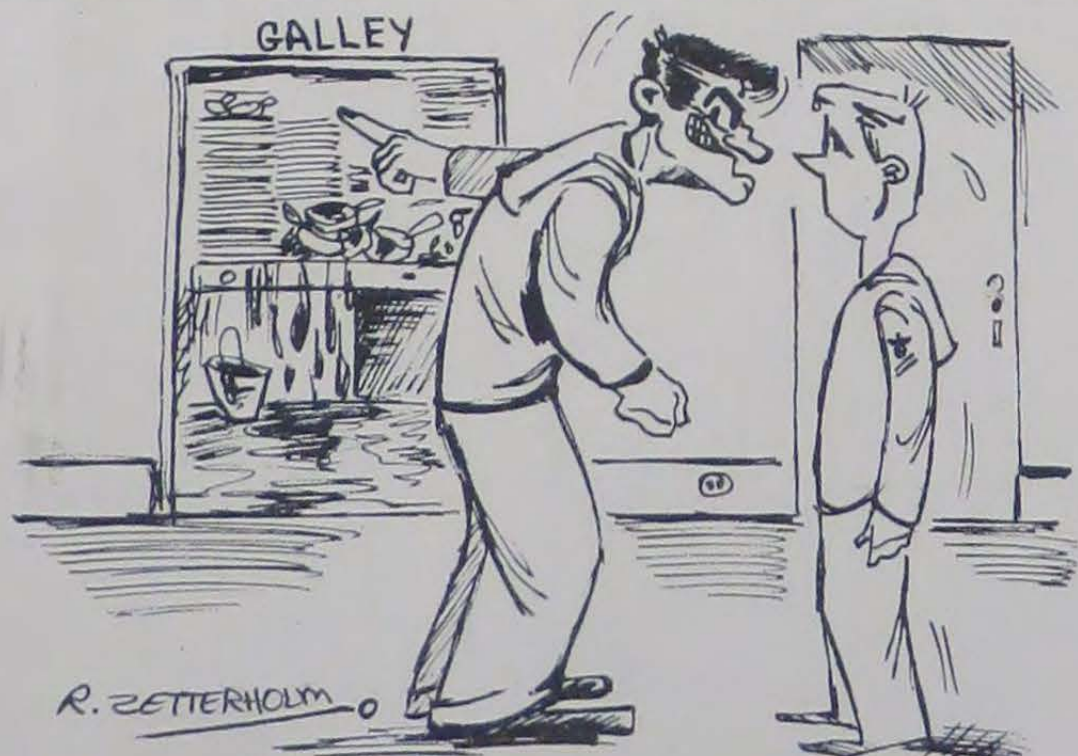
Reporting aboard were LTJG Ray V. Grewe, MC, USNR, from civilian life; LTJG Paul E. Musick, MSC, USN, from enlisted status; ENS Miriam T. Bovar, NC, USNR, ENS Catherine Evanchik, NC, USNR, ENS Melanie L. Coppola, NC, USNR, ENS Hildegard R. Heins, NC, USNR, and ENS Lorraine L. Jones, NC, USNR, all from USNH, St. Albans, N. Y.;

HMC's K. W. Cross from Receiving Station, San Francisco; S. H. Fields, also from RECSTA, San Francisco; V. Yelton from USNAS, Barbers Point; J. W. Mecum from NAAS, Monterey; J. L. Culp from USS SEMINOLE; A. D. Rosatti from USS THADDEUS PARKER; V. M. Clancy from USS CONSOLATION; D. W. Johnson from USNH, St. Albans;

C. E. Lee from USNH, Philadelphia, and E. P. Wachsman from USS CUSHING; HM1's T. A. Tubergen, Jr., from MSTS, San Francisco; R. L. White from USNH, Quantico, Va.; C. H. Keskey from RECSTA, San Francisco; W. W. Reed from USS HELENA, and C. E. Ryan from Marine Corps Barracks, Camp Lejeune; HM2's J. A. Milo from USNH, Chelsea; E. H. Volini from ADCOM, USNTC, Great Lakes; C. R. Barrow, Jr., from USNH, Oceanside, and J. E. Whitworth from 50 Fell Street, San Francisco; HM3 D. C. Bailey from USS HAVEN; HA W. J. Hagerty from HCS, San Diego, and DA D. H. Wilmarth from USNTC, San Diego.

Leaving Oak Knoll were LT Sidney R. Burnip, Jr., MC, USNR, to MSTS, San Francisco; CDR Harold A. Streit, MC, USN, to COMFOUR; LTJG Margaret R. Willits, NC, USNR, to civilian life;

HMC's L. F. Betoney to USS CUSHING; J. M. Williams to FMF, Camp Pendleton, and R. F. Dee to USNAS, Norfolk; HM1's J. M. Osborne, to HCS, USNH, Portsmouth, Va.; F. J. Holmes to USNAAS, Chincoteague, Va.; H. F. Brandt, Jr., to FMF, Camp Pendleton, and A. M. Crossley, also to Camp Pendleton; HM2 R. C. Lent to USNH, Great Lakes, and J. M. Wagner to USS QUINCY; HM3's C. M. Rhodes, Jr., to USS HAVEN, and G. J. Korbis and E. T. Fowler, Jr., both to Camp Pendleton; HN's C. A. Brown, R. F. Rhymes, B. J. Peterson, D. Frohming, M. A. Stouffer, J. H. Tracy, L. I. Boyd, Jr., D. Lee, and R. A. Ludden, all to USS HAVEN, and R. W. Christie, Jr., J. W. Glover, L. A. Brown, G. W. Reynolds, C. E. Stallman, L. T. Prescott, and T. W. Coleman, all to Camp Pendleton.



“. . . I don't care what kind of technician you want to be—start washin'.”

Durango, Colo. (AFPS)—"I thought there might be a fine for shooting him," was deer hunter Bob Reilly's excuse for letting a mountain lion get away. Friends informed him that the state pays a \$50 bounty for mountain lions.

SPORTS

PacResFlt Downs Oak Knoll, 39-33

Oak Knoll's varsity cage crew opened its Twelfth Naval District league campaign on Tuesday, 4 December, with a 39-33 loss to a fast, more experienced Pacific Reserve Fleet team.

The two teams played on nearly equal terms during the first half, with the half-time score 15-13 in Oak Knoll's favor. But midway in the second half PacResFlt opened up with a scorching fast break that built up a quick six-point lead the Knollites were unable to overcome.

Coach Joe Reginato said he was well pleased with the team's performance the first time out. But on the schedule for the Knollites is more drill in fundamentals, such as working against a zone defense and sharpening up of shooting.

Forming the nucleus for the Hospital team were three holdovers from last year's team, A. D. Dolph, C. Spencer and George Papadakis. Papadakis, making his first and last appearance with the '51 team, was outstanding in his display of basketball savvy and floor leadership.

Dolph was high point man on the floor, with a total of 13; followed closely by Garcia of PacResFlt with 12.

Most of the story of the game can be told in what happened at the free throw line. PacResFlt capitalized on 10 chances of 20 they received, while Oak Knoll was able to sink only five of 13 attempts.

The Oak Knollites hoped to rack up their first win of the season on Thursday, 6 December, as they faced Mare Island Hospital. Results were not available at press time.

The box score of the opening game:

OAK KNOLL	FG	FT	F	PTS
Peterson	3	1	5	7
Stavanau	0	0	0	0
Rice	0	0	2	0
Spencer	0	0	0	0
Greene	0	0	0	0
Papadakis	4	0	2	8
Brown	0	2	0	2
Peck	1	0	4	2
LeBou	0	0	3	0
Dolph	6	1	3	13
Nelson	0	1	0	1
Amos	0	0	0	0
PACRESFLT				
Garcia	5	2	0	12
Zimmerman	0	0	0	0
Droukas	2	0	0	4
Bennett	4	1	3	9
Torkey	0	2	1	2
Paul	1	1	0	3
Chancellor	1	4	5	6
Eilet	0	0	0	0
Calloway	0	0	0	0
Ray	0	0	2	0
Dole	1	1	0	3

Female Cagers Defeated by TI

Oak Knoll's entry in the Bay Area Armed Forces Women's Basketball League made its first appearance on Thursday, 29 November, and, under the circumstances, the results were not too surprising.

Going up against a Treasure Island Waves crew that last year won the BAAF championship with the same team, Oak Knoll came out on the short end of a 42-15 score.

The fact that the score at half-time was 22-1 shows what a little experience, even a half of a game, can do for a basketball team. Badly outplayed during the first half, the Oak Knollites came back in the second half to almost match the winners point for point.

Coach Joe Reginato placed the cause for the defeat with several factors—included the usual first game jitters, lack of scrimmages in pre-game practice and a shortage of players on the squad. (The team went to Treasure Island with nine players, with six players necessary for a women's basketball team. Two of the players went out on personal fouls early in the second half, and a third player had to leave before the game was over. If another player had fouled out, Reginato would have had to finish the game with only five players on the floor.)

There were some bright spots, however, and Reginato is optimistic about the team's chances in future games. Especially noteworthy were the performances of LT Margaret Mariniak and LT Charlotte Bailey, who, between them, accounted for all the Oak Knoll scores. LT Mariniak scored eight points, LT Bailey seven.

Reginato was also somewhat pleased with the defensive showing of the team in the second half. During the first stanza, the zone defense used by the Treasure Islanders threw the Knollites off balance, but during the second half the zone method had been pretty well puzzled out.

Others who saw action for Oak Knoll were Longstreet, Fiedler, Henkel, Young, Hill, Warden and Heidell. The showing made by both teams at the free throw line was rather sad. Oak Knoll made good on three free throws of a possible ten, while Treasure Island was able to sink only six of 18.



Shown above are members of the two top-ranking teams of Oak Knoll's intra-hospital basketball league who were on hand Friday, 30 November, for presentation of awards. In the back row (left to right) are J. Brisnahan, N. Lawnick, G. Papadakis, R. Marston, T. Moore, and CAPT I. L. V. Norman, MC, USN, Executive Officer. In the front row are LT R. Thompson, Special Services Officer; H. Wong, G. Cavanaugh, A. Dolph, and C. Spencer. Cavanaugh and Dolph are members of the second place Night Crew team, the others of the first place Welfare and Recreation squad.

First Round Played In Bowling League

First round games in Oak Knoll's intra-hospital bowling league were completed during the past week, but results were not available as the Oak Leaf went to press.

League Commissioner Gilbert Nelson has announced that complete results of the week's bowling will be available on Fridays, and those results will be published in the Oak Leaf the following week.

The schedule for the next week includes:

Tuesday, 11 December—Nurses I versus Hit & Misses; Nurses II versus N. P. Department, and Physio versus Ramblin' Amps II.

Thursday, 13 December—Surgery II versus Artificial Limb; Staff Personnel versus Record Office, and Laboratory I versus Ramblin' Amps I.

Navy Pistol Team Cops National Title

Washington (AFPS)—Navy Secretary Dan Kimball has received the first national .45 caliber pistol championship trophy ever won by a Navy team.

The four-man team of sharpshooters beat more than 20 major contenders, including the nation's top Service, gun club and police teams. The Army finished second and the Marine Corps third.

The trophy, a silver bowl presented by the National Rifle Association, will remain in the possession of the Navy until a new champion is crowned next fall.

Tourney Awards Presented Here

Members of the Welfare and Recreation and Night Crew basketball teams, winners and runners-up respectively in the recent intra-hospital tournament, were presented awards on Friday, 30 November.

On the squad of the Welfare and Recreation team, each of whom was presented a jacket, were Tom Moore, manager, R. L. Gage, J. Brisnahan, G. Papadakis, H. Wong, R. D. Marston, C. C. Spencer, LTJG V. L. Boerma and N. Lawnick.

Making up the night crew team were A. D. Dolph, W. H. Van Diver, R. C. Seastrand, B. B. Hook, G. J. Cavanaugh, H. J. Owens, C. Anderson and W. Stokes.

Welfare and Recreation and Night Crew both finished among the top four teams of the eight-team league. Welfare and Recreation then scampered through the four-team play-off with no losses, while Night Crew lost only one game to place second.

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SGT "Tex" Reininger and his bride-to-be, Miss Jeannette Stretton, take a stroll at Oak Knoll as photographers' bulbs flash.

"Tex" Reininger To Be Married

SGT Werner "Tex" Reininger, Oak Knoll's quadruple amputee, made the headlines again last week in newspapers clear across the country as he announced his engagement to Miss Jeannette Stretton, Hayward, Calif.

Tex, who left Oak Knoll on Wednesday, 12 December, to spend Christmas with his parents in San Antonio, Texas, met his bride-to-be since he has been a patient at Oak Knoll.

He became acquainted with the pretty, brown-eyed, brown-haired insurance firm employee through a fellow patient on his amputee ward. The patient took Reininger along one evening when he went to see his girl friend. Miss Stretton also happened to be a guest at the girl friend's home that evening.

The engaged couple has not completed detailed plans for the wedding, but Reininger has picked his best man. He will be Jack Allen, San Lorenzo, Calif., a former Navy chief petty officer and patient at Oak Knoll, who lost both his legs in an aircraft accident.

Tex has his plans for the future pretty well worked out, too. When he is released from Oak Knoll sometime during the first half of next year, he hopes to go to work for the Veterans Administration in his home town of San Antonio, where he plans to build a home for his bride.

Patients Given Airlift Home

Eight multiple amputee patients at Oak Knoll will get to spend 15 to 30-day leaves over the holidays at home, with free transportation furnished by Air Force planes under the "Santa Claus Airlift" program.

The program applies to all multiple amputee, paraplegic or blind patients in all Navy, Army and Air Force hospitals.

The men at Oak Knoll are taken to Travis Air Force Base where they catch their planes for home. The next-of-kin at home are notified when the patients leave the hospital, and what time they will arrive at their destination.

If next-of-kin are not able to meet the patients at the airport, transportation to their homes is arranged by the Red Cross.

One Oak Knoll patient, SGT Werner W. Reininger, USMC, left for San Antonio on 12 December and will return on 6 January.

Six more patients were scheduled to leave today, 15 December, from Travis. Their names and the home towns to which they are being flown are PVT Edward L. Durgan, USA, North Tongas Highway, Ketchikan, Alaska; CPL John L. Blazzard, USA, Logan, Utah; PFC George H. Woodworth, USMC, Springfield, Mo.; SGT Jack Griffith, USMC, Meridian, Miss.; PFC Marvin L. Gordon, USMC, Edna, Kan., and CPL Robert M. Paxton, USMC, St. Louis, Mo. These six patients will return to Oak Knoll on 15 January.

One other patient, CAPT George W. Taylor, MC, USN, (Ret.) will leave for his home in Coronado, Calif., on 18 December and return 5 January.



J. Crawford, HM2, of the Commanding Officer's Mail Room, with other personnel of the Administration Building, admire the new hat they purchased for ENS P. R. Ragle, formerly P. R. Ragle, HMC. ENS Ragle was promoted to the rank of commissioned officer in the Medical Service Corps last week.

Oak Knoll's Chief Ragle Promoted To Ensign In Medical Service Corps

For the second straight week an Oak Knoll chief has received a commission in the Medical Service Corps.

Phillip R. Ragle, formerly HMC, is now ENS Phillip R. Ragle, MSC, USN. His date of rank is 8 November, and the effective date is 10 December.

ENS Ragle, presently assigned to the Commanding Officer's Mail Room, came to Oak Knoll and his present job in July. He joined the Navy 12 years ago and went through Boot Camp and Hospital Corps School in San Diego. Since that time he has spent two years with the Fleet Marine Force, five years on subma-

rine duty and two years at the sub base at New London. During World War II he was with the FMF and on sub duty. He also attended Hospital Administration School in Bethesda.

In 1945 ENS Ragle was temporarily promoted to Pharmacist and in December 1947 reverted back to his permanent rating of HMC. His new promotion to Ensign is a permanent appointment.

ENS Ragle, a native of Stratford, California, is married and has two sons, aged seven and four. He and his family are now living at Komandorski Village in Pleasanton.

More Pre-Holiday Social Events Are Listed

New events have been added to Oak Knoll's social schedule for the remaining week before Christmas. Here is a run-down on the plans.

Sunday, 16 December: Members of the Veteran Hospitals' Christmas Committee descend on Oak Knoll to decorate the buildings and wards in the best of Christmas greenery.

Wednesday, 19 December: The annual Christmas program will be presented at the auditorium at 1900 by the San Francisco Examiner. The show will feature many professional acts, and in the past has always been a big favorite at Oak Knoll.

Thursday, 20 December: The Louise Callo Television Troupe will present a first-class stage show of variety acts at the Community Services Building Auditorium at 1400.

Friday, 21 December: An all-hands party has been scheduled for the auditorium at 1400 with special emphasis on entertainment for dependents. Featured in the program will be the Roger Wesley puppet show, and Santa Claus will be on hand to distribute gifts to all the children.

On the same day the Veteran Hospitals' Christmas Committee will stage its annual Christmas program at the auditorium.

And that same evening, staff members will dance to the music of the Dick Sullivan Band at the Enlisted Men's Recreation Center at the annual Staff Christmas Party and Dance. Attractions at this party will be student nurses to furnish partners for stags. Refreshments will be served, and 10 turkeys are to be given away as door prizes.

Monday, 24 December: Twelve patients will be treated to a gala Christmas Eve Party to start at 1200 at Milani's Restaurant, Twenty-second and Telegraph. Anyone wishing to attend is urged to contact Special Services as soon as possible.

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CHANUKAH—THE FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

The festival of lights, Chanukah, will be celebrated by the Jewish people the world over for eight days beginning with 23 December.

The holiday commemorates the revolt of the Macabees, who took up arms to defend and preserve the freedoms which we cling to so tenaciously today . . . freedom of thought . . . freedom of conscience . . . freedom of the spirit. Their struggle against Antiochus, who strove to make them conform to his beliefs, his customs, and his values, is perhaps one of the first instances in human history when men took up arms to **BE** what they chose to be. Self-determination is the essence of the democratic spirit and this, too, was the theme of their seemingly hopeless struggle against overwhelming odds. With this spirit of consecration, they were able to rout the enemy and sanctify the Temple anew.

Lights are kindled today in commemoration of those historic days. Modern Macabees in the many millions are needed to be ever on guard against those forces which threaten us from within and without. Their end is as certain as was that of the Syrian king. With indomitable faith, we can look forward to the purification of mankind's houses, the kindling of new lights of hope, and the creation of a modern Chanukah for all mankind.

RABBI PAUL M. STEINBERG,
Jewish Chaplain

Divine Services

Hospital Chapel at Main Gate
PROTESTANT

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

CATHOLIC

SUNDAY MASSES
0600 — 0900 — 1215
DAILY MASSES — 0645 & 1630
Confessions before Mass
CHOIR PRACTICE:
TUESDAY 1900
Catholic Oratory in back of Chapel
CHAPLAINS' OFFICES IN
CHAPEL & 67A
NAVY RELIEF OFFICE—
IN CHAPEL

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

Chaplains of other faiths will be called
upon request

BUS TO AND FROM CHAPEL ON
SUNDAYS 0845 & 1045

Party Planned For Jewish Festival

A Chanukah party is being held in San Francisco at Temple Emanu-El, Arguella Boulevard at Lake, in cooperation with the Men's Club of the Temple, at 2 p.m. on Sunday, December 23.

Entertainment will be provided, special games and prizes will be given to the children of service personnel, informal dancing, hostesses, and appropriate kosher foods are also on the program. The affair will open with a brief "Lighting of the Candles" ceremony. Jewish military personnel in this area are cordially invited. Those planning to attend, please leave name at Chaplain Whitman's office.

Red Cross Ramblings



The Oak Knoll Garden Club came to Ward 41B last week bringing with them abalone shells, humus and sand and a great variety of small plants. Each patient selected the plantlets he wanted for his own garden and all who were able planted and arranged pleasing and varied results. Above: R. J. Speidel, ME3, USN (left) and Hilbert Rangel, SA, USN, select the sharpest and spiniest items and put them all together in their miniature bedside table-top gardens. Helping them is Mrs. Winifred Lawrence, Red Cross Gray Lady of the Berkeley Chapter, and Mrs. C. B. Rushmer of the Oak Knoll Garden Club.

WHO WAS IT THAT SAID THERE ISN'T A SANTA CLAUS?

In Germany they refer to him as Kris Kringle. In Belgium they call him Saint Nicholas, and when celebrating Christmas in France the French ask about le petit Noel. We, here in America, have several names for that man with the long white beard and the bright red suit, but perhaps Santa Claus is the most popular. Then, too, while we are having a good time celebrating with fancy foodstuffs, sweets, presents and fun we should not forget the real significance of the occasion. Christmas carolers will visit your wards all this week bringing the Christmas message with their songs.

NEED A PACKAGE WRAPPED?

The Wrapping Center sponsored by the Officers' and Chiefs' wives has been doing a landslide business the past weeks. Gayly bedecked packages in red and green ribbon trim have been seen tucked under the arms of many a patient as he left the rear door of the bowling alley recently. The Gray Ladies and the Red Cross staff have utilized a "shuttle" service to the wards to wrap the boxes for the bed patients. If you have a package that needs wrapping in fancy paper or for mailing, take it over to the Wrapping Service. The women are there from 0900 to 1600 each week day.

CRAFTS DELUXE

The past week a Hobby Show was held at the Broadmoor Community Church, and several patients exhibited their finished projects. CHIEF M. KNIGHTS, USN, of Ward 41A and PVT JOHN STEPHANOPOLUS, USMC, of Ward 83A, received honorable mention in their respective fields. Knights displayed his leather work—a woman's handbag, belts, and key cases. Stephanopolus has been valuable in assisting other ceramic workers by showing them how to put those final touches on their crafts. He has been decorating and trimming in gold. Especially is it inter-

esting in that he has only been working in this craft since his return from Korea. The Red Cross Craft Shop has reopened on Wednesday afternoons to help in completing crafts for Christmas.

TOUCHDOWN

The last game of the professional football season will be played at Kezar Stadium in San Francisco on Sunday, 16 December, at 1400, when the 49ers will play the Detroit Lions. If you would like to go, let us know. The transportation leaves immediately after noon "chow" in front of the Community Services Building.

'TAS THE WEEK BEFORE CHRISTMAS

The following groups will visit the hospital during the afternoons and evenings between now and Christmas to bring their renditions of the Yuletide season:

Fremont High School Choral Group, Oakland High School, Hayward High School, Mrs. Molan's Choir, Montclair Women's Club, Mr. Sinclair's Choir, Unruh Choral Group, Highland Choral Group, Alameda High School Glee Club, St. Anthony's Church Group, Treble Clef Society of the University of California, Douglas Kyle Choral Group, Estuary Carolers, Berkeley Baptist Church Choir.

Christmas-parties on the various wards will be brought by Oakland Y.L.I. Group, Mu Phi Nu Sorority, Gold Star Mothers of Alameda, East Bay Women's American Legion, Telephone Girls Supper Party in Lounge, Alta Mira Club, Gold Star Mothers of Oakland, Navy Mothers of Oakland, Cheerio Club, Alameda Navy Wives, Companions of the Forest—Hayward Circle, Hamlet Circle, California Circle, Diamond Circle, Verbena Circle and Oakland Circle.

Proud Mother: "Yes, he's a year old now and he's been walking since he was eight months old."

Bored Visitor—"Really? He must be awfully tired."

66 New Arrivals In Maternity Ward; 3 Staffers Are New Fathers

If lights burned late in Oak Knoll's maternity department last week, there was good reason. Before the week was out, a total of 66 babies had put in their appearance.

This figure approaches the all-time record at the hospital, which is near 70. Wednesday, 5 December, was the big day of the week, with 17 births listed.

Listed among the new fathers for 6 December were two Oak Knoll staff members: William Potts, HM1, whose

wife gave birth to a son, Lawrence Edward, and Martin Shanahan, HM3, whose wife presented him a son, Richard Emmett. The young Mr. Potts weighed in at 6 pounds, 10 ounces, while Dickie Shanahan shared honors as the huskiest child of the week with a birth-weight of nine pounds, 5 ounces.

On Saturday, 8 December, another staff member, Leslie Belanger, HN, became a new father when his wife gave birth to a son, Clyde Leonard, weighing seven pounds, 14 ounces.

Life Begins at Oak Knoll

2 December

PATTERSON, Larry Frederick, to wife of Pearl Patterson, SD3, 5 pounds, 9 ounces.
 MAGDAUG, Sonya Christina, to wife of Jess Magdaug, SDG2, 5 pounds, 15 ounces.
 MULLINS, William Boyde, to wife of Jack Mullins, ATC, 4 pounds, 1½ ounces.
 MORGAN, Rhonda Sue, to wife of Ronald Morgan, SN, 7 pounds, 12 ounces.
 HANCOCK, Stabley Craig, to wife of Loy Hancock, AL1, 8 pounds, 12 ounces.
 SCHREINER, Carlo Louise, to wife of Jacob Schreiner, M/SGT, 7 pounds, 9 ounces.
 CARROLL, Joan Marie, to wife of William Carroll, EN1, 7 pounds, 13 ounces.
 COUTANT, William Michael, to wife of William Coutant, EN3, 7 pounds, 9 ounces.
 PIERCE, Wayne Leland, to wife of William Pierce, DK2, 8 pounds, 14 ounces.
 DAWSON, Annette Denise, to wife of Keith Dawson, FC3, 6 pounds, 12 ounces.
 FRYER, Barbara Lee, to wife of Frederick Fryer, T/SGT, 6 pounds, 12 ounces.

3 December

GUYETT, Kathryn Ruth, to wife of Harold Guyett, AO2, 7 pounds, 8 ounces.
 RAWLS, Patricia Ann, to wife of William Rawls, AD1, 7 pounds, 13 ounces.
 GRAHAM, Patricia Lynn, to wife of Denver Graham, BM2, 7 pounds, 1 ounce.
 ALSTON, Shirley Ann, to wife of Alton Alston, SN3, 6 pounds, 10 ounces.
 CLARK, Leslie Anne, to wife of William Clark, ET2, 7 pounds, 14 ounces.
 ASCHENBECK, Darrell Wayne, to wife of Arnold Aschenbeck, S/SGT, 6 pounds.
 BEYERS, Girl, to wife of Leroy Beyers, ET1, 7 pounds, 8 ounces.

4 December

NAGELSCHMIDT, Nina Ann, to wife of Fred Nagelschmidt, TMT2, 7 pounds, 3 ounces.
 CATES, Deborah Mae, to wife of Leeman Cates, SGT, 7 pounds, 6 ounces.
 ROBINSON, Marilyn Ann, to wife of Charles Robinson, LCDR, 8 pounds, 2 ounces.

5 December

THOMPSON, Paul Fraser, to wife of Robert Thompson, LT, 7 pounds, 11 ounces.
 LANPHERE, Suzette Lee, to wife of Jack Lanphere, SOSN, 5 pounds, 15½ ounces.
 WALKER, Charlene Roberta, to wife of Robert Walker, CSC, 8 pounds, 15½ ounces.
 RENALDI, Boy, to wife of Richard Renaldi, LTJG, 8 pounds, 5 ounces.
 BURNS, Mary, to wife of John Burns, Jr., 6 pounds, 4½ ounces.
 ROBINSON, Jane Marie, to wife of Richard Robinson, YN2, 9 pounds, 5 ounces.
 DANIELS, Harry Lee, Jr., to wife of Harry Daniels, FN, 7 pounds, 8 ounces.
 DOWNS, Girl, to wife of Leslie Downs, LTJG, 7 pounds.
 BEAUDRY, Kenneth Alfred, to wife of Joseph Beaudry, ADC, 6 pounds, 13 ounces.
 REESE, Wendell James, to wife of Benjamin Reese, LTJG, 8 pounds, 7 ounces.
 ACO, Ronald Lee, to wife of Thomas Aco, 7 pounds, 15 ounces.
 REIGHARD, Lynn Ellen, to wife of William Reighard, AMC, 5 pounds.
 BARTON, Dona Bliss, to wife of Don Barton, SN, 6 pounds, 12 ounces.
 VANOUS, Gail Louise, to wife of Kenneth Vanous, END3, 6 pounds, 4 ounces.
 MORRIS, Michael Edward, to wife of Edward Morris, YN3, 7 pounds, 13 ounces.
 COVINGTON, Cynde LeVonne, to wife of Earl Covington, LT, 7 pounds, 3 ounces.
 LANGSTON, Deborah LaNora, to wife of Frank Langston, AN, 7 pounds, 5 ounces.

6 December

SCHMIDT, Victoria Ann, to wife of Dale Schmidt, ET3, 7 pounds, 5 ounces.
 POTTS, Lawrence Edward, to wife of William Potts, HM1, 6 pounds, 10 ounces.
 ROBERTSON, Maureen Beryl, to wife of Norman Robertson, HM1, 8 pounds, 6 ounces.
 PUSLEY, Verna Leona, to wife of Jerry Pusley, AD3, 7 pounds, 7 ounces.
 STOCKARD, John David, to wife of Ira Stockard, SN, 7 pounds, 7 ounces.
 PARKER, Michel Jackie, to wife of Jackie Parker, OM1, 9 pounds.
 GREER, William Henry, to wife of Lewis Greer, AO3, 7 pounds, 7 ounces.
 RAMBUR, Joan Marie, to wife of William Rambur, LT, 6 pounds, 5 ounces.
 ARGO, Loris Ann, to wife of Harry Argo, RM1, 8 pounds, 7 ounces.
 SHANAHAN, Richard Emmett, to wife of Martin Shanahan, HM3, 9 pounds, 5 ounces.
 MOORHEAD, Christine Louise, to wife of Kenneth Moorhead, LT, 7 pounds, 5 ounces.

7 December

MAGNO, Valerie Lee, to wife of Vincent Magno, S/SGT, 6 pounds, 11 ounces.
 WARNER, Margaret Anne, to wife of Melvin Warner, CDR, 7 pounds, 15 ounces.
 WATTENBURGER, Daniel Harvey, to wife of Robert Wattenburger, LT, 6 pounds, 11 ounces.



Three of the fine acts which won approval in the Community Service Building Auditorium last Monday night: (left) Gil Hayward displays his accordion artistry with a rendition of "Bumble Boogie." (Center) Pint-sized Miss Cindy Kelly demonstrates her ability to do the hula, and sing "Little Brown Gal." (Right) The audience suddenly found Miss Roberta Pacheco dancing up and down the aisles. She danced to a tune called "Balalau."

Seven Knollites Are Civilians Again

Seven staff members left Oak Knoll during the past week to become civilians again. Six of them were released to inactive duty under the phasing schedule, the other one W. C. Knight, Jr., HM2, formerly of 76B, at the end of the extension of his enlistment.

The five released, their rate, duty station and date of detachment, are George E. Papadakis, HM3, Special Services; Lloyd L. Sills, HN, Receiving Room; Ernest M. Howell, HM3, Record Office, and Bertram W. Bristow, HM2, HCQ, all on 7 December, and Frank I. Jarnevic, HM3, Physio, and Herbert C. Scheiderer, HM2, Security, both on 10 December.

BEASLEY, Thomas Leo, to wife of Charles Beasley, AG1, 6 pounds, 8 ounces.
 MANN, James Patrick, to wife of Leon Mann, MM1, 8 pounds, 13 ounces.
 GARCIA, Curtis Allan, to wife of Manuel Garcia, CPL, 8 pounds, 2 ounces.
 JOHNSON, Robin Lee, to wife of Dave Johnson, M/SGT, 7 pounds, 15 ounces.
 KYZAR, Lynell Ann, to wife of Charles Kyzar, GM2, 7 pounds, 6 ounces.
 McPARTLAND, Patricia Maureen, to wife of Michael McPartland, EMC, 6 pounds, 6 ounces.

8 December

BROWN, Shalley Joann, to wife of John Brown, PNAC, 6 pounds, 9 ounces.
 GOLDSMITH, Wayne Edward, to wife of George Goldsmith, LCDR, 6 pounds, 11 ounces.
 TAYLOR, Gregory Dale, to wife of Cecil Taylor, LT, 5 pounds, 13 ounces.
 BRACKETT, Richard Lee, to wife of Odis Brackett, BTG3, 6 pounds, 6 ounces.
 BELANGER, Clyde Leonard, to wife of Leslie Belanger, HN, 7 pounds, 14 ounces.
 SYLVESTER, D'eane, to wife of Ira Sylvester, SGT, 7 pounds, 4 ounces.
 LUDI, Sarah Beth, to wife of Warren Ludi, HM2, 7 pounds, 7½ ounces.
 WOODS, Lola Mae, to wife of Joe Woods, TN, 5 pounds, 14 ounces.

San Francisco VFW Brings Big Variety Show to Knoll Auditorium

One of the biggest stage shows to grace the boards of the auditorium came aboard last Monday night, as the San Francisco VFW presented a program of professional talent to the Knollites.

The program was built into three scenes with seven or eight numbers to each scene, and revolved around a soldier and a sailor in France (1st scene), in Hawaii (2nd scene), and being welcomed back home to the United States (3rd scene).

The first scene took place in an outdoor waterfront cabaret in France and featured a cabaret dancer, Roberta Pacheco; accordion entertainer, Gil Hayward; pantomime comedy by Bill and Co; a torch song by Phyllis Nadine; and an adagio dance by Bonnie Ludwig, Gill Hayward, Valarie Wimer, and Dick Batanides.

Balmy tropic breezes were the motif for the second scene in which the group took us to Hawaii. Featured were the Holula dancers, complete with the bamboo clappers and all, with songs of the islands and more hulas. Hit of the show was little Miss Cindy Kelly, vintage about 3½ years, who was picked out of a lotus bud and then shook her pint-sized hips around the stage in the traditional style of the best hula dancers. Needless to say the applause brought down the house.

During the intermission pianist Jerry Thomas and drummer Forrest Elledge entertained with an "Off-the-cuff" rendition of "Tea for Two," with Forrest bashing the calfskins with double paradiddles all 'round the stage.

The last scene portrayed the Armed Forces being welcomed back to the United States and featured song and dance by the cast. Little Cindy Kelly once again brought down the house when she danced to the Syncopated Clock and the pantomime artists, Bill and Co, were brought back for two encores. As a finale to the show, the cast and the audience sang Christmas carols.

Many thanks to Mrs. Toni Weiner and the San Francisco VFW for bringing this fine show to Oak Knoll.

Ocilla, Ga. (AFPS)—George Burns brought his "scrappy" cow to a veterinarian because the animal was ill. The doctor operated and removed the following: 24 pieces of wire, two staples, two stones, four nails, and one penny. Bossy is recovering.

Pilots, Flight Nurses To Wear Marine Green

Washington (AFPS)—Navy fliers and aviation nurses soon will be wearing the same shade of winter green as that worn by Marine Corps officers.

The Permanent Naval Uniform Board recommended the change. It urged that the color of all articles of both uniforms be standard regardless of fabric or weave. This plan would ease considerably procurement problems, the Board said. Navy Secretary Kimball has approved the recommendation.

The present aviation green is still regulation until existing stocks are depleted.



Pictured are a few of the many people on the NP staff, and some of the work they do. 1—Frampton B. Price, psychology department, listens carefully to record this patient's ideas as he studies a Rorschach ink-blot test card. 2—LT Mary Welter (NC), USN, stands by while these corpsmen, currently enrolled in the course that will qualify them as NP-technicians, work on a class examination. 3—CAPT J. F. McMullin, MC, USN, Chief of the NP Service, and a member of the certified American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology. 4—LT Charlotte C. Maas (NC), USN, NP Nurse Supervisor, and V. Gambill, HMC, USN, Chief Master-at-Arms for the Service, examine a records book. 5—Busy helping a patient operate a hand loom in the Occupational Therapy Department are: Patricia Fallon, OTR; LT Olive McClatchey (NC), USN, and Ed Cornell, HM1, USNR. 6—Discussing a case, at a regular conference, is Joseph P. Concannon, head of the psychiatric social service; Helen Verdeyen, Janet Reese, and Helen Cupper, social service workers.

Neuropsychiatric Service Here Is One Of Navy's Centers

Oak Knoll's Neuropsychiatric Service is one of the Navy's two major NP centers for specialized treatment of psychiatric cases.

Patients are sent here from other Naval hospitals and from the West Coast and Pacific Ocean areas, while those from the East Coast and Atlantic Ocean areas are sent to Philadelphia. When possible, patients are transferred to hospitals near their homes.

Oak Knoll's NP Treatment Center was established here in March 1950. It now includes 14 wards and offices—seven security wards, six open wards, and building 49B, which houses the Departments of Psychology and Psychiatric Social Service.

Capt. J. F. McMullin, MC, USN, Chief of the NP Service, emphasizes that the Navy psychiatrists' aim is "to provide early, intensive treatment and to insure that treatment will be uninterrupted in those cases requiring more prolonged treatment."

Working on this basic principle of early treatment for early recovery from psychiatric disorders, the average stay of patients is only 88 days.

The patient load in the service averages 20 in-patients per doctor, indicating that treatment is of a personalized and intensive nature.

The service utilizes what is called a "total push" treatment, which combines individual and group psychotherapy, various somatic therapies (electro-shock and insulin),

occupational therapy, and recreational therapy.

Well-trained psychologists provide testing devices to aid in diagnoses and treatment. The psychiatric social service, established here in September, and staffed by five civilians, handles personal conferences with patients to help in their final recovery.

Group therapy gives the patients a chance to talk over their troubles among themselves, and occupational therapy provides useful activity

while they are convalescing.

Recreational therapy is handled, for the most part, by Red Cross recreation workers who plan daily activities for the patients. Staff workers and Gray Ladies select and provide movies, games, and other forms of entertainment on the wards. Regular Sunday night socials are held, too, in the Red Cross Lounge, with dancing, entertainment and refreshments for the patients.

An NP technician school is also maintained by the service. Two

classes have been graduated since the school was set up in February 1951, and 17 corpsmen are at present attending the four-month course which will make them NP technicians. The teaching staff is composed of the senior and resident psychiatrists, each a specialist in his field.

Civilian consultants for the service are Dr. Karl Bowman and Dr. Emanuel Windholz, professors of psychiatry at the University of California's Medical School.

Who's Who in N.P. Department

Captain John F. McMullin, MC, USN, is a member of the American Psychiatric Association. Two daughters, a son, and music are his diversions outside of work.

V. Gambill, HMC, USN, Chief MAA for the NP Service, likes deep sea fishing, hunting and billiards.

W. Van Blaricom, HM3, USN, says his main interests are in returning to the east coast SOON, and in staying in the Navy!

J. E. Nelson, HM2, USNR, has a private pilot's license. He is married and has a five-year-old daughter.

Robert L. O'Connor, HN, USNR, attended City College of San Francisco before being called back into the Navy.

Glenn E. Baker, HN, USNR, is married, has a year-old girl and pre-

dicts that a new arrival, expected in June, will be a girl, too. Besides his family, his main interest is "to be a civilian again."

Lennard L. Livingston, HN, USN, has a degree in Spanish language and literature from the National University of Mexico.

E. W. Sayer, HM2, USNR, is married, has a boy and a girl, likes softball, dancing, and good books.

Mrs. Wandama Harris, an NP secretary, has a six-year-old child and likes swimming and dancing in her leisure hours.

Wave Arlene E. Normington, HM2, USN, has three brothers in the Navy and one brother in the Marine Corps!

Don L. Countryman, HN, USN, attended the University of Arkansas in

his home state before joining the Navy last December.

Oliver J. Larrivee, HM1, USNR, was a bank teller before he got his "greetings" in February. He is a past commander of his American Legion Post, is married and has two children.

Malcolm W. Rucker, HN, USN, attended the Eastman Conservatory of Music before enlisting.

Calles Guillermo, HM3, USN, is married and has one child. He likes dancing and "just any kind of night life" and plans to "stay in the Navy for thirty years and then some!"

Wendell H. Collins, HM3, USN, a southerner from Boaz, Okla., is married and has a child just six weeks old.

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Who's Who In N.P. Department

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Fire Chief Raser Outlines Safety Rules For Holiday Decorations

Oak Knoll Fire Chief Jim Raser this week warned of unusual fire hazards present when Christmas decorations are about, and advised that special care be taken during the holiday season.

For the best bet for Christmas safety he urged that rules developed by engineers of the National Board of Fire Underwriters be followed. The rules are:

1. Choose a small tree instead of a large one. A small tree can be just as pretty and it's less of a hazard.
2. Don't set up the tree until just a few days before Christmas. Keep the tree outdoors until ready to install it.
3. Set up the tree in the coolest part of the house, away from radiators, heaters or fireplaces. Stand it in water, which retards the drying-out process.
4. Do not use cotton or paper for

decorating the tree unless the decorations are flameproof.

5. Do not place electric trains around the tree.

6. Never use candles. Use electric lighting sets only. Inspect every socket and wire to make sure the set is in good condition. Discard sets with frayed wiring. When buying new sets, look for the Underwriters' Laboratories, Inc., label or marker.

7. Use flameproof or fireproof decorations of glass or metal to decorate your tree.

8. Remove gift wrappings promptly after gifts have been opened.

9. Provide a switch some distance from the tree for turning tree lights off and on.

10. Don't leave lights burning when no one is in the house.

11. When needles start falling, take the tree down and discard it outdoors.

in many places, from Morocco to Guam—and now Oak Knoll.

Lorin A. Dunstan, HM3, USNR, holds a commendation from the Oakland Naval Hospital for his work as an EEG technician.

CDR W. A. Butcher, MC, USN, was a physician in civilian life, after receiving his degree from Ohio University.

Robert R. Janeshi, HM2, USNR, former student at Washburn University at Topeka, and ex-clothing salesman, is interested in early American history.

Marjorie C. Pinter was a bus driver for two years at Treasure Island. She writes sports stories in her leisure time.

Charles E. Hall, Jr., HA, USN, from nearby Hayward, is a piano lover. He tuned them, repaired them, played them and taught other people to play them in civilian life.

Joe Fanjul, HN, USNR, was attending school to prepare for a career in criminology before he was called to active duty.

Warren W. Ash, HN, USN, of Hamilton, Mont., likes tennis, roller skating, fishing and hunting.

ENS Marie N. Oling, NC, USN, has some interesting interests: water skiing, sailing, beer-stein collecting, and Polynesian mythology.

Jim Bennett, HN, USN, likes photography, swimming, fishing—and loafing.

LTJG Sara Grieve, NC, USN, got her training at the Shadyside Hospital School of Nursing in Pittsburgh.

LT Marguerite A. Bergsma, NC, USN, is a graduate of Evanston Hospital School of Nursing in Illinois.

George Garcia, HN, USN, collects rings as a hobby.

Jean Marie Banks, HMC(W), USN, enjoys languages, travel, sailing, and Indian and Persian art.

Thomas E. Hays, HN, USN, was a telephone operator before joining the Navy. He is interested in photography, movies and dentistry.

Texas-born Jack Huddleston, HMI, USNR, likes horseback riding, swimming and hunting.

CDR Harry Colony, MC, USN, psychiatrist and neurologist, is a golf enthusiast. Various professional societies and "Arabian Nights" are his other interests.

Agnes M. Kerr, HN(W), USN, says wood carving, people, and traveling

are her main interests. She has been a Girl Scout leader and counselor for 11 years.

LTJG Thomas E. Doody, MC, USNR, received his A.B. degree at Stanford University and his M.D. degree at George Washington University.

Frampton B. Price, chief clinical psychologist, used to be a psychology instructor at Cornell University.

Evan L. Wolfe, clinical psychologist, was a USAAF aviation psychologist from 1942 to 1946.

Donald Ehrman, former student at both Yale and Stanford, likes to read and play bridge.

LT Mary J. Ford, NC, USNR, received a B.S. degree from the University of California in Berkeley, her home town, and also attended the California School of Fine Arts in San Francisco.

John E. Batson, Jr., HMI, USNR, is a pharmacist in civilian life.

Robert H. Jones, HN, USN, builds model airplanes, likes tennis, archery, and outdoor sports.

W. E. Blevins, HM3, USNR, has a B.S. in Electrical Engineering from the University of Missouri.

Joseph H. Jones, HN, USN, is the athletic type—basketball and football are his main interests.

Phillip A. Wynn, HM3, USNR, was a vocational agriculture teacher before returning to active duty.

LTJG Robert L. Jordon, MC, USNR, is married and has two daughters, aged six months and two years.

Edgar B. Blount, HN, USN, attended Baylor University and Sam Houston College in his home state of Texas.

LT Beatrice M. Hanken, NC, USNR, was a public health nurse between periods of active duty in the Nurse Corps.

LT Ann R. Kubicz, NC, USNR, had tours of duty in New Guinea and Manus Island during WWII.

LT Helen R. Fannan, NC, USN, also had tours of duty in New Guinea and at Manus Island during the war.

LTJG Mary Stefanick, NC, USN, likes horseback riding, photography, hiking, and writing poetry.

Robert Schapiro, HN, USN, builds model planes, and likes boxing and track.

LT Thelma B. Hase, NC, USN, in the Nurse Corps since 1942, served in North Africa and Italy during WWII.

Joseph P. Concannon, in charge of the psychiatric social service, was a Navy lieutenant during the war. He is married and has two children, ages nine and four.

Audry Sims, Mr. Concannon's secretary, is a former United Air Lines worker. Her main interest is her four-year-old daughter, Lexi.

Eugene A. Anway, HMI, USNR, has a B.A. degree from the University of South Dakota. His main interest is to get back to work on a Master's Degree at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver, B.C., Canada.

Helen T. Cupper, psychiatric social worker, attended the University of Minnesota School of Social Welfare, and the University of California at Los Angeles.

Janet Reese, another social worker, is a day-camp director in the local Contra Costa County Society for Crippled Children, in her spare time.

Helen Verdeyen attended Indiana U. and Fordham U. School of Social Service. She used to be a probation officer in juvenile court, Indianapolis.

George Shugart holds a B.S.S. and M.A. degree from the University of Chicago. His hobby is gardening.

LT Edla C. Warner, NC, USN, served in Guam and in the New Hebrides Islands during WWII.

LTJG Charlotte L. Day, NC, USN, was in the Army Nurse Corps during WWII. Her interests are in learning to cook for her husband and learning to fish and hunt with him.

Hale F. Clark, HM3, USNR, with a B.A. degree in psychology from Denver U., listed a number of interests—then summed them all up with, "I'm in the unfortunate position of being interested in everything."

Marjorie T. Green is a member of the California Women's Casting Club, and has won the Championship of Maine for Lady Flycasters.

Homer A. Schreiber, Jr., was a Navy man during the war—is now with the Navy as a civilian psychometrist.

Irva D. Johnson used to be in the Marine Corps Women's Reserve. She received a meritorious medal for her duties in the Pentagon Building during WWII.

Louis A. Merritt, HM2, USNR, a self-appointed and confirmed bachelor, likes good food, good music, good books, Paris, France, and LIVING as a civilian!

Jasper E. Cobb, Jr., HMI, USNR, is a graduate of Oklahoma A&M College and the Oklahoma State School of Pharmacy.

CDR Bernard I. Kahn, MC, USN, graduate of the University of Oklahoma Medical School, writes science-fiction aside from his duties as head man of NP technician school.

Frederick J. Collins, HMI, USNR, has a B.S. degree in economics from Rockhurst College, likes reading, philosophy and model building.

LTJG James H. Austin, MC, USNR, a Harvard Medical School graduate, is another one that apparently "heads for the hills" on week ends—he likes fishing, skiing and camping.

Joe S. Murray, HMI, USN, EEG (electroencephalograph) technician, has had nine tours of duty in two regular Navy enlistments.

Edward A. Cannell, HMC, USN, in the Navy since 1940, has seen duty

Jessie T. Downes, HM3, USN, is another southerner—from Ashville, North Carolina.

Cameron H. Eye, HM3, USNR, is interested in car modeling and car repairing.

George E. Farfan, HM3, USNR, is looking forward to February, the month when he'll be a civilian again and when he expects to become a father.

Ralph W. Duncan, HM3, USN, attended Burnley Art School in Seattle.

LT Mary Louise Welter, NC, USN, attended Teachers' College at Columbia U., and is an instructor in psychiatric nursing here.

LT Margaret L. Larson, NC, USNR, says her interests are reading, photography, sports, and power-glide Bel-Air Chevrolets.

LT Rauha E. Niemi, NC, USNR, likes hiking, bowling, and church activities.

LT Marion Wiech, NC, USN, of Covington, Kentucky, has been on continuous active duty since 1943, and served in Saipan during WWII.

LT Georgia A. Jones, NC, USNR, has B.A. and B.S. degrees from Vanderbilt U., in Nashville, and attended DePaul School of Psychiatric Nursing in New Orleans.

LT Charlotte I. Bailey, NC, USN, whose home town is Middletown, Iowa, has been a Navy Nurse since 1942. Her pet diversion is her movie camera.

LTJG Joyce E. Cox, NC, USNR, likes the Navy and NP nursing, books, music, and "very amateur oil painting."

Margaret A. Guy, whose home town is nearby Alameda, will mark her first anniversary at Oak Knoll next Tuesday.

Mrs. Joy Anne Wickstrom, a graduate of Canterbury College in Indiana, is interested in Philately.

Mrs. Marjorie Alice Cannell, secretary to the Chief of the NP Service, collects Chinese objects of art. Husband E. A. Cannell, HMC, is an electroencephalograph technician here.

LT Donald E. Lloyd, MC, USN, is married and has three boys, 6, 4, and 21 months.

CDR R. D. Nies, MC, USN, attended Naval Medical School, and a Naval School in chemical warfare. He has been in the Navy since 1941.

LT Herbert E. Vandervoort, MC, was in the Army for six months between a first and second enlistment in the Navy.

CDR Marion E. Roudebush, MC, USN, attended the Universities of Wisconsin and Indiana, and Navy Medical School. He has been on continuous active duty since 1937.

LTJG Earl A. Loomis, Jr., MC, USNR, taught child psychiatry before being called to active duty.

LT John T. Morrow, MC, USNR, attended the University of Texas and Baylor Medical School. He likes golf, music, mountain climbing and skiing.

LT Marie N. Simonsen, MC, USNR, was recently selected for LCDR. Her interests are cooking, rugmaking, photography, soapmaking, and Pomeranian dogs.

LTJG Lowell K. Cunningham, MC, USN, received his M.D. from the University of Michigan. He is married and has a son, 21 months old.

IN THE Spot-light

By JUDEX

Our Spotlight this week shines squarely on three of Oak Knoll's favorite sons. Bob Rampton, Frank Campbell and Clayton Holm, all radio men by profession, took to the air waves last Saturday in a dramatization of Longfellow's "The Skeleton in Armor." Heard over KSMO, this adaptation was a feature of the popular program, "The Magic Key," which is written and produced by Campbell. Those fortunate enough to hear the program were impressed by the excellence of the production and the performances turned in by our staff members. In fact, the trio was so well received in the Bay Area that there is talk of further work along this line. Oak Knoll is proud of these men who have been so willing to share their talent in all activities of the hospital. In recognition, we are happy to turn the spot in their direction.

THE WINNERS: The Bingo Party at the Staff E.M. Recreation Center saw its biggest crowd of the year last Friday night when nearly three hundred Knollites gathered to moan and groan when the wrong numbers were called. A tiny little girl walked off with the grand prize, a beautiful piece of luggage. HM2 Gilbert Nelson looked very pleased with himself for winning a Bugs Bunny towel set. Muggsy Mahoney's hubby yelled at the right (or wrong) time and won a suede manicure set. Just what you need, Earl! HM3 Jack Beebe carted off his share of the loot when he won a very loud sport shirt. We saw him exchanging it at the ship's store the very next day. At the other end of our table we noticed Lennie Green and HM2 Ivan Bowers casting some mean glances at Tom Raum, who was calling the numbers. These parties are getting bigger and better.

FACT AND FANCY: Word is getting around that Dick Haas, of Civil Readjustment, has a beautiful singing voice. Professional training, too. Have you noticed the mistletoe hanging over the door of our Disbursing Officer? Why, MISS BROWN!!! Oak Knoll continues to receive the top men from the various corps schools. Arriving last week from Great Lakes were Salvatore Saba, who was No. 3 in a class of 62, and Bill Haggerty, who was one step behind. Saba hails from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, while Haggerty is from that violinist's home town, Waukegan, Illinois. HA Edward Trnka, another newcomer, has an unusual hobby. He builds telescopes in his spare time. HM3 John Welch has returned from his leave. Says he spent the whole time in Tarkio, whatever that might be. The white hats have voted Dr. Tracy Cuttle as the most popular O.D. of the week. HM3 Barbara Stevenson is the latest addition to that mad house they call the Record Office. **ADD THINGS WE LIKE:** HM2 Mike Casey's sympathetic manner when he wakes us up in the middle of the night for those nasty special watches. Our nomination for prettiest smile on the compound goes to Leona Steinike. Many people who missed Jane Wyman's stirring portrayal of "The Blue Veil" are trekking to the downtown showing. Better go prepared, though. It is a five-handkerchief picture.



Holding their Beneficial Suggestion award checks are, left to right: Edward F. Groff, Roy B. Hanson, Dorothy I. Brown, James A. Turner, Fred Vogel, Henry W. Peterson, Richard D. Card, Clarence G. Wright, and Mike F. Donovan. Captain Gordon seems as pleased to have made the awards as members of the staff were to get them.

Louisville, Ky. (AFPS) — Mr. and Mrs. James Smyser awoke to find a car crashing into their bedroom. Bewildered, they watched as the vehicle backed out and drove away.

Coleman, Wis. (AFPS) — High school students here will get a week's vacation to hunt deer.

Nine Hospital Civilian Employees Presented Checks For Suggestions

Nine civilian employees this week received checks for their beneficial suggestions. The Commanding Officer presented the awards.

Roy B. Hanson, cook, received \$10 for suggesting that metal sheets be

placed on the wall in back of steam coppers in the cart room to improve cleaning methods.

Edward F. Groff, carpenter, received one check of \$15 for suggesting that building numbers be lowered so that they would be easier to read; another check of \$10 for suggesting a stop gauge with movable stops and rule markings to be installed on the radial saw table.

Richard D. Card, carpenter, was awarded \$10 for his idea that brass rollers be used instead of rubber ones. This will result in a saving of about \$50 annually.

Dorothy I. Brown, clerk in Personnel and Records, suggested an improved method for identifying X-Ray film and received \$25 based on an annual saving of approximately \$500.

Clarence G. Wright, pipefitter, was awarded one check of \$55 for suggesting the use of an air compressor to clear water out of steam lines, which will result in an estimated annual savings of approximately \$1182; he received another check of \$10 for a suggestion made jointly with Fred Vogel, plumber, to salvage radiator traps, valves, etc., with a sandblasting machine.

Fred Vogel was awarded \$10 for his part in the above scheme, and another \$10 for his suggestion of a track and pulley for removing and installing chlorine tanks in the swimming pool filter rooms, which would provide increased safety to personnel.

James A. Turner and Henry W. Peterson, electricians, received \$10 each for their idea to improve the method of testing and adjusting fire alarm boxes. It is estimated that this suggestion will result in an annual saving of approximately \$100.

Mike F. Donovan, fireman, was awarded \$10 for his suggestion of an emergency fueling system.

Staff Personalities



Another of the civilians who help keep Oak Knoll rolling ahead smoothly is Mrs. Regina Stroop, secretary of Amputee Ward Doctors. Mrs. Stroop, whose office is on Ward 43A, came to Oak Knoll on 13 March. She is a native of New York but lived for 11 years in the Canal Zone before coming to California two years ago. Her husband is employed at the Oakland Municipal Airport. There are no little Stroops—yet. Mrs. Stroop lists as her favorite leisure time activity the game of chess. As secretary for the doctors on the four amputee wards at Oak Knoll, her working hours are well filled keeping up on the voluminous records and reports that are necessary.

Eustaquio Perez, a laborer in the garden crew, has been at Oak Knoll since 1945. Perez is assigned to the job of helping keep our streets clean. He was born in the province of Salamanca in the land of Spain. Perez has four sons and two daughters. Two of his sons work in a service station, one is a farmer, and the fourth son is in the Merchant Marine. Both of his daughters are married. When Perez goes home to San Leandro after his work in the garden crew is done, he likes nothing better than working in his own vegetable garden. Performing one of the services that is taken for granted by most Knollites, Perez should get a vote of thanks for his loyal work.





"Candy, it's wonderful," exclaims Rodger Lamkin, son of CPL Woodrow Lamkin, USMC, of Ward 74A, as he pulls the lever of the candy maker at the fire station and gets a candy cane. Oak Knoll's firefighters, who constructed the candy maker and are keeping it well supplied, have invited all young visitors to the hospital to come up and see how it works. Small fry will also see Santa Claus on top of the fire station. The old gentleman has come to Oak Knoll in a locomotive and tender that the fire laddies built out of scrap materials in their spare time. The locomotive moves, it's electrically equipped, the wheels revolve. Cylinders on the locomotive were made out of salvaged pump cans, the dome was built out of a coffee pot, and the rest of it constructed out of "a little bit of this and that."

A passenger was up 15,000 feet in a plane when the pilot began laughing hysterically.
 "What's the joke, pilot?"
 Pilot: "I'm thinking of what they'll say at the asylum when they find out I've escaped."
 Gold-digger: "A girl who mines her own business."
 Wife: "I was a fool when I married you."
 Husband: "I guess you were, but I was so infatuated at the time that I didn't notice it."

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"... Morning Chief."

Welcome and Farewell

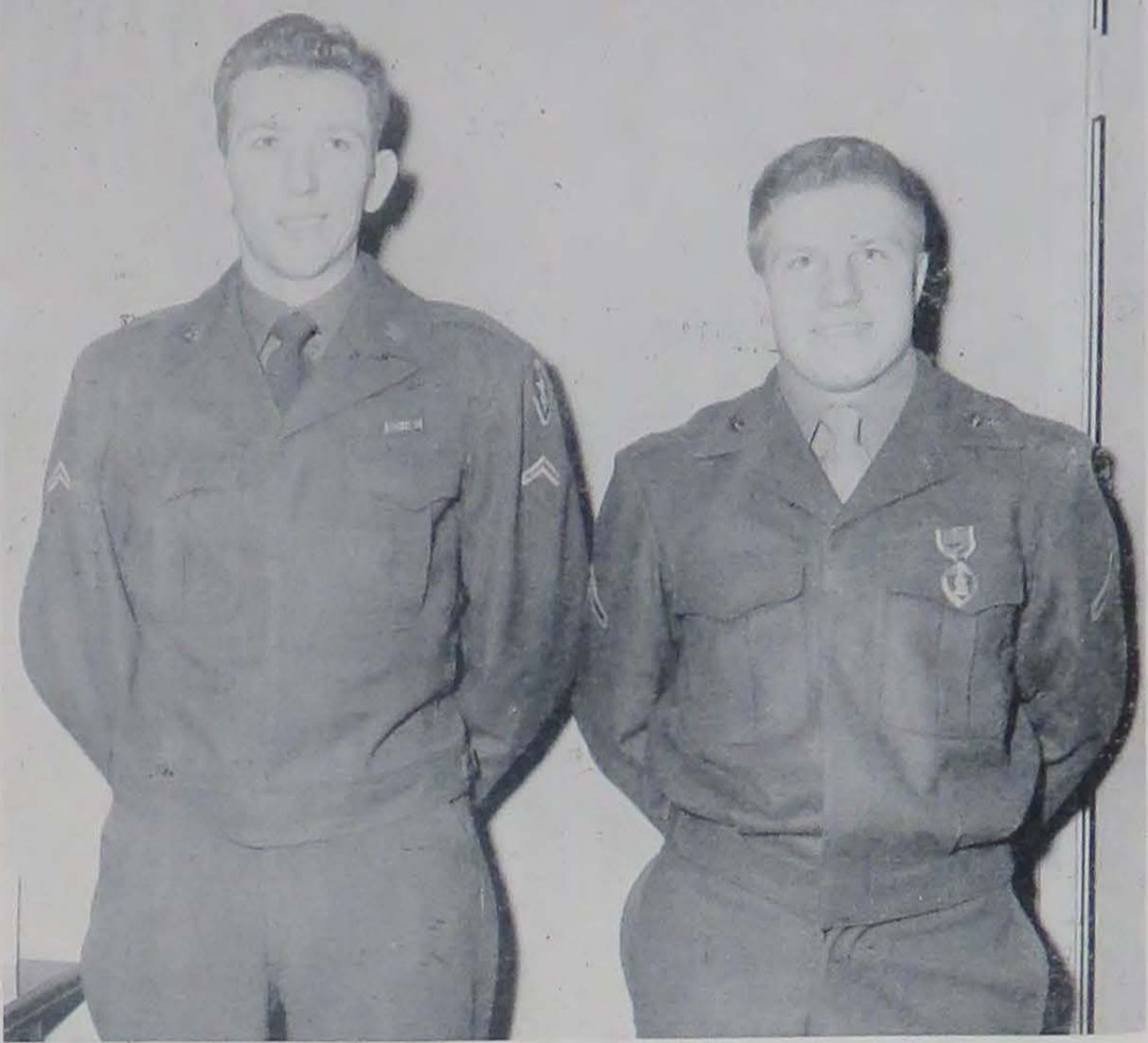
The welcome mat was out at Oak Knoll last week as the number of new staff members exceeded the number of persons leaving the hospital for new assignments.

Reporting aboard for duty were ENS Ann M. Hartnett, NC, USNR; ENS Rosalie F. Derham, NC, USNR; Virginia M. Brown and ENS Valerie A. Pfeiffer, NC, USNR, all from USNH, Philadelphia; LTJG Ray C. Standish, DC, USN, from USS BAYFIELD; LTJG John W. Harris, MC, USNR, from FMF; LTJG Allen A. Hovda, MC, USNR, from inactive duty; LTJG William J. Champion, MC, USN, from USS LEYTE; CDR Robert L. Johnson, MC, USN, from USS HAVEN; LT Dora A. Packett, NC, USN, from U.S. Naval Medical Unit, Tripler Army Hospital.

HMC J. F. Swanson from USN-RECSTA, Treasure Island; HM2 R. H. Kujala from MSTs, San Francisco; HN's A. M. Kerr from USNH, Philadelphia, and H. M. Geisecke, Jr., from HCS, Great Lakes, and HA's C. H. Mitchell, C. M. Clark, F. J. Pannetti, G. Meyer, E. J. Trnka, C. W. Simon, Jr., S. R. Saba, G. R. Lukefahr, R. I. Buckley, Jr., D. H. Berglund, D. J. Kauderer, M. L. Stutesman, C. J. Collar, G. J. Barton and C. M. Northam, all from HCS, Great Lakes.

Transferred during the week were LT Dora A. Packett, NC, USN, to civilian life; HMC's T. L. Speirer to U.S. Naval Station, Treasure Island, M. J. Ferencak to USNH, Bethesda, E. O. Daugherty to U.S. NAVRECSTA, Philadelphia, J. A. Hennesay to USNRECSTA, San Diego, and H. L. Davis to NAS, Alameda.

HM1's H. E. Geddings to USNTC, Bainbridge, Md., J. W. Finley to USNRECSTA, Seattle, M. E. Jelich to USS TICONDEROGA, and R. E. Davis to MarBks, Camp Pendleton; HM2's J. F. McConnell to NAS, Pensacola, M. Martinez to USS TICONDEROGA, and D. H. Middleman to NavShipYd, Portsmouth, N.H.; HM3's J. T. Roman and D. R. Selberg to District Staff Headquarters, B. B. Hook, Jr., to USS HAVEN, J. Vandenberg to NSD, Clearfield, Utah, and E. J. Kautz to FMF, Camp Pendleton; HN's R. Stratton to MarBks, Camp Pendleton, D. L. Sanders, also to MarBks, Camp Pendleton, and J. T. Gardner to NSC, Oakland, and HA R. L. Spear to USNRECSTA, Treasure Island.



Two patients presented service awards by the Commanding Officer during the last week were CPL Ivey L. Buckner, USA (left), and PFC Henry H. Niehoff, USMC. CPL Buckner was presented the First Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster for his Bronze Star, while PFC Niehoff received a Purple Heart Ribbon and Medal.

PREVIEWS

Sunday, 16 December
WESTWARD THE WOMAN — Robert Taylor, Hope Emerson, DRAMA. This is a new movie, originally set for release to the public in November. However, that release date was cancelled and no new date has been set. Advance viewings have registered a critic's appraisal of "Good." No information concerning the film is available. Also a newsreel.

Monday, 17 December
THE COMPANY SHE KEEPS — Lizbeth Scott, Dennis O'Keefe, MELODRAMA. Rated as "good" by reviewers, this film was released to the public last January. According to a trade magazine the movie "suffers from an excess of dialogue, but finds strength in its romantic mood, which should endear it to the feminine customers. It's the story of a double-cross that ends in true romance and a man's faith in the woman he loves." Generally the story concerns the life and hard times of a young lady who has done wrong and is out on parole. Again a trade magazine, "Without any great effort to depart from the established formula, the picture entertains. It should hold audience interest fully." Also a short subject entitled "Foul Hunting."

Tuesday, 18 December
HONG KONG — Ronald Reagan, Rhonda Fleming, ADVENTURE. Here is another new movie, set for public release next month. Advance viewers have given it a rating of "Fair." No other information is available concerning it. Also something entitled, "Let's Stalk Spinach," a one-reeler in color.

Wednesday, 19 December
GASOLINE ALLEY — Scotty Beckett, Jimmy Lydon, COMEDY. According to at least one reviewer "Gasoline Alley" has done much better as a comic strip than as a movie. In the movie Mr. Beckett leaves collegé when he is married and is backed in opening a diner by his older brother, played by Mr. Lydon. Misfortunes dog the young couple in their efforts to make the business a success, but just as they are about to capitulate, a financial windfall comes through to save the day. Reviewer's rating "Average." Also a two-reeler, "Happy Go Wacky."

Thursday, 20 December
THAT FORSYTHE WOMAN — Greer Garson, Errol Flynn, DRAMA. No information on this movie is available.

Friday, 21 December
I'LL NEVER FORGET YOU — Tyrone Power, Ann Blythe, DRAMA. This is a very new film, not set for public release until some time next month. Only information available is that it takes 90 minutes to run, comes in color and was formerly titled "Man of Two Worlds." On the same program, a one-reeler in color called "Beaver Trouble," and a newsreel.

Saturday, 22 December
FOLLOW THE SUN — Anne Baxter, Glenn Ford, DRAMA. This is a very fine film based on the life story and successes of Champion Golfer Ben Hogan. Graphically recorded are the highlights of a life devoted to professional golf, the heartbreak trail of early failure, struggle, success, the near-fatal crash, and the uphill return.

Patients Awarded Service Medals

Two patients were presented service awards by the Commanding Officer on Tuesday, 11 December.

Receiving a First Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster for his Bronze Star Medal was CPL Ivey L. Buckner, USA. A Purple Heart Medal and Ribbon was presented to PFC Henry H. Niehoff, USMC.

CPL Buckner's citation stated: "On 3 February, 1951, while advancing on strong hostile positions near Sanggong-Sor, Korea, Corporal Buckner's platoon was pinned down by intense machine gun fire. Carrying his automatic rifle to an exposed vantage point on the flank, he began firing on a general area target in an attempt to locate the hostile emplacement. His well placed shots forced the enemy to counterfire, thus disclosing their position. Although completely exposed to a devastating machine gun barrage, he calmly brought his rifle to bear and completely destroyed the strongpoint with a few short bursts. CPL Buckner's valorous action reflects great credit on himself, his unit and the Armed Forces."

CPL Buckner, a native of Choice, Texas, was wounded on 7 March when struck by shrapnel. His right leg was amputated below the knee. A veteran of four years in the Army, he had been in Korea nine months when he was wounded.

PFC Niehoff was wounded on 16 October in Korea when he was struck in the back and side by shrapnel. A radioman with the 7th Marine Regiment, he had been overseas two months when wounded. He joined the Marines last February.

Earlier in the week, the Commanding Officer presented the Purple Heart to PFC Bradley F. Cate, USMCR, of Scotts Bluff, Nebr. PFC Cate was wounded on 25 October while serving as a rocketman with the Seventh Regiment. Recalled to active duty in February, he had been overseas six months when wounded.

SPORTS

Mare Islanders Victors, 66-44

Oak Knoll's varsity cage team went down to its second straight defeat of the season on Tuesday, 11 December, when it came up against a red-hot Mare Island team and was defeated soundly, 66-44.

The Knollites were hopelessly out-classed by the Islanders, who displayed a good, balanced team, speed to burn, superior height and a shooting ability that left the Hospital team far behind.

Oak Knoll was lagging by only nine points at half-time with the score 30-21, but in a torrid third quarter the Islanders netted 20 points while Oak Knoll could muster only nine.

"We are going to be very, very lucky to win five games this season," Coach Joe Reginato moaned after the game. "This league is red-hot. This is the worst defeat any team has ever suffered in the six years I have been coaching basketball here."

Reginato cleared the bench in an effort to find a workable combination, and finally in the fourth quarter found a fivesome that showed more ability than any so far. That team had Spencer and Rice at the forwards, Cash at center, and J. Brown and LeBov at the guards.

"We will improve as the season goes along," Reginato commented, "but these other teams are going to improve just as much. I have some potentially good boys but they lack experience."

Reginato singled out Cash as showing promise for Oak Knoll and complimented the work of Irving on defense and under the boards.

Spencer was high point man for the Knollites with 11 points, while Vail netted 16 points for Mare Island, 10 in the first half.

The Knollites were scheduled to meet NAS, Alameda, on the home court on 13 December, and will play the Coast Guard here on 20 December.

The box score of the Mare Island game:

Mare Island	FG	FT	F	Pts.
Schneider	4	1	3	9
Metler	0	0	2	0
McCormick	0	0	0	0
Olsen	7	0	2	14
Mossey	2	0	1	4
Eshew	0	0	0	0
Vail	7	2	1	16
Rector	0	1	1	1
Cousins	2	0	2	4

Keglers Are Led By Knickerbocker

Oak Knoll's intra-hospital bowling league got under way last week with many team members showing mid-season form to open the series which will end on 27 March.

After the first week's totals were in, Staff Personnel, the Three V's and Artificial Limb were tied for first place with four games won and no losses.

Staff Personnel kept its slate clean in its match with Surgery, the Three V's wiped out Ramblin' Amps I, and Artificial Limb grabbed its four wins from Nurses I.

The standings of the other teams were Lab II, Lab I and Record Office, three wins and one loss; N.P. Department, Hit & Misses and Nurses II, one win and three losses.

Knickerbocker of the N.P. Department crew copped high individual honors for the week with high average, high game and high series. Knickerbocker averaged 191 for the three games; his high single game was 231, and his score for the series was 572.

The next four highest series scores were Kallemeyn of Three V's, 535; Rall of Laboratory II, 515; Jackson of Laboratory I, 491, and Larrivee of N.P. and Harvey of Artificial Limb, both 467.

The schedule for next week includes: Tuesday, 18 December, Nurses I versus Ramblin' Amps I, Nurses II versus Ramblin' Amps II, and Three V's versus Physio; Thursday, 20 December, Surgery II versus Record Office, Artificial Limb versus Hit & Misses, and Staff Personnel versus N.P. Department.

Lancaster	2	0	3	4
Wolfe	0	0	0	0
Ricketts	5	2	4	12
King	0	2	1	2
Rouch	0	0	0	0
Oak Knoll	FG	FT	F	Pts.
Peterson	2	0	0	4
Rice	1	1	1	3
J. Brown	2	4	0	8
Greene	0	0	1	0
Spencer	5	1	0	11
R. Brown	2	1	1	5
Stavanau	0	0	3	0
Peck	3	0	4	6
Amos	1	0	0	2
LeBov	1	0	3	2
Irving	0	0	0	0
Dolph	0	2	2	2
Cash	0	1	0	1



Action was fast and furious in the Oak Knoll varsity cagers' opener against PacResFlt, with the opponents coming out on top by a score of 39-33. Above, Center Jim Peck of the Knoll squad goes high in the air to get a tip-off. Other Knoll players shown are Peterson (No. 7), Dolph (No. 4), and Nelson (No. 5). Dolph was high-point man for the Knoll team, while Garcia (No. 3) led the PacResFlt team in points scored.

Knoll Women Cagers Lose Close One To Stoneman WAFS in League Match

Oak Knoll's entry in the Bay Area Armed Forces Women's Basketball league absorbed its second straight loss of the season against no wins on Thursday, 6 December, when they lost a tight game to the Camp Stoneman Wafs on the home floor by a score of 25-22.

It was nip and tuck all through the first half, with the half-time count standing at 12-11 in favor of Oak Knoll. But in the third period the Wafs built up a commanding lead the Knollites were unable to overcome in spite of a fourth quarter surge.

LT Margaret Mariniak again was the bright spot for the home team as she laced through six baskets for 12 of the 22 points. LT Charlotte Bailey again was second high scorer for the team with seven points, while Hill, the other starting forward for the Hospital crew, racked up three points.

Grove was high point maker for the Wafs, with thirteen counters.

Again, the score and outcome of the game could have been altered considerably by more efficiency at the free throw line. Oak Knoll made good on only two chances of six given by Waf fouls, while Stoneman cashed in on five of 11 chances.

Coach Joe Reginato and members of the team were gunning for their first win of the season when they went against the Ft. Mason Wacs on

Thursday, 13 December, on the Wacs' home court. Results were not available in time for publication.

The game will be the last for the Oak Knollites until after the holidays when they will meet the Camp Stoneman Wacs on the San Leandro court on Thursday, 3 January.

The codfish lays a million eggs,
The little hen but one;
But the codfish doesn't cackle
When her little stunt is done,
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THE OAK LEAF



CPL William F. Conway, attached to the Army Liaison Office at Oak Knoll since 20 August, spent his last day of duty here on Wednesday, 19 December. CPL Conway has received orders for duty in Europe. He came to Oak Knoll from Letterman General Hospital in San Francisco.

Civilian Holiday For 12 Staffers

Twelve former staff members at Oak Knoll went rushing homeward during the past few days to spend the holidays as civilians. Nine of them were released to inactive duty in the Naval Reserve under the phasing schedule, while the other three were discharged at the end of the extension of their enlistments.

The three discharged were Howard C. Garner, HA, who worked on 65A, John G. Strunk, HM3, of Ward 42B, and Walter W. Black.

Those released to inactive duty, and their former details included Albert S. Childs, HM2, CSR, on 10 December; Kenneth W. Schwartz, HM2, Lab, and Earl E. Richardson, HM3, Ward 62A, both on 12 December; Grover A. Chessmore, HM1, EENT, Howard D. Riley, HM2, NP Service, Ward R. Watson, HM2, Bag Room, Raymond L. Gentzler, HM1, NMAA, and Peter A. Hatch, HM1, AirEvac, all on 14 December, and Leo R. Capson, HM2, Ward 43B, on 17 December.

Patients to See Rose Bowl Game

Thirty-five lucky patients at Oak Knoll are going to get to see the annual football classic at the Rose Bowl in Pasadena on New Year's Day, LT R. L. Thompson, Special Services Officer, has announced.

Ward doctors have been asked to recommend the most deserving patients to the Special Services Department.

Present plans call for the group to leave Oak Knoll by bus on Monday, 31 December, to arrive at NAS, Oakland by 1400. They will leave NAS, Oakland, in a VR-3 plane at 1430 and arrive at Los Alamitos at about 1630.

There they will be quartered at the NAS dispensary. They have been invited to attend a New Year's Eve party at the Enlisted Men's Club that evening.

On New Year's Day the group will leave Los Alamitos for the Rose Bowl at 0930, carrying lunches furnished by NAS. After seeing the game the patients will return to Los Alamitos for the night.

The plane will leave Los Alamitos at 0830 on 2 January with ETA at NAS, Oakland, set at 1030. They will arrive back at the hospital at approximately 1230.

On the trip the patients will be accompanied by a flight surgeon and a flight nurse from VR-3 at NAS, Oakland.

Christmas Plans Listed by USO

The Oakland USO-NCCS Club has announced a full schedule of Christmas week-end events for service men and women in the Bay Area.

Scheduled for today, 22 December, is a decorating party, with a tree to decorate between 2000 and 2300, dancing, refreshments, and Christmas Carols.

On Sunday, 23 December, there will be an open house from 1300 to 2300, with a coffee hour from 1300 to 1400, a songfest at 1930 and dancing from 2000 to 2300.

Scheduled for Monday, 24 December, is a coffee hour from 1300 to 1400, bingo from 1400 to 1500, Christmas music from 1500 to 1900, a fireside party from 1900 to 2330, and Christmas Carols from 2330 to 2400.

On Christmas Day the club will be open from 0900 to 2300, with a "Jingle Bells" formal dance from 2000 to 2300. The fireside party will be in session all day, with a Christmas hospitality table, games, music, television and radio.

Monday a Work Day

December 24th and December 31st, the Mondays before Christmas and New Year's Day, will be regular work days for civilian employees, the Civilian Personnel Office announces.



Major Leo Francis Tatro, Jr., USMC, received the Purple Heart Medal last week from Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz. After formal award ceremonies at the auditorium, Admiral Nimitz visited wards to present medals to two bed patients.

Fleet Admiral Nimitz Gives Awards To Twelve Veterans of Korea Here

Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, USN, presented two Silver Stars, two Bronze Stars, three Commendation Medals, and five Purple Hearts to Korea veterans at ceremonies held in the Community Services Building auditorium on 13 December.

Captain Gordon introduced the Admiral, pointing out the highlights of his career from its beginning at the Naval Academy more than 50 years ago to the present time, when he holds the highest rank given to any man in the military service. The five star Admiral, still serving the Navy in an advisory capacity, and Mrs. Nimitz, now make their home in Berkeley and are frequent visitors to Oak Knoll.

In his brief talk to the wounded, Admiral Nimitz assured them that they have made a very definite contribution to the peace and security of the world by helping to stem Communist aggression in Korea.

The first award went to First LT Edward J. Cronin, USMC, who received the Silver Star for action while his platoon was on a reconnaissance mission in the vicinity of Yanggu. "The leading elements, including himself, unknowingly entered a hostile mine field, exploding several of the mines and suffering numerous casualties. While attempting to prevent further movement on the part of his men, he accidentally set off a mine which seriously injured him. Although suffering from ex-

treme pain and loss of blood, he calmly directed a squad leader to set up an emergency defense against possible enemy attack and supervised the efforts of the corpsman in the treatment and evacuation of the other wounded. Only when all casualties had been evacuated would he allow himself to be carried out for evacuation."

A second Silver Star was awarded to Troy G. Ewing, HM3, USNR, for "conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action against the enemy while serving as a corpsman with a Marine rifle company in Korea on 10 June 1951."

Ewing's citation stated that he "was advancing with the company at about 2200 when it was hit by withering small arms, machine guns and grenade fire. Heedless of the danger, he continually exposed himself as he moved through fire swept areas searching out and treating wounded Marines. When he suffered a severe wound, he refused evacuation and returned again and again to within hand grenade range of the enemy to carry the wounded to safety. He continued to display these outstanding qualities of courage and devotion to duty until 0300 the next morning when his company commander ordered him to the rear for treatment of his wounds."

Bronze Star Medals were presented to Second LT Richard H. Winter, (Continued on Page 3)

The Oak Leaf

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Surgeon General Sends Greetings

"Man doth not live by bread only."

Deuteronomy 8th Chapter, 3rd Verse

A sense of the broader implications of the above passage of Scripture and an impelling desire on the part of everyone to give expression to its real meaning are significant elements in the institution of Christmas.

We cannot live by bread alone nor can we live by ourselves alone. We are constantly dependent upon the support, assistance and tolerance of our fellow men. Our Navy is dependent upon the effective support of its various component bureaus and departments. Its Medical Department is second to none in importance. How well the Medical Department fulfills its lofty mission depends upon the faithful efforts of a multitude of individuals—some in uniform—some in civilian clothes—all devoted to a common purpose, and serving in varied capacities at home and abroad.

The excellence of the Medical Department's performance is dependent also upon the interest and active support of those in and out of uniform, including Reserves and Regulars, retired and active, and upon countless civilians, to all of whom the Navy belongs. The enduring effort and loyal support of these men and women constitute an inspiration and a cause for profound gratitude among those of us charged with guiding the destinies of the Medical Department.

Therefore, at this traditional season of good will, it is to me a highly cherished privilege to extend to the legions of civilian and service personnel alike who together comprise the Medical Department of the Navy, as well as to its benefactors and well-wishers, my warm and personal Christmas Greetings and Best Wishes.

LAMONT PUGH
Rear Admiral (MC)
Surgeon General, U.S. Navy

† † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

The star of Bethlehem first shone against a dark night, and the Prince of Peace came to an earth torn by war and racial hatreds. Yet the darkness of nineteen centuries ago could not master that Light. Nor can the hardships provoked by evil forces today extinguish the Hope and Faith and Love kindled by the divine flame. Its radiance will glow as a beacon to guide mankind in the way of Justice and Peace.

May that Light illuminate your hearts this Christmas Season.

Chaplain James A. Whitman, USN
Chaplain Edwin L. Wade, USN
Chaplain Anthony T. Wallace, USN
Chaplain James P. Killeen, USN
Chaplain Paul M. Steinberg, USNR
Chaplain William P. Grunow, USA

Divine Services

Hospital Chapel at Main Gate

PROTESTANT

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

CATHOLIC

SUNDAY MASSES
0600 — 0900 — 1215
DAILY MASSES — 0645 & 1630
Confessions before Mass
CHOIR PRACTICE:
TUESDAY 1900
Catholic Oratory in back of Chapel

CHAPLAINS' OFFICES IN
CHAPEL & 67A
NAVY RELIEF OFFICE—
IN CHAPEL

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

Chaplains of other faiths will be called
upon request

BUS TO AND FROM CHAPEL ON
SUNDAYS 0845 & 1045

Red Cross Ramblings



What is the well-dressed man wearing for his Christmas parties? Ward 75A decided to make fancy headgear and chapeaux for the big day. The prize winners, who concocted these fancy creations, were Roscoe Perry, SN, USN; James Hallford, AT2, USN, and Samuel Williams, TA, USN. Mrs. Gloria Hewitt assisted in the awards.

FESTIVITIES OF THE PAST WEEK

Red Cross began its gay week (prior to the big party on Christmas Eve) on Monday the 17th with ward parties and entertainment. Carolers arrived to sing on all the wards. Bingo games with gay ribbon-bedecked prizes, cake and ice cream followed. Tuesday evening the Sportsmen's Club arrived with their hunting and fishing gear and with movies to display to the patients. Christmas music by groups from the nearby communities could be heard from all corners. The Alameda Navy Wives entertained the pediatric ward on Thursday with a Christmas party. All week the "small fry" were seen bringing and tugging huge boxes of favors, cookies and trimming for trees in every shape and form from popcorn snowballs to covered Santa Claus face match boxes. The Junior Red Cross has been busy in their various school work-shops since the middle of November assembling these items for the patients at the Hospital. The Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and the Camp Fire Girls have planned and executed their contributions at their weekly meetings.

HONORABLE MENTION TO GIRL SCOUTS TROOP NO. 82

Last Thursday afternoon, Girl Scout Troop 82 visited the Red Cross Lounge and brought ceramic ash trays and home made cookies, which they had made especially for the patients on the wards. The girls earned the money themselves to purchase the materials necessary in making these ash trays, and they spent hours of time baking the cookies. All this was done under the guidance of the troop leader, Mrs. Ted Dreyer of Oakland.

WHERE TO GO IN THE BAY AREA

During the holiday season, patients have attended various off-compound events, such as "Mister Roberts" at the Geary Theatre in San Francisco, the Sadler's Wells Ballet at the War Memorial Opera House. A Christmas party was given by the Berkeley City Employees, another by the Lantana Lodge of Berkeley. The Breuner Brothers again offered their spacious 52-foot cruiser for a combined fish-

ing cruise on the Bay last Thursday. The Women's Golf Section of the Olympic Club entertained 60 patients last Wednesday at their clubhouse facing the Pacific Ocean at luncheon. Miss Judy Dean of KNBC sang and played her favorite songs for the men while they dined. After lunch, games were played, including golf putting, magnetic darts and bingo. Songs from current musical comedies and the old-time favorites were sung until everyone was hoarse. The sound of sleigh bells was heard and in walked Santa Claus with a gift for all the men. It was with regret that we said good-bye and returned to the hospital. Miss Dean presented a record player and records to the hospital. Seven station wagons left on Sunday with patients to see the winning 49ers football team beat the Detroit Lions at Kezar Stadium in the final professional football game of the 1951 season.

LAST-MINUTE CHRISTMAS SHOPPERS

For you who have had to do some last-minute shopping, the Wrapping Center will be open all day Monday, 24 December, in the room adjacent to the bowling alley. The Gray-Ladies and the Red Cross staff have utilized a "shuttle" service to the wards to get boxes wrapped for bed patients, so if you still need THAT package wrapped, let us know immediately. Otherwise take it over to the Wrapping Service. The Officers' and Chiefs' wives will be on deck until 1600 Monday to assist you.

AND FROM THE RED CROSS STAFF AND GRAY LADIES A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM ALL OF US!

Lake Geneva, Wis. (AFPS) — An experienced guide was sent to look for 12-year-old Charles Holk, believed lost in the woods. Later the boy returned—but no guide. Young Holk dashed back into the forest, returned with the bewildered woodsman.

Boston, Mass. (AFPS) — A local cafe displayed on its menu: "Hang-over Special, 25 cents—tomato juice, two aspirins, and black coffee."

Life Begins at Oak Knoll

9 December

FINLAYSON, Linda Rae, to wife of Donald Finlayson, CMG2, 6 pounds, 11 ounces.
 SMITH, Girl, to wife of Norman Smith, EMFN, 6 pounds, 13 ounces.
 PETERSEN, Robert George, to wife of George A. Petersen, QMC, 6 pounds, 13 ounces.
 DEMPSEY, Michael Steven, to wife of John Dempsey, ETSN, 6 pounds, 10 ounces.
 ROBINSON, Karen Ann, to wife of Vernon Robinson, SN, 7 pounds, 13 ounces.
 HAINES, Joseph Gerald, to wife of William Haines, EN1, 6 pounds, 7 ounces.
 GALLOUP, Alton Steven, to wife of Alton Galloup, RM2, 6 pounds, 10 ounces.
 McCOLLUM, Troy Jay, to wife of Royce McCollum, DT2, 7 pounds, 12 ounces.
 GAUDETTE, Robert Lewis, to wife of Charles Gaudette, HM2, 7 pounds, 4 ounces.
 VAN HORN, Robert Michael, to wife of William Van Horn, AL2, 7 pounds, 11 ounces.
 PAULSON, Cherie Lorelle, to wife of John Paulson, CS3, 4 pounds, 10 ounces.
 HOPKINS, Terri Jo, to wife of Gene Hopkins, PR1, 7 pounds, 1½ ounces.

10 December

COPE, Cynthia Therese, to wife of Henry Cope, AMH2, 9 pounds, 2 ounces.
 SHIRLEY, Stephen Lynn, to wife of John Shirley, CAPT, 7 pounds, 2 ounces.
 HAYES, Girl, to wife of Gerald Hayes, CAPT, 4 pounds, 7½ ounces.
 JAMES, Boy, to wife of Darrell James, CS1, 9 pounds, 3 ounces.
 ALLARD, Girl, to wife of Lawrence Allard, YNC, 8 pounds, 9 ounces.
 BECKMAN, Robert Dana and Richard Dale (twins), to wife of Grover Beckman, ET3, 6 pounds, 11 ounces, and 5 pounds, 14 ounces.
 MAXSON, Ward Carl Grant, to wife of Ward Maxson, AD1, 6 pounds, 9 ounces.
 VAUGHN, Robert Allen, to wife of Charles Vaughn, ETC, 9 pounds, 1 ounce.
 BEGLEY, Boy, to wife of Roaul Begley, AF3, 6 pounds, 13 ounces.
 WAYSON, Girl, to wife of Robert Wayson, SGT, 5 pounds, 9½ ounces.

11 December

HECKMAN, Joseph Howard, to wife of Clarence Heckman, HM2, 8 pounds, 4 ounces.
 BURRELL, Ramona Michele, to wife of James Burrell, MM1, 8 pounds, 11 ounces.
 JONES, Deena Christine, to wife of William Jones, AD1, 6 pounds, 12½ ounces.
 SMITH, Debra Diane, to wife of James Smith, ADC, 7 pounds, 1½ ounces.
 MOBRAK, James Bechara III, to wife of James Mobrak, 7 pounds, 1 ounce.
 REYNOLDS, Rande Lynn, to wife of Harold Reynolds, SH1, 6 pounds, 8 ounces.
 ROBINSON, Sally Jan Madeleine, to wife of Rafo Robinson, LTJG, 4 pounds, 13 ounces.
 GAZI, Kathleen Ann, to wife of David Gazi, MMFN, 7 pounds, 3 ounces.

12 December

DINNEL, Linda Kay, to wife of Ralph Din- nel, SGT, 7 pounds, 2 ounces.
 STOKESBERRY, William Alfred Jr., to wife of William Stokesberry, AMC, 7 pounds, 8 ounces.
 TRAMMEL, Michael Wayne, to wife of Marlin Trammell, AD1, 6 pounds, 5½ ounces.
 NANNEY, Clarence Allen, to wife of Gene Nanney, IC2, 8 pounds.
 MILLER, Phillip Ernest, to wife of John Miller, PFC, 7 pounds, 9 ounces.
 EINSEL, Robert Louis, to wife of Ellis Einsel, DC3, 6 pounds, 10 ounces.
 WYATT, Michael Dana, to wife of Charles Wyatt, S/SGT, 6 pounds, 11 ounces.
 FORSYTH, Boy, to wife of Vernon Forsyth, TM2, 8 pounds, 10 ounces.
 STERLING, Brenda Jean, to wife of Wil- liam Sterling, RD3, 4 pounds, 6½ ounces.

13 December

FITZGERALD, Georgia Ann, to wife of Francis Fitzgerald, EN2, 7 pounds, 9 ounces.
 HACKSTEDDE, Mark Noel, to wife of James Hackstedde, EM3, 8 pounds, 15 ounces.
 DAVIDSON, Bruce Jeffrey, to wife of Biff Davidson, FN, 8 pounds, 5 ounces.
 MAYS, Danny D., to wife of Franklin Mays, SN, 6 pounds, 14 ounces.
 LANE, Mary Doris, to wife of Merrill Lane, SN, 6 pounds.
 BEEDLE, Richard Kenneth, to wife of Richard Beedle, AC3, 7 pounds, 9 ounces.
 PETERSON, Craig Lamont, to wife of Wesley Peterson, SGT, 6 pounds, 3½ ounces.
 ENGLISH, Boy, to wife of Thomas Eng- lish, AN, 6 pounds, 3 ounces.
 DARR, Stephen Andrew, to wife of Charles Darr, DT1, 7 pounds, 15 ounces.
 CAHILL, Kathleen, to wife of Jack Ca- hill, TMT3, 6 pounds, 2 ounces.

14 December

ROSE, William Carpenter, to wife of George Rose, HN, 7 pounds, 13 ounces.
 STONICH, Timothy Allan, to wife of Jos- eph Stonich, AO2, 9 pounds, 14 ounces.



Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz is shown above preparing to pin a Bronze Star Medal on the chest of SGT Billy G. Woolman, USMCR, at ceremonies held at the Community Services Building auditorium on Thursday, 13 December. Among other patients who received awards at the ceremonies are (left to right) Troy G. Ewing, HM3, USNR, and First LT Edward J. Cronin, USMC, both winners of the Silver Star Medal, and Second LT Richard H. Winter, USMC, also presented a Bronze Star Medal.

KPIX Donates Two TV Sets to Knoll Patients

A welcome visitor to Oak Knoll Saturday morning was Franklin M. Dumm, secretary-treasurer for KPIX.

Mr. Dumm came to the hospital to deliver two General Electric sets that were purchased with funds raised when Del Courtney campaigned for "TV Sets for Vets." Listeners to his program contributed very generously, and as a result, TV sets were purchased for this hospital, the Naval Hospital at Mare Island, and Letterman Army Hospital.

Eight sets already in use at the hospital were gifts from KPIX listeners all over the state. They were presented earlier in the campaign, and the two delivered Saturday were the result of a "mopping up" operation to which KPIX employees as well as listeners contributed.

HARMAN, Ross Whitney, to wife of John Harman, AMC, 8 pounds, 3½ ounces.
 FRANKLIN, Terry Benjamin Jr., to wife of Terry Franklin, HM3, staff, 7 pounds, 10 ounces.
 WOODRING, Carol Ann, to wife of Lewis Woodring, AM3, 8 pounds, 5½ ounces.
 FRANCA, Girl, to wife of Alfred Franca, ADEL, 7 pounds, 15 ounces.
 ABRAMS, Ralph Paul, to wife of Harold Abrams, SN, 7 pounds, 1½ ounces.
 GRIFFIN, Guy Neil, to wife of Jimmy Griffin, FN, 6 pounds, 10 ounces.

15 December

STANTON, Florence Elizabeth, to wife of Bobie Stanton, SA, 7 pounds, 10 ounces.
 LONG, Denis Ralph, to wife of James Long, SN, 7 pounds, 1 ounce.
 DAVENPORT, Carol Ann, to wife of Jesse Davenport, M/SGT, 6 pounds, 14 ounces.
 PARKER, Pater Patrick, to wife of John Parker, LCDR, 7 pounds, 4 ounces.
 SIRGO, Joseph Raymond Jr., to wife of Joseph Sirgo, AL3, 7 pounds, 3 ounces.
 STENSLER, Gustave George Max II, to wife of Gustave Stensler, LT, 7 pounds, 9 ounces.
 DEAN, Steven Michael, to wife of William Dean, AC2, 8 pounds, 5 ounces.
 CIRRICIONE, Joseph Robert Jr., to wife of Joseph Cirricione, ENS, 7 pounds, 1 ounce.
 FRANKLIN, Boy, to wife of Leo Franklin, RM2, 8 pounds, 9 ounces.

Twelve Receive Awards in Knoll Auditorium for KOWAR Action

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USMC, and CPL Billy G. Woolman, USMCR.

The citation of LT Winter stated that although he was seriously injured by enemy anti-personnel mines which caused him to be greatly weakened by the loss of blood "he courageously refused medical attention until all other casualties had been treated. Only after his men were properly cared for would he permit himself to receive attention."

CPL Woolman received his award for displaying outstanding courage and initiative when his company's position was attacked by a large enemy force. "Fearlessly and with complete disregard for his personal safety, exposing himself to devastating enemy automatic weapons and small arms fire, he poured withering fire on the advancing enemy to prevent them from overrunning the machine gun position. Refusing to seek cover, he continued his heroic defense of the position until he was seriously wounded and had to be evacuated," the citation stated.

Winners of the Commendation Medals were PFC Russell D. Ralston, USMC; PFC Marvin L. Gordon, USMC, and PFC Abel S. Angeles, USMC.

PFC Ralston was cited for working long, tedious hours "without regard for his own personal safety or fatigue in carrying out the missions assigned him by the unit leader." "Despite adverse weather and terrain, and frequent, intense enemy opposition he carried out his duties diligently and efficiently at all times," the citation stated.

PFC Angeles, serving as a machine gun platoon runner "acquired many skills on his own initiative, and contributed greatly to the efficiency of the platoon by acting as radio oper-

ator, wireman, semaphore signalman, and as rifleman grenadier in expertly designated specific point targets," his citation said.

The citation of PFC Gordon stated that when he discovered an unmanned machine gun "he placed the machine gun into action, firing effectively into the face of the enemy attack." "Although not a machine gunner, he continued to deliver heavy fire from the weapon until the attack was repulsed," the citation said.

Purple Heart Ribbons and Medals were presented to Major Leo Francis Tatro, Jr., USMC; SGT Jay P. Moore, USMCR; PFC George D. Bryan, USMC; PFC Charles T. Heilborn, USMCR, and PFC Walter C. Kingsbauer, Jr., USMC.

HI-LITES

Burlington, Vt. (AFPS) — Investigating the report of Perley Weed that his car had been stolen, police learned that his auto had been improperly registered and his license suspended. He was hauled off to jail.

Sheboygan, Wis. (AFPS) — Faced with a vagrancy charge, Harry J. Kelly told the judge that his "home was in heaven" but he wasn't ready to go there. The magistrate gave the "unwanted angel" an hour to leave town.

Boston, Mass. (AFPS) — Among the divorce complaints filed by Mrs. Constance Blois, was that her husband insisted on dancing the polka while the orchestra played a waltz. Hubby's dancing offbeat was enough for the judge.

Welcome and Farewell

The personnel office during the last week processed the orders of several persons reporting to Oak Knoll for duty, wrapped up the records of several leaving the hospital, and found at the end of the week that 19 new staff members had reported aboard and the same number had been transferred.

Reporting aboard were ENS Philip R. Ragle, MSC, USN, from enlisted status; CDR Haskell Wertheimer, MC, USN, from USS REPOSE; ENS Ruth A. Von Franzke, NC, USNR; ENS Elizabeth M. Pfeffer, NC, USNR; ENS Phyllis L. Stoddard, NC, USNR; ENS Joan M. Tyrrell, NC, USNR; ENS Elizabeth M. Murphy, NC, USNR; ENS Irene M. Surovec, NC, USNR; ENS Adelaide Stilwell, NC, USN; LTJG Helen M. Balashek, NC, USN; ENS Hazel I. Faust, NC, USNR; ENS Helen D. Hanson, NC, USNR; ENS Doris P. Benoit, NC, USNR; ENS Elizabeth E. Holmes, NC, USNR; and ENS May L. Horsmon, NC, USNR, all from USNH, Philadelphia, Pa.;

R. H. Lesh, YNTCA, from USNRS, Salt Lake City; HMC V. H. Burns from NNMC, Bethesda, HM3 P. G. Sears from USS ELECTRON, and DA D. B. Edwards from USNTC, San Diego.

Transferred during the week were LT Marie R. Pelletier, NC, USNR, LTJG Marjorie J. Revis, NC, USN, LT Lily A. Giem, NC, USNR, LTJG Gertrude A. Christ, NC, USN, LTJG Kathleen J. Christensen, NC, USN, and LTJG Virginia M. Cleary, NC, USN, all to USS HAVEN; LT Leo E. Hollister, MC, USNR, to civilian life; LTJG Kathryn A. Wade, NC, USNR, to civilian life, and ENS Ellen J. Feldman, NC, USN, also to civilian life;

HMC's R. C. Crawford to Marine Corps Headquarters, San Francisco, and D. J. Barnes to USNH, Memphis; HM1 C. L. Glick to USS TEABERRY; HM3's W. C. Moulton to NSC, Oakland, and A. D. Dolph to FMF, Camp Pendleton; HN's W. P. Crowley and R. V. Daley, both to USNRECSTA,



Two civil service workers officially operate the Veteran's Administration office. Three women in the Records division help in the preparation of special correspondence and reports for the office. Above left, Naomi Mann, secretary to Mr. Springer, makes one of the many phone calls that are "all in a day's work" for her. Above center, Eleanor Stromberg and Dorothy Brown double-check information as they work on some reports for the VA. Above right, Carmen Gonzales flashes a friendly smile over her typewriter in the Records office. At left, Richard Springer, contact representative for the VA explains one of the benefits coming to CPL James W. Baysinger, USMC, of St. Paul, Minnesota.

West Warwick, R. I. (AFPS)—Antonio Petrarca had a terrible toothache, but he couldn't find out what to do about it because he didn't speak English. To attract attention, he set a brush fire just off the main street. Firemen and police arrived but no doctor.

Crookston, Minn. (AFPS) — Headline in the Daily Times: "Childless Fathers Now Draftable."

Treasure Island, and H. A. Stokes, K. J. Zeigler and A. E. Morini, all to FMF, Camp Pendleton, and SN P. L. Cole, to COM12, Treasure Island.

Veterans Administration Contact Office Vital to Disabled Vets

The Veteran's Administration is a government agency set up to help the veteran with his problems after he is out of uniform.

More specifically, the VA at Oak Knoll furnishes the veteran, his beneficiaries, dependents, employees of the Naval Hospital and other interested parties, any assistance necessary to secure the benefits to which they are entitled.

Mr. Richard A. Springer, contact representative, heads the VA at Oak Knoll and a clerk-stenographer and three civil service workers from the records office help in the preparation of reports and correspondence.

Patients are interviewed by Mr. Springer, who explains and interprets VA benefits involving insurance, out-patient treatment, vocational education and training benefits, death benefits, hospitalization, compensation and pension, G.I. loans, terminal leave pay, civil service rights, and readjustment pay allowances.

Patients' records are checked to determine what sort of benefits they are entitled to and to insure that those benefits are being received.

The VA office maintains a liaison between members of the hospital staff, patients and representatives of other agencies with which the veteran may do business.

In the event of a problem or question that cannot be handled by this office, assistance is given by the VA office in Oakland or by the regional office in San Francisco.

An average of 400 contacts are made each month by Mr. Springer. Additional interviews and filing of

claims are handled by Mrs. Naomi Mann, the VA clerk-stenographer.

Three other civil service workers prepare reports for the VA office. Their primary duties are concerned with the personnel and records division, where they prepare medical transcripts and summaries from medical case records. They prepare special medical reports as they are requested by the VA office.

Who's Who in VA Office

Richard A. Springer, a former Chief Yeoman in the Navy, has a full-time hobby: being proud of a grandson recently born to the Springers' daughter, Trudy.

Naomi Mann, secretary to the contact representative, is originally from Pennsylvania. Before coming to Oak Knoll, she was employed in Washington, D. C., in a Congressman's office and in the Treasury Department.

Dorothy I. Brown has two married sons who served in the Air Force and in the Marines in WWII.

Eleanor Stromberg says her present main interest is to sell her house near here so she can join her husband in Los Angeles. Her other interests are two thoroughbred collies, playing the piano, horses, gardening, and working!

Carmen Gonzales is the treasurer and an original member of a dance club in Oakland. The club, which will be two years old in January, is one of Miss Gonzales' pet interests.



Patients on Ward 46A were the proud possessors of a new Television set last week, as the Civic Center Club of Richmond presented the set. Shown above, left to right, are Pamino P. Davo, VAP, Mrs. Carlos Ruiamonte, Mrs. Dee Shenerman, President of the Civic Center Club, Mrs. Arthur Wescott, L. J. Guillory, FN, and PFC S. Milenac, USMC.

Turning the Leaves

"ONE KIND OF CHRISTMAS"

Jack Ragsdale, HM2, was a patient here at Oak Knoll after he was wounded on Saipan. I was back in the states come Christmas of 1944 and I took him home to my folks in San Mateo. They all seemed to agree that he added something, they couldn't say what but something, to the general air of Christian fellowship. I had a much better idea because I'd seen him the year previous, the darker Christmas, 1943, when our outfit had set up a rest camp of sorts on the plains below Mauna Kea in Hawaii.

Tarawa was behind that crew by just a month. They'd landed and taken Betio Island in three days, from 20 November to the evening of the 22nd. It had been a shattering experience, and the bleak camp built of pyramidal tents and quonset huts among the bed rock and lava ash below the dead volcano was hardly conducive to what we call Christmas spirit. There were too many memories of your best buddy gone to make anybody very merry, and with Saipan still to come, not many could say "Happy New Year" and mean it.

The afternoon of December 24 was one that I remember chiefly as the day everybody spoke in whispers. Or rather, as if their minds were elsewhere. There was a crossroads junction with a general store nearby, our own PX hadn't been set up yet, and a few of the men wandered down there, looking for small gifts and bright wrapping paper — anything that would look a little like Christmas.

Ragsdale was my clerical technician and superlatively good at it, and that afternoon he spent among the health records. That is, until our doctor looked out the door and surveyed the general gloom, murmured "Some Christmas." Ragsdale replied,

"Umgapf," and closing the record cabinet, left the tent. He went to sick bay next door and began digging out various bottles and a roll of absorbent cotton. Next he lined up several small pieces of wood and put three of our boys to work cutting branches off a row of trees that lined a nearby road.

"What——" I started to say, and he cut me short, telling me that the Chaplain had some small song books which had recently arrived. I was to get the song books. I had directed a community sing in New Zealand, had I not? Very well, go get the books. When I left he had cornered the mess sergeant and they were talking about "Christmas cheer" of some sort. The mess sergeant, an old Marine hand, was murmuring that he DID know a fellow, a Hawaiian that lived down the road apiece . . .

The branches stuck in the little blocks of wood got decorated with balls of cotton which had been dipped in various colored medicines, and for all the world they DID look like Christmas trees. We HAD a community sing, lasting long after the song books had been exhausted, and somehow under Ragsdale's spirited leadership it WAS a Christmas after all.

He got the Silver Star later for incredible gallantry that day our aid station got blown up; I never knew how many lives, my own one of them, the boy from Tennessee saved. But I think I'll remember him best for the rejuvenation of spirit he accomplished in that bleak Christmas, 1943, when he showed us the real meaning of the phrase "men of good will."

FRANK M. CAMPBELL, HM1

"Lulu, you keep talking about diamonds, diamonds, diamonds. What's the matter with you?"

"I dunno. Guess I've got rocks in my head."



Mr. Merle Scott, assistant manager of the East Bay Federation of Community Chests, is handed a check for \$2,489.43, Oak Knoll's contribution to the Chest drive, by CAPT J.N.C. Gordon, MC, USN, Commanding Officer. The amount is the Chest's 30 per cent share of the total donated by staff and patients at the Hospital. Looking on is CAPT I.L.V. Norman, MC, USN, Executive Officer, who was chairman of the United Fund Campaign Board of Governors.

Oak Knoll Presents \$2,489.43 to East Bay Community Chests Fund

A check for \$2,489.43, covering Oak Knoll's contribution to the Community Chest has been presented to the East Bay Federation of Community Chests.

The amount was the Chest's 30 percent of the total raised in Oak Knoll's recent United Fund Drive. Total amount collected at the hospital in the drive to date amounts to \$8,366.13, with some \$414 in pledges still to come in.

The drive, Oak Knoll's first experiment with a united attempt to collect funds for several organizations at the same time, was headed up by a Board of Governors, chaired by CAPT I. L. V. Norman, MC, USN, Executive Officer.

In a letter to the Commanding Officer, Norris Nash, campaign chair-

man for the East Bay Federation, said:

"This is to thank you for the splendid contribution made at Oak Knoll this year in raising \$2,489.43 for the support of the 71 agencies of the Community Chest and the USO.

"The 87 percent increase over last year is indeed most gratifying. The results we are receiving, from Oak Knoll and from industry as well, show that the United Campaign is a real incentive for raising additional funds.

"I have heard nothing but fine comments regarding the outstanding campaign conducted at Oak Knoll. May I extend my congratulations for this first United Campaign which has proven so successful."

Holiday Festivity Schedules Listed For Officers', C.P.O. and E.M. Clubs

A between-holiday lull will settle over Oak Knoll after Christmas Day following the rapid pace of events that filled the last days of the week before Christmas.

With many of the patients and a large number of the staff off on holiday leaves, those left at the hospital should have a chance to digest their Christmas dinners and enjoy their Yule gifts in relative peace and quiet.

The enlisted staff wound up its pre-holiday celebration last night (Friday) at an Enlisted Men's Recreation Center dance, complete with turkeys as door prizes and Dick Sullivan's Band for music. According to all reports, the affair was a huge success.

What patients are left at the hospital last night congregated at the Auditorium for the annual Veteran Hospitals' Christmas Committee program, last of a series of pre-holiday entertainments. On Monday, 24 December, 12 patients will attend one last Christmas Eve party at Milani's Restaurant, with the gaiety to get under way at 1200.

Officers and their ladies will wind up their celebration tomorrow night (Sunday), with an egg-nog party at the club from 1600 to 1800. A special feature of the party will be exchange of Christmas greetings through a display of cards from members of the staff. The cards will provide the motif for the party decorations.

And tomorrow afternoon, at 1400, children will be the honored guests to a party at the C.P.O. Club. The affair will feature all the things that go to make up Christmas for a child.

Both the C.P.O. Club and the Officers' Club have big plans for New Year's Eve, however. At the C.P.O. Club it will be a combined party and dance, featuring the music of the Niles Kenny orchestra.

At the Officers' Club, things will get under way with a cocktail party from 1800 to 1930; dinner will follow from 1930 to 2030, with dancing to the Bud Cheek Orchestra from 2100 to 0100, and an early morning breakfast at 0100.



Some 40 civilian employees and their guests, many of them from Oak Knoll, dined and danced at the Lake Merritt Hotel last Saturday night when Local 496 of the National Federation of Federal employees held their Christmas party. In the group were, seated, left to right: F. Lyon, Mrs. M. Leader, Mr. and Mrs. Henry John, Mr. and Mrs. Art Howland, Mrs. Anna Stone, president-elect of the local; Willard Smith, outgoing president; Dorothy Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. George Wyness, Mr. and Mrs. P. Pettersson, Mrs. J. Malerich, and Mrs. H. Rooney. Standing in background: Don Stone, Elisabeth Winsby, William McGuire, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Ramirez, Martha Brown, Viola Bouck, Ed Groff and friend, William Fisher, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schwartz, Mr. and Mrs. E. Nelson, Harry Rooney, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schaffer.

IN THE Spot-light

By JUDEX

Our Spotlight this week shines on that long-awaited Christmas Day. It is the one day in the year which brings delight to the hearts of the young, and to those who are young in spirit. It is that one day when hope is reborn throughout the world, and our shattered dreams are rebuilt with added brilliance. During this season, when the lonely become more lonely, those more fortunate will rejoice in the privilege of being with their loved ones. On this Christmas day, 1951, as we celebrate the birth of the greatest man of all time, it is our wish that this be the last Christmas any of you will have to spend away from home.

Now, as we dip into our magic bag of prizes, here is part of our gift list for this holiday season:

TO DOCTOR THORNBURG—a bow and arrow to go with his Robin Hood surgery cap. TO THE BOYS IN STAFF DETAIL—a big pair of ear muffs to shut out the complaints of disgruntled nurses. TO MR. O. G. HAINES—more steaks to serve to us. FOR THE BRIG—many, many vacancies. TO DR. TRACY CUTTLE—a big audience to listen to his fish stories. TO LTJG MARJORIE REVIS—a bottle of sea-sickness pills when she boards the USS HAVEN next month. TO BIG FRED TIMMERMAN—more corpsmen to place on that night special watch list. TO LITTLE STANLEY BAKER—a bottle of vitamins. FOR THE SHIP'S SERVICE CLEANERS—shorter lines and faster service. FOR CIVIL RE-ADJUSTMENT'S HAROLD LEON HUGGINS—an ice bag to keep cool on "those days." TO DR. DILLON—a citation for having the nicest bedside manner of 1951. FOR THE WAVES—more of you and fewer of us. FOR THE RESERVES—a speedy release to inactive duty. To all of our patients, a quick recovery and continued good health. To the World—peace. AND, to all of Oak Knoll, a very Merry Christmas and the happiest of New Years.

AMONG OUR OWN: We saw those two darlings of O.P.D., Donna Maddox and Irma Heidell, taking in the midnight showing of "Quo Vadis" in San Francisco last Saturday night. And who were those strange men? Right in front of them were HM3 Cecil Lockwood, his little woman, and friends. In case you have been wondering, that cute little thing working on Ward 40A is named Rita Moore. Mr. Stutler of Personnel received a book in the mail last week from his former assistant, Charlie Atwill. We hear that it was quite shocking. Complete with batteries and wires, yet! Ross Sharp, that erstwhile barber and shoe salesman, is now working in Commissary. Just another of his hidden talents. The recreation committee has planned another Bingo Party for 4 January, and another dance for the 11th. Some of you should be able to take another party by that time.

Son: "Ma, what's the idea of makin' me sleep up here every night?"

Mother: "Hush, Bobby, you only have to sleep on the mantelpiece two more weeks and then your picture will be in Believe-It-or-Not."



On Saturday, 15 December, 16 patients from Oak Knoll took part in Oakland's annual treat for the kids, the Christmas balloon parade. The patients rode in shiny new cars at the head of the parade until they reached the reviewing stand, at which point they climbed out to see the rest of the spectacle. Above three of the patients are shown boarding one of the six cars Knollites filled for the parade.

Be Doubly Careful During Holidays; Have a 'No-Accident' Christmas

Mr. Hal Boyles, Oak Knoll Director of Civilian Personnel, during the past week warned that accidents are likely to be more common during the holiday season.

In connection with this, Mr. Boyles released the following statement from the Office of Industrial Relations of the Department of the Navy:

"The Christmas and New Year holiday season, a period of good will, gaiety and resolution, is also a period of carelessness which has resulted in a marked increase in accidental death, injury and damaged or demolished property.

"The leading causes of destruction and devastation are motor vehicle accidents, home accidents, and fires.

All hands must recognize the extra hazards to avoid becoming involved in accidents during the holiday season. Both as motor vehicle operators and as pedestrians we must exercise greater precautions because streets and highways will be slippery; all traffic flows will be doubled by shopping and partying, and drinking drivers will be on the road.

"Personnel planning to vacation at home should apply their safety training in order that the acts which usually cause home accidents and fires may be recognized and avoided.

"Come back to your job refreshed after enjoying a NO-ACCIDENT Holiday."

Staff Personalities



The person who put Oak Knoll on the map in Twelfth Naval District athletics, Joe Reginato, the hospital's Director of Athletics, has built up an enviable record during his two-year administration here. In addition to coaching championship teams in several sports during the past two years, Reginato this year led the Hospital athletes to a victory in the battle for the Commandant's Trophy, signifying all-around excellence in athletics. An all-around athlete in college, Reginato got his A.B. degree at San Jose State and his M.A. at Stanford. He enlisted in the Marines in World War II and now holds a commission as Captain in the Marine Reserve.

The big smile you see at the O.O.D. desk when you enter the Administration Building—that is the best characterization of R. J. Rios, HM2, who holds forth there. Called to active duty on 18 January, Rios came to Oak Knoll in February. Since that time he has also been assigned to the mail room. A native of California, Rios formerly called his home Los Angeles, but when called back to active duty he was living in Stockton where he worked at a hospital. A veteran of four years of service during World War II, Rios spent 20 months with the First Marine Division in the southwest Pacific, with duty at Australia, New Guinea and New Britain. He was also aboard the USS REPOSE.



Library Plans Concert Series

The generosity of the Hospital Service Committee for Veterans of the Women's National Republican Club has enabled the Oak Knoll library to start a collection of classical records.

The club donated \$150.00 to the Recreation Fund for the purchase of records, and hereafter there will be a recorded concert in the Ship's Crew's Library every Thursday from 1200 to 1300. The schedule of the works to be played will be published in the Oak Leaf each week.

The program for Thursday 27 December is as follows:

Overture—The Thieving Magpie
Rossini
Siegfried's Journey to the Rhine
Wagner
The Firebird Suite..... Stravinsky
Music for the Thursday programs will be selected by Frank M. Campbell, HM1, of the library staff.



Sunday, 23 December

SOLDIERS THREE—Walter Pidgeon, Stewart Granger, COMEDRAMA. Released last April, this film is based on the life of the British army in India, made famous in the numerous works of Rudyard Kipling. Pidgeon plays the part of an army colonel about to retire and three privates who have served under him for 18 years and have done much to make him grow old and weary, furnish most of the humor. Toward the end of the movie there are some moments of fighting and dramatic suspense when the colonel disobeys orders and reaches an outpost fort to save a small band of his troops from being massacred. Proceedings, needless to say, end on a happy note. Also a one-reeler in color, "The Car of Tomorrow," and a newsreel.

Monday, 24 December

MIRACLE ON 34TH STREET—Maureen O'Hara, John Payne, DRAMA. Here is a movie, an old one to be sure but one that you could do well to see again, that is sure to warm the cockles of your heart and put you into the correct spirit for Christmas. A smash box-office attraction, the movie has proved appealing to all who have seen it. If you can't spend Christmas Eve at home, this would be as good a way as any. Also a short in color, called "Woodman Spare That Tree."

Tuesday, 25 December

AS YOUNG AS YOU FEEL—Monty Woolley, Thelma Ritter, COMEDRAMA. This film was formerly titled, "Will You Love Me in December?" It has received a rating of "very good" from the critics, and with Monty Woolley listed as one of the leading players that is understandable. The master of ironic wit and very believable rages, Woolley is tops in his field. Plus a two-reel March of Time, entitled, "Flight Plan for Freedom."

Wednesday, 26 December

BACHELOR'S DAUGHTER—Gail Russell, Claire Trevor, COMEDRAMA. Very little information available concerning this film, except that it was made by Astor Pictures, one of the lesser-known Hollywood companies, and that it was released in September of 1950.

Thursday, 27 December

KATIE DID IT—Ann Blythe, Mark Stevens, COMEDY. From reviews that are available, it is not exactly clear what it was Katie did, so if you want to know you will have to see the picture. Seems Miss Blythe plays the part of a demure small town girl who is romanced by the rich young man from the sin-laden big city. There is something about posing in a bathing suit somewhere along the line, but surely that isn't sufficient subject for a movie. Whatever it was that Katie did, it is a good bet she hooked the rich young man in the end. Also a one-reeler in color that sounds more interesting: "Boogie Woogie Man."

Friday, 28 December

ON MOONLIGHT BAY—Doris Day, Gordon MacRae, MUSICAL. One look at the title and the names of the leading players is about all that is needed to draw a conclusion as to the subject matter of this film. There is also a comedy, "Drip-Along Daffy," and a newsreel.

Saturday, 29 December

I'D CLIMB THE HIGHEST MOUNTAIN—Susan Hayward, William Lundigan, DRAMA. Here, in the essence, is what this film is about. A Methodist minister, with his gently-bred wife, is called to a small north Georgia hill community in the year 1910, where they meet the crises of his congregation honestly and fearlessly. It is rated as "Good."

DEAR SANTA



...AND A CONVERTIBLE...
 AND A DISCHARGE ---- AND
 A FISHING POLE... AND A
 DISCHARGE ---- AND A SET
 OF GOLF CLUBS -- AND
 A DISCHARGE ---- AND I
 WOULD LIKE A DISCH--



----- JUST ONE SICK CALL
 WITH NO SICK PEOPLE
 ----- AND PLEASE MOVE
 THE OFFICERS
 CLUB A BIT
 CLOSER ----

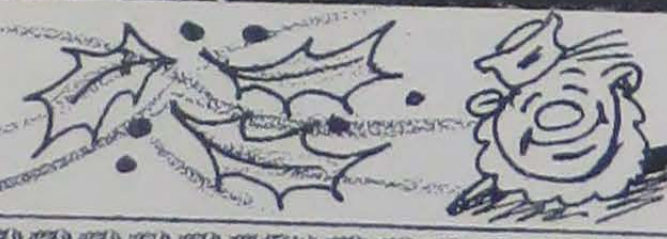


Signed
 The Doctor

----- AND A NEW TOP
 FOR MY CAR ---
 ANOTHER STRIPE
 (OR TWO) ----- AND
 SOME NEW
 SWABS FOR
 THOSE POOR
 CORPSMEN!
 Signed
 The Nurse



Best
 Wishes
 for a Very
 Merry
 Christmas
 and a
 Happy
 New Year
 R. ZETTERHOLM





Varsity Cagers Down NAS, Oakland; Alameda Takes League Tilt, 88-49

Oak Knoll's varsity cage crew was smothered by Naval Air Alameda Hellcats in a league tilt on Thursday, 13 December, by a score of 88-49, for their third straight defeat in Twelfth Naval District League play.

However, the Knollites recovered enough to defeat NAS, Oakland, by a score of 59-47 in a non-league game on Tuesday, 18 December.

In the Hellcat game J. Brown grabbed scoring honors for the home team with 15 points, while Spencer added 10. However, their efforts were overshadowed by Mehle of the visitors who cashed in for 19 points. The Knollites were able to make only 15 of 28 chances at the foul line, while the Hellcats made good on 22 of 30 attempts.

In the game against Oakland, Coach Joe Reginato came up with his best team combination of the season. On his first string he had Peck and J. Brown at the guards, Nelson at center and Rice and Spencer at the forwards. This team alternated with a second five, made up of Cash at center, LeBov and Irving at the guards and R. Brown and Peterson at the forwards. Greene, one of the shiftiest and fastest men on the squad, filled in as handy man when needed, and showed much promise of carving himself a place on one of the teams.

Peck was high pointer for the home team with 14 counters, while J. Brown collected 12. Miller of NAS, Oakland, however, was the hot-shot of the night, garnering a total of 20 points.

On free throw averages, Oak Knoll committed 14 fouls, and NAS made good on nine chances. Oak Knoll was

successful on 13 attempts from 20 NAS fouls.

On Thursday, 20 December, the Knollites played their last game of the pre-holiday schedule against the Coast Guard and Coach Joe Reginato was expecting the worst prior to the game. The next game will be against Moffett Field on 8 January.

The box score of the NAS, Oakland, game:

OAK KNOLL—	FG	FT	F	Pts.
Rice	3	1	0	7
Peterson	1	0	3	2
Spencer	0	1	3	1
R. Brown	1	1	0	3
Greene	1	0	0	2
Nelson	2	0	0	6
Cash	1	0	4	2
J. Brown	4	4	0	12
LeBov	3	2	2	8
Peck	5	4	2	14
Irving	1	0	0	2
NAS, OAKLAND—	FG	FT	F	Pts.
Tinlin	2	2	3	6
Miller	9	2	4	20
Price	1	0	2	2
Ryan	2	2	4	6
Soroka	0	0	0	0
Haines	0	0	0	0
Dennis	1	1	2	3
Low	0	0	0	0
Thirase	1	1	2	3
Ward	2	0	2	4
Robinson	1	1	1	3

Staff Personnel Nabs Kegler Lead

Staff Personnel won four more games during the second week of the intra-hospital bowling league ending Friday, 14 December, for a record thus far of eight wins and no losses.

As of that date the Three V's were next in line with a 4-0 record, Artificial Limb had 7-1, Laboratory I 6-2, Laboratory II 3-1, to finish off the first five.

As for results for the week, the N. P. Department beat Nurses II, Artificial Limb defeated Surgery II, Physio over Ramblin' Amps II, Nurses I over Hit & Misses, and Lab I over Ramblin' Amps I, all three games to one. Staff Personnel took four from the Record Office.

Shero of the Physio team copped honors for high average of the week with a 179, followed closely by Kallemeyn of the Three V's with 178 and Knickerbocker of the N.P. Department with 176.

"I think the boss is blind as a bat."
 "What gives you that impression?"
 "Twice he asked me where my hat was, and there it was in plain sight, right on my head all the time."



A team that is expected to make its prowess known in Bay Area Armed Forces Women's basketball circles before the season is ended is the Oak Knoll nurses. To date, the Knollites have won one and lost two games in league play, and have shown vast improvement each time they take the floor. Members of the team (left to right), shown with Coach Joe Reginato, are Henkel, Hill, Warden, Bailey, Fidler, Heidell, Mariniak and Jones.

Women Rack Up First Win of Season Over Ft. Mason; Lose to St. Mary's

The Oak Knoll women's basketball team chalked up one win and one loss in games during the past week, but they won the important one.

That was on Thursday, 13 December, when they defeated the Fort Mason WACS by a score of 29-26 in a Bay Area Armed Forces Women's league contest. The win gave the Knollites a 1-2 record in league play.

On Tuesday, 18 December, the hospital crew lost a non-league tilt to the St. Mary's girls by a score of 28-21.

In the Fort Mason game LT Shirley Bailey grabbed 17 points to lead the scoring for the evening. LT Margaret Mariniak netted eight points and ENS Gretchen Hill meshed four. Kessel was high pointer for the Fort Masons with 12 points.

The score at halftime stood at 20-10, with the Knollites out in front. Oak Knoll's shooting at the foul line showed improvement with five successful shots out of eight chances. Fort Mason was able to make only four of 13 attempts.

In the game against St. Mary's, Oak Knoll was unable to get started during the first half and were trailing 14-5 at halftime. LT Mariniak paced the Knoll scoring with 10 counters; LT Bailey got nine and ENS Hill two. The best showing on the floor was made by St. Mary's Wong, who ended the evening with 15 points to her credit in leading her team to the win.

Oak Knoll made good on five of 12 chances at the free throw line;

the visitors made six of nine attempts.

The game was the last for the hospital team until after the holiday season, when on 3 January they will meet the Camp Stoneman WACS on the home floor.

Coach Joe Reginato has announced that practice sessions have been scheduled for the women at both 1030 and 1530 on 27, 28 and 29 December and on 2 January.

Taffs

A despondent old gentleman emerged from his club and climbed into his limousine.

"Where to, sir?" asked the chauffeur.

"Drive off a cliff, James, I'm committing suicide."

Jack and Jill fell down the hill
 A stunt that's very risky.
 If water made them act like that,
 I think I'll stick to whisky.

Waiter: "Yes, sir, we're very up to date. Everything here is cooked by electricity."

Diner: "I wonder if you would mind giving this steak another shock?"

First Turk: "Haven't we met somewhere before?"

Second Turk: "Yes, I can't remember your name, but your fez is familiar."

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THE OAK LEAF



LTJG JAMES J. KILLEEN, CHC, USN

Chaplain Killeen Reports Aboard

LTJG James J. Killeen, CHC, USN, Oak Knoll's new Catholic chaplain, came aboard last week from Chaplains' Training School, Newport, R. I. This is his first tour of duty in the Navy.

Prior to entering the Navy three months ago, Chaplain Killeen had served since 1942 in The Church of the Immaculate Conception, Yonkers, N. Y.

He was ordained a priest by Cardinal Spellman in St. Patrick's Cathedral, June 1942. Chaplain Wallace was a school mate of his at St. Joseph's Seminary in Yonkers.

"Needless to say," said Chaplain Killeen, "I'm very happy to be stationed here at Oak Knoll."

His younger brother, Patrick, who is also in the Chaplain Corps and is presently on tour of duty at Quantico, Va., has just been awarded a Bronze Star for meritorious service with the 1st Marine Division on the Korean front.

YULE PICTURES

A man with a camera is mighty popular when there is a party going on. That was affirmed by Max McElroy, HM2, Oak Leaf Photographer, who, with an assist from Don Soules, HMI, managed to get pictures of nearly every departmental party and all the stage shows in the last hectic week before Christmas.

Never finding time for a party himself, McElroy covered the compound thoroughly on Friday, 21 December, starting with the visit of Movie Actress Olivia De Havilland in the morning, and continuing straight through to the staff dance and party on Friday night.

For some of Max's work, see Pages 4 and 5 of THE OAK LEAF.

Three Top Shows Presented Here

Entertainment at Oak Knoll hit a new high during the week before Christmas as first class professional entertainers were brought to the Community Services Building Auditorium on three different occasions.

First of the three events was the annual Christmas program sponsored by the San Francisco Examiner on Wednesday, 19 December, with variety acts from many of San Francisco's top night spots.

Russ Byrd opened the show with a solo of "There's Going to Be a Great Day," and then stayed around to act as master-of-ceremonies for the rest of the evening. He was followed by an act from the 365 Club, Martez and Lucia, whose acrobatic dance routine brought cheers from the capacity crowd.

After Benito, a fast-talking monologist who kept the audience laughing for a full ten minutes with his comedy routine and burlesque of popular singers, Tony Wing, a tap dancer from the Club Shanghai, took over the stage for his fifth annual appearance at Oak Knoll. His dance rendition of "The St. Louis Blues" nearly stopped the show.

Next in line was a vocal soloist, Toy Yet Mac, followed in turn by a dance duo called Toy and Wing. Then the Eastman Trio from the Blackhawk took over to wow the crowd with their comedy routine, but gave way to the fancy singing voice of Patsy Parker from San Francisco's Club Chi Chi.

"Happy Feet" Burrows was next and revived memories of Bill Robinson with his tap routine. The pantomimicry of the Courtney Brothers brought howls from the audience. The show ended on a torrid note with the combo made up of Leomine Gray at piano, Cuz Cousineau on the drums and Walter Oakes on the bass.

On Friday night, 21 December, the Veterans' Hospitals Christmas Committee presented its annual top-rate show at Oak Knoll. The show was emceed by Bill Thompson, who kept slipping in and out of his more familiar roles as The Old Timer or Mr. Wimple of the Fibber Magee and Molly radio program.

First event of the show left the audience open mouthed, as the Dancing Dolls went through their routine. There was an audible gasp from the crowd at the end of the act, when the motivation of the dolls was revealed.

Next in line were the dancing Mercer Brothers, whose excellent balance of skill and comedy brought cheers of appreciation from the audience.

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The Christmas Spirit at Oak Knoll is perhaps best personified in the above photo of little Vivian Lee Livesay accepting from Santa Claus an oversize package at the party held at the Community Services Building Auditorium on Friday, 21 December. More than 300 children received individual gifts from the hands of Old Santa himself at the party.

Christmas Parties In Departments Marked By Gaiety, Good Fellowship

Gaiety and good fellowship were the order of the day at Oak Knoll on Friday, 21 December, as nearly every department stopped work at least momentarily for a Christmas party.

Following the lead of the Laundry, which celebrated its Christmas party the day before, all parties were centered around good food, gift exchanges and Christmas carols.

First with a party Friday was the Civilian Personnel office where an excellent luncheon by candle light was the feature of the day. Without doubt the party with the largest attendance was held at the Record Office, where there was a buffet luncheon that was tops, a Santa Claus in full regalia, and crowds and crowds of people.

Surgery II held its party from 1300 to 1400 with Santa bursting in aboard a gurney, pushed and pulled by his faithful reindeer to distribute the gifts that surrounded the tree. The Finance department celebration got

under way at 1330, with desks shoved aside to clear an area for dancing.

At the auditorium it was kids, kids, kids. The program organized by the Special Services department began at 1400 with a movie cartoon, followed by a first rate puppet show by Roger Wesley. Then came the big event of the day as far as the children were concerned. Box after box of gifts were brought on stage, LT R. L. Thompson, MSC, USN, Special Services Officer, called off name after name, and a Santa Claus, who for some reason resembled Dr. Cuttle, handed out the gifts to child after child. Before the afternoon was over, more than 300 individually-wrapped gifts had been distributed.

Public Works also celebrated Friday afternoon with one of the smaller but equally successful parties for the families of department members. Here, too, there was a gift exchange. The Out-Patient department squeezed their party in between 1430

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† † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

A famous artist once met a friend walking despairingly with his head hanging down, a perfect picture of disappointment, discouragement and depression. He had the appearance of one who had made a great mistake, a mistake he felt it impossible to correct.

The artist took an interest in his friend. He wanted to help him. He studied the discouraged man, got to know him better, and then set to work painting a portrait. When the painting was completed, the artist invited his friend to the studio, and said, "This painting is my masterpiece. I shall never do anything better."

Then he drew aside the curtain, and there the discouraged man saw himself on the canvas. Yes, it was himself; yet, it was not himself. It had his figure and features, but the head was erect, the shoulders thrown back, the eyes were bright and hopeful, and the mouth was determined and turned up at the corners. There was ambition and determination in every line.

"You think I am like that?" asked the friend. "Do you see all that in me?"

"Yes," came the quiet confident answer of the artist.

"Then," declared the despondent one, with a ring of sincerity in his voice, "in God's name, I'll be that which you see in me."

Discouragement, the urge to give up when victory seems far distant or impossible, the temptation to throw up one's hands when the way seems too weary—that is one of the best weapons of the devil, the arch-rival of Christ. What a miserable coach he is! Christ tells you to keep on, to continue, to try again, but the devil tells you: "You can't make it. What's the use of trying any more? You can't be like Christ; why try?"

If there is any unpopular person it is the quitter, the fellow who wants to lie down when the going gets tough, the fellow who can't stick to it through thick and thin. On the contrary, the player who is game, the player with pluck and perseverance, is not only popular, but is a hundred times more likely to win out in the end.

Look forward to the year 1952 with determination to live up to the duties you owe yourself, your neighbor, your country and your God. If you are determined to do your duty, then the coming year will be a happy one.

—A. T. WALLACE, Catholic Chaplain

Divine Services

Hospital Chapel at Main Gate
PROTESTANT

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

CATHOLIC

SUNDAY MASSES

0600 - 0800 - 0900 - 1215

DAILY MASSES — 1150 & 1630
Confessions before Mass

CHOIR PRACTICE:

TUESDAY 1900

Catholic Oratory in back of Chapel

CHAPLAINS' OFFICES IN
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Chaplains of other faiths will be called
upon request

BUS TO AND FROM CHAPEL ON
SUNDAYS 0845 & 1045

CATHOLIC MASSES

The choir from Holy Redeemer College will sing at Solemn High Mass Sunday, 30 December, at 0900.

Four masses will be celebrated on New Year's Day; at 0600, 0800, 0900 and 1215.

Marine Corps Plans Give Promotion Tests

Washington (AFPS)—The Marine Corps will conduct promotion tests for enlisted men from 7 to 23 January.

General Military Subject Tests will be given for promotion to the rank of corporal through master sergeant. Technical Tests will be given for promotion to staff, tech and master.

In order to qualify for tests personnel must have the following service in grade on 30 June 1952: PFC, 6 months; CPL, 6 months; SGT, 1 year; S/SGT, 1 year; T/SGT, 18 months.

Red Cross Ramblings



Gifts at the Ward 46A Christmas party were distributed via locomotive. Small flags were inserted in gumdrops, with the names of each of the patients' home towns written on the flags. When the train stopped nearest a flag, the patient with that home town was given a gift. L. J. Guillory, FN, USN, from Opelousas, La., and C. A. Wooten, HN, USN, of Jacksonville, Fla., were the recipients of gifts from Mrs. Sarah Hazelton, Gray Lady.

SEASON'S MEMORIES

The holiday season at the Naval Hospital, like all good fun, leaves us with impressions and thoughts that will stay with us all year long. Some of them are:

The crackle, color and disarray of red and green Christmas wrappings at the Red Cross—the smell of waffles baking on the wards. Patients cracking walnuts. Seems there were very few left to mix with the waffle batter. Santa hanging on to his slipping pillow-stomach—the energy, the stamina, the vibrant personalities of the Officers' and Chiefs' wives who ran the jointly sponsored wrapping service—the mingled aroma of evergreens, oranges, apples, fruitcakes and the gayly-bedecked Christmas cookies.

The beautiful candle-lighted services at the chapel and all those who sang in the choir. A real inspiration!

The group of sixty patients who left on the bus for a sightseeing view close-up of the decorative fire houses throughout the Bay Area. It was difficult to determine which one should be the prize winner. Thanks to the Oakland Police and Fire Department for making this trip possible. Pointsettias and tinsel to Mt. Diablo Chapter Red Cross for sending the Wrapping Service umpteen covered gift boxes.

The staff on Ward 74A, who entertained the patients with the singing of "White Christmas," led by Corporman Chapman, who incidentally made an excellent St. Nicholas. What happened to that pillow? The very fancy ice cream balls rolled in coconut, topped with a mint sprig and a red candle on Ward 50. Karen Larson, attractive blonde soprano, delighting the patients with favorite melodies, and Nancy Swain ambulating around the wards with her excellent accordion music.

The Craft Shop, like busy little elves, worked like mad to get all the crafts from sequined-felt stockings to ceramic figurines completed before the big day.

The Jolly Three who sang and played for all the ambulatory pa-

tients in the Red Cross Lounge, arranged around the red brick fireplace and brightly illuminated Christmas Tree.

The patients on Ward 80B who so lustily joined in the singing of the Christmas Carols with the accordionist.

And Mrs. C. Hunter Lindsay of the Oakland Red Cross Chapter, Entertainment Division, who brought the glamorous Olivia De Havilland of movie and stage fame to visit the wards and wish all the men a Merry Christmas.

Our marvelous Gray Ladies who preferred to spend Christmas with the patients here—husbands helping with the mulling of hot spiced cider and other pleasant chores.

And from all the Red Cross staff and Gray Ladies we wish you A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Chicago, Ill. (AFPS)—A court has ordered Mrs. Fern Olander to turn her Pomeranians out of her home to make room for her husband. He had left after the pack of eleven had been reinforced with nine new puppies.

Claremore, Okla. (AFPS)—Melo Aldridge backed his trailer to the edge of Lake Claremore to launch a motor boat. The brake slipped, causing boat, trailer and car to be committed to sea duty.

Lemoore, Calif. (AFPS)—City Judge W. W. Sheahan had himself arrested for drunk driving, paid a \$200 fine and then warned himself not to appear in court again on the same charge.

LIBRARY CONCERT

Two works will be presented at the weekly recorded concert at the library on Thursday, 3 January.

The works are the "Romeo and Juliet" Overture by Tschaiakowski and Symphony No. 41, "Jupiter," by Mozart.

Life Begins at Oak Knoll

16 December

HUMPHRIES, Charles Allen, to wife of Charles Humphries, Jr., YN3, 8 pounds, 15 ounces.
 PARK, Steven James, to wife of Lincoln Park, AD2, 6 pounds, 9½ ounces.
 WUERSCHMIDT, Tom Roger, to wife of Paul Wuerschmidt, AT1, 6 pounds, 6 ounces.
 MATHESON, Sally Jo, to wife of Robert Matheson, BM3, 8 pounds, 15 ounces.
 ANDRONICO, Andrea Sharna, to wife of John Andronico, SGT, 8 pounds, 1 ounce.
 HOPKINS, Randolph Byrd, to wife of Byrd Hopkins, ENS, 7 pounds, 14 ounces.
 SHAW, John Lewis, to wife of Chester Shaw, SO3, 5 pounds, 13 ounces.

17 December

BAILEY, Barbara Anne, to wife of Edward Bailey, CPL, 6 pounds, 8 ounces.
 PRAT, Girl, to wife of Rene Prat, ADAN, 6 pounds, 9 ounces.
 BARNETT, Boy, to wife of Garland Barnett, SD3, 6 pounds, 15 ounces.
 MILLS, Girl, to wife of Richard Mills, GM2, 5 pounds, 1 ounce.
 BRAZIL, David Charles, to wife of Arthur Brazil, EN2, 6 pounds, 12 ounces.
 JETER, Ruth Ellen, to wife of Cecil Jeter, ET1, 9 pounds, 1 ounce.
 CLEVELAND, Elizabeth Denise, to wife of Robert Cleveland, TD3, 6 pounds, 15 ounces.
 DeLAITRE, Charles Des Isles, Jr., to wife of Charles DeLaitre, ENS, 7 pounds, 12 ounces.
 INGRAM, Boy, to wife of Thomas Ingram, FC2, 6 pounds, 8 ounces.

18 December

COOK, Bonnie Gail, to wife of Richard Cook, SKSN, 6 pounds, 4 ounces.
 STEWART, Jeanette Catherine, to wife of Murray Stewart, QMC, 8 pounds, 3 ounces.
 McQUEEN, Boy, to wife of John McQueen, AT1, 7 pounds, 12½ ounces.
 HAGGERTY, Girl, to wife of Thomas Haggerty, BMGSN, 7 pounds, 11 ounces.
 HENDERSON, Michael Lee, to wife of Donald Henderson, HM2, Staff, 6 pounds, 2 ounces.
 GARCIA, Denise Barbara, to wife of Louis Garcia, SN, 6 pounds, 3 ounces.
 CONSEY, John Arvil, to wife of John Consey, 8 pounds, 4 ounces.
 HILL, Donald Gene, to wife of Harold Hill, FN, 6 pounds, 15 ounces.
 AFLAGUE, Edward Joseph, to wife of Joaquin Aflague, SD1, 7 pounds, 3 ounces.

19 December

McKINLEY, Kathleen Rebecca, to wife of William McKinley, T/SGT, 8 pounds, 2 ounces.
 NORRIS, Sharon Lynn, to wife of Lorten Norris, S/SGT, 8 pounds, 8 ounces.
 NYZC, Noel, to wife of Eugene Nyzc, BM3, 5 pounds, 11½ ounces.
 BRADFORD, Girl, to wife of Lubert L. Bradford, ADAN, 6 pounds, 9 ounces.
 PEFFERKORN, David Alan, to wife of Donald Pefferkorn, YN2, 7 pounds.
 NIELSEN, Boy, to wife of Thomas Nielsen, DPL1, 6 pounds, 8 ounces.
 SHOPP, Lucky Jordan, to wife of Jerome Shopp, CSC, 7 pounds, 11 ounces.
 SANDERS, Girl, to wife of Emmett Sanders, LT, 6 pounds, 9 ounces.

20 December

FLAHERTY, Girl, to wife of Robert Flaherty, AO3, 7 pounds, 11½ ounces.
 BUTLER, Mildred May, to wife of Robert Butler, SR, 7 pounds, 7½ ounces.
 WALKER, Girl, to wife of Franklin Walker, LT, 8 pounds, 14 ounces.
 CONDON, Charles Elburn, to wife of Charles Condon, AD2, 6 pounds, 3 ounces.
 HERNANDEZ, Ricardo, to wife of Rudolph Hernandez, SGT, 6 pounds, 12 ounces.
 DAVIS, Howard Emanuel, to wife of Howard Davis, BM3, 7 pounds, 8 ounces.
 SHADDOX, Tommie Nell, to wife of Thomas Shadox, 1st LT, 6 pounds, 11 ounces.
 SPENCER, Patrick Alan, to wife of Francis Spencer, AD1, 5 pounds, 14 ounces.
 EDWARDS, Charlotte Marie, to wife of George Edwards, AM3, 8 pounds, 5 ounces.
 MARTINEZ, Steve C., to wife of Juan Martinez, YN2, 7 pounds, 5 ounces.
 HERRON, Russell Shelby, to wife of John Herron, HM1, 9 pounds, 2½ ounces.
 MULCAHY, Terra-Leë, to wife of Neil Mulcahy, LTJG, Staff, 8 pounds.

21 December

MIXON, Henry Fuller, Jr., to wife of Henry Mixon, AD3, 7 pounds, 13 ounces.
 RICHARDS, Brent Warren, to wife of Warren Richards, HM1, 5 pounds.
 ANEST, Bruce Michael, to wife of Michael Anest, AL3, 7 pounds, 8 ounces.
 McDONALD, Michael James, to wife of William McDonald, SN, 9 pounds, 5 ounces.
 McLAUCHLIN, Rhonda Beth, to wife of Donald McLauchlin, HM1, Staff, 6 pounds, 4 ounces.
 GIOVANNANTONIO, Peter, to wife of Peter Giovannantonio, TEM3, 6 pounds, 12 ounces.
 WARD, Donald Eugene, to wife of Donald Ward, AD3, 7 pounds, 11 ounces.
 BEDDINGFIELD, Janie Ann Tae, to wife of Sam Beddingfield, YN1, 8 pounds, 14 ounces.



Dick Drake, the Morose Mandolinist, had the crowd nearly rolling in the aisles at the Veterans' Hospitals Christmas Committee program Friday night. The sad-faced musician didn't crack a smile all the time he was on stage, despite the cheers of the audience.

Night Club, TV, Radio Stars Here

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Their Spanish dance routine was one of the best comedy acts seen at Oak Knoll for some time.

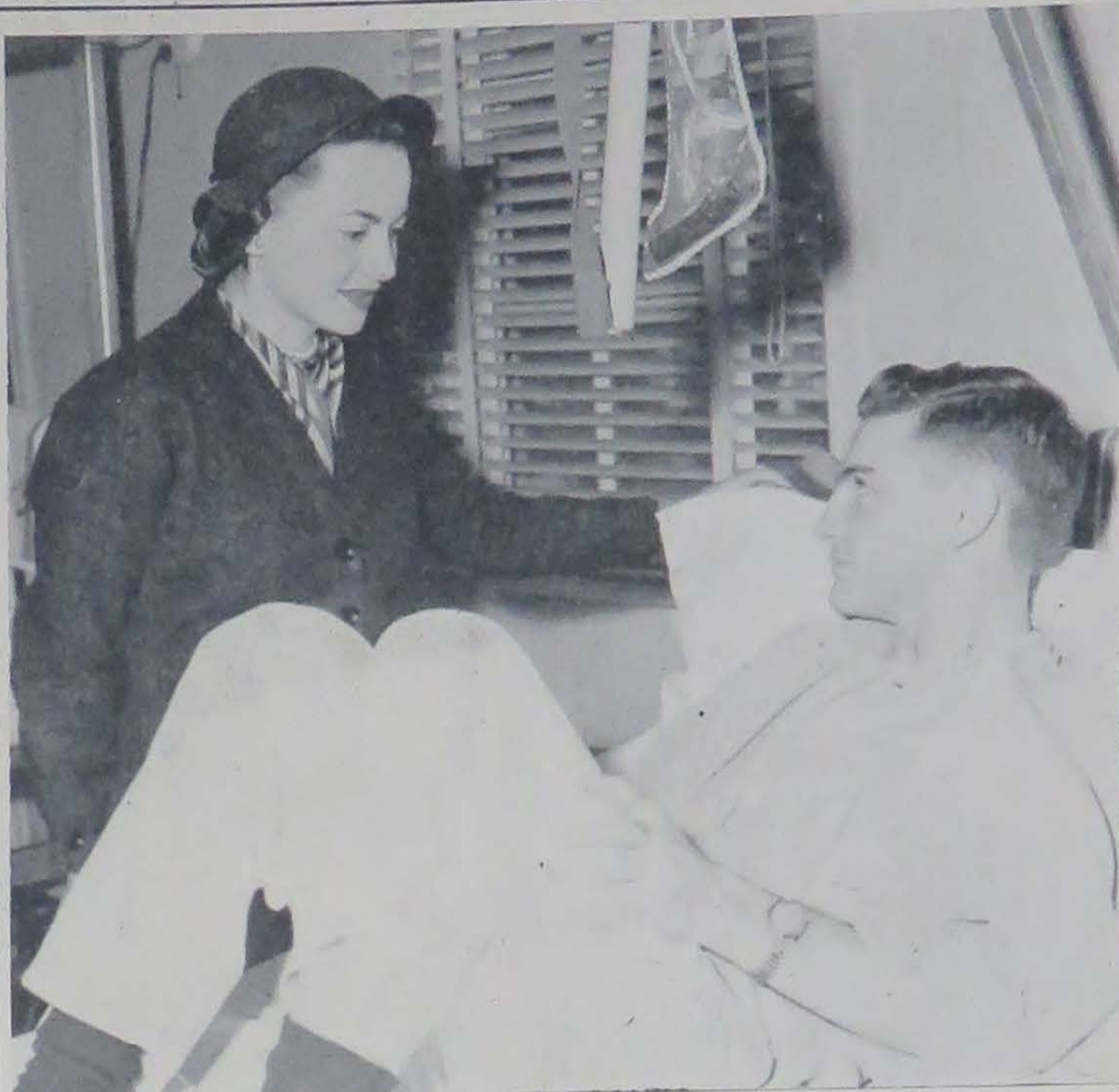
They were followed by the act which many considered the best of the evening or of any other evening. That was sad-faced Dick Drake and his mandolin. The unsmiling musician was called back again and again to go through his paces.

Then came the Weidler Brothers, television stars, who exhibited both vocal and instrumental talent. They were followed by the Colestons, a comedy dance duo, and the Radio Rogues. The show was brought to a smash finish by the Colleens, a beautiful girl quartet.

On Thursday afternoon the Louise Callo Television Troupe took over the auditorium for a full two-hour show, in which the performers were from four to fourteen years old. The show starred Raymond Miller, who plays 16 musical instruments, and included acts by Don Padlo on the trumpet, Dorothy Tomlin, a vocalist, the Xylophone Quintet, the Jazz Hot Orchestra, Jackie, a tap dancer, the Accordion Band, and the Dude Ranch orchestra.

22 December

SIDEBOTTOM, Gloria Frances, to wife of Frederick Sidebottom, BTC, 5 pounds, 7 ounces.
 JUST, Pamela Sue, to wife of William Just, ETSN, 7 pounds, 9 ounces.
 QUAGLIA, David Armand, to wife of John Quaglia, CPL, 7 pounds.
 HARBER, Linda Lee, to wife of Billy Harber, SN, 7 pounds.
 FITTS, Karen Lee, to wife of Marvin Fitts, DT2, 6 pounds, 11 ounces.
 WAGAR, Girl, to wife of Kenneth Wagar, SH2, 7 pounds, 13 ounces.
 BARRS, Gary Stephen, to wife of Thomas Barrs, AOC, 7 pounds, 8½ ounces.
 EVANS, Timothy Scott, to wife of Richard Evans, LTJG, 6 pounds, 14 ounces.
 LIVELY, Dolores Rae, to wife of James Lively, ADAN, 6 pounds, 8 ounces.
 EYETCHISON, Stephen Andrew, to wife of Orville Eytchison, HM2, Staff, 6 pounds, 13 ounces.



Movie Star Olivia De Havilland was an honored guest at Oak Knoll on Friday, 21 December, when she brought personal Christmas greetings to patients on many of the hospital wards. Above she is shown talking with CPL J. R. Umbrell, USMC, a patient on Ward 74A. Miss De Havilland visited several wards on Friday morning, lunched at the handicapped patients' mess at noon, and visited more wards during the rest of the day.

Good Food, Carols, Gift Exchanges Featured At Holiday Celebrations

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and 1530 with a Santa Claus in a cerise-colored suit that looked as though it might have once been white pajamas.

Both the Commissary and Physiotherapy departments started their parties at 1500, and punch and food in great abundance was featured at both. The Special Services department sandwiched their departmental party in between the auditorium party in the afternoon and the stage show and staff party in the evening. That was time enough, however, to

bare the bones of a very large turkey and to stow away a large amount of suitable side dishes.

The hilarity and holiday spirit carried over and was intensified Friday evening at the staff party at the Enlisted Men's Recreation center, where those not already surfeited were invited to partake of more food and drink and to dance to the music of a smooth combo.

All in all, it was quite a day, with almost every staff member making it to at least one party.

WELCOME AND FAREWELL

Oak Knoll's staff census took quite a drop during the past week as 24 Knollites left the Hospital for new assignments, while only six reported here for duty.

New staff members include CDR Oscar T. McDonough, Jr., MC, USN, from USNH, Yokosuka, Japan; LTJG James J. Killeen, CHC, USN, from Newport, Rhode Island; G. R. Ford, HM2, from USNH, Mare Island; R. W. Prahl, HMC, from COMSTSPAC; M. M. Butler, YNTC, from USNRECSTA, Treasure Island; and A. L. Colbert, HM1, Naval Shipyard, San Francisco.

Detached during the past week were CDR Derrick C. Turnipseed, MC, USN, to USNH, Camp Lejeune; ENS Darlene M. Heroy, NC, USNR, and LT Gladys M. Cote, NC, USNR, both of whom resigned from the Naval Reserve; LT Anna M. Clarke, NC, USN, to USNE, Key West; LTJG Arline L. Murphy, NC, USN, to MSTs, Seattle;

HM1 C. O'Malley to District Staff Headquarters, San Francisco; HM3's D. H. McClung to FMF, Camp Pendleton; R. C. Mantiglia to USS STICKELL, E. J. Lewandowski to USS BRINKLEY BASS, B. M. Ger-

ringer and L. E. J. Kean, both to NSC, Oakland, J. J. Taddeo to USNAVSTA, Midway, and T. W. Walsh to COMNAV, Marianas; and HN's D. M. Pyne to FMF, Camp Pendleton; H. J. McBrairty to USS WALKER, D. D. Dahl to USS BUCK, C. R. Hull to USS SOUTHERLAND, W. L. Barnes to USS McKEAN, G. C. Metzger to USS IOWA, C. N. Poor, Jr., to USS PRAIRIE, J. E. Calvert and J. B. Mason, to Naval Shipyard, San Francisco, and L. S. Katz, to FMF, Camp Pendleton.

Over 1,000 Cards Mailed By Hospital

More than 1,000 Christmas greeting cards were mailed out by the Commanding Officer's office in the weeks prior to Christmas in behalf of the staff and patients.

The cards were designed by William Shinn, HN, a staff member at Occupational Therapy. The cards were mailed to other Armed Forces activities, former staff members of the hospital, and other friends of Oak Knoll.

THIS WAS CHRISTMAS, 1951, AT OAK KNOLL



Parties, programs—those were the keynotes of the last few days before Christmas at Oak Knoll. Here is a view of the scenes caught about the compound by Oak Leaf Photographer Max McElroy, with an assist by Don Soules. 1—There was good food at the record office, and a man with a long beard, who otherwise resembled Tom Raum. 2—Special Services stopped long enough between events at the auditorium to have a party of their own. 3—Miss Olivia De Havilland of Hollywood fame dined at the Handicapped Mess on Friday before Christmas. 4—The Christmas Express topped the Oak Knoll Fire Department headquarters. 5—Santa came in style at the Surgery II party. Catch the ears on those reindeer. 6—Martez and Lucia brought “Oh’s” and “Ah’s” from the crowd at the Examiner Show on Wednesday. 7—Even two staff members got in the act with the Courtney Brothers pantomime act. 8—A quick run-down on Oak Knoll’s “Who’s Who” at the staff party on Friday night. A nice looking crowd, don’t you agree? 9—The four tots hidden behind those accordions were part of the Louise Callo Television Show at the Auditorium on Thursday afternoon. 10—They pushed the desks aside and tripped the light fantastic at the Finance affair Friday afternoon. 11—The Mercer Brothers, who also danced, were one of the top acts of the Christmas Committee show on Friday night. 12—For some reason Santa was dressed in white when he showed up at the Physio party Friday afternoon. That’s him with the beard. 13—Rated one of the best of the many Christmas displays about the compound was the one worked up at the Laundry. Look at those gifts!



More Christmas sights spotted by Oak Leaf Photographer McElroy about the compound last week. 1—Bill Thompson, better known as "The Old Timer" or "Mr. Wimple," emceed the Veterans Hospitals' Christmas Committee show on Friday. 2—The festive board was spread at the Civilian Personnel office, where dining was made by candlelight. 3—The Colleens, one of the brighter spots of the Friday night show. They could sing, too. 4—O.P.D. also had a "groaning board" filled with many goodies. That department also had a Santa in Cerise. 5—The Weidler Brothers, one of the top acts of the Christmas Committee show, had some unique vocal arrangements. 6—The little lady hidden behind this over-sized accordion kept up with the best of them in the Thursday afternoon show. 7—Children jammed the auditorium on Friday afternoon and this small dog worked by strings came down into the audience to get better acquainted. 8—Little Robin Allen Ruegg prefers to look back over his daddy's shoulder in spite of the gift Santa Claus is handing him at the Kids' party Friday in the auditorium. 9—At Commissary I the whole crew was on hand for the departmental Christmas party. 10—The Clinical Board staff turned up en masse at the Record Office get-together Friday noon. 11—All the families were on hand for the gift opening and refreshments at the Public Works office. 12—Roger Wesley, puppeteer First Class, wields the many strings to make the doll dance at the Kids' show. 13—At Surgery II there was good food in abundance, and a centerpiece on the table, the likes of which has never been seen before.



This is the time of year when long lists are printed about the "best" of everything in the entertainment fields—movies, plays, books—during the preceding 12 months. Academy Award discussions, Critics Circle committees, Pulitzer Prize judges, all will be operating from now through March. Last week TIME magazine had their annual critical summary of the year's books (an evaluation just as opinionated and persnickety as my own, I was delighted to see). So, the Oak Knoll book factory might as well join the procession.

If we were presenting Oak Knoll Scrolls in literary divisions, our list might well read like this:

For the most popular novel of the year: "The Caine Mutiny" by Herman Wouk. We have a reserve list on it that will run well into the middle of 1952 if not another name is added. (And there will be plenty more, have no doubt about it.) For (to my mind, at least) the BEST Novel of the year: "The Celebrity" by Laura Z. Hobson, a warm, kind, glowing study of the human heart when confronted by the pitfalls of sudden fame and fortune.

In non-fiction I would award a scroll to Margaret Case Harriman for "The Vicious Circle," a word picture of a great era in American culture and of the founding by the late, very great editor, Harold Ross, of "The New Yorker." In popular science Rachel Carson's distinguished book "The Sea Around Us" led the field by far.

Two mystery novels from other years struck me as better than anything which came out in 1951. "The Bronze Lamp," as nearly perfect a modern mystery as anything I've seen, should get every prize on the books if it didn't, and "He Wouldn't Kill Patience," for sheer agonizing suspense, isn't far behind. Both are by Carter Dickson (John Dickson Carr).

The nearly extinct form of the familiar essay was suddenly restored to glorious, albeit somewhat alcoholic, life by Bernard DeVoto in "The Hour" and then elaborated upon magnificently by E. M. Forster in "Two Cheers for Democracy."

William Faulkner, with "Requiem For A Nun," "Collected Short Stories" and "Address to the Nobel Convention," stands apart from everything else that happened. I mean to devote an entire column to his work next month.

Finally, a purely personal choice, I think, I would give an award for the most satisfying, most remembered book of the year to "Many Are Called," a collection of stories by the man whom many critics call the finest living short story writer, Edward Newhouse. Each tale in "Many Are Called" is complete; however, they are grouped together in several sections according to subject matter. The sections are arranged to keep something new and different coming at you all the while; there is none of the stylistic repetition that makes many collections dull reading by the time you are halfway through. One story stands out in particular: "The War For Tony." It is the effort of a widowed father to bring up his son



Ruth Lesh, YNC, USNR, former recruiter, takes time out from her work to talk to Dorris Linsea, JOSA, USN, the first Wave Chief Lesh ever helped to join the Navy. Both are now on the staff at Oak Knoll.

as a decent human being in modern society, a very special war all his own. It's probably the best short story of this year, or any other, say since Hawthorne wrote the "Black Veil." And all the stories are equally good. Quietly and without fanfare Edward Newhouse has put together, in my own view, the BEST book of the year in the literal sense of the word.

All in all, quite a year literarily; here's hoping 1952 does as well.

—FRANK M. CAMPBELL, HM1

Marshalltown, Iowa (AFPS)—Mrs. Ella Kurth, a restaurant proprietress, has a technique that keeps her customers coming back. She kisses them. Since 1945, she has kissed some 9,934 men in her thriving business.

Commendation To Chief Robinson

Kathryn Robinson, HMCA, USN, received a commendation last week from CAPT J. N. C. Gordon.

Wave Robinson was given the commendation for the efficient execution of her duties as assistant to the Medical Records Librarians, and for her efforts as Chief Master-at-Arms at the Wave Quarters.

She has been in the Navy since April 1943 and has been at Oak Knoll, in the Medical Records division, for the last five years.

Miss Robinson is originally from Pavonia, Ohio. She was stationed in Hawaii in 1945 and 1946.



Chief Kathryn Robinson is congratulated by CAPT J. N. C. Gordon, MC, USN, Commanding Officer, after she was presented a commendation for her work at Oak Knoll. Chief Robinson left Oak Knoll on Monday, 24 December, for her new duty station at Long Beach.

WAVE, Recruiter Meet Again Here

A former WAVE recruiter and the first WAVE she ever recruited recently met for the second time here at Oak Knoll.

Last January, not long after Ruth Lesh, YNC, USNR, had been assigned to recruiting duty in Salt Lake City, Dorris Linsea, JOSA, USN, decided to "ship over" from the Reserve to the regular Navy. Two weeks after she had driven to Salt Lake from her home in Ely, Nevada, Miss Lesh's efforts had her on her way to Great Lakes, Illinois, for her recruit training.

Miss Lesh, whose home is in Salt Lake City, was on recruiting duty there for nearly a year before receiving her orders to report to Oak Knoll. In the meantime, Miss Linsea completed her recruit training and was assigned to Journalist School in Great Lakes.

Upon completion of the school, she was assigned to the 12th Naval District, and on Nov. 7 was sent to Oak Knoll to work on the Public Information staff and on THE OAK LEAF.

On December 13, Miss Lesh reported here, to be assigned to the Physical Evaluation Board.

Yeoman Lesh and Journalist Linsea are two of the three WAVES stationed at Oak Knoll that are not in the hospital corps. The third WAVE is Joyce Meyer, YNC, USN, who also works at the Physical Evaluation Board.

Ten Yule Babies Born At Hospital

At least ten families received the nicest Christmas present possible this year at Oak Knoll. Nine boys and one girl were born on Christmas Day in the Dependents Service nursery.

The first blessed event occurred at 0038 when a boy, Steven David, was born to HM1 and Mrs. John Shemo, 2924 61st Ave., Oakland, Calif. Shemo, an Oak Knoll staff member, is detailed to the Physical Medicine Service.

Other new arrivals included Robert Edward, son of Chief and Mrs. Dominic Frabotta, 420 Harbor Road, Oakland; a son to LCDR and Mrs. John A. Miller, 852 Clark Ave., Los Altos; a son to MM3 and Mrs. Lowell Jensen, 97 Tulagi Road, San Francisco; Patty Ann, a daughter, to Chief and Mrs. Robert Sheehan, 1602 Lafayette Ave.; a son, Meredith Yancey, to SGT and Mrs. Richard Curtin, 266 So. 23rd St., Richmond.

Also a son, William, to M/SGT and Mrs. Joseph Sutterley, 44 Tulagi Road, San Francisco; a son to YN3 and Mrs. Edward Benedick, 253B Gibbs Ave., Alameda; a son, Mitchell George, to SH2 and Mrs. George H. Mackenzie, 6525 Eastlawn St., Oakland; and a son to Chief and Mrs. George Firman, 1651 9th Ave., San Francisco.

Milwaukee, Wis. (AFPS) — In Washington Park Zoo, a hippo, anxious to please the people, opened his mouth wide. Although the hippo wasn't ready for it, Jerome Fischer was. He tossed a beer can into the yawning jaws.

IN THE
Spot-light
By JUDEX

Don't look now, but that little fellow is peeking around the corner at us. Filled with all the brash optimism of youth, Baby 1952 is preparing to make his grand entrance. Many of us will not be sorry to see old 1951 leave our midst. It has been a year filled with sadness, marked by deprivation and sacrifice made necessary by the forces of evil unloosed in the world. As we turn our Spot-light on the little tyke coming through the door, even the most cynical of our generation will join us in saying, "Welcome, Youngster!" May you bring a better world to live in, and a better world in which to raise our children. May you be the year in which Justice, Honor and Dignity shall return to all mankind.

CHRISTMAS CAPERS: If you happen to like Santa Claus, you should have gotten your fill of the old gent last Friday. We counted no less than thirteen different Saint Nicks at the various staff parties around the compound. One of the biggest shindigs was held in the Record Office for the entire Ad Building. Doctor Thornburg was doing a fine job of carving the turkeys for the more than 200 guests, while HM1 Earl Kallemeyn was mixing the punch with equal gusto. Tom Raum of the Legal Office showed up as the man in the beard and seemed to be enjoying himself with little Betty Riera on his knee. We heard her mutter something about a Cadillac, and Santa looked as if he would give it to her. John Welch was acting as host ex-officio for the girls in Disbursing, while Alice Nicholaisen was taking punch across the hall to the thirsty people in the O.O.D.'s office. Captain Dickinson proved a friend indeed when he helped repair Santa's beard at one point.

Another of the big parties took place in the auditorium, where Dr. Cuttle wore the red suit to pass out the gifts for the wee ones. One of Chief Robert Scott's little girls was voicing her objections in a loud voice because her sister received a gift before she did. Mr. Yetka of Sanitation was there with his brood, as was HM1 Keith Clayton, HM1 Harry Baldrige and Dr. Turnipseed. We also saw Mr. Harrison and Mr. Doolittle trying to round up their packs when the party ended. If anyone got home with any strange children, please return them to Special Services for exchange.

Festivities of the day reached a climax with the Staff Dance at the E.M. Center. Captain and Mrs. Gordon and Captain and Mrs. Norman were guests, and the C.O.'s better half did a fine job of drawing the numbers for the ten turkeys which were given as door prizes. Those lucky Hopsons held the winning number on the first ticket drawn. HN George Corbett of the O.R. school carted off one of the gobblers, as did Mr. and Mrs. Bob Allen. Roy Gage made his appearance as Santa, and it was quite a production as he busied himself handing out candy canes all over the place. HM1 Henry Walter and his lovely date seemed to be enjoying themselves as they danced to the smooth music of Dick Sullivan's band. Like-

Staff Personalities



One of several staff members who call Lincoln, Nebr., their home town is L. L. "Robby" Robinson, HM3, of the Record Office. Robby was called back to active duty on 12 March and now is in charge of the patient transfer section, and prepares the lists for Oak Knoll's frequent award ceremonies. In civilian life Robby was a government payroll examiner with the Veterans' Administration in Lincoln, and attended night courses at the University of Nebraska. He plans to return to his position in Lincoln when he is released to inactive duty. Married, Robby has a daughter, aged two. He was on active duty with the Navy just slightly less than three years during World War II.

wise, "Larry" and Shirley Larrivee and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Burns. Dorothy Brown was also seen tripping the light fantastic. Mr. and Mrs. Al Hyso were munching on the cheese and crackers, while E. F. Downey of the Lab was engaged in a very intellectual conversation over in the corner. HM3 Jim Henry seemed to be very upset about some notice he had just received from his draft board. As the lights finally went out, everyone agreed that it had been a "Fabulous Friday." Don't forget the Bingo game at the E.M. Center on 4 January.

Girl: "Sometimes my father takes things apart to see why they don't go."
Guy: "So what?"
Girl: "So you'd better go."

One staff member whose work load was probably doubled and then some by the onslaught of the Christmas holiday was John Pratt, HM3, Oak Knoll's Merry Mailman. A native of Kirkwood, Mo., John has been in the Navy slightly over three years. At Oak Knoll he has worked on Wards 70A and 45, and for the past several months has been assigned to the Mail Department. John went through boot camp at Great Lakes and then Hospital Corps School at San Diego. John and his mail truck have become a familiar sight around the Hospital, and he probably knows more of his fellow staff members by name than any one else. John is single at present, and has no immediate plans to change his status.



Salina, Kans. (AFPS) — An alert police officer gave Mrs. Paul Froman a ticket for overtime parking. She had the last words, however, for the patrolman turned out to be her husband.

Los Angeles, Calif. (AFPS)—Fire-water had claimed a couple of inebriates and Deputy Sheriff Edward Houtz thought he had the antidote. He was suspended for trying to revive them with a fire extinguisher.

Detroit, Mich. (AFPS) — Charged with knocking down a policeman, a local citizen retorted: "A bee landed on his neck and I didn't want him to get stung, so I hit the bee as hard as I could."



"Well, Sam, you just write and tell Junior if he doesn't like the Navy to come home!"

USS ROCHESTER Hits Bull's-eye

OFF KOREA (AFPS)—A bull's-eye at 13 miles! And in one shot! That's good shooting on any man's firing range! But that's just what the big Navy cruiser USS Rochester did in waters off Kyongsong on the northeastern Korean coastline.

Air spotters described the cruiser's feat as "uncanny" after she had wiped out a Red gun emplacement at a distance of 13 miles with a single shell from one of her 8-inch guns. More than 40 North Korean troops were destroyed and an inland ridge position smashed by the long-range bull's-eye, the spotters reported.

Firing 'round the clock during the day at enemy positions and gun emplacements, the Rochester also tallied her 6,000th round against North Korean forces.

Four Women In Navy Recommission Ships

U. S. Naval Station, Green Cove Springs, Fla. (AFPS) — It was a "Miss Navy" recommissioning day here recently when four women of the naval service placed four ships into active commission.

It was the first time that women have played such an important role in a recommissioning ceremony.

LCDR Maxine Moesser, USN (NC), LT Anne Warden, USN, WO Mary L. Burke, USN and CAPT Mary McDonald, USMC, were given the honors of recommissioning the USS LST 664, USS LST 528, USS Pandemus (ARL-18), and the USS LST 938.

HI-LITES

Scranton, Pa. (AFPS)—Accused of stealing cars, Edwin Nash told the court he did so because he wanted to get away from his wife. Judge Albert Watson had a better cure. Five years in jail.

Phoenix, Ariz. (AFPS)—Milkman Roy Mallory found the following note: "Milkman: Please put in ice-box. If dog objects don't leave any."

Syracuse, N. Y. (AFPS)—Santa's in a jam. A local department store listed a telephone number as St. Nick's headquarters. So many calls were made that the telephone company fuses blew out.

Canton, Ohio (AFPS)—A police officer shinned his way up a tree to rescue a frightened cat. Suddenly, a limb broke and the officer found himself stranded. The feline then calmly crawled to the ground. The Fire Department finally rescued the tree dweller.

Washington (AFPS) — The Navy has announced that mathematical requirements for candidates qualifying for entrance into the Naval Officer Candidate School have been suspended.

Those applicants who previously failed to qualify because they lacked basic mathematical and trigonometry requirements may now apply to the Office of Naval Officer Procurement to complete their processing for the NOC School.

SPORTS

Physio, Artificial Limb Crews Lead Keg League With 7 Wins, 1 Loss

Physio and Artificial Limb were all tied up in Oak Knoll intra-hospital bowling league circles as league play halted for the holiday season. Each of the teams had won seven matches while losing one.

Close behind in third and fourth places were Staff Personnel with a 9-3 record, and Lab I with 6-2. Next in line are Lab II with 3-1 and the N.P. Department with 7-5.

Results for the week before Christmas found Physio taking four games from the Three V's; the Nurses I

splitting with Ramblin' Amps I, two and two; Ramblin' Amps II won three and lost one to Nurses II, and the N.P. Department took three games from Staff Personnel while losing one.

Staff Personnel moved into first place with the high team game of the season in chalking up an 818.

The schedule for Thursday, 3 January, pits Laboratory II versus Ramblin' Amps II, Laboratory I versus Physio, and Surgery II versus Hit & Misses.



Shown above is Oak Knoll's entry in the Twelfth Naval District basketball league. Unsuccessful thus far in the season, Coach Reginato is looking for considerable improvement as the season moves along. Shown in the back row (left to right) are: Reginato, LeBov, Nelson, Peterson, Stavanau, R. Brown and Amos, and front row, Rice, Greene, Spencer, Dolph and Peck. Dolph is not with the team any more since he is now on duty at Camp Pendleton.

PREVIEWS

Sunday, 30 December
BOOTS MALONE—William Holden, Johnny Stewart, DRAMA. Here is a new film, with no reviews made public as yet. No information as to subject or plot is available.

Monday, 31 December
ON THE RIVIERA—Danny Kaye, Gene Tierney, COMEDY. Here is a picture that should please all. There are songs, dances, impersonations, and a dash of romance, all presented in lavish Technicolor in the best Danny Kaye manner. Kaye has a double role—an American night club entertainer in Monte Carlo and a celebrated French aviator who is very much a ladies man. During much of the film the entertainer is impersonating the aviator. Miss Tierney is the aviator's wife and Corinne Calvet is the entertainer's jealous partner. The plot, constructed better than that of many musicals, revolves around more or less inevitable complications resulting when the entertainer is hired to take the place of the aviator at a big party. Take it from there.

Tuesday, 1 January
MAN IN THE SADDLE—Randolph Scott, Joan Leslie, WESTERN. This is one of those big westerns done in color which should satisfy the fans of that type of movie. It is a new picture, released to the public in December. It has received a critic's rating of "good."

Wednesday, 2 January
CHICAGO CALLING—Dan Duryea, Mary Anderson, DRAMA. This is a brand new film, set for public release on 11 January by United Artists. No reviews of it have been published as yet and no information concerning it is available. Call it "The Surprise of the Week."

Thursday, 3 January
HERE COME THE NELSONS—Ozzie and Harriet Nelson, COMEDY. Although no information on this film can be found in the trade magazines, it is a fair bet this is one of those homey, family-life movies, patterned more or less after the radio program of the Nelsons, and their two sons, David and Ricky. If the movie measures up to the radio show, it won't be bad, since the show is one of the best of its type on the radio today.

Friday, 4 January
INDIAN UPRISING—George Montgomery, Audrey Long, WESTERN. Although no information is available on this movie, a fairly good idea of what it is all about can be gained from the title. More of that blood and thunder stuff for fans of that type of film.

Saturday, 5 January
BIRD OF PARADISE—Jeff Chandler, Louis Jourdan, DRAMA. Here is the way one reviewer described this movie: "Idyll and fantasy, lovely to watch, poetic to hear,

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Automobile Salesman: "And what kind of a horn would you like, sir? Do you care for one with a good loud blast?"

Sailor: "No, I'm being transferred to Boston; just give me one with a refined sneer."

Captain: "How long have you been working in this office?"

Private: "Ever since I saw you come in the door, sir."

Funeral Director: "How old are you?"

Prospect: "98."

Funeral Director: "Hardly worth going home, is it?"

Theysatlikethisupontheseat
 With now and then a kiss.
 Then he said some foolish thing,
 And then they sat like this.

Teacher. (warning her pupils against catching cold): "I had a little brother seven years old, and one day he took his new sled out in the snow when it was too cold. He caught pneumonia and three days later he died."

Silence for ten seconds.

A voice from the rear: "Where's his sled?"

insubstantial and charming, depicting a never-never land akin to those in the fairy tales of our youth, all are embodied here. Patterned after a great many South Sea dramas, it has an elusive and abiding attraction, so much so that sudden exit from the theatre may be painful. It is as much a Technicolor travelogue and lengthy documentary of a native way of life as it is a suspenseful drama. The scenes of quiet lagoons and lush jungles, sunlit waves and shores heavy with the clouds of storm themselves serve to hold interest." Reviewer's rating: "Good."

Cagers Defeated By Coast Guard

Oak Knoll's varsity basketball team lost its fourth straight game in Twelfth Naval District cage action on Thursday, 20 December, when it was defeated by a sharp-shooting Coast Guard crew by a score of 64-78.

However, the performance was cited by many as one of the best put on by the hospital team thus far in the young season, and continued improvement may put the Knollites in the win column of league play yet.

Coast Guard got off to a fast start against the cold Knollites and built up a commanding lead by the end of the first half. However, in the third quarter Oak Knoll began to hit and when the period was over the score was all knotted up, 57-57.

In the fourth canto the Knollites apparently ran out of steam as the Coast Guard moved away out in front to win by 14 points.

The game was the last for the Hospital crew until after the holiday season, when, on 8 January, they will take the floor against Moffett Field. That will be the first of eight games the Knollites are scheduled to play during January.

The rest of the schedule for the month:

- 10 January—Naval Air, Oakland, at home.
- 15 January—Treasure Island, there.
- 17 January—Pacific Reserve Fleet, there.
- 22 January—Mare Island Hospital, there.
- 24 January—Mare Island, here.
- 29 January—Naval Air Alameda, there.
- 31 January—Mare Island Hospital, here.

Stoneman Is Next For Knoll Women

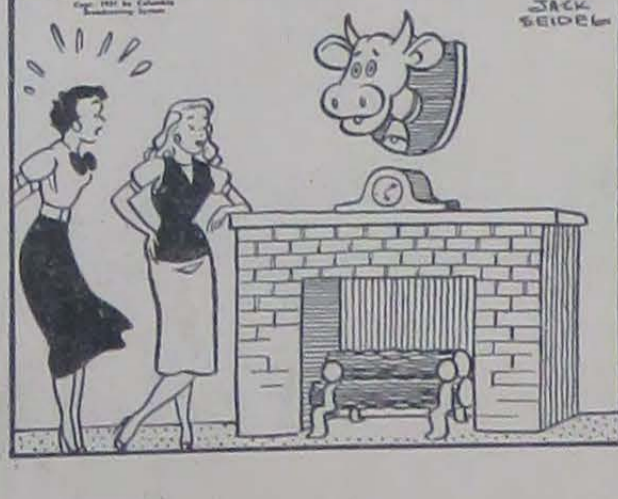
Oak Knoll's entry in the Bay Area Armed Forces Basketball League was out of action during the past week because of the holidays and will play its next game against the Camp Stoneman WACS on Thursday, 3 January, on the home floor.

The Knollites won their game the last time out from the Fort Mason WACS, and now have a 1-2 record in league play.

The balance of the games scheduled for the Knollites in the league:

- 10 January—Moffett Field Waves, here.
- 17 January—Alameda Waves, there.
- 24 January—Presidio WACS, there.
- 31 January—Travis WACS, there.
- 7 February—McClelland WAFS, here.
- 14 February—Hamilton Waves, here.
- 21 February—San Francisco Marines, there.

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