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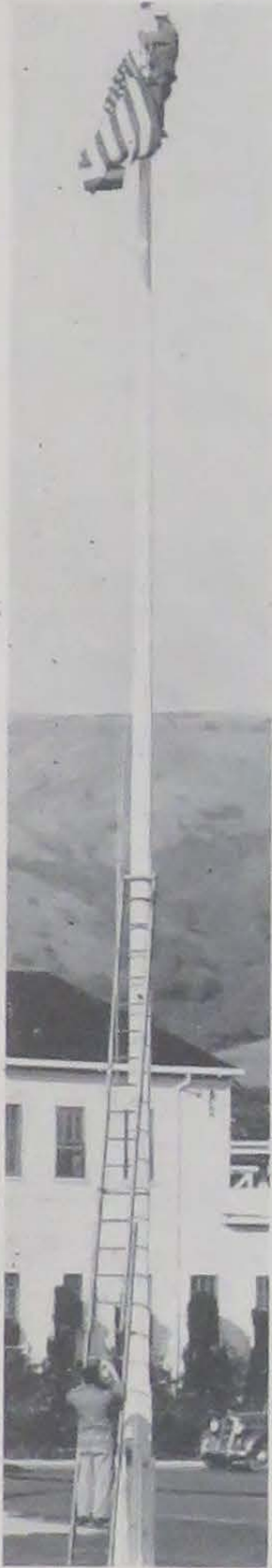
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High As a Kite —This Knollite

It was "eyes up" around the circle recently as electrician Les A. Turner climbed to the very top of the flagpole. He those below speculated on what was doing, Turner repaired a broken line (rope halyard, depending upon your optical background). Assisting from the ladder was Vernon C. Reese, also an electrician on the maintenance crew. Electricians are more often concerned with currents and the behavior patterns of electrons than with flagpoles, but Turner carried out his mission successfully. He found the view from atop the pole well worth the "jab," though he admits there are other assignments he prefers.



It Was a Merry Christmas at Oak Knoll When Santa Claus and His Committee Took Over

Shows, Trees, Tinsel Marked the Festivities

With two days of 1953 already gone, patients and staff are looking forward to the New Year, but Christmas 1952 will not soon be forgotten.

The Sunday before Christmas, members and friends of the Veteran Hospitals' Christmas Committee, headed by President Nat Levy and Oak Knoll Coordinator, Thomas V. Adams, moved in on the hospital, bringing along truckloads of evergreens and shiny baubles for the Christmas trees that were put up on every ward where patients were to spend the holidays. By the end of the day, it was obvious that Christmas was here. The Main Gate with its giant candles, was transformed into a huge greeting card, and in front of the chapel was the scene of the Nativity, reminding all of the true meaning of Christmas.

Tuesday was another busy day on the compound. At noon Edgar and Mrs. Bergen, Charlie McCarthy and Mortimer Snerd, with vocalist Carol Richards and accordionist, Dominick Frontierre, flew in on "Operation Santa Claus" for shows in the auditorium and on the wards, where they delivered presents to all hands.

In the evening came the Veteran Hospitals' Christmas Committee's annual show, which left nothing to be desired in the way of good entertainment—there was music, magic, dancing—all cleverly tied together by Jack Russell, master of ceremonies, whose impersonations delighted the audience. This show, brought to the hospital each year by the Christmas Committee, is made possible through contributions of generous residents of the Bay Area and the backing of the Oakland Tribune, which each year publicizes the work of the committee.

On Christmas Day the Committee was back again, this time with gifts for every patient, with ward shows and Christmas music for the mess halls, where CWOHC O. G. Haines, Head of the Food Service Division, with his staff put on a Christmas feast that included literally everything from soup to nuts, cigarettes, and a beautiful souvenir menu.

Already the previous week the San Francisco Examiner had brought its annual show to the auditorium and the Unruh Chorus had presented an evening of music from Handel's "Messiah."

And while these activities were in progress, dozens of organizations and individuals from neighboring communities and some from other states

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Little Vickey Stevenson had one of the happiest smiles to be seen at the Staff Children's Christmas Party at the auditorium. The smile wasn't ALL for Santa and the present he gave her, either—a lot of that twinkle was 'cause her father, Carl, HMI, staff photographer, was on the other end of the camera. The rest of her pop's pictures, taken at that party and others, are on the inside pages. Santa, in this instance, was CWOHC John H. Faunce, of the Artificial Limb Service.

March of Dimes Gets Go Ahead Signal

The 1953 March of Dimes was officially opened throughout the Nation yesterday, and although there will be no organized drive at Oak Knoll, anyone who wishes to give will have an opportunity to do so. Donations given during the campaign will be turned over to the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. The foundation is instrumental in making medical care and equipment available to victims of polio and in aiding dependents of members of the armed forces who are sickened with this disease. Miniature "iron lungs" will be placed in various buildings about the hospital compound for voluntary contributions.

COME OUT FOR NAVY EXCHANGE
All Navy Exchange facilities will be closed from 1 January, 1953, through 31 January, 1953, inclusive.

Fifty-nine New HN's Busy Sewing On Stripes as Promotions Announced

Fifty-nine new sets of HN stripes were in evidence around the compound recently, when the names of those who had passed the examination for advancement from HA were released.

Those who have been entitled, since 16 Dec., to an extra stripe and extra pay, are R. D. Aaron, W. F. Argoll, R. M. Lenstrom (W), R. F. Beeso, F. W. Bremner, G. D. Burgener, M. D. Cherry (W), F. N. Childress, R. E. Conn, H. C. Denton, D. A. Dunbar, J. E. Duval, Jr., W. R. Eliassen, W. R. Evans, P. E. Ewald, C. C. Fanning, R. D. Gambill, H. M. Gambit, T. Goudeau, R. G. Hansen, L. M. Hiatt, F. R.

Holthaus, P. M. Ford, S. A. Horton (W), B. A. Howes (W), H. L. Johnson, W. Kissinger, J. Kramer, Jr., E. A. Labedz (W), L. M. Kliem (W), T. V. Lenihan, B. J. Leo (W), C. D. Long, R. C. March, A. L. Martinez, J. D. Miller, M. H. Moore, D. B. Myers, T. M. McCormick, J. L. Nagle, D. L. Nehf, D. A. Olson, S. Olson (W), L. A. Prouty, Jr., J. M. Radosovich, W. A. Rejent, R. Rocca, K. H. Roth, R. S. Scott, Jr., J. H. Shifflet, R. E. Spear, L. J. Steinhoff, L. D. Stevers, R. Whortenberry, M. P. Williams, O. F. Williams, R. Y. Willis, R. J. Wolfe, and C. S. Wittling.

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† † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

As we start another New Year, 1953, we should be keenly aware that time inevitably marches on. The old year, 1952, has breathed its last breath. By no means can it ever return. God willing, there will be the days and years ahead. These days will challenge us with the question, "What will you do with me?"

Each day we are penning some additional paragraphs in the history of our lives. May we ever be mindful of that. Whether during the year just passed we have progressed or regressed, whether we have been faithful or unfaithful servants, the 1952 Chapter of our life is about to be sealed and finished.

A new year, another opportunity year, is being offered to us by the Lord of Life. We are challenged to fill the unforgiving minutes with sixty seconds worth of distance run, as Rudyard Kipling once stated it. Our success or failure is written in the use we make of our time, minute by minute and second by second. Upon the use or the abuse of these ticking seconds depends our glory or our failure.

The coming year could be a critical year. The minute or second that could change our meanderings into the true journey for our souls is presented to us.

May each one of us possess the best that the New Year can give to us, but let us be mindful of one thing—that if in our living, thinking, and doing we are such that the blessing cannot come, then must come that which is not a blessing.

The Lord bless, keep, and guide you as you go forth to meet the challenge of 1953, and give you the faith, hope, and love necessary to write the most glorious chapter in the history of your soul.

L. C. M. VOSELER,
 Protestant Chaplain.

Resolved: To Buy Bonds in '53

Traditionally, New Year's Day—the first day in a brand-new year—is filled with hope and high resolve. Traditionally, it's the day when you're supposed to make a set of "resolutions" which will govern your conduct during the days to come. Well, whatever else you may resolve to do during 1953, there's ONE thing which should have topmost priority on your "must do" list. Plan NOW to stick with regular Payroll Savings every single pay-day of this New Year. Or, if you're not already providing for your future through U.S. Defense Bonds saved this safe, sure AUTOMATIC way, plan now to climb aboard the Payroll Savings Special the very first thing. 1953 can be the start of many bright and secure New Years—IF you make it a Payroll Savings Year!

Divine Services

Hospital Chapel at Main Gate

PROTESTANT
 BIBLE SCHOOL—SUNDAY 0945
 SUNDAY WORSHIP—1030
 Evening Gospel Service—1900—Singing,
 Evangelistic Message, Fellowship Hour
 CHOIR REHEARSAL—1930 Thursday
 HOLY COMMUNION—First Sunday
 morning each month.

L. D. S. SERVICE
 SUNDAY — 0900 in Staff Conference
 Room, Administration Bldg., Annex.

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

CHAPLAIN'S OFFICES IN
 CHAPEL AND 67A

NAVY RELIEF OFFICE—
 IN CHAPEL

BUS TO AND FROM CHAPEL ON
 SUNDAYS 0845 and 1015

"Victory at Sea" Wins Top Honors on TV

"Victory at Sea," the naval story of WWII, has been awarded top honors by the Sylvania Television Awards Committee "for outstanding contributions to creative television technique."

The committee voted unanimously to give its grand award to "Victory at Sea," praising the "honest impact" of the program which they said is "American television that is truly great."

The show, contained in 26 segments, is seen every Sunday afternoon at 1300, over NBC network station KRON-TV, here in the Bay Area.

Secretary of the Navy Dan A. Kimball accepted the award on behalf of the U. S. Navy. (AFPS)

Pedestrian: A man whose wife beats him to the garage.

Red Cross Ramblings

The holiday season will carry lingering memories to the patients and staff of this hospital. Spicy odors of cider and fruit cake . . . The tiny Swiss music box on one ward playing music from Hansel and Gretel . . . A tropical note at the SOQ open house where some hula dancers were wafted in . . . A much merrier Christmas for patients on Wards 63A, 74A, and 79B because of a generous gift for long distance telephone calls home, from the Sunnyside Mothers' Club . . . The angelic white and gilt robes and heavenly music of the Job's Daughters caroling group . . . A note of unusual decor in the cubicles of Ward 63A where simulated candle arrangements were completely edible . . . These, and hundreds of other happy memories, were made possible by our splendid volunteers, the efforts of many fine community groups, and the cheery participation by patients and staff.

MOVIE FANS

Watch for a comedrama or a western movie on your ward this coming week. "My Wife's Best Friend," the comedrama stars Anne Baxter and Macdonald Carey. The western, "The Big Sky," features Kirk Douglas and Elizabeth Treatt.

OLYMPIC COUNTRY CLUB

If you were among the many men from Oak Knoll who attended the Christmas luncheon party given by the Olympic Country Club in San Francisco, you know what a wonderful time everyone had! Upon entering the spacious club, the men saw a unique Nativity scene—unique because the chef of the club had made little homes of Bethlehem, the shepherds, the manger, and the church into which one could see, from sugar frosting. In the lounge, a huge Santa Claus, fashioned to overlook the festive scene, presided over the punch bowl. A Christmas stocking filled with candies, nuts and other delicacies was at each man's place at the luncheon tables. CPL CHRIS BUSCHER and BOB HAUN, veteran, from Ward 76B, can tell you that the luncheon was strictly a gourmet's delight.

Judy Deane, who has a radio program, played the piano, sang, and talked to the men. Each man received a Christmas present. After dinner some of the men tried their skill at an indoor putting golf game, while others played bingo in the sun porch which has a lovely panoramic view. Eight of these games were donated to the hospital, as were several brand new phonographs. It was truly a momentous occasion.

BIRTHDAY FELICITATIONS

BILL GURBARG, veteran patient from Ward 75B, recently celebrated his 60th birthday at a surprise birthday party. His many friends on the ward joined in the celebration. Gurbarg is from San Francisco and is Commander of the West of Twin Peaks American Legion Post No. 233. He was a Sergeant Major in the tank corps in World War I.

A Merry Christmas

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were showering gifts on Oak Knoll—cookies, candy, record players, magazine and newspaper subscriptions, cash, playing cards, afghans, place-cards and favors for the Christmas table.

It was indeed a very Merry Christmas at Oak Knoll.

Dr. Gilman Makes The Ladies' Home Journal

It isn't unusual for a Navy doctor to have an article published in the Armed Forces Medical Journal as CAPT R. L. Gilman, head of the Department of Dermatology recently did, but it is news when he is quoted in the pages of a ladies' magazine.

Dr. Gilman's name and his views on penicillin appear in the January issue of the Ladies' Home Journal with an article by William L. Lawrence, who writes on the subject, "Life-saving Drugs Can Harm You."



Tired of these times and places. Then go to the library and start on a tour through another century in another part of the world. These books and others now available in the Crew's Library can take you wherever you want to go.

Novels with Foreign Settings

THE CURVE AND THE TUSK, by Stuart Cloete.

Two wise old elephants are hunted for so many years that they become a legend in Africa.

THE FAR COUNTRY, by Nevil Shute.

The delightful aspects of Australia are contrasted with the present austerity in England in a pleasant romance.

HEAVEN AND EARTH, by Carlo Coccioli.

War-time Italy is the background for a young priest's story.

JULIEN WARE, by Guthrie Wilson. A New Zealander's love of his native land is his ruling passion more than love or ambition.

A WORTHY MAN, by Robert Standish.

China, England and Ceylon are the scenes of David Farrant's trouble-love affairs.

Historical Novels

CAPTAIN MAROONER, by Louis B. Davidson and Eddie Doherty.

A thrilling sea story based on one of the most violent mutinies in American maritime history.

EMPRESS OF BYZANTIUM, by Helen A. Mahler.

Early Christianity contrasted with the colorful exploits of the rulers of fifth century Byzantium.

GATEWAY TO FORTUNE, by Peter Bourne.

The building of the Panama Canal provided the background for Wesley Adam's adventures.

THE PRIVATEER, by Gordon Daviot.

Henry Morgan was so successful in his raids on Spanish ships in the Caribbean that he embarrassed the English government secretly aiding him.

THE GOLDEN THREAD, by Louis De Wohl.

Loyola, the founder of the Jesuit order, lives again in the pages of this story of the sixteenth century.



There Were Decorations, Entertainment, Gifts Galore.

Dozens of Christmas Committee workers descended on the hospital the Sunday before Christmas, and when they left, the Main Gate (1) looked like this. Photo (2) shows the Unruh Philharmonic Chorus in concert, first of the series of events presented for the hospital. They sang selections from Handel's "Messiah." (3) In a lighter vein, the Colleens sang their version of "Tallahassee" as part of the 23 December show put on by the Veteran Hospitals' Christmas Committee. (4) In the same show were the Helen O'Neil dancers, shown here in chorus formation, getting ready to kick up their heels. (5) Jack Russell, MC for the show, is pictured here in his impersonation of "The Little General" with a Napoleonic twist of his versatile hat. (6) Dottie Madison really took over when she came out on the stage in a rula that was as pretty as her smile. Dancing in mid-air with her is "Happy," who delighted his audience as he tapped his way around and across the stage at the Christmas Committee Show. (7) On 19 December the San Francisco Examiner brought a fine show to the auditorium, and among their top-notch entertainers was Rusty Draper, popular radio and TV singer. (8) A beautiful girl who made beautiful music on her xylophone was Toni Larue, brought here from the "365 Club" by the Examiner. (9) Getting thrown off a horse the hard way was all in an evening's work for this acrobatic team. (10) Pantomimist Mel Young was another hit of the show. (11) Rhythm was the keynote for these three hits and their miss who, with a number of outstanding entertainers not pictured here, rounded out the Examiner's annual show.



Staff nurses celebrated Christmas on 18 December by playing Santa Claus to 28 children from Old Saint Mary's Church at 8th and Jefferson Street Oakland. The boys and girls, aged 7 to 12, were picked up by Navy bus and brought to the Officers' Club auditorium, where they watched wide-eyed Santa pass out presents, including everything from baby dolls to baseball bats. Each child was adopted by a group of five nurses, who devoted their efforts to seeing that their youngster had a good time every minute that the party was in progress. A special movie was shown, and after each girl had consumed a generous portion of ice cream, the bus set out for West Oakland, delivering its 28 passengers to their homes. It was hard to tell who enjoyed the party most—the children or members of the nursing staff.



SCUTTLEBUTT

SIGNS OF THE SEASON: Office parties everywhere . . . Captain Silvis, Chief of Surgery, operating on the turkey that was part of the noon-time party, topside the A& Building . . . Edna Bourdase acting as Santa . . . lots of other Santas here, there, and everywhere . . . Shy, retiring Lois Wilson surprising everyone by making merry under the mistletoe . . . Dr. Thornburg carving the turkey for the Record Office party for the fifth year in a row . . . Sherman Thomas of Finance resolving to be a good fellow, do the right thing for the coming year . . . Florence Jones of Nurses' Quarters resolving to save a little money in 1953 . . . Martha McCarty of the laundry saying she's too old for resolutions . . .

PEOPLE, PLACES, AND THINGS: That turkey you saw in the last issue of THE OAK LEAF (It was in the hands of Bill Alsbaugh, HN) narrowly escaped being served at the Exec's table on Christmas Day. Captain Love gave the ticket that won it to Daryl Reeder, HM3 (Urology), and Daryl in turn gave it to Bill . . . Wirt Johnson, athletic director for the hospital, took his physical last week, passed, and will leave for active duty as a 2nd lieutenant in the Army Medical Service Corps early in February . . . Yolande Belhumeur, HN, came back from Christmas leave in San Diego with a diamond on her third finger, left hand — gift of James E. Casey, HN, USNH, San Diego, with whom she went to Corps School . . . Rita Moore, HM3, who left for Camp LeJeune two weeks ago, announced her engagement to Harley L. Heaton, HM1, of X-Ray, just before her departure . . . The Whitfield twins, Gloria and Gilda, have both been promoted from ENS to JG in the Nurse Corps. . . . Another Knoll romance that has developed to the diamond stage is that of Clarence V. Isaac, HM3, of Educational Services and Eddie Koster, HN, of the Legal Office. Eddie got her ring Monday.

LIFE BEGINS At Oak Knoll: Another of those unlucky fellows whose birthdays are always forgotten be-

cause it's Christmas is William Holmes, first child for LT and Mrs. Alden V. Holmes. Young Bill arrived on the 25th, weighing in at 6 lbs., 8 ounces. Another newcomer recently welcomed aboard is Maureen Claire O'Connell, fifth child for CDR and Mrs. H. V. O'Connell. The young Irish miss arrived on 19 December, weighed 8 pounds, 1½ ounces. She is the third girl in the family, and she also has two big brothers to help take care of her.

OFF TO ALBUQUERQUE, N.M., soon will be W. E. Scott, HM1 of the MAA staff. Discerning readers of this column have doubtless been aware of the Scott flavor in these paragraphs from week to week, and THE OAK LEAF will miss his contributions. Scott's new assignment will take him to a special weapons school at White Sands.

AN OAK LEAF CLUSTER to the Veteran Hospitals' Christmas Com-

Opportunity and \$500 Offered Amateurs

Can you sing, dance, or play a musical instrument, or offer any other type of entertainment? If so, you may compete for a \$500 first prize or any of the other prizes offered by the Ted Mack Amateur show.

All members of the Armed Services wanting to compete in the show should **submit** their names to the Special Services Officer **immediately**.

First tryouts will be held on Monday, 12 January 1953.

mittee for bringing a Merry Christmas to our patients; to the little girl in Lafayette who sent a dollar bill for the recreation fund, to people all over the East Bay Area and in different parts of our nation whose contributions have brought pleasure and comfort to our patients during the past year.

ANOTHER THANK YOU

Editor of "Oak Leaf":

In this little note I would like to thank all the Doctors, Nurses, Corpsmen, Waves, and Civilian Personnel who took care of me while I was a patient on Ward 50-A and 40-B.

I would like you to know that I could not have had better treatment any place on earth than I did right here at Oak Knoll Hospital.

I thank you one and all again from the bottom of my heart.

MRS. BARBARA LANE
2245 Grand Avenue
Del Paso Heights, Calif.

We hear that Diogenes, the guy who used to go around looking for an honest man, is back. He's trying to find a man in Service who'll admit he made less than \$50 a week in civilian life.

Bergen & Co. Here in 'Operation Santa Claus'

One of the big treats of the holiday season was the visit of Edgar Bergen, Charlie McCarthy, and company, who flew in on 23 December to put on a show in the auditorium and talk with patients in the wards.

At the main show Edgar and Charlie put on their famous hospital act, bringing down the house with their racy repartee. They were assisted by Mrs. Bergen, who also entertained with vocal numbers when they toured the wards to deliver the gifts they brought along on "Operation Santa Claus."

This was Bergen's fourth visit to Oak Knoll and the second "Operation Santa Claus" that has taken him to Army, Navy, and Veterans Hospitals throughout the nation. Last year he and his assistants, Charlie and Mortimer visited 23 hospitals and distributed 32,000 pounds of gifts. The "operation" is backed by CBS-Radio, and the gifts are donated by members of the radio audience from coast to coast.



Charlie McCarthy and friend toss the conversational ball around, to the delight of patients on Ward 42.



Food and Fun for Everyone.

This was the story when the day came for the traditional Christmas parties in various offices and departments all over the hospital. Only a few of them were snapped by the station photographer, but it is safe to say that "a good time was had by all." Probably the firemen had more fun getting ready for Christmas than they had the whole year. Here, in Photo (1) is Ye Olde Firehouse itself, with its traditional array of Christmas decorations, complete with a brick chimney. Photo (2) shows that whatever the Artificial Limb Department does it does well—even to providing two Santa Clauses and a table heaped high with food. (3) Gifts at the Chiefs' Club—who's most excited: the boy, Santa, or the onlooking chief? (4) Physio's party was obviously a success, and here are the happy expressions to prove it! Stevenson and his camera overtook Captain Gordon at this point on his rounds, but most of the time the CO managed to keep a department or two ahead of him. (5) Proper held the mistletoe, Kallemeyn held the girls while they delivered their Christmas greeting. The scene was in the Record Office — the girls were Lynn Ryan and Alice Nicolaison. (6) It looks as if a real old-fashioned gossip session was one of the many features of the Christmas party at the Finance Division. (7) Two tykes at the Staff Children's Christmas Party in the Auditorium gave Santa the once-over and some very serious discussion when it was their turn to pick up a gift. (8) The junior set completely took over the Chiefs' Club at the party their dads held for them—it's chow time, with cakes and candles.

Five Six-Footers Provide Height For Knoll's All-Letterman Hoop Team

Listed below is a roster of the Oak Knoll basketball team which will defend the colors of the hospital in the forthcoming 12th Naval District Class B League. The team is coached by Wirt V. Johnson.

The Knollers will open their league play against the 12th ND Communication team 7 January on the home court.

BASKETBALL ROSTER:

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Home Town	Previous Experience
Taylor, Lyndle	G.	5' 10"	170	Pearl, Ill.	Four years high school letterman.
Clark, Don	G.	5' 7"	154	Dallas, Tex.	One year high school letterman.
Severn, Jack	F.	6'	198	Lone Wolf, Okla.	One year letterman Oklahoma A&M, one year Mare Island.
Hilliker, Ben	C.	6' 3"	207	Cottage Grove, Ore.	Three year high school letterman. All district Tri-County League center.
Pitzer, James	F.	5' 10"	190	Portland, Ind.	One year high school letterman, one year Great Lakes.
Anderson, Gordon	G.	5' 9"	150	Aberdeen, Wash.	Three year high school letterman, two years letterman at Gray's Harbor College.
Napoli, Mike	F.	5' 10"	170	Oberlin, La.	Three year high school letterman. Lettered as a freshman at Southwestern Louisiana Inst. Received trophy as best high school athlete.
Wheat, Irving	F.	6' 2"	170	Monterey, Calif.	Three year high school letterman, one year San Diego Hospital.
Jenkinson, Dick	C.	6' 3"	175	Oakland, Calif.	Two year letterman Oakland high, two year letterman Santa Rosa JC. All-city in high school.
Shortz, Louis	F.	6' 1"	190	Terre Haute, Ind.	Three year high school letterman, one year letterman at Indiana State Teachers College.
McKelvy, John	G.	5' 9"	160	Dallas, Tex.	Three year high school letterman.



Owen W. Williams, HMC, stepped forward as honorman of his class on 19 Dec., to receive his certificate of graduation from the Environmental Sanitation School from CAPT J. N. C. Gordon, MC, USN, Commanding Officer. One of 13 students in the eighth class to complete the course, Williams earned a 96.3 average—only one point below the highest grade ever made at the school.

Welcome and Farewell

Over a ten-day period, there was only a slight difference in the numbers of those who left the hospital staff, and those added to the roster. Twenty-five reported for duty, and 22 left for other stations, were released to inactive duty, or were discharged.

Reporting for duty were LCDR Samuel F. Bergen, DC, USNR, from U. S. Naval Training Center, San Diego, Calif.; LT Phyllis R. Taylor, NC, USNR, from MSTSPac, San Francisco, Calif.; J. W. Fontaine, HMC, from 2nd MarDiv, Camp LeJeune, N. C.; "L" "W" Whitworth, HMC, from NAS, Memphis, Tenn.; DN's L. D. Schock and R. L. Sherman, from USNTC, San Diego; HN R. L. Tapp, and HA's D. J. Elliott, W. H. Combs, J. J. Pachy, R. M. Tucci (W), H. Rurup, R. G. Baer, S. C. Dinolfo, J. C. Smoody (W), R. I. Gerhart (W), G. D. Eastman, and C. B. McClellan, from USNHCS, Great Lakes, Ill.; HA's F. G. Schmitt, D. G. Schroeder, and J. L. Swarm, from USNHCS, Bainbridge, Md.; HN H. E. Wilson, and HA's M. A. Krulatz (W), B. J. McWhorter (W), and D. A. Sharp (W), from USNHCS, San Diego, Calif.

Detached were LT Lula A. Unch, NC, USNR, to USS HAVEN; LT Betty J. Pomerening, NC, USNR, to USNH, Great Lakes, Ill.; R. M. Greene, HMC, to Treasure Island, San Francisco; L. V. Lahmon, HMC, to San Francisco Naval Shipyard, Hunter's Point; C. P. Larcom, HMC, to ComSTSLantArea, Brooklyn, N.Y.; J. J. Kelly, HMC, to Puget Sound Naval Shipyard, Bremerton, Wash.; J. R. Greenwald, HM3, to USS HAVEN; F. Kuntz, HM3, to Mare Island Naval Shipyard, Vallejo, Calif.; "J" "R" Akins, HN, to ComTwelve, Treasure Island, San Francisco; J. J. Powell, HM3, to NavMedScol, Bethesda, Md.; HM3's G. R. Wolfe, and J. H. Simons, and HN's S. J. Vaccaro, E. V. Young, and R. C. Michael, to

Thirteen Graduate In 8th EST Class

Commencement exercises were held 19 December for the 13 men who made up the eighth class to graduate from the Environmental Sanitation Technician School.

Captain Robert S. Poos, MC, USN, head of the school, presented the class to Captain Gordon, who awarded "diplomas" to each graduate. Honor man in the class was Owen W. Williams, HMC, who maintained an average grade of 96.3 in all subjects.

Others completing the course were HMC's Robert M. Greene, John R. Kelly, Carl P. Larcum, Robert J. Montgomery, Leo L. Smith, Charles E. Wilson; HM1's Homer C. Ballard, Harold D. Barraclough, Harold F. Boyle, Clinton C. Canfield, and Richard L. Stafford; and HM2 Leon M. Warren.

ONLY TWO MOVIES THIS WEEK

This week end Knollites may see two movies at the usual hour in the auditorium. **KIT CARSON**, starring Dana Andrews and Lynn Bari will be shown tonight (Saturday) and **LAST OF THE COMANCHES**, with Broderick Crawford and Barbara Hale, is on the screen schedule for tomorrow night.

The Main Auditorium will be secured for repairs from 5 January to 16 January, and no movies will be shown except on the wards during that period.

MarBks, Camp Pendleton, Oceanside, Calif.

Released to inactive duty were LT Frederick D. Malkinson, MC, USNR; LT Margaret L. Larson, NC, USNR; LTJG Bernice Siebenthal, NC, USNR; HN's Robert Blanc, Richard Boles; and HA William A. Brunberg.

Marion C. Walter, Jr., HM3, was discharged from the Naval Service by reason of expiration of his enlistment.

Doctor: "How's that Seabee patient in the ward?"

Nurse: "He must be regaining consciousness; he tried to blow the foam off his medicine this morning."

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A couple of feuding cats were about to have a duel. "Shall we fight to the death," demanded one, "or just make it the best five lives out of nine?"

Mr. Smedberg's Clerks Are Also His Pupils

The "Monthly NSSO Letter," a bulletin published by the central Navy Ship's Store Offices, in its latest issue, noted a follow-up training program that has been adopted for sales personnel at Oak Knoll's exchange.

Mr. A. L. Smedberg, manager of the Hospital's exchange, has been conducting 25-minute instruction periods in which principles of sales technique and public relations are being emphasized.

The program has earned the enthusiastic approval of the exchange employees. Confined to sales personnel only until now, plans are being made to start a 26-weeks' course to include department managers after the first of the year.

New Type of Plastic Dressing For Wounds

A "spray on" plastic dressing, developed by the Air Force, may prove effective for general use in treatment of many types of surgical wounds resulting from atomic attack, or other large-scale disasters.

In tests conducted thus far, gauze bandage dressings were unnecessary when the plastic was used.

When "Aeroplast," as the new transparent dressing is called, is applied to a wound, it is sprayed over the affected part to a thickness of approximately 5,000th of an inch. It adheres only to the dry, healthy skin areas.

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THE OAK LEAF



Football jackets were presented to six members of Oak Knoll's 12th Naval District Class B League championship team Tuesday by Coach Wirt V. Johnson. At the same time, CAPT Julian Love, Acting Commanding Officer, accepted in behalf of the hospital, the trophy awarded to the 1952 champions. Shown here, left to right are: Don Lines, Ben Hilliker, Bruce Peterson, Jim Phillips, Jim Pitzer, Bill Strickland, CAPT Love, LT Earl F. Hickey, Special Services Officer, and W. V. Johnson. Absent from the ceremony were team members Joe Calloway, Tony Masques, Jim Ritter, and Gene Crussan.

Knoll Increase In Suggestions Best in BuMed

During the fiscal year 1952 Oak Knoll had a greater increase in Beneficial Suggestion participation rate than any other Bureau of Medicine and Surgery activity, according to a report received recently from Washington.

This fact takes on special importance since it was recently announced that the Navy, during 1952, became the first Government agency to win the National Association of Suggestion Systems Achievement Award for outstanding promotion of suggestions.

Each year the Association presents awards to member companies and Government agencies for their outstanding achievement in their suggestion programs.

In winning the 1952 "Promotion Award," the Navy was adjudged as having the best suggestion promotional campaign among all competitors both in Industry and Government. During the calendar year 1951, the year considered in the NASS competition, Navy received 67,076 suggestions, adopted 16,850 suggestions, granted awards in the amount of \$456,980 and realized a net savings of \$11,587,967 from the program.

The winning of this achievement award is a tribute to the splendid work of Awards Program administrators, to management officials whose support of the Program made this accomplishment possible, and to the thousands of Navy employees who responded to the Program by offering their ideas for improving the operation of the Navy Establishment.

Oak Knoll can be justly proud of the part it has played in the Navy Suggestion program.

The following employees received awards for Beneficial Suggestions during 1952: Edward F. Groff (two awards received), P. J. Todd, Ella C. Burr, John Hart, Olivia Spencer, Gene Riggs, Audrey J. O'Brien, Herbert Lawson, John Miller, Jr., Herbert L. Richardson, Fletcher Lyon, Hugh D. Gordon, Raymond C. Frizzell, George Delmar, H. W. Petersen, Fred Coster, Werner O. Naumann, Pinkie B. Orr, Rosa Redd, John H. Johnson, Mellie Hoff, and John P. Moseley.

Commanding Officer Attends 6-Day Course

Captain J. N. C. Gordon is returning this week end from San Diego, where he has attended a 6-day Special Weapons Orientation Course. In his absence Captain Julian Love has been acting CO and Captain B. N. Ahl has served as Exec.

University Course to be Given Here

LT E. J. Shurtleff, MSC, head of Personnel Division, has announced that a University of California Extension Class in Principles of Public Administration will be presented at the hospital beginning Tuesday, 10 February.

The course, one of the required subjects for a certificate in Public Administration, is a 45-hour course carrying three units of college credit. Enrollment is open to all personnel—military and civilian employees and patients. The fee for the course is \$27.

Government agencies are experiencing an increasing need for people in their organizations who are qualified for promotion to management positions, and this course will serve as a step toward qualifying for such promotions.

Mr. John R. McKinley, instructor, holds both the AB and MA degrees in Political Science from the University of California. Since 1947 he has been a lecturer in Public Administration in the U. C. School of Public Health, and for a short time was Senior Research Technician with the Bureau of Public Administration of the University. For several years he was Field Assistant with the Social Security Administration, and while in the Navy during World War II, he was an instructor in Government in the Armed Forces Educational Program. His present position is that of Director of the Golden West Branch of the YMCA.

The first class is scheduled for Tuesday, 10 February, from 1600 to 2000; subsequent meetings will be held on Wednesdays at 1900. (Continued on Page 3)

CDR Schultz, Head of Neurosurgery, Leaves for Duty on USS HAVEN



CDR Arthur L. Schultz, MC, USN, Oak Knoll's Chief of Neurosurgery since August 1950.

Oak Knoll lost a fine doctor and a good friend this week when CDR Arthur L. Schultz, MC, USN, was detached to duty aboard the USS HAVEN.

Doctor Schultz has headed the Neurosurgical Service at Oak Knoll since August 1950 when the Navy's West Coast Neurosurgical Center was transferred here from the U. S. Naval Hospital, Long Beach. He will have a similar assignment aboard the HAVEN.

CDR Schultz is a graduate of the University of Southern California and is certified by the American Board of Neurosurgery.

While stationed at Oak Knoll, he and his wife, Nellie, and their three children, Gregory, 14; Julie, 10, and Linda, 8, have made their home at 4657 Davenport Avenue, Oakland. The family plans to live at Orcas Island in Puget Sound while Doctor Schultz is overseas.

HOSPITAL TELEPHONE SERVICE TO CHANGE TO DIAL SYSTEM NEXT SATURDAY, 17 JAN.

Oak Knoll's telephone service is slated to switch over to the dial system next Saturday, 17 January.

Information on how the new system is to be operated will be distributed to all hands next week, and new telephone directories will be issued throughout the hospital.

Each of the 259 main telephones and their extensions, and all outside lines will be affected by the new system.

Work on the changeover to dial telephones began last September, in-

volving the assembly of a room full of equipment downstairs in Building 1, next to Pharmacy.

With Mrs. Margaret Grubbs as supervisor, it has taken 13 operators, working in three shifts, to handle the boards in the old telephone office upstairs in Building 1. An average of 900 calls per hour, during work days, will be shifted next week to the new dial system equipment and a reduced staff of nine operators who will handle outside calls and information.

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† † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

Solitude is the dwelling place of the strong. Our silence is the measure of our activity. Good makes no noise and noise does no good. Silence has always been the characteristic of great men. While doctors operate, it has almost become obligatory; it should be so wherever fruitful activity is desired.

In honor of the armistice and the unknown soldier, we are asked to keep silence for a few minutes. This is the silence that follows victory. But really it is silence that gives victory. How often do we hear the expression, "he or she talks too much"? No one seems to care what they say. There is a proportion between a radical change in men's lives and the amount of time they keep silent. The reason why man does not change is that he does not reflect. If he reflected, he would not remain for a moment in his present state. Take the prodigal son. He didn't reflect until he was reduced to the husks. When he saw himself sharing the food of the swine, then he "wised up." Then he began to think. The result was immediate. "I will rise and go to my father." He had had enough; he would go to his father; he could bear his disgrace no longer. The world is what it is, and remains what it is because it does not know the meaning of solitude (inner thought). "There is none that thinketh in his heart." Our life at the present day is spent in the midst of a noisy, jostling crowd of people who are too busy to give a moment to reflection. Why not try to secure a few moments of interior reflection every day, and in the thoughtful silence of our hearts draw near to God, where real wisdom resides?

E. J. FORD,
 Catholic Chaplain.

Make 1953 Safe, STAY ALIVE

The minutes of 1952 have ticked away—525,600 of them. And for every 13 of those precious minutes, one person died and 25 others were injured in TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS.

40,000 DEAD— 1,000,000 INJURED

Not by bullets and bayonets in enemy hands on the blood-soaked hills of Korea—but HERE—on the streets and highways of America—by motor vehicles in the hands of fellow Americans.

Will 1953 claim a like or even greater number of traffic victims? Can we do anything about it? We can and we must!

TRAFFIC SAFETY is a sacred obligation to ourselves and to our fellowmen—its main objective: TO KEEP EACH OF US ALIVE AND WHOLE.

Let us then make TRAFFIC SAFETY our top New Year's resolution—and let's make it one resolution that we KEEP! Let's firmly resolve to voluntarily observe traffic rules and regulations at all times and in all circumstances. For, by so doing, each one of us personally can do his part to help reduce the tragic toll of traffic accidents during the coming year.

Let's help to make Oak Knoll, and the Bay Area, California and America safer. It's up to us. Make this the goal for '53:

BE HAPPY—BE HEALTHY—BE ACCIDENT FREE

Good Resolutions for Us All

For 1953, I Resolve That:

I will recognize conservation and utilization as a vital force affecting our national security.

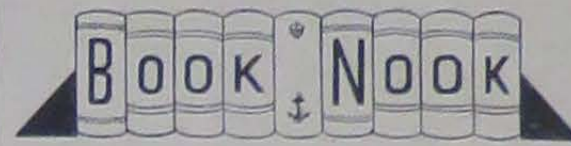
I will at all times realize the importance of whatever economies I can effect, since they contribute to increasing our defense and decreasing our debt.

I will perform my job to the best of my ability, insuring maximum manpower utilization for "first person singular."

I will request only such supplies as are needed for carrying out official duties—no pack rat hideout supply source on the side.

I will fully use all supplies and equipment entrusted to me and will exercise diligence in their maintenance, guarding against waste and pilferage.

I will exercise resourcefulness in using what is at hand in the absence of more desirable equipment and supplies.



Books about people who are leading or have led interesting lives, or who have visited interesting and unusual places, are recent arrivals in the Library, Bldg. 39. They may be borrowed directly from the Library, or from the librarians who distribute books to the wards.

Biographies

BASEBALL'S GREATEST LINEUP; edited by Christy Walsh.

CHAMPIONS AGAINST ODDS, by Al J. Stump.

People who overcame physical, social, racial or financial hurdles are included in this book.

DESPERATE WOMEN, by James D. Horan.

Four women who helped win or lose the Civil War, and nine who were well known on the western frontier, were ready to risk death for ideals or men.

ESCAPE OR DIE, by Paul Brickhill. Eight men of the RAF preferred risk and freedom to prison and possible death.

THE TRAITORS, by Alan Moorehead.

The three men who were the most notorious in the atomic energy spy ring were Allan Nunn May, Klaus Fuchs, and Bruno Pontecorvo. How and why they acted as they did is told in this book.

CAESAR, by Gerard Walter.

Julius Caesar besides being a military genius lived a full life in many other respects.

MY ISLAND HOME, by James Norman Hall.

The co-author of **MUTINY ON THE BOUNTY** writes of his life as a social worker, a pursuit pilot in the first World War, and finally as an author on the island of Tahiti.

THE LIFE AND GOOD TIMES OF OF WILLIAM RANDOLPH HEARST, by John Tebbel.

The author writes objectively of the fabulous California publisher, who spent millions, but still remained immensely rich.

THE MILITARY GENIUS OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN, by Colin R. Ballard.

An English brigadier-general writes about Lincoln from a fresh viewpoint.

SPY CATCHER, by Oreste Pinto.

Colonel Pinto had many exciting experiences in counter-intelligence during World War II.

Travel

ALWAYS THE MEDITERRANEAN, by Max Miller.

Commander Miller writes with his usual charm about his cruise with the Sixth Fleet.

THE BUTCHER, THE ASCENT OF YERUPAJA, by John Sack.

Seven young men climbed a mountain in Peru, and all came back alive after breath-taking adventures.

JOURNEY TO THE FAR PACIFIC, by Thomas E. Dewey.

Mr. Dewey writes of his 1951 trip to Korea, Indo-China, the Philippines, and other important countries of the Orient.

THE JUNGLE AND THE DAMNED by Hassoldt Davis.

French Guiana, including Devil's Island, were visited by a well known writer and explorer.

Red Cross Ramblings

FEED BAG FASHIONS—Ole Dobbin might wonder when he sees his feed bag swinging from milady's arm, but fashion decrees that it is strictly a "hay day" for feed bag fashions. If you would like to surprise one of your feminine admirers with a very handy and useful feed bag style purse, why not journey over to the Red Cross Craft Shop and look into the matter? The Elks Club of Berkeley contributed sixteen beautiful chamois skins which can be used to make purses, moccasins, and sandals, so there is a choice of projects. All are simple and easy to do. Another interesting craft is that of copper tooling. Some clever articles you can turn out are wall plaques, album covers, and prints.

The craft shop hours are:

Monday 0930-1130
 1300-1600

Tuesday 1300-1600
 (Closed for field day in morning)

Wednesday 0930-1130
 1300-1600

Thursday 0930-1130
 1300-1600

Friday 0930-1130
 1300-1600

STAMP LITERATURE — Attention, all you stamp enthusiasts who are interested in bulletins pertaining to stamps, stamp collectors, and unique articles of philately! In the Red Cross Recreation Room No. 212 topside in the Community Services Building there are many issues of "Stamps," the weekly magazine of philately. Come up and browse through these copies and, if you like, take a few copies back to your ward for more solid reading.

DIVIDENDS IN THE DARK—Have you camera fans ever thought about developing your own pictures! The Red Cross Lounge has a dark room for patients to use with all the things necessary for printing your films, including paper, chemicals, enlarger, etc. Dark room hours are from 1300 to 1600 on Monday and Thursday. The art of photography is fun, and this is one time that it really pays to be in the dark!

CINEMA CIRCUIT — This next week's movie schedule features two full-length movies. Watch for one of these cinema attractions on your ward. "The Lusty Men," a drama, co-stars Susan Hayward and Robert Mitchum. "Horizons West" is a western and features Robert Ryan and Julia Adams.

Divine Services

Hospital Chapel at Main Gate

PROTESTANT

BIBLE SCHOOL — SUNDAY 0945
 SUNDAY WORSHIP—1030
 Evening Gospel Service—1900—Singing,
 Evangelistic Message, Fellowship Hour
 CHOIR REHEARSAL—1930 Thursday
 HOLY COMMUNION—First Sunday,
 morning each month.

L. D. S. SERVICE

SUNDAY — 0900 in Staff Conference Room, Administration Bldg., Annex.

CATHOLIC

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

CHAPLAIN'S OFFICES IN
 CHAPEL AND 67A

NAVY RELIEF OFFICE—
 IN CHAPEL

BUS TO AND FROM CHAPEL ON
 SUNDAYS 0845 and 1015

SCUTTLEBUTT

SIGNS OF THE SEASON: Little HM's, new at Oak Knoll, debating about whether to buy boats or cars . . . Mr. and Mrs. Carter Blyth, Bruce Peterson, and Bobbie O'Neal improving their skiing ability in the mountains along Highway 40 . . . puddles on the pavement . . . Mr. Barnes nervously watching miniature slides on the hill-sides . . . rain, rain, rain.

PEOPLE, PLACES & THINGS: It was Navy to the rescue on New Year's Day out Hayward way. The Hubers were entertaining the Giles and the Stutlers. Dinner was ready when the SOS came. FIRE next door. All hands rushed to the scene, but it was Mr. Huber and his son Gary who were the smoke-saturated heroes of this story. They rushed into the house and, though blinded by smoke, pushed out a blazing sofa that within seconds might have set the whole house afire . . . LTJG Doerpinghaus is still wondering how his 13-months-old daughter Gail recognized him in his Santa Claus "disguise." She cried "Da Da" the second she saw him, got him in her clutches, and never let him go . . . T Sara Griffin, rehabilitation expert, this week became Mrs. Kenneth J. Chapman, housewife. She and LT Chapman, married here on 7 November, are making their home in Monterey . . . Bill Strickland, HN, of Civil Readjustment, had the time of his life last week at the Awahnee Hotel, taking in the beauties of Yosemite, skiing at Badger Pass, skating at Camp Curry, and eating many-course dinners at the famous hotel. He was the guest of Mr. Bell, owner of KPIX . . . Clois Forrester, late of Disbursing, has moved down the hill to the Finance Office to serve as time, leave, and payroll clerk . . . Miss Ratigan of 73B is dashing around in a shiny new light blue DeSoto . . . Smiles on the faces of Dr. Frank Eames and Charles Northam, HM3, mean the Rose Bowl game was money in their pockets.

WEDDING BELLS will ring this afternoon for LTJG Jane M. Parrick of the Nurse Corps (50B) and LTJG Charles Cox, DC, USN, of Moffett Field. Miss Parrick will return to her duties here after a 16-day honeymoon at Palm Springs.

DID YOU KNOW that Anna Stone, Collection Agent, some years ago typed 74 words a minute for 15 minutes to break the state championship in the novice class? Over at Armstrong Collegé, Berkeley, where officials say her record never has been broken, she had typed as fast as 103 words a minute, but just a few weeks before the championships she developed cramps in her left arm from throwing the carriage. Doctors put her arm in a cast that she wore until nearly time for the tests. Otherwise, according to Mr. Armstrong, her record undoubtedly would have been even more spectacular. Mrs. Stone has an Underwood medal for 87 words a minute, an L. C. Smith gold pencil for 74 words per minute, and L. C. Smith pen for 84 words per minute. "Oh, but don't tell them this—I do not want to be a typist—and do not tell them how long ago all these things happened," Mrs. Stone said as THE OAK LEAF delved into her past.

LIFE BEGINS AT OAK KNOLL: There were three members of the Frederick L. Evans family on the Dependents Service this week—Doctor Evans in the Clinic as usual, Mrs. Evans, and Michael Edward, who arrived on 4 January. Young Michael,



Mrs. Frances Harper and her daughter, the first Bay Area baby to be born in the New Year.

Stork Visits Here First in 1953!

Brother Stork's first visit to the Oakland area in 1953 was made last Thursday at 0111 when he left a baby girl at 73A.

Mother of Oak Knoll's and Oakland's first baby of the year is Mrs. Frances Harper, 50B Manchester Street, San Francisco, wife of Thomas Harper, TN, Navy steward stationed at the submarine base, New London, Connecticut.

The new baby's name is Caroline. She weighed in at six pounds, eight and a half ounces. Mrs. Harper has three other children—Marie, eight, Carlos, three, and Lise Lou, one, who was also born at Oak Knoll.

The Last Story Of Christmas '52

The Christmas trees and decorations have been cleared away—all the gifts have been opened, the New Year is well on its way, and most of the holiday stories and events have been told. But there's one story—about a group of individual staff Chiefs, their friends, and some orphans—that should be told before Christmas 1952 is forgotten entirely.

One day, just before Santa was due to put in his appearance, some of the hospital staff Chiefs got together. One of them, who wishes to remain anonymous, suggested that they each put one dollar into a "kitty" and use the total to buy toys for orphans. The idea grew, and the Chiefs talked with other Chiefs and with their friends.

In no time at all the "kitty" grew, and on Christmas Day, the children at Fanny Wall Orphanage in Oakland received a ping pong table and ping pong set, a volleyball and net, and an assortment of boxing gloves, softballs and bat, space patrol sets, toy trucks, and 40 pounds of turkey and assorted fruits, candies, and chocolates.

There are other stories, similar to this one, to be found each year, at Oak Knoll and all over the nation. This is just one of them—a simple story—about some Chiefs, their friends, and some orphans.

who weighed 8 pounds at birth, is the Evans' fourth child. The others are his sister, Laurie, 3; Thomas, 2; and John, 1. Also passing out cigars to his friends this week was Ronald Toutjean, letterer and grainer for the Maintenance Division. He has a brand new daughter.

LT McQueen, Special Services Officer, Leaves With Orders for Saipan Duty

LT W. C. McQueen, MSC, USN, Special Services Officer since last May, is now en route to a new assignment at the Naval Administration Unit at Saipan. He and Mrs. McQueen sailed aboard a transport Monday.

Mr. McQueen came to Oak Knoll a year ago from the Navy's Medical School in Bethesda, Md. He is a veteran of 29 years' duty in the Navy, having enlisted as an apprentice seaman in Brooklyn, New York. He was commissioned an Ensign in the Medical Service Corps in July 1943.

As Special Services Officer here, he was responsible for staff and patient recreational activities, procurement of motion pictures and stage shows, and the many other details that are routine in that position. He also served as Executive Director for the recent United Fund Drive.

Mr. McQueen's duties have been taken over by LT Earl F. Hickey, MSC, USN, who returned to Oak Knoll in July for his second tour of



LT W. C. McQueen, MSC, USN

duty. He was serving as Administrative Officer to the Chief of the Dependents' Service when Mr. McQueen got his orders. He was Commissary Officer for the hospital in 1946.

New Classification Assistant Assumes Job With Civilian Personnel Office



Mr. Lloyd Scaff

Mr. Lloyd Scaff has been named Position Classification Assistant for the Civilian Personnel Office, coming here on 22 Dec. from a similar position at the Veterans Administration Hospital at Livermore.

Mr. Scaff attended the University of Texas and New York University, and did graduate work at Columbia University. During World War II, he served as a supply sergeant aboard Army hospital ships.

He and his wife, Beverly, and their daughter Jennifer, two-and-a-half, live in San Leandro.

Mr. Scaff replaces Mrs. Bonnie Drumm who left Oak Knoll recently to accept a position with the Public Works Department in San Bruno, California.

Pilot Alive and Mending After Jump From Burning Plane, With Faulty 'Chute

LT Paul L. Brown, 28, USN, still finds it hard to believe that he is alive and convalescing nicely on Ward 69A at Oak Knoll.

When he bailed out of his Corsair night fighter just seconds before it dissolved into fiery ruin, it looked like curtains for him.

"I tried to get out of the plane three times before I finally made it," Brown related.

He took off from Moffett field and at 12,000 feet his plane's carburetor took on a lethal layer of ice. The plane went into a sickening tailspin and resisted all his efforts to bring it out.

When he finally escaped from the plane (Corsairs are not equipped with ejectors, and the pilot has to bail out on his own), Brown pulled the ripcord but with no apparent result. All he remembers before his fall knocked him unconscious is a desperate struggle to get his 'chute open.

Brown still can't believe his parachute opened about 300 feet before he hit the branches of a tall tree in Upper Stevens Creek Canyon in the Santa Cruz Mountains, as Navy experts conjecture.

He landed uncomfortably close to part of the burning wreckage of his plane. "I could have thrown a rock and hit it," he said.

His total injuries were a distorted vertebra and a cracked ankle. But he has something else to worry about.

"I was found lying in a large patch of poison oak," grinned Brown.

Public Administration Course Offered by UC

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held on Wednesdays through 10 June—a total of 18 weeks. Civilian and military employees who enroll in the course will be excused from their duties to attend the classes.

All who are interested in enrolling should call Mr. Melvin, Training Officer, Civilian Personnel Office, for application forms.

Real Conservation depends not so much on the materials you have but on how you use them.

MR. REESE HIGH; MR. TURNER LOW

Whose slip it was that put James Turner at the top of the flagpole in last week's OAK LEAF and quoted his views on Oak Knoll from that dizzy height has not been definitely determined. Certainly THE OAK LEAF meant no harm by putting him in that dangerous position; nor did it intend to minimize the daring of Vernon Reese by reporting him to be low man on the ladder.

The fact is, readers who still have last week's paper at hand may hold the front page upside down and see the two men in their correct positions—Mr. Reese on top, Mr. Turner giving moral support from the ground.

Polio Fund Benefits Service Personnel Too

The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis provides necessary aid to victims of polio whenever or wherever they may be stricken.

Servicemen are entitled to full medical care and treatment in service hospitals. Where such hospitals do not have special equipment or trained personnel, the National Foundation and the Local Chapter will immediately cooperate, sending specialists in medical care, nursing, physical therapy, etc., as may be needed, and furnishing respirators (iron lungs), hot pack machines and orthopedic equipment when not otherwise available. If a serviceman is stricken with polio where medical care is unavailable the local chapter will give all necessary assistance until he can be sent to a service hospital.

The Foundation and its chapters give to the dependents of service personnel all necessary assistance. Under the policy of the National Foundation, the Local Chapter must assist any polio patient within its assigned area irrespective of the legal residence of the victim.

Assistance to the victims of polio is not limited to the care given during the acute phases of the disease.

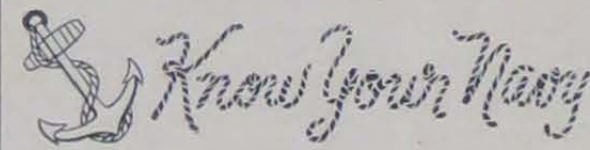
Second Bowling League to Begin

Another intrahospital bowling league is being formed and is expected to begin play on 13 Jan.

Nine teams have entered their names so far, and it is hoped that at least three more teams will be organized before the league starts.

League commissioner will be Victor Irving, HM2, of the Civil Re-adjustment Office. Team captains are urged to submit rosters of the team members to Irving no later than 1200, Monday, 12 Jan.

The new league, succeeding the two-division league that recently completed all its scheduled games, will run in the form of a round-robin tournament, playing each Tuesday and Thursday nights for 11 weeks.



The Port of Oakland has quite a history and quite a future, according to a recent issue of "Ships and the Sea," which gave the subject a ten-page spread.

A Spanish ship is credited with having used the site of the present port for the first time in 1775, when they established trade with the Indians. The California Gold Rush brought landwise easterners to the coast, and in 1850 (Oakland had a population of 70 at the time) three men formed a Squatters' League and filed a homestead claim on most of the town's water frontage.

From that time until recently, "no other port development in the United States has been marked by the skulduggery and downright dishonesty that characterized the reluctant birth and slow growth of the Port of Oakland." The area was claimed by railroads, groups, and individuals, and each fought with any means available to monopolize it. Now, two-thirds of it is owned by the city and governed by a Board of Port Commissioners which operates it in the public interest and leases installations for terminal use to private concerns.

With assets totaling 21.2 million dollars, it has 13 miles of berthing space capable of berthing 60 large deep-water vessels, 260 acres of covered storage and transit shed space, and 88 miles of railroad tracks to serve the terminals.

The port area also harbors the largest naval supply depot in the world and has the largest military supply station on the Pacific Coast (NSC, worth 100 million). There are 19 miles of waterfront on Oakland's shore, and seven miles more at Alameda.

Rivalling the state-owned Port of San Francisco, which has no room for great expansion, Oakland is on its way toward becoming an even bigger world trade center. Industry is moving in, and military installations have added wealth in the past 10 years.

Navy and Army and Air Force installations along the harbor front are worth 260 million, and commercial exports amount to 34.4 million a year in value. And the Port of Oakland is expanding!

Welcome and Farewell

A whopping big total of 50 persons reported in since the last "Welcome and Farewell" tally was taken. The total was considerably increased by the arrival of ten rated personnel to attend Environmental Sanitation Technician's School. On the debit side, 21 persons were detached, discharged, or released to inactive duty, or sent to other duty stations upon completion of school.

Reporting for duty were Capt Anton Zikmund, MC, USN, from USS HAVEN; LCDR Donald W. Robinson, MC, USN, from USS TOLEDO; LT Margaret H. Sinclair, NC, USNR, from MSTC, Pacific, San Francisco, Calif.; R. Crowe, HMC, from MSTC, Pacific, San Francisco; J. N. Sklinchar, HM1, from Naval Shipyard, San Francisco; E. E. Silver, HM1, from USN Ammunition Depot, Bangor, Wash.; J. S. Edwards, HM2, from USN Base, Newport, R. I.; M. L. Harris, HM2, from Marine Recruiting Depot, Parris Island, S. C.; W. "A" Wadsworth, HMC, from USS STORMES; D. Sanchez, DT3, from Camp Lejeune, N. C.; J. M. Tinsley, DA, from USNTPC, San Diego, Calif.; HN's E. F. Enos, J. F. Imler, R. S. Edwards, and R. W. Rhodes, and HA's G. H. Bunker, D. E. Alba, C. A. Rommel, G. L. Baker, and M. R. Houk, from USNHCS, San Diego; and HA's J. R. Seibert, D. E. Mitchell, W. M. Sirockman, E. L. McCrary, W. F. Young, J. M. Winslow, M. L. Klemick (W), P. L. Olcott, J. B. Clark, R. W. Young, H. F. Dyer, W. M. Cooper, C. C. Weakley, J. W. Moellerha,

C. W. Coulter, G. J. St-Hilaire, H. J. Walker, J. Scarbrough, Q. M. McHugh, and L. J. Bainbridge, from USNHCS, Bainbridge, Md. Those reporting for EST School were A. O. Pacosky, HMC, from USS HAVEN; W. F. Sauters, HMC, from NAS, Jacksonville, Fla.; J. H. Holmes, HMC, from USS OSBERG; L. O. Zamora, HMC, from USNH Corps Christi, Tex.; R. M. Thompson, HMC, from USNHCS, Bainbridge; J. L. Otter, HMC, from USS JOHNSTON; G. C. Schroeder, HM1, from NMMC, Bethesda; H. S. Marsh, HMC, from USS HEEP; MANN; D. G. Westcott, HM1, from NAS, Moffett Field, Calif.; and G. I. Garber HM1, from USNAS, Quonset Point, R. I.

Detached were: CDR Arthur L. Schull, MC, USN, to USS HAVEN; LT William C. McQueen, MSC, USN, to NavAdmin, Saipan District, Saipan; LT Rosanne Martin, NC, USNR, to Naval Hospital Corps School, Naval Hospital, San Diego, Calif.; LTJG Lloyd C. Rohrs, MC, USNR, to Marine Barracks, Camp Pendleton, Calif.; H. C. Ballard, HM1, to NAS, Jacksonville, Fla.; H. D. Barclough, HM1, to Marine Corps Air Station, Miami, Fla.; H. F. Boyle, HM1 to USNTPC, Bainbridge; R. L. Stafford, HM1, to CONSTLANtArea, Brooklyn, N. Y.; J. S. Cunningham, HM3, from U. S. Marine Corps Barracks, Camp Pendleton, Calif.; and E. J. Cremer, HM3, to NSC, Oakland, Calif.

Released to inactive duty were: LT's Mary Sasso and Doris P. Benoit; and LTJG's Mary L. Horsman, Irene M. Surovec, Elizabeth E. Holmes, Valerie A. Pfeiffer, and Phyllis L. Stoddard.

LT Sarah J. Griffin and LTJG Anna Marie Burns, both in the Nurse Corps, were released from the Naval Service. The resignation of LTJG Ellen B. Walker, NC, USN, was accepted and she was released from active duty.

★ ★ CHUCKLES ★ ★

On a bus the other day, a corporal offered a lady his seat and she fainted. When she was revived, she thanked him—and he fainted.

Corpsman: "What's the matter with the Doc today?"

Nurse: "I guess he's just out of patients."

Two hunters were lost in the woods. "What shall we do?" cried one. "Let's shoot an extra deer," said the other.

"The game warden will find us in 10 minutes."

St. Peter couldn't find the new arrival's name on the roster. "How do you get here?" he asked.

"Flu," he replied.

Judge: "You should be ashamed. What have you ever done for your fellow man?"

Burglar: "Well, I've kept four of five detectives working regularly."

Staff Personalities

LTJG Stanley Diamond, MC, USNR, of the EENT Service, is another of those individuals who are serving their second tours of duty at Oak Knoll. He was first stationed here in July 1945—then transferred to Mare Island until his release from active duty in August 1946. When he was recalled last October, he was sent back here. All of which is very satisfactory, says Dr. Diamond, since San Francisco is his home town, and where he now lives with his wife, Aileen, and their two-year-old daughter and four-weeks-old son. He received his degrees in Optometry and medicine from the University of California, and his degree in ophthalmology from Stanford University.



One of the drawin'st li'l ol WAVES at Oak Knoll is Texas-born Jeri Martin, YNSA, who works at the Physical Evaluation Board. Jeri has been in uniform since last June, and a Knollite since last September. Before coming into the Navy, she attended Kilgore Junior College in Texas where she majored in business administration. While there, too, she was one of the renowned "Rangerettes"—an entertainment group of Lone Star beauties who give feature performances around the nation. A ballet student for five years, she has a natural interest in dancing; likes to swim and go water skiing, and confesses to a weakness for singing in the shower.



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Staff, Patient Entries to Audition For Ted Mack Amateur Talent Show

Six staff men and one patient had signed up for the preliminary auditions of the Ted Mack Amateur Show to be held in the auditorium Monday at 1400, and LT E. F. Hickey, Special Services Officer, was still searching for talent as THE OAK LEAF went to press. Entries will not be closed until the show is over, he said.

Charles E. Hall, HN, ward corpsman on 48A, will play classical piano selections; Jimmie Dale Hicks, HN, 80B, is listed as a singer and pantomimist. All other contestants are singers, some popular, some classical. They are Raymond Ponce, SA, patient on 79B; D. L. Patterson, HN, 70B; John E. Weiks, HN, 60A; L. E. Patton, HM2, Commissioned Officers' Mess; and C. E. Younger, HN, Physiotherapy.

Mrs. Frank P. Kreuz will accompany the vocalists.

Mr. Hickey hopes to have a Hollywood talent scout in the audience to assist the judges in selecting the three top contestants to represent Oak Knoll in the big Ted Mack Amateur Hour to be staged in San Francisco on or about 16 February. Six judges, including Chaplains R. E. Jenkins and L. C. Vosseler, and a doctor, nurse, and two corpsmen yet to be named, will be scattered through the auditorium to gauge audience reaction and to grade the

performers in accordance with a special scale set up for that purpose.

Top prize among those to be awarded in the finals will be \$500.

The talent show is sponsored by the Junior Advisory Board of the Armed Forces Service Men's Centers of San Francisco and the Bay Area, and is for all departments of the Armed Forces in this area.

There is still time to enter the auditions to be held on the Oak Knoll stage Monday afternoon, and all patients and staff members who have special ability in singing, dancing, or playing a musical instrument are urged to participate.

Patients and all staff members who can be spared from their duties Monday afternoon are cordially invited to attend the auditions starting at 1400.

Special Weapons Class To Convene at TI

A course in special weapons, isotopes and military medicine, which will present problems and techniques in the fields of radioactivity, will convene at the Naval Station, Treasure Island, in March.

The course will be open to Medical Department officers residing in the 11th, 12th, and 13th Naval Districts.

More information on the course will be published later.

Two Key Staff Officers Get Orders To Charleston, Philadelphia Posts

Oak Knoll lost two more doctors this week—when the Chief of the Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Service, and assistant Chief of Medicine left for new duty assignments.

CAPT Benjamin N. Ahl, MC, USN, head of the EENT Service, was detached on Thursday, 15 Jan., to USNH, Charleston, S.C., where he will be the new executive officer. CDR Lester J. Pope, MC, USN, assistant Chief of Medicine, was transferred on Wednesday, 14 Jan., to USNH, Philadelphia, to serve as Chief of Medicine.

CAPT Ahl came to this hospital two years ago from USNH Portsmouth, Va., where he had been head of the EENT Service for three years.

He entered the Navy in 1929 after receiving his medical training at Indiana University.

During his tour of duty at Oak Knoll, he served as acting executive officer on numerous occasions.

He was medical officer on the USS MISSOURI at the end of WWII and was present at the signing of Japan's surrender.

CAPT Ahl, his wife, Alice, and their two children, Judy, 17, and John, 13, will leave for Charleston in a few days.

CDR Pope came here one year ago from the hospital ship USS HAVEN, where he had been Chief of Medicine for 14 months, while the ship was in Korean waters.

He entered the Navy in 1939, after receiving his undergraduate and medical training at the University of Nebraska.

In addition to his duties in the Medical Service, he also served as Executive Secretary to the Training Committee and as Director of Intern Training.

CDR Pope and his wife, Wanda, and their two children, Gail, 12, and Jane, 10, have left for their new home in Philadelphia.

Military, Civic Leaders Back March of Dimes

Military and civilian leaders of the Armed Forces have issued a widespread appeal for 1953 March of Dimes support to back up "our allies—the doctors and scientists who are waging a courageous battle against polio."

Personnel of the Armed Services contributed \$3,220,000 to the 1952 March of Dimes, a substantial increase over their donations the preceding year.

"I heartily approve," said Defense Secretary Robert A. Lovett, "of the humanitarian efforts being made by the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis to find the cause and cure of polio. I am confident that all Americans will join forces to assist in this great work by contributing to the March of Dimes campaign which provides the necessary funds for both research and rehabilitation purposes." (AFPS.)

PO Certificates At Personnel Office

The Staff Personnel Office has announced that many persons who were advanced in rating in the last Petty Officer examinations have not picked up their certificates of appointment.

A certificate bearing the official hospital seal is made out for each person advancing in PO grades, and is signed by the Commanding Officer.

All those who were advanced to pay grade E-4 on 16 October 1952, following the July examinations, are urged to pick up their certificates as soon as possible.



Sometime today (Saturday, 17 January), a receiver will be lifted from a telephone, a hand will reach out and dial a number, and the new dial telephone equipment housed in Building 1 will respond to its first official call at Oak Knoll. Representatives of the telephone company visited each Division and Service on Thursday and Friday, explaining the operation of the automatic system and distributing directories. The new system will handle the average of 900 calls per hour that are made on the 259 main telephones and their extensions around the hospital.

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† † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

When a man joins the Navy, and soon after arrival at boot camp, he is issued a full sea bag. Its contents and appearance have changed somewhat in recent years. It used to contain a hammock, mattress, blankets, many items of work clothes and miscellaneous equipment, so that when a small gob staggered up his first ship's gangway he looked about like a fly would look balancing a doughnut on his back. One wondered if he would ever make it! Now the full bag has changed to a compact, heavy, stove-pipe shaped object and in it are innumerable objects considered essential to a sailor's appearance, health, welfare, and comfort. Only a few personal items may be included. A sailor must keep a full bag and those who fail are required to draw the shortage; these articles are then charged to their pay account. A sailor cannot have another man's clothing in his bag. He cannot be short or long; that is, he must have A FULL SEA BAG.

Preparing for life is somewhat like a sailor preparing for sea duty. There are certain things we must have to function efficiently as a member of society and to do our share of the world's work; to carry our fair load of responsibility and to demonstrate the character of a worthy citizen.

The things that determine our destiny in our social relationships are often costly and difficult to find. The stencilling process of making them ours is tedious and hard.

What are these factors necessary for abundant living, and how much of them do we need? We should have:

The Honor of a patriot, the Pride of a Marine,
 The Dignity of an old soldier, the Love of a brother,
 The Patience of a nurse, the Humility of a saint,
 The Hope of youth, the Faith of a doctor,
 The Ambition of a cadet, the Courtesy of a knight,
 The Integrity of an hour-glass, enough Wisdom to win,
 And the Trust of a child in God and His providence.

The person who has these qualities carefully fitted into his individual personality will have the full bag of factors needed for courageous, wholesome living. He will have little room left for elements that degrade, damage, disillusion or destroy character.

Shipmate, take inventory and be sure you have A FULL SEA BAG!

J. A. WHITMAN, Protestant Chaplain.

VA to Issue Second Dividend Payments To Eligible Holders of NSLI Policies

Another dividend will be paid in 1953 to servicemen holding National Service Life Insurance policies, the Veterans Administration has announced.

The size of the individual payments for most policy holders will be the same as in 1952, when an average of \$60 was paid.

To be eligible, the policy holders must have paid premiums for any three or more months between the anniversary date of his policy in 1952 and the same date in 1953.

Personnel who are eligible for the new dividend, but did not apply for the '52 dividend, will have to apply to VA Headquarters, Washington, D.C. However, policy holders who applied for the '52 dividend will receive the '53 dividends automatically. Payments will be made 30 to 40 days after the anniversary date of the policy.

Applications for the 1953 dividend must include your full name, mailing address, policy number, serial number and date of birth. All applications must be signed in the policy holders' own handwriting.

The 1953 dividend is the second regular one on NSLI policies—the first was paid last year and totaled \$180,000,000. Two special dividends also have been paid. The four total nearly \$4,000,000,000. (AFPS.)

Red Cross Ramblings

MOVIE FANS

A drama and a comedy are scheduled for the wards next week. William Holden and Alexis Smith are featured in "The Turning Point." For the comedy, Judy Canova and Stephen Dunne star in "Wac From Walla Walla." There also will be a movie short on the circuit, so watch for this on your ward.

CRAYONEX BATIK CRAFT

Does this fancy name make you wonder what new craft the Red Cross Craft Shop has in store for you to do? It's a very simple and easy craft in spite of its intriguing name. Actually, you draw a design or picture on a square of unbleached muslin material with crayonex, a type of crayon which takes readily to material. Then the design is set with dye and what ho! you have a beautiful wall hanging or decorative table scarf.

Come over to the shop and investigate this interesting craft as well as the other opportunities in handwork offered there.

SOMETHING HAS BEEN ADDED

You who would like to be camera fans, but don't have a camera, may solve your problem at the Red Cross Lounge by checking out one of the eight cameras which are available there. You can take pictures, develop, enlarge, and print them in the Dark Room at the Lounge. Remember the time for all you photo-fans, beginners or advanced, to meet and discuss the art of photography, is Thursday and Monday from 1400 to 1600.

CUT DOWN THAT OLD PINE TREE

Jot down on your calendar, January 23, as a date to have some fun. Everyone come and join in the good old-time square dancing from 1900 to 2145. There will be hostesses to dance, play cards and table games, or just talk. Beginners to the "real squares," come out and help us "Cut Down That Old Pine Tree," do the "Grapevine Twist," polka, or get in the "Virginia Reel."

EXTRA MOVIE ATTRACTIONS

The regular movie program on the wards still proves to be some of our most popular entertainment. We are augmenting this schedule with the use of Standard Oil travel and sports films which are usually in color and very well produced. Several Gray Ladies have become acquainted with the intricacies of the projector and are looking forward to operating it on the wards for added pleasure to the patients.

Two ARC Recreation Workers Detached

Miss Lucy O'Neill, who has been on the American Red Cross Recreation staff since January 1951, left last week for the St. Louis, Mo., area office. From there, she will be assigned to a position with an ARC activity in the Midwestern area.

Another Recreation staff worker, Miss Kay Stewart, has been officially transferred from Oak Knoll to the American Red Cross offices at Letterman Army Hospital in San Francisco.

Miss Stewart had been on the ARC staff here since August 1950. She was sent to Letterman last September on what was to have been a temporary assignment. She was permanently transferred on 1 Jan.

COST CONSCIOUSNESS
DO IT BETTER — DO IT CHEAPER



Frontier days live again in the novels listed below. All are available from the Library, Building 39, or from the book truck which the librarians take to the wards where there are bed patients.

CAMPBELL'S KINGDOM, by Hammond Innes.

The Alberta oil fields are the scene of this novel of suspense.

THEIR TOWN, by Wilbur Daniel Steele.

A near-ghost town in Colorado is saved from extinction by the efforts of one man.

WARWHOOOP, by MacKinlay Kantor.

Two short novels are contained in this book, one of which, BEHOLD THE BROWN-FACED MEN, is a romance of Nebraska Territory in 1864, and the other of which, MISSOURI MOON, is a story of the settlements along the Missouri river just after the War of 1812.

WILD STALLION, by Bud Murphy.

A Palomino so clever that he could steal a herd of ordinary horses is himself pursued by a man eager to possess him.

Other westerns by well-known authors include the following:

BORDER GRAZE, by Dwight Bennett.

GHOST GUN, by Tom West.

THE LONG TRAIL, by Arthur Henry Gooden.

THE OUTLAW OF EAGLE'S NEST, by Peter Field.

OUTLAW THICKETS, by Les Savage.

RIDERS OF THE OUTLAW TRAIL, by Peter Field.

Mysteries

Mystery stories may be popular because of one's murderous impulses, or because of one's desire for excitement with safety, or because of one's liking for solving problems. Whatever the reasons for reading them, mysteries are well liked. New in the Library are these:

ALIAS UNCLE HUGO, by Manning Coles.

BEST DETECTIVE STORIES OF THE YEAR 1952, edited by David C. Cooke.

CAMPAIGN TRAIN, by the Gordons.

DEADLOCK, by Ruth Fenisong.

EYES THAT WATCH YOU, by William Irish.

A GAMBIT FOR MR. GROODE, by George Griswold.

THE KEY MAN, by Clarence Buckingham Kelland.

KISS ME, DEADLY, by Mickey Spillane.

NEVER BET YOUR LIFE, by George Harmon Coxe.

THE TIGER IN THE SMOKE, by Margery Allingham.

Short Stories

THE ARGOSY BOOK OF ADVENTURE STORIES.

THE HEAVENLY WORLD SERIES, AND OTHER BASEBALL STORIES, by Frank O'Rourke.

Wit and Humor

THE CAMP AT LOCKJAW, by David McCord.

GOOD FOR A LAUGH, by Bennett Cerf.

GRENADINE'S SPAWN, by Robert C. Ruark.

The Library hours are as follows: 0800 - 1630; 1800 - 2100, Monday through Friday.

Divine Services

Hospital Chapel at Main Gate

PROTESTANT

BIBLE SCHOOL—SUNDAY 0945
 SUNDAY WORSHIP—1030
 Evening Gospel Service—1900—Singing,
 Evangelistic Message, Fellowship Hour
 CHOIR REHEARSAL—1930 Thursday
 HOLY COMMUNION—First Sunday
 morning each month.

L. D. S. SERVICE

SUNDAY—0900 in Staff Conference
 Room, Administration Bldg., Annex.

CATHOLIC

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

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LT J. A. Meyers, USMC

PIO Gets Facts Too Near Source

A good reporter should get his material first-hand, thought Second Lieutenant John Allen Meyers, USMC, on 28 November 1952, while serving as public information officer for the 1st Marine Air Wing on the Korean front.

So LT Meyers, 23, of Winnetka, Ill., and a student at Michigan State College prior to entering the Marine Corps 18 months ago, decided to go directly to the source, as a good reporter should, in order to do research for an article on air evacuation of wounded personnel from the battlefield.

He went to the MLR (main line of resistance) to talk to some of the boys who were right on the spot.

"I discovered there's such a thing as getting a little too close to your source," smiled LT Meyers from his bed on Ward 69A, where he is undergoing treatment.

Shortly after arriving at the MLR, he was hit in both legs by a mortar round that burst nearby. The LT was taken by jeep to a rear area medical station and then evacuated by helicopter to the hospital ship USS REPOSE.

"I know all about air evacuation now," he said, "but I never did get to write that story."

SCUTTLEBUTT

NAMES CAN BE CONFUSING: Take Michael Kle's for example. When he had a nameplate made for his desk in the ORG office, the plate-maker didn't believe Mike knew what he was talking about when he gave instructions. He changed the whole thing around so that it came back nicely printed, black on gold: K.L.C. Michael.

"Sure glad I don't have such difficulties," James Ng, ward corpsman on 45A, said when he heard about the confusion.

AROUND THE COMPOUND: LT Cecilia L. Shea is happy to announce that she has finished her driving lessons and is now ready to take her month-old green Chevy out of the parking lot. . . . Over EST way the staff has welcomed HMC Ralph Crowe back to the fold. Since Chief Crowe, one of the original instructors in the school, left here, he has served with MSTs, setting up a Food Service Training Course on MSTs ships. . . . Ronald Toutjean's baby daughter, Dianne, born 3 January, made this column last week, and what's more, she made the Daily Knave as well as Vital Statistics in the Oakland Tribune. The reason? She arrived with two pearly front teeth (lowers), a development normally expected at seven months. . . . Wilma McKenna is back at the Dependents' Service with a Waikiki tan and lots of stories about her two months in the Islands. . . . LT Lillie Harwood's new diamond, gift of her "flyboy" fiancee, is the bright light people have been seeing on the orthopedic ramps these dark afternoons. . . . LT Joseph L. Yetka of the Environmental Sanitation School is driving a sanitary new light gray Plymouth Suburban.

OAKNOLLUMNI: J. A. Wilburn, until a few months ago, was on duty at OT; yesterday he brought a group of his students from San Jose State College to the hospital for a tour of OT and the Artificial Limb Department. Yep, he's on the college faculty.

EVERYBODY IS LOOKING FORWARD to the amateur auditions to be held Monday afternoon in the auditorium. . . . Chuck Younger, Physio's baritone, will be there; Jim Hicks of 80B not only promises to warble his heart out for the prize but will go into a series of pantomimes for the same purpose.



These two Brazilians look up with a Good Neighbor smile from their examination of the BMI rate on a U.S. Navy uniform. The fellow on the left, Americo Montero DeJesus, is a CEMA, in the Brazilian Navy, and on the right, Pedro Nazareno Marques, is rated as a TAAR. (Anyone with a knowledge of Spanish and the inclination to hike up to Ward 71A can find out their equivalent rates.) The men are patients here, from the Brazilian ship *Almirante Saldanha*, now anchored at Hunter's Point, across the Bay. Their ship is on a good-will tour of the world which began last April and has taken them to seaports all around the globe. They arrived here from Honolulu on Christmas Day, and will next visit San Diego.

Symphony Tickets Offered to Knollites

Tickets are available for patients and staff members who are interested in attending performances by the Oakland Symphony Orchestra and the San Francisco Symphony Orchestra.

Special Services has only a few tickets to the concerts, and they will be issued on a first come, first served basis.

The Oakland Symphony will perform on the evening of Tuesday, 20 January, and the San Francisco Orchestra has scheduled appearances on the following dates: Friday, 30 January, 6 and 7 February, 13 and 27 March and 17 April.

VA Counseling Free To All Veterans

(AFPS) — Many veterans leaving the Service are uncertain of their abilities or doubtful of what educational and training benefits to take.

To meet this need the VA has established an educational and vocational guidance program. This comprehensive program includes talks with school and job counselors, and various aptitude and personality tests.

Every veteran who is doubtful of his future career should take advantage of this program. The counseling and tests will be given as close to home as possible.

The tests are given absolutely free. All you do is apply. The VA takes it from there.

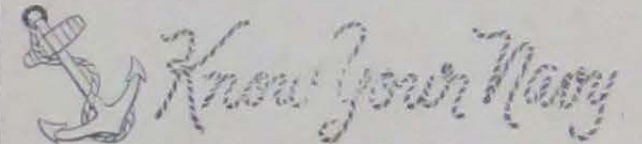
There are three things a woman can make out of nothing—a hat, a salad and a quarrel.

"Yes, I got two orders on my first day as a salesman."

"Fine. What were they?"

"Get out and stay out."

Mixed emotions — the feeling you get when you see your mother-in-law driving your new car over a cliff.



One thing that distinguishes a "boot" from a "salt," and a thing that often figures greatly in helping to pass an examination for advancement in rating, is a knowledge of both common and little-known facts of Naval lore. Here, with an assist from one of the hospital's staff officers, are a few items of interest, tradition, and fact.

Of interest to anyone in or out of the Navy should be the fact that the United States Navy possesses the only British royal standard taken by capture on the high seas, during the Revolutionary War. It is on display in Mahan Hall at the Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md.

We can point with pride, too, to the fact that no United States warship has ever mutinied or been in the hands of mutineers.

The only red, white, and blue buoy in the world lies at Fort McHenry, where Francis Scott Key wrote the words to The Star-Spangled Banner.

Moving aboard ship, we find that the masts of a seven-masted ship are: fore, main, mizzen, jigger, kicker, spanker, and pusher. A pig stick is a small stick hoisted to the masthead to which the commission pennant is attached, and the "bean rag" is the speed pennant flying at the port yardarm to indicate that the crew is at meal.

General traffic regulations aboard ship are: forward and up, to starboard; aft and down, to port.

The Midway class large carriers are the longest and heaviest ships ever built for the Navy, so far. According to tradition, the MAINE is the longest ship because her mainmast is in Arlington Cemetery in Washington, D.C., and her foremast is on the Reina Dock at Annapolis.

The largest ship ever carried on the Navy Register was the LAFAYETTE, formerly the French 83,000-ton liner NORMANDIE. The largest warships ever built were the Japanese Yamato and Musashi, of 73,000 tons, full load displacement. They mounted nine 18.1-inch guns.

Welcome and Farewell

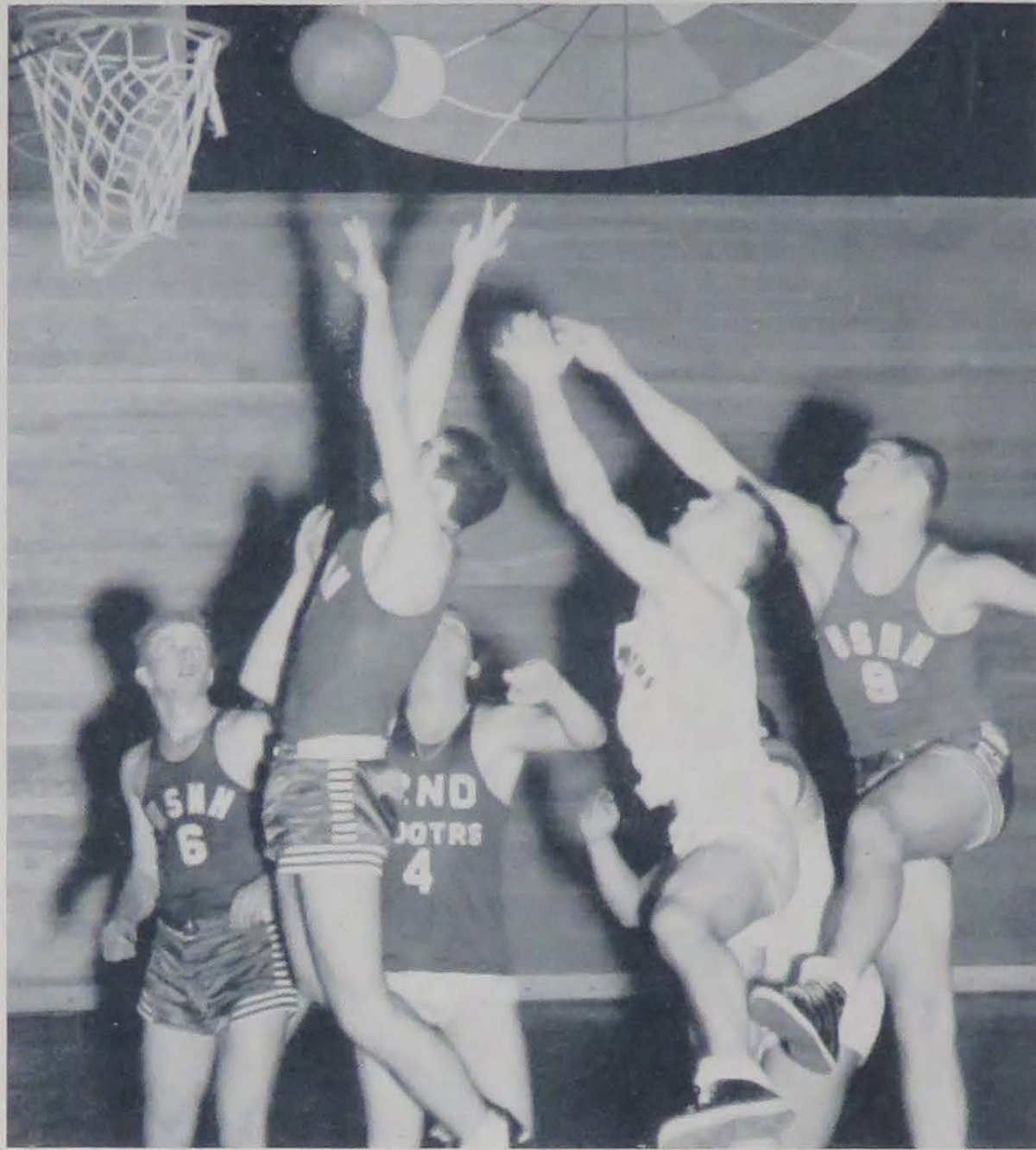
Twenty-one persons reported aboard for duty last week, while only thirteen were detached or discharged.

Reporting aboard were: LT Donald S. Amatuzio, MC, USNR, from inactive duty; LT Homer S. Arnold, MC, USN, from USS BATAAN (CVL-29); LT John T. Craighead, MC, USNR, from inactive duty; LT Ruth E. Robertson, NC, USNR, from MSTs, Seattle, Wash.; LTJG's Dean H. Hausrath and Bruce DeHaven Jones, Dental Internes (USNR), from Naval Dental School, NMMC, Bethesda, Md.; LTJG Robert J. Anderson, MC, USNR, from ComTWELVE; LTJG's David W. Eskelson, John O. Barnes, and William H. Brownlee (all MC, USNR), from inactive duty; G. L. Parker, HMC, from Camp LeJeune, N. C.; HA's R. C. Potter, W. J. Morrow, W. Martin, and C. R. Alonge, from USNHCS, Bainbridge, Md.; and HA's B. A. Ackert, W. E. Rasmussen, J. Harkins (W), J. J. Williams, G. T.

Seely, A. Smerlick (W), P. N. Liedlich, and H. P. Resnick, from USNHCS, Great Lakes, Ill.

Detached were: LT's Dorothy M. E. Janssen, and Mary L. Welter, Nurse Corps, USN, to ComTHREE for duty under instruction at Columbia University, New York N.Y.; J. C. Odom, HMC, to USS CONSERVER; R. E. McGinnis, HMC, to U. S. Naval Medical School, NMMC, Bethesda, Md.; E. E. Scott, HMI, to U. S. Naval Administration Unit, Albuquerque, N.M.; G. O. Greene, HM2, to USS BOXER; D. C. Reeder, HM3, to USNH, San Diego, Calif.; W. J. Carr, HN, to U. S. Naval Shipyard, San Francisco; and HN's A. E. Siekmeier, S. D. Harris, and G. C. Meyer, to U. S. Marine Barracks, Camp Pendleton, Oceanside, Calif.

Discharged from the Naval service were: HM2's William F. Simpson and W. E. Dillon; and HM3 O. L. Moss.



At left, Oak Knoll's Irving Wheat leaps high to outstretch a District Communication's player and hit the ball to the home players. In the picture on the right, Mike Napoli (3) jumps to recover the ball, while Harry Parsons (6) and "Big Ben" Hilliker (9) move in to give him assistance.

Knoll Hoopsters Beat District Team 77-33 in First Game of Season

The Oak Knoll basketball team, led by center Ben Hilliker, ran wild last Wednesday night and swamped the District Communications five 77-33 in the 12th ND class B opener at the San Leandro gym. The Knollites led all the way, and except for a brief period early in the first quarter, had complete control of the game.

With Mike Napoli, Dick Jenkinson, and Hilliker controlling both backboards, and the rest of the team lending able scoring assistance, the locals poured it on the hapless losers from across the bay. Oak Knoll took the opening tip and Gordon Anderson plunked in a one-handed push shot from the key. This was followed by three quick baskets by Wheat, Napoli, and Jenkinson and the Hospital's five scoring parade was on. Com-

munication's Roak, Stratton, Greenwood, and Bragg hit consecutive shots to pull their team into a tie midway in the first quarter, but the remainder of the game was all Oak Knoll's. McKelvy hit for two, Anderson dropped another from the key, and Hilliker slipped in for two lay-ins to start anew the hoop bombardment that continued throughout the game.

Summary:

District Communications				
	FG	FT	PF	TP
F. Stratton	2	1	4	5
F. Crumbacker	0	1	4	1
C. Greenwood	3	0	4	6
G. Bragg	5	5	2	15
G. Roak	2	2	2	6
G. Christenson	0	0	2	0
	12	9	18	33
Oak Knoll				
	FG	FT	PF	TP
F. Wheat	1	0	0	2
F. Napoli	4	3	4	11
F. Pitzer	2	0	1	4
F. Shortz	0	1	1	1
F. Severn	0	0	0	0
C. Jenkinson	5	1	1	11
C. Hilliker	10	5	1	25
G. Anderson	4	1	1	9
G. McKelvy	3	0	3	6
G. Parsons	3	1	1	7
G. Clark	0	1	1	1
G. Pool	0	0	0	0
	32	13	14	77

"Big Ben," Oak Knoll's aggressive pivot man, tallying mostly on tips and follow-through shots, garnered scoring honors for the evening with 25 points. Following him were Napoli and Jenkinson with 11 apiece.

Coach Wirt Johnson expressed himself as well pleased with the ball

game, stating, "the team play left nothing to be desired, but our passing was very careless at times. The rebound work showed to good advantage, as did the ball handling of Anderson, McKelvy, and Parsons." The local cagers enjoyed a 42-13 halftime lead and had a comfortable 34-point margin at the start of the fourth quarter.

Staff Personalities

People used to seeing ENS John M. Thompson, MSC, USN, at his desk in the Records Office, will be dropping in next week to say goodbye to him and wish him luck in his new assignment to the USS VALLEY FORGE. At Oak Knoll since last July, this is his fifteenth assignment since he joined the Navy in January 1941. He

completed the School of Hospital Administration in Bethesda and was sent to NAS Monterey where he swapped his HMC stripes for a gold bar last April. He came here for on-the-job specialty training. Off duty, ENS Thompson enjoys a trip to Reno — but not for the usual reasons — it happens to be his home town.



Due to mark her first anniversary at Oak Knoll in February is Mrs. Muriel R. Miller, dictaphone transcriber for the X-Ray Department. When she first came aboard she was assigned an office in the transportation building, and was added to the radiology staff last October. After working hours, she's a housewife and

mother. Her husband is a marketing and advertising student at the University of California, and they have a son, David, five years old. The Miller family is rounded out by "Corky," a spaniel. Mrs. Miller is originally from Cedar Rapids, Iowa. When the time allows, she enjoys drawing, likes to read and listen to classical music.



PREVIEWS

Sunday, 18 January
THE NAKED SPUR — James Stewart, Janet Leigh. The only information available on this new release (not scheduled to be shown to the general public until next month) is that it's in Technicolor.
 Monday, 19 January
HIGH NOON — Gary Cooper, Grace Kelly.
TOP WESTERN. Rating: Very good. Story of a man with a civic conscience with the scene set in a small Western town in 1870. Gun-play and a large dose of suspense accompany the tale.
 Tuesday, 20 January
CITY BENEATH THE SEA — Robert Ryan, Mala Powers. **DRAMA**. An under-the-sea search for \$1,000,000 in gold bullion, involving some scheming villains and their inevitable downfall by the hero.
 Wednesday, 21 January
SAVAGE MUTINY — Johnny Weismuller. Nothing in the files on this one.
 Thursday, 22 January
ALL ASHORE — Mickey Rooney, Dick Haymes. This one's either a re-release or a brand-new production. In either case, the title indicates it's about the Navy, and the cast guarantees comedy and song.
 Friday, 23 January
COME BACK, LITTLE SHEBA — Burr Lancaster, Shirley Booth. **DRAMA**. Rating: Excellent. A frank and very "different" film concerning a couple who are victims of alcoholism.
 Saturday, 24 January
CAPTIVE CITY — John Forsythe. No mention of this one in the files either.

Lawyer: "You say you want to get a divorce on the grounds that your husband is careless about his appearance?"

Client: "Yes, he hasn't shown up in nearly two years."

Sign in beauty parlor window. Don't whistle at a girl leaving here. She may be your grandmother.

A man dived from a seaside pier and rescued an Income Tax Collector and prefers to remain anonymous. So does the man who pushed the Income Tax Collector in.

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Saturday, 24 January, 1953



Queenie takes over the wheel of the mail truck while her co-worker, Edward Trnka, is gone for a moment.

Mailrun Mascot Works Full-Time

Camera shy Queenie, mascot of the mail run, consented to pose for photographers this week after keeping herself carefully out of the lime-light ever since her picture appeared in THE OAK LEAF 18 months ago when her first quintuplets were born.

In addition to being the mother of a large family (vital statistics show she has had 4 sets of quintts, all born here) Queenie holds a full-time job at Oak Knoll, where she is currently detailed to the post office.

"It was Queenie who broke me in on my job when I was assigned to the mail run four months ago," Edward J. Trnka, HM3, said this week by way of a commendation for his half collie, half spaniel (what kind of spaniel is not known) shipmate. According to Trnka, Queenie reports to her post promptly every morning.

"We pick up the mail on the compound and make three trips a day to the Eastmont Post Office on Foothill. She's really conscientious. When I'm out of the car, she moves over behind the wheel and takes charge. She always keeps her eyes on the road, and when I back the truck out of parking places, she always watches her side to make sure I don't hit anything—a regular back seat driver."

Two Basic Science Lectures Scheduled

Dr. Frank L. Gerbode of Stanford University Hospital and Medical School will speak to members of the staff Tuesday evening, 27 January, on "Clinical Physiology and Surgical Aspects of the Cardiovascular System." This is the third of a series of lectures Dr. Gerbode has given on this subject as a part of the Basic Science course.

Dr. Herbert N. Hultgren's lecture on "Cardiac Catheterization as Applied to Diagnosis" is the next one in the series. It is scheduled for Tuesday, 3 February. Dr. Hultgren is also a member of the Stanford staff.

Amateur Talent Winners Chosen

Three staff corpsmen, Jimmy Hicks, HN, of Ward 80B, Loren Stevers, HN, of P & A, and David Patterson, HN, of 70B, won first, second and third positions, in that order, in last Monday's amateur talent show.

Hicks won the top spot with his pantomime comedy interpretation of Spike Jones' "Deep Purple." Stevers won the judges' vote for his vocal presentation of "Here In My Heart," and Patterson took the next spot with his rendition of "Without a Song."

Charles Hall, HN, of 48A, who played a piano concerto, and Louis Patton, HM2, of the Commissioned Officers' Mess, who sang "Nina Never Knew," were named as alternates.

The audience, comprised of patients and staff from the hospital, indicated high enthusiasm for each of the acts presented, and even the judges, who made the final decision, had difficulty in deciding the winners.

Six judges, scattered through the auditorium, gauged audience reaction and graded each performer on a chart to determine such things as appropriateness of the act, gestures, dress, manners, grace, stage presence, showmanship, and physical attraction.

The three winning contestants will go to San Francisco prior to the main Amateur Show event, where they will compete against approximately 80 other contestants chosen in similar shows at military installations throughout the area. There will be 15 finalists in the area contest, and they will appear on the Ted Mack show to vie for the top prize of \$500 and for other awards.

The talent show is being sponsored by the Junior Advisory Board of the Armed Forces Service Men's Centers of San Francisco and the Bay Area.

The show Monday afternoon was conducted by Special Services, under the direction of LT E. F. Hickey. O. L. Jacobson, HMC, was Master-of-Ceremonies for the event, and Mrs. Frank P. Kreuz accompanied the vocalists.

Other contestants in the show were: John Weiks, HN, of Ward 60A, who sang "Little Bit of Heaven"; Louis Patton, HM2, Commissioned Officers' Mess, who sang "Nina Never Knew"; Charles Hall, HN, of 48A, who played a piano concerto; Charles Younger, HN, of Physical Therapy, who sang "Road to Mandalay"; and Ray Ponce, SA, patient on Ward 79B, who sang "Why Don't You Believe Me?"

Judges for the contest were CAPT Julian Love, MC, USN; LCDR L. C. Vosseler, CHC; LT R. E. Jenkins, CHC; LTJG Janeth Marr, NC; CWO S. J. Roy, USMC, patient on Ward 68B; and Dorris Linsea, JO3 (W).



The winners! O. L. Jacobson, HMC, emcee for the Amateur Talent Show staged in the auditorium last Monday, stands behind the smiling top contestants (left to right): Loren Stevers, Jimmy Hicks, and David Patterson.

Ballet, Stage Show to Appear Here

Special Services this week received word that the Sergei Temoff School of Ballet plans to bring a variety program to the auditorium and the wards on Thursday evening, 5 February.

The complete program was not available at press time, but it is certain that it will include several ballet numbers by the pupils of Mr. Temoff, head of the well-known bal-

let school in San Francisco. The group last entertained at Oak Knoll in October, 1949.

The Richmond chapter of Footprinters, a police organization, will sponsor a stage show to be presented in the main auditorium at 1930 on Monday, 26 January.

The show will feature 20 professional entertainers and a 15-man "Sim-phoney" band.



No one needed to "sell" Otis Hines, up on Ward 80B, on donating to the March of Dimes. In a chest respirator since he was struck with polio last November, he needed no persuasion to donate to the Infantile Paralysis fund which aids thousands of other polio victims every year. Hines is a VAB patient from Vallejo, Calif., and has been under treatment here since 10 November.

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† † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

It is refreshing to hear the live testimonies of friends we know who have experienced the Quest for God. For some of us the search still goes on, and will continue to our life's end. But here is one who gives us hope and understanding, as he has penned his thoughts in beautiful verse. At the time he was serving with the Fourth Marine Defense Battalion, on a Pacific Island. He wrote under combat conditions. The spirit of the sonnet is expressive of our time and needs.

EVEN AT WAR

Listen to me and hear what I shall say
 For something has happened to me today.
 Many days and nights I doubted my thought
 Of God, and Soul, all this, within I fought,
 Then faintly I heard a rolling thunder,
 The earth beneath me cracking asunder,
 The smoke and flames of hell, licking the sky,
 Time, Man, can you ever prove this a lie?

My mind was numb but my eyes could well see
 Out of the mist, God, walking up to me.
 Then He took me by the hand, and smiling,
 With a gesture, made these scenes beguiling,
 Then He promised me, at my side to stay,
 And, like a child, I walk with Him Today.

—Stanley J. Roy,

Commissioned Warrant Officer, USMC.

R. E. JENKINS, Protestant Chaplain.

Welcome and Farewell

The balance was all in favor of Oak Knoll this week, with 42 persons reporting aboard for duty, and only 18 transferred, released to inactive duty, or discharged.

Reporting aboard were: ENS Joseph E. Honish, Jr., MSC, USN, from 1st Marine Division, FMF; G. L. Parker, HMC, from Camp Lejeune, N.C.; H. "L" House, HM2, from USNB, Charleston, S. C.; HA's W. Martin and C. R. Alonge, from USNHCS, Bainbridge, Md.; HN N. M. Johnson (W), and HA's J. T. McDonald (W), L. W. Black, and H. A. Schawb, from

USNHCS, San Diego, Calif.; and HN's J. P. Cunningham, R. E. Drennon, E. E. Elam, G. A. Husey, Jr., J. D. Navarre, J. L. Payne, J. H. Reedy, R. Rogers, D. F. Viera, and C. E. Hosken, and HA's R. M. Anderson, G. T. Seely, J. J. Williams, P. N. Liedlich, H. P. Resnick, R. P. Mulroy, G. F. Rittmanic, R. W. Mason, S. Mylek, J. R. Floor, D. E. Siebel, V. A. Brackett, Jr., G. L. Butler, J. B. Collette, J. F. Glauser, J. A. Haynes, J. C. Nance, A. Plummer, W. C. Protsman, D. E. Reddy, J. B. Richards, Jr., T. G. Sawyer, and J. W. Pratt, from USNHCS, Great Lakes, Ill.

Detached were: CAPT Benjamin N. Ahl, MC, USN, to USNH, Charleston, S. C.; CDR Lester J. Pope, MC, USN, to USNH, Philadelphia, Pa.; G. G. Skeith, HMC, to ComNavFE; A. E. Normington, HM1 (W) to USNH, NMMC, Bethesda, Md.; B. J. Stevenson, HM3, (W), to Naval Dispensary, 50 Fell St., San Francisco, Calif.; J. I. Belhumeur, HN, (W), to USNH, San Diego, Calif.; G. C. Meyer, HN, to U.S. Marine Barracks, Camp Pendleton, Oceanside, Calif.; HM3's J. P. Smith, and R. D. Aaron, and D. B. Myers, to NSC, Oakland; and HN's L. A. Prouty, T. "V" Lenihand and W. B. McClintock, and HA's S. W. Addeo and C. Antone, Jr., to USNAS, Alameda.

LTJG's Barbara A. Dunphy and Myrtle A. Neth, were released to inactive duty in the Navy Nurse Corps.

LCDR Rosella N. Asbelle, HC, USN, was released to civilian life, following the acceptance of her resignation.



Intent on an instructional movie they are being shown in connection with their three-week course here, are the following Red Cross trainees (front row): Allane Waters, Doris Tilton; (back row) Joyce Boorman, Betty Skidmore, Jean Scheidel, Ruth Kilbourn, and Harriett Hill.

Fifth ARC Training Class Aboard

Seven members of the fifth class of Red Cross trainees at Oak Knoll were recently welcomed aboard for a three weeks' training course prior to their assignment to positions in military hospitals.

During the three-week period, recreation trainees will receive practice in conducting recreational programs in the Red Cross Lounge and in the wards, and Case aid trainees will help assistant field directors in the areas of emergency leave, communication with families, financial assistance, personal services, and leave extensions.

Miss Annabelle Story, assistant field director in recreation, is in charge of the training program. Miss Vera Wilkeson, assistant field director in social work, is responsible for the case aid training.

The seven trainees are Jean Scheidel, Recreation Worker, from Mankato, Minn.; Harriet Hill, Berkeley, Calif.; Doris Tilton, Manchester, N. H.; and Betty Skidmore, Clarkton, Mo., all recreation aides; Allane Waters, Bellingham, Wash.; Ruth Kilbourn, Grants Pass, Ore.; and Joyce Boorman, Oakland, case aides.

Red Cross Ramblings

UKELELE FANS

Arthur Godfrey's "singing ukelele style" is a favorite form of recreation on Ward 80B, both as a radio program and as patient performance. The man providing the ukelele music is ROBERT N. WARD, AF3. About four months ago Ward decided to learn to play the ukelele and with help from no one he has done so! Now he is investing in a new and better ukelele; so Ward 80B will be assured of many hours of ukelele tunes. Ward hails from Chicago and has been in the Navy seven years.

SAN FRANCISCO TEVS

Don't forget the big party in the Red Cross lounge this afternoon from 1400 to 1600. The San Francisco Telephone Girls will be here to dance, play cards, or just talk.

STRIKE ONE!

Say, all you baseball enthusiasts, the Sportsmen are coming out to the Red Cross Lounge again Monday night with an informal program where you can ask them lots of questions. Some outstanding baseball players in this vicinity will be here for a smoker. We'll be seeing you Monday evening, 26 January.

PING PONG

Sign up in the Red Cross lounge right away for the ping pong tournament to be held at 1330 on Wednesday, 28 January. All of you ping pong fans who have been keeping those balls bouncing, both in the lounge and on the wards, join in this tournament, not only to see who is the champion but for new competition and fun.

KIDDIE KUT UPS!

Kiddie days were here again! Yes, everyone had a chance to play some

of the remembered games of childhood at a party given by the new group of Red Cross trainees at the Red Cross lounge last Monday afternoon. Kiddie atmosphere was provided by cut-out paper dolls on the windows, balloons hung from the ceiling, and hop scotch and marble layouts on the deck.

Beginning the party was a bonnet-making contest, complete with all materials to fashion a baby bonnet. EDWIN CHANEY, AA, of 63B showed great artistic talent and won first prize in the chapeaux division. A lively game of marbles followed with B. P. JOYNER, SN, of 49B and V. G. KORTZ, SA, of 45A, walking away with the most marbles.

Names of famous childhood story-book characters were pinned on the back of contestants, who then tried to discover whom they represented. EDWIN CHANEY, AA, of 63B and ROBERT FISHER, SN, of 43A showed particular adeptness at discovering they were "The Big Bad Wolf" and "Orphan Annie."

When it came to eating peanuts, WALT WELLIVER, SR, of Ward 63B and ED CHANEY, AA, of 63B, placed first and second. J. R. COONEY, SA, of 45B and WALT WELLIVER, SR, of 63B, guzzled coke the fastest in the baby bottle contest. Blowing the biggest bubbles in the bubble gum contest and winners of the rope contest were B. P. JOYNER, SN, of 49B, and PFC K. E. BOWLING, of 49A.

MOVIE FANS

The full length movie feature for the coming week will be a comedy "Tropical Heat Wave," with Estrelita and Robert Hutton. There will also be a movie short.

Divine Services

Hospital Chapel at Main Gate

PROTESTANT

BIBLE SCHOOL—SUNDAY 0945

SUNDAY WORSHIP—1030

Organ Music from Chapel Tower—1900

Evangelistic Message, Fellowship Hour

CHOIR REHEARSAL—1930 Thursday

HOLY COMMUNION—First Sunday

morning each month.

L. D. S. SERVICE

SUNDAY—0900 in Staff Conference

Room, Administration Bldg., Annex.

CATHOLIC

SUNDAY MASSES

0600-0800-0900-1200

DAILY MASSES—1150 and 1630

Confessions before Mass

Catholic Oratory in back of Chapel

Choir Rehearsal—Tuesday 1900

CHAPLAIN'S OFFICES IN

CHAPEL AND 67A

NAVY RELIEF OFFICE—

IN CHAPEL

BUS TO AND FROM CHAPEL ON

SUNDAYS 0845 and 1015

Mrs. Chambliss, A Knoll Patient, Gets Wheelchair

Jean Chambliss, an attractive strawberry blonde who lost both legs in an automobile accident nearly three years ago, is using a shiny new wheelchair this week—thanks to the Women's Legislative Club of Alameda County.

Members of the club, a non-partisan group united by their desire to know more about county, state, and federal legislation, took time from their usual activities to give a series of benefits climaxed by a party at the home of Mrs. Grace Galmarino, and the proceeds were used for purchase of the chair.

Mrs. Chambliss has been under treatment at Oak Knoll since November, 1950, and although she walks on her artificial limbs, she can still make better time in her new wheelchair. Since her husband, Henry B. Chambliss, MM1, now on duty at the Navy Research Unit at U.C., is due for sea duty, Jean plans to get a job. "That's when this chair will really come in handy," she said.

The accident that cost the 28-year-old Navy wife both her legs occurred near Norfolk, Va., in May, 1950, when she was driving from her home in Massachusetts to greet her husband on his return from duty in European waters. Before her injury she had been teaching social studies in a New Hampshire high school.



"It's just like driving a Cadillac after having a Ford all your life," Jean Chambliss said when she tried out her new wheelchair last week. The chair was presented to her by members of the Women's Legislative Club of Alameda County. Here to deliver the gift were, left to right: Mrs. J. J. Dignan, president of the club; Mrs. L. H. Cochran, past president; Mrs. Frank Vargas, former vice-president; and Mrs. Edna Saake, program chairman. That happy MM1 with Jean is her husband, Henry B. Chambliss.

The hospital's first and only motorized wheelchair was recently given a test run by M. F. Gillette, HM2, of Special Services, who claims he and the machine made it to the top of WAVE Quarters Hill without a struggle.

The gasoline driven runabout, to be used by patients on the paraplegic ward, is the gift of Mrs. Susie Harrington of Arlington, Oregon. No longer able to use the chair herself because of her severe arthritis, Mrs. Harrington wrote to Captain Gordon and asked if the chair could be used here, and arrangements were made to have it shipped to the hospital.

SCUTTLEBUTT

SIGNS OF THE SEASON: The compound completely deserted—to its outward appearances—Tuesday morning, while on the wards all eyes were turned to TV to see President Eisenhower take the oath of office . . . M. D. Recor, HMC, enthusiastically comparing the merits of Dodge Damp, Squaw Valley, and Strawberry—his and his family ski every week end . . . Frustrated looks on the faces of secretaries as they frantically paw through telephone directories, muttering that some day the dial system may be a time saver . . .

HEAD OF THE CLASS: R. C. Doerpinghaus and George P. Garner have new diplomas to add to their collections. These are for "diligently and with merit" completing 30 hours of instruction in Industrial Safety Council in September, 1952. Both passed the course with grades of A plus.

PEOPLE, PLACES, AND THINGS: Margaret T. Mariniak and LTJG Patricia Ackley of EENT were among the many who took to the hills last week end. They skied—for the first time—at Soda Springs and came back intact . . . The smiles of Mary Frances Sheehan, HN (Packroom), and Arthur Merton, HN (44A), mean they're officially engaged . . . Dr. and Mrs. Frew (Pharmacy and Medical Social Service) are driving another of their little English Fords—a light green job this time . . . Vic Irving, HM2, of Civil Readjustment, spends his spare time becoming a rumba expert a la Arthur Murray . . . Helen Waterman, rugged outdoor girl that she is, for a moment almost went into shock when she went to her files in the Record Office the other morning and found a mouse had gotten there first . . . CAPT F. P. Kreuz, director of the United Fund Drive,

Chiefs' Club Dance

There will be a dance at the Chiefs' Club tonight (Saturday, 24 Jan.). The doors will open at 2100 to CPO's and the wives and guests.

She: "I want a shorter skirt than the one you showed me."

Clerk: "Have you tried the collar department?"

A wolf is guy who's devoted the best years of his life to women.

goes on collecting. The other day he got a \$10 contribution from an unsuspecting new doctor. This brings the total to \$8474 . . . Add a half stripe for Nurses Shirley Ackley, Ida Hill, Hilda Evans, Elizabeth Friga, Georgia Duncan, and Marian Woy. They are all JG's now . . . Korki Cera, HN, 72A, and Paul Miller, HM3, Commissary, like horseback riding, but not necessarily in the drenching rain that overtook them one day this week . . . Everyone is wondering who the good-looking man is who has been calling for Mary Boot, HN, so often lately . . . Helen Snelbaker, HN, was really enjoying the Yma Sumac records at WAVE Quarters the other night . . . Bill Riley, HN, of Pharmacy, is still passing out cigars in the hope that THE OAK LEAF will mention his baby daughter, Robin Lee, born at Oak Knoll nearly three weeks ago . . . Marian Beazie, HN, left yesterday for a new career as a homemaker.

DID YOU KNOW: That every member of the Disbursing Office staff has joined the payroll savings plan? That the Crew's Library has 13,500 books on its shelves, including all the new best sellers? That CWOHC Marian E. Cramer is the only WAVE Warrent Officer in the Hospital Corps.

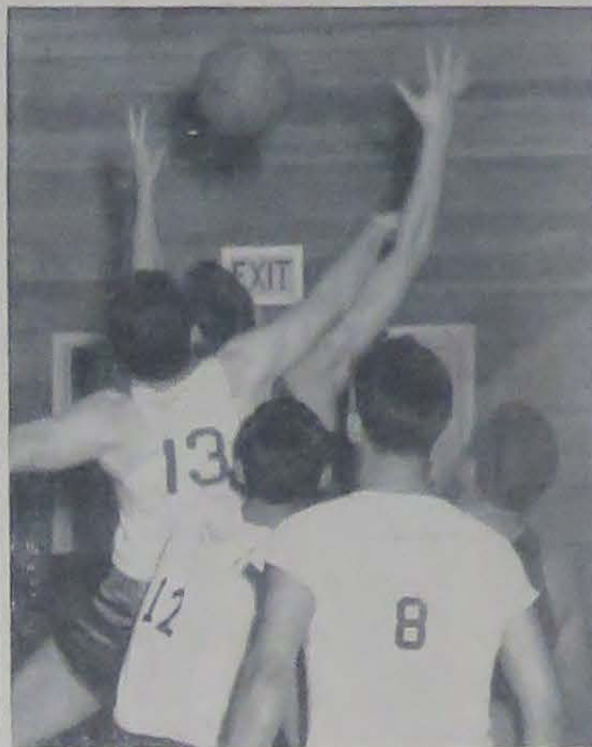
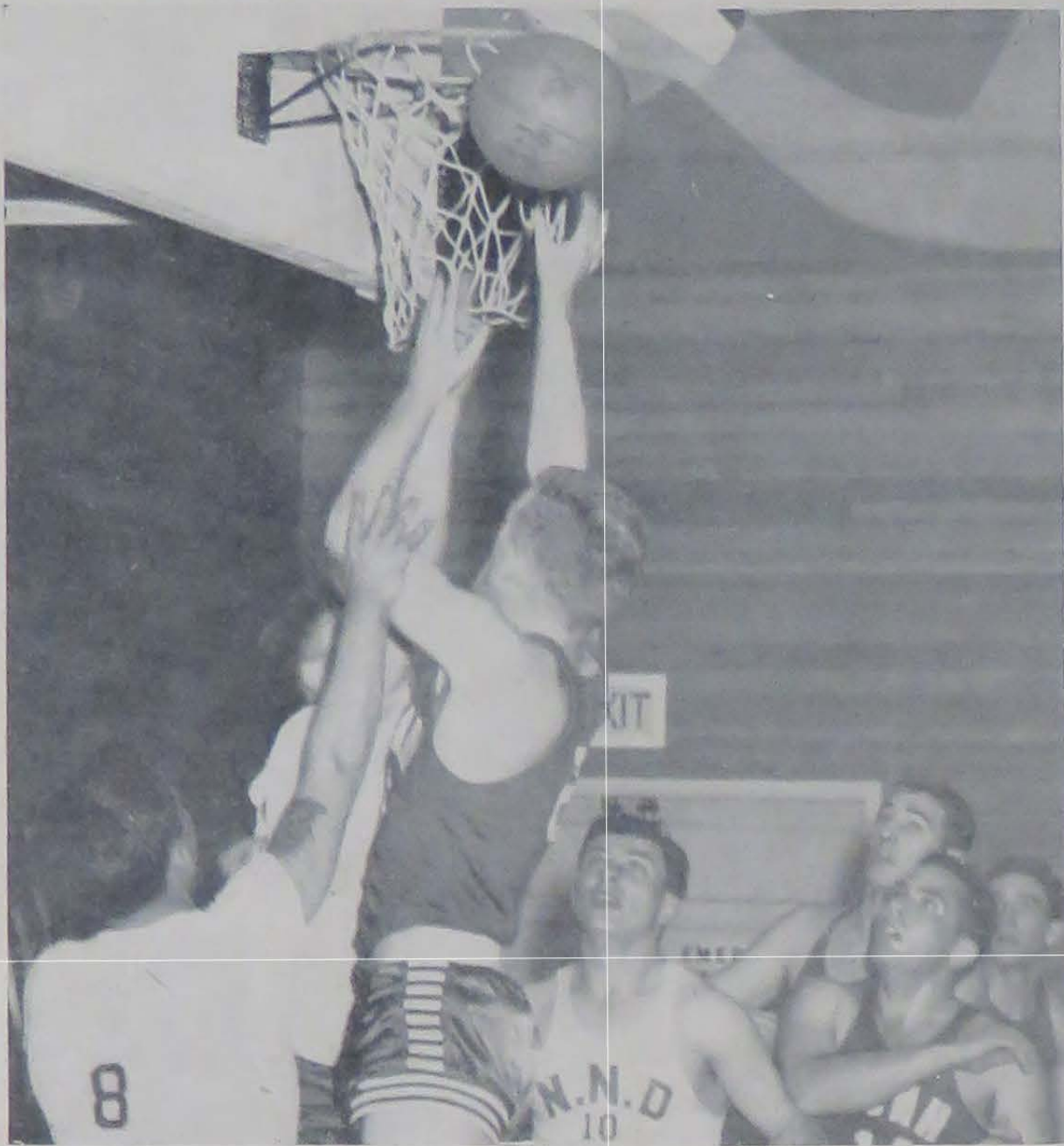
Two Graduation Ceremonies Held For OR, Artificial Limb Technicians



Members of the hospital's Operating Room Technician School graduating class received their certificates at the completion of a six months' course last week from CAPT R. S. Silvis, MC, USN, Chief of the Surgical Service. Here (left to right), cutting a "congratulations" cake, following the graduation ceremony, are: HM3's Marius A. Christiansen, Wensel Vaughn, John W. Doby, Jack E. Kehler, Donald Mattson, and Reginald McFarland. Doby was honorman for the class, with a final average of 97.0. LTJG Marie Croteau, NC, USN, was the group's instructress.



Graduation ceremonies were held Wednesday, 21 January, for the 14 members of another class which has completed the six-month course for Orthopedic Appliance Technicians at Oak Knoll. Men in the Air Force component of the class have all received orders to Parks AFB in Livermore, Calif., while four of the Navy men will be sent to USNH Philadelphia, and the remaining five men will remain on the Artificial Limb staff here. Members of the class are (front row): G. R. Cushman, A 2/c, A. S. McLeland, HM2, E. J. Minette, HM2, and M. L. Green, A 3/c; (second row) T. R. Kennedy, HM2, B. C. Evans, HMI, J. A. Myers, A 2/c, and J. E. Mortenson, A 1/c; (third row) R. E. Hardval, HMI, W. P. Mistowski, HMI, P. J. Shugart, HMI, and W. H. Broussard, A 1/c; (last row) M. W. Smith, HMC (honorman, with a 96.7 average), John H. Faunce, CWOHC, Administrative Assistant to the Artificial Limb Department, and J. W. Dickerson, Jr., HMC. CAPT J. N. C. Gordon presented the certificates of graduation to the men at the ceremonies Wednesday afternoon.



These shots, taken when the hospital basketball team fought to a 72-63 win over the Naval Net Depot team, show (at left) Harry Parsons a second before he dropped the ball over the rim to rack up two more points, while Jim Pitzer (14) and Ben Hilliker stand by. At left, Hilliker reaches for the ball on a rebound play, while Pitzer and Parsons stand by.

4 Games, 240 Pts. for Knoll

The team suffered its first league loss Monday, 11 Jan., when they dropped a 51-49 decision to the Harbor Defense five. The game was played at San Francisco's Lowell high school.

The Knollites were stopped cold by a zone defense of their opponents in the first half and were trailing 26-16 at the midway point. At the start of the third quarter the Red & White began hitting the hoop with regularity and held a shaky 35-31 lead at the end of that period. Shooting over the zone defense seemed much to Oak Knoll's liking; during the third stanza they sank six consecutive long set shots.

Ben Hilliker, although suffering a broken nose in the process, emerged the game's high scorer with 16 points. Ebert led Harbor Defense with 15.

Jenkinson had 13 for the losers and Gordon Anderson countered 10.

The team squeezed out a narrow 72 to 63 win over the Naval Net Depot "five" last Wednesday night (14 Jan.) at the San Leandro gym.

Oak Knoll, paced by high scoring Hilliker, led throughout the hotly contested ball game but showed signs of slacking off at times to allow the Net Depot club to close the gap on them, keeping the outcome of the game very much in doubt all the way.

After a slow first quarter with the score 21 to 14 Oak Knoll, the game settled down to a basket-for-basket affair. With Harry Parsons and Dick Jenkinson hitting the hoop with constant regularity, Oak Knoll managed to stay ahead and walk off the floor leading 38 to 34 at half time.

Hilliker was high man for the game with 29 points. Herren had 18 for the losers, followed by the hospital's Jenkinson and Parsons with 15 and 11 respectively.

The cagers stretched their win skein last Monday night when they eked out a hard-fought 58-55 victory over the Retraining Command team. Half-time score favored the hospital five 28-26.

Center Ben Hilliker and Gordon Anderson led Oak Knoll's scoring with 19 and 14 points respectively.

Behind the 34 point barrage laid down by Hilliker, the hospital five won their fourth league game Wednesday night, beating the NSC team 61-57.

Although the local team led all the way it was a close and hard fought contest. The widest margin separating the two teams was at the midway point when the Knollites led 35-25. Outscored from the floor in field goals the winners earned their victory by controlling the backboards and making 22 points via the free throw. Hilliker's 16 gift shots along with 9 field goals set a hospital scoring record. Harry Parsons, Oak Knoll's rapidly improving forward, shook the hoop for 12 points to earn runner-up scoring honors.

PREVIEWS

Sunday, 25 January
MIRACLE OF FATIMA—Gilbert Roland, Angela Clark, RELIGIOUS. Rating: Superior. "A reverent, moving, delicate emotional and highly dramatic motion picture" of an event of modern times. It is the story of a town in Portugal in 1917, the vision seen there by the townspeople, and the faith the miraculous vision gave them.

Monday, 26 January
 No Movie will be shown—there will be a stage show at the main auditorium instead. (See story on Page 1.)

Tuesday, 27 January
ISLAND RESCUE—David Niven, Glynis Johns, COMEDY. Rating: Excellent. With typical tongue-in-cheek British humor, this film recounts the story of a major military action to capture a cow from the Germans, who are holding the important bovine on an island.

Wednesday, 28 January
THE MAVERICK—Wild Bill Elliott, Meron Healey, WESTERN. Rating: Average. Elliott, as a cavalry LT in 1892, is assigned to escort four professional bad men to Fort Meade to Fort Jeffry, so that they can testify against some cattlemen who have been making things difficult for homesteaders. This one doesn't have much plot but it abounds in riding.

Thursday, 29 January
GUN SMOKE—Audie Murphy, Susan Cabot. Another western, in technicolor, starring the boyish-looking Murphy, more decorated soldier-of-WWII. This film is scheduled for public release until March, there are no ratings or plot reviews available yet.

Friday, 30 January
THE STARS ARE SINGING—Rosemary Clooney, Lauritz Melchior, Anna Maria Alberghetti, MUSICAL. Miss Alberghetti, a 15-year-old Polish girl, comes to the country to find Melchior whom she mistakenly believes to be an opera star. He, instead, is a has-been, living in Greenwich Village with some other has-beens. All end well, however, when the girl herself comes a star.

Saturday, 31 January
DIAMONDS AND CRIME—Dennis O'Keefe, June Havoc. Nothing in the file about this one—it must be brand new.

Bowling League Starts 2nd Run

Five teams came through with clean slates in the first week of play in the new Hospital Bowling League. In a tie for first place, with identical 3-0 records are, Lab One, Chiefs I, X-Ray, Finance, and Dental.

HMC McAnany posted a 507 three-game series to lead in that department for the first round. Following McAnany was Jackson of Lab One with a 501 series. Jackson's 198, for a single game, was also high for the week.

Staff Personalities

Here's one nurse who's been at Oak Knoll since April of '49, and has spent the whole time on Wards 73A and B. She's Emma Ogami, civilian nurse, in the obstetrics section. Miss Ogami

is from nearby Watsonville and is a native Californian. She migrated eastward, however, to receive her nurses' training in Philadelphia. After graduation she worked for a while in New Jersey before coming back out west. Without hesitation she admits that sleeping is her favorite pastime. Eating comes next in popularity, and when she finds time, she enjoys reading and free-hand drawing, with a preference for landscapes which she does in charcoal, pencil, and water colors.



Soon to be on the "farewell" list when he leaves for Camp Pendleton next month, is Ben Hilliker, HN, of the Special Services crew. "Big Ben" has been a mighty asset to the hospital's football and basketball teams and his 6'3" center position will be sorely missed during the remainder of the current hoop season. He is a native of Cottage Grove, Ore., and has been in the Navy since June 1951. Following an eight-months tour of duty at Camp Elliott, he was sent to Corps School and came here last September to work on Ward 42B. Transferred to Special Services, he has been in charge of EM Club maintenance and is a familiar face at the movie ticket window.



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Officers recalled from inactive duty and interns attending the indoctrination and orientation lectures being held for them are pictured above. They are, in the usual order: (first row) LTJG's Edward Miller and Harry Ogden, LT Edward McLoone, LTJG's David W. Eskelson and Stanley Diamond; (second row) LTJG James Carroll, LT Donald Amatuzio, LTJG Thomas Strathairn, and LT Harold Dixon; (third row) LTJG's William Brownlee and Robert Demeter, LT D. C. Fyler, LTJG Robert Wilkinson; (last row) LTJG Schuyler Bissell, LT William Nelson, and LTJG's Walton Shreeve and John C. Barnes. Not pictured is LT J. T. Craighead.

Knollites Appear On TV Programs

Oak Knoll took to the TV lanes twice last week. On Saturday, 24 January, Alan Holmes, MNC, a patient on Ward 41B, appeared on the Captain Fortune show over KPIX. With him on the children's show were his two daughters, Kristi, seven, and Siri nine. While on the program, Chief Holmes displayed some of the ceramic and leather craft projects he has worked on while at the hospital. On Thursday, 29 January, Oak Knoll was represented by six persons who appeared on the Lee Gireaux show, also on KPIX-TV. Jeri Martin, staff WAVE yeoman, formerly a member of the Texas Rangerettes, sang "My Bill." Two other staff members "discovered" in the recent Ted Mack amateur show tryouts, were on the show. Louis Patton, HM2, sang "Nina Never Knew," and Charles Hall, HN, played the first movement of Grieg's Piano Concerto. Mrs. Frank P. Kreuz provided piano accompaniment for the vocalists.

Officers' Indoctrination Course in Session

A series of lectures and tours in indoctrination and orientation for Medical Officers serving their first active duty assignments began here on 19 January. The lectures, concerning military and naval medical subjects, are being held in the Conference Room in Building 34 every day of the week except Sunday. The last lecture will be held on 13 February. The indoctrination course includes

familiarizing the doctors with the entire hospital and all of its principal departments and divisions. A tour of the hospital last Saturday took them to the Amputee Center, Civilian Personnel, PEB, Transportation, Swimming Pool, Medical Storeroom, EM Club, Nurses and Corpsmen Quarters, Occupational and Physical Therapy, Red Cross Arts and Crafts, Work Shop, San Leandro annex, and Pharmacy.

A tour of the Naval Air Station at Alameda and the Naval Shipyard at Hunter's Point are to be included in the latter part of the course. Subject matter for the lectures, delivered by staff officers and Chiefs of Services, covers a broad range, from the workings of the disbursing office to Naval research.

LT David R. Stutler, MSC, USN, Assistant Administrative Officer, was interviewed by Mr. Gireaux, as was Mrs. Stutler, Navy nurse, who was transferred from Oak Knoll to the Mare Island Naval Hospital some months ago. Robert Rakestraw, HM2, an amputee patient on Ward 42, spoke on the need for blood for the Armed Forces. Rakestraw, who treated the wounded in Korea until a mortar shell hit him last October, has had 17 pints of blood.

Admiral Nimitz Heads California's Anti-Communist Drive for Freedom

The nation's newspapers in recent weeks have had a great deal to say about the Crusade for Freedom, for which Fleet Admiral C. W. Nimitz is chairman in the State of California. The Crusade is not new; nor is it old enough to be completely familiar, and a few words in explanation of its mission are believed to be in order. The Crusade for Freedom was established to give each citizen of this country the means to strike personally against Communism. It is an outgrowth of the National Committee for a Free Europe and was launched in 1950. General Lucius D. Clay of Berlin Airlift fame served as chairman during the first two years. Henry Ford II and Charles E. Wilson, former president of General Electric, are its national leaders this year; and one of the first to endorse the move-

ment was President Eisenhower, who saw the value of the crusade firsthand from his post in Europe. The principal means of putting up an effective fight against Communism is truth — truth that can be brought to people in Communist-dominated countries by Radio Free Europe and Radio Free Asia, which are supported by Crusade funds. Radio Free Europe first began broadcasting on 4 July 1950 from a small short-wave transmitter in Western Germany. Today, because 25 million Americans have already joined the Crusade for Freedom, RFE has a powerful network of thirteen transmitters in Germany and Portugal, and Radio Free Asia is broadcasting in four languages to the Communist-ruled people of the Far East. (Continued on page 2)

NEW ARC RECREATION SUPERVISOR ARRIVES

Miss Dorothy Johnson arrived here last week to take over the position of Recreation Supervisor on the American Red Cross staff. She was trans-

ferred here from the European Theatre of Operations, where she made her headquarters first in Berlin and then in Frankfurt, Germany.



Miss Dorothy Johnson, newly-arrived Recreation Supervisor on the Red Cross staff.

She replaces Miss Winifrid Eley who, after over six years at Oak Knoll, left in October to serve with the Red Cross in the Far East. Originally from Des Moines, Iowa, Miss Johnson is a graduate of Drake University in that city, and received graduate training in sociology at the Lewis Institute in Chicago. She was a social and group worker at Roadside Settlement in Des Moines before joining the Red Cross in May 1942, and her first ARC assignment was at the Naval Hospital in Philadelphia. She remained there until 1948, when she was sent to the Army's Fitzsimmons General Hospital in Denver, Colo. In 1950 she was sent to Europe, and returned to the United States last month, aboard an Army transport.

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† † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

No man has progressed intellectually or spiritually who has not studied the personality of Jesus Christ. Of all the great men who have played a part in the world drama, His has been the most impressive. Certainly this must be so since there are almost a billion persons now living who are influenced by the Nazarene, Who was crucified almost twenty centuries ago. Others have left an imprint on the pages of history but Jesus Christ is as alive today in the hearts and minds of His followers as if He Himself were present in their midst, which indeed may well be the case. "No man ever spoke as this man speaks" was said of Him centuries ago and could be repeated today. His teaching has never grown stale nor His wisdom ever trite. While tremendous advances have been made in modern psychiatry and psychology, none has the vigor and authority of the analysis of the human heart and soul made by Him Who said: "I am the Truth and the Life."

Surely those who seek the truth must at least examine the One Who states without equivocation: "I am the Truth."

And again those who seek a way of living that responds to their deepest intellectual and moral yearnings must pause to contemplate the One Who said: "I am the Way." And finally all who wish an answer to the enigma of existence and survival can well hesitate before the One who says: "I am Life."

It is possible that Christ is all the things He said He was. Not only that He is the Way and the Truth and the Life but our Lord and our God and our All. At least no one has reached the intellectual crossroad or the moral one until he has examined the claims of the Man on the Cross and made a decision one way or another.

C. B. KNIGHT, Catholic Chaplain

Welcome and Farewell

A total of 25 persons reported in to Oak Knoll for duty or instruction while 29 were detached, or released to inactive duty or civilian life.

Reporting aboard were: LT Harry R. Boyd, MC, USNR, from USS HAVEN; LT Robert H. Lemmon, MC, USN, from USS ADIRONDACK; LT Cyrilla R. Richardson, NC, USNR, from Yokosuka, Japan; ENS Rollin H. Flournoy, MSC, USN, from ComTWELVE; L. B. Amann, HMC, from NSC, Oakland; H. E. Forell, HM1, from USNH, Chelsea, Mass.;

J. E. Goff, HM2, from NNMC, Bethesda, Md.; L. "J" Woolstenhulme, HM2, from USNH, Camp Lejeune, N.C.; HM2's R. S. Grubb and B. D. Cheek from USNH, Corpus Christi, Tex.; S/SGT P. P. Lally, from Spokane, Wash.; W. Schmidt, A/1c, from Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio; R. E. Blalock, A/2c, from Maxwell AFB, Alabama; K. P. Burns, A/3c, from AFB, Greenville, S.C.; R. L. Robinson, A/3c, from Travis AFB, Calif.; D. Sanchez, DT3, from USNTC, Great Lakes, Ill.; HN's E. E. Prince, W. A. Snook, and J. T. Young, from HCS, Great Lakes; DN's H. O. Perkins and J. M. Mallock, and DA J. E. Weber, from NTC, San Diego, Calif.; and HA's B. J. Curtis (W), H. O. Wylie, and D. G. Pine, from HCS, San Diego.

Detached were: ENS John M. Thompson, MSC, USN, to USS VALLEY FORGE; J. M. Banks, HMCA (W), to USNTC, San Diego; HM1's W. J. Mistowski and P. J. Shugart, and HM2's A. S. McClelland, Jr., and T. R. Kennedy, to USNH, Philadelphia, Pa.; HM3 K. E. McCarty and HN E. L. Northrup, to USNRS, Treasure Island, San Francisco, Calif.; HM3 R. G. Sims and HN's G. Blackburn, J. O. Leslie, C. Taylor, and L. J. Taylor, to Camp Pendleton, Oceanside, Calif.; HN's W. R. Evans and L. J. Steinhoff, to Port Chicago, Calif.; HN's R. Whortenberry and R. Rocca, to USN Postgraduate School, Monterey, Calif.; HN K. E. Willyard, to USNAS, Alameda, Calif.;



Fish feeding time at the Red Cross Lounge! Stelca Harker, Red Cross staff worker, is shown demonstrating feeding technique while PVT Robert Robinson, Ward 42A, PFC Jonnie B. Bull, Ward 49A, James E. Eaton, SN Ward 43B, and Ernest Bartholomew, veteran patient, Ward 76B, are watching the many beautiful tropical fish in the new aquariums.

Red Cross Ramblings

FISH HOUSING PROJECT

Have you seen the new attractive tropical fish "housing project" at the Red Cross Lounge? ERNEST BARTHOLOMEW, veteran patient from ward 76B and other patients have been working diligently on the aquariums and stand upon which they are placed. The result is a fascinatingly modernistic arrangement. Many beautiful tropical fish, among them the Angel fish, Sword Tails, Black Mollies, Loaches, Gouramis, Blue acaras, different colored platys, Zebras, Barbus and the Blind Cove fish which has no eyes but a fish "sixth sense" to guide him about the tank, are highly interesting to watch and study. In another tank there are the fighting Siamese fish or Bettas as they are called.

This "housing project" even has a "pediatrics" section, for there is a special aquarium for all the baby fish, which include the baby guppies, black mollies and bettas. Come over to the lounge and enjoy watching the intriguing tropical fish. If you would like to set up an aquarium on your own ward contact your Red Cross worker.

FUN AT THE LOUNGE

Be sure to jot down on your calendar Monday evening, 2 February, as a special night at the Red Cross lounge. From 1900 to 2100 hours the Vallecito Group, Native Daughters of the Golden West, will be there to sponsor the activities which include musical entertainment, bingo and prizes. These lovely young ladies are also bringing homemade cakes and cookies for you.

CAN YOU LIVE OFF THE LAND?

Do you like the thrill of winning? HN's B. E. Sides and J. W. Tallent, to NSC, Oakland; and HN's M. J. Sameski and R. E. Glasford, to USNS, Treasure Island, San Francisco.

LT's Anita M. Casey and Marie R. Pelletier and LTJG Janeth H. Marr were released to inactive duty in the Nurse Corps. LT Myrtle L. Moss, NC, USNR, was released to civilian life following the acceptance of her resignation. A. Badolato, HM3 (W), and M. Beazie (W), were released to civilian life.

over lofty peaks, of fighting trout in fast water, of camping at timberline 'neath a blanket of stars, of glowing campfire and tall timbers, of massive granite and carpets of wildflowers?

You are right in those scenes with "High Sierra Wonderland," a collection of kodachrome stills with an explanatory talk by BOB PEARSON, Oakland high-country explorer. Bob has been coming to this hospital every Thursday evening for over two years and will come to your ward or quiet room on request.

CINEMA CIRCUIT

The movie schedule for this week features two comedies. One is "Willie and Joe Back at the Front" with Tom Ewell and Harvey Lembeck, and the other movie stars that comedy team, Dean Martin and Jerry Lewis in "The Stooge." Watch for one of these full length motion pictures on your ward.

Freedom Crusade Beckons All Hands

(Continued from page 1)

These broadcasts tell the truth about Communism to those caught behind the Iron Curtain. They send messages from escapees. They spread news the Reds try to suppress, and bring captive peoples their own music, literature, history, and religion—all banned by the Soviet dictators.

In America, where Freedom is taken for granted, it is hard to realize that there are 100 million Central and Eastern Europeans today living under inhuman conditions of force and fear and that even greater numbers of Asiatic people are under the tyrannical rule of the Kremlin. That is the reason for the Crusade for Freedom and the reason why the moral and financial support of freedom-loving citizens of America is needed. The need is great, the benefits far-reaching.

(Note: Oak Knoll personnel have contributed generously to the United Fund Drive—the one drive of the year—and will not be further solicited, but those who want to join the Crusade may turn in their contributions to Dorothy Thompson in the CO's Office.)

Divine Services

Hospital Chapel at Main Gate

PROTESTANT
 BIBLE SCHOOL—SUNDAY 0945
 SUNDAY WORSHIP—1030
 Organ Music from Chapel Tower—1900
 Evangelistic Message, Fellowship Hour
 CHOIR REHEARSAL—1930 Thursday
 HOLY COMMUNION—First Sunday
 morning each month.

L. D. S. SERVICE
 SUNDAY—0900 in Staff Conference
 Room, Administration Bldg., Annex.

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

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Lt. Robert W. Babione, MC, USN, who is temporarily as a patient, spoke to the Medical Officers' Indoctrination group Friday afternoon. Captain Babione, Chief of the Preventive Medicine Section for the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery for the past four years, discussed the functions of that section and the value of navy medical statistics. The captain's new assignment will take him to Fleet Epidemiological Disease Control Unit No. 2 at Pearl Harbor.

SCUTTLEBUTT

PEOPLE, PLACES & THINGS:
The men walked off with all the prizes at the recent EM Club party. Ed (Post Office) Trnka got the RCA record player, James (Record Office) Silberer went home with a wallet in his pocket, and Dave (Pediatric Clinic) McClure won both a lamp and a coffee pot for his hope chest. Now, everybody is looking forward to the Valentine informal to be held at the EM Club on 13 February, with Bud Cheek coming to make the music. LT Ella Walker and Chief McAnany are the pride of the local bowling alleys. Miss Walker has bowled 143, the high for hurses; and the Chief is out front in the entire league with his 163 . . . George Shugart, psychiatric social worker, will leave soon to join Dr. Earl A. Loomis, former staff member who is now assistant to Dr. Benjamin Spock at the University of Pittsburgh Child Development Center. "Piracy, I call it," Captain McMullen said when he heard the news. . . . LT Helma Hase and ENS Charlotte Miller were among the Knollites seen at the symphony last Friday at the San Francisco Opera House. . . . D. C. Fisher, HMC, F. H. Menter and Harold Hensle, HM1's; W. E. Holtman, HM2, and G. R. Ford, HM1, are packing their gear, preparatory to leaving for Independent Duty School in Portsmouth, Va.

ANOTHER GROUP OF 100 PERCENTERS in the bond buying business are the Medical Social workers. Mr. Bowdle, head bond salesman, reports progress in all departments, expects more 100 percenters by next week.

DID YOU KNOW—that Oak Knoll, including the San Leandro section, covers 345.76 acres, most of which was formerly the Oak Knoll Golf and Country Club, which was formerly the Rancho de San Antonio?

Ballet Troupe To Appear Here

The Sergei Temoff Dancers of San Francisco will present a Variety Concert at Oak Knoll on Thursday evening, 5 February, at 1915, in the main auditorium.

The group is headed by Sergei Temoff, prominent dancer and ballet master, and internationally known ballerinas Carolyn Parks, Frances Tatarian, Joan Curtaz, Libby Salerno, and Marina Prischepenko. Bob Newkirk is premier danseur and Herbert Adams is the leading character dancer. They are supported by a corps de ballet.

The group has an extensive repertoire, complete with scenery and elaborate costumes. Choreography is by Sergei Temoff; musical director is Olympia Kolchin; costume designer is Vera Temoff.

For Thursday night's program two acts of "Puss-In-Boots" and a variety concert will be presented. The concert will include singers, dancers, and musicians.

Master of ceremonies for the evening will be Bill McKavaugh. Others on the program are Dick Mulford, singer; Tommy Belluomini, accordionist; Clayton Mitchell, pianist, and the Dixon Sisters, singers.

Patients, staff members, and their families are invited.



Carolyn Parks, posing as she appears in the title role of "Puss-In-Boots," to be presented by the Sergei Temoff Dancers at Oak Knoll on 5 February.



Three of the stars of the Footprinters' stage show are shown above as they appeared here last week. (Left) Bill Morrison, singing "I'm Yours"; (center) Glenn Haywood and his pal exchange some nonsensical patter; (right) Tiny Barbara Hanna, singing "Botch-a-Me" in a style as sparkling as her black eyes.

Footprinters' Annual Stage Show Features Bay Area Stars

A large crowd of Knollites turned out Monday evening to attend a stage show sponsored by Oakland Chapter No. 7 of the Footprinters.

Master-of-ceremonies for the show was Fran O'Brien, popular TV artist, who supplemented his emceeing with jokes, antics, and a generous portion of magic tricks.

Howard Eastwood, well-known radio pianist, and a familiar performer on the Oak Knoll stage, accompanied most of the performers in their acts.

The Sim-Phoney Band, under the direction of Morrie Paulsen, opened the show with a rousing rendition of "Anchors Aweigh," followed by five

popular pieces, with vocalist Russ Jones handling the singing on "Hey Good Lookin'" and "God Bless America."

Barbara Hanna, introduced as a song artist, made a hit with her accordion and vocal presentation of "Botch-a-Me," and followed it up with three other songs, delivered in her bouncy style.

Glenn Haywood, TV ventriloquist, and Vera Mason, tap dancer, were next on the program, followed by John Molineri, accordionist. Mr. Molineri, one of Oakland's own famous sons, has appeared with Fred Waring, the Pennsylvanians, Bob Hope,

the Andrews Sisters, and has played in Carnegie Hall.

The last performer in the evening's entertainment line-up was vocalist Bill Morrison, a member of the Footprinters who sang "Be Anything" and "I'm Yours." Mr. Morrison claimed an attachment to Oak Knoll, having been discharged from the Navy here in 1946.

Mr. Howard Carroll, president of the organization, said that the show was an annual event sponsored by his group, which is composed of fifty per cent police officers and fifty per cent civilians.



PFC Oliver Moore, USMC, Retired, had a happy surprise last week when Mrs. Betty Smith presented him with a television set—a gift of the American Gold Star Mothers of Oakland, of whom she is president. Moore has been a patient at Oak Knoll since 24 January, 1952, when he was admitted for treatment of wounds he received in Korea. On convalescent leave at his home in Los Gatos, he contracted polio and since 11 July has been in a respirator on Ward 80B. Seeing TV in a mirror may not be the easiest way, but Oliver doesn't expect to miss any of his favorite programs from now on.

(Photo Courtesy Oakland Tribune.)

Basketball Team Has Second Loss; Four League Games Won So Far

Oak Knoll's basketball team suffered their second loss of the season Monday night when they were dropped by the Mare Island Hospital five 61-51, on the victors' court. The loss dumped the Knollites into a two-way tie for second place in the Class B 12th ND league with a four won, and two loss record.

The defeat could be partially passed off because of the great difference between the Mare Island gym and the local's court at San Leandro. The Red & White's court is noticeably slow or dead, while the Mare Island floor and backboards were very lively; this could account for the large share of field goals missed by the Knollites.

Only Ben Hilliker, working from the center position, was hitting the hoop with any regularity. "Big Ben" hit for 31 points to lead both clubs in

the scoring department. Gordon Anderson rang up 10 points to grab runner-up honors for the hospital five. Mare Island's 22-point halftime lead was too much for the Oak Knoll team to overcome, although the second half did see them play a better-rounded game.

Just how the team will fare in the won and lost column without Hilliker, who has played his last game for Oak Knoll, remains to be seen. But one thing is certain, his 26-point average will be sorely missed, but not half as much as the terrific rebound job he turned in each game.

Pool Remodeled; Water Safety Course To Begin Next Week

Yesterday marked the reopening of the Oak Knoll swimming pool which had been closed for repairs since 17 November. Work included a complete repainting job on the inside of the pool, locker rooms, and inside area, and the installation of a new circulating line and a new non-skid surface on the deck.

A Water Safety Instructors' course will begin next week for all qualified senior life guards. A senior life saving class conducted by pool life guard Al Spensley, will also get under way following the instructors' course. Persons eligible for senior life saving training must be 16 years old or over, and be able to pass the swimming test.

Swimming instructions will be available to staff and their dependents on an appointment basis, with classes for children beginning later in the season. For further information concerning classes, contact Spensley at the pool.

An announcement will appear in next week's OAK LEAF concerning the teaching of the new arm lift back pressure method of life-saving to all staff members by Special Services lifeguards.

Pool hours: 0900 to 1630 weekdays; 1300 to 1700 week ends.

Two Knoll Doctors Make Car Survey

In the February issue of MOTOR TREND, Dr. Tarlton Morrow of the NP Service and Dr. Allen Mariner, recently detached from that service, reported the results of an interesting survey on makes of cars in Colorado and California.

In each state they had kept a record of all cars they met on the road until they had amassed a series of 1,000. Then "we paused and statistically tabulated what we had. Results were most interesting."

The tabulation is too long to publish here, but figures from the Colorado survey of 1950 and California 1952 brought out two striking facts, according to the doctors: Chevrolet, Ford, and Plymouth (in that order) account for approximately half the cars on the road. General Motors, Ford, and Chrysler (as manufacturers) account for almost 90 per cent of the cars. It might also be of interest to those who yearn for foreign cars that only one per cent of the cars counted in California last year were Jaguars. Two per cent were MG's. There was no evidence of either make in Colorado in 1950.

An Atlanta, Ga., cop was trying to persuade a would-be suicide to crawl back from the window ledge. "Think of your maw and family," he pleaded.

"Haven't any."

"Well, think of your girl friend."

"I hate women."

"All right," said the policeman desperately, "Think of Robert E. Lee!"

"Who in thunder is he?"

"Jump, you dirty yankee!"

PREVIEWS

Sunday, 1 February
MEMBER OF THE WEDDING—Ethel Waters, Julie Harris, DRAMA. Rating: Good. The film version of the book and hit Broadway play of the same name. It is the story of a young girl's entrance into adolescence and her adjustment to it.

Monday, 2 February
THE RAIDER—This is listed on the movie schedule as a "sea documentary." It is not mentioned in the files, and apparently was not produced by a commercial film company.

Tuesday, 3 February
SPRINGFIELD RIFLE—Gary Cooper, Phyllis Thaxter, WESTERN. Rating: Good. Cooper, a Union Major in the Civil War is court-martialed and disgraced for cowardice. How he reinstates himself provides abundant action and leads up to the climax when he turns out to be working in Union counter-intelligence.

Wednesday, 4 February
THE SILVER WHIP—Rory Calhoun Dale Robertson, WESTERN. The plot concerns a young man who wants to be a main line stage coach driver. On his first run, his stage is held up, but the bandits are finally caught and all ends well.

Thursday, 5 February
FIVE ANGLES ON MURDER (formerly "Woman in Question")—Jean Kent, Dirk Bogarde, MYSTERY. Rating: Good. A beautiful blonde is murdered and subsequent questioning of suspects bring out, in flashback form, the various ways the victim was regarded by her sister, a would-be lover, a sailor, her charwoman, and a pet shop owner, all of whom had reason to commit the murder.

Friday, 6 February
NIAGARA—Marilyn Monroe, Joseph Cotten, DRAMA. At Niagara Falls on their honeymoon, Cotten learns that his bride is really in love with another man. A plan to kill Cotten backfires and the "other man" is killed instead.

Saturday, 7 February
SINNERS HOLIDAY—George Raft, Joan Blondell. Nothing in the files on this one—it's apparently a re-release from 'way back.

Staff Personalities

The NP Service has a surgeon in its midst, in the person of LT William J. Collier, MC, USN, staff psychiatrist on Ward 49B. LT Collier received his pre-med training at Tulane University, and then attended the Bowman Gray School of Medicine at Wake Forest College in North Carolina. He was then a surgery resident at a Kansas VA hospital. Recalled to the Navy last April (he served in 1949 and '50 at Great Lakes), he was given a special course in psychiatry at Bethesda Naval Hospital and subsequently sent to Oak Knoll in September. A native of Albany, Mo., he is married, and he and his wife, Mary, live in Oakland. He likes to swim, play tennis, and play the piano in his leisure hours.



The Civil Readjustment Office is an object of interest to both officers and enlisted men who are headed for discharges, and one of the interesting people in that office is Miss Joan Mills, whose job is interviewing and separation. Joan first came here in March 1945. Her first assignment was at the duty desk, followed by a position in OPD, prior to her present job. A native Oaklander, she worked for a couple of doctors while attending high school, and then was a clerk-typist at the Naval Supply Center before moving over to Oak Knoll. She's a member of the "Hits and Misses," women's bowling team in the intrahospital league. She's also an aspiring skier, and likes to listen to all kinds of music.



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Enrollment Open For UC Course To Begin Tuesday

The first meeting of the University of California Extension Class in Principles of Public Administration will be held here Tuesday evening, from 1600 to 1830.

This will be the first of 18 class meetings which will be conducted through 10 June. With the exception of the first class, all meetings will be held from 1600 until 1830 on Wednesdays.

OPEN TO ALL HANDS

The course is open to all personnel—military staff, patients and civilian employees, and those who enroll will be excused, where possible, from their duties to attend classes.

Principles in Public Administration is one of the required subjects for a certificate in Public Administration, and is a 45-hour course carrying three units of college credit. The fee for the course is \$27.

ENROLLMENT EXTENDED

Persons wishing to enroll may still do so by calling Mr. William Melvin, Training Officer, Civilian Personnel Office, for application forms. Those who have not yet enrolled but are interested in the course may attend the first meeting and will be allowed to enroll at any time before the second meeting.

Class instructor will be Mr. John R. McKinley, who has been a lecturer in Public Administration in the University of California School of Public Health since 1947. He holds both the AB and MA degrees in Political Science from U.C. At present he is Director of the Golden West Branch of the YMCA.



All these people were on hand to give Oak Knoll's new "artificial kidney" a workout last Friday. Left to right, they are: LT Paul Doolan, CAPT C. C. Shaw, LTJG Frederick Evans, LTJG Lee Duncan, David Kauderer and George Corbett, Hospital Corpsmen. The patient, William Patterson, AGAN, of 46B, was there to make the picture complete. His blood did not participate in the demonstration.

Oak Knoll 'Artificial Kidney' Tested; Said To Be First Of Kind In Bay Area

Oak Knoll's "artificial kidney," which technically should be referred to as a method of extra-corporeal dialysis, went through a test run in its new quarters on Ward 46A last Friday when LT Paul Doolan was here to assist in its operation.

Doctor Doolan had been ordered to Oak Knoll for duty on the medical service and to supervise operation of the new device. The mechanical kidney looks something like an automatic washing machine and "washes" the toxins from blood of the human body. Inside its transparent exterior is a wire mesh drum wrapped with 120 to 130 feet of cellophane tubing. The blood courses

through the tubing immersed in a chemical bath which removes toxic metabolites from the blood.

The entire blood content of the patient's body, taken from an artery in the wrist and returned through a vein at the elbow, is processed by the artificial kidney in 30 minutes or 12 times during a customary six-hour treatment. A pint of matched blood is placed in the machine before dialysis begins so the mechanical kidney will maintain a continuous blood flow with the patient's own blood stream as it is being purified by dialysis.

A fully-trained team of operators
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FREEDOM-GRAMS A Personal Fight Against Commies

Do you listen to Radio Free Europe? I hope you do, for I am one of millions of American citizens who have voluntarily contributed to build these stations, which bring truth to you who are deprived of it.

In America, millions regularly pray for an understanding between our peoples. Please add your prayers to ours. Surely our common faith in God is the place where hope for freedom begins.

This message is a FREEDOM-GRAM which will be delivered to someone somewhere behind the Iron Curtain—in Central Europe or in China. Each FREEDOM-GRAM will bear the name, occupation, and ad-

dress of a contributor to Radio Free Europe or Radio Free Asia through the Crusade for Freedom—YOUR name if you wish to do your share in keeping hope alive in Communist-dominated countries of the world.

These messages are believed to have a strong psychological effect on those who receive them and will prove that American opposition to Communism is strong and that it exists in the hearts of individuals throughout our country. Any encouragement we can give these peoples will be of tremendous value. They have been cut off from contact with

the free world for so long that their will to resist Communism tends to be weakened by the feeling that the free world may be indifferent to their fate.

It is the hope of the California Crusade for Freedom, headed by Fleet Admiral C. W. Nimitz, that one million Northern Californians will send these FREEDOM-GRAMS. (They are available in the CO's Office.) Replies may be received in any one of several foreign languages, and, if necessary, these may be mailed to Crusade For Freedom, c/o your local postmaster, for translation.

PFC Clarence Barber enjoys another look at the long letter he received, rolled up, from his former high school classmates back in Bristol, Va.

'Mile-Long' Letter Cheers Patient

Marine PFC Clarence E. Barber, patient on Ward 42A, was the recent recipient of a "mile-long" letter that was sent him here by his former high school classmates in Bristol, Va.

Barber is convalescing after losing his left leg and a finger on his right hand as the result of a land mine explosion last December, when he was serving with the 1st Regiment, 1st Marine Division, on the Korean battlefield.

"We're with you in your ward," the letter declared, "every single one of us—with you in spirit and loving you."

The letter was written at a New Year's Eve dance held at the high school gymnasium in Barber's honor. It was signed by dozens of his friends, relations, and former teachers. The sound robin communication was fully a hundred feet in length. It was accompanied by a radio and a tape recording as an additional token of esteem.

"I can't tell you how happy it made me to get that letter," Barber said. "It was sure a nice idea."

The dance, incidentally, was held under the auspices of the Tennessee Club, a teen-age group whose founder and first president was—Clarence Barber, USMC.

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† † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

THE PRESIDENT'S RELIGIOUS VIEWS

In considering a man fit for a high public office, it is necessary to consider not what a man's personal religious beliefs are, but rather how they will influence his public acts.

President Eisenhower stressed the "privilege" he enjoyed of having been born into a "religious home," where "the Bible was a daily and vital influence" in a family with six sons. His home, he thought, was no different in this regard from all other "God fearing families" in America, stretching back to Plymouth and Jamestown.

The "continuing purpose" of America was clearly stated in our "founding documents," alluding to the majestic expression of our political philosophy as stated in the Declaration of Independence ("All men are endowed by their Creator with inalienable rights"), he cited Lincoln on our national purpose. It is set forth, as the Great Emancipator declared, in "that sentiment in the Declaration of Independence which gave liberty not alone to the people of this country, but hope to the world for all future time." "You can't explain free government," Mr. Eisenhower declared, "in any other than religious terms."

The Founding Fathers wrote their religious faith into our founding documents, stamped their trust in God on the face of our coins and currency, put it boldly on the base of our institutions, and in the Bill of Rights put freedom of religion in the cornerstone position . . .

Only religious faith, "perpetual reverence," the President warned, is "equal to the challenge of today's tryouts."

What is our battle against Communism if it is not a fight between anti-God and a belief in the Almighty? . . . When God comes in, communism has to go.

The renewed interest in the importance of religion to public well-being are welcome evidence of our return to early American tradition. The President's utterances on the side of religious traditions and the recognition of the social importance of religion is reassuring to us all. We can take his final suggestion to heart that every man dwell upon "the simple virtues—integrity, courage, self-confidence and unshakable belief in his Bible."

E. J. FORD, Catholic Chaplain

Cost Consciousness A 'MUST'

Cost consciousness is a mental condition that has never attained widespread popularity in this country. The average American, brought up in a land of plenty, is prone to waste food, be careless in handling his own possessions and is particularly careless in his treatment of "the taxpayers' property!" A successful campaign to overcome the natural tendencies of a large group of people and to develop "Cost Consciousness" requires continued action from the top down, first in publishing the facts of the campaign, second in setting the proper example, third in noting the results of the campaign, and fourth, in taking such action as may be necessary to enforce the campaign. The development of "Cost Consciousness" among all hands is an economic necessity on this station. It MUST be done.

Welcome and Farewell

The staff census stayed on a near-even keel last week and business was slow, as only eight persons reported in for duty, while ten were detached, released to inactive duty, or discharged.

Reporting for duty were: LCDR Gale G. Clark, MC, USN, from COM-TWELVE; LT David C. Beer, MC, USN, from 3rd Marine Division, FMF; LT Olive C. Ogden, NC, USNR, from inactive duty; F. H. Bell, HM1, A. H. Freeman, HM2 (W), and W. E. Rogers, HM3 from USNH, Bethesda Md.; E. C. Daisey HN, from USNH, Great Lakes, Ill.; and C. W.

Hamilton, HN, from USNHCS, San Diego, Calif.

Detached were: W. E. Holtman Jr., HM2, to USNHCS, Portsmouth, Va.; G. W. Leishman, HM3, to Camp Pendleton, Oceanside, Calif.; I. J. Heidell, HM3 (W), to San Francisco Naval Shipyard; J. L. Noble, HN, to NAD, Hawthorne, Nev.; and HN's V. R. Benesh and D. S. Hadley, to USNRS, Treasure Island, San Francisco, Calif.

LTJG Mary E. Cardarelli, NC, USNR, was released to inactive duty, and HA's B. J. Wilson (W), and E. Labedz (W), were separated from the Naval Service.

Red Cross Ramblings

BIRTHDAY BOYS

The patients on ward 46B having birthdays in January were honored on Tuesday afternoon with a Gray Lady of the Red Cross acting as hostess. Patients cutting the beautifully decorated cake were A. O. PACOSKY, HM2, K. W. JERNIGAN, SN, D. L. THURMOND, EN, O. L. MEYERS, SN. In addition to the refreshments served to the entire ward, a variety show provided by Mrs. Esther England of Oakland Chapter proved to be first class entertainment. Hula dancers, yodelers, and several vocalists gave repeated encores to the enthusiastic response from the patients on the ward.

CINEMA CIRCUIT

Yvonne De Carlo and John Ireland are featured in a melodrama; "Hurricane Smith," while Irene Dunne and Dean Jagger star in the comedy, "It Grows on Trees." Watch for one of these full length movies on your ward during the coming week.

MONTE CARLO PARTY

A Monte Carlo party will be sponsored by B'nai B'rith this Monday evening from 1900 to 2045 hours at the Red Cross lounge. All types of games will be available for you and the winners will be awarded very nice prizes. Come on over to the lounge and enjoy an evening of fun. Bring your ward pals, too!

OCCUPATION PARTY

Recently the men of ward 46B had the opportunity to see who could be the speediest carpenter. This activity occurred at an occupation party presented on the ward by Betty Skidmore, Red Cross recreation trainee. HARRY MILLER, ATAN, proved that he could build his house the quickest, and was awarded a prize for being the best carpenter.

In case you are wondering how this event was accomplished, the "houses" were pictures of homes mounted on cardboard and made into jigsaw puzzles.

Members of the staff were saddened yesterday morning to learn of the sudden death of CAPT Percy B. Gallegos, who was on the Dependent Service staff here from 8 August 1948 to 15 August 1950. He was attached to the staff of U.S. Naval Hospital, Philadelphia, at the time of his death.

Knoll's Artificial Kidney Given Test Run

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is necessary to run the \$4500 machine; the first of its kind in the Bay Area, according to Captain C. C. Shaw, Chief of the Medical Service. Dr. Doolan will head a team of two doctors, two hospitalmen and a nurse, who will be ready to "operate" whenever it is felt that a patient will be benefited by extra-corporeal dialysis—elimination of impurities from the blood by biochemical and physical methods outside the body.

The machine, first used in Amsterdam, Holland, in 1944, is not expected to cure chronic kidney diseases, but it has proven most effective in cases of acute renal failure and acute uremia. It was first employed at Oak Knoll on 28 December, 1952.



Gardenias and candles decorated the Knowles' living room when LT Benjamin F. Burns and Miss Sheri Baverstock exchanged vows Sunday afternoon.

Doctor Burns Claims Bride

LT Benjamin F. Burns of the Dependent Service staff claimed Sheri Baverstock, graduate student at the University of California, as his bride at a quiet ceremony Sunday afternoon at the Alameda home of CAPT and Mrs. Edward T. Knowles.

The bride, wearing a blue brocade dress and carrying a bouquet of orchids and pikaki flowers, came down the stairway on the arm of Captain Knowles, who gave her in marriage. The Reverend Francis P. Randall of the First Congregational Church of Alameda officiated, and LCDR and Mrs. Paul Hill from NAS, Moffett Field were the only attendants.

Following the ceremony, the bride cut the wedding cake with Captain Knowles' Navy sword, and the top tier of fruit cake, decorated with a wedding bell, was airmailed to the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Baverstock of Balboa, Canal Zone. LT Burns' parents Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Burns, Harrisburg Pennsylvania, were here for the wedding.

LT and Mrs. Burns have taken an apartment on Mountain Boulevard in the Montclair district and will be at home to their friends after a short honeymoon.

Free Camel Cigarettes To Be Distributed Here

Those who "would walk a mile for a Camel" soon won't have to, for the time is coming again when the Camel Cigarette Company will distribute free cigarettes to everyone aboard.

Announcements to that effect will be made during the coming week over five different programs—NBC's "Walk a Mile," Bob Hawk's Show (CBS); "Camel Caravan (NBC); "Camel News Caravan," (NBCTV); and Man Against Crime (CBSTV).

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SCUTTLEBUTT

A YOUNG MAN'S FANCY in the spring turns to thoughts of love, they say, and evidently that is what has already happened to LT Thomas D. Stephenson, DC, USN, whose engagement to Shirley Anne Rowe of Westwood was announced in the Los Angeles papers a couple of weeks ago, and to Richard K. Shaw, son of CAPT C. C. Shaw, whose engagement to Marilyn M. Richter of Milltown, N. J., was heralded in the Oakland Tribune—to say nothing of ENS John M. Thompson, MSC (detached to USS Valley Forge), who married LT Vera Kramer in Reno recently. And apparently a young woman's fancy turns in the same direction—LT Elizabeth Simpson was married at St. Mary's church in her home town of Taft, Calif., on 30 January to LTJG A. Lincoln Bird, USNR; and LTJG Virginia Jennings will be married at the Church of All Saints, Carmel, today, to LT Alan Watson, MC, on the staff at USNH, San Diego.

AN OAK LEAF CLUSTER to the CPO CLUB. They talked about the March of Dimes, completely filled two miniature iron lungs, which they turned over to Mr. Huber, with the \$40 they couldn't squeeze in.

PEOPLE, PLACES AND THINGS: Lou Patton, who crooned himself into the semi-finals of the Ted Mack Amateur Show and onto KPIX last Thursday, has somebody new to croon to. He is Louis Edward Patton II, born Tuesday, 3 February, at 1125. The 8 lb. 1 oz. boy and his mamma, Ernestine, are both doing nicely. Bill Melvin of Civilian Personnel has a new love—a "Rinse-away" garbage disposal unit. He will show it at any time but insists that friends bring their own coke bottles for the demonstration... Irma Heide, one of this column's best contributors, has departed for SFNSY to be, of all things, MAA at the WAVE quarters... Everyone was happy to see Connie Ogden, NC, back from inactive duty this week... Arlen Langston, Charlie Lisenbee, and Kenneth Early, Orthopedic patients, have been kept busy reading some five hundred letters they received as a result of three letters published by the Oakland Tribune. "It pays to advertise," they agreed, but the letters came as something of a shock—a well-wishing girl friend wrote their pleas... LT Kenneth Tessler, DC, headed for Berkeley Monday morning for five days of State Dental Board Exams... Proper of the Record Office goes out each noon hour to dust off his shiny blue '53 Buick... Stevenson of Photo Arts is equally proud of his brown beauty, a '53 Dodge... Mittie Mason, Head Medical Social Service Worker, goes in for these foreign cars. She has exchanged the fashionable Mitiemobile of last year for a sleek black Jaguar... Herb Caen would be hurt—when Michael Kle's buddies told him he'd made the famous column, Michael said—"Herb Caen—Who's he?"

PROMOTIONS ARE HARDLY NEWS in the Nurse Corps these days—except to LTJG's Lucille Bugbee, Claire Miller, Vada Newell, Dorothy Hanson, Marie Croteau, Louise Rieger, Nancy Sullivan, Elaine Quinn, Eleanor Mazar, Miriam Bovar, Hildegarde Heinz, Mary Jensen, and Charlotte Miller. They were all ensigns last week.



LT E. F. Hickey, MSC, USN

LT Hickey Named Amateur Show MC Production Manager

LT Earl F. Hickey received word this week that he has been named production manager and master of ceremonies for the semi-finals and finals of the Ted Mack Amateur Show. He was appointed to this post by Anthony J. Tyrrell, Chairman of the Junior Advisory Board, Armed Forces Servicemen's Center, VR-5, NAS Moffett, and Hollywood representative for the Ted Mack show.

Semi-finals will be held at the San Francisco Cow Palace at 1400' on 12 and 13 February and at 1000 and 2000 of 14 February. Mr. Hickey said yesterday. Oak Knoll will be represented on these programs by five men who placed highest in the hospital auditions held two weeks ago when similar preliminaries were also held at Army, Navy, and Air Force installations throughout the Twelfth Naval District.

With other servicemen who will face a battery of judges and talent scouts on those three dates will be James Hicks, HN, pantomiming vocalist; Lauren Stevers, HN, and David Patterson, HN, singers of popular songs; Charles Hall, HN, classical pianist; and Louis Patton, HM2, crooner.

Those who are still in the running after these shows will compete again on 26 February at 2000, and on 14 March fifteen finalists will compete for cash prizes up to \$500 for first place.

Staff Doctors Asked To Help Shrine Circus

The Shrine Circus, given every year as a benefit for crippled children, has asked Oak Knoll to provide doctors from 0900 to 1200 on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, 20-23 April to stand by in case of emergency.

Four junior staff doctors and two alternates will be nominated for this assignment, and all who go may take their wives and children to the circus free of charge. Any doctor interested may leave his name and those of members of his family with Dorothy Thompson, CO's Office.

One doctor to another at a draft-board induction center:

"But then on the other hand he's not in shape to be a civilian either."



Prominent members of the Alameda County District Dental Society, and officers from the District, the Dental Service, and the hospital met at Oak Knoll last Tuesday. Pictured here are (left to right): CAPT W. N. Van Zile, DC, USN, Chief of the Dental Service; Dr. V. I. Garfinkle, president of the Alameda County District Dental Society; Rear Admiral H. P. Riebe, DC, USN, Twelfth Naval District Dental Officer; CAPT J. N. C. Gordon, MC, USN, Commanding Officer; Dr. C. E. Barber, president-elect of the Alameda Society; and (in front) CAPT Julian Love, MC, USN, Executive Officer.

Dental Service, Eye Clinic Play Host To Bay Area Professional Societies

Two of Oak Knoll's Services played host this week to two Bay Area professional societies. The Dental Service, on Tuesday, 3 Feb., entertained at the monthly meeting of the Alameda County District Dental Society at the Commissioned Officers' Mess, and on Thursday, 5 Feb., the East Bay Ophthalmological Society met here, with members of the Eye Department as hosts.

Approximately 125 were in attendance at the dental meeting which began with a dinner at 1900. The professional meeting began at 2000. CAPT W. N. Van Zile, DC, USN, Chief of the Dental Service, presented an original paper and movie entitled, "A New Technique in Root Canal Therapy for Anterior Teeth."

The film was made here at Oak

Knoll, in color, and shows clearly the use and effectiveness of an instrument designed, constructed, and used by CAPT Van Zile. The instrument was first designed eight years ago to simplify and speed up the treatment of non vital or pulpless teeth making it possible to complete in one operation what ordinarily would require several sittings.

On Thursday, members of the East Bay Ophthalmological Society met with Oak Knoll's Eye Department doctors at the Officers' Club. The program consisted of dinner, a presentation of interesting eye cases, and a professional meeting at 2000.

Dr. Jampolsky, instructor in ophthalmology at the University of California School of Medicine, spoke on the "Practical Aspects of Orthoptics."



As part of their job, the staff of the Electro Medical Repair Unit inspects a newly-received iron lung. Left to right: HMC's W. E. McAnany and J. F. Swanson, and LT Booth Chilcutt, MSC, USN.

Medical Repair Unit Does Vital Job

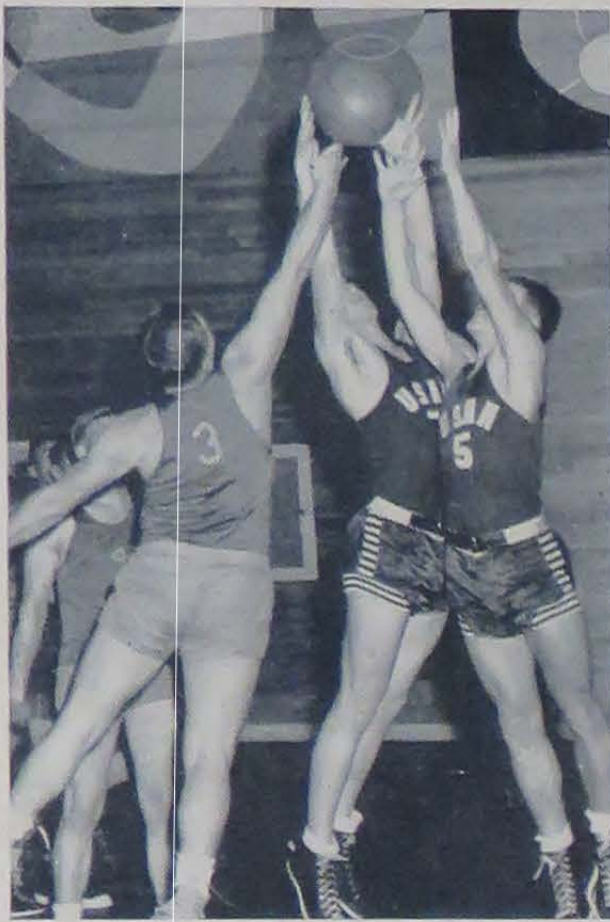
"To keep as many guns manned as many days as possible," is the slogan of the Medical Department of the Navy. "To keep as many items of technical medical and surgical equipment functioning as many days as possible," is the slogan of the Electro Medical Repair Unit at Oak Knoll.

The Unit is a component of the Finance Division, under the supervision of LT Booth Chilcutt, MSC, USN, and is staffed by William E. McAnany and J. F. Swanson, HMC's.

Both men are graduates of the Armed Services Medical Equipment Maintenance Course in St. Louis, Mo.

The mission of the EMRU is to maintain and keep in a state of good mechanical and electrical repair technical medical and surgical equipment used in Naval Hospitals.

The unit recently moved to new permanent quarters in Building 133, where it has been equipped with electric outlets, cabinets, parts, tools and meters to carry out its job.



Dick Jenkins and Gordon Anderson leap to snatch the ball from a San Francisco Shipyard player to boost their winning basketball score. The Knoll team beat the Shipyard 62-44 in last Monday night's game, played here.

New Life-Saving Instruction Slated

Hospital staff personnel begin classes in the new method of back pressure arm lift procedure under the instructions of Special Services life guards. The back pressure arm-lift method, while only in use for the past year in the U. S., has been employed with success in the Scandinavian countries for the past 20 years.

Doctors in hospitals and medical centers in the United States have found it to be 40% more effective than the old prone-pressure method. The new method of life saving has already been adopted by the American Red Cross, American Medical Association, U. S. Public Health, and the YMCA.

Tuesday night marked the first classes in the Water Safety Instructors course at the hospital pool of-

Entertainment For Knollites

February has Valentine's Day, George Washington's birthday, and, for the patients and the staff at Oak Knoll, plenty of events and entertainment.

First on the list is a USO Open House, to be held tomorrow (Sunday, 8 Feb.), in Oakland. With other nation-wide USO operations, the USO Committee of Oakland is celebrating the Twelfth Anniversary of United Service Organizations, Inc. All service men and women are invited to attend their Open House, to be held at the USO Club at 660-13th Street, between the hours of 1400 and 1700.

Two events highlight the evening of Friday, 13 Feb. The Recreation Committee will sponsor its third big dance of the season at the EM Club with Gala decorations to convey the Valentine's Day theme. Bud Cheek's orchestra will provide the music, and student nurses from local civilian hospitals have been invited to attend. As always, there will be plenty of refreshments for everyone.

To further remove the hex from Friday the 13th, VFW Post No. 1010 of Emeryville has invited 40 patients and staff member to an evening of dancing and entertainment. Dates will be provided for all those attending the affair. Persons interested should contact Special Services no later than Wednesday, 11 Feb., so that the dates may be arranged. Transportation to and from Emeryville will be provided.

A few free tickets are available at Special Services for patients and staff who would like to attend the Amateur Boxing Matches at the Oakland Auditorium on Thursday, 19 Feb.

Also available at Special Services are free tickets to a show, "Headliners of Vaudeville," sponsored by the Heath Club, a Firemen's and Policemen's benefit organization. The show will be held on two different evenings—16 and 17 February, at the Oakland Auditorium.

Officers' Wives Plan Valentine Luncheon

Officers' wives will hold a Valentine luncheon on Wednesday, 11 February, at the Officers' Club.

Following the luncheon, which will be served promptly at 1230, Mrs. Booth Chilcutt and Mrs. Charles Asbelle will give a demonstration of leather tooling and cutting. Mrs. Deane S. Marcy is chairman of the entertainment committee, and hostesses for the luncheon are Mrs. Wesley Fry and her assistants, the Mesdames Frank M. Thornburg, Roger A. MacKinnon, James H. Boyers, Ralph D. Ross, John D. Langston, George W. Barnes, Jr., and Robert L. Baker.

Members of the club receive a monthly newsletter with a calendar of club activities and news pertaining to members. Anyone who has items of interest should contact the editor, Mrs. Thomas A. Harris, 19361 Lake Chabot Road, Castro Valley, LU 2-9716.

ferred by Dale Roe, Oakland Chapter WSI Instructor. The course, 17 hours in all, is offered to all qualified life guards with the main object of renewing instructor's certificates and learning the art of teaching beginners to swim. Among instructors at the pool are several well known swimming coaches, professional divers, and competitive swimmers in the Bay Area.

EM Examination Information Told

Examinations were held Tuesday, 3 Feb. for advancement from pay grade E-6 to E-7. Other petty officer examinations and the dates on which they will be held are as follows: E-4 Tuesday, 10 Feb.; E-5 Tuesday, 17 Feb.; E-6 Tuesday, 24 Feb.

The examinations will all be held in Commissary Two for persons in the Hospital Corps and Dental rates. For personnel in other rates, following is a list of the 12th Naval District activities where tests for advancement in rating will be held:

NAS, Alameda—TD, AD, AC, AT, AK, AF, SD, AM, AT, and AG; NAS, Moffett Field—AL, AE, AO, AR, PH, PR, AB, and CD; Naval Station and Receiving Stations Treasure Island, San Francisco—BM, PN, MA, MU, DK, YN, CS, SK, SH, QM, JO, and CM; Naval School, Electronics, Treasure Island—RD, ET, SO, FT, and FC; Naval School, Damage Control, Treasure Island—DC, FP, ME, and BU; Communications Stations, 12ND—RM, TE, and CT; Naval Hospital, Oakland—HM and DT; Naval Shipyard, San Francisco—EM, EN, IC, ML, SV, DM, and UM; Naval Shipyard, Mare Island—MM, MR, CE, PM, SW, OM, IM, and BT; Staff Headquarters, 12ND—PI and LI; and Naval Magazine, Port Chicago—MN, GM, and TM.

PREVIEWS

Sunday, 8 February
NEVER WAVE AT A WAC—Rosalind Russell, Paul Douglas, COMEDY. Rating: Excellent. The story of a sophisticated Washington hostess who, though a fluke, finds herself in the WACs. Her high-toned attitude naturally gets her into some hilarious trouble, and her assistant in many of the antics is Marie ("My Friend Irma") Wilson.

Monday, 9 February
CRAZY NIGHTS—Maxie Rosenbloom. This movie isn't listed in the files, but it's bound to be "different," with Slapsie Maxie at the helm.

Tuesday, 10 February
PRINCE OF THE PIRATES—John Derek, Barbara Rush. Nothing in the files on this one either. It must be brand new, and it's assuredly swashbuckling with the dashing Derek in the lead role.

Wednesday, 11 February
GUEST WIFE—Don Ameche, Claudette Colbert, COMEDY. Rating: Excellent. Originally released in 1945, this is a reissue. We saw it then, and although the plots long forgotten, it can be recommended for the adult humor that is so typically Miss Colbert's.

Thursday, 12 February
JEOPARDY—Barbara Stanwyck, Barry Sullivan, SUSPENSE. Rating: Good. Sullivan gets pinned down by a log near the ocean, while he and his wife (Miss Stanwyck) are on a vacation. To save him before the rising tide engulfs him, she drives across a desert for help. Along the way she encounters a psychiatric killer.

Friday, 13 February
SNOWS OF KILIMANJARO—Gregory Peck, Susan Hayward, Ava Gardner, DRAMA. Rating: Excellent. An author, Peck is in danger of dying from an infected minor injury while hunting in Africa. While his wife (Miss Hayward) nurses him in his delirium, he reviews what he suddenly realizes has been a wasted life. The story is by Ernest Hemingway, and the picture is in technicolor.

Saturday, 14 February
THE BRIDGE OF SAN LUIS RAY—Lynn Bari, Akim Tamiroff. This, too, is a reissue from several years ago... too far back for our files. The film, based on a book of the same name, takes place in Spain.

Staff Personalities

Still wearing the "new" off his Chief's uniform is Jim Merritt, DKC, who works, naturally, in the Disbursing Office. The Chief joined up in 1942, and his tours of duty since then have sent him around the United

States, on an "Around the World" cruise to China, Korea, Japan, and the Philippines, to name a few. Before coming here, last September, he was aboard the USS PICTOR. A native of Childress, Texas, he and his wife and five-year-old daughter now live in Redwood City. Taking time off from auditing pay records, Jim enjoys roller skating, bowling, and deep sea fishing, a sport he picked up from his days at sea.



The smile at the left belongs to LT Margaret Mariniak, NC, USN, nurse in charge of the Ear, Nose and Throat Clinic. Miss Mariniak is an old timer at Oak Knoll, having been stationed here for 33 months. From Hopewell,



Va., she joined the Nurse Corps in 1942, and since that time has been stationed at hospitals all over the nation. During WWII she was aboard the USS BOUNTIFUL. Those who can't recognize the smile might associate her with her big blue Buick. Driving it and playing on the women's basketball and softball teams are her recreational interests. Another new interest is in learning to ski.

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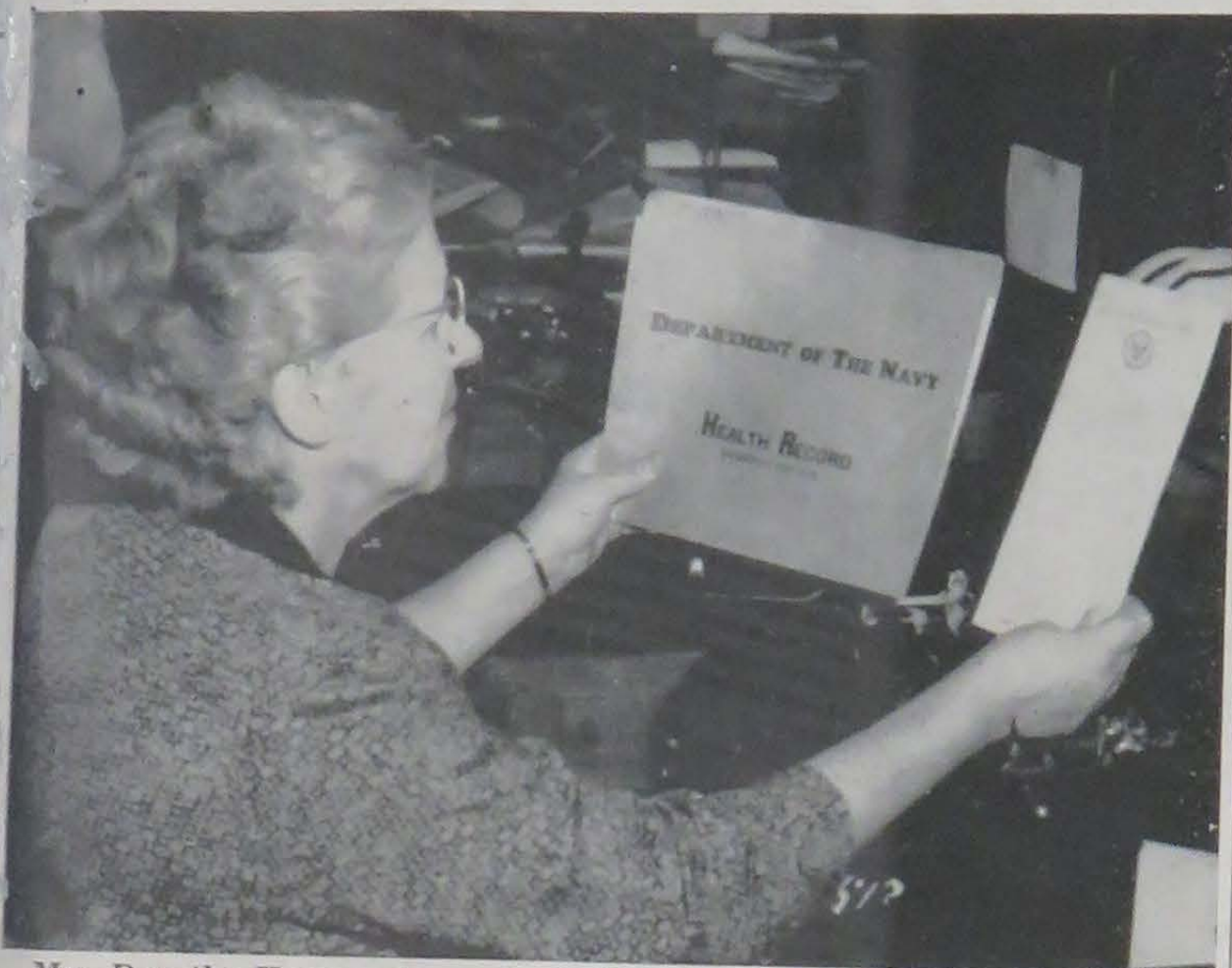
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Mrs. Dorothy Hager, who works in the Records Office, compares the new and the old . . . on the left, the new-type Health Record, and on the right, the old one.

New Health Record in Use

A BuMed Instruction (No. 6150.7) has announced the adoption of new letter-size forms which will replace the forms now in use in the Health Record.

Conversion to the new size and type of Health Record will be gradual. New covers will be used when, for instance, a Health Record is initially

opened, when an officer is examined for promotion and when an enlisted man is re-enlisted.

The changeover will occur as these instances arise, and as the new forms become available. Eventually, all Navy and Marine Corps Health Records will be made the same.



This trio of Pennsylvanians got together for a visit on 42A Tuesday when Judy Jennings, who writes "Judy Jennings' Notebook" for the Philadelphia Inquirer, devoted part of her Bay Area vacation to a tour of Oak Knoll. The columnist talked with CPL John D. Zazworsky, USMC, Retired (center), who lives in the small town of Smith Mills, Clearfield County, Pa.; and PFC Glenn Morthimer, USMC, whose home is in Allentown. She also renewed friendships with staff members who were formerly on duty at the Naval Hospital in Philadelphia.

Freedom Crusade Sends Hope, Truth Past Iron Curtain

Of vital interest to all who love liberty is the program being carried on by The Crusade for Freedom. The Crusade started in Europe in 1950 in the countries where 100 million people are living today behind the Iron Curtain, oppressed by Communist rule. In Asia, where newswriters and commentators have coined the name "Bamboo Curtain" to indicate the division between free and Communist held territory, the same situation exists and the same Crusade for Freedom is in operation.

To give these people hope and encouragement, the Crusade has set up Radio Free Europe and Radio Free Asia to broadcast the truth about Communism, to send messages from those who have escaped, and to bring the people their own music, literature and religion—all of which have been forbidden to them by the Soviet dictators.

In addition to these radio broadcasts, which are being expanded as rapidly as finances will allow, the Crusade has organized Free Europe University in Exile, which provides 200 carefully selected young refugees with board, lodging, and special seminars in their own tongues. It also enables them to attend the French University of Strasbourg. The Communists angrily denounce the project as a "school for spies," actually fearing these students who have sought asylum at FEUE to build their futures and perhaps the futures of their nations.

A tremendous amount of work is involved in operating the radio stations, the University, and many other projects the Crusade is sponsoring.

A tremendous amount of money is needed to keep this work going, and that is where WE come in. Everyone who can possibly afford to give is asked to leave his contribution with Dorothy Thompson in the CO's office during the coming week. The money will be turned over to the Crusade through Fleet Admiral C. W. Nimitz, California chairman.

Since this is a way of striking a personal blow against Communism, is there any one of us who can afford NOT to give?

March of Dimes Totals \$144 as Drive Ends

Miniature iron lungs, placed around the compound during the annual March of Dimes drive for funds for the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, were collected this week. When the cash was counted, it was found that Oak Knoll personnel had contributed a total of \$144.25.



Mrs. Esther Warner, hospital attendant on Ward 72A, received a \$15 Beneficial Suggestion award recently from CAPT J. N. C. Gordon, Commanding Officer. Mrs. Warner was given the award for her simple suggestion that a light be installed as a safety measure above the stairway between 72A and 73B. She has been an employee here for seven years.

Article by Dr. Kahn Published in Bulletin

"Psychiatry and the Neuropsychiatric Technician" is the title of Dr. B. I. Kahn's latest contribution to literature. His sympathetic article, well worth reading, appears in the January-February number of the Medical Technicians Bulletin.

Seeing his work in print is nothing new to Dr. Kahn. He not only writes for the medical journals, but his science-fiction stories have many times made their way onto the magazine stands.

CDR Kahn, though now on the sick list, is a member of the Psychiatric staff and is Officer-in-Charge of the NP Technicians School.

Claremont Dinners Now Feature Dancing

Patients now may enjoy dancing as well as the excellent dinner provided by the famous Hotel Claremont. The Dinner Party, open to seven patients each week, has been changed from Thursday to Friday nights. Reason for the change in dates was to widen the variety of entertainment for the patients, as dancing is permitted only on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday nights at the hotel.

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† † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

WHICH MAN IS MOST FREE?

Which man is most free? Is it the man controlled by his immediate desires (doing what he wants to do when he wants to do it), or is it the man who acts out of love and acting out of love considers himself, his shipmates, his home, and his country? Much deep heartache is the direct result of gratifying desires without considering the outcome, and the effect one's actions have on others. No one acts in isolation, but always as a part of the team of humanity.

Love is the greatest and most important of all laws and commands ever given. It is written and affirmed in the Old Testament, and is emphasized and re-affirmed in the New Testament. Love is the Great Commandment. It is the law by which man rises or falls, wins or loses, succeeds or fails.

"Thou shalt love the Lord, Thy God—and thy neighbor as thyself" is written in the Holy Scriptures. To fail in this, spells failure at the heart of life. True greatness is never realized alone, but in wholesome relationships. We cannot build a sturdy structure without cement, the cement of love.

Men are only free under the Law of Love, which is God's Great Commandment. Men are least free when they fail at that point. Saint Paul likens the man without love to "sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal," and adds that without love "I am nothing." In conclusion he states emphatically, "Now abides, faith, hope, and love, these three; but the greatest of these is love."

L. C. M. VOSSELER,
Protestant Chaplain.

Carelessness Wastes Manpower

One of the most flagrant wastes of manpower is the necessity of detailing a clean up crew to pick up trash and debris strewn around the hospital by others. The Bureau of Medicine and Surgery has provided Dempster Dumpsters for the sole purpose of reducing the cost of trash pick-up. These Dempster Dumpsters are strategically located and trash is picked up at regularly scheduled intervals and disposed of. The handling of trash from point of origin to disposal in the Dempster Dumpster cans is a departmental function.

Welcome and Farewell

Traffic was slow in the census department this week, but the staff came out ahead again, with 12 reporting in for duty, and only six leaving for other duty stations.

Reporting aboard were: LTJG Rudolph H. Miller, II, MC, USN, from inactive duty; S. J. Syverson, HM1, and A. Nelson, HM3, from USNH, Bethesda, Md.; G. Olson, HN, from USNH, Bremerton, Wash.; HN's W. L. Hawes and J. W. Davis, and HA's J. P. Gist, D. R. Medley, J. E. Mason, R. E. Nicholas, and J. S. Lienestro, from USNHCS, Great Lakes, Ill.

Detached were: LT Elnora J. Merte, NC, USN, to Dispensary, Naval Station, Kodiak, Alaska; LT Betty J. Francis, NC, USN, to USNH, Great Lakes, Ill.; F. H. Bell, HM1, to 50 Fell St. Dispensary, San Francisco, Calif.; G. F. Davis, to ComSTSLantArea, Brooklyn, N.Y.; and HN's R. W. Redmond and J. L. Pitzer, to Camp Pendleton, Oceanside, Calif.

Widow at seance: "Is that you Harry?"

Ghost: "Yes."

"Are you happier than you were with me?"

"Much happier."

"Heaven must be a beautiful place."

"I'm not in heaven."

Red Cross Ramblings

CINEMA CIRCUIT

The full-length movie scheduled for the coming week will be a comedy drama, "My Pal Gus," starring Richard Widmark and Joanne Dru. Watch for this movie on your ward.

BIRTHDAY FELICITATIONS

Recently the men on Ward 42B helped PFC ELBERT TEDFORD celebrate his twenty-second birthday. A heart-shaped birthday cake bearing the inscription "Happy Birthday Bert" was presented by his ward-mates. Tedford has been here about three months. His home is Marchester, Kentucky, but when he gets out of the Marine Corps he hopes to go to Ohio. When asked "What's Ohio got?" his only answer was a big smile!

CHESS ENTHUSIASTS

All of the men interested in the fascinating game of chess who would like to play some of the other chess enthusiasts at Oak Knoll, sign up in the Red Cross Lounge office and get in the chess tournament. "Check" this and tell your chess friends about it, too!

TOURNAMENTS AT LOUNGE

Are you a pinochle or a ping pong fan? Journey over to the Red Cross Lounge this Monday, 16 February at 1400 and join the tournament of your choice.

CRAFTS FOR BED PATIENTS

The Red Cross craft shop offers a variety of interesting and practical craft articles which you can make while you are a bed patient or convalescing on your ward. For instance, there are attractive materials for belts, key chains, or bracelets. If you prefer to work with leather, there are many designs for wallets, coin purses and belts. Swedish embroidery is a popular craft, and many beautiful and useful articles can easily be made, such as purses, place mats and slippers. Another fascinating craft is weaving, with excellent results assured. Felt craft provides an opportunity to fashion cute toy animals such as "Peter the Rabbit" and "Myrtle the Turtle" for the smaller fry and gaily decorated slippers for a feminine admirer.

UNEXPECTED PLEASURE!

At the request of patients on Ward 42B a special tour through the luxury

liner LURLINE was arranged through the Matson Navigation Company offices last Monday morning. After an engrossing trip over the huge ship CPL WILLIAM RILEY, CPL DWIGHT BROWN, CPL DON RATTA, DAN SKILES, HN, and PFC THOMAS ANDERTON, plus, of course, Mrs. Webber, Berkeley Motor Service driver, and Miss Harker, Red Cross staff worker, felt they needed something special in the way of nourishment. So they gravitated to nearby Fisherman's Wharf where picturesque ALIOTO's caught their eye. The manager immediately seated our group at a choice table and invited our men to order any of their fine foods "on the house!" A special thank you to ALIOTO's wonderful hospitality!

Patient Sends Thanks To Wards 66, 69, 75

340 Carroll Street
Sunnyvale, California,
2 February 1953

Dear Captain Gordon:

As I have been a patient at your hospital almost continuously since Nov. 5th, 1952, I wish at this time to voice my sincere appreciation and heartfelt thanks for the wonderful treatment and personal interest shown me by those of your staff with whom I came in contact.

The personnel may be too numerous to mention, but I would like to have my thanks conveyed to Commander Ross and his corps of Nurses and Corpsmen in Ward 66, also to Captain Rogers and his corps of Doctors and aides in Ward 75, and last but not least, to Commander Marcy and the Nurses and Corpsmen in Ward 69.

All of these people made each of the patients feel that he is being singled out for their special attention, and the restful atmosphere in these wards contribute in no small part to the welfare and rapid convalescence of the patients with whom they come in contact.

Again, please accept my most heartfelt THANKS.

Respectfully yours,
Peter Almos, LT, USN, Ret.

Divine Services

Hospital Chapel at Main Gate

PROTESTANT
 BIBLE SCHOOL—SUNDAY 0945
 SUNDAY WORSHIP—1030
 Organ Music from Chapel Tower—1900
 Evangelistic Message, Fellowship Hour
 CHOIR REHEARSAL—1930 Thursday
 HOLY COMMUNION—First Sunday
 morning each month.

L. D. S. SERVICE
 SUNDAY—0900 in Staff Conference
 Room, Administration Bldg., Annex.

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

CHAPLAIN'S OFFICES IN
 CHAPEL AND 67A

NAVY RELIEF OFFICE—
 IN CHAPEL

BUS TO AND FROM CHAPEL ON
 SUNDAYS 0845 and 1015



Weddings bells rang in Reno for ENS John M. Thompson, MSC, USN, and LT Vera Kramer, NC, USN, on 29 Jan. The young couple were married at the home of the groom's mother. Following a brief honeymoon, ENS Thompson, detached from the hospital, took off Friday from Travis Air Force Base for Japan where he will start his twelfth year in the Navy aboard the USS VALLEY FORGE. LT Kramer, with 11 years of Naval Service, is on her third tour of duty at Oak Knoll. She previously served at the hospital from 1942-44, in 1947, and arrived again in September 1951. She is a native of Northumberland, Pa.

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SCUTTLEBUTT

POWER OF SUGGESTION: Now we've done it! We talked so much about brides in this column of late that Dorris Linsea, the editor herself, is skipping off to Reno this week end. When she returns 30 days hence, she'll be Mrs. Larry Fagan. Her husband-to-be (on the 17th at the Methodist Church) is from Santa Rosa and is now serving as a YN3 at the U. S. Navy Sub Base, New London, Conn. They met on the U. C. campus when both were visiting friends the day Dorris reported for duty here.

PEOPLE, PLACES & THINGS: J. Robbins, HN, was enthusiastic about skiing at Tahoe last week end—he's not such an enthusiastic patient on 41A—diagnosis, fracture, left tibia . . . When people want to see Doctor Miller, they have five choices—Charles D., 46B, Edward W., Amputee Service, Rufus W., 50A, Rudolph H., 76B, or Earl R., civilian consultant in Radiology. To make the Miller matter still more confusing, there are also Edwin B., MSC, Assistant Personnel Officer, Charlotte J. Claire R., and Lucille P., of the Nurse Corps—and all except Lucille (who is a LT) and the civilian consultant are JG's! . . . Mary Jane DuBois of the Commissary office said goodbye to Oak Knoll yesterday, will fly Pan American tonight to Honolulu to become Mrs. Winston King. Her husband, an EMC, was a patient here, now is on duty at the U. S. Navy Radio Station, Honolulu . . . Mrs. Eva Premo, of Nurses' Quarters was an attentive spectator at the Sergei Temoff Ballet. Her granddaughter, Jeanne Premo, was one of the pretty peasant girls in the Corps de Ballet . . . ENS Richard B. Fulton got the surprise of his life the other day. Playing bridge on one of the wards, he drew a perfect hand in hearts . . . Bill Melvin of Civilian Personnel got an early Valentine too—a plump baby daughter named Susan Gail. She arrived at Permanente Hospital on the 7th of February . . . Pretty Pat LeRoy of the Collection Agent's office is wearing a new diamond, plans to have a wedding ring to go with it in June . . . LCDR Clara Lamp is driving her dream car—a new Pontiac Catalina, while Dr. Boyers still chugs along in his 1920 "Green Hornet" . . . Looks as if LaRilda Holder may not have any peaches this year. She's giving all the blossoms away . . . Dr. Donald G. Fyler got out his needle and thread to sew on the half stripes that made him a LT this week, and Mary Carpineti, Melanie Coppolo, Catherine Evanchik, and Jennie Di Giandomenico are now JG's . . . That Stop and Go light over at the walking course outside Physio, recently reactivated to make amputees step lively while they practice crossing the street, was a gift of the City Fathers of Vallejo way back when the Amputee Center was at Mare Island Hospital.

OAKNOLLUMNI: John B. Amgwert, HMC, two mail room chiefs ago, on leave from the USS GENERAL RANDALL, stopped by to see his old Knoll friends the other day. . . The story of colorful Ken Schechter, Navy



Many an Oak Knoll patient had his first taste of ballet a week ago when the Sergei Temoff Ballet School of San Francisco brought "Puss in Boots" to the local stage; and though there were arguments pro and con, the general consensus was that it tasted good. Scenes from the fantasy, put on by some 30 dancers, show Roberta Peters, left, and Lynette Smith, right, as peasant girls, and sandwiched between them the premier ballerina, Carolyn Parks, who was a lithe and lively Puss in Boots. At right, Bob Newkirk, Puss' master, woos the Princess, danced by Libby Salerno. Also in the ballet were Sergei Temoff, ballet master and choreographer, Frances Tatarian, Joan Curtaz, Marina Pirschenpenko, and members of a corps de ballet. Musical director was Olympia Kolchin, and costumes were designed by Vera Temoff. The ballet was preceded by a variety program presented by the Moose Club of San Francisco.

NEW SECNAV SENDS MESSAGE

Secretary of the Navy R. B. Anderson, prominent in Texas oil, livestock, banking, and educational circles, appointed to his new cabinet post recently by President Eisenhower, has sent the following message to civilian and military personnel throughout the Navy.

4 February 1953

After taking the oath of office this date as Secretary of the Navy I wish to express to all the men and women of the Naval Establishment my profound feeling of duty toward the achievement of our common objectives.

I assure you of my full devotion to the best interests of the Department of the Navy, which has served and will continue to serve these United States with distinction and honor.

R. B. ANDERSON

Mr. Anderson replaces the Honorable Dan Kimball, who paid an official visit to Oak Knoll in September 1950.

pilot blinded in the sky over Korea and "talked down" to a safe landing by another pilot, will be made into a movie by MGM, and the staff of 69A can say, "We knew him when . . ."

CDR Tracy Cuttle, resplendent in a civilian outfit that included a black and white plaid waistcoat, flew in from the East Coast this week on business, stopped here to see old friends. Dr. Cuttle is Chief of the Medical Service at USNH, Chelsea, Mass.



I.D. Card Query Given Answer

At the request of the Security Office, the following letter, and its answer, are published from the January 1953 issue of "All Hands."

"Sir: An argument has arisen at this activity concerning Armed Forces identification cards. Some say that they should not be surrendered to another person under any circumstances. Others say that they may be turned over to the police under some conditions. Can you clear up these points?"

In answer, "First of all, a person surrenders his Armed Forces identification card when he is separated from the naval service. He also surrenders it when he is issued a new card . . ."

"In addition to these two instances, police authorities (Armed Services police and civil authorities alike) are authorized to remove a man's I.D. card when placing him under arrest. The card is then returned to the owner when he is released from custody.

"If a man is released in his own custody and sent on to his ship or station, his I.D. card is returned to him. However, if he is sent under guard, the I.D. card remains in the Guard's custody for delivery to his commanding officer. The C.O. returns the I.D. card to its owner when he is released from arrest.—Ed."

Proud mother, holding infant, tells visitor: "He's eating solids now—keys, newspapers, pencils . . ."

Income Tax Assistance To be Here Next Week

Representatives from the San Leandro Office of the Collector of Internal Revenue will give assistance in the filling out of income tax returns for 1952 to all bed patients on Thursday, 19 February. Nurses must submit in writing a list of all their bed patients who wish help to LT D. R. Stutler, in the Administrative Office, before 18 February.

Friday, 20 February, the representatives will be available at the MAA office, in the Navy Exchange building, to up-patients and staff members. All those requesting assistance must have their W-2 forms.



Members of the East Bay Ophthalmological Society are shown here with CDR J. B. Smith, MC, USN, Head of Oak Knoll's Ophthalmology Department, when the group was entertained at a dinner and professional meeting here last week. Hosts for the occasion were the hospital's Eye Department doctors.

Three Teams Tie In Bowling Play

At the end of the fourth week in the intrahospital bowling league three teams are tied for first place. Perched atop the ladder with nine games won and three lost are the Lab One, Marines, and Nurses teams. Tied for second place are the Special Service and Civilian crews; each has won eight and lost four.

Marvin Cohen of the Dental keggers is sporting the highest league average at this date. Marvin is knocking the pins over at a 166 clip per game. Following Cohen is Earl Kallemeyn of the Special Services four and Lab One's Alaric Jackson with 158 averages. High total pins for a single night was turned in by G. L. Proper who registered a 561 series. John Garcia of the Civilians rang up a 214 game last week to take over high honors for a single session. David Kauderer and McAnany are waging a close battle for runner up spots with 203 and 202 games.

Standings of the top eight teams:

Team	W	L	Total Pins
Lab One	9	3	8594
Marines	9	3	8090
Nurses	9	3	7988
Special Services	8	4	8446
Civilians	8	4	8192
Finance	6	3	5605
Chiefs One	7	5	8454
Surgery Two	7	5	7548

Knoll Hoop Team Wins 1, Drops 1

Breaking a game ending 55-55 deadlock Oak Knoll's high riding basketball team eked out a 60-59 victory over a stubborn Port Chicago five in a hectic overtime session. The hard-fought victory was won Monday night in the San Leandro gym.

Actually the fans saw two different games. After leading during most of the slow and deliberate first half, the Knollites saw a ten point lead narrowed to a 28-27 half time margin. In exact contrast to the opening two periods, the last two stanzas saw the lead change hands six times and end up dead even at the game's end. But for the 19 points Bill Snook scored during the final frames the hospital five might well have wound up in the red for the evening.

Bill, who turned in a fine floor game both defensively and offensively, led the Knoll scoring with 22 points. Don Clark and John McKelvey, the Dallas, Texas sharpshooters, countered 12 and 11 points respectively. Player-coach Harry Parsons registered eight digits, followed by Jim Phillips and Mike Napoli with five and two each.

Like every other team in the 12th ND basketball league the Oak Knoll team found the Oakland Army Base five just a little too tough to handle Wednesday night. The final score found the army team winning 68-44.

The Knollites never gave up, and were fighting just as hard at the final gun as they were in the first quarter. The polished floor work of the victors, evidence of their daily practice sessions, coupled with their superior height under the baskets was too much for the hospital aggregation. Harry Parsons, Mike Napoli, and Don Clark each gathered nine points to share scoring honors for the locals.



Getting a free piggy-back ride is an unidentified Port Chicago player shown trying to stop Oak Knoll's Bill Snook's lay-up shot for two points in the contest played Monday night.

Ski Resort Tours Made Available

Welcome to skiers and other winter sports enthusiasts is the news that the Special Armed Forces Tours to the Squaw Valley and Lake Tahoe areas are now available to all service personnel. Everything needed for a different and enjoyable week end, including transportation, meals, cabins, lodging, free ski instructions, and dancing has been arranged for the service man or woman.

For a regular week end, starting at 6 p.m. Friday and running through Sunday the rates are \$18.75, or \$11.75 if you furnish your own transportation. Further details may be obtained from the Special Services office, or by phoning George B. Geramoni at YU. 2-0893, San Francisco.

High heels were probably invented by a woman who had been kissed on the forehead.



Pictured above is Harry Parsons, who made his debut as a player coach a winning one Monday night by helping his team gain a 60-59 victory over the Port Chicago five.

A young husband pacing the floor with a howling baby: "Isn't it about time to take him back to the doctor for a thousand-mile check up?"

PREVIEWS

Sunday, 15 February
WHERE'S CHARLIE—Ray Bolger, Alyn McLerie, COMEDY. Rating: Very good. This Warner Brothers film has Ray Bolger repeating his song and dance triumph from the Broadway hit of the same title. The screen version, "Charley's Aunt," has Bolger portrayed as an Oxford College student, who through a misunderstanding in school is forced to masquerade as his aunt.

Monday, 16 February
TO BE OR NOT TO BE—Jack Benny. We have nothing on this movie in our files, but with Benny playing the lead it is almost certain to be a comedy and a good one.

Tuesday, 17 February
SEMINOLE—Rock Hudson, Barbara Hale, WESTERN. Rating: Good for western fans. This story takes place in Florida in 1835. Hudson has just graduated from West Point and is assigned there because he knows the territory and the Seminoles. The government wants to send the Indians to reservations, but Hudson defends their cause, helping them to stay in their own territory.

Wednesday, 18 February
IN THE BAG—Jack Benny, Fred Allen, COMEDY. Rating: Good. This is a reissue of the movie which was first released in 1945. Benny and Allen are feuding and insulting each other as usual.

Thursday, 19 February
GLORY AT SEA—Sonny Tufts, Trevor Howard, ACTION SEA STORY. Rating: Good. Nothing on this other than that it brings Sonny Tufts back to the screen after an absence of over two years.

Friday, 20 February
BATTLE CIRCUS—Humphrey Bogart, June Allyson, WAR DRAMA. Rating: Good. Humphrey Bogart and June Allyson are a doctor and nurse behind the Korean battle lines in a Mobile Army Surgical Hospital. She loves the hard-fighting, hard-drinking doctor, and after many exciting events occur to keep them apart he returns her love.

Saturday, 21 February
PARDON MY SARONG—Abbott & Costello, COMEDY. Rating: Good. Nothing on this four-year-old movie, but any attempt to explain the plot of an Abbott & Costello movie is a waste of time anyway. Movie audiences either like the two comedians or can't stand them.

Staff Personalities

LTJG Robert C. Doerpinghaus, graduate engineer of the University of Oklahoma, is Oak Knoll's Assistant Maintenance Officer. Before arriving at Oak Knoll in July 1952, Mr.

Doerpinghaus had what most service personnel term "choice duty"; he was stationed in French Morocco, North Africa. Other duty stations served since his enlistment in 1947 were as OinC of an Air Field Evaluation Unit on the East Coast, and with the staff of ComServPac in Honolulu. Right now all of his spare time is being taken up with his two favorite hobbies, dancing and photography. In fact, he is taking Latin-American dancing lessons from Arthur Murray at the present time. He is married and the father of two daughters.



The young lady on the left is Gwen Mirasol, HM3, who gave up her job as a clerical and pay roll clerk in her home town of Philadelphia to enlist in the Navy in April 1951. She came



to Oak Knoll in November of that year. The Quaker City's gift to the Navy, who joined the service through a desire to travel and further her education with Navy schooling, was ordered to Great Lakes for her basic training, and from there to Corps School in San Diego. Gwen is kept busy with her Navy schedule, but still finds time to pursue her hobbies of dancing, roller skating, and listening to semiclassical music. At home, Gwen sang in the church choir, and hopes to soon lend her voice to the Oak Knoll choir.

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LCDR Pipkin Commended

LCDR Alan C. Pipkin, Medical Service Corps, USNR, instructor in Medical Parasitology and Entomology at the EST School, has been commended by the Surgeon General for his work in carrying out a filar-asis survey of the Trust Territory, Pacific Islands, during 1951 and 1952. "In the face of great transportation and logistic problems and at considerable personal sacrifice," the commendation states, "you carried on valuable research in 44 separate island communities throughout an extensive geographical area. This devotion to duty and to the advancement of science is most commendable and exemplary. The comprehensive data on the distribution and incidence of filariasis and its vectors in the Trust Territory which your efforts have produced add materially to the knowledge of this disease and its control."

The Trust Territory where the survey was made included the Caroline Islands and the Southern Marshalls and roughly covers an area extending 500 miles from north to south and 3500 miles from east to west. Three Environmental Sanitation Technicians made up LCDR Pipkin's staff, and together the four traveled the South Pacific, sometimes by seaplane, sometimes by outrigger canoe, sometimes on foot.

The Navy was still occupying the Trust Territory when their work began, and in July 1951, when the Navy relinquished control to the Department of the Interior, the project, which had indicated a real epidemiological problem, was extended. Known as Filariasis Survey Team, Mariannas, with headquarters on Eniwetok, LCDR Pipkin and his assistants covered the island communities, examining nearly 5000 natives. Their

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Oak Knoll to Feel Personnel Cut

All Government agencies have been recently notified that it is the policy of the new national administration to achieve a progressive reduction of personnel for the remainder of fiscal year 1953 and for the 1954 budget.

Civilian personnel ceilings were immediately frozen at the 31 January, 1953, employment level. Vacancies occurring hereafter are to be reviewed for elimination or shift of duties to remaining employees.

New reduction in force regulations have been announced to be effective 15 February, 1953. The major changes are the establishment of new retention Groups, I—Career, II—Career Conditional, and III—Indefinite, each divided into subgroups "A" and "B" according to veteran preference, which reduces the number of subgroups from 23 to 6; the elimination of one credit point for "Satisfactory" performance rating and reduction to four credits for "Outstanding"; and the restriction of local area placement rights to Groups I and II.

These new regulations will be applied to all reductions. The Civilian Personnel Office is revising records in accordance with the new system and will be able to answer any inquiries in the near future.

Washington's B-Day To be Observed Mon.

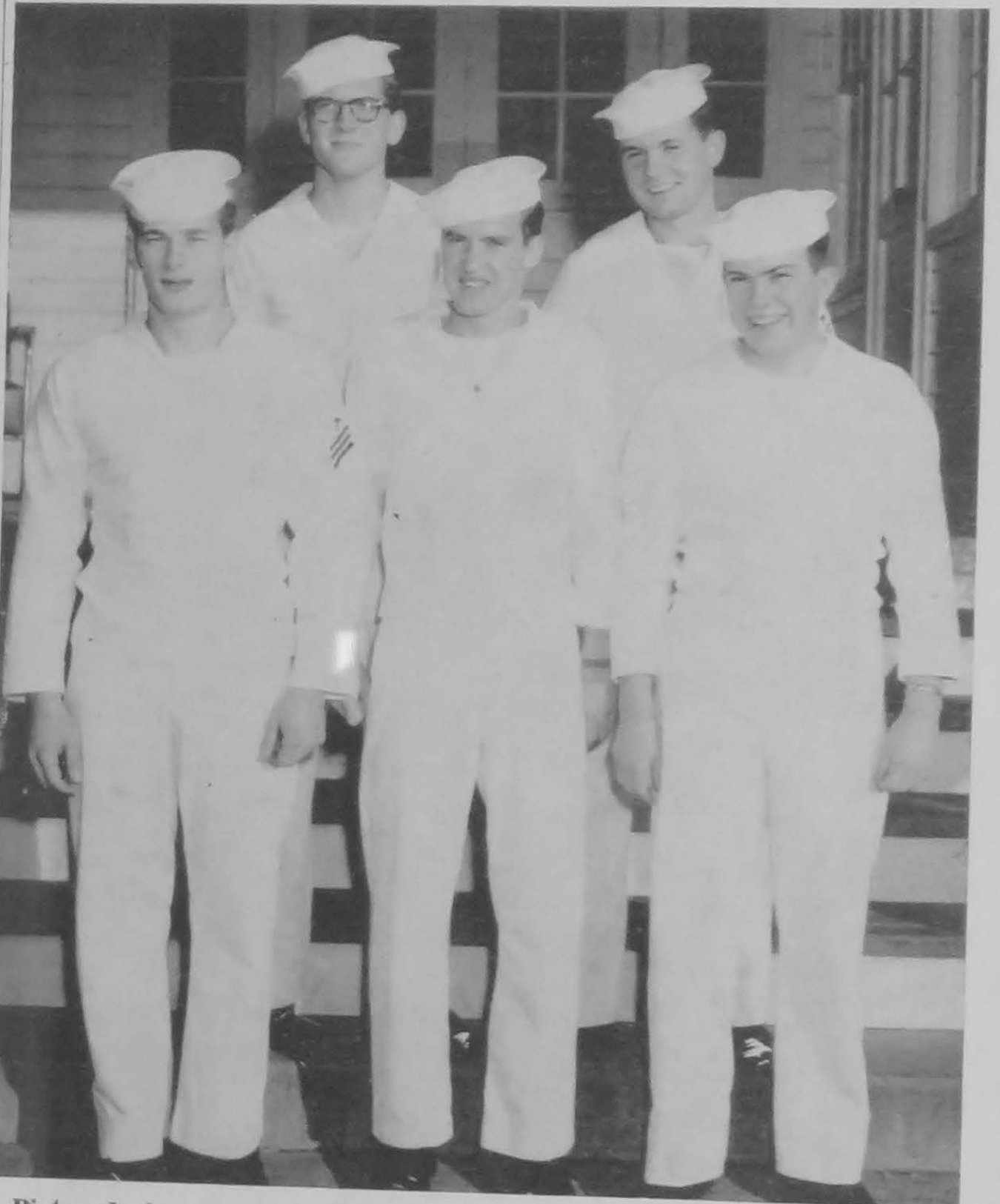
Monday, 23 February will be observed as a legal holiday at Oak Knoll in honor of Washington's birthday which falls on Sunday.

Liberty will commence for ward corpsmen on the port watch at 0800, 21 February and expire at 1100, 23 February. Starboard watch liberty will be from 1200, 23 February to 0730, 24 February. Department and section corpsmen, except for regularly assigned watches, will have liberty from 1200, 21 February, to 0730, 24 February.

Civilian employees will be excused from work on Monday without loss of pay or without charge to leave. Employees required to work will be paid at the holiday rate.

20,000 Cigarettes Are Gift From Edgeworth

Twenty thousand Domino cigarettes—72 cases of standards and 65 cases of king size—and 105 cases of Holiday pipe tobacco were presented to the Hospital Thursday by the Edgeworth Tobacco Co. through Mr. Schwartz, manager of the Richmond District. The cigarettes and tobacco represent a gift of \$5,600. The smokes will be distributed to the wards twice a week as long as they last.



Pictured above are five reasons why South Bend, Indiana, is a favorite topic around the Corps Quarters. In the front row are Crest Wittling, Duane Elliott, and Dick Lightfoot; back row are Bob Hatfield and Dick Bear, all of whom call South Bend home.

Five Salts From South Bend Now Sailing on the Good Ship Oak Knoll

You may like to cheer your favorite football team, or brag about the car of your choice, but if your team isn't Notre Dame, or your car a Studebaker, please speak softly around the hospital. Speak softly, that is, unless you want to bump into a strong argument from HN's Dick Bear, Duane Elliott, Bob Hatfield, Dick Lightfoot, or Crest Wittling, all of whom call South Bend, Indiana, home.

The five corpsmen entered the Navy between the months of January and April, 1952, and have been stationed together, at Great Lakes and Oak Knoll, ever since. Current duty assignments of the group finds Wittling working nights on ward 41B, Bear as a MAA in the Corps Quarters, and Elliott, Hatfield and Lightfoot working on wards 68A, 42B, and 66A, respectively.

Three of South Bend's four high schools are represented. Elliott, Bear, and Hatfield were classmates and acquaintances at Riley High School,

the other two having known each other most of their lives. Wittling went to Central High, and Lightfoot attended Lakeville. They don't agree on everything, but one thing they know for sure, there's no place like good ol' South Bend, Indiana.

Here's Good News For Staff Swimmers

Beginning Wednesday, the hospital swimming pool will be open three evenings each week, according to LT E. F. Hickey, Special Services Officer.

The pool will be open from 1800 to 2100 on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, and it is anticipated that these new hours will be popular with staff personnel who do not have time to go swimming during the day.

In addition to these hours, the pool is open from 1300 to 1630 on Mondays, and from 0900 to 1630 Tuesdays through Fridays. For the week-end swimmers, the pool opens at 1300 and closes at 1700.

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† † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

LINCOLN: A LESSON IN FAITH

We think of Abraham Lincoln as a man who saved the Union, who freed the slaves, and who so tragically was murdered five days after Lee's surrender. Yet we learn most of his greatness when we learn of him as the one who was fully aware of the perils which loomed ahead and who was ready, nevertheless, to assume the responsibility of leading the country at such a time.

Before he was elected in 1860, he wrote to a friend: "I know that there is a God and that He hates injustice and slavery. I see the storm coming, and I know His hand is in it. If He has the place and work for me, and I think He has, I believe I am ready. I am nothing, but the truth is everything . . . Douglas doesn't care whether slavery is voted up or voted down, but God cares, and humanity cares, and I care; and with God's help I shall not fail. I may not see the end, but it will come and I shall be vindicated."

Faith is not a mere belief in doctrines, nor is it an expression of hope that all will be well with us. As Lincoln shows us, faith means that we can see reality in its stark cruelty and tragedy, yet all the same, have the courage to do what we believe is right and just and necessary.

JOHN J. ZUCKER,
 Jewish Chaplain.

Conservation An All Hands Job

The success of the material conservation program at this hospital depends almost entirely on Department Heads and Chiefs of Services. These officers must be "Cost Conscious" and must know the necessity for ordering materials, and the minimum quantities that will do the job, before signing the requisition. In addition to being alert in preventing the ordering of unnecessary materials or excess quantities, the "Cost Conscious" officer must also know what materials his men have on hand, how they are being used and to what extent savings can be made by use of salvaged materials. The fact that materials may be "APA" (Appropriation Purchase Account) does not mean that they are available in unlimited quantities. The reason they are "APA" is because they were purchased and paid for by another activity of the Armed Forces. The material conservation program must include all materials. The active participation of all hands under the active direction of Department Heads and Chiefs of Services is essential for the continuing success of this program.

One kangaroo mother to another kangaroo mother:

"Don't you hate these days when they can't play outside?"

Divine Services

Hospital Chapel at Main Gate

PROTESTANT

BIBLE SCHOOL — SUNDAY 0945
 SUNDAY WORSHIP — 1030
 Organ Music from Chapel Tower — 1900
 Evangelistic Message, Fellowship Hour
 CHOIR REHEARSAL — 1930 Thursday
 HOLY COMMUNION — First Sunday
 morning each month.

L. D. S. SERVICE

SUNDAY — 0900 in Staff Conference
 Room, Administration Bldg., Annex.

CATHOLIC

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

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records contain an accurate report of incidence of human filariasis in the area, the geographic extent, type of the disease concerned, and its principal carriers, and as a result, more adequate preventive measures can be undertaken.

LCDR Pipkin minimizes the "personal sacrifice" involved and describes life on Truk, where the temperature hovers between 70 and 80 degrees as "very pleasant." When the Navy extended the project, his wife, Sarah, and their three boys, Alan, 10, Roy, 8, and George, 6, joined him.

The Pipkins returned to stateside and Oak Knoll in December.

He was graduated from Tulane University in 1942 and has since earned his Ph.D. in Medical Parasitology there. He was serving as Professor of Parasitology in the Department of Bacteriology, University of Arkansas Medical School, Little Rock, when he was called to active duty early in 1950.

Red Cross Ramblings

CINEMA CIRCUIT

The ward movie circuits feature two dramas for the coming week, "Androcles and the Lion," starring Jean Simmons and Victor Mature, and "Springfield Rifle," featuring Gary Cooper and Phyllis Thaxter.

SHUTTER BUGS

"Say, look at this one," "That's a nice background," "What composition!" are some of the exclamations heard at the Red Cross Lounge when the photography fans are discussing their favorite subject—picture taking. Whether you are an old hand at snapping the shutter or a recent enthusiast, you are welcome to join in these sessions. On Monday through Friday afternoons from 1330 to 1600, the Dark Room is open for you to develop, print, or enlarge the pictures you have taken. To learn more about taking pictures, the photography club meets every Monday evening at 1845 hours in the Lounge. Sign up in the Lounge office and take advantage of this opportunity to improve your photographic ability. It's fun to talk over the reasons for good or poor results in your own films.

SIGHT-SEE-ERS

A clear, sunny day was the setting for a sight-seeing trip to San Francisco for six men from Ward 61A. Accompanied by a Red Cross Gray Lady and Motor Corps driver were J. R. BRAZIL, veteran, H. E. COOPER, SA, W. H. DAVENPORT, retired Navy, SGT C. R. EUCHNER, J. G. WATKINS, veteran, and H. F. ZELLER, FNPN. As there were cameras in the group, choice shots were obtained of such sites as Nob Hill,

Chinatown, Coit Tower, and Fisherman's Wharf.

LOUNGE NOTE

On Monday evening the Sportsmen's Club will be at the Red Cross Lounge from 1900 to 2045 hours. Demonstrating sports equipment and successful methods for bagging wild game or fish, these outdoors specialists are always glad to answer questions regarding local hunting and fishing possibilities.

CHESS TOURNAMENT

All chess fans be sure to be on hand for the "knight's activities" at the chess tournament which will be held Wednesday afternoon at 1330 hours.

VALENTINE SPECIAL

It may have been Friday the thirteenth, but the patients on 62B considered themselves a bit lucky to be celebrating the birthday of VALENTINE SMITH, veteran patient, on that day. A heart-shaped cake beautifully decorated with red roses was presented to "Cupid's god child" by the Red Cross Gray Lady and several tenors and husky baritones blended together for a rendition of "Happy Birthday to You." The all-around sincere good wishes and cordial congratulations proved indeed that 62B's Valentine is a "jolly good fellow."

The staff extends sincerest sympathy to Captain Love, whose father, Samuel Love, died Wednesday morning at U. S. Naval Hospital, Saint Albans. Captain Love left Wednesday afternoon by plane to attend the funeral.

★ ★ ★ BOOK NOOK ★ ★ ★

New fiction in the Library, Building 39, includes modern and historical novels, mysteries, and westerns, some of which are listed below.

New Novels

CRADLE OF THE SUN, by John Clagett. When the Spanish Conquistadors arrived in Yucatan they found that another Spaniard had preceded them and organized resistance to their conquest.

EXECUTIVE SUITE, by Cameron Hawley. An inside view of a modern business organization including the office gossip is given in a novel dealing with the period of about twenty-four hours between the death of the president and appointment of his successor.

GIVE US THIS VALLEY by Tom Ham. In a story about a young couple who travel in winter from Pennsylvania down the Valley of Virginia, is to be found an authentic picture of early pioneer life.

HOME IS UPRIVER, by Brian Harwin. Life on the Mississippi among the "river rats," the migratory workers, is the fascinating subject of a story about a family of four. The author's knowledge of the river is based on first-hand experience.

THE MASK OF A LION, by A. T. W. Simeons. Dr. Simeons, an English doctor who was director of the health service in an Indian state, bases a novel on his own knowledge of the life of a leper in India.

MASTER OF THE WORLD, by Cothburn O'Neal. At 19, Tamerlane was well on his way to becoming the master of the world of the 15th cen-

tury. He enjoyed his triumph in barbaric style.

THE MOUNTAIN AND THE VALLEY, by Ernest Buckler. This well-written novel deals with the life of farm people in Nova Scotia.

MY BROTHER, MY ENEMY, by Mitchell Wilson. Like his "Live With Lightning," this is a story of modern scientists. This time, it is concerned with two brothers pioneering in television, and their sister who marries a millionaire interested in promoting its development.

THE WONDERFUL COUNTRY, by Tom Lea. After spending half his life in exile in Mexico, Martin Brady was anxious to cross the Rio Grande and find new friends in Texas.

If another country or another century is your choice, one of the following books, now in the Library, will take you there.

THE SILVER PLUME, by Arthur Meeker.

Whether Tancrede de Rohan was really the legal heir of the Duc de Rohan is the question which results in plots and counterplots in the Paris of Louis XIV.

THE SINNER OF ST. AMBROSE, by Robert Reynolds.

The last days before the fall of Rome are seen through the eyes of a Roman aristocrat.

New Westerns

SADDLE BY STARLIGHT, by Luke Short.

TEN AGAINST CAESAR, by K. R. G. Granger.

TRAIL END, by Tom J. Hopkins.

SCUTTLEBUTT

SIGNS OF THE SEASON: Tables at Navy Exchange's sidewalk cafe crowded with lunchers, while a bold bluejay watches from the railing, then swoops down for a bite of someone's sandwich . . . acacia trees in full bloom, making bright splashes of color against the green hillsides . . . patients sunning themselves on the lawns and porches . . . doctors heading for Sequoia golf course whenever they have a few hours off . . .

PEOPLE, PLACES AND THINGS: The EM Club wobbled on its foundation last Friday night as EM's and their ladies did the Bunny Hop to the music of Bud Cheek's orchestra . . . Just about everybody was there—Gerald and Mrs. Ford dispensed refreshments throughout the evening. Shirley Bricker took time out from her hostess duties for a few dances with Tom Mank. Charles Monadero had not one but several pretty Merritt and Highland Hospital nurses in tow . . . Jim Sharon's Valentine decorations gave a festive air to the club.

Dick Farmer and his pretty blonde wife, Paula were having a good time. Speaking of valentines, who WAS it that sent Proper the anonymous valentine with the pertinent (or impertinent) inscription: "Aren't you tired of living alone?" . . . Bill Strickland is pretty well "shook" by the notice he got from his draft board in Toledo, Ohio. He's due for induction just about the time he is to be released from his current tour of duty this fall . . . What do Doctors Peter Conglis, and Bob Cales, and LT E. F. Hickey have that we haven't? They were invited to dinner at Mills College the other night . . . Reggie Greene's friends in the mail room and organization office cut a cake in her honor as she set sail for Hunter's Point Thursday for a new assignment . . . Another WAVE who's going to be greatly missed is Chief Polly Lemich. After a long tour of duty in X-Ray and as MAA at the WAVE Quarters, she is leaving for San Diego and then will go on to a recruiting assignment in New Orleans, La. . . Clarence Isaac and Eddie Coster have set the date. They'll be married in the chapel on 6 March . . . Margaret M. Crowson and Barbara J. Smith are the newest jg's on the nursing staff. Their promotions came through this week.

WHAT NEXT DEPARTMENT: The other night the OOD responded to an anxious call, rushed topside and found: A hotplate draped with molten metal that a few hours before had been the bottom of a coffee pot . . . A certain staff doctor probably didn't expect his wife daughter to report: Daddy sort of thought we had too many cats; so he brought one of them over here.

DO YOU KNOW where Gendreau Circle got its name? When the hospital was commissioned, all streets were named for Navy Medical officers who lost their lives in combat. The circle honors the memory of CAPT Elphege A. M. Gendreau, MC, JSN, who lost his life in the South Pacific on 21 July, 1943, while he was serving as fleet surgeon for the Pacific Fleet.

Girl, in living room with date, to rate father: "Bill did go Father—his is Marty."

105,500 EM Promotions Due

Washington (AFPS) — Approximately 105,500 enlisted promotions in the top four pay grades are expected after the fleet-wide exams in February, the Navy has announced.

At the same time, it was announced that the Marine Corps plans to add stripes to about 25,000 men, PFC's through T/SGT's in the Jan.-Feb. testing period.

Included in the Navy promotions will be about 3,000 advancements to the highest enlisted grade, chief petty officer. According to the Naval Bureau of Personnel, it is expected that 23,000 PO1's will compete for this boost.

According to a breakdown of the probable promotion figures made available by BuPers, about half of the men competing for a first or second class rate will be promoted. Approximately 57 per cent of those trying for petty officer, third class, will probably be rated.

The breakdown for each pay grade is:

	To Be Tested	Planned Promotion
E-7	22,950	3,000
E-6	25,200	12,500
E-5	43,200	20,000
E-4	120,750	70,000
Totals	212,100	105,500

Personnel promoted to chief petty officer will get their rates effective June 16. All other promotions will be made effective May 16, BuPers stated.

A definite breakdown of Marines to be rated in each pay-grade is not available. However, The Marine Corps estimates that about one-third of the number of men expected to take the exams will be boosted.

A breakdown of their estimates on the number expected to take the examinations for each pay grade is:

M/Sgt	3,000
T/Sgt	4,000
S/Sgt	18,000
Sgt	21,000
Cpl	30,000

Officer: "Drat it, man; I've forgotten the password. You know me well enough."

Sentry: "But you must have it, sir."

Voice from the guard house: "Don't stand there arguing all night. Shoot him!"



Shown above are members of Oak Knoll's Neuropsychiatric Technicians' School who graduated last Friday. Standing: W. T. Roberts, J. T. Severns, J. F. Stephan, J. N. Frazee, R. A. Patterson, R. A. Cole, and CAPT J. F. McMullin, Department Head. Front row: LT Betty Ogden, instructor; D. E. Brown, R. E. Palmer, honor graduate, and R. L. Mort. Presentation of certificates was made by CAPT J. N. C. Gordon. Following the presentation, a reception was held for the graduates and their guests.

Knoll Group to Vie In Ted Mack Show

Oak Knoll will send their top entertainers after further laurels Friday, 27 February when they compete in the semi-finals of the Ted Mack Amateur Hour Contest. The show will be held in the Burgess Auditorium in Menlo Park.

Judges for the show will be news reporters and music critics from San Francisco and the Bay Area. Knollites entered in the contest are Jimmie Hicks, HN, of Special Services; Loren Stevers, HN, of P & A; David Patterson, HN, of 70B; Charles Hall, HN, of 48A; and Louis Patton, HM2, of the Commissioned Officers' Mess. Hicks will do a pantomime comedy interpretation, and Hall will play a piano concerto. Stevers, Patterson and Patton are singers of popular songs.

Chief: "Until you've seen my wife dance, you ain't seen nothin'. She dances like Ginger Rogers, Eleanor Powell and Betty Grable all put together."

Herb: "Edith is that good?"

Chief: "No. She dances like she has six feet."

Here's another reason you can't take it with you . . . It goes before you do.

Welcome and Farewell

Seventeen new staff members reported in to Oak Knoll during the week, and five received orders to further duty stations.

Reporting in from inactive duty were LT Henry B. Bruyn, MC, USNR, and LTJG Frank D. Hill, MC, USNR. LT Bertha V. Kerr, NC, USN, arrived from Bremerton, Washington. From Camp Pendleton came C. J. Fanshaw and J. L. Melton, HM3's, and A. L. Cordon and C. R. Montoga, HN's. Arriving from Bremerton were J. C. Frazier, HM3, and R. E. Kmen, HA; welcomed from Corps School at Great Lakes were HN's R. A. Handley, J. R. Herbert, J. B. Fay, P. F. Lawn, and HA's J. V. Boyd and D. J. Borton.

Detached to Hospital Corps School, Portsmouth, Va., were HM1's F. H. Menter, H. R. Hensle, and G. R. Ford. M. M. Blatchley, HM3, reports to the U.S. Naval Station at Hutchinson, Kan., and W. F. Argall, HN, received orders to NMRU No. 1, Berkeley.

"Tell me, soldier, what do they call a man who refuses to fight?"
"A bachelor."

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



A happy throng gathered in the enlisted men's lounge last Friday night for the annual Valentine dance. Music for the evening was provided by Bud Cheek and his orchestra. In addition to the music and dancing, the staff members and their guests (most of whom were student nurses from Highland and Merritt hospitals) enjoyed refreshments that were available throughout the evening. Recognizable in the foreground are Thomas D. Mank, Shirley M. Bricker, Gwen M. Mirasol, and William M. Strickland.

12ND Baseball Clinic Offered

At the recent 12ND athletic board meeting held at Treasure Island, the 1953 boxing and wrestling schedules were released. Only notable change from last year is that contestants will be governed by existing AAU rules rather than Olympic regulations as was the case a year ago.

Weight divisions and judging of matches deviate slightly under the two programs, but otherwise there is no significant difference. Since Navy finalists in both boxing and wrestling will have a chance to compete in AAU tournaments as they did in Olympic tryouts last year, the AAU regulations were adopted.

Other business undertaken by the 12ND committee was to make available a two-day coaching clinic to the Class A and B league baseball coaches. The 1953 baseball schedule has not been released, but league games will be played on Tuesdays and Thursdays, starting no earlier than 1400 and no later than 1600, with the home team having the privilege of setting the exact hour.

Staff members wishing to compete in either boxing, wrestling, softball, or baseball should sign up at the Special Services Office within the next two weeks.

Chuckles

1st Wac: "Are you going to let that redhead steal your boy friend?"

2nd Wac: "Never! I'll dye first."

King Arthur: "I hear you've been misbehaving."

Sir Galahad: "In what manor, sir?"

1st Waf: "I always had a premonition that I would die young."

2nd Waf: "But you didn't, did you, dear?"

Sgt.: "You should have been here at eight o'clock."

Cpl.: "Why, what happened?"

Intern: "Are you married?"

Patient: "No—I've been run over."



That the unidentified Oak Knoll player, almost hidden in the center, was able to make this shot must have come as a surprise to the Oakland team, judging from their awed expressions. Numbers 6 and 7 are Knollites Harry Parsons and Gordon Anderson.

Lab One Keglers Gain Top Spot

Lab One's bowling team, sporting a fancy 149 team average, is currently setting the pace in the intrahospital bowling league, with a 12 won and 3 lost record. Just two games out and breathing right down the neck of the leaders are the Special Service and Marine teams. Each has won 11 games while dropping 4. Tied for first last week, the Nurses were beaten in three games by Special Services and have slipped into third place.

Strongest opposition to Lab keggers, W. B. Carter, A. J. Jackson, R. E. Roberts, J. C. Adams, and L. E. Green appear to be the Special Service bowlers, who have won eight of their last ten games.

Standings of the top eight teams:

TEAM	W	L	Total Pins
Lab One	12	3	10810
Special Services	11	4	10680
Marines	11	4	10027
Nurses	10	5	9954
Chiefs One	9	6	10637
Civilians	9	6	10325
Finance	7	5	7637
Surgery Two	7	5	9615
Amps	7	5	7141

Ex-Prisoners of War Claims Deadline Set

The War Claims Commission has issued a statement urging all American ex-prisoners of war of World War II who have not yet filed their claims to do so promptly. The deadline for filing claims under Public Law 303 is 9 April, 1953.

Public Law 303 provides a maximum compensation of \$1.50 a day for each day such veterans were held as prisoners of war in any theater during WWII and were subjected to violations of certain provisions of the Geneva Convention.

The law states that claims for such

Cagers Win Two By Forfeit

The 1953 class B league basketball season was completed this week with the Oak Knoll cagers winning two games via forfeit. Failing to appear for games Monday and Wednesday nights with the local were teams from PacRes Fleet of Stockton and the USS Nickel.

League standings as of 11 February 1953:

Team	W	L
Oakland Army Base	11	0
Naval Air Oakland	10	1
Mare Island Hospital	10	1
San Francisco Shipyards	7	4
PacResFlt & WesSea of T.I.	7	4
Naval Hospital Oakland	6	5
Mare Island RetrComm	5	5
Harbor Defense	5	6
PacResFlt of Stockton	4	6
District Communications	2	7
Port Chicago	2	8
Naval Net Depot	2	9
NSC Oakland	2	9
USS Nickel	0	10

violations shall be filed with the War Claims Commission, Washington 25, D.C. Claims must be made on WCC Form 611, "Application for Living Ex-Prisoner of War Compensation for Compulsory Labor and/or Inhumane Treatment."

Claims forms are available directly from the War Claims Commission in Washington, through the Regional Offices of the Veterans Administration, State Veterans Agencies, the American Red Cross, and recognized veterans organizations.

PREVIEWS

Sunday, 22 February
MA AND PA KETTLE ON VACATION—Marjorie Main, Percy Kilbride, COMEDY. Rating: Good. This is the latest in the Kettle series, not due for official release until April. We have nothing on it in our files, but recommend it to those who enjoyed previous Ma and Pa Kettle adventures.

Monday, 23 February
RAINBOW ROUND MY SHOULDER—Frankie Laine, Billy Daniels, MUSICAL. Rating: Good. Background for this surprisingly good musical is Columbia studios in Hollywood.

Tuesday, 24 February
THE STAR—Bette Davis, Sterling Hayden, DRAMA. Rating: Excellent. Miss Davis plays an Academy Award-winning star whose last three pictures, produced with her own money, have failed, leaving her broke and unemployed. In rebellion against the good advice of her agent, she takes her Oscar on a drunken drive, winding up in jail. She is bailed out by former actor Sterling Hayden, and finally, after another series of ill-fated attempts to regain her stellar status, takes his advice to give up a career that has given her up long since.

Wednesday, 25 February
FANGS OF THE ARCTIC—Kirby Grant, ADVENTURE STORY. No review of this film in our catalogue.

Thursday, 26 February
TULSA—Susan Hayward, Robert Preston, ACTION DRAMA. Rating: Good. This is a reissue of the movie first released in 1949. Susan Hayward is the owner of some wildcat oil wells in Oklahoma, and Robert Preston is foreman for a rival company trying to squeeze her out. After much fighting, treachery, and fire, all ends on the sunny side for Miss Hayward and Preston.

Friday, 27 February
THE DESERT LEGION—Alan Ladd, Arlene Dahl. Here is another movie not due for release until April, but with Ladd and Dahl sharing the leads it should have almost a universal appeal.

Saturday, 28 February
AFFAIR IN TRINIDAD—Rita Hayworth, Glenn Ford. Rating: Fair. Rita's husband is killed, and Rita, a dancer in a Port-of-Spain cafe, is told of his death, an apparent suicide, by the British police. Ford is the dead man's brother who comes to Trinidad to prove that it was murder.

Staff Personalities

Looking forward to the warm and sunny days that California offers to golfing enthusiasts is LTJG Marlene Mazar, NC, USN. Currently working on Ward 66A, she arrived at Oak Knoll last June following ten months of duty at Great Lakes. Born in Tamaqua, Pennsylvania, Miss Mazar worked as a supervisor for a surgery ward, in Cleveland, for two years before

volunteering for the Nurse Corps. On her free week ends she may be found on the Chabot or Tilden fairways pursuing her favorite hobby. Proof that she takes her game seriously, was established when she recently journeyed to Carmel to watch the world's best perform in the Bing Crosby Tournament. Other pastimes include playing the piano and photography.



Unlike most people, Jack Lloyd, Oak Knoll electrician, is looking forward to his fiftieth birthday, for it's on that day he plans to retire from his civil service job and devote his full time to politics. Georgia-born, Mr. Lloyd entered the Navy in 1924 and was retired in 1943 as a QMC. During his twenty years in the Navy he took an active part in both the promoting and competitive end of



athletics. At one time he held the Asiatic Fleet middleweight wrestling crown. Time has passed, though, and now many of the electrician's outside hours are spent in studying and participating in the political affairs of Lafayette, his home town. Mr. Lloyd was founder and first president of what is now the Lafayette Chamber of Commerce.

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Baseball Practice To Begin Monday

First workouts for the Oak Knoll baseball and softball squads will be held Monday at 1400 on the hospital diamonds, and all candidates for the two teams should sign up immediately at the Special Services Office.

The baseball schedule for the coming season has not yet been released, but it is anticipated that the 12ND class B league will begin the last week in March. Many hours of hard work appear to be in store for the varsity horsehidors in the next thirty days to condition them to meet their opponents, most of whom have been in training for the past two weeks. Nucleus of this year's team will probably be formed by Oak Knoll's only returning veterans from the previous season—outfielder Vic Irving, outfielder and pitcher Jerry Schoenbachler, and second baseman Gordon Anderson.

Need for extra workouts is not so great with the softball squad, as their league will not start until approximately the second week in April. Players wishing further information concerning the softball squad should contact Bob Foster at Special Services, Jerry Schoenbachler in the Admissions Office, or Bob Liles at THE OAK LEAF Office.

Bond Savings Drive Gains Momentum

In the firm belief that they can not only meet, but surpass, Oak Knoll's goal of 65% bond payroll participation, LCDR Alexander Bowdle, Savings Bond Officer, and the payroll plan representatives are putting renewed effort and spirit into the drive, and evidence that the spirit is catching on the compound is an increase of almost 8% since October.

Last week, largely through the bonding appeal of co-chairmen Lois Lukman and Lola Cochran, and the close cooperation between LCDR Bowdle and LT George W. Barnes, Maintenance Officer, 32 new pledges were accepted from this group.

The bonds are readily available and received on time by the purchaser. An asset to the purchaser, as well as the bond drive itself, is that members of the committee were selected from among the payroll supervisors and have a full knowledge of their job.

Knoll Nurses on TV

LT's Edna M. Daughtry and Vera Kramer and ENS Shirley M. Jacobson will make their TV debut Tuesday 1800 when they are interviewed by LT Jim Adams on his regular PIX Navy program, "Shootin' the breeze."

Marine Receives Navy's Highest Award

MAJGEN Robinson Here for Ceremony

CAPT Uel D. Peters, USMC, received the Navy Cross from MAJGEN Ray A. Robinson, Commanding General, Department of the Pacific, Marine Corps, in ceremonies here Thursday, 19 February.

The medal — highest honor the Navy pays to its heroes and second only to the Congressional Medal of Honor — was presented to the 30-year-old officer in recognition of his "extraordinary heroism" while serving as commanding officer of Company F, Second Battalion, Fifth Marines, during the withdrawal from Chosin Reservoir from 27 November to 6 December 1950. CAPT Peters led his men "in the face of devastating hostile grenade, rifle, and automatic weapons fire to repel repeated determined attacks by a vastly outnumbering enemy force attempting to break through the line. Despite sub-zero weather, heavy casualties, and the extremely critical military situation, he personally rallied his men and directed the heroic effort to drive off the savage attackers and maintain the position," his citation reads.

CAPT Peters was "gravely wounded by mortar fragments in both legs and suffered burns on face and body when he was hit by a white phosphorous shell on the afternoon of 6 December." He arrived at Oak Knoll on Christmas day 1950 and a short time later met LTJG Elaine Sroka of the nursing staff, who in January 1952 became Mrs. Peters. Several months ago she was released to inactive duty and they are now making their home at 9049 MacArthur Boulevard not far from the hospital, while he continues to report each week for treatment.

Silver Star

At the same ceremony the Silver Star was awarded to PFC Orval E. Gomsrud, Lake Preston, S. D., for "conspicuous gallantry while serving as a radio operator of a forward observer team, maintaining communications and giving aid to other wounded Marines."

2nd LT John W. Pennington, Signal Mountain, Tenn., and Dan Skiles, HN, USN, of El Cerrito, Calif., received the Bronze Star Medal from General Robinson.

LT Pennington's decoration came in recognition of meritorious achievement while serving with a Marine infantry company in Korea from 10 September to 4 November 1952 when he "planned effective fires for defense of his outpost, employing these defensive artillery fires with exceptional success against enemy attacks."

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CAPT Uel D. Peters, USMC, after being under treatment at Oak Knoll for more than two years, thought he was a forgotten man until last week when he received the Navy Cross—an award second only to the Congressional Medal of Honor. The presentation was made by MAJGEN Ray A. Robinson, USMC, Commanding General, Department of the Pacific.

Jack Bates Leaves for New Work

From training amputees to manufacturing and selling jewelry is the long step Jack Bates is taking when he leaves Oak Knoll today to begin his new work at Morrison's Jewelers on Allston Way, Berkeley.

Several months ago when Jack spoke to the Berkeley Breakfast Club about Oak Knoll's rehabilitation program for amputees, Mr. Morrison talked with him about the possibility of finding an amputee to work for him. Jack didn't look far, and since before Christmas he has spent his Saturdays getting acquainted with the business, which he hopes to make his life work.

Jack has been with the Navy's Amputee Center at Mare Island and Oak Knoll since he lost his left leg as a result of an automobile accident in 1946 just four months after his discharge from the Army Air Force. After two years as a patient, the former cadet pilot stayed with the Amputee Center, doing experimental work with artificial limbs. For the past three years he has taught amputees to walk, drive, dance, bowl, swim, and to participate in all the activities that help to get the patient "back on his feet."

While on the staff here, Jack and

his wife, Nina, and their young son, Jack Rickey, lived in Hayward, but they recently moved to a new location in Berkeley not far from the University.

March of Dimes Writes Thanks

Dear Captain Gordon:

Please accept my sincere appreciation for your cooperation in the 1953 March of Dimes campaign. Returns are still being tabulated, but all indications point to a record-breaking success. Credit for this success must go to the many friends throughout Alameda County who helped this worthy cause generously and readily when called upon.

It is such evidences of good will and support that makes us increasingly confident that victory over polio will come in the near future.

Thanks again for your help.

Sincerely,
John F. Hassler,
General Chairman,
March of Dimes.

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† † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

Did you ever have this experience? Take a fine lens microscope, and place beneath the lens some tiny microscopic bodies. As you look through the lens you adjust the proper knobs so as to bring the floating bodies out in focus. Something happens, and you lose sight of the objects! The search must begin all over again, and will continue until true focus is placed upon the strange bodies.

In a religious sense we are each at our soul's laboratory, focusing our minds and hearts upon the great religious problems of our day. We spend a great deal of time juggling these problems into focus so as to see them better; then something happens to our lives and we lose the focus. But the search must go on.

Some of our current problems deal with tangible objects; others take on the mystery of the unapproachable. I would like to mention six problems which to me seem worthy of your full focus.

1. Materialism vs. a Personal God. This problem in our age seems to breed discontent and cold indifference toward goals of value. Materialism is barren, it lacks love, it is heartless and Godless.

2. There is the problem of gaining a simple faith in Christ as one's Lord and Master and understanding the relationship of Christ and His Church.

3. The terrific problem of the great mass of underprivileged and their struggle for "Freedom From Want."

4. There are the international and racial problems in our own backyard, overwhelming and colossal. It is a day for "Big Men" in "Big Places."

5. The vulgarity of our times stunts our minds, limits our speech, and destroys many a life dedicated to God-given purpose.

6. There is basically the problem of doing that which is right for a just reason. To know what is right, and to be able to sift what is right out of the chaff of so much wrong—that is our modern dilemma.

Can it be that we find joy in wrestling with the problems of our day, letting our minds focus upon a few of the problems, and then put into action the truth of our findings?

—R. E. JENKINS, LT, CHC, USN

50 Mile Hikes Plan of Day in Old Navy

"Now hear this"—all of you who think recruit training is rigorous, and those of you who think annual physical examinations are an inconvenience.

Under the presidential administration of Teddy Roosevelt, a 50-mile walk was just a part of what could

be required of Naval officers to insure their good physical condition.

One of T.R.'s pet peeves was the existence of a high number of physically unfit men in the Navy around the turn of the century. Thus, he put into effect General Order No. 6 which, according to a recent article in the "U. S. Naval Institute Proceedings," required officers to perform one of the following:

"To walk 50 miles in three consecutive days, in a total of not more than 20 hours; to ride on horseback 90 miles during three consecutive days, within a total of 21 hours; to ride a bicycle a distance of 100 miles during three consecutive days, within a total of not more than 15 hours. Before taking the test officers were to be examined by a medical board, and within three hours after completing it the examination was to be repeated by the same board. Performance of the test was required before any officer could be examined for promotion.

Quite naturally, many of the officers complained, and gradually the test requirements were reduced in severity. The introduction of the tests did, however, succeed in bringing about the retirement of physically unfit officers.



Forty-eight Eastbay Gray Ladies, ready to serve at Oak Knoll, were capped in ceremonies at the Commissioned Officers' Mess on 17 February. CAPT Julian Love, Executive Officer, and Miss Marie Adams, ARC Field Director, welcomed the ladies aboard.

Hospital's Volunteer Staff of Gray Ladies Increased by 48 at Capping

Forty-eight new Gray Ladies officially joined the volunteer staff at Oak Knoll last week, as trainees from Oakland, Alameda, Berkeley, and Mt. Diablo chapters of American Red Cross completed their course and were "capped" in ceremonies at the Commissioned Officers' Mess.

CAPT Julian Love, Executive Officer, and Miss Marie Adams, Field Director, welcomed the ladies aboard, and following the capping, a reception was held in their honor.

New Gray Ladies, already reporting to the wards to perform the many services for which Gray Ladies are well known at this hospital are:

Alameda: Velma Brown, Dorothy Carey, Lillian Crabb, Corrine Ferro, Lourene Garcia, Edna Westfall.

Berkeley: Eleanor Alexander, Virginia Lee Bertillion, Geraldine Hansen, Peggy Harbarth, Margaret

Hewetson, Dorothy Hollenbeck, Gladys Humphrey, Roberta Khron, Barbara Lorden, Inez Mattson, Lorena Meadows, Pauline Monroe, Elberta Roper, Diane Sheldon, Ruth Shobert, Ellen Sipe, Betty Standiford, Virginia Taylor, Elouise White, and Marjorie Williams.

Mt. Diablo: Lu Branch, Betty-Jo Coffey, Lucile Hornibrook, Joan McDonough, Gertrude Mularky, Marianne Righetti, and Frances Sobrero.

Oakland: Charlotte Barker, Dolores Cassinelli, Marie Cieri, Marguerita Cieri, Gertrude Clark, Jaqueline Dennis, Margaret Drewery, Vivian Duncan, Betty Dunham, Mary Jane Eide, Ann Gibson, Dorothy Goodman, Edith Kurtz, Maria Manos, Ann Mastrangelo, Audrey Maxwell, Blanche Rosenquist, Marjorie Scholl, Ruth Slunecko, Alice Von Sabo, and Lenore Wachs.

Divine Services

Hospital Chapel at Main Gate

PROTESTANT

BIBLE SCHOOL—SUNDAY 0945

SUNDAY WORSHIP—1030

Organ Music from Chapel Tower—1900

Evangelistic Message, Fellowship Hour

CHOIR REHEARSAL—1930 Thursday

HOLY COMMUNION—First Sunday

morning each month.

L. D. S. SERVICE

SUNDAY—0900 in Staff Conference Room, Administration Bldg., Annex.

CATHOLIC

SUNDAY MASSES

0600-0800-0900-1200

DAILY MASSES—1150 and 1630

Confessions before Mass

Catholic Oratory in back of Chapel

Choir Rehearsal—Tuesday 1900

CHAPLAIN'S OFFICES IN CHAPEL AND 67A

NAVY RELIEF OFFICE—IN CHAPEL

BUS TO AND FROM CHAPEL ON SUNDAYS 0845 and 1015



These heroes, all casualties from the fighting in Korea, were decorated in recent ceremonies in the auditorium. They are, left to right: Dan Skiles, HN, who received the Bronze Star; CPL Richard Casdorff, Purple Heart; 2nd LT John W. Pennington, Bronze Star; PFC Orval E. Gomsrud, Silver Star; and CAPT Uel D. Peters, who received the first Navy Cross to be awarded at Oak Knoll since the beginning of the Korea conflict. In the group at the right are: CPL Andy A. Keenan, SGT Clarence W. Linville, 2nd LT John A. Meyers, PFC Joe E. Parks, and PVT James A. Spain, all of whom received the Purple Heart.

Welcome and Farewell

Incoming and outgoing traffic was unusually heavy at the staff personnel office during the past week, with one doctor, two nurses, and 15 corpsmen reporting to the hospital.

LTJG Irvin M. Becker, MC, USNR, reported aboard from Philadelphia Naval Hospital, LT Evelyn Salinsky, NC, USN, arrived from Portsmouth Naval Hospital, and LTJG Rebecca Jackson, NC, USNR, was received from Air Transportation Squadron Eight. The following HA's reported from Hospital Corps School, Great Lakes: C. R. Ostrand, R. W. Gannon, J. F. Hestad, E. D. Livengood, J. "D." Hockey, J. L. Glynn, J. N. Kellarakis, G. L. Bamenek, B. A. Brechbiel, W. L. Regan, C. S. Lenser, W. A. Weinell, E. F. Wise, and W. M. Schroeter.

Detached to inactive duty were LT Lisburn C. Hanes, MC, USNR, and LT Esther M. Chantasky, NC, USNR. Released from patient status to duty at San Diego Naval Hospital were LT Marian Van Steenvoht and LTJG Lorraine McGrath. J. J. Woods, HMC, received orders to the USS Taluga, AO-62, and J. Silberer, HMI, was ordered to the USS Hector AR-7. Camp Pendleton will be the new duty station for W. C. Shellenberger, HM3, and HN's W. H. Dillon, J. F. Hembree, M. L. Overall, J. M. Israel, and C. Monedero. To AirFMFPAC, El Toro, went HN's D. H. Williams, E. M. Ray, G. A. Rasmusson, R. F. Pickens, and P. H. Stiles.



This fellow, lost in a fog of film (or vice versa) is Vernon D. Smithers, HN, photographer, and this is how he felt when Carl Stevenson, HMI, departed for 15 days, leaving him at the mercy of THE OAK LEAF.

SCUTTLEBUTT

MOST INTERESTING NAME of the week belongs to PFC Franklin Takes The Horse, USMC, admitted to 50A last Saturday from a hospital overseas. His father, Clifford Takes The Horse, lives at the Crow Agency in Montana, where Franklin plans to take up farming when he is out of the service. "You guessed it," the good-natured 20-year-old Marine, a full-blooded Crow Indian grinned. "My great great grandfather was a collector of 'stray' horses." And just to make the story complete, Franklin's favorite sport is horseback riding.

PEOPLE, PLACES & THINGS: *Bobbie O'Neill, HN, of Clinical Board and Bruce Peterson, HM3, of NP Service surprised their friends last week end by slipping off to Reno, where he slipped a wedding ring on her finger . . . Harry Parsons, HN, really gets around. Two week ends ago he was in Portland; last week end in Santa Barbara . . . Bill Strickland will do anything to get into this column. While setting pins at the bowling alley the other night, he let a flying pin hit him smack on the nose . . . Cars will be cars—SGT Charles H. Solack is on 41A recuping from a couple of fractured ribs. According to the accident report, he was the "driver of the car that fell asleep and struck light pole" . . . Chief Taylor normally is a thoughtful fellow, but his brother didn't think so recently when the Chief walked off and left him sitting in his incapacitated '53 Dodge 400 miles up the coast while he hitchhiked back to the hospital . . . Surely Charles Plyler, HN3, of Staff Personnel hasn't rented that apartment for himself alone, but we haven't been able to find out who the bride-to-be is or where she's coming from . . . Amputees were in the limelight again this week when they walked, ran, bowled, and climbed stairs for Fox and Tele-news cameramen. LT Sarah Griffin Chapman flew up from Monterey to get into the act . . . Miss Catherine Baker dashed madly around the library arranging the books so they would form a pretty background for Clarence Barber when an Ebony Magazine photographer snapped his picture—in the side of the solarium where the shelves are bare . . . The girls were relieved to discover the source of those wolf whistles coming from the Exec's office the other day. Seems CAPT R. L. Gilman (acting exec in the absence of Captain Love) shares his quarters at BOQ with a blue parakeet. When "Pretty Baby" got lonesome the other day, the Exec let him spend the afternoon at the office.*

Dr. A. M. Snell Will Speak Here Tuesday

Dr. Albert M. Snell, Clinical Professor of Medicine for the Palo Alto Clinic, and member of Oak Knoll's consulting staff, will speak to members of the staff Tuesday evening on the subject, "The Nature of Hepatic Insufficiency."

Doctor Snell is well known to Oak Knoll, having served as Chief of Medicine from March 1944 to January 1946, when the hospital was caring for thousands of casualties from the South Pacific.

Other lectures in the coming Basic Science series for medical officers under instruction will be as follows: 10 March, "The Classification of the Blood Factors" by CDR J. J. Engelfried of the Oak Knoll staff; 17 March, "Immunization and Blood Transfusion" by CDR Engelfried; 24 March, "Indications for Splenectomy" by Dr. Roy B. Cohn of Stanford University Hospital staff; 31 March, "Recent Advances in Oncology" by Dr. Howard Bierman of the staff of the University of California Hospital.

Award Ceremony

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Bronze Star for an HN

Skiles was cited for his service as a hospital corpsman during an enemy attack supported by intense enemy mortar fire. "Skiles unhesitatingly and fearlessly moved across open ground seeking wounded Marines who required his attention. He refused to take cover in spite of the intense enemy fire, and his outstanding skill contributed materially to the saving of several lives. His courageous conduct and devotion to duty served as an inspiration to all who observed him," his citation reads. While Skiles was saving other men's lives, he was hit simultaneously by an exploding grenade and a mortar fragment that cost him his left arm and his right lower leg.

Eight Get Purple Heart

One Marine officer and seven enlisted Marines received the Purple Heart. They are 2nd LT John Allen Meyers, Winnetka, Ill.; CPL Richard V. Casdorff, Charleston, West Va.; CPL Andy Augustus Keenan, Graniteville, Mo.; SGT Clarence W. Linville, Carlisle, Ky.; PFC Joe E. Parks, Mulberry, Tenn.; and PFC James A. Spain, Rocky Mount, N. C.

Red Cross Ramblings

CINEMA CIRCUIT

Featured on the ward cinema circuit for the coming week will be two full length movies—a drama and a western. Rod Cameron and Ruth Hussey star in the drama, "Woman of the North Country," and Vaughn Monroe co-stars with Joan Leslie in the western, "Toughest Man in Arizona."

EASTER GIFT SUGGESTIONS

It's time to start Easter gifts! The Red Cross craft shop has a variety of novel gift articles which can easily be made. For instance, you might make a cute, felt Easter Bunny which will delight the small fry, an attractive purse for Mom and a wallet or belt for Dad. There is quite a selection of ceramic vases which would be appropriate for Easter flowers. You may choose any color and use your artistic ability to decorate them however you desire. A nice gift for your girl friend or wife would be a tooled copper print to adorn the wall or a colorful Swedish embroidery hand bag. These items may sound complicated, but all are very easy to make even if you have had no experience. Instruction provided, of course!

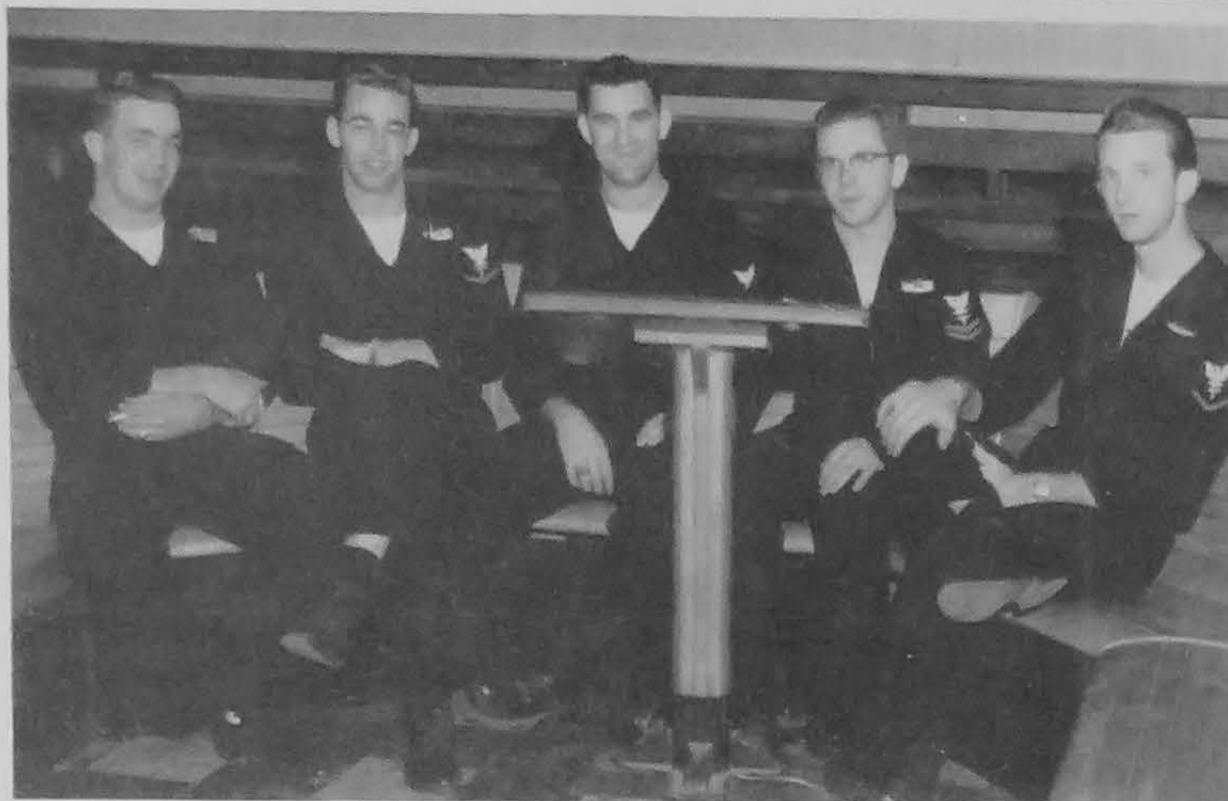
FUSON CARTOONS

A few lines and circles in the right place can add up to your portrait in caricature, a la Fuson! This genial and-talented sketch artist, Charles Fuson, is a former Disney artist now employed in the Bay Area. Through the courtesy of the Alameda Elks Club, the wards are favored with his visits weekly. Needless to say, Mr. Fuson is very popular among the patients at Oak Knoll.

SHOW BUSINESS

We have talent at Oak Knoll! Recently an entire musical revue was staged at the Red Cross lounge. Singers, dancers, guitarists, comedy actors, a pantomime act, even a producer, director, and a master of ceremonies were present for this gala extravaganza! Our entire cast was composed of patients and Thursday night Red Cross hostesses. The Oak Knoll Revue was pronounced an enormous success and was enjoyed tremendously by the enthusiastic audience at the lounge last week on Thursday evening.

Why don't you have fun participating in the next lounge talent program?



The confident expressions on the faces above belong to the Lab One kegling team, current leaders in the intrahospital bowling league. Left to right are Ronnie Roberts, Ivan Adams, Bill Carter, Alaric Jackson, and Coy Green.

Lab Keglers Set Fast Bowling League Pace

The Nurses and Special Services teams continued hot on the trail of Lab One, current pace setters in the red-hot intra-hospital bowling league. By sweeping their three-game series last week the Nurses climbed over the Marines to gain a tie for second place with Special Services, who dropped one while winning two from their opponents.

Disregarding handicaps applied at the start of league play, three teams, Lab One, Special Services, and Chiefs One are waging a close battle for the unofficial total pins title. In 18 games the Lab keglers have amassed a total of 12,981 pins, followed by Special Services with 12,748 and the Chiefs with 12,517.

Individual averages of the Top Ten Bowlers:

Name—Team	Avg.
Kallemeyn, Sp. Ser.	158
Jackson, Lab I	156
Carter, Lab I	156
McAnany, Chiefs I	155
Russum, Lab II	155
Garica, Civ.	154
Fowler, Civ.	154
McFadden, Civ.	152
Irving, Sp. Ser.	151
Hawley, Marines	151

Cagers Finish Season With 8-5 Record for Fifth Spot in League

Final standing in the 12ND Class B basketball league found the Oak Knoll crew finishing in fifth spot in the 14-team race. The Knollites won eight games and lost five. The Oakland Army Base five, with a perfect record of 13 games won and no defeats, finished in first, followed by Oakland Naval Air Station with a 12-1 record. These two teams will represent the league in the forthcoming Bay Area Armed Forces Basketball Tournament, which will be held at Treasure Island during the week of 9 March.

Although transferred after playing in only six games, Ben Hilliker led the Knollites in scoring, with 144 points. Hilliker had a highly acceptable 24-point game average. Next in the scoring parade came Dick Jenkinson and Harry Parsons, each with 91 points. Gordon Anderson registered 82 points and John McKelvy rang up 53 to round out the top five scorers.

Final League standings:

Team	W	L
Oakland Army Base	13	0
Naval Air Oakland	12	1
Mare Island Hospital	11	2
San Francisco Shipyards	9	4
PacResFlt & WesSea of T.I.	9	4
Naval Hospital Oakland	8	5
Harbor Defense	6	7
Mare Island Retraining Com.	5	7
PacResFlt of Stockton	4	9
District Communications	3	8
Naval Net Depot	3	9
Port Chicago Marines	2	9
Naval Supply Center	2	11
USS Nickel	0	13

Mills College Art Show Open to Staff, Patients

All hospital staff members and patients are invited to attend the Mills College Art Gallery exhibitions now showing at the Rietz Folk Art Center, Mills College. The gallery is currently open from 1400 to 1700 on Wednesdays, Fridays, and Sundays.

Works on display include portrait photographs by Paul Bishop, of Berkeley, and master photographs from the permanent collection of the Art Gallery.

Husband to wife: "Sure you can have a fur coat—who wants to give you one?"

PREVIEWS

Sunday, 1 March
JACK McCALL, DESPERADO — George Montgomery, Angela Stevens. WESTERN. Rating: Fair. George Montgomery plays the title role, a good-badman, and Miss Stevens is the girl who persuades him to change his ways.

Monday, 2 March
DIXIE JAMBOREE — Francis Langford. MUSICAL. Nothing in our files on this movie.

Tuesday, 3 March
I LOVE MELVIN — Debbie Reynolds, Donald O'Connor. MUSICAL COMEDY. Rating: Very Good. Donald, posing as a big time photographer for Look magazine, snaps hundreds of pictures of Debbie Reynolds, who is dreaming of a career in Hollywood. Faced with a rival suitor he fakes Debbie's picture on a Look magazine cover, and when the hoax is discovered, Donald is so depressed he disappears, but finally the police, Look magazine, and Miss Reynolds convince O'Connor that he has a great future with Look, and also Debbie.

Wednesday, 4 March
FORT APACHE — Henry Fonda, John Wayne. WESTERN. Rating: Good. Re-issue of a western dealing with the early frontier days following Custer's Last Stand. Fonda and Wayne are cavalry officers fighting the Indians.

Thursday, 5 March
LONE HAND — Joel McCrea, Barbara Hale. WESTERN. Rating: Good. A strong diet of westerns appears to be in store for the hospital audiences next week. Nothing on this movie, which is to be released to the general public in April.

Friday, 6 March
TORPEDO ALLEY — Mark Stevens, Dorothy Malone. SUBMARINE SERVICE STORY. Rating: Good. Stevens plays a Navy flier who is picked up from the sea by a submarine, after having frozen at the controls during combat, at the cost of his crew's life. At the end of WW II he gets out of service thinking himself a coward, but enlists again during the Korean situation. Stevens is put in subs and is ordered to sea, where he blows up a tunnel, proving to himself that he is no coward. Miss Malone is a navy nurse.

Saturday, 7 March
SUBMARINE BASE — John Litel, Alan Baxter. No review of this film in our files.



Working from the center and forward positions on Oak Knoll's cage team during the past season was Dick Jenkinson, pictured above. Dick was the squad's second highest scorer.

Missionary: "Do you people know anything about religion, chief?"

Cannibal: "Well, we got a little taste of it when the last missionary was here."

Staff Personalities



In her eighth year on a job she wouldn't trade for any other in the world is Miss Veda Clarkson, Navy Exchange clerk. Miss Clarkson, who has worked in the Navy Exchange longer than any other employee, came to Oak Knoll in 1944, shortly after that organization moved from the building that is now the Officers' Club. She can recall many improvements and scores of wonderful people.

An accomplished leather carver, Miss Clarkson was in charge of the hobby shop when it was next door to the photo studio. Although no longer a competitive bowler, in 1947 her 163 average was good enough to carry her to the state tournament at Long Beach. She still lists that sport as one of her favorite hobbies.

Back in his home town of Oakland, where 15 years previously he enlisted in the Navy, is WOHC Alonzo K. Spencer, Oak Knoll's Assistant Commissary Officer. Before arriving at the hospital Mr. Spencer was chief in charge of the enlisted detail section of BuMed. Three years of his naval service, from 1939 to 1942, were spent aboard the USS Portland when

the ship took part in the battles of the Coral Sea and Midway. He also participated in the invasion of Midway. Married, and the father of two children, Lonny and Deborah, aged 11 and 5, he lists photography, of the home movie variety, as his favorite hobby. Mr. Spencer also finds golf, bowling, and basketball other enjoyable pastimes.



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Irish Ready For Shanty Stomp

All the O'Briens, O'Malleys and O'Donovans will be particularly interested in the O' Irish Stomp to be held March 13, at the Enlisted Men's Club from 2030 to 2330.

O'Music will be supplied by O'Norvell O'Knight, one of the better bands in the Oakland territory. With deep reverence to the Irish, the O'Stomp will be a rather formal affair, with coats and ties being required. O'Ladies from the local hospitals will again attend, and judging from the last turnout, that in itself should be quite a drawing card. But there's one hitch, a-wearin' of the green is required to get into the O'Stomp.

In keeping with the Irish custom, O'Green punch will be the thirst quencher for the evening, and for the non-Irish, the traditional coke should suffice.

Error In Mail Brings Luck To Amputee

Eric Schultz, quadruple amputee from Johannesburg, South Africa, arrived here Monday at the end of a 12,500-mile plane trip that came as the result of a letter he wrote last August—a letter delivered to the wrong firm at the right address.

Schultz, 28-year-old veteran of the South Africa Air Force, who saw 4½ years' action in Africa and Italy in World War II, was on his way to work as an electrician in a gold mine near Johannesburg when his motorcycle crashed into a train. The accident cost him both legs below the knee, his left arm at the wrist, and his right arm at the elbow.

Amputee Since 1947

That was in September, 1947. After many months of hospitalization, doctors fitted him with artificial limbs—the best they had to offer—and he went back to the mine as an office worker.

Having read of the various types of prostheses being developed in America, young Schultz, awkward and almost always in pain, wrote to various limb manufacturers in this country. One of these letters never reached its destination, but that was the one responsible for bringing him to America.

Mrs. Audrey McRann, office secretary for a new firm that had moved in where the prosthetic appliance company had been, opened the letter by mistake in a stack of mail, read it, and immediately began to investigate the possibilities of helping Schultz.

Rotarians Buy Ticket

Upon learning that the engineering department of the University of California at Los Angeles was conducting research in prosthetic methods, she wrote Schultz, offering to help with arrangements for him to get into UCLA and inviting him to stay with her and her husband if he could manage to get to Southern California. Johannesburg Rotarians heard the story and raised money for a round-trip ticket to California via Amsterdam and New York.

Schultz, a soft-spoken young man with a British accent, was fitted with new arms that have made him "quite independent," and now, while getting acquainted with patients on 42B, he is being fitted with the best available prosthetic legs. This service, both here and at UCLA, is being provided through the auspices of the National Research Council Advisory Committee on Artificial Limbs.

Although Schultz is completely "sold" on California, he will return

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Eric Schultz, quadruple amputee, who flew 12,500 miles from his home in South Africa to be fitted with artificial legs at Oak Knoll, admires the new Oldsmobile Werner "Tex" Reininger, retired Marine quadruple amputee, drove 1800 miles from his home in San Antonio, Tex.

Two Departing HMC's Get Commendations

Two popular HMC's, Pauline "Polly" Lemich and Oliver "Jake" Jacobson were commended by Captain Gordon just prior to their departure from Oak Knoll Wednesday.

"While stationed at this hospital from 24 February 1951 to 4 March 1953, you have performed your duties in a highly efficient and exemplary manner," Chief Lemich's commendation read. "In the X-Ray Department your services, both as technician and instructor, have been outstanding in every respect, and your initiative, reliability, and industry have proved invaluable to your superiors and co-workers." The commendation also covered her work as Chief MAA for Wave Quarters.

Chief Lemich has been ordered to USNTC, San Diego, for six weeks' recruiting training and expects to be transferred from there to New Orleans.

Chief Jacobson's commendation read, in part: "While serving at this hospital and being assigned to the Special Services Department from 14 April 1952 to 2 March 1953, you have performed your duties in a highly creditable manner. Your assistance to the various athletic teams of this station and your willingness to work many hours beyond the normal day's duty, repairing athletic equipment and thereby saving much time and money, is a fine example of devotion to duty."

Headquarters, COMSTS, Bremeron, Wash., will be the chief's new duty station.

Top Oak Knoll Entertainers To Appear In Cow Palace

Jimmie Hicks and Charles Hall, two HN's from Oak Knoll, will be among the 20 finalists in the Ted Mack Amateur Show to be held at the Cow Palace in San Francisco on Saturday night, 14 March, LT E. F. Hickey, Special Services Officer for the hospital and production manager and master of ceremonies for the show, has announced.

These two — Hicks, who pantomimed his way into first place at the preliminaries here a month ago, and Hall, classical pianist, who placed fourth—survived grueling semifinals held in Menlo Park last Friday. They were in competition with 67 other amateur entertainers from armed forces installations throughout the Twelfth Naval District.

Hicks, on duty at Special Services, and Hall, night corpsman on Ward 49A, are most interested in wresting the cash prizes from their competitors. However, the professional talent to be included in the program is another drawing card for the audience. The Andrews Sisters will be there, and show sponsors have tentatively

engaged Virginia Mayo, Marilyn Maxwell, and Vic Dimone to take part in the big show.

One hundred fifty tickets for the finals are available at Special Services. The prices are \$2.00 and \$1.50, and proceeds will be divided among armed forces activities entering the contest. The date is Saturday, 14 March. The hour 2000.

Golf Tournament Set by Committee

Plans for the Annual Oak Knoll Golf Tournament were formulated Wednesday by the Hospital Golfing Committee. The committee, consisting of CDR James R. Dillon, LT Peter C. Conglis, LT Ann Poytress, O. L. Liles, HM3, and H. T. Parsons, HN, agreed that play should be governed by existing rules of the USGA and Lake Chabot Golf Course.

Qualifying rounds will be played on 17, 18 and 19 March. All those interested should sign up at the Special Services Office.

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† † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

LENT

Lent has no significance if one has no sense of guilt. For Lent signifies a season of penance for a wrong committed, and if we be perfect then there is no reason for being penitential. The Christian tradition is premised on the words of Christ: "Unless you do penance you shall likewise perish." These words, it seems, were addressed to all of us. And they leave the impression that Our Blessed Lord had His suspicions about how perfect we are.

The forty days of Lent symbolize the forty days and nights the Saviour Himself spent in fasting and penance before He began His public career, which terminated in His sacrifice on the Cross.

It might be suggested that Christ suffered and died to point up the fact that our imperfections are rather obvious to Him even if they are hidden from ourselves. And perhaps much of the conflict we find within our hearts and minds and souls stems from the fact that we refuse to face the reality of our sinfulness, our guilt, and our irresponsibility. And secondly we hesitate to use the means He offers of prayer and penance and self denial to ease the strain, to lessen the anxiety and resolve to a great extent the pressures of our modern living.

Lent merely reminds us that Christ may have the answer to our modern dilemmas. But the answer is at the crossroads or at the road where we meet the Cross and the Man on the Cross. We can pass Him by without a second thought, or we can stop and give Him a little of our time and attention in that interval we call the Holy Season of Lent.

—CHARLES B. KNIGHT, Catholic Chaplain

Cost Consciousness

A comprehensive conservation program must include measures to eliminate waste of manpower as well as waste of materials and utilities. The efficient utilization of manpower in connection with regularly assigned duties is a function of management. Frequent reviews of procedures by Department Heads and Chiefs of Services will undoubtedly promote more efficient use of manpower.

Welcome and Farewell

Three new staff doctors and 10 hospital corpsmen reported to the hospital for duty last week.

Reporting for duty were LTJG

Martin C. Shea, Jr., MC, USNR, from inactive duty, LTJG Walter F. Stafford, MC, USNR, from Naval School of Aviation Medicine, NAS Pensacola, Florida, and LTJG Larry B. Stanley, DC, USNR, Naval Dental School, Bethesda. Hospital corpsmen from Great Lakes HCS included R. W. Warmouth, HN, and HA's J. L. Dickihinski, R. A. Deutschman, B. R. Fry, F. Guith, and J. B. McGinnis. From San Diego's HCS came P. L. O'Haro, P. E. Swearngin, H. R. Miller, and C. N. Eudy.

Six HMC's and one HN received orders to further duty stations. The HMC's and their new duty stations are: D. C. Fisher, U.S.S. Mout Katmai AE-16, W. I. Hall, U.S. NavAmmunition Depot, Hawthorne, Nevada, R. L. Griffin, U.S.S. Blue DD 744, O. L. Jacköbson, Hdqrs. COMSTS Bremerton, Washington, and P. Lemich (W), U.S.N.T.C. San Diego. G. S. Harris, HN, received orders to the U.S. Naval Dispensary, 50 Fell Street.

Divine Services

Hospital Chapel at Main Gate

PROTESTANT

BIBLE SCHOOL—SUNDAY 0945
 SUNDAY WORSHIP—1030
 Organ Music from Chapel Tower—1900
 Evangelistic Message, Fellowship Hour
 CHOIR REHEARSAL—1930 Thursday
 HOLY COMMUNION—First Sunday morning each month.

L. D. S. SERVICE

SUNDAY—0900 in Staff Conference Room, Administration Bldg., Annex.

CATHOLIC

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

CHAPLAIN'S OFFICES IN
 CHAPEL AND 67A

NAVY RELIEF OFFICE—
 IN CHAPEL

BUS TO AND FROM CHAPEL, ON
 SUNDAYS 0845 and 1015



Mrs. Gretchen Muller, Red Cross Gray Lady craft worker from Mt. Diablo Chapter, is shown demonstrating how to make a pyro-belt to HERMAN HEAVENER, veteran patient, Ward 70A. CHARLES SHERRILL, AN, and TOM SMITH, FN, of the same ward, are choosing other craft materials and viewing finished projects.

Red Cross Ramblings

"ONE MOMENT PLEASE"

"One Moment Please" held many enjoyable moments for six patients from Wards 79 A and B who attended the incomparable "Straw Hat Revue" in San Francisco. This fast-moving musical review takes in everything from old-fashioned "flic" movies, a hilarious take-off on grand opera, and even such delicate subjects as bird calls and wine testing. It's a riot from start to finish. Among the many fans that the Strawhatters have added are J. E. JOHNSON, AA; R. O. JAWOR, CS3; CPL A. MONTOYA, CPL H. M. NEIFFER, PFC H. L. RYNO and W. F. WALSH, YNSN, all from wards 79 A and B. We hope to have additional invitations in the future; so if you enjoy really clever entertainment ask your Red Cross worker about getting on the list. The seating is limited.

GALA HORSE SHOW

In spite of blustery weather which brought wind, hail and snow to these fair hills last Sunday, 17 patients and Red Cross escorts enjoyed an exciting afternoon at the Royal Riders Review at Cressmount Ring, Mills College. Miss C. V. N. Cress, director, and her all-age group of equestrian talent showed their skill and fine horsemanship in many sparkling novelties. One clever touch showed two 10-year-old winners of an essay contest on "My Favorite Horse." While the short essays were read on the public address system the young riders brought in and demonstrated with their favorites. Another amusing number featured all participants with names of leading political parties and, believe us, the election might have called for a recount!

INTER-WARD PINOCHLE TOURNAMENT

On Wards 42 AB, 43 AB, 45 AB and 46 AB, these days, you will no doubt see a great deal of concentrated effort at pinochle playing. All the card

fans of these wards are getting in the spirit of the inter-ward tournament which begins Monday, 9 March, under the direction of Stelca Harcker, Red Cross Recreation worker. Get your partner and join in this competition to discover who is the champion ward team!

LET'S HAVE SUGGESTIONS!

Join in the fun of planning what kind of program you would like to have in the Red Cross Lounge. The results of the last planning committee were highly successful. For instance, the smooth-running dance program, decorations, and entertainment by Oak Knoll talent on Thursday night were certain indications of how well the Patient Council carried out their ideas. Everyone is invited to come to the meeting this Tuesday afternoon at 1400 hours in the Red Cross Lounge.

MOVIE GOERS

A western is scheduled for the ward movie circuit this coming week. Brian Donlevy and Forrest Tucker star in "Ride the Man Down."

\$4,000 Music Contest Open to All Services

Washington (AFPS)—The Defense Department has announced a \$4,000 contest for the best march music composed by members of the Armed Forces. One \$1,000 prize will be awarded to the winners in each service.

Open to servicemen and women of the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps, the contest is being sponsored by the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers. The award will be called the "ASCAP John Philip Sousa Award," in honor of the famous American bandmaster and composer who was one of the founders of ASCAP.

Further information may be obtained by calling THE OAK LEAF, Ext. 413.

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SCUTTLEBUTT

SIGNS OF THE SEASON, BUT WHAT SEASON? Saturday the wind blew; Sunday the hills were covered with snow and hardier staff members made snowballs. Monday it was so cold the torso of a snowman was still standing outside the main gate. Tuesday through Friday the weather was warm, and newspapers reported that 43 days without rain add up to the longest drought the Bay Area has suffered since 1864. Come what may, Navy Exchange is ready with raincoats, play clothes, Easter cards, and a big supply of Bug-Geta.

PEOPLE, PLACES & THINGS:

There may be five Millers on the officer staff, but there's only one Miller with five children," Dr. C. D. Miller said as he announced the arrival of Russell Earl, born 23 February at Palo Alto Hospital. The other little Millers line up as follows: David, 6; Robert, 4; daughter Darrell, 3; and Bruce, 2 . . . When Joe (Cast Room) Elliott has accidents, he has them in convenient locations. Monday he got up too much speed too soon, hit an embankment at a curve less than an eighth of a mile outside the gate—results: one lacerated cheek, one bent fender . . . Congratulations to Miss Clara A. Garbutt of the Nurse Corps. She's a JG now . . . The same to LT's Edna Daughtry and Vera F. Kramer and ENS Shirley Jacobson for their appearance on TV. They really "sold" the Navy, with the help of LT Jim Adams, USN, on "Shootin' the Breeze" . . . This week it's LT Charles Asbelle, MSC, USNR, but Monday Mr. Asbelle, Rehabilitation Specialist, will be back from a week's training duty at Treasure Island . . . Polly Lemich was as pleased with her sendoff as Oak Knoll was displeased to have her go. Her shipmates at X-Ray gave her a Samsonite overnight bag, and the WAVES gave her a week-ender to match . . . Polly gave her duties as MAA at quarters to Ann Freeman, HM2.

AN OAK LEAF CLUSTER to Mrs. Frank P. Kreuz for the many hours she spent practicing with Oak Knoll ensembles in the Ted Mack Amateur show semifinals. She accompanied all contestants except Charles Hall, who played his own piano.

OAKNOLLUMNI: CDR Bruce R. McCampbell, formerly of the surgical staff, was among the happy 1,585 who disembarked from the USNS BEN DANIEL I. SULTAN last week. Having completed 17 months of duty in the CONSOLATION, he is now heading for a new assignment as head of general surgery at St. Albans . . . John Reische, fresh from Advanced Hospital Corps School, Portsmouth, Va., was back at his old camping ground Wednesday en route to San Diego for assignment by ComAirPac . . . From Nebraska comes word that Glenn L. Speidel has left his temporary Lincoln Star job and is back to his pre-Korea assignment with AP. He covers the state legislature.

"Would you advise me to marry a sensible or beautiful girl?"
"I'm afraid you will never be able to marry either."
"Why?"
"Well, a beautiful girl could do better and a sensible girl would know better."

Two of "Sacred Twenty" Meet at Oak Knoll

Navy Nurses of 1908 Recall 'Good Old Days'

Two bright-eyed, white-haired ladies, members of the original Navy Nurse Corps, met here this week and reminisced about the "good old days" when they were on duty together at the U.S. Naval Medical School hospital in Washington, D. C.

That was in 1908 shortly after President Taft signed the bill establishing the Nurse Corps as an integral part of the Navy. It was the first time Adah Pendleton Whitcomb and Mary DuBose had met in 23 years, but they "would have known each other anywhere."

"Sacred Twenty"

In an old photograph in a current Navy Nurse Corps brochure, Miss Pendleton quickly identified herself and Miss DuBose—two pompadoured young ladies in a group of twenty, dressed in full-bosomed, tight-waisted uniforms that touched the floor. These were the "Sacred Twenty," the nucleus of the Nurse Corps that at its peak in World War II numbered more than 11,000.

Miss DuBose was graduated from the Stanford University School of Nursing, and before entering the Navy was engaged in private duty in the Bay Area, taking an active part in promoting legislation for the nurse registration laws in the state. Since her first duty in Washington, when she and Miss Pendleton sat at the same table at Nurses' mess, she has served at Naval Hospitals in New York, Portsmouth, N. H., Chelsea, Mass., Great Lakes, Ill., and Mare Island.

Philippine Duty

During World War I she was nurse inspector for hospitals in France, and she likes to tell of leaves she spent in Nice, Monte Carlo, Rome, Venice. But "the peak, the most wonderful part" of her career, she said, was the time she spent as chief nurse at the Naval Hospital, Cancao, Cavite, P. I. In Cavite the infant mortality rate was 66%, and Miss DuBose, always a social worker at heart, felt that something must be done about it; so in her off-duty hours, she organized the women of the town, and with their help, established a baby clinic and a milk station for native children, and she raised money to pay a native "visiting nurse." That her work was appreciated was shown by an editorial in the Manila papers at the time of her departure for the States.

Decided Navy Safest

Miss Pendleton, a graduate of Garfield Memorial Hospital Nursing School, Washington, D. C., was planning to go as a nurse to Africa, but when a Navy doctor told her about the huge pythons that might hover around the hospitals there, she decided life in the U.S. Navy would be safer. She, too, can spin many a yarn about her career in the service.

"I remember the time I was on duty at Annapolis and was about to get into one of the old horse ambulances. The Marine guard stopped me to inquire about the package under my arm—a pair of old shoes. 'Suppose I don't show you what's in it,' I said to him. 'My orders are to shoot, Ma'am,' he said. I showed him the shoes."



Miss Mary DuBose, left, and Mrs. Adah Pendleton Whitcomb, members of the original Navy Nurse Corps, talked of old times and old friends in the Navy Nurse Corps when they met on Ward 66B this week. They sat at the same table at the first Navy Nurses' Quarters in Washington, D. C., in 1908. Their pay was \$40 a month.



This is how Navy Nurses looked 45 years ago, and these are the "Sacred Twenty" that made up the original Navy Nurse Corps. At the extreme left, front row, is ENS Mary DuBose, and beside her, ENS Adah Pendleton. They had a happy reunion here this week.

Officers' Wives To Sponsor Dance

The Officers' Wives' Club will sponsor a dinner dance on Wednesday, 11 March, at the Officers' Club at the Alameda Naval Air Station. Dinner dancing will start at 2000, with a charge of \$3.50 per couple. Dress will be informal, and baby sitters will be on duty in the nursery at the Officers' Club, U.S. Naval Hospital, Oakland.

Mrs. Julian Love, Mrs. Leo E. Potter, and Mrs. Oscar T. McDonough are in charge of arrangements for the dance.

Settled in Auburn

After tours of duty in the Philippines, Samoa, Hawaii, and hospitals and dispensaries all over the United States, Miss Pendleton resigned from the Navy in 1932 to become Mrs. Robert Whitcomb, wife of a mining engineer, and in that new capacity she saw more of the world but eventually settled in Auburn, Calif., where she still lives. Mr. Whitcomb died in 1950.

The two nurses, now in their 70's, agree that if they "had it to do over," they would certainly join the Navy Nurse Corps again.

New Rules Set Up For Moving Patients

Washington (AFPS)—A new criteria for priority in moving patients has been set up by the Army, Navy, and Air Force under a joint regulation.

The new criteria is as follows:

URGENT—This is an emergency case which must be moved immediately as a lifesaving measure. Requests for such movement should take into consideration that MATS will accomplish the move within a very few hours.

PRIORITY—Patients that should be picked up within 24 hours and delivered with the least practicable delay.

ROUTINE—Patients that should be picked up within 72 hours and moved in a routine manner.

Under AR 40-535, OPNAVINST 4630.9 CH 1, and AFR 160-52A, all requests for movement within the continental U.S. should be directed to the proper air evacuation liaison officer of MATS.

In overseas commands, requests for air transportation will be submitted as the appropriate commander directs.

Oak Knoll to Host Tennis Tourney

Further development of the Navy's inter-service sports program was recently undertaken when the eight regional divisions previously recognized were cut to four, two for the west and two for the east.

Under the new set-up the All-Navy Western division for 1953 will be a Western Shore group, and the Pacific Ocean area group including Pacific Fleet units on the West Coast and Pearl Harbor, and all units afloat west of Pearl. Added to the old west grouping of the 11th, 12th, 13th, and 17th Naval Districts is the 14th ND with Headquarters at Pearl Harbor, and the 8th Naval District with Headquarters at New Orleans.

- Listed below are coming events on the 12th Naval District calendar:
- March 9 to 13, Armed Forces basketball tournament at Treasure Island.
- March 18 and 19, Wrestling finals at T. I.
- March 26 and 27, Badminton finals at T. I.
- April 8, 9, and 10, Golf tournament for men.
- April 17, Golf tournament for women.
- April 15, Volleyball tournament at Alameda Naval Air Station.
- April 29, 30, and May 1, Tennis tournament at OAKLAND NAVAL HOSPITAL.

Luck for Amputee

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within a few weeks to South Africa, where his family has lived for several generations.

Meets Reininger

The young man from Johannesburg had known he would meet other amputees, but he had hardly expected to be greeted by another quadruple amputee—SGT "Tex" Reininger, who was aboard early this week for a check-up. "Tex" and his wife, Jeanette, drove here from San Antonio, Texas, where they have just moved into a seven-room home for the large family they hope to have. The retired sergeant, victim of frostbite in Korea, proudly announced that they expect their first child in August.

Staff Personalities

Another Oak Knoll doctor claiming the Bay Area as home is LT Murdock S. Bowman, MC, USN, who works in the Pathology Department at the hospital. Dr. Bowman came to

Oakland in May of 1951 following two years of duty with the Civil Administrative Unit on Saipan. A graduate of Haverford College in Pennsylvania, and New York University Medical School, he is in his fourth year residency and is scheduled to go before the American Board of Pathology next October. In his spare time, which he states he has little of, Dr. Bowman likes to read and work in his garden at his San Lorenzo home. He is married and the father of two daughters, Janet and Carolyn, aged 4 and 1.



One of the very few plankowners still at Oak Knoll is Miss Lois Wilson, who began her career here in July, 1942, just after the hospital was commissioned. Her first job was with the Medical Survey Board, and she is currently employed as a secretary for the Chiefs of Medicine and Surgery. After hours, she takes advantage of the many cultural opportunities in Berkeley, where she lives at the Shattuck Hotel. At present she is attending an adult evening class at Berkeley High School and studying Overstreet's "Human Relations." Travel, with a trip to Mexico being one of her most memorable experiences, is her favorite pastime. On her next vacation she hopes to visit Arizona and New Mexico.

Coaches Greeted By Balanced Squad As 25 Report For Baseball Tryouts

Opening week of baseball practice found 25 candidates reporting for the hospital team. Co-coaches Vic Fraszczak and Jerry Schoenbachler expressed satisfaction with the workmanlike way aspirants took to the initial week's workouts, which consisted mostly of running and calisthenics.

An early run-down of players reporting by position points to a well-balanced squad. On the 25-man squad are 6 pitchers, 3 catchers, 9

infielders, and 7 outfielders. The following players participated in the opening workouts: G. O. Anderson, D. K. Hinds, D. Patterson, J. J. Severns, J. D. Hicks, J. J. Pachy, M. F. Mack, C. H. Spence, R. N. Wood, C. J. Smith, F. Guith, C. T. Sanders, B. R. Fry, J. Allison, D. D. Stainhower, W. M. Cooper, E. D. Levengood, S. Nussenblatt, B. Hendley, T. Husch, J. P. Eisenhauer, J. A. Wolfram, D. E. Boone, G. E. Lowery, C. J. Bujunda, and J. Schoenbachler.

Reserve Group Hits Combat Pay Act

The Fleet Reserve Association has submitted a letter to the Commission on Incentive-Hazardous Duty and Special Pays, pointing out what they believe to be a discrimination against the Naval Service.

The Association, comprised of career-enlisted men in the Navy and Marine Corps, active, fleet reserve and retired, was asked for its views on the subject of combat pay which the Commission has been studying prior to submitting their finding to the Department of Defense.

Briefly, "the Fleet Reserve Association considers that the Combat Pay Act is inequitable, in that it does not take into consideration any of the multitude of hardships endured by personnel in all branches of the Armed Services in maintaining operational support of combat readiness and combat operations in the combat zone."

The letter also pointed out the amount of pay given to Merchant

Marine personnel, and the increased pay when a merchant ship is in a "danger zone," where there is danger of mines, and when their vessel is carrying ammunition.

It was further pointed out that the present law requires a man to be in a combat zone for a six-day period in order for him to receive a bonus. Naval engagements and operations are usually confined to strikes that last less than six days. The rest of the time, they are subject to mines, shore battery fire, and the possibility of air attack. Still, these hazards are not considered, because according to law only those actually attached to combat units in FMF, or those wounded or killed are entitled to combat pay.

The Association asked that the bill be thoroughly examined by its members, and that either action or protest be made to improve the combat pay situation.

Amp Keglers Advance In League Standings

There seems to be no stopping the Lab One keglers short of the intra-hospital league bowling title. Present team standings find the Lab roller enjoying a lead of two full game over the runner-up Special Service team.

Tied for third place with the Nurses are the fast closing-in Amp bowlers. The Amps, led by Tom Helem's 466 series, won three games last week to vault into the third spot. They now have seven victories in their last nine games.

Two new bowlers moved up to challenge Civilians' John Garcia's 212 mark for individual high game of the league. Moving in the second and third spots were Ivan Adams and Don Hillan with games of 207 and 207 respectively.

Standings for the top eight teams:

Team	W	L	Total Pins
Lab One	17	4	1517
Special Services	15	6	1494
Nurses	14	7	1380
Amps	12	6	1098
Finance	11	7	1159
Marines	12	9	1360
Civilians	11	10	1392
Chiefs One	11	10	1441
Surgery Two	9	9	1120
Lab Two	9	9	1141



Sunday, 8 March
THE GIRL WHO HAD EVERYTHING—Elizabeth Taylor, William Powell, Fernando Lamas. Nothing in our files on this film. Due for release to the general public in April.

Monday, 9 March
PARTNERS IN TIME—Lum and Abner COMEDY. Rating: Fair. Audiences who listen to and enjoy Lum and Abner on the radio will probably like this movie; other may find the price of admission too much.

Tuesday, 10 March
OFF LIMITS—Bob Hope, Marilyn Maxwell, Mickey Rooney. COMEDY. Rating: Excellent. Hope is in top form as a swagging, loudmouthed fight manager who joins the Army to keep an eye on his drafted lightweight champion, only to be stuck when the champ is rejected. At this point, Rooney, a half-pint fall guy, bent on making a name for himself in boxing persuades Hope to train him. Hope agrees simply to keep in touch with Miss Maxwell who is introduced into the script as Rooney's unlikely maiden aunt.

Wednesday, 11 March
THE GUNFIGHTERS—Gregory Peck, Jean Parker. WESTERN. Rating: Excellent. This western was voted one of the ten best pictures of 1950. Peck plays the role of John Ringo, a noted gunfighter who can't leave his past behind because of would-be killers who keep trying to make a reputation for themselves by beating Ringo to the draw.

Thursday, 12 March
SMALL TOWN GIRL—Jane Powell, Farley Granger. Here is another movie not billed for release until late April, but with two of MGM's outstanding young stars in the leads, moviegoers will probably find it worthwhile.

Friday, 13 March
DESTINATION GOBI—Richard Widmark, Don Taylor. ADVENTURE. Rating: Good. In July, 1945, a small group of Navy men are stationed in the Gobi Desert to send vital weather observations. After a Jap air raid, Widmark, as a CPC in command, orders a march to the sea and safety. Before they get there they are captured by the Japs, but escape with the aid of some friendly Mongols to a junk and head for Okinawa.

Saturday, 14 March
DOWN MISSOURI WAY—Martha O'Driscoll, Eddie Dran. No advance information on this movie in our files.

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Community Fetes Bob Kennemore

Bob Kennemore, who chose Oakland for his home while he was under treatment on the Amputee Center here, has been honored with the nation's highest award—the Congressional Medal of Honor.

Monday night Bob received the community's highest honor—a great testimonial dinner at which his new neighbors joined civic and military leaders in paying tribute to him.

Some 500 local citizens turned out for the dinner, and messages came from President Eisenhower, from top-ranking officers of all the armed services, from Governor Warren, and from hundreds of other state and federal officials. These messages were read by Mayor Clifford E. Rishell.

Plans to build Kennemore and his wife, Mary Jo, and their four children a home were announced, and he was presented life memberships in numerous local veterans organizations.

Kennemore's boss, RADM E. Earle Hipp, CO at Oakland Naval Supply Center, paid tribute to Kennemore, as did Fleet Admiral C. W. Nimitz and Captain Gordon, who spoke particularly of the fine spirit and determination that made Kennemore an outstanding alumnus of Oak Knoll's Amputee Center.

Kennemore won the Medal of Honor for the courage he displayed when he "fell on three North Korean hand grenades, absorbing the full force of their explosion and in that way preventing injury to the other men of E Company, Second Battalion, Seventh Marines." He is the only Medal of Honor winner from Korea in this area.

Horseshoe Experts To Show How It's Done

An exhibition of plain and fancy horseshoe pitching is on the entertainment schedule for Sunday afternoon at 1300.

Members of the Oakland Horseshoe Club, who play regularly at Mosswood Park, will put on the demonstration in the area between Wards 41B and 42A, and all patients and staff are invited.

Mr. Marcevic, president of the club, will be in charge of the exhibition matches, which promise to be a real eye-opener for the amateur horseshoe pitcher. At the conclusion of the game the sportsmen will present a supply of horseshoes to the hospital so that patients and staff may try their luck at throwing fingers.

Fleet Admiral C. W. Nimitz is an honorary member of the Oakland club.

Ukulele + Tea Set = Need For Gray Lady

Most service men travel light, but not so, an unidentified passenger from the REPOSE.

When a Gray Lady heard him exclaim, "Oh boy, am I ever glad to see you!" she was flattered for a moment. Then she saw that in addition to the usual number of seabags, he struggled with a ukulele and a tremendous cardboard carton containing a Japanese tea set.

"All for you—" he said, explaining that he had carried them from Japan but would trust her to wrap and ship them on to his home in Covington, Kentucky.

Dr. Shaw Writes Of National Blood Program

The history of blood transfusion, the organization of the national blood program, and a report of the effectiveness of the program from World War II until the present time are included in CAPT C. C. Shaw's article, "The National Blood Program," which appeared in the January issue of the United States Naval Institute Proceedings.

Miss Gavin Back From TAD At BuMed

CDR Helen C. Gavin is back at Oak Knoll after a week in Washington, D. C.

The Senior Nurse Corps Officer was ordered to the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery to assist in planning a film on nursing supervision.

Corpsmen Receive Bid To Highland Dance

The Highland School of Nursing Student Body has extended an invitation to the Oak Knoll corpsmen to attend an informal dance to be held at Nightingale Hall Friday, 27 March, from 2030 to 2400.

Music will be furnished by records, and refreshments will be served. Due to the limited capacity of the hall, the number of corpsmen who may attend is restricted to 60. The first 60 who sign up at Special Services may attend, and transportation will be furnished.

Hicks & Hall Withdraw From Amateur Show

Due to unforeseen and unfortunate circumstances, Oak Knoll personnel has severed all connections with the amateur show scheduled for the San Francisco Cow Palace tonight.



Aboard the USS REPOSE when she sailed under the Golden Gate Bridge on 6 March were 234 patients for Oak Knoll. One hundred and thirteen were Korea casualties. After unloading her cargo, the hospital ship sailed for Long Beach to be overhauled before the return trip to Inchon.

—Photo courtesy San Francisco Chronicle.

REPOSE Brings 234 Patients Through Gate To Oak Knoll

Ambulances and busses shuttled back and forth between here and NAS, Alameda, last Friday morning, bringing patients from the wards of the USS REPOSE to the wards at Oak Knoll—some to stay for several months, many to be sent on to the Navy hospitals nearest their homes.

Of the 234 admissions who have kept medical and clerical workers moving at top speed during the past week, 95 were Navy men, 137 were Marines, and 2 were Merchant Marines. One hundred thirteen were Korea casualties.

Ten Amputees

Ten men went to the amputee wards, 17 to EENT, 39 to the medical wards. Orthopedic patients were the most numerous, 75 being admitted to that service. Thirty-five went to neurosurgery, 26 to neuropsychiatry,

21 to general surgery, 4 to neurology, 3 to plastic surgery, 2 to urology, and 2 to dermatology.

Even the most seriously wounded arrived in fine spirits, glad to be back on home soil. The generally high morale was reflected by the telephone calls that Red Cross workers placed to homes throughout the country within a few hours after the patients arrived.

"Softest Bed"

There were tears at the other end of the wire as mothers and wives heard their menfolk's voices, but at this end every man maintained his composure. One man with both legs swathed in bandages told his mother that this was the softest bed he had ever slept in, that this was the "finest hospital" and that he was "just fine" himself.

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The Oak Leaf

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† † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

LIVING WATER

A farmer and his two sons lived in a little valley, trying to make a living by tilling the dry, stony clearing. The crops withered in the wind and sun, and the harvest was very poor.

In the distance could be seen a snow-capped mountain behind which the sun set daily. Often the farmer and the sons would climb the hillside above the cabin to a rocky ledge. Here they looked out over their own little valley and said, "This is the most wonderful spot in the world."

One day they climbed far beyond their usual stopping place and at last with strong effort were able to reach the very top of the ridge. An amazing sight met their eyes. Another valley was just beyond the ridge, but in contrast to theirs, it was beautiful and green. Stately trees were clustered there and between were many small fields of waving grain. Fat cattle grazed in the rich meadows. Fine farm buildings could be seen and everything bore testimony of beauty, growth, prosperity and peace.

The farmer then asked himself, "Why is this valley so fertile and mine so barren?" He soon saw the answer—along the far side of the ridge was a deep ditch which came from toward the mountain and which carried water to all the valley. The three men made their way to their own parched valley and were soon talking and planning. They could never be satisfied again until water from the far mountain could be brought to their valley.

Months passed, yes, years of hard work, but at last the farmer and his sons looked from the rocky ledge over green fields and fertile meadows. Prosperity, beauty and contentment had come in with the water from the distant mountain.

Many of us climb a bit to survey our lives, to humor our weaknesses, to praise our feeble efforts; then we drop back in our same old half-starved existence with which we are so satisfied.

Some are not contented; they climb to the very top to get a world perspective, to compare their lives with the best, to get the challenge and inspiration of knowledge, reason and faith. How they have been cheating themselves! Their own little valley is so barren and fruitless! To be sure to tap the great mountaintop spiritual resources of God (Jesus called them LIVING WATER) will require our own best effort, yes, all that's in us, but the Master declares, "It shall be in us a well of water springing up into everlasting life." Once we truly have a vision of the kingdom of God, we can never again be satisfied except with the "Abundant Life."

J. A. WHITMAN, Protestant Chaplain.

Red Cross Ramblings

FLICKER FANS

"Sky Full of Moon," a musical, features Carleton Carpenter and Jan Sterling. The other full-length Red Cross movie scheduled for the wards this coming week is a drama, "The Four Poster," starring Rex Harrison and Lili Palmer.

LOUNGE NOTES

Monday night, 16 March at 1900 hours, will feature a pinochle and chess tournament at the Red Cross Lounge. Competition is getting better with each tourney and even rooters and onlookers get caught up in the spirit of close play and good sportsmanship. Come, take a hand or root for your potential champs!

A WEARIN' OF THE GREEN

Startin' on Tuesday next, March 17, that lovely time of his honor Saint Patrick, will be observed at all points of the compass and in all sections of this greening compound. Beautiful tunes from the auld sod will echo from ward to ward; the talk will turn to clay pipes, jigs, wishing wells, sweepstakes, little people, and—legally—to snakes also. Next Saturday afternoon in the Red Cross Lounge the East Bay Telephone Girls will be on hand to lead the final fling for the luck of the Irish. So, is yours any better? Come and see.

BABY BOOTS

For that youngest member of your family who is in the age bracket of six months to a year, the Red Cross Craft Shop has an interesting and practical gift which you can make. A pair of white buckskin baby shoes is simple to make, attractive and practical. If you are a bed patient and would like to fashion this footwear for the small fry, contact the Red Cross worker on your ward for further information.

FROM "DOWN UNDER"

A picture of the Oak Knoll Stamp Club in Linn's Stamp Weekly some months ago has provoked interest as far reaching as Melbourne, Australia. In an interesting letter an assortment of stamps arrived here by air mail last week which indicates the widespread acquaintance we make

through our club's activities. This is a fascinating hobby, fellows, and an excellent way to "stamp out boredom"! Competent assistance and adequate materials are available. It's yours for the asking.

Another "Well Done"

March 4, 1953

Dear Captain Gordon:

I would like to express the sincere appreciation of myself and my parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Walker, for the courteous and considerate way they were treated by everyone at Oak Knoll Hospital in January. The girl who made the appointment with me for them didn't become impatient with me because of my lack of knowledge of proper procedure but was most helpful. We never had long waits for appointments and the nurse in the out-patient department was very nice.

The doctors who examined both my mother and father made them feel that it was no trouble at all. In the X-Ray department, everyone was considerate. My opinion of Navy Hospitals and Navy personnel certainly is at a new high since being with my parents at Oak Knoll. I am sure my brother, LT Don Walker, whose dependents they are, feels the same as I do.

If possible, please convey my appreciation to the personnel in the out-patient department for being thoughtful, as well as doing a good job.

Most sincerely,
 Rosa Gerow,
 San Jose, California.

The two photographs taken as the REPOSE arrived from Korea were taken by Joe Rosenthal, Chronicle photographer, who took the famous picture of the flag raising at Iwo Jima.

Divine Services

Hospital Chapel at Main Gate

PROTESTANT

BIBLE SCHOOL—SUNDAY 0945
 SUNDAY WORSHIP—1030
 Organ Music from Chapel Tower—1900
 Evangelistic Message, Fellowship Hour
 CHOIR REHEARSAL—1930 Thursday
 HOLY COMMUNION—First Sunday morning each month.

L. D. S. SERVICE

SUNDAY — 0900 in Staff Conference Room, Administration Bldg., Annex.

CATHOLIC

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

CHAPLAIN'S OFFICES IN
 CHAPEL AND 67A

NAVY RELIEF OFFICE—
 IN CHAPEL

BUS TO AND FROM CHAPEL ON
 SUNDAYS 0845 and 1015

Spirits High As Fighting Men Return From Korea

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Another fellow, seriously wounded, urged his Mom to send him some of her cinnamon rolls as soon as possible. A Marine, unable to reach his parents, wanted to call his buddy at Camp LeJeune so that he could relay a message to them. The call was placed early Monday morning. After hours of waiting at the telecart, the patient gave up the vigil, and while he was momentarily missing from the ward the call came through. Late Monday night the patient's call was completed—just a few hours before his buddy left for Korea.

"Hold the Line"

The operator in one home town, obviously small, said, "Hold the line—his mother just walked by—I think I can catch her."

Western Union took up the job where the telephone company was unable to get the word through, and up until Tuesday noon the Red Cross had made it possible for 155 patients from the REPOSE to communicate with their families.



Typical of the smiles patients wore when they landed on home soil last Friday were those of HM3 James P. Kelley, PFC Harold Emerson, USMC, and PFC James Cody, USMC. Their nurse was LTJG Clare Leoni.

—Photo courtesy San Francisco Chronicle.

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Randje Nissen

Morale Boosters Coming Thursday

Thursday evening, 19 March, the Randje Nissen Morale Boosters; with a cast selected from television and radio, will present a two-hour stage show to the Oak Knoll patients and staff.

Miss Nissen, known as the "Yodeling Sweetheart," has been entertaining service men in the Bay Area for the past four years and has previously performed at the hospital with an A.W.V.S. group of professional entertainers.

The Morale Boosters' cast will include the Colorado state champion bull dogger, rope twirler, and bronco rider, Bill Mundell, who will do rope twirling and trick roping. Television dancers Barbara Wright and Gerri Prewitt will do tap and hula numbers, and Gladys Van Meter and Johnny Farrel will sing blues and popular songs.

Also lending variety to the program will be magician David Warren, Fred Cooper, dramatic reader, and fire eater Joe McGill. Lou Dreyer will offer still another act with his singing and banjo playing. The show will start at 1915.

More Free Smokes From The Edgeworth Folks

Holiday Pipe Tobacco and Domino cigarettes were again distributed to the wards and in the staff mess hall by Special Services this week. Smokers were treated with the regular size dominos rather than the king size previously given away. Altogether 800 cartons of cigarettes have been distributed at the hospital through the courtesy of the Edgeworth Tobacco company.

Grants Pass, Ore (AFPS)—George Weed, who survived 32 months of hide-and-seek on Jap-occupied Guam during WWII, was seriously injured recently when he fell from a tree. He was putting up a swing for his children.

SCUTTLEBUTT

PEOPLE, PLACES & THINGS:

LTJG Harry S. Ogden, MC, USNR, got out the old needle and thread and sewed another half stripe on his sleeve this week . . . CAPT Silvis was the speaker for the Alameda Rotary Club Tuesday noon . . . Gloy Henich, long a mainstay of the Finance Office, is en route to Utah to make her home, and rumor has it that the stork is flying in the same direction. Gloy's husband expects to go into business in their home state . . . The VA Hospital in Memphis, Tenn., is located at the corner of Park Avenue and Getwell Street . . . T/SGT Carl S. McPherson of 42A, a hero in Korea, was a hero at Berkeley High last Friday. With a talk designed to help the Red Cross blood procurement program, he held 2,000 teen-agers spellbound and has been asked to do the same at Albany High next Wednesday . . . Friends in the CO's Mailroom reluctantly drank a cup of coffee to Manuel Vilchez Wednesday. Now he's on leave, bracing himself for Camp Pendleton and the FMF . . . A family affair that developed at Oak Knoll is that of Slim Sklinchar of the Staff Personnel Office. Way back in May, 1947, he reported for duty here, and exactly a year later married Elsie Ahti, HMI, who was serving as secretary to the CO (then CAPT A. H. Dearing—now RADM A. H. Dearing, DMO). There are two little Sklinchars, neither of them slim, he says . . . Cakes of all sizes and flavors marked the birthdays of Mary Wiley, Joanne Mills, and Shirley Bricker of Civil Readjustment this week. Which birthdays, they didn't say, but we have it on good authority that their ages total 77 . . . When Al Spensley leaves for MSTs duty, he'll be missed, and most of all by Oak Knoll's younger generation. He taught the kids to swim . . . Bill Melvin entertained members of the Civilian Personnel office staff and their spouses at a baby showing Monday night. Susan Gail is now six (weeks) . . . Good news for ladies who swim are two new electric hair dryers at the pool dressing room.

LIFE BEGINS: CWOHC William Kuziara hasn't been doing chest expansion exercises. He's just feeling pleased about Helen, his third little girl, who arrived Monday morning. Others happy to see the 8 lb. 10 oz. baby were her mother, Helen Marie, her sisters, Marie and Anne, aged 6 and 2, and her brother Billy, 5 . . . Speaking of babies, Ted Garrett's wife, Georgia, was like "the boy who cried, 'Wolf'." She checked in at the maternity section so many times that when Dennis Paul finally arrived on 25 February, THE OAK LEAF paid no attention. Our apologies to Dennis and his mom and dad . . . Another staff newcomer is Lawrence Lee Carter, 6 lb. 9 oz. son born 3 March to William Boyd Carter, HM3, of Lab School; and his wife, Elizabeth Ann.

OAKNOLLUMNI: After 19 months as Exec at USNH, Philadelphia, CAPT H. G. Young has been ordered to USNH, Corpus Christi, Tex., to serve as CO. He was Chief of the Surgical Service here from 1945 to 1949.

Grafton, N.D. (AFPS)—A woman shopper complained that while she was trying on a dress in a department store, an enterprising salesclerk sold the dress she had been wearing when she entered the store.



RADM H. P. Riebe, DC, USN, District Dental Officer, spent Tuesday inspecting dental facilities at Oak Knoll. At noon he and Captain Gordon joined CAPT W. N. Van Zile, Chief of the Dental Service, and members of his staff at luncheon at the Commissioned Officers' Mess.

Welcome and Farewell

Oak Knoll received 17 men during the past week while only three were dispatched to new duty stations or discharged.

Reporting aboard were Douglas N. Jenks, MC, USNR, from the Commander Destroyer Division 132, and LTJG Glenn E. Lembert, MC, USNR, from inactive duty.

The following HA's reported to the hospital from HCS Great Lakes: J. F. McCann, L. J. Ruedinger, J. V. Green, J. R. Vine, R. M. Manchester,

D. J. Larsen, S. C. Cline, E. E. Huhn, R. D. Bradley, D. D. Bramscheiber, J. R. Wildey, R. L. Mills, K. K. Pratt, C. H. Hubbs, and R. H. Neumann. W. H. Garner, HN, arrived from HCS in San Diego.

Discharged to civilian life was LT Louis M. Ellis, DC, USN.

A. B. Spensley, HM3, received orders to OinC MSTs San Francisco, and E. Foster, HM3 was ordered to the USS PIEDMONT AD 17.

Staff Personalities



Just one year ago today Georgia Schwales, HN, of Decatur, Georgia, gave up her job with the Southern Bell Telephone Company to enlist in the Navy. Georgia, who works at the admission desk in O.P.D., arrived at Oak Knoll in October of last year following Hospital Corps School at Great Lakes and boot training at Bainbridge. Swimming and bowling

are two of her favorite hobbies, although she admits she hasn't spent much time at the hospital bowling alleys or swimming pool as yet. A graduate of Tubman High School in Augusta, she plans to return to civilian life at the end of her present enlistment. Georgia has applied for Physical Therapy School and is looking forward to the next class.

One of the men responsible for the hospital stage shows, dinner parties, and movies is Pat Gillett, HM2, of Special Services. Pat was working as an assistant manager of the Safeway Company in Santa Cruz when he was called back in August of 1950.

Following a year's duty at T.I., he came to Oak Knoll in April of 1951 and has divided his time between surgery and Special Services. His hobbies are fishing, swimming, and photography. He holds a senior life guard

certificate and on week ends may be found standing his duty at the swimming pool. Pat recently became the father of a third little Irishman, Danny, who was born on 18 January. His two other boys are Jimmie, aged five, and four-year-old Mike.



Swim Champ in Exhibition Here

Just about every well-known aquatic star and coach in the Bay Area was represented at the Oak Knoll swimming pool Tuesday evening, as hospital swimming and diving fans saw an exhibition of synchronized swimming by June Taylor, three times National AAU champion. June was under the supervision of Billie McKellar, dean of synchronized swimming, who explained her protege's graceful maneuvers in the water. A Canadian by birth, Miss McKellar coached June and her sister to four Canadian titles.

Also present were Mrs. Norma Olsen, National AAU Chairman of synchronized swimming, and mother of Zoe Ann Olsen, former diving champion. Three of Mrs. Olsen's Athens Club synchronized champions were also present in the persons of Lynn, Joan, and Dawn Possum.

Charlie Sava, coach of the Crystal Club team which was twice winner of the National Women's swimming championship, was in attendance with two of his star pupils, Ann Curtis Cuneo, and Joan Mallory. Al White, former Olympic diving champion, listed as one of America's greats in that sport, was on hand to explain techniques in diving. Mr. White is the inventor of one of the most difficult of all dives, the "running-full-twisting-forward one - and - one - half somersault."

Exhibitions and instructions at the Oak Knoll pool are arranged through the efforts of Dale Roe, Oakland Chapter Water Safety Instructor, who is giving the WSI course to senior life guards in the Oakland area.

Patients Invited To Oaks-Seals Ball Game

The Alameda County Employees Association has extended an invitation to 40 Oak Knoll patients to be their guests at the baseball game between the Oakland Acorns and the San Francisco Seals Tuesday evening, 31 March. All patients interested should sign up immediately at Special Services.



Pictured above is part of the Oak Knoll baseball squad during their first week of practice. Exhibition games are scheduled to begin this week. Kneeling in the foreground is Coach Vic Franszczak.

Outlook for Knoll Nine Bright As Season's First Practice Games Near

Oak Knoll's second week of baseball practice found the squad rounding into shape for the coming 12ND baseball league, despite rain and cold weather. Catching the eye of Coach Vic Franszczak in early sessions and intra-squad games were pitcher Dick Wood, outfielders Vic Irving, Julius Pachy, and Clarence Spence, and infielders Bill Tata and Tom Weber.

Lack of an experienced first baseman and a strong-armed catcher seem to be the main worries of Coach Franszczak. Backstoppers S. Nussener-

blatt and Tony Swiencicki appear to be fine receivers, but neither has yet developed the strong and accurate throwing arm needed by a top-flight ball club. Working around the initial sack are Bill Strickland and Don Spainhower, both improving fast despite having had little or no experience at that position.

Weather permitting, practice games will be scheduled for the coming week.

Lab Keglers Tighten Grip on First Place

The Lab One keglers continued to make a one-team race of the intra-hospital bowling league during the past week as they widened their lead to four games over their closest rivals. Special Services remained in second place, while third spot was taken over by the Finance bowlers.

Last week's competition found both the high game and high series marks shattered as the hospital pin busters really found their eye. Bill Carter, of Lab One, turned in the season's best single game mark when he registered a 216 game.

McFadden of the Civilians put together three games averaging 187 for a 561 series, another high for the league. The pace setters Alaric Jackson and Larry Hooser of Physio carded series of 531 and 524 respectively.

Individual averages of the top ten bowlers:

Name—Team	Avg.
Carter, Lab One	160
Hooser, Physio	158
Jackson, Lab One	156
Irving, Sp. Ser.	155
Kallemeyn, Sp. Ser.	153
Fowler, Civilians	152
McAnany, Chiefs I	151
Russum, Lab Two	151
Younger, Physio	150
McFadden, Civilians	149
Garcia, Civilians	149

New Orleans, La. (AFPS) — Mrs. Robert L. James, after hearing that her husband had confessed to having six wives in six different cities, commented: "I always had a feeling he was hiding something from me."

PREVIEWS

Sunday, 15 March
THE LADY WANTS MINK — Dennis O'Keefe, Ruth Hussey. COMEDY. Rating: Good. When William Demarest gives his wife, Eve Arden, a \$7,000 mink coat it makes Dennis O'Keefe's \$79,500 camel's hair coat gift to his wife look anemic. Ruth Hussey, O'Keefe's wife, has always had a passion for a mink coat; so she decides to raise her own. Breeding minks also breeds trouble with O'Keefe's landlord and boss, forcing him to move into the country, where everything finally works out for the best.

Monday, 16 March
ONE BIG AFFAIR — Dennis O'Keefe, Evelyn Keyes. No review of this movie in our files.

Tuesday, 17 March
CALL ME MADAM — Ethel Merman, Donald O'Connor. MUSICAL COMEDY. Rating: Very good. Ethel Merman returns to the screen after an absence of many years to recreate the role she made famous in the Broadway stage play of the same name.

Wednesday, 18 March
OLD OVERLAND TRAIL — Rex Allen. WESTERN. Rex Allen fans will not be disappointed with the latest of his productions, as it moves along smoothly and furnishes the usual amount of action. For the most part it's the Indians who feel the fury of his wrath.

Thursday, 19 March
MOVIE CANCELLED—STAGE SHOW.

Friday, 20 March
DOWN AMONG THE SHELTERING PALMS — William Lundigan, Mitzi Gaynor, Jane Greer. Lundigan, the military governor of a lush South Pacific isle, has the painful duty of seeing that none of his men fraternize with the beautiful native girls. His duties are complicated when a native chief presents him with Mitzi Gaynor, a native girl, as his handmaiden. Lundigan likes Jane Greer, the missionary's daughter, but things really get fouled up when Gloria De Haven, a newspaper correspondent, arrives and falls for him too.

Saturday, 21 March
DR. PEEK A BOO — Bourvil, Joan Greenwood. This movie has an English cast, but there is no further information available on it.

Golfers Fire Qualifying Rounds This Week; Entry Deadline Wednesday

A meeting of the Hospital Golf Tournament Planning Committee was held on 4 March, when the following plans were formulated and approved.

(a) The tournament is open to any member of the military services attached to the U. S. Naval Hospital.

(b) There will be three flights—namely, a Championship Flight; a Men's Handicap Flight; and a Women's Handicap Flight. A qualifying round will be held to determine which flight a participant will play. Play in the flights will be at match play.

(c) **Championship Flight.** The four players shooting the lowest scores will qualify for the Championship Flight. This flight is open to Men and Women and will be played at scratch.

(d) **Men's Handicap Flight.** All Male players not qualifying in the Championship Flight will be placed in the Men's Handicap Flight. Play will be at match Handicap, thus giving every player an opportunity.

(e) **Women's Handicap Flight.** All Female players not qualifying for the Championship Flight will be placed in Women's Handicap Flight. Play will be match at handicap.

(f) The Tournament will be played at the Lake Chabot Golf Course. U. S. Golf Association Rules will apply except as modified by the local rules of the Lake Chabot Golf Course.

(g) Entries are to be made at the Special Services Office on or before 17 March. In order to establish fair handicaps, each participant will be required to submit two recent scores. Handicaps will be based upon these two scores, plus the qualifying score.

(h) The qualifying round may be played any time on 17, 18, or 19 March. Play will be in threesomes or foursomes. Score cards will be attested by the players, and turned into the Special Services Office. All putts are to be sunk in the qualifying round.

(i) The drawing for the match positions will be on 20 March. Match play will then be started. One week will be allowed for each match. The players will be responsible to arrange for their own matches.

(j) Trophies will be awarded to winners and runners-up of each flight.

Sign-up for Net Team To Begin This Week

Tryouts for the Oak Knoll tennis team will begin next week on the hospital courts. Any staff members wishing to try out for the sport should sign up at Special Services as soon as possible. The 12ND Tennis Tournament will be held this year at Oak Knoll on 29, 30 April and 1 May, and practice matches against other service net men will be arranged before these dates. The 12ND tennis league will begin on 13 May.

An annoyed guest phoned the hotel desk and asked for the clerk. "Are you the dumbfounded clerk of this dilapidated joint?" he asked. "Yes I am," the clerk answered. "What's eating you?" "That," said the guest coldly, "is what I'd like to know."

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UNITED STATES NAVAL HOSPITAL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA

Saturday, 21 March, 1953

EST, Lab Schools Graduate 28 In Ceremonies Here

Graduation ceremonies were held recently for students from the Environmental Sanitation School and the Laboratory School.

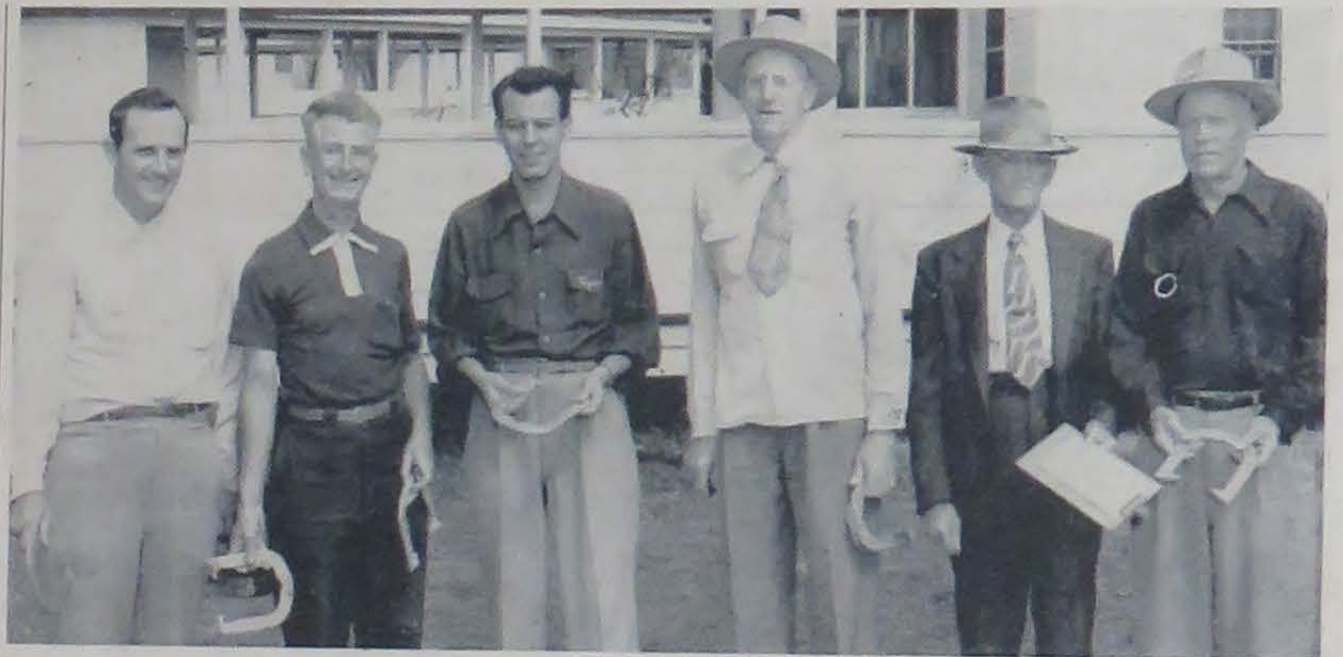
CAPT Robert W. Babione, MC, USN, Chief of the Preventive Medicine Section for the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery for the past four years, was the guest speaker at the EST ceremony. CAPT Babione is temporarily a patient here, en route to duty at Pearl Harbor. The Commanding Officer presented the certificates of graduation to the class of 17 students on Friday, 13 March.

New Environmental Sanitation Technicians who were graduated from the ninth class to complete the five-month course here at Oak Knoll were HMC's V. A. Devoss, D. P. Kil-

dahl (Honor Student, with a final average of 95.6), J. E. Merrill, M. B. O'Bryant, E. D. Potter, A. L. Steenken, W. W. Thompson, and M. O. Wertley; HMI's W. G. Mayes, J. E. Moffett, and E. G. Pelfrey, Jr.; and HM2's V. R. Albonetti, D. G. Becker, J. R. Dean, F. J. Perry, and R. P. Scarson.

CAPT Gordon addressed the graduating Laboratory Technicians and presented their certificates on Thursday, 19 March.

The 11 students who were graduated from the year-long course were HMI W. E. Potts (Honor Man, with an average of 93.43), HM2 C. E. Evatt, HM3's R. Clark, L. G. Horton, R. E. Prusso, R. Brown, J. N. Erdahl, R. G. Durkee, W. B. Carter, and L. A. Warner, and HN E. R. Sevilla.



Meet the Experts: They are Johnnie Chaine, B. Davis, Czar Marceovich, president of the Oakland Horseshoe Club; A. Berge, H. Almore, and Harry Nielson.



Czar Marceovich shows interested onlookers how it is done. Recognizable in the group are CAPT Julian Love and his three young sons, and LCDR M. P. Huber.

Bay Champions Pitch Horseshoes At Special Hospital Demonstration

Six of the best horseshoe pitchers in the East Bay area tossed ringers right and left when they put on a demonstration here Sunday afternoon at a pit set up between Wards 41B and 42A.

Czar Marceovich, president of the Oakland Horseshoe Club and horseshoe champion of Alameda County, was responsible for bringing the group to Oak Knoll. Other members of the club who came out for the show were H. Almore, who at 78 claims the distinction of being the oldest member of the club and is still pitching one ringer out of every two throws; Johnnie Chaine, A. Berge, B. Davis, and Harry Nielson.

The club, organized 28 years ago, is noted for a variety of stunts they were unable to demonstrate here because of lack of proper facilities. They toss ringers "blindfolded," which means that the stake is concealed under a blanket. One member rests his chin on the stake while another member pitches a ringer; and probably the most spectacular trick of all is lighting a match attached to the stake at one throw and putting out the flame with the next.

Would-be horseshoe pitchers are wiser and Special Services is four

sets of horseshoes richer as a result of the experts' visit. Patients and staff may check out this new equipment whenever they wish.

Hospital Ship Marks 1,000th Landing

When LT S. A. Denyer, USMC, touched down his helicopter bearing wounded from the front, he set a record for the USS REPOSE.

His landing was number one thousand in the REPOSE'S term of service stretching from 24 June 1952. More than a thousand patients have been flown to the hospital ship since that date.

Critically wounded can be lifted from the frontlines to the ship's surgery in as little as 28 minutes. (AFPS)

CAPT Gordon to Speak To Federal Employees

Captain Gordon will speak to members of Local 496, National Federation of Federal Employees, when the organization meets here next Friday night.

The meeting is scheduled for 2000 in Mess Hall No. 4, and all civilian workers are cordially invited to attend.

Five Officers' Wives Earn Navy Relief Pins

Five Oak Knoll officers' wives were among those honored Wednesday noon at a Navy Relief luncheon held at Naval Air Station, Alameda. CAPT Raymond R. Waller, CO at the air station and President of the East San Francisco Bay Auxiliary Navy Relief Society, was host at the luncheon.

Fourteen hard-working ladies, each of whom has contributed 100 or more hours to Navy Relief—in the thrift shop at Alameda, in chaplains' offices at their respective stations, or in sewing for Navy children—received pins in recognition of their service.

CAPT Gordon presented the awards to members of the group, including Mrs. Gordon, Mrs. Julian Love, Mrs. Francis H. Holmes, Mrs. Thomas J. Canty, and Mrs. Wilbur N. Van Zile, Captain and Mrs. Waller each spoke briefly, expressing their thanks for the service the officers' wives have consistently given to Navy Relief.

Oak Knoll's project, under the direction of Mrs. Love, is the sewing of ruyettes for Navy babies.

Abandon Ship' Theme At O Club Dance

Tonight's the night for all officers and their wives to "Abandon Ship." That's the theme of the party and dance to be held at the Officers' Club this evening, 21 March.

Fun and prizes will keynote the evening, and there will be dancing, the music of Burt Whiting's Orchestra, from 2100 until 0100.

CO Commends Two Knollites

Commendations were awarded to two staff members by the Commanding Officer last week, as they left for new duty stations.

Lawrence H. Bowser, HMC, was cited for his work as chief in charge of the Material Section of the Finance Division since December 1951. His commendation letter read, in part, "Your initiative, judgment, and thorough understanding of your duties aided in distributing an even flow of medical supplies to the wards and departments. Your willingness to assume your officer-like responsibilities and work with your men after normal working hours, is indeed a fine example of devotion to duty." Chief Bowser has been transferred to Patrol Squadron 50, NAS, Alameda.

Alan B. Spensley, HM3, was awarded a letter of commendation which read as follows: "While serving at this hospital and being assigned to the Special Services Department . . . you have performed your duties as Senior Life Guard at the swimming pool in a highly creditable manner.

"You are to be commended especially for the high quality of skill and devotion to work which you have displayed in conducting the dependent children's swimming classes and instructing staff personnel in swimming, life saving, and Holger-Neilson artificial respiration."

Spensley has received his orders to MSTS, San Francisco.

The Oak Leaf

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† † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

Many of us, no doubt, have been called into court on business of one sort or other—or at least we've sat in the jury box or down front among the spectators watching and listening to progress of events between the plaintiff and the defendant. One of the many things that catch our eye is the way in which the oath is administered.

The witness puts his left hand on a book, and raises his right hand while the bailiff asks, "Do you solemnly swear to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God?"

Now the witness doesn't have his left hand resting on a telephone directory or a copy of "Gone With the Wind." He's got his hand laid on the Bible. That's the only book that'll do. And why? Because for practically 2,000 years it's been revered as the word of God, divinely inspired, and every word of it is God's truth.

That's been going on, as we said, for hundreds and hundreds of years.

It's too bad, in fact it's very sad, but we must say that during the past few decades a number of people have come to regard the Bible as something—well they don't exactly say it's made up of Whole Cloth, but when we speak of God's word they smile a little and shrug their shoulders: "Is it history?" they ask, "or isn't it rather a kind of collection of beautiful stories and sublime teachings gathered together for the moral inspiration of the masses throughout the ages?"

No, my friends, this book is different—this is the word of God and we will always be able to tell the truth or "Swear By It."

E. J. FORD, Catholic Chaplain.

Welcome and Farewell

Twenty new staff members reported aboard for duty during the past week, while only seven were detached:

Reporting for duty were: LT Frank P. Hammon, MC, USN, from Com12; LTJG Erich Y. Hakanson, MC, USNR, from inactive duty; R. F. Lucas, HMC, from USS MARSH (DE 699); E. L. Fox, HM1, from RecSta, Treasure Island, San Francisco; HN R. L. Kordalzy, and HA's F. Schmitt, R. E. Miller, and J. H. Beynon, from HCS, Great Lakes, Ill.; and HA's G. C. Darelus, T. H. Dewolfe, L. J. Gonzales, L. N. Janes, Jr., W. R. Naylor, M. F. Parker, C. W. Pypier, T. H. Ross, V. G. Rufi, L. D. Rush, R. F. Travelstead, and E. L. Hamilton, from HCS, San Diego, Calif.

The following persons were detached to other duty stations: LTJG Helen M. English, NC, USN, to NAS, Whidbey Island; CWOHC Clarence A. Murphy, USN, to USNH, Yokosuka, Japan; R. E. Power, Jr., HMC, to USS REPOSE; J. W. Dickerson, Jr., HMC, to USS COMETENT (AM-316); L. H. Bowser, HMC, to USNAS, Alameda, Calif.; A. R. Nickel, HM3, to USNAS, Whidbey Island; and C. A. Blythe, HM3, to USNSC, Oakland.

There are three things a woman can make out of nothing—a hat, a salad and a quarrel.

Red Cross Ramblings

CINEMA CIRCUIT

James Mason and Robert Preston star in "Face to Face," a drama. Featured in the western, "The Lawless Breed" are Rock Hudson and Julia Adams. Both features on the ward circuit are full length movies.

HOW'S TRICKS?

Spades, hearts, diamonds, clubs. What is your choice, and how much do you bid? If you have wanted to learn to play bridge here is your opportunity.

Every Tuesday afternoon at 1400 hours in the Red Cross Lounge Mrs. Edith Vandevor, Red Cross Gray Lady from Berkeley Chapter, gives bridge lessons. There you will learn such things as the fine techniques of honor count, doubling, finessing and how not to trump your partner's ace! This may sound involved, but it's all quite easy, and is loads of fun. Don't let this chance pass by; be sure not to miss a trick next bridge lesson time.

OUI OUI! JAWOHL!

Both French and German lessons are available each week through Oakland Chapter Red Cross, with Mrs. Alice Lingert serving as instructor. Mrs. Lingert has devoted considerable time in the grassroots approach to languages and is highly qualified for this service. She recently returned from a year's visit to the continent, and has made many trips in the past, usually staying several months teaching French and German speaking residents the English language. Anyone wishing private instruction should contact a Red Cross worker. Language records are also available. This is an opportunity that you should not miss.

OAK KNOLL TALENT TRAVELS

Again Oak Knoll talent has scored a hit! Many Thursday night dance fans at the Red Cross Lounge enjoyed the intermission show tremendously. Announcer PFC LUCKY O'DONNELL of 43A "Broadcast" over Network A.R.C., Station U.S.N.H. and even if the broadcast couldn't be heard out-

"Objector" Corpsman Wins Five Decorations For Aid to Wounded

Alvin L. Joyner, 23, is a conscientious objector to bearing firearms.

To date on the battlefields of Korea he has received three Purple Heart Medals, the Silver Star Medal, and the Bronze Star Medal. Joyner is an HM3 who has served with the First Marine Division since last June.

Last July 28, he accompanied a 13-man patrol in blazing action on Bunker Hill. Eleven of the Marines were wounded. So was Joyner. He treated them all, and won the Silver Star Medal.

He was wounded again on 17 Aug. and 27 Aug., and on 30 Aug. won the Bronze Star Medal for attending Marine casualties under an enemy mortar barrage after he was wounded.

Joyner now is an X-ray technician with Able Company, First Medical Battalion. He hopes to follow this vocation when his four-year enlistment expires. (AFPS)

side the Lounge, O'Donnell's rendition of the commercials on Wolf cigarettes and Slurp cereals was clever and entertaining. PFC HARRY SAMS of 49A sang "Body and Soul" and "I May Be Wrong" to an enthusiastic audience. While Sams was singing the last chorus of that song, PFC JIM YOUNG of 76B did a tap dance routine and also presented a unique pantomime of the singer Johnny Ray!

And now, orchids to our talent at Oak Knoll, for O'DONNELL, SAMS and YOUNG traveled to the Embarcadero where they had been asked to entertain for the Saturday night dance. They were received enthusiastically. If you would like to join in presenting your talent or help plan what you would like to have for the Thursday night dances, come on down to the Red Cross Lounge any Tuesday afternoon at 1600 hours and give your suggestions. Everyone is invited.

Jewish Passover Services Planned

The Jewish Festival of Passover this year begins at sundown, Monday, 30 March, and ends at sundown Tuesday, 7 April. The days of 31 March and 1 April, and 6 and 7 April are observed with special services in the Synagogue and in the home.

Jewish personnel will be given passes for seventy-two hours informal leave for the purpose of participating in the observance of each day at home, if it is feasible and practicable.

If training regulations preclude the granting of passes for 72 hours, it has been requested that sufficient time be given Jewish personnel to attend Passover Seder services held in Jewish communities adjacent to the military installations.

For those men who desire to go to San Francisco and Oakland, an extensive program of Passover Seder services, as well as home hospitality, has been especially planned for the military.

For the first night a Seder will be held in San Francisco at the Jewish Community Center on Monday night, 30 March, at 1830.

A second night Seder has been planned by the East Bay Armed Forces Committee which will take place at the Oakland Jewish Community Center, Tuesday, 31 March, at 1830.

The services and Festival and both Seders will be under the direction of Rabbi William Z. Dalin, National Jewish Welfare Board Area Chaplain for the Sixth Army.

The Northern California Passover Plans are a part of the world-wide "Operation Passover" conducted by the National Jewish Welfare Board throughout the world for over 150,000 military personnel of the Jewish faith.

All personnel of the Armed Forces and their dependents are cordially invited to attend.

For reservations please write or call the National Jewish Welfare Board, 1005 Market Street, San Francisco; telephone UNderhill 3-0620.

Divine Services

Hospital Chapel at Main Gate

PROTESTANT

BIBLE SCHOOL—SUNDAY 0945
 SUNDAY WORSHIP—1030
 Organ Music from Chapel Tower—1900
 Time for Private Devotions in the Chapel
 CHOIR REHEARSAL—1930 Thursday
 HOLY COMMUNION—First Sunday morning each month.

L. D. S. SERVICE

SUNDAY — 0900 in Staff Conference Room, Administration Bldg., Annex.

CATHOLIC

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

CHAPLAIN'S OFFICES IN
 CHAPEL AND 67A

NAVY RELIEF OFFICE—
 IN CHAPEL

BUS TO AND FROM CHAPEL ON
 SUNDAYS 0845 and 1015

Saturday, 21 March, 1953



"Here comes the bride"—formerly Shirley Anne Rowe, and her groom—LT Thomas D. Stephenson, DC, USN, of the Dental Service.

Oak Knoll Dentist Wed In Chapel

LT Thomas D. Stephenson, DC, USN, and Shirley Anne Rowe, of Westwood, Calif., were married last Sunday afternoon in hospital Chapel ceremonies performed by LCDR Lawrence Vosseler, Protestant Chaplain.

Mrs. Margaret Joannes of San Francisco was the bride's Matron of Honor, and Howley D. Smith, of Menlo Park, was the groom's best man.

The wedding was attended by the mother of the bride, Mrs. Harold H. Patterson, of Westwood, and Dr. and Mrs. L. V. Stephenson, of Evanston, Ill., the parents of the groom. The wedding party and guests from Oak Knoll and friends of both families attended a reception at the Officers' Club following the ceremony.

The new Mrs. Stephenson is a graduate of Scripps College. LT Stephenson studied at Northwestern University, and took his D.D.S. degree at the University of Michigan. He has been at Oak Knoll since November 1952.

REDUCED FARES PRIVILEGES ABUSED

Department of Army officials expressed great concern recently over the fact that reduction in fares for men and women in uniform may have to be discontinued.

Army officials cited violations of the regulations and conditions governing sale of reduced fare tickets as causing the concern.

One of the glaring violations, DA said, concerns the number of military personnel traveling on reduced fare tickets while in civilian clothes. Regulations prohibit this.

Commanding Officers have been ordered to give full publicity to the above and direct attention of their personnel to the importance of complying with these regs and conditions.

Meanwhile, DA announces that the reduced fares, or furlough rates as they are more commonly known, will be continued until 31 July 1953, when the present authority expires. —(AFPS).

SCUTTLEBUTT

NATURE NOTE: The avenue of trees in full blue bloom across the road from 40A are *ceanothus arboreus*, but call them California wild lilac if you like, gardener Bernard Garcia suggests.

PEOPLE, PLACES & THINGS:

Prize for the most unglamorous accident of the week goes to Pathology's Doctor Langston. En route from the back door to the incinerator at his home he turned his ankle, broke it, now is wearing a walking cast . . . Can anyone beat Head Psychiatric Social Worker Joe Concannon's record for long-distance commuting? From home in the foothills east of San Jose to the hospital, it's exactly 46 miles each way . . . Shirley Bricker, HN, and Tom Mank, HM3, are planning an April wedding in the chapel, with Chaplain Ford officiating . . .

LTJG Thomas S. Strathairn can drop the JG now. He's been promoted . . . Medical Repairman W. E. McAnany is getting his sea-going gear in shape for a cruise aboard the USS REPOSE . . . The NP staff had a gay Tuesday evening at Pioneer Village to honor St. Patrick and Michael Napoli, who was 21 that day . . . Avis C. Campbell of the Main Gate is among the new Buick owners on the compound . . . Another Gate Guard, Milburn Williams, recently went to Rio Vista to sweep up the ashes—his 80-year-old ranch home went up in smoke . . . Ray Braine, Maintenance machinist, is hiding behind those dark glasses till his eye gets used to being without the piece of metal he had removed from it recently . . .

Helen Verdyen, NP Social Worker, is having fun while patients and staff try to recall where they have seen this blonde young lady before. Seems she was a brunette last week . . . Mr. Barnes is away on leave—in Santa Cruz Island Village . . . Already well-dressed Agnes Hocking was spending her money at I. Magnin's Monday night.

OAKNOLLUMNI: *Gordon Hinchberger, who used to preside at the counter at the OOD's desk (plus 30 pounds) dropped in Tuesday to tell friends about life on the sub-tender, USS NEREUS. His ex-WAVE wife Edwina, who used to hold colors with him, and their red-headed one-year-old, also named Gordon, live in San Diego. . . . Word from USNH Guam indicates Marge Cannell is a working girl again—in the personnel office not far from the office of HMC Ed Cannell, Chief MAA for the hospital.*

A policeman, about to tag an illegally parked car, paused to examine a small white card stuck behind the windshield wiper. It read: "This vehicle is the property of the Federal Government. Traffic tickets must be prepared in five copies."

Patient: "Doc, if there's anything wrong with me, say it plain so I can understand it."
Doctor: "Very well. You're lazy."
Patient: "Gee, thanks, Doc. Now give me the scientific name for it. I've got to report it to my wife."

A busy doctor says he found much time can be saved by a notice prominently displayed in the waiting room: "Please have your Symptoms ready."



The Oakland Navy Mother's Club, Chapter 13, presented 12 Arvin radios to patients here at the hospital last week. LT E. F. Hickey, MSC, USN, Special Services Officer, is pictured accepting the radios on behalf of the hospital, from Mrs. Grace Hoenisch, left, first vice-commander, acting for Commander Louella Weiss, and from Mrs. Irene Chaquette, right, welfare chairman.

★ ★ ★ BOOK NOOK ★ ★ ★

Best-selling books are popular at this hospital, just as they are with the rest of the country, and the Library, Building 39, has most of them. If the book is out when called for, it may be reserved without charge. Following is a list of the books currently most in demand.

Fiction

THE SILVER CHALICE, by Thomas Costain.

Adventures connected by legend with the frame for the cup used at the last supper of Christ.

EAST OF EDEN, by John Steinbeck.

An earthy story of the lives of two American families in the Salinas valley of California.

DESIREE, by Annemarie Selinko.

A historical novel of Napoleonic days.

STEAMBOAT GOTHIC, by Frances Parkinson Keyes.

A novel of the Mississippi river country, with its gamblers and aristocrats.

GIANT, by Edna Ferber.

A portrayal of life on an enormous Texas ranch.

THE SOJOURNER, by Marjorie Kinman Rawlings.

Sixty years in the life of a New York farmer, who gradually came to realize how warped his mother's personality was.

THE CAINE MUTINY, by Herman Wouk.

The story of a ship, showing the Navy at its worst and best.

THE VELVET DOUBLET, by James Street.

The adventures of a sailor on Christopher Columbus's ship.

EXECUTIVE SUITE, by Cameron Hawley.

An inside glimpse at the workings of big business.

THE GALILEANS, by Frank Slaughter.

A story based on the biblical story of Mary Magdalene.

THE OLD MAN AND THE SEA, by Ernest Hemingway.

A short novel about an old fisherman.

THE WONDERFUL COUNTRY, by Tom Lea.

A story of Texas border country in the 1880's.

THE MAGIC LANTERN, by Robert Carson.

A fictional history of the moving picture business.

QUEEN'S GIFT, by Inglis Fletcher.

The post-Revolutionary period, in which the Bill of Rights and the writing of the Constitution were burning issues, was an exciting time in the village of Albemarle in Carolina.

RIOT AT GRAVESEND, by William Woods.

Wat Tyler was the leader of the tragic Peasant Revolt of 1381, the subject of this exciting and well-written book.

THE CLOCK STRIKES THIRTEEN, by Herbert Brean.

THE FREE AGENT, by Paul Murray.

JUNE, MOON, AND MURDER, by Charlotte Murray Russell.

THE SLEEP IS DEEP, by Hugh Lawrence Nelson.

SO RICH, SO LOVELY, AND SO DEAD, by Harold Q. Masur.

The Library hours are as follows: Monday through Friday: 0800-1630, 1800-2100.

Non-Fiction

ANNAPURNA, by Maurice Herzog.

An exciting story of mountain-climbing.

THIS I BELIEVE, edited by Edward R. Murrow.

The personal philosophies of one hundred men and women.

ALWAYS THE YOUNG STRANGERS, by Carl Sandburg.

The autobiography of the well known American poet.

TALLULAH, by Tallulah Bankhead.

The autobiography of the colorful actress.

A MAN CALLED PETER, by Catherine Marshall.

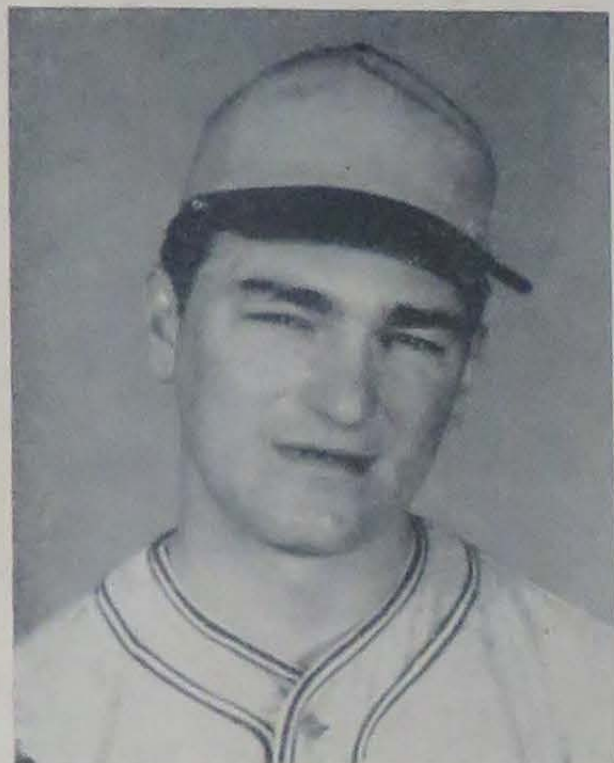
The biography of the young chaplain of the United States Senate.

THE SILENT WORLD, by J. Y. Cousteau and Frederic Dumas.

A true account of the thrills of deep-sea diving.

THE BIG CHANGE, by Frederick Lewis Allen.

A readable history of the last 50 years.



Taking over the job of coaching the Oak Knoll baseball team is SGT Vic Franszczak, USMC. A former professional horsehider, Vic played with the Austin, Texas, and Denver, Colorado, teams while under contract to the Boston Braves.

PO EXAMINATION DATES ANNOUNCED

The next examinations for advancement in rating of Navy personnel in pay grades E-4, E-5, and E-6 will be held in August, the Bureau of Naval Personnel has announced.

The following dates have been scheduled for the August exams: E-4, Aug. 11; E-5, Aug. 18; and E-6, Aug. 25.

Examinations will be held in February and August of each year. February tests will include those personnel being examined for pay grade E-7.

Operational tests, included in the examinations, are now called performance tests.

The Bureau also announced that the results of the recent February exams will be made known in the near future. Personnel promoted to chief petty officer will be rated effective 16 June. All other promotions will be made effective 16 May. —(AFPS).

'Men Are Fragile' Is Story's Claim

In the March issue of "Oakland's Health," published by the local Department of Public Health, are several interesting paragraphs calculated to make men feel fragile.

"Deaths among females from infectious and parasitic diseases," the paper states, "are only about two-thirds as frequent as among males; only two-thirds as frequent from diseases of the heart, circulatory system and the respiratory system; only a little more than one-third from violent accidental deaths. There are three times as many suicides among males, three times as many homicides, and more than twice as many accidental deaths."

"Even before birth the male seems to be a more delicate creature, for 15 percent more males die from congenital deformity. During the first year of life nearly 40 per cent more male children die. The only major diseases from which women die in substantially greater numbers are diabetes, and naturally, diseases of pregnancy and childbirth."

"Nature produces more males at birth (perhaps an indication she is well aware of their perilous sojourn on earth). The female of the species, however, demonstrates her great hardiness at once and as already stated, even during the first year of life, her survival rate is much higher. The higher death rate among the males brings the two sexes to about equal numbers at age twenty, and thereafter females are in the majority."

The article further states that "men are more successful materially and technically in practically every specific occupation, trade, business, art, and profession known to man—whether it be cooking or painting, medicine or landscaping. However, we cannot say that men are smarter as a group when women as a group end up with most of the fruit of their labors."

Oaks-Seals Game Cancelled

Word has been received that there will be no tickets available for the Oakland Acorns-San Francisco Seals game on 31 March, as was previously announced. Plans are being made for later dates.

Chuckles

Clerk: "Sorry, ma'am, but Mr. Gotcash has gone to lunch with his wife."
Mrs. Gotcash: "Well, just tell him his stenographer called."

Draft board doctor: Read that chart.
Draftee: What chart? I can't see any.

Doctor: That's right, son, there isn't any—you're in, son.

Golfer: "Notice any improvement since last year, son?"
Caddy: "Had your clubs shined up, haven't you, sir?"

Mechanic: "With a car like yours, my advice is to keep it moving." "If you ever stop the cops will think it's an accident."

CAMEL CIGARETTES HANDED OUT FREE

Patients and staff didn't have to walk a mile for a Camel this week... the Camel Company delivered 30,000 cigarettes to the hospital last Tuesday. The smokes were handed out on the wards and in the staff mess hall by Special Services on Wednesday.

Announcement of the gift to the hospital was made over various radio and TV programs recently, including "Walk A Mile," the "Bob Hawk Show," the "Camel Caravan," the "Camel News Caravan," and "Man Against Crime."

This was the second recent flood of cigarettes at Oak Knoll. Three weeks ago, the Holiday Pipe Tobacco and Domino Cigarette Company donated enough smokes to make the hospital rounds for two consecutive weeks.

60 Corpsmen Invited To Nurses' Hop

There is still time for corpsmen to sign up at Special Services to attend the informal dance to be held by the Highland Hospital School of Nursing on Friday, 27 March.

The Highland Student Body has invited 60 Oak Knoll corpsmen to gather at Nightingale Hall for the affair, which will last from 2030 to 2400.

There will be music, of course, and refreshments will be served. Transportation will be furnished by Special Services.

A drunk stepped into an open elevator shaft and fell three stories. He picked himself up, brushed off his clothes and indignantly shouted: "... "I said up!"



Sunday, 22 March
PLYMOUTH ADVENTURE — Spencer Tracy, Gene Tierney, Van Johnson. ADVENTURE. Rating: Excellent. A story of the voyage of the Mayflower and the first settlers crossing to the new world. Spencer Tracy is cast in the role of Captain Jones, an unpleasant and unsavory man whose only evident virtue is excellence in seamanship, but who undergoes a change of character in memory of the girl he loves who is drowned during the voyage.

Monday, 23 March
MONKEY BUSINESS—Cary Grant, Ginger Rogers, Marilyn Monroe. COMEDY. Rating: Excellent. Grant has never been better than in his part as the absent-minded professor in search of the fountain of youth. Ginger Rogers plays his long-suffering wife, and Marilyn Monroe is the secretary.

Tuesday, 24 March
NO TIME FOR FLOWERS—Paul Christian, Viveca Linfors. No information available on this movie in our files.

Wednesday, 25 March
SAN ANTO — Rod Cameron, Arlee Whelan. WESTERN. Rating: Good. A cattle drive, with accompanying hazards and obstacles until the mission is accomplished, is the exciting theme of "San Antone." Rod Cameron portrays a young Texas rancher, who is tracking down the murderer of his father.

Thursday, 26 March
MOVIE CANCELLED—STAGE SHOW. "24 HOURS IN PARIS" — A Variety Show in main auditorium. Curtain at 1936.

Friday, 27 March
TROUBLE ALONG THE WAY — John Wayne, Donna Reed. Nothing on this film due for release to the general public in April.

Saturday, 28 March
LURE OF THE WILDERNESS — Jean Peters, Jeffery Hunter. DRAMA. Rating: Fair. Jeffery Hunter goes in the Okfenokee Swamp looking for his dog, and disappears as the prisoner of Walter Brennan and his daughter, Jean Peters. Brennan is hiding out from a murder he didn't commit. Hunter is won over to his side and returns to civilization with skins to sell to raise money for a lawyer. Word gets to the real murderers what is happening and they go into the swamp to kill Brennan once and for all.

Staff Personalities

Pictured at right is Miss Barbara Farnsworth, who expresses keen satisfaction with her job as secretary on Wards 66A and B. Barbara has been at Oak Knoll for the past 13 months, all of which has been at the same job of handling summaries for patients' health records, typing medical survey reports and taking care of patients' discharge reports. Almost a native Californian (she moved from New Jersey at the age of one year), Miss Farnsworth is now residing in Lafayette. She attended Acalanes High School in that town, San Jose State College, and the Armstrong Business Education College in Berkeley. Outside pleasures for Barbara include cooking, reading, and driving her Studebaker.



Even though Lowell "Bud" Loveless, HM3, of the NP Department is fortunate enough to be able to go home on week ends, his home town of Marysville, California, has seen little of him during the past winter. Bud is a skier de luxe, and almost every free week end finds him "roughing it" at his Aunt's cabin on Donner Summit. While stationed at Mare Island he applied for NP school and upon completion of the course was assigned to the staff at Oak Knoll. At present, Loveless is senior corpsman on Wards 51A and B. Bud has finished one year of work at Yuba College and two years at College of Pacific; he hopes to complete his degree in dentistry upon his discharge from the service.



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Hospital Rescue Team Helps Clear Scene of Crash

Two Oak Knoll doctors and 25 corpsmen answered an emergency call last Friday when the hospital was called to assist in recovering the bodies of victims of a plane crash that took the lives of 30 Air Force men and a crew of five, including two stewardesses.

A crew from the hospital, led by LTJG's Thomas S. Straithairn, of Ward 76B, and Lawrence R. Irish, of Ward 75A & B, was summoned at 1910 Friday evening, by the Alameda County Sheriff's Office. Three ambulances with 11 men left at 1945 for the scene of the crash, to be followed later by more corpsmen. The last of the crew finally returned to the hospital at 0215.

Tries Instrument Approach

The crash occurred shortly after 0830, near Alvarado, south of Hayward. The plane had been circling in rain and fog, and was preparing for an instrument approach to the Oakland Airport, when it suddenly went into a steep bank and dropped to the ground and exploded. The cause of the disaster is unknown. It was a chartered DC-4 en route from Walker Air Force Base in New Mexico, to Guam.

The Oak Knoll crew helped with the task of removing bodies from the wreckage and surrounding area.

Corpsmen Praised

Dr. Straithairn praised the work of the corpsmen. He confirmed newspaper descriptions of the incident, referring to the rain and the muddy field where the hulk of the plane was found. In spite of the job they had to do, and the conditions in which they had to do it, "the men showed the spirit," Dr. Straithairn said.

The men who comprised the rescue group were: Herbert S. Marsh, IMC, HM3's Richard C. Farmer, Marlin F. Mack, Richard E. Neathery, HN's Charles W. Hamilton, Wil-

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Verner Naumann, Staff Worker, Dies

Members of the staff will miss their co-worker and friend, Verner O. Naumann, who died Friday afternoon following surgery at an Oakland hospital.

Mr. Naumann had worked as a joiner in the Maintenance Division of the hospital since 21 November, 1944. He was 48 years old and a native of Germany.

He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth, who lives at 6020 Leona Street, Oakland, by a daughter, Marie, and son, William.



The smiles belong to the workers in the Disbursing Office who were the first to be awarded a "Minute Man" plaque for their 100% participation in the Payroll Savings plan. A full-color plaque, signed by the Commanding Officer, will be given to each employee group that achieves the same record. Those pictured here are: (front row) Officer, will be given to each employee group that achieves the same record. Those pictured here are: (front row) Ethel Brusso, Jean Capri, Lillian Dubois, and Rachel Stephens; (back row) LTJG Norma Brown, SC, Head of the Disbursing Division, Suzanne Luttrell, Madeline Martin, Helen Simmons (Savings Bond Representative for the Disbursing Office), Pat Bannert, Eileen Ritter, Helen Pick, Margaret Kinsman, Lois Smith, and Irma McKenna. Others in the office who were not on hand when the picture was taken are Joe Jackson, Pat Stanley, and Grace Coleman.

Payroll Savers "Near the Top" With 61%

A newspaper story full of "facts and figures" isn't always a dull story. At least the story of how Oak Knoll's Payroll Savings participation has climbed from 44.3% in December to 61% in March isn't dull. Those figures represent a race to reach a mini-

mum 65% participation which will put Oak Knoll on the top of the heap among nation-wide Naval Hospitals. Only Philadelphia was ahead of this activity at the last count, with a 62.5 average.

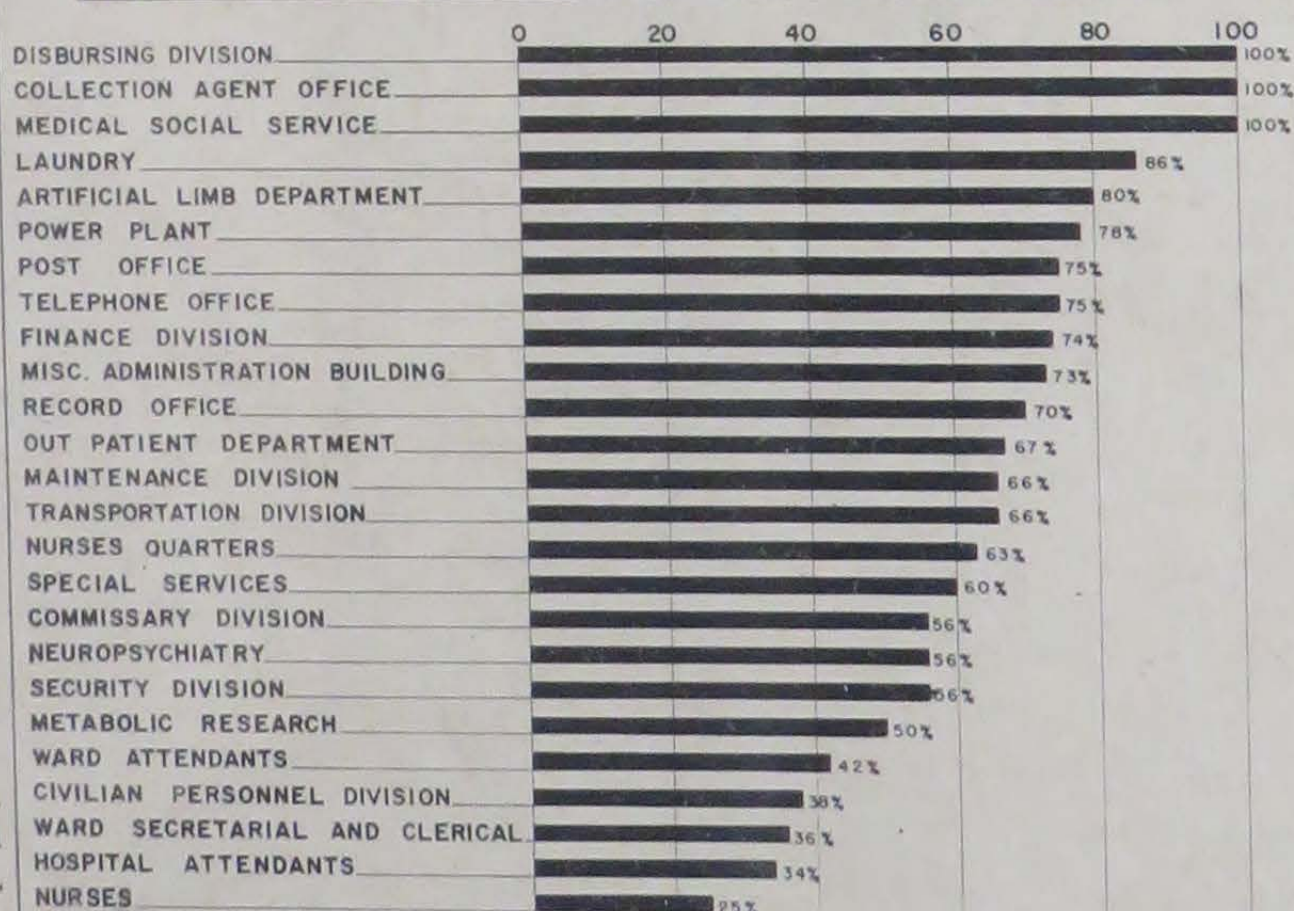
There are 907 persons on the ci-

vilian payroll at Oak Knoll—527 of them are signed up on the Payroll Savings plan now. The program needs only 68 more to reach the 65% goal asked for. LCDR A. Bowdle, MSC, USN, Head of the Finance Division, and his committee for Savings Bond promotion are working hard toward that goal. With the Bond Representatives appointed in each department signing up new Payroll Savers every day, the goal should be reached and surpassed before long.

Upon inquiry, it was discovered that three per annum employees on the staff are signed up for \$75 bonds: Charles Asbelle of the Artificial Limb Department, Ewald R. Meier, a fire-fighter, and Lois Vukman, of the Finance Division. Two per diem employees, Cecil C. Lee and Frances A. Mitchell, both of the Food Service Division, are taking out \$25 and \$50 respectively.

Those employees who have been participating in the Payroll Savings Plan for the longest period of time are as follows (per annum) since 1942: Lois E. Wilson, Elizabeth Tom, and Claire Martini; and since 1943, Hope Sink and Edna Bourdase. On the per diem scale, since 1942: Eva H. Premo, Edwin Buker, Bernard Garcia, William P. Gross, and Fred A. Robinson; since 1943, Essie Mullins, Arthur Kerby, Richard Sheldon, Lillie Seay, Martha McCarty, Earl Mountain, and Mary E. Brim.

EMPLOYEE PARTICIPATION—PAYROLL SAVINGS PLAN



This chart shows clearly the extent of civilian employee participation in the Payroll Savings Plan at Oak Knoll. Heading the list are the Disbursing Division, the Collection Agent Office, and the Medical Social Service, with 100% participation, contributing largely to the 61% combined per annum and per diem average among all groups.

The Oak Leaf

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† † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

Palm Sunday is acclaimed throughout Christendom as Christ's Triumphant March into the City of Jerusalem.

"And the crowds that went before him and that followed him shouted! Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed be he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest! And when he entered Jerusalem, all the City was stirred, saying, Who is this? And the crowds said, This is the Prophet Jesus from Nazareth of Galilee."

Often the same question is raised today, when the "good news" is proclaimed to those seeking salvation. "Who is this?" Thousands ask the same question every year. Many of these people receive a definite answer.

To those of us who are followers of Christ, what are some of the things that would cause us to acclaim Him afresh in our minds this Palm Sunday?

Certainly there stands out this fact that he was the Son of God. Born of woman, exponent of the common people "for they heard him gladly," sent by God to draw all mankind unto Him. Interpreting God into the lives of those He came in contact with, bringing to them salvation.

Christ for us today is the great Liberator, having himself conquered Evil. He overcame temptation. He destroyed the powers of evil by His own virtue. He was the triumphant conqueror of Fear. Overcoming fear with love. God's love witnessed in Him through His obliteration of self. Little wonder is there that He is acclaimed King of our lives?

Again we can acclaim our Lord and Master this Palm Sunday because He was the conqueror of Sin and Death. By His complete sacrifice we are given new life.

The Apostle Paul says: "O grave, where is thy victory? O death, where is thy sting? The sting of death is sin; and the power of sin is the law; but thanks be to God, who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

Visit the Church of your choice this Palm Sunday and get squared away with your Maker.

R. E. JENKINS, Protestant Chaplain.

Holy Week Services Announced

Following is the schedule of services and devotions to be held at the Chapel, beginning tomorrow (29 March) through Easter Sunday, 5 April:

Palm Sunday—Masses 0600, 0800, 0900 and 1200. Blessed Palms distributed at 0900 and 1200 Masses.

Holy Week—Monday, Masses at 1150 and 1630; Tuesday, Masses at 1150 and 1630; Wednesday, Masses at 1150 and 1630.

Holy Thursday—Mass at 1130. Holy Hour at 1630. Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 1230-2100 (Devotional Chapel).

Good Friday—Mass of the Pre-Sanctified 0715. Devotions—Way of the Cross, Sermon, Veneration of the Cross—1400-1500.

Holy Saturday—Mass at 1150.

Easter Sunday—Masses at 0600, 0800, 0900, High Mass sung by Choir at 1200.

Confessions—Before all Masses and at any time upon request. Civilians cordially invited to attend Services.

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Contributions Asked For Death Benefit Fund

Oak Knoll's death benefit fund paid \$255.75 to the widow of Werner O. Naumann, member of the staff who died on 20 March. In order to replenish the fund, members are asked to contribute \$1 each to designated collectors not later than 3 April.



CDR Harold E. LeMay, CHC, USNR (left), the hospital's new senior chaplain, stands before the chapel altar with CDR James A. Whitman, CHC, USN, whom he relieved of duty this week.

New Senior Chaplain Assumes Duties As CDR Whitman Leaves for ComNavFE

CDR Harold E. LeMay, CHC, USNR, reported aboard this week to become Oak Knoll's senior chaplain. He replaces CDR James A. Whitman, CHC, USN, who has received his orders to report to ComNavFE, Japan.

The new senior chaplain has been stationed at NAS, Barber's Point, Oahu, T. H., where he held a similar post. He joined the Navy Chaplain's Corps in 1942, and since that time has been stationed at Camp LeJeune, aboard the USS VULCAN, and in the 1st Naval District.

A minister in the Congregational Church, Chaplain LeMay is a graduate of Bowdoin College and the Bangor Theological Seminary, Bangor, Me. He, his wife, Ruby, and their

five children, will live in Hayward.

Chaplain Whitman has been at Oak Knoll since January, 1951. He entered the Navy in 1942, with his first assignment at Mare Island. He then served aboard three ships, and at USNH Portsmouth and Kodiak, Alaska. He was aboard the USS COLUMBUS just prior to coming here.

Upon reporting to Yokosuka, Japan, Chaplain Whitman will become the Pacific Force Chaplain, and will be in charge of all the Navy Chaplains under Commander, Far East.

His wife and three children will follow him to Japan next summer. They have been living in Castro Valley.

Red Cross Ramblings

COMING MOVIE

Only one full-length movie is scheduled for the ward circuit next week. It is the latest comedy of Bud Abbott and Lou Costello, who clown their way through "Abbott and Costello Meet Captain Kidd."

RED CROSS CRAFT SHOP NEWS

Often craft work started at Oak Knoll in leisure time becomes such a practical and interesting hobby that many men plan to continue their crafts in civilian life or at other posts while in the service. Such is the case of SGT HOWARD G. OATES, 62A, who started leatherwork about six weeks ago. He has done exceptional work and plans to continue with leather craft in South Carolina. Right now CHIEF CHARLES P. KEMPTON of Ward 70A is busily engaged in making carved western belts and an attractive purse. He, too, will continue this hobby, and in some future time hopes to be proprietor of a saddle shop.

SPORTS

Have you ever felt the desire to build your own gun or model that gun stock to a custom built style? On Monday evening, 30 March, from 1900 to 2045 hours there will be a display of both gunbuilding and finished gun stocks at the Red Cross Lounge. Kurt Haase, gunsmith from Lafayette, who specializes in this art, will be on hand to answer questions informally and chat with you about the display which shows his models of gun stocks and gunbuilding in various stages of construction.

And baseball fans—don't miss this opportunity to see the baseball collection of Guy Elston—it scores a hit. For that seventh inning stretch, thirty homemade pies will be served. All this is made possible by the Associated Sportsmen of the East Bay Area who present a program in the Lounge each month. Mr. Clarence Wilson is Hospital Chairman of the group. Bring your ward pals along for all the scuttlebutt on sports this next Monday evening.

Divine Services

Hospital Chapel at Main Gate

PROTESTANT

BIBLE SCHOOL—SUNDAY 0945
 SUNDAY WORSHIP—1030
 Organ Music from Chapel Tower—1900
 Time for Private Devotions in the Chapel
 CHOIR REHEARSAL—1930 Thursday
 HOLY COMMUNION—First Sunday morning each month.

L. D. S. SERVICE

SUNDAY — 0900 in Staff Conference Room, Administration Bldg., Annex.

CATHOLIC

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

CHAPLAIN'S OFFICES IN
 CHAPEL AND 67A

NAVY RELIEF OFFICE—
 IN CHAPEL

BUS TO AND FROM CHAPEL ON
 SUNDAYS 0845 and 1015

Saturday, 28 March, 1953

Knoll Takes Part In RN Institute

Oak Knoll personnel played a prominent part in "Operation Military Nurse Institute," an all-day program held at the St. Francis Hotel in San Francisco Monday.

The institute, sponsored by the San Francisco County Nurses' Association, was designed to show the part nurses play in the military medical team, and it is believed to be the first program of its kind to be held anywhere in the United States.

Nine amputee patients from this hospital, were there to demonstrate their artificial limbs, and Charles Asbelle, rehabilitation specialist, spoke to the nurses on "Rehabilitation of the Amputee Casualty."

At an evening session the nurses heard LT Paul A. Doolan, MC, USN, Oak Knoll's "Artificial Kidney" expert, discuss the merits of that device, which was recently given a trial run in its quarters on 46A.

Other speakers were Colonel William F. DeWitt, Chief Surgeon at the USAF Base Hospital, Travis Air Force Base; and a doctor, nurse, physiotherapist, and occupational therapist from Letterman Army Hospital. Films and exhibits rounded out the program.

CDR Helen C. Gavin, Chief of the Nursing Service here, and several members of her nursing staff attended the institute sessions.

PO GUIDE BOOK NOW ON SALE AT EXCHANGE

Everyone who has seen the *PETTY OFFICERS' GUIDE* by RADM Harley Cope, USN, Retired, and LT Frederick C. Dyer, USNR, is predicting it will be a best-seller at all Naval installations.

The guide, according to the authors, is "for all petty officers and all men studying to become petty officers and will be of use to anyone interested in the needs and wants of the Navy's enlisted personnel."

Illustrated with photographs and diagrams, the handbook covers practically every question that could arise in the life of a Navy man. It tells how to advance in rate, how to become a commissioned officer; it lists Navy schools and describes the many opportunities for study and self-improvement while on duty at sea or ashore. There are chapters on traditions, customs, and courtesies, uniforms and insignia, decorations, medals, and badges. There is even a chapter full of advice on how to handle one's personal affairs. These are but a sampling of the wealth of information the book contains, and the authors have made the book good reading from cover to cover.

The book is dedicated to Harley F. Cope, Jr., Aviation Photographer's Mate First Class, USN, son of one of the authors, "who first suggested they take on the preparation of this long-needed manual for petty officers." The foreword is by former Secretary of the Navy Dan A. Kimball.

The new book, off the press in January, is on sale at Navy Exchange for \$2.60.

Invest more in Defense Bonds each payday—they are better than ever!

SCUTTLEBUTT

PEOPLE, PLACES & THINGS:

Curious to see WHO would have the nerve to drive that Easter-egg purple Ford that is parked near the Main Gate every day, we dispatched our detectives to the scene and can now report that it belongs to a brave fellow named Harry F. Dyer, HA, ward corpsman on 50B . . . LTJG Rosalie Derham of 60A & B is the hospital's latest contribution to TV. She was interviewed by KGO's Marjorie King Monday afternoon . . . Want to learn how to tie a tie? Then see Medical Social Worker Alice Jacobson. At TI for training duty, WAVE Alice Jacobson, PNI, according to the 12ND Reserve Bulletin for March, contributed the "Training Aid of the Month"—a chart showing WAVE recruits how to get the best out of their cravats—"A knotty problem, to say the least," said Alice . . . Record Office friends of brunette Barbara Silva feted her at a lunch-hour party Tuesday, the day she resigned to pack her trousseau for a trip to Reno. She will become the bride of S/SGT Frank Lopes, USAF, of Travis Air Force Base, today . . . Congratulations to Margaret M. Skrinak, Shirley M. Jacobson, and Shirley A. Feeney. They have all been promoted to LTJG . . . Embarrassing moment for a visiting SECURITY inspector came the other day when it was discovered that his cigarette had set fire to the Exec's rug.

ABANDONING SHIP was a hilarious experience of officers and their ladies who turned up at the club Saturday night in some of the most fabulous outfits yet seen in these parts. Instructions were to come as passengers suddenly forced to abandon ship, without a minute's preparation. As ship's surgeon and patient, Dr. and Mrs. R. L. Baker won the grand sweepstakes prize. Mrs. Baker, draped for abdominal surgery, had obviously just been incised, and her plastic wound left considerable doubt about her chances for survival. The J. R. Dillons, with the theme, "It Takes Two to Tango," danced on, coupled by a life preserver. They had managed to save her knitting and his fishing gear, and their tango was complicated by yarn, needles, and miscellaneous fishing tackle. Mrs. Ed Miller appeared in her bathrobe and wore a towel around her shampooed head, while her husband wore pajama pants and a rich lather on his jowls. Dr. George Brennan was a tattered man "Friday," his head covered with bananas and coconuts. A red nightgown, nightcap and candle were Dr. Canfield's costume. Mrs. James Sylvester was a convincing expectant mother, detoured from her trip to the ship's delivery room, and Mrs. F. C. Eames, choosing to abandon a rocket ship, arrived as a Lady from Mars. These were the prize winners and there were many others, almost as clever, but too numerous to mention.

OAKNOLLUMNI: HMC (W) "Robbie" Robinson has been assigned to recruiting duty in the Federal Office Building, San Francisco. She has had duty in Long Beach since leaving here a year ago . . . LT Joseph Duane, former Personnel and Records Officer here, has been promoted to LCDR. He's still on duty at the USNAVMED School, Bethesda . . . Verla Ashby, HM3, returned to inactive duty last spring, came over from NAS, Alameda, recently. She's on two weeks' Reserve training duty there.



Here are some of the stars that appeared last Thursday, 19 March, in the Randie Nissen Morale Boosters variety show at the main auditorium. (1) Randie herself, known as the "Yodeling Sweetheart," helping to make her troupe's show a success, (2) television dancer Barbara Wright doing a pantomime feature, (3) Gerri Prewitt, in Hawaiian costume, doing a hula number, and (4) Bill Mundell taking his turn at singing, in between his rope twirling and trick-roping acts. Others who appeared on the show were radio, TV, and feature stars. The two-hour stage show was another of the many Miss Nissen has presented to service audiences in the Bay Area for the past four years.

Welcome and Farewell

Business was slow in the census department last week, with only 10 persons reporting in for duty, and 8 receiving their orders for transfer or discharge. Most of the traffic, unlisted here, was concerned with new students from the hospital and from other duty stations reporting to Laboratory and Environmental Sanitation Schools for instruction.

Reporting aboard were CDR Harold E. LeMay, CHC, USNR, from NAS, Barber's Point, T. H.; LT Jeane E. Riley, NC, USNR, from the Naval Ammunition Depot, Hawthorne, Nev.; L. E. Canady, HMC, from MS-TSPac, San Francisco; HN's J. P.

Hric and R. B. Engelhardt, and HA's D. L. Harden, E. B. Lyon, A. W. Richardson, A. A. Duso, and T. R. Bilo-deau, from USNHCS, Great Lakes, Ill.

Detached were: J. W. Dickerson, HMC, to the USS COMPETENT (AM316); HN's N. S. Preston, B. R. Moyer, and G. T. Yocabet, to FMF, Camp Pendleton, Oceanside, Calif.; and HN J. S. Gallop and HA R. E. Nicholas to the Naval Magazine, Port Chicago, Calif.

LT Eleanor A. Torkelson, NC, USNR, was released to inactive duty, and Bobbie J. O'Neal, HN (W), was discharged from the Naval Service.

47 PASS HN TEST FOR RAISE IN RATE

Forty-seven new HN's were sewing on stripes last week following notification that they had successfully passed their examination for advancement in rate.

Those whose raise in pay was effective 16 March are G. L. Baker, L. W. Black, M. D. Bodkin, O. M. Boone, R. R. Brechbiel, R. A. Breitenbach, G. H. Bunger, J. B. Collette, W. M. Cooper, B. J. Curtis (W), R. A. Deutschman, J. L. Dickshinski, J. L. Floor, J. F. Glauser, J. L. Glynn, F. Guith, J. F. Hestad, J. D. Hockey, J. N. Kellarakis, M. A. Krulatz (W), J. S. Lievestro, E. D. Livengood, J. E. Mason, D. R. Medley, H. R. Miller, W. J. Morrow, S. Mylek, J. T. McDonald (W), J. B. McGinnes, C. R. Ostrand, R. C. Potter, W. E. Rasmussen, D. E. Reddy, S. R. Reid, W. L. Regan, H. P. Resnick, C. A. Rommel, W. A. Sanchez, J. R. Siebert, D. E. Siebel, G. L. St. Hilaire, D. R. Ulstrom, M. Waligorski, W. A. Weinell, J. J. Williams, E. F. Wise, R. W. Young.

Show, Ball Game, Circus Coming

On Thursday, 2 April, a mid-afternoon stage show will be presented in the main auditorium. Vonalee Rose's "Teamsters" will star in a program featuring variety acts and boogie music. The show is open to all hands and will begin at 1400.

Also on the program for 2 April is a baseball game. The Alameda County Employees Association has made tickets available for 40 patients to attend the Oaks-Seals game, to be played in Emeryville Thursday evening at 1900. Transportation will be provided. Patients who would like to see the game should contact Special Services.

Information has been received in advance that on Friday, 17 April, 40 patients will be given tickets to attend the big Shriners' Circus which will appear in the Oakland Auditorium. The tickets will be given to the first 40 who sign up at Special Services. More details will appear in a later issue of THE OAK LEAF.

PREVIEWS

Sunday, 29 March

BIG JIM McLAIN—John Wayne, Nancy Olson, **RED RUN-AROUND**. Rating: Good. The story of the Government's fight against suspected Communists in the U. S. and Hawaii. Wayne plays an investigator for the House Un-American Activities Committee that rounds up a Red cell after some tense action.

Monday, 30 March

FIVE ANGLES ON MURDER—Jean Kent, Dirk Bogarde, **MURDER MYSTERY**. Rating: Good. In flashback, the British film unfolds the life of a murdered woman and the various ways in which five people, all suspects in the case, regard her.

Tuesday, 31 March

THE GIRLS OF PLEASURE ISLAND—Don Taylor, Leo Genn, **ROMANCE**. Rating: Good. Genn, a British administrator for the island in question, has three daughters for whom he shows concern when 1,500 Marines are sent to the island to build an airstrip.

Wednesday, 1 April

YELLOW SKY—Gregory Peck, Anne Baxter. This is a re-issue that is currently making its rounds of the nation. No information is available on the plot of the movie.

Thursday, 2 April

ABBOTT AND COSTELLO GO TO MARS—Bud Abbott, Lou Costello, **COMEDY**. The two slapstick artists make their way, through the Mardi Gras, Venus, and much misadventure.

Friday, 3 April

DOWN AMONG THE SHELTERING PALMS—Mitzi Gaynor, William Lundigan, **MUSICAL**. Lundigan, the military governor of a South Pacific isle, has the job of seeing that none of his men fraternize with the native girls. Complications arise when three women fall for him and fraternization becomes a real problem.

Saturday, 4 April

TARGET HONG KONG—Richard Denning, Nancy Gates, **SPY MELODRAMA**. Rating: Fair. Denning is an American soldier of fortune who joins up with the Nationalists in Hong Kong and thereby finds himself pitted against all sorts of sinister-looking Communists who are trying to blow up the city's military headquarters.



Bowling trophies were awarded to three men last week for their winning scores in the hospital's first bowling league play which ended in December. The engraved awards were presented to the men by the Commanding Officer. Pictured following the presentation are, in the usual order, LT E. F. Hickey, MSC, USN, Special Services Officer who was detached just this week; LCDR L. C. Vosseler, CHC, USN; Joseph McFadden, appliance mechanic with the Artificial Limb Department; Vic Irving, HM2, staff; and CAPT Gordon. McFadden earned his award by rolling the highest single game score made during the season. Irving rolled the league's highest series. Chaplain Vosseler and Irving hold trophies given them as members of the 5 Aces, the league's championship team. Others who played on the 5 Aces team but who were not here to receive their trophies were: ENS John Thompson, MSC, USN, Harold Hensle, HM1, Pete Mentor, HM1, and Virgil Sessions, HM1.

Knoll Staff Worker To Be Installed As Head of VFW

The installation of officers at Post-office Post 2611, VFW, to which 10 patients are invited on 25 April, will be of more than usual interest to Oak Knoll.

Robert W. Sedam of the transportation staff will be installed as commander of the post for the coming year, and his wife, Helen Rittenhouse Sedam, former Navy nurse on duty here, will be installed as president of the Women's Auxiliary.

Patients who wish to attend the event at the Veterans Memorial Building in downtown Oakland may sign up at Special Services. Transportation will be provided.

Baseball Practice Ends Fourth Week As District League Draws Near

Oak Knoll's baseball team wound up its fourth week of practice, getting closer to the opening of the coming 12ND baseball league.

Coach Vic Franszczak said the team has been working out in intra-squad games, and that former need for a catcher had been filled by J. P. Eisenhauer. The team still needs more pitchers and could use a good candidate for first baseman.

Franszczak remarked that one of the biggest obstacles encountered so far in the practice sessions has been the problem of getting all the men together in spite of varying duty hours.

Plane Crash Rescue

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liam Kissinger, Charles D. Long, Thomas S. Luttio, Richard E. March, J. M. McAsey, "J" "D" Miller, J. B. Parrish, George E. Patterson, Anthony J. Ramicone, G. T. Seely, Calvin E. Snyder, John P. Sweeney, D. L. Townley, Thomas E. Turnipseed, R. Veres, and HA's Leon J. Gonzales, Wesley O. Habeck, Jan S. Lievestro, Robert L. Mills, and Kenneth K. Pratt.

Many Knollites will remember a similar crash in August, 1951, when doctors and corpsmen from the hospital were called out following the crash of a United Airlines DC6-B. That tragedy occurred about four miles from Friday's crash, killing 50 persons in California's worst air disaster.

"CALIFORNIA GOLD" POURS INTO KNOLL

Oranges and orange juice have been prominent on the menu during the past week as patients enthusiastically consumed the 248 boxes of navel oranges sent to the hospital from the Texas Company's groves at Fillmore, California.

This was one of many truckloads of "California gold" the petroleum products company has sent to Oak Knoll during the past few years.

Staff Personalities

Her current tour of duty at this hospital makes an even dozen assignments LT Katherine Reuland has had since she joined the Navy in 1943. On continuous active duty since that time, she came here in October 1951 from Yokosuka, Japan, which she claims has been her most interesting billet. Here at Oak Knoll she is working on amputee Ward 42A. Miss Reuland is from Estherville, Iowa, and received her training at Iowa State University. To celebrate coming off night duty recently, she bought a new light gray Cadillac coupe . . . What a marvelous way to celebrate!



Texas doesn't always produce tall men, and the Admission Room has proof of it in E. A. "Dill" Derrick, HM3, who measures only a little over five feet. Port Neches is home to this Texan. He attended the State University and North Texas State University prior to coming into the Navy in March 1951. Following his discharge he plans to return to school and complete his studies in business administration. "Dill" came here in October of 1951, and worked on Wards 42B and 50A before he was assigned to the Admission Room. Being stationed in sunny California gives him ample opportunity to indulge in his favorite sports—horseback riding, bowling and tennis.



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LTJG R. G. DeWitt, MSC, USN, Oak Knoll's new Special Services Officer.

Special Services Gets New Officer

LTJG R. G. DeWitt, MSC, USN, has been assigned Special Services Officer, replacing LT E. F. Hickey, MSC, USN.

LTJG DeWitt reported for duty last week from aboard the USS VALLEY FORGE (GVA45), where he had served as Medical Administrative Officer for the last 19 months. This is his second tour of duty at Oak Knoll; he was on the Master-at-Arms force here from Oct. 1943 until Feb. 1944.

He is originally from Seattle, Wash., and first enlisted in the Navy in 1939. Since that time, he has had tours of duty at many places, including Camp Pendleton, NAS Alameda, Long Beach, New Zealand, Guadalcanal, two ships, and the Naval Hospitals at San Diego and Bremerton, Wash.

In addition to the usual medals and awards, LTJG DeWitt wears the Presidential Unit Citation, China Service, United Nations, and Korean ribbons.

He is married and he and his wife reside in Albany, Calif.

LT Hickey left here last week for duty with the Third Marine Division, Fleet Marine Force. He had been at Oak Knoll since July 1952, his second tour of duty at this hospital also.

He was assistant to the Chief of the Dependent's Service when he first came here in July. He later replaced LT W. C. McQueen, MSC, USN, who left here in January for duty in Saipan.

Notice

Swim-Dance Cancelled

The staff swim-dance that was to have been held at the swimming pool on the evening of Friday, 10 April, has been cancelled.

Shrine Circus To Perform Here

The Shrine Circus will present a special performance for the staff and patients at Oak Knoll on Monday, 20 April, at 1330.

Since it is to be an afternoon show, tentative plans are being made to stage the show in the outdoor auditorium adjacent to the main parking lot in back of the administration building. In case of bad weather, the acts will be moved into the main auditorium.

Forty patients have been invited to attend the circus on Friday, 17 April, one of the days it will be presented in the Oakland Auditorium. Those patients who would like to see the whole show should sign up at Special Services.

YMCA-USO Amateurs Present Show

Oak Knoll was treated to "Twenty-four Hours in Paris" last Thursday night when a YMCA-USO group from San Francisco presented a stage show in the main auditorium.

A good crowd turned out to see the show, which turned out to be a little different from other types of variety shows.

The script was written by members of the cast, who also made all of their own costumes. The cast itself was composed of USO junior hostesses and servicemen from installations in the Bay Area. The show was directed by June Price, with musical direction by Tony Governale.

Featuring dancing and singing, the show emerged as a musical comedy piece. The songs included "The Last Time I Saw Paris," "Mimi," "Mam'selle," "Papa, Don't Preach to Me," and an original number, "That's What It Takes to Get a Man."

FIRST STAFF PICNIC PLANS UNDERWAY

Plans are underway to "make spring official" with the first big staff picnic of the season. The recreation committee is busy making arrangements to hold the picnic on Saturday, 25 April, at the Redwood Regional Park.

These outings are always given for enlisted staff members and their families. Food is provided by the commissary and refreshments are supplied by Special Services.

In other years, games, hiking, and a general get-together have filled in the picnic program.

Further details concerning transportation and the exact location of the picnic will be published in a later issue of THE OAK LEAF.



The above men were recently awarded a Letter of Commendation by the Commanding Officer for their "prompt action . . . which materially aided in controlling and extinguishing a dangerous fire" that could have caused great damage on Ward 49A. They are, left to right: Jack D. Smith, HMC; Larry E. Hooser, HN; Harold Taylor, HM2; Richard L. Merkel, ET3; Eugene W. Lilliewood, HN; and Thomas T. Creech, TMC.

Officers' Wives' Meeting Planned

The regular monthly meeting of the Officers' Wives' Club will be held Wednesday, 8 April, at the Officers Club. The members will meet at noon for a social half-hour, and luncheon will be served promptly at 12:30. Assortments of spring flowers will furnish the table decorations.

Following luncheon, an afternoon of bingo and fun has been planned, and it is hoped that new and old members may become better acquainted.

Hostess for the April meeting will be Mrs. Scott Whitehouse, who will be assisted by Mrs. Robert C. Doeringhaus, Mrs. Eugene L. Walter, Mrs. Frank C. Eames, Mrs. Edward W. McLoone, and Mrs. George W. Barnes, Jr.

Baby-sitters will be on duty in the nursery from 1200.

Small Cut Ordered In Civilian Personnel

A second round of Civilian Personnel cuts for BuMed activities has been announced. The cut is expected to be small and this hospital will lose only about five per cent of the present staff as a result.

Studies are now under way at the Civilian Personnel Office to determine where reductions will be made. It is expected that it will affect mainly per diem employees. The cut must be accomplished by 31 May.

"THE NEW BREED" MENTIONS MANY FORMER PATIENTS

"The New Breed" by Andrew Geer, now available in the Crew's Library, is the story of the First Marines in Korea during the winter, spring, and summer of 1950-1951. It tells the story of many of Oak Knoll's former patients who were fighting and getting the wounds that brought them here and of the doctors and hospital corpsmen who treated them on the battlefield.

On the second page of the book 2nd LT Francis W. Muetzel comes into the picture by requesting that his orders to school at Quantico be revoked and that he be shipped from Camp Pendleton to Korea. They were, and he was one of the first to come back—an amputee.

Oakland's SGT Jack Macy, who in January 1951 received the Distinguished Service Cross for action described in the Korea story, and CAPT Uel D. Peters, who only recently received the Navy Cross, figure largely in the story, as do 2nd LT Edward T. Emmelman, who received a paralyzing head wound that kept him here for many months, and LT John B. Counselman, who arrived at Oak Knoll after being hit by the enemy seven times.

The author writes of Chaplain Cornelius Griffin "ranging the road in search of wounded to attend." In an ambulance giving the last sacraments to a wounded Marine, Father Griffin was hit by machine gun bullets that tore through the side of the vehicle,

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† † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

THE EASTER VICTORY

Something tremendous happened on that First Easter over 1900 years ago. It stands for many souls as the answer to the age-old question that Job asked, "If a man dies shall he live again?"

The Easter message proclaims, via the Cross, God's eternal "Yes" to the question. After serious consideration, countless men and women have accepted this answer. In this faith they move forward affirming that life is everlasting. To them the cross symbolizes the victory of life over death and the grave; it is the key that unlocks the door of Life. "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross and follow me."

A faithful bearing of the cross is the prelude to victory. The crown of victory is bestowed after faithful service, after having "fought the good fight of faith."

From the lips of Saint Paul, who fought the "good fight," we hear these words, "O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?"

May the Easter blessing, peace and joy, be with you and yours.

L. C. M. VOSELER,
 Protestant Chaplain.

★ ★ ★ BOOK NOOK ★ ★ ★

Good reading in the Library, Building 39, and on the book trucks which visit the wards, includes books on a variety of topics. Some of the new titles are listed below:

Historical Novels

DRAW NEAR TO BATTLE, by Jere Wheelwright. A young American is drafted into Napoleon's army, and encounters love and adventure.

GOLDEN ADMIRAL, by F. Van Wyck Mason. Henry Wyatt, Master's Mate of an English ship, found plenty of excitement with Sir Francis Drake in the war against Spain.

THE GOLDEN SEASON, by Oriana Atkinson. The Catskill country in New York after the Revolutionary

war is the setting for a delightful love story.

A KING RELUCTANT, by Vaughan Wilkins. The arrival of a nine-year-old boy in a little Welsh village was one of the first incidents in keeping alive the heir to the French throne.

THE LOTUS AND THE WIND, by John Masters. Robin Savage continues his adventures in India, begun in **THE DECEIVERS**.

Adventures At Sea

TEMPTRESS RETURNS, by Edward C. Allcard. A single-handed voyage across the Atlantic eastward to the Azores was enlivened by a beautiful stowaway.

THE SILENT REEFS, by Dorothy Cottrell. How a motorship disappeared with all on board in the West Indies, and the search for it, is the theme of a novel of love and adventure.

THE WRECK OF THE RUNNING GALE, by Garland Roark. Pirates and their pursuers sail for California in the days after the Civil War, with much excitement on the voyage.

Interesting People

Edwin Booth: **PRINCE OF PLAYERS**, by Edwin Ruggles.

Fanny Brice: **THE FABULOUS FANNY**, by Norman Katkov.

Ernest M. Lipka: **CAPTIVE SURGEON; ADVENTURES AND MISADVENTURES OF A DOCTOR IN RED CHINA**. Autobiography.

Richard Morenus: **CRAZY-WHITE MAN**. Autobiography.

Yeo-Thomas, F.F.F.: **THE WHITE RABBIT**, by Bruce Marshall. A Welshman who participated in planning the French underground movement of the second World War used his wits to save his life when a prisoner of the Germans.



Recognize anyone you know in the Physical Therapy Department? This is the way two of the corpsmen in that department are saying "Happy Easter" to their fellow-workers. Hard-boiled eggs, paper cups, odd scraps of material, a sense of humor, and spare time produced the brightly-colored display that's been featured in the Physio office for the last several days.

Red Cross Ramblings

MOVIE SET

Not only is April in the air but on the screen. "April in Paris," starring Ray Bolger and Doris Day will be shown on the ward movie circuit next week. The second movie is "The Raiders" with Richard Conte and Viveca Lindfors.

"GONE FISHIN'"

A group of nineteen patients were "gone fishin'" Wednesday, 25 March. Berkeley Municipal Pier was the destination and the goal was lots of smelt and perch for a big fish dinner. They reached their destination but after four hours of baiting and casting, and not much action, the goal was changed to just any kind of good hot chow.

The catch for the day consisted of one smelt caught by PFC R. Y. HUTCHENS, two flounders by PFC B. D. BERGUE and T. M. LISH, TFC, and several crabs. Not dismayed by the small intake, the fellows enjoyed themselves (also the hot coffee and lunch furnished by the mess hall) and are eager to take on "bigger and better" fishing trips. It's early in the season and should improve every day.

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 PATIENT COUNCIL MEETING
 TUESDAY 1600
 RED CROSS LOUNGE
 ALL PATIENTS WELCOME
 ★ ★ ★

IT HAPPENS ONLY ONCE A YEAR!

An event which happens only once a year for any one person calls for a little celebration, and so it was at a joint birthday party for the men on Ward 75B who were born in March. CHARLES BOOKER, veteran, CPL RICHARD HAWTHORNE, GERALD SCHOONHAVEN, HN, and JAMES WALRUFF, SOSW, were the celebrants and, in their honor, appeared a large, beautifully decorated cake with the inscription "Happy Birthday Fellows." Candles and flowers completed the guernsey decorations.

EASTER PARADE

What does Easter mean to you? Is the accent on the solemn observance of this religious feast? Are your Easter thoughts tempered with images of colored Easter eggs and a big ham dinner? Perhaps the idea of a

new Easter hat — or suit — predominates with you! Because of the many phases and traditions of Easter, the recreation program was designed to include as many as possible.

On the night of Good Friday, the lounge program was changed from its regular square dancing activity to a quiet informal musical presentation more in keeping with the Good Friday mood. The lounge was also the setting for an "Easter Preview" on Saturday, 28 March. The Telephone Girls from San Francisco did the honors by modeling their Easter outfits.

An Easter egg hunt on the pediatrics ward, Easter bonnet styling contests on Wards 75B, 76B, and 80AB (and still men say women have funny tastes!), a contest for the best Easter wardrobe via magazines on 74A, a recipe contest for the best Easter dinner on 61A, and numerous egg coloring contests with prizes for the prettiest and most original, give a few sketches of the picture. This picture can only be completed by a sincere and heartfelt wish for a Happy Easter to everyone.

JOIN THE CORONATION CEREMONIES!

Chess is an extremely colorful and animated game. The all-powerful Queen radiates her strength in all directions; the Castles and Bishops threaten enemy pieces on distant squares; the Knights keep their eyes on nearby posts, ready to leap over barricades and attack the enemy; and the Pawns face each other across the board, each armed with a V-shaped prong with which to attack or defend. But what happens on the miniature battlefield of the chessboard?

You may receive expert instruction on the fascinating intricacies of this game from Mr. Floyd Clark of Oakland Chapter Red Cross. Mr. Clark has been serving as chess instructor for over three years at Oak Knoll. He instructs every Thursday afternoon from 1400 to 1600 on the wards. You'll never have more time or a better chance to learn. Check on this opportunity by contacting your Red Cross Recreation Worker.

Divine Services

Hospital Chapel at Main Gate

PROTESTANT

BIBLE SCHOOL — SUNDAY 0945
 SUNDAY WORSHIP — 1030
 Organ Music from Chapel Tower — 1900
 Time for Private Devotions in the Chapel
 CHOIR REHEARSAL — 1930 Thursday
 HOLY COMMUNION — First Sunday morning each month.

L. D. S. SERVICE

SUNDAY — 0900 in Staff Conference Room, Administration Bldg., Annex.

CATHOLIC

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

CHAPLAIN'S OFFICES IN
 CHAPEL AND 67A

NAVY RELIEF OFFICE—
 IN CHAPEL

BUS TO AND FROM CHAPEL ON
 SUNDAYS 0845 and 1015

Hospital Ships Featured in Journal

The hospital ship, USS REPOSE, is the cover girl on the outside page of the March issue of the "Bureau of Ships Journal." The picture ties in with a five-page article, complete with more pictures, on the history and mission of hospital ships.

Entitled "Quick Treatment—Fewer Fatalities," the article gives particular attention to the construction of ships of the HAVEN class and the complete, modern treatment they offer.

It describes the methods used in getting patients aboard with the greatest ease and comfort. It also tells how casualties are frequently treated for wounds within a half-hour from the time of their injury, by the use of helicopters.

All the facilities of the ships are described, as well as the recreational activities and ward comforts that make the floating hospitals so complete within themselves.

Radiation Measured

In another part of the same issue of the Journal is an article about a small, inexpensive device that has been developed by the Navy to measure exposure to radiation.

The device is called a dosimeter, can be worn on a key chain or with dog tags, and registers the amount of radiation its wearer has been exposed to.

SCUTTLEBUTT

SIGNS OF THE SEASON: A huge crop of the staff taking off on leave, some to outer regions, others to stay right around the area and soak up the good weather and relax.

PEOPLE, PLACES & THINGS: LCDR A. (Finance Dept.) Bowdle is telling the story of the "big one that got away." He, LCDR Huber (Adm. Officer), and ALD's CWOHC Faunce went fishing down Santa Cruz way recently, and that was where it happened. The fish was big enough to break his pole and get away. The disappointment was amply made up for, however, with a total catch of over 100 fish hooked among the three! . . . Mr. Huber, one of those on leave, has retreated to Oregon where he's doing some full-time fishing . . . Another angler who's one of the many on vacation, is LT Joseph Yetka of EST who has anchored his hook up around Mendocino . . . Other ESTers, Chiefs Vic DeVoss and Joseph Baranski, have been camping on the golf course lately, to get in shape for the Hospital Golf Tourney . . . HN Richard Wood of Pharmacy has been elected to the "Entertainment Committee." Couldn't find out what the Committee is but it's "planning big things for the staff" . . . The Chief's Club is busy planning a Hawaiian dance and party for next Saturday night—it'll be a costume affair with imported orchids and coconut hats for those who go.

NUMBER PLEASE: The telephone operators daily get odd requests. This week they were laughing at three calls that came in during one half-hour period. Seems all three inquirers wanted the Out-Patient Department, but asked for it by calling it the "Outpost Dept.," the "Out-of-Town Dept.," and the "Independent Service"!

Chuckles

Don't worry about finding your station in life; somebody will be sure to tell you where to get off.

Lady (telephoning): "Is my husband at the club?"

Porter: "No, ma'am."

Lady: "But I haven't told you who I am."

Porter: "There ain't no woman's husband at the club. No, ma'am, never."

Becker, HM2, to NAS, Corpus Christi, Tex.; HM3's F. J. McKenna and L. A. Kranshaar, to NavMedResUnit No. 1, Berkeley, Calif.; HM3 M. F. Mack and HN J. B. Parrish, to U. S. Naval Ammunition Depot, Hawthorne, Nev.; E. R. Sevilla, HN, to U. S. Naval Shipyard, Bremerton, Wash.; E. L. McCrary, HN, to USNRS, Treasure Island, San Francisco; F. D. Pinheiro, HN, to USNAS, Moffett Field, Calif.; HN's E. E. Ewald and R. W. Rhodes, to Dept. of Pacific, 100 Harrison St., San Francisco; L. C. Prater, HN, to U. S. Naval Supply Depot, Stockton, Calif.; HN's C. H. Spence, W. M. Sirockman, and C. A. Rommel, to USNH, Mare Island, Vallejo, Calif.; HN's T. M. McCormick and R. A. Deutschman, to SFNS, San Francisco; and M. D. Bodkin, HN, to NSC, Oakland, Calif.

Joseph V. Mahurin, HMC, USN, was separated from the Naval Service by reason of expiration of enlistment.



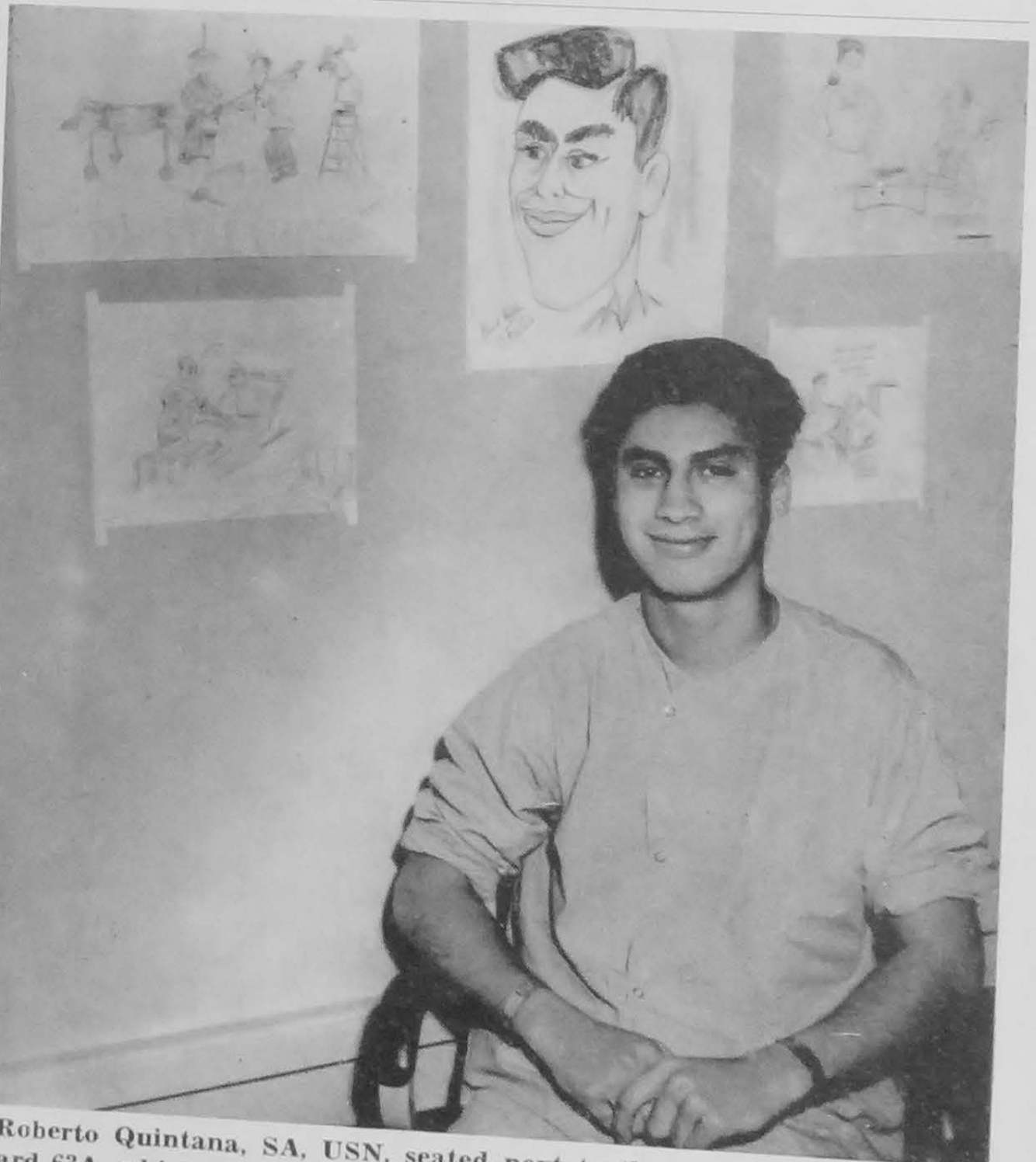
The Commanding Officer is shown above as he addressed the members of Local 496 of the American Federation of Federal Employees at a regular meeting last Friday, 27 March. CAPT Gordon spoke of the cooperation that must be maintained between civilian and military groups in order to insure the best possible employer-employee relations. On the left is Mr. William Burns, vice-president of the NFFE, and on the right, Mr. Fletcher Lyon, president of the local organization. (Courtesy Oakland Tribune.)

Welcome and Farewell

Business boomed in the census department this week, with 32 persons reporting in for duty and 22 being detached or discharged.

Reporting in were: CDR Lindsay R. Riddle, MC, USN, from USNS No. 24; LT Stuart R. Ducker, Jr., MC, USNR, from inactive duty; LT Jack L. Stein, Jr., MC, USNR, from USS MERRICK (AKA-97); LT Martha B. Minnear, NC, USN, from USNH Yokosuka, Japan; LT Genevieve T. Pedro, NC, USNR, from USS REPOSE; LTJG's Melvin M. Lipsett and Warren W. Hamilton, Jr., MC, USNR, from inactive duty; LTJG's Dolores N. Ryan and Caramae B. Milam, NC, USNR, from USS REPOSE; and ENS's Marion L. Goller, Eileen T. Meade, and Mary A. Lafemina, NC, USNR, from USNH, St. Albans, N. Y.; R. F. Waldrop, HMC, from USS SITKOH BAY; H. J. M. Angen, HMC, from USS WINDHAM BAY; V. S. MacKnight, HMC, from USS JOYCE, Newport, R. I.; C. W. Hemmingway, HM2, from RecSta, Seattle, Wash.; HN's K. L. Goodwin, P. Pedretti, and F. M. Watson, Jr., and HA's C. A. Knowlton, R. Evans, L. Fleck, J. C. Frye, R. C. Jarvi, C. Parkhurst, D. L. Tyler, J. Wingham, and D. V. Wilson, from USNHCS, San Diego, Calif.; and HN's R. S. Schmidt, R. M. Gesinski, S. Passino, and F. E. Kempfer, from USNHCS, Great Lakes, Ill.

Detached were: CDR James A. Whitman, CHC, USN, to Naval Forces, Far East, for duty as Force Captain; LCDR Frank W. Cleary, USN, to USNH, Corpus Christi, Tex.; LT Earl F. Hickey, MSC, USN, duty with the Third Marine Division, FMF; LT Henry B. Bruyn, Jr., and LTJG Glenn E. Lumbert, MC, USNR, to MSTs, Pacific Area; D. G.



Roberto Quintana, SA, USN, seated next to the wall of his cubicle on Ward 63A, which serves as a display board for the drawings he has made since he's been a patient at Oak Knoll.

Cartoonist-Patient Illustrates Treatment

Roberto M. Quintana has a pastime of his own to keep himself occupied while he's a patient on Ward 63A—he's been turning out cartoons, most of them with a medical theme, from the patient's view.

Here since last month with a pulmonary ailment, Quintana has chosen a bronchoscopy for one of his subjects.

He was brought here from Hunter's Point, where he was aboard the destroyer JOHN R. CRAIG which recently returned from Korea.

Quintana has been drawing ever since he was a child, and claims he was much in demand to draw posters when he was in high school back in Las Vegas, N. M. After his discharge, he plans to study commercial art.



The largest single group of nurses that has reported for duty since a Navy Nurse shortage became evident here last fall warranted this group shot. The hospital has been in need of more nurses since many Reservists were released to inactive duty this year. Above, left to right, are: LT Genevieve Pedro, LT Martha Minnear, LTJG Carmae Milem, LT Josephine Knott, LTJG Dolores Ryan, ENS Mary LaFemina, ENS Eileen Meade, ENS Marion Goller, LT Jean Riley, and CDR Helen C. Gavin, Chief of Oak Knoll's Nursing Service. ENS's LaFemina, Meade, and Goller have just completed a month at the Indoctrination Center, USNH, St. Albans, N.Y.

PREVIEWS

Sunday, 5 April
BY THE LIGHT OF THE SILVERY MOON — Doris Day, Gordon MacRae. This technicolor movie is hot off the cameras — it has not yet been given a public release date.

Monday, 6 April
MY COUSIN RACHEL — Olivia DeHavilland, Richard Burton, DRAMA. Rating: Very good. Burton gives his jewels and family estate to Miss DeHavilland, confident that she intends to marry him. Intrigue and the scheming ambitions of the bride-to-be are woven into the story.

Tuesday, 7 April
MAN ON A TIGHT ROPE — Frederic March, Terry Moore. This one is scheduled for public release some time this month, and no plot synopsis is available as yet.

Wednesday, 8 April
CODE TWO — Ralph Meeker, Sally Forrest, DRAMA. Rating: Good. The story of three recruit motorcycle policemen in Los Angeles. When one of them gets killed, the other vows to catch the killers. Fast-paced and interesting, as it shows phases of the training of the cycle cops.

Thursday, 9 April
PONY EXPRESS — Charlton Heston, Rhonda Fleming, WESTERN. Rating: Very good. An action-packed account of how the pony express was started, linking the Missouri plains to the Pacific.

Friday, 10 April
TONIGHT WE SING — Ezio Pinza, David Wayne, MUSICAL. The life story of a famous concert impresario, Sol Hurok, and of the temperamental stars he worked with.

Saturday, 11 April
MY SON, JOHN — Helen Hayes, Robert Walker, Van Heflin, DRAMA. Rating: Excellent. The late Robert Walker portrays the youngest son of Miss Hayes. He becomes a Communist, much to the alarm of his mother and his family. When he turns against the Reds, he is killed. The story is one of the best of those that Hollywood has produced concerning such a theme.

Release Oaks' Home Schedule

The season's baseball schedule of the Oaks' home games has been received at Special Services and is as follows:

April 16, 23;	July 9, 16, 30;
May 7, 21;	August 20;
June 4, 18;	September 3.

Each game will be on a Thursday evening at the Oaks' Ball Park in Emeryville.

Forty patients are invited to each game, with arrangements made possible by the Alameda County Employees' Association.

Transportation is furnished to and from the games, with busses leaving at 1900. Arrangements are made to provide hostesses for those who go, and refreshments are supplied, too.

Patients who would like to attend the games should sign up at Special Services at least a week in advance of each game.

Court Reporter School Open to Corpsmen

Hospital corpsmen, yeomen, and personnel men, second class and above, who have had extensive experience in court reporting, and graduates of the Naval School of Justice, are eligible to attend the Navy's new two-week training course in the Stenomask System of court reporting.

The Navy has announced that the schedule for eligible personnel who are not now attending the regular seven-week course in UCMJ is as follows: 18-29 May; 27 July-7 Aug.; 21 Sept.-2 Oct.; and 23 Nov.-4 Dec.

The Stenomask System has recently been adopted by the Navy to make court reporting faster and more accurate. Facemask microphones and recording devices are used instead of the old-style shorthand recording methods in court proceedings.

Many Former Patients Mentioned in Book

(Continued from page 1)
 struck his chin, shattered his jaw, passed through his face, and entered his shoulder.

"CPL Vic Beauchamp of George Company, supported by three tanks, took a squad onto So-Wolmi-do and made fast work of securing this island. An enemy platoon was destroyed in this action. When the flag was raised," the story continues, "MacArthur went below to his quarters and wrote a dispatch to Admiral Struble: 'The Navy and Marines have never shone more brightly than this morning.'" Shortly after that, CPL Beauchamp arrived here for treatment on the amputee service.

1st LT Jack Westerman, 2nd LT Byron L. Magness, 2nd LT Robert Sebilian, and PFC Henry Cenicerros are also among the former patients whom readers may remember as they read this book.

LTJG "Hogan" H'Doubler, first Navy doctor to return as a casualty, is mentioned in the story, as are LCDR Charles K. Holloway, LCDR Harold A. Streit, LTJG Robert Harvey, and HMC Douglas Austin—all former members of the staff.

Officers Invited To S.F. Dance

The Nob Hill Officers Club will sponsor an Easter "Bunny Hop" dance tonight, 4 April, at the Fairmont Hotel from 2100 to 0100 for all officers in the Bay Area, active or reserve.

The dance will feature hostesses, Easter hats, entertainment and dancing to the music of Steve Salvi's orchestra.

Driver: "How did you knock him down?"

Bill: "I didn't! I pulled up to let him go across and he fainted!"

Staff Personalities



That's Grimes on the left, "Robbie" in the center, and Ed on the right. The three are cooks at the Officers' Club, and their backgrounds and job histories here at Oak Knoll are very similar. All three are from Texas, and their wives are from the long-horn state, too.

Roy C. Grimes is from San Antonio, and first came to Oak Knoll in 1943 as a steward's mate, first class. He stayed on the job as a civilian after his discharge in 1947. Recalled in 1948 and sent to Korea, he returned once again in 1951. He and his wife, Ruth, have two boys and two girls.

Austin Robinson, of Dallas, was also an ST1 when he first set eyes on the Officers' Club kitchen in 1943. He's been there ever since, having made the transition from sailor to civilian in 1946. Wife Wilma and a daughter round out the Robinson family.

"My story's a little different," drawled Ed Henderson, from Houston. Ed was a chauffeur in the Army for three and a half years. He came here after his discharge in 1946. His wife's name is Estella and the couple have two boys and a girl.

As good natured as their smiles indicate, they agreed that they frequently have a lively time when they start reminiscing and comparing notes on Texas and their early days here at the hospital.

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UNITED STATES NAVAL HOSPITAL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA

Saturday, 11 April, 1953

Hospital Rescue Workers Praised

A letter the Commanding Officer received this week from H. P. Gleason, Alameda County Sheriff, commends the Navy, the Hospital, and especially the doctors and corpsmen who worked at the scene of the crash of the Transocean Air Lines DC-4 near Alvarado on 20 March when 35 persons lost their lives.

"As usual in such cases, you were called upon for assistance," Sheriff Gleason wrote. "Naturally we have never been disappointed whenever we have called upon the Navy in general and certainly Oak Knoll Hospital in particular.

"May I take this means of expressing our gratitude for the service rendered by your detail at the scene of this disaster. I know you will be pleased to know of the splendid comment from all newspapers and other observers on the efficient manner in which the officer in charge of your detail operated.

"Certainly this office is under obligation to you and your staff, and will you please express our thanks to them?" the sheriff's letter concluded.

Bernard D. Bungarz, County Coroner, also wrote Captain Gordon to express his gratitude for the "prompt arrival of the Oak Knoll ambulances, personnel, and equipment" and asked that his thanks be conveyed to the staff "for their untiring efforts."

Armed Forces Day Committee Named

The nation's fourth Armed Forces Day will be observed on 16 May when the civilian public will have its annual opportunity to visit Army, Navy, and Air Force installations.

"Power for Peace" is the slogan for the day—an annual occasion set aside to pay tribute to the teamwork of the Armed Forces, to the unity of the American people, and the power and principles for which they stand in the world-wide struggle for peace.

Planning for the East Bay observance of Armed Forces Day got under way Monday at Naval Supply Center, Oakland, when RADM T. Earle Hipp, SC, USN, Commanding Officer at NSC and Project Officer for the East Bay Area, met with representatives from Alameda County Army, Navy, and Air Force installations.

Here at Oak Knoll the Commanding Officer has appointed an Armed Forces Day committee composed of CWOHC's O. G. Haines, John H. Faunce, and Harold L. Cox, and plans for the hospital's observance of the day will be announced in next week's OAK LEAF.

Commanding Officer, EXEC to Leave For New Assignments

Oak Knoll is soon to lose its two top-ranking officers as a result of Bureau orders.

Captain Gordon, who reported here as Executive Officer on 1 November 1949 and took over as skipper early in March 1951, will go to Philadelphia as District Medical Officer, Fourth Naval District, around the first of July.

CAPT Julian Love, who came here from Philadelphia last September to serve as Executive Officer, will assume command of U.S. Naval Hospital, Corona, some time in June.

CAPT Bruce Bradley, CO at the U.S. Naval Hospital, Key West, Florida, will come west to relieve Captain Gordon, and CAPT Herman Gross, now serving in Norfolk, Virginia, as Fleet Medical Officer for the Commander-in-Chief, Atlantic Fleet, is slated to take over the Exec's duties. His present post is the one Captain Gordon held just before coming to Oak Knoll.

Orchard Area Site Of EM Staff Picnic

Plans are nearly completed for the first staff picnic which is to be held on Saturday, 25 April in the Orchard Area of the Redwood Regional Park. The EM Recreation Committee has been busy making arrangements with the commissary to have fried chicken as the main item on the bill of fare. Refreshments will be served all afternoon.

Equipment will be provided for those who wish to play baseball and horseshoes. The picnic will begin at 1300 and will last until 1700, and transportation will be provided by Special Services for anyone who does not have a car.

Knoll Consultant Elected ASA President

Dr. Howard Naffziger, eminent San Francisco neurosurgeon, who is a member of Oak Knoll's consulting staff, this week earned another distinction.

He is the new president of the American Surgical Association, an exclusive group limited to 225 of the nation's top surgeons. He is the first Californian to head the organization.

The famous brain surgeon retired from his teaching duties at U.C. Medical School in 1951 after a 45-year association with the university, beginning when he was an undergraduate student.



"Easy does it," say the Astons as they boost one another around in perfect precision in their "risley act." The Astons and many other performers from the famous Shriners' Circus now appearing in Oakland will present a special performance here at 1330 on Monday, 20 April.

Amputees Aid Stanford Blood Drive

Eleven Oak Knoll patients went to Stanford University campus Wednesday



S/SGT W. D. Weisgerber, left, and John Bose, HN, board the bus for a trip to Stanford. Their mission—recruiting blood for Korea.

to assist in a drive for 5,000 pints of blood for shipment to Korea. The men spoke at fraternity houses on the campus, each telling how valuable blood has been in his own treatment.

In the group were LT W. R. Haughton, 2nd LT J. W. Pennington, 2nd LT J. A. Meyers, 2nd LT R. B. Swartz, S/SGT W. D. Weisgerber, T/SGT C. S. McPherson, PFC R. J. Range, John Bose, HN, PFC W. L. Case, SGT W. R. Dana, and PFC J. D. Zazworsky. All but three are amputees.

The Red Cross blood drive at Stanford is believed to be the most ambitious ever undertaken on a university campus, and according to the press, 2,500 pints were promised during the first two days of the drive.

Chairman of the student group working with the Red Cross is Ken Schecter, former Navy pilot who was "talked down" by another pilot after being temporarily blinded by enemy gunfire. Schecter arrived at Oak Knoll last April en route from Yokosuka to San Diego. Since retiring from the Navy, he has been studying engineering at Stanford.

The Oak Leaf

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† † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

Easter has come and gone, and with it has vanished the religion of many who call themselves the friends of God. Every Christmas and Easter some of us condescend to give our Lord a little of our time and attention. But when the Services are completed so, too, is our interest and our homage.

It is indeed a strange relationship between our God and ourselves when we behave in such a manner. One would logically infer that God only rates on these two festivals and that He has little significance in our lives the rest of the year.

If this is the case, then our idea of God is an amazingly adolescent one. For God's love of us is not limited to a few hours or a few days. He Himself has said: "I love you with an everlasting love." And again He said: "Love the Lord thy God with thy whole heart and soul and mind."

Do we naively presume that our obligations to our Creator and Redeemer are resolved by attendance at two services throughout the year?

It would indeed be better from an intellectual point of view to forget Him entirely than to throw Him a few crumbs on Christmas and Easter.

Let's give ourselves a break and put God into our daily lives. He certainly does not need us but what are we without Him? One does not need a second guess to answer that one.

CHARLES B. KNIGHT,
Catholic Chaplain.

Special Commission Recommends New Military Base Pay Regulations

An "escalator" arrangement for the base pay of Armed Forces personnel has been recommended to Secretary of Defense Charles E. Wilson.

A special commission of five citizens, headed by Lewis L. Strauss, asked that base pay be related to a cost-of-living index and be adjusted at intervals of one and two years.

The commission proposed that Congress develop a formula under which all differential pays would be computed as a percentage of base pay and that Congress authorize the use of such a formula through legislation.

The final report of the commission advised that if the escalator arrangement and other of its proposals for incentive, hazardous duty, and special pays are followed that upwards of \$200,000,000 could be saved annually.

The commission feels that this saving can be accomplished "without impairing the incentives which prove vital to our Armed Forces."

A raise in the rate of present combat pay (\$45 per month) was proposed to at least equal the lowest rates of pay provided for personnel engaged in hazardous duty (at least \$50 per month).

Personnel killed or wounded as a result of enemy action should be entitled to combat pay even though they are not attached to a designated combat unit, the commission urged.

The commission also asked that personnel on vessels suffering damage or casualties as a result of enemy action for the month in which the damage or casualties were incurred be paid combat pay for that month.

These are some of the commission's proposals:

Flying—flight surgeons and aviation observers, medical, who presently receive crew member flight pay should be changed to the pay scale for non-crew members—except a few flight surgeons who are actual crew members on hospital evacuation aircraft or are in specialized projects and perform duties essential to the mission of the aircraft in flight.

Foreign and Sea Duty—after 30 June, 1953, no extra pay be awarded for military personnel leaving the U.S. for foreign or sea duty.

Terminate extra pay for residents
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"Tonic chord or diminished 7th?" asks Mrs. Meadows, Gray Lady, of her two new pupils from 41A, RICHARD BERRÉS, EM3, and REESE BALE, DKS. Both have played trumpets and are now widening their musical knowledge via piano lessons.

Red Cross Ramblings

FAREWELL AND GOODBYE

Tuesday 31 March marked the day of departure for one of the recreation workers on the Red Cross staff here. Stelca Harker has resigned to return to her home in southern California after having been here at Oak Knoll since 17 November 1952. Many will remember this likeable blonde-haired, blue-eyed girl and will miss her friendly and capable help. The Red Cross staff regrets her leaving and extends to her best wishes for the future.

TWENTY-SIX DELICIOUS FLAVORS

If anyone happened in the vicinity of Carleton Avenue one Monday morning recently, perhaps he would have been surprised at the number of housewives busily baking pies. It wasn't just a coincidence; they were answering the SOS of Guy Elston, baseball enthusiast and frequent visitor with Mr. Clarence Wilson and the sports' groups on our compound. On behalf of the patients who enjoyed the artistic results of their culinary efforts, thanks to all the ladies.

APRIL AGENDA

What is on the April agenda for the dance nights in the lounge? What will the Tuesday night hostesses dream up for their dance on 14 April? The girls have been impressed with the way the patients' committee has managed the recent dances and, not to be outdone by the fellows, have decided to show their originality by planning the theme and activities for the dance 14 April. Knowing these girls, we're certain that they will measure up to the challenge and come up with something special.

This doesn't complete the April agenda, though! There are five more big dance nights following this dance. How enjoyable these will be depends to a large extent on the patients' committee. Meetings are held every Tuesday at 1600 in the lounge and

all patients interested are invited to attend and give constructive ideas toward having "bigger and better" dances.

MOVIE SET

"Cattle Town" with Dennis Morgan and Phillip Carey, and "Island Rescue" with David Niven and Glynis Johns make up the movie set for the week 15 April through 21 April. "Cattle Town" will be shown on wards 47A, 80B, 79B, 76B, 75B, 74A, 41A, and 71A. Wards receiving "Island Rescue" are 43A, 46B, 52, 47B, 61A, 51A, 63A, 62B, and 42A.

LAW OF AVERAGES

Those students of higher mathematics will have ample opportunity to put their knowledge into use this coming Monday night in the lounge. This sounds like the activity there will resemble a high school arithmetic class, but it's far from that. It will hold definite appeal to many, whether you operate scientifically by the law of averages, or whether you depend strictly on chance and luck. Perhaps you've already guessed that the activity is one which many patients can enjoy. It is sponsored by the B'nai B'rith organization and is featured in the lounge once a month. They bring a wide variety of games and a large selection of prizes for the winners. Drop in at the lounge and try your hand at a game of chance this Monday night, the 13th.

SPRING SOJOURN

Recently five men from ward 41-A and B enjoyed a sight-seeing trip of the Bay Area. RONALD BRADLEY, ADAN, and CLARENCE FIEST, SA, from 41-A and PAUL HEDGE, SA, CPL JAMES PREWITT, and PFC FRANKLIN TRASK from 41-B, together with a Gray Lady escort and a Red Cross Motor Service driver toured the area via the San Mateo and the Oakland Bay bridges. A perfect spring day added to the pleasure of the journey as the various communities were viewed with interest.

Divine Services

Hospital Chapel at Main Gate

PROTESTANT

BIBLE SCHOOL—SUNDAY 0945

SUNDAY WORSHIP—1030

Organ Music from Chapel Tower—1900

Time for Private Devotions in the Chapel

CHOIR REHEARSAL—1930 Thursday

HOLY COMMUNION—First Sunday

morning each month.

L. D. S. SERVICE

SUNDAY — 0900 in Staff Conference Room, Administration Bldg., Annex.

CATHOLIC

SUNDAY MASSES

0600-0800-0900-1200

DAILY MASSES — 1150 and 1630

Confessions before Mass

Catholic Oratory in back of Chapel

Choir Rehearsal—Tuesday 1900

CHAPLAIN'S OFFICES IN
CHAPEL AND 67A

NAVY RELIEF OFFICE—
IN CHAPEL

BUS TO AND FROM CHAPEL ON
SUNDAYS 0845 and 1015

Saturday, 11 April, 1953

SCUTTLEBUTT

WORTH A SECOND GLANCE:

The carpet of wildflowers on the hills across the fence from 62A and B . . . Pat Bannert's waistline—it must be all of 20 inches . . . Carl Stevenson's haircut . . . the beautiful bouquets in the Chief Nurse's Office—arrangements by LCDR Clara Lamp and LT Martha J. Myers . . . the gigantic Mexican silver earrings Navy Exchange's Hilda has been wearing . . . Priscilla Smith's friendly smile . . . HN Tom Turnipseed . . .

PEOPLE, PLACES, & THINGS:

Essie Mullins is the hospital's No. 1 night owl. As cook for the night crew, her working hours have been from 1800 to 0230 for more than ten years. . . . June McKinney is still looking crisp as a result of her fishing expedition in Antioch last week end . . . There was no April fooling about the announcement Dale E. Brown HM3, made to his friends on the NP Service on the 1st. His wife, Patricia, presented him with his second son, Jeffrey Rolf, on that date . . . Another proud father is Robert Wayne Glass, HM3, of the Chiefs' Club. His son, Mark Steven, was born on 4 April. This is the first child for him and Barbara . . . The NP staff gathered last night at the Continental Club to wish LT and Mrs. Tarleton Morrow smooth sailing in civilian life. They are to be feted at another party next Saturday night at the NAS Alameda Officers' Club . . . Everything happens to the Hubers. When they came back Tuesday from a fishless fishing trip to Oregon, their living room was littered with broken glass and small boulders. The considerate vandals had the windows replaced, and near the debris was a note from the sheriff, who promised an early explanation of the situation . . . Those bells you hear today will be for the wedding of Shirley Bricker and Tom Mank . . . Captain Gilman is eating well these days. He was the photographer who snapped Grimes, Robbie, and Ed, the three cooks who were staff personalities last week . . . Queenie, the mail carrier's mascot, isn't telling everyone, but she doesn't mind having her intimate friends here know that she is "expecting" again . . . Jo Ann Hoffman of the Nurse Corps has been promoted to JG . . . If LT Dave Stutler slips up and calls his wife by his secretary's name, she'll never know the difference—there isn't any. They're both named Edna, and so is Miss Johnson, who works with him as Hospital Corps instructor for Educational Services.

SOUR NOTE: CWOHC William Kuziara is at Pickle Meadows, Bridgeport, California, on a special assignment at the Marine Corps Cold Weather Battalion Station.

OAKNOLLUMNI: Alan A. Snell, HMC, one of the old mainstays of the OOD's Office, renewed acquaintances here the other day when he brought his wife, Margaret, in for treatment. The genial chief is now on duty in the Record Office at the hospital at Camp Pendleton . . . Elsie Pierce, former secretary to the CO, is now knee deep in PTA work.

vention yet. All personnel attending are invited to bring their wives and families.



Dr. John M. Waugh, center, eminent abdominal surgeon from Mayo Clinic, came to Oak Knoll this week to visit his friend, CAPT Richard S. Silvis, Chief of the Surgical Service, and see surgical facilities here. Captain Gordon joined the two surgeons for this picture in Captain Silvis' office, where photographs of Dr. Waltman Walters, Mayo Clinic surgeon of international fame, and RADM C. A. Broaddus, former Commanding Officer of Oak Knoll, formed an interesting background. Dr. Waugh is in the Bay Area to assist with final examinations for the American Board of Surgery.

Welcome and Farewell

Only 13 persons reported aboard for duty this week, while a total of 23 were detached or discharged.

Reporting aboard were: LT Betty J. Coady, NC, USNR, from USNAS, Whidbey Island; LT's June H. Graham and Anna A. Kaes, NC, from USS REPOSE; LT Irving D. Berg, MC, USNR-R, and LTJG Charles F. Aquadro, MC, USNR, from inactive duty; F. E. Waldon, HM2, from USNH, Bethesda, Md.; and HN's L. J. Minnehan, E. T. David, N. F. Walton, R. S. May, D. A. Chapman, G. B. Chase, and J. C. Williams, Jr., and HA R. A. Lavell, from USNHCS, Great Lakes, Ill.

Detached were: LT Anna T. Butler, NC, USN, to USNH, Guantanamo

Bay, Cuba; E. E. Lucero, HM3, to USNRS, Treasure Island, HM3's R. McFarland and J. W. Doby, to Hdqtrs ComSTSPacArea, 33 Berry St., San Francisco; and HN's W. W. Miller, J. E. Duval, Jr., R. B. Hughes, A. J. Mertens, M. L. Simmons, J. M. Stansel, R. L. Tapp, C. D. Long, R. E. Hatfield, V. D. Deaver, G. A. Caster, L. M. Hiatt, L. A. Korstad, D. J. Murphy, "J" "D" Miller, and J. D. Hicks, to U.S. Marine Barracks, Camp Pendleton, Oceanside, Calif.

CDR Richard D. Nies, MC, USN, was released to civilian life on a temporary disability retirement upon the acceptance of his resignation. LT's Mary A. Foley and Ethel H. O'Mara, NC, were released to inactive duty.

Hawaiian Dance Planned by CPO's

The Chief's Club will be a Kanaka's paradise on Saturday, 18 April, when the CPO's hold a Hawaiian dance with all the trimmings.

Chiefs, their wives and guests will don Island costumes or other appropriate dress to dance to the music of Bill Tapia's Hawaiian orchestra. Orchids for the ladies and cocoanut hats for the men are being imported for the occasion. There will be prizes for the best and most unusual costumes.

The city of San Leandro is donating palms to supplement the flowers and other decorations that will present the dance's Hawaiian Garden theme.

The dance will begin at 2100 and last until 0100.

40 Patients Invited To Stock Car Races

Forty patients have been invited to attend the National 250-lap championship stock car races at the Oakland Speedway tomorrow (Sunday, 12 April). Patients interested should contact Special Services immediately. Transportation will be provided.

Chuckles

"Leave at once! I never want to see you again!"

"Okay, honey, but I have one last request."

"What's that?"

"Get off my lap."

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Two can live cheaper than one but very few girls want to live that cheap.

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Bars are something which, if you go into many of, you are apt to come out singing a few of, and maybe land behind some.

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The difference between a sailor and a Seabee is that while a sailor and his girl are looking for a park bench, the Seabee builds one.

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"Of course," said the first husband, "nobody can cook like Mabel, but I must admit the Navy comes pretty close."

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She: "Women have more courage than men."

He: "No, they don't. A woman just has more chance to show her backbone."



TEACHER & PUPIL became husband and wife when LTJG Georgia Lee Duncan and Truman McDaniel exchanged vows in San Francisco Saturday afternoon. The two met when Miss Duncan decided to brush up on her dancing at Arthur Murray studios. LTJG Hilda Evans, also of the Oak Knoll nursing staff, was maid of honor, and a number of other friends here attended the wedding.

Average Age of Vets Is 38, VA Claims

The average age of Uncle Sam's nearly 20,000,000 living veterans in civil life is almost 38 years.

But the extremes range from 111 years for the oldest veteran, down to under 18 years for the youngest.

These figures were announced by Veterans Administration this week, based on the estimated age distribution of veterans in civil life as of 31 Dec., 1952.

—Since Korea, 1,483,000 veterans, average age 26.

—World War II, 15,424,000 veterans, average 34.

—World War I, 3,345,000 veterans, average age 59;

—Spanish-American War, 95,000 veterans, average age 76.

—Indian Wars, 295 veterans, average age 87.

—Civil War, 2 Union Army veterans, one 106, and the other 111 years old.

In addition to these veterans of wartime service, there are 61,000 veterans of peacetime service who are receiving compensation from VA for service-connected disabilities. Their average age is 41. The youngest veterans—those under 20—have served only since the Korean hostilities started on 27 June, 1950. They number approximately 47,000.

Ex-Pow Convention Scheduled in June

The sixth annual convention of the American Ex-Prisoners of War will be held in Oklahoma City on June 5, 6, and 7 at the Biltmore Hotel.

There are approximately 132,000 Ex-Prisoners of War or next of kin in the United States today and all are welcome to go to the biggest con-



Here are three of the performers that appeared in the "Vonalee Teamsters" show here last Thursday afternoon. Introduced by their first names only, on the left, Shirley is shown as she hula-danced her way to applause; in the center, Vonalee, who emceed the show, offers one of her piano selections; and on the right, Gerry whirls toward the camera while presenting a Spanish dance.

PREVIEWS

Sunday, 12 April
THE QUIET MAN—John Wayne, Maureen O'Hara, ROMANCE. Rating: Superior. An ex-prizefighter, with an air of mystery around him, arrives in Ireland and the story tells how he settles there and how he falls in love. It is enhanced by a Technicolor portrayal of Ireland, its customs, its charms, and its beauty.

Monday, 13 April
TAXI—Dan Dailey, Constance Smith, ROMANCE. Rating: Excellent. A slightly "different" movie, it involves a taxi driver who helps his fare, a young woman just arrived from Ireland, look for her husband who turns out to be a cad.

Tuesday, 14 April
NEVER LET ME GO—Clark Gable, Gene Tierney, DRAMA. Gable plays a correspondent in Moscow in 1945, who meets and marries a Russian ballet dancer. The plot thickens when he tries to get her out from behind the Iron Curtain.

Wednesday, 15 April
LAW AND ORDER—Ronald Reagan, Dorothy Malone. No information available on this movie.

Thursday, 16 April
SERPENT OF THE NILE—Rhonda Fleming, William Lundigan. Nothing the files on this one, either.

Friday, 17 April
BREAKING THE SOUND BARRIER—Ann Todd, Ralph Richardson, DRAMA. Rating: Excellent. A story of the effort to break through the sound barrier with jet plane, and of a plane manufacturer tycoon who will stop at nothing to see the project through to a successful end.

Saturday, 18 April
BECAUSE YOU'RE MINE—Mario Lanza, Doretta Morrow, MUSICAL. Rating: Excellent. Lanza lends his famous vocal chords to at least 15 numbers in this story of an opera star who gets drafted into the Army.

"And now, gentlemen," continued the congressman, "I wish to tax your memory."

"Good heavens," muttered a colleague, "why haven't we thought of that before?"

7th Swimposium Enters Last Week

Only two more weeks remain in the seventh annual "swimposium" which has been held at the hospital swimming pool every Tuesday evening since the end of February.

Sponsored by the Red Cross and handled through Special Services personnel, the Water Safety Instructors course is offered to all qualified life guards. Its main object is to renew instructor's certificates and teach them how to teach beginners to swim.

Attending the sessions are over 50 water safety instructors and instructor's aides from the bay area. Leading aquatic stars from the area have conducted several of the sessions.

The WSI course was first begun in 1946, here in Oakland, and is conducted each spring for water safety instructors from Oakland area schools, recreation departments, camps, and Red Cross chapters.

Reduced Rates Offered on "Gigi" Tickets; Unruh Chorus to Present Music Show

Military personnel and their families may purchase tickets to the comedy production "Gigi" for fifty cents less than the regular price of admission, compliments of the United Nations Theater.

The play will open at the Alcazar (formerly the United Nations), at 260 O'Farrell St. in San Francisco, next week. Reduced-rate tickets may be purchased for any performance after 15 April, excluding Friday and Saturday evening shows. Identification cards must be presented at the ticket window. The Broadway hit show stars Audrey Hepburn.

On Tuesday, 21 April, the Unruh Philharmonic Chorus will present a program of "musical varieties" in the main auditorium. The chorus, which offered the "Messiah" here during the Christmas season, will consist of 50 persons, and the show will begin at 1900.

Commission Favors Base Pay Changes

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of Puerto Rico, Hawaii, and other territories or insular possessions, who are on duty in their places of residence or depart from such places after 30 June 1953.

Medical—limit special pay to officers who volunteer and are accepted for active duty beyond that required by law.

Re-enlistment bonus—modification of present system to provide that no re-enlistment bonuses be paid until the person involved has completed 18 months of satisfactory service, that qualifications for such bonus be based on quality of individual service, that longer enlistments deserved larger bonuses, and that a larger bonus be paid for a first re-enlistment than for succeeding ones. Military personnel remaining on continuous service be eligible for such assistance as educational or home loan benefits which are available to honorable discharged veterans.

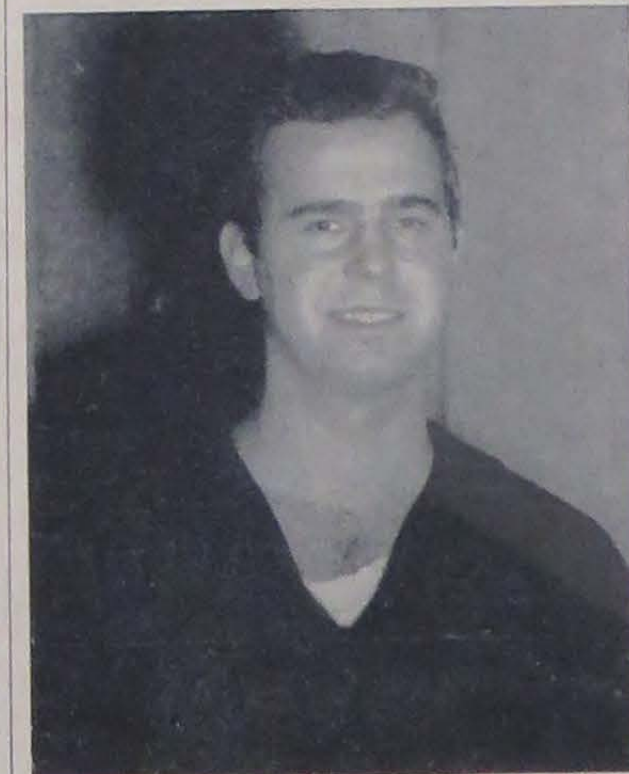
Insurance—provide \$20,000 instead of \$10,000 for survivors of military personnel who are killed in action, die of wounds or as a direct result of voluntarily engaging in a hazardous occupation. Make commercial type Government life insurance available at reasonable premium rates to members of the uniformed services, who are unable to secure appropriate life insurance from commercial firms because of hazardous military assignment. (AFPS).

Staff Personalities

LT Eunice Ireson, NC, USNR, agrees that she's "working backwards" — at first assigned to post-operative Ward 70B, when she came here last October, she has moved over to 70A and pre-operative cases. Miss Ireson is a southern belle from Danville, Va., and received her training from the University of Virginia Nursing School. She stayed on the staff there as a supervisor following her graduation and then worked in Washington, D.C. for a while before joining the Nurse Corps in 1948. Her duty stations since then have been USNH Bethesda, MSTs Atlantic, and St. Albans. While with MSTs she had the opportunity to pick up souvenirs in Germany, Italy, the Caribbean and many other foreign high spots. Here in California she's picking up the knack of playing golf.



One of the compound's "night owls" is Charles E. Hall, HN, who is currently on night duty on Ward 48E. Charles is another of those fortunate people who is stationed practically in his own back yard — his parents and a younger sister live in Hayward. He joined the Navy in April 1951, and went to San Diego for recruit training and Hospital Corps School. Arriving at Oak Knoll in November 1951, he was assigned to Ward 80 until he entered Neuropsychiatric Technician School here last year. In civilian life, Charles was an independent piano tuner. He also played the piano and in a recent amateur contest here he was one of the winners chosen from among the contestants. After his discharge, he'll go back to pianos—playing them and fixing them.



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Saturday, 18 April, 1953



LTJG Robert R. Periman

Staff Mourns Doctor's Death

Patients and staff are mourning the loss of LTJG Robert R. Periman, who died as the result of a tragic accident that occurred as he drove across the Bay Bridge from San Francisco early Thursday morning, apparently returning to his room at BOQ.

The 24-year-old intern, liked and respected by all who knew him, had received his M.D. from the University of Texas Medical School just 20 days before he reported for duty here. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. James E. Periman, of Lancaster, Texas, were vacationing in Tucson, Arizona, when the hospital notified them of the accident.

VA Appoints Dr. Snell Chairman of Council

The Veterans Administration has announced the appointment of Dr. Albert M. Snell of the Palo Alto Clinic as chairman of its Council of Chief Consultants, effective 1 July for a period of three years. He is at present serving as vice-chairman of the council.

Dr. Snell's appointment is of particular interest at Oak Knoll since he is a member of the consulting staff and was Chief of Medicine for the hospital during World War II. He is a specialist in gastroenterology.

Unruh Chorus Changes Appearance Date Here

The Unruh Philharmonic Chorus, which was to have presented a program of "musical varieties" here on Tuesday, 21 April, has postponed its appearance until Tuesday, 28 April. The chorus will consist of 50 persons, and the show will begin at 9:00.

CDR LOUISE WILDE TO HEAD WAVES

On 1 June, Louise K. Wilde will take over as the WAVES' director and only captain.

Many of the WAVES at Oak Knoll will remember when Miss Wilde made an official visit here in March, 1952, inspecting the wards where WAVES were assigned and later being the guest of honor at an informal meeting in their quarters.

CDR Wilde has been stationed at Treasure Island for the last year. She received her orders last week to report to Washington, D. C., on 15 May to assume her new duties.

She was in the first group of women Navy officers to be commissioned 11 years ago, and went in as a LTJG. Since then she has served in Washington, Hawaii, Washington again (the last time as Administrative Assistant to CAPT Joy Bright Hancock), and finally at Treasure Island.

She succeeds CAPT Hancock, who is retiring, and will be the fourth woman to hold the post. Her official title will be Assistant Chief of Personnel for Women.

CDR Wilde is a graduate of Mt. Holyoke College, Mass., where she studied journalism and college administration.

New Hayward USO Open for Servicemen

A new USO was recently opened in nearby Hayward for servicemen stationed in this area.

Located in the Hayward Veterans Memorial Building at 737 Main St., between C and D Streets, the new activity is open every Sunday from 1200 until 2100.

Dancing is continuous, refreshments are free, and there are plenty of hostesses. The Parks Air Force Base supplies the dance music.

Any and all servicemen are invited and may wear civilian clothes.

Navy EM Raincoat Slated for Issue Here

The Navy is now issuing the new-style enlisted men's blue raincoat. Small Stores here expects to have them in stock sometime in the next month.

The garment is made of lightweight navy blue cotton cloth and is double-breasted. It will be available for \$11.80, and can be obtained in either small, large or regular, sizes 34 through 40.

The present canvas-type raincoat will not be sold after 1 July, but may be worn until 1 July 1955.



Dr. Calvin M. Smyth, in San Francisco last week to conduct final examinations for the American Board of Surgery, of which he is chairman, spoke to surgical residents and interns here Saturday morning. He is pictured above with Captain Love, Captain Gordon, and Captain Silvis, who was his host during his visit to Oak Knoll. When Dr. and Mrs. Smyth left by plane for Philadelphia Sunday morning, he was well along in his second 100,000 miles of air travel. United Air Lines recently presented him a plaque for the first 100,000—all covered as he conducted board examinations throughout the country.

Noted Surgeon, Chairman of ABS, Visits Hospital, Gives Lecture Here

Surgical residents and interns last Saturday had the privilege of meeting Dr. Calvin M. Smyth, noted Philadelphia surgeon and Chairman of the American Board of Surgery, and hearing him speak on the subject, "Carcinoma of the Rectum."

Dr. Smyth, adding 3000 more miles to the 100,000 he has already flown in conducting board examinations throughout the United States, came to San Francisco last week to conduct the final examinations for the board, and during the week end he and Mrs. Smyth were house guests of Captain and Mrs. R. S. Silvis.

Dr. Smyth, active in the American Board of Surgery since it was founded in 1937, has worked untiringly and unselfishly for the improvement of surgical training in America.

He is professor of surgery at the University of Pennsylvania, where he received his M.D. in 1918, is senior surgeon, Abington Memorial Hospital; Director of Surgery, Women's Hospital, Philadelphia, and consulting surgeon for the U. S. Naval Hospital, Philadelphia. He is past president of the Philadelphia Academy of Surgery, a member of the American Surgical Association, and of the So-

ciety International de Chirurgie, Brussels, and is the author of more than 100 scientific articles and two surgical books.

Patients, Staff to See Oaks-Seals Game

Ninety tickets were made available at Special Services this week for as many patients and staff to attend the Oaks-Seals games this afternoon (Saturday). Game time is 1415 today, and transportation will be provided.

Game tickets were the gift of the Remar Baking Company.

Don't Forget—! The Circus Is Coming

Performers from the famous Shriners' Circus now appearing at the Oakland Auditorium will present a special show here at 1330 on Monday, 20 April.

Weather permitting, the show will be held in the outdoor amphitheater in back of the administration building and adjacent to the main parking lot. In the event of bad weather, the acts will appear in the main auditorium.

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† † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

Most of us feel independent. We do not like to admit that we can be influenced in our thinking or actions. However, we cannot grow in any other way than through contacts with others and through various experiences that come to us every day. Each makes its imprint, that is, influences us.

We have just passed the anniversary of the birth of Thomas Jefferson. He was one of the outstanding thinkers and builders during the years our Nation was laying the principles of freedom, equality and unity. He wrote the first ten amendments to our Constitution known as the Bill of Rights. Can we for a moment believe that his ideas and ideals were his alone? He was the product of sincere association with a growing nation and groups of men with high ideals. Though he saw further and clearer than most, he was influenced by those with whom he lived and worked.

This is easily seen in what happens to our perceptions of objects. Try the following simple experiment. Hold a vivid red rose in one hand and look steadily at it. Then place a clear yellow rose beside the red one. To you the yellow appears tinted with orange. The explanation is that you have retained an image of the red color which blends with the yellow so that you cannot see the clear yellow, and the red is also tinted with orange.

Life is like that in all our experiences. We never see things except in relation to others. Our thinking is colored by the thoughts of others. We are influenced by the lives of others, the books we read, the type of work we do, and the kind of recreation we seek. We are constantly exposed to outside influences, but we have the privilege of selecting the ones we want to be permanent in us. Our responsibility, therefore, is to choose the things that will influence our lives and make them better.

H. E. LeMAY,
 Protestant Chaplain.

Welcome and Farewell

Oak Knoll emerged from the census battle last week with 25 more persons aboard. A total of 33 reported for duty, and eight were detached or discharged.

Reporting for duty were: LT Adrian Recinos, Jr., MC, USNR, from USNH, NNMC, Bethesda, Md.; LT John W.

Littlefield, MC, USNR, from USS REPOSE; LTJG John S. Montgomery, MC, USNR, from USNH, Bethesda, Md.; ENS's Francine H. Bedel, Doris Ann Collins, Miriam L. Taylor, and Doris M. Wiese, NC, USNR, from USNH, St. Albans, N. Y.; B. J. Lowe, HMC, from USNS, Midway Island; J. T. Noddin, DT2, from Naval Ammunition Depot, Hawthorne, Nev.; A. J. Van Wagoner, HM2, USNH, FPO, San Francisco; B. G. Rutledge, HM3, from USNRS, San Diego; D. L. Folkes, HM3, from USNH, Great Lakes, Ill.; C. A. Ray, HM3, from USS REPOSE; HN H. P. McCartney and HA's M. W. Frank, E. W. Youso, A. M. Miley, W. A. Kinsella, W. L. Bisek, E. W. Christensen, L. J. Horner, J. B. Merryfield, C. A. Mitchell, T. J. Williams, R. N. Beck, and C. J. Mayfield, from USNHCS, San Diego; and HN's R. E. Vaughn, W. O. Salivar, D. F. Ungerman, T. J. Bednarski, R. G. McConnell, R. M. Lanz, and D. R. Schultz, from USNHCS, Great Lakes, Ill.

Detached were: LT Robert G. Woffinden, DC, USN, to USS KERMIT ROOSEVELT (ARG-16); HN's M. L. Simmons and W. W. Miller, to Marine Barracks, Camp Pendleton, Oceanside, Calif.

LT John T. Morrow, Jr., MC, USNR, was released to inactive duty. LTJG Marian L. Woy, NC, USN, was discharged to civilian life upon



Scene taken at the Western Roundup that really roped 'em in Tuesday night at the Red Cross Lounge. The cowgirls corralled the cowboys and cut loose with many cowpoke capers.

Red Cross Ramblings

MOVIE FANFARE

"Stop, You're Killing Me," a comedy starring Broderick Crawford and Claire Trevor, will be shown this week on Wards 47A, 43A, 46B, 52, 47B, 61A, 51A, 63A, 62B, and 42A.

HERE COMES THE CIRCUS!

Mark the date for Monday, 20 April, at 1330, when the Shrine Circus comes to Oak Knoll. It is the one gratis performance given for a hospital group during the limited engagement of this terrific show in Oakland. Arrangements for this special performance were made by Mrs. Mather of the Berkeley Chapter Entertainment and Supply Service, American Red Cross.

DON'T FORGET

With Mother's Day only three weeks away, thoughts of home should be starting to manifest themselves. Whether it's mother, grandmother, wife or sister, there are greeting cards available through the Red Cross for patients wishing to send them. The Gray Ladies will be taking selections with them on their ward visits, so be watching for them and put in your request early.

The available greeting cards are not limited to just holiday occasions. We have a wide variety on hand at all times, ranging from birthday cards, all types of congratulatory cards, to gift enclosure cards.

Ambulatory patients are welcome to help themselves to the cards on display in the Red Cross recreation room, topside in the Community Service building. There also are materials for wrapping gifts and boxes for mailing. Ask for what you don't see. If you aren't already acquainted with this recreation room, come up and make use of the facilities there.

AS TIME GOES BY

One sure way of realizing the movement of time is the simple addition we perform yearly on our

the acceptance of her resignation. Robert L. Mecham, HM3, was separated from the Navy at the expiration of his enlistment.

ages. Those patients on 80B making "plus one" marks to their ages this month are: JAMES PATTERSON, SN, and MELVIN ROKER, SN. Held in their honor was a birthday party complete with cake, candles, presents and the "Happy Birthday" song. A similar celebration was held on 61A for J. T. COLVIN, Veteran patient, F. H. GRAHAM, HMC retired, and G. W. STOCK, CCM retired.

A LETTER OF APPRECIATION

Dear Captain Knowles:

Commander Dean and I both want to thank you for the kindness and courtesies extended me while I was at Oak Knoll—the results of my stay being a 100% baby boy, March 10th.

To add to our appreciation, the high standards of your department added greatly to my comfort and confidence.

Please extend my thanks to your staff, Dr. Beer, Dr. Oremland, Dr. Creswell and Dr. Burns, especially.

Sincerely,

—BEVERLY DEAN

'Mademoiselle' Writer Praises HAVEN Staff

In her April "MEMO from the Editor" Betsy Talbot Blackwell, of MADEMOISELLE, tells of her recent cruise to Honolulu aboard the USS HAVEN.

She talks of the "fine complement of doctors, the attractive Navy nurses, and that important group, the corpsmen."

Mrs. Blackwell was one of 15 business and professional women invited by the Secretary of the Navy to learn first hand about some of the activities of the Navy, and her observations are well worth the three minutes it takes to read them.

Make sure of tomorrow—TODAY!
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Divine Services

Hospital Chapel at Main Gate

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BIBLE SCHOOL—SUNDAY 0945
 SUNDAY WORSHIP—1030

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 Time for Private Devotions in the Chapel
 CHOIR REHEARSAL—1930 Thursday
 HOLY COMMUNION—First Sunday morning each month.

L. D. S. SERVICE

SUNDAY — 0900 in Staff Conference Room, Administration Bldg., Annex.

CATHOLIC

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

CHAPLAIN'S OFFICES IN
 CHAPEL AND 67A

NAVY RELIEF OFFICE—
 IN CHAPEL

BUS TO AND FROM CHAPEL ON
 SUNDAYS 0845 and 1015

Saturday, 18 April, 1953



Cutting their wedding cake in the traditional manner are the new bride and groom, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Mank.

Oak Knoll Couple Wed in Chapel

Oak Knoll's chapel was the scene of another wedding last Saturday when WAVE Shirley Bricker, HN, and Tom Mank, HM3, were married in a double-ring ceremony performed by LCDR E. J. Ford, Catholic chaplain.

The bride wore an ankle-length dress of Chantilly lace with seed pearls on a skirt of net. She carried a prayer book, white roses and two white orchids.

Maid of honor was Monica Boot, IN, and the best man was Bob Bennett, HN. Lionel Porter, HM1, gave the bride away, and Wesley Stover, IM1, was the usher.

The wedding was followed by a reception held at the San Lorenzo Villa.

Following a four-day honeymoon, the new Mrs. Mank was back on duty in the Civil Readjustment Office, and the groom returned to his job in the Personnel Office. They will make their home here in Oakland.

80-Year-Old Worker Still Going Strong

Want to live a good long life? Then take a cue from Mrs. Josephine F. Clark of Oakland, who recently celebrated her 80th birthday and her 11th year of making surgical dressings for Oak Knoll.

"I attribute my longevity to 'minding my own business,'" Mrs. Clark said on that occasion.

In her long service of preparing bandages she hasn't missed a day because of illness. She reports for duty at the Oakland Red Cross twice a week to work with volunteers who turn out some 50,000 dressings a month for the hospital.

Chuckles

Papa Bear: "Somebody's been drinking my whiskey."

Mama Bear: "Somebody's been drinking my gin."

Baby Bear: "Hic."

Husband (at breakfast): "For the last time I'm telling you—I was not out playing cards with the boys last night!"

Wife (logically, we think): "No? Then how come you just shuffled the toast and dealt me five slices?"

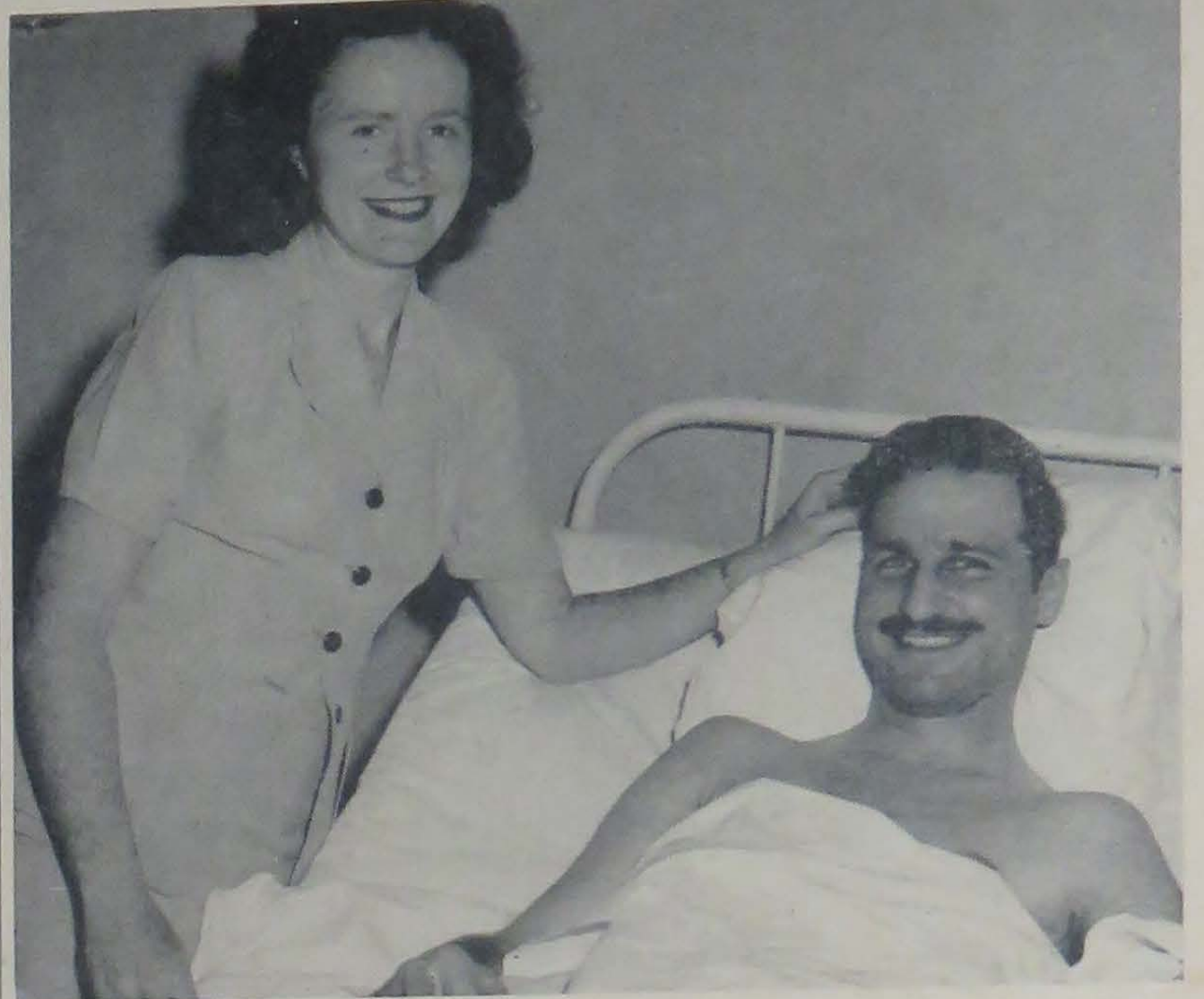
SCUTTLEBUTT

PEOPLE, PLACES & THINGS: Pretty Geraldine McGee, Medical Social Service secretary, is wearing a new diamond in anticipation of a fall wedding. Lucky man is Orval Slocum, salesman for Case Tractor Company . . . HN R. N. Wood of Pharmacy will give up pill rolling Monday morning and set out for Detroit to visit his family. . . . Does music "have power to soothe the savage breast"? A certain lab student (he refuses to divulge his name), caretaker-of-the-month for the animal house, thinks so. The little radio he has installed for his guinea pigs, rabbits, mice, and hamsters has had a big effect on their morale, he says . . . San Salvador, Central America, is the home town of attractive 22-year-old PVT Delfina Alcantara, USMC, who hobbles about EST School making herself useful as she "recups" from a fractured left leg—floors at 100 Harrison Street were too slippery . . . LT John Marra was among the missing this week, traveling to Phoenix for oral exams for the American Board of Anesthesiology. . . . Captain Gilman headed south for a special weapons orientation course at San Diego, and Captain Sherwood, as of the 12th, was en route to Boston to attend a meeting of the American Pediatric Society . . . 8 April was a big day in the life of Russell Worley, retired Marine corporal—first time for more than a year that he wasn't on either the critical or serious list . . . LT Phoebe Maltese is driving a new green Chevy BelAir, just slightly less gorgeous than the bright red Mercury convertible SGT Gerald Kure of 42A has acquired . . . Webster Van Blaricom and Jay Van Wagner (who just arrived from Yokosuka) can talk to each other like "Dutch cousins." They are both HM2's and both NP Clerical technicians . . . Do you suppose L. J. Horner's first two names are Little Jack?

LIFE BEGINS Department: Young Thomas A. Buhlman, born 8 April, is the reason why his father, Charles W. Buhlman, HN, of the Lab staff, is looking so proud these days. Seven-pound Tommy is the second child for him and Velma . . . LTJG Martin C. Shea, Jr., and his wife, Claudia, welcomed Martin Coyle III aboard on 13 April, and LT Stephen V. Landreth and Ann were up early Wednesday morning to greet their second child, a 9-pound ½-ounce baby girl, unnamed as the paper went to press . . . Apologies to Robert W. and Barbara Glass, and particularly to Robert, Ronald, and Kathleen Ann, 4, 3, and 14 months. Last week's LEAF reported that Mark Steven (now 14 days old) was the first-born of the family.

OAKNOLLUMNI: Father Cornelius Griffin, here in early 1951 after being hit in the jaw by machine-gun bullets in Korea, stopped by to see friends Tuesday. He is now with the Fleet Marines in Camp Pendleton . . . Here the same day, same purpose, was HMC Harry Jones, formerly of EST School, now with MSTTS, in and out of Seattle.

WORTH WATCHING: Captain Shaw and Captain Zikmund playing a rousing game of tennis on the local courts . . . Payroll's new \$4300 book-keeping machine, a gadget that sits on top of a desk looking like a glorified electric typewriter as it adds, subtracts, and Mr. Hitz knows what else . . . Joan Smejkl's wardrobe.



Happy to be alive and recovering from the second degree burns he got when he was shot down over Korea is Navy pilot LTJG James B. Overton. And happy to have him back home again is his wife, Marian, visiting him on Ward 69A.

Navy Pilot Escapes Several Deaths In Daring Helicopter Rescue in Korea

Navy pilot LTJG James B. Overton narrowly escaped death by explosion, burning, falling, and shooting, on the morning of 4 March when he was shot down for the second time in two weeks over Wonsan harbor on the east coast of Korea.

LT Overton was spotting gunfire for the cruiser LOS ANGELES when his Corsair Nightfighter was hit by three rounds of 37 mm. explosive shellfire from the ground.

The shell fragments missed him but struck the belly tank, setting the plane afire.

Death threatened again when Overton tried to open the canopy to bail out, and it jammed.

Finally he forced the canopy open, but by this time the plane had lost considerable altitude. When Overton released his safety belt and was thrown clear of the Corsair, his parachute had just time to open for his landing in a Korea rice paddy, 150 yards from the beach, where enemy machine gun bullets kicked up flurries all around him.

When he got to the beach he saw the LOS ANGELES' helicopter head for him two hundred yards away—and then veer off.

"When I saw that helicopter make a right angle turn and fly away from me, my heart hit bottom," LTJG Overton said. "The pilot hadn't seen me. But when I attracted his attention by firing tracer bullets from my pistol, he came right over and pulled me up. We were under small arms fire all the time."

LT Overton, now on 69A, arrived at Oak Knoll several days ago from the U. S. Naval Hospital, Yokosuka, Japan, and is recovering from second degree burns on his hands, face, and left leg.

Another Corsair, piloted by LT Leonard Henke, accompanied Overton on his nearly fatal spotting mission. Both were from the aircraft carrier USS VALLEY FORGE. Henke's plane had 27 anti-aircraft shell holes to show for his efforts in

strafing the troops that harrassed Overton and the helicopter that rescued him.

On 20 February, Overton crash-landed on an Allied-held island during a similar spotting mission. He was not injured.

Overton entered the Navy in 1943 after graduation from high school, and until 1949 was intensively trained in night fighting and radar operation. In 1949 he was released and entered the organized Reserve here in Oakland. A year later while attending Purdue University in Indiana, he was called back and arrived in Korea last November.

His wife, Marion, and their three children, Jamilee, 6, Jack, 3, and Emily, 2, live in Sunnyvale, California.

Rensselaer Institute Offers Scholarship To Navy, Marine Sons

Trustees of the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute are offering four-year scholarships for the year 1952 to sons of Naval or Marine Corps personnel, the Navy has announced.

To be eligible for the scholarship, the applicant must be a son of a Naval or Marine Corps Regular or Reserve officer, petty officer or non-commissioned officer. The parent can be either on active duty or retired with pay. Sons of deceased personnel in these categories are also eligible.

All applications must be submitted to the Bureau of Naval Personnel by June 1, 1953. A selection board of line and engineering officers will convene to select candidates.

Students selected will be awarded free tuition amounting to \$600 a year and will enter with the September 1953 class. The Institute has advised the Navy that this will be the last year this award will be made available to dependents of Navy and Marine Corps personnel. (AFPS).



Six men were graduated last Friday after completing a six months' course in Oak Knoll's Operating Room Technicians School. Pictured here following presentation of certificates are (seated): Jack Smith, HN, Edward Matsui, HM3, Farrell Reinhard, HN, Richard McBride, HN. Standing are: LTJG Marie Croteau, instructor, Gerald Vesper, HN, Robert Radford, HM3, CDR Wesley Fry, Assistant Chief of Surgery, who presented the certificates, and LT Edna Daughtry, OR Supervisor. Vesper was honorman of the class with a final average of 95.0. All the graduates except Radford will stay at Oak Knoll for duty, and he has been transferred to Mare Island.

CDR Dillon Cops Golf Championship In Intrahospital Flights at Chabot

CDR J. R. Dillon became Oak Knoll's golf champion for the second consecutive year last Saturday when he won the championship flight of the intra-hospital golf tournament at the Lake Chabot course.

CDR Dillon turned in a score of 75 in the final game—his winning score last year was 74. Runner-up in the final round was CDR John Atkins, Doctor Dillon's opponent.

In the first round of the championship flight played last week, CDR Dillon beat CDR Daniel Boone, and CDR Atkins won out over CAPT R. S. Poos.

In the handicap flight, LT Henry Wolfe downed CDR Wallace E. Allen, HMC Vincent DeVoss beat HM3 O. L. Liles, HN M. G. Borkan beat HMI

J. N. Sklinchar, and LT James Thorne out-stroked HMC J. R. Baranski.

In the second round, DeVoss and Thorne emerged victorious over Wolfe and Borkan. DeVoss and Thorne will play the final game sometime this week to determine the winner of that match.

Qualifying rounds for the tournament began on 17 March, and the flights have been played off at a rate of one match each week.

Softball League Practice Begins

Team managers Don Hines and Dick Jenkinson issued a call this week for more players to turn out for the hospital's softball league team.

Outfielders and pitchers are needed in particular, but other positions are also open. Twelve men have turned out for the four practice sessions held since last Tuesday. Practice usually is held on days when port section has the watch.

No definite date has been set for the opening game in the Twelfth Naval District Class B League, but the season is expected to begin in about two weeks.

Oak Knoll's softball team has won the Class B Championship for the past two years, and it is hoped that 1953 will bring a third championship.

Anyone interested in getting on the team should call Don Hines, ward corpsman, extension 357.

A farmer bought a parrot for \$10 and asked the auctioneer if the bird talked. "You should know, he's been bidding against you for 30 minutes."

You wouldn't worry what people think of you if you realized how seldom they do.

EXEC in East On Busy Schedule

CAPT Julian Love, Executive Officer, left Monday morning for the East Coast on a variety of missions.

At Atlantic City, N. J., he is attending the annual meeting of the American College of Physicians this week. Tomorrow he is due at Philadelphia for a series of lectures on "Tropical Medicine" at Hahnemann Medical College, Philadelphia, and before his return here early in May he will be on the faculty for a special post-graduate course at the American College of Physicians in Philadelphia.

Staff Corpsman Gets CO Commendation

Gerald Cavanaugh, HM3, has been awarded a Letter of Commendation by the Commanding Officer.

His citation referred to his duties while assigned to the dressing room of the Plastic Surgery Department. It read, in part, as follows: "... You have demonstrated outstanding ability, reliability and dependability in your work. The kind, considerate and efficient manner in which you carried out your duties is indeed a fine example of devotion to duty."

Cavanaugh entered the Navy in August 1949, and will be discharged at the end of this month. He and his wife, Rosella, have a son, Michael.

A young mother had just unburdened herself and told her son the facts of life.

"Now," she said, "have you any questions?"

"Yes," he replied. "How do they get the Saturday Evening Post out on Wednesday?"

PREVIEWS

Sunday, 19 April

APRIL IN PARIS—Doris Day, Ray Bolger, MUSICAL. Rating: Excellent. The tale of a chorus girl who, by mistake, is delegated to represent the United States at an international festival of the arts being held in Paris. Miss Day is the chorus girl, and Bolger is the harassed government official who accompanies her to the festival. Singing, dancing, comedy and Technicolor combine to provide 101 minutes of pure relaxation.

Monday, 20 April

YOU'RE IN THE NAVY NOW — Gary Cooper, Jane Greer. Nothing on this one in the files, and since we can't picture the lean and lanky Cooper in a white hat, we won't even venture a guess at the plot material of this one.

Tuesday, 21 April

PETER PAN and BEAR COUNTRY — Walt Disney production. CARTOON CLASSIC. Rating: Excellent. Disney and his top artists worked for three years and spent \$4,000,000 to put Peter Pan on the Technicolor screen. The result is enjoyment unlimited.

Wednesday, 22 April

BANDITS OF CORSICA — Richard Greene, Paula Raymond, ADVENTURE. Rating: Good. Drawing on the well-known tales of the legendary Corsican brothers, this movie complicates an already exciting revolution with a set of Corsican twins bent on opposite purposes. One twin is a liberator—the other a wicked man with a strange psychological twist that can only end in death.

Thursday, 23 April

CRY OF THE HUNTED—Vittorio Gassman, Barry Sullivan, DRAMA. Rating: Very good. A grim but absorbing story of a young convict who escapes from the custody of Officer Sullivan and goes back to his home in Louisiana. In the cat and mouse game that follows, both get trapped in the bayous. This is a gripping, yet at times sentimental, picture.

Friday, 24 April

DESERT RATS — James Mason, Richard Burton, DRAMA. Mason portrays German Field Marshal Rommel and his defeat at Tobruk in North Africa in 1941 by Australian troops.

Saturday, 25 April

PEOPLE WILL TALK — Cary Grant, Jeanne Crain. Nothing in the files on this one. It's apparently a brand new release.

Staff Personalities

A new face in the Out-Patient Department is that belonging to WAVE Helen Anderson, HN, who was assigned there just this week. Helen has been working on dependents' medical and surgical wards since she came to the hospital last September from Corps School in San Diego. Prior to that she put in ten months of dis-

pensary duty at Seattle, Wash. From Dwight, Ill., she was a laboratory student at the Cook County Graduate School of Medicine before joining the Navy in March, 1951. She has high ambitions of becoming a doctor and plans to pursue that goal after her discharge.



If you have a temperamental tooth, one of the first people you're likely to see at the Dental Clinic is LT Peter C. Conglis, DC, USN, who's in the examining room. LT Conglis is another Illinoisan—from Chicago. He's on his second hitch in the Navy, hav-

ing been in the first time from '44 until '47. After a couple of years of private practice in the Windy City he came back in uniform in 1949. He came here last November from the Naval Gun Factory in Washington, D.C. Dr. Conglis is a graduate of Loyola University and postgraduate of the Navy's Dental School in Bethesda, Md.



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Stewardess Beverlee Nelson, one of two survivors of the plane crash near Hunters Point Monday night, is cared for by LT A. J. Poytress. "I want to keep flying. I love my job," Miss Nelson told reporters.



Jerry Adams, student at the University of Alaska, rested on Ward 66A after surviving the crash of an air liner in the bay Monday night. He escaped with only minor injuries, but when asked how he felt, he said, "as if I'd just been run over by a steam roller."—Oakland Tribune photos.

Crash Survivors Treated Here

Oak Knoll was in the limelight Monday night when the two survivors of the Western Air Lines crash off Hunter's Point arrived here for treatment, followed by a battery of photographers and newsmen to whom they told their harrowing story.

Beverlee Nelson, chief stewardess for the ill-fated plane, and Jerry Adams of Fairbanks, Alaska, were the only survivors among the ten crew members and passengers aboard as the plane neared the end of its flight.

Miss Nelson, exhausted from exposure and grief-stricken over the loss of her fellow crew members and passengers, made it plain to reporters that she loves her job and wants to keep flying. She has been with Western Air Lines for 3½ years. With only a few bruises to show for her ordeal, Miss Nelson was able to leave the hospital Wednesday noon.

Young Adams, a junior at the University of Alaska, came to Berkeley as a delegate to the Model United Nations session held on the U.C. campus last week and was returning from a visit with relatives in the Los Angeles area when the plane crashed. He was saturated with oil and water, and X-rays show that he suffered a fracture of the great toe on his left foot, but otherwise he was uninjured. He will leave the hospital within the next few days and will soon be en route back to Fairbanks and his studies.

Both survivors probably owe their lives to Devon C. Peterson, SA, of Naval Air Station, Alameda, who jumped from a crash boat into the oily, flame-lit water and managed to get a line from the boat around both of them.



On hand to cheer for her daddy when he received the Bronze Star Medal from the Commanding Officer last Thursday was 10-month-old Vicki Sue Whitaker. Her parents, T/SGT and Mrs. James R. Whitaker, obviously approve, as did all who had an opportunity to meet the young lady. She and her mother came here from Oceanside and will live in Oakland until the sergeant is able to leave the hospital.

"Operation Cheer-up" Coming Here Tuesday

The Unruh Philharmonic Chorus will appear here next Tuesday, 28 April, in the first of a series of performances entitled "Operation Cheer-up" to be presented at various military hospitals in this area. The 90-minute variety show will begin at 1900 in the main auditorium.

A cast of over 50 musicians will sing and play arrangements by Fred Waring, Victor Herbert, and other favorite composers.

The chorus is under the direction of John Unruh, and the accompanists will be Caroline Unruh and Bernice Bachne.

Soloist Angie Chiaro will feature song stylings of "Have You Heard?" and "Pretend," and Bud Audette will present piano solos and novelties. Dancing, instrumental antics, an Irish tenor and selections by the chorus will round out the show.

"Peter Pan" Matinee Slated for Children

A special showing of the Walt Disney production of "Peter Pan" will be held in the main auditorium on Saturday, 2 May, at 1400. The special showing is for the children of staff and patients, but the grown-ups are cordially invited, too.

23 PERSONS NEEDED NOW

Only 23 more bond pledges are needed for Oak Knoll to reach the Navy's minimum standard of 65% payroll savings participation.

Please contact your Savings Bond Representative if you would like to help put the hospital "over the top" and begin saving some of that paycheck that disappears so rapidly each month.

Three Bronze Star Medals Awarded In Special Ceremonies for 14

T/SGT James R. Whitaker, Robert S. Rakestraw, HM3, and CPL Henry C. La Grone shared top honors here recently when Captain Gordon presented them each the Bronze Star Medal for heroic action in Korea. The awards were given at special ceremonies held in the CO's office.

SGT Whitaker was serving with a Marine ordnance disposal company last November when he displayed the "exceptional courage, initiative, and professional skill" for which he received the Bronze Star.

In helping to defend an outpost forward of the main line of resistance, he "completely disregarded his own safety to remove a burning white phosphorous shell which was lying in a storage pit for high explosives and white phosphorous ammunition. The shell would undoubtedly have ignited the entire storage pit and endangered the lives of approximately 20 Marines in the immediate vicinity," according

to the citation, which was signed by MAJGEN E. A. Pollock, USMC, Commanding General, 1st Marine Division, FMF.

Whitaker was a student at the University of Kentucky before he entered the Corps six years ago.

Rakestraw earned his Bronze Star for "exceptional courage and initiative while serving with a reconnaissance company evacuation team on a forward outpost. When the outpost was taken under intense mortar fire, he attended the casualties with complete disregard for his own safety, continuing to expose himself to hostile fire even after he was wounded several times."

Before being called to active duty 18 months ago, Rakestraw, a reservist, was studying at Furman University in his home town of Greenville, S.C.

CPL La Grone received his medal for courage he displayed while serv-

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† † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

"THE GREATEST MAN EVER BORN"

Here is a man who was born in an obscure village, the child of a peasant woman. He grew up in another obscure village. He worked in a carpenter shop until He was thirty, and then for three years was an itinerant preacher. He never wrote a book. He never held an office. He never owned a home. He never had a family. He never went to college. He never travelled two hundred miles from the place where He was born. He never did one of the things that usually accompany greatness. He had no credentials for Himself. He had nothing to do with this world except the power of His divine manhood. While still a young man, the tide of popular opinion turned against Him. His friends ran away. One of them denied Him. Another betrayed Him. He was turned over to His enemies. He went through the mockery of a trial. He was nailed upon a cross between two thieves. While He was dying His executioners gambled for the only piece of property He had on earth. His coat. When He was dead, He was taken down and laid in a borrowed grave through the pity of a friend.

Nineteen wide centuries have come and gone, and today He is the centerpiece of the human race and the leader of the column of progress.

I am far within the mark when I say that all the armies that ever marched, all the navies that ever were built, and all the parliaments that ever sat and all the kings that ever reigned, put together, have not affected the life of man upon this earth so powerfully as has that one solitary life.

—Phillips Brooks.

BRITISH COLUMBIAN WRITES THANKS

Victoria, British Columbia

Dear Captain Gordon:

It is almost a year since I enjoyed the hospitality of "Oak Knoll" and I shall never forget the consideration and kindness with which I was treated whilst I was there.

The doctors and nurses in 78A must have had the patience of Job to treat me as they did, especially with so many other patients, too.

It may interest you to know I have had only one headache since I left there (17 August 1952) and have now been declared completely cured.

I am sure it is due only to the skill of your doctors and to the careful nursing during the post operation period.

May I thank you again, and my wife joins me in sending our heartfelt gratitude.

Yours sincerely,

STEPHEN W. DERBYSHIRE

Divine Services

Hospital Chapel at Main Gate

PROTESTANT

BIBLE SCHOOL—SUNDAY 0945

SUNDAY WORSHIP—1030

Organ Music from Chapel Tower—1900

Time for Private Devotions in the Chapel

CHOIR REHEARSAL—1930 Thursday

HOLY COMMUNION—First Sunday

morning each month.

L. D. S. SERVICE

SUNDAY — 0900 in Staff Conference Room, Administration Bldg., Annex.

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SUNDAY MASSES

0600-0800-0900-1200

DAILY MASSES — 1150 and 1630

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Catholic Oratory in back of Chapel

Choir Rehearsal—Tuesday 1900

CHAPLAIN'S OFFICES IN CHAPEL AND 67A

NAVY RELIEF OFFICE—IN CHAPEL

BUS TO AND FROM CHAPEL ON SUNDAYS 0845 and 1015

40 HA's Pass Exams for Advancement in Rate

Forty persons were advanced from HA's to HN's last week.

They were R. M. Anderson, G. L. Banbenek, J. H. Beynon, T. R. Bilo-deau, R. D. Bradley, D. D. Bramschreiber, S. C. Cline, T. H. DeWolfe, H. L. Flick, R. W. Gannon, J. P. Gist, L. J. Gonzales, W. Habeck, D. L. Harden, J. A. Hanes, C. H. Hubbs, R. C. Jarvi, L. M. Janes, Jr., R. E. Kmen, C. A. Knowlton, D. J. Larsen, C. S. Lenser, E. B. Lyon, R. L. Mills, W. R. Naylor, R. C. Parkhurst, A. W. Richardson, L. J. Ruedinger, V. G. Rufi, L. D. Rush, F. Scmitt, L. S. Shortz, D. L. Tyler, R. J. Vine, J. R. Wildey, D. V. Wilson, V. Winningham, J. A. Wolfram, H. O. Wylie, and E. W. Youso.

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Corpsman, Staff ENS, Get Citations

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ing as a fire team leader in action against the enemy last November. "During a company raid on an enemy-held position, he was painfully wounded but refused medical treatment in an effort to continue performing his duties. While still under machine-gun and mortar fire, he half-carried, half-dragged his wounded comrades over a ridge to the aid station, working until his own wounds caused him to lose consciousness."

La Grone was a high school student in Carrizo Springs, Texas, when he joined the Marines 22 months ago.

Commendation Medal

Honored at the same ceremony was ENS Joseph E. Honish, MSC, of the Food Service Division. He received the Commendation Medal for "excellent service while on duty as battalion medical supply officer for a Marine Medical battalion during operations against the enemy from August to December 1952."

ENS Honish has been in the Navy for 13 years. He and his wife, Ruth, and daughter Judith, 5, live at 2562 Grant Avenue, Richmond.

Purple Heart Awards

Captain Gordon also presented the Purple Heart to ten Marines at ceremonies held during the past week. This award, the nation's oldest, went to La Grone, PFC Lee W. Brubaker,



Daisy Lou Rakestraw of San Antonio, Texas, was one of the most interested spectators when her husband, Robert S. Rakestraw, HM3, received the Bronze Star Medal from CAPT Gordon last Thursday.

Inglewood, Calif.; SGT Roy R. Wilson, Logan, Ohio; PFC Howard Shrewsbury, Dott, West Va.; PFC James T. Thomason, Henderson, Ky.; PFC Harold Brown, Cleveland, Ohio; PFC Berardino Chavez, Laramie, Wyo.; CPL Theurel L. Girton, Fort Dodge, Iowa; PFC Harvey L. Ryno, Blooming Rose, Mo., and CPL Robert L. Lawrence, Odessa, Texas.

Red Cross Ramblings

A word of explanation is in order for the absence of a movie on some of the wards during the period of 16 April through 22 April. "Cattle Town" was scheduled for 79B, 76B, 75B, 74A, 41A and 71A, but as the film was defective it could not be shown. Because of this, the film "Stop, You're Killing Me" was shown on these wards instead of the wards listed in last week's column.

Coming up for the week 29 April to 5 May are the movies "Where's Charley?" with Ray Bolger and Allyn McLerie and "Thief of Venice" starring Maria Montez and Paul Christian. The first will be shown on wards 47A, 80B, 79B, 76B, 75B, 74A, 41A, and 70A, and the latter on wards 43A, 46B, 52, 47B, 61A, 51A, 63A, 62B, and 42A.

TRAINEE ABOARD

One of the functions of the Red Cross organization on this compound is the training of new Red Cross personnel. Vera Wilkeson, Assistant Field Director in Social Work, acts in the capacity of case work training supervisor and, at present, is supervising our new case aide trainee, Charlotte Ott. Miss Ott reported aboard on 14 April and will receive her assignment on 15 May. Born in Colorado Springs, Colo., Miss Ott graduated from high school in Canby, Minn., attended college at South Dakota State in Brookings, S. D., and graduated from the University of Denver with a major in Social Work. She took graduate work at the University of Denver last year, and then, traveling west, joined Red Cross on 13 April of this year.

OAKLAND CALLING

Along with all the radio interviews and broadcasts with the returning sick Prisoners of War in Korea, free telephone calls and cablegrams to the

States are being made available to them in Korea and Japan by Red Cross. This Red Cross policy is practiced not only on such occasions as this or such as the docking of a hospital ship, but is carried on day by day with the arrival of new Korean casualties at stateside hospitals. Within the past month over 50 free calls and wires have been sent from this hospital. Assisting the patients in these calls are our Gray Ladies, who in volunteering their time receive great satisfaction in witnessing the joy and appreciation shown by the patient when he hears for the first time in long months the voices of his loved ones at home.

New patients are seen by the Personal Service Gray Ladies who assist the patients in their personal needs and acquaint them with the facilities of the Red Cross. Gray Ladies are a living example of community interest and appreciation for those serving their country.

VISITING PHILATELISTS

Several members of the Oak Knoll Stamp Club were pleased to be visited by Mr. and Mrs. Peter N. Williams of San Francisco recently. Mr. Williams is a member of the Golden Gate Exchange Club and, with the assistance of his wife, is promoting the project of collecting and distributing stamps to the various military and veteran hospitals in the west. At the present time they state that 23 hospitals have been serviced through their generous efforts.

The men who had the opportunity to meet Mr. and Mrs. Williams and peruse the stock pages were C. G. BORTOLIS, HM2, 46B, B. E. LAF-LER, YN3, 46B, C. F. BROWN, YN-SW, 46B, and J. WEISBERG, RDSN, 61B.

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"Open Hospital" Set for 15 May

Oak Knoll will hold open house on Friday, 15 May, from 1300 to 1600, in commemoration of Armed Forces Day, according to CWOHC O. G. Haines, Head, Food Service Division, and chairman of the hospital's Armed Forces Day committee.

On that occasion individuals and organizations throughout the community, as well as families and friends of the patients and staff, will have an opportunity to visit wards and departments, particularly those concerned with rehabilitation of the wounded.

The Artificial Limb Department, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, the Environmental Sanitation School, Red Cross Lounge, and Craft Shop will be open to visitors, with patients and staff on hand to discuss the various types of treatment and training offered in each. Last stop on the tour will be the Commissary, where Mr. Haines and his staff will serve refreshments to all visitors.

Serving on the Armed Forces Day Committee with Mr. Haines are CWOHC John H. Faunce and CWOHC Harold L. Cox.

NP Service Group Presents Program

A group from the hospital's Neuropsychiatric Service conducted the evening portion of a program that was presented at Providence Auditorium last Tuesday by the Alameda County Nurses' Association.

LT Helen Fannon served as presiding chairman of the evening program which featured "The Psychiatric Team," and "Attitude and Milieu Therapy." Speakers from the hospital were CAPT John F. McMullin, MC, USN, Chief of the NP Service; LT Stanley E. Willis, MC, USN, psychiatrist, Somatic Therapy Unit; LT Caroline Maas, NC, USN, supervisor, Psychiatric Nursing Service; Lowell L. Loveless, HM3, USN, senior corpsman, Somatic Therapy Unit; Mr. Evan Wolfe, clinical psychologist; Miss Helen Verdyne, Psychiatric Social Service case worker; and Mr. Evillo Grillo, a social service group worker and University of California student.

Following the lecture, the audience was divided into small work groups for discussion periods with the individual participants of the program.

All Registered Nurses, student nurses, licensed vocational nurses, vocational nurse students and aids were invited to attend the meeting which also included a morning program presented by staff members from Herrick Memorial Hospital in Berkeley.

This was the fourth in a series of programs designed to keep all nurses in the Bay Area up-to-date in the modern trends of patient care. It was sponsored by the Professional Education Committee of the Alameda County Nurses' Association.

Flint, Mich. (AFPS) — Mrs. Florence Schneider is sold on the honesty of her townspeople. A strong wind blew 78 \$1 bills out of an envelope she was carrying, but one by one they were brought back to her until all 78 were returned.

SCUTTLEBUTT

SIGNS OF THE SEASON: Shirley Gore and Bev Hoffman trying to decide whether to set their clocks backward or forward tonight . . . local residents rejoicing over the re-election of Mayor Clifford E. Rishell . . . Doris Nickola of the Record Office back from leave and a flight to Washington, D.C. and Florida.

PEOPLE, PLACES, & THINGS: CPL Robert H. Smith of 79B doesn't believe that old saying about man's best friend. He was loading his .22 rifle when his cocker spaniel jumped up, caused the gun to fire a bullet into his right shoulder . . . Doctor Tessler of the Dental Corps, soon to be released to inactive duty, is considering the merits of chinchilla farming . . . Norcean and Orcean Golden of the Commissary staff are believed to be the hospital's only civilian twins; LTJG's Gloria and Gilda Whitfield are the only Navy twins aboard . . . Dr. Schuyler M. Bissell has been promoted from LTJG to LT, date of rank 5 July '51 . . . Jeanette Ramirez and her two little girls, Diane and Marvel, Mellie Hoff and Hubert and their daughter, JoAnn, were among the many who saw the Shrine Circus this week. Ditto LT Fred Evans, and LTJG's Harold Carswell, Duane E. Smith, and Granville Floyd and their families. The doctors were "on call" during morning performances presented for Oakland school children . . . Marius Christensen HM3, of Surgery 3 and Don Rawson, HM3, of Organization are comparing the new dents in their rear fenders . . . X-ray had its share of trouble this week when the developing machine broke down, but with Chief Swanson to the rescue it was soon repaired, and the heap of X-rays that stacked up were finished in record time by Jerry Larion, HM3 and his associates . . . LT Stephenson, even after attending the sports car races at Pebble Beach, thinks his MG is still the best car on the road . . .

OAKNOLLUMNI: Bob Grubb, formerly of the Record Office, gave his home state of Kansas another chance but found he couldn't resist California. He's living in Alameda, working as investigator for an Oakland credit association . . . Dr. Spence is here on TAD from the USS REPOSE studying new methods of resuscitation . . . John Rieseche manages to drop in often enough to be mentioned in this column on an average of once a month. This time he came ashore from the USS YORKTOWN.

LIFE BEGINS: James Baucum, SN, USN, of the PEB, and his wife Geneva welcomed their first child, Candice Jean on 17 April. She weighed 8 lb. ½ oz. upon arrival . . . EST School's Gerhard G. Schroeder's wife Mary, presented him an 8 lb. 1 oz. baby son named Michael Peter on the same date . . . 21 April was the delivery date of the Leland Monroe's 6 lb. 12 oz. Thomas Michael, and both he and his mother, Doris, are doing nicely, thank you . . . Also receiving congratulations this week are LTJG Charles Wilson and Rosemary. Their baby daughter, Susan, (7 lb. 12 oz.) arrived on the 17th.



CAPT John Rogers, MC, USN, acting Executive Officer, is shown accepting a new Oldsmobile on behalf of the hospital from Olds' representative, Mr. Leo Parry. Equipped with special fixtures, the car will be used to teach amputees to drive. It can be operated by patients who have suffered the loss of both legs and one arm. The Oldsmobile Division of General Motors delivers a new car each time a new model comes out, and this one was presented to the hospital last Friday. In the car is Eric Schultz, quadruple amputee from Johannesburg, South Africa. At the left is George Hills, and at the far right, Corbit Ray. Both are civilian amputee instructors at the Artificial Limb Department.



Monday morning's cloudy skies turned blue in time for the Pollack Brothers' Shrine Circus to present their show in the outdoor amphitheater this week. Among the performers who brought their acts and antics to the hospital were the acrobats shown here. The fellow flying high is twisting his body through a hoop while doing a somersault as he jumps rope on a trampoline. At the left is his partner who also showed skill on the canvas, and on the right, the star of the Circus' trick riding act and another trampoline artist.

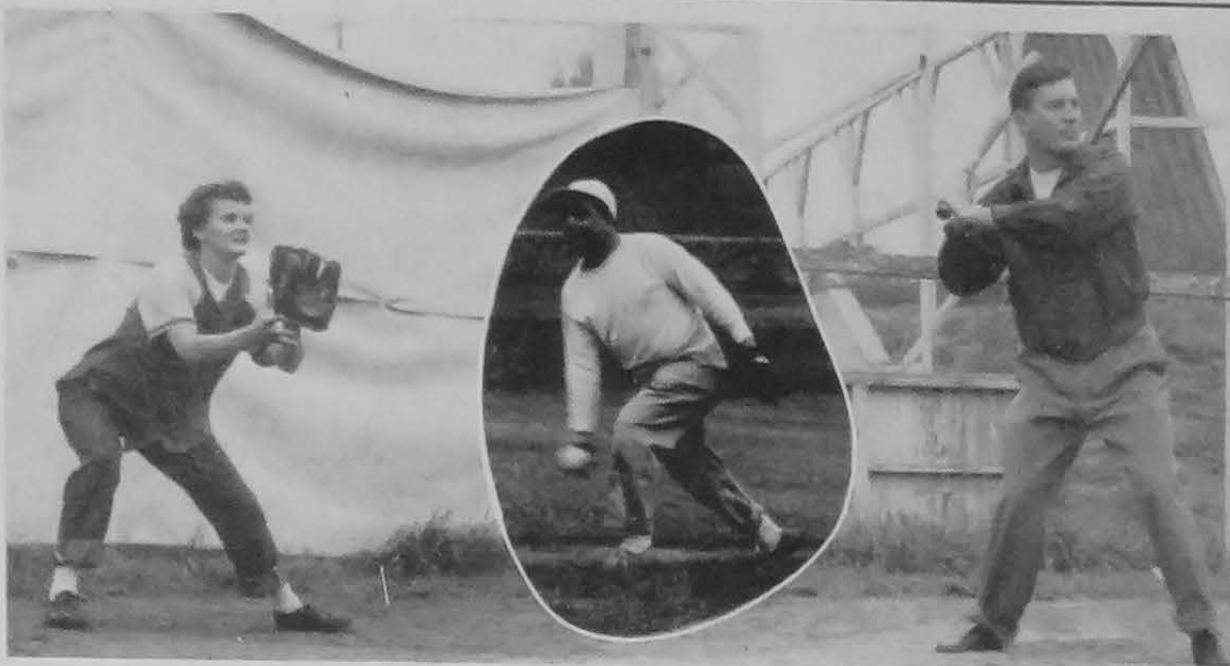
Welcome and Farewell

A tally on this week's incoming and outgoing personnel traffic showed 15 persons reporting in for duty and six detached to other stations.

Reporting aboard were: LCDR Myrtle M. Warner, NC, USN, from USNH, St. Albans, Long Island, N.Y.; LT Lyda Frank, NC, USNR, from Naval Ammunition Depot, Hawthorne, Nev.; LT's Mary P. Brennan, and Marian Irvine, NC, USNR, from MSTS, Atlantic Area, Brooklyn, N.Y.; LTJG Willard V. Thompson, MC, USNR, from inactive duty; D. H. Smart, HMC, from USNS, Naval Shipyard, San Francisco; E. L. Vansant, HMI, USS SALERNO BAY, Norfolk, Va.; S. Ameen, HM3, from USS ESSEX (CVA-9); B. M. Cosner,

YN3, from ServForceAdComServPac; M. J. VanTassell, DKSN(W), from USNS, Treasure Island, San Francisco; J. E. Baxter, DA, from DTS, San Diego, Calif.; and HN's R. R. Mogg, G. A. Schaeffer, C. R. Kammin, and R. G. Eberly, from USNHCS, Great Lakes, Ill.

Those detached were: CDR Robert F. Cristoph, MC, USN, to USNS, Kodiak, Alaska; E. E. Silver, Jr., HMI, and B. J. Lassek, HN(W), to USNRS, Treasure Island, San Francisco; M. R. Brown, HM2, to USS PASSUMPSIC, Long Beach, Calif.; A. M. Kerr, HM3(W), to AdCom, Postgraduate School, Monterey, Calif.; and D. L. Spainhower, HN, to NAMRU No. 1, Berkeley, Calif.



"Play ball!" And that's exactly what a team of nurses and doctors did last Friday after work. To the victors (the doctors) went the spoils (a party, financed by the losers, the nurses). The score was 31-8. Pictured here is LTJG Warren Hamilton at bat, with LTJG Hildegard Heins tensed as catcher. In the inset, LT Peter Conglis gives us a glimpse of his pitching form.

VFW Invites Ten To Installation

VFW Post 2611 has invited ten patients to attend their Installation of Officers, this evening (Saturday). Transportation will be provided, and refreshments will be served.

Robert W. Sedam of the transportation staff here will be installed as commander of the post, and his wife, Helen, will be installed as president of the Women's Auxiliary. Mrs. Sedam was formerly a Navy nurse on duty at Oak Knoll.

The installation will begin at 2000 at the Veterans' Memorial Building, 200 Grand Avenue, Oakland.

NFFE Changes Dates Of Regular Meetings

At a special meeting on 7 April, members of the National Federation of Federal Employees voted to change their meeting dates from the fourth Friday of each month to the fourth Tuesday.

In accordance with the change, the NFFE will meet next Tuesday, 28 April. Guest speakers will be Raymond Perszyk and Hal Boyles from the Civilian Personnel Office.

Hospital Keglers Earn Fourth Spot In 12ND League

Oak Knoll placed fourth in the Twelfth Naval District Class B Bowling League when it ended its season last week. The Naval Station team from Treasure Island won the championship with 61 wins and five losses. The hospital earned its fourth spot with 45½ wins and 20½ losses.

The Knoll squad did earn one top honor in the league with one of the team players, Vic Fransczak, turning in a 248 for the high game of the season.

There were 11 teams from the Bay Area entered in the Class B League which began last November to play each Monday evening for 22 weeks.

Earl Kallemeyn, HM1, of the Security Office, served as vice-president of the League during the season.



For hobbyists, the Library, Building 39, has a variety of good, new books, which may be borrowed either directly from the Library, or from the librarians accompanying the "floating libraries" through the wards. Some of the books now available are as follows:

Leather Work
Aller. SUNSET LEATHER CRAFT BOOK.

Carpentry and Handicraft
Popular Mechanics Magazine. 100 BEAUTIFUL PIECES OF FURNITURE YOU CAN BUILD.

Popular Mechanics Magazine. WHAT TO MAKE, AND HOW TO MAKE IT, 1951 and 1952.

Yates. HOW TO MAKE BEAUTIFUL GIFTS AT HOME.

Building and Home Repair
Burbank. HOUSE CONSTRUCTION DETAILS, 3rd ed., 1952.

Mechanix Illustrated. HANDYMAN'S HOME MANUAL.

Popular Mechanics Magazine. COMPLETE BOOK OF HOME REPAIR AND IMPROVEMENTS; complete encyclopedia for home, workshop, and garden.

Dancing
Murray. HOW TO BECOME A GOOD DANCER.

Library hours are 0800-1630, 1800-2100, Monday through through Friday.

Patients Invited To Oaks' Games

B'nai B'rith, local 252, has provided 200 tickets to the Oaks-Angels ball game on 5 May. Transportation will be provided to the game, and those who would like to go should contact Special Services.

The Alcazar Theatre in San Francisco, will give service men and women two tickets for the price of one on the evening of Tuesday, 5 May, in connection with Armed Forces Day. Those interested may contact Special Services for seat prices.

On Thursday, 7 May, 40 patients have been invited to the Oaks-Los Angeles game. Tickets are provided by the Alameda County Employees Association. Again, transportation will be provided, and those who would like to go should call Special Services.

First Staff EM Picnic at Orchard Area Today

All staff enlisted personnel are reminded that today (Saturday) is the day for the first outdoor picnic of the year. The place: the Orchard Area of the Redwood Regional Park. The time: 1300 until 1700.

Transportation will be provided for anyone who does not have a car, and busses will leave from in front of the Community Services Building at 1200.

The Recreation Committee has announced that the commissary will provide fried chicken for lunch, and refreshments will be served throughout the afternoon. Special Services will supply equipment for games.

Have you a Security Fund for the future? Start one today by joining Payroll Savings and save U.S. Defense Bonds!



Sunday, 26 April

TAKE ME TO TOWN — Ann Sheridan, Sterling Hayden, DRAMA. No information in the files on this, except that it's in color.

Monday, 27 April

ANN OF THE INDIES — Jean Peters, Louis Jourdan, Debra Paget, ROMANCE. Rating: Very good. Seventeenth Century piracy in the Caribbean—with Miss Peters as the pirate captain. Jourdan is a French spy sent to capture her. This Technicolor story has an ending that might surprise you.

Tuesday, 28 April

THE CLOWN—Red Skelton, Tim Considine, Jane Greer, COMEDRAMA. Rating: Very good. A former Ziegfeld comic hits the skids (and the bottle). In alternating comedy and pathos, the story of his redemption is told. The comic scores a hit and also dies on the night of his comeback via TV.

Wednesday, 29 April

PERILOUS JOURNEY — Vera Ralston, David Brian, DRAMA. This is a re-issue from several years back. No information available on the plot.

Thursday, 30 April

IT HAPPENS EVERY THURSDAY — Loretta Young, John Forsythe. No information on this one either. The title makes it appropriately scheduled, and we wonder what DOES happen every Thursday.

Friday, 1 May

TITANIC — Barbara Stanwyck, Clifton Webb, DRAMA. This one isn't due for public release until later this month, so there are no plot descriptions to be found as yet. It's a film concerned with the Navy and is being given a lot of publicity all over the nation.

Saturday, 2 May

SAMSON AND DELILAH—Hedy Lamarr, Victor Mature, George Sanders, DRAMA. Rating: Excellent. The 128-minute long Technicolor spectacle that tells the famous story of history's greatest strong man and his weakness.

Definitions:

- Fireproof: The boss's son.
- Hollywood: An induction center for Reno.
- Waves: Sailors who go down to the sea in slips.

Staff Personalities



Going to school is the preferred endeavor of LTJG Rosalie Derham, NC, USNR, of Dermatology Ward 60A. She received her M.N. from Yale University School of Nursing, and her A.B. from the College of New Rochelle, N. Y., before coming in the Navy. Due to be discharged two months from now, she plans to enroll at Columbia and study for an M.S. in hospital administration. Miss Derham, a native of Massachusetts, joined the Nurse Corps in January 1951. Her first assignment was to USNH, Philadelphia. She arrived in sunny California in December 1951.

One of Oak Knoll's more enthusiastic athletes is Don Hines, HN, of Ward 51B, who played on the hospital's football team last season, and is currently on the softball squad. Don is from Long Beach, Calif., and attended Junior College there before joining the Navy in October 1950. His

major was physical education and he'll work for a degree in that field after he is discharged. He plans to be a coach! He and his wife, Wanda, live here, and there are two little Hines to round out the family—Marsha, almost three, and Terri, born here at Oak Knoll, just eight months.



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Silver Star, 3rd, 4th Air Medals Awarded

Two Oak Knoll patients, both veterans of the Korea battlefront, received service awards from MAJGEN Ray A. Robinson, USMC, Commanding General, Department of Pacific, United States Marine Corps, during ceremonies Tuesday at Marine headquarters in San Francisco.

A Silver Star medal was awarded PFC Bennie Mack Gooden, USMC, 19, of Weleetka, Okla. for "conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action while serving as an automatic rifleman with a Marine infantry company in KOREA on 26-27 October 1952." PFC Gooden displayed "outstanding courage, initiative and devotion to duty during a platoon counterattack against a strongly defended hill. As the action progressed, the right flank of the attacking platoon was pinned down by devastating enemy machine gun fire from the high ground ahead.

"Expressing complete disregard for his personal safety, he and another Marine dashed from cover and raced over seventy-five yards through the intense enemy fire. As he advanced, he fired his automatic rifle with deadly effects, killing one enemy soldier and routing the remaining hostile troops. His gallant and courageous actions served as an inspiration to all who observed him," the citation read.

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PFC Bennie M. Gooden, USMC, receives the Silver Star medal for "conspicuous gallantry" from MAJGEN Ray A. Robinson, Commanding General, Department of Pacific. The 19-year-old Marine is now on 41A recuperating from a severe wound of the left leg.—Marine Corps Photo.

VADM Hall Retires As ComWesSeaFron

On Wednesday, 29 April, Vice Admiral John L. Hall, Jr., USN, Commander Western Sea Frontier and Commander Pacific Reserve Fleet, retired after 44 years of naval service. On that day he turned over the command of the two top naval posts in the Western United States, which he has held since August 1951, to Vice Admiral Francis S. Low, USN.

Admiral Hall's many assignments include command of the Eleventh Amphibious Force in the Normandy invasion during WW II. Earlier he held several North African and Mediterranean commands, and later he was in charge of amphibious landings on Okinawa.

Admiral Low was in command of Cruiser Division 16 in the invasion of Okinawa and strikes against the Japanese homeland. Many of his other assignments during his 43 years of service have included duty with the submarine service. He was in charge of the neutralization of all Japanese naval installations in Korea, following the end of WW II. Since February 1950 he has been Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Logistics in Washington, D.C.

Civilian Nurse Gets Commendation



Mrs. Zoe Williams, civilian nurse on Ward 73A, who was presented a Commendation for her work in conducting a course of instruction for ward and hospital attendants. Mrs. Williams worked many hours overtime to develop the program. She is the first civilian at Oak Knoll to earn the Superior Accomplishment award.

Performance beyond the call of duty has resulted in a Superior Accomplishment Pay Increase for Mrs. Zoe Williams, civilian nurse on Ward 73A of the Dependent Service.

In addition to this high honor, which requires approval of the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, Mrs. Williams was personally commended by the Commanding Officer in a ceremony on Tuesday, 28 April. The commendation letter referred to a special course of instruction she initiated for ward and hospital attendants.

Her work in the training program was authorized by the Chief of the Nursing Service.

Mrs. Williams is a graduate of the Stanford University School of Nursing. She has worked at Oak Knoll since December 1948. Her husband, Frank, is employed as a night gate guard here, and they have a son, Gregory, eight months old.

Superior accomplishment pay increases are a part of the Navy's Awards and Incentives Program to reward employees' superior service.



H. W. Jarvis, CSC, Retired, surgery patient, judo instructor, swimmer.

Jarvis And Judo Going Strong Despite Surgery

Harvey W. Jarvis, 62-year-old retired Chief Commissary Steward, is the man who can talk about his operations and get by with it.

"I like to talk about them because it gives the boys the idea they needn't give up hope when the chips are down," he said the other day when he topped in for a check up.

Jarvis, who last September had an operation for cancer and two weeks later went to surgery a second time with a large duodenal ulcer that necessitated removal of part of his stomach, now feels fine, and to prove it, he swam a mile and a half to shore when his boat capsized in the choppy waters of Carquinez Straits a few weeks ago. His fellow-fisherman, unable to swim, clung to the over-

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Help Oak Knoll— Help Yourself

Only 13 more bond pledges are needed now to put the hospital over the top in its bond participation goal. Last week the number was 23, and ten persons have responded to the call that was made in last week's OAK LEAF.

If you're not one of the people already enrolled in the payroll savings plan, why not contact your Savings Bond Representative Monday morning?

It's hard to save money nowadays, once it's in your pocket. But if a little is taken out automatically, you're not apt to miss it—and when has anyone ever regretted having extra money available when they need it?

Help put Oak Knoll over the top, and do yourself a favor.

The Oak Leaf

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Psalm 37:37 has a timely message for us:

"Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright: for the end of that man is peace."

Peace is no idle dream in our day and times; it is not a shadow boxing with itself, but a reality that we as a people are striving for. The fate of civilization depends upon how much the nations of the world realize that only a peaceable world can look forward to any future that does not have horror written across its skies.

Let the prayer on our lips these days be a continuous pleading unto God to make us perfect men, upright men, for the end of such a man is peace.

What a beautiful world we live in, yet in the same breath it is hard to detect the fine and harmonious. Out of the black abyss the nations find themselves in, there is now appearing a stream of light. Faith in the ultimate triumphant of the good in man makes our hearts light. With our powder dry, our sense of justice primed, we march on as a people toward final peace. God bless those in high authority, God keep our nation vigilant.

R. E. JENKINS, Protestant Chaplain.

Welcome and Farewell

A near balance was seen last week as 12 persons reported to the hospital for duty, and 14 were detached, discharged, or released to inactive duty.

Reporting for duty were: CDR Leonard H. Barber, MC, USN, from Mayo Foundation, Rochester, Minn.; LT Rosa J. Delfs, NC, USN, from USS REPOSE; LTJG Ellen W. Houston, NC, USN, from USS PRESIDENT JACKSON (TAPA-18); PACT James S. Xanders, USN, from USS UVALDE (AKA-88); A. L. Johnson, HM3, from USS BROWN (DD-546); D. G. Cade, HM3, from Headquarters, Camp Pendleton, Oceanside, Calif.; HM3's J. H. Jones and M. E. Campbell, from USNH, Beth-

esda, Md.; J. G. Murphy, HM3, and J. N. Vanduine, HN, from USNHCS, Great Lakes, Ill.; and HA's D. R. Doerr and J. V. R. Oliver, from USNHCS, San Diego, Calif.

Those detached were: LT Jack L. Stein, Jr., MC, USNR, to Mare Island Naval Shipyard; LT Harold R. Dixon, Jr., MC, USNR, to U.S. Naval Magazine, Port Chicago; LT Thomas S. Straithairn, MC, USNR, to COM12 for transportation to USS PHILIPPINE SEA (CVA-47); LT Marion E. Van Horne, NC, USN, to Naval Ammunition Depot, Hawthorne, Nev.; LTJG Hilda Evans, NC, USN, to USS REPOSE; D. H. Smart, HMC, to U.S. Naval Supply Center, Oakland, Calif.; and HN's J. B. Clark and E. F. Enos, to USNAS, Alameda, Calif.

Released to inactive duty were: LT Neil E. Anderson, MC, USNR; LT M. H. Sinclair, NC, USNR; and LTJG's (NC) Shirley P. Ackley and Jean B. Carroll.

LTJG Virginia M. Jennings, NC, USN, was released to civilian life following the acceptance of her resignation, and Harold Taylor, HM2, was released at the expiration of his enlistment.

Oak Knollers Invited To Spring Carnival

The student body of the Samuel Merritt School of Nursing has extended an invitation to Oak Knoll personnel who might be interested, to attend their Spring Carnival, to be held on Saturday, 16 May.

The affair will begin at 1400, and the ceremonies for crowning the Carnival King and Queen will begin at 2000. The site of the event will be the corner of 34th and Webster.



CPL Stanley J. Grada, Jr., USMC, writes a letter home to Pittsburgh, Penn., with the assistance of Mrs. L. H. Wachs, Personal Service Gray Lady of Oakland Chapter. CPL Grada has been at Oak Knoll only a short time, and being blind, enlists the help of Gray Ladies in his correspondence.

Red Cross Ramblings

SPRING GARDEN SHOW!

One of the most beautiful sights in the world is the annual Spring Garden Show in Oakland. This show is attended by tens of thousands of people each day of its ten-day run. Imagine thousands of different orchids in their natural settings—solid masses of azaleas and rhododendrons blazing with color—huge redwood trees surrounding mountain waterfalls! That will give you some idea of the stature of this show.

We are fortunate at this hospital because Mrs. Clifford Rushmer of our local Oak Knoll Garden Club has again procured tickets for a limited group of patients to attend this spectacular event on both Tuesday and Thursday afternoon of this coming week. Transportation is furnished and cameras are welcome. Patients will be guests of the Board of Directors, California Spring Garden Show. Sign up early with your Red Cross worker.

ALOHA

The word "aloha" with its multiple meanings of friendship, welcome and desire to meet again best describes the atmosphere present on the S.S. Lurline when seven patients from this hospital were its guests recently. After touring the luxury liner, the

group consisting of PFC C. M. BRUSNON, PFC C. L. CAMPBELL, PFC J. F. GRADY, PFC J. M. LAMORE, PFC R. B. LOSITO, SGT P. E. NEYHART, PFC D. E. WOODS, all of whom are from 74A, were treated to a delicious filet mignon dinner!

ABC's

Recently, through the generous help of one of the patients at this hospital, the donated pocket-size books in the Red Cross recreation room were sorted and rearranged.

Murder mystery fans can now find Erle Stanley Gardner under the G's. All the books have been arranged alphabetically according to author. If you like romantic novels—look in the section reserved for them. Westerns, too, have been grouped together. We hope that you will help yourselves to these books, make them your own, and give them to your pals.

MOVIE SET

To be shown the week of 6 May to 12 May is the movie, "TROPIC ZONE", starring Ronald Reagan and Rhonda Fleming, which is scheduled for wards 71A, 47A, 80B, 79B, 76B, 75B, 74A and 41A. The second of the movie set is "TAXI" with Dan Dailey and Constance Smith, which will be seen on wards 42A, 43A, 46B, 52, 47B, 61A, 51A, 63A, and 62B.



WAC Major Sarah Todd of the Army Medical Corps visited here this week to observe the structure and methods of the Medical Social Service program at Oak Knoll. She is pictured with Miss Mittie Mason, Head of that Service here. MAJ Todd is Chief of the Medical Social Service at Letterman Army Hospital in San Francisco.

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Saturday, 2 May, 1953

DMO's Daughter, Ex-Knoll Doctor, Wed Here

Of more than usual interest at Oak Knoll was the wedding that took place in the chapel on 23 April, when LT Neil Evans Anderson of the Medical Service claimed Frances Parker Dearing, daughter of RADM and Mrs. Arthur H. Dearing, as his bride.

Chaplain Harold E. LeMay read the Episcopal double ring ceremony, and the bride was escorted to the altar by her father. She wore a simple dress of white organdy, lace-trimmed, with a short train, and her finger-tip length veil was held in place by a wreath of orange blossoms. Her bouquet was of white roses and stephanotis.

Judith Anne Dearing, a freshman at Stanford, served her sister as maid of honor, and bridesmaids were Mrs. Warren E. Roberts, sister of the bridegroom, and two Mills College classmates of the bride—Betty Jo Wilson of Sacramento, and Mrs. Lawrence Keith of Los Angeles.

LT Robert M. Cales was best man, and the ushers were Arthur H. Dearing, Jr., staff corpsman and brother of the bride, LT Robert S. Demeter of the staff, Warren E. Roberts, brother-in-law of the bridegroom, and William H. Trapwell.

Immediately after the ceremony, a reception was held in the courtyard of the Officers' Club, where the couple met in July 1951, just a few months before he was ordered to Korea as a battalion surgeon with the First Marine Division.

The Dearing family lived on the compound from 1944 to 1947, when Admiral Dearing, now DMO and In-

fighter pilot in World War II. He holds the Distinguished Flying Cross, awarded him for leading a flight of Corsair fighters that sank a Japanese destroyer in the South Pacific; and the Navy-Marine Corps Medal for a parachute rescue that he performed in 1946 at Cherry Point, N.C.

the arrival of Doc Dixon's little girl, Carrie Rae, born Monday at East Oakland Hospital.

WHAT NEXT DEPARTMENT: Those who like to celebrate should be happy in the month of May. This is Let's Go Fishing Month, Father-Child Month, and during May comes Hearth Baked Bread Week, Be Kind to Animals Week, Cutlery Week, Hearing Week, Music Week, Cotton Week, Pickle Week, Foot Health Week, Merchant Marine Book Week, World Trade Week, VFW Buddy Poppy Week, & Sun Glass Week, to say nothing of May Day, Humane Sunday, VE Day, I am an American Day, Mother's Day, 4-H Sunday, Hospital Day, Armed Forces Day, Maritime Day, and Memorial Day.

MATTERS OF RELATIVITY: The hospital has two sets of mothers and daughters on the staff and two fathers and daughters. They are Mrs. Achsa Carter (Record Office), and daughter Annie Gayden (Dependents' Service); Mrs. Minnie Jack (Metabolic Research) and daughter Donna Cruzan (Exec's Sec); Richard Sheldon (Maintenance) and daughter Vel Little (Civilian Personnel); Graydon Bannert (Maintenance) and daughter Pat Bannert (Disbursing.)



MAJGEN Robinson presents MAJ John B. Slingerland, USMC, two Gold Stars in lieu of third and fourth Air Medals. It took a hunting accident to put the Marine flier out of action.

—More on Awards

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Two Gold Stars in lieu of third and fourth Air Medals were awarded Major John B. Slingerland, USMC, 31, of Chicago, Ill., who was injured on 19 December 1952 as the result of the accidental discharge of a hunting gun. His citation for the Gold Star in lieu of the fourth Air Medal declares:

"For meritorious acts while participating in aerial flight against the enemy while attached to the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing in KOREA from 21 August 1952 to 6 October 1952. Major Slingerland successfully completed his twenty-first through forty-first missions against the enemy where fire was either expected or received. His courageous actions and devotion to duty throughout were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

Major Slingerland was a Marine



LT and Mrs. Neil Anderson (Frances Dearing) cut the first slice of their wedding cake with her father's Navy sword. The reception in the Officers' Club followed their exchange of vows in the chapel on 23 April.

spector of Navy Medical Activities, Pacific Coast, was in command of the hospital, and Frances, a graduate of Mills College, served for a time on the Red Cross office staff.

LT Anderson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Anderson of Santa Cruz, was graduated from U.C. and received his MD from Boston University. He has had two years' graduate

work in internal medicine at Franklin Hospital, San Francisco, and in Marysville. Released to inactive duty on his wedding day, he will return to Franklin for another year of residency training.

After a honeymoon in Carmel, Santa Barbara, and Yosemite, the Andersons will make their home in San Francisco.

Trout Fishing Trip Planned at Merced

Attention trout fishermen! Next Tuesday there will be an all-day fishing trip to Lake Merced in San Francisco, for a bus-load of patients.

The bus will leave Oak Knoll at 0730. Fishing will begin at 0830 and the anglers will have a chance to get their limit until 1530. Food will be furnished by the Food Service Division.

Those interested in the trip should contact Special Services as soon as possible.

All Hands Offered Reduced "Gigi" Tickets

The Alcazar Theatre in San Francisco will offer two tickets for the price of one, to any patient or staff member, military or civilian, attending "Gigi" on Monday, 4 May. This offer was previously extended to Oak Knoll for the night of 5 May, but the date has been changed.

Those interested in seeing the stage show, starring Audrey Hepburn, may contact Special Services for seat prices.

SCUTTLEBUTT

THE REAL G.I.: That's Falloua P. GI, Machinist Repairman from NAS, Alameda, who turned in on 62A the other day—only thing to spoil the story is that the young Samoan insists his name is pronounced to rhyme with TEE.

PEOPLE, PLACES & THINGS: That plank among plank-holders, LCDR Frank M. Thornburg, who has been anesthetizing patients at Oak Knoll since 12 February 1948 has said goodbye to his shipmates and moved on to Camp Pendleton for duty with the FMF . . . Fred Bremner, HN, Special Services' spotlihter, practically blinded the Unruh chorus people Monday night in his excitement over having a good light to work with at last . . . Carl F. Sukanek of Photo Arts took the 22nd of April off, and for a good reason. On that date he claimed Marguerite Walch, formerly of Little Rock, Ark., as his bride. They were married in San Leandro and will make their home in Hayward . . . Shirley Davis of Finance welcomed the "spring" weather by coming out in a new yellow Mercury hard top convertible . . . Gasoline buyers at the Navy Exchange service station got cigars with their purchases this week — announcing



Shown here as they appeared in the finale of their "Operation Cheer-Up" show Tuesday evening, are members of the Unruh Philharmonic Chorus. In front are, left to right: Bob Lilliquist, vocalist; Angie Chiaro, soloist; Emcee and Irish tenor Ray Hammonds; and John Unruh, director of the Chorus. The entire group presented a wide selection of vocal chorus numbers, and the program was supplemented with vocal and instrumental presentations by individual members of the chorus.



Getting their share of fried chicken, salad, and all the trimmings at the Saturday EM Staff picnic are these three at the head of a long line. The two in the center are WAVES Lillian Kleim and Mary Klemich, and the lady on the right is a guest at the picnic, and the fellow with the fork is Tracy Wiley, of the Food Service Division staff.

Hospital's League Baseball Team Loses Fifth Game in Class B Play

The Oak Leaf baseball team dropped their fifth straight league game Tuesday afternoon when they were trounced by the Oakland Army Base nine 17-3. The game was played on the victors' diamond.

The Army team jumped into a four run lead in the opening inning which was never threatened by the Knollites. Only four hits were collected by the locals, shortstop William Cooper getting a pair, as did pitcher Ted Haush. Besides driving in two runs with his brace of singles Cooper turned in some sparkling fielding plays to shine in an otherwise drab contest as far as the losers were concerned.

Leading the hospital sluggers in their first five games is left fielder Charlie Bujanda with a .348 batting

average. Following Charlie in the batting race are Larry Garvey and Cooper hitting at a .333 and .250 pace respectively.

Candidates for the team are still welcomed and should turn in their names at the Special Service Office or report to the practice field at 1530 Monday.

—More on Jarvis

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turned boat while Mr. Jarvis went ashore, borrowed another boat and rowed out to save him.

Not only that, he operates a judo school in his gymnasium on Caswell Avenue, Oakland, where 32 young ladies and 18 men study the art he first practiced when he was in the army more than 40 years ago. He has had his school for the past seven years.

The retired chief served in the commissary aboard the USS MISSISSIPPI during World War I and remained on active duty until his retirement in 1937. He was called back in 1940 and served at Shoemaker, Mare Island, and Treasure Island during World War II.

Although he is a registered dietitian, Mr. Jarvis now devotes most of his time to judo and other sports and to gaining back the 55 pounds he lost last fall before Oak Knoll surgeons started to work on him. Now weighing 190, he has only 10 more pounds to go before getting back to normal.

"Allow me to present my wife to you."

"Oh no thanks, I have one."

* * *

"All that I am I owe to my mother."
"Why don't you send her 30 cents and square the account?"

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A lady's hat that will never go out of style is one that will look as ridiculous 10 years from now as it does today.

Former Knollite Among POW's

One of the hospital's former corpsmen, Thomas H. Waddill, HN, is among the Prisoners of War recently turned over to the United Nations forces in Panmunjom, Korea, for return to the United States this week.

Waddill arrived at Oak Knoll last August 1952, and worked on Wards 42A and 69A until he left in November for Camp Pendleton and further assignment with the Fleet Marine Force. He reported for duty with the 1st Marine Division in Korea on 10 January and was captured by the enemy on 26 March.

He is 22 years old and is a native of Fort Worth, Tex.

Special Rates Offered To Oaks' Ball Games

A special grandstand price of 75 cents for servicemen will be offered at the Oakland Baseball Park for the remainder of the 1953 season, it was announced today by Club President Brick Laws.

Laws emphasized it is not necessary for servicemen (or women) to be in uniform in order to qualify for the reduced rate. Presentation of ID cards is sufficient.

The special price will prevail on Sundays and holidays, as well as during the week.

Special arrangements for service groups can be made by calling the Oakland box office, OLYmpic 2-7700.

Girl on subway, reading death statistics: "Do you realize everytime I breath someone dies?"

"Why don't you try chlorophyll."

PREVIEWS

Sunday, 3 May

THE GIRL NEXT DOOR—Dan Dailey, June Haver, Dennis Day, MUSICAL. Rating: Good. Miss Haver is a successful singing star who is in love with Dailey. The couple finally marries after Dailey's motherless son is won over to the idea.

Monday, 4 May

SON OF PALEFACE—Bob Hope, Jane Russell, COMEDY. Rating: Excellent. The tenderfoot son of the original and timid Paleface that Hope portrayed in a previous picture, comes west to find his father's hidden gold. Miss Russell is a singer in the Dirty Shame Saloon, and, on the side, is a night-riding bandit leader, adding to the comedy situation.

Tuesday, 5 May

SCARED STIFF—Dean Martin, Jerry Lewis, Elizabeth Scott, COMEDY. Rating: Excellent. Jerry is a night club bus boy; Dean is the singing star at the same club. Both accompany Miss Scott to an island which she inherits in the Caribbean. There, they encounter a gang of hoodlums, numerous misadventures, and reels of comedy.

Wednesday, 6 May

FORTY-NINTH MAN — John Ireland, Richard Denuing, Susanne Dalbert, DRAMA. No information available on this one.

Thursday, 7 May

REMAINS TO BE SEEN — June Allyson, Van Johnson, DRAMA. Nothing in our files on this one either.

Friday, 8 May

DESERT SONG — Kathryn Grayson, Gordon MacRae, MUSICAL. Rating: Excellent. Another film version of the famous musical play, concerning an anthropologist who assumes the role of El Khobar, a Riff leader, by night. The story is told with the aid of Miss Grayson's glamor, Technicolor, villains, high adventure, and Romberg melodies.

Saturday, 9 May

PRIDE OF ST. LOUIS — Dan Dailey, Joanne Dru, BIOGRAPHY. The life story of Jerome "Dizzy" Dean, dean of ball players—how he rose from a backwoods kid to one of the greatest in his field. The film is real, with balanced proportions of drama, humor, and excitement.

Staff Personalities

Leo Spencer, HMC, will be marking his second year at Oak Knoll in July. He has been assigned to the Finance Division ever since he arrived here, and is now working in the Medical

Storeroom. Chief Spencer originally hails from the Bay Area, and is now making his home in Hayward. He joined the Navy in Sept. 1941, and since that time has served aboard five ships, at three hospitals, and has had several tours of Solomon Island duty. The rest of the Spencer family includes his wife, Dorothy, and two sons, Leo, Jr., five, and Richard, four. When questioned about his favorite pastime, he replied, "No matter what I try to do, I wind up fishing."



"I decided, in my first year of nurse's training, that I'd like to work at Oak Knoll someday," says Evelyn Long, civilian nurse on dependent's Ward 40A. Her decision materialized

in January, after she had graduated from Providence College of Nursing and had remained on the surgery staff there for over a year. "Ev" was born in Guam and lived there until 1940, when her family moved first to San Francisco and later to San Leandro. She has a brother, corpsman, with FMF in Korea, and is engaged to a Marine LT now stationed in Camp LeJeune. Currently working on night duty, she spends her days sun bathing.



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THE OAK LEAF



'Open House' Here Friday

Oak Knoll will open its gates to the public next Friday, 15 May, from 1300 to 1600, as part of the hospital's observance of Armed Forces Day.

WAVES and Hospital Corpsmen will guide visitors through various departments, where patients and staff will be on hand to show how each department fulfills its purpose in treatment and rehabilitation of the sick and wounded.

Individuals and organizations from surrounding communities, and families and friends of patients and staff members are invited to visit the following departments: Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Artificial Limb Department, Red Cross Lounge, Red Cross Craft Shop, Crew's Library and the Environmental Sanitation School.

Upon completion of the tour, the visitors will be taken to the Commissary, where the Food Service Division staff will serve refreshments to them.

In charge of arrangements for the Open House are CWOHC O. G. Haines, chairman, and CWOHC's John H. Faunce and Harold L. Cox.

Annapolis Candidates Examined by Staff

CDR Wesley Fry, MC, this week headed a team of doctors who examined 65 men from western states who have received Congressional, Senatorial, or Presidential appointments to the Naval Academy at Annapolis. The examinations, held over a 3-day period, were conducted in the Dental Clinic building.

The doctors on the examining board were: CDR Fry, CDR Deane S. Marcy, CDR Vincent E. Wagner, CDR William M. Craftt, CDR James R. Dillon, CDR Robert R. Dean, LCDR Joseph B. Dominey, LCDR Harry C. Barton, LT James I. Thorn, LT William J. Collier, LT Peter C. Conglis, LT John T. Craighead, and LTJG Stanley Diamond.

Mrs. Edna Bourdase, secretary to the Administrative Officer, worked with the group, handling all clerical procedures.

Plan Special Edition for Armed Forces Day

THE OAK LEAF will go to press next Thursday, issuing a special Armed Forces Day edition on Friday. The paper will be distributed to visitors at the hospital's Open House. It will feature many pictures taken around Oak Knoll, and should be of particular interest to regular OAK LEAF readers, too.

Hospital Reaches Bond Pledge Goal

Oak Knoll reached and surpassed its minimum goal of 65% participation in the Payroll Savings Plan this week. When the figures were totaled, it was found that 67% of all the civilian employees at the hospital are signed up for automatic savings.

At the end of the first quarter, in March, the hospital was ranked fifth in comparative standing of Naval Hospitals all over the nation and overseas. At that time, Oak Knoll had 61.5 participation. Now having reached the minimum goal asked by the Commandant, the hospital's sights are set on reaching an even higher goal.

Only thirty more names are needed to bring the percentage up to 70.

In a notice from the Commandant, 12th Naval District, it was learned that of 33 reporting naval activities in the District, only 12 or 37% have reached a figure of 65% or more. Some of those activities have reached 90%, thus achieving "Minute Man" standing, and some have even reached 100%. It is emphasized that 65% is a minimum desirable figure.

COMMENDATIONS

This week, the Commanding Officer presented commendation letters to Mrs. Lola Cochran and Mrs. Lois Vukman, savings bond co-chairmen, and to each of the savings bond representatives who will continue to work for an even higher goal.

The commendations given to Mrs. Cochran and Mrs. Vukman, of the Finance Division, read, in part, "You are commended for your outstanding performance of duties in stimulating the Savings Bond Program at this hospital."

"As of November 1952, the civilian employee payroll participation was 43% as compared with today's 67%."

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ENS Daniel Leaves For TAD in Newport

ENS Harold E. Daniel, MSC, USN, left this week for a course of instruction at the School of Naval Justice in Newport, R.I. His position as Assistant Personnel Officer has been temporarily filled by LTJG Edwin B. Miller, MSC, USN.

ENS Daniel came to Oak Knoll in June 1952. When he completes his instruction in Newport, he will return to the staff here.

LTJG Miller came here from the Marine Depot of Supplies in Barstow, Calif., last September. Since that time he has been assigned to the Patient Personnel Office until his reassignment this week. He is awaiting orders to the USS ESSEX (CVA-9), and a replacement for him is expected soon.



Thomas H. Waddill, HM3, relaxes on Ward 70B, where he had a bullet removed from his neck Tuesday morning. He was captured by the Communists on 26 March, liberated at Panmunjom on 23 April.

Ex-Knoll Corpsman Tells POW Experiences in Korea

After three days of peace and quiet among his old shipmates at Oak Knoll, Thomas H. Waddill, HM3 (as of 4 May), talked Wednesday to Bay Area newsmen about his trip to Korea with the FMF and his 28 days as a prisoner of the Chinese Communists in North Korea.

The 20-year-old Texan, a freshman at Texas A. and M. just before he joined the Navy a year and a half ago, has been around a bit since he left his duties on 42A last November. He arrived in Korea on 16 January and was serving as platoon corpsman at Reno outpost, about 1700 yards ahead of the MLR when the Communists stormed Reno and Vegas. He was one of 40 men trapped in a cave on the outpost, but after the attack, he saw only five of them again. He doesn't know what happened to the others. This was on 26 March.

Four bullets hit Waddill. Two shattered the bone in his right forearm, one fractured the middle finger of his left hand, and the fourth entered his right armpit, came out his chest, and lodged in the left side of his neck. It was still there when he arrived at Oak Knoll Saturday, but since surgery Tuesday, he has had it on display on his bedside table up on 70B. Waddill lost 10 pounds during his month as a POW, but he could afford to. He's a well-proportioned six-footer with the 190 he has left.

"We got up about 6:30 every day, and they'd bring us water to wash. They gave us chow three times a day, mostly rice and vegetables and powdered milk," the corpsman told reporters. "There were Communist pamphlets lying around, but we were never forced to read them."

Waddill has no complaints about the treatment he received. When a truck decorated with flowers and a Red flag came for him and the other prisoners at the hospital-bunker where their wounds had been treated, they thought the war was over. This was the truck that was to carry him to Panmunjom and Freedom Village on 23 April. "The first American I saw was an MP. He smiled, and we were sure glad to see him."

Waddill was flown by helicopter to Seoul, by plane to Tokyo, and thence to Travis. He expects to be on his way home to Fort Worth this week end. On his first liberty from the hospital he and a couple of buddies drove down to The Venetian on Foothill Boulevard to eat some "pizza pie," then came right back to the hospital. That was plenty of excitement for him.

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THE GIFT OF MOTHERHOOD

One of the greatest of all the gifts that God has given is the blessing of motherhood, the gift of bearing and bringing new life into the world. This most precious privilege and trust He has bestowed upon mothers.

There is an old proverb which says that "God could not be everywhere; so He made mothers." Indeed, she is the key person in successful homes. Few failures are more far-reaching in their consequences than the failure of the trust God gives her as a mother. By the same token, much of the future success of her children can be traced to her patience, understanding, and loving care.

The best that is in her and that she can muster in the rearing of her children, is called for. These latent talents God has bestowed upon her. Her child is a precious life God entrusts to her care, and which He fully expects one day will take his place in the world. Mother's task is best accomplished, and she is happiest when, as Proverbs say, "Her children arise up, and call her blessed."

L. C. M. VOSSELER,
 Protestant Chaplain.

NEW PO MANUAL AVAILABLE IN JUNE

All those planning to go up for rate in August should watch for the new Manual of Qualifications for Advancement in Rating which is expected to be available some time in June.

According to BuPers Notice 1418, dated 27 March, the coming exams were based on the military requirements and professional qualifications set forth in this manual.

Since the exams were made up while the new manual was still a rough draft, a few of the later changes in it will not be reflected in the tests. However, any questions which do appear in the exams, and which are not covered by the manual, will be disregarded in the scoring.

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—More on Bonds

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which is above the Navy Department minimum standard."

Letters presented to the savings bond representatives commended the civilian defense bond representatives on their accomplishment during the past four months, for their "individual initiative, judgment and outstanding personalities," which have inspired fellow employees to invest their monies for the defense of our country.

"Your continued persistent effort in the Savings Bond Program has been a credit to the hospital and the naval service," the commendation read.

Bond representatives are Charles Asbelle, ALD; Anna P. Stone, Collection Agents Office; Helen Simmons, Disbursing; Mary Fomera, Nurses Quarters; Joe Bokuvka and Fletcher Lyon, Maintenance; Gus Matalas and Robert Sedam, Transportation; Frances LeCocq, Personnel and Records; Marie Fulton, Pinky Orr, Johnnie Pullen, Julius Morris, Willie Mae Boykin, and Ralph Thomas, Food Service; Frances Botelho, Finance; Ed Henderson, Food Service (Officers' Club); Madeleine Murray, Post Office and Telephone Office; Velva Little, Civilian Personnel; Joan Smejkal, Administration Building; Carol Frew, Medical Social Service; Joseph Conannon, Psychiatric Social Service; Joseph Perez, Cast Room, Physical Therapy, Cardiology, Neurology, Dermatology, General Surgery, Plastic Surgery, Neurosurgery, Tumor Clinic, X-Ray; Tony Viada, Firehouse; George Delmar, Maintenance, Crew's Library, Occupational Therapy, EST, Medical Research; Mennie Newsome and Hartha Caires, Ward Attendants; and Bernadette Malerich, Laundry.

Red Cross Ramblings

THE MERRY MONTH OF MAY

The month of May was ushered in with bright and gay notes at a recent evening activity in the lounge. The traditional Maypole dance started the evening off and the dancing was interrupted only long enough to crown the May King and Queen. A certain spot had been marked on the floor and, unknown to everyone but the Emcee, the couple standing on the spot when a certain song ended became Queen and King. The lucky ones were Irene Vargas, a Thursday night hostess from the Blue Triangle Club, and W. H. Branson, YN3, a patient on 43A.

The Queen was presented with a corsage, and after duly receiving crowns and scepters, the couple reigned supreme at the Maypole dance.

The idea and plans for the dance are accredited to the Thursday night hostesses, while the actual decorating and details were taken care of by a few patients in the lounge. Both groups are to be congratulated on their cooperation in making the evening a success.

MOVIE SWITCH

To facilitate a better schedule for ward movies, some changes have been made. Circuit I has showings as follows: Wednesday afternoon 47A, Wednesday night 52, Thursday night 71A or 70A, Friday night 74A, Saturday night 75B, Sunday night 76B, Monday night 79B, Tuesday night 80B. Circuit II as follows: Wednesday night 43A, Thursday night 46B, Friday night 61A, Saturday afternoon 47B, Saturday night 62B, Sunday night 63A, Monday night 41A, Tuesday night 42A.

The coming movies for the week 6 May through 12 May are "Tropic Zone," starring Ronald Reagan and Rhonda Fleming, which will be shown on Circuit I, and "Taxi," with Dan Dailey and Constance Smith, on Circuit II.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Surprise birthday felicitations were recently given by the men and staff of ward 43B to FRANK DE REZENDES, AN. A beautifully decorated heart-shaped cake was presented to him with the traditional birthday song. During his twenty-two years Frank has acquired a hobby of constructing custom-built furniture. In the future he plans to carry on his

creative abilities by doing architectural draftsmanship work.

ON AND OFF

Multi-goings-on in the form of off-compound trips have taken place in the last week. Friday, 1 May, was the occasion of a trip to the St. Moritz Ice Follies in Berkeley with nine patients attending, Saturday, 2 May, the Jewish Welfare Federation had



King W. H. Branson, YN3, Ward 43A, and Queen Irene Vargas, Red Cross Hostess, pose with Gray Lady Lurline Hendricks during their reign at the recent Maypole dance.

as their guests twelve patients from this hospital who thoroughly enjoyed the entertainment. It was a benefit activity and featured the Pacific Light Opera Company's presentation of "Pagliacci," followed by dinner and dancing.

The popular Motorama in San Francisco was the setting for an off-compound trip Monday afternoon. Seventeen patients journeyed over in Red Cross station wagons and journeyed home with thoughts of Corvettes, Starfires, Skylarks, and La Sabres ranging through their minds.

Tickets were available on Tuesday and Thursday for the beautiful Oakland Garden Show, with a sizable group attending.

These trips were in addition to the regular off-compound trips, of which there are eight a week. Patients wishing to take advantage of these trips should check with the Red Cross offices, topside Navy Exchange building.

Welcome and Farewell

Five persons reported to the hospital for duty last week, while 13 were detached, returned to inactive duty, or discharged from the Navy.

Reporting for duty were: LT Gladys V. McNeelis, NC, USN, from MSTS, San Francisco; LTJG Milledred P. Thompson, NC, USNR, from inactive duty; ENS Joan L. White, SC, USNR, from Naval Supply Corps School, NSD, Bayonne, N. J.; N. A. Hamblin, HMI, from Pearl Harbor; and S. Chilcoat, HA, from USNHCS, San Diego, Calif.

Detached were: LCDR Frank M. Thornburg, MC, USN, to Camp Pendleton for assignment with FMF; LT

Edla C. Warner, NC, USN, to USNH, Portsmouth, Va.; LTJG Melanie L. Coppola, NC, USNR, to USS REPOSE; E. H. Brown, HMC, to USNRS, Treasure Island, for assignment to ComServPac; J. L. Dickshinski, HN, to U.S. Naval Schools Command, Naval Station, Newport, R. I.; and HN's J. D. Navarre, J. F. Cunningham, and G. L. Baker, to Camp Pendleton for assignment with FMF.

LTJG Viola* Hollandsworth, NC, USNR, was released to inactive duty. HM3's G. J. Cavanaugh and W. McHargue were discharged upon completion of their enlistments, and S. M. Bricker, HN (W), was discharged.



PFC Tom Lauria, USMC, patient on Ward 76B, is shown here crowning Miss Theresa Ferrari "Queen of the May" last Saturday. The occasion was a May Day Festival at the Oakland USO club, where Miss Ferrari is a junior hostess. Several other patients from Oak Knoll, along with servicemen from all over the Bay Area, were on hand to join in the fun and festivity.

SCUTTLEBUTT

SIGNS OF THE SEASON: HN
Buddy Ryan breaking out his whites, having a butch haircut, and showing up at the Exec's office with a fine sunburn . . . maintenance men cutting the "hay" around 67A . . . patients discussing the relative merits of dichondra and Oregon bent grass . . . Navy Mothers, in Oakland for the state convention, touring Oak Knoll in Key System buses.

PEOPLE, PLACES & THINGS:
Chief Prah has been nursing painfully burned fingers—set fire to them with a burning matchbook. To console himself, he went out and bought the handsome black Fordomatic he has on display on the parking lot across from Archives . . . Wayne Hartman is back at work in the Transportation Office looking hale and hearty after a ten week's bout with a heart condition . . . CAPT Gilman made the local Society pages again this week. He was photographed at the Oakland Flower Show with Dr. E. J. Ringrose (Dermatology Consultant) and Mrs. Ringrose . . . Georgia Schwalls of the Dependent Service learned this week not to take people literally, but how she learned is a story that must come from Georgia . . . Joe Concannon, head psychiatric social worker is a civilian again after two weeks' Naval Reserve training duty with MSTs. He's a LCDR when he's in uniform . . . Helen Anderson, HN, of the Dependent Service became engaged Tuesday afternoon in the doctor's office. Robert H. Jones, HM3, Recreation, gave her her ring just before leaving on an ambulance run . . . NP technicians were really put on the spot at a recent examination when one of their questions read: The doctor who gave the best lecture was: (a) Dr. Willis; (b) Dr. Hanes; (c) Dr. Adamson; (d) Dr. Carfagni. (All four names are those of staff doctors.) Another question thrown in to wake up the class was: The student who slept most often in class was: (a) Melton; (b) Shortz; (c) Fanshaw; (d) Caracciolo. Results of the questionnaire were not made public.

"Hawaiian Holiday" Theme of Aquatic Show Coming Here

Next Friday, 15 May, the Athens Water Follies will present a Follies Fashion Show amidst a typical Hawaiian atmosphere; Hawaiian dances and Hawaiian water routines. The show will be presented at (and in) the hospital's swimming pool.

The biggest feature will be a number by the Senior National Championship team tournament in Des Moines, Iowa. They were also the outdoor champions last summer. The team consists of four girls, and the theme of their performance is entitled "South Pacific."

Another exotic number will feature "Jungle Drums" by the girls who recently won the Junior National Championship in Richmond in team competition.

Patti Dahl, who is the instructor in Hawaiian dancing at the Athens Athletic Club, will be featured in a duet named "Stick and Gourd."

One of the greatest little swimmers and showmen will be seven-year-old Papsy Georgian, resplendent in a Hula costume. Papsy swings a mean skirt, and is also Junior Olympic Champion in Synchronized Swimming. Her number is entitled "Hawaiian Hospitality."

Al White, Double Olympic Diving Champion of 1924; Johnny White, now competing for Stanford University; Mora Stone, Florida and Midwest Diving Champion; and Jimmy

Legion Post to Honor K-Vets at Meeting

The American Legion in San Francisco extends an invitation to all Korean veterans to attend a night in their honor on Wednesday, 13 May, in Room 1 of the War Memorial Building, San Francisco, at 2000.

American Legion Service Officers will report on veterans rights and benefits under the law and on future legislation planned in behalf of veterans.

Special entertainment and refreshments will be served.

All who are interested in attending should sign up no later than Monday at Special Services. Transportation will be provided.

CAPT Sherwood Speaks To State Social Workers

CAPT David W. Sherwood, Head of the Pediatrics Department, was one of the principal speakers at the California State Conference of Social Workers held in Fresno Tuesday. His subject was "Medical Needs of Military Dependents."

Also attending the conference were Miss Marie Adams, Miss Vera Wilkerson, and Miss Maryles Nahl of Oak Knoll's Red Cross staff.

MOTHER'S DAY NOTE: Mrs. Joseph E. O'Brien slipped quietly into the hospital one Monday in April to give birth to a 7 lb. 4 oz. baby girl. Things were not quite so quiet when she returned home to the rest of her family. Awaiting her and baby Mary Therese in Burlingame were Catherine, Beatrice, Joseph, Francis, Patricia, Margaret, Danny, Michael, and Thomas, (ranging from 15 to 3 years young) to say nothing of their father. Three of the children were born at Oak Knoll.



On their toes are these four young ladies who will appear here next Friday in the "Hawaiian Holiday" aquatic show at the swimming pool, in a number entitled "Jungle Drums." Winners of the Junior National Championship in team competition, they are, left to right: Jackie Brown, Joanne Berthelson, Sandra Kallunki, and JoAnn Brobst.

Lawson, Junior Olympic Champion, will give an array of diving from the springboards.

During the show, Gantner of California will present selections of their swim togs for holiday wear, especially adapted for a visit to the islands.

Another feature of the show will be a Maypole number done in the pool to the strains of "May Day Is Lei Day in Hawaii."

Art Olsen, father and coach of Zoe Ann Olsen Jensen, will "emcee the show."



PFC Donald G. Ratta, USMC, does a neat job of descending the staircase, while Dr. M. A. Latif of Cairo, Egypt, and CDR T. J. Canty look on. The Cairo doctor, director of the medical division, Social Security Department, Ministry of Social Affairs, for his country, is making an extensive tour of hospitals throughout the United States, studying methods of rehabilitating the wounded. He spent 1 May visiting the Artificial Limb Department.

"Two things we must keep ourselves informed about," Dr. Latif quipped in excellent English (the language spoken in Cairo University Medical School), "... ladies' fashions and the latest developments in medicine."



Queenie took leave this week, and as friends and co-workers at the hospital post office suspected, it was for another of her "special deliveries," as a Tribune columnist not long ago described the mailrun mascot's ventures into motherhood.

When her closest friends, the transportation people, complimented her on her adaptability—one day helping Ed Trnka carry the mail to the downtown post office—next day caring for a family of eight—she hung her head modestly.

"It's nothing," she wagged, and then set about licking each small pup's head as if it were a postage stamp. "Though they are a handful—I had only five the first four times."

Oak Knoll Softball Team Practicing For District Class "B" League Play

For the past month the hospital's softball team has been working out and has had five practice games so far. Of the five, they have won three. The results of the last two games, both played with Stockton Armory Reserve, were still being protested at press time.

The team's first win was chalked up when they beat a pickup team from the hospital, 26-4. They have beaten the NAS Alameda squad twice, with scores of 5-2 and 10-8.

Thus far the Oak Knoll team has looked very good in the field, but needs some improvement in the hitting department. A good pitcher is

much in demand, along with some good hitting outfielders.

Men who have turned out for practice so far are: Gordon Anderson (SS), Don Lannoo (1B), Don Clark (2B), Dick Jenkinson (3B), Roy Judd (C), and Irving Wheat, Tom Greenfield, Jim Poole, Bob Drennen, Dave Medley, and Chuck Reonard in the outfield. The pitcher's mound has been occupied by Willie Tish and Don Hinds.

Oak Knoll has won the Twelfth Naval District Class "B" softball championship for the last two years. Naturally, this year's team hopes to keep up the good record and bring a third consecutive trophy to the hospital.

This year there are only three returning veterans of the 1952 squad—shortstop Anderson, and Jenkinson and Hinds, who are co-managers of the team.

Both managers are still looking for new team members, and have the welcome mat dusted off for any and all corpsmen who would like to join the squad.

Practice sessions are held when the port watch has liberty at 1500. Further information may be obtained by calling Hinds or Jenkinson at Extension 357, Ward 52.

Swimming Pool Hours

For the benefit of those who do not know the opening and closing hours of the swimming pool, and for the staff and patients who haven't yet taken advantage of that facility, here are the official pool hours:

- Monday—1300 to 1600.
- Tuesday—0900 to 1630.
- Wednesday—0900 to 1630; 1800 to 2100.
- Thursday—0900 to 1300; 1430 to 1630; 1800 to 2100.
- Friday—0900 to 1630; 1800 to 2100.
- Saturday, Sunday, and holidays—1300 to 1700.

TV Set Thief Found and Fined

Richard L. Davis, 25, a Hanford beer salesman and Navy veteran, was fined \$500 for taking a television set on 1 March, 1951, from an Oak Knoll ward.

He pleaded nolo contendere (admitting the offense without any criminal intent) last week when arraigned before Leon R. Yankwich, the chief judge of the United States District Court, Southern District, who was presiding there.

Assistant United States Attorney Edward J. Skelly said the television set, valued in excess of \$100, was taken while Davis was visiting friends in the hospital.

A second count charging the taking of a second set was dismissed in the interest of justice.

Press Club Honors Nurses in Korea

A citation as "Woman of the Year" has been awarded to "the American nurse in Korea."

At the annual dinner meeting of the Women's National Press Club in Washington, D. C., the award was given to the Office of the Secretary of Defense after being received in behalf of all the Services by 1st LT Mildred L. Rush. LT Rush is an Army nurse who spent 15 months on the Korean front. (AFPS)

"What do you take for your insomnia?"

"A glass of wine at regular intervals."

"Does that make you sleep?"

"No, but it makes me satisfied to stay awake."



Sunday, 10 May
FAST COMPANY—Howard Keel, Polly Bergen, COMEDRAMA. Rating: Good. Miss Bergen inherits a racehorse which, unknown to her, can only run creditably when he hears music. Keel knows the secret and tries to get her to sell the horse to him.

Monday, 11 May
THE PATHFINDER—George Montgomery, Helena Carter, ADVENTURE. Rating: Good. Taken from the famous novel by James Fenimore Cooper, this is the Technicolor story of a scout who is out to help England beat France to the punch in taking over the Great Lakes territory. Savage Indians, fast action, moments of impending peril, and romance are the ingredients of the film.

Tuesday, 12 May
 Movie cancelled, due to the "Water Follies of 1953," at the swimming pool.

Wednesday, 13 May
WHITE LIGHTNING—Stanley Clement, Steve Brodie, DRAMA. Rating: Good. Professional hockey is the theme of this one. The sport is pictured from the action standpoint and includes a sidelight on the racketeers' influence on the game.

Thursday, 14 May
SIREN OF BAGDAD—Patricia Medina, Paul Henreid, DRAMA. No information in the files concerning this film, except that it's in color.

Friday, 15 May
HANS CHRISTIAN ANDERSEN—Danny Kaye, Farley Granger, MUSICAL-FANTASY. Rating: Excellent. Using Technicolor to full advantage, this film tells a fanciful story about the immortal writer of fairy tales. It's full of humor, drama, and whimsical sadness—a picture for young and old alike.

Saturday, 16 May
THE GLASS WALL—Vittorio Gassman, Gloria Grahame, DRAMA. Rating: Good. Gassman portrays a displaced person who stows away on a ship to get to New York, where he hopes to find a friend who can prove his right to legal entry. The 24 hours it takes him to find the friend are packed with suspense. There are some good candid shots of Times Square, where much of the picture was filmed.

Staff Personalities

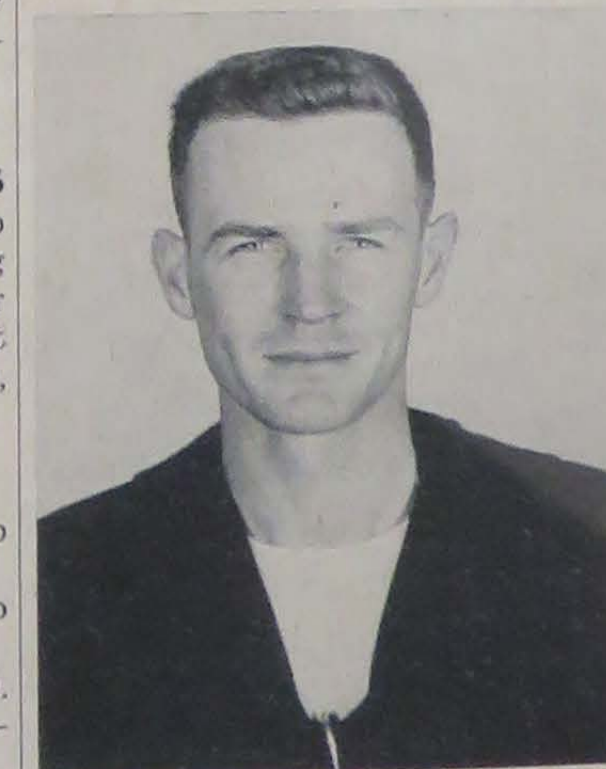
Hunting—and more hunting is the choice of relaxation for LT Jay S. Broadbent, MC, USN, of the obstetric and gynecology staff. Three lively sons keep him busy when he isn't on

duty or hunting. LT Broadbent is from Provo, Utah, and attended the University of Utah and Brigham Young University for his M.D. and B.S. degrees. On inactive Reserve status from 1942 until 1943, he then went into the Navy medical program, and interned at USNH, Newport, R.I. in 1946. He next had a tour of duty aboard the USS VULCAN (AR-5), and then went to USNH, Long Beach in 1947 for a two-year course in OB-GYN. He came here in September 1951, after serving on Saipan.



Jack-of-all-trades (Chaplain's Assistant is the official title) around the Chaplain's offices in building 67A is John Frembgen, HN. John is from Rock Rapids, Iowa, and joined the

Navy in January 1951. He was stationed at NAS Alameda for a while following recruit training in San Diego, then returned to the "south" for Corps School, and came here last August. He attended St. John's Seminary at the College of Minnesota, and LaSalette Missionary College before coming in the Navy. After his discharge he plans to go into the Trappist Monastery in Iowa. Meanwhile, outside his job, he spends most of his time reading religious and philosophical literature.



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HOSPITAL OPEN FOR ARMED FORCES DAY

Flak-Blinded Pilot 'Talked In' Safely

"The flak was intense—I had never seen it so heavy," declared First Lieutenant Alva Donald Howard, Jr., USMC, who was blinded in his left eye while bombing the enemy in the central sector of North Korea.

He was hit just before beginning his run on the target, but succeeded in dropping his bombs—on target—and then turning south and landing at his plane safely behind our lines at a small Allied air field.

"Seventy-five holes were found in my left wing when I landed, and my left aileron had been shot off by the anti-aircraft fire," he said.

Two pieces of shrapnel (one of which hit him in the eye) had passed through the canopy over the pilot's seat.

The quiet-spoken Marine pilot gave much credit in getting back safely to Captain Robert E. Cook, USMC, of Pensacola, Fla., who heard over the radio that Howard had been hit and was in need of assistance.

Captain Cook followed LT Howard's plane and guided him in by instructions and continual encouragement.

A patient on 69A, he is now subsisting out while his wife, Marguerite, of Royal Oak, Mich., is here for a visit. She was present when he received a Purple Heart Medal in the Award Ceremonies held Wednesday.



LT Howard, who dropped his bombs and was "talked down" after his plane was hit and he was blinded in the left eye.



LT Sara Griffin Chapman, NC, USN, Retired, received the SecNav's Commendation for "exceptional skill and judgment in her work as an amputee walking instructor" at Oak Knoll. RADM A. H. Dearing, DMO and former CO, presented the commendation medal at special ceremonies marking the 45th anniversary of the Navy Nurse Corps.

SecNav Cites LT Chapman On Nurse Corps Anniversary

LT Sara Griffin Chapman, amputee Navy nurse who returned to active duty to teach other amputees to walk, received a commendation from Secretary of the Navy R. B. Anderson at special ceremonies held Wednesday, 13 May, the 45th Anniversary of the Navy Nurse Corps.

RADM A. H. Dearing, DMO and Inspector of Pacific Coast Navy Medical Activities, in presenting the medal to LT Chapman, paid tribute to the Navy Nurse Corps, whose officers are serving aboard hospital ships, in Korea and in hospitals overseas as well as throughout the United States.

"Their professional training and devotion to duty are invaluable in providing the excellent hospital care the Navy gives to its sick and wounded," the Admiral said.

"Griff," as the Navy nurse is affectionately known at Oak Knoll, was commended "for exercising exceptional skill and judgment in her work as an amputee walking instructor from October 1950 to January 1953." Retired in 1949 after losing her left leg as a result of an injury that occurred at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, when she fell over an embankment and struck her leg on a coral formation, she voluntarily returned to active duty in October 1950 to assist in rehabilitating the Korea wounded.

"She labored untiringly to aid the handicapped and was eminently successful in training hundreds of Korea casualties in the correct use of prosthetic devices. By her courage and fortitude in overcoming her own handicap, she served to inspire all

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Knoll Welcomes Visitors to Tour Facilities Here

While Army, Navy, and Air Force installations throughout the Bay Area are stressing "Power for Peace" in their Armed Forces Day celebrations this week end, Oak Knoll will give the public an example of the Armed Forces "power for health."

The gates will be open from 1300 to 1600 today so that individuals and organizations in the community may have an opportunity to see the weapons used to combat disease and infection, to heal wounds received in enemy action and injuries incurred in stateside accidents.

Hospital Corpsmen and WAVES will be on hand to guide visitors through the Artificial Limb Department, where prosthetic limbs are made for every type of amputee, and where a program of research and development is a part of the everyday routine.

At Physical Therapy guests will visit the walking clinic, where members of the military and civilian staffs teach amputee patients to walk, climb stairs, roller skate, and dance on artificial limbs. Also in this department are special devices for treatment of neurosurgery patients, victims of polio, and patients suffering from a variety of other diseases and injuries.

At Occupational Therapy, an achievement board for hand amputees learning to go through the motions of everyday living, such as eating, opening doors, turning on faucets, answering the telephone, will be of special interest, as will the weaving, pottery making, and printing equipment which are used in the hospital's rehabilitation program.

Those who visit the Environmental Sanitation School, the only one of its kind in the Navy, will see exhibits depicting the problems students in this specialty must learn to combat.

The tour will also include the Red Cross Lounge, where convalescing patients may learn techniques of photo finishing, take music or dancing lessons, read, or play chess, and the Red Cross Craft Shop, where leisure hours are occupied with leather work, ceramics, and other handicrafts.

Last stop on the visitors' itinerary will be the hospital Commissary, where three meals a day are prepared for some 2300 patients and staff and where refreshments will be served to Armed Forces Day visitors.

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ARMED FORCES DAY

This day is more than a day of memories. We are a part of it, as it includes the present as well as the past members of our Armed Forces through the history of our country. The tendency of the man on active duty is to feel that he is "in" and the only thing he thinks of is the effect upon him personally and the present condition of the service.

To really understand the Service one must catch the spirit and carry on the tradition that has been built up by the many who have gone before him as well as by those in his own day. True, some experiences are so close and unpleasant that they hinder us from seeing the complete record.

Honest pride must have a basis in honest effort. Otherwise pride is a glittering bubble in the sun which bursts, leaving a moist spot. Looking back over the men who have defended our nation from 1775 to those in Korea, our eyes sweep over years of consecrated service and we are conscious of a just pride in having a part. We know the same spirit which kept Washington's men pushing on, hungry and ragged, in the winter campaigns carried our men through that awful first winter in Korea. To make Armed Forces Day what it should be and not betray those who have given their lives, we must never lose the ideals and faith which have always been our nation's source of strength.

On this Armed Forces Day we know that all the organization and training, all the super-weapons and equipment are insufficient unless the souls of men are buttressed with a faith that can not be shaken, with ideals which reach above and beyond military victory to an unshakable faith in the living God who clears from our eyes the blinding effect of greed, hatred and misunderstanding.

—H. E. LeMAY, Chaplain

Welcome and Farewell

The census balance was in favor of Oak Knoll this week, as 19 persons reported aboard for duty, while 10 were detached or released to civilian life.

Reporting aboard were: LT Samuel C. Taylor, MC, USNR, and LTJG Benjamin H. Flowe, MC, USNR, from

1st Marine Division, FMF; CWOHC Forrest H. Bryant, USN, from Armed Services Medical Procurement Agency, NavMedSupDept, Oakland; G. S. Bush, HMC, from Newport, R.I.; M. R. Gregory, DKSN, from Treasure Island, San Francisco; W. A. Clark, HN, to USNH, Mare Island, Calif.; HN's V. G. Bailey, W. M. Biddle, Jr., L. D. Hoffman, and HA's J. W. Enochs, D. N. Lott, L. J. Rabello, L. G. Rowe, E. Sisneros, and R. E. Ward, from USNHCS, San Diego, Calif.; and WAVE HA's J. M. Brenner, A. L. Quinn, M. A. Schneider, and G. A. Schafer, from USNHCS, San Diego.

Those detached from the hospital were: LT Edna I. Johnson, NC, USN, to Naval Hospital Corps School, Bainbridge, Md., for duty as instructor; LT Laura M. Waugh, NC, USNR, to USS REPOSE; LTJG Frank D. Hill, MC, USNR, to Commander, ATC, Pacific Fleet at NAB, Coronado, Calif., and then to the USS MENARD (APA-201); HN's R. C. Palmer and A. W. Richardson, to U. S. Naval Service School Command, NTC, Bainbridge, Md.; and HN's S. R. Reid, G. A. Toth, C. R. Lindberg, and HA H. A. Schwab, to Marine Barracks, Camp Pendleton, Oceanside, Calif.

LT Marguerite A. Bergsma, NC, USN, was discharged to civilian life following the acceptance of her resignation.



Captain Gordon received a National Citation from the DAV at the award ceremony Wednesday. The bronze plaque was presented by Ed Wintermute, Senior Vice-Commander, Department of California, DAV, who was introduced by John Engberg (right), hospital director for the department. The award was given in recognition of the captain's "exceptional and meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service to disabled American veterans."

Nurse, Patients, CO Cited at Ceremony

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who observed her and was instrumental in building the morale of those similarly afflicted. Her marked professional ability, constant concern for those in her care, and selfless devotion to the fulfillment of her assignment reflect the highest credit upon LT Chapman and the United States Naval Service," the commendation read.

Married last November to LT Kenneth Chapman of the U.S. Navy Post-Graduate School at Monterey, "Griff" continued to work until early this year, when she was again released to inactive duty, this time to become a housewife.

BRONZE STAR FOR BRAVERY

2nd LT Richard B. Swartz, Marine Corps Reservist, received the Bronze Star medal from Admiral Dearing in recognition of his work as platoon commander with a Marine infantry company in Korea on 16 October, 1952 when "he voluntarily led a raid on a heavily defended enemy outpost far forward of the main line of resistance. Under his aggressive leadership, the unit advanced to within a few feet of the enemy before it was detected. Early in the engagement he was painfully wounded by enemy fire, but expressing complete disregard for his personal safety and comfort, he continued to direct the action and fire of his men."

Swartz, unable to move about because of his wounds, continued to fire until he was carried down the hill. Then, according to the citation, he ordered his second in command to execute the withdrawal. "His heroic actions and devotion to duty served as an inspiration to all who observed him and were in keeping with the

highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

LT Swartz was a student at the University of Washington before he joined the Marine Corps 18 months ago, and his home is in Seattle.

PURPLE HEART AWARDS

Purple Heart Medals were presented to PFC Herman N. Dunn, USMC, Fresno, Calif.; PFC James J. Gribbon, USMC, Baltimore, Md.; 1st LT Alva D. Howard, USMC, Royal Oak, Mich.; S/SGT Paul R. Sheehan, USMC, South Boston, Mass.; LTJG James B. Overton, USNR, Sunnyvale, Calif.; and PFC Edward J. Vacek, USMC, Clay Center, Nebr.

CAPT GORDON CITED BY DAV

At the conclusion of the ceremony, CAPT J. N. C. Gordon, Commanding Officer of Oak Knoll, received a National Citation from the DAV. The award, a bronze plaque given in recognition of the captain's outstanding work in aiding disabled American veterans, was presented by Ed Wintermute, Senior Vice-Commander, Department of California, DAV, who was introduced by John Engberg, Hospital Director for the Disabled American Veterans, Department of California. Oak Knoll's skipper is the second Navy doctor to be chosen as the Department of Pacific's "Man of the Year." The award went last year to CDR Thomas J. Cauty, Chief of the Amputee Service at Oak Knoll.

On hand for the presentation were newly-elected officers of Oakland's Chapter 7, DAV.

The swimming pool, originally open air, was installed after Kay Kyser raised the necessary funds at a benefit show in downtown Oakland, and he brought his band here for the dedication.

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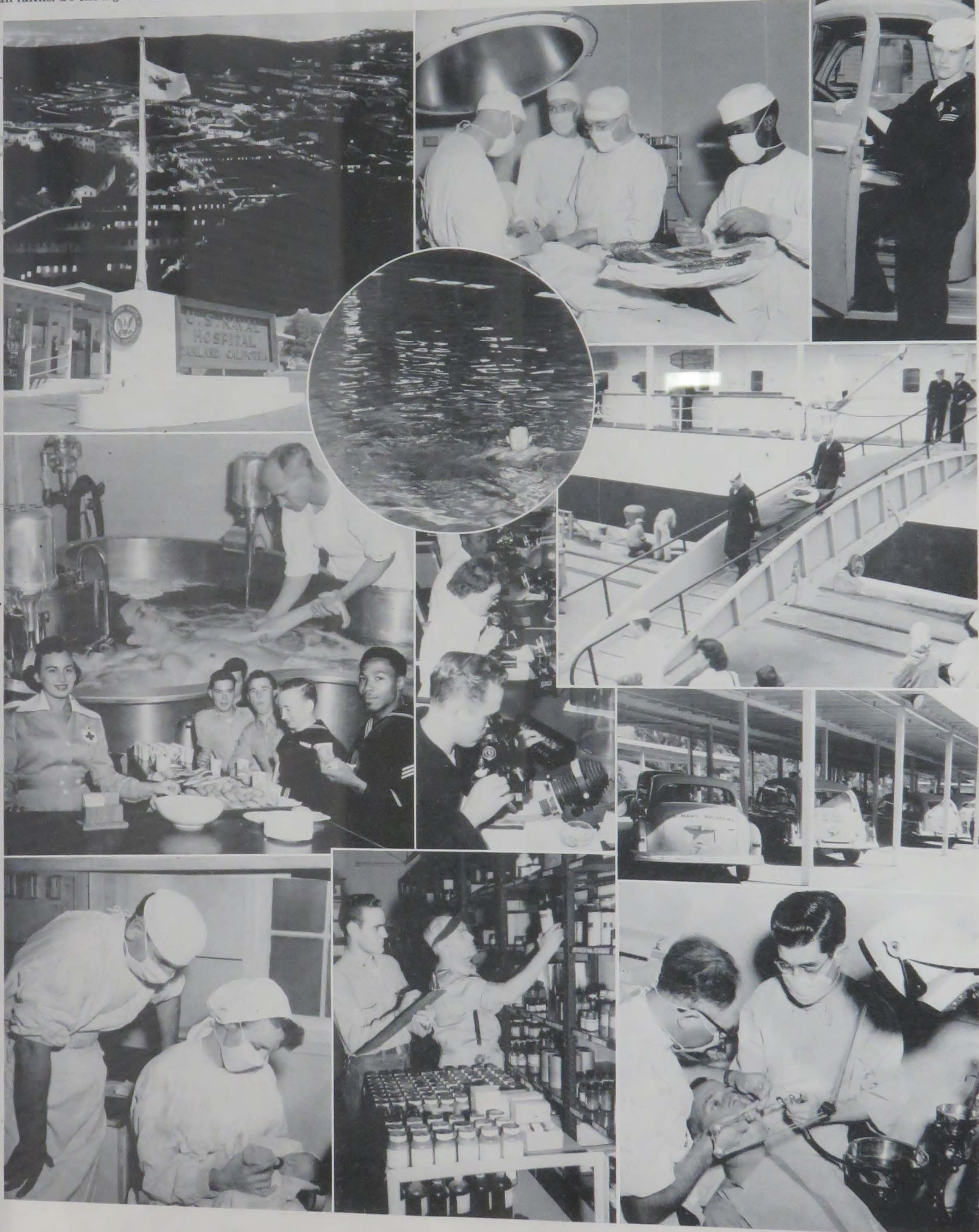
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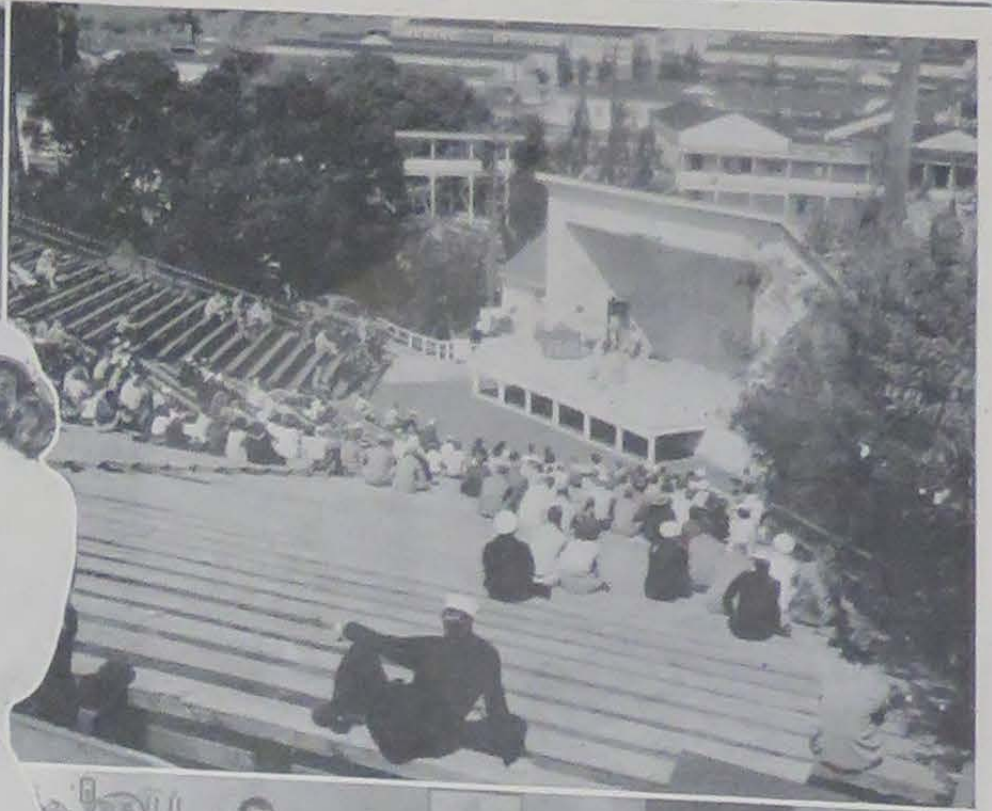
BUS TO AND FROM CHAPEL, ON SUNDAYS 0845 and 1015

THIS IS OAK KNOLL —

The word "hospital" to many means sickness, antiseptic smells, and symptoms, but those who venture inside the gates of Oak Knoll today will see that these are merely incidentals at this Navy medical activity, one of the largest in the United States. A stone's throw from the main gate where guests are greeted and guided by uniformed civilian guards, is the station chapel, scene of weddings and christenings—a place of worship for men of all faiths. To the right is the transportation division, where buses that carry

patients on sightseeing and fishing trips, to sporting events and dinners at famous restaurants line up with ambulances that meet hospital ships and air evac planes and pick up accident victims. To the left, is the Artificial Limb Department. And so on up the road visitors will see some of the many activities that are part of the everyday routine at Oak Knoll. The visitor will see that Oak Knoll is many activities in one. It is amputees, anesthesia, the auditorium, amphitheater, the animal house for re-





search; it's the blood bank, bone bank, barber shop, bowling alley, bunks, barracks, books, and babies born to the wives of sailors and Marines; it's central supply, casts, carpenters, civilian consultants, chiefs, corpsmen, doctors, dentists, disbursing, dungarees, diets, and dances. It's the EENT department, Educational Services, exercises, the EST School, and Electric shop, finance, fire department, formulas, gurneys, and Gray Ladies. There is the Hubbard tank; there are interns, iron lungs, indoctrination lectures, incubators, laboratories, the legal office and linen room, medicine, a Master-at-Arms Force and a maintenance crew, to say nothing of neurosurgery,

nurses, and Navy Relief. There is the OOD, oxygen, OB-GYN, Otolaryngology, proctology, plastic surgery, pathology, pharmacy, psychiatry, physical therapy, the post office and PAYDAY. There are quarters, the Red Cross; there are records, research, and rehabilitation. There is the swimming pool, surgery, security, and Special Services, a savings bond program, sterile technique, stage shows, small stores, and station wagon rides. There is a training program for doctors and technicians, the Tumor Board, telephone girls and temperatures, urology, USAFI courses for those who wish to study, the VA office, visitors, VIPs, WAVES, and X-ray. All these are Oak Knoll.

Friday, 15 May, 1953



veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States

VFW "Buddy Poppies" will be available next Friday and Saturday, 22 and 23 May, in the Community Services Building, at the OOD's desk in the Administration Building, and in other main offices around the command.

DEFENSE LEADERS RAISE SERVICES

The Secretary of Defense, Charles Wilson: "Armed Forces Day is a day dedicated to do honor to the united men and women of our nation, at home and abroad, who proudly wear the uniforms of the Army, the Navy, the Air Force and the Marine Corps."

"On this fourth observance of our Armed Forces Day, it is a privilege for me to greet warmly the men and women in uniform and all those others who have contributed so much toward placing in their hands the spiritual and material strength that makes them the balanced positive force for peace they are today. To the men in Korea who are fighting so nobly and ably for the ideals we cherish, I send particular greetings, confident of their ultimate victory."

The Secretary of the Navy, R. B. Anderson: "Armed Forces Day 1953 is a forceful reminder that a strong and well balanced military establishment offers America its best hope for peace in this century of continuing crisis. The unity of our Armed Forces adds strength to our national security and lends firmness to our foreign policy."

"We of the Navy and Marine Corps are proud of our basic mission to control the seas. Command of the seas by our naval air, surface and submarine fleets stands today as a powerful deterrent to world conquest by any would-be aggressor. Seapower is an effective 'Power for Peace'."

Bay Area Social Workers Annual Meet Held Here

The Neuropsychiatric Social Service was host last Friday at the annual meeting of a group of bay area supervisors of group work from various agencies.

The meeting was headed by Miss Ruth Morgan and Mr. Gordon Hearn, in the faculty of the School of Social Welfare at the University of California in Berkeley.

Miss Morgan is a field work consultant for students who are given

SCUTTLEBUTT

PEOPLE, PLACES & THINGS: Imagine CWOHC Marian E. Cramer's surprise and Chuck (Plan of the Day) Hamilton's horror when they saw Monday's POD. Miss Cramer, a graceful lady, was billed as COW M. E. Cramer! . . . Talk about civic pride—you should hear Gregory Eastman, HN, LT Olive Ogden, and LT Erich Hakanson of Dependents Service, when they get together and talk about their Minneapolis . . . LT Joseph L. Yetka has earned himself another honor. He'll be installed as president of the Dad's Club at the David E. Martin School in San Lorenzo on 20 May . . . Oak Knoll again took to the TV lanes Tuesday on LT Jim Adams' "Shootin' the Breeze." S/SGT C. S. McPherson of 42A and Lionel Porter, HMI, amputee instructor of amputees, shared the spotlight with Admiral Dearing, who told the TV audience of the need for blood in Korea . . . a June 20 wedding is in prospect for Louis Gregory, HM3, and Marlana Hood of Berkeley. John Hughes and Herb Haggett will help handle the ushering detail . . . Ralph Crowe, HMC of EST, is head of the Village Squares—San Lorenzo square dancers . . . LT Lois E. Adrian finds dishing up diets pretty dull after her "hitch-hiking" tour of Europe . . .

LIFE BEGINS DEPARTMENT: LTJG Francis T. Day and his wife, Ruth, welcomed their first child (a 7 lb. 9 oz. boy in the wee small hours of 7 May and named him Francis Thomas Day II . . . Way back on the 2nd of May, Joanne Clark presented her husband, Wilbur Clark, HN, with his first child, a 7 lb. boy named David Lee . . . On 10 May Glenn Zinck, HMC, of EST School, announced to his shipmates that young John William had arrived, tipping the scales at 7 lb. 15 1/4 oz. Both he and his mother, Lois Ann, are doing nicely . . . Not to be outdone by the Navy, SGT Theodore Bangert of the Marine Detachment passed the cigars on 11 May to announce that his wife, Mary Lou, had given birth to a 7 lb. 12 oz. baby daughter, whom they named Elizabeth Claire . . . Another important patient at the Dependent Service this week is Thomas Dale Peters, whose father is CAPT Uel D. Peters, SOQ patient and wearer of the Navy Cross, and whose mother is the former LT JG Elaine Sroka of the Oak Knoll staff. Young Thomas weighed 7 lb. 5 1/2 oz. when he arrived on 12 May.

OAKNOLLUMNI: Back in March 1944 PFC Leon M. Uris, USMC, came in from the MV Bloen Fontaine for treatment of a bad case of asthma. Five months later he reported to duty at the Department of Pacific, 100 Harrison St., San Francisco. Early this month the San Francisco Chronicle devoted a column to his new book, "Battle Cry," of which Joseph Henry Jackson wrote, "It will be tabbed, I think, as the novel that really did the job, fictionally, for the Marine Corps." Incidentally, the book is available in Crew's Library.

group work assignments at Oak Knoll.

Mr. Joseph P. Concannon, civilian head of the Psychiatric Social Service here, and a supervisor of students also, was in charge of arrangements for the meeting.

The hospital was commissioned 1 July, 1942 to care for World War II casualties coming in from the South Pacific.



LCDR Alexander Bowdle, MSC, USN, Head of the Finance Division and chairman of the Savings Bond Committee, is shown presenting commendations from the Commanding Officer to two savings bond co-chairmen and to one of the many savings bond representatives who were instrumental in getting the hospital's civilian workers to surpass a 65% Payroll Savings goal. From left to right, Mrs. Frances Botelho, bond representative from the Finance Division; Mrs. Lola Cochran and Mrs. Lois Vukman, co-chairmen; and LCDR Bowdle.

Red Cross Ramblings

CALLING ALL FISH FANS

This is an S.O.S. from the Red Cross Lounge to locate a patient interested in fish—without the benefit of a rod and reel. We're referring to the tropical fish aquarium in the lounge which offers an excellent opportunity for anyone having this hobby to continue it. If anyone would like to become an amateur aquarist there are books and pamphlets on tropical fish available in the lounge. Drop in and see the fine selection of fish. Additional aquariums are available to be set up in other locations in the hospital.

MOVIE SET

Coming up the week of 20 May through 26 May is the movie "No Time for Flowers" with Viveca Lindfors and Paul Christian which will be shown on wards 43A, 46B, 61A, 47B, 62B, 63A, 41A, and 42A. The second of the set is "Redhead from Wyoming" starring Maureen O'Hara and Alex Nicol. Wards receiving it will be 47A (52, 72A, 74A, 75B, 76B, 79B, and 80B).

CRAFTY ONES

Could you use another ashtray by your bed? Why don't you make one? Maybe you're wondering what to give for a birthday coming up. Again, why don't you make something? It's possible and very easy to make attractive and useful articles at the Craft Shop. The equipment there for ceramics is especially geared toward making just such articles. Clever molds are available for beer steins, ash trays, flower vases and figurines with Gray Ladies to help and give instructions. There are also new ideas in free form worked with heavy clay. Add your own creative idea! Try your luck at it and see how enjoyable ceramic work can be.

Perhaps you would prefer leather work. That, too, is another popular pastime with billfolds, belts, and purses among the more favorite items. Stop in at the craft shop and try your hand at some of these popular crafts. Hours are from 1300 to 1630 Monday through Friday, and from 0930 to 1130 Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday.

PICNIC IN THE PARK

Chow last Tuesday noon had a different flavor than usual for a group

of sixteen patients from ward 74A. The flavor for some had a slightly burned taste as the men did their own cooking. The setting for this domestic scene was Tilden Park where these patients enjoyed a weiner roast and a picnic. If any of you other men would like to take a jaunt with similar delicious results, just tell your Red Cross worker.

PREVIEWS

Sunday, 17 May

PICKUP ON SOUTH STREET—Richard Widmark, Jean Peters, DRAMA. Rating: Good. Widmark is a pickpocket who steals Miss Peters' wallet containing some film which the Communists are trying to smuggle out of the country. Neither of the leading players knows the film is there, but they soon discover the fact and Widmark is led a merry chase by Miss Peters and the Reds until he reforms and turns the film over to the FBI.

Monday, 18 May

CAPTAIN PIRATE—Louis Hayward, Patricia Medina, ADVENTURE. Rating: Good. Captain Blood has been pardoned by the Crown for his daring feats on the Spanish Main, and as this picture begins, he is living a quiet life as a doctor in the West Indies. His peace is disrupted, however, by a villain who disguises himself as Captain Blood and raids the islands. Hayward then embarks on a plan to foil his impersonator and thus clear his name.

Tuesday, 19 May

GLORY BRIGADE—Victor Mature, Alexander Kirby, DRAMA. Rating: Very Good. No information on this movie in the files.

Wednesday, 20 May

REBEL CITY—Wild Bill Elliott, Marjorie Lord, WESTERN. No information available on this one either.

Thursday, 21 May

FRANCIS COVERS THE BIG TOWN—Donald O'Connor, Yvette Dugay, COMEDY. Rating: Very Good. Francis, the talking mule, helps his pal Donald get into the newspaper game by hobnobbing with police horses and getting tips on some of the town's biggest stories. The inside information gets O'Connor a top job, but creates some trouble with the underworld too.

Friday, 22 May

FAIR WIND TO JAVA—Fred MacMurray, Vera Ralston, ADVENTURE. Rating: Very Good. The story of a sea captain (MacMurray) and a pirate, both after a diamond treasure, whose location is known only to Miss Ralston, a slave girl. Filmed in Tricolor, the movie has action, romance, and a fiery volcano to keep it moving at a fast pace.

Saturday, 23 May

INVASION U.S.A.—Gerald Mohr, Peggie Castle, DRAMA. Rating: Average. No information on this in the files.



Oak Knoll's anglers are shown here, after a full day of trout fishing at Lake Merced in San Francisco. The busload of patients left the hospital at 0730 and fished until 1530. Food was furnished by the Food Service Division. Similar trips are offered to the patients each Tuesday, and those interested in getting in on the next one should contact Special Services.



The biggest catch of the day at Lake Merced was made by Charles R. Bell, EMFN, patient on Ward 43B. Bell is pictured here with the ten-inch "winner" in his right hand.

RADIOLOGY COURSE OPEN TO DOCTORS

The Navy Bureau of Medicine and Surgery has asked for applications from active duty medical officers below the rank of Captain, for a one-year course of instruction in Radiobiology.

The course, under the auspices of the Armed Forces Special Weapons Project, will begin on 3 August, 1953. Separate phases of instruction will be given at Reed College, Portland, Ore., Sandia Base, Albuquerque, N. M., and Oak Ridge, Tenn.

The objectives of this training are to provide medical officers with sufficient technical background to serve as Staff Advisors in all phases of the medical aspects of atomic defense; as advisors in the medical problems associated with the use of atomic reactors for power purposes; and as instructors in the various Service training centers in this specialty.

Requests for this instruction must reach the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery before 1 June, 1953. (AFPS).

Knoll Employee Talks At NFFE Convention

Jack Lloyd, civilian employee at the electrician's shop here at the hospital, recently returned from a three-day convention of the California State Federation of Federal Employees in San Diego.

He was a delegate of Local 496, which meets at Oak Knoll.

The purpose of the Federation, according to Lloyd, is to promote better efficiency in government establishments with better working conditions for employees, and to sponsor legislation which affects government service.

Lloyd was elected to the State membership committee, served on the employer-employee relations committee while at the convention, and delivered the closing address.

The daily patient census currently averages around 1330 patients.

Knoll Corpsman Gets Illustrator Rate

James Shearin, HM3, last week earned his rating as Medical Illustrating Technician, which puts him in a small and select Navy specialist group. There are fewer than 20 such technicians in the Navy.

In order to achieve the rating he was required to send samples of his work to the Bureau of Medicine and

Surgery, with letters of recommendation.

Shearin, who has worked in the Graphic Arts Department since he came to Oak Knoll last October, is from Portsmouth, Va. He majored in fine arts at William and Mary College before coming into the service in August 1950.

Staff Personalities

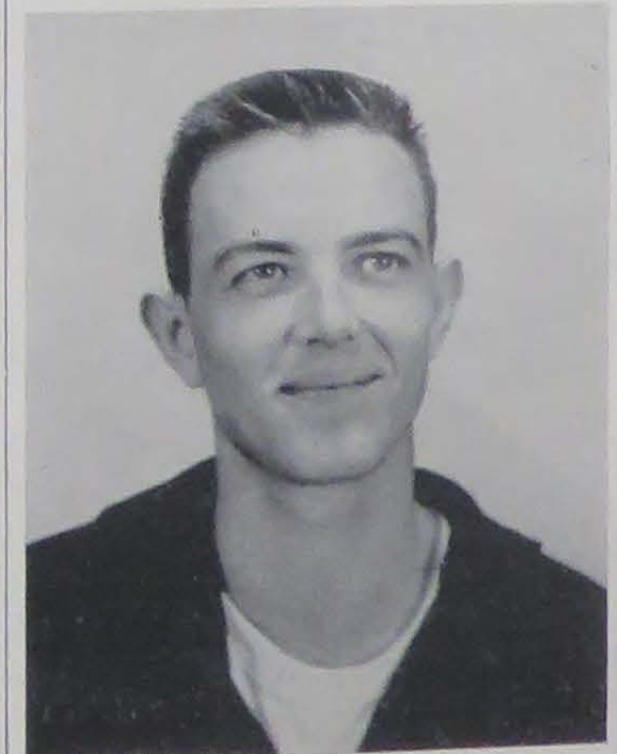
An easterner who's stationed in California and likes it—and admits the fact, is LT Elizabeth V. Campbell, NC, USN, from Brighton, Mass. Miss Campbell is assigned to the

Physical Therapy Department where she works with muscle re-education and exercise, peripheral nerve injuries, and polio patients. She worked for a while at the hospital where she was graduated in Newton, Mass., before she joined the Nurse Corps in December 1946. Following tours of duty at St. Albans, N.Y., Camp Lejeune, N.C., and Washington, D.C., she attended the Navy's Physical Therapy School in Richmond, Va. Miss Campbell came here in September 1951, from the Naval Hospital in Philadelphia.



There are few similarities between an electrical contractor, a Neuropsychiatric Service corpsman, and softball—but the three are combined in Dick Jenkinson, HN, who works on

Ward 52. Dick and his brother owned an electrical contracting business at Tahoe City, Calif., before he joined the Navy in 1951. Before that he was a physical education major at Santa Rosa Junior College. His interest in that field has paid off for the hospital's football and softball teams since he has been here, and Dick is now co-manager of Oak Knoll's ball team. Basketball and skiing are other sports that are favorites when he has time for them. He and his wife, Pat, a registered nurse, live here in Oakland.



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Doctor Canty Promoted

CDR Thomas J. Canty, MC, USN, Chief of the Amputee Service since 1950, has been promoted to Captain.

Last week, coincident with his promotion, CAPT Canty went to Washington, D.C., as the Navy's representative to an annual meeting of the National Research Council's Advisory Committee on Artificial Limbs. There for a week, he met with representatives from the Army, the Veterans Administration, and various universities.

Accompanying him was Eric Schultz, quadrilateral amputee from South Africa, who is a patient here. Schultz was one of several amputees who demonstrated their artificial limb before the Congressional Committee on Veterans Affairs.

CAPT Canty returned from Washington with final approval of an above-knee limb that was developed in his department. Final acceptance of the limb by the National Research Committee makes it available for commercial production.

SENT TO STOCKHOLM

Last year Doctor Canty was selected as the Navy's official representative to the Fifth World Congress of the International Society for the Welfare of Cripples, held in Stockholm, Sweden.

He was born and schooled in Milwaukee, Wis., receiving both his B.S. and his M.D. at Marquette University. Subsequently he took postgraduate medical courses in Philadelphia, Washington, D. C., and Portsmouth, and a postgraduate surgery course at Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minn.

Hospital assignments in addition to his present one include U.S. Naval Hospital, Sun Valley, Idaho, where he was Chief of Surgery and Chief of Rehabilitation; and U.S. Naval Hospital, Mare Island, Vallejo, where he was Chief of Orthopedic and Amputee Services.

During World War II he served as medical officer aboard the battleships USS WASHINGTON and USS MARYLAND. He was on duty in the American, European, and Asiatic war theaters, and saw action in convoys to Murmansk, the Solomons campaign, and invasions of the Philippines and Okinawa.

Doctor Canty was awarded the Marquette University School of Medicine Annual Alumni Award in 1950; the American Legion Citation for Rehabilitation in 1950; the Legion of Merit Award from the U.S. Navy in 1952; and the Citation for Distinguished Service from the Disabled American Veterans in 1952.



1st LT James Cullom, former U.C. football star, gets a visit from his wife, Marty, and their baby daughter, Elizabeth. —Oakland Tribune Photo

Former Cal Grid Star Here After Scrimmage With Reds

First Lieutenant James Henry Cullom, USMC, better known as "Big Jim" to football fans who remember his notable athletic career as right tackle on the '47, '48, and '49 Cal varsity football teams, arrived here last week, a casualty of the Korea war.

The big athlete, also known as "The Toe" for setting a new conversion kicking record in the Pacific Coast Conference, was hit in the early hours of 23 March, while leading a patrol from the Fifth Regiment, First Marine Division, back to Marine lines. His right thigh was fractured and he received multiple wounds from shrapnel when the Marine directly behind him stepped on a land mine and was killed as they were returning from an ambush patrol.

This was his second wound on the Korea front. He had previously been hit in the left arm by mortar shrapnel in November 1952.

LT Cullom was a gunner with the Fourth Marine Airwing during World War II. He served from 1943-45 and was awarded two Air Medals and a Gold Star. Following his discharge in 1945, he entered the University of California. He gave up a professional career in 1951 when he was commissioned in the Marine Corps, and intends to stay in the service.

On Ward 69A, his legs and hips are encased in a cast, but he expects to be able to return to duty after undergoing treatment here for several months.

Cullom's wife, Martha, and baby daughter, Elizabeth, are staying nearby, at his parents' home in Piedmont.

127 EM's Pass PO Rating Exams For Advancement to Higher Grades

Effective 16 May, 127 enlisted personnel were advanced to pay grades E-4, E-5, and E-6. Although the entire list had not yet been checked completely to eliminate the names of those who have been transferred from the hospital since they took their examinations last February, the following list includes all those still on duty here.

Advanced from HM2 to HM1 were: James S. Edwards, Jr., and Richard E. Willis.

Advanced from HM3 to HM2 were: Ivan C. Adams, Jr., Richard G. Durkee, Eugene C. Henry, Michael P. Kle, and E. C. Summerville.

Those who successfully passed the service-wide competitive examinations for HM3 were: Helen L. Anderson (W), Francis G. Anderson, Billy

E. Beard, Mary M. Boot (W), Sarah L. Bradford (W), Elizabeth M. Brosch (W), G. A. Brinkerhoff, Graham F. Burgess, Thomas A. Burt, Jr., William D. Casey, Gloria R. Cera (W), Glenn A. Chaplin, James B. Cox, Doyle E. Davidson, James W. Davis, Robert E. Drennon, Jack E. Dye, Donald R. Foster, John E. Fremngen, Gerald C. Friday, L. A. Garvey, Jr., Joseph Giordano, Lucian O. Gordon, Jr., and Naomi P. Green (W).

Charles W. Hamilton, David W. Herr, Jr.; Richard B. Hill, Lawrence E. Hooser, Edgar B. Howell, III, Leroy P. Judd, Leonard H. Kamsickas, Keith M. Kramer, Irwin A. Lewis, Carol A. Lee (W), Eugene W. Lillie-wood, Paul N. Liedlich, Paul A. (Continued on page 4)

EST Secretary Cited For Conservation Idea

Mrs. Dorothy Hyman, Environmental Sanitation School secretary, last week received a commendation from the Commanding Officer for a filing method she devised. The commendation was presented to her by CAPT Robert Poos, MC, USN, Officer-in-Charge of the school.

Some method was needed to file mimeographed stencils used in connection with administrative and instructional operation of the school. A filing cabinet for such purposes would have cost several hundred dollars, the school estimated. However, Mrs. Hyman, who has been on the staff ever since it started in August 1950, gathered enough material at hand to set up a system of filing which would keep all the stencils separated and intact.

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† † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

Because we are very human we often fail in carrying out our responsibilities. Maybe the reason rests in ignorance of what our responsibilities are. In most cases, however, we do know that we are responsible, and we also realize that we don't respond as we should. For responsibility merely means to respond to or make an answer to an obligation. All of us are obliged to God for our life, our reason, our talents, our free will. The responsible person tries his best to use these gifts of God in the way God intended when he bequeathed them to man. To the responsible man life is a sacred trust, not just a measure of time to be enjoyed or endured; reason is a guiding light to truth and eternal values, not just a faculty to learn the things that help him in a material way; talents are the means given to help his fellow man, and not gifts to increase his love of self; and free will, to the responsible person, is that great gift by which a man can choose to do what is right even when there is freedom to do otherwise.

Man is responsible only because he is free. He is the only being on earth who can tell his Creator to mind His Own Business even though the Business of God is to help man measure up to man's responsibilities. For God knows that man can only be happy when he is responsible and man should know by this time that he is always unhappy when he is irresponsible.

—CHARLES B. KNIGHT, Catholic Chaplain

NEXT VARIETY SHOW SLATED THURSDAY

A stage show featuring variety acts, will appear in the main auditorium next Thursday, 28 May. It will star radio and television entertainers from the Bay Area, brought here by Mrs. Esther England. Many Knollites will remember other shows that Mrs. England has sponsored here in the past.

The curtain is scheduled to go up at 1900. There will be no movie that evening.

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VA Clarifies New Premium Reduction

The Veterans Administration has announced a reduction in premium rates charged for the total disability benefits on 5-year level premium term national service life insurance policies.

The reduction in premium rates is the subject of BuPers Notice 1741, issued by the Chief of Naval Personnel.

The new benefit provides monthly income for the insured and continues his insurance in effect without the payment of premiums during any period that he should become totally disabled for six months or more. The new rates are on a graduated scale, becoming increasingly higher with each renewal.

READJUSTMENT

Persons who have previously taken out 5-year level premium term national service life insurance policies containing the total disability benefit will have their insurance accounts adjusted to the new rates. Each of these persons will receive a personal letter from the VA explaining the adjustment that has been made in his account and what action he must take.

Checks for reimbursement for the amount overpaid for this benefit will be mailed to each individual. The VA requests that individuals refrain from initiating correspondence on this matter other than to reply promptly to the inquiries propounded in VA Form Letter 9-484. Adjustments are being completed as quickly as possible and unnecessary correspondence will only tend to retard the progress.



Two new portable typewriters are now included in the equipment available for patients' use. Gifts of B'nai B'rith, Lake Merritt Chapter, they were delivered by Mrs. Sam Enter, Mrs. M. Goodman, Mrs. Robert Burnstein, and Mrs. Louis Starr. June Parramore, Red Cross Gray Lady, Horace Joiner, FN, and N. L. Knox, SN, both patients on Ward 41A, accepted the gifts for Oak Knoll.

Red Cross Ramblings

NOW IS THE TIME

Recently, two portable typewriters for patients' use were presented to the Red Cross by the B'nai B'rith, Lake Merritt Chapter of Oakland. Frequent requests have been made by handicapped men for the use of a typewriter, and this generous gift will be greatly appreciated by those in need of this facility.

EXIT THE OLD—ENTER THE NEW

15 May marked the end of a tour of duty at Oak Knoll for two ARC staff members. Allane Waters, Case Aide, was transferred to Madigan General Hospital in Tacoma, Washington, and Shirley McAreavey, Recreation Worker, was on her way to South Dakota for a week's leave before departing for a two year tour of duty in the Far East. Evelyn Pedigo from Covington, Virginia, became an Assistant Field Director on our staff on 18 May and Margaret Ann Edwards will join our recreation staff on 25 May. We view our loss with a tinge of sadness but extend a warm welcome to Miss Pedigo and Mrs. Edwards.

MOVIE SET

The Red Cross movie schedule starting 27 May through 2 June will show "The Clown," starring Red Skelton and Timm Considine, and "San Antone" with Rod Cameron and Arlene Whelan. Wards 43A, 46B, 61A, 47B, 62B, 63A, 41A, and 42A will see "The Clown," while "San Antone" will be shown on wards 47A, 52, 71A, 74A, 75B, 76B, 79B and 80B.

OUR THANKS

To the patients who have done so much to help us carry out our program in the hospital. Such faithful

stand-bys as WALTR B. MURDOCK, SN, and GEORGE G. MORRISON, SN, who do everything from keeping the Red Cross lounge spic 'n' span to planning, decorating, and being M.C.'s at our dances. Watering the flowers, pinch-hitting in the galley, and cleaning the aquariums are but a few of the many tasks they do. They're a definite asset to the lounge—besides we like havin' 'em around.

CHECK MATE

If you enjoy the intrigue of plotting and planning a miniature battle with kings, queens, knights, castles, bishops and pawns, you should try the game of chess. E. B. WARD, ETSM, chess expert of ward 46B, recently journeyed down to ward 42B where PFC THOMAS HELLEMS, an enthusiastic chess champ, matched wits with him but lost the ensuing war.

If you're interested in the game of chess and need an opponent, see your Red Cross recreation worker and she will arrange a match for you.

COFFEE CALL

Join us in a cup of coffee in the Red Cross lounge at 1430. If you're around on Tuesdays you can brush up on your dance steps with our dancing instructor or take a lesson in bridge if you like.

Your dancing skill will come in handy on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at the hostess dances. Or if you prefer a little western flavor the square dance on Friday night will be more your dish.

The San Francisco and Oakland Telephone girls alternate giving a party on Saturday afternoons. They bring along food and fun.

Ex-Patient Writes Tribute

Dear Captain Gordon:

I wish to express my sincere appreciation to you, as commanding officer of Oak Knoll, for the many courtesies and excellent treatment shown me during my recent six-weeks stay at Oak Knoll. A cataract operation was performed by Dr. Smith and Dr. Thorne, the result of which has given me perfect vision.

I also wish to thank Doctors Tyler and Diamond for their treatments and personal interest shown me.

No word of thanks would be complete without a special word of praise for the nurses and corpsmen of wards 45A and B. They were very friendly, efficient and untiring in their efforts to be of every assistance.

I also greatly enjoyed once again associating with Navy routine and personnel in ward 45B. A fine group of men from the Navy's finest.

Again many thanks and "well done".

Sincerely,

WALTER W. PARKER, Carmel, Calif.

A Plea Outmoded

(An Editorial)

The perils of the sea were very real to the people of our seaboard in an earlier day. There were many of their menfolks who provided for themselves and their families by going to sea. There was then real point to the poignant petition that went up to their Deity, "Oh hear us when we cry to Thee for those in peril on the sea." There are still those for whom the plea may well be raised. But for the men who go to sea for our Navy and Marine Corps, the petition might well be changed to ask for their safety when they come ashore. For these men, the perils of the sea are as nothing to those of traffic on our roads.

This proposition of the comparative safety of sailors and marines on shipboard is the theme of a recent release from the office of the Surgeon General. From it may be gathered that there is no other hazard in the service of a sailor or marine quite comparable to that of a week end automobile trip in convivial company. There is none of the heavy gear of a ship that threatens in its handling any such hazard as those of a motor car making a night run on a heavily traveled highway.

The release reports deaths of sixty-five Navy and Marine Corps personnel in automobile accidents during a 35-day period including the Christmas and New Year holidays. Two salient features are pointed out: first, that practically all of these fatalities occurred while the victims were on leave or liberty from their station of duty and, second, the high proportion of these fatalities that took place on week ends and holidays. The Surgeon General's figures indicate what an increasing problem these accident deaths have become. In 1923 there were reported 5 deaths from motor accidents in the Navy Department. In 1950 there were reported 406 such fatalities. In 1930 motor accidents replaced drowning as the leading cause of accidental deaths. The figures for 1950 for motor accident deaths were twice those of deaths from all diseases. The figures for the period since the beginning of the Korean adventure are not available, but it looks questionable whether the Navy war casualties of that period will equal those of the motor roads.

Navy officials are deeply concerned over this useless destruction of manpower. The loss falls upon the younger age groups, from whom much service could be expected.

We have spoken so far only of service deaths. If the ratio of civilian deaths and injuries is adopted, there have been thousands of Navy injuries, many no-doubt of mutilating and crippling severity.

The release tells of the measures being taken by the Navy and Marine Corps to educate their personnel upon the dangers in automobile travel and operation and in the importance and principles of safe driving. This is all very well, but the same preaching is going on throughout the land and the figures of fatalities and injuries are still mounting.

It is scarcely credible that our people will, in peace time, accept the casualties of as cruel a war as we were ever engaged in. More than 100 deaths a day, over 37,000 last year, and many times that number of serious injuries.

It is believed that too much blame has been put upon the motor driver, and not enough upon his machine. Too great skill and too rapid reaction to emergencies are being asked of the average driver.

Automobile advertising tells of always increasing horsepower, higher speeds attainable, quicker getaway, all calling for a higher degree of skill and judgment in the driver and more quick and sure reaction. There are too many low-powered minds and reflexes behind the wheels of high-powered machines.

There is little apparent gain in the programs of driver-education that are in progress. Why not then practice some regulation of the motor car itself? We are ready to go to any lengths to stop the deaths and wounds of our fighting men in Korea. Why not then do something radical to abate the much greater bloodshed on our highways? All evidence shows that speed is the primary factor. Why not then enact legislation that will make impossible the more hazardous speeds? There is seldom legitimate need for even the ordinary rates of travel. No doubt it is shouting into the wind to advocate a restriction upon automobile makers that will limit the speed of their cars, but the measure is suggested in all seriousness nevertheless. The shaken nerves of the country will profit immeasurably.

Over the years, eighty-eight per cent of the Navy's motor traffic casualties have occurred while the victims were on leave or liberty. In this fact is shown the strongest motive to make life on post and ship as attractive as possible and keep the sailor and marine off the roads. No doubt this is fully realized.

The families of these service men might well amend the old plea and in their prayers ask that their sons, brothers, and husbands be kept to the refuge of the sea and the ships, and be thus freed from the perils of our highways.

—J.M.P. in the Military Surgeon.



Another Armed Forces Day has come and gone, and while thousands of Americans were inspecting the big guns, the planes, tanks, and ships that are manned by their fighting fellow Americans, several hundred others viewed facilities at Oak Knoll, whose main function is to keep the men and women of the Navy and Marine Corps "behind their guns." The scene above shows a group of Navy Mothers touring the Red Cross Craft Shop, where "Rusty" Christiana gave them a demonstration of ceramic work.



When Mary Anne Woodbury, right, visited the hospital, she brought her knitting along. Mrs. Woodbury, a widow since 1929, has lived in the Bay Area since 1895. She long ago lost count of the number of crutch and stump socks she has made for Oak Knoll patients, but she spends four hours a day knitting and purling before her radio, and the results of her efforts may be seen about the various wards. Mrs. Woodbury, now 79, has been knitting for servicemen for forty-five years. She started her volunteer career during World War I, knitting numerous sweaters for the Red Cross. (Incidentally, her yarn supply sometimes runs low, and she would be glad to have discarded hand knit sweaters to rip and reknit. They may be turned in to Dorothy Thompson in the CO's office, with whom she is pictured here.)

Also among the Armed Forces Day visitors at Oak Knoll Friday were a number of Cub Scouts, who came to inspect Naval Medical Facilities, possibly with a view to planning their careers. This pack of Cubs strayed from the prescribed itinerary and wound up in the Administration Building, where they discovered that athletics are an important part of the Navy man's life. Divisions that the scouts and other groups visited were the Artificial Limb Department, EST School, Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy, Red Cross Lounge and Craft Shop, Crew's Library, and the Commissary, where punch and cake were served to the guests. CWOHC O. G. Haines, Head of the Food Service Division, CWOHC John H. Faunce, Administrative Assistant to the Chief of the Amputee Service, and CWOHC Harold L. Cox, of the Environmental Sanitation School staff made up the Armed Forces Day committee, and personnel of each "open" department explained facilities to the visitors. WAVES and corpsmen who served as guides for the day were HM3's Monica Boot, Dora Nicola, Helen Anderson; HN's Dorothy Sharp, Betty Curtis, and Joan Smoody; HM3's William Strickland, William Haggarty, and James Jellison; and HN's James H. Shifflet and Richard Y. Willis.



U. C. Students Assigned to NP Service For Social Group Work Experiment



Mr. Evelio Grillo and Mrs. Genevieve Hoffman, graduate students from the University of California, who have been doing social group work on assignment to the Neuropsychiatric Service staff.

Oak Knoll's Neuropsychiatric Service is the first psychiatric setting in any of the western states to add social group work to treatment and rehabilitation of mentally and emotionally ill patients. CAPT John F. McMullin, Chief of the NP Service, secured the experimental addition of such work to the hospital, after consultation with representatives of the University of California.

Last September two graduate students from the university, Mrs. Genevieve Hoffman and Mr. Evelio Grillo, were assigned to field work here under the supervision of Mr. Joseph P. Concannon, Head of the Psychiatric Social Service. Such placement is an on-the-job training program which all graduate social work students must complete prior to obtaining a Master's Degree in Social Welfare.

The function of the social group worker is primarily to help the Neuropsychiatric patients derive all of the benefit in getting well that his fellow patients can provide. Group workers are trained particularly in how to promote satisfying social relationships among the personnel they serve through skilled leadership in group activities.

The results of this experiment have been observed with much interest by all the schools of social work in California, and the results of the experiment will be submitted to the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery for approval for publication.

NEW RAINCOATS AVAILABLE NOW

Clothing and Small Stores this week received its first shipment of the new-style enlisted men's blue raincoat.

Made of lightweight navy blue cotton cloth, the double-breasted coats are available for \$11.80, and can be obtained in four sizes. Extra small sizes run from 30-32; small, 34-36; medium, 38-40; and large, 42-44.

The present canvas-type raincoat will not be sold after 1 July, but may be worn until 1 July, 1955.

Entertainers Wanted For Marine TV Show

An all-Marine television show is being planned by the Bay Area Public Information Council. It is hoped that the program will get underway this summer as a weekly presentation on station KPIX.

Marines with experience or talent in the entertainment field are urged to audition for this program.

Call the Inspector-Instructor, 1st AAA Automatic Weapons Battalion, Treasure Island, extension 2771 to make an audition appointment.

1st CLASS, CHIEFS NEEDED TO RECRUIT

The Navy is asking for requests from enlisted men and women for assignment to recruiting duty if they are eligible for shore duty, the Bureau of Naval Personnel has announced.

The requests are desired from first class and chief petty officers, the Navy said, but second and third class yeomen and personnel men and second class hospital corpsmen also will be considered.

Education, personality, poise, and ability as a correspondent are essential for this duty, the Navy stated. A minimum grade of 50 on the GCT is necessary for the applicant to be considered.

Enlisted women with second, first and chief petty officer rates are also asked to apply for recruiting duty.

All applicants must take action to have their names removed from other shore duty eligibility lists prior to or concurrently with submitting their request for recruiting duty.

Denver to Host WAVES' Reunion

A chuck wagon dinner, out of the pages of the legendary West, will be a top feature in Denver, Colo., during the eleventh annual WAVES Reunion 31 July - 2 Aug.

Active and inactive, present and former WAVES will be on hand for the reunion at the famed Brown Palace Hotel in Denver.

Theme of the convention—held last year in Washington, D. C.—will be western. The chuck wagon dinner, included in the registration fee, will be held Sunday, 2 Aug., at historic Bailey, Colo., 50 miles west of Denver, high in the picturesque Rocky Mountains.

A galaxy of nationally prominent speakers, including Secretary of the Navy R. B. Anderson, Mrs. Mildred McAfee Horton, Jean T. Palmer, and Mrs. Joy Bright Hancock, have been invited to address the reunion. Mrs. Horton and Miss Palmer are former WAVES directors and CAPT Hancock is the present director.

Arrangements for the reunion are being made by Denver WAVES, headed by Miss Mary Griffith, Denver attorney and WAVE lieutenant in the Naval Reserves. WAVES and ex-WAVES are urged to bring their families to Colorado and make the reunion a family vacation.

"Did you hear Jane is marrying her X-ray specialist?"

"Well, she's lucky. Nobody else could ever see anything in her."



Among those honored at last week's award ceremony in Gendreau Circle was 2nd LT Richard B. Swartz, USMCR, who received the Bronze Star Medal "for heroic achievement in connection with operations against the enemy while serving with a Marine infantry company in Korea on 16 Oct., 1952." The Commendation, signed by MAJGEN E. A. Pollock, USMC, Commanding General of the United States Marine Corps, was presented to LT Swartz by RADM A. H. Dearing, MC, USN, Inspector of Navy Medical Activities, Pacific Coast, and District Medical Officer.

NOTICE

THE OAK LEAF sprouted two extra pages last week, and you're holding six pages' worth of paper again this week. Armed Forces Day picture coverage demanded extra space, and this week several long stories and features, plus regular items, required more room. Next week the paper will be back to its regular four pages.

Rating Examination Results Announced

(Continued from page 1)

Loucks, Thomas S. Luttio, Philip N. Martin, James K. Mann, Kenneth L. Mantle, Richard D. McBride, Billy B. McNatt, Warren J. Milan, Frank L. Moseley, Donald F. Morgan, and Howard D. Morehart.

Dora C. Nicola (W), Seymour Nussenblatt, William P. O'Donnell, George Olson, Donald Olsen, Daniel C. O'Sullivan, Harry T. Parsons, Peter A. Pakosz, C. J. Poczakalski, E. E. Prince, Donald R. Pusich, William Reilly, Dale E. Rise, Morgan F. Rice, J. A. Robbins, Rudolph Rogers, Lloyd L. Rudd, Playford Ryan, Salvatore R. Saba, Georgia A. Schwalls (W), T. E. Scardefield, Gerald Schoonhoven, Charles E. Sell, Jackie J. Severns, Mary F. Sheehan (W), Robert E. Smith, Vernon D. Smithers, Helen D. Snelbaker (W), William R. Snavey, W. M. Strickland, Robert G. Stebbins, and Richard J. Sullivan.

Troy T. Tallant, Charles E. Taylor, Harrison A. Tiemann, Jules E. Tousseint, Leslie E. Todd, Edward L. Trett, Jr., Thomas E. Turnipseed, James VanDever, Gerald Vesper, David F. Viera, Mary A. Wadliegh (W), John B. Weber, Galyn S. Wilkins, Harry E. Wilson, William F. Wilson, Richard N. Wood, Duane W. Wyckoff, Charles E. Younger and Jack T. Young.

Welcome and Farewell

Twenty persons reported in this week, and sixteen were detached to other duty stations, released to active duty, or discharged.

Reporting for duty were: LT Joseph A. Schoenbachler, MSC, USN, from MSTs, Western Pacific Area; W. T. Snowden, Jr., HM3, from USNH, Mare Island, Calif.; HN's G. L. Geisinger (W), M. K. Sherer (W), C. J. Cunha (W), G. E. Kruckeberg, R. V. Baker, Jr., C. E. Boersma, E. L. Hughes, H. Kuchera, C. M. Lindsay, and L. R. Solomon, and HA's C. F. Nasso, D. R. Shelton, and J. P. Werner, from USNHCS, Great Lakes, Ill.; and HN A. J. McGovern and HA's Z. A. Dodd, R. S. George, G. C. Braegger, and J. R. Burke, from USNHCS, San Diego, Calif.

Detached were: LT Booth Chilcutt, MSC, USN, to Naval Dispensary, 50 Fell St., San Francisco, Calif., and from there to the USS REPOSE; LT Kim Hak Chung, to USNH, St. Albans, N.Y.; LTJG Robert K. Adamson, MC, USNR, to USS REPOSE; CHPCLK John F. Jacks, USN, to USS GENERAL W. A. MANN (T-AP 112); P. A. Pakosz, HM3, to School of Aviation Medicine, NAS, Pensacola, Fla.; and F. E. Kempfer, HN, to U.S. Naval Magazine, Port Chicago, Calif.

Released to inactive duty were: LT's Eleanor M. Mangold, NC, USNR, and Mary J. Meyer; LTJG's Lucille M. Bugbee, Margaret M. Crowson, Elaine G. Quinn, Barbara J. Smith, and Nancy E. Sullivan; and John P. Sweeney, HN. LT Elizabeth M. Bird, NC, was discharged from the Naval service.

Stop talking about money, and save it instead! Join Payroll Savings and save U. S. Defense Bonds.

Those advanced to HM3, USNR-R were: Noel A. Alander, L. L. Biesiandy, Fred H. Duffie, Jr., Philip L. Emery, William L. Hawes, K. L. Langhoff, Fred C. Leonard, III, Joseph M. McAsey, James H. Ng, John D. Plavche, John D. Poehling, David H. Ranta, Arthur W. Skoda, William R. Thompson, and John E. Weiks.

Advanced from DN's to DT3's were: John S. Allison, Marvin A. Cohen, Howard M. Long, Marion D. Patterson, and Lester D. Schock. Wilfred Heys was advanced from YNSN to YN3.

20 ADVANCED TO E-3

Nineteen corpsmen and a dentalman were wearing three new white stripes on their sleeves this week. Effective 16 May, the following persons were advanced from HA's to HN's, after successfully passing their rating examinations:

W. L. Bisek, R. D. Bradley, E. V. Christensen, D. R. Doerr, A. A. Duse, R. Evans, M. W. Frank, J. C. Frye, E. L. Hamilton, L. J. Horner, E. E. Huhn, R. A. Lavell, R. M. Manchester, C. J. Mayfield, C. A. Mitchell, Jr., R. P. Mulroy, J. V. R. Oliver, T. J. Williams, and J. M. Winslow. J. E. Baxter was advanced to DN.

Saturday, 23 May, 1953

SCUTTLEBUTT

PEOPLE, PLACES & THINGS: A Monday night hayride to Big Bear Tavern in Redwood Canyon was fun and farewell to Bob Bennett of the Record Office, soon to leave for the FMF. The Chuck Plylers were aboard, as were Jerry Jackson, Betty Curtis, Dora Nicola, Elmo Derrick, Jay Fidler, and Shirley and T. D. Mank. Steaks at Willy Dilly's wound up the evening, and late workers K. E. Vivian and the Bob Glasses joined the party. . . . Minnie Weigel took yesterday afternoon off to celebrate her 5th wedding anniversary, with fellow workers from Finance dropping in to wish her and "Pop" another quarter century of happiness. . . . Audrey Simms of the NP Service is considering having her voice lifted. When she answers the telephone, everyone calls her "Sir," or asks if she is the ward corpsman. . . . The Stutlers and thousands of other motorists were in Calaveras County Sunday to see "I Can't Take It" take the famous Jumping Frog contest from the favorite contenders, "Slew-foot Sue," and "Ma Kettle" . . . Lois Vukman, while helping others to save through the payroll savings plan, has evidently accumulated some cash herself — but it's gone now. She's driving a new green and yellow Chevrolet Bel-Air. . . . Pharmacy's HMC J. V. Recor, his wife and little boy are on 25 days' leave—point of return—Minnesota. . . . Nora Bailey, pathology secretary, and her husband, are packing their bags for a June flight to Honolulu. They'll spend three weeks at Waikiki. . . . Dr. Frampton B. Price, Clinical Psychologist, has not been doing chest expansion exercises. It's just that he's so happy about the arrival of his first son, Christopher. He and Mrs. Price also have a daughter, Gail, age 5. . . . Friends of LCDR Clara Lampp bid her a reluctant goodbye as she and her Pontiac headed toward Charleston, South Carolina, Thursday morning. She will serve as Chief Nurse of the hospital there. . . . LT G. W. Barnes, Jr., Maintenance Officer here since February, 1951, his wife, Margaret, and nine-year-old son, Buddy, are also moving east. His official title at NAS, Brunswick, Maine, will be Assistant Public Works Officer and Maintenance Officer. . . . NP's J. Van Blaricom and "Sil," now on the Permanente Hospital nursing staff, are in New York visiting Relations, and we do mean Relations. That's Mrs. Van B's maiden name.

OAKNOLLUMNI: Betty Heath, Head Recreation Worker for the Red Cross from '45 to '50, will be married in Oakland today to Joseph Oberst, ATC pilot in World War II, and Nampa, Idaho, rancher.

GARDEN SECTION: Spring flower catalogs list a white iris with gold "beard" that suggests gold braid and will undoubtedly find a place in many a Navy man's garden. It is called the Admiral Nimitz.

He: "Do girls really like conceited men better than the other kind?"
She: "What other kind?"

Keeping a part of his pay in U.S. Defense Bonds is a vital, patriotic service which backs up our fighting men and enables the payroll saver to accumulate the money he needs for the things he wants.



These men were awarded 30-year pins in a ceremony last Friday, for their years of service to the government. They are, left to right: Dudley R. Britney, William P. Gross, Horace B. Jones, Theodore E. Newcomb, Ralph A. Zobel, Hewell H. Watlington, William H. Walker (20-year pin), and Merritt E. R. Smith. Not pictured: G. H. Lake.



The Oak Knoll employees pictured above were given pins for at least 20 years' service. In the first row, left to right: Thoralf Larsen, Arthur N. Kerby, Gregory Jankowiak, Joe H. Jackson, James W. Hazen, Charles H. Foreman, Paul J. Drukenbred, and Martin Bartolome. In the back row, in the same order, are: Harley L. Snook, Daniel S. Smith, Albert B. Simmons, Daniel M. Salgado, Peter T. Murello, William C. Maskeawitz, and Jack F. Lloyd. Not pictured, but in the 20-year award group, are: John K. Allen, Thomas V. Almirante, Vernon W. Samuelson, and Genevieve T. Smith. William H. Walker, inadvertently snapped in the 30-year group, is another 20-year man.

Service Awards Given 166 Civilian Employees By CO in Special Commendation Ceremonies

Ceremonies were held last Friday in Gendreau Circle for 166 civilian employees who were given recognition for their years of government service. Seven employees were given 30-year pins, 22 received 20-year pins, and the remaining 139 were cited for 10 years' service.

In addition to the 20 and 30-year award winners pictured above, the following persons, listed according to the job they now hold, were named at the ceremonies and given their 10-year pins: **Surgical Service:** Emily H. Peterson. **Medical Services:** Minnie F. Jack. **Secretary, Training Committee:** Lois E. Wilson. **Medical Librarian:** Louise F. Barr. **Radiology Service:** Alice H. Kinkella. **Secretary to Administrative Officer:** Edna R. Pourdase. **Special Services:** Mary C. Baker. **Environmental Sanitation School:** Dorothy S. Hyman.

Neuropsychiatry: Joseph P. Concanon, Evan L. Wolfe, and Thelma McNeil.

Disbursing: Ethel B. Bruso, Lillian DuBois, and Persis A. Stanley.

Personnel and Records: Harold W. Boyles, Frances D'Angelo, Myrtle E. Ferguson, Dorothy L. Hager, Claire A. Martini, Raymond H. Perszyk, Hope N. Sink, Ethel G. Stephan, Kathleen W. Stevens, Elizabeth Tom, and Kathleen P. Wenstrom.

Security: Guadalupe F. Camacho, Charles W. DeJournette, George P.

Garner, John H. Guiney, Byron F. Harrison, Patrick J. Lane, William H. Loder, Lawrence E. MacWhinney, Benjamin E. Nelson, Emory Pettigrew, Tom Pratt, James O. Raser, James L. Reams, George Swanson, Raymond V. Voight, Frank J. Williams, and Harold A. Smelser.

Finance: Margaret L. Amaral, Lynn R. Arnold, Ladine D. Burton, Lola A. Cochran, Carmen D. Epperson, Raymond D. Fredenburgh, Andrew S. Gall, Myrtle S. Helson, Harold F. Hitz, Lucious Moore, Richard L. R. Mudd, Fern L. Rogers, Lillian P. Seaver, and Marion G. Trujillo.

Amputee Service: Charles C. Asbelle, Peter C. Dorey, and Joseph J. McFadden.

Nursing Service: Minnie Fisher, Mary U. Fitzpatrick, Larilda E. Holder, Mary E. Jay, Gladys Minor, Eva H. Premo, Landon E. Sowers, and Esther E. Warner.

Food Service: Carlton Agnew, Erma A. Beasley, Mabel B. Blaine, Lawrence E. Boyles, William M. Collier, Jerry Collins, Jr., Frances E. Daniels, Willie Davis, Ernest DeBose, Willie E. Drew, Lawrence W. Durant, Howard D. Field, Orange L. Fleming, Jesse E. Freudenthal, Raymond C. Frizzell, Artis Harrison, Edward Henderson, Floyd Henderson, Olga M. Hinrichs, Lucile Johnson, Carroll J. Jones, Ira F. Jones, Andrew J. Kohl, Cecil C. Lee, Daniel P. McCloud, Julius Morris, Essie L. Mullins, Pinkie

B. Orr, Eugene E. Parrish, Gertrude A. Parrish, Joseph L. Romano, Daniel Ross, Roy D. Rountree, Paul Shumate, Ernest F. Silvertson, William W. Smith, Woodrow W. Stuart, Joseph L. Thomas, Ralph O. Thomas, Rudy E. Valdez, Anna E. Wentz, and McKinley Wynne.

Maintenance: Edwin G. Anderson, Harrison Armelin, Charles Auer, Robert C. Bailey, Alick Bowater, John C. Bray, Edwin F. Buker, William J. Burns, Victor E. Calderon, Walter R. Carter, William C. Clanton, Edward Collins, Fred Coster, George Delmar, George Dunson, Melvin M. Fowler, David R. Frew, Bernard Garcia, Delfin Garcia, Paul C. Germolis, Rollin J. Gordon, Joe Gross, Aurelio A. Havilla, Wayde A. Hartman, Louis V. Hernandez, Edward V. Hobbs, Edward C. Kvale, Albert E. Lee, Jr., Thomas B. Long, Isadore J. Lore, Fletcher Lyon, Joseph M. Malerich, George A. Manchester, Erenio A. Mapalo, Harry McClellan, Henry Moser, Ivan L. Myers, E. A. Nelsen, Mary C. Pacheco, Alfred G. Pauli, Henry W. Petersen, Milton E. Petersen, Henry J. Preston, Sr., Lewis Reed, Fred A. Robinson, Hershel Rose, Eugene A. Sellier, Demetrio Sanchez, Paul S. Schultz, Anthony Souza, Elmer L. Stevens, James A. Turner, Clarence Wheat, Robert E. Whitlock, Joseph R. Wilbanks, Bayliss E. Wilbur, and Clarence G. Wright.



Trophies were awarded last week to the three top winners in the hospital golf tourney which ended recently. The Commanding Officer presented a trophy to CDR J. R. Dillon, MC, who outstroked all opponents in the Championship Flight. CDR Dillon, left, earned the award for the second consecutive year. CDR John Atkins, DC, received the runner-up trophy in the same flight. At right, Vincent DeVoss, HMC, was given his award for winning the second, or handicap flight.

Knoll Softball Team Downs Alameda 13-0 in First District League Game

Oak Knoll's softball team got off to a rousing start in the opening week of District Class B League play by smashing Alameda Naval Reserve by a score of 13-0, on Wednesday, 13 May.

Hurler (and co-manager) Don Hinds pitched for the home team and allowed only two hits—one in the fourth inning and another in the seventh. Only two of the opponents got as far as third base.

The hospital team scored in the first inning as Gordon Anderson smashed a home run into right center field. From then on the game was never in doubt as they scored one more in the second, three in the third, four in the fourth, one in the fifth, and three more in the sixth inning to bring the total up to 13.

Altogether Oak Knoll put together 12 hits for their 13 runs with Ander-

son leading the attack with a home run and a double. Next on the scoring roster was Don Lannoo with a triple and a single, followed by Dick Jenkinson, co-manager, with a double and a single; Dave Medley and Hinds with two singles apiece, and Bob Drennon and Don Clark with a single apiece.

The team committed only two errors in the game, both of those on foul balls. The infield showed up particularly well as they contributed two double plays, something of a rarity in softball, and repeatedly came up with fast fielding plays.

The team's second league game was to have been played against Treasure Island on Wednesday, on the opponent's diamond. The results of the game will be published next week.

Invitational Tennis Match Held Here

A Twelfth Naval District Invitational Tennis Tournament was played on the Oak Knoll courts last week, with LT Malcolm Booth, DC, from Treasure Island, emerging with two wins to his credit.

In singles play, he outstroked Jerald Vick, YN2, from the Coast Guard Station, 6-1, 6-2, and 6-1. Teamed with Dave Richardson, YNSN, also of T.I., Booth entered the doubles against Bob Flynn, AN, and C. Babilonia, SDC, from NAS, Alameda. The T.I. duo won, 6-2, 6-3, and 6-1.

Oak Knoll entries in the tournament were Harry Dyer, HN, Don Olson, HM3, Jack Skaff, HN, and John Radosevich, HN. Although they were defeated early in the invitational games, they have entered a District Tennis League which began Wednesday, 20 May.

The League is composed of teams with a maximum of five players or a minimum of three, with the players eligible to compete in the singles and doubles. The hospital team lost to Moffett Field in their first game, and next week will play NAS, Oakland. The League is being played for the Commandant's Trophy.

Memorial Day Services Planned

Fleet Reserve Association Branch No. 10, of the San Leandro-Oakland Area, will sponsor Memorial Day Services at the bandstand in Lakeside Park, Oakland, on Saturday, 30 May, at 1415. The services will be dedicated to the men who have died in the service of their country on land, on sea, and in the air.

The 12th Naval District Band will play appropriate selections for the occasion and ENS W. N. Shear, USN, who is attached to the Communications Division, NSC, will be the guest soloist. CDR F. T. Hall, SC, USN, Officer in Charge of the Aviation Supply Depot, NSC, Oakland, will be the speaker of the day.

The program will also include representatives of the various auxiliary units and fraternal organizations, such as the Gold Star Mothers, Inc., Marine Corps League Auxiliary, and the Navy Mothers' Club.

The invocation and benediction will be given by LCDR E. C. Derr, CHC, USNR, presently stationed at the U.S. Coast Guard Station, Alameda. The firing squad and taps will be supplied by contingents from the Naval Air Station, Alameda.

The program will begin with the launching of a flower-decorated cross. While the cross is being anchored, the ladies of the auxiliaries will board a launch and strew flowers on the waters of Lake Merritt.

Marie Wilson, of "My Friend Irma" fame, thought that a submarine was a Marine with a low IQ.

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PREVIEWS

Sunday, 24 May
ALL I DESIRE—Barbara Stanwyck, Richard Carlson, DRAMA. This is apparently a new picture, not released to the general public yet. No information on it is available.

Monday, 25 May
MY PAL GUS—Richard Widmark, Joanne Dru, COMEDRAMA. Rating: Very good. With a new child star carrying most of the gag lines, this is the story of a bonbon manufacturer who attempts to befriend his own son.

Tuesday, 26 May
STALAG 17—William Holden, Don Taylor, COMEDRAMA. Rating: Excellent. From the Broadway play, focusing on a group of POW's in a German concentration camp. Holden is a suspected German spy, and that suspicion mushrooms into tense excitement, into which are woven glimpses of the characters of the other prisoners.

Wednesday, 27 May
WOMAN THEY ALMOST LYNCHED—John Lund, Brian Donley, Audrey Totter, WESTERN. Rating: Very good. The story of a Civil War border town which is fighting to remain neutral. The struggle is centered in Lund, a lead miner, and Donley, a raider. Conflict, crisis, and Miss Totter contribute to making this a fast-paced film.

Thursday, 28 May
MOVIE CANCELLED. A stage show, with variety acts, will begin in the main auditorium at 1900.

Friday, 29 May
THE VANQUISHED—John Payne, Jan Sterling, DRAMA. Rating: Good. The Technicolor tale of a Southern officer after the Civil War who returns to his home town and secretly fights against the corrupt politicians who have taken over the town.

Saturday, 30 May
STARS AND STRIPES FOREVER—Clifton Webb, Debra Paget, MUSICAL. Rating: Very good. The life story of John Phillip Souza, famous composer and bandmaster. Actually, it touches only a few of the highlights of the man's life, mostly presenting his music and his rise to almost legendary fame.

Staff Personalities

Running the film projector, assisting in making off-compound recreation arrangements, and general handy man at the Special Services Office is Fred Bremner, HN. Fred is from Republic, Wash., and attended the Kinman Business University in Spokane before joining the Navy in March, '52. Prior to that he was in charge of administration at a hos-

pital in Washington. After his affairs with the Navy are completed, he may go back to the business administration field, or go into some phase of medical work. He came to Oak Knoll from San Diego last November, was first assigned to ward duty and later transferred to Special Services.



WAVE Helen Snelbaker got out her needle and thread last week and sewed on a shiny new red stripe with a "crow" above it. She is an Operating Room Technician student — the second ever to attend Oak Knoll's OR School. Enrolled since April in the course, she'll be busy for the next five months, working and studying. She went to Bainbridge for recruit



training, to Great Lakes for Corps School, and came here last October for duty. Helen is another of the many Pennsylvanians stationed here — York, in this instance. She attended school there and worked as a mail clerk before enlisting. Her favorite recreation is bowling.

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Charles Asbelle

Asbelle Honored By Legionnaires

Charles C. Asbelle, rehabilitation specialist for the Amputee Service, was honored at Santa Rosa last Saturday at a meeting of some 500 American Legionnaires who make up the executive committee for the state region organization.

The citation, signed by William A. White, Commander, American Legion Rehabilitation Commission, Department of California, and Dr. F. L. Hill, Chairman of the Legion's Rehabilitation Commission, was presented to Mr. Asbelle in recognition of his "outstanding contribution in the field of prosthetics, physical conditioning, and rehabilitation of war wounded, both at Mare Island and at the Oakland Naval Hospital, and for his help in the placement of the physically impaired in gainful employment."

Mr. Asbelle recently received a commendation from Captain Gordon for his work at Oak Knoll. He has been devoting his full time to rehabilitation of amputees for the past ten years and has been at this hospital since June, 1950 when the Amputee Center was moved here from Mare Island.

Memorial Day Liberty Schedule

The following schedule shall be adhered to for liberty hours over the Memorial Day holiday:

Starboard Watch:

1200 Friday, 29 May to 1100 Saturday, 30 May

Port Watch:

1200 Saturday, 30 May to 0730 Monday, 1 June

Liberty will commence for other enlisted personnel not on watch at 0800 Saturday, 30 May, and expire 0730 Monday, 1 June.

Knollites Invited To Memorial Day Local Services

Thirty Korean vets, patients and staff, have been invited to attend the Memorial Day Program to be held at the corner of Washington and Broadway today, 30 May.

A Marine Band and various speakers from local veteran's organizations and military installations will be present. Transportation will leave from the Navy Exchange Building at 1000. Sign up with Miss Dorothy Johnson of Red Cross or with Chaplain R. E. Jenkins at the chapel.

Also on the Memorial Day Services agenda this afternoon is the observance to be sponsored by Fleet Reserve Association Branch No. 10 of the Oakland-San Leandro Area. The services will begin at 1415, and will be dedicated to the men who have died in the service of their country.

The 12th Naval District Band will provide the music, and the speakers will be from naval bases in the area. The services will be held at the bandstand in Lakeside Park in Oakland, and the program will include the launching of a flower-decorated cross and speeches by representatives of various auxiliary units and fraternal organizations connected with veterans.

LCDR Chapman Titled "Alumna of Quarter" By U. of F. Magazine

"Alumna of the Quarter" is the title recently bestowed on LCDR Carrie E. Chapman, Chief of Physical Medicine, by her Alma Mater.

The "Bulletin", an alumni magazine from the University of Florida, devoted a full page in its April issue to Miss Chapman's career since she graduated from that school with a B.S. degree in June, 1928.

The article traces her graduation from Tufts College Medical School, and her various positions, practicing and teaching in colleges and hospitals in the East. In her career she has worked as a dental pathologist, an obstetrician, an anesthesiologist, and in general medicine. Finally, she entered the field of physical medicine and rehabilitation.

At the Mayo Foundation and Clinic at Rochester, Minn., she worked with some of the most outstanding surgeons in the world, and while there she made a special study of frostbite and its treatment.

She was commissioned in the Navy Medical Corps in 1950, and has been at Oak Knoll since that time.



Four prominent members of the Richmond Navy Mothers Club came to Oak Knoll last week to present the hospital with a public address system valued at about \$200. The Commanding Officer and LTJG R. G. DeWitt, MSC, USN, Special Services Officer, accepted the gift on behalf of the hospital. Shown here, left to right, are: Mrs. Ralph P. Hare, past commander of the Richmond Club, Mrs. Iver A. Erdahl, present commander, Mrs. A. M. Irwin and Mrs. Charles Baptie, both past commanders, and LTJG DeWitt.

BuMed Urges Corpsmen to Benefit From Civilian Educational Courses

A recent instruction from the Chief of the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery provides information and guidance in the training and utilization of Hospital Corps personnel. In connection with the instruction, hospital corpsmen were urged in their off-duty hours to take advantage of courses in civilian educational institutions.

Hospital corpsmen who would like to enroll in courses which may be of benefit to the individual and to the Navy, should submit requests to the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery via their commanding officer. The following information should be contained in the request:

(a) Name of institution.

(b) Subject desired.

(c) Length of course.

(d) Cost of course and books.

(e) Statement that individual is acceptable by the institution for enrollment in the subject desired.

The commanding officer's endorsement should contain a statement that the course will or will not be of benefit to the individual and the Navy, and whether or not enrollment in the desired course will interfere with the individual's duty hours. Bureau action on such requests will be based on the need for the training from the standpoint of benefit to the Navy and the availability of funds.

Trout Fishing Trips Offered to Patients

Patients interested in all-day outings have a real opportunity for some sun, fun and fishing in the weekly trips offered by Special Services. Thirty-five patients are invited to go trout fishing at Lake Merced in San Francisco every Thursday.

All patients attending must have a statement of permission from their Ward Medical Officer. The bus leaves at 0700 from the Community Services building. Meals are provided by the Food Service Division.

Those interested should sign up at Special Services prior to Wednesday noon each week.

PREP SCHOOL TESTS SLATED FOR 6 JULY

Washington (AFPS) — Navy-wide preliminary tests for qualified men to enter the Preparatory School as candidates for the U.S. Naval Academy, will be given 6 July.

All commands will nominate enlisted men to participate in the examinations. Regular Navy and Marine Corps enlisted personnel and members of Reserve components serving on active duty other than active duty for training are eligible for nomination. Those selected for the Naval Preparatory School must have obligated service to 1 July, 1954.

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† † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

This article doesn't have anything to do with theology or formal religion as such. But if you interpret a kind of religion as, "Live and Let Live", then I would say that the article borders on Practical Religion, and is worthy of your time in reading and absorbing.

According to an editorial in the "Navy Times", May 16, 1953, the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery states that the smallest number of traffic deaths in any recent week for Navy and Marine Corps personnel have been five. "The deaths are useless; they are unnecessary; they are in large part preventable".

Cannon Ball Baker, one of the "greats" in speed driving used this phrase as a motto, "When In Doubt Stop". With an average of five deaths per week, twenty per month, two hundred and forty per year, and so on, it is a Shore Leave War we are fighting. "Stop" must become as much a part of our reflex actions as, "Drive like H— Chum, my leave will soon be up!" to lick this kind of enemy.

Acquiring the commuters disease is bad enough; to let that disease get the better of your judgment, driving through red lights, disregarding stop signs, using only the left hand to light a cigarette, getting secretly angry because a smaller car than yours speeds by you, then taking turns on the wrong side of the road, and daring the fellow on the other side of the hill to smack into you is foolhardy.

There is no medicine to correct our one and only mistake. Neither is there an easy remedy of sun bathing, hot baths or what-have-you. At the same time there is no mystical law which states that "five to fifteen sailors and marines must die by automobiles every seven days."

We are challenged by the statistics to drive as though it would be our last trip, and if in doubt, "Stop."

R. E. JENKINS, Protestant Chaplain.

Overseas Duty Tours Changed

The length of overseas duty tours at naval activities has been set forth by the Bureau of Naval Personnel in Instruction 1300.15.

According to the announcement, tours of overseas duty for naval personnel are established at 24 months, except as indicated below:

Alaska (18), Eniwetok (6), Eritrea (12), *Formosa MAAG (18), *Germany (24), Greenland (9), *Iceland (12), Indo-China MAAG (12), Kashmir (12), *Japan (24), Kwajalein (12), and Libya (12). Also the Chi Chi Jima, Okinawa (12), Guam, Saipan, Tinian (18), Midway (12), *Morocco (18), Newfoundland (18), Persian Gulf (12), Poland Attache (18), Red Sea Area (12), Ryukus (12), Saudi Arabia (12), Tripoli (12), and USSR Attache (18). (*varies according to dependents' status.)

The tour in Korea is set at 12 months followed by rotation in Japan to complete 24 months in the area. A tour as attache in Korea is set at 18 months.

Overseas duty on non-rotated ships and staffs afloat in the Asiatic Area has been set at 15 months, while duty with non-rotated ships and staffs afloat in the European Area is 18 or 24 months if dependents are on station. (AFPS)

For your country's security and your own—buy U.S. Defense Bonds on Payroll Savings.

Red Cross Ramblings

GAY NINETIES NIGHT

The clock will turn back three quarters of a century for a "Nite in the Nineties" on 1 June in the Red Cross lounge. GEORGE MORRISON, SN, WALTER MURDOCK, SN, and HERMAN PARRISH, SN, will don bowlers, checkered coats and villainous mustaches to start the party off with their version of a Barbershop Pantomime, and a sleek and modernized Valentino with sash 'n all will exhibit a graceful tango and an ambitious Charleston. Patient skits such as Bedtime Hair Raiser, Dress the Pillow, and the Feather Duster Sweep should bring the evening to a hilarious and dramatic climax. Everybody's invited!

MOVIE SET

"The Jazz Singer" with Danny Thomas and Peggy Lee will be the Red Cross movie for the week of 3 June through 9 June. Wards 47A, 52, 71A, 74A, 47B, 75B, 76B, 79B, and 80B will see the show, starting Wednesday.

CLUB 42A

Some top night club entertainment hit Ward 42A the other evening when "The Sharps" from the South Pacific Club made their appearance on the compound for the first time. This instrumental combo, plus a singer and dancer, came as a courtesy of the Ernest Jones Artist Agency but the ward doctor, LTJG Douglas Jenks, made the initial contact. Not only was the amputee section highly appreciative, but patients from nearby wards were well aware of the unusual bill of fare and did not hesitate to become a part of the large and most enthusiastic audience. They also played a few numbers for bed patients on ward 41A. Mr. Bernard Cantar, leader of the group, assured us they hope to make a return engagement.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Pediatrics was the scene of gay birthday parties last Tuesday with GAIL SERGIANNI, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Wells (BMI) of San Diego having her twelfth birthday and LINDA DIANE RENFRO, daughter of LCDR and Mrs. J. B. Renfro, celebrating her sixth. Mrs. Renfro brought a beautifully decorated cake and ice cream for all the children and, to the cheery tune of Happy Birthday, colorful and elegantly decorated packages were opened.

"I don't think I look 30, do you?"
 "Not anymore, dear."

Words Plus Deeds Equal Highway Safety

A Memorial Day Traffic Safety Message for Navy Personnel

On this Memorial Day, many words will be written and spoken in honor of those who gave their lives for their country.

Many words also will be addressed to you, the living, who travel over the Nation's highways this holiday weekend, through newspapers, magazines, and leaflets and over radio, television, and loudspeaker—words of WARNING:

DRIVE SAFELY!
AVOID SPEEDING!
OBEY TRAFFIC RULES!
HELP TO MAKE THE HIGHWAYS SAFER!



Dr. Frampton Price

Staff Mourns Death Of Frampton Price

Funeral services were held at the Little Chapel of the Flowers, Walnut Creek, Wednesday, for Frampton B. Price, Chief Clinical Psychologist at the hospital since April 1951.

Doctor Price's death came as a shock to his many friends among the patients and staff at Oak Knoll. He was at his desk last Friday and there had been no forewarning of the heart condition that caused his death Sunday night at his home in Orinda.

A native of Alberta, Canada, Doctor Price was educated at the University of British Columbia, Vancouver, B.C. and at the University of California, Los Angeles, where he received his Ph.D. in 1944. He held the rank of lieutenant commander, MSC, USNR, and was on active duty during World War II. He taught psychology at Cornell University for two years, and just before coming to Oak Knoll he had served as Clinical Psychologist at the VA Hospital, Roseburg, Oregon. He was 39 years old.

Surviving him are his wife, Delle, a five-year-old daughter, Gail, and a month-old baby son, Christopher.

Annapolis (AFPS) — The current graduating class at the U.S. Naval Academy contains 106 midshipmen of its 926 total who are sons of Armed Forces personnel.

The Navy is represented by 74 of the 106, the Army by 17, the Marine Corps by seven, the Air Force by five, and the Coast Guard by three. Nineteen are sons of flag or general officers.

Divine Services

Hospital Chapel at Main Gate

PROTESTANT

BIBLE SCHOOL—SUNDAY 0945
 SUNDAY WORSHIP—1030
 Organ Music from Chapel Tower—1900
 Time for Private Devotions in the Chapel
 CHOIR REHEARSAL—1930 Thursday
 HOLY COMMUNION—First Sunday morning each month.

L. D. S. SERVICE

SUNDAY — 0900 in Staff Conference Room, Administration Bldg., Annex.

CATHOLIC

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

CHAPLAIN'S OFFICES IN CHAPEL AND 67A

NAVY RELIEF OFFICE—IN CHAPEL

BUS TO AND FROM CHAPEL ON SUNDAYS 0845 and 1015

Saturday, 30 May, 1953



Earl Kallemeyn, HMI, was presented a commendation by the Commanding Officer when he was discharged last week.

Security Corpsman Gets Commended

Earl Kallemeyn, HMI, USNR-R, was given a commendation by the Commanding Officer last week on the date of his discharge from the naval service.

The commendation read, in part, "While serving on the Master-at-Arms force of this hospital since 13 May, 1951, you have demonstrated a keen sense of initiative, judgment, and devotion to duty . . . Your willingness to volunteer for extra duties without being asked, and the patience you have displayed in carrying out your duties is evidence of performance of duty above and beyond the prescribed standards."

"Kal," as he was known to many here, is from Lincoln, Neb., but he and his wife and their daughter will make their home in San Leandro.

WWI Marine Vet Gets Purple Heart ---35 Years Late

It's nearly 35 years since the battle of Belleau Wood was fought during World War I, but last week an ex-Marine machine gunner was awarded the Purple Heart Medal for wounds suffered in that struggle. The ex-Marine was Louis E. Clave, a civilian worker at the Aviation Supply Depot in Oakland.

The presentation was made by CAPT Goodwin C. Groff, CO of the Naval Supply Center's Marines and base Security Officer there.

This was the second time in nine months that belated recognition has come to Clave. Last August he received the Cuba Expeditionary medal, a WWI Victory Medal with two clasps, and a second award of the Good Conduct Medal.

Clave, born in Sibley, Iowa, joined the service when he was 18 and belonged to the Marine's Fifth Regiment, 51st company which was assigned to the 1st Army Division.

The battle of Belleau Wood took place about nine miles northwest of Chateau-Thierry, France from 6 to 25 June, 1918. Marines had captured the woods and held it against repeated German attacks.

Clave was hit by a machine gun slug in the hip, then on the following day, his left arm was struck by another bullet which ripped through his arm, then pierced his English gas mask.

SCUTTLEBUTT

PEOPLE, PLACES & THINGS:

Claire Martini, who usually spends her vacations in Europe, Mexico, or Hawaii, this time chose Willow Springs, Mo. She's visiting Tom Burns (and family) and picture post-cards indicate she is having the time of her life. Burns worked in Miss Martini's office in the Ad Building during his tour of duty at Oak Knoll. . . . George E. Sudduth, AD1, of Moffett Field thinks he would have been safer in Korea. At home in Hayward last week end he was dismembering a chicken. Knife slipped, and he's minus his right index finger. . . Ruth Sandburg, secretary on 62B, reversed the usual procedure this week, took flowers to her husband on their wedding anniversary—the 8th. He's LT-JG William G. Sandburg of TI, now on 69A. . . A trio of leaving ladies provided an excuse for a party at the Record Office Thursday. Dolores Monroe resigned to await a visit from the stork. Georgia Stephan and Pat Towne say they are "just retiring" . . . An item in one of the Bay Area papers reports a Navy man's assignment to 18 months' "snore duty" . . . ENS Grace V. Lee, NC, USN, is a JG now. . . A 19-year-old San Francisco clerk-steno got the Guardsman's Cadillac. Her first words when told the news: "Holy Cow!"

SUCCESS STORIES: Catherine Baker, Crew's Librarian, has been elected president of the Hospital Libraries Division of the American Library Association for the coming year. . . President Eisenhower has nominated Captains McMullin, Zikmund, and Potter for permanent appointment to CAPT. . . CAPT Shaw and LT Doolan were on the program, or it could be said that they WERE the program Wednesday at the Medical Staff Conference at U.C. Hospital. The subject of their demonstration was "The Artificial Kidney and Medical Management in the Treatment of Renal Disease."

OAKNOLLUMNI: HMC L. L. Linse, now of the crew of the USS GUADALUPE, AO(32), was aboard Monday to see his old Knoll ship-mates. . . Dr. Ronald B. Slater, Jr., on the staff of Permanente Foundation Hospital, was among 98 lucky Bay Area residents who drew summer home lots in the Spring Creek tract at Lake Tahoe the other day. More than a thousand applied for them. . . Remember Gerald R. Ford, who worked in the Care of the Dead Office not many months ago? The latest word from him read like this: "ANNOUNCING THE NEW FORD—Date First Viewed, 18 May, 1953, Delivered at USNH Portsmouth, Va., Model: Gerald 'Ricky'. Total displacement 6 lbs. ½ oz. Designers and Producers: Gerald R. and Joy B. Ford."

AND SPEAKING OF NEW MODELS: There is Eric Jon Silvester, the 7 lb. 10 oz. second child for LT James A. and Barbara Sylvester, born 24 May; and Richard Keith Lawrence, 8 lb. 5 oz. son of Keith B. Lawrence, SN, and his wife Mary Elinor. Young Richard's dad is a patient on 43B—to say nothing of the 52 other babies born here during the past week. And Wayne L. Niday, SN, USN, of the Physical Evaluation Board, wants people to know about his little daughter, Louann, born 13 May in his home town of Galipolis, Ohio.



T/SGT Carl S. McPherson, USMC, Retired, celebrated his 33rd birthday Tuesday on Ward 42A, with Alida Quick of ARC and his fellow patients assisting. Not only does McPherson hold the record for being the "old man" of the ward, he holds the hospital record for contributing the most time to the Red Cross blood recruitment program in the Bay Area. He has spoken to more than 20 Bay Area audiences about the need for blood in treating the wounded in Korea.

Welcome and Farewell

This week a total of 31 persons reported aboard for duty, while 43 were detached.

Reporting aboard were: LTJG Richard M. Lesener, DC, USNR, from USS REPOSE; LTJG Dorothy N. McCree, NC, USN, and ENS's Elaine F. Ellingwood and Marcella B. Fecteau, from USNH, St. Albans, N. Y.; R. R. Crownover, HMI, from Pearl Harbor, T.H.; HN's D. Marx, M. A. Sather (W), B. J. Perrault (W), J. M. McGill, and N. P. Poplau, from USNHCS, Great Lakes, Ill.; and HN's P. G. Hammerness, V. R. Longtot, A. J. McGovern, J. P. Werner, R. L. Per-rigo, M. A. Biczak, D. M. Folger, and R. A. Swanson, and HA's G. C. Braegger, R. S. George, D. J. Benton, Z. A. Dodd, J. T. Crenshaw, T. D. Crisp, H. R. Hesse, J. B. Hill, J. D. Hooper, C. M. Koshiniemi, R. O. Scharr, G. L. Stitzel, and W. A. Ward, from USNHCS, San Diego, Calif.

Detached were: LCDR Clara L. Lampp, NC, USN, to USNH, Charleston, S.C.; LT George W. Barnes, Jr., CEC, USN, to NAS, Brunswick, Me.; LT Lillie M. Harwood, NC, USN, to Hickam Air Force Base, Honolulu, T.H.; HMC L. B. Annan, and HA R. F. Raschert, to ComSubPac; HM3's J. E. Kehler, S. A. Nowacki, and F. H. Riggs, to ComSTSPacArea; W. E. Rogers, HM3, to ComNavMarianas; HM3's J. D. Holdeman, V. D. Martens, D. A. McClure, G. Myer, J. R. Miller, R. A. Patterson, I. J. Wheat, J. E. Frembgen, H. T. Parsons, W. F. Wilson, R. N. Wood, and J. M. Cole, and HN's R. D. Bennett, J. A. Decker, E. E. Elam, B. C. Fossum, J. F. Michaels, J. C. Nance, A. J. Ramicone, J. H. Reedy, D. E. Siebel, P. F. Swearengen, A. Plummer, and R. Veres, to Marine Barracks, Camp Pendleton, Ocean-side, Calif.; HN's D. J. Borton and C. W. Piper, to USN Supply Depot,

Clearfield, Utah; and C. Troglin, HN, to USNAAS, Monterey, Calif.

LT Kenneth Tessler, DC, USNR, and LT Mary J. Meyer, NC, USNR, were released to inactive duty, and LT Elizabeth M. Bird, NC, USNR, was discharged following acceptance of her resignation from the naval service. Homer H. Berry, HMC, was discharged by reason of physical disability. Earl Kallemeyn, HMI, was discharged at the expiration of his enlistment. HN's Flavia C. Blythe (W) and Sylvia Michaels (W), were discharged to civilian life.

Gas Storage House Adds Modern Touch

Knollites who have occasion to journey to the northeast corner of the compound may have noticed an unusual-looking building that has been under construction since January. Located across the street from the animal house, the new structure would be classed as unusual in any setting.

Its walls are made entirely of heavy wire mesh, on a high foundation which rests partly on the ground and partly on cement pillars based on the banks of the "creek." The roof is broad and slanted, projecting several feet from the front of the structure.

The building was designed by the District Public Works Office for the storage of bottled compressed gases. Completed just recently, it is being used by Central Supply to store carbon dioxide, helium, oxygen, other mixed gases, and empty cylinders.

"You say he's 94, never looked at a girl in his life, and doesn't smoke, drink or gamble?"

"Aye—beats me why he wanted to live so long."

Softball Team Takes Second Straight Win in League Play

Oak Knoll's softball team won its second straight league game on Wednesday, 20 May, when they smashed 12th Naval District Communications to the tune of 22-3 on the latter's field.

As it turned out the Knollites won the game in the first inning as they scored nine runs on five hits and three errors. The big blow that inning was Don Clark's home run down the left field line.

Hurler Don Hinds gave up nine hits and struck out a total of 12 batters in the seven-inning contest.

The hospital hitters banged out a total of 22 hits in the game, for their best showing so far this season. Last week, in their first game of the league season they downed Alameda 13-0.

Hinds also led the club at the plate with a home run, a double and two singles, followed by Gordon Anderson, Leroy Judd, and Chuck Leonard, with a double and two singles apiece. Dick Jenkinson and Dave Medley

President Appoints New CNO, JCS Staff

Admiral Arthur W. Radford, Commander-in-Chief, Pacific Fleet, has been named by President Eisenhower to succeed General Omar N. Bradley as chairman of the joint chiefs of staff.

The shift, not to become effective until August, also included the following changes.

Admiral Robert B. Carney will succeed retiring Admiral William B. Fichteler as Chief of Naval Operations.

General Matthew B. Ridgway will succeed General J. Lawton Collins as Army Chief of Staff, and will turn his European Defense command over to Lt. Gen. Alford M. Gruenther.

Effective 30 June, General Nathan F. Twining will succeed retiring General Hoyt S. Vandenburg as Air Force Chief of Staff.

each had two hits—a double and a single. Jim Poole and Clark each had a home run, and Mike Napoli, Bob Drennon and Irving Wheat had a single apiece, for Oak Knoll's total of 22 hits for the afternoon.

The team's next game was to have been played on Wednesday, 27 May with Re-training Command at Mare Island, and promises to be a tight contest. The results of the game will be in next week's OAK LEAF.

Stag Party, Auto Races, Cruise on Events Schedule

The Alameda County Employees Association has invited 40 patients to attend the Big Auto Races at the Oakland Speedway tomorrow (Sunday, 31 May). A bus will leave the hospital at 1200, and the races will begin at 1230.

There is a standing invitation for 40 patients to attend each of the Oaks' home baseball games. This offer, too, is made by the Alameda County Employees Association. The next game will be played on Thursday, 4 June, against the Sacramento team. The next game after that will be played against Portland on Thursday, 18 June. Sign up at Special Services for all events.

BAY CRUISE

A one-hour boat trip around the bay is being offered for the first time on Tuesday, 9 June. Mrs. Louella Weiss, president of the Oakland Navy Mothers Club has announced that that organization will sponsor such trips once a month free of charge. Twenty patients may go on each excursion. The Navy Mothers will either furnish lunch on the boat or take the men to lunch in San Francisco following the trip. A bus will take the men to the boat at 1130. Those interested should contact Special Services for further information and to sign up for the cruise.

MEN ONLY

On Friday, 12 June, the Loyal Order of the Cootie of VFW Post No. 1010 will hold a stag party. Both staff and patients are invited to the "men only" affair. Two busloads, or 80 men have been invited, and those who sign up at Special Services first will get to go. The party will begin at 2000, and uniforms must be worn for admission.

EM Staff Date Dance Hailed Big Success

The staff dance, held at the EM Club last Friday night, was acclaimed a complete success by those who attended.

Norval Knight and his orchestra provided the dance music, and three entertainers, Babette Carey, George Watts, and Lorraine Stevens, presented a floor show which included a unicycle act, besides singing and dancing. Master-of-Ceremonies for the evening was Morgan Rice, HM3, of the staff Recreation Committee.

The Food Service Division supplied roast turkey, ham, salad, and rolls, served buffet style.

WOMEN'S BALL TEAM WINS FIRST GAME

The women's softball team, comprised of hospital nurses and WAVES won the first game of the current season recently when they triumphed 14-12 over the 12th Naval District WAVES.

CDR Helen Gavin tossed in the first ball to start the game, and remained to give moral support to the seven-inning battle played on the Oak Knoll field.

LT Ruth Warkow has been chosen as captain of the team, and LTJG Catherine Evanchik as co-captain. On the line-up are: LT Mary Brennen, catcher; LT Ella Walker, pitcher; LTJG Gloria Whitfield, first base; LT Marian Irvine, second base; LTJG Ruth Warkow, third base; HM3's Shirley Gore and Beverley Hoffman, shortstops; ENS Eileen Meade, LTJG Elizabeth Murphy, and HM3 Lillie Kleim in the outfield.

Wolf: A big dame hunter. A guy who enjoys life, liberty and the happiness of pursuit.

Poise: Ability to keep talking while the other man picks up the check.

Alimony: The high cost of leaving.

Suicide blonde: Dyed by her own hands.

Hangover: Something to occupy a head that wasn't used the night before.

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The landlady brought in a plate of thinly sliced bread.

"Did you cut these?" inquired a boarder.

"Yes," said the landlady.

"Okay," said the boarder. "I'll deal."

PREVIEWS

Sunday, 31 May—**THE FARMER TAKES A WIFE**—Betty Grable, Dale Robertson, MUSICAL. Rating: Very Good. The stage play of the same name has been transferred to the Technicolor screen, and boasts some of the most lavish designs and colors to be found. The plot involves Betty Grable and her efforts to choose between the life of a farmer's wife or living on a boat which sails around in the Erie Canal.

Monday, 1 June—**THE I DON'T CARE GIRL**—Mitzi Gaynor, David Wayne, MUSICAL. Rating: Very Good. The life story of Eva Tangway, famous musical comedy star of the pre-World War I era.

Tuesday, 2 June—**SCANDAL AT SCOURIE**—Greer Garson, Walter Pidgeon, DRAMA. Rating: Very Good. Warmth and sentiment predominate in this Technicolor film about a childless couple who adopts a Catholic orphan in a Protestant town. The theme presents a different sort of fare for movie-goers.

Wednesday, 3 June—**THUNDERBIRDS**—John Derek, Mona Freeman, DRAMA. Rating: Very Good. The story concerns Oklahoma's 45th National Guard Infantry Division in WWII. Derek and another soldier are both in love with the same girl when war breaks out, and both are called to arms. Most of the film is devoted to their experiences on the fighting field.

Thursday, 4 June—**ROGUE'S MARCH**—Peter Lawford, Janice Rule, DRAMA. Rating: Very Good. Lawford is a Captain in the English Royal Fusiliers, drummed out of service after being wrongly accused of espionage. To restore his honor as one of a long line of military men, and to reach India where his outfit (and his fiancée) are located; he secretly joins the ranks and earns the renewed faith of his family and superiors.

Friday, 5 June—**THE GREAT SIOUX UPRISING**—Jeff Chandler, Faith Domergue, WESTERN. Rating: Very Good. No information available on this film, other than that it's in Technicolor.

Saturday, 6 June—**THE MAN BEHIND THE GUN**—Randolph Scott, Patrice Wymore, WESTERN. Rating: Good. Centered around the great Los Angeles Rebellion, Scott leads the fight against the renegades who attempt to take over that frontier.

Staff Personalities

An interview with Donna Cruzan, the Executive Officer's secretary, brought out two outstanding interests—her job, and her two thoroughbred English Field Cockers. The job, she claims, is the most interesting

she's ever had, and she's full of stories about Tripoli Rogue of Afghanistan and Dooley Black Knight (those are the dogs' names, if you didn't guess). Donna was born in Spokane, Wash., but spent most of her time until she came here, living in Mexico, Cuba, and Santo Domingo. She worked for the British Office of Information in Mexico, and at Camp Callan in La Jolla, Calif. before she took her present government job here two and one-half years ago.



LTJG Edwin B. Miller, MSC, USN, is Oak Knoll's temporary Assistant Personnel Officer. He came here last September from MCAS, El Toro, California, and was given his present assignment a few weeks ago. Awaiting transfer to the USS ESSEX, he



will be detached about 1 July. LTJG Miller joined the Navy in September 1939, and served at Midway, Okinawa, and North China, among other duty stations, until he was commissioned in 1950. He was born in New York but grew up in Oakland. Although this is his first assignment at this hospital, his home is here and all three of his children, aged eight, seven, and six months, were born here.

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Early Discharge Promised Some Service Personnel

Enlisted personnel who are scheduled for separation between November 1953 and August 1954 will be released up to two months early, according to a recent Bureau of Personnel announcement. Others may be released early at the discretion of their separate commands. This latter group includes personnel due for separation between 1 June 1953 and 31 October 1953.

The authority, BuPers Notice 1910, then, is set up in two parts. One, a period when the early release will be up to the discretion of those commands which have a distribution control and second, a period commencing 1 November 1953 when the provisions of the Notice shall be mandatory.

DISCRETIONARY PHASE

Beginning 1 June 1953, and continuing through 31 October 1953, enlisted personnel may be released early in accordance with directives and instruction of action which will be implemented by the commands.

Separation will be effected according to the following:

- (a) Regular Navy personnel whose normal date of expiration of enlistment or enlistment as voluntarily extended occurs during June, July or August, may be separated during June 1953.

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Rehabilitation Meet Features ALD Exhibit

An exhibit from the Artificial Limb Department was featured this week at the annual meeting of the Western Regional Conference of the National Rehabilitation Association. The meeting, conducted on 1 and 2 June, was held by the East Bay Chapter of the Association, at the Claremont Hotel in Berkeley.

CWOHC John H. Faunce, Administrative Assistant to the Chief of the Amputee Service, was asked by the Association to arrange an exhibit, since Oak Knoll is "doing such outstanding work in the field" of rehabilitating the disabled.

The display included models of artificial limbs that are manufactured and used here, and pictures illustrating facilities here at the hospital. James D. Morehouse, HMC, a graduate of Oak Knoll's Orthopedic Appliance Mechanic School and Chief in charge of ALD stores, was at the Claremont to explain the exhibit and answer questions.



The laundry was one of four more Oak Knoll departments to be awarded a "Minute Man" plaque last week. The plaque, given to each department that achieves 100% participation in the Savings Bond payroll savings plan, was awarded to Bernadette Malerich, Savings Bond Representative, and all the laundry workers, by CAPT Julian Love, MC, USN, Executive Officer. Others awarded plaques were the Finance Division, the Telephone office, and the Transportation Department.

Hospital Nears 70% Payroll Bond Total

Only 15 more civilian employees are needed to sign up for the automatic Payroll Savings Bond program to give the hospital a 70% participation record.

Of 815 employees, 560 or 68.7% of all workers, are now enrolled in the automatic plan.

Four more departments were awarded "Minute Man" plaques last

week to mark a total of seven hospital departments with 100% participation. Those awarded plaques by CAPT Julian Love, EXEC and acting CO, were the Finance Division, Telephone Office, Transportation Department, and the Laundry.

Accepting the awards for their departments were: Frances Botelho, Savings Bond Representative for the

Finance Division; Clare Elliott, Representative for the Telephone workers; Robert Sedam, for Transportation; and Bernadette Malerich, for the Laundry.

Other departments which have previously been given plaques are the Disbursing Division, the Collection Agent Office, and the Medical Social Service.

NEWSBOY'S WALLET LOST ON COMPOUND

Mike Shannon's wallet is still missing. And Mike is feeling as broke as anyone would who lost a wallet with \$50 in it.

Young Shannon is the newsboy who delivers papers on the compound every afternoon, and he believes he lost the wallet somewhere between the Main Gate and Building 35 early this week. It is light tan and contained only a few postage stamps in addition to the \$50 cash.

Anyone who has a clue to the missing purse's whereabouts, please call the Security Office immediately.

"Men Only" Party For 80 Staff, Patients

There is still time for staff and patients to sign up for the VFW stag party to be held next Friday evening. Two busloads, or 80 men, have been invited, and those who sign up at Special Services first will get to go.

Restricted to Men Only, the party will begin at 2000. It will be held by the Loyal Order of the Cootie of VFW Post No. 1010. Uniforms must be worn for admission to the full evening of free fun and refreshments.

Again, the date is Friday, 12 June, transportation will be furnished, and those interested must sign up at Special Services.

Patient Proves Handicap No Bar To Successful and Colorful Career

Howard W. Pollock, member of the Alaska Territorial legislature, law student at the University of Santa Clara, retired LCDR, USN, and grizzly bear hunter, was one of the early graduates of the Navy's Amputee Center at Mare Island. He is now on 69B recovering from elective surgery that may make the scope of his activities even broader.

The 33-year-old legislator lost his right hand as the result of a hand

"rested" from his duties as a Navy PBM (Martin Mariner) navigator.

From July of that year to October, 1946, he underwent treatment and training at Mare Island and found that his prosthetic hand could do almost anything any other hand could do. CAPT T. J. Canty's staff at the Amputee Center made Pollock a fur-lined "arm" to keep his stump warm, and with that he was off to Anchorage, Alaska, for a homesteading venture with his wife, Maryanne.

Pollock, despite his handicap and the prowling bears, built a snug three-room cabin on their 80-acre homestead and set out a truck garden that was soon supplying all their vegetables.

"Alaska is the best place in the world for opportunity," Pollock said in telling his story here this week. He and his wife both got jobs with the Army when they first arrived in Anchorage. His first job was as a Wage and Salary Classification trainee. His last civil service job, one of the top posts in Alaska, was that of Assistant Civilian Director for Headquarters, U.S. Army, Alaska. He resigned to run for representative to the Territorial Legislature from Alaska's third judicial division. He is intensely interested in helping to achieve statehood for Alaska and less than a month ago testified before



Howard W. Pollock

grenade explosion in 1944, when he was on Tarawa during a brief stint of fighting with the Marines while he

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OUR NEIGHBOR AND GOD

Most of us have a good deal to put up with from our neighbors, yet we generally forget what they have to put up with from us.

Still we have difficulties even with very good people. True, they are not infinitely wise, therefore they often make mistakes when they treat us according to their ideas. However, honest criticism has some reason behind it and we should profit by it. It is a part of the way God wishes to straighten us out.

Conceited as we are, we should be much worse if we were not corrected by others. There are many excellent parts in our characters, but some dreadful gaps. We are like trees that have not grown straight. If we would let our Lord have His way and bear with what He does for us through our neighbors, we should grow more symmetrically.

E. J. FORD,
Catholic Chaplain.

Men Leaving Service Offered Many Benefits, Job Assistance, Counseling

Many of us leaving military service will want a start in new jobs, new fields, with new opportunities. The K-Vet Bill extends job-finding assistance to veterans with service since June 27, 1950, on the same basis as veterans of WWII.

After your separation, go to your nearest state employment agency. Go as soon as you can, and register for the kind of work you want.

These agencies are part of the U. S. Employment Service and include a department to handle employment problems facing veterans. The Veterans Employment Service will offer all possible assistance in

finding you a new job. There is no fee for this service.

FREE COUNSELING SERVICE

At your disposal will be such benefits as a free counseling service, including aptitude tests, to assist you in choosing work at which you probably will succeed. These tests deal with general and specific fields of employment.

You will also be given the "dope" on various industries, so that you can pick one offering you the best future.

Your veterans employment representative will make certain that you get the priority service you are entitled to under law. Bring along your separation papers when you meet him. It will probably save time.

Perhaps you would like to live and work in some other part of the U. S.? Don't just take off and try to find a job on your own. Your state employment service may be able to help you.

STATES SWAP INFORMATION

All state agencies cooperate with one another under a clearance system. Each agency informs the others of the job opportunities existing in its particular location. They report on what jobs are hard to fill in their area.

In other words, a New York veteran who has a specialty which is scarce in California, will be informed of this need by his local employment agency.

This clearance system also works for veterans and their dependents who must move to a different location for reasons of health.

Save for future security with U.S. Defense Bonds by joining Payroll Savings.



The Barbershop Boys (left to right): Gene Shimeflew, AEAN, SGT Louis Rascon, and SN's Walter Murdock, Herman Parrish, and George Morrison. They entertained at the Gay Nineties Party Monday night at the Red Cross Lounge with their version of those old favorites "Down by the Old Mill Stream" and "When You Wore a Tulip." On the far left is Miss Betty Skidmore, ARC staff worker.

Red Cross Ramblings

NEW ARRIVALS

Three Red Cross trainees arrived at Oak Knoll 29 May for a month's training course. Roberta Schwarzrock, a Junior Case Aide, is from Jamestown, N. D., and attended Jamestown College and the University of North Dakota. Kathleen Magrath, Recreation Aide, comes from Seattle, Wash., where she graduated from the University of Washington. Margaret Smith, Recreation Aide, hails from Laguna Beach, Calif., and graduated from the University of Redlands. They are a pleasant although temporary addition to the staff. Because of their nine-to-nine schedule, they won't have time to make very many appearances outside the classroom, but we're pleased to have them with us.

PRIZE FOOD!

The galley in the Red Cross Lounge looked like a sea of delightful pastries last Thursday when seventy beautifully decorated cakes arrived as the result of a cake baking contest sponsored by Breuner's Home Furnishings Company, Berkeley store. The patients were agog at the variety of these tasty prize winners, the most sought-after one being a timely Coronation Cake!

HATS OFF TO DAD!

Day by day we are becoming increasingly aware of the fact that "Father's Day" is near at hand and dear old Dad will be honored in various appropriate ways. On Ward 61A this week, we made a survey of certain paternal statistics and discovered that **HOBERT PARKER, CSC**, was the "father of the youngest child" on the ward, **CHARLES DAVIS, ICC**, the "father of the oldest child," and **ALBERT GROSS-KREUZ**, veteran, the "father of the most children." Prizes were awarded accordingly and we trust each of these men will wear his crown with distinction.

LIGHT UP!

The men of 75B recently tried their skill at identifying the brands of cigarettes which would answer various categories. A kind of weather was easy enough with "Kools," an Irish vegetable was "Spuds," and a London street "Pall Mall," but when it came to an English Duchess or a man who serves as a king, the com-

petition become more keen. However, **DAVIS MANOS, FN**, took first prize with all answers correct, while **BILL GARRISON, AR3**, was runner-up.

MOVIE SET

The Red Cross movie schedule for the week of 10 June through 16 June will feature Bob Hope in "Off Limits" and Ruth Hussey in "The Lady Wants Mink." "Off Limits" will be shown on wards 43A, 46B, 61A, 47B, 62B, 63A, 41A and 42A. "The Lady Wants Mink" goes on wards 47A, 52, 71A, 74A, 75B, 76B, 79B, 80B.

MAN (PATIENT) NEEDED!

Red Cross needs a movie maintenance man to check film and movie equipment. Any patient interested please contact Red Cross.

Handicapped Vet Starts Law School

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a Congressional committee in Washington on this question.

He is also intensely interested in bear hunting and believes the grizzly he shot at the foot of Mount McKinley a few months ago may have made him a champion. His quarry's skull measured 26 1/4 inches, and the prize grizzly on record was one whose skull measured 25 7/8 inches way back in 1890.

Since the Alaskan legislature conveniently meets at the capital in Juneau for only two months out of every two years (except for special sessions), Representative Pollock decided to get his law degree and chose Santa Clara so that he could be near Oak Knoll.

Last Thursday doctors performed a cineplastic operation that will enable the law maker to dispense with the leather "harness" he formerly used to operate his artificial hand. The cineplasty is the formation of a "tunnel" through the biceps muscle of his right upper arm and insertion of a "pin" to which cables are attached. His artificial hand will respond to the cables at the flexing of his biceps.

The Pollocks are currently making their home at 24 University Village, Santa Clara. They have a son, Ronald, 2, and a daughter, Pamela, 1, both born in Alaska.

Divine Services

Hospital Chapel at Main Gate

PROTESTANT

BIBLE SCHOOL—SUNDAY 0945
 SUNDAY WORSHIP—1030
 Organ Music from Chapel Tower—1900
 Time for Private Devotions in the Chapel
 CHOIR REHEARSAL—1930 Thursday
 HOLY COMMUNION—First Sunday morning each month.

L. D. S. SERVICE

SUNDAY — 0900 in Staff Conference Room, Administration Bldg., Annex.

CATHOLIC

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

CHAPLAIN'S OFFICES IN
 CHAPEL AND 67A

NAVY RELIEF OFFICE—
 IN CHAPEL

BUS TO AND FROM CHAPEL ON
 SUNDAYS 0845 and 1015

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Shipyard Worker Named Region's 'Man of the Year'

Ray L. Wilbur, industrial relations officer at Mare Island Naval Shipyard since 1945, Tuesday was named Federal Staff Man of the Year, for the U. S. Civil Service 12th Region.

He was nominated for the honor in March by RADM A. M. Morgan, shipyard commander, and awarded his new title at the annual awards luncheon of the San Francisco Bay Area Federal Business Association, an organization made up of individuals and corporations doing business with the Federal government.

At the presentation Mr. Wilbur was hailed for compiling "an enviable record" as an administrator of a personnel management program for 14,000 civilian employees at Mare Island.

The award is to be presented each year to the outstanding civil employee of the 12th Region.

At the same meeting J. W. Maillard III, president of the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce, presented Glenn E. Brockaway, regional director of the Department of Labor's Bureau of Employment Security, a citation which named him "Federal Executive of the Year."

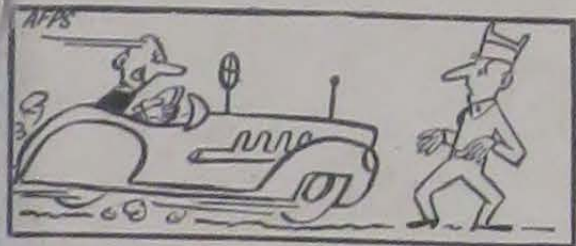
Home Loan Rates Adjusted by VA

The practice of discounting in the financing of G.I. home loans by lenders and builders will be sharply restricted by the Veterans Administration.

Discounting is the act of a builder selling a mortgage to a lender receiving the same as a higher interest rate since he would get the same total return but at a smaller initial investment. Thus it has been possible for a lender to receive more than the former four-per cent maximum interest rate.

Under the higher four-and-a-half interest rate the VA figures there should be no need for a continuation of the discount arrangement. The usual result of this has been that the veteran-borrower has to absorb the cost of the discount either by paying a higher price or by taking lower quality construction.

Highway Accidents Kill More Than Wars



Don't point a loaded driver at people

Thirty-six people in the U. S. are injured in motor vehicle accidents for every serviceman wounded in battle in Korea, a leading insurance association recently stated. In less than an average man's lifetime the automobile has killed 1,075,000 persons while late statistics reveal only 1,009,000 deaths from all our wars.

SCUTTLEBUTT

SIGNS OF THE SEASON: People comparing notes on how the Coronation came in on THEIR TV sets . . . an unidentified toddler at Navy Exchange wanting to know when "Little Boy's Day" is . . . Amy Ishamoto of OT dreaming of how the campus at Milwaukee-Downer looked in the spring . . . officers' wives climbing the stairs for a new hair-do by Hazel . . .

PEOPLE, PLACES & THINGS: LTJG Richard Leshner, DC, USNR, reported for duty 22 May after a tour of duty in Korea aboard the USS REPOSE. Saturday he slipped away to Reno to slip a ring on the finger of Shirley Lurye Smith of Dallas, Tex., a Navy nurse at Camp Pendleton, where they met . . . Harley Cook, night baker for the Commissary, made the local papers last week. He's a member of the Oakland area Red Cross Korean War Gallon Club, "the select group composed of those who have given eight or more times since the beginning of the Korean War."

. . . LT Tipton was surrounded by potential soapsuds the other day when 264 packages of Ivory Snow arrived in his office. The soap, gift of Procter & Gamble, is being distributed to new mothers . . . William H. See, AK2 of 41B, is a casualty of the football field. On an outing with his shipmates from Moffett Field, he grabbed for the pigskin, twisted his wrist and dislocated it . . . Could that have been our gardener, Bernie Garcia, driving the two-tone green Chevy Bel-Air around the compound this week? . . . Special Services' Fred Bremner looked like Santa Claus when he boarded a plane for Republic, Wash., Tuesday for a visit with his family. Took presents for everybody . . . LCDR Alan C. Pipkin, not ordinarily considered a ladies' man, is in Washington serving on a selection board for WAVE LCDR's . . .

And still the coke bottles lie around, and it may be of interest to note here that according to an item in a New York paper two young ladies with a yen to travel financed a trip to Europe by selling back coke bottles they collected near football stadiums and other likely places during a period of three years . . . "Sertificuts" with sketches of grasshoppers, mice, lice, and all manner of insects and rodents were presented to members of the EST School staff at a de luxe Chiefs' Club party the tenth graduating class gave last Friday for their pleased instructors . . . A. B. Smith, HM3, took leave from his duties at the Commissary Tuesday, and although details are unknown at this writing, it is rumored that he will not be a bachelor when he returns . . . Mr. DeWitt, long a home builder in Hayward, believes with his fingers crossed that he may be able to move in this week end . . . Everyone is glad to see Gladys Pezzola back on the job at OPD after an illness that kept her out of circulation for a month and two days . . . Belated felicitations to Graham and Margery Burgess, who were married in Eureka early in May. Graham, an HM3 on 75B, has known his bride since school days in their Northern California home town . . .

LIFE BEGAN this week for David Bryan Trujillo, first child for Louis R. Trujillo, Ward Corpsman on 55, and his wife Bertha. Young David arrived on 30 May, which was a trifle early. He tips the premi nursery scales at 3



Handling a Foster frame for turning paraplegic patients is one of the many things learned by non-rated Corpsmen in Oak Knoll's Corps School classes. In the school, taught by LT Mary A. Martin, NC, USN, the Corpsmen get actual practice in using the Foster frame, as may be seen in this picture. The "patient" is A. B. Ackert, HN, of Ward 66A. On the left is Jack C. Frie, HN, and on the right, Maynard W. Frank, HN, both of Ward 74B.

Early Discharge Plan Outlined

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(b) Regular Navy personnel whose enlistments expire during the months of September through December 1953 may be separated two months early.

(c) Naval Reserve and Fleet Reserve personnel, including those who entered into agreements to remain on active duty for 24 months, whose separation date occurs during June, July or August, may be separated during June 1953.

(d) Naval Reserve and Fleet Reserve personnel, including those who entered into agreements to remain on active duty for 24 months, whose separation date occurs during the months of September, through December 1953 may be separated two months early.

MANDATORY PHASE

Commencing 1 November 1953 and continuing through 30 June 1954 it shall be mandatory to separate personnel as follows:

(a) Regular Navy personnel whose normal date of expiration of enlistment or enlistment as voluntarily extended occurs during November and December shall be separated during November 1953. Personnel whose enlistments expire during January and February shall be separated during the period 1-15 December 1953.

(b) Regular Navy personnel whose enlistments expire during the period 1 March 1954 through 31 August 1954 shall be separated two months early.

(c) Naval Reserve and Fleet Reserve personnel, including those who entered into agreements to remain on active duty for 24 months, whose separation date occurs during November and December shall be separated during November 1953. Personnel whose separation date occurs during January and February shall be separated during the period 1-15 December 1953.

(d) Naval Reserve and Fleet Reserve personnel, including those who entered into agreements to remain on active duty for 24 months, whose separation date occurs during the period 1 March 1954 through 31 August 1954 shall be separated two months early.

Commanding officers have been instructed to insure that personnel arrive at separation activities in sufficient time to complete processing in accordance with this schedule.

The early release program is designed to "promote efficiency and reduce fluctuation in the enlisted recruiting and training programs," according to the BuPers announcement.

Welcome and Farewell

Oak Knoll came out on the short end of the census count last week, as 21 persons were detached, while 17 reported aboard.

Reporting for duty were: LT Frank S. Browne, MC, USNR-R, from inactive duty; LT Muriel Hanwell, NC, USN, from USNH, San Diego, Calif.; LTJG Lidwina M. Mikolitch, NC, USNR, from USNH, St. Albans, N.Y.; ENS Richard C. Huning, CEC, USNR, from USNS, Newport, R. I.; G. N. Collier, HMC, from USS OBERON; L. R. Ellis, HM1, from USNH, Mare Island, Vallejo, Calif.; HN's K. R. Pickett, A. D. Friedman, P. B. Blum, and R. Hajicek, J. C. Mahon, D. M. Kent, J. A. Reeside, A. C. Lavelle (W), A. V. Hoyoss, Jr., and HA J. H. Johnson, from USNHCS, Great

pounds, 14 ounces. Another welcome newcomer is Roy Jordan, 7 pound, 14 ounce son of Robert J. and Dorothy Jean Balfour. Roy's father, a DT2, spread the good news to his shipmates at the Dental Clinic on 1 June.

Lakes, Ill.; and L. D. Parsons, HN, from USNHCS, San Diego, Calif.

Detached were: CDR John D. Langston, MC, USN, and LT Cecelia J. Shea, USN, to USNH, Philadelphia, Pa.; LT Harry R. Boyd, MC, USNR, to Commander, San Francisco Naval Shipyard; LT Thomas D. Stephenson, DC, USN, to Naval Dental School, NNMC, Bethesda, Md.; HM3's J. C. Friday and W. L. Hawes, to NAS, Alameda, Calif.; HM3 L. A. Garvey to Com12, Treasure Island, San Francisco; HM3 F. M. Phillyaw and HN D. J. Larsen, to USNRadDefLab, SFNS, San Francisco; HM3 E. M. Brosch (W) and HN J. V. Lee, to SFNS, Hunter's Point; HM3's T. S. Luttio and W. P. O'Donnel, and HN's C. A. Burkett, G. H. Hussey, Jr., and P. L. Olcott, to USNS, Treasure Island, San Francisco; HN's H. F. Dyer and D. J. Elliott, to Mare Island Naval Shipyard, Vallejo; HN D. R. Ulstrom to NAD, Hawthorne, Nev.; HN R. J. Thompson, to NSC, Oakland; and HN J. R. Seibert, to USNS, Treasure Island.

Knoll Softball Team Takes Third Straight League Win

Oak Knoll's softball team won still another league game — the third straight win since the league began — on Wednesday, 27 May, when they swamped the Retraining Command of Mare Island by a score of 21-5.

Again the Knollites started out fast in the first inning, as they scored four runs on four hits and one hit batter. Playing on the Mare Island diamond, they scored two more runs in the second inning on a walk, a triple, and a single, and from then on were never pressed as they banged out a total of 19 hits to account for their 21 runs in the seven-inning tilt.

The leading hitters in the game were Dave Medley with two home-runs and a single, and Chuck Leonard with a home run, a triple and a double. These men were closely followed by LeRoy Judd and Don Hinds with a double and two singles apiece, and Gordon Anderson with three singles, Don Clark, Bob Drennon, Mike Napoli, and Jim Poole also contributed a single apiece to account for Oak Knoll's total of 19 hits for the afternoon.

Nob Hill Officers' Club Plans Costume Party

The Nob Hill Officers' Club will celebrate its second birthday next Saturday, 13 June, with a costume party.

Steve Salvi's orchestra will play dance music for the party, to be held in the Gold Room at the Fairmont Hotel, from 2100 until 0100.

The Club has operated as a non-profit organization under the state laws of California successfully for two years, maintained by 250 member-hostesses and individuals who have donated their time, effort and money to provide free entertainment for the Armed Forces.

All officers are invited to the costume party, free of charge. Either uniforms or civilian clothes may be worn.

Medley was the defensive star of the game, too, as he threw out one runner trying to advance from second to third base on a fly ball. He also made a sensational running catch in deep left centerfield to save at least two runs from scoring for the opposition.

The hospital's next game was played here with the USS TOLEDO team on Wednesday, 3 June. Results of that contest will be published next week.

Baseball Team Loses Game to MI

Scoring 11 runs in the last two innings, Mare Island ran away from the Oak Knoll baseball team 18-6 in their most recent game, played on the opponents' field last Tuesday, 3 June.

The victory was the Islanders' 14th in 15 starts, and during the game they made 18 runs on 19 hits, with only one error tallied against them. The hospital team scored six runs in seven hits, with two errors.



For hobbyists, the Library, Building 39, has a variety of interesting books, which may be borrowed either directly from the Library, or from the librarians accompanying the "floating libraries" through the wards. Some of the books now available are as follows:

- Stamps**
SCOTT'S STANDARD POSTAGE STAMP CATALOGUE, 1953.
- Tropical Fish**
Axelrod. TROPICAL FISH AS A HOBBY.
- Shells**
Morris. A FIELD GUIDE TO SHELLS OF THE PACIFIC COAST AND HAWAII.
- Insects**
Gaul. THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF INSECTS.
- Automobiles**
Frazee. AUTOMOTIVE ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS.
Packer. MANUAL FOR CHEVROLET OWNERS.
Packer. POPULAR MECHANICS MANUAL FOR PLYMOUTH OWNERS.
Popular Mechanics Magazine. MOTORIST'S FIX-IT BOOK.
Popular Mechanics Magazine. MOTORIST'S HANDBOOK.
Popular Science. ALL ABOUT YOUR CAR.
Russell. FRED RUSSELL'S CAR CARE.
- Guns**
Jacobs. THE NEW OFFICIAL GUN BOOK, 1953.
Williamson. WINCHESTER, THE GUN THAT WON THE WEST.
- Art**
Price. ART SCHOOL SELF-TAUGHT.
- Photography**
Abbott. NEW GUIDE TO BETTER PHOTOGRAPHY, Rev. ed., 1953.
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EST Graduates 14 Technicians

William F. Sauters, HMC, was honor man, with a final average of 94.5, of Environmental Sanitation Class No. 10 which graduated yesterday, Friday, 5 June.

CAPT Robert S. Poos, MC, USN, Officer-in-Charge of the EST School, introduced the Commanding Officer, who addressed the graduates and presented their certificates. There were 14 men in the class, which marks a total of 148 students the school has trained since it started operation in November 1950 as the only school of its kind in the Navy.

Those who graduated were: HMC's Jules W. Fontaine, John H. Holmes, Wadsworth A. Lee, Herbert S. Marsh, Joseph V. Mahurin, John L. Otter, William F. Sauters, Robert M. Thompson, L. W. Whitworth, Luis O. Zamora, Jr., HM1's Clarence I. Garber, Gerhard G. Schroeder, and Darl G. Wescott, and HM2 Melvin L. Harris.

The judge asked why the case wasn't settled out of court.

"That's what we were doing, your honor," Timothy answered, "until the cops interfered."

Musicians Wanted

Plans are underway to organize a station orchestra. Staff members who can play a musical instrument are urged to participate. Anyone desiring further details should contact "Pat" Gillette, HM2, at the Special Services office.



Sunday, 7 June
SOUTH SEA WOMEN—Burt Lancaster, Virginia Mayo, ADVENTURE. Not listed in the files.

Monday, 8 June
THE CLOWN—Red Skelton, Jane Greer, COMEDRAMA. Rating: Very good. A former Ziegfeld comic hits the skids. In alternating comedy and pathos, the story of his redemption is told. The comic scores a hit and also dies on the night of his comeback via TV.

Tuesday, 9 June
SHANE—Alan Ladd, Jean Arthur, Van Heflin, WESTERN. Rating: Excellent. An extraordinary treatment of a western theme—homesteaders pushing their way into the land barons' territory. In this case, the dialogue and the action are kept at a bare minimum, and the emphasis is on suspense, authenticity, technical detail, and powerful drama, all filmed in Technicolor.

Wednesday, 10 June
AFRICAN QUEEN—Humphrey Bogart, Katherine Hepburn, DRAMA. Rating: Excellent. Bogart won an Academy Award for his performance in this Technicolor film, and rightly so. He portrays the rough and unkempt owner of a small river boat. In it he and the very prim and proper Miss Hepburn flee from invading Germans and fight their way out of the dangers of African jungles and waterways.

Thursday, 11 June
THE LAST POSSE—John Derek, Broderick Crawford, WESTERN. Not listed in the movie files available.

Friday, 12 June
DANGEROUS WHEN WET—Esther Williams, Fernando Lamas, Jack Carson, MUSICAL COMEDY. Rating: Excellent. Miss Williams swims the English Channel in this latest Technicolor swim spectacle. Under the influence of promoter Carson, her whole screen family tries to swim the channel. She, of course, emerges victorious in all matters aquatic, musical and romantic.

Saturday, 13 June
RUBY GENTRY—Jennifer Jones, Charlton Heston, DRAMA. Rating: Very good. Miss Jones is typed as the same type of sultry woman she portrayed in "Duel in the Sun." According to the publicity releases, Ruby is the gal "who wrecked a whole town . . . sin by sin."

Staff Personalities

LT Ruth Warkow, NC, USN, is captain of the women's softball team here this year, and she qualifies for the job with six years of semi-professional playing in Nebraska to her credit. Originally from LaGrange, Ill., she got her nurse's training in Chicago and was commissioned in the Navy in 1942. Except for a short tour of duty as a civilian in 1946, she has been on continuous active duty since that time. Miss Warkow has been stationed at Mary Island, Camp Pendleton, Long Beach, Portsmouth, aboard the USS MITCHELL, at New Caledonia, and on the Russell islands. A nurse on Ward 61A, her leisure interests, aside from softball, include color photography and bowling.



One of the graduates who will get a certificate for completing a six-months' X-ray course next week is Jerry Larion, HM3, Bay City, Mich., is home to this corpsman. He joined the Navy in March 1951 and journeyed "south" to Great Lakes for recruit training and Hospital Corps School. From there he was sent here and worked on various wards until he was assigned to X-ray School. Before he came in the service, he was a student at junior college in Bay City, majoring in mechanical engineering. Whether he'll return to study in that field he isn't certain but he has until 1955 to decide. His recreational interests encompass "anything that's out-of-doors."



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LTJG Marvin S. Broomhead

Navy Pilot POW Returned to Duty

LTJG Marvin S. Broomhead, USN, Navy pilot who was one of the sick and wounded POW's recently returned to the United States, was here this week to undergo a series of tests which indicate that further treatment will be necessary.

Broomhead was a prisoner of the Chinese Communists for fourteen months, nine of which were spent in a Red hospital in solitary confinement.

He was captured after his AD Skyraider was crippled by enemy flak in a dive-bombing run over North Korea. He crash landed the plane and crawled about 25 yards in the snow before being spotted by a rescue helicopter. But the rescue craft also crashed, and a second helicopter failed in an attempt to land because of intense enemy fire. Broomhead and the two pilots in the first helicopter were captured and taken to a prison camp.

With a severe head wound and both ankles broken, he was forced to walk the mile and a half distance to the camp. There, he was put in a small dark room, with a guard posted outside. His only visitors were an occasional doctor who put a bandage on his head wound and did nothing about his ankles, and a nurse who brought him food.

The only time he saw other people

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Station Orchestra Needs Volunteers

The welcome mat is still out for any staff corpsmen who would like to help organize a station orchestra. All those who can play musical instruments are urged to participate. Anyone desiring further details should contact "Pat" Gillette, HM2, at the Special Services office.

17 Knoll Patients Spend Week End At Lake Tahoe

Seventeen patients took to the hills last week end in a de luxe manner to do some vacationing at the de luxe resort, Lake Tahoe. The Knollites, along with 18 Letterman Army Hospital patients, were the guests of American Legion Post No. 795, at Tahoe.

Accompanied by Lionel Porter, HMI on the Physical Therapy staff, the men were flown from Hayward to Minden, Nevada in California Governor Earl Warren's private plane, a C-47 operated by the National Guard. They left here Friday afternoon and got back Sunday afternoon.

Each of the patients was a house guest of a Legionnaire and his family. Lunches on Saturday and Sunday, and dinners were eaten at various restaurants at the lake. Mr. Tom Stewart of Post 795 was in charge of all the week-end events, and Al Young and "Lefty" Bray arranged the housing.

On Saturday morning the patients went fishing at a trout farm and in only a half hour caught 150 fish. Sunday morning the men went to Sathati's where their fish were cooked for them for breakfast.

Patients who went on the trip were CPL Robert E. Runyon, PFC's Charles L. Carr, Wayne L. Case, Arnold L. Deford, James J. Gribbon, Leland L. King, Charles E. Merriman and Navy SN James J. Duncan, all of Ward 42A; and S/SGT William D. Weisgerber, CPL Salvador D. Tenorio, PVT Frederick R. Burgess, PFC's Donald Bangert, Abel D. Cuellar, Robert D. Henry, Donald G. Ratta, and Eric Schultz, civilian amputee patient from South Africa, all of Ward 42B.

So. African Amputee Leaves for LA, Home

Eric Schultz, who flew in from Johannesburg, South Africa, and UCLA, early in March for fitting with the latest in prosthetic legs, left Thursday by air for Los Angeles. He was walking briskly and carried a spare pair of limbs along at the time of his departure from the hospital.

The young traveler, whose trip was sponsored by the Rotarians of Johannesburg, lost all four limbs in a train accident in 1947. Modern prosthetic arms were made for him at UCLA, where he will return to pick up spares and to visit friends before returning to his native country. This service is being provided for Schultz through the auspices of the National Research Council Advisory Committee on Artificial Limbs.



Richard A. Springer, Contact Representative for the Veterans Administration at Oak Knoll, was given a certificate of appreciation last week by the Veterans of Foreign Wars. The certificate was awarded "in recognition of his outstanding administrative ability, and sincerity of purpose in cooperation with this organization in our efforts to assist the veterans of California." The award was signed by G. W. Stewart, Department Adjutant, by order of Walter Kiel, Department Commander. Mr. Springer has been with the VA since 1945 and at Oak Knoll since July 1947.

All Hands Dance Planned For Hospital Corps Birthday

With the 55th Birthday of the Hospital Corps coming up on Wednesday, 17 June, the Recreation Committee has announced that ALL HANDS are invited to celebrate that important event at a buffet supper and dance in the auditorium Friday night, 19 June.

Decorations carrying out the anniversary motif will transform the auditorium into a Navy blue and gold ballroom, and it is almost certain that when the 17-piece 12ND Dance Band tunes up, they will play the Anniversary Waltz, along with all the newest dance tunes.

Corsages will be pinned on the ladies as they arrive, and each man will receive a souvenir ash tray as a memento of the occasion.

CWOHC O. G. Haines and his Food Services staff will prepare a buffet supper that will feature baked ham and roast beef and, for dessert, a huge 55th Birthday cake.

All Hands including officers and chiefs are cordially invited, but tickets must be obtained at the special Services Office so that the committee will know how many to prepare for.

Members of the Enlisted Recrea-

tion Committee, working with LTJG Richard G. DeWitt, Special Services Officer, on plans for the dance are R. W. Prah, HMC, L. G. Porter, HM1; M. C. Napoli, L. L. Loveless, and L. E. Hooser, HM3's; Lillie Kleim, D. R. Mitchell, M. F. Rice, Henry L. Johnson, D. H. Ranta, J. M. McAsey, M. G. Borkan, HN's.

Orthopedic, Limb Tests Given at ALD Shop

Thirty-five candidates for Certification by the National Association of the Orthopedic Appliance and Limb Manufacturers Association were given their examinations at the Artificial Limb Shop here last Saturday. Registration began at 0830, and the various phases of the tests lasted until 1700. The examinations included a written examination, interviews with the applicants, and shop tests.

The group was represented by men from Region Ten of the Association, which includes Northern California, Nevada, and Utah, with headquarters in Oakland.

This was the second year the Association conducted its tests at the Oak Knoll Limb Shop.

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† † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

LONG MAY SHE WAVE

As a people God has granted to us an abundance of blessings of freedom, which brave men have consecrated and guaranteed to us. Our beloved flag symbolizes hope in and for freedom. It will be preserved to us as long, and no longer than, we are willing to pay the price of eternal vigilance. As long as freedom's cause beats strong in our hearts, the cause will never die.

It is well to pause and bring to our remembrance the truth that freedom is ours today because in times past brave souls were willing to sacrifice their tomorrows as they paid with life and limb. Old Glory has ever gone forth with her stalwart soldiers, sailors, and marines to meet the foe in countless places. She was at Pearl Harbor, in the Gilberts, Marshalls, Carolines, Mariannas, Philippines, Iwo Jima, and Okinawa. She hurled herself at the dictators in Europe when they would grind her in the dust. Today she is aloft in Korea and over the ships of our Navy wherever they sail the seas and promises to be always in the thick of Freedom's Fight.

Since our flag symbolizes to us our hope, on this Flag Day, June 14th, let us render her the honor of gracing the porches and windows of our homes to proclaim her glorious message of freedom under God. This proud patriotic gesture is becoming too obsolete.

Let us remember that our Flag is flying in Korea and over the ships of our fleet wherever they may be on this terrestrial ball. Why not let her wave at home and within our hearts? "And this be our motto, 'In God is our trust'."

L. C. M. VOSELER,
Protestant Chaplain



Welcome and Farewell

Five persons reported for duty this week, while thirteen were detached and two were released to inactive duty and civilian life.

Reporting aboard were: LT Frank S. Browne, MC, USNR-R, from inactive duty; LT Muriel Hanwell, NC,

USN, from USNH, San Diego, Calif.; LTJG Lidwina M. Mikolitch, NC, USNR, from USNH, St. Albans, N.Y.; ENS Richard C. Huning, CEC, USNR, from Naval Station, Newport, R.I.; and G. C. Lea, HN, from USNHCS, Great Lakes, Ill.

Detached were: LT Genevieve T. Pedro, NC, USNR, to USNH, Great Lakes; LT Cecelia J. Shea, USN, to USNH, Philadelphia, Pa.; LTJG Frederick L. Evans, MC, USNR, to Naval Supply Center, Oakland, Calif.; LTJG Louise K. Rieger, NC, USNR, and W. O. Horne, HM2, to USS GENERAL J. C. BRECKENRIDGE (TAP-176); and HM2's D. R. Hillan, M.P. K1c, R. S. McKinnon, HM3's J. C. Armstrong, C. G. Bernard, M. E. Campbell, and HN's C. W. Coulter and D. R. Medley, to Marine Barracks, Camp Pendleton, Oceanside, Calif.

LTJG Mary L. Jensen, NC, USNR, was released to inactive duty, and LT Martha B. Minnear, NC, USN, was released to civilian life following the acceptance of her resignation.

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Divine Services

Hospital Chapel at Main Gate

PROTESTANT

BIBLE SCHOOL — SUNDAY 0945
SUNDAY WORSHIP — 1030
Organ Music from Chapel Tower — 1900
Time for Private Devotions in the Chapel
CHOIR REHEARSAL — 1930 Thursday
HOLY COMMUNION — First Sunday morning each month.

L. D. S. SERVICE

SUNDAY — 0900 in Staff Conference Room, Administration Bldg., Annex.

CATHOLIC

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

CHAPLAIN'S OFFICES IN
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IN CHAPEL

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SUNDAYS 0845 and 1015



"Learning by doing" is the method of instructing corpsmen in how to place a patient in an iron lung. This is another of the things learned by nonrated Corpsmen in Oak Knoll's Corps School classes. Here, LT Ruth Fabian, NC, of the Physical Therapy staff, is shown giving instruction on how to lower a patient into an Emerson respirator (iron lung). On the left is Fred Houghton, HN, of OPD; Richard Eberle, HN, of Ward 41A, is in the center; Larry Rush, HN, of 41A is on the right; and John Mason, HN, of 79B, is taking his turn as the "patient."

Red Cross Ramblings

GUESS WHAT NIGHT

Party plans for a gala affair in the Red Cross lounge on Monday night, 15 June, are in the offing. Our two recreation trainees, Cathy McGrath and Margaret Smith, will be in charge of planning, decorating, and giving the party and as yet they haven't disclosed the party's theme. Everybody is invited. We know it will be fun!

MOVIE SET

The Red Cross movie schedule for 17 June through 23 June will feature two movies, "She's Back on Broadway," with Virginia Mayo and Gene Nelson and "1952 World Series," shown along with Walt Disney's "Water Birds." The first feature will be shown on wards 43A, 46B, 61A, 47B, 62B, 63A, 41A and 42A. The second feature will be shown on 47A, 52, 70A, 74A, 75B, 76B, 79B, and 80B.

HOBBY INTERESTS

CLAYTON ROBERTS, DKC, on ward 63A, took up stamp collecting quote twenty years ago unquote (doesn't look that old to us). He has two albums at present containing domestic, foreign, first day cover stamps and hand cancelled stamps. Roberts belongs to two philatelic societies. Collecting stamps seems to be a family matter. Mrs. Roberts' grandfather owns a very valuable stamp collection and we couldn't resist asking if he knew this before they were married!

Transport Service Marks 5th Year in Operation

NEW YORK (AFPS) — The Military Air Transport Service (MATS) is now five years old. As an example of concrete unification, MATS was established June 1, 1948, by combining the Air Transport Command, and the Naval Air Transport Service.

During its five years of operations, MATS, assisted by contract aircraft, has airlifted more than 1,650,000 passengers 240,000 medical patients, and 316,000 tons of high-priority cargo to Air Force, Army and Navy installations throughout the world.

LCDR FRED GILLANE is one of the Craft Shop's ceramics enthusiasts. He's made a number of steins and is now working on molds of his own design.

CHARLES KEMPTON, CTC, spends his leisure moments carving leather. His forte is beautiful ladies' purses or ladies' beautiful purses. It was difficult to pin him down on which. Chief Kempton plans to continue in the leather business on the east coast after his discharge from the Navy.

FINAL NOTE

Betty Skidmore, Recreation Aide, has accepted a position with Army Special Services, and will be located in Southern California. Our loss is the army's gain — and the best of everything, Betty.

MORE ON POW

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was when he was questioned by the Communists about military matters. When his interrogators failed to get any information from him, they abandoned their questioning.

After nine months, he was put in with other prisoners, and eventually was one of the men picked and sent to Panmunjom for prisoner exchange. He arrived at Travis on 7 April and reported here Sunday after a month's leave.

LTJG Broomhead was to depart this week for San Diego for additional treatment. He still limps slightly, but hopes eventually to be able to return to duty.

Broomhead was in the Navy from 1943 until 1946, and returned to duty again in 1947. On 1949 he was sent to flight school and was commissioned in November 1950.

Although he is originally from Salt Lake City, his wife, Beatrice, has been living in Banning, Calif. She is, at present recovering from a paralysis resulting from injuries she received in an auto accident shortly before her husband was taken prisoner.

SCUTTLEBUTT

PEOPLE, PLACES & THINGS:
EENT'S only remaining bachelors won't remain long. Luther Black, HA, has "ringed" Shirley Lope of El Cerrito, and they'll be married in St. John's Catholic Church in that city on 9 August, and Thomas A. Burt, IM3 will wed Peggy Frost in Eunice, New Mexico, their home town . . . Robert Stebbins, HM3, on 79A, happily gave up his independence when he was home on leave recently. He and his bride, Donna, have been sweethearts since high school days in Fairmount, West Virginia . . . Buddy Ryan, HM3, the Exec's orderly, is on TAD at Treasure Island, learning to be a motion picture operator, while his duties here are being neatly executed by Greg Eastman, HN . . . Mary Ann Wadleigh, HM3, and "Queenie," Ed Trnka's two girl friends, have a special gleam in their eyes since Ed returned from leave on the East Coast. And speaking of "Queenie," that indefatigable mother and mascot of the mail service reported back to her duties this week after arranging for the adoption of her seven youngest offspring. Her situation was complicated a couple of weeks ago by a bout of "milk fever" for which she sought treatment in a civilian hospital (the dog!), but she's feeling fine and obviously glad to be back on duty . . . Bill Melvin of Civilian Personnel made it known this week that he will soon depart for a new job at NSC . . . Finance's Shirley Street and husband Harold, of the U. S. Army, are vacationing with his family in Havre, Montana, while Lois Vukman and her Tony are headed for a holiday in the Midwest . . . Corpsmen in Commissary II are making nominations for a girl to honor with the title "The Girl I'd Like Most to Serve Chow To"—watch for their choice in this column next week . . .

WORTH A SECOND GLANCE:
Smoky Stover in his new sage green Pontiac cruising along the highways and byways of Oak Knoll . . . the blue and pink hydrangeas bursting into bloom in the gulch between 40A and Gendreau Circle . . . the expression on Chief Nye's face when he introduces his husky young son . . . the high polish Isaac Carlos keeps on the ladders and passageways of the Ad Building . . . the Chapel, shining with a new coat of paint . . . Miss White, the new Disbursing Officer . . .

LIFE BEGINS DEPARTMENT:
 David C. Schroeder, HN, of the NP staff and his wife, Jocelyn, welcomed their first child on 6 June—a 7 lb. 1 oz. baby boy named David Conrad, Jr. . . . Two patients were conveniently near when their wives gave birth to babies this week. Robert Dean Ballard, SA, was on 79A when his wife, Ella May, presented him with a 7 lb., 6 oz. baby daughter who has been named Rose Marie; and C. G. Bortolin, AM2 of 46A, on 6 June got the news that his daughter, Kathleen Ann, had arrived. Both the 7 lb., 9 oz. baby girl and her mother, Anita, are feeling fine. Lloyd Scaff, civilian job-classifier, is on leave celebrating the arrival of his baby daughter, Mary Kathryn, born at Permanente Foundation hospital on 6 June.

OAKNOLLUMNI: LCDR F. O. Ball, MSC, who served as Commissary Officer here during the war years, dropped in this week to see old friends. Now retired, he and his wife are living in Chapala, Mexico.

Ex-Knoll Surgeon Gains Recognition On Korean Front

LT Frank C. Spencer, who left Oak Knoll for Camp Pendleton in May 1952 after a year's residency training on the Surgical Service, has made headlines as a result of his work with the first Marine Division in Korea.

An Associated Press correspondent, Robert B. Tuckman, this week credited Dr. Spencer with saving the limbs of "scores of leathernecks" through the use of artificial graft surgery, a technique in which a severed blood vessel is repaired by sewing a piece of undamaged artery to each end of the damaged blood vessel. The grafts come from "artery banks" stocked from limbs so badly damaged that amputation was necessary. Such an operation usually takes from two to four hours and must be performed within six to eight hours after injury to be successful, according to the Navy doctor.

"Dr. Spencer's fame has spread all across the front," the AP report said, "but he modestly credits colleagues and the swift evacuation of wounded by helicopter to frontline hospitals with his success."

In addition to his work with blood vessel grafts, the doctor recently gained recognition when he saved the life of a Korean sergeant by massaging his heart after it had stopped beating for 90 seconds.

Dr. Spencer is chief surgeon of E Medical Company of the First Marine Division, one of three such outfits manned by Navy doctors and enlisted corpsmen on the Marine sector.

During his year at Oak Knoll, the lieutenant, a reservist, was on duty on 40A, the Dependent's Surgical Service. According to the press dispatch, he expects to enroll at the UCLA Medical School for further advanced study following his release to inactive duty early next year.

Recruit (after physical): "Well, how do I stand?"

Doctor: "I don't know—it's a mystery to me."



ENS White, new Disbursing Officer, tries her new desk for size, while LTJG Brown (left) stands next to her.

ENS White, New Disbursing Officer, Relieves LTJG Brown for Transfer

ENS Joan White, SC, USNR, last week took over the job of Head of the Disbursing Office, relieving LTJG Norma Brown, SC, USN, who is awaiting transfer to NADO, Newport, R.I.

This is Miss White's first real duty station, as she has been attending Supply Corps School at Bayonne, N.J., and before that was indoctrinated at Newport upon receiving her commission last August.

The new disbursing officer is from St. Petersburg, Fla. She is a graduate of the Junior College of that city, and is also an alumna of the Univer-

sity of Cincinnati in Ohio, where she majored in home economics. She taught kindergarten and nursery school before coming into the Navy.

LTJG Brown reported here in March 1951 from inactive duty. She is a graduate of University of California and did graduate work at Louisiana State. She was formerly on duty from 1943 to 1949 with tours of duty at the Navy Missile Test Center, Point Mugu; NSD, San Diego; the Navy Purchasing Office, San Francisco; NAS, Santa Ana; NAS, Minneapolis; and the ROTC Unit, University of Texas.



Six veterans of the fighting in Korea were honored at ceremonies in the CO's office Wednesday morning when Captain Gordon presented them the Purple Heart medal. In a brief talk before the presentation, the Skipper pointed out the fact that the Purple Heart, instituted by George Washington, is the nation's oldest decoration and can be worn only by men who have been in actual combat in the defense of their country. Men who received the award Wednesday were (left to right): PFC William S. Esthimer of Williamsville, N.Y.; PFC Abel D. Cuel-Lehman, Portland Ore.; and PFC Frederick R. Burgess, Providence, R.I. Malloy and Thurner are under treatment on the Orthopedic wards, while the other four men are on the Amputee Service.



Three of the hospital's softball players are pictured here, battling it out against the USS TOLEDO team. (1) Gordon Anderson takes a mighty swing at the ball, (2) Chuck Leonard makes a run for first base, and (3) LeRoy Judd follows through on the home run hit that scored for the Oak Knoll team.

REGULATION ALTERED ON ID CARDS

A BuPers Notice to all hands from the Chief of Naval Personnel was received recently and has been distributed to various departments and placed on bulletin boards. A section of a previous set of instructions governing issuance of Armed Forces Identification Cards to personnel has been altered.

The changed section (No. 5, Ch. 3, BuPersInst 1085.5), of great importance to all hands, now reads as follows:

"Any person altering, damaging, lending, counterfeiting, or using this card in any unauthorized manner, will be subject to the penalties prescribed under title 18, United States Code, Supplement V, sections 499, 506, 701, or 1002.

"It is emphasized that lending or giving of Armed Forces Identification Cards as security or collateral for the return of property or equipment used in, or provided by, civilian or naval recreational activities is unauthorized."

Softball Squad Drops First Game In Contest With USS TOLEDO

Oak Knoll's softball team dropped its first league game after winning three straight, when they blew a four-run lead in the last inning of a contest against the USS TOLEDO, played Wednesday, 3 June.

The game started out on fairly even terms as the opposing team got two runs in the first inning due to some wild pitching by hurler Don Hinds, and Oak Knoll got one run in the second inning on singles by Bob Liles, Jim Poole and Hinds.

The hospital took a one-run lead in the third inning on a walk to Gordon Anderson, and a home run by Leroy Judd. By the seventh and final inning the Knollites had built up a seemingly safe 7-3 margin. Then, with two men out and no one on base Oak Knoll's infield fell apart. The TOLEDO team scored five runs on four hits and three errors. Up until that time Hinds had allowed the vis-

itors only four hits, had walked three and struck out seven.

The hospitalites banged out a total of 12 hits during the afternoon, to the opposition's eight, the big blow being Judd's home run. Hinds, Anderson, Poole, and Dick Jenkinson each collected two singles apiece, followed by Don Clark, Dave Medley and Liles with a single each.

Oak Knoll's next game was to be played on Wednesday, 10 June, against NAS Moffett Field on the latter's field. The results of that game will be published next week.

Women Softballers Have 1-3 Standing

In Bay Area Armed Forces League competition, Oak Knoll's women's softball team has so far won one game and lost three. In their last game, played here, they were defeated by the Treasure Island WAVES 28-3.

Comprised of nurses and WAVES, the hospital team is on a par with the Fort Mason WACS, who also have a record of one win and three losses. Leading the league are the Moffett and T.I. WAVES, both with four wins and no losses.

There are ten teams in the league. In addition to those already mentioned, they are: San Francisco Marines, Presidio WACS, Alameda WAVES, Hamilton WAFS, 12th Naval District WAVES, and Parks WAFS.

12 Tickets Available To VFW Variety Show

Twelve tickets are available for staff or patients to attend a Variety Show to be sponsored by Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 819. The show will be presented next Friday, 19 June. Persons interested should contact Special Services for further details or to pick up their tickets.

PREVIEWS

Sunday, 14 June
 WHITE WITCH DOCTOR—Susan Hayward, Robert Mitchum, DRAMA. Not listed in files available.

Monday, 15 June
 SATAN IN SKIRTS—Anne Baxter, Ralph Bellamy, DRAMA. Again, this one is not listed in available files.

Tuesday, 16 June
 THE STORY OF THREE LOVES—James Mason, Moira Shearer, Leslie Caron, Kirk Douglas, DRAMA. Rating: Very Good. The story of a ballet dancer who has a heart ailment but dances for James Mason who thinks the dance is for another lover. The second episode takes place with a boy who turns into a man for four hours only to fall in love, and the third story in the film contains two aerial performers who know love can never perform again.

Wednesday, 17 June
 FLAME OF CALCUTTA—Denise Darcel, Patrick Knowles, DRAMA. No information on this one except that it's in Technicolor.

Thursday, 18 June
 THE THIEF OF VENICE—Paul Christian, Maria Montez, DRAMA. Rating: Very good. A tale of 16th Century Venice, filmed in actual Venetian localities. The story concerns the unscrupulous scheme of the city-state's Grand Inquisition to take power from the ruling government. Full of suspense and intrigue.

Friday, 19 June
 LET'S DO IT AGAIN—Jane Wyman, Ray Milland, MUSICAL COMEDY. No information on this one, but when two dramatic Academy Award winners turn on the comedy, the result should be interesting.

Saturday, 20 June
 STRANGE WOMAN—Hedy Lamarr, George Sanders, DRAMA. Rating: Excellent. Taken from the book of the same name, this film is a re-issue from several years back. It tells the story of a woman possessed by strange drives, and known as a different personality by the few people who are ever close to her.

Alimony is like paying off the installments on the car after the wreck.

Staff Personalities

Jean Capri is the woman who takes care of the Enlisted Men Patients' Accounts at the Disbursing Office. Before coming to work at Oak Knoll, she was employed at Friden Calculating Machine Company as a time-keeper for several years. In 1951 Jean reported to work in the Disbursing Office. Born in Antioch, she now lives

on a three-acre place on Mountain Blvd. not far from the hospital. The acreage is needed to house her pets—a horse named Red Feathers, and his pal, a dog named Princess. Jean is married and has one son 23 years old. When questioned concerning her leisure-time activities, she summed them all up by saying simply "I'm the outdoor type."



The man responsible for getting the records in order for the Medical Board is Dick Baer, HN. After joining the Navy in March 1952, he was sent to Great Lakes for recruit training and Hospital Corps School. From there he reported to duty at Oak Knoll last December. He was first assigned to HCQ and then to



Ward 42A, and finally to the Medical Board in 67B three months ago. Before Dick came into the Navy, he was a student at Indiana University, majoring in business administration. His future plans after he is discharged are to finish college at Indiana State. Dick likes to play basketball and football for recreation in his spare time.

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Hospital Corps 55 Years Old

"Loblolly Boys" Have Proud Past

This week at Naval hospitals and dispensaries throughout the United States, on ships at sea, and on the battlefields of Korea, nearly 24,000 Navy hospital corpsmen are on the job, probably unaware of the fact that Wednesday, 17 June, marked the 55th Anniversary of the founding of their corps.

Of this total, approximately 600 are at Oak Knoll, serving as ward corpsmen, technicians, and clerical workers. Fifty-three of these "corpsmen" are WAVES, a majority of them serving on the dependent wards. Twenty-five are dental technicians.

Many Are Students

In addition to these, the hospital roster lists 113 corpsmen among its students in such specialties as environmental sanitation, X-ray, and laboratory. Some are becoming operating room, urology, or neuropsychiatric technicians; others are learning to be orthopedic appliance mechanics.

Some of them are the newcomers, the HN's fresh from Hospital Corps Schools at Great Lakes and San Diego, who report to Educational Services daily for further training in the fundamentals of nursing care.

Modern Loblolly Boys

Navy historians say that the hospital corpsman is the modern version of the "loblolly boy"—a man who assisted ships' surgeons and surgeon's mates in caring for the sick and wounded as far back as 1798. Where the name came from is not definitely known, but it went out when the title "male nurse" came in. In 1863 male nurses gave way to "baymen," a term that was still in use when the Hospital Corps was established by act of Congress in 1898. Eighteen years later Congress reorganized the Corps and decided on the pharmacist's mate ratings which were in effect until 2 April 1948, when the title was changed to the present "hospital corpsman."

Serve With "Brilliance"

Wherever they have served, hospital corps personnel have served well. In World War I, Navy medical personnel served with the United States Army "with unparalleled brilliance," according to a report in an early issue of the Hospital Corps Quarterly.

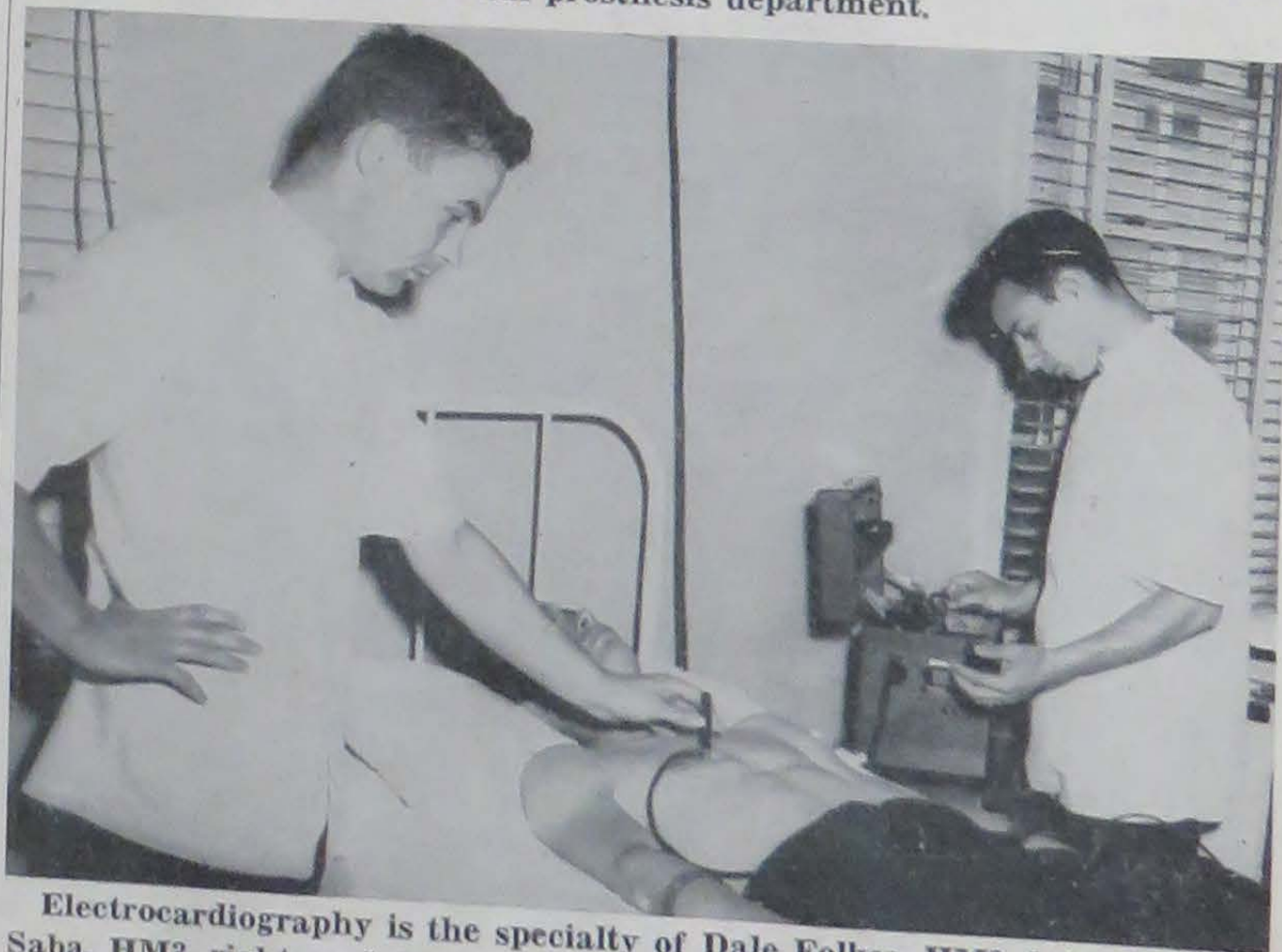
During World War II seven corpsmen were awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor. One corpsman has received the Medal of Honor for his service in the Korean war, fifteen have received Navy Crosses, and many have received the Bronze Star and a variety of other citations for bravery.



Among Oak Knoll's "loblolly boys" is Duane W. Wyckoff, HM3, on duty in the Laboratory, where the photographer found him drawing a sample of blood from the vein of W. L. Winland, HMC.



W. R. Vaughn, HM3, left, is an operating room technician and the surgeon's "right hand man," and James U. Schilling, DT1, is a handy man to have on duty in the dental prosthesis department.



Electrocardiography is the specialty of Dale Folkes, HM3, left, Salvatore Saba, HM3, right, and their "patient," William Hagerty, HM3.



L. E. Van Sant donned a chief's uniform this week, and to celebrate his advancement the other chiefs on the compound put him through a few traditional paces. Here he's "eating out of a pig's trough," part of initiation routine for all new chiefs.

Knoll Corpsman Only 12ND Man To Make HMC

E. L. Van Sant, currently stationed here, was the only hospital corpsman in the 12th Naval District advanced from HM1 to HMC as a result of last February's examinations. Only 2727 first class petty officers in the entire Navy were advanced to chief, and of these only 46 were in the Hospital Corps.

Chief Van Sant's home town is Stockton, Calif., and he has been at Oak Knoll since last April, and at present is working in the Care of the Dead office. Before coming here he was doing general clerical work for the Medical Department on the carrier SALERNO BAY. He took his rating examination aboard ship. Since November 1942, the date he enlisted in the Navy, he has attended X-ray, Hospital Corps, and Independent Duty School.

Legion to Sponsor K-Day Observance

Eighty patients and staff members have been invited to attend a "Korean Day" observance to be sponsored by all the American Legion Posts in San Francisco next Thursday, 25 June. Entertainment and refreshments will be provided for all those in attendance.

The evening's activities will begin at 2000 in Room 1 of the War Memorial building, and busses will leave the hospital at 1900. Anyone who wishes to attend should contact Special Services.

POOL TO CLOSE

The swimming pool will be closed the first part of next week for the purpose of draining and cleaning. Watch the Plan of the Day for announcement of its reopening.

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CLEAR SKIES

It is human to like clear, sunny days. They affect most of us by making us more cheerful, and most people can do much better work in good weather. Clear skies bring out the beauty and color of flowers and the views of the hills and mountains. But continued sunshine in nature results in great deserts.

Then, as we think further, we realize that the type of weather we desire depends upon what our business in life is. For example, the farmer wants both sunshine and rain so that his crops will mature, and we know that this has a direct bearing on our lives. It is evident, therefore, that in the working out of life we are bound to have both clear and stormy skies.

In a figurative sense, we desire clear skies in our lives and should be thankful when they come, as they give us strength to face the cloudy days. We should not become bitter when disappointments, difficulties and problems arise. Trying as they may be, these experiences develop our characters.

The typical American did not develop under tropical skies where food was easily obtained and where he did not need much to protect him from the weather. He developed his capacities along the Atlantic coast with its storms and rocky soil and where his life was in constant danger. He continued its development in the opening of the West by facing further hardships. He built up an optimistic faith so that he could overcome any difficulty that might arise. Along with his various enterprises, he established schools and churches to train and guide us who are to carry on. He has given us a country in which life has been comparatively easy.

Today, however, we are in need of the strong faith and character of those who handed on the welfare of our nation to us. The clear skies we hoped for after V-J Day became clouded again. We must believe that they can be cleared. As has been pointed out, the fight is harder and it is more difficult to grasp the meaning today as we are fighting not only a "hot" war but a "cold" war of ideas.

We are fighting for the same relation of trust and respect among all men of all nations that we have within our nation. Until we achieve this there will be no security or peace for us or other nations. In order to clear the skies again, we will need all the intelligence and strength of character we can muster.

H. E. LeMAY,
Protestant Chaplain.

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Divine Services

Hospital Chapel at Main Gate

PROTESTANT

BIBLE SCHOOL—SUNDAY 0945
SUNDAY WORSHIP—1030
Organ Music from Chapel Tower—1900
Time for Private Devotions in the Chapel
CHOIR REHEARSAL—1930 Thursday
HOLY COMMUNION—First Sunday
morning each month.

L. D. S. SERVICE

SUNDAY — 0900 in Staff Conference
Room, Administration Bldg., Annex.

CATHOLIC

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

CHAPLAIN'S OFFICES IN
CHAPEL AND 67A

NAVY RELIEF OFFICE—
IN CHAPEL

BUS TO AND FROM CHAPEL ON
SUNDAYS 0845 and 1015

Red Cross Worker Sent to Flood Area

As the American Red Cross appealed to the people of the country for voluntary contributions to the organization's Disaster Fund, Oak Knoll contributed a staff member to serve in the flood-stricken area in Montana. She is Helen Whitten, ordered north to help the homeless resume normal living as soon as possible.

Miss Whitten expects to spend a month in the disaster area.

Since April, tornadoes and floods have killed 389, injured 4,405, and disrupted 17,308 families, and fourteen major disaster operations have virtually wiped out the Red Cross disaster budget for this year.

Personnel at the hospital who would like to contribute to Red Cross, the nation's official disaster relief agency, may leave such voluntary contributions with the Red Cross Field Director, topside, Building 38. All contributions will be turned over to the Oakland chapter for transmission to National Headquarters.

NP School Graduates Fifteen



Leroy P. Judd, HM3, honor man among last Friday's graduates from the NP Technician School, is congratulated by LT Phoebe T. Maltese, ward nurse on 47B, where he has been assigned to duty.

Fifteen students were graduated last Friday, 12 June, from the Neuro-psychiatric Technician School. Honor man for the class was Leroy P. Judd, HM3, with a final average of 95.0.

CAPT J. F. McMullin, MC, USN, Chief of the NP Service, introduced CAPT John W. Rogers, MC, USN, Chief of the Urology Service, who addressed the class and presented the certificates of graduation.

With the exception of two, all who completed the course will stay at Oak Knoll. The two are Air Force personnel, A/2c's P. M. Capaccioli and Joel Frazier, both of whom are awaiting orders. Other graduates were HM3's Charles Fanshaw, Michael Macaulay, and John Melton, and HN's Arthur Cordon, Richard Kmen, Charles Montoya, Miles Moore, George Olson, Lewis Shortz, Robert Simmons, Clayborn Sisco, and Leon Van Boening.

All Hands Invited to Parade, Meeting Of VFW Encampment in Oakland Sunday

All hands have been given a special invitation to attend the Memorial Service of the 33rd Annual Encampment of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, to be held in the Oakland Municipal Auditorium Arena, tomorrow evening, 21 June, at 2000.

An impressive program has been arranged, and the speakers will include California congressmen, military dignitaries, and other distinguished officials from the state and from the VFW.

Earlier in the day, there will be a

parade in downtown Oakland. Beginning at 1400, approximately 10,000 persons will form a parade line that will move down Broadway for two hours. Bands, drum and bugle corps, floats, vehicles, and marching groups will form the procession.

Grand Marshal for the parade will be Robert S. Kennemore, Medal of Honor winner who was an Oak Knoll patient while recovering from wounds received in Korea. The former Marine sergeant was fitted with artificial limbs at the amputee center here.

Red Cross Ramblings

MOVIE SET

The Red Cross movie schedule for 24 June through 30 June will feature one movie. This will be the short movie circuit week as we receive only one film every third week. The movie scheduled is a comedy, "Ma and Pa Kettle on Vacation" starring Margjorie Main and Percy Kilbride.

CRESSMONT STABLE GUESTS

Several patients enjoyed last Sunday afternoon as special guests of the Cressmont Stables at Mills College. Young lady riders, all students of Miss Cornelia Cress, gave an exhibition of their training and also gave each of the men a horseback "riding lesson." Apparently the tutelage was of superior quality as we have had no report of the physical discomforts which sometimes attend a "trial run." The occasion was particularly highlighted by the presentation of a three-speed record player for the use of the patients at Oak Knoll. This piece of equipment is frequently requested and will be enjoyed by many patients.

F.B.I. SEARCH

Recently the men of 71A were on the job for the F.B.I., or at least they were clue hunting. Given a list of several items in the realms of sports, women's clothing, and other interesting specialties, they were asked to indicate where they would find them. Almost everyone was proficient at locating Maggie and Jiggs in the comic strip, but when it came to a dirndl many of the ward Sherlock Holmeses began to ponder. A few brilliant sleuths gave the correct answer, which is known to women, a gathered skirt.

PIRATES' NIGHT

Pirates and hidden treasures, black beards, snake eyes, and other vestiges of piracy were very much in evidence at the Red Cross lounge last Monday night. Many "pirates" were on hand for the gala pirates party, "Mutiny in the Lounge," sponsored by the two recreation trainees, Margaret Smith and Kathy McGrath. Winning pirate band of the evening were the Snake Eyes.

What It Takes . . .

"The work of the hospital corpsman is not finished at the end of the day, when drill, the battle, or the march may be ended—for then there are medicines to distribute, the physically unfit to go over, muscles to rub, blisters to dress, and the sick to treat and nurse. There are those men of the crew or company who must be cheered up and encouraged, even when the hospital corpsman's body aches from head to foot and his head swims. . . . It takes a stout heart, staunch body, and a clear mind to be a Navy Hospital Corpsman." — (From an editorial in the Hospital Corps Quarterly, October, 1942).

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SCUTTLEBUTT

SIGNS OF THE TIMES: Lab men checking their glassware for possible earthquake damage . . . new mown hay on the hills across the street . . . plump robins de-worming Gendreau Circle . . . "Stevie" Stevens sitting knitting on Ad Building porch during lunch hour.

PEOPLE, PLACES & THINGS: Meri Martin, pride of the PEB, left Thursday for a new assignment at Treasure Island—and just as she had agreed to join the Scuttlebutt staff . . . By the time this paper hits the local newsstands two men will be getting limbered up to cut the 55th Hospital Corps Anniversary cake. CWOHC Forrest Bryant (See Page 5) will hold one side of the knife, and his assistant will be a spanking new man who had not yet arrived from corps school as THE OAK LEAF went to press . . . Sarah Bradford's grand sense of humor has all the corpsmen wanting to share her table at lunch in the chow hall . . . Frances LeCocq's father was lonesome for her apparently — anyway he literally hung around the Ad Building this week—with a paint brush in his hand . . . The R. W. Glasses and Kermit Vivian took a ride last week end to San Diego . . . Pharmacy's Bill Riley and his wife, Dorothy, will take to the highways tomorrow, heading for his family's home in Pennsylvania . . . Corky Cera's idea of fun seems to be to keep her roommate, Shirley Gore, in a constant state of jitters with her threats to harbor all sorts of wild life in their room. So far the threats haven't materialized . . . Captain and Mrs. Love and their three boys are in Southern California looking over their future home at Corona. Naval Hospital . . .

LIFE BEGINS DEPARTMENT: George Huffman Scott, patient on 63B thought he was hearing double when they told him his wife, Carmelita, had presented him with a boy and a girl . . . George Huffman, Jr., the bigger of the two, weighs 3 pounds, while Georgia Ann is a scant 2 pounds, 4 ounces. The twins arrived on 15 June, and the latest report from the premi nursery indicates that both are doing well.

OAKNOLLUMNI: The grapevine has it that LCDR Rufus L. Thompson successfully completed his graduate course in Public Health at U.C. and has been ordered to Brooklyn for duty . . . The following announcement reached friends of Dr. and Mrs. Charles H. McCrosky (Elsie Aguiar of ARC) here this week—"This is to let you know of No. 4, a new addition to our tax exemption corps." The six McCroskys are living in a small town in Kansas . . . Andy McLain, long a mainstay of Special and Educational Services, loomed up yesterday, ready for his two weeks' Naval Reserve training duty.

APPROPRIATELY NAMED MAJGEN Harlan C. Parks, USAF, was a recent visitor to Oak Knoll. He is Commanding Officer of Parks Air Force Base.

EM Recreation Club To Open Evenings

Beginning Monday, the Enlisted Men's Club will be open evenings from 1700 until 2200. The snack bar will be open to serve milk shakes, sandwiches, ice-cream, potato chips, and other refreshments, and the shuffle board, pool tables, and other recreational facilities will be for use.



The Navy Eagle formed a striking background for the party when some 300 guests turned out Saturday night to honor the Skipper at his official farewell party at the Commissioned Officers' Mess. Navy blue and gold balloons and streamers added a festive touch, as did the flower arrangements that graced the dinner tables. Between dances, this six-some "stood" for Carl Stevenson, staff photographer. They are, left to right, LTJG and Mrs. Roger A. MacKinnon (she was in charge of decorations), Captain Julian Love, Mrs. Gordon, Captain Gordon, and Mrs. Love.

Farewell Party for CO Given at Officers' Club

More than 300 members of the staff joined in singing "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow" at a party many said was the best ever held at the Club. The Jolly Good Fellow was Captain Gordon, who will leave this command on 7 July and head east for his new assignment in Philadelphia.

Captain Love was a clever Master of Ceremonies at last Saturday night's party, calling first on RADM A. H. Dearing and eventually on representatives from practically every

department, asking each to discuss "the patient." After being thoroughly "dissected" in a series of extemporaneous speeches, Captain Gordon responded by paying tribute to his staff, and expressing his affection for Oak Knoll and his regret at leaving.

After dinner, which featured rib steaks smothered with mushrooms, officers and their ladies danced to the popular tunes of the day, played by the Rhythm Makers. Lewis Patton, HM3, added variety and his fine voice

to the vocal portion of the program. "Anchors Aweigh" was the final touch for an evening that will long be remembered by all who attended.

CWOHC O. G. Haines and his able assistant prepared the dinner. LTJG Norma Brown was in charge of publicity and tickets and CWOHC Forrest H. Bryant, CWOHC Robert C. Davies, other members of the recreation committee, and many of the officers' wives assisted in preparations for the party.

Nimitz' Swords, Medals To be Displayed at Show

Fleet Admiral Chester Nimitz' sword and medal collection will be a feature of a "Hobby and Flower Show" to be held in the Blue and Gold Room of the Hotel Claremont in Berkeley next Friday, 26 June.

The show will include displays of model trains, ceramics, and graphic arts, and flower arrangements. It will begin at 1400 and will be open to all visitors until 1600.

Reserve PO's Eligible For Regular Navy Status

The Navy has announced that 338 chief and first class petty officers of the Naval Reserve have been authorized to transfer to the Regular Navy. This authorization is the result of service-wide competitive chief petty officer examinations conducted 3 Feb. 1953.

Knoll Civilian Worker Joins Gallon Club

Agnes Hocking has joined the Oakland Tribune's Gallon Club, that patriotic group of citizens who have

given at least eight pints of blood for the wounded in Korea since the outbreak of the war in 1950.

Mrs. Hocking has served as a secretary in the Legal Office for the past two years, and on Saturdays she dons her Red Cross Gray Lady uniform and comes back to work on the wards, reading and writing letters for patients, making telephone calls and shopping for them. She began her Saturday routine here more than three years ago and before that had served as a Gray Lady in Minneapolis.

Mrs. Hocking's husband served with the Army engineers in World War I, and her son served in the Army for three and a half years during World War II.

Harley Cook, night baker at the Commissary was the first Knollite to be named a member of the Gallon Club.



Mrs. Agnes Hocking



Tomorrow is Their Day. The joys of fatherhood are well known to these three, who will be among the thousands of American fathers celebrating "their day" tomorrow—possibly by helping mother cook dinner or do the washing. But judging by the expressions on their faces, they wouldn't trade places with anyone.

As far as THE OAK LEAF was able to determine, CDR Hugh V. O'Connell, and LTJG Duane E. Smith are the only military members of the staff who have as many as five children, but Jules Fontaine, HMC, of the EST School is a close runner-up. His four little girls are hoping for a baby brother in September.

(1) Doctor Smith, an interne, appears to have his family well in hand. At 31 he is the father of Sandra, 12; Roger, 10; Duane Jr., 2½; Barbara, 18 months, and Nancy, 7. All five are pre-Navy, arriving before he was commissioned in June 1952 soon after he received his MD from Wayne University Medical School, Detroit.

(2) Finding his quintet of boys and girls a bit more than he cared to handle alone, Doctor O'Connell, Chief of the Pathology Service since February 1952, enlisted the aid of his wife, Dorothy, when it came time to organize them for this picture. Mrs. O'Connell is holding John, 2½. The doctor is holding Maureen, 6 months. Then there are Kathleen, 11; Michael, 7½, and Rosemary, 6.

(3) Chief Fontaine and his four little girls apparently were completely poised when they posed for the photographer. Reading from left to right, the girls are Floy Estelle, 3; Margaret Anne, 2; Elsie Jane, 1; and Marie Angela, 5.

Finance, Materiel Officers Detached; Positions Filled by Wade, Spencer

The Finance Division had two major changes in personnel last week, when LCDR Alexander Bowdle Jr., and CWOHC William Kuziara were detached and their desks were taken over by LT Daryle A. Wade and WOHC Alonzo K. Spencer.

LCDR Bowdle had been at Oak Knoll since 1949 and had served as Head of the Division the latter part of that time. He left Wednesday, 10 June, for USNH, Bainbridge, Md.

His successor, LT Wade, reported aboard in May 1952 and has since

served as Assistant Finance Officer. He came here from Japan, where he was Administrative Officer for a Casual Company in the Fleet Marine Force. Many of his assignments since he joined the Navy in 1936 and was commissioned in 1944 have been administrative. He has served aboard three ships including the USS REPOSE and at three Naval Hospitals. He is originally from Wellman, Ia., is married, and he and his wife, Evelyn, and their two children, Richard and Alexis, live in Castro Valley.

CWOHC William Kuziara was detached to the Naval Supply Center in Oakland. He had been at Oak Knoll since July 1952, serving as Materiel Officer in the Finance Division.

His job was assumed by WOHC Alonzo K. Spencer who had previously been Assistant Commissary Officer with the Food Service Division since he came here last October. The new Materiel Officer held a similar position at the Naval Supply Center in Oakland at one time, and came to this hospital from the Enlisted Distribution section of BuMed. He is a native of Oakland. This is his first assignment at this hospital, but he has had several tours of duty in the Bay Area. He and his wife, Mary, and two children, Deborah and Lonny, live in Oakland.

New VA Pamphlet Aids Home Buying

"To the Home-Buying Veteran," a 32-page guide for veterans planning to buy or build homes with GI loans, is now available at all Veterans Administration offices, including Mr. Springer's office, first floor, Administration Building.

The pamphlet, designed to help World War II and post-Korea veterans get started on the right foot under the GI home loan program, discusses what a veteran should look for in selecting the neighborhood, the lot and the house itself.

It also covers the costs of home ownership, the contract of purchase, final settlement or closing the loan, and what to expect before and after moving into a new home.

The responsibilities of the veteran home owner and what the VA can and cannot do to assist the veteran are also discussed.

A copy of the pamphlet will be sent to each veteran applying for a certificate of eligibility for a GI loan.

Veterans also may obtain a copy by writing the nearest VA regional office. There is no charge for the pamphlet.

Diamonds are just chunks of coal that made good under pressure.



Here, left to right, are the two new Finance Division Officers and the officers they replaced last week: WOHC Alonzo K. Spencer, USN; LT Daryle A. Wade, MSC, USN; LCDR Alexander Bowdle, MSC, USN; and CWOHC William Kuziara, USN.



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YOUTH! Those carefree happy days when life in the Navy was a new experience and each young pharmacist's mate had a snapshot taken to send home to mother from every new duty station. Here are a few of them, borrowed from the family albums of thirteen members of the hospital staff who have grown up (and in some cases, out). (1) There's Marion W. Long, USN, posing under a willow tree while on liberty from the Naval Station, Norfolk, Va. Now he wears two gold stripes and heads the hospital's Security and MAA Divisions. (2) Edmund J. Shurtleff, PhM2, was on duty aboard the USS SARATOGA in the Pacific when this photo was taken in February 1931. Now a LT, he heads the Personnel and Records Division. (3) Young Edwin B. Miller, a PhM2, when serving in February 1941 with the Second Brigade, FMF, is now a JG and an Assistant Personnel Officer for Oak Knoll. (4) This smiling youth, snapped at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, in 1939, is David R. Stutler, PhM3, who at present is the Assistant Administrative Officer. (5) This fresh, fit-looking HA1/c is easily recognizable as CWOHC Arval G. Haines, Head of the Food Services Division. He was part of the crew of the USS LEXINGTON in May 1938 and was resting in Honolulu after Fleet maneuvers when his picture was snapped. (6) Eager young John H. Faunce, HA1/c, USN, stopped at the photographer's in Canacao, Cavite, P.I., in July 1939. Now a CWOHC, he is Administrative Assistant to the Chief of the Amputee Center. (7) Through a magnifying glass this young fellow can be recognized as F. C. Johnson, HM3/c, of the USS PENNSYLVANIA. That was 19 years ago, and since then, he has been promoted to LT and Assistant Personnel Officer for Oak Knoll. (8) You could never guess this one. At USNH, San Diego, in 1935 he was S. P. Tipton, PhM2. Now he's a LT and Administrative Assistant to the Chief of the Independent Service. (9) Believe it or not, here's how LCDR Melvin P. Huber, our Administrative Officer, looked 29 years ago when he was a PhM1 at USNH, Guam. (10) And this of course is Alonzo K. Spencer, HA1/c, at USNH, Washington, D.C., in August 1939. He now writes his name with a CWOHC in front and is serving as Materiel Officer here. (11) This lowly apprentice seaman, 'neath the palms at NTC, San Diego, in 1939 is now LTJG Richard G. DeWitt, Special Services Officer. (12) And here's a trim fellow in whites, a Ph2, at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, in 1940 when this snapshot was snapped. Now he is LT Daryle A. Wade, Oak Knoll's Finance Officer. (13) Relaxing (after hours of course) at Corps School in Portsmouth, N.H., is Wolfgang E. Klosterman, HA2/c. That was in 1935. Now one of the hospital's "legal eagles," he goes by the title of Assistant Personnel Officer and the rank of LT.

Senior Hospital Corps Warrant Officer Assigned to Oak Knoll Finance Division



CWOHC Forrest Bryant, USN

CWOHC Forrest H. Bryant, USN, Assistant Finance Officer, claims the distinction of being the senior warrant officer in the Hospital Corps.

Originally from Forest Grove, Ore., Mr. Bryant enlisted here in Oakland back in 1928, and has had other duty tours in this area. San Diego was the location of his recruit training, Hospital Corps School, and first assignment. Since then he has served aboard two ships, four stateside Naval Hospitals, three Naval Shipyards, three Medical Supply Depots, and has had duty in Honolulu, Newfoundland, and Samoa.

He came here in May from the Oakland Naval Supply Center, where he was Officer-in-Charge of the Armed Services Medical Procurement Agency.

Mr. Bryant was commissioned a Chief Warrant Officer in October 1942 and was returned to that status after serving as a LT in the Medical Service Corps during World War II. He belonged to the National Guard for four years before joining the Navy, and combining Army and Navy time, has put in 29 years of military service. He majored in history at Pacific University in Oregon for three years prior to enlisting.

In 1928 and 1929 he lent his six-foot, three-inch power to center position on the all-fleet football team, and used to coach service teams in baseball, football, and other sports.

Mrs. Bryant is the former ENS Mary E. Brumbaugh, NC, USN, who was stationed at Oak Knoll in 1943 and 1944. They met while both were stationed in Newfoundland, and are now living in Orinda.

National Sports Car Club Plans Auto Show Here

The Four Cylinder Club of America will display over 50 sports cars here on Sunday, 26 July. The auto show, to be held in the parking lot adjacent to the tennis courts, will feature MG, Volkswagen, Rolls Royce, Jaguar cars and many other foreign importations. Watch this paper and the Plan of the Day for further details.

He: "Can she keep a secret?"

Him: "Sure, we were engaged three months before I knew it."

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Wave: "I certainly don't like all these flies."

Sailor: "You just pick out the ones you like and I'll kill the rest."

CDR CHAPMAN CERTIFIED TO BOARD

LCDR Carrie E. Chapman, Chief of the Physical Medicine Service, received word this week that she passed the examinations she took in New York two weeks ago and is now a member of the American Board of

Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation. Doctor Chapman's certification by the board brings the total number of Oak Knoll staff doctors who are qualified specialists in their chosen fields to 29.



The Commanding Officer presented awards last week to the various winners of the intrahospital bowling league which ended recently. Pictured here with the trophies they won are: (left to right, front row) HM3's C. W. Green and W. B. Carter, members of the Laboratory team which took first place in the league; M. H. Gillette, HM2, of the Special Services team, which copped second place; (back row) R. E. Roberts, HM3, and HM2's A. J. Jackson, and I. C. Adams of the Lab team; R. D. Fredenburgh, HM3, of the Finance team, which took third place in the league; and LCDR L. C. Vosseler, CHC, of the Special Services team. A special award was also given to Jackson for maintaining the highest average in the men's league. Not present but entitled to a trophy for maintaining the highest women's average in the league was LT Ella Walker, NC, of the Nurses' team, and Joseph McFadden, who made the high score of the season with a one-game total of 242 pins. This was the second time McFadden took that award in intrahospital kegling.

PREVIEWS

Sunday, 21 June
CITY OF BAD MEN—Jeanne Crain, Dale Robertson, WESTERN. Not listed in files available.

Monday, 22 June
LOOSE IN LONDON — Bowery Boys, COMEDY. No information on this one in our files.

Tuesday, 23 June
ROAR OF THE CROWD—Howard Duff, Helene Stanley, DRAMA. Rating: good. The story of a race-car driver who cannot quit the track. Duff, son of a veteran race driver, works his way up in racing but his sweetheart urges him to quit the track if he wants to marry her. This is filmed in color.

Wednesday, 24 June
BABES IN BAGDAD—Paulette Goddard, Gypsy Rose Lee, DRAMA. Rating: fair. This is an Arabian tale in color about a man who comes to Bagdad to uncover corruption. He defeats sinister influences, and wins a wife in the process.

Thursday, 25 June
SEA DEVILS—Yvonne De Carlo, Rock Hudson, ADVENTURE. Rating: Good. An adventure in color about a French countess who is in England at the time Napoleon threatens to invade it. Rock Hudson, a smuggler, takes her back to France then kidnaps her when he finds out she is a spy. She escapes and Hudson goes searching for her, with a happy ending in the offing.

Friday, 26 June
SALOME—Rita Hayworth, Stewart Granger, DRAMA. Rating: excellent. This picture is a full-blown spectacle in Roman settings and in Technicolor. Full of excitement, schemes, and conflict, it is the story of a woman who is banished from Rome for falling in love with a Roman. Rita Hayworth returns to Galilee and on the way a Roman falls in love with her. This story contains some early teachings of Christ and the fight of John the Baptist against the house of Herod.

Saturday, 27 June
THE TWONKY — Hans Conreid, Gloria Blondell, COMEDY. Not listed in the files at the present time.

Welcome and Farewell

Twelve new names were added to the staff roster last week, while the same number of persons were detached to other duty stations.

Reporting aboard were L. I. Johnson, HMC, from Fleet Training Group, San Diego, Calif.; W. L. Weidner, HM1, from USS GLADI-

ATOR (AM-319); P. Cocco, HM2, from U.S. Naval Medical School, Bethesda, Md.; HM2's P. R. Soisson and B. D. Cheek, from U.S. Naval Administration Unit, Albuquerque, N.M.; A. P. Farrington, DT2, from 2nd Marine Division, FMF, Ocean-side, Calif.; J. E. Smith, HM3, from USNH No. 2923, San Francisco, Calif.; B. A. Solenberg, YNSN, from U.S. Naval Receiving Station, San Francisco; and HN's D. H. Bessen, Jr., and L. M. Williams, and HA's R. L. Bowman and D. J. Kais, from USNHCS, Great Lakes, Ill.

Detached were CAPT Otto W. Wickstrom, MC, USN, to USNH, Philadelphia, Pa.; LCDR Alexander Bowdle, Jr., MSC, USN, to USNH, Bainbridge, Md.; LT Jay S. Broadbent, MC, USN, to two TD assignments and then to Naval Unit, Chemical Corps Testing Facility, Dugway Proving Ground, Toole, Utah, for duty; LT's Dorothy A. Naviaux, Elsie V. Stewart, and Josie H. E. A. Richmond, all of the Nurse Corps, to USNH, San Diego; LT Charlotte C. Maas, NC, USN, to USNH, Philadelphia, Pa.; LT Ruth E. Fabian, NC, USN, to USNH, Beaufort, S.C.; LT Ellen E. Smith, NC, USN, to MSTSPacArea for duty afloat; LTJG Robert S. Demeter, MC, USNR, and CWOHC William Kuziara, USN, to Naval Supply Center, Oakland, Calif.; and J. Martin, YNSA, to RecSta, Treasure Island, San Francisco.

Staff Personalities

The only WAVE Neuropsychiatric Technician on the compound is Joan Frazee, HM3. In January of 1951 she enlisted in the Navy and was sent to San Diego for recruit training and Corps School. Arriving here in November 1951, she was assigned to the nursery and worked there until her request was granted, and she became

the first WAVE to go to NP Technicians' school. Her job is to summarize the military records of the patients. Before coming into the service she was a social worker and has her degree from UCLA. Her plans for the future are to return to college and get her Master's Degree. Her home town is Santa Monica, Calif.



Morgan Rice, HM3, a Laboratory Technician student working at the main lab, is from Meridan, Miss. He enlisted in March 1952, and was sent to San Diego for recruit training and Corps School. Morgan reported to Oak Knoll last October and was assigned to Ward 73B until being accepted for Lab School. Before coming

into the Navy he was a commercial fisherman and dairyman. When he is discharged from the Navy, he plans to enroll at Tulane University as a medical student. For recreation he bowls and plays softball for the main lab. He is an ex-golden gloves fighter and still tries to work out at every opportunity.



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THE OAK LEAF



The senior officer in the entire Navy Hospital Corps and the newest hospital corpsmen at Oak Knoll, shared cake-cutting honors Friday night when all hands at the Naval Hospital turned out to dine and dance in celebration of the 55th anniversary of the founding of the Hospital Corps. They were CWOHC Forrest H. Bryant, Assistant Finance Officer, who enlisted in the Hospital Corps in 1928 and was advanced to warrant officer rank in October 1942, and HN La Verne M. Williams, 18, who arrived from Hospital Corps School, Great Lakes, Ill., just in time to handle this important assignment. The two men, who 55 years ago would have been known as "Loblolly boys," cut the cake with the Commanding Officer's Navy sword.

Big Dance, Buffet, Top Entertainment Mark Hospital Corps' 55th Birthday

From the minute they arrived Friday night and were swept into the buffet supper line in the Navy Exchange lobby till the 12ND Band played its "good night" at 0100, Oak Knoll's corpsmen celebrated and were celebrated. It was the 55th Anniversary of the Navy Hospital Corps. The crowd, estimated at 700 staffers and guests, dined and danced until 2200 when Special Services Officer LTJG Richard G. DeWitt turned the spotlight on the anniversary cake which was cut by CWOHC Forrest H. Bryant, senior officer in the Hospital Corps and HN LaVerne M. Williams, junior corpsman at Oak Knoll. Captain Gordon spoke briefly to the corpsmen. "The Hospital Corps has often been able to get along without the Medical Corps," he said,

pointing out the many times corpsmen have performed emergency surgery at sea and the various types of independent duty assignments in which they serve. "But the Medical Corps has never been and never will be able to manage without the Hospital Corps," he added.

An hour-long floor show, emceed by Paul Desmond of The Coffee Cup and Les Malloy's TV show, brought a series of spectacular numbers to the attentive audience.

Earl and Michelle, who play the better supper clubs from coast to coast, did a breath-taking balancing act; Toy and Wing, Chinese dancers fresh from an engagement in the Latin Quarter of New York City, went easily and gracefully through a

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Patients Invited To Local Rodeo

Invitations have been extended to forty patients to attend the Redwood City Rodeo next Friday, 3 July. Transportation will be provided, with busses leaving the hospital at 1500.

The rodeo will feature, in addition to riding and roping events, the Range Riders, Dick West and other western stars.

Patients who wish to go to the rodeo should sign up at Special Services. Arrangements for more than 40 persons will be made if sign-ups exceed that number.



William M. Cooper, HN

OUTING PLANNED AT KNOWLAND PARK

Forty patients have been invited to a picnic to be given by the Loyal Order of the Moose next Sunday, 5 July. It will be held in the Knowland State park near here, and will begin at 1000, with food, games, and an afternoon of fun promised to those who are first to get their names on the list at Special Services. Transportation will be provided.

Clothing, Small Stores To Close for Inventory

Clothing and Small Stores will be closed from 29 June to 6 July. During that time inventory will be taken. Beginning Monday, 6 July, the new clothing prices will go into effect at Oak Knoll.

CO Commends Staff Corpsman

William M. Cooper, HN, corpsman on Ward 62A, was given a "well done" by the Commanding Officer last week. His letter of commendation read, in part:

"While assigned to Ward 62A as Night Corpsman at this hospital from 13 March to 18 April 1953, you displayed outstanding qualities of initiative, judgment, reliability and human understanding while rendering nursing care to two critically ill patients . . . Your cheerful manner and pleasing attitude earned you their gratitude and admiration as well as the respect of your superiors."

Cooper is from South Fork, Colo., and came here in January from Bainbridge, Md., where he received his recruit training and attended Hospital Corps School.



Captain Gordon has been cited by the Department of California, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States for his "outstanding administrative ability, sincerity of purpose, and cooperation with this organization in an effort to assist the veterans of California."

The Certificate of Appreciation, signed by G. W. Stewart, Department Adjutant, and Walter G. Keil, Department Commander, was presented to the skipper by Clifford A. Hatch, 14th District Commander, VFW. Robert W. Sedam, Commander of Post Office Post 2611, VFW, was also on hand for the presentation.

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† † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

First of all I must remark that these ideas are not original, but always bear repeating.

From what we hear, chlorophyll works in removing one of the worst scourges of society, bad breath. And all the populace is excited about it. Never before, possibly, were people so conscious of offensive odor.

A situation with which we cannot find any particular fault, but one which prompts the thought that we would do even better if we were to give some consideration to something that fouls the mouth, filthy and foul talk.

The Military are always quite solicitous about their dress, both uniform or civilian, and of course this includes the prevention of body odors. Yes, we might say they are quite meticulous in this regard, but sometimes these same people are careless in their language. Aside from the fact that it betrays uncouthness, bad training and to say the least, poor education, it also, of course, involves the matter of sin.

What we need then, is some spiritual chlorophyll which will meet this situation and remove, if possible, the temptation to utter every filthy and foul word that may find itself on the tip of one's tongue.

—E. J. FORD, Catholic Chaplain.

NO HOLIDAY FOR SAFETY

A Fourth of July Traffic Safety Message for Naval Personnel

With another holiday in prospect, many of you will be planning a brief vacation away from the daily routine.

And, as you check road maps for the alluring spots of your choice to spend the Fourth, again we remind you that, while you may be getting away from the job for a brief respite, **DEATH AND INJURY WILL BE ON THE JOB** 24 hours a day on car-packed highways this holiday week end.

Therefore, for your safety's sake, we urge you to:

BE ALERT—Watch out for the other fellow as well as yourself.

Defensive Driving Pays Off!

BE CAUTIOUS—Remember that traffic signs are the guardians of your safety.

Heed All Traffic Signs, Signals and Warnings!

BE WISE—Consider time and distance when planning your trip. Don't crowd too many miles into too few hours.

Drive—Don't be Driven!

BE PRUDENT—Remember that alcohol and gasoline are a disaster-producing potion.

Don't Drive When Drinking!

We wish all of you a grand and glorious FOURTH, with the hope that, on this holiday, there may be **NO VACATION FROM SAFETY!**



Special recognition is due the Bill Irwin Post of the American Legion in Oakland on their visit to the hospital this month, as it marked the sixth anniversary of the group's activities. Among the activities they have sponsored throughout this long period are the monthly bingo parties on various wards. Sharing in last Thursday night's party on ward 42A were CPL **GEORGE HART** and PFC **WILLIAM B. COX**, both amputees. The three Legionnaires pictured are Art Davis, Tom McBreen and Charles Thoss, whose loyal services have been outstanding. The ladies are, left to right: Miss Rosalie Moressa, Red Cross Gray Lady; Miss Charlotte Nielsen, Mrs. Charles Thoss and Mrs. Tom McBreen. Sincere congratulations to a most genial and faithful group!

Red Cross Ramblings

MOVIE SET

The Red Cross movie schedule for the week of 1 July through 7 July will feature a comedy and a drama. Gary Cooper and Grace Kelly are co-stars in the Oscar-winning drama, "High Noon." Van Johnson and Janet Leigh are featured in the comedy, "Confidentially Connie."

STRIKE UP THE BAND

Something new and different has been added to the Tuesday and Thursday night dances at the Red Cross lounge, much to the delight and enjoyment of all those attending. Dance music of an individual style by members of the all-patient band has provided a new note—and it's novel for the band members, too. Almost every afternoon you can wander into the lounge and hear the strains of "Tenderly," "St. Louis Woman," or "Night and Day" from the members in jam session.

SAN FRANCISCO TEVS

The lounge will be the scene of dancing and a general good time when the San Francisco Telephone

Girls are here today (27 June) from 1400 to 1600. Bring your ward pals and join the fun. Delicious homemade cakes and cookies will be served.

AHOY, SPORTSMEN!

Do you like to compare notes with other hunters, talk about the "one that got away," and discuss informally the techniques of hunting bears, cougars, and other wild animals? If this is right in line with your thoughts, then drop around to the lounge this Monday evening from 1900 to 2045 hours. George Seymour, director of Fur Bearers and Predators of the California Fish and Game Division, will present a display of predator skins and fur bearers in California and will explain the habits of all these animals. Guy Elston will bring his baseball collection, which should be of great interest to all baseball fans. The East Bay Associated Sportsmen are sponsoring the evening's activity. Delicious homemade pies will also be a special treat for the evening.

Divine Services

Hospital Chapel at Main Gate

PROTESTANT

BIBLE SCHOOL—SUNDAY 0945

SUNDAY WORSHIP—1030

Organ Music from Chapel Tower—1900

Time for Private Devotions in the Chapel

CHOIR REHEARSAL—1930 Thursday

HOLY COMMUNION—First Sunday morning each month.

L. D. S. SERVICE

SUNDAY — 0900 in Staff Conference Room, Administration Bldg., Annex.

CATHOLIC

SUNDAY MASSES

0600-0800-0900-1200

DAILY MASSES — 1150 and 1630

Confessions before Mass

Catholic Oratory in back of Chapel

Choir Rehearsal—Tuesday 1900

CHAPLAIN'S OFFICES IN CHAPEL AND 67A

NAVY RELIEF OFFICE—IN CHAPEL

BUS TO AND FROM CHAPEL ON SUNDAYS 0845 and 1015

London Judge Describes "Women to be Avoided"

PHILADELPHIA MEDICINE has come out with the following item which may be helpful:

There are four types of women men should avoid, according to Judge Scobell Armstrong, who serves in a London divorce court: The 76-year-old judge listed the types as:

"The woman with catty eyes. Look at her eyes and see if they are warm, bright and kind, or catty. If they are catty, beware.

"The saintly woman, or the woman who spends her life in church. Saints are wonderful, but they may be rather difficult for sinners to live with. The wife who is always wanting to reform can be very trying.

"The amusement fan. The wife who always wants to go out for amusement can be very trying, too.

"The stupid woman. Marriage with a fool, however sweet and lovely, is a drab affair. She will have stupid children."



Six new technicians graduated last Friday, 19 June, from a six-months' course at the X-ray School here. Honor man of the class was B. Foley, HM3, with a final average of 92.06. CDR L. H. Barber, MC, USN, acting Officer-in-Charge of X-ray, addressed the graduates and presented their certificates. Pictured above are (left to right): HM3's J. Hughes and A. Branch; HM2 A. O. Pacosky (instructor), and HM3's H. Nickel, W. Gebhardt, B. Foley, and G. Larion. Foley has received orders to Stockton, and Branch reports to Monterey, Calif. The rest of the graduates will remain on the staff at this hospital.

Saturday, 27 June, 1953

SCUTTLEBUTT

SIGNS OF THE SEASON: John Garland of 45B wishing he were home where it's cool. A Marine PFC just back from Korea, John lives in CUCUMBER, West Virginia . . . Customers asking John Baghdigian to cut their hair a little shorter . . . Ethel Bruso and Persis Stanley enjoying the breeze under the oaks during the lunch hour . . . Sundry shoppers eyeing, buying new bathing suits at Navy Exchange . . . WAVES sunbathing on the roof at Quarters . . .

ANOTHER BIRTHDAY: Next Wednesday, 1 July, the hospital will be 11 years old — a mere youngster, though. Mare Island's keel was laid in 1870. And history says that the Navy had a hospital in Yokohama, Japan, as far back as 1872. It was destroyed by the big earthquake of 1921.

PEOPLE, PLACES & THINGS: G. L. Parker, HMC, and Harvey C. Miller, HMI, of ALD enjoyed their Father's Day celebrations. Both are fathers of twins . . . And so did Stanford D. Kerr, FN, USN, of 43A and the SITKA BAY. His first child, a daughter named Donna Faye, arrived on 18 June. He and the six-pound, three-ounce baby girl, her mother, Vera, and her father are all doing nicely . . . James Shearin, HM3, Medical Illustrating Technician, just had to get away from the Photolab, is basking in the sunshine at Lake Tahoe this week . . . The Tom sisters' tans are from Tijuana . . . Well, here it is, the news you've been waiting for. Men at the commissary this week named the "girl they would most like to serve chow to" — after much heated controversy. The winner, chosen because of her outstanding personality and unsurpassed friendliness toward the Commissary crew is QUEENIE . . . Some 20 WAVES moved this week into small, cozy quarters formerly occupied by staff nurses. At first beset by plumbing difficulties, they are now nicely settled and thankful the hot water shortage didn't hit them in the dead of winter . . . LT Russell Frew of Pharmacy and Mrs. Frew, on 28 days' leave, are touring the state of Washington . . . Two popular but quiet staff members whose friends feel they may be embarrassed if their romance is publicized are nevertheless beating a path between the Disbursing Office and CO's Mailroom, and it is rumored that they have been seen together off the compound . . . It's easy to see who the interesting people are at Oak Knoll. Last week's OAK LEAF was devoted almost entirely to Hospital Corps personnel, and by Monday afternoon, not a spare copy was available anywhere. More copies have been ordered, and for anyone who didn't get the "Loblolly" issue, they are waiting at the OL Office.

OAKNOLLUMNI: Captain and Mrs. Milton Wirthlin and their son, Clark, are in the neighborhood. Captain Wirthlin, detached from the Surgical Service in October '50 to duty at Newport, R. I., is the new CO of the hospital aboard the USS CONSOLATION, and Mrs. Wirthlin and Clark will live in San Francisco. They drove out to Hayward mid-week for a nostalgic look at their former home, which is now the Hubers' . . . Hal Clark, formerly of the CO's office is now with Safeway in Pleasanton.



Here is a glimpse of some of the stars of the Navy transport show which will appear here next Thursday. The pictures were taken aboard ship where the show was presented to troops and their dependents. (1) John Jesser plays the guitar and harmonica simultaneously, (2) Ray King does one of the song acts in the show, and (3) the "Patrick" Combo gives out with the music while Irwin Maland does his "Penny from Heaven" number for troop passengers aboard ship.

Transport Show To Appear Here

Something unique in stage shows is coming to Oak Knoll next Thursday, 2 July, when a group of Civil Service employees from an MSTs transport will present nearly two hours' worth of variety acts.

The show has been played aboard the USNS GENERAL EDWIN D. PATRICK for over 6,000 troops and their dependents in the last few months between the United States and the Far East. It will be done ashore here for the first time.

Produced and directed by ship's officers, Robert Brower and Irwin Maland, it will last approximately an hour and a half.

The "Patrick Variety Show" will begin at 1900 in the main auditorium.

EM CLUB OFFERS FUN, REFRESHMENTS

The Enlisted Men's Club opened Monday evening with a great turnout of corpsmen present. Monday, 20 June, was the first time it had been open for some time to serve refreshments such as sandwiches, coffee, milkshakes, ice cream, hot dogs, and many other varieties in the line of eating. Besides all this, pool, shuffleboard, dancing, and other recreational facilities are available.

The EM Club is open Monday to Friday from 1700 to 2200; so if you want to enjoy yourself when your money is low, drop into the Club and see all your friends.

Admission is free, and although no details of the evening's entertainment can be divulged, it promises to be well worth attending.



Here's what can (and did) happen when two young Marines go shopping in downtown Oakland together. The local Mercury dealer was suddenly sold out of bittersweet reds, as SGT Norman P. Haney from Fort Erie, Ontario, Canada, and CPL Bob Range from Des Moines, Iowa, both craved that color, which in everyday language is fire engine red. Bob's car is a hard-top and Norman's is a convertible, and there is a very slight difference in their license numbers, but otherwise the cars are identical. Both car owners are amputees.



CAPT Otto W. Wickstrom

CAPT Wickstrom Leaves Oak Knoll 14 Months Late

A story announcing that CAPT Otto W. Wickstrom was to be detached from Oak Knoll on 17 April 1952 appeared in THE OAK LEAF of 4 April last year.

The day after his detachment the captain turned in with a case of hepatitis that kept him on the sick list for many months. He was eventually able to return to duty, serving with CAPT. L. E. Potter, who had relieved him as Head of the Plastic Surgery Department.

Last week he and Mrs. Wickstrom and their son, Otto, Jr., again said goodbye to their many friends at Oak Knoll and departed for Philadelphia, where the captain, one of the few plastic surgeons in the Navy, will head the Plastic Surgery department — the assignment he was unable to take a year ago.

Captain Wickstrom was head of Plastic Surgery at Great Lakes Naval Hospital and a member of the Plastic Surgery staff at San Diego prior to reporting here in January 1949.

During World War II he was Senior Medical Officer on the Navy transport USS KENMORE, and on the battleship USS NEW JERSEY. He will be on familiar ground when he arrives at Philadelphia since he headed the Ophthalmology and Otolaryngology Service there in 1940 and 1941.

Otto, Jr., who has been taking premed studies at U.C., plans to continue his studies at Hahnemann Medical College, Philadelphia.

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strenuous routine that would have exhausted the hardest corpsman in the crowd, and the San Francisco Symphony's Tszganas played a series of numbers on her violin.

As if all this were not enough, at midnight the gardenia-scented auditorium was suddenly filled with dozens of balloons, turned loose from the rafters.

Responsibility for the success of the anniversary party was shared by members of the Enlisted Recreation Committee and the Special Services Division.

Glasses have an amazing effect on one's vision—especially after they've been filled and emptied several times.



Pictured are two of the performers that appeared last Thursday in a stage show sponsored by the DAV and enhanced by the music of Henry Starr and his orchestra. The show featured radio and television stars from the Bay Area, and was another of the many variety shows coordinated by Mrs. Esther England for presentation here. At top, singer Lee Scott croons a melody, and below, Holly Winters taps her way around the auditorium stage.

She's an excellent housekeeper. Every time she gets divorced she keeps the house.

PREVIEWS

Sunday, 28 June
GENTLEMEN PREFER BLONDES — Marilyn Monroe, Jane Russell, MUSICAL. Rating: Very good. Based on the Broadway show of the same name which has had such a long and successful run, this is the story of . . . but who cares about the plot? Technicolor and the Misses Monroe and Russell are all that really need be mentioned.

Monday, 29 June
GO FOR BROKE—Van Johnson, Warren Anderson, DRAMA. Rating: Excellent. This has been acclaimed one of the better war stories to come out of Hollywood. Released a couple of years ago, it concerns a group of Army men on the front lines, and portrays, in battle and out of it, some of the individuals in the group.

Tuesday, 30 June
DANGEROUS CROSSING—Jeanne Crain, Michael Rennie, DRAMA. No information on this one in the files available.

Wednesday, 1 July
ABBOTT AND COSTELLO MEET CAPTAIN KIDD—Bud Abbott, Lou Costello, Charles Laughton, Hillary Brooke, COMEDY. Rating: Good. The two funnymen get kidnapped and subsequently involved in a mad scramble to gain possession of a map to an island on which there is said to be (three guesses!) a hidden treasure.

Thursday, 2 July
HOUDINI—Tony Curtis, Janet Leigh, DRAMA. Rating: Very good. A biography of the famous magician and escape artist. This film presents the man as the escape master he was, as a spiritualist, and as the human being which his audiences never knew.

Friday, 3 July
LILI—Leslie Caron, Mel Ferrer, MUSICAL MELODRAMA. Rating: excellent. All wrapped up in Technicolor, this is the fanciful tale of a poor little French girl who gets a job with a puppet act in a circus.

Saturday, 4 July
DANIEL AND THE DEVIL — Walter Huston, Anne Shirley, DRAMA. No information available on this movie.

Welcome and Farewell

Oak Knoll emerged from the census battle with 35 reporting for duty, and 18 detached or discharged.

Reporting for duty were: LT Eugene Berger, MC, USNR, from inactive duty; and G. W. Brewer, HM2, from USNS, Long Beach, Calif.; W. S. Thomas, HM3, and HA's G. E. Bayless, J. R. Bourasaw, M. L. Cutler, G. H. Sohr, J. K. Taber, L. Witherington, T. D. Brown, and HN's R. M. Courey, A. T. Davis, W. L. Dermer, H. T. Flickinger, N. P. Gaines, P. E. Garcia, E. W. Jakes, D. D. Keller, H. J. Morris, V. E. Mulrhead, J. W. Parsons, M. E. Rader, J. B. Root, T. L. Williams, H. G. Wine, and D. J. Montgomery, from USNHCS, San Diego, Calif.; HA's T. D. Brown, J. T. Kunkel, and HN's B. L. Peterson, W. L. Simon, H. B. Williams, T. W. Quevillion, E. Mayes, R. E. Rayan, and D. D. Nuehring, from USNHCS, Great Lakes, Ill.

Detached were: LTJG Elizabeth Pfeffer, NC, USNR, to USNH, Philadelphia, Pa.; LTJG Gloria V. Rapp, NC, USN, to MSTs, Com12; L. O. Zamora, HMC, to Medical Detachment, USMSC, Quantico, Va.; HM2 A. J. Jackson, and HM3's R. W. Ruscum, E. N. Matui, and J. H. Huff, to USS CONSOLATION; HM2 B. G. Rutledge, HM3 M. F. Sheehan, and HN C. A. Knowlton, to USNH, Bethesda, Md.; G. R. Larion, HM3, to USN Supply Annex, Stockton, Calif.; A. E. Branch, HM3, to USN Postgraduate School Monterey, Calif.

LT V. M. L'ecuyer, NC, USNR, and LTJG Donna G. Horton, NC, USN, were released to inactive duty. LTJG Barbara Courtright, NC, USNR, and HM3's B. L. Carpenter, G. L. Kendall, F. T. Smith and H. James were discharged to civilian life.



This Italian Ferrari with a special Vignale body will be among the 50 sports cars that will move in on Oak Knoll on Sunday, 26 July, in a display to be brought here by the Four Cylinder Club of America. This car will travel 130 miles per hour, and it only cost \$14,000.

MEDAL OF HONOR SCHOLARSHIP SET UP IN HONOR OF FORMER OAK KNOLL PATIENT

A new scholarship has been established to be awarded to children of officers, Navy enlisted men or Marines killed in action in WWII or Korea.

The Clausey Medal of Honor scholarship will be presented in memory of LT John J. Clausey, USN, who was awarded the nation's highest military honor in 1905.

The award consists of a tuition payment to the school of the selected candidate's choice, not to ex-

ceed \$500 annually. Its qualifications are scholastic achievement and a need for financial help.

Further information concerning the scholarship may be secured by writing to the Bureau of Naval Personnel (Attn: Pers G212, Washington 25, D.C.) The closing date for this year's applications is 1 Aug. 1953.

LT Clausey, a close friend of Admiral Nimitz, died at Oak Knoll on 9 July 1951.

Staff Personalities

LTJG Imogene Anspach is an Operating Room nurse on Neurosurgery Ward 78A. Miss Anspach joined the Navy in July 1951 and reported to duty at Oak Knoll in March of 1952. Her job as an Operating

Room nurse falls right in line with the work she was doing in civilian life, which was O.R. and office nurse. At Lima, Ohio (her home town is in Ottowa, O.), she went to nursing school and when the Korean conflict came up she joined the Corps because nurses were needed. As a hobby, people seem to dominate the situation but for other recreation she skis and has many outdoor interests. When she is discharged in July, she plans tentatively to go to college.



LT Alfred Ellison, MC, USNR, temporarily working on Ward 66A, is from Austin, Texas. During the war Doctor Ellison had duty in the Hawaiian Islands, then was called back into the Navy in March 1952 and re-

ported to Oak Knoll. Before going to work on Ward 66A he was a pediatrician on Ward 72B and still spends some of his time there. Doctor Ellison received his M.D. from the University of Texas Medical School. He was married last November, and he and his wife, Shirley Jean, live in Oakland. For recreation in the small amount of free time he has, he enjoys baseball, basketball, football, and the majority of other sports, from the spectator standpoint.



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