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Smooth Sailing, Admiral . . .



Rear Admiral Arthur H. Dearing, (MC) USN

Farewell Message From Admiral Dearing

On the eve of my departure from Oakland, I wish to take this opportunity to thank all the staff—military and civilian—for the loyal support and cooperation given me through the period of my command. The devotion to duty and the teamwork of all hands have earned for this hospital an outstanding reputation for service.

During the past three years we have seen the hospital grow to a bed capa-

city of over six thousand and witnessed its shrinkage to our present capacity. The pangs of dismemberment have been as acute and difficult to bear as were the "growing pains" of expansion. During all these vicissitudes, the staff has worked hard and carried on cheerfully and willingly. The coming months should bring stabilization and adjustment to a more nearly routine program. Whatever the future may

bring, I'm sure members of the staff at Oak Knoll will be ready and willing to carry the burden with the same fine spirit they have shown in the past.

It is with sincere regret that I leave Oak Knoll. To all, my best wishes. Good-bye and good luck.

A. H. DEARING
Rear Admiral (MC) USN
Medical Officer in Command

January 1944 marked the beginning of expansion at Oak Knoll as Admiral A. H. Dearing, at that time a Captain, assumed command. Under his guiding hand, many new wards and departmental buildings were erected and the hospital's compound spread over the rolling green knolls of the old Oak Knoll golf course.

The Community Service Building, boasting of a modern fountain, barber shop, merchandise store, and large auditorium and cleaning establishment, was placed in commission early in 1944, relieving the Oak Knoll Country Club of its duties as Ship's Service. In June of the same year, the 26,000-dollar swimming pool was dedicated by Kay Kyser.

This splashing event was followed by the commissioning of the 4,000 seat amphitheater in July, and the opening of the bowling alleys. The climax of expansion was reached in 1945 as a new chapel, serving all faiths and denominations, was dedicated.

The peak of personnel under Admiral Dearing's command was reached in September and October, 1945, shortly after conclusion of hostilities, at which time, vast convoys of wounded men were returning from battlefields. Adequate medical care for these 6,000 patients required the services of 1,783 corpsmen and corps-waves and 710 staff officers.

Since that time, personnel has decreased with the conversion to peacetime naval activities, until at the first of 1947, 475 enlisted staff members, 218 staff officers, and the patient load at that time being 1,150. This decrease in activities has been carried out with the same efficiency that has marked Admiral Dearing's entire Oak Knoll command.

Captain H. E. Robins, (MC) USN, will assume the position of Acting MOinC until the new Commanding Officer arrives.

GOOD LUCK, ADMIRAL



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Navy's Gain; Oak Knoll's Loss

Early in December when the Alnav announcing promotion of Oak Knoll's commanding officer to the rank of Rear Admiral was received, the news spread like wildfire, leaving embers of satisfaction aglow over the compound. Staff personnel and patients alike were pleased to hear that this recognition had been given their commanding officer, a man whose high moral character, professional skill, and administrative ability have made him one of the outstanding medical officers in the United States Navy.

During Oak Knoll's four-and-a-half year history, there have been many occasions when pride in achievement was felt, but at no other time has the entire compound been so completely united in the feeling that here is a reward richly deserved—a reward for thirty years of hard work well done, for sincerity and honest devotion to duty. Admiral Dearing's surgical skill and knowledge of the entire medical field have been responsible for restoring life and health to thousands of servicemen under his care here and aboard ship during his many months of South Pacific duty. His interest in individuals, his fair handling of hospital problems, and his consistent attention to the many details which make for a smooth running organization have contributed to the greatness of his work here.

As widespread as the glow of satisfaction that accompanied the original announcement and sewing on of the two-inch gold stripe is the sense of loss that prevails at Oak Knoll today as the Admiral and his family prepare to leave for New York, where he will soon assume his new command as District Medical Officer of the Third Naval District.

To their commanding officer, doctor, and friend, all hands at Oak Knoll extend best wishes for happiness and continued success.

† † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

SYMBOLIC FLAGS

We all like to see flags and banners fluttering in the breeze. In recent war years we have seen that sight many times, and there has been a sort of glory about it. For a flag is a symbol.

Our national flag is a symbol of a great nation. It symbolizes a nation in which the concepts of liberty and justice are realities for all.

An appropriate flag flown at the mast on a Navy ship when an officer of flag rank is on board also is a

symbol. All hands recognize in it obligated responsibility and accredited authority.

The Christian flag too is a symbolic flag. A symbol of universal love. "And his banner over me was love." (Song of Solomon 2:4). And love is always found in the company of understanding tolerance, and the willingness and ability to turn the other cheek. From such love comes happiness. Yes, truly, "Joy is the flag that flies from the heart when truth is in residence there."

Chaplain E. C. Andrews, USN.

Divine Services

Protestant:

Chaplains—E. C. Andrews, E. D. Sneary.

Sunday—

Divine Service.....1100

Bible Study (Thursday in Chapel)—1800.

Choir—Monday & Thursday, 1400-1500

Protestant Chaplains' offices are located on the Second Deck of Bldg. No. 1.

Catholic:

Chaplain—Carl Herold.

Sunday Mass—0630, 0830, 0945.

Weekday Mass—1205 in oratory next to

Chaplain's Office in Building 1.

Confessions before all Masses.

Christian Science:

Worker will be on the compound every Tuesday and Friday afternoons.

L. D. S. (Mormon):

Services 1930 Thursday.

Jewish:

Divine Service—1800 every Friday. Meet at Ship's Service Bldg. for transportation to chapel services at Treasure Island.

The Field representative of the National Jewish Welfare Board, Hospital Service Dept., is in attendance on the hospital compound on Tuesdays and Fridays from 1000 to 1600. He has office hours at the reception office of the chapel from 1500 to 1600 and from 1900 to 2000 on Fridays.

Red Cross Ramblings

Christmas may be a last year's event now, but thoughts of Christmas Eve, the two caroller groups that strolled throughout the Compound and wards, the many musicians who played in each ward, including the well-known Marcus Gordon, the twenty ward parties, the tables piled high with cookies, cookies, cookies, and nuts, the Christmas trees, the party at "The Hangout," and all will be long remembered. And Christmas Day with the 800 gifts provided by Services to Camps and Hospitals for the corpsmen, the seven entertainment groups sponsored by the Veterans Committee that covered 27 wards, the Santa Claus that visited the pediatrics ward, these are all memories, but the 300 poinsettias that fill the wards are cheerful reminders that the Christmas spirit lives on.

So on to newer things—were any of you at the Square Dance Party, Friday night at the "Hangout," second deck of Building 102? If not, you really missed a bang-up party. A good orchestra, lots of pretty girls, good food and some pretty fancy rug-cutting made the evening lively. These parties come every Friday so watch for announcements of next week's events!

Have you any color or black and white pictures or postal cards you would like to see enlarged? Your recreation worker can show you how to use our "Magic Lantern" that flashes the pictures on the white wall or a sheet in the ward. You stamp collectors will find this helpful by showing engravings or watermarks on these small postage stamps. It's fun to see, easy to operate and at your service. Since movies can't be shown on the wards, why not provide your own.

January 10th is the date for any patients interested in going through the National Broadcasting Company studio in San Francisco. January 17th will be the time to visit the Standard Oil Company. Any patients interested in seeing these places with an eye toward a future job contact your recreation worker.

We are sorry that Red Cross ward movies must be temporarily cancelled until long-term movie projectionists can be furnished by the Navy.

Nurse Corps Closes Transfer Program

(SEA) — The Nurse Corps is accepting no more applications under its transfer program, with only 19 applications remaining under consideration. With 781 transferees accepted from the 1,457 who applied, the Corps has all but wound up its program.

Former Naval Reserves, however, may still apply for commissions in the regular Nurse Corps on much the same basis as civilian applicants. Previous service counts toward retirement, though not for seniority. ExReserves also may add one year for each year of prior service to the top age limit of 30 years for Nurse Corps applicants.

New Ship's Service Plans Affect Knoll

As of 1 December 1946, forces afloat now operate only ship's stores and conversely, forces ashore operate ship's services rather than ship's stores, with a few exceptions in overseas locations where civilian help is desirable for ship's service operation is not available.

Principal difference between the two retail outlets is that the ship's store operates on an appropriated fund basis and may procure stock on invoice from any issuing naval activity. The ship's service, on the other hand, operates on non-appropriated funds and must procure stock on a cash basis, in accordance with terms of procurement contracts made for them by the Navy Ship's Store Office, New York.

At Oak Knoll, this change will eliminate the Ship's Service Officer, recently held by Ch. Pharm. D. G. Mikus, and place the store under supervision of a civilian manager, R. E. Bost, currently appointed. The Ship's Service here will be in cognizance with the Alameda store, under P. B. Wade, (SC) USN, and will come under Bu-SandA.

All bookkeeping and ordering will be through Alameda, and it is anticipated that laundry and cobbler service will be carried out at Alameda with pickup and delivery here.

At the present, prices in the store must rise to comply with prices set by the New York office, but in the future, prices are expected to lower, and a wider assortment of merchandise made available. All profits will go to Welfare, as they have in the past.

Officers Detached

This last week, Oak Knoll bid adieu to: Ch. Pharm. D. G. Mikus (HC) USN, who journeyed to Stockton for duty with the Pacific Reserve Fleet; Lt. (jg) R. W. Balse (DC) USN, who reported to Guam; Lt. (jg) H. W. Hunter, (MC) USN who made the trip to St. Albans.

GOOD LUCK in your new tours of duty.

Construction Group Five Years Old Now

(SEA)—Rough and tough, battle-scarred, proven combat-tested—those are mighty strong adjectives for a five-year-old. But they fit perfectly when applied to the Seabee organization, now celebrating its fifth birthday.

Approximately 3,300 men and officers formed the first Naval Construction Regiment when it was placed in charge of the Civil Engineer Corps on 28 Dec. 1941. Taking their name "Seabee" from the initials C. B. (for construction battalion), the first group of men was made up of volunteers entirely. Some were in their 50's, some were World War I vets, some were welders, some carpenters, some roofer-builders, mechanics or artisans—but all together they represented some 60 different trades, every type of skill necessary to undertake any kind of advance base construction

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D-Day For Reserve Corpsmen Due On 15 January

Brooklyn's Boxer Beats-Out Boogie

A combination of Brooklyn Boston and Pennsylvania is at Oak Knoll in the concentrated form of Karl Boxer, HA1c. The talented youth started his naval career in July 1945 and spent 'boots' at Camp Perry, Virginia.

After completing Corps School at San Diego, "Chuck" was sent to San Leandro for duty. After the hill-



Karl Boxer, HA1c

side neighbor closed, he journeyed down to assume duty at Oak Knoll, and is now working in the Civil Readjustment Office.

"Chuck" is noted for his nimble fingers, which can work miracles on the ivories, filling the air with melodies of Bach and Beethoven, or set the place jumping with the latest swing. Boxer has been playing the piano since a lad of six, first starting, as most students do, on the classical. Then as he entered high school, Chuck started to pick up boogie and swing.

Boxer was in many "Combos" and trios, and then started his own trio which performed in various hotels and restaurants. He has made himself famous around the base by playing for various affairs, and furnishing music before shows in the auditorium. Before Christmas, he played carols on the organ before movie-showings. He finds time to

Rush On Main Gate Expected As Free Docs Head For Home

The long awaited day of demobilization for the remaining Hospital Corps reserves is just four short days off. . . .

So, while the gleeful defrosted bearers of the cross pack their sea-bags, let us look back on the Oak Leaf headlines for the past year, and read the sad story of the twice frozen reserves.

'Way back in January 1946, many salts can remember being lost in a maze of points, while keeping a wary-eye on Alnavs for any reduction in critical scores. The headline for reserves in the issue of 12 January read:

ALNAV MELTS MOST CRITICAL POINT SCORES

And we found out that points would be lowered from 36 to 33 on February 15, and to 32 on March 2, although the PT and OT boys were reduced to only 40 points on March 2. The windy month blew the Waves points down to 25. Then on 23 February another headline read:

LATEST ALNAV FLOORS P'INT SCORES—DRINK THIS UP

Authority for that bargain basement reduction was Alnav 76, which brought a gleam of joy with the lowering to 28 points on 2 May. Therapists almost caught up when their score was cut to 32 at that date, while Waves hit the low mark of 19. Under a banner head in the 30 March issue, a subhead read:

NEW DEMOBILIZATION SCHEDULE TO RELEASE MORE PERSONNEL

This new drop reduced the critical point score to 23 on 15 June, and the PT and OT corpsmen finally come in for a neck to neck finish with their more fortunate buddies, as they were placed on unrestricted point plan.

NEW DISCHARGE SYSTEM REVEALED FOR RESERVES

Thus was heralded the news of a system that would place all reserves in civilian life by 20 August. The point system was retained to de-

practice a few hours each day, and keeps in musical shape.

Chuck intends to go either to the Allentown or Syracuse Business College after his discharge on January 15th. When asked if he was going into music as a profession, he answered, "No, music will just be a big sideline." Then turning red, he continued, "I'm going into the lingerie business with my father."

termine the order in which they were to be separated, but the rate was to be determined by a percentage basis. Thirty per cent of the personnel would be transferred for separation between 1st and 14th of July; 30 per cent would go during the last part of the month; 25 per cent between 29 July and 11 August, and the last 15 per cent would say farewell before 20 August. Then the cruel hand of fate stepped in as the headlines of 20 July read:

ALSTACON ICES IN ALL CORPSMEN AND CORPSWAVES. QUICK HENRY—THE ANTI-FREEZE

The sudden blizzard trapped the first draft of the second quota, and all reserves were snowed in until 2400, 20 August. But, on 10 August another headline startled the already chilly boys with:

RESERVE CORPSMEN ARE AGAIN FROZEN

Friday, 2 August found the boys gathered around the amphitheater hearing the word;

"The Navy regrets that because of the large number of war casualties remaining in Naval Hospitals, it is necessary to retain all male Naval Hospital Corps personnel who have completed less than eighteen months service on active duty until they have completed a minimum of eighteen months service."

Since that fateful day, the eighteen-month boys have wended their way home, while the short-timers have waited for their D Day of January 15, 1947 as seen in the headline of 5 October:

RESERVE CORPSMEN TO LEAVE JANUARY

The USN men of the compound want to thank you for the help, and hope that another headline will not interfere with your departure for civillindom.

Frances Dearing Leaves RC Work

Frances Dearing, receptionist and dispenser of Red Cross information, graduate of Mills College, and daughter of the Admiral, has been a faithful worker on the compound for the past six months. She had worked here in the same capacity for two previous summers while vacationing from her economics and sociology studies at Mills, and her Red Cross



Miss Frances Dearing

service dates back to 1942, when she first employed as receptionist at the U.S. Naval Hospital, Mare Island.

At Oak Knoll her assignment included handling of housing lists, gear location, leave extensions and verifications, and answering an unlimited variety of questions pertaining to Red Cross activities. Her pleasant personality and efficiency have endeared her to patients and co-workers and have made her a valuable part of Oak Knoll's Red Cross organization.

Now after eight years of living in Long Beach, Vallejo, and Oak Knoll, Miss Dearing has become a Californian at heart and is reluctant to leave the state and the hospital compound which has been her home for the past three years. Her plans for the future are not elaborate, her only aim at the moment being to adapt herself to life in New York.

Like the termite said as he ate his way into a venetian blind, "Look, our bread comes sliced now."

"FREEZY"

(DEFROSTING)



W. DOLE

Meritorious Service Awards Presented Civilian Workers



Admiral Dearing presenting one of the 78 Civilian Meritorious Service Awards to James A. Turner, electrician of Public Works.

Seventy-eight of Oak Knoll's 484 civilian employees were honored Friday, 3 January, when Admiral Dearing presented Meritorious Service certificates at special ceremonies held in the auditorium.

In the group cited for outstanding and continuous service for a period of at least one year were eight men and women who have been attached to Oak Knoll's civilian staff since the

hospital was commissioned on 1 July 1942. They are Genevieve T. Smith, Dorothy Hager, Eva H. Premo, Fred A. Robinson, William P. Gross, Bernard Garcia, Arthur G. Kerby and Chester L. Pierce. Robinson, Gross, Garcia, Kerby, Pierce and Miss Smith received a similar award in 1944. Others who have twice earned official recognition for efficient, faithful service are Olga M. Hillestad, Emma Neubauer, Edna R. Bourdase, Hope N. Sink, Marion B. Reihl, Elizabeth Tom, Louis Hernandez and Henry Bourdase.

Admiral Dearing also gave a personal "well done" and the award of merit to the following: Grace W. McDonald, LaRilda E. Holder, Rhoda A. McKelvey, Steve Ball, Agnes T. Harris, William Marra, Theresa A. Duarte, Mary C. Pacheco, Ralph O. Thomas, Jesse E. Freudenthal, Cecil C. Lee, George M. Flower, Anna E. Carlson, Lovey Burney, Mabel G.

Blaine, Gertrude A. Parrish, Pinkie B. Orr, Beulah J. Smith, Geneva A. Litsey, Richard H. Sheldon, Werner O. Naumann, John L. Hart, Joseph Wilson, Thomas J. Merry, Rafael Jimena, Frank O. Brantley, James A. Turner, Robert F. Post, Alfred G. Pauli, Henry Moser, George Silva.

Melvin M. Fowler, Daniel S. Smith, James O. Raser, Fredrick A. Eckstein, William Marquardsen, John F. Weimers, Royal J. Kennedy, Laura-Linda Spillers, Mary A. Clarke, Yvonne J. Wells, Jacqueline W. Kitlen, Barbara M. Scholl, Esther E. Erickson, Florence E. Gernandt, Ruth E. Freeman, Ethel L. Gray, Viola G. Wise, Betty L. Ward, Mary C. Baker, Claire A. Martini, Frances M. LeCocq, Orville W. Dietsch, Lynn B. O'Brien, Persis A. Stanley, Lillian A. LeVeira, Alfrida A. Haverlandt, Lois E. Wilson, William R. Cude, Essie L. Mullins, Clara B. Henderson and Joanne A. Getchman.

Garber and Band Lend Knoll Cheer

The Idol of the Air Lanes, Jan Garber, and his "sweet swing" orchestra visited Oak Knoll on the 30th of December to play for an afternoon show and an "All-Hands" dance in the evening.

Feature singers were Doris Donovan and Tommy Traynor. Miss Donovan sang such songs as "South America, Take it Away" and "On the Boardwalk in Atlantic City," with Tommy Traynor doing the vocalizing on "The Old Lamplighter" and "Sentimental Reasons."

Also featured were Ernie Mathias, trumpet soloist and singer, and Bill Kleeb with comedy versions of several songs.

Oak Knoll Keglers Win One, Lose One

The Oak Knoll Keglers lost a heartbreaker and won a game, in that order, last week. On the 4th of January they dropped a game to NAS, Alameda, although they beat them in total pins. The first line ended with 824 for NAS against 747 for Oak Knoll. Second line scores were 894 for Oak Knoll to 741 for NAS. Third line was 809 for NAS to 741 for Oak Knoll. Total pins added up to 2382 for Oak Knoll against 2374 for NAS.

On the 6th of January the pin-men played 19th Fleet and came out on top for the first time since the organization of the team. First, second, and third lines, respectively, for Oak Knoll were 767, 705, and 785, totaling 2257 pins. For 19th Fleet, the lines were 675, 692, and 654, respectively, totaling 2021 pins.

T. Tucker Swings For Knoll Dance

Tommy Tucker and his band played at the auditorium on the 7th of January for an afternoon show at 1500 and an "All-Hands" dance at 2000.

Four young, curvacious ladies, The Two-Timers, were the feature singers, along with Don Brown, baritone. The show was well spiced with comedy by T. Tucker and saxophonist Billy Dee.

The surprise performance was presented through Recreation.

Clerk: "Here's a pretty card with a lovely sentiment; 'To the only girl I ever loved.'"

Sailor: "Good. I'll take twelve of them."

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King Arthur: "Knight, I heard that you were misbehaving."

Knight: "In what manor, Sir?"

RECREATION

Presents

"ALL'S WELL"

Songs, Rhythm and Fun

15 & 16 JANUARY

Mirth and Melody Brought to Stage

New Year's entertainment included a Recreation presentation, "Mirth, Maids and Melody", which filled the air with jocular spirits and rustic rhythm.

The show featured Emcee Jordan and his bagfull of tricks, a lass from Andulsia who beat out boogie and also wiggled her "thumby," a comedy dance team of twin sisters, Joan and her accordion, the Socialites, an acrobatic team, and Walt Strum and his Colorado Hillbillies.

"Gramps", from the Strum troupe, stole the show with his antics while working over his violin. The latter half of the show was occupied by their western swing and yodeling combinations.

Scuttlebutt

It has been noticed that **Kitty Goro, Vitt, and Wayland** have all been drawing their liberty cards together. Is that good or bad? Also **Klein** from Commissary and **Phyllis Shea** from OPD have been doing the same thing. Here is a tall tale of a leave. It seems that **Lorna Bugley**, our able assistant from OPD, decided that she couldn't even stay away long enough to finish her leave. She came back to Oakland about four days early so she could spend New Years with the old P.B. gang.

Among the others whose faces are missed, due to leaves, are **Shipp** of Staff Personnel, **Veylupek** of the same office, and **Terry** of 72-B.

Seen heading east "arm in arm" last week was ex-Oak Leaf Editor **George Cahill** and **Tom Jones** of nite-duty. The pair enlisted at the same time, and have spent most of their naval career together.

Our old friend from Central Supply, **Norman Norring**, has bid goodbye to his old job and received that coveted piece of paper. He's now residing in Hopkins, Minnesota. Also lost to the Navy are **Dave Doan** from 49-B, now in San Diego, **Gene Rice** of 43-B, whose new home is Franklin, Penna., and **Dudley King**, the nite corpsman from 67-A, who has gone east to North Warren, Penna.

Also we hear that **Irish O'Brien's** boy friend asked her to let him call her by his last name and she consented. The ceremony was performed New Years Eve and she is now Mrs. **Hilborn**, of the **Houston Hilborns**.

It's rumored that **Betty Davis** and **Fred Armstrong** celebrated New Year's Day together. Both being on nights, they couldn't make it for the 'Eve', so they had to do what celebrating they could from 0800 to 1700.

A question of the day—Is **Jane Castle** married or not? One hears now that **L. Lund** has been pacing the floor awaiting some special event. It happened on the 3rd of January when his wife gave birth to a seven-pound boy. Look out for those special watches now, **Lund**; these infants surely can be the source of plenty of them.

Also another big event came off on the second when **Cecil A. Crawford**, USMC, married **Eloise A. Espinosa** of Oakland at the Chapel on the hospital compound. The marriage was performed by Chaplain **E. D. Sneyr**.

• Movie Schedule •

Sat., Jan. 11—**Son of Lassie**, Peter Lawford, Donald Crisp.

Sun., Jan. 12—**Wicked Lady**, Margaret Lockwood, James Mason.

Mon., Jan. 13—**Ten Gentlemen from West Point**, George Montgomery, Maureen O'Hara.

Tues., Jan. 14—**13 Rue Madeleine**, James Cagney, Annabella.

Wed., Jan. 15—**Dick Tracy vs. Cue Ball**, Morgan Conway, Anne Jeffreys.

Thurs., Jan. 16 — **Susie Steps Out**, David Bruce, Cleatus Caldwell.

Fri., Jan. 17—**Love Laughs at Andy Hardy**, Mickey Rooney, Bonita Granville.

Sat., Jan. 18 — **Incendiary Blonde**, Betty Hutton, Arturo de Cordova.

The above movies are shown one day later at the Officers' Club.

Hospital Quintet Loses Game to NAS, Alameda

The Oak Knoll quintet succumbed to a powerful Alameda squad in a heartbreaker by the narrow margin of 43 to 42.

The Oak Knoll team is made up of just six men as compared to about 20 in the Alameda squad. Every three or four minutes Alameda was able to throw in a new line-up against the fatigued corpsmen.

The shot of the day was made in the last five seconds by Chief Moon (Coach and Captain) when he let one fly from mid-court, hitting the rim of the basket and bouncing about ten feet in the air before going through the hoop. The team still lacked the one point, however, from having enough to make a tie for an overtime.



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Gallup Poll Of Public Opinion Indicates Large Military Force

Before the war, the regular Army of the United States had 190,000 men. How many should our peacetime Army have about five years from now? Before the war, the regular Navy had about 140,000 men. How many should our peacetime Navy have five years from now? Would you be willing to have a son of yours go into service for a year and a half to make up forces of this size?

The above questions were asked U. S. voters by Dr. George Gallup and his American Institute of Public Opinion.

The average American citizen thinks a Navy of 1,000,000 men and an Army of about the same size should be maintained during peace and 80 per cent of the persons answering the questions would be willing to have their sons serve a year-and-a-half training period, the survey indicated.

The results of the poll were in line with results of American Institute polls taken for the past three years. On each occasion, the American citizen has stated his desire that the U. S. maintain Military Conscription, even in peacetime.

Significantly, citizens with sons of draft age were of the same willingness to permit their sons to go into service for the present draft period as were citizens without sons of draft age, according to the poll.

Ex-POWs To Be Given Special Consideration On Disability Claims

Disability claims filed by veterans who were interned in enemy prison camps during the war, will be given special consideration. More than 125,000 servicemen were repatriated from POW camps and received special treatment and care after being freed.

Though these men apparently regained their health, some may still be suffering from the after effects of their confinement and will be given priority when they submit claims to the Veteran's Administration.

Commendation Device

A device to be worn on the Letter of Commendation Ribbon denoting acts performed in actual combat has been authorized by SecNav. The device will consist of a block letter "V" of bronze, one fourth inch in height, and shall be worn in the center of the ribbon.

Commanding Officers have been authorized to extend the privilege to wear this device to personnel under their command.

Ship's Service Fountain Opens On Sundays Now

Great news!

R. E. Bost, Ship's Service Manager, has announced that the Fountain will be open from 0900 to 2200, every day, SUNDAY included. The merchandise store, barber shop, laundry, and other services will be closed both Saturday and Sunday. This does not include recreation facilities, such as Bowling Alley and Auditorium.

Nurses Needed; Ask 200 To Rejoin

The Bureau of Medicine and Surgery announced the immediate need for the return to duty of 200 Naval Reserve nurses on inactive duty. Volunteers, who will be required to serve for a minimum of one year, will be returned to active duty with the same rank held at the time they became inactive.

As a result of demobilization, the nursing staffs at naval hospitals have been sharply reduced, as is noted at Oak Knoll, while the number of patients has remained substantially the same during the past several months. The services of 200 additional nurses are considered necessary to meet the problems for the next year.

All inactive members of the Naval Reserve Nurse Corps interested in returning to duty are urged to apply as soon as possible to the Superintendent of the Nurse Corps, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, Navy Department, Washington 25, D. C.

FMF, Atlantic Is Inaugurated

The U. S. Navy has now activated a Fleet Marine Force, U. S. Atlantic Fleet, which will be the equivalent, in the Atlantic, of the Pacific Fleet Marine Force. It will operate under the command of the Atlantic Fleet, and headquarters will be at Camp Le Jeune, North Carolina. Maj. Gen. Keeler E. Rockey, USMC, will be in command.

"March of Dimes" Campaign Opens; Chaplain Andrews Appointed Head

A single respirator for the treatment of infantile paralysis costs between \$1,300 and \$1,600, which is an excellent example of the high cost of treatment. This year, as every year, the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis is conducting its drive, the **March of Dimes**, to raise funds to help aid in this war on polio.

There were 24,000 cases of poliomyelitis, more commonly known as "polio," in 1946, with the complete figures still not in. Of these, it is estimated that 50 per cent recover completely, 25 to 30 per cent show slight residual paralysis, 15 to 20 per cent show marked residual paralysis, and 5 to 10 per cent die. This 5 to 10 per cent death toll for 1946 compares with about 25 per cent in the previous "record" year for polio, 30 years ago.

The difference is accounted for in part at least by the persistent educational campaign waged by the National Foundation to acquaint the public with the symptoms of the disease and to bring about better diagnosis and early hospitalization.

There are, in the United States, 2709 county and city chapters of the National Foundation serving every community of the nation's 3,070 counties. Contributions to the foundation support scientific research in an effort to discover better methods of treatment and a definite cure, as well as support the cost of treatment for the unfortunate ones that have been stricken by this disease. Work of the foundation is supported entirely by popular contributions. In all, there was \$16,267,809.62 collected in 1946.

Infantile Paralysis is among the most unpredictable of diseases. Locality and number of cases may vary greatly from year to year. North Carolina, for instance, reported 36 cases in 1943 and 861 cases in 1944. On the other hand Utah had 399 polio victims in 1943 and 25 in 1944. Although final figures for 1946 are not yet available, Minnesota reported 2,656 cases up to October 19, and 182 cases for the same period in 1945.

It is expected that the department representatives of this hospital will canvas their wards and departments on 20-21 January in an effort to solicit whatever contributions the staff and patient personnel can give. Chaplain Andrews, who has been appointed to head the drive here at Oak Knoll, has information available on the subject and it can be obtained by calling at his office at any time.

There has been no quota set for wards or departments, but everyone is encouraged to give freely.

BuMed Exams To Be In February

BuMed examinations, for the selection of candidates for appointment to the Navy Medical Corps, will be held on 3-7 February, 1947, inclusive. The examinations will be given at 20 naval hospitals throughout the country, and those selected may be appointed to the grades of Assistant Surgeon or Acting Assistant Surgeon with the rank of lieutenant (jg).

Candidates must be between the ages of 21 and 32 and graduates of approved medical schools to qualify for the assistant surgeon exam. Those who have completed their third year of medical school may take the exam for acting assistant surgeon. If they pass, they will be appointed to the grade of Assistant Surgeon when they complete their medical education.

Naval War College To Convene in July

Applications for the second 11 months postwar course of the Navy's highest educational institution, the Naval War College, are desired from Regular Navy and Marine Corps line and staff officers. The course will convene 1 July, 1947.

Officers senior to the class of 1934 are eligible for the senior course, those of seniority of classes 1934 to 1940, inclusive, for the junior course. Army, Coast Guard and former Naval Reserve officers accepted for transfer to Regular Navy are eligible if they have the length of service and experience comparable to that required of Regular officers. Applications should reach BuPers (Attn. Pers-4226) via channels prior to 15 February 1947.

Rules For Visits To Mexico Relaxed

In accordance with Alnavsta 63 of 23 December 1946, Navy personnel are now allowed to visit Mexican border towns in a private tourist capacity. They are no longer required to be in possession of tourist cards, as has been the policy in the past. The only thing that is required now is the Navy I.D. card.

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Oak Knoll's Man of the Hour

"Responsibility gravitates to those who can shoulder it."

Captain Harvey E. Robins is the man who is proving what the philosopher meant, as he shoulders the responsibility of two major jobs—Executive Officer and Commanding Officer.

Even in a small command the job of either is a task sufficient unto itself, but on a large hospital reservation such as Oak Knoll, either assignment becomes a manifold undertaking. But Captain Robins is the man of the hour; not only carrying out his regularly assigned duties of Exec., but also handling the daily problems of C.O. as we await the arrival of the newly assigned Medical Officer in Command, Captain Carl A. Broaddus.

But whether the problem is one of small detail or one of administrative consequence, the man and the doctor whom we have known for many months as Executive Officer only, now carries on in a dual capacity, according to regular Navy tradition—efficiently, courageously and with a mind geared to a complete understanding of the situation at hand.

Just Fifteen Minutes

The Blood Bank on the hospital compound has issued a plea for donors, again. It seems as though the staff and patients of the hospital, even though they should know, if anyone does, that whole blood is an essential, are reluctant to respond.

There are approximately 100 transfusions given each month at this hospital. That is an average of more than three each and every day. In most of these cases, needless to say, it is a matter of life and death. If such a thing should happen that there was no blood available, it is possible, even probable, that the patient would die. At the very least, he would have his recovery seriously delayed.

Fortunately, the Blood Bank has been able to procure enough volunteers at the Naval Air Station, Alameda, to prevent such a tragedy, but who knows when this source of supply will fail? It's not only a favor to the Blood Bank if you contribute; it's an obligation we all owe to the less fortunate ones around us.

Altogether, it takes little more than fifteen minutes of your time. Just think—fifteen minutes. That's not even the length of time you might spend passing the time of day when you meet a friend on the street. Every person in the Navy has had blood drawn during his physical examination, so it can't be that anyone is actually "afraid" of such a minor thing.

There are corpsmen on duty at all times at the Blood Bank and they're really friendly fellows. Also Miss McNamara, the Nurse in charge, is very likeable and amicable. Under these conditions, the minor inconvenience becomes almost a pleasure.

So come on, everyone; let's help the less fortunate ones get back on their feet. It's not their fault they're down and in need of assistance, so the least we can do is roll up our sleeves, and give fifteen minutes of our time for their benefit.

Appointments can be made at the Blood Bank, extension 226. The only prerequisite is not eating for four hours before donating.

Red Cross Ramblings

Are you a philatelist (a postage stamp collector)? Join the Oak Knoll Stamp Club. While you are in the hospital and have plenty of time to develop your hobby, add to your collection or start a new album. The Stamp Club bulletin board is at Red Cross, second deck of Ship's Service Building. Watch it for dates of meetings, new supplies that are available, trips to special exhibitions, etc. Stamp collectors at Oak Knoll can get free albums, catalogs, hinges, and a variety of stamp publications. Also stamps of the United States and all foreign countries are available. You will have the opportunity to meet well-known guest collectors from East Bay stamp clubs who have come to exhibit their prize collections, and who will help you with yours. If you are a bed-patient, let the Red Cross know, and we will bring the stamps and all supplies to you. It's a great hobby to help pass the time and can become a real interest even for beginners.

A marathon checker afternoon was held on ward 65B Thursday afternoon. Mr. Chauncey Lemen, Chess and Checker Champion of Oakland, came out to the ward to take on all comers at the same time. Needless to say, Mr. Lemen was kept busy going around the ward from game to game as he played checkers with Jules Giddens, S1, David Steward, S1, Rafael Magsutil, S1, Edger Pauley, Veteran, and David Cohen, S1, at the same time playing chess with Veterans Bob Hiller and Carl Oglund. Mr. Lemen found good competition on the ward, especially Carl Oglund—their game ended in a tie, which against a champion is sumpin'!

The Off-Compound Vocational

Trips to various places of business and industry are still available every Friday. January 10th, five men had a complete tour, with a guide of their own, through the National Broadcasting Company in San Francisco. Next Friday, January 17th, five men will visit the Standard Oil Plant in Richmond. January 24th, five patients will visit the Emporium in San Francisco. This is a good opportunity to see and learn about store management. Contact your ward Recreation Worker if you are interested in any of these trips.

The Barn Dance? You've probably been hearing of nothing else for quite some time. Crepe paper, hobby horses, and all the decorations were under the direction of R. S. Snyder of Ward 44B. His committee of ideas and activity consisted of Bob Wattenburg, Harry Honns, John Pember and Bob Medley. George Colley and E. E. Lee acted as door committee while Vern Beutow and Ted Burlison were in charge of refreshments and John Pember took care of the checkroom. The orchestra was made up of H. S. Goller, violinist, Leon Rauch, J. E. Geddens, Jimmy Branum and Bob Medley, guitarists, and Joe Lepordo, accordionist. Both Branum and Medley helped out with the vocal numbers.

The dancing lessons by Arthur Murray have been so popular these Tuesdays at 1400 in the Hangout that now they have two classes, beginning and advanced instruction.

Another Photography contest will be held Tuesday, January 21st, with Oakland Camera Club coming to talk "pictures and photography." Watch the Hangout news-sheet for all details.

† † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

The problems of our time like those of past eras are not principally political, economical, commercial or technical, but are of a spiritual and social nature. If the men and women of our generation were more filled with the spirit of God and if our thoughts and actions were guided and shaped by religion as taught by Jesus Christ; if people in general would think more often about God and come back to God, many of our world-wide problems would be very easily solved.

The measure and proof of the presence or absence of this Spirit of God in the lives of people are to be found in the high and low expression of the family life as tested by Christian standards.

Family life today is suffering from lack of knowledge of God and things that pertain to God. In too many families, hence in too many individuals, lives a neo-pagan instead of a Christian spirit. The first place to seek out God and the things that pertain to God is in the "House of God," in Church. This holds true for the individual and especially for the family. "A word to the wise is sufficient."

CHAPLAIN CARL A. HEROLD

Divine Services

Protestant:

Chaplains—E. C. Andrews, E. D. Sneary.

Sunday—

Divine Service.....1100

Bible Study (Thursday in Chapel)—1800.

Choir—Monday & Thursday, 1400-1500

Protestant Chaplains' offices are located on the Second Deck of Bldg. No. 1.

Catholic:

Chaplain—Carl Herold.

Sunday Mass—0630, 0830, 0945.

Weekday Mass—1205 in oratory next to Chaplain's Office in Building 1.

Confessions before all Masses.

Christian Science:

Worker will be on the compound every Tuesday and Friday afternoons.

L. D. S. (Mormon):

Services 1930 Thursday.

Jewish:

Divine Service—1800 every Friday. Meet at Ship's Service Bldg. for transportation to chapel services at Treasure Island.

The Field representative of the National Jewish Welfare Board, Hospital Service Dept., is in attendance on the hospital compound on Tuesdays and Fridays from 1000 to 1600. He has office hours at the reception office of the chapel from 1500 to 1600 and from 1900 to 2000 on Friday.

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Mr. "Chips" Returns With Civilian Stuff

Howdy! This week I'd like you to meet **George Silva**. George is as swell a fellow as you'd ever meet in many and many a moon. And as boss of the Machine Shop he's tops. It was way back in May of '43 when he strolled into Oak Knoll and he's been a mainstay every since. **George's** hobby is raising pheasants. Just a few weeks ago he had no less than 2,000 ring-necks. Some Hobby!

A Corpswave up on 73E was a little flabbergasted the other day when she called PW and reported a clogged sink in the delivery room. **Fogie Fogarty**, who answered the phone, said that she would have to wait until a plumber was available. "Wait?" she howled, "You'll have to tell the babies to wait, too!" Slightly crimsoned, **Fogie** replied, "My gosh, ma'am, I thought you said storeroom. I'll hunt a plumber right away."

Henry (Transportation) and **Edna** (Staff Personel) **Bordase** are quite a twosome. Both husband and wife received Meritorious Civilian Service Certificates on 3 January. And, my friends, that's the second for both. Top that, TI or Alameda.

And while speaking about family duets, don't forget **Bob** (PW) and **Bill** (fireman) **Post**. Both are doing fine jobs. **Bob** received a well-deserved Merit Award.

That's it!

CHIPS

USNH Bowl Team Suffers 3rd Defeat

The USNH bowling team lost again last Monday for the third time out of the four times they've rolled. Keg-lers of YBI (Yerba Buena Island) were the victors in this contest. On the first line of bowling, Oak Knoll-ites came out trailing by a very narrow margin of ten pins, having lost approximately 40 pins on fouls. The second line was won by the home team by a margin of 30 pins and the third was dropped by 77 pins, thus awarding the contest to YBI's team.

For those interested in statistics, the lines each added up as follows: YBI—759, 755, and 807, for first, second and third lines, respectively; Oak Knoll — 749, 785, and 730, for their three lines. Total pins for YBI were 2321 with a team average of 155; total pins for Oak Knoll were 2264, with a team average of 151.

Use of cellophane-impregnated and plastic ribbons has been noticed by the Navy Department. The wearing of these impregnated or imitation ribbons is in direct violation of Uniform Regulations. As a result, SecNav James Forrestal has issued an order strictly forbidding their use, and COs have been directed to promulgate the information. Only the prescribed type of ribbons (exact replicas of the ribbons that support the decorations, medals or badges they represent) may be worn, and no unnatural preservatives or artificial coverings may be used.

A corpsman had been giving a certain blonde the once-over about a dozen times at a party. Finally, he moved over to her.

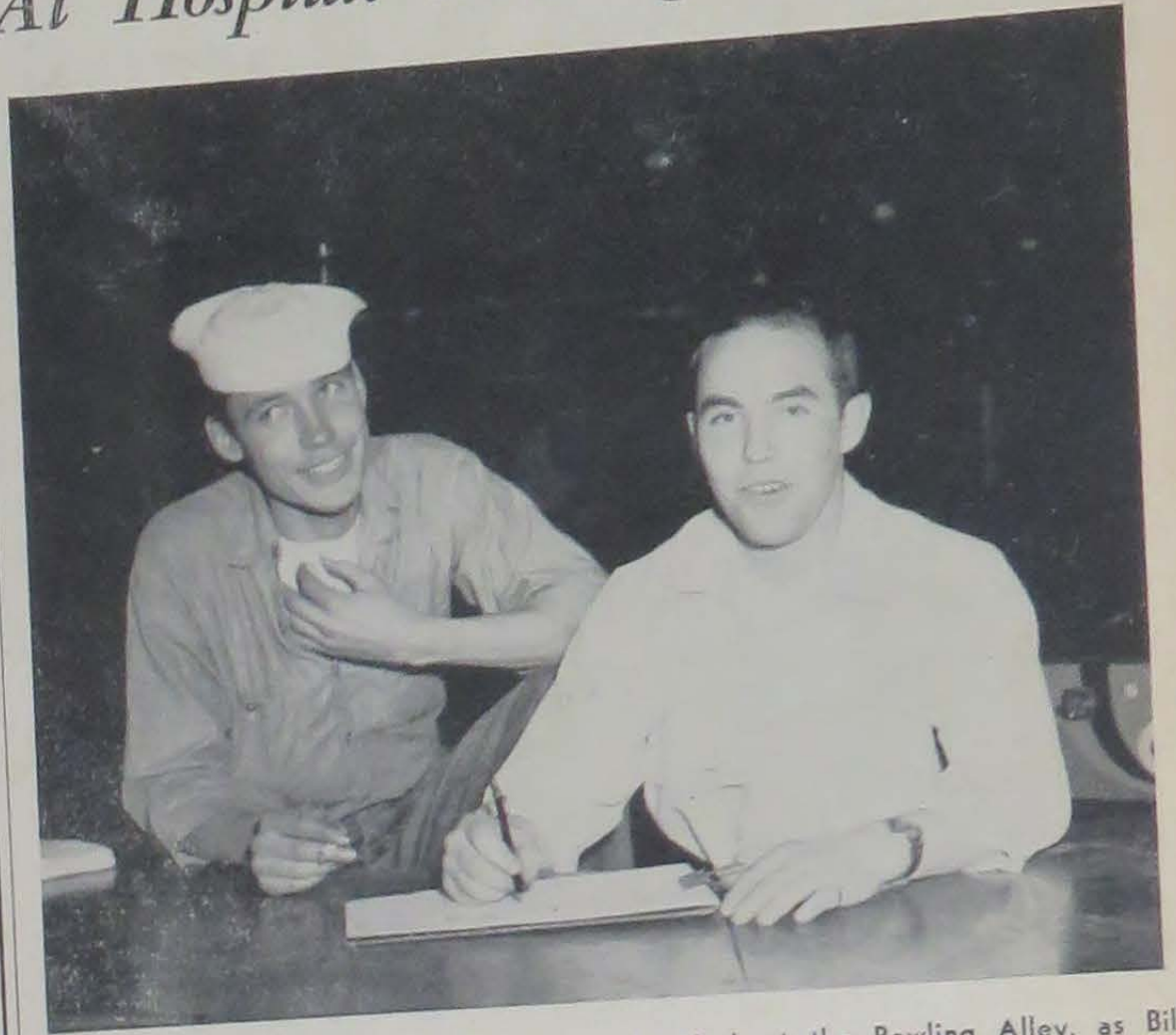
"Pardon me," he said, "I'm with the United States Navy. Whom are you with?"

A sharp nose indicates curiosity; a flattened nose indicates too much curiosity.

Tourist: "Good river for fish?"
Fisherman: "It must be. I can't persuade any to come out."

HCS ALUMNI

Bowlers Build Bulky Biceps At Hospital Bowling Alleys



James Murphy, ex-GM2, is seen behind the desk at the Bowling Alley, as Bill Rappe, PhM2, is seen trying to convince someone the last line he rolled was OK.

A spot that has been increasingly popular around the compound lately is the bowling alley and pool room down by the Community Service Building. Attendance fell off during warm days of Summer and Fall, but on cool days, it has provided a comfortable place of recreation.

The bowling alleys were opened in June of 1944, with Admiral Dearing, then a Captain, rolling the first ball and making a perfect strike. They were built and donated to the hospital by the California Jockey Association, at a cost of \$10,000.

Later in the same year the Oak Knoll bowling team walked away with virtually every prize offered in the 12th Naval District bowling league, including the District title, against 25 other teams. There were two six-team leagues on the compound, too. In consequence, though it was the first year of bowling as far as Oak Knoll was concerned, it still remains the biggest and best.

In spite of the fact that the hospital was then at its peak, 1945 saw the gradual slackening of interest in bowling. Even then there were two leagues existing on the compound and the competition was anything but dead. The Specialist (A)'s barely crowded out their nearest opponent for the championship that year.

The quietest year so far at the alleys has been this one, 1946, with the adjoining pool room doing a bigger volume of business than the alleys themselves. For the major part of the year it was under the management of Bob Anderson, HA1, (recently discharged) and E. D. Andrade, PhM2, now doing duty at Commissary. About the first part of December, the management changed hands again with J. M. Murphy, GM2c, taking the helm with the able assistance of Jim Hamilton, HA1, and Bill Rappe, PhM2. Murphy was discharged last week and is now doing all his "managing" of the alleys in a civilian status.

At present there is only one bowling team existing on the compound, that under the direction of Bill Rappe and Captained by M. R. McFarland, Y2, a patient. The team is entered in the 12th Naval District

league, against 14 other teams. So far they've rolled four times and have won one and lost three, leaving them with an average of .250. At present there are only two staff men on the team, the other three positions being filled by patients. The two staff men are Lt. Gustafson, of Neurosurgery, and O. P. Field, HA1, of Ward 65-B.

Knoll Quintet Wins With 62 To 27 Score Over 19th Fleet Five

The 19th Fleet, recently bested in bowling suffered another loss at Oak Knoll's hands as the hospital quintet won by a large margin, 62 to 27, in basketball.

Noreen was high man of the night with 21 points.

This was the last game for two members of the team—Kozicki and Veylupek, as they were discharged the following day.

Housing Plan For Sea-Duty Men

The problem of housing for families of personel at sea has become the concern of BuPers. Under a CNO directive, naval district commanders were ordered to make definite provision for obtaining proper and adequate housing for the dependents of personnel on sea duty.

Accordingly, housing offices will be established in naval districts and river commands to insure that the needs of naval personnel are met.



"M'gosh, Sirl He's still counting linen."

Tommy Tucker & "Two Timers" Bring Band & Beauty To Base



The four curvacious lasses above are a feature attraction of the Tucker aggregation and are the well known "Two Timers." The handsome chap beside them is baritone Don Brown. At the right is Tommy Tucker, leading his orchestra in the afternoon show—7 January. The orchestra played for a Recreation Dance the same evening.

Scuttlebutt

The big event is over!

We are, of course, referring to the Main Gate Rush, so capably carried out by the Reserves. Having said their farewells, and chortling with joy, the boys made a mass exodus from Oak Knoll into the waiting arms of civiliandom.

Herman Ausbon of Staff Personnel was seen mustering Fred Armstrong, Record Office; Karl Boxer, Civil Readjustment; Clifton Douglas, CO's Mail Room; Merideth Giles, File Room; Lloyd Doyle and Bob McKee, Receiving Room, for the final rush on the gate.

George Ritchie and Gregory Kergsien were employed as lookouts, due to their message carrying abilities at the Post Office. Ken Wheeler and Charles Tedford helped the camouflage with "Form R's" and soiled linen.

The boys from Central Supply, Henry Johnson, John Sims, and Terry Swaim, led the infamous attack, with Special Watch men, Merrill Dunham, Norman Harlan, James Laino, Bob Mensing, Robert Moser, and Franklin Wraspir, giving drive to the campaign.

John Kozicki, of Transportation, stopped long enough in his advance to award the Oak Knoll Campaign Ribbon to the nite-duty boys, John Bird, Gilbert Goodwin, Harold Mason, Irwin Schneider, Rolland Reed, John Smith and Tom Snashall.

Other bearers of the cross, Max Cox, Robert Elmore, Arnold Friedman, James Hutchinson, Robert Johnson, Bernard Kimmel, Curtney Koopman, John Lawrence, Robert Marine, Robert Montero, Bob Mullins, Edgar Miller, Dick Myers and Lee Neumeyer, added impetus to the drive by charging with fixed "needles." James R. Dale brought up the rear with his pen.

Surgery II gave Jack Taeye and James Luke the inspiration for the bravery shown by them in the charge, as they cheered on the ward corps-

men Moylen Peterson, Charles Reither, William Schirmer, Abram Sertel, Daniel Silverman and Joseph Simmons.

Leslie Edwards, on temporary San Leandro duty, was almost forgotten, up on the hill, but Fenton Williams and Graham Whitney, of the Laboratory, rescued him, and joined the throng.

James Wilson closed the gate after the departure, but not soon enough to prevent Leo Goates from sticking his head back in and shouting "This was presented by Recreation!"

Someone tells us that Dottie Gilbert of OPD, and Duncan of Central Supply have been going over the cliffs together. How's that, again?

Also seems that L. Marshner, PhM2, of 69A, has spoken the vows and now goes under the name of Mrs. Printz. The groom is Chief Printz, of NAS, Alameda. It seems that he'll be leaving around the first of February on a sea-draft. Chalk up one more short honeymoon for the Navy.

Question of the week: Who's the unknown admirer that phones Marion Jaques each nite about 2100?

"Won't you give a shilling to the Lord?" asked a Salvation Army girl of an aged Scotsman.

"How old are ye, Lassie?" he inquired of her.

"Nineteen, Sir."

"Ah weel, I'm past seventy-five. I'll be seeing 'im afore you, so I'll hand it to 'im myself."

He: "I've never seen such dreamy eyes."

She: "You never stayed so late before."

• Movie Schedule •

Sat., Jan. 18 — **Incendiary Blonde**, Betty Hutton, Arturo de Cordova.

Sun., Jan. 19 — **Swell Guy**, Sonny Tufts, Ann Blyth.

Mon., Jan. 20—**Meet Me In St. Louis**, Judy Garland, Tom Drake.

Tues., Jan. 21 — **Beast With Five Fingers**, Robert Alda, Andrea King.

Wed., Jan. 22—**Slightly Scandalous**, Sheila Ryan, Fred Brady.

Thurs., Jan. 23—**Lone Star Moonlight**, Ken Curtis, Joan Barton.

Fri., Jan. 24—**Great McGurk**, Wallace Berry, Aliene McHune.

Sat., Jan. 25—**Barbary Coast Gent**, Wallace Berry, George Barnes.

The above movies are shown one day later at the Officers' Club.

Buy • Sell • Rent

NOTICE: "The Oak Leaf" does not accept paid advertising. The following items are printed as a free service for the hospital's patients and staff. Deposit items in "The Oak Leaf" contribution box in the lobby of Ship's Service. Incidentally, it is NOT a mail box.

LOST

Russet Chesapeake Retriever, puppy. Answers to name of Susie.

Return to Public Information Administration Bldg.

FOUND

Glasses and comb. Lost at Standard Station, Berkeley. Can be obtained upon identification at Oak Leaf Office.

Cartoonist Wanted

Due to the discharge of our present cartoonist, J. R. Dale, the Oak Leaf is in need of a cartoonist. Submit cartoons for consideration through the Oak Leaf box in Ship's Service lobby with name, rate, and department or ward attached. We would prefer a humorous caricature that can be worked into a series.

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Off the Bookshelf

Library Hours

Monday-Friday, 0800 to 1630.
Saturday, 0800 to 1200.
Closed Sunday.

Some good new books on sports which can be borrowed either from the Library or the book carts, are as follows:

Broeg and Burrill: **Don't Bring That Up!**

True stories of mistakes which have lost games.

Brown: **The Chicago Cubs.**

Buckingham: **Game Bag.**

Tales of shooting and fishing.

di Maggio: **Lucky to Be a Yankee.**

Durant: **Come Out Fighting.**

History of prize-fighting in pictures.

Field and Stream Reader.

Forty-four outdoor stories.

Hagie: **The American Rifle for**

Hunting and Target Shooting.

Holland: **Now Listen, Warden.**

Humorous stories.

Lieb: **The Detroit Tigers.**

Nelson: **Winning Golf.**

Tapply: **Tackle Tinkering.**

Stephens: **Rifle Markmanship.**

New westerns include these titles

Cody: **Empty Saddles.**

Fox: **Dead End Trail.**

Halleran: **Shadow of the Badlands.**

Haycox: **Long Storm.**

Manning: **Trigger Trail.**

And here are some "who-dun-it" to mystify you:

Du Bois: **Death Sails in a High Wind.**

Du Bois: **Murder Strikes an Atomic Unit.**

Eberhart: **The White Dress.**

Ford: **Honolulu Story.**

Gardner: **The Case of the Backward Mule.**

Gruber: **Silver Tombstone.**

Innes: **Unsuspected Chasm.**

Queen: **To the Queen's Taste.**

"So your brother is a painter."

"Yep."

"Paints houses, I presume?"

"Nope, paints men and women."

"Oh, I see, he's an artist."

"Nope, he just paints men on one door and women on the other."



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Saturday, 25 January, 1947

Civil Service Tests To Be Given For Clerks, CAF-1 Through CAF-4

A Civil Service Examination for Clerk will be given in the near future. The types of clerical positions to be filled from this probational examination are as follows: Accounting, Fiscal, Audit, Statistical, Editorial, Appointment, Time, Leave, Payroll, Proofreader, Personnel, Information, Stock, Purchasing, Expediting, Property and Supply, Traffic, Correspondence, Mail, File and Record, etc.

There are no experience or training requirements for this examination, but a written examination will be required which will consist of questions designed to test aptitude for learning and adjusting to the duties of the position.

Applicants must be citizens of or owe allegiance to the United States or must be citizens of the Republic of the Philippines. They must have reached their 18th birthday, but must not have passed their 62nd birthday on the closing date for receipt of applications. Age limits will be waived for war service indefinite employees who, on the closing date of this examination, are serving in positions which would be filled from the eligible register resulting from the examination.

Applications must reach the District Civil Service Office by 29 January, 1947. Any additional information can be obtained by contacting Ch. Pharm. C. B. Gordon.

Marine Awards Now Retroactive

(SEA)—The Air Medal and Distinguished Flying Cross may now be awarded to MarCorps flight personnel on the basis of the strike-flight system retroactive to 7 Dec., 1941. Previously these awards were made only for the period after 18 Dec., 1944.

The strike-flight system provides for the automatic award of medals for a specified number of combat missions. The Commander, Air Force, Pacific Fleet, is the only delegated authority to award the Air Medal and DFC under this system.

Posthumous awards or those for personnel released from active duty may be made by former COs. Recommendations should be submitted to the Navy Department, Att'n. Board of Review for Decorations and Medals, via Commanding General, Aircraft, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific, and Commander, Air Force, Pacific Fleet.

Use of Non-Appropriated Funds For Recreation is Clarified

The handling of non-appropriated funds controlled by BuPers and maintained for welfare and recreation were explained in BuPers Circ. Ltr. 277-46 (NDB, 15 December).

Included in the explanation of policies and purposes were the BuPers Central Recreation Fund and the Naval Officers' Mess

Dividends To Be Paid On GI Insurance

All former and present holders of National Service Life Insurance, including men still in the service, are scheduled to receive dividends, according to the latest announcement from the Veterans Administration.

But don't count on the dividend for a while yet, as 18,000,000 policies will have to be checked, and this will take at least a year. Upon completion of the computations, the dividend payments will be mailed out. Over 15,000,000 men will be entitled to the dividend, it is estimated.

Philippine Independence Ribbon Is Authorized

(SEA)—Navy and MarCorps personnel who were on active duty in Philippine territory or territorial waters on 4 July, 1946 may now wear the Philippine Independence ribbon, authorized by the Philippine government, Alnav 641-46 (NDB, 31 December) announced.

The new ribbon will take precedence next after the Philippine Liberation ribbon.

George E. Stratton To Sketch Patients

Welfare and Recreation has arranged for the services of George E. Stratton, portrait and sketch artist, to visit the hospital from the 27th of January to the 1st of February.

Mr. Stratton will visit the wards to sketch patients without charge. Original sketch, one negative and one positive photostat will be furnished to the patient after the artist has had opportunity to have the photostats made.

No-Priority Order Given for Housing

The Navy Department is no longer giving housing priority to personnel returning from overseas. All applications submitted hereafter will be handled on a first come, first served basis.

Oak Knoll's housing officer, Ch Pharm P. E. Dias, has announced that personnel applying before January 1 will retain their status on the list. Since that date the new no-priority order has been in effect.

SecNav Message on Army-Navy Merger

18 January 1947

For the past eight months negotiations have been in progress between the War and Navy Departments to resolve their difference with regard to a greater measure of unification of the armed forces. These negotiations have been carried on within the scope and spirit of the President's 15 June 1946 statement of his position on those points in which the two departments were in disagreement at the time. The President has now announced the full and complete agreement which SecWar and SecNav have reached on a plan for the unification of the armed forces.

The entire nation earnestly desires, and the plan which has been agreed upon provides, the greatest degree of efficiency, cooperation and economy in national security. The integrity of the Navy Department and the Naval establishment including the Marine Corps and Naval Aviation, and the continuation of their traditional functions, have been preserved to the end that we may best discharge our great responsibilities to the nation. The plan therefore is deserving of the loyal and wholehearted support of all within the Naval Service.

JAMES E. FORRESTAL

Central Contingency Fund. It was explained that the Ship's Stores Profits Fund, Navy (BuPers Allotment) was not included because it is for all intents and purposes an appropriated fund in respect to the manner in which it must be maintained and accounted, although it may be used in place of non-appropriated funds at the discretion of the Chief of Naval Personnel.

Appropriated funds available for welfare and recreation have diminished since hostilities ceased, and their use has been narrowed to very specific purposes laid down in appropriation justifications. This reduction in funds has made a review necessary in order to conserve and make the most effective use of non-appropriated funds.

The funds controlled by BuPers may be discussed separately as follows:

BuPers Central Recreation Fund

This fund has as its general purpose the support recreation, amusement and welfare of personnel by means of supporting, equalizing and administering the various Navy recreation funds and financing special projects as approved.

Sources of the fund are receipt of balances remaining in recreation funds of stations decommissioned, funds received from assessments against ship's store and ship's service profits, excess balances in either command recreation funds or ship or station recreation funds, and receipts of either gifts or donations accepted by the Navy Department for recreation and welfare.

The fund has been used for building such facilities as athletic fields, swimming pools, pistol ranges and golf courses, bowling alleys, gymnasiums, hobby shops, game rooms, beer gardens and enlisted men's clubs. Cost of transportation of recreation equipment has also been financed through this fund.

Naval Officers' Mess Central Contingency Fund

The purpose of this fund is to assist commissioned and warrant officer messes ashore. Sources of the fund were originally assessments against officers' messes ashore, based on gross receipts. This procedure is not at the present necessary, but

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Drive Safely—With Authorization

Despite the many current directives issued by the Assistant Secretary of the Navy, the Twelfth Naval District and orders promulgated by this station concerning the use of vehicles owned by the United States Government, misuse of government vehicles continues. In order to clear up any misunderstandings on this subject, the following is a brief synopsis of the rules and regulations governing the use of U.S. automotive equipment.

No driver, civilian or Navy person, may operate a government vehicle without possessing a valid U.S. Navy Motor Vehicle OPERATOR'S PERMIT. These permits may be obtained at the Transportation Office after completion of the prescribed driver's examinations. Permits thus obtained are valid at all Naval establishments wherever they may be.

Temporary Driver's Permits may also be obtained at the Transportation Office. Temporary licenses are valid for a period of fifteen days following date of issuance. During this interim period all persons will be examined for a permanent license.

In the event of failure during the examinations, department heads are instructed to wait thirty days before requesting a retrial for individual involved.

No driver who does not possess a Permanent License is permitted to operate a Naval vehicle off the compound.

The need for such a licensing program is evident. The damage caused to Naval and Civilian property during the past few years due to incompetent drivers is terrific. Let us do our part to reduce this unnecessary plague to our lives and property. Take your Driver's Examination, carry your Motor Vehicle Operator's Permit, Keep Alert, and stay Alive.

Let's Dig Deep

Dimes and Dollars are currently being collected all over the country in an effort to fight infantile paralysis. We, too, can—and should—aid in the "March of Dimes" by making our contributions here at Oak Knoll.

Think of those less fortunate than ourselves and give generously to fight polio. Staff personnel are asked to contribute through their departments and patients through their wards in the drive being conducted here at the hospital.

Time is growing short—the March of Dimes drive ends on January 30th, the birthday of our late President, Franklin D. Roosevelt. His is one of the most outstanding defeats of the dreaded disease. Affected with infantile paralysis in childhood he was able to overcome it and rose to become Commander-in-Chief of our nation.

Funds are urgently needed by the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis for equipment and research work to check polio epidemics. "Iron Lung" respirators and other apparatus are costly. Let's not have any more of our children crippled from this disease—let's all dig deep down into our pockets for dimes and dollars.

+ + CHAPLAIN'S CORNER + +

"He who putteth his hand to the plow and turneth back. . ."

Keep me from turning back!

My hand is on the plough, my faltering hand;

But all in front of me is untilled land,

The wilderness and solitary place,

The lonely desert stretching on in space.

The handles of my plough with tears are wet,

The shares with rust are spoiled—and yet—

And yet—My God! My God! Keep me from turning back!

—Selected by Chaplain E. D. Sneary.

Red Cross Ramblings

Patients on 41A and 51A were in luck Thursday night. A six-piece band, complete with bandstand and vocalist, was brought to the wards through the efforts of Mr. Sundin, who has been coming out each week for the last two years to show movies. Arrangements have been made with the Oakland Musicians Union for the band to return on Friday. And if you don't think the band was good, ask Vet. J. A. Bradshaw, who collected the requests for number to be played, and S1/c Kenneth Minor, who just about climbed out of his traction when the "drummer boy got hot."

Filling S1/c Charles "Amelia" Paternas request for movies on fishing, the Alameda Sportsmen's Club came to ward 70B last Tuesday night. The evening of sports movies was climaxed by a display of guns which were brought out for the patients' inspection. With such a complete collection of guns, Vets Ellis Newman and Howard Spense with Cpl. John Dion and A.S. William "If you don't believe it, I can prove it—I'll bet you five dollars" Butterfield, were all set for a game of cops and robbers against Cox John Terrien, S1/c Joe Tesneck, MM1/c Pat Kemp and Vet Emmett Murphy. But the long arm of the clock put a stop to such action.

S1c Leo Nirschl's "Truth or Consequences" program sent the Red Cross Recreation Room Hangout's birthday party to a fine start on January 16. All contestants, patients, junior hostesses from the Berkeley YWCA and Gray Ladies, drew a consequence after missing the clever questions, and many amusing moments ensued when they dived for dimes in dishes of flour, fed each other spaghetti, blindfolded, and good naturedly carried out their other feats of fate. Charades by each of the birthday tables then held the floor, followed by the cutting of the birthday cake. The birthday honorees were S1/c James Branum, S1/c Max Shuck, S1/c Robert Wattenburg, G. W. Longanecker, L. R. Hoskins, C. Marr and John Armentano. Members of the patient committee which planned and "hosted" the party were AM1/c Jack Amos, refreshments; SM2/c R. R. Snyder, decoration; BM2/c R. A. Deeds, door committee; AOM3 F. F. Lee, charades; S2/c Robert Wattenburg, S1/c Joe Lepordo and S1/c R. C. Dole.

The Hangout's first Photography Contest, Tuesday, January 14, was a great success. Mr. L. A. Styles of

41A, professional photographer from Alameda, criticized the pictures which were shown by magic lantern, and gave many helpful suggestions to the camera fans present. Winners of the various classifications were Pfc. A. L. Garbert, action; MM1/c R. J. Snyder, human interest; Pvt. Marvin Long, pictorial; F2 Jack Jensen and F2 Frank Denon, children; Pvt. Frank Phillips and AM1/c Jack Amos, candid. Judges were Phm. Farrell Utt and Manuel Coute. The patients who planned and arranged the contest were Pvt. John Pember, S1/c Robert Hall, Cpl. John Dion, S2/c Robert Wattenburg and S1/c Joe Lepordo. Those of you who are interested in photography contact Miss Wilfley at the Hangout and we'll have more of these sessions!

Table tennis took the spotlight Friday night at the Hangout. Climaxing a tournament among the patients which resulted with S2/c N. R. Davis of ward 47B as champ, the Lithuanian ping pong champ, Mr. Joe Naines of Oakland, came to Oak Knoll. After a demonstration of table tennis with another member of the Oakland T.T. Club, Mr. Naines took on the patient champ, Oak Knoll was well represented by Davis. The evening ended with a new twist to ping pong, a game of doubles played with just one paddle for each side.

The Off-Compound Vocational trips are proving to be more and more of a success. Five men went to Capwell's last Friday to learn store management. After their morning's tour of inspection, they had lunch with the manager. This was planned so that they would be able to ask any questions at their leisure.

The next trip will be to the Ford assembly plant on January 31. This is to be followed by a repeat trip to the Diesel plant which was of such interest that other patients want to go. If any patient has a particular plant or business he is interested in visiting and finding out about, tell your Red Cross ward Recreation worker and she will see if arrangements can be made to fill your request.

WORDS OF WISDOM:

He who tooteth not his own horn, his horn shall not be tooted.

Girls!! Don't settle for a ring of security in his voice when he tells you he loves you. Insist on it being in his hand. Remember, a ring in the hand is worth two in the voice.

Divine Services

Protestant:

Chaplains—E. C. Andrews, E. D. Sneary.

Sunday—

Divine Service.....1100

Bible Study (Thursday in Chapel)—1800.

Choir—Monday & Thursday, 1400-1500

Protestant Chaplains' offices are located on the Second Deck of Bldg. No. 1.

Catholic:

Chaplain—Carl Herold.

Sunday Mass—0630, 0830, 0945.

Weekday Mass—1205 in oratory next to Chaplain's Office in Building 1.

Confessions before all Masses.

Christian Science:

Worker will be on the compound every Tuesday and Friday afternoons.

L. D. S. (Mormon):

Services 1930 Thursday.

Jewish:

Divine Service—1800 every Friday. Meet at Ship's Service Bldg. for transportation to chapel services at Treasure Island.

The Field representative of the National Jewish Welfare Board, Hospital Service Dept., is in attendance on the hospital compound on Tuesdays and Fridays from 1000 to 1600. He has office hours at the reception office of the chapel from 1500 to 1600 and from 1900 to 2000 on Fridays.

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Recreation Fund . . .

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it may become necessary to do so at a later date. Receipts have also been accrued from decommissioned messes; and from excess funds transferred to BuPers in accordance with certain specific instructions.

Expenditures from the fund are made in the form of loans to activities establishing such messes ashore, advances to the account of a mess needing assistance to cover pre-payment of materials purchased, payment of commercial claims against a mess after it has been liquidated, and payment to a mess otherwise solvent but having insufficient assets to repay members' deposits.

The fund has been used to finance improvement, decorating, refurnishing and minor alterations, of the officers' messes, and in aiding the building of new messes.

Eight Knoll Men Take NROTC Exam

Eight men from Oak Knoll journeyed to the top deck of the Dental Clinic on Saturday, 18 January, 1947, to take the nation-wide examination for the NACP-NROTC program.

The program, which gives a college education to the men, and the chance for a commission after graduation, has interested here at Oak Knoll, Donald Dye, PhM3, Joseph Gerteisen, HA1, Owen Jenkins, HA2, Louis Gandy, HA2, George Appel, HA2, John Golden, HA2, and Edgar McClellan, HA2. David Hallyburton, HA2, applied for the Air Cadet program. The men have already passed their physical examinations, and are now awaiting the results of the competitive examination.

Debtors Make Cleanliness Pay While "Sweating It Out" in Chinese Baths

Are you being 'taken to the cleaners' by your creditors? Or, as the Bulls and Bears of Wall Street might put it,—are you in danger of being 'wiped out'? Are you thinking of skipping town because your creditors are making things 'too hot' for you?

If any of the foregoing applies, don't worry about it. Just a little application of the old Army axiom of 'a good offense is the best defense' is all that's necessary. Beat the Shylocks to the punch and you've got them stymied. Results are guaranteed.

Here's all you have to do. Head for the nearest Turkish bath and get the works. Lo and behold, you can emerge a couple of days later, properly cleaned, wiped and heated—and with no creditors. At least that's the way it works in China.

A dispatch from Nanking discloses that the bathhouses are crammed to capacity, mostly by debtors figuratively and literally 'sweating it out!' It seems that it's an old Chinese custom to settle all debts by the New Year (Jan. 22 is the lunar Chinese year's beginning). The Chinese have long ago discovered that nothing could beat a bathhouse as a hide-away. A creditor who wants to search all such places in town must keep going on a twenty-four-hour schedule. If he stumbles into the right one, he still has the well-nigh impossible job of trying to pick out his quarry from the mass of unclad figures. Then too, he has to contend with the smoke-filled steamroom.

According to reports, the Chinese bathhouses, which date back for many centuries, go the Turkish baths one better. In a typical one you are led through large, tiled rooms, doused in hot and cold water, and thoroughly rubbed and scrubbed by brawny naked male attendants. After going through this ordeal of washing, which leaves you cleaner than ever before (or since), you are ready for the tonsorial experts who give you a shave, haircut, and various types of massage.

Then comes the grand finale! A swarm of attendants descend upon the unwary patron with a set of small tools, similar to woodcarving instruments. These are the foot manicurists. Not only do they pedicure your toe-nails, but they work over the skin between the toes (a very unique service to be sure and one which should be initiated state-side for some of our web-footed friends).

Clever people, the Chinese!

Over Million Vets Enrolled in School

Over 1,000,000 veterans of World War II are now enrolled in the nation's universities and colleges, reports School and Society, weekly educational publication.

Dr. Raymond Walters has completed an enrollment survey which indicates that 668 institutions had enrolled 714,477 veterans as of November 1, 1946.

Dr. Walters also added that 150,000 additional veterans were enrolled in junior colleges and other thousands were enrolled in institutions not listed in School and Society.

Her mind was like a bachelor's bed—never made up.

Freezy Reprinted In "All Hands"

It was noted with considerable pride that J. R. Dale's cartoon of "Freezy and the Prowler" was printed in the January issue of All Hands Magazine. Freezy, who had become a welcome addition to the Oak Leaf, bid a sad adieu when his creator was discharged from the Navy on the 15th of January.

A request for new talent for a weekly cartoon that was printed in last week's Oak Leaf has still gone unanswered. Anyone with artistic talent may submit cartoons to the editor simply by dropping them in the suggestion box in the Ship's Service lobby or by bringing them directly to the Oak Leaf office in the Administration Building annex.

April Date Set For CPO Examinations

Examinations for advancement to CPO will be given on 16 April to qualified first class petty officers. Tests will be given for the following rates only:

BMCBB, ETM, RDM, SOM, CMCBB, CMCBD, CMCBE, CMCBS, SFCBM, SFCBP, SFCBR, SFCBS, SAI, SAD, PTR, T*, AMMI, AETM, PHOM, AERM, SKV, ABMAG, ABMCP, SKT, PRTRL, SSMB, SSMC, SSML, SSMT, MAM, SPF, SPG, SPI, SPSPS*, SPTLT, SPV, SPY, MMCBE, MMR, MMS, EMCBC, EMCBD, EMCBG, EMCBL, WTCB, SPXED, SPXTD, SPXCT, SPXJO, SPXPR, SPXNC, SPQIN, SPQCR, SPQTE.

* V-10 personnel only.

It was noted with regret that PHM was not among the ratings eligible to take the examinations. Further information regarding the conducting of these tests can be obtained through the staff personnel office.

Three Boots entered a roadside bar and looking around cautiously, made their way to the bartender.

"I'll have a coke," said the first. The bartender looked at the man on the next stool.

"I'll take an orangeade," was the quiet dignified reply.

Disgust written on his face, the bartender glared at the third.

"Just a glass of water for me," was the request, "I'm driving."

BASEBALL

Anyone interested in trying out for the hospital baseball team, should get in touch with Chief Alwood, Commissary 1, Phone 226.

Legend Of Genesis; Oak Knoll Style

In the beginning, the Lord made the Heaven and the Earth, the Navy and BuMed, and the Lord gave Dominion over the earth to man, and over the Navy to the All-Highest, and over BuMed to Clifford A. Swanson.

And the All-Highest saw that there were only the Navy and BuMed, and seeing it was displeased. And the All-Highest said:

"Let there be hospitals!" And there was Oak Knoll.

And the All-Highest said: "Let there be Medical Officers!" And there were Medical Officers.

And the All-Highest said: "Let there be Nurses;" And (sob) there were nurses.

And the All-Highest looked upon his work and said, "Clifford A., this is very good."

And the All-Highest rested. And the Medical Officers rested. And the Nurses rested. And every other day everybody rested. And there was peace and joy in the garden, and all creatures rejoiced in the creations of the Lord, and the All-Highest, and Clifford A.

But unto the lowliest of these creatures a serpent spoke and said: "Eat ye of the fruit of the Tree of Knowledge and thereby will your rank be raised." And the words of the serpent lingered in the ears of the lowly, and he did eat of the fruit of the Tree of Knowledge and his rank was raised and he said, "Now I am higher than you in the eyes of my Creator."

And the others looked with envy, and strove with each other to raise their own rank, and there was no more peace in the garden. And the golden bars envied the silver bars, and the silver bars envied the double bars, and the double bars envied the golden oak leaves, and the golden oak leaves envied the silver-oak leaves, and the silver oak leaves envied the silver eagles.

And the silver eagles walked with fear and trembling, and watched with terror the vagaries of the stars that glittered, both in the skies and in the collars and shirts of the wearers thereof. And there was no more peace in the land.

And the All-Highest saw that there was no more peace and was sorely troubled, and he said, "Come unto me, all ye sages, all ye wise people, and in celestial council let us decide what is to be done." And the sages and the wise people silenced their harps, and left off drifting among the clouds, and gathered with the others . . . and thought.

"Cast them into Hell," said one.

"They are already in Hell," said the All-Highest.

"Restrict them," said another.

"What more restriction can be placed upon them?" said the All-Highest.

"They are told what, where, and when to eat, sleep and drink. They are told what clothes to wear, and when. They are told where they must go and what they must do. Their lives are disrupted, their personalities altered and brutalized, and their privacy outraged. What more?"

Then up spake the youngest of them all, and he saith, "You have forgotten one thing, Oh, All-Highest," and the Elders trembled at the audacity of the younger.

But the All-Highest said, "Tell me what it is that I have forgotten."

And the youngest said, "You have forgotten to create a scapegoat."

And all were thunder struck because they knew it to be true.

And the All-Highest said, "Tomorrow I will create a Scapegoat. You shall see him."

And the next day when all were assembled the All-Highest said: "Come forth, Oh Scapegoat."

And when he had come forth the All-Highest said, "This is the Scapegoat, and his name shall be H.A., and he shall live in Purgatory, and be of two classes, First Class and Second Class. Go ye into the world with courage and fortitude, Little H. A., for upon you shall fall the blame for every untoward thing that happens in the garden."

And it was so. And is so. And will be so, forever and ever. Amen.

ANONYMOUS

"All's Well" Show Goes Over Big Here

"All's Well" was the cry of the evening, and all was well as Recreation presented a revue by the same name on the 16th and 17th of January.

The all-star cast kept the audience on the edge of their seats with excellent music, and good humor. Sy Nathan provided piano accompaniment for the acts, also doing a little solo work on the keys. Another tickler of keys was Nancy and her accordion, who squeezed out popular melodies.

The Chicago Goldcoasters, a chorus line of six curvaceous maids, presented nice footwork and coordination in their dance routines. Pearl Kay, a stunning apparition in Black and Orange, also made with the feet, and got in the groove with Boogie and Tap.

Sir Earl George kept the air filled with Bostonian humor and flying objects. He made a great hit by bouncing six balls at one time. Returning from a tour of the Pacific, Bill Roberts brought along his banjo and guitar and gave emphasis to his plucking with facial expressions.

The Martingales demonstrated their balancing and acrobatic powers in a well presented act. The Kelley Sisters sang many popular pieces, and returned an encore with an original novelty piece.

Keglers of USNH Lose 4th Match

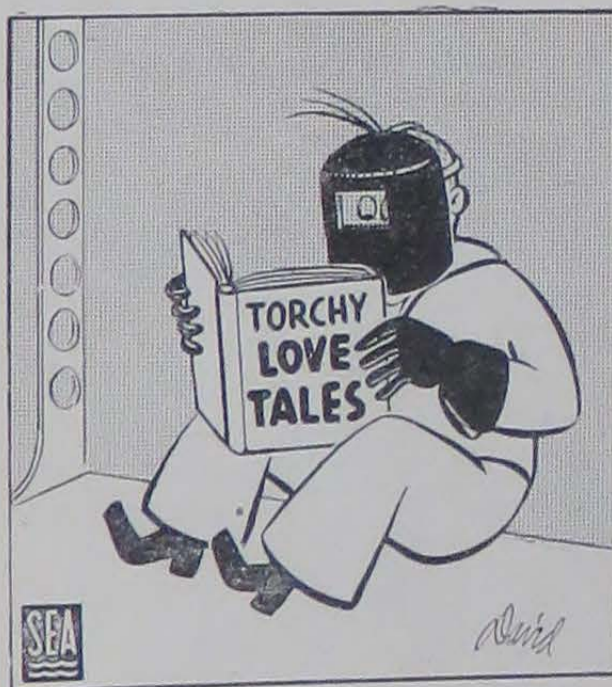
Keglers of the USNH team lost again last Monday to NAS, Alameda. This makes four losses out of five matches for the team and the second loss to Alameda. A match was rolled against Alameda on the hospital alleys the 4th of January with Oak Knoll leading in total pins, but still losing two out of the three lines.

Alameda's team was extra hot last Monday, chalking up three lines of 935, 874 and 972, respectively, for a total of 2781 pins, with a team average of 185. Oak Knoll's team came in a poor second with 791, 757 and 750 for their three lines, making a total of 2298 pins and a team average of 153.

Jury: Twelve men chosen to decide who has the best lawyer.

Many a girl saves her kisses for a rainy day and then finds a man that is all wet.

STRIKER



Scuttlebutt

One hears that **Mary Lou Rosendall** of OPD held a private horse-show at 0130 a few days ago. Was it a good horse or a good party that prompted that?

C. W. Oliver, S1, of ward 51B met his cousin the other day after receiving a letter from home telling him that he was here. The cousin is **Lt. R. L. Evitts**, USMC, on ward 40B. **Oliver** has been in the hospital several months and **Evitts** has been here something like 15 months. It's supposed to be the first meeting in about 15 years for the two.

Tom Valinotti, former wheel of Physio, was presented with a baby boy by his wife a week ago here at the hospital. One of the Waves from Nursery, **Frankie Griffin**, claims that little **Valinotti** utters not a single dissenting voice all night long. It seems that he's a mother's, (also a father's) dream and doesn't cry at all. Some kid, **Tom!**

Two of our Waves left us this last week to return to civilliance. They were **Nellie O. French** and **Marjory (Irish O'Brien) Hillborn**. **Miss French's** new address will be Bismark, Illinois, and **Mrs. Hillborn** will be with her husband in LaPorte, Texas.

Our little bird (the stoolpidgeon) tells us that **Bessie Mackamson** should get a pair of glasses. It seems she embarrassed one of our young HAs by calling to him all the way across the chow hall. Hm-m-m, sure that was a mistake, **Bessie!**

Cecil, big wheel of X-ray, has just left for Louisville, Kentucky, on terminal leave. He plans to return to Oak Knoll and re-enlist.

We also hear that **N. M. Canavan** has just returned from a re-enlistment leave, and that **L. E. Myers** will return from one of the same nature on the 1st.

H. J. DeFavero has just returned to the compound as well as **L. S. Casperson**. Both have been on annual leave.

Dottie Gilbert, our erstwhile friend from OPD, rates another mention in this week's column. It seems that she celebrated her birthday last Tuesday night with about 30 or 40 of the Oak Knoll staff and patients showing up at Hall's Coffee Shop for a free feed of spaghetti with the compliments of **Marie Hall**.

2,500 Reservists Needed to Train

(SEA)—Naval Reserve officers and enlisted volunteers, 2,500 of them, may now sign up to serve on board units of the Atlantic Fleet during training exercises scheduled in the Caribbean area this winter. From 2 February until 19 March, 300 officers and 1500 enlisted men are needed for tactical exercises, and 100 officers and 600 enlisted men are desired from 18 February until 24 March for amphibious exercises.

Commandants of the various naval districts east of the Mississippi and the Potomac River Naval Command will accept names of volunteer reserves who wish to serve in connection with these tactical and amphibious exercises.

Cagers Challenge All Base Quintets

You've heard of the Quiz Kids and lately the Whiz Kids; now we have the Cysto Kids. Playing their first game of the season, this newly organized cage team swamped X-ray to the tune of 30 to 6. The game was played on the outside courts and Cysto's fireball tactics and youth proved to be too much for the inexperienced members of the Roentgen Followers.

The team is made up of members of the Urology Department, and is issuing an open challenge to any department, ward or unit on the compound. To book future games with the Cysto Kids, call "Wheel" on Ward 75-B.

Little Shavers Told How To Be Gay Blade

(SEA)—Having stubble-trouble? Even if you're just a little shaver, you ought to be interested in the facts and advice being given out by **David Goldman**, shaving expert and public relations man. The average American man shaves once every 1½ days and the U. S. uses three million blades a year, according to Goldman's figures.

National shave champion is **Jim Churchill** of Charlottesville, Va. He shaved a two-day growth of beard in 61 seconds in a shaving tournament. No nicks, either.

Tips on how to shave the Goldman way, include: Avoid conversation. Check direction of beard and shave in opposite way. Don't read while shaving. Turn over blade after shaving; each blade has four beveled sides, not two.

Cartoonist Wanted

Due to the discharge of our present cartoonist, **J. R. Dale**, the **Oak Leaf** is in need of a cartoonist. Submit cartoons for consideration through the **Oak Leaf** box in **Ship's Service** lobby with name, rate, and department or ward attached. We would prefer a humorous caricature that can be worked into a series.

Diogenes ventured onto the hospital compound last week looking for an honest man. An extraordinarily intellectual HA spotted him, and recognizing him, queried: "Any luck?" "Oh, pretty fair," replied **Diogenes**. "I still have my lantern!"

PhM: "Jackson, why do you continually squint your eyes?"

HA2: "It's my peculiarity. Everybody has some peculiarity."

PhM: "I don't have any!"

HA2: "Don't you stir your coffee with your right hand?"

PhM: "Yes, of course."

HA2: "That's your peculiarity. Most people use a spoon."

Rookie: "Do you think I might get a lot of medals when I get in the fighting zone? I'm a sharpshooter, you know."

Sarg: "The fellow in this regiment with the most medals is a crapp-shooter."

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LOST—Russet Chesapeake Retriever puppy. Answers to the name of Susie. Reward. Call Public Information, Extension 223, or SW 9009.

FOR SALE—Nash '35; good shape, new paint job, motor recently overhauled. Make offer. W. R. Carter, Transportation.

NOTICE Will the patient whose PT model was on exhibition in the Red Cross show case, Ships' Service Building, please call for the same at the Oak Leaf Office.

Elderly lady: "Sailor, do those tattoos wash off?"

Old Tar: "I can't rightfully say, ma'am."

"Jack was held up on the way back from Oakland last night."

"Yeah, I know. That's the only way he could have gotten back."

He married Helen. Hell ensued. He left Helen. Helen sued.

You can't win.

Everyone should own a comfortable bed and comfortable shoes because he's in one or the other all his life.

Officers' Club Dance

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Featuring . . .
CARLTON ACKLEY
His Piano and Orchestra



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Recent Changes in NSLI Policies Requires Outline of Information

Last August Congress passed a new Insurance Act, which made radical changes in policies and administration of NSLI (National Service Life Insurance).

New Beneficiary Designations

One of the foremost changes was in regard to beneficiaries. Formerly, a matured policy was payable only to the widow, widower, children, parents, or brothers and sisters of the insured. Now, however, policyholders can name any person or persons, firm, corporation, charity, or any other legal entity, including the insured's own estate, as beneficiaries. This entails at least one disadvantage, however, and it is important enough for all to check. In the event that no beneficiaries have been named, the new law provides that the insurance will, upon the insured's death, revert to his estate and becomes taxable and subject to creditor's demands as part of the estate. Therefore, unless one desires the government to get part of his insurance through taxation, it would be well to be sure that a beneficiary or beneficiaries are designated.

Assignments by Beneficiaries

This law also provides that the designated beneficiary can, after the death of the insured, assign all or any part of, his interest in the insurance to the widow, widower, child, parent, grandparent, or brother or sister of the insured.

New Options Provided

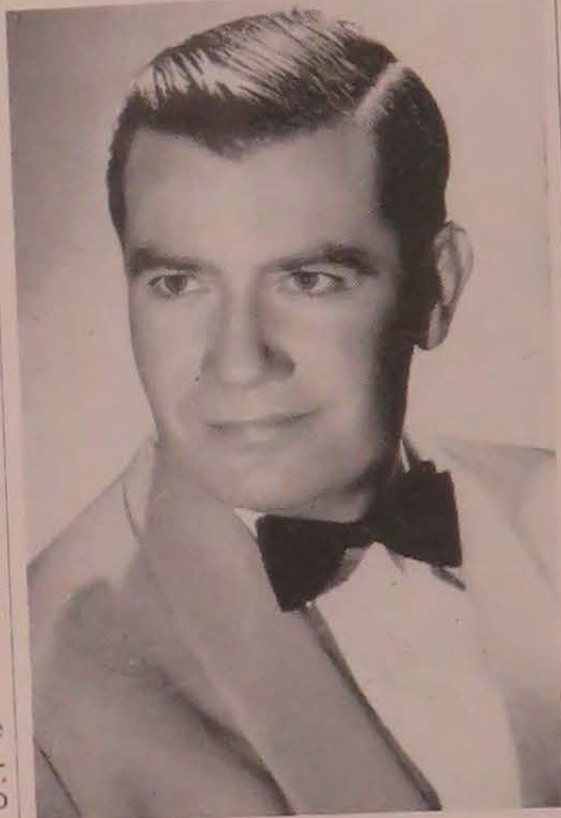
It was previously provided that the insurance must be paid, upon maturity, in monthly installments to the beneficiary. Now, however, the insured has his choice of four separate plans. These options are as follows:

1. Lump sum payment of face value of policy when it matures.
2. Equal monthly payments from 36 to 240 months.
3. Equal monthly payments for at least 120 months, with such payments continuing throughout the life of the beneficiary.
4. Refund Life Income, which is almost the same as option 3, except that the monthly payments are slightly smaller, but in addition to continuing throughout the lifetime of the beneficiary, guarantees that face value of the policy will be paid regardless of the death of the principal beneficiary.

If the insured elects no option, the insurance will be paid to the beneficiary in 36 monthly installments. The beneficiary, though, may elect an option providing for smaller monthly payments over a longer period of time.

Next week this paper will cover the last half of the insurance information—the Ordinary Life, 30-payment life, 20-payment life, 20-year endowment, and endowment at the age of 60 or 65 insurance plans, plus the provisions of a waiver-of-premiums feature for the disabled.

Fitzpatrick's Band Revisits Oak Knoll



EDDIE FITZPATRICK

Eddie Fitzpatrick's orchestra is scheduled to play a return engagement at the hospital auditorium next Monday. Eddie was here less than three months ago for a very successful show.

His augmented string section is specially designed to keep the music soft and sweet. The band has been on tour for the past couple of months, and is planning to make this "one-night stand" one of the best on the agenda.

VA News Tidbits

More than 63,000 veterans are studying farming right on the farm under two Federal laws administered by the Veterans Administration.

Veterans Administration artificial eye and restoration clinics are in operation in eight cities in the nation and soon will be in operation in six others.

Need For Revision Of Courts Martial Seen By White

Commodore Robert J. White, who has just completed a cross section review of 607,086 wartime courts martial cases, has noted several basic defects in the present Navy courts martial system and has suggested plans to correct them.

Eighteen percent of the cases reviewed registered complaints concerning defense council and prosecution, but over 80 percent of men in disciplinary barracks have agreed that they had a fair trial.

Commodore White urges that reforms include explicit guarantees of an individual's personal rights, including safeguards against testifying against one's self, double jeopardy, cruel or unusual punishment, and deprivation of due process.

The report also called for revision and rewriting of the "Manual of Courts and Boards" to redefine Constitutional safeguards concerning admissions and confessions, and requirements for identifying the accused.

It was also proposed that the functions of judge advocate, who advises summary and general courts, and prosecutor, now performed by one person, be separated.

Advancement Limited In Certain Ratings

Due to overall excesses of petty officers in certain rating groups, it is necessary to limit advancements in ratings which can be effected by commanding officers.

Effective 3 February NO ADVANCEMENTS in rating will be made to the following rates:

Parachute rigger second, Machinist's mate second, Boatswain's mate second and Coxswain, Gunner's mate second and third, Mineman second and third, Torpedoman's mate second and third, Signalman second and third, Aviation ordnanceman second and third, Aviation ordnanceman T second and third, Torpedoman's mate V second and third, Ship's cook second and third, Baker second and third, Water tender second and third, Buglemaster second and third, Steward second and third and Cook second and third.

The rating of PhM is not included in this order. Authority for this action is AlNav 24-47.

AOL and AWOL Offenders Returned To Own Duty Station

Absence offenders with less than 31 days' unauthorized absence will be returned to their own stations for disciplinary action under the provisions of Alstacon 181400 of December, 1946.

Under the new procedure, stations to which such men are delivered or surrendered shall confirm the offender's duty station by rapid means, provide the offender with transportation and written orders to his own station, inform the offender's station of date he is due to report and provide a summary of expenses to be checked against his pay account.

The written orders should state that he is being returned in a disciplinary status in his own custody, and failure to comply will subject him to charge of direct disobedience of orders and further unauthorized absence.

Families' Travel To Overseas Bases Revised By BuPers

In BuPers Circ. Ltr. 280-46, the Bureau has done much to set minds of enlisted personnel at ease in connection with transportation of their dependents to overseas stations. Enlisted men and their families have, in the past, frequently become separated when debarking from transports, as the man would be required to report to his duty station immediately.

This would leave his dependents in a quandry, attempting to find quarters, arrange transportation, etc., without the assistance that could be given by the man.

Now, Commands will issue individual orders to all enlisted men who will be embarked in the same transport as their dependents. Orders will be so worded that the man will be separated from his dependents for a minimum amount of time prior to embarking, as well as authorizing delay in reporting not to exceed two days after debarkation.

Debarkation officers will process men with dependents separately and enable them to communicate with and assist their dependents. Also, in case such men have been included on a draft list, the debarkation officer has authority to remove them and give them individual authority to delay up to two days in reporting for duty.

All such delays will automatically be charged as leave.

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Hospital Corps Commendation

It is not possible to reprint the complete commendation to the Hospital Corps from Secretary of the Navy James Forrestal, because of lack of space, but the general message, with excerpts from his text follow:

Out of every 100 men of the United States Navy and Marine Corps who were wounded in World War II, 97 recovered.

That is a record not equaled anywhere, any time.

Every individual who was thus saved from death owes an everlasting debt to the Navy's Hospital Corps. The Navy is indebted to the Corps. The entire nation is its debtor, for thousands of citizens are living normal, constructive, happy and productive lives who, but for the skill and toil of the Hospital Corps, might be dead or disheartened by crippling invalidism.

Without this service, the Navy's Medical Corps could not have achieved the life saving record and the mind saving record its physicians and surgeons and psychiatrists achieved.

The Hospital Corpsmen saved lives on all beaches that the Marines stormed. Corpsmen were at the forefront of every invasion, in all actions at sea, on all carrier decks. They were on their own in submarines and smaller ships of the fleet, performing emergency surgery at times when they had to take fearsome responsibility of trying to save a life by heroic means or see the patient die.

Their presence at every post of danger gave immeasurable confidence to their comrades under arms. Their bravery was fortified by the knowledge that the Corpsmen, the sailors of solace, were literally at their sides when the skill and means to stanch wounds, allay pain and to carry them back, if need be, to safe shelter and the ministrations of the finest medical talent in the world.

These Corps' men and women toiled, often as dangerously, never less vitally, in areas remote from battle: In hospitals, in hospital ships, in airplanes, in laboratories and pharmacies and dispensaries. They helped, and are helping (for the task is far from over) in the salvage of men's broken bodies and minds—the grim product and perennial aftermath of war.

Scores of Corpsmen, made prisoners of war, used their skill and strength to retain life and hope in their fellow captives through long years of imprisonment and deprivation.

No wonder men and women are proud to wear the emblem of the Hospital Corps! It is a badge of mercy and valor, a token of unselfish service in the highest calling—the saving of life in the service of their country.

So, to the 200,000 men and women of the Hospital Corps, I say in behalf of the United States Navy: "Well Done. Well done, indeed!"

—JAMES FORRESTAL

"March of Dimes" Results

Chaplain Andrews, Chairman of March of Dimes Drive, reports that \$530.95 was collected in the campaign on this base.

The Medical Officer in Command wishes to express his appreciation for the response given to this cause by personnel.

Red Cross Ramblings

With Spring just around the corner, gardening time is here. Patients who like to watch things grow are invited to start a bedside garden. Red Cross furnishes the earthen pots, tools, and some of the nicest little plants you would want to own: philodendrum, baby ivy, cactus varieties, and flower slips. Or perhaps you would like to start with just one bulb in a glass of water, i.e. narcissus, and watch it shoot leaves and come to flower. Again you might want to own an earthen pot and grow some vari-colored Holland tulips which blossom early in the year.

If you are a specialist, you can start an herb garden right outside your ward window. Mrs. George Politis of the California Herb Society has been out to help with the transplanting of these gardens from individual pots to Oak Knoll soil. Some are growing near ward 67. For the uninitiated, herbs come in two varieties: for seasoning and for medicinal purposes. Also some of our prettiest flowers are herbs: such as the Iris and Lilly-of-the Valley. While gardening in miniature, you can learn the botanical names of the herbs and their many uses in the modern world. Herb growing is a fascinating and very old art, so much so that the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York has just published an illustrated book to encourage and interest more herb growers than ever. Here is a new outdoor hobby—easy, fun, healthful and different—to while away your stay in the hospital.

The Jewish Women's Welfare Federation of Oakland came to 70B Monday night and Bingo reigned supreme. Among those who covered the proper numbers were S1/c Dover, Chief Nichols, S1/c G. Nelson, Veteran Ellis Newman, S1/c Charles Pa-

terno, Sgt. Charles Castleman, Cox. John Terrien, S1/c Joe Lesneck, S1/c William Butterfield, and Veteran Howard Spence, who almost forgot to use his crutches in his excitement when he went to get the grand prize.

Last Tuesday evening the men of ward 42-B spent a very pleasant two hours seeing various movie shorts shown by Mr. J. C. Hensley of the Oakland Sportsmen Club. Mr. Hensley had several reels in color he had taken of his own deer hunting trips. The patients liked these particularly, because Mr. Hensley gave a very interesting running comment, along with the films, about the trip and various facts about deer hunting especially. Other films were on football highlights of 1946, deep sea fishing and Arctic exploring.

January 23, the birthday of veteran patient Wallace King on Ward 75B, was celebrated with appropriate good wishes and two devil's food cakes one with pink and one with yellow frosting, and pink and green candles. Patients on the ward, who had a taste of it too, thanked King for growing a year older.

The next vocational trip will be Friday, 7 February. This trip, by request of patients, is the second one to the Diesel Engine Plant. There is still room for a few more patients. If any of you are interested in going, contact your ward recreation worker.

WANTED

Baseball and Softball Players

"What do you say fellows? Let's show a little more interest in a **Baseball or Softball team** for the hospital. Come on down to **Commissary** and leave your name with **CPhM Alwood**.

+ + CHAPLAIN'S CORNER + +

WHY?

Have you ever considered the importance of some of the short words of our language? For example, the word **if** has only two letters, and the word **but** has only three letters.

The word **why** has only three letters. It could be replaced by a simple question mark, and people would still understand what was meant. The word **why** implies not only a question, but also a desire to find the answer to the question.

J. G. Whittier had an answer to the question on religious faith. He put it in these words:

"I know not where His islands lift
Their fronded palms in air,
I only know I cannot drift
Beyond His love and care."

Chaplain E. C. Andrews, USN.

Divine Services

Protestant:
Chaplains—E. C. Andrews, E. D. Sneary.
Sunday—
Divine Service.....1100
Bible Study (Thursday in Chapel)—1800.
Choir—Monday & Thursday, 1400-1500
Protestant Chaplains' offices are located on the Second Deck of Bldg. No. 1.
Catholic:
Chaplain—Carl Herold.
Sunday Mass—0630, 0830, 0945.
Weekday Mass—1205 in oratory next to Chaplain's Office in Building 1.
Confessions before all Masses.

Christian Science:
Worker will be on the compound every Tuesday and Friday afternoons.
L. D. S. (Mormon):
Services 1930 Thursday.
Jewish:
Divine Service—1800 every Friday. Meet at Ship's Service Bldg. for transportation to chapel services at Treasure Island.
The Field representative of the National Jewish Welfare Board, Hospital Service Dept., is in attendance on the hospital compound on Tuesdays and Fridays from 1000 to 1600. He has office hours at the reception office of the chapel from 1500 to 1600 and from 1900 to 2000 on Fridays.

Saturday, 1 February, 1947

MAA's Keep Base 'On The Ball'

Wave's Barracks Supervised; Hospital Orders Enforced

Base Keglers Lose To Treasure Island

Keglers of the Oak Knoll bowling team succumbed once again last Monday in their match against Naval Station, Treasure Island. The tough luck that has almost consistently plagued the team took over again and they lost by the small margin of 2½ pins per line. The lines for Oak Knoll were 792, 695 and 853, respectively, totaling 2340 pins for a team average of 156. Treasure Island's scores were 829, 773 and 775, for their first, second and third lines, respectively. TI's total was 2377 for a team average of 158.5 pins.

High man of the night was Turk of the Oak Knoll team with 206, 160 and 194 for a three line individual total of 560 or an average of 187. Turk has been consistently high man of the Oak Knoll team and has done some very superior bowling during the six matches the team has rolled thus far. He now has a league average of 180.

Gay Musical Revue Coming to Knoll

A "Tip Top Revue" will be the feature of Recreation's entertainment program on February 4 and 5, at the Ship's Service Auditorium.

Jim Penman, besides emceeing the show, will return with his "company" to keep a steady stream of bright chatter and a quick-tempoed juggling act. The wizard will be assisted by his wife, Louanne. Wherever he goes, he finds comedy props in her crazy little hats.

The "Girl of Yesterday" will be there also. Kay Parsons, who earned the cognomen from her large repertoire of old-timers, was the originator of community singing on the radio, so don't be too surprised if she has the audience joining the act.

An internationally-famous hand-balancing and comedy acrobatic team, Sidney and Peter Carr, will present their routine. In '31, the brothers did a command performance for King George V, and have recently been entertaining servicemen.

Dixie, Dimples and Daisy, from deep in the heart of Massachusetts, Tolland that is, will swing out with the modern versions of old-time favorites of the west. Previously known as the Hayloft Girls, the trio have expert handling of guitar, mandolin and harmonica.

The Blues Music Masters is a triple-packed act in which Alfred Grant masters the accordion, Johnny Blue the violin and Carl Moss the guitar. These New Yorkers will bring boogie and blues.

Lee Radio, billed as "The Boy With The Million Taps," does an act that features a riff and sliding routine, a novelty chair number, and a snappy finale.

Jai Dillard, also from the you-all country, will accompany the acts, and present one of her own with some fine boogie and swing.

Here's to our sweethearts and our wives;
May our sweethearts soon become our wives;
And our wives ever remain our sweethearts.

On the lower deck of Building 1 there is a beehive of activity—more commonly known around the hospital as the Inside Master-At-Arms Shack.

This domain of the badge-bearers,



CPHM WILLIAM C. STEWART, USN
Chief MAA

under supervision of William C. Stewart, CPHM, USN, is the scene of industry as personnel beat a path to

the two-sectioned door for every thing from a Special Liberty Chit to a PAL badge.

Gold-hashed Chief Stewart, who has filled the position of Chief MAA for four months, first enlisted in the Navy in 1919, and has served aboard numerous stations and nearly every type of ship. He jokingly says that he intends to make the Navy his career.

Three of the 'first mates,' Kirby, Shearer and Poole, have been on the force since last November. C. C. Kirby, PhM1, as the Navy officially knows him, has a great interest in PAL's of the base, as his job revolves around them. He claims that his greatest ambition is to become Chief MAA. T. S. Shearer, PhM1, handles many of the details of the shack, while F. J. Poole, PhM1, is often seen in Barracks 35 with swabs and the necessary manpower as companions.

A newcomer to the force is R. A. Bond, PhM1, who has worn the star for less than a month, but was seen around the compound long before as a chauffeur to Admiral Dearing,

ex-CO. The department also boasts of another Bond. William T. works in the Leave and Liberty office, where he meets the "liberty hounds" as they check out and draw their cards.

The "wheel" of the Oak Knoll Highway Patrol is C. K. Davidson, also PhM1, who handles the traffic situation. He is usually seen in the jeep.



AGNES ZOELLNER, Sp(S)1, Waves Barracks MAA, is seen handing mail to LOU MOORE, PhM1, across the desk in the barracks.

The department is striving to put the compound on a GI basis, to conform with the transition from a wartime to a peacetime organization. Chief Stewart states that: "The policy of the group is to keep personnel out of trouble more than to place them under disciplinary action."

Though not attached to the masculine set-up, three specialist S's serve as master-at-arms in the WAVE barracks. Theirs is a manifold job which includes operation and maintenance of the WAVE quarters as well as supervision of the residents therein. Agnes Zoellner, SpS1/c, is the senior MAA, having had three years experience in WAVE barracks administration, most of which has been spent in the Bay area. Betsy Ross Pigg, SpS3/c, and Lucille Quick, S1/c(S), were transferred from U. S. Naval Barracks (WR), Balboa Park, San Francisco, via a short duty tour on Treasure Island.



Five members of the Inside Master-At-Arms force; left to right: T. S. SHEARER, PhM1, C. K. DAVIDSON, PhM1, C. C. KIRBY, PhM1, W. T. BOND, PhM2, and R. A. BOND, PhM1.

Moffett Field Cagers Defeat USNH, 62-46

The Oak Knoll quintet suffered a loss at the hands of Moffett Field's cagers last Tuesday night in the Moffett Field Gym to the tune of 62 to 46.

Noreen, guard on the Knoll aggregation, was high point man for our team with 24 points in his favor. Scotty, center, came in next with 14 and Sanders, forward, followed up with 8 points. The other members of the team seemed to have an off night, with no sinkings to their credit.

It takes two to make an argument—unless you have a wife.

"All Hands" Urged To Register Autos

All officers, enlisted personnel, civilians and patients will register their automobiles for the year 1947 with the Chief Master-At-Arms, Inside MAA. New parking spaces will be assigned, and in some instances, new stickers will be issued.

Each registrant must have at the time of registration: (1) California drivers license or a license from the state in which the car is registered. (2) Auto registration. (3) Insurance with \$5,000 public liability and \$10,000 property damage for the current year.

It is requested that personnel register IMMEDIATELY.

New Schedule In Use For Officer Rotation

All officers—Naval Academy graduates, ex-enlisted men or former Naval Reservists—will be rotated according to the same schedule to accelerate the rotation of officers to beach duty. Enlisted sea duty counts toward an officer's eligibility for rotation to shore, if it runs consecutively with sea duty in an officer status. Previously, all enlisted sea-duty time was cancelled upon commissioning.

If less than 12 months was spent ashore, an officer still retains his consecutive sea-duty time.

No Family Allowance For 'Training Duty'

When Naval Reservists are ordered to "training duty with pay," they will not be eligible for family allowances. According to NavAct 94-46, this does not constitute "active duty." Men of the first three pay grades, however, will still be entitled to money allowance for quarters, which is more commonly known as MAQ.

Cases may be referred to BuPers (Attn: Pers 531) if there is any doubt as to whether the man has been or is on "active duty." When a man has been on "active duty" and no credit for MAQ has been made, claim may be submitted to Field Branch, Bu-SandA, Central Pay Accounts Division, Cleveland, Ohio, with properly executed beneficiary slip.

• Movie Schedule •

Saturday, 1 February

"DRAGON SEED"

Kathryn Hepburn—Walter Huston

Sunday, 2 February

"CALIFORNIA"

Barbara Stanwyck—Ray Milland

Monday, 3 February

"NAVY COMES THROUGH"

Pat O'Brien—George Murphy

Tuesday, 4 February

"DECOY"

Jean Gillie—Edward Norris

Wednesday, 5 February

"BLONDE FOR A DAY"

Katheryn Adams—Hugh Beaumont

Thursday, 6 February

"BLONDIE'S BIG MOMENT"

Penny Singleton—Arthur Lake

Friday, 7 February

"DEAD RECKONING"

Elizabeth Scott—Humphrey Bogart

Saturday, 8 February

"YOU BELONG TO ME"

Barbara Stanwyck—Henry Fonda

The above movies are shown one day later at the Officers' Club

Off the Bookshelf

Now that 1947 is here, it is time to check up on your 1946 reading, before any more books add themselves to the list of those that you meant to read. The ten best-selling books, all of which may be borrowed from the hospital library, are as follows:

FICTION

This Side of Innocence, by Caldwell.

The King's General, by Du Maurier.

The Foxes of Harrow, by Yerby.

Arch of Triumph, by Remarque.

Brideshead Revisited, by Waugh.

David the King, by Schmitt.

The Hucksters, by Wakeman.

NON-FICTION

The Egg and I, by MacDonald.

Peace of Mind, by Liebman.

I Chose Freedom, by Kravchenko.

Other outstanding books of the year will be mentioned next week.

LIBRARY HOURS

Monday—Friday: 0800-1630

Saturday: 0800-1200

Scuttlebutt

Lois Ashe Printz, formerly **Lois Marshner**, has said goodbye to Oak Knoll, and is now back in Rocky Hill, Connecticut. **Chuck Richardson** has also received the coveted certificate and is happily settled down in Dubuque, Iowa. **Bob Maple**, of Transportation, was noticed going out the gate for the last time last Friday. Good luck to all of you.

Gillies, of staff personnel, celebrated his birthday a few days ago with a party at the P.B. Among those present were **Elsie Ahti**, **Kirby** and family, **Goodman**, **Dees**, **Cecil**, **Vitt**, **Wayland**, **Dye**, **Gurele** and **Shipp**—with that gang there's little doubt that a good time was had by all.

It seems that a few more of our erstwhile friends decided to travel west, so they "let" the Bureau send them out to sea—among those seen heading seaward were, **W. M. Canavan**, **J. T. Smith**, **E. D. Andrade**, **E. D. Prior**, and **A. K. Wolfe** of Oak Knoll, plus **E. T. Rice** from temporary San Leandro duty.

"**Rosie**" **Rosendall** also arranged quite a gathering last Thursday night with about 35 or 40 guys and gals getting together at Redwood Canyon for horseback riding in the early evening, polished off by a weiner roast with all the trimmings afterward. A good time was had by all and the only two minor mishaps among the "dudes" took place when **Chief Strickland's** horse squeezed his foot between his (the horse's, that is) side and a post, and **Mason** tried flying a little too low with the result that his nose was badly bumped on the saddle-horn.

One hears that **Kenny Baumgardner** and his Australian bride have been on a honeymoon. **Kenny** was also discharged last week.

Also that little bird's back again (Yes, we mean the stool-pigeon) and he tells us that the girls are raving about something new being added where **Murphy** (of the bowling alley **Murphys**) is concerned—we weren't able to find out whether it was bubble-bath or cologne, though.

"**Pancho**" **Leyva**, known to the Navy as **Enrique Arturo Leyva**, is among the last of the Reserves (staff) of Oak Knoll to be discharged. Also heading for home is **Pearson**.

Is **Chief Yeoman Denson** over in 41A striking for CPhM? Or is it just that the new intern there things **Denson's** a medical corpsman? You should have heard the medical discussion that went on the other morning in the doctor's office.

What caused the sudden case of "mike-fright" developed by **Christine** Tuesday night at the Hangout? Maybe the audience scared her, or perhaps that recording she intended to make wasn't for her sister.

In the night Mrs. Smith became very ill. They quickly hauled her to OPD, where Seaman Smith paced the corridor.

After what seemed like hours, a white robed doctor emerged from the examination room and addressed Seaman Smith.

"Smith, your wife has quinzey."

"My gosh," said Smith, before he fainted, "That makes fifteen."

Private Vehicle OKed For EM Travel Orders

Enlisted men are now permitted to travel via privately-owned vehicles when carrying out permanent change-of-station orders, and officers may do so on any type of travel orders, if the orders contain no travel orders to the contrary, announced Alnav 618-46.

The distance between duty points under the system will be the shortest usually traveled route as shown in the official mileage tables.

The travel rate will be 250 miles per day, and the rate of travel divided into the distance is the period of travel time authorized.

Any distance of 100 miles or more in excess of the standard 250-mile day units, will be counted as an extra day.

INCOME TAX CONSULTANT

An income tax consultant is on duty in Room 310, Hyde Street Annex of Federal Building, 45 Hyde Street, San Francisco, Monday through Friday, from 0830 to 1640, to advise naval personnel relative to their personal income tax problems and questions. The telephone number is Market 3828, Extension 267.

Temporary Officers' Status Is Clarified

In accordance with AlNav 4-47 (NDB, 15 Jan.), holders of temporary officer appointments will, when ordered to proceed and report for duty in enlisted status, be given delay en route to count as leave. The temporary appointment will terminate upon the expiration of the leave.

Such officers will be entitled to proceed time, but reimbursement for travel will be figured on the basis provided for enlisted men.

New Laundry Policies

Since the inauguration of the new laundry service at the Community Service Building, the laundry has announced the following change in policies: Laundry is now picked up on Mondays and Thursdays approximately 1300, and taken to NAS, Alameda. It is completed there and returned to the hospital one week later at the same time the next pickup is made.

In other words, for the best service, you may take your laundry in before 1300 on Monday or Thursday and have it returned the afternoon of the next Monday or Thursday.

Cartoonist Wanted

Due to the discharge of our present cartoonist, **J. R. Dale**, the Oak Leaf is in need of a cartoonist. Submit cartoons for consideration through the Oak Leaf box in Ship's Service lobby with name, rate, and department or ward attached. We would prefer a humorous caricature that can be worked into a series.

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WANTED—Two civilian employees desire a ride, Monday through Friday to and from Maple and Ma Arthur. Hours: 0800 and 1630. Will share expenses. Call Miss Getman, Public Information Office, Extension 223.

FOR SALE—Nash '35; good shape, new paint job, motor recently overhauled. Make offer. W. R. Carter, Transportation.

LOST

Will the person who removed **Heiman's Textbook of Urology** from Captain **Abernathy's** desk in 75 please return the same immediately.

Communications Course Meets in July

AlNav 600-46 announced that the convening date for the next postgraduate course in applied communications will be July, 1947. Eligible are line officers, including aviators, commissioned 6 June 1940 to 19 June 1942, inclusive. Applicants should have had at least two years' sea duty and will be required to sign agreements not to resign during the curriculum and to serve three years after completion of the course. Applications should be submitted to BuPers, Attn: Pers-4226, before 1 March 1947.

NOTICE

Anyone interested in attending horse-back riding-weiner-roast fair this PM, contact 'Rosie' Rosendall either at the OOD's desk or Wave quarters, Bks. 135. Cost will just \$1.30, plus horse rental fee per person. A good time is practically sure thing. Riding will start approximately 1630 or 1700, so be sure to arrive early.

(Fold in half and then in thirds and staple.)



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UNITED STATES NAVAL HOSPITAL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA

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Insurance Info . . . The Word Is Given On Types Of Plans

Last week the Oak Leaf printed the first in this series of two articles on the subject of National Service Life Insurance. The first article covered new beneficiaries, and new options provided.

New Insurance Plans

NSLI may be converted at any time after it has been in effect for one year (and less than five years, incidentally) to one of the following permanent, and usually more advantageous, forms of insurance:

Ordinary Life, 30-Payment Life, 20-Payment Life, 20-Year Endowment, or Endowment at the age of 60 or 65.

Ordinary Life provides the maximum protection for the minimum payment, 30-Payment Life is a comparatively high-rate insurance, but is paid up at the end of 30 years and remains in force for the remainder of the insured's life. 20-Payment Life is exactly the same principle as the 30-year plan, except that it is paid up at the end of 20 years and is slightly higher-rated than the 30-year plan. 20-Year Endowment insurance is paid up at the end of 20 years and is then payable to the insured in monthly installments for not less than 36 months and not more than 240 months, the number being previously agreed upon. The last form of insurance—Endowment at the age of 60 or 65 years—is essentially the same as the 20-Year Endowment except that it can be paid in a lump sum upon maturity or can be paid in installments, as the insured may choose.

Disability

NSLI has provided for disability by offering a waiver-of-premiums feature to the totally disabled. This amendment was affected as of 8 October 1940 as follows: Provision was made whereby, in event of denial of claim for waiver, the insured has the right to enter suit and have a trial by jury; and certain "statutory disabilities" were mentioned in the Act which, if present, are presumed to render the victim totally disabled. These disabilities are: "The permanent loss of the use of both feet, both hands, or of both eyes, or of one foot and one hand, or of one foot and one eye, or of one hand and one eye, or the total loss of hearing of both ears, or the organic loss of speech." In other words, the presence of any of these disabilities automatically en-

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Gray Ladies Capping Ceremony Conducted At Oak Knoll Saturday



Gray Ladies from Oakland, Berkeley, and Alameda, pose for a shot after receiving their "caps" in the ceremony last week. (Tribune photo)

In a brief capping ceremony and presentation of certificates, 50 volunteers were inducted into the service of the Red Cross Gray Ladies at the Oakland Naval Hospital, Oak Knoll, Saturday afternoon, 1 February.

The volunteers represented the Red Cross chapters of Oakland, Alameda and Berkeley, and will serve in the craft shop and in the Red Cross recreation department of the hospital.

Miss Marie Adams, field director at the hospital introduced Capt. Harvey E. Robins, who welcomed the women and thanked them for their continued interest in the hospitalized personnel.

Gray Lady chairmen of each chapter who gave the caps to their groups are: Mrs. Andy Millu of Alameda, Mrs. Dudley Frost of Oakland and Mrs. Albert Camille of Berkeley.

Guests at the ceremony were: Mrs. Dean Witter, chairman of Volunteer Special Service, Pacific Area, Red Cross; Mrs. John Dubinske, Oakland Gray Lady chairman; Mrs. Leslie Ohman, newly appointed chairman of Volunteer Special Services for Oakland Red Cross; Thomas W. Russ, Oakland chapter manager; Miss Sarah Anderson, field director, Oakland Veterans' Hospital; Mrs. C. H. Brown, Oakland Veterans' Hospital Gray Lady chairman; Mrs. Manfred Crawford and Mrs. Patrick Sweeney,

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U.S. Civil Service Firefighter Exams To Be Given Soon

The United States Civil Service will give, in the near future, examinations for the position of: **Fire Inspector, CAF-9; Fire Chief and Assistant Fire Chief, CAF-8; Fire Chief and Assistant Fire Chief, CPC-10 and CPC-9; Fire Captain, CPC-8; Firefighter (Driver - Operator), CPC-7; Firefighter, CPC-6; Firefighter (Trainee), CPC-5; Fire Inspector, CPC-7; Fire Alarm Operator, CAF-5.**

The place of employment will be all Federal establishments in the San Francisco Bay Area, including such outlying points as Benicia, Hamilton Field, Fairfield, Pittsburg, Sunnyvale, etc.

All applications must be filed with the Board of U. S. Civil Service Examiners, San Francisco, not later than 13 February 1947. For additional details, contact Civilian Personnel.

Courts-Martial Fair, According To Board

(SEA)—Sentences by Navy general courts-martial during the war were substantially reasonable and just, according to the Navy General Court Martial Sentence Review Board.

The Board was appointed in April, 1946, as an added safeguard to the established court-martial system and clemency procedure within the Navy.

The Board examined in detail 2,115 cases—all those of prisoners still in confinement as a result of conviction by general court-martial before V-J Day. Of these, 55 per cent were approved by the Board to remain exactly the same as the sentences imposed. In 29 per cent of the cases, the Board recommended that the man be restored to duty, and in 15 per cent, that the sentence be reduced. In 24 cases, or about 1 per cent, termination of confinement and discharge were recommended.

A staff of 15 war veteran civilian lawyers reviewed and presented the cases to the Board. Not only were the offense and its nature considered in the exhaustive examinations, but also the accused's disciplinary and civilian background, and his length and type of service.

An interesting note was that in desertion cases, in which the death sentence may be imposed, the average sentence was 3.8 years before review by the Board and 3.4 years after review.

Hospital's Personnel To See 'Take It Easy'

On the 13th and 14th of February, Recreation Department has made arrangements for some fine entertainment in the form of the comedy revue, "Take It Easy." This should be a grand evening of fun and frolic, including seven fast-moving acts of comedy and talent.

Comedy will be supplied by Jack Powell, Harry Le Van and Miss Bolles. Powell is noted for his educated drumsticks and has played with Ed Wynn, Billy Rose and Joe Cook. Le Van and Bolles do some of the best clowning in the business.

This act is followed by a blond, blue-eyed singer, Miss Eileen Ritter. Miss Ritter has a brilliant soprano voice and is a dancer of no mean ability. Other acts of the show include: Bobby Joyce and Ginger, tap and acrobatic dancing; Elsie Hart, singing accordionist; Theresa Rose Zacek, violinist, and John Glasper, pianist.

All these totaled should mean an evening's entertainment to be long remembered.

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Navy Relief Society Drive

This year's Navy Relief Drive is half over, and those who have not already contributed are asked to dig deep into those blues, greys or whites, and help support the organization that assists the Navy's personnel.

In announcing the organization's 1947 drive, Admiral C. W. Nimitz has stated, "The Navy Relief Society is an organization of, by, and for the Navy, which has as its sole purpose the rendering of assistance, both financial and through other forms of service, to Naval and Marine Corps personnel and their dependents, including dependents of deceased personnel, in time of emergency need."

"Although intimately identified with the Naval Service, it is a private agency supported by private funds, chiefly contributions from officers, enlisted men, and friends of the Navy. Assistance is rendered where needed irrespective of rank or rate.

"The Society's work has always been predicated upon the assumption that personnel of the service desire to develop and maintain their independence, self-reliance and financial integrity. Hence the greater portion of financial assistance takes the form of loans, made without interest, and normally expected to be repaid. However, to provide for other contingencies, outright grants or gratuities are frequently made to widows, children and other dependents of deceased personnel and to dependents of living personnel whose burdens are such that repayment of a loan would only increase the burdens. Sometimes a combination loan-gratuity is appropriate and is used."

Although no appeal is made for any specific amount from any individual, and the goal is set at the maximum number of contributions, it is hoped that all officers and men, ships and stations will at this time evidence their interest in and support their own Society by some contribution.

Ch. Pharm. C. B. Gordon at the Commissary Office is in charge of Oak Knoll's drive, and all contributions made through appointed members of departments and wards should be turned in to him as soon as possible. The drive ends February 15.

+ + CHAPLAIN'S CORNER + +

Faith is not the result of idle dreaming, one's speculation, an invention of man's mind. It is not purely emotion and sentiment. Rather, faith is the intercommunion between man and God. God, as the Creator, Lord and Father of mankind, has revealed Himself, His will, His power, His relation to man. Man's reason tells him that he is dependent upon God as His creature, His child, His subject, redeemed at a great price. It tells him more—that this dependence upon God creates certain rights and justifies certain demands on the part of God, and in response to them, the corresponding duties and obligations on the part of man. This unreserved acceptance of God's revelation and authority as binding us, and the unreserved willingness to fulfill our obligations in our daily lives, form our practical faith. Hence, we must live as though we believe in God, in His commandments, in His revelations to mankind. This means a strict adherence to and a daily practice of our Holy Religion.

CHAPLAIN CARL A. HEROLD

Red Cross Ramblings

A Valentine's Day party will be the next big event at the Hangout, ARC Room in Building 102, Friday, 14 February, at 1900. A junior hostess group from the College of Holy Name will be the special guests of the evening. If you are interested in taking part on the Patient Planning Committee for the party, come down to the meeting at the Hangout Monday afternoon at 1500.

New Camera Club Formed

Interest in photography, expressed by the patients who have attended the recent photography contests and camera talks at the Hangout, has led to the formation of a Camera Club. Weekly meetings are held at the Hangout on Thursday evenings at 1900. Sam Woody, president of the Oakland Camera Club, will be a guest at the Photography Club on 13 February, 1900-2100, in the Recreation Room, Building 102. Mr. Woody is bringing his lighting equipment and will give a demonstration on how to take portraits. Patients will be used in this demonstration. The following week, he will bring the completed portrait prints to the meeting, so patients who are interested in learning how to take portrait pictures inside be sure to come that evening. Robert Harrod, S/1c, and George Calhoun, S2/c, have started a bulletin board at the Hangout and will gladly welcome any contributions to them. Information about local camera clubs and courses, interesting pictures and "Filter News" now adorn the board. Perry Denton, S1/c, is in charge of the library, which consists of photography magazines and pamphlets. Some books are expected soon.

Chief adviser for the Camera Club has been L. A. Styles of Ward 43A, who is a professional photographer. He has kindly offered his services to camera enthusiasts on the Compound, and will speak again at one of the Thursday evening meetings.

Carnival Recent Success

The Carnival came to Oak Knoll last Friday night and the "Hangout Carnival Grounds" were thronged with a gay crowd of patients and their guests. Concessions ranging from a hula dancer to horse racing, all operated by patients, were kept busy throughout the evening, with the most popular spot the roulette table, run by Pfc. Raymond Kostyal and Perry Denton, S1/c, taking the maximum of "loot stage money" from its eager customers.

Eddie Povilatis made a great hit as

the hula dancer, with Pvt. Frank Phillips, his barker, calling up the crowds. Horse racing bookie was Frank Gann, while Robert Wattenburg, advertised by William Morrison, served as the target for the ping pong ball "Hit 'em" booth. Next to them, Ch. Mach. H. S. Goller, drew up the crowds as barker for Ring Toss. Other barkers were Lucky Wright, at "Hit Your State," the dart toss; George Brooks, at dice, and Manuel Lopez and his efficient assistant, at Penny Pitching. The refreshment room was tended by Robert Medley, Cox., Gordon Longanecker and Mrs. Christine Jones, Gray Lady. The success of the party was due largely to the endeavors of these men and the other members of the Patient Committee, who included George Harrod, Joseph Scherkamp and many others.

Reception Party

Arrangements have been completed for a Staff Officers Party February 22, to honor Captain C. A. Broaddus, recently appointed MOinC now enroute to the station. Reservations for the combined cocktail, dinner, dancing affair must be made by 1630 Monday, 17 February, in the Public Information Office.

Reward Payment Delay Eliminated

The reward of \$50 for return of a deserter was made automatically payable as soon as the offer of a reward of \$25 for the return of a straggler expires, by a revision of the Declaration and Reward for Straggler Deserter from the U. S. Naval Service (Form NavPers 640) (Rev. 1046). The delay in payment of the reward was eliminated by the revision announced in BuPers Circ. Ltr. 290-46 (NDB, 31 December).

The Circ. Ltr. contained detailed instructions for using the revised form under various circumstances and ordered all previous issues of the form destroyed. All COs were asked to make proper absence entries in service records at time of absence, issue Form NavPers 640 after 24 hours' unauthorized absence, and close out records and accounts of deserters promptly in accordance with previous instructions.

Divine Services

Protestant:

Chaplains—E. C. Andrews, E. D. Sneary.

Sunday—

Divine Service.....1100

Bible Study (Thursday in Chapel)—1800.

Choir—Monday & Thursday, 1400-1500

Protestant Chaplains' offices are located on the Second Deck of Bldg. No. 1.

Catholic:

Chaplain—Carl Herold.

Sunday Mass—0630, 0830, 0945.

Weekday Mass—1205 in oratory next to Chaplain's Office in Building 1.

Confessions before all Masses.

Christian Science:

Worker will be on the compound every Tuesday and Friday afternoons.

L. D. S. (Mormon):

Services 1930 Thursday.

Jewish:

Divine Service—1800 every Friday. Meet at Ship's Service Bldg. for transportation to chapel services at Treasure Island.

The Field representative of the Nat'l Jewish Welfare Board, Hospital Serv. Dept., is in attendance on the hospital compound on Tuesdays and Fridays from 1000 to 1600. He has office hours at the reception office of the chapel from 1000 to 1600 and from 1900 to 2000 on Friday.

Saturday, 8 February, 1947

Lively Proof of Streptomycin Value Is Pfc. Berry, Military Tuberculosis Patient, Now Symptom-free

Gay Variety Revue Presented Tues.

A "Tip Top Revue" kept the audience on the edge of their seats with excellent entertainment last Tuesday evening.

Jim Penman, emcee of the show, also proved to be an able juggler, and with the aid of his wife, Louanne, put on a quick-tempoed act.

Jai Dillard, accompanist, featured an act of her own with some solid jive and boogie, while Kay Parsons proved popular with the songs of yesterday.

Sidney and Peter Carr, internationally famous actors, provided comedy and skill in their hand-balancing and comic acrobatic act. The Blues Music Masters lived up to their name and presented several good arrangements of blues.

Lee Radio, the Boy with A Million Taps, did a riff and sliding routine, a novelty chair number, and a snappy finale. Dixie, Dimples and Daisy, from Massachusetts, you all, swung out with modern versions of old western favorites.

The show was presented through Recreation.

Fitzpatrick's Band Plays For Program

A return engagement proved very popular as Eddie Fitzpatrick, his trumpet and orchestra swung out last Monday, 3 February, at the local auditorium.

The afternoon show presented a good variety of popular pieces, with Glen Kirk vocalizing on "Twilight Song," "Night and Day," "For You, for Me, Forever More" and "Stardust."

Eddie got in the groove with an arrangement of "Sugar Blues" and "Basin Street Blues," returning later in the program with "Darktown Strutters Ball."

The setting went south with "Taboo" and "Bim Bam Boom," while Buddy Weber sang "Rickety Rickshaw," "Coffee Song" and mastered a sax solo with "Stars Fell on Alabama."

The drums were featured in "Shades of Hades," and the piano took the spot in "I Know That You Know." The show ended with a medley and the samba "Brazil" was the finale.

The dance that night found a large crowd present, dancing or just listening to Eddie's soft, sweet melodies. The orchestra was presented through Recreation.

Soldier (on transport): "Say, look at that big ship!"

Second soldier: "Don't bother me. Call me when you see a bus."

"Hey," cried Satan to a new arrival, "you act like you own this place."

"I do," was the boot's reply. "my Chief gave it to me before I came down."

Young Mother: "Did you see the doctor today?"

New Father: "Yep, just one more payment and the baby belongs to us."

A mint julep is a depth bomb with a southern drawl.



Pfc. Raymond Berry, USMC, is chuckling over the clippings published on his case last year.

served a tubercle in the right eye. The old name, "galloping consumption," might have been used appropriately in this case. Guinea pigs inoculated with fluid from the lungs and with urine specimens died from the disease, and autopsy of these animals showed disseminated infection, tubercle bacilli appearing in large numbers throughout all the tissues.

Walter W. Berry, a Colorado Springs groceryman, was summoned to the bedside, and while he watched the boy grow weaker, medical authorities reported that beneficial results might be obtained by treating tuberculosis cases with streptomycin, which, like penicillin, is derived from a certain type of mold. Armed with this new hope for prolonging his son's life, Mr. Berry flew to Camp Carson, Colorado, where doctors at the army medical center were experimenting with the new drug. He procured a small quantity of the precious medicine and rushed it back to Oak Knoll. On March 15—approximately six weeks after recognition of the disease and at a time when Berry's chance for survival looked slimmest—streptomycin therapy was begun. The patient's temperature by this time was rising to 105 degrees daily, and he required continuous oxygen therapy to enable him to breathe.

His first dose of the drug, used with

certain lipotropic agents—methionine and choline—which enabled it to produce the desired effect on the infectious organisms, was the beginning of a slow but steady climb to health. Since that time the young Marine has had \$8,000 worth of streptomycin injected into pincushion-like muscles—200,000 units every three hours for a period of six months. The original supply carried in the hands of the dying boy's father was followed by meticulously-measured doses of the still rare drug, sent here by air by the Navy Department. Almost immediately the patient's condition improved; his appetite and emotional stability returned, and after only three weeks, chest X-rays showed that his lungs were beginning to clear. Six weeks after the treatment was started, temperature, pulse, and respiration took a downward course; electrocardiogram showed that his enlarged heart had returned to normal; and Berry literally had a new lease on life. After three and a half months, liver function tests were normal. Chest X-rays were completely clear approximately four months after the treatment was begun, and in six months the patient's temperature remained normal and stable. Guinea pigs inoculated with urine specimens two, four and six months after streptomycin therapy was begun, lived and showed no evidence of tuberculosis.

Today, Berry looks well, feels well, weighs 165 pounds, and is completely free of symptoms. All laboratory data in his case are normal. In many cases where the serviceman has been hospitalized for more than a year, he leaves the service with a medical discharge. The Board of Medical Survey can find no basis for such a discharge in Berry's case. He is physically sound in every way, and were it not for the fact that he is eligible for discharge on points, he would now be returning to full duty. Instead, he has mapped out a plan for taking it easy with his mother and dad, two brothers, and a sister, who are waiting for him at their home in Colorado Springs. In September he will enroll at Denver University, probably in the School of Engineering.

Insurance Information

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titles the insured to waiver of premiums under existing laws.

One word of warning, though—don't stop payment of your premiums until you receive official word from the VA or your insurance may lapse and be impossible to reinstate.

Gray Ladies' Capping

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vice-chairman of Oakland chapter VSS, and Mrs. Adelaide W. Kintz, field director at the Veterans' Hospital in Livermore.

Provost Marshal to P.A.L.: "You now have 32 days for contempt—want to try for 64?"

Baseball Team Meeting

On Wednesday, 12 February 1947, all candidates for the Hospital baseball team will meet at 1300 in the Civilian Personnel Office for a short meeting. If there is not sufficient turnout, plans for a team will be stopped.

Eleanor: "This is a wonderful place. Let's build the hospital here."

Perturbed HA (three years later): "She must have been right. Fifty million ants can't be wrong."

"Now that you are married I suppose you're going to take out an insurance policy?"

"Oh, no, I don't think she's going to be dangerous."

VA News Tidbits

(SEA)—Meeting the spiritual requirements of veteran-patients in Veterans Administration hospitals and homes, 255 chaplains are representing 22 different religious denominations.

More than 40,000 veterans are operating their own businesses with G.I. loans guaranteed by the Veterans Administration.

Construction is under way on nearly \$37,000,000 in contract awards for new Veterans Administration hospitals or for additions to existing hospitals.

Approximately 37 per cent of the 13,959,000 World War II veterans have applied to the Veterans Administration for vocational training or education under Federal laws.

Pat Kemp, Pearl Harbor Casualty Receives Treatment at Oak Knoll



Pat Kemp, MMI, is seen being sketched by George Stratton, P-E artist, as Mr. Stratton toured the wards sketching patients.

Having been hospitalized since Pearl Harbor makes quite a record, but Ralph Lloyd Kemp, MMI, of ward 70B claims this distinction.

It was on the U.S.S. Downes, as it lay at anchor in Pearl Harbor that fateful day December 7, 1941, that Pat, as he is commonly known, felt the full impact of the surprise Japanese air arm and yet somehow miraculously escaped. In the engine room when a 500-pound bomb struck the destroyer, he there received third degree burns on the face, back and arms. He managed to free himself, get topside and then overboard to wade to the dock. As he reached dry land, he was again in the clutches of the enemy assault, this time being knocked unconscious and receiving a shrapnel wound in the back. He regained consciousness in Pearl Harbor Naval Hospital.

Christmas Day, 1941, found Kemp arriving at Mare Island, where he was to spend almost five years as a patient. His treatment there was directed toward healing the burns, receiving wax spray therapy until all areas were completely healed. The rejuvenation of his face and neck was begun on 12 August 1946, when Kemp was transferred to Oak Knoll for

treatment in the Plastic Surgery department.

Kemp is a native of California, having been raised in Oakland. After he graced the class of '37 of Castlemont High School with his presence, Pat worked for Pacific Gas & Electric, and then went into amateur wrestling. He had been a feature of the Castlemont gridiron team, but says that his main athletic interest is in swimming.

He began his naval career on 15 August 1938, at which time he left for USNTC, San Diego, for boot training. After this initial training, Pat shipped out on the U.S.S. Downes, DD 375, and started striking for Machinist.

The Downes toured the Pacific in routine cruises and maneuvers until it docked in Pearl Harbor. Here, Kemp made MMI on his merits.

Since his hospitalization, Pat has been able to pursue his hobby, and has turned out many wonderful pieces of leathercraft. After he is discharged to duty, Kemp intends to finish his career in the Navy, and retire after 20 years.

"Times certainly have changed," sighed Smith.

"How so?" asked Robinson.

"Why, last night at a little family party, the women talked politics while the men got off in a corner and exchanged recipes."

How about the little moron who ate bullets so his hair would come out in bangs?



STRIKER

USNH Five Win Over NAS, Oakland Cagers

Cagers of the hospital team beat the Oakland Naval Air Station five last week by the score of 61 to 23. Noreen, of the USNH team, led the scoring with 17 points, but was closely followed by Sanders, team captain, with a total of 14 points.

This game, played at the Air Station, was a practice game and not included in the regular league schedule.

Local Color Views Mae West Comedy

"Come On Up," invited Mae West, so eight of the local wolves accepted her invitation and journeyed across the bay last week to see her new comedy at the Curran Theatre.

The comedy, "Come On Up," was written by Miles Mander, Fred Schiller and Thomas Dunphy, and has its setting first in Mexico City and then jumps to Carliss Dale's (Mae West's) apartment in Washington, D. C.

The show is filled with much intrigue and the risque humor of Miss West, who, supported by a large cast, keeps the interest high throughout the performance.

Miss West invited the "Knoll Boys" through Lt. (jg) C. T. Taylor, Recreation Officer. It is hoped that Miss West will visit Oak Knoll.

INCOME TAX CONSULTANT

An income tax consultant is on duty in Room 310, Hyde Street Annex of Federal Building, 45 Hyde Street, San Francisco, Monday through Friday, from 0830 to 1640, to advise naval personnel relative to their personal income tax problems and questions. The telephone number is Market 3828, Extension 267.

It was reported to the Skipper that a certain man was in the habit of absorbing more alcohol than was good for him. He determined to do his duty and look into the matter. The next day he met the man in question shortly after breakfast and asked: "Jones, do you drink?" "Why, why, why," stammered Jones, "Why, yes, Captain, but not so early in the morning, thank you."

The PhM walked into the Men's Store to purchase his suit of civvies. Quoth the PhM: "I'd like to see some college clothes."

The comeback was anything but enthusiastic: "Athletic, humorous, or studious?"

Cartoonist Wanted

Due to the discharge of our present cartoonist, J. R. Dale, the Oak Leaf is in need of a cartoonist. Submit cartoons for consideration through the Oak Leaf box in Ship's Service lobby with name, rate, and department or ward attached. We would prefer a humorous caricature that can be worked into a series.

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WANTED—Two civilian employees desire a ride, Monday through Friday to and from Maple and MacArthur. Hours: 0800 and 1630. Will share expenses. Call Miss Getchman, Public Information Office, Extension 223.

FOR SALE
Convertible Ford Coupe, '35, Columbia rear, new motor, good tires \$650. Contact Hedburg, File Room.

• Movie Schedule •

Saturday, 8 February
"YOU BELONG TO ME"
Barbara Stanwyck—Henry Fonda

Sunday, 9 February
"NORA PRENTISS"
Ann Sheridan—Kent Smith

Monday, 10 February
"MARGIN FOR ERROR"
Joan Bennett—Milton Berle

Tuesday, 11 February
"MR. DISTRICT ATTORNEY"
Dennis O'Keefe—Margarite Chapman

Wednesday, 12 February
"DANGEROUS MONEY"
Sidney Toler—Gloria Warren

Thursday, 13 February
"ACCOMPLICE"
Richard Arlen—Veda Ann Borg

Friday, 14 February
"BOOM TOWN"
Hedy LaMarr—Claudette Colbert
Clark Gable—Spencer Tracy

Saturday, 15 February
"MRS. PARKINGTON"
Walter Pidgeon—Greer Garson

The above movies will be shown one day later at the Officers' Club.



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Miss Marie Adams, ARC Field Director, Awarded Bronze Star

Miss Marie Adams, Red Cross Field Director at Oak Knoll since September 1945, was awarded the Bronze Star medal at a formal retreat ceremony held at the Presidio of San Francisco Thursday. The citation for meritorious achievement, while in the hands of the enemy, in caring for the sick and wounded" was read by Major General George P. Hays, Commanding General of the Sixth Army.

Taken as a military prisoner of war by the Japanese on 3 January 1942, Miss Adams spent the ensuing 37 months in Santa Scholastica and Santa Tomas prison camps in the Philippines. At Santa Tomas, where more than 3500 civilians were interned, she was in charge of records for the four hospitals set up to provide care for the sick and starving. In this capacity she worked with Japanese administrative officers, submitting daily census reports, handling admissions, discharges, and all medical records of individual patients. In addition to performing her supervisory and clerical duties Miss Adams was constantly engaged in morale-building activities among the patients. Special occasions were celebrated with ward entertainment. Trays that bore only one-fourth the food needed to maintain health were decorated on holidays with favors that reflected the thoughtfulness, energy, and ingenuity of Miss Adams. Carrying on tirelessly while her own health was endangered by lack of proper food, Miss Adams, with interned assistants, performed the outstanding service for which she has been cited.

Miss Adams worked with the Red Cross during World War I and was called back into hospital service in 1941 just before Pearl Harbor. She was stationed at Letterman General Hospital and at Fort Ord before being assigned to Fort McKinley Hospital near Manila, where she had been on duty for only three weeks when war was declared. She was the first woman in the United States to be sent out of the country in the Red Cross hospital service, and she has the added distinction of being the first civilian woman to be taken as a military prisoner in World War II.

**Contribute Today
To The Blood Bank**

Valentine Greetings



*Rhodora! If the sages ask thee why
This charm is wasted on earth and sky,
Tell them dear that if eyes were made for seeing,
Then beauty is its own excuse for being.*
EMERSON.

Ship's Service Opens Iwo Flag-raisers Early Saturday Morn Are Re-identified

Robert E. Bost, ship's service manager, has announced that the ship's service will open at 0900 each Saturday from this date on. In the past, the opening of ship's service on Saturdays awaited completion of Captain's Inspection. Now it is agreed that a "working inspection" will be made in that unit.

Also, Mr. Bost says that he has purchased the entire stock of baby clothes from the Oakland Airport and now has a very fine selection on hand for outfitting the young, young set.

A fine selection of "civvies" can be found in store . . . so any staff members who have been pitching civilian liberties had better take a look. You can save money and buy the best.

(SEA)—One man in the now-famous picture taken at Iwo Jima depicting the American flag being raised on Mt. Surabachi by Marines was incorrectly identified, the Marine Corps has learned. Harlan H. Block of Weslaco, Tex., is the man at the extreme right in the photo instead of Sgt. Henry C. Hansen of Somerville, Mass., as originally announced.

The correction was discovered after an investigation prompted by the mother of Corporal Block. Another of the flag raisers, Pfc. Ira H. Hayes, Bapschule, Ariz., had told Mrs. Block that her son was one of the flag-raisers. Both Hansen and Block were killed in the Iwo Jima campaign.

Standard Policy Established For Granting Leave

(SEA)—Listing basic leave directives and outlining instances in which leave should be granted, BuPers Circ. Ltr. 282-46 (NDB, 31 December) established a standard policy for granting leave to enlisted personnel throughout the Navy.

When consistent with service requirements and other exigencies, and in addition to periodic leave from duty station, personnel should be granted requested leave to which entitled during following periods:

When being transferred from sea duty to shore duty and prior to reporting to shore billet; when being transferred from sea duty to service school and prior to reporting to assignment; when ordered to sea duty, not having completed normal tour ashore; when in a transient status between sea duty assignments.

Enlisted men ordered to sea upon completion of normal tour of shore duty should be granted a maximum of 10 days leave; personnel on shore duty should take leave as accruing during tour ashore.

Discharge Optional In Disability Cases

Disabilities incurred in combat shall not be the sole reason for discharge of a Navy man, say BuPers directives in effect since October 1942. BuPers recently announced that these directives are still in effect, and that they also affect reenlistments.

Provided that a man can perform a useful service in the Navy, and unless he elects discharge (as is his option), no Navy man shall be discharged solely because of combat-incurred disabilities. Naval veterans are also being reenlisted under this policy, provided that the candidates do not apparently need further hospitalization for their disability.

Psychological disabilities, however, are disqualifying under Navy policy.

The announcement by BuPers about the long-standing policy of the Navy came as the Army progressed in its recent plan to reenlist 5,000 combat-disabled veterans. Applicants are required to meet minimum physical standards for enlistment (with the exception of the specific disability), be able to care for themselves in the normal course of life, not require further hospitalization, and have skills the Army can utilize.

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Your Blood: A Life-saver

This editorial, to some, may seem repetitious, but to the majority of the personnel—patients and especially the medical staff—the message is urgent.

To supply the approximate 100 transfusions and Intra-venous installations of plasma given each month, an average of three a day, the Blood Bank's shelves must be well stocked.

Before, the Blood Bank was able to procure blood from volunteers "outside" of Oak Knoll—at the Naval Air Station, Alameda, Hunter's Point and other establishments and stations. Now, the situation is such they can not procure the precious fluid from these sources and must rely on US for donations.

By donating to the Blood Bank you are not only doing them a favor, but you are fulfilling an obligation to the unfortunate personnel who require the fluid to sustain life. The satisfaction of knowing that you, your blood, will help someone to recover, to live, is an ample reward for the few minutes time you spent in making the donation.

There is a corpsman on duty at all times in the Bank and Miss McNamara, the Nurse in Charge, will be more than glad to help you over the hump of indecision due to what may be called "needle-phobia."

It is also requested that any members of families of the patient needing the blood donate.

Don't let your buddies down. Make an appointment today. The Blood Banks extension is 226, and it is as easy as lifting the phone to give your contribution to someone's health.

† † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

The other night before five hundred cheering members of the Boston Gridiron Club a Yale freshman, Levi Jackson, was awarded the Lowe Memorial Trophy which is presented yearly to New England's outstanding football player. Levi Jackson is a Negro, the first of his race ever to receive this award.

Things like this are happening daily in many parts of America as Americans affirm their ancient faith that in this country recognition and reward belong to men of ability and achievement without respect to their race, religion, or national origin.

Give a man a chance. Give him opportunity. Protect his rights—and talents long buried perhaps will be brought to light. That is the way to progress. That is the American way. Give a man a chance!

EARL DEAN SNEARY
 Chaplain, U. S. Navy

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 Services 1930 Thursday.
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 The Field Representative of the National Jewish Welfare Board, Hospital Service Dept., is in attendance on the hospital compound once a week. Men desiring to see him should contact the Senior Chaplain.

Red Cross Ramblings

Night Club Party Big Success

A fast moving floor show highlighted the "Night Club" party at the "Hangout," Red Cross Recreation Room, February 7th. Master of Ceremonies George Brooks, cleverly introduced the entertainers who included Wave Christine Heck, soprano; Ch. Mach. H. S. Goller, USN, violinist; Ch. Ship's Clerk Farrand Childs, USN, pianist; Miss Marguerite Torres, Gray Lady Spanish dancer; F. W. House, saxophone; and the stars of the evening, a line of chorus girls, Ralph Rice, T. H. Gann, and Mike Soland. Miss Marion Pierson, Red Cross Recreation Worker, accompanied the singers and chorus on the piano.

The theme colors of pink and green were carried out in the decorations put up by Bob Fester, R. Rice, George Calhoun, Herbert Covill and George McLaughlin, as well as in the chorus girls' costumes. Bob Goode was cigarette girl, Frank Phillips in charge of the cloakroom and Kenny Young, Fester and McLaughlin took care of refreshments, serving as waiters during the evening.

Taffy Party At Hangout

There will be a Taffy Pull Party at the Hangout next Tuesday night. Gray Ladies will bring all the ingredients and help with the pulling operations, so put on old clothes and come join in the fun. Preparations

will begin at 1900 and of course you'll be able to eat the results later in the evening.

Swing Band Starting

After the fine showing of musical talent at the recent Night Club Party a swing orchestra has been in the stage of formation. There are musical instruments at the Hangout, and rehearsals are held on Tuesday evenings at 1900.

One of the chief promoters of the orchestra is Ch. Mach. H. S. Goller, violinist. Mr. Goller, Farrand Childs, pianist and Robert Medley, guitarist and tenor were the feature entertainers at the recent Gray Ladies Capping Ceremony and have played for many occasions at the Hangout.

If your ward mates complain, you may practice in private in the music room across from the Hangout, Building 102. Musical instruments, and records and sheet music may be checked out for limited periods of time.

New Drama Club

A Drama Club also was initiated last week in the Red Cross Recreation Room. Radio skits, one-act plays, and original pieces will be enacted for presentation at the Hangout and on the wards. If you are interested in taking part in this "Little Theater" group, speak to Miss Pierson or Miss Wilfley, Recreation workers at the Hangout.

HANGOUT SCHEDULE

Red Cross Recreation Room
 Building 102

Monday, 17 February

1500: Party Planning Committee Meeting—Refreshments

Tuesday, 18 February

1400: Ping Pong Tournament
 1900: Drama Club
 Taffy Party

Thursday, 20 February

1400: Dancing Lessons
 1900: Camera Club

Friday, 21 February

1900: Gay Nineties Party

This Week's Cover

This week's cover girl, peering through the lace of a valentine, is Ruth Kirkpatrick, PhM2, of Oak Knoll's staff. "Pat's" portrait was taken by CPhM Lawrence G. Wells, of Graphic Arts.

The picture was taken at f/11 and 1/2 second, on Super XX film. Illumination consisted of a Number 4 Photoflood and a 500 watt spot used to place a highlight on her hair. The Valentine was copied on process film, and separate prints were made and mounted together.

Your Blood Urgently Needed

'Jet Propulsion' Fad Hits Oak Knoll Wards

S-W-I-S-H! and a new record in jet-propelled racing model time was set in Ward 63B a week ago Tuesday. It was made by the Blue Bolt, midget model made by J. H. Robinson, Chief Q.M., which zoomed the full length of the ward in four seconds. Right now Chief Robinson is building another racer of a later design to compete with the Blue Bolt in the next breath-taking dash from solarium to galley.

Over on 61B the jet cars made ever faster time. Two models built by G. H. Jensen, F2/c and B. G. Swanson, S1/c competed in preliminary trials last week, with time clocked at two and a half seconds for the full length of the ward. Three other models are yet to be completed for the final race scheduled for next week.

Models are made from Red Cross craft equipment, which is especially widely used throughout 63B, since they have their new tool chest. R. G. Nevitt AMM1, has built "O" gauge trains claimed to be true masterpieces in miniature, while Mr. Polte has turned out some fine GI trucks.

ATTENTION, WAVES!

All who wish to volunteer for active duty until July 1948 must call at Staff Personnel Office by 23 February 1947 and sign a statement to that effect on page 9 of your Service Record.

These applications must be in BuPers, Washington, D.C. on or before 1 March 1947.

There is no provision so far stated that will permit requests for reevaluation after this date.

Duties Of A Ward Corpsman Embrace Many Details; From Soothing Pain, Managing Ward, To Galley Duty

Peace and quiet is the order of the night up on the hill in the corpsmen's barracks. Then with a sudden transition, lights flash on and "Doc" raises up on one elbow and queries, "What's this?"



As we go through the wards, we find Clifford Mason, HA1, preparing a shot . . .

"Reveille," shouts the night MAA, so our Doc rolls out of the sack, and yawningly gets dressed for muster. In front of the barracks he sleepily answers to his name and after calisthenics, returns to the barracks to complete the process of awakening.

Doc hurries through his own morning care and waves his buddies on their way to pick up chow. Having arranged the last lock of hair, and with a clean-saintly look on his face, Doc picks up a broom and turns to the barracks.

At 0800, we find Doc going on duty at his ward, and beginning the medications and A.M. care of the patients, while his buddy on the opposite watch is securing the galley and trotting down the hill with the chow chart.



. . . and Leslie Lund, HA1, is caught in the act of giving a medication to Commander Thomas H. McGee. . . .

Here comes the Ward Medical Officer and Nurse to make Sick Call, so our Doc quietly makes the rounds with them, noting any change or new medications and treatment. Well, it is almost time for nourishments to be passed out, so cans of juices are opened, egg-nog and milk poured, and Doc makes the rounds to the necessary patients.

"OK, now don't bite it!" cautions Doc as he places a thermometer in a Vet's mouth, and feels his wrist for pulse. Recording the TPR, he moves on to the next bed to repeat the performance.

Time for noon chow. There goes Doc now after the chow cart. He's got quite a climb ahead of him, and the noon chow gets kinda heavy. He's back now and started on the trays.

Meanwhile, buddy Joe is heard muttering as he bends over a sack.



. . . and Eugene Keeler, HA1, on the business end of a chow cart . . .

"There goes the air-bubble now," he murmurs. "Where do you want it this time, Mac?" he questions, alcohol sponge held in readiness and syringe poised. Well, gotta get the rest of the 1200 medications out.

Now to get down to really cleaning up the place, but no, not for a few minutes. That guy in the end sack is setting up a familiar cry, which sends Doc to the hopper room.

The ward is in pretty good shape now. Just have time to give a couple of back rubs before I put the thermometers into use again. "Hey, Joe, how about getting out the 1600 meds before you go off?"

Doc's alone now, and it's time for chow again. "They ought put motors in these," thinks Doc as he labors up the hill behind the cart. All the trays



. . . while Marvin Lowry, HA2, miter's a corner on a bed, preparatory to tucking it in.

out, so Doc grabs a bite before preparing the 1800 shots.

Galley secured. If those chowhounds will stay out now, Doc won't have to worry, but someone always wants a cup of Joe. Well, almost time for relief.

Here's the nite-owl now. Make a quick bed-check, pass on any orders, and then shove off for muster at the Ad Building.

Doc squares his hat, lines up and answers to muster, and begins the climb to the barracks, thinking about the oxygen tent needed tomorrow, and the IV trays he'll have to draw at CSR, the laundry to be counted, and the 1 to 4 he'll be standing that nite.

Insurance Correction

The Oak Leaf wishes to correct a misunderstanding resulting from an incomplete statement in the Insurance article of last week. We stated that a policy must be converted within five years from the date of application. THIS applies only to applications made after 1 January 1946. All applications made before this date have an extension of three years, making a total of eight years in which to convert the insurance.

"I shall never marry until I find a girl who is my direct opposite."

"Well, there are a number of intelligent girls in this neighborhood."

Love is when she listens to him describing a ball game and he listens to her telling how her cousin's dress was made.

Peace-lovers Eden, Bluejackets' Haven

In the very heart of Oakland—just away from the hurry and bustle of the main thoroughfare—is the Bluejackets' Haven—a literal home away from home sponsored by the Navy Mothers Club, No. 13 of this city, for the fellows in blue.

Open 24 hours a day under the care and supervision of a housemother and a housefather — Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Liebmann—known familiarly to frequenters of the Haven as "Mom" and "Pop," this, one of Oakland's fine old homes has been repaired and modernized to offer to the sea-based or shore-based sailor what he so often yearns for during those few precious liberty hours—good clean lodging, facilities and time to do some extra special laundry, a quiet nook to write that favorite girl and a leisurely atmosphere where one can make friends in non-commercial surroundings.

Any night one can get lodging for a nominal fee, but the Saturday night guest gets a nice, Sunday morning breakfast absolutely "on the house." At all times coffee is brewing and the generally welcomed coke machine is filled. For those whose tastes run domestic, Mom and Pop will lend a hand in helping the blue-jacket to broil his own steak or perhaps to prepare the famous ham and egg banquet. In short, whatever a fellow would like to do at home he is encouraged to try at the Bluejackets' Haven, 2703 Telegraph Avenue, Oakland. Once a week, too, scheduled in advance, is a real party, usually a dance, with plenty of pretty girls to gladden the heart of any gob.

Wives, Not Money, Held Root Of All Evil

(SEA)—Lots of people say that the modern woman is driving her husband crazy. Not only that, according to psychologist Alice Lavere, men are also being driven to nervous breakdowns, falling hair, fluttering stomachs and other ailments ranging from headaches to impotency.

And all because the modern wives are viciously devouring mink coats and diamond bracelets. "Modern women . . . are ruthlessly exploiting their husbands," the psychologist said. "They are responsible for 60 per cent of all divorces and 80 per cent of all nervous ailments."

"The average husband," she declared, "is being driven by his wife to earn more money that she won't give him time to enjoy anyway."

DRY DOC
and
PENNY
by DAWY



'Lover's Day' Origin Perplexes Personnel

Gather around, and we will try our best to disillusion you on the origin of St. Valentine's Day.

The custom of sending missives to loved ones, especially by younger people, dates way back to the fourteenth century and probably earlier, but our ancestors got their records fouled up and now the origin is unknown, although many traditions are trying to claim it.

The first of these myths comes from the survival of an old Roman February feast called the Lupercalia. It seems that at this time the younger Romans put into a box the names of young maidens and then drew the names (in much the same way that the modern sailor picks his dates) by chance for partners at the coming Lupercalia festival, and as some stories have it, for the coming year. (This latter part would no doubt hamper the modern naval custom of a gal in every port.)

Next we must go into the sticks for the rural tradition that "about this time of the year (14 February), birds chose their mates" and the custom developed into the calico-clad gals and denim-clad boys sending love messages on that date.

Another variation is offered in which the Norman word "Galatin," meaning lover of women, was used as Galatin's Day. The supporters of this claim that the "g" was sometimes pronounced as "v," thus causing the confusion in the minds of all concerned.

Early martyrologies mention three Saints with the name of Valentine, each associated with 14 February, but another faction associates a certain Valentine of early Roman days, an uncanonized saint, who later became the patron saint of the day.

Now that we have you thoroughly confused, we close saying that no matter who started it, it's a darn good chance for the present-day Romeos and Juliets to get together.

Off the Bookshelf

FICTION FAVORITES

Asch. **East River.** A story of immigrants in New York City.

Buck. **Pavilion of Women.** Life in an aristocratic Chinese household.

Caldwell. **This Side of Innocence.**

Love story with a setting of upstate New York after the Civil war.

Fletcher. **Toil of the Brave.** Story of the Revolutionary war, with a Carolina background.

Frank. **Mr. Adam.** Humorous novel about the atomic age.

Heggen. **Mr. Roberts.** Life on the USS Reluctant.

Hodgins. **Mr. Blandings Builds His Dream House.** Humorous story about the all too real difficulties of building a dream house.

Janney. **Miracle of the Bells.** Romantic story based on the dying wish of an actress to have the church bells ring at her funeral.

Jennings. **The Salem Frigate.** Adventure in the early days of the Navy about 1812.

Kane. **New Orleans Woman.** Story based on an actual case in New Orleans.

Library Hours: Monday-Friday 0800-1200; 1230-1630.

'Mr. Chips' Is Back With More 'Dope'

Guess we've been more or less inconspicuously absent the last couple of weeks but without invitation we'll interpose a few more names of some mightily fine folks in these ramblings.

Is your hair receding? Is your ready smile sagging a little? Well don't look for sympathy in **Al Robinson's** direction. **Robie** is our head plumber and directs the operations of the steamfitters and pipefitters. With only four plumbers besides himself—**John Bray, Joe Malerich, Bob Post,** our night man, and newly arrived **Wilbur Terry,** **Robie** isn't in a sympathizing mood. Unstopping commodes, shower drains, and repairing faucets is only a small part of a plumber's duties, but with over 2000 of the blessed things these fellows are run ragged. **Robie, John, Joe Bob** and **Will** are tops in our books and you can thank your stars that they're around to keep you from floating down Mountain Boulevard.

Next time we'll cut you in on the dope about the steamfitters and pipefitters and dinna think their job is a pipe.

Football season is over but the fireman's job at the Heating Plant isn't, and that by the way is to tell you that our husky ex-submariner **Floyd Standlee** is a cousin of the S. F. 49er's star fullback **Norm Standlee.**

So long for now.

—CHIPS

Scuttlebutt

Ah yes, spring is in the air. That is, when the mist of California lifts long enough to let it through. But in the spring a young man's fancy, and incidentally, we must include the weaker-sex in this deal, turns to—you know what. The first thing the other morning, we found the stool-pigeon (maybe we should call it the love-bird in this case) in our office with the inside dope that **Frankie Griffin** has taken a sudden liking to khaki. Can this rumor be true, **Frankie?**

The stoolie also told us that **Eugene Keeler** (incidently, the new face in Staff Personnel belongs to **Gene**) has been receiving mysterious calls. Could it be **Antoinette?**

Has anyone seel **Val?** We are referring to **Tom Valinoti,** former "wheel" of Physio. It seems that **Val** likes Oak Knoll so well, that besides spending his spare moments here while his wife was in maternity, he has turned in off from terminal leave, and is now a patient.

Along the social lines, we hear that a "big-one was thrown" at the abode of **Johnny (Farrell) Utt,** of the P and A Utts, with his better-half, **Penny,** as hostess. The crowd there included that infallible trio of the old PB gang—**Mike Vitt, Harry Wayland** and **Jack Blankenship.** Also, **Tom Valinoti** and wife, appeared for the party, along with **Kitty Govro, Betty Davis** and **Bessie Mackamson.**

This week finds the Oak Leaf office in a state of mourning. But one man's sorrow is another's joy, as **Mike McFarland,** our able Yeoman assistant, left for the freedom of civilandom.

Chief Ivan Bolinger was also seen heading out the gate with a broad

Reduced Travel Rates Are Raised In The East

Furlough fares for military personnel on trains and buses went up to the full civilian level on 31 January, according to a ruling of the Interstate Commerce Commission.

The railroads and bus lines operating east of the Mississippi River had previously proposed to cancel the reduced rates at an earlier date, but extended the reduction until 30 January.



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AND HIS
ORCHESTRA
In Person

OFFICERS' CLUB
2000 to 2400
22 FEBRUARY

Reception Party

Arrangements have been completed for a Staff Officers Party February 22, to honor Captain C. A. Broaddus, recently appointed MOinC now enroute to the station. Reservations for the combined cocktail, dinner, dancing affair must be made by 1630 Monday, 17 February, in the Public Information Office.

smile and the coveted brown envelope. Good luck, Chief!

Another Chief to say farewell to the staff was **Thomas Strickland,** who is well on his way to Philadelphia and Home Sweet Home.

Then there was the egoist who was so conceited that every year on his birthday he sent a telegram of congratulations to his mother.

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

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LOST PUPPY—Will the party that took my little glass dog for a walk please return it to its home. (This paper-weight is of no material value but is a keepsake and is greatly missed). Rita Haverlandt, Chief of Surgery's Office.

LOST—Three stone diamond ring. Reward. Edward Detts, Ward 61B.

FOR SALE—One pair figure skates, size 10, with 11½ inch blades. Practically new. \$15.00. Contact: Rappaport at Recreation.

• Movie Schedule •

Saturday, 15 February
"MRS. PARKINGTON"
Walter Pidgeon—Greer Garson

Sunday, 16 February
"STANLEY LIVINGSTON"
Spencer Tracy—Nancy Kelley

Monday, 17 February
"TOM, DICK AND HARRY"
Ginger Rogers—George Murphy

Tuesday, 18 February
"LIGHTHOUSE"
John Lital—June Lang

Wednesday, 19 February
"LONE WOLF IN MEXICO"
Gerald Moler—Eric Blore

Thursday, 20 February
"CIGARETTE GIRL"
Leslie Brooks—Jimmy Lloyd

Friday, 21 February
"DEADLINE FOR MURDER"
Paul Kelley, Kent Taylor

Saturday, 22 February
"MEN IN HER LIFE"
Loretta Young—Conrad Veidt

The above movies will be shown one day later at the Officer's Club.



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Captain C. A. Broaddus Assumes Command

Wave Needs For Pay Grade One Are Set by BuPers

Due to the fact that some Waves who were given advancement to pay grade 1 as inducement for voluntary extension were not qualified professionally for such advancement, BuPers issued a list of instructions to guide Commanding Officers in submitting recommendations for appointment of enlisted women to pay grade 1.

BuPers Circ. Ltr. 3-47 (NDB, 15 January) stated that it would not be considered proper in the interest of morale to issue appointments to pay grade 1 solely upon the service-in-pay-grade requirement of 12 months.

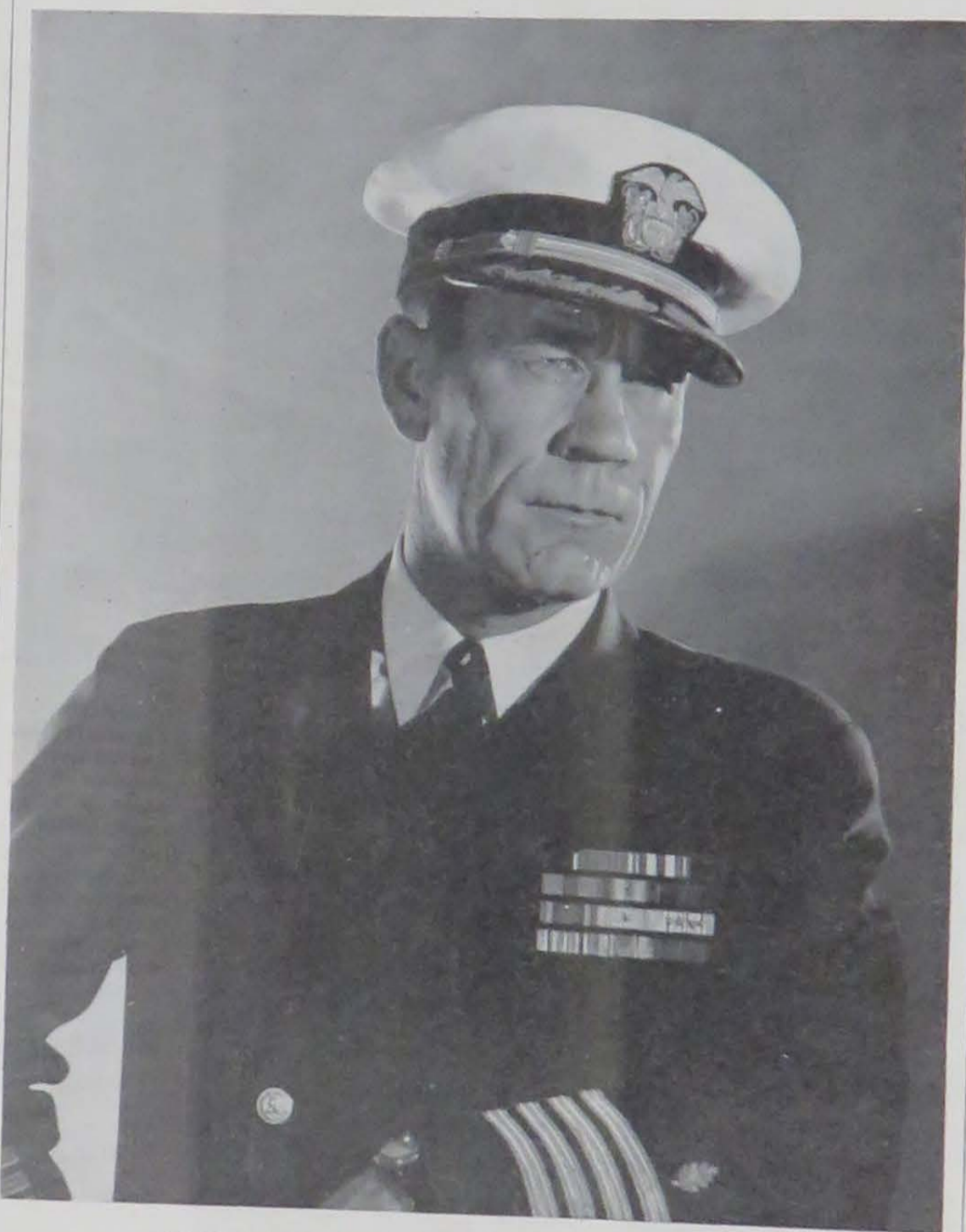
Waves affected were those who, as PO1, were advanced to CPOA under the provisions of AlStaCon 052346 and 172109 of January 1946 and those who as PO2, were advanced to PO1 under these AlStaCons and then were further advanced to CPOA prior to 1 September 1946.

Changes In Uniform Recently Announced

Blue garrison caps and white garrison caps will be discontinued for all male naval personnel, including Reservists in training, on 1 June 1947. Changes scheduled for 15 October 1948 are: khaki to replace gray as summer uniform for commissioned, warrant and chief petty officers; khaki tropical worsted, wool gabardine, Palm-Beach type or rayon gabardine uniform to be designated as summer service uniform, with khaki cotton shirt and trousers as summer working uniform; white uniform to be designated as summer dress. These changes were announced by Alnav 406-46 (NDB, 31 July), but the effective dates were set by Alnav 15-47 (NDB, 31 January).

Artist Margaret Clark Sketches Patients

The lady with the sketch pad seen around the wards the last week was the famous Margaret Clark. Miss Clark, after sketching the patient, has photostatic copies of the portrait made, and the negative and original sketch is given to the patient.



CAPTAIN CARL ASHTON BROADDUS, (MC) USN,
Medical Officer in Command

COMMANDING OFFICER'S MESSAGE

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The pleasure I have in assuming command of this fine hospital does not prevent me from recognizing the great responsibility involved because of our present shortage of personnel. However, we must maintain the high standards expected of the Navy Medical Corps.

With the COURTESY, COOPERATION AND LOYALTY of all hands I believe we can continue to maintain the smartness and efficiency for which Oak Knoll has been recognized in the past.

C. A. BROADDUS
Captain, MC, USN
Medical Officer in Command.

Captain Carl A. Broaddus, MC, USN, Oak Knoll's new medical officer in command, arrived on the compound Monday, and at special ceremonies held in Gendreau Circle, officially assumed command of the hospital. He relieved Captain H. E. Robins, who has been acting medical officer in command since January 12 when Rear Admiral A. H. Dearing was detached for duty in the Third Naval District.

Captain Broaddus, 52, a native of Newtown, Virginia, for the past ten months has served as medical officer in command at U. S. Naval Hospital, Norfolk, just 115 miles from his place. For 17 months previous to that time he was executive officer at the U. S. Naval Hospital, Portsmouth, a similar distance from the Broaddus family home.

Commissioned in 1917

The energetic new skipper's Naval career has been as long and colorful as the series of citations and campaign ribbons he wears. He was commissioned Lieutenant (jg) in the Medical Corps in 1917, immediately after receiving his MD degree from the Medical College of Virginia. Since that time his tours of duty aboard ships and at shore stations have taken him from Haiti to Attu, from Hampton Roads, Virginia, to the Yangtze.

In February, 1941, Captain Broaddus became Force Surgeon on the staff of Vice-Admiral Wilson Brown, Commander of the Scouting Force of the Pacific Fleet, and was serving with him on the Flagship, USS Indianapolis, when war was declared. Later he was aboard the old USS Lexington for several months, during which time she participated in two battles. He then joined the Amphibious Forces for action in the Aleutians and in the South Pacific. During his 43 months of Pacific duty he served on the staffs of Vice Admiral Brown, Rear Admiral Draemel, Rear Admiral Rockwell, and Rear Admiral Conolly. In four major amphibious operations he was the Attack Force Surgeon.

Receives Silver Star

In 1943 Captain Broaddus was awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action at Attu when he directed Naval medical activities afloat and ashore. For his service there he received a commendatory letter from the commanding general of the Seventh Division of the U. S. Army, the division which made the landings

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Saving For A Rainy Day

Say, Mac! Did you know that the Navy has a savings plan for you?

It has, and it has been in effect since 1889, when Congress provided for the establishment of savings deposit program for enlisted men.

The plan operates by the enlisted man concerned depositing money with the disbursing officer at 4 per cent interest, which is a deal that you can't find ashore.

Also, the plan is for ENLISTED MEN of the Navy and Marine Corps, and no officer—warrant, commissioned warrant or commissioned—is eligible.

Only one deposit may be made in one month, and must be made in an even dollar amount of at least \$5.00. There's also an upper limit on the size of deposits. The disbursing officer can accept accumulated pay and allowances, if they pile up during three months preceding the deposit. To this can be added any travel or re-enlistment allowance which may be due. Also acceptable for a single deposit is the total of deposits and interest in a savings account upon re-enlistment or first extension of enlistment.

As to withdrawals, which are the really safekeeping feature of the plan, they can be withdrawn only upon discharge, release from active duty, transfer to Fleet Reserve, appointment to warrant or commissioned rank or furlough without pay.

It is also proof against attachments, and is exempt from liabilities for depositors' debts, even indebtedness to the United States.

So, if you are saving up for a rainy day, get on the beam and let your money earn with the Navy. See your disbursing officer for further details, or look it up in "All Hands," January issue, like we did.

Get On the Ball, and Have Fun

Last week an incident occurred that will serve to illustrate the theme of this editorial—Monday evening two buses were being loaded for conveyance of the hospital's personnel to the Edgewater Ballroom for participation in the "Brotherhood Program" being featured there that night. The second bus was forced to make the trip with only a few passengers aboard. Only 43 out of the 100 invited guests attended the affair.

Another example happened in the fall, when some of the football game quotas were not filled, and now it is often hard to obtain personnel for dinner parties. What is wrong with the personnel of the compound that they are reluctant to attend these Recreation events that in the majority of cases are FREE?

Let us, as staff and patients, show our appreciation of this department by supporting the parties and other entertainment features, and by doing so, have a wonderful time.

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The next Camera Club contest will be held in the Hangout Thursday, 27 February at 1900. Classifications for entries and prizes will be human interest and pictorial or scenery shots. Each contestant will be limited to four entries. Bring your pictures to the Hangout by 1700 Thursday. Lt. (jg) J. W. Holmes will be the speaker for the evening.

Marbles Rival Yo Yo Fad

The latest fad on ward 70B is the big he-man sport of watch the Yo-Yo roll. Sgt. Charles Castleman is one of the champions on the ward with a record of 14 times "around the world." Cox. John Terrien has the record of using more strength than the average.

This week it's marbles. Vet. Dennis Gormley, it seems, is acquiring quite a pocketful. He can shoot as straight as when he was ten.

Once in awhile they grow up for a short time—this happened with S1 Olla Farris. "The Sunburst kid's" return from leave and now part of the ward is covered with leather and purses. This, of course, creates quite a handicap for the Yo Yo players and all-in-all it's quite an interesting ward.

Birthday Party

A February birthday party was held last Monday evening on ward 42B, especially honoring patients Joe Leach, Harold Manning and Martin Samons. With the help of the evening recreation Gray Ladies, several pencil and paper games were played, one, "Island Bingo" caused a lot of comment and much rivalry between the men who wanted to display their knowledge of the many islands seen during their war experiences.

St. Valentine's Day Party

Well, St. Valentine's Day has passed, but the memory of it is still deeply imbedded in the minds of all those who attended the party a week ago last Friday night at Ye Olde Hangout. The unusually large crowd present greeted the Master of Ceremonies, Mike Pelligrino, who was carried in on a stretcher with much laughter and applause. Herman Flickenger, his capable assistant, after a few witty remarks, introduced Mike and the show was on.

The highlight of the show was the enactment of a marriage proposal featuring Bill Troutlein as the prospective groom, pretty Tina Heck as the ready, waiting and palpitating bride-to-be, and Mr. Craig, a veteran patient, as the hard to convince father.

The decorating committee, Harris,

assisted by a host of volunteers, were rewarded for their many hours of planning and executing the St. Valentine's motif by the exclamations of surprise and delight of the female guests upon arrival.

Mrs. Zimmerman, a Gray Lady supervised the handling of refreshments, ably assisted by some of the men. Included in the program were a number of vocal and instrumental selections by Bill Morrison. A guest Miss Patricia Wiggins, sang beautifully, accompanied by a capable pianist who recently arrived from Honolulu. Both young ladies are students at Holy Names College.

Part of the show recorded by George Brooks and with the conivance of Chief Mach. H. S. Golla was played back to those present after the performance of "Truth and Consequences," much to their entertainment and amusement.

Night Watch Policy

On February 15, Red Cross instituted a new policy for the Night Watch. Night coverage will now be maintained by a social worker at her home rather than at the Red Cross office after 2000 on Monday through Friday and after 1630 on Saturdays and Sundays. In case of emergency after these hours, the Night Watch may be reached by contacting the O.D. who will be able to get in touch with her at all times.

HANGOUT SCHEDULE

Red Cross Recreation Room
 Building 102

Monday, 24 February
 1500: Planning Committee Meeting

Tuesday, 25 February
 1300: "Little Theater" Meeting
 1900: Jam Session

Wednesday, 26 February
 1300: Ping Pong Tournament

Thursday, 27 February
 1400: Dancing Lessons
 1900: Camera Club Contest

Friday, 28 February
 1900: Party Night

+ + CHAPLAIN'S CORNER + +

GREAT DEEDS

"O Lord how great are thy works! And thy thoughts are very deep. It is inevitable that great thoughts precede great deeds; and that true greatness is the product of great thinking. Mazzini said: "The great men of the earth are but the marking stones on the road of humanity, they are the priests of its religion." This says the same thing as one of our most cherished quotations: "Lives of great men oft remind us we can make our lives sublime, and departing, leave behind us footprints on sands of time." Having such thoughts, we become the makers of great deeds!—Christian Herald.

—Submitted by CHAPLAIN ANDREWS.

Change of Command Ceremony Featured Here Monday Afternoon

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In Change of Command Ceremony held in Gendreau Circle last Monday, Captain Carl A. Broaddus, (MC) USN, assumed command of USNH, Oakland. At the left, he is seen reading his orders before a general assembly, after introduction by Captain J. E. Robins, Executive Officer.

at Attu. Also conspicuous among his decorations is the Legion of Merit with a gold star in lieu of a second award. The first was given for meritorious service during the amphibious assaults on Kwajalein and Guam from December, 1943, to August, 1944. The gold star was added last July when the captain's meritorious service as Scouting Force Surgeon was officially recognized.

Son Studies Medicine

Sharing the welcome extended to Captain Broaddus during his first week aboard is Mrs. Broaddus, who is looking forward with pleasure to her husband's first tour of duty on the West Coast. They have one son, Carl A. Broaddus, Jr., 24, who will complete his medical training in June at the University of Virginia. He will intern at the University Hospital following his graduation.

The skipper's favorite sports are hunting Virginia quail—plentiful on his farm at Newtown—and fishing for fresh-water bass. His favorite dogs are Nip and Tuck, 8-months-old black and white English setters, who will arrive soon to help their master investigate the quail situation in California.

Party for Capt. Broaddus Today

The main attraction of the week at the Officers' Club is the Reception Party honoring Captain Carl A. Broaddus, MOinC, to be held tonight, Saturday, 22 February.

Cocktails will commence at 1700, with dinner following at 1800 and dancing from 2000 to 2400. Eddie Fitzpatrick will make another return engagement to Oak Knoll and furnish the rhythm for the dance.

Let Hemoglobin Flow Donate Today

Basketball Favors Knoll Cagers In Last Week's Cage Sessions

Last week's cage session proved profitable for the Oak Knoll five, as they slipped through a walk-away game with the Fleet Record Office of TI to the tune of 65 to 14.

Scotty was high man with a total of 22 points, with George following with 8 counters. Sanders, Noreen and Reneau sunk 7, 6 and 6 points respectively with Cullinan and Macolino trailing with 3 each. Half time score was 34-8 in favor of the Oak Knoll team.

Hunter's Point Also Loses

The Oak Knoll squad came away from Hunter's Point triumphant, leaving the Hunter's Point team in tears. The HP cagers were tied for

12 Naval District championship, and needed the game to cinch the finals.

The game was closely played with Oak Knoll only having a lead of 28 to 20 at the half, and losing this during the third and fourth quarters to finish the game as tie. The Knoll five pepped up in the overtime period of four minutes and the final score was 47 to 43.

Sanders was high man of the close game with 12 points to his credit, while Reneau and Scotty followed with 11 each. Noreen and Cullinan tallied 9 and 4 respectively.

El Cerrito Marines Fail To Stop Drive

Tuesday night found the team still in tip-top shape as the El Cerrito Marines succumbed to the Oak Knoll five with a score of 52 to 30. Reneau took the lead in counters for the night.

Certificates Coming For Permanent Chiefs

The word has been passed from BuPers that there is a backlog of 37,000 requests for the newly designed Certificates of Appointment to Pay Grade I, so Chiefs who have not received theirs are advised to follow the example of Job, and have patience.

The new certificates are now being issued to Chiefs who were appointed to permanent rate of Pay Grade I during and since the suspension of certificates during the war.

Certificates will be received by all eligible persons who were appointed between 27 Jan. 1942 and 31 Oct. 1946, the period of suspension, as outlined in Encl. (E) of BuPers Circ. Ltr. 191-46 (NDB, 31 August).

In the meantime, requests for certificates will not be acknowledged, since they will be acted upon as soon as possible. Also, to reduce unnecessary correspondence, personnel are asked not to request information of the status of their certificates.

"So you want to become my son-in-law!!"

"Er—not exactly; I only wanted to marry your daughter."

Large Turnout For Baseball Team

Great news for fans of the diamond!

Chief Alwood reports that there are 32 aspirants for the Oak Knoll baseball team, and that a squad of 20 will be carried.

Practice will start as soon as financial conditions permit.

AVIATION MEDICINE

A three-month course in aviation medicine at the School of Aviation Medicine, Pensacola, Florida, will be convened on 7 May with a quota of 20 students. Regular and reserve medical officers, lieutenant (jg) through lieutenant commander, may forward applications to reach BuMed before 15 March.

New Hours For Vets Administration

Mr. Williard wishes to announce that the Veterans' Administration office will not be open on Saturdays and Sundays, and will have the hours of 0800 to 1630 for weekdays, Monday through Friday.

"I've a friend I'd like you to meet, girls."

Athletic girl: "What can he do?"

Chorus girl: "How much money does he have?"

Literary girl: "What does he read?"

Society girl: "Who are his family?"

Religious girl: "What church does he belong to?"

Wave: "Where is he?"

Contribute Today To The Blood Bank



"Say, Mac! Is that the chow hall dead ahead?"

Pee Wee Brings Band For Knoll's Pleasure

Pee Wee Hunt, famous trombonist and vocalist for the Glen Gray Casa Loma Orchestra, will bring his own aggregation to Oak Knoll for a day's entertainment and an evening's dancing enjoyment next Monday, 24 February.

Pee Wee, a native of Ohio, first started his musical career by strumming on a banjo, and then worked up to the guitar; but he found his full musical expression in the trombone, and by the time he was in high school, he was playing with orchestras in the "Dixieland" style.

After college, he chose to follow a musical life and accepted an offer to play trombone with Gene Goldkette's band, where he gained experience working with Russ Morgan, Jimmy and Tommy Dorsey and Bix Beiderbeck, who were also with Goldkette's Dixieland Band at that time.

After some time with Goldkette, Pee Wee joined with Glen Gray and was with the Casa Loma orchestra for sixteen years until World War II, when he joined the Merchant Marine. At the close of his military career, Pee Wee started his own orchestra which now specializes in good dance music with a little variety of sweet swing and a few novelty tunes.

The orchestra is being brought to Oak Knoll through Recreation.

She: "The Lord made us beautiful and dumb."

He: "How's that?"

She: "Beautiful so men would love us—and dumb so we could love them."

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Gold-diggers are paid by the weak.

Brotherhood Program Viewed By Knollites

Oak Knoll personnel, forty-three in number, spent an enjoyable evening last Monday at the Edgewater Ballroom, where they were invited to attend the Brotherhood program.

The program consisted of a stage show, featuring talent from the favorite night spots of the Bay Area and Buddy McDonald's orchestra from the Edgewater. A buffet late supper followed the revue. Guests for the occasion included Mayor George Lapham, Paul Siegel, Jesse Colman, Judge Sapiro, Herb Caen, Frank Funge and Judge McWilliams.

BOWLING NEWS

Boys, you can now be behind the eight ball! Also the "gutter balls" are going to start rolling again.

Yes, the Bowling Alleys and Pool Room are holding the grand opening next Monday, 24 February, after being repaired to the extent of about \$700.

She: "I remember the time you were just crazy to marry me."

He: "So do I, but I didn't realize it at the time."

A meek voice on telephone:

"Doctor, this is Mr. Henpeck. My wife just dislocated her jaw. If you're over this way next week some time, you might drop in and see her."

"I see by the papers that six officers and one enlisted man were killed in that wreck the other night."

"Poor chap."

Thirty days hath September,
April, June and HA Bender;

He serves them now with no reprieve,
For being absent without leave.

**Save A Life
Give Your Blood**

Rhythm, Comedy Featured by Revue

Blonde Eileen Ritter captured the hearts of Oak Knoll personnel with the song to match her eyes, "Blue Skies," and then commenced a part unusual for stage shows, of mistress of ceremonies for the variety revue, "Take It Easy." Her brilliant soprano voice and dancing ability soon made her a favorite with the hospital crowd.

Eileen then introduced Theresa Zacek, talented violinist, who charmed the audience with her warm and bright style in semi-classical hits, "Stardust," "Jealousy" and "Estrelita."

Bobby Joyce and Ginger, a scintillating dance team, performed a tap and acrobatic routine which brought down the house. Small, petite Ginger, who is just under 5 feet tall, and her ex-service husband have worked an interesting pantomime into their act, which has brought applause from around the world.

Pianist John Glasper, accompanist for the program, began his theatrical career by playing for English vaudeville while still in his teens. He is an expert on Gilbert and Sullivan accompaniments, and has appeared with many comic opera companies.

Hitting a high note of entertainment, Elsie Hartley, popular accordionist, played many requests, accompanying herself.

Jack Powell and his educated drumsticks presented a fine array of rhythm on the "skins," and really got in the groove with the downbeat. Jack also has a son following in his footsteps, Hal Hunter, and a treat can be expected if the two get together.

"Mere Nonsense," the byline for Le-Van and Bolles, hilarious comedy piano, singing and talking act, is an understatement of the crazy actions that took place when the two comedians were on the Oak Knoll stage. Jovial Miss Bowles and Harry Le Van presented an act that kept the audience in gales of laughter, and concluded the Recreation event for the nights of 13 and 14 February.

Off the Bookshelf

FICTION FAVORITES

Koestler. **Thieves in the Night.**

Novel about the Jews in Palestine.

Marquand. **B. F.'s Daughter.**

The life and problems of a millionaire's daughter.

O'Hara. **Green Grass of Wyoming.**

Another good story by the author of Flicka and Thunderhead.

Roberts. **Lydia Bailey.**

Story of the Haitian revolution against the Barbary pirates.

Shepard. **Holdfast Gaines.**

Novel about an Indian brought up by an American family during and after the Revolution.

Smith. **Rhubarb.**

Problems of a cat who inherited a baseball club.

Wakeman. **The Hucksters.**

Satirical novel about radio advertising.

Yerby. **Foxes of Harrow.**

Romantic novel with a Louisiana setting before the Civil War.

Library Hours: Monday-Friday 0800-1200; 1230-1630.



Pee Wee Hunt



During the last year, the Berkeley Chamber of Commerce and Mr. Gillum of the Claremont have been sponsoring dinner parties once a week for Oak Knoll personnel. The above group is shown at a recent dinner in the fashionable dining room of the Claremont.

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• Movie Schedule •

Saturday, February 23
"MEN IN HER LIFE"
Loretta Young—Conrad Veidt

Sunday, February 23
"BEGINNING OF THE END"
Robert Walker—Tom Drake

Monday, February 24
"QUIET PLEASE, MURDER"
George Sanders—Gail Patrick

Tuesday, February 25
"THIS MAN'S NAVY"
Wallace Beery—George Gleason

Wednesday, February 26
"RETURN OF RUSTY"
Ted Donaldson—Barbara Woodell

Thursday, February 27
"LES MISERABLES"
Fredrick March—Charles Laughlin

Friday, February 28
"RAZOR'S EDGE"
Tyrone Power, Gene Tierney

Saturday, March 1
"WATERLOO BRIDGE"
Robert Taylor—Vivian Leigh

The above movies will be shown one day later at the Officers' Club.

She has ears like a steam shovel—they're always picking up dirt.

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

Second Wave: "I know, you were there!!!"



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Saturday, 1 March, 1947

Corpsmen Advanced To Next Senior Rating

The following personnel have successfully completed all of the requirements for advancement to their next senior ratings and will be advanced to same as of 1 March 1947:

Advancement to PhM2; Anderson, W. A., Casey, J. G., Ward, F. L.

Advancement to PhM3; Benda, F. I., Bleser, R. B., Davis, R. V., Dejmara, H. E., Denny, J. H., Floore, E. T., Gahere, D., Gandy, L. R., Gerteisen, J. D., Golden, C. R., Haugum, S. E., Hatton, E. E., Johnson, B. G., Keeler, E. E., Lynch, R. L., Madden, W. J., Parker, J. H., Ringler, A. H., Rupert, R. H., Scott, W. S., Shepard, R. J., Talley, B. J., Trest, R. E., Waddell, G. H., Welch, B. K., White, A., Goddell, J. C.

Advancement to HA1; Ackley, J. L., Bean, F. L., Bower, W. L., Brewer, L. W., Bynum, H. A., Christie, D. D., Cottrell, R. T., Crompton, G. B., Czech, J. C., Davis, C. W., Downing, V., Drumiller, C. L., Ellis, N. L., Ellison, G. C., Ferguson, F. B., Fink, R. W., Geogre, C. L., Gifford, C. W., Greiter, G. R., Hoaglund, A. G., Holland, J. E., Horvat, J. H., Hallyburton, D. M., Hattie, F. C., Jeannette, V. P., Jenkins, O. R., Johnson, W. A., Johnson, D. R., Junker, L. F., Just, T., Kakakewich, W. M., Kehl, D. C., Liggett, R. T., Lofton, H. G., Mayberry, D., McClellan, E. M., Mondt, V. E., Moyer, A. W., Nebolon, A. P., Nicholas, W. J., Pendera, F. C., Pinsky, A. P., Smith, K. E., Smith, K. A., Smith, A. E., Smith, F. F., Stegeman, H. R., Vance, W. D., Vanhooser, J. W., Warner, J. L., Wolcott, C. B., Wilkie, M. R., Romero, A., Rossi, H. W., Routheau, B. A., Rumel, R. C.

Invitations Extended For JH League Dance

Junior Hospitality League extends invitations to all veterans, officers and enlisted men who wish to attend the monthly dance held in the Italian Room, St. Francis Hotel, February 21, 1947, 2100 to 2400.

Navy Relief Results

The results of the Navy Relief Society Drive at Oak Knoll have been announced by Ch. Pharm. C. B. Gordon, and the following departments contributed the amounts indicated:

Hospital Wards	\$122.25
Disbursing Office	9.00
Chaplain's Office	5.00
Red Cross Activity	27.50
Nurses Quarters	56.00
Miscellaneous Collections	33.46
Total	\$253.21

American Red Cross Drive Opens; Personnel Urged to Give Freely



Mrs. Jack Thaler, Gray Lady, is seen leaving an Oak Knoll ward with Keith A. Smith, HA2, saying goodbye.

The 1947 American Red Cross drive for funds to support the organization's many worthwhile activities opens today. At Oak Knoll the campaign will continue through March 15, paralleling the first two weeks of the nation-wide solicitation scheduled to last throughout the month.

Here on the compound, Chaplain Carl A. Herold will direct the fund-raising program, and contributions from each department are to be turned in at his office, second deck, Building No. 1. All officers, civilian workers, and Red Cross representatives will be asked to contribute, and voluntary contributions from enlisted personnel will be accepted.

As far back as 1864, when the movement for the organization of an International Red Cross was started, the symbol and name of Red Cross have stood for service. The words of Fleet Admiral C. W. Nimitz, Chief of Naval operations reflect the feeling

shared today by Army and Navy leaders who have seen the Red Cross at work at home and abroad and by individuals who have personally experienced its benefits. In discussing the organization recently, he said, "Our victories must be followed through—we must be sure that the security of our nation remains inviolable. In accomplishing the task that lies ahead, I know of no more encouraging factor than the knowledge that in peace as well as in war the Red Cross will remain by our side."

At Oak Knoll the helping hand of
(Continued on Page 4, Col. 2)

Lively Sun Tan Revue Brings Entertainment

The savor of Harlem will hit Oak Knoll next week when the Sun Tan Revue presents its diversified acts on the Auditorium stage.

Glenn and Jenkins, a popular comedy team, perform their act in the setting of a railway station, on the business ends of brooms. The sepia pair even go one step further and use burnt corks as in black-face shows.

Dollie Pembroke, a natural in acrobatic dancing, can accomplish such feats as drinking a glass of water from a back-bend position even though she has never taken a lesson.

Bobbie Vincson will guarantee something new in the line of dancing. In her travels she has learned many native dances and now presents them jived up and with a technique all her own.

Gladys Easter, famous swing pianist, broke into show business with the out-of-the-world Red Devil Stompers who were rug-cutters deluxe when 'The Music Went Round and Round'! Miss Easter will feature a program of music and swinging that includes sweet, swing, and the classics.

This Recreation event will be here on the 6th and 7th of March at the Community Service Auditorium.

One Dozen Waves Request Retention

A dozen of Oak Knoll's feminine staff have requested retention on active duty until 30 June 1948. The following girls have requested this extension of enlistment:

Ahti, Elsie; Dvorak, Jaroslava; Goins, Annie; Larsen, Florence; Moore, Lucille; Morgan, Lucille; Robinson, Kathryn; Starr, Doris; Wright, Flora; Wright, Frances; Zehorchak, Agnes; Zoellner, Agnes.

Oakland Kennel Club Extends Invitation For Annual Dog Show

The Oakland Kennel Club extends a hearty invitation to Oak Knoll's personnel to attend their 45th Annual Dog Show on March 8th and 9th.

Transportation will be furnished to and from Oakland Auditorium. Reservations must be in by 12:00, 7 March. Contact ward nurse for any more information.

The Oak Leaf

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A Good Neighbor Policy

Are you a 'good neighbor'?

Of course, the first thing that comes to mind with this question is the famed policy set by the late Franklin D. Roosevelt in our relations with the South American countries . . . but for our purpose, let us take the local meaning of the phrase.

Forget South America for a while and bring the same policy into effect in the United States, in Oakland and in OAK KNOLL. The first place to be 'a good neighbor' is in the home, and here the obvious location would be the various quarters. Think back about the times you have left some detail for the guy in the next bunk to do, when you, by spending a little time, could have done the job, and been a 'good neighbor'. Then think back about the time when you and the gang kept the whole wing awake with your loud talking, with your radio on, or by turning the lights back on to do a detail that could be done almost as well in the dark.

Spend a little time being courteous to the guy next door in the barracks and you'll find that the atmosphere will be more pleasant, and the buddy will reciprocate and do the same for you.

Now take this same idea of doing your part, of being polite, and put it into effect at your work detail . . . whether it be office, department or ward . . . and you'll be surprised at how quickly and smoothly things will run. Instead of spending your time doing something someone else left, you will be able to concentrate upon your own work. And all the time, remember to keep smiling . . . "it's worth a million dollars and it doesn't cost a cent" . . .

Why not put this policy into effect for a short period, and you'll find that it's the best policy to follow.

Be a Good Neighbor!

† † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

Life is an edifice. With so much at stake, we are extremely wise in making our life's structure a truly solid one. For this, we need a strong, lasting foundation. Towering buildings, liable to the frequent shakes and violent attacks of the winds and storms, dig their foundations deep into the ground, find their rest on solid rock. So, too, the solidity and security in the life-structure of man should rest upon the bed-rock foundation of a deep and sincere faith in God, and in its practice as taught by Jesus Christ. The clearer this conviction, the fuller will grow the knowledge and understanding of the details of faith. The firmer our determination to live by faith, the more secure will be our life's structure for time and eternity. Faith in God and things supernatural that pertain to God, faith in our eternal destiny with God after this mortal life gives us a definite answer and reason for suffering the ills of this temporal life.

Chaplain Carl A. Herold

Divine Services

Protestant:
 Chaplains—E. C. Andrews, E. D. Sneyary.
 Sunday—
 Divine Service.....1100
 Bible Study (Thursday in Chapel)—1800.
 Choir—Monday & Thursday, 1400-1500
 Protestant Chaplains' offices are located on the Second Deck of Bldg. No. 1.
Catholic:
 Chaplain—Carl Herold.
 Sunday Mass—0630, 0830, 0945.
 Weekday Mass—1205 in oratory next to Chaplain's Office in Building 1.
 Confessions before all Masses.

Christian Science:
 Worker will be on the compound every Tuesday and Friday afternoons.
L. D. S. (Mormon):
 Services 1930 Thursday.
Jewish:
 Divine Service—Transportation leaves Administration Bldg. every Friday at 1800 for services at Treasure Island Chapel. Men interested contact Chaplain Andrews at extension 184 to arrange transportation.
 The Field Representative of the National Jewish Welfare Board, Hospital Service Dept., is in attendance on the hospital compound once a week. Men desiring to see him should contact the Senior Chaplain.

Red Cross Ramblings

Art Lessons Started:

Instruction in oils, water colors, pastels and other mediums is now being given twice a week at The Hangout and in the wards by Robert Farnesi, talented artist and student at the California School of Arts and Crafts.

Mr. Farnesi comes to the hospital on Tuesdays at 1300 and Thursdays at 1900. He will give private lessons unless a group of patients happen to be interested in the same medium. Supplies will be furnished by Red Cross, and patients may use Room 210, across from The Hangout, for work and stowing of their materials.

If you would like to have Mr. Farnesi come to your ward, speak to your recreation worker or Gray Lady about it. He will soon start instruction in his special technique—wash paintings.

New Projects at Hobby Shop:

With the Hobby Shop's recent acquisition of scrap water bags and sheep-skin lined flight jackets, two new projects have been added to the large variety of "available activities" there.

For the present season we suggest warm, comfortable moccasins—easy to make, and so very easy on the feet. Thinking ahead to the approaching summer season and swimming, we offer instruction in making attractive and useful water-proof bathing bags. You can design your own block-print decorations for them or choose one already made up.

The shop, on the second deck of Building 102, is open each day from 0930 to 1130, 1300 to 1600, except Friday afternoon, Saturday and Sunday.

Portraits Sketched on Wards:

Would you like to have your portrait sketched? Whether a bed patient or ambulatory, artists from the California School of Arts and Crafts who come to Oak Knoll every other Saturday, will be glad to sketch you and give you the finished product.

Next Saturday, Miss Marcia Rosenblatt who organized and escorts the art students will bring members of her group here again. Be sure to let your Recreation worker or Gray Lady know (or call ARC) if you are interested in having your portrait done. Arrangements will be made for the artists to visit your ward.

Pianist Needed for Band:

A pianist is urgently needed for the new swing band at the Hangout. We have a fine trumpet player, drummer, saxophonist and several guitars. Rehearsals are held every afternoon at 1600 in Room 210, Building 102 and you can practice there alone earlier in the afternoons.

Musical instruments at The Hangout may be checked out for three days and are often renewable.

Gay Nineties Party At Hangout:

The Gay Nineties Party held at The Hangout last Friday was a complete "sellout" full of surprises and laughter.

Bob Troutwine, who emceed the show, also participated in the impromptu "meller drama" at its outset, "All that Glitters is Not Gold-

berg". Other members of the cast were WAVE Frankie Griffin as the heroine, Frank Phillips as the hero, and Bob Festeras, the sinister hero, with clever sound effects made by Allen Calhoun. The audience readily joined in the fun, hissing at one moment, cheering the hero on the next.

Danny Cheak and Bill Morrison sang appropriate old familiar songs, accompanied by Chief Mathison. One of the highlights of the show was a new personality at The Hangout, veteran patient Earl Case, who brought down the house with his imitations.

To round out the patients' entertainment in true Gay Nineties style was the Barbershop Quartette, Norman Bunting, James Large, Cheak and Morrison.

Then came the popular ward-entertainers, now familiar faces here from the "Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barbershop Quartettes". The men, a group of fifteen, gave several renditions of their arrangement of group songs and then led the audience in high-spirited Community Singing.

Mrs. Pearl DeRoche, singing comedienne who has been coming to the hospital for several years, climaxed the show with her clever impersonations, accompanied by Mrs. Mar Crawford, pianist.

The junior hostesses were from Mills College and the Berkeley YWCA. Members of the patient-planning committee were Troutwine, Tibbs, Dan English, decorations; Bob Fester, A. J. Selzer, N. C. Shansky, refreshments; and Frank Ingram, Richard Cox, Herb Covill, and Kirby Green.

HANGOUT SCHEDULE

Red Cross Recreation Room
 Building 102

Monday, 3 March

1500: Planning Committee Meeting
 1600: Band Rehearsal

Tuesday, 4 March

1300: Art Lessons
 1400: "Little Theatre" Rehearsal
 1600: Band Rehearsal

Wednesday, 5 March

1300: Ping Pong Tournament

Thursday, 6 March

1400: Dancing Lessons
 1600: Band Rehearsal
 1900: Camera Club

Friday, 7 March

1600: Band Rehearsal
 1900: Party Night! Girls!

Red Cross Accordion Missing
 Large piano-accordion, very much in demand, cannot be located. If you have seen it or know of its whereabouts please call Red Cross Office.

Man, rushing to a store, "Let me have a mouse trap".

Clerk: "Just a minute, sir."

Man: "Hurry, I've got to catch the bus."

Clerk: "I'm sorry, sir, they don't come that large."

Greek Medical Officer Observes New Developments In Surgery

Surgeon Commander Alexander Anastassiadis of the Royal Hellenic Navy has become a familiar figure on the compound in the few weeks he has been here. His name, his accent, and the extra twist of gold braid on his sleeve identify him as a visitor from abroad. The skill with which he works identifies him as a talented surgeon.

The Greek officer came to Oak Knoll on January 21 to begin a year's study of American surgical methods. Sent by the Greek Admiralty, he will take back to the Naval hospitals of his Mediterranean homeland the techniques he learns here and at other Bay Area hospitals.

Sees "New" Operations

Although the Surgeon Commander finds few major differences in the general surgery of his country and ours, he has learned that many operations performed successfully in American hospitals are still untried by Greek doctors. Among the procedures he has witnessed for the first time are anastomosis or union of the subclavicular artery and the pneumonic artery, and an esophagogastronomy—the formation of a communication between the esophagus and the stomach. He has also watched with interest the life-saving removal of a duodenal obstruction in a newborn baby—a fault that must be overcome before the infant can digest its food. New and helpful in his studies is the use of suction and coagulin to prevent bleeding.

The Hellenic doctor is keenly interested in Oak Knoll's reconstructive surgery departments—plastic, orthopedic and neurosurgery. These fields he hopes to develop when he returns to the Naval Hospital Service in Greece. Three days each week he may be found in surgery observing the work of regular staff members or performing an operation himself while staff doctors look on.

Speaks Four Languages

The 38-year-old commander has no difficulty in making himself clear to his associates here, at the U. C. and Stanford University hospitals, and at St. Francis hospital, where he studies, observes, and participates in surgery two days each week. He reads, writes, and speaks English fluently, having first studied it in Alexandria 25 years ago. He also has a speaking acquaintance with French and German but he thinks Greek, because of its mathematical quality of "being definitely right or wrong—"not like either and eye-ther"—is the ideal language.

Born and reared in Alexandria, where his father was a merchant, Commander Anastassiadis almost became an Egyptian. But at the age of 18 he went to Athens to enroll in the military medical school where all doctors entering the Hellenic Army or Navy medical corps are trained. Graduating in 1932, he was commissioned sub "leftenant" and from that time until 1940 he served aboard various ships and at shore stations, twice taking leave for special training. In 1938 he studied general therapeutics at the Rudolph Hess Krankenhaus (hospital) in Dresden, Germany, and later he did



ALEXANDER ANASTASSIADIS
Surgeon Commander, RHN

cancer research at Lynch a Donau, Austria.

Has Destroyer Duty

After the outbreak of war he served aboard three destroyers—the Ierax, Spetzai and Themistocles. With ships of the British Navy, they repeatedly circled the Mediterranean, escorting troops and supplies through enemy waters to the major seaports where allied troops were on duty.

After the German invasion of Greece, the crews of the Ierax and other destroyers helped to establish a new base in Alexandria for the Stuka-ridden remnants of the Greek Navy. In May, 1941, the commander was promoted to Senior Medical Officer of the Greek Fleet, acting in the Mediterranean until May, 1942, when he turned over his duties to a senior officer following his escape from enemy-occupied Greece. He then returned to destroyer duty and participated in the invasion of Southern France in June and July, 1944. During this action his skill and tireless energy were responsible for saving many lives.

He Wears Many Medals

In recognition of meritorious service to his country, Oak Knoll's distinguished visitor wears the Phoenix for outstanding service, the Destroyer Service Ribbon with four stars indicating two-and-a-half years in battle areas, the Distinguished Service Order, the ten years' Good Conduct ribbon, and a decoration for 25,000 miles of duty in dangerous waters.

Dr. Anastassiadis is here to take the gift of life-saving, health-giving knowledge back to his people. Those who have the privilege of knowing and working with him agree that his presence here is a welcome gift from the Greeks.

Enormous Public Works' Figures Illustrate Need For Conservation

A. P. Minwegen, Lt., (CEC) USN

Did you ever stop to think about what we have on this station? How many buildings there are? How much water we use in a year? How many miles our ambulances travel?

Well, in case you haven't we're going to try to give you the lowdown on what goes on behind the scenes at Oak Knoll. Of course, we have a motive up our sleeves and that is to emphasize the need for CONSERVATION. You might scoff at the idea of turning off a radiator or extinguishing an unnecessary light but just out of curiosity read on—

Folks kind of take the electric light for granted; that is until it burns out and then comes the clamor for another one. It might startle you to learn that over 65,000 light bulbs were used at Oak Knoll during 1946. And if that doesn't make you sit up and take notice, look at our electric bill for the same period—\$43,000—and we didn't misplace a decimal point either. At that rate you could burn that bed lamp of yours until the year 7947 A D—Yep, every hour of every day for the next 6000 years.

The next time you forget to turn the water off in the lavatory or spend 15 minutes under the shower, give a little thought to the 250 million gallons of that same H₂O that went down the drain last year, that's twenty-six thousand dollars worth. For you swimmers and fishermen that 250,000,000 gallons means that if we leveled off our 183 acres here, we could create a lake 4 feet deep over the entire compound.

And in case you're still interested we use enough diesel oil to power the Sante Fe's Super Chief from Los Angeles to New York and back to Chicago each and every day. That's

7,000 gallons every 24 hours. Where is all that oil used? Right down in the heating plant to provide steam for your radiators, the autoclaves, to heat the water for your showers, to cook your chow, and for a hundred and one other purposes. The heating plant produces enough steam in 12 months to heat the average six room home for the next 17 centuries. How much does it cost to operate the plant for a month? The answer is \$10,000.

Sure hope that a few folks will think a little about these astronomical figures. A little flick of the wrist at the right time will save us, not pennies, but in the long run hundreds of hard earned dollars. See you next week with a little more of the same.

Ribbons (Marcorps)

Ribbon Bars made up only of the appropriate textile fabrics are authorized from the Marine Corps. Wearing of cellophane-impregnated and plastic ribbons is specifically forbidden.



"No one warned me about THESE Special Watches!"

Captain Carl Broaddus Honored By Officers' Club Reception Here



A reception honoring Captain C. A. Broaddus, recently appointed Medical Officer in Command, was given at the Officers' Club, Saturday, 22 February. Seen above are Captain Broaddus, Mrs. Robins, Mrs. Broaddus, Captain Robins and Rear Admiral and Mrs. Owens as they stood in the receiving line to greet the 300 guests who attended.

Off the Bookshelf

Lives of famous or interesting personalities are among the most popular types of reading among the patients and staff at this hospital. During the past few months, the following readable biographies have been added to the hospital library:

Baker. Out On a Limb. Autobiography of a woman who cheerfully and humorously writes of life as she lives it, minus one leg.

Chevigny. My Eyes Have A Cold Nose. Autobiography of a radio writer who lost his sight, but continued in his profession with the help of a guide dog.

Eisenhower. My Three Years With Eisenhower. by Butcher. Eisenhower's naval aide writes of his experiences with a famous general.

Raffles. Raffles of Singapore. By Hahn. One of the best-known Englishmen in the early days of Singapore is the subject of a biography by Emily Hahn, the author of CHINA TO ME.

Lincoln. Mr. Lincoln's Camera Man. By Meredith. A wonderful pictorial record of Lincoln's life.

Lowell Family. The Lowells And Their Seven Worlds, by Greenslet. The story of a famous family and their part in the history of New England through three centuries.

Recreation Presents

Tickets are available at Recreation for the Standard Hour, Sunday evening, featuring the San Francisco Symphony with Pierre Monteux conducting.

Five men may see the play "Ten O'Clock Scholar" with Fay Bainter and Thomas Mitchell. The matinee will be Saturday afternoon.

Red Cross Drive

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ARC is extended to the patient when he arrives. Comfort articles are given to him; entertainment is planned for him; assistance with letter writing or shopping is offered by Gray Ladies who visit the hospital frequently. The patient may learn a craft either on the ward or at the Craft Shop where material, tools, and teachers are provided for the convalescent. He may go on an all-day outing with transportation provided by the Red Cross Motor Corps. Verification of emergency leaves and dependency discharges is another of the many vital functions of the local organization.

Two-thirds of the \$60,000,000 to be raised this year will be used in Services to Members of the Armed Forces here and abroad. Substantial sums will be set aside for Disaster Relief and for Foreign War Relief. In 1946 alone, 271 catastrophes in the United States made Red Cross assistance necessary for 136,671 persons and required an expenditure of \$1,500,000. Also in the past year the American National Red Cross aided 49 war-torn countries by distributing \$50,000,000 worth of supplies to the homeless and hungry.

Your dollar has a job to do!

Schoolmaster: "Jones, spell 'weather'."

Jones: "W-e-t-t-h-e-r".

Schoolmaster: "Well, Jones, that's certainly the worst spell of weather we've had for some time."

Laundry sign: "We don't mangle your clothes with machinery—we do it carefully by hand."

Gather ye romance while ye may
For waiting may bring sorrow.
A guy who's stationed here today
May be transferred tomorrow.

Dixieland Rhythm Featured By Hunt

Straight from a previous engagement at Grant's Pass, Oregon, to Oak Knoll came Pee Wee Hunt and his small but talented aggregation to provide rhythm and entertainment for Monday, 24 February.

The afternoon show was a short one due to the lack of a PA system, but during the short period, the joint was really jumping. The show commenced with some solid jive and was quickly followed by "Sunny Side of the Street" and "Sentimental Journey".

Russia, gone modern, then took precedence, and the pianist was featured in "Dark Eyes", a la Hunt. The boys then took a trip down the Mississippi to New Orleans for "Basin Street Blues", and the finale for the midday show was a pepped up version of "I've Got Rhythm".

The evening found the auditorium packed with "Dixieland" fans, and Pee Wee didn't disappoint them, as he gave out with the old style swing to add variety to the dancing rhythm.

The present band was formed after Hunt closed his Maritime career, and has found open doors wherever it has ventured. Pee Wee had gained fame before with the Glen Gray Casa Loma Orchestra, and was with Goldkette before that.

Hunt and orchestra was brought to Oak Knoll ballroom through Recreation.

Scuttlebutt

The windy month of March blew the stool pigeon into our office, slightly out of breath, but able to pass the word that **Tiny**, Army veteran, was seen sewing chevrons onto his civvies... **Tiny** must be "Regular Army" at heart... or is it a blond?

Spring is still here, we think, and it had left its mark on hash-marked **N. D. Davis** and **Helen Peters** who have been seen together quite often.

Also making good use of the warm weather's influence is **Mike McFarland**, ex-Y2, who will take **Lorna Bugley** under his care in ceremonies today. **Gladys**, the gal who fills your sweet-tooth, will become the bride of **Mickey McKeon**, S1, today at the Chapel.

The Waves Quarters have a new family trying to beat the housing shortage. The latest count on the offspring was three, and as yet there is no sign declaring "No Children Allowed"... Oh yes, the species is feline.

What is this Navy coming to? Even the 'Regulars' are getting discharged! This last week found three solid men of Oak Knoll's medical staff heading for home... **Wilfred Gray** went North to Oregon, **Bill Prout** stayed in California while **Leon Wessling** went for Iowa in a big way.

Baseball Practice

First official practice of the station baseball team will be on **Monday, 3 March, at the Athletic Field.**

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FOUND—Man's gold wedding ring and key (on chain) in closet of Gray Ladies Service Room, top deck Ship's Service Building. Left on or about Friday, February 21. Inquire at Oak Leaf Office.

FOUND—Parker 51 pen, between bldgs. 24 and 124, Contact: Lt. Cmdr. Olds, (NC), Chief Nurse's Office.

WANTED—Rides wanted from Oakland and Berkeley for personnel of Research project on Ward 46A.

LOST—Mission Briar pipe around the parking spaces beside the Liberty Office. Would appreciate return. Please contact J. B. Sahal in Ward 55. Thanks.

• Movie Schedule •

Saturday, March 1
"WATERLOO BRIDGE"
Robert Taylor—Vivian Leigh

Sunday, March 2
"IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE"
James Stewart—Donna Reed

Monday, March 3
"SEVEN DAYS LEAVE"
Lucille Ball—Victor Mature

Tuesday, March 4
"JOHNNY O'CLOCK"
Dick Powell—Evelyn Keyes

Wednesday, March 5
"TEXAS JAMBOREE"
Ken Curtiss—Jeff Donnell

Thursday, March 6
"GENIUS AT WORK"
Alan Carney—Anne Jeffreys

Friday, March 7
"EASY COME, EASY GO"
Sonny Tufts—Diana Lynn

Saturday, March 8
"ONCE UPON A HONEYMOON"
Cary Grant—Ginger Rogers

The above movies are shown one day later at the Officers' Club



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Per Diem Pay For TAD Limited

(SEA) — TAD orders involving instruction at a service school located at a Naval or MarCorps activity will henceforth contain the following paragraph, in order to stretch limited travel funds and yet provide maximum training instruction:

"Reimbursement for the travel involved will be on the basis of seven dollars per diem in accordance with Para 4153, US Navy Travel Instructions. No per diem will be allowed while at location unless government quarters are not available, in which case a per diem of four dollars will be allowed."

Recommendations For Medals Affected By End of Hostilities

The recommendation for and awarding of certain medals have been affected by the presidential proclamation ending hostilities as of 31 Dec. 1946. Recommendations for the award of the Medal of Honor, Navy Cross, Distinguished Service Medal, Silver Star Medal, and Navy and MarCorps Medal for acts or services performed between 7 Dec. 1941 and 30 June 1944, and recommendations for the Distinguished Flying Cross for acts or services performed between 7 Dec. 1941 and 30 June 1945, must be initiated before 30 June 1947. Recommendations initiated after 1 July 1947 must be limited to acts or services performed not more than three years before the date of initiation of recommendation, except that the DFC may be recommended for acts or services performed not more than two years prior to initiation of recommendation. These are the only medals affected by the proclamation. Terminal date for eligibility for World War II Victory Medal was 31 Dec. 1946.

US Naval Hospital Receives Oranges

Oak Knoll has had a bountiful supply of oranges—thank to the Texas Company who recently gave the hospital 282 crates of Washington navel oranges, which were distributed to the various wards and mess halls. The Texas Company has given this treat to this hospital for the last three years.

New Form Required To Accompany Dependency Discharge Requests

A new form, as announced in BuPers Circ. Ltr. 20-47 (NDB, 31 January), should accompany each request for discharge for dependency or other urgency to help in processing these requests. The form lists data obtained from the applicant's service record, by personal interview with him, and from documents supporting his application.

The forms should be typed, until printed ones can be supplied, to correspond with the sample application accompanying the circular letter, and one copy should be attached to each request.

The letter points out that the Bureau may direct discharge when undue or genuine hardship exists and is not of a temporary nature, and where the condition has arisen or has been aggravated since entry into service. No command may deny any enlisted man the privilege of applying for discharge, even though reasons seem contrary to the Bureau's policy.

At least two affidavits supporting the claim should be submitted with the request dependency or hardship cases. One should be from the dependent concerned, if practicable. If dependency is the result of the death of a member of the applicant's family since he entered service, a certificate or other proof should be submitted. If dependency is due to the disability of a member of the applicant's family since he entered service, a physician's certificate should be submitted.

The CO's forwarding endorsement should state whether the applicant is awaiting or undergoing disciplinary status, what service schools he has attended and a definite recommendation for or against the request.

Bay Area Waves Enjoy Buffet Dinner At Treasure Island

Fifteen WAVES from Oak Knoll enjoyed the elaborate buffet dinner and informal party given last week for WAVES of the Bay Area, in the spacious reception rooms of the Officers' Recreation Center, Treasure Island.

Highlight of the evening was a visit from the Twelfth Naval District Commandant, Rear Admiral Donald B. Beary, who, after a genial talk to the girls, awarded the District bowling trophies to the winning team, Mare Island, and to individual high scorers.

Prior to the arrival of the commandant the informal program was characterized by special numbers sponsored by each activity, and by group singing.

Those attending from Oak Knoll included Leona Steinike, Elsie Marshall, Bessie Makamson, Elaine Hemmenway, Kay Golden, Miriam Jaques, Elizabeth Davies, Flora Wright, Emma Larkin, Patty Patterson, Nina Corbin, Irene Roberts, Leah Goins, Agnes Zoellner, and the Wave Representative.

All POA Travelers Require Immunization

(SEA) — Immunization requirements for all Naval personnel and civilians traveling by Naval air or surface conveyance in the POA were listed by Alnav 8-47 (NDB, 15 January). The Navy emphasizes the requirement that immunization certificates should be obtained before departure from present station, and particularly before arrival at port of embarkation.

Vaccination against smallpox, typhoid and tetanus within previous 12 months is required for travel to any Pacific area; cholera and typhus immunization within previous six months for travel to Japan, China and Okinawa, and for travel originating in China, Japan, Okinawa and the Philippines, smallpox and, where indicated, cholera and typhus immunization is a prerequisite.

ARC Drive Delayed; Will Now Last Month

The Red Cross Drive, recently started in its nationwide campaign, has had a delay at Oak Knoll, but will now extend to March 31, instead of the original two weeks planned.

The drive does not solicit from enlisted personnel, but everyone wishing to give may do so in Chaplain Herold's Office.

A little known function of the Red Cross is the "Social Workers" who assist patients and staff with personal and family problems, do post discharge planning and enlist the aid of local chapters to help the veteran after discharge.

Another function which does much is the "Volunteer Service Service" which includes the Junior Hostesses and Gray Ladies. These groups help in Recreation and extra services.

Electronics Course Open to Officers

(SEA)—Non-aviation officers of the rank of lieutenant (jg) and below, USN temporary officers, regardless of rank, who have applied or been accepted for permanent commission, commissioned warrant officers and warrant officers are eligible to apply for a new one-year course in electronics engineering. The course will convene on 1 April 1947 and every three months thereafter at the U. S. Naval School, Warrant Officers Electronics Engineering, Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill.

Applicants must agree to serve three years after completion of course. Letters of application should be forwarded via channels to reach BuPers, Attn: Pers 4223, 45 days before convening date. CO's endorsement should include a statement as to availability and suitability for electronics duties.

Errors Delay Payment For Terminal Leave

Because of oversights and errors in the preparation of terminal leave claims many of them are being held in suspense, awaiting information and inquiry, announces Captain H. C. Lassiter, Officer in Charge, USN TLDO, Great Lakes.

Captain Lassiter suggests that all personnel who sent in claims prior to December 1, 1946, and who have not yet received bonds or checks, write TLDO at once to find out why.

Finally, many veterans have the impression that rehabilitation leave should not be entered in Block 13 on the claim form. This is erroneous. Rehabilitation leave counts as ordinary leave and should be entered, unless leave was recommended by medical officer, and an entry to that effect placed in the man's health record.

Oak Knoll High In March of Dimes

In the recent March of Dimes Drive, Oak Knoll came in third in the Naval establishments in Alameda County, with only the NAS, Alameda, and NSD, Oakland topping Oak Knoll's \$553.70. Only seven stations in the Twelfth Naval District were higher than USNH, Oakland. These were: Hunter's Point, Treasure Island, Stockton, Moffett Field, Clearfield, and the above mentioned Alameda bases. Total for the drive in the 12ND was \$16,019.15.

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Authority and Respect

Once upon a time, when knights of old covered their faces with a visor, the knight would, upon approaching a friend, lift his arm to raise his visor and reveal his identity. This is claimed to be the beginning of the present military courtesy practiced by dozens of services in as many nations . . . the salute. But, the real meaning of the salute is the recognition of authority and a symbol of respect.

By virtue of his rank alone, an officer represents the authority of the United States, and is due the courtesy of recognition of this. This honor is due him not for what he is or what he does, but in honoring him you are saluting your country.

There is nothing humiliating about a salute. On the contrary, it is a democratic and patriotic allegiance to a country and form of government that makes possible the free acceptance or free rejection of anything or anyone.

As a representative of this government, and its authority, the officer deserves the salute as a mental statement that you have placed your faith and hope in his authority, and that you feel that your trust is well founded.

The salute is also a symbol of religious respect and faith. On an English ship, the sailor, when coming aboard, will turn toward the quarterdeck and salute. On the quarterdeck of old English vessels there used to be a small altar dedicated to the Blessed Virgin, and each sailor would salute that altar. Now the custom is carried on, even though the altar is no longer there.

Now take the officer as an individual—common courtesy requires respect for seniority in both age and experience. The officer must have something "on the ball" in order to have the position he holds . . . so a salute also pays respect to the experience and talents of the man.

Instead of accepting the salute as a routine procedure, or as some do—ignore it—render the salute with a meaning behind it.

+ + CHAPLAIN'S CORNER + +

Allen Chalmers, in his book "The Constant Fire" tells of a rock near the top of Mt. Washington where there is a marker on the trail to show where a woman died. On a clear day her action looks ridiculous. There is the warm hut at the top so close you could hit it with a stone. One hundred steps more and she could have reached it and found the warmth and shelter she sought. But in the storm she could not see it, and did not know, and so she gave up and died just a hundred steps from safety.

A battle is often won by the forces that hold out minutes longer than the enemy. A man who refuses to be licked when everything seems to be against him has a good chance to win. When we are discouraged, remember that shelter and safety may lie only a hundred steps away, if only we have the courage and endurance to keep on.

EARL DEAN SNEARY
Chaplain, U. S. Navy

Divine Services

Protestant:
Chaplains—E. C. Andrews, E. D. Sneary.
Sunday—
Divine Service.....1100
Bible Study (Thursday in Chapel)—1800.
Choir — Monday & Thursday, 1400-1500
Protestant Chaplains' offices are located on the Second Deck of Bldg. No. 1.
Catholic:
Chaplain—Carl Herold.
Sunday Mass—0630, 0830, 0945.
Weekday Mass—1205 in oratory next to Chaplain's Office in Building 1.
Confessions before all Masses.

Christian Science:
Worker will be on the compound every Tuesday and Friday afternoons.
L. D. S. (Mormon):
Services 1930 Thursday.
Jewish:
Divine Service—Transportation leaves Administration Bldg. every Friday at 1800 for services at Treasure Island Chapel. Men interested contact Chaplain Andrews at extension 184 to arrange transportation.
The Field Representative of the National Jewish Welfare Board, Hospital Service Dept., is in attendance on the hospital compound once a week. Men desiring to see him should contact the Senior Chaplain.

Red Cross Ramblings

New Ping Pong Champ:

Winner of last week's ping pong tournament at the Hangout, Red Cross Recreation Hall, was Frederick Pendera, HA1c, who battled to the top of a field of over 20 contestants.

Judging from the number of ping pong balls that have been requested for the wards this week, there should be even more skilled contenders in practice for the next title match. Tournaments are held at the Hangout every Wednesday afternoon at 1400 so come down and make a stab at the champ challenging contest.

New Dances Taught At Hangout:

You might learn as many as five new steps when you come to the Thursday afternoon dancing lessons at the Hangout! While the fox trot and jitterbugging remain the top favorites for instruction by the Arthur Murray teachers, they are now introducing samba, rhumba, and one "specialty" dance each week. Last week it was a polka and this week it will be the schottische. With the current craze for folk dancing sweeping this area as though it were here to stay, it might be a good idea to try out some of these old-time fun steps as well as the more conventional ones.

The classes are divided into beginning and advanced groups, so don't hesitate to come down if you've never danced before. That's why we have classes. Orthopedic patients are urged to make a special effort to take advantage of this instruction providing you have your doctor's approval.

Comedians Star At Party:

Impersonators and comedians stole the show at the last Friday night party at the Hangout, with Allen Calhoun, Francis Mockus and Earl Case performing to an enthusiastic audience. Calhoun, who can bring forth a cock fight to a model T Ford, with no props at all, held forth for the record time with his barnyard noisemakers. Master of ceremonies Mockus, "Mr." Mockus that is, the "Mad Russian" as he's known around the Compound, introduced the other events of the evening as well as keeping the guests in high spirits. Charades, community singing, and a spelling game provided for maximum audience-participation. Impersonator Earl Case and singer Bill Morrison reappeared by popular demand and again proved to be highlights of the evening's entertainment. Members of the patient committee in charge of the party were Miller, decorations; Ford and Fester, refreshments; Kirby Green, coatroom; Ralph Rice, "props."

HANGOUT SCHEDULE

Monday, 10 March
1500 Patient Planning Committee
1600 Band Rehearsal
Tuesday, 11 March
1300 Art Lessons
1600 Band Rehearsal
Wednesday, 12 March
1300 Ping Pong Tournament
Thursday, 13 March
1400 Dancing Lessons
1600 Band Rehearsal
1900 Camera Club
Friday, 14 March
1600 Band Rehearsal
1900 Party Night! Girls!

Beach-goers Warned Of Dangerous Objects

If you are planning a vacation on the beach or ocean front this season, it would be wise to follow the advice of Rear Admiral D. B. Beary, Commandant Twelfth Naval District.

Admiral Beary warns that any curiosity about strange objects which may be washed ashore or floating in the water should be subdued, as these objects may be agents of death.

Recently a live depth charge was picked up by a fishing boat near Point Reyes, Marin County. The cautious fisherman, suspecting the object, notified the Navy, which in turn sent an Ammunition Disposal Unit of U. S. Naval Magazine, Port Chicago, to investigate. The Unit found it was a live depth charge and highly dangerous.

In other cases, objects turned out to be live bomb fuses or three-inch mortar shells. There is also a danger of floating Japanese mines.

Any person discovering strange objects should telephone the Staff Duty officer of the Twelfth Naval District, Market 3828, and report specific location and description of the "Find".

New Classification Set For Specialists

SPECIALISTS of all skills, sizes and shapes will be able to drop neatly into niches in the naval organization to make it run smoothly in peacetime and ease its tremendous expansion in any future emergency. And the new system is the method whereby these men will be classified accurately and scientifically in the job classification code system.

Careful analysis of skills and the careful cataloguing of these skills result in a code number which indicates the job or jobs each man can perform. Billet and qualifications description sheets have been designed for the system.

Under qualifications on each man's card would be listed the scores he must attain on the enlisted classification test battery, physical requirements, experience and education necessary, the duties he must perform and the tools and materials with which he must work.

Also stated is the relationship of his billet to others, channels of promotion in his career, sources from which men with these skills may be procured and civilian jobs to which such men may return.

Rents To Change In FPFA Projects

All service personnel living in FPFA projects will be required to pay a new rental based on the value of the quarters, effective 1 April 1947, except those residing in projects operated by the Navy for exclusive use of Navy Service Personnel.

Personnel living in such housing projects as Lockwood will be affected by the rent change.

For any further information see Ch. Pharm. Dias, Housing Officer.

Public Works' Gives Information On Redwood Wards and Decks

A. P. Minwegen, Lt., (CEC) USN

Haven't heard much comment pro or con on the last article on CONSERVATION so taking that as silent assent we'll venture forth once more, only on a slightly different talk.

Maybe you've noticed it too, but every time we have a visitor among us the stock comment "I never realized this place was so large," crops up. They aren't just making conversation either. Our 183 acres make up a sizable tract of land. And with 155 buildings of various sizes and shapes bedecking the landscape we have the makings of a considerable town. It might be interesting to know that we have about one million one hundred and fifty thousand square feet of building floor space. Next time you order floor wax for your 11,000 square feet of ward deck, remember that it's only a drop in the bucket compared to the whole.

These buildings, with few exceptions, are built of redwood and with proper maintenance can last 20 years. Some of you might wonder why the buildings were never painted. Casting aside the reasons of camouflage and rustic appearance, the true reason is that natural redwood will normally last as long as other types of wood used in similar construction. These woods, require painting every two to four years. To paint the exteriors of all our buildings would mean an outlay of nearly a quarter of a million dollars. As for redwood, it requires only a treatment of special oil every five years or so and at less than one quarter the figure.

Just in case some day, someone might ask you the cost of a ward, \$62,000 would be the correct answer. Construction of the Ship's Service Building required 135,000 simoleons.

Maybe you can see now that Uncle Sam spent a fortune for you right here at Oak Knoll. His initial investment requires a great deal of attention too, in the repair of the 12,000 windows, 3,000 doors, and the locks, door closers, shades, screens, hinges,

and such that go with them and that's not mentioning a few thousand other gismos. We were quite flabbergasted ourselves to learn that we have 1,500 toilets and 1,700 wash basins plus 400 other types of sinks hidden beneath these redwood walls. That's enough to spell misery for any self-respecting plumber.

And that little squib spells us Out for this Time.

EXPERIMENT

The Chief Electrician's Mate was puzzled. "Hey," he called to his striker, "put your hand on one of these wires." The striker did as he was told. "Feel anything?" asked the chief. "No," said the striker. "Good," said the chief, "I wasn't sure which was which. Don't touch the other one or you'll drop dead."

RESCUE

Waiter: "May I help you with that soup, sir?"

GI: "What do you mean, help me? I don't need any help."

Waiter: "Sorry, sir, from the sounds I thought you might want to be dragged ashore."

Most people can drink beer just as well sitting down as they can standing up. But few people can stand up as well after they have been drinking sitting down as they can sit down after drinking standing up.

Disabled Veterans Sponsor Show

One of the best variety shows that has been on the Oak Knoll stage was sponsored last Tuesday by the Disabled Veterans of Oakland.

The show commenced with radio songstress Norma Craig singing three popular arrangements and really sending the audience with her lovely voice.

The mystic side then took over as smooth Gary Marvin performed some feats of magic capable of confusing anyone.

Johnny O'Brien, harmonica wizard, displayed his remarkable talent on a small harmonica with everything from boogie to a symphony arrangement. His daughter Patty joined him for the boogie duet.

Zorina and Pecata, an act new to the West Coast but very popular on the Atlantic, added the touch of the unusual by first going south of the border, then replacing the guitar for violin and lastly some solid downbeat on an original novel tune, "Too Tired."

The show ended with an "in the groove" presentation by Norma and Dusty. The famous duo, soon to appear in the "Fabulous Dorseys", presented a drum and trumpet act which included their interpretation of a popular "Krupa" record.

Hi Davis and his capable orchestra furnished the accompaniment.

Knoll Sees Opera

The opening night of the San Carlos Opera Company, presenting Carmen, was viewed by 10 members of Oak Knoll's personnel, at the War Memorial Opera House, San Francisco, 4 March.

Pablo Civil, tenor, new to the Company, was a deciding factor in the opera's success. Coe Glade, contralto, portrayed Carmen with Mostyn Thomas as Escamillo. The chorus was amplified with singers of the San Francisco Opera.

Off the Bookshelf

Other good biographies that you may have missed include the following:

ROOSEVELT, Franklin Delano. **As He Saw It**, by Elliott Roosevelt. **The Roosevelt I Knew**, by Frances Perkins.

White House Physician, by Ross T. McIntire.

SEVAREID. **Not So Wild a Dream**. Autobiography of a young man who had interesting experiences and contacts with famous people as a newspaper correspondent and radio commentator all over the world.

WILDE, Oscar. **Oscar Wilde**, by Pearson. Well-written biography of a notable figure in English literature.

BULOSAN, Carlos. **American Is In the Heart**. Autobiography of a Filipino who became a well-known writer.

ALTGELD, John P. **The American**, by Fast. Fictionized biography of an early governor of Illinois.

FOWLER, Gene. **A Solo In Tom-Toms**. Autobiography of the author of such popular works as **GOOD NIGHT, SWEET PRINCE** and **TIMBERLINE**.

GOULD, R. E. **Yankee Storekeeper**. Reminiscences of a Maine storekeeper.

KRAVCHENKO, Victor. **I Chose Freedom**. Why a former Soviet official decided against communism.

ALEXANDER THE GREAT. **Alexander of Macedon**, by Lamb. Biography by the author of **DURANDAL** and **NUR MAHAL**.

SEAGRAVE, Gordon. **Burma Surgeon Returns**. Sequel to **BURMA SURGEON**.

STARLING, E. W. **Starling of the White House**. Experiences in guarding five U. S. presidents.

WHITE, William Allen. **Autobiography**. Life story of a famous Kansas editor.

Administrative Language

"Passed to you for action"—An interpretation—unscrupulous method of making a junior officer do all the work, so the senior officer may write forward and sign.

"Herewith are forwarded"—Or not as the case may be, but you are to blame if the enclosures are missing.

"For your information"—It means nothing to me and probably nothing to you.

"A growing body of opinion"—Two very senior staff officers agree.

"Opinion widely held"—Three very senior staff officers agree.

"Under consideration"—Never heard of it, or the papers have been lost.

"Under active consideration"—Will try to find the papers.

"Concur generally"—Never read the document, and will not be bound by anything I say.

"Have you any remarks"—Give me an idea of what it is about.

"Snowed under"—Only able to take 1½ hours for lunch.

"Give him the picture"—A long, confusing and inaccurate statement made to a newcomer.

"You will remember"—You have forgotten, if you ever knew anything about it, because I have.

"In due course"—Never.

"All orders issued by my predecessor are to remain in force"—I haven't read them yet and will change them at the first opportunity.

"Has received careful consideration"—A period of inactivity covering a time lag.

"Transmitted to you"—You hold the bag awhile—I'm tired of it.

"In conference"—Don't know where he is.

"Kindly expedite reply"—For God's sake try to find the papers.

"Passed to higher authority"—Pigeonholed in more sumptuous office.

"Appropriate action"—Do you know what to do with it? We don't.

—NAVY NEWS



"He's been here a year now!"

Scuttlebutt

It shouldn't happen to a dog! But, it did happen to **Edgar Leon Rauch**. The boy from Missouri spent last Monday evening trying to evict an unwelcome tenant with four legs and a bark from his bunk. After snickering at **Leon's** futile efforts, the dog finally surrendered the second-hand sack and trotted on his way. Some have the theory that it was the western swing on **Leon's** radio that the pooch couldn't stand.

Slagle, the boy who used to do reveille at Barracks 35, seems to be spending his leave at Oak Knoll. Wonder what the attraction is?

Jeffries, of Ward 41B, has a grudge against a veteran now, as one gave him a hot-foot on his toe sticking out of a cast!

It is also rumored that **Mike Vitt** and **Bessie Mackamson** are going pretty steady.—Must be the spring in the air causing all the romances!

Officers' Dance

Dinner reservations are closed to the Officers' Club party Saturday evening, 8 March, but all Officers, Staff and Patient, may attend the dance. Music will be by **Eddie Fitzpatrick** and his orchestra.

• Movie Schedule •

Saturday, 8 March

"ONCE UPON A HONEYMOON"

Cary Grant—Ginger Rogers

Sunday, 9 March

"SUDDENLY IT'S SPRING"

Fred MacMurray—Paulette Goddard

Monday, 10 March

"STORMY WEATHER"

Lena Horne—Bill Robinson

Tuesday, 11 March

"ANGEL AND BADMAN"

John Wayne—Irene Rich

Wednesday, 12 March

"BOSTON BLACKIE'S RENDEZVOUS"

Chester Morris—Nina Foch

Thursday, 13 March

"THIRTEENTH HOUR"

Karen Morley—Gerald Mohr

Friday, 14 March

"RED HOUSE"

Edward G. Robinson—Lon McAllister

Saturday, 15 March

"MAISIE GOES TO RENO"

Ann Southern—John Hodiak

The above movies are shown one day later at the Officers' Club.

It's Knot So

(SEA)—When the crew of the oiler **USS "Caliente"** (AO-53) heaved in the anchor chain in nine fathoms of water at the Terminal Island Naval Shiplard, Calif., many a seasoned sailor scratched his head. There, just 15 links above the 130,000 pound anchor, was a perfect overhand knot tied in the anchor chain.

Some members of the crew say it was one of King Neptune's tricks. Others say it was Kilroy. Anyway, the shipyard workers had quite a task ahead of them.

SecNav Lists Abbr't'n Don'ts

(SEA) — Unauth'r'zed abbrev't'ns are tabu. When it gets to the point that the same initials are being used to abbreviate different terms — to the complete confusion of the addressees—then it's time to stop abbr'v't'ing.

In Item 46-2257 (NBD, 31 December), SecNav gave specific instructions for abbreviating:

Only the short titles and abbreviations authorized in DNC5 (Communication Instructions) are to be used in dispatches, endorsements, memoranda and in the body of letters. When appropriate, and when no ambiguity will result, nomenclature of technical material may be abbreviated.

'Cysto Kids' To Play Doctors In Cage Tilt

It's been almost two months since this paper has received any news of that newly organized basketball team called the **CYSTO KIDS**. From the news your reporter received they have been pretty busy, having been undefeated in something like ten games since beating **X-RAY** in their first contest. The challenge they issued to any teams on the station went without takers. Hence all of their games have been off the base. That is up to now, a team composed of Internes has accepted the offer to play them and the game will come off in Oakland in a week or so. The Oak Leaf will carry the date and also the results.

As mentioned before, the **CYSTO KIDS** are composed of members of the Urology Department with the following men making up the team: **Macolino** and **Sanders** at forward, **Reneau** at center, and **Formella** and **Koch** at guard. This should turn out to be quite a contest.

Close Tilt Fought By Knoll Cagers

A hard-fought basketball game was played last Monday evening by the Oak Knoll five as they edged over the **WesSeaFron** by a margin of one point. Score at the half time was 28 to 27 with the hospital leading, and the one point lead followed through to the end with a final score of 54 to 53. **Scotty** was high man for the close battle with 16 points, while **Reneau** and **Noreen** each scored 12. **Sanders** followed with 10 and **Macolino** and **Lee** sunk two counters.

Cagers Win Again: Defeat YBI, 58-25

Another game was chalked up to Oak Knoll's credit as the cagers of **YBI** were defeated 58 to 25 in league play.

The Knoll five have been steadily marking up the scores after a slump in the first of the season — **Scotty** was high man for the night with 12 baskets to his credit — **Renau** was next with 10 points and **Sanders** and **Johnny** following closely with nine and eight respectively—**Mac** and **Dr. Cosgrove** sank four and three counters.

Capt. Kidd Debunked; Only Milk-bar Pirate

(CNS)—Captain Kidd never did—well, as a pirate, he just never did!

In view of the latest evidence it appears that if buccaneers of his time had been properly unionized they might have hesitated long about granting a membership card to such a third rater.

Dr. Willard Hallam Bonner, professor of English at the University of Buffalo and author of a new book on the notorious Captain Kidd, reports that his findings indicate the captain was little more than an 18th Century G-Man.

School boys whose blood has chilled at the murderous stories attributed to the captain and adults who have dreamed about finding fabulous treasure buried along the Atlantic seaboard are the victims of fiction writers. At least that is what **Dr. Bonner** claims.

Debunker Bonner goes much further in dismantling Captain Kidd as a terrible character. To the contrary, he says the captain was an honest man. More than that, the lusty drinking song, "Fifteen men on a dead man's chest. Yo Ho Ho and a bottle of rum!" did not apply in the least to the captain. Kidd, it seems was strictly a Milk Bar boy whose strongest drink was bombo, a lime juice and water refresher.

That the captain did quite a bit of looting is not challenged historically. You see, his type of stealing did not make him a dishonest man. It was sanctioned by the King and the Bank of England, therefore was perfectly legal. They hired him as a counterpirate to prevent the hijacking of British ships by Madagascar pirates who sold the cloth, spices and other rare goods to American merchants.

In this mission Captain Kidd was scarcely a roaring success before his backers lost political control. Their successors sided in with the Colonial merchants, which rather made the captain a man without a country. A pirate's price was set on his head and he finally made a deal with the **Earl of Bellomont**, the colonial governor, to surrender on his own terms.

Then the Earl double-crossed him, shipped him back to England, and there the fictionally illustrious Captain Kidd died a pirate's death—on the gallows.

Group Hears Concert By Robert Casadesus

Last week a group of musical enthusiasts from Oak Knoll were found absorbed in the piano concert given by **Robert Casadesus** at the Oakland Auditorium. Casadesus, just arrived from France, and suffering from two fractured ribs, was able to play for the concert. The group of personnel enjoyed this privilege through recreation.

COULD BE

"How come you didn't laugh when the Chief told that joke?"

"I didn't have to, I'm being transferred."

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FOR SALE—Natural Silver Fox detachable collar, \$75. **Betty Ever**, Waves Barracks.

LOST—Black zipper wallet, 2 February 1947. . . Navy identification card. Reward \$5.00. Contact OOD.

WANTED—Rides wanted from Oakland and Berkeley for personnel of Research project on Ward 46A.

Photo Service

Ship's Service now offers photo developing and printing service. Leave rolls of film at drug counter.

Oak Knoll Wolves Attend Stag Party

The Veterans Building in Oakland was the site of a Smoker and Stag Party last Friday, 28 February, and among the crowd were 70 Knollites. The "40 et 8 Society" sponsored the party and the hospital personnel attended through Recreation.

Two Stripes Is Two Stripes

(SEA)—A rear admiral, visiting a BOQ at a naval air station, noticed proper military courtesy by everyone except one mess attendant. The admiral noted the oversight to the BOQ officer manager, who cornered the attendant later and growled:

"Look, Mac, that was an admiral you just ignored." The mess boy looked surprised, then grinned:

"Man, was I mistaken! With that one wide stripe and that other little one, I though he was just a big (jg)."



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Nurses Coming To This Hospital For Indoctrination

Oak Knoll is taking another duty on its shoulders . . . that of training new members of the Navy Nurse Corps.

Lt. Comdr. Blanche L. Andersen will be the nurse in charge of the 17 trainees who will arrive today for a four weeks' indoctrination course.

The ensigns will have classes in Navy regulations, ward routine, drill, ethics, and swimming. The first two weeks of instruction will be held in classes in Building 132, and the latter two weeks of the course will find the nurses gaining practical experience on wards. The group will be quartered in Building 124.

Other indoctrination centers have been set up at St. Albans, Philadelphia, and Long Beach. The course at St. Albans differs from the local one in that a six weeks' period is used for introduction to Navy life, instead of four, and in that the nurses will stay on at the hospital for a probationary period of one year.

Navy Regulations Set For Vet Enlistments

Instructions governing the enlistment and reenlistment of ex-service men, men under broken service, continuous service and the reenlistment of Waves in Class V-10, USNR, were issued in Recruiting Circ. Ltrs. 1, 2, 3, 4-47.

Under instructions for continuous service men, the Recruiting Letters allow USN men who hold honorable discharges to reenlist for four or six-year terms (17-year olds for minority only) in the pay grade in which discharged if they reenlist within three months of discharge. USNR and USN-I men may reenlist in pay grade in which discharged if the rate is open; otherwise, they may be enlisted at a lower rate in the same rating group. If no rate in their rating group is open, they will be enlisted at S1, F1 or StM1.

Enlistment or reenlistment applications filed by USNR officers, including former enlisted personnel who were subsequently appointed to warrant or commissioned rank in USNR, shall be forwarded to BUPERS for necessary action.

The Letters instruct that broken service personnel—honorably discharged ex-USN, USNR or USN-I

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Sur'n' It's a Big Day For the Irish



'Tis near Saint Patrick's Day and behind the "Blarney Stones" at Oak Knoll, we find four staff members of the Irish clan . . . first, Lt. Alan Raftery in the middle of a cup of that not-so-Irish drink, coffee, then in Building 133 Lt. Comdr. Margaret Mary MacNamara, NNC, drawing some Type "O" blood from Lou O'Moore, PhMI. In 70B we find Jack Cullinan, HAI, carving from an Oak Branch, a shillelagh, like the one his father left him.

RED CROSS DRIVE

"The Need Is Greater Than Ever Before"

In a recent speech to 1947 Red Cross campaign workers, Ramone Eaton, Pacific Area manager, brought out the fact that "the need this year is greater than ever before in the history of our country."

"Red Cross workers are needed overseas today more than they were during the war. Every effort must be made to keep up the morale of our young men in foreign countries. We must give them a home away from home."

According to Eaton, 57 percent of the population today is now composed of veterans and their families, and over 57 cents of each dollar of the \$60,000,000 goal will be used for their service.

The speaker also pointed out that 70,000 fighting men are in military

hospitals, and an additional 100,000 veterans are in veterans hospitals. Following World War I, the men in American hospitals were forgotten, once the tumult and shouting had ceased. The Red Cross has vowed not to let this happen again.

At Oak Knoll, the drive will last the entire month and the drive will be in full force during the last two weeks. Heads of departments and chiefs of services have been directed to appoint suitable representatives who will canvass their assigned wards and departments.

Chaplain Herold, officer in charge of the drive, says that the drive does not solicit from enlisted personnel, but anyone wishing to contribute may do so at his office or to department representatives.

Political Activity Is Prohibited For Federal Employees

"It shall be unlawful for any person employed in the executive branch of the Federal Government, or any agency or department thereof to use his official authority or influence for the purpose of interfering with an election or affecting the results thereof. No officer or employee in the executive branch of the Federal Government, or any agency or department thereof, shall take any active part in political campaigns. All such persons shall retain the right to vote as they may choose and to express their opinions on all political subjects and candidates." (Section 9(a) Act of August 2, 1939, as amended.)

These restrictions regarding political activity apply to temporary employees, employees on leaves of absence, with or without pay, and substitute employees during these periods of active employment. THE PENALTY FOR ESTABLISHED VIOLATIONS IS REMOVAL.

Some forms of prohibited political activity:

Serving on or for any political committee, party or other similar organization; soliciting or handling political contributions; serving as officer of a political club, as member or officer of any of its committees, addressing such a club or being active in its organization; serving in connection with preparation for, organizing, or conducting a political meeting or rally, addressing such a meeting, or taking any other active part therein except as a spectator; engaging in political conferences while on duty, or canvassing a district or soliciting political support for a party, faction or candidate; manifesting offensive action at the polls, at primary or regular elections, or soliciting votes, assisting voters to mark ballots, or helping to get out the voters on registration or election days.

Acting as recorder, checker, watcher, or challenger of any party or faction; serving in any position of election officer, in which partisanship or partisan political management may be shown; publishing or being connected editorially or managerially with any newspaper generally known as partisan from a political standpoint; or writing for publication any letter or article,

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Cleanliness And You

The old proverb, "Cleanliness is next to Godliness" had been paraphrased during the war by oversea GI's to read "Cleanliness is next to impossible."

This unfortunately was true, as anyone who spent a night in a fox hole, or anyone who hit the beach can testify. But what about the present time and the stateside location of Oak Knoll? After making a rather informal inspection of the base and personnel, one might be led to believe that some of the personnel are still using the maxim as an excuse to hide behind.

Let us take a walk around the station... first to a few of the wards... hmm! Not too good is it? Yes, there is a reason for part of the dirt, as the critical personnel shortage left very few ward corpsmen to do the job. It is also known that now the shortage is disappearing. The wards are getting back to the high standards of the Medical and Hospital Corps, but there was no need for the job to have been as great as it is. If every one had cooperated by doing his share, no matter how minute, the wards would never have lapsed into the state they were in.

Then let us go into the quarters, where the same principle could have been applied... every one doing his share... and the difference would have been remarkable. It is so easy to keep clean!

Did you notice any of the personnel, both patients and staff, on the way... a few of them had on dirty blues, their whites were soiled... the white hat looked as if it had been worn for weeks, and they had probably never seen the barber for quite awhile. As a matter of personal pride, cleanliness should always be first in the mind of everyone, and everyone should strive to have his clothes and himself in a clean condition.

There is nothing that looks better than a smart uniform, smartly worn by a clean person!

Let's Keep Our "Cokes"

A treat in the form of a coke machine has been added to Barracks 35 for the convenience of the staff quartered there. It had been in the same position a few weeks before, but due to many conditions, it was removed. Let's keep it there this time by returning all the coke bottles to the racks, and by not venting our anger on the machine if it happens to be empty.

† † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

Works of charity, which are works of love for our fellow-man, are most commendable at all times. For sixty-seven years our country has felt the generous hand of the Red Cross.

This organization is renowned for its aid to those in need. Like any human organization it is not perfect. However, the Red Cross does a nearly perfect job.

At this time another drive is being conducted to obtain funds so that the Red Cross may continue to operate. Countless numbers have benefited by your willingness to contribute to this most worthy cause in the past.

Those in need are included in the number mentioned by our Blessed Lord when He said through the mouth of St. John, "Let us not love in word or in tongue, but in Deed and in Truth." (1 Jno. 3-18.) Christ Himself said, "What you did to one of the least of these, my brethren, you did unto me." (Matt. 25-40.) Christ showed us in Deed and in Truth by laying down His life that we might have life everlasting. The least we can do is to give of our substance that others might not want. Charity can help attain the heights of spiritual perfection when we give in light of Christ's Eternal Sacrifice of Himself.

FATHER C. A. HEROLD,
 Catholic Chaplain.

Red Cross Ramblings

How about learning a language while you are a patient in the hospital? No grammar, just conversation—which can be fun and interesting. We offer Russian, German, Spanish, French, Italian or Oriental languages. There are illustrated books and Linguaphone records, or if you would like to have a live conversationalist, she can start you off and visit you from time to time to see how you are getting along.

You can combine your foreign conversation with music for variety if you prefer. To sing "Lili Marlene" in three languages and with some understanding of the original makes it more fun. Ask the Red Cross

wards, so that we can bring you the materials and instruction.

Do you collect postage stamps? Here's a hobby ideal for that excess spare time. Start it here, or continue right where you left off when you were overseas or back at home. Oak Knoll has the best material available and if you are a stamp enthusiast you will agree. For albums, catalogs, and a large quantity of stamps (foreign and American) come to the second deck Ships Service Building, Red Cross Recreation Office.

If you are a corpsman who knows how to operate a 16mm machine and would be interested in helping to have a movie on your ward, please call Miss Eley, Red Cross.

"Party Night" at the Hangout, Red Cross Recreation Hall, is now every Thursday evening instead of Fridays as in the past. Junior hostesses from nearby colleges and YWCA's, as well as Oak Knoll Waves, are invited each week for the informal festivities. If you would like to take part in planning entertainment for the parties you are urged to attend the Patient-Planning Committee meeting each Monday afternoon at 1500. The time for dancing classes taught by Arthur Murray instructors also has been changed from Thursday afternoon to Friday at 1400 because of the changed party night.

LILI MARLENE ENIGMA SOLVED

(SEA)—Lili Marlene was the girl who waited back home. Whether her soldier was faithful or not, she waited.

The song about Lili was tricky in tune and tricky in words. Allied soldiers wanted to sing it, hum it, whistle it. But Lili Marlene's soldier was a Nazi. And you couldn't even whistle a tune that boosts the enemy.

But a Paris court decision provides a solution to the moral vs. morale question. Lili Marlene was originally French, and therefore, her soldier must be French.

Originally written in French and introduced by a French singer in a Paris night club, the song was forcibly taken by the Germans from the publisher and adopted as a marching song. The court cleared the publisher of collaboration charges and established the song as French.

So you can hum it now. Lili was on our side after all!

worker on your ward for more details.

Fly-tying instruction on the wards is available now on Mondays and Fridays. Another group of instructors will soon be available for lessons in fly-tying on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Now that spring is almost here, thoughts of fishing come, and it will soon be time to get out the old rod and line, not to forget the picnic basket and head for the woods. All you fishermen who want to make your own flies, plain and fancy, please give your request to the Red Cross craft workers who visit your

Well Done!



The Commanding Officer wishes to congratulate the personnel responsible for the improvement in Ward 51A. From being the most unsatisfactory in the hospital, it has become, within the short period of two weeks, the cleanest and smartest ward on the compound.

C. A. BROADUS
 Captain, MC, USN.

Divine Services

Protestant:
 Chaplains—E. C. Andrews, E. D. Sneary.
 Sunday—
 Divine Service.....1100
 Bible Study (Thursday in Chapel)—1800.
 Choir—Monday & Thursday, 1400-1500
 Protestant Chaplains' offices are located on the Second Deck of Bldg. No. 1.

Catholic:
 Chaplain—Carl Herold.
 Sunday Mass—0630, 0830, 0945.
 Weekday Mass—1205 in oratory next to Chaplain's Office in Building 1.
 Confessions before all Masses.

Christian Science:
 Worker will be on the compound every Tuesday and Friday afternoons.

L. D. S. (Mormon):
 Services 1930 Thursday.

Jewish:
 Divine Service—Transportation leaves Administration Bldg. every Friday at 1800 for services at Treasure Island Chapel. Men interested contact Chaplain Andrews at extension 184 to arrange transportation.

The Field Representative of the National Jewish Welfare Board, Hospital Service Dept., is in attendance on the hospital compound once a week. Men desiring to see him should contact the Senior Chaplain.

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Spring Brings Flowers and Weeds To Decorate Knoll's Landscape

A. P. Minwegen, Lt., (CEC) USN

The gentle rains came to Oak Knoll last week and with them came tall grass, more buds on the trees, blossoms to the flowers, and plenty of life giving fluid for the weeds.

Last week we casually mentioned our various structures. The fact remains, however, there is still a bit of room remaining for 10 acres of lawn, 9 acres of trees and shrubs and quite a few more acres of various and assorted weeds. Near as we can tell we have a better selection of weeds than most any other Naval Establishment on the West Coast. And that isn't anything to be proud of.

Our nine-man gardening force is plenty aware of the sorrowful state and is willing to accept any suggestions for improvement of our garden spots, provided these same have two hands.

On the conservative side, it's safe to say that we have thirty species of plants and shrubs bordering some of our seven and a half miles of asphaltic concrete roadways and nearly six miles of sidewalk. The most abundant of our flowering shrubs is Pyracantha which you may find around Wards 41 and 42. Then, too, you'll find Escalonias, Fuschias, Cotonasters, Veronicas, Raphiolepis, Ceanothus, and Hydrangeas, blooming brightly within the month all over the station.

Our most common tree is the California Live Oak. Those are the trees that you spot alongside the ravine near the Administration Building and up by the Nurses Home. But the Golden Acacia Tree is fast pushing the Oak for honors hereabouts. They are a fast growing, colorful, leafy tree that require little attention. They may not live up to the trees mentioned in Joyce Kilmer's famous poem as far as "a nest of robins in her hair" because of their slight stature but, methinks, Mother Nature has rewarded this shortcoming with double beauty. These young offsprings of nature border the BOQ road and soon will mask our iron fence on both sides of the main gate.

To you folks who recently gazed in wonderment at the "popcorn" blossoms" surrounding the Officers Club we'll let you in on a secret. Those are Flowering Plum. Keep watching for the Flowering Crabapple.

So far this spring our gardeners have worked like beavers in the planting of more than 3,000 shrubs. If, by chance, some day some of you decide that the sight of weeds around your hospital is getting a little monotonous, head for the greenhouse and help us save 5,000 other plants that may otherwise die for the want of a helping hand.

LOST: At Public Works between July and January, 11 Gardeners, 4 Plumbers, 5 Carpenters, and 10 Chauffeurs. Any patients who find these talents among their possessions please report findings to Public Works, Building 10. Reward.

Here lies the body of Jackson Blow. He died of a heart attack. His laundry was promised on Friday And Friday he got it back.

Marines To Hamper All Reenlistments

(SEA) — Though enlisted Marine personnel who reenlist within 30 days after going on inactive duty may be appointed to the rating they held at time of discharge, enlisted and officer personnel who wait longer than 90 days before reenlisting will be appointed privates first class.

Under the new rules which went into effect 1 Jan 1947, officers who reenlist less than 90 days after being on inactive duty will be given staff sergeant ratings.

Patient Transfers Curtailed By Navy

(SEA) — Curtailment of transfer of patients between naval hospitals has been made necessary by reduced travel appropriations and shortage of personnel. Provisions of previous directives regarding such transfers were canceled by a joint letter from BuPers, BuMed and the MarCorps, dated 27 January (NDB, 31 January).

BuMed must approve in advance orders for transfers of patients from a naval hospital in one district to another district. District commanders must authorize transfers within a district.

Colored Stage Show Didn't Darken Spirits

A carefree, appealing hour of light entertainment was brought to Oak Knoll last Thursday and Friday by sepia members of the Sun Tan Revue.

Glenn and Jenkins, famous comedy team, were the hit of the night with their new approach—that of using burnt-cork and calomine white, a la Al Jolson, over their already dark features. The setting for their act was in a railway depot where the pair pushed brooms and commented on the customers.

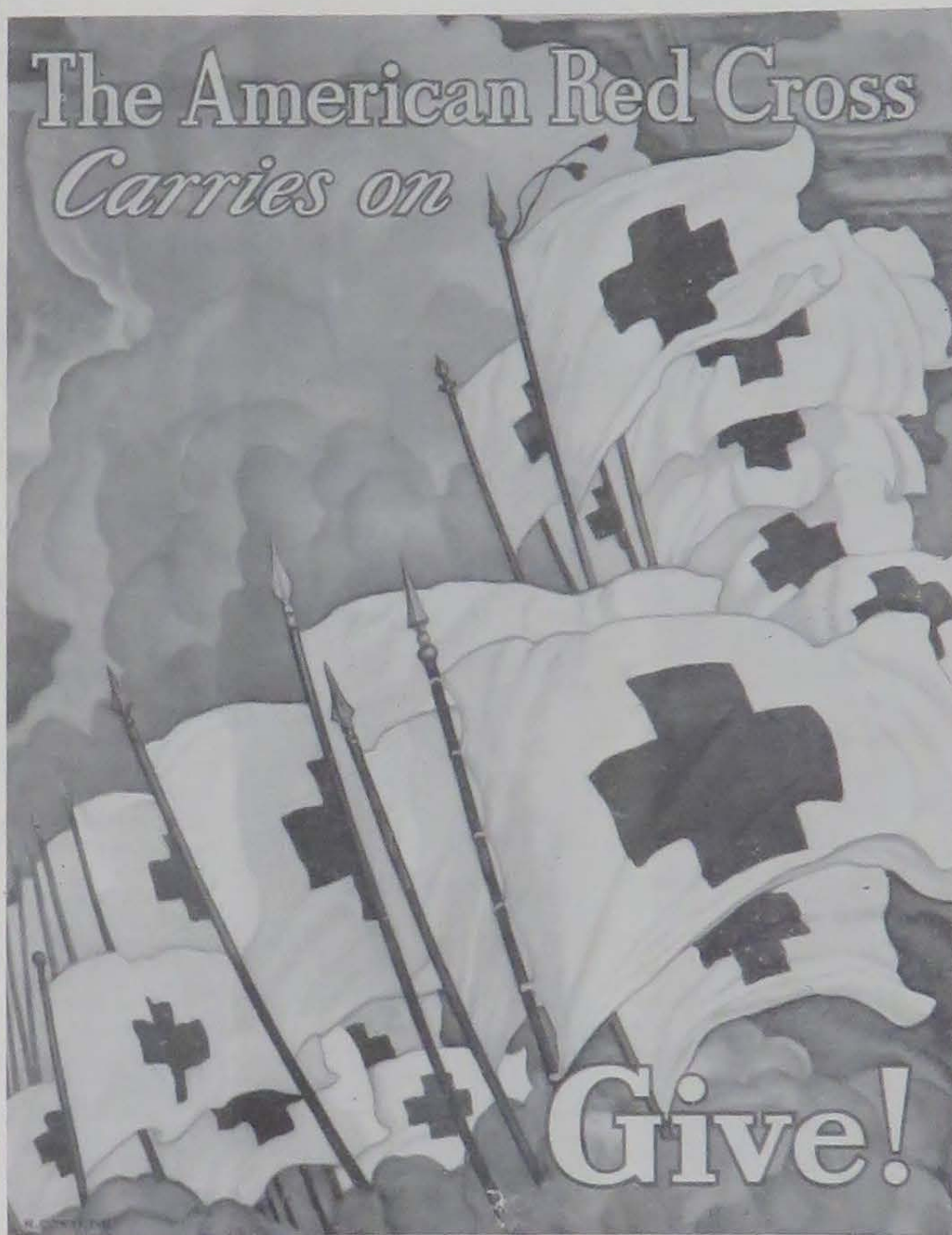
Natural in acrobatic dancing, Dollie Pembrock presented some astonishing feats, such as drinking from a glass of water from a back-bend position. After two years of blindness and recovery of her eyesight as mysteriously as she lost it, Dollie made a wish come true and entered show business in 1942. She has been going strong ever since.

Bobbie Vinson, who virtually tap-danced her way around the world, gave Oak Knoll something different.

In her travels she has learned many native songs, and has jived them up and presented them with original songs and a technique all her own. Bobbie also brought part of the Apollo Theater in Harlem with her in some solid boogie, as well as soft-shoe dancing.

Straight from New York's Rhythm Row—52nd Street Gladys Easter swung out on the keyboard and really made the ivories jump. She broke into show business with the Red Devil Stompers way back when "The Music Went Round and Round" and has since been headlined in major swing clubs.

Women without principle draw considerable interest.



Ball Practice Begins For Oak Knoll's Nine

Spring has arrived, and with it comes the season of that great American sport—Baseball! Oak Knoll has its horsehide contenders on the athletic field warming up the old pitching arm, and getting hot on the flies. The first practice was held on March 6, with about 20 men coming down to the field.

Chief Ahlwood reports that out of an expected 30 men, a team of 20 will be carried. The material looks good for the Knoll nine with Harold Crane and Johnny Morris leading the race for the important position of pitcher.

Practice will be held on weekdays, when the weather permits.

She (after midnight): "Sometimes my father takes things apart to see why they don't go."

He: "So what?"
She: "So you'd better go."

Wait'll They See The Lindy-Hop

(SEA) — You'd think the Yugoslavs don't like American dances. Fines of 1,500 dinars (\$7.50) and up to 45 days of compulsory labor may be placed upon any person found teaching or dancing boogie-woogie, trucking, the big apple and the conga, a decree published in the official gazette of Zagreb stated.

Also outlawed by the same decree are fortune telling, hypnotism, spiritualism, graphology or any other form of prognostication. These carry fines of 50,000 dinars (\$250) and up to three months compulsory labor.

Watch Bill: The only place in the Navy where your name is always first.

I must go down to the roaring sea,
Where the winds blow strong and a wave's no she.

I must go down to the windy sea,
You're darn right I must—
They're sending me!



"Very Good! Very Good Indeed, Samson. But What Are You Going to Do for an Encore?"

Top-Flight Acts Featured Here In Disabled Vets Sponsored Show



"It's possible," as Johnny O'Brien, harmonica wizard of the show, would say! It was not only possible for the feminine half of "Norma and Dusty" to be tooting a horn, but everyone will agree that the act was a great success! The show, which appeared at Oak Knoll on 4 March, was sponsored by the Disabled Veterans of Oakland, and featured several professional acts.

Personnel Perceive Pedigreed Pups

Oak Knoll went to the dogs last weekend!

Under the auspices of Dr. Tomlinson, president of Doberman Pinscher Club of San Francisco and medical officer on 61B, a group of 50 men attended the Annual Dog Show of the Oakland Kennel Club at the Oakland Auditorium.

The show which featured over 150 breeds of pedigreed pups, had an entry list of 882 dogs. Champion Rajah V. Siegenburg owned by Mrs. William O. Bagshaw of North Hollywood, was the dog that walked off with the best-in-show trophy.

Political Activity

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signed or unsigned, in favor of or against any political party or candidate; becoming a candidate for nomination or election to office, Federal, State or local, which is to be filled in an election in which party candidates are involved.

This information is published for informative purposes for civilian personnel of Oak Knoll. The statutes quoted are public laws; all persons within their scope are presumed to be acquainted with their provisions, and ignorance thereof will not excuse a violation.

Departures

Oak Knoll said farewell last week to three medical officers:

Lt. (jg) James R. Wood, (MC) USN, to USS Repose.

Lt. (jg) Joseph Bader, (MC) USN, to USS Aindronda.

Lt. (jg) Alex L. Finkle (MC) USN, to USS Uvalde.

Veteran Enlistment

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members who served in World War II—may reenlist after the three-month period as S1, F1 or StM1. Those discharged with rates in the ART, RT, AETM and ETM rating groups may be enlisted as ETM or AETM in the pay grade in which discharged. Men discharged in pay grade 6 or 7 shall be reenlisted in the rate in which discharged.

Special instructions have been issued for the reenlistment of ex-members of USN or USNR who had no active service during World War II.

Ex-members of the Army, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and National Guard, 17-31 years of age, who have had no prior service in the Navy, are eligible to sign up for four or six-year cruises (17-year olds for minority only) in the regular Navy if they hold honorable discharges by reason of expiration of enlistment, convenience of the government or demobilization. These ex-servicemen will not be enlisted in pay grades higher than pay grades 5, 6 or 7.

Women who served on active duty in the Women's Reserve in an enlisted status in Class V-10 during World War II may be reenlisted in Class V-10, USNR, for inactive duty. They must hold honorable discharges and be between 20 and 64 years of age.

RECREATION

Presents

"Smooth Sailing"
A laugh-loaded revue
Dancing treats
Solid downbeats
20, 21 March

Off the Bookshelf

Recent films based on books available from the hospital library are as follows:

Adventure Island. Novel, Ebb Tide, by R. L. Stevenson.

The Black Angel. Novel, by Cornell Woolrich.

The Brasher Doubloon. Novel, The High Window, by Raymond Chandler.

Caesar and Cleopatra. Play, by Bernard Shaw.

Canyon Passage. Novel, by Ernest Haycox.

The Chase. Mystery novel, The Black Path of Fear, by Cornell Woolrich.

Cluny Brown. Novel, by Margery Sharp.

Cry Wolf. Mystery novel, by Marjorie Carleton.

Duel in the Sun. Novel, by Niven Busch.

Golden Earrings. Novel, by Yolanda Foldes.

High Barbaree. Novel, by J. N. Hall, and Charles Nordhoff.

The Killers. Short story by Ernest Hemingway, in The Short Stories of Ernest Hemingway, and Hemingway (The Viking Portable Library).

Lady in the Lake. Mystery novel, by Raymond Chandler.

The Late George Apley. Novel, by J. P. Marquand.

Life With Father. Book, by Clarence Day.

The Man in Grey. Novel, by Lady Eleanor Smith.

My Brother Talks to Horses. Book, Joe, the Wounded Tennis Player, by Morton Thompson.

Ramrod. Western novel, by Luke Short.

The Razor's Edge. Novel, by Somerset Maugham.

The Red House. Novel, by G. A. Chamberlain.

Sea of Grass. Novel, by Conrad Richter.

Stallion Road. Novel, by Stephen Longstreet.

The Yearling. Novel, by Margery Rawlings.

Gary To Bring Band For Officers' Dance

One of the fastest rising orchestras on the Pacific Coast, both in radio and cabaret fame, is Gary Nottingham's group which will make an appearance at the Officers' Club on the 22 March, direct from an engagement at the Bal Tabarin.

Formerly with Joe Sanders and George Olsen, Gary made his mark as a noted arranger, and in the short time his band has been together it has become outstanding for handling of good dance rhythms as they should be played.

One of the most notable features of the band is its versatility. Gary himself not only leads the band but he also plays the trombone and violin. Never losing sight of his aim of playing good, solid dance music, Gary handles his men with the skill of an old-timer.

Naida Cannon recently joined the band as a vocalist, and the dark-haired canary will beguile one with her charm as well as her voice.

Subtlety is the art of saying what you want and getting out of range before it is understood.

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FOUND—Wallet belonging to Ernest Alvin Geisler, S2... may be obtained upon identification at Oak Leaf Office.

LOST—Claims for household effects and express company receipt. Dr. R. L. Rouen, 45B.

WANTED—Rides wanted from Oakland and Berkeley for personnel of Research project on Ward 46A.

Photo Service
Ship's Service now offers photo developing and printing service. Leave rolls of film at drug counter.

• Movie Schedule •

Saturday, 15 March	"MAISIE GOES TO RENO" Ann Southern—John Hodiak
Sunday, 16 March	"ARNELO AFFAIR" John Hodiak—George Murphy
Monday, 17 March	"SEVEN MILES FROM ALCATRAZ" James Craig—Bonita Granville
Tuesday, 18 March	"I'LL BE YOURS" Deanna Durbin—Tom Drake
Wednesday, 19 March	"POWER OF THE WHISTLER" Richard Dix—Janis Carter
Thursday, 20 March	"BEAT THE BANL" Frances Langford—Gene Krupa
Friday, 21 March	"FABULOUS DORSEYS" Tommy Dorsey—Jimmy Dorsey
Saturday, 22 March	"TWO YANKS IN TRINIDAD" Edmund O'Brien—Janet Blair



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All Limited-Duty Men Slated For Physicals

(SEA)—Physical reexamination of all limited-duty enlisted men to determine those not qualified to perform the duties of their ratings has been ordered by the Navy Department. Unless disabilities are from wounds incurred in combat or are related to a man's having been a prisoner of war, personnel found not qualified will be recommended for discharge.

Men partially disabled through combat or detention as POWs, whose services can be utilized and who desire to remain on active duty, will be retained in their limited-service capacity. Such personnel also may reenlist.

Partially disabled combat-wounded enlisted men and ex-POWs, men whose disabilities are the result of a disease incurred in and peculiar to combat areas (malaria, filariasis, etc.), men unfit because of combat or operational fatigue, all "special assignment" duty classification men, and all others retained on limited duty by order of BuPers will be brought before medical survey boards to determine eligibility for discharge.

Personnel on limited duty because of motion sickness will be discharged without a medical survey board examination. Where practical, personnel will be brought before the medical survey boards at their duty stations.

RED CROSS DRIVE

Failure Threatened As Drive Hits Slump

Concern for the success of the 1947 Red Cross Drive at Oak Knoll was expressed this week, as collections were far below expectancy.

One of the reasons for the delay may be due to the withholding of contributions until pay-day, but now that this has passed, the drive needs a concentrated effort to keep it from failure. There has been no goal set, but in keeping with Oak Knoll's previous record of generous contributions, the drive should have a very high participation.

Chaplain Herold reports that many have not even picked up their material from his office, and places a request that this be done immediately.

When this world is as much in need of succor as in time of war, to overcome the effects of the conflict, then is the time to support the Red Cross. The time is now!

Balmy Breezes Bring Spring to Oak Knoll



Lt. Bertha Hall, NNC, is seen admiring the golden blossoms with which spring has graced Oak Knoll's landscape.

YESTERDAY, according to all good law-abiding calendars, marked the FIRST DAY of SPRING in the year 1947—and this annual day of rejoicing did not catch Oak Knoll or its personnel unawares, as can easily be seen by a swift glance

around the station. The myriads of blossoms are coming forth to add blotches of color to the semipastoral scene, and personnel are taking advantage of the warm breezes and the clear blue sky to receive a beneficial suntan. The stimulating, or to some,

procrastinating, weather also seems to turn their thoughts to the lighter things of life. Bearing testimony to this is the high record of budding romances and marriages. 'Nuff said! Just relax and let nature speak for itself.

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Determination: A Success Factor

Who will succeed?

That is a question that has been re-echoed down through the ages, and the usual answer has been that the man with the most determination will be the one to make a success of his life.

This answer will slide into the niche more so today as the world becomes an overcrowded globe where competition is great in nearly every profession and field of commerce.

Determination is needed by everyone to be able to forge ahead . . . both in study and in the application of the gained knowledge. A man who does his job half-heartedly will soon find that he is being replaced by the more determined member who wants to gain success in the job.

This can be well applied to the Navy where "good duty" is not available to all. The person, whether he is an enlisted man or a commissioned officer, will find that the better duty will go to the man with the determination to do the job in the best possible way.

So square your shoulders, take a deep breath, and dig into the detail like an eager beaver, with one thought in mind . . . that of making a success of the job, and you will succeed.

† † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

To feed the hungry, to clothe the naked, to harbor the harborless, to visit the sick, to council the doubtful, to comfort the sorrowful, these are corporal and spiritual works of mercy which we must practice very often today. The needs of others is our business; charity makes its demands on us.

The devastating forces of war always leaves its mark upon the human body and soul. This aftermath of human punishment of man upon his fellow man, this human vengeance of brother against brother leaves its mark on hungry, unclothed, destitute, sick bodies and souls. We can help the victims of human passion to forget their pains and lift up their heads in hope by lending a helping hand either personally or through some agency equipped and skilled in this charitable work, as the Red Cross.

Charity or love for our fellow man is the desire to give of the blessings we have so abundantly received from the Almighty God, expecting in return not a material reward but the hundred fold return of spiritual blessings which the Good God has promised us.

Charity is love and love diffuses itself to others. Charity or love is not the desire to own and possess. That is selfishness. Charity is the desire to be owned and to be possessed by another. We give of our possessions, others receive from us not only material succor but the goodness of our hearts and the greatness of our souls. That is what counts. Give to your less fortunate fellow man.

FATHER C. A. HEROLD
Catholic Chaplain

Divine Services

Protestant:

Chaplains—E. C. Andrews, E. D. Sneary.

Sunday—
Divine Service.....1100

Bible Study (Thursday in Chapel)—1800.

Choir—Monday & Thursday, 1400-1500

Protestant Chaplains' offices are located on the Second Deck of Bldg. No. 1.

Catholic:

Chaplain—Carl Herold.

Sunday Mass—0630, 0830, 0945.

Weekday Mass—1205 in oratory next to Chaplain's Office in Building 1.

Confessions before all Masses.

Christian Science:

Worker will be on the compound every Tuesday and Friday afternoons.

L. D. S. (Mormon):

Services 1930 Thursday.

Jewish:

Divine Service—Transportation leaves Administration Bldg. every Friday at 1800 for services at Treasure Island Chapel. Men interested contact Chaplain Andrews at extension 184 to arrange transportation.

The Field Representative of the National Jewish Welfare Board, Hospital Service Dept., is in attendance on the hospital compound once a week. Men desiring to see him should contact the Senior Chaplain.

Red Cross Ramblings

Is the warm Spring weather giving you that "urge to travel"? For many it won't be long before you will travel back to duty or home. So how about making some attractive luggage tags for labeling all your gear? Materials and instruction are available at Red Cross Craft Shop; come on down to Bldg. 102.

To take to the family when you go back home, may we suggest block-printed or stenciled luncheon sets on red, blue, yellow, or white material. These attractive sets can be made quickly with no stress or strain. Gray Ladies will be glad to help with the projects.

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Dr. Charles Rehm whose birthday falls on the Ides of March was given a party on his ward, 60B. Yo Yo's, the latest fad, were passed around as favors, and not a few champion rollers were discovered.

Main attraction of the afternoon was the big electric phonograph with loud speaker loaned for the occasion with the latest albums of recordings. Anyone else got a birthday coming up?

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Hidden talent came to the fore when a skit was given at our new Gray Lady Training course by the four "Rs" of ward 44. Richard Cunningham, Robert Petersen, Robert Taylor, and Richard Dale. Representing typical patients, they spoke their lines masterfully. We are sure that they helped to inspire the fifty new volunteer ladies in their work.

This week you'll begin to see many new faces in the Gray Lady corps, as fifty of them just completed their training course. They are blond, brunette, young, and middleish, with many new talents and recreation ideas, so that all of us will welcome them in our program.

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March winds and Spring have arrived, and with them kites, not just the ordinary kites but blue and red box kites up on ward 70B.

Vet Dennis Gormely, the marble king, is trying to keep up his reputation on ward 70B, as an all around athlete by flying the highest kite. But Charles Castleman and Joe Lesnech and Oscar Nelson are giving him stiff competition. He is still ahead however since he is the tallest of the group, and the kites, as yet, have no string.

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There is a regular assembly line in model production on ward 50A these days. A maintenance jeep, truck, or airplane leaves the line every hour. If you are confined to a ward on a lovely Spring day, use that enforced leisure in a hobby. All the materials to construct models are available: free parts, dope, paint, directions and an instructor if you want one. Just ask the Red Cross recreation worker on your ward to bring you the "fixings".

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Gray Lady Sewing Service

Don't forget that the Gray Lady service room, room 213 of Ship's Service, is open daily from 1000-1600 with facilities for wrapping packages

either for fancy gifts or for mailing for ironing, and games supplies. Also there is a group of lady volunteers who are anxious to do mending, sew on buttons and patches, and re-striping of jumpers. They do not do tailoring, but they have plenty of time to do minor repairs, so if you need any of your uniforms fixed bring them down. For the first time since the room has been open, they do not have enough to keep them busy, so anything you have for them to do will be welcomed, and there is no charge for this service.

Navy Mutual Aid Reopens For Officers

Attention! All USN commissioned or warrant officers!

Have you properly provided for your dependents?

Would you like to have \$7500 at the age of 60?

These and a dozen other similar questions — all with the answer of security — are found in the Navy Mutual Aid Association which has just been reopened to regular Navy, Marine and Coast Guard officers.

This organization, inaugurated in 1879, has as its sole purpose providing protection at as near the cost-as possible and providing the dependents of its members with immediate financial aid and any other assistance practicable. It is not an insurance company; it is purely a Service Organization, under the supervision of and operated by officers, and has no paid agents.

The Benefit is \$7500. The total amount or any part thereof, may be paid in one sum or on a monthly income basis over any period of time from one to thirty years. At the paid-up age of 60, 65, 70, or 75 a member can resign and receive the total amount paid in plus interest in one sum, or on a monthly income basis over a period of years. At the same time for 30 years he has provided his dependents with \$7500 protection.

Provisions are also made for the member who at any time feels he cannot afford to carry his membership further or for the officer who needs to borrow on his membership. Assistance and follow-up are given to dependents of members in filing claims for pension, Government Insurance, etc.

Captain H. E. Robins and Captain Harold Young have been appointed to head this organization on this station. See either of them for a full explanation of all the rights and benefits of becoming a member.

Now He Knows Who Wakes Bugler

(SEA)—Pfc. Raymond Chapman, USMC, accomplished what many a GI wanted to do during the war. He dumped a bucket of sand on the bugler at reveille.

But it didn't pay. According to the sentence passed down by his CO, he must "tenderly arouse" the bugler at 0615 for 30 days and serve him his coffee in bed.

Transportation, On 24 Hour Call Performs Many Jobs For Hospital

A. P. Minwegen, Lt., (CEC) USN

"One three five, Operator Please." At least 100 times a day the operator manipulates the plugs and connects you with TRANSPORTATION.

Yep, transportation—open for business the clock around, the year around. And it's a land office business for the handful of men on hand. Our fleet of vehicles travel the equivalent of once and a half times around the world every month. That's 470,000 miles a year or in words of one syllable, just a round trip to the moon. Science has performed some miraculous works, but they haven't discovered a way to pilot an ambulance over Oak-Knoll's hills by remote control or radar. No sirree, every one of nigh unto 500,000 vehicle miles requires a man behind the wheel. Who are the navigators? Twelve civilians, four staff sailors, several outside detail lads, and some gosh-awful-welcome volunteers who help us over the rough spots, and there's aplenty. There's the run from 71 to Surgery, 65 to X-Ray, 42 to Physio, Receiving Room to 55, the NATS run, the trip to Moffett, the U of C, Guardmail, U. S. Mail, and a few dozen more. Don't get too near to building 111 or you might find yourself plotting the course of a Packard on it's way to pick up a patient at T. I.—providing you have a Navy Driver's license, of course.

Did someone say driving is easy? Sure, it's easy. But think about the young fellow you know who had his appendix removed yesterday. He didn't jump out of bed and hike down to Surgery. Nope, two fellows, if we had two, rolled a gerney on the ward and gave your friend the very best of attention. And these fellows deserve a great deal of credit because in the course of a single day, they're

every thing from nurse to morgue attendant.

But all these things, do not take place unless there's someone to see that our 80 conveyances, of which we have 14 different makes, are maintained in proper working order. And that's where our 9 man garage crew comes in. There are overhauls, minor repairs, painting, tires, gasoline, oil, batteries, monthly checks, 6000 mile checks, tow jobs, parts procuring, and so on. "Keep 'em rolling," they say. And judging from our daily record of 27 vehicles, deadlined on a single day 5 months ago to the 5 or 6 of today, they're doing just that.

It's a big job, folks, this transportation, on an establishment of this size. Give them a little credit once in a while.

And that is the swan song for a little spell. There's still plenty to cut you in on like the Fire Department or Laundry, for instance, but we'll give you time for a breather. So long.

The tourist asked the Indian: "What do you do all day?" "Hunt and drink," replied the Indian. "And what do you hunt?" "Drink."

Former Hospital Corps Instructor To Indoctrinate New Nurses Here

Eleven days ago, Lt. Cmdr. Blanche L. Anderson celebrated her seventh anniversary of her naval career. Enlisting on 11 March 1940 at Mare Island, California, Miss Andersen came into the Navy as "Nurse, USN." On July 3, 1942, an Act of Congress gave the Navy Nurses permanent rank, and Miss Anderson became a commissioned officer.

Miss Anderson calls Neenah, Wisconsin, her home town, but the beginning of her nursing career was in Minnesota, where she now is a registered Nurse. She attended the St.

"Smooth Sailing" On USS Oak Knoll

Talented newcomers were skillfully combined with the showwise veterans of vaudeville, radio, and stage and screen to make the zestful and lightening paced revue, Smooth Sailing, which was presented through Recreation on 20 and 21 March in the station auditorium.

Joe and Jane McKenna did a brother and sister act which was slapstick at its best, featuring rough-house knockabout and was interspersed with acrobatic and trick dancing. The routine was based on Joe's attempt to gain ascendancy over Jane, who had some ideas of her own on the subject.

Joe, who acted as MC, introduced James Evans, who could do more juggling with his feet than many can do with their hands. He juggles everything from wooden balls to a large Maltese Cross, and never used his hands once the act got underway.

After the foot-juggling, the Three Welles displayed an act which has made an unique place for them in vaudeville. It opened with a soft-shoe number, and then sped through an astonishing series of acrobatic routines, finishing up with some expert tumbling by the three pert lasses.

Fran Bryan, noted night club vocalist, sang the hit songs of the day in her "personality style" that goes well with her graceful dark-haired beauty. She closed her act by doing things to the old favorite, "Put The Blame On Mame."

Six pretty girls from the chorus ranks of Broadway shows formed an exciting new dancing ensemble, which performed a novelty number that was funny as well as clever... the "Six Sweethearts" tried to give the best in dance-line entertainment and went over big with the Knoll audience.

Three young men, the Charlie Ross Trio, from the solid side of Boston did amazing things with an accordion, bass violin and guitar. The group of instrumentalists gave rhythm to the show and presented a few solos of their own.

Maybe Mr. ZYXW Is A Radio Station

(SEA)—For the sixth straight year, Mr. ZYXW has filed his income tax returns in his usual, unique method.

The Chicago Collector of Internal Revenue has been receiving each year an income tax blank, unfilled but with the initials ZYXW written on it, and cash enclosed.

Last year \$700 was enclosed. This year the anonymous taxpayer sent \$1700.



Lt. Comdr. Blanche Andersen

Mary's School of Nursing, at Rochester, Minnesota, and after graduation in 1937, served three years of Special Duty there.

Since turning her talents to the Navy, Miss Andersen has served at Naval Hospital, Corpus Christi, Hospital Corp School, Quantico, Virginia, Sun Valley, Idaho, and at Guatamano Bay, Cuba. She has served at nearly every nursing detail, but prefers the duty of Ward nurse.

Oakland and the Bay Area have made a favorable impression on the Lieutenant Commander, as she states that she enjoys the climate very much. Her main interest at the present is to indoctrinate the 17 new nurses and have them like the Navy.

Skivvy Shortage To Be Relieved Soon

Skivvies are here! And if they're not in your small stores yet, they will be in stock within the next 90-120 days. That's the latest dope from BuSanda, which said that the first increase in skivvy stocks came about the first of March.

Labor and material shortages resulted in the near disappearance of the skivvy from the Navy and civilian economy. The Navy didn't "hog" those few skivvies that were available, and so the bluejacket and civilian suffered alike. The over-all shortages eased toward the end of 1946 and the Navy's monthly supply went up about two and a half times its previous quota.

By 1 June, there ought to be a plentiful supply of skivvies the world over.

Another mild shortage is the small stores' lack of white cotton socks. The present supply is about half-normal. But all other items are stocked in abundance for the Navy purchaser.



"Jones! Haven't you got that 'Swing and Sway' yet?"

Five Receive Commendations In Recent Citation Ceremonies



Captain C. A. Broaddus, MOinC, awarding the NUC to Chaplain Earl Dean Sneary, in recent Citation Ceremonies held in Gendreau Circle.

In Citation Ceremonies last Friday, 14 March, Captain C. A. Broaddus awarded the Commendation Ribbon to Captain Kenneth H. Vinnedge, MC, USN, for excellent service in the line of duty as Medical Officer on the Staff of an Amphibious Group Commander during the assaults and capture of Luzon and Okinawa. With outstanding leadership and professional ability, he organized and directed the handling of great numbers of casualties suffered during these landings, performing with especial merit in caring for numerous injured in the sustained and relentless air attacks on Okinawa. By his tireless energy and devotion to duty under hazardous combat conditions, he contributed materially to the success of these amphibious operations.

Lt. Earl D. Sneary, ChC, USN, and Edward F. Baer, PhM1, USN, received the Navy Unit Commendation Ribbon for duty in the Support Units of the Fifth Amphibious Corps, U.S. Fleet Marine Force, for outstanding heroism in support of military operations during the seizure of Japanese-held Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, February 19 to 28, 1945.

Robert W. Wood, Y1, USN, was awarded a Navy Unit Citation for duty in Patrol Bombing Squadron 74, for outstanding heroism in action against enemy forces in Atlantic Waters, from 7 June, 1942 to 31 July, 1943. Robert William Moyer, BM2, USN, received the Presidential Unit Citation for duty aboard the USS Lexington and attached air groups in Pacific War Area from September 18, 1943 to August 15, 1945.

Boy (looking up from his homework): "Dad, is 'water-works' all one word, or is there a hydrant in the middle?"

Scuttlebutt

Four members of Oak Knoll's WAVE's bid adieu to the hospital last week . . . **Lorna Jean McFarland**, formerly **Lorna Bugely**, has joined "**Mike**" in Oakland. **Faye Froeliger Mayer**, **Mary Martin** and **Lillian Smith** have also joined the civilian throng.

B. K. Welch must have his mind on marriage as he was caught folding his blankets the other morning like three cornered skivvies.

Looks like **Tom Valinoti** is still here . . . Guess he has been helping out the medical department as well as being a patient.

The stool pigeon gave us the dope that the boys at Cripple's Mess have been giving a door-guard a bad time by calling him **Richard**.

You have probably noticed a lack of Scuttlebutt in this and the few previous issues. There is a reason! Due to the large numbers of new personnel and the steadily decreasing old members, it is hard to get the word passed. So, if you have any choice items, turn them in to the Oak Leaf Office. Your name must accompany them, for your protection as well as ours. Of course we will not divulge your name in the column.

Off the Bookshelf

"In the spring a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of love," and inevitably also to poetry. The hospital library's many excellent books in this field are ready and waiting for your use. If you would like to analyze your liking for poetry in the light of logic, rather than the moon, Eastman's ENJOYMENT OF POETRY is suggested. If you have a favorite poet, the library probably has a volume of his poems. Otherwise his work may be included in one of the collections of poetry to be found in the library, some of which are listed below:

Adams: Innocent Merriment.
Aiken: American Poetry, 1671-1928.
Aiken: Modern American Poetry.
Aldington: The Viking Book of Poetry of the English-Speaking World.
Auslander: The Winged Horse Anthology.
Benet: Fifty Poets.
Bowes: Verses I Like.
Droke: Stag Lines; the Anthology of Virile Verse.
Felleman: The Best Loved Poems of the American People.
Fitts: Anthology of Contemporary Latin-American Poetry.
Gayley: English Poetry.
Kronenberger: An Anthology of Light Verse.
McClure: The Stag's Hornbook.
Palgrave: The Golden Treasury.
Quiller-Couch: The Oxford Book of English Verse.
Rodman: A New Anthology of Modern Poetry.
Untermeyer: Modern American Poetry.
Untermeyer: Modern British Poetry.
Untermeyer: A Treasury of Great Poems.
Van Doren: An Anthology of World Poetry.
Wavell: Other Men's Flowers; An Anthology of Poetry.

Gary Here Tonight For Officers' Club

Versatility-plus will be featured in the Officer's Club this weekend when Gary Nottingham brings the band bearing his name for the dance tonight.

Nottingham, as well as leading the band, plays the trombone and the violin, and his skill as an arranger has brought him fame. His vocalist, Naida Cannon, although just recently joined with the aggregation, is a well known figure to many "night-owls".

Radio has built Gary Nottingham's fame for him. From the Sacramento Valley to Chicago, the kids hang on to the dials when he is on the air. His popularity in the Coastal cities is a thing of amazement to oldsters in the band business, who thought listeners didn't get excited any more.

Because Gary plays sweet and swing equally well, he's popular with all age groups and classes. They acclaim his "cascading brass" type of play as a really new contribution to dance music.

As a leader, Gary is an outstanding example of the astute showman and experienced musician. He has been absorbing music since a youngster and this shows in his playing, arranging and leadership of the young orchestra.

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LOST—Claims for household effects and express company receipt. Dr. R. L. Rouen, 45B.

WANTED—Rides wanted from Oakland and Berkeley for personnel of Research project on Ward 46A.

Photo Service

Ship's Service now offers photo developing and printing service. Leave rolls of film at drug counter.

PROCESS OF DEDUCTION

An ultra-smart city man was driving through a California village when he thought he would show his companions how clever he could be at the expense of the natives. He stopped the car and called to two of them.

"Can either of you tell me this? It's twenty miles to Oakland, and butter is 70 cents a pound, how old am I?"

One of the villagers thought for a moment, then said, "Forty-four."

"Marvelous!" said the city man, amazed. "How on earth did you find that out?"

"Well," replied the native, "I have a brother who is twenty-two and he's only half nuts."

I took her to a night club,
I took her to a show,
I took her almost everywhere
A girl and boy can go.
I took her to swell dances,
I took her out to tea;
When all my dough was gone I said
She had been taking me.

Definition of pink elephant:
beast of bourbon.



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Orthopedic Society Has Session Here

Oak Knoll served as the meeting place for the Western Orthopedic Society, when eighty-two orthopedists representing all major Northern California cities met on March 25. Captain C. A. Broaddus, MC, USN, and members of the orthopedic staff acted as hosts at the meeting.

Dr. D. D. Toffelmier, well-known Oakland doctor and member of the civilian consulting staff here, and Commander Harry R. Walker, chief of orthopedics, arranged the program which began at 4:30 with ward rounds. Members of the group later enjoyed cocktails and dinner at the Officers Club. During the dinner hour, Dr. W. F. Holcomb, president of the society, Oakland orthopedist, and Oak Knoll consultant introduced the Commanding Officer, who welcomed the doctors to the hospital.

At 8 p.m. Dr. Toffelmier convened the scientific meeting which featured a series of studies by members of the Oak Knoll staff. Included on the program were the following discussions and case reports: "Treatment of Fractures of the Shaft of the Femur"—Comdr. Harry R. Walker, chief of orthopedics; "Osteomyelitis Caused by Solmonella Schottmulleri"—Comdr. Robert C. Abrams; "Unusual Complications of the Hip and Knees Following Transverse Myelitis"—Comdr. H. E. Wiggins; "Tube Feeding and the Wilbur Diet for Debilitated Patients With Fractures"—Lieut. William S. Stryker.

China Service Medal Eligibility Extended

(SEA)—The commemorative purposes for which the China service medal was established have been extended to include operations in China after 2 Sept. 1945 and until a terminal date to be designated, announced Alnav 59-47 (NDB, 15 March).

The same medal and ribbon will be awarded under this extension, except that a bronze star on the medal and ribbon will be authorized in lieu of a second award. Regulations governing the award relative to areas, organizations, units, ships and personal eligibility will be promulgated at a later date.

No applications for the medal will be considered and no personnel who became eligible for the first award under this extension are authorized to wear the ribbon before publication of the general order. However, the Alnav pointed out, conditions under which the medal was awarded prior to this extension are not affected.

Noted Medical Research Director Speaks At Staff Officer Meeting

Dr. Walter W. Simpson, Director of medical research for the Charles F. Kettering Foundation at Dayton, Ohio, and Captain in Medical Corps of Naval Reserve, was the guest speaker at the 21 March meeting of staff officers.

The distinguished doctor discussed "Progress in Cancer Research During the War Years," giving to Oak



DR. W. W. SIMPSON

Knoll doctors a picture of the medical profession's continued effort to combat this menace to life.

Throughout his medical career Dr. Simpson has contributed consistently to the study of tularemia, undulant fever, and goiter, as well as cancer, and his studies in these fields have gained recognition for him in medical circles both here and abroad.

Dr. Simpson began his Navy career in World War I as an Ensign in the Naval Reserve. Advancing to the rank of Captain in World War II he served as chief of Medicine and later executive officer of the first Naval Advance Base Hospital to be established in the South Pacific. Known as U. S. Navy Advance Hospital No. 2, this hospital was commissioned at Efate, New Hebrides in May, 1942. It was set up to receive casualties from BASE CACTUS (Code name for Guadalcanal). After 20 months' service there, Captain Simpson returned to the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery for temporary duty and was later assigned to the post of chief of medicine at U. S. Naval Hospital, Long Beach, for a two-year tour of duty. In August, 1945, he received orders to go to Okinawa to build another hospital. Captain Simpson's arrival at San Bruno and

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New Rules Are Set For Travel Allowance

NEW RULES and rates governing travel allowances for personnel traveling on duty were contained in Alnav 48-47 (NDB, 15 February), which amended all conflicting directives.

When not furnished sleeping quarters and rations in kind, men traveling on duty—including detentions not exceeding 31 days at any one place—shall be granted a daily allowance of five dollars, the Alnav directed. If quarters in kind are furnished, they shall be entitled only to a subsistence allowance of one dollar per meal. If subsistence is furnished, they shall be entitled only to quarters allowance of two dollars per day.

However, when travel under orders involves travel by rail or water, requiring meals to be taken in a dining car on a train or in a dining room on a steamer, the subsistence allowance shall be \$1.25 for each meal, and the quarters allowance shall be \$1.75 if one meal is so provided; \$1.50 if two meals are so provided, and \$1.25 if three meals are so provided.

For periods of detention in excess of 31 days at any one place, the allowances provided in section one of Executive Order 9825 shall go into effect after the 31st day.

Red Cross Fund Drive Deadline Here Monday

As the Red Cross Drive enters its last three days, Chaplain Herold would like to request that all contributions be turned in to him as soon as possible. Deadline for the funds drive is Monday, 31 March.

Flight Training Open

(SEA)—Commissioned officers of the regular Navy may now submit requests for lighter-than-air flight training. Applications should reach BuPers, Attn. 3116, by 15 April, Nav-Act 5-47 (NDB, 15 February) announced. Requirements for the training are listed in BuPers Circ. Ltr. 87-46 (NDB, 15 April).

Personnel Invited To 'Have Fun' Here

Recreation invites you to "Have Fun", a star-studded variety show, to be presented at Oak Knoll on 3 and 4 April.

Bobby Henshaw, dubbed by Winchell as "America's Number One Globe Trotting Entertainer," will emcee the show, and provide the comedy and ukelele playing he is famous for.

When not quite five foot, June North comes out on the stage in her full-skirted, off-the-shoulder evening gown, she brings not only a lovely personality and charming appearance, but also a thrilling voice.

The Cushings will bring something new to Oak Knoll with their revamped Punch and Judy show. By use of hand-puppets, a complete miniature drama is offered in ten minutes, with instant changes of costume and characters.

Three cute young lasses, Bobby and the Bois Sisters, will do wonderful things with a skipping rope and will tumble to a queen's taste. It promises to be an eye-filling act with a breezy pace and a slick routine of new tricks.

Monti and Lyons, two oldtime vets of vaudeville, will present "Hits of The Day" in songs and music featuring the guitar and mandolin.

Shirley Ahlf, pretty blonde accordionist, has been tickling melodies out of the keyboard for the last three years in shows for service personnel. A five-foot-two delight, she treats the classics with care and boogie with bounce.

A comedy magic act, Les Hunt and Juliet, which is well costumed and boasts particularly interesting equipment, claims a surprise ending that makes it out of this world.

Adding harmony to the show is little Sally Davidson, pianist from Los Angeles. Her nimble fingers will coax melody from the piano for accompaniment and also a few solos.

The Bavarians Ain't Taking No Chances

(SEA)—When the American Military Government ordered that all Bavarians turn in their weapons, it got more than it bargained for. Besides receiving enough modern weapons to equip a regiment, the Government got 100 crossbows, darts and pop-guns.

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Give Them A Chance

At 1700 and 1900 each night an eager crowd gathers around a door in Ship's Service, oblivious to everything except forcing its way into the auditorium. Among the group of would-be spectators are many patients, some with casts and a few in wheel-chairs who must also battle to gain entrance.

Anyone gifted with courtesy and a few grains of common sense would look with wonder upon this movie-mad rush, and would be shocked to see the treatment the less fortunate personnel receive. So, let's calm our representation of the "Battle of the Bulge," and give them a chance!

Once inside, a swift glance can assure anyone that the majority of "wheel-chair" cases do not enjoy movies . . . It is that no one will take the time to chauffeur these patients to the shows? It only takes a few minutes more, and a little physical exertion to bring these patients down and give them a chance to enjoy a good movie, thus making it possible for them to get away from the ward for some entertainment.

Let's give them a chance. Next time bring them for an enjoyable evening.

Blood Donors

*From the earth and the green things of the earth:
From the makers of the earth and the air that surrounds it
Our blood is distilled
By the magic of life.*

*We do not give our blood
We return it gratefully
To the vast reservoir, the source,
To go out again
As life
Into the veins of those who have given their precious blood
That we might live.*

—DON BLANDING

Good Friday Observances

Protestant Services.....1130 Catholic Services.....1500
4 April 1947

Divine Services

Protestant:
Chaplains—E. C. Andrews, E. D. Sneary.
Sunday—
Divine Service.....1100
Bible Study (Thursday in Chapel)—1800.
Choir—Monday & Thursday, 1400-1500
Protestant Chaplains' offices are located on the Second Deck of Bldg. No. 1.
Catholic:
Chaplain—Carl Herold.
Sunday Mass—0630, 0830, 0945.
Weekday Mass—1205 in oratory next to Chaplain's Office in Building 1.
Confessions before all Masses.

Christian Science:
Worker will be on the compound every Tuesday and Friday afternoons.
L. D. S. (Mormon):
Services 1930 Thursday.
Jewish:
Divine Service—Transportation leaves Administration Bldg. every Friday at 1800 for services at Treasure Island Chapel. Men interested contact Chaplain Andrews at extension 184 to arrange transportation.
The Field Representative of the National Jewish Welfare Board, Hospital Service Dept., is in attendance on the hospital compound once a week. Men desiring to see him should contact the Senior Chaplain.

Oak Knoll's Patients to Get Hep With Oakland Rotary Club's Gifts



Listening to MAXWELL ANDORFER, S2, play some mellow music on a new saxophone are MR. HAROLD HOLMES, President of Oakland Rotary Club, MISS WINIFRED ELEY, Red Cross Recreation, MR. H. P. JENSEN, Chairman of Veterans' Activities Committee, and ROBERT HICKS, S2.

Oak Knoll and its patients are indebted to the Veterans' Activities Committee of the Oakland Rotary Club for their recent contribution of musical instruments.

The \$600 worth of instruments, consisting of a bass fiddle, electric guitar and amplifier, clarinet, tenor saxophone, ten band stands and a baton, were obtained for Oak Knoll when Mr. Harold C. Holmes, president of the Rotary Club, and Mr. H. P. Jensen, chairman of the Activities Committee, saw in a recent bulletin that instruments were needed at Oak Knoll.

Mr. Jensen promptly communicated with Mrs. A. Edward Dart and

Mrs. Frank Rhode of the Oakland Community Services Camp and Hospital Committee, and the instruments were soon en route to Oak Knoll.

These instruments will be used by the new patient orchestra which is now being organized. If you can play any instrument, come to the first jam session and practice next Tuesday night at the Red Cross lounge.

† † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

BIBLE READING

How to read the Bible has been the subject of many a book and many a sermon. It is one of the questions persistently asked of Christians.

How do you read? Many people read Bible verses at random, with the hope that they will find a good thought that will match their mood or answer some question. That is one way to read the Bible, but it is not the best way.

Are you one of those who reads the Bible by chapters? This is better than the random-verse method, provided you do not limit yourself to one chapter at a sitting. Sometimes two or more chapters should be read together in order to read a complete story.

Possibly you are one of those who reads his Bible "straight"—who follows the plan of reading it straight through from cover to cover in daily or weekly portions in order to cover the entire Bible in one year or longer. This method certainly has its advantages, and probably ought to be followed at least once in each lifetime.

Others read the Bible topically, or by books, or by passages that are connected in thought. This is one of the best methods of reading the Bible.

But the reading of the Bible is not an end in itself. When our Bible-reading introduces us to God in Christ, then we have achieved the objective of real Bible-reading.

Adapted from TODAY,
Submitted by Chaplain Andrews

Red Cross Ramblings

The first days of Spring, balmy breezes, pussy willows, mimosas, and the twitter of birds bring on that "good to be alive" feeling in all of us. Spring gardening at Oak Knoll is well underway. Not to be outdone by Ward 67's flower and vegetable patches and their green salad party, patients from ward 66 are now laying out a garden patio. Shrubs, ornamental trees, flowers, and fragrant herbs are being planted. Garden furniture with shade umbrellas will soon be installed. The reward of all these endeavors will be the enjoyment of a pleasant place to sit and entertain friends in the Spring sunshine with perhaps a garden party occasionally. Any other ward interested in such a project should give the names of your prospective gardeners to the Red Cross worker, so she can make plans for your ward garden too.

CHESS PLAYERS, ATTENTION!

Mr. Charles Lemmon, chess player of far excellence, will help you improve your game. He will play singly or he can take on any number of players at once. Ward 62A has several chess fanciers who are practicing to meet the champ: patients Lay, Steward, and Hinkley are challenging him. Anyone who wants to be a runner up, please get in touch with the recreation worker on the ward.

MUSIC HATH CHARMS

During the quiet hour on 62A ward, patients are enjoying projected recordings, semiclassical, and melodious. With Spring in the air that drowsy feeling right after lunch is pleasantly brought on by gentle tunes. The response to this program illustrates that the men on the ward know and appreciate good music.

BIRTHDAY PARTY

The twenty-third birthday of Francis Gingras, S 1/c was recently celebrated on Ward 42B with an hilarious party. The main event of the evening was an exciting game of "Questions" with port and starboard sides chosen with the help of Oak and Gray Ladies and Victor Meyer, veteran, as captain. Prize winners were Leroy Greenwell, Racco Valvano, and S. Yecny. A huge birthday cake and ice cream were served.

Off the Bookshelf

This is the season when the open road beckons. If you are unable to follow your whims because of doctor's appointments, you can still read about places to go later. If Mexico is your goal, you might read these books:

- Brenner: **Your Mexican holiday.**
- Chandos: **Village in the Sun**
- Chase: **Mexico.**
- Diamant: **The Days of Ofelia.**
- Fergusson: **Fiesta in Mexico.**
- Garner: **Mexico.**
- Goertz: **South of the Border.**
- Goodspeed: **Mexican Tales.**
- Halle: **River of Ruins.**
- Henle: **Mexico; 65 fotografias.**
- Herring: **Renascent Mexico.**
- Jackson: **Mexican Interlude.**
- Johnston: **Sombreros Are Becoming.**
- Lawrence: **Mornings in Mexico.**
- Mackie: **Mexican Journey.**
- Russell: **Red Tiger.**

If your imaginery wanderings take you still farther south, there are interesting books to read on Central America and the West Indies:

- Aspinwall: **The Pocket Guide to the West Indies.**
- Beals: **Banana Gold.**
- Bowman: **Crusoe's Island in the Caribbean.**
- Craige: **Cannibal Cousins.**
- De Leeuw: **Crossroads of the Caribbean Sea.**
- Fergusson: **Guatemala.**
- Follett: **Islands On Guard.**
- Franck: **Roaming Through the West Indies.**
- Hiss: **Netherlands America.**
- Jackson: **Notes On A Drum.**
- Loederer: **Voodoo Fire in Haiti.**
- Niles: **Black Haiti.**
- Oakley: **Behold the West Indies.**
- Roberts: **The Caribbean.**
- Seabrook: **The Magic Island.**
- Thompson: **People of the Serpent;** life and adventure among the Mayas.
- Vandercook: **Caribbee Cruise.**
- White: **Puerto Rico and Its People.**
- Wilson: **Middle America.**
- Wirkus: **The White King of La Gonave.**

"Do you know what I think of married life?"
 "Are you married?"
 "Yes."
 "Yes."

Chinese Nurses Pay Visit Here While Enroute to ICN Convention



Misses Lillian and May Lan Wu are seen chatting with Miss Duxbury in the Chief Nurse's Office.

Misses Lillian and May Lan Wu stopped at Oak Knoll last week en route to the East Coast, where they will visit, study, and attend the International Congress of Nurses to be held in Atlantic City from May 11-16.

Miss Lillian Wu will be China's official delegate to the convention which 32 nations will attend. This will be the fourth time she has represented her country at international meetings. Her first trip took her to Finland in 1925. In 1926 she went to the International Red Cross convention in Tokyo, and three years later she again went on tour, with the Montreal Congress of Nurses as her destination.

Both women are connected with Bethel Mission, Inc., whose headquarters in Pasadena will be the next stop on their itinerary.

The elder Miss Wu's training, experience, and service have contributed a great deal to the nursing profession in her native China. Her

career began in 1910 at the Dr. Mary Stone Hospital at Kingsi Kuiking. There the Rockefeller Foundation "found" her, granted her a scholarship, and brought her to Johns Hopkins in 1915 for three years to study in general nursing. Since she returned to China in 1919 she has established a wide reputation for her outstanding work as a nurse, instructor, and officer of the Nurses' Association of China. At the present time she is Superintendent of Nurses and Principal of the Nurses' Training School at Bethel Hospital in Shanghai.

Miss May Lan Wu, student of the elder Miss Wu, is here not only to attend the congress but also to gain experience in nursing, teaching, and administration. After a year's study at the Chicago Women's and Children's Hospital under the auspices of Bethel Mission, she will return to the Orient to share the benefits of her training with other Chinese nurses.

HANGOUT SCHEDULE

Monday, March 31, 1400, Patient planning committee meeting.

Tuesday, April 1, 1300, Art lessons with Mr. Farnesi; 1400, Camera Club meeting; 1900, jam session.

Wednesday, April 2, 1400, ping pong tournament.

Thursday, April 3, 1300, art lessons with Mr. Farnesi; 1400, discussion group; 1900, Easter party, games, girls, refreshments.

Friday, April 4, 1400, Arthur Murray dance class.

Sweet Young Thing: "Does the moon influence the tide?"

Sailor: "I don't know about the tide, honey, but it sure influences the untied."



This week we are introducing another character to the Oak Leaf's family of cartoons... Swish, the Duck behind the duck, is drawn by JAY KENT, HAI, of Ward 61B. Watch for more next issue.

"Smooth Sailing" Brings Gaiety, Entertainment For Personnel



NO! Our friend from the "Misplaced Friday" isn't having DT's . . . it's only James Evans and his foot-juggling act in the stage show, "Smooth Sailing," which was presented at Oak Knoll on 20 and 21 March. The inebriated gentleman is Joe McKenna, MC of the revue.

Cage Tilt With MDs Won By 'Cysto Kids'

The long awaited tilt between the unbeaten "Cysto Kids" and the Doctors of this base came off last week at the Woodrow Wilson High school gym. The Internes originally scheduled to play were unable to make the game because of examinations and other duties, but the Senior Doctors came to their rescue to round out almost two full teams.

The M.D.'s started out like race horses, taking a 4 to 1 lead before the Corpsmen could get their bearings. Drs. Paugh and Holmes led the scoring with two fast buckets. Macalino hit a charity toss for Cysto, and the lead see-sawed in a wild and rough first half. Using their subs freely, the Doctors had six men on the floor at one time before it came to the referee's attention. Reneau sank two and the Corpsmen led at the half, 15 to 12.

In the second half, the Corpsmen began a tight zone. With Macalino, Cully, Formella, and Sanders working a fast break, the Cysto Kids scored nine points while holding the Doctors to a lone free throw, winning the game 24 to 13.

The fine competitive and sportsmanship spirit shown by Drs. Morrison, Nielson, Barbieri, Conover, Paugh, Donald, Levine and Holmes, was reflected throughout the game. Dr. Paugh was high for the M.D.'s with six points, with Reneau leading with 8 for the Kids.

It has been said that the reason for Cysto's slow start was because they were blinded by Dr. Donald's loud shorts. Best shot of the evening, despite the shorts, was the doctor's boomerang from twenty feet out.

The mother who used to come in fit as a fiddle now has an offspring who comes in tight as a drum.

Knoll Nine Defeated By Islanders, 11-9

The Hospital Baseball team journeyed to Yerba Buena Island last Saturday for their initial game of the new season, but returned to Oak Knoll wet and beaten, as they lost the game by the very close score of 11 to 10.

The game, which was called at the end of 4½ innings because of rain and wet ground, was started with Morris on the mound. He was striving to go four and one-half innings but developed a sore arm and was replaced by Baer in the third.

Playing the best all-round game for the Knoll Nine was Moon at third and Wolcott behind the plate. They both looked in mid-season form.

Leading hitter of the day was Apple, left fielder, who had three singles to his credit. Longest hit honors go to Childs who tripled to center. Hanson and Hamilton divided centerfield, with Dobson and Lynch in right. Sneider, at first base, gave a good demonstration of "Brooklyn Ball."

	1	2	3	4	5	R	H	E
Oak Knoll	3	1	1	0	5	10	6	6
YBI	3	1	5	2	x	11	8	4

Morris, Baer and Wolcott; Williamson and Elite.

Dr. Simpson

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the announcement of VJ Day, occurred simultaneously. The doctor promptly returned to Long Beach and a month later he was separated to inactive service and has since September, 1945, been engaged in cancer research.

So often it is the case that the first screw to get loose in a person's head is the one which controls the tongue.

Commissary Team To Play Knoll Nine

Sunday will again find the Oak Knoll nine on the diamond, as the "Scattering Ramblers" will give the horsehide fans a run for their money.

Probable line-up for the game is: Moon at 1st base, Gedestad at 2nd and Conover at 3rd, Childs at short stop, Sneider in right field, Hamilton in center and Beausoliel in left, Wolcott behind the plate and Crane starting on the mound.

The weekend promises to bring plenty of sports thrills, with the YBI game on Saturday and the Commissary on Sunday. Don't miss them. Athletic Field, 1400.

Versatile John Morris Plays With Knoll Nine

A strong man on the Oak Knoll nine, Johnny Morris has been playing baseball since high school and is a diamond fan from way back.

The lanky blond from Nashville, Tennessee, joined the Navy in September 1945, right after graduation



JOHNNY MORRIS, PhM3

from Cumberland High school. Johnny played second base, and in his senior year at CHS, the team was "runner-up" in the local league play.

Morris was able to get into Junior League play the summer before he signed up for a minority hitch, but since joining, his baseball activities have been somewhat curtailed. After "boots" at San Diego, Johnny went to Balboa Park for HC instruction and was then transferred to Oak Knoll, too late to get on last year's team.

After discharge in 1948, Morris intends to go to Tennessee Polytechnic Institute, where he will continue his horse-hide career, and would like to try for pro-baseball when he finishes his education.

Johnny not only was on the baseball team in high school, but played with the school's cagers. Baseball is still his favorite sport, but tennis and basketball come in for close seconds.

BASEBALL
YBI vs. OAK KNOLL
Saturday, 29 March
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• Movie Schedule •

- Saturday, 29 March
"THIN MAN GOES HOME"
William Powell—Myrna Loy
 - Sunday, 30 March
"TRAIL STREET"
Randolph Scott—Ann Jeffreys
 - Monday, 31 March
"TWO WEEKS TO LIVE"
Lum and Abner
 - Tuesday, 1 April
"HIGH BARBAREE"
Van Johnson—June Allyson
 - Wednesday, 2 April
"OVER THE SANTA FE TRAIL"
Ken Curtis—Jennifer Holt
 - Thursday, 3 April
"IT'S A JOKE SON"
Kenny Delmar—Una Merkel
 - Friday, 4 April
"IT HAPPENED IN BROOKLYN"
Frank Sinatra—Kathryn Grayson
 - Saturday, 5 April
"MEET THE STEWARTS"
William Holden—Frances Dee
- The above movies are shown one day later at the Officers' Club.



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UNITED STATES NAVAL HOSPITAL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA

Saturday, 5 April, 1947

New Uniform Changes Effected For Chiefs

New changes have been effected in U. S. Navy Uniform Regulations, #1, for Chief Petty Officers and Cooks and Stewards.

The following is a list of the more important changes made in the new chapters:

(a) Blue and white garrison caps have not been included in the new chapters. In accordance with Alnav 15-47, however, these caps may be worn until 1 June 1947.

(b) Designation of uniform "Blue" as included in SecNav Ltr. BuPers-329-MEB JJ55-3 of 29 May 1946 has been cancelled. Provision has been made for the optional wearing of the gray shirt with "Dress, Blue, A and B", except on dress occasions.

(c) The designation of the Uniform Dress, Blue, D" has been included for Chief Petty Officers.

(d) Gray gloves have been made optional articles of uniform.

(e) The rain cap cover shall be made of black waterproof material and shall fit snugly over the cap.

See charts on page four for Designation of Uniforms.

Training Duty Open For Women's Reserve

Wave officer and enlisted personnel on inactive duty may apply to their District Commandant for 14 days' training duty with the full pay of their Navy rank or rating under provisions of NRMAL 4-47. They will be assigned to training related to the duties of their classification or rating.

The Naval Reservist.

Yacht Mayflower To Be Scrapped

(SEA)—Veteran of three wars, presidential yacht for five U. S. presidents, the 50-year-old luxury yacht, Mayflower, may be headed for the scrap heap as a result of an explosion and fire aboard her recently. The new owner said she was in pretty bad shape and is now making a complete survey to determine whether he shall junk or repair her.

Built in 1896 at Clydeside, Scotland, the Mayflower took Presidents Theodore Roosevelt, Taft, Wilson, Harding and Hoover on many a pleasure cruise.

During the Spanish-American War and World Wars I and II, she served as a Coast Guard vessel.

Easter Greetings



OAK KNOLL CHAPEL

Strength For The Struggle

If you look at a map of the Pacific Ocean you may see a tiny speck a short distance from Chile which bears the name "Easter Island". It is recalled here for just one purpose, to drive home the fact that Easter is not an island in human life, but it is part of the mainland of our existence.

Too often it has been an island of church attendance in the sea of staying at home the rest of the year, an isolated day for new hats. But it is part of the mainland of our existence because it gives us assurance that because Christ arose from the dead, so we also shall live.

It is part of that mainland because it tells us that the power of Jesus is not buried in some forgotten tomb, but alive in the lives of men, giving us strength in the struggle against wrong. It is part of the mainland of our lives because it cries to us, "Let's get going!" It is our whole life because it is not something to believe, but something to live.

EARL DEAN SNEARY, Chaplain, USN.

Admiral's Inspection Completed at Station

During Admiral's Inspection in the period of 26 March to 1 April, Rear Admiral J. P. Owens, MC, USN, District Medical Officer, and his party conducted a working inspection of Oak Knoll.

The Admiral was particularly interested in the wards and their management. By observing many treatments and the ward routine and by chatting with various personnel he was able to gain first-hand knowledge of the hospital in operation.

Members of the inspecting party, each inspecting a section of the station, were: Captain J. J. O'Conner, MC, USN; Lt. Cmdr. C. E. Todd, NC, USN; Lt. J. M. Cotrell, HC, USN; Lt. W. A. Breathwit, HC, USN; Lt. (jg) F. Mayberry, HC, USN; and Ens. W. S. Anderson, HC, USN.

Lt. Cmdr. Richardson Asst. Chief Nurse

Replacing Lt. Cmdr. Beulah Duxbury, NC, USN, as Assistant Chief Nurse, is Lt. Cmdr. Catherine Richardson, NC, USN, recent arrival from Treasure Island. Miss Duxbury is now at Bremerton, Washington.

Miss Richardson entered the Navy as a nurse 17 years ago and during her tours of duty has been at Mare Island, San Diego, Newport, Bremerton, Pearl Harbor from January 1941 to November 1942, and aboard the USS Solace.

A native of California—born in Sacramento—and of the Bay Area, Miss Richardson trained in San Francisco and graduated as a Registered Nurse from St. Mary's Hospital.

ILLINOIS STATE BONUS

According to Alnav 90-47, "All members of the Armed Forces who were residents of the State of ILLINOIS and were on active duty all or any part of the period from 16 September 1940 to 2 September 1945 inclusive are eligible to receive Illinois Veterans Bonus."

Applications for this bonus are now available. All personnel who meet the above provisions are requested to contact Mr. Dias, Staff Personnel Officer.

ETERNAL VIGILANCE IS ITS OWN REWARD. PREVENT FIRE. Twenty-four per cent more fires occurred in the month of February than in any other February in the history of the United States. Watch your smoking habits.

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The President And Driving

The following is quoted from a statement by THE PRESIDENT and shows the necessity to drive safely:

"The problem of reducing the death rate on the Nation's highways remains one of the most serious problems in our daily life. It is an appalling fact that 34,000 American citizens were killed in automobile accidents in 1946. I therefore call upon every state and every community to work unceasingly throughout 1947 to promote highway safety.

"We are faced with a challenge which every motor vehicle driver should take as a personal responsibility. Eternal vigilance, conscientious care and maintenance of the motor vehicles, respect for traffic laws and signals—all these can play a part in saving the lives of thousands.

"I urge every motorist to remember at all times that highway safety is his personal concern. Laws and regulations will be of little avail unless the individual driver holds himself strictly accountable to his own conscience."

16 Interns Complete Training; Now Await Medical Officer Duty



Completing their internship, the men pictured above will remain at Oak Knoll, awaiting their orders for duty as Medical Officers. First row: Lt. (jg) Raymond Alexander, Lt. (jg) James Konieczny, Lt. (jg) John Conrad, Lt. (jg) Donald Cruse, Lt. (jg) Charles McCroskey. Second row: Lt. (jg) James H. Holmes, Lt. (jg) Robert Frantz, Lt. (jg) William Conover, Lt. (jg) Joseph Bader, Lt. (jg) Harold Johnson, Lt. (jg) John Preisinger. Third row: Lt. (jg) Robert Cooper, Lt. (jg) James Cunningham, Lt. (jg) James Skelton, Lt. (jg) James W. Holmes, Lt. (jg) David Spencer, Lt. (jg) Kenneth Cosgrove. Absent for the photograph were: Lt. (jg) Albert Daniels, Lt. (jg) Harold Perry.

Red Cross Ramblings

Easter Bonnets just like "Paris in the Spring" and Hot Cross Buns are right in season. Ward 44B recently had a hat-making contest for patient milliners. The judges who were instructed to chose three winners: the prettiest, the funniest and the most original, were hard pressed to make a decision. R. L. Root, S1, Mr. V. E. Shinn and Mr. J. B. Soliz came off with the honors.

Gray Ladies assisted the chapeau designers and wearers with the Easter parade down the ward center aisle. Perky little numbers decorated with lace veils, flowers, bunches of bright ribbons or a string of radishes were perched on curls or over a willing ear. No one knows who laughed the most, the milliners or the admiring audience.

CHESSE

Chess players of Ward 62A would like to get the names of other men in the hospital interested in tournaments. Expert instruction has been given by Mr. Chauncey Lemon, Chess Champion of Oakland, and former Nebraska State Champion. Any men interested let the Red Cross worker on your ward know and she will supply you with the game materials and details of the tournament.

STAMP COLLECTING

A talk on the lesser known islands of the Pacific was given to members of the Oak Knoll Stamp Club by Mr. Harold Osborn of the main office of the Bank of America Stamp Club in San Francisco.

Mr. Osborn, a native Californian, living at the gateway of the Pacific, has for a long time sought out the early and little known stamps of island kingdoms off the beaten path. He exhibited some rarities such as one postmarked Tin Can Island, now uninhabited because of volcanic eruption. Others came from Pago Pago, Fiji, Papua, and all along the Copra Belt of islands where populations are in miniature, and the small cargo ships trade and carry the letters of missionaries writing to the mainlands for supplies.

If you want a good hobby, start stamp collecting. Red Cross can give you free albums, catalogs, hinges, and stamps of every kind and country to start your collection while you are in the hospital. If you are a bed patient, let the Red Cross worker on your ward know, and we will bring the supplies to you.

SPORTSMAN CLUBS

Representatives from the Bay Area Sportsman's Clubs, under the leadership of Mr. W. A. Case, come to Oak

Knoll every week. Recent visiting groups include the Oakland Football Club, Fruitvale Diamond Sportsmen, Walnut Creek Club, Berkeley Rod and Gun Club, San Francisco Striped Bass Club, and the Martinez, Hayward, and Alameda Sportsmen Clubs. They bring with them excellent sports movies; rodeos, bull fights, winter sports, prize fighting, deer hunting, stream fishing, dude ranch herding, duck shooting and deep sea fishing pictures. The scenes shown have included the Rocky Mountains, Alaska, the wilds of California and Oregon, and the sport areas of the world.

Live hunting dogs such as Pointers and thoroughbred Gordon setters have visitors on the compound. Hand-hewn fishing poles and demonstrations by experts in the art of casting and reeling have been given. These Sportsmen Clubs have been giving a much appreciated service and good entertainment in bringing the great-out-of-doors world into the wards of Oak Knoll.

HANGOUT SCHEDULE

Monday, April 7, 1400, Patients planning committee; 1900, Camera Club meeting.

Tuesday, April 8, 1300, Sketch class under Mr. Farnesi. All material furnished; 1400, Arthur Murray dancing lessons; 1900, jam session.

Wednesday, April 9, 1400, ping pong tournament; 1400, jam session, jr.

Thursday, April 10, 1300, art lessons; 1400, coffee hour and bull session; 1900, party night.

Friday, April 11, open house.

The CO Requests . . .

Hand towels, bath towels, and pillow cases are disappearing from the reservation so rapidly, the hospital is unable to keep a sufficient number on hand for the legitimate use of our patients. These items are government property.

The help of all hands, both staff and patients, is requested to assist us in preventing the loss of these items for which we have a great need.

Divine Services

Protestant:

Chaplains—E. C. Andrews, E. D. Sneary.

Sunday—

Divine Service.....1100

Bible Study (Thursday in Chapel)—1800.

Choir—Monday & Thursday, 1400-1500

Protestant Chaplains' offices are located on the Second Deck of Bldg. No. 1.

Catholic:

Chaplain—Carl Herold.

Sunday Mass—0630, 0830, 0945.

Weekday Mass—1205 in oratory next to Chaplain's Office in Building 1.

Confessions before all Masses.

Christian Science:

Worker will be on the compound every Tuesday and Friday afternoons.

L. D. S. (Mormon):

Services 1930 Thursday.

Jewish:

Divine Service—Transportation leaves Administration Bldg. every Friday at 1800 for services at Treasure Island Chapel. Men interested contact Chaplain Andrews at extension 184 to arrange transportation.

The Field Representative of the National Jewish Welfare Board, Hospital Service Dept., is in attendance on the hospital compound once a week. Men desiring to see him should contact the Senior Chaplain.

Western Orthopedic Society Holds Meeting Here



Dinner at the Officers' Club was a pleasant part of the program for northern California orthopedists in their recent meeting here. Pictured above are Dr. Sterling Bunnell, San Francisco, Dr. Deffini, Sao Paulo, Brazil, Rear Admiral J. P. Owen, District Medical Officer, 12th Naval District, Dr. W. F. Holcomb, president of the Western Orthopedic Society, Dr. Douglas D. Toffelmier, Oakland, Dr. Harold H. Hitchcock, Oakland, and Dr. Edward C. Bull, San Francisco.

Off the Bookshelf

Recent Westerns you may have missed:

- Bishop: **Sunset Rim.**
- Ernenwein: **Rio Renegade.**
- Hendryx: **Courage of the North.**
- MacDonald: **Thunderbird Trail.**
- Short: **Coroner Creek.**
- Tuttle: **The Trouble Trailer.**
- New Who-Dun-It's:
- Charteris: **The Saint Sees It Through.**
- Christie: **The Hollow.**
- Crane: **The Cinnamon Murder.**
- Daly: **The Wrong Way Down.**
- Dickson: **My Late Wives.**
- Fischer: **The Pigskin Bag.**
- Hughes: **Ride the Pink Horse.**
- Lanham: **Slug It Slay.**
- Lockridge: **Death of a Tall Man.**
- Mason: **Saigon Singer; a New Major North Story.**
- Powell: **Shoot If You Must.**
- Stout: **The Silent Speaker.**

CEILING PROJECTORS

The Library now has seven ceiling projectors and about 150 filmed books and magazines available for loan. All of these were gifts from such organizations such as the Navy Mothers' Clubs of Medina, Ohio; and Taft, California; the Soroptimist Club of Visalia, California; and Theta Tau Theta Sorority of Visalia, California. The projectors can be used only for the ceiling, so that their use is limited to patients who must remain on their backs much of the time. There is a varied selection of interesting reading included in the films, which are loaned by the Library like books. Patients in the orthopedic wards have made most use of this service thus far, though patients in plastic and neurosurgical wards have also enjoyed the machines. R. Glaze, ETM3c, is servicing and delivering machines.



Civilian orthopedists examined Navy patients during Ward Rounds—a part of the program when members of the Western Orthopedic Society met recently at Oak Knoll. Seen with the civilian doctors is Surgeon Commander Alexander Anastasiadis, RHN, who is studying at Oak Knoll.

Shoemaker Game Saturday

Because of the weather, baseball has hit a slump at Oak Knoll, forcing postponement of two games, and making the field too wet for practice. This weekend, however, will find the team back on the diamond for a bout with the Fleet City Team at Shoemaker.

Probable lineup for the Knollers will be Moon at 1st base, Gedestad at 2nd and Conover at 3rd, Childs at short-stop, Snelder in right field, Hamilton in center and Beausoleil in left, Wolcott at catch, and Crane starting on the mound.

The game will be played at Shoemaker. A bus will leave from the Ship's Service Building on this base at 1200 Saturday. Everyone welcome.

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LOST: Will the person who is using "Introduction to Medical Mycology" by George M. Lewis please return the volume to the Bacteriology Laboratory where it is needed!

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Civilian Chatter By "Chips"

Now that the boss has had his little say about our estate, I guess we can chip our two cents back in the ring again. Certainly has been a great deal percolating about Public Works these days, with the annexing of San Leandro stealing the show.

We want to welcome Al Doyle, John Garcia, George Turner, and Bob Whitlock into the fold at Maintenance—and Jack Shiflett, Os Hermann, Joe Mason, Mike Greenwood, Vic Pavliger, Tom Pratt, Jim Reams, Pat Lane, Bill McIlveen, Tony Meranda, Len Moreno, Bill O'Connell, Ray Voight, and Walt Hicks as members in good standing of our Fire Department. We're glad to have you with us, fellows, and we know that you'll be right in there punching all the time in our combined jobs.

With the advent of spring the old fishing rods are beginning to shine with varnish, the golf clubs are being dusted off and the chatter about vacations is in the air. Chief Snook (Transportation) dreams about a monstrous trout lurking up Fortunaway, Henry Bordase (Transportation) says he'll catch a whopper to beat all whoppers, Andy Gall (P and A) plots a cabin on newly acquired property at Clear Lake, Brit Britney (P.W.) muses about those rolling hills and mountains of the Sonoro County. Aye, vacation time is catching up with us again, and wheels will soon be humming in the direction of many a favorite haunt.

Sorta strange to be talking about that when the ice is still nineteen inches deep up in Whitefish Bay on Lake Superior.

CHIPS!

• Movie Schedule •

Saturday, 5 April

"MEET THE STEWARTS"
William Holden — Frances Dee

Sunday, 6 April

"PURSUED"
Teresa Wright — Robert Mitchum

Monday, 7 April

"HE MARRIED HIS WIFE"
Joel McCrea — Nancy Kelly

Tuesday, 8 April

"MY FAVORITE BRUNETTE"
Bob Hope — Dorothy Lamour

Wednesday, 9 April

"BLONDIE'S HOLIDAY"
Penny Singleton — Arthur Lake

Thursday, 10 April

"BRASHER DUBLOON"
George Montgomery — Nancy Guild

Friday, 11 April

"SINBAD THE SAILOR"
Doug Fairbanks — Maureen O'Hara

Saturday, 12 April

"KISMET"
Marlene Dietrich—Ronald Coleman

The above movies are shown one day later at the Officers' Club.

Navy Unit Commendation Awarded To Four Nurses Stationed Here



Lt. Cmdr. Marion B. Olds, Chief Nurse, is seen pinning the Navy Unit Commendation Ribbon on Lt. Jeannette V. Reichard, after decorating Lt. Cmdr. Mildred M. Morrison, Lt. Catherine M. Smith and Lt. Katherine T. Kurek with the same device. Captain C. A. Broaddus, Commanding Officer, delivered the Commendations. The Navy Unit Commendation was awarded to personnel of the Naval Base Hospital Number 12 from the period of 1 March to 30 September 1944 for outstanding service at that time.

"Date With Judy" Presented Here



A scene from the play "Date With Judy" which was presented on the Oak Knoll stage 25 March by Community Players of Oakland. Judy (Audrey McKinnon) and Oogie (Gerald Hulen) are playing the theme of the play.

The Oakland Community Players presented the three-act comedy, "A Date With Judy," recently on the stage of the Oak Knoll Little Theater.

The comedy, adapted by Aalen Leslie, was directed by Maurice Pilares, and was the story of a teen-aged Judy and her struggle to become Queen of the Ball. Her trials included the embarrassment of her father by entering him in a contest (one of many which she entered) and the consequential winning by Mr. Foster of the "Most Kissable Lips." Everything turns out well in the end with Judy and Oogie reunited and even Randolph, the kid brother, gets his gal.

Judy was portrayed by Audrey McKinnon, Oogie by Gerald Hulen, Randolph; Roy Halverson, Dora Foster; Judith Lee Warnock, Melvin Foster; Dana Brown, Mitzi; Rosemary Hodgekiss.

He Grows Too Much

Jacksonville (CNS)—U. S. admirals have refused to change the Navy for J. E. Gillespie. As a result of this momentous decision, the seaman will receive a medical discharge.

When he joined the Navy a year ago, 17-year-old Gillespie stood six feet two. Today he is 6 feet 6 1/4 inches. The Navy's hammocks and bulkheads just wouldn't stretch!

Horsehide Favored By Claude Wolcott

The man behind the plate for the station's baseball aggregation, Claude B. Wolcott, comes straight from the deep South—Louisiana, that is.

Claude ran the gamut of sports while in Slidell High School—baseball, football, basketball and even a small amount of track. While a junior and senior, Claude was on the



Claude Wolcott

team that won state championship in both baseball and football.

Before enlisting, Wolcott managed to start his education at Southwestern Louisiana Institute, but joined the Navy before the baseball season came around. While there, he played as left half on the gridiron team.

Wolcott's two-year hitch began on 5 April 1946, and during his boots and Hospital Corps instruction, he was limited to backlot baseball in his spare time. Now, at Oak Knoll, Claude is warming up on the horsehide team and promises to be a good catch.

After his discharge, Claude intends to return to Southwestern and continue his education and diamond career, doing some "Southern Fishing" on the side.

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Waves And Corpsmen Move Living Quarters

Activity has been the key word of the fortnight as Oak Knoll's enlisted staff members have been emulating the migratory birds who change their homes for the winter and summer. But instead of going only North for the move, the Waves and Corpsmen also went West.

It was the Commanding Officer's wish that the staff have better living quarters, and soon after the Waves moved into the old Nurses Quarters, 129, and the Corpsmen prepared to occupy the vacated Waves Quarters.

Before moving, furniture in the cubicles had to be moved . . . only two bunks and two lockers to a cubicle . . . and the time consumed in the alterations delayed the move for about a week.

Now all the Corpsmen are in either 135, 28 or 26, and the old Barracks 35 has closed its doors.

They say lovemaking hasn't changed in 2,500 years. Greek maidens used to sit and listen to a lyre all evening, too.

CHIEF PETTY OFFICERS UNIFORM DESIGNATIONS¹

Uniform	Coat	Trousers	Cap Cover	Shirt	Necktie	Shoes	Socks	Gloves ²	Buttons	Rating Badge	Ribbons
Dress: Blue, A	Blue	Blue	Blue	White ⁶	Black	Black	Black	Gray or Blue woolen	Gilt	yes	yes
Blue, B	Blue	Blue	White	White ⁶	Black	Black	Black	Gray or Blue woolen	Gilt	yes	yes
Blue, C	Blue	White	White	White	Black	White	White	Gray	Gilt	yes	yes
Blue, D	Blue	Blue	Blue or White ³	White ⁴	Black Bow	Black	Black	Gray	Gilt	yes	yes
White ⁵	White	White	White	White	Black	White	White	—	Gilt	yes	yes

1. See Chapters IX, XI, and XII for designation of Aviation Uniforms, Working Uniforms, and Tropical Uniforms, respectively.
 2. Possession optional.
 3. As prescribed.
 4. Conventional shirt with turndown collar.
 5. Where white is appropriate, Dress, Blue, B, C, or D, may be worn as prescribed.
 6. Gray shirt optional, but shall not be worn on dress occasions.
 COOKS AND STEWARDS SAME AS ABOVE, with the exception of Dress, Blue, D, which is not included.



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UNITED STATES NAVAL HOSPITAL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA

Saturday, 12 April, 1947

Vince Raff Today For Officers' Club



Vince Raff and his orchestra will furnish the rhythm for dancing tonight at the Officers' Club, 2000 to 2400. No advance reservations necessary. Tickets at \$1.00 per person will be on sale at the club from 1900.

Red Cross Fund Drive Great Success Here

After getting off to rather a slow start, the Red Cross Fund Drive at Oak Knoll picked up momentum rapidly and during the last week in March went "over the top" when compared with last year's per capita contributions. When the final accounting was made on Wednesday, \$873.07 had been contributed by staff personnel, civilian employees and patients.

Lt. Cmdr. Carl A. Herold, ChC, USN, officer in charge of the Drive, wishes to express his appreciation for the support and cooperation given him by the heads of the Departments and by all personnel who helped to make the drive a success.

Famous Pianist Heard By Knollites

Through the courtesy of Sherman Clay, ten members of Oak Knoll's personnel attended the piano concert of Woltold Maluczinski at the San Francisco Opera House last Monday.

Maluczinski, in his first American concert, played Chopin arrangements, and his excellent technique and tonal quality were thoroughly appreciated by everyone present.

Nursing Course Open To Civilian Employees

This item will be of interest to civilian personnel and to any Hospital Corpsmen soon to return to "Civvies."

The Civil Service Commission is accepting applications for Student Nurse at St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Washington, D. C., for men and women between the ages of 18 and 35 years. This course prepares both men and women to become graduate nurses who are adequately equipped to meet the great need for nurses in the psychiatric field.

The course consists of a pre-clinical term of six months, a freshman term of six months, a junior term of 12 months, and a senior term of 12 months. Twelve months of the course, generally covering the latter half of the junior year and the first half of the senior year are spent in affiliation with a school of nursing connected with a non-psychiatric hospital where students receive instruction and experience in obstetric and pediatric nursing.

Students who successfully complete the 36 months' course will be granted certificates of graduation and will be eligible to take the examination for registration as graduate professional nurses.

How to apply: Send completed card Form 5000-AB to the Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C., to be received not later than 29 April 1947. All competitors will be notified of the exact time and place to report for the written general test of about two hours duration.

Quarters, subsistence, laundry, and medical attention are furnished by the hospital. Student nurses will also receive a total stipend of \$752 for the three years.

RESERVE OFFICERS

The Navy Department has announced its intention to release to inactive duty prior to 1 July 1947 a number of Reserve Officers who had submitted their applications for retention on active duty beyond that date. This action is a continuation of the plan to reduce the Navy to post-war requirements.

Orders are now being promulgated throughout the Naval service which will ensure that all reserve officers affected will receive the benefits of their terminal leave prior to 1 July 1947.

Captain George F. Blodgett Now Acting Chief Of Surgery

Up in the Chief of Surgery's office these days is Captain George F. Blodgett MC, USN directing, counselling and guiding members of this department for his friend, Captain H. G. Young, now on leave.

By now the Acting Chief of Surgery is no stranger on this base, for during his four weeks aboard as a senior surgeon his amiable smile, ready wit and cooperative spirit have easily made him an Oak Knollite.

Captain Blodgett's seventeen year



Capt. G. F. Blodgett, MC, USN

Navy career is a story of diversified and interesting experiences which includes duty in eight Naval hospitals, aboard four ships and a member of destroyer command staff.

His first Naval assignment was at USNH, Brooklyn in 1930, where twice in later years he served on the same staff. Between these New York appointments he had duty in Tutuila, Samoa; San Diego; Philippine Islands; and supervised the care of the sick aboard two patrol boats along the China coast—the USS Mindanao and the USS Ashville. December 7, 1941, found him aboard the USS North Carolina then in port in New York Navy Yard. But not for long, for during the next two years Captain Blodgett served as senior medical officer aboard this BB as it took part in initial landings on Guadalcanal and other islands of the Solomons group.

It was then back to the East coast for duty; first, in Brooklyn Hospital, then as executive officer at the hospital in Jacksonville, Florida. But once again the Pacific beckoned—this time as a member of Admiral Blandy's staff—ComDesPac. Then just before returning to the States

he served as executive officer at Fleet Hospital 114, Samar, P.I.

Recent State-side duty has involved helping to decommission two Naval hospitals—that at New Orleans and the one at Treasure Island.

So at Oak Knoll Captain Blodgett is looking forward to another pleasant tour of duty. Soon his wife and two children, Frank, 8, and Linda, 2, will join him.

New Water Softener To Be Installed Here

One of the first installations of a new industrial type water softening equipment is now being installed at Oak Knoll. A Navy contract to the amount of \$14,745 has been awarded the Henry Arian Construction Company of San Francisco for the installation.

Oak Knoll has a unique situation in that its water is supplied from three sources, including its own wells, each of which has a different chemical content. As a result of the chemical concentration in all of the waters, excessive carbonic acid is given off into the steam pipe lines causing extensive corrosion.

The new equipment will act as a supplement to the present equipment. Instead of utilizing the old types which use salt for regeneration, this type will use both salt and sulfuric acid and will operate automatically in combining the two processes.

Fleet City Returns For Diamond Tilt

A return game will be featured this weekend as the Fleet City nine returns to Oak Knoll on Saturday.

Probable lineup for the game is: Schneider at 1st base, Gedestad at 2nd, and Kincaid at 3rd; Childs at shortstop, Apple in left field, Hamilton in right, and Beausoleil in center; Morris on the mound and Wolcott behind the plate.

The game starts at 1400 at the Athletic Field. Everyone invited—and everyone come!

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Lapsed Safety

More people were killed in accidents in the United States between Pearl Harbor and V-J Day than died from war wounds during the same period.

National Safety Council statistics lists 261,000 death casualties in service from Pearl Harbor to V-J Day. During the same period there were 355,000 people killed in accidents in America.

These seemingly incredible facts only tend to point out the carelessness with which many things are undertaken. A careless turn in an auto, a match thrown away without checking the inflammable condition of it, or other numerous small items that contribute to America's growing list of accidents.

It is of course better to check the cause and eliminate it, but unfortunately this is a large task; it is, therefore, wiser to protect ourselves or dependents against the unforeseen disasters.

One of the best ways to do this is to have Life Insurance. Of course, all servicemen have the National Service Life Insurance, but many have been foolish enough to drop this when discharged. Veterans have the privilege of retaining low cost term insurance for a certain length of time after discharge at no increase in premium rate. Premium rates are low because the government pays all losses traceable to the extra hazard of military or naval service and all operating expenses through separate appropriation.

So, don't let your GI insurance lapse . . . or if you are a veteran who has made this mistake, reinstate it. It's a worthy investment.

† † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

The tremendous importance of the Christian family cannot be stressed too often in our present day world of hate and jealousy.

The Christian family is the reservoir, the guardian and the teacher of the faith. Its primary purpose is to continue the human race—God's noblest creation in the natural order of things.

But the Christian family has a work far more important than the mere propagation of the human race—it has a supernatural destiny—teaching the human family about the things that pertain to the Good God who has created all things for Himself.

God wills the entrance of human beings into this world so that they may be one day sharers of His happiness in heaven. Every offspring of the family receives as a gift, something of God's own divinity—the soul. God wants every child to be His. It is the duty of the Christian family to keep before the minds of its children these fundamental facts.

CARL A. HEROLD
Catholic Chaplain

Divine Services

Protestant:
Chaplains—E. C. Andrews, E. D. Sneary.
Sunday—
Divine Service.....1100
Bible Study (Thursday in Chapel)—1800.
Choir—Monday & Thursday, 1400-1500
Protestant Chaplains' offices are located on the Second Deck of Bldg. No. 1.
Catholic:
Chaplain—Carl Herold.
Sunday Mass—0630, 0830, 0945.
Weekday Mass—1205 in oratory next to Chaplain's Office in Building 1.
Confessions before all Masses.

Christian Science:
Worker will be on the compound every Tuesday and Friday afternoons.
L. D. S. (Mormon):
Services 1930 Thursday.
Jewish:
Divine Service—Transportation leaves Administration Bldg. every Friday at 1800 for services at Treasure Island Chapel. Men interested contact Chaplain Andrews at extension 184 to arrange transportation.
The Field Representative of the National Jewish Welfare Board, Hospital Service Dept., is in attendance on the hospital compound once a week. Men desiring to see him should contact the Senior Chaplain.

H. S. Goller, One-Man Plexi-glass Plant, Turns Hobby Towards Civilian Business



Ch. Mach. Harold S. Goller, USN, is seen looking over part of the collection of plexi-glass articles he has made. Since entering the hospital nearly a year ago, 3 May 1946, Mr. Goller has turned his talents to the plexi-glass industry. Since he will be unable to continue with his engineering career when he returns to civilian life, he thinks perhaps he may create his own business out of that started here at the hospital as a hobby. Through the facilities of the Red Cross Hobby Shop and Occupational Therapy, Mr. Goller has been able to make enough materials to make an excellent display for the shop he intends to open. The lighter materials he was able to obtain through the Red Cross, but the heavy stock, as in the tables and lamps, he purchased.

Red Cross Ramblings

EASTER PARADE

Monday evening 31 March was a big night on Ward 42B. With the assistance of crepe paper, paper plates, glue, scissors, pins and a varied conglomeration of feathers, ribbonette, and trinkets, a group of amateur John Frederics made a startling collection of spring bonnets. Some of the ambulatory patients and the Oakland Gray Ladies acted as models and paraded up and down the ward to lively tunes by Miss Barbara Dessert. Patients Archer and Cummings as judges selected three outstanding creations for prize awards—first prize went to E. R. Mello S2/c for a bewitching bonnet with a potted hyacinth on top, second prize to Leroy Greenway S2/c for a simply "out-of-this-world" model of varied colored bow and streamers. The "booby" prize went to R. A. Nelson S2/c for a hat so weird it would be hard to describe. The evening ended with singing of lively songs around the piano, assisted by Miss Dessert, and eating mint ice-cream, cake and Easter candies.

Did you get a pink walnut bunny, crepe paper nut cup, or one of those floppy little baskets? We thought that you would like to know that they were made by the Junior Red Cross of several Berkeley Junior High Schools. The Easter lilies on all the wards were sent by the Piedmont Garden Club and the colored eggs and special cookies were made by the San Leandro Methodist Church and Richmond Neighborhood Ladies.

ACEY DUCEY EXPERT

Mr. Ted Le Maire of Berkeley, who claims to be the Acey Ducey champion of the Bay Area, will be coming out on Thursday evenings to challenge any patient who is interested. Let your Red Cross recreation worker

know if you would like to have him play with you.

The ward movie program has been started again with corpsman volunteers as projectionists. The pictures showing are full length features of recent vintage with "horse operas" only occasionally. We hope that you'll like them.

HANGOUT SCHEDULE

Monday, April 14, 1400, Patient Planning Committee Meeting . . . come on down and help us plan this week's Thursday night party. We need your ideas! 1900, Camera Club meeting.

Tuesday, April 15, 1300, Art Lesson with Mr. Farnesi. 1900, Jam Session. Come on down and join the riot. Refreshments, yeh man!

Wednesday, April 16, 1300 Ping Pong Tournament. 1400-1600, Jam Session, Jr. If you missed last night, come down this time. Everybody welcome!

Thursday, April 17, 1300, Art Instruction with Mr. Farnesi. 1900-2100 PARTY NITE . . . Gals, glamour. Fun for everyone.

Friday, April 18, 1400-1600, join the dance line with the Girls from Arthur Murray's.

An optimist is a man who doesn't care what happens just so it doesn't happen to him.

A Worthy Investment
The Blood Bank

Central Supply Room, Scene Of Various Sterilization Activities, Maintains Materials For Hospital's Wards, Medical Departments

One of the busiest and more important functions of the hospital is to be found on the main deck of the Laboratory and is known at Oak Knoll as the Central Supply Room.



Lt. Cmdr. Vera Kramer is seen working in the "Chits."

Here, in this Mecca of Material, the medical supplies are made ready for use in the wards and various departments under the supervision of Lt. Cmdr. Vera E. Kramer, NC, USN. Let us start with the sterile trays prepared by the department—Intravenous sets, IVs with Kelly Flasks, Spinal Trays, Spinal Manometer, Lumbocentesis sets, Paracentesis sets, Lobotomy trays, Recipient and Surgical Recipient trays, Emergency Suture trays, Sternal Puncture sets, Typodermoclysis trays, Catherization sets, Tracheotomy set, Local trays and Irrigation sets—all of which are kept in a continuous round trip.

As the trays are returned, Charles Parnell, HA1, Receiving Window Corpsman, will check it for completeness and cleanliness before acceptance, then the material in the tray is thoroughly cleaned with water, alcohol and ether, put back and sterilized in one of the three autoclaves. The night corpsmen, N. B. Duncan, HA2, and H. E. Emmons, PhM3, do much of the making of the



Alfredo Reyes is starting the processing of rubber tubing.

trays and sterilization, and Robert Anderson, PhM3, takes over with the day crew for autoclave operation.

If the tray contains rubber tubing, Alfredo "Pancho" Reyes, HA1, hustles

the tubing into his Solution Room and starts processing the lengths of tubing. After washing and tape marks have been removed, the small strips are connected into one long piece and coiled in a bottle of 5% Sodium Carbonate solution. This is then connected to another bottle, equipped with an air-outlet, and the entire set-up is placed in an autoclave and sterilized for 15 minutes, and then exhausted very slowly. During this exhaustion the Sodium Carbonate is forced through the entire length of tubing, into the empty jug.

The nearly 50 feet of tubing is then removed and rinsed with tap water for three hours, and then further rinsed with distilled water for at least an hour.

If the tray was a "Blood Set," the glassware is first cleaned with water, and then processed in a "Potash Solution," consisting of Potassium Dichromate and Sulfuric Acid. After an hour in this, it goes through a



Charles Parnell (foreground) and Marshall Pruitt (background) are in the act of putting up trays for sterilization.

rinse of tap and distilled water and is boiled in the sediment-mineral-free water. Filters are processed in Nitric Acid for 24 hours, and Connecting Stoppers, after a thorough washing, are placed in distilled water for the same period. These accessories also go through the rinsing and boiling process.

After sterilization a tray is dated, and if at the end of seven days, the tray is not used, it is resterilized and redated. In this way, the wards can always be assured of receiving a completely sterile tray.

"Pancho" is also solution man for the department, and using flasks and jugs rinsed in the Potash Solution and then in distilled water, he mixes the solutions—1 and 2% Procaine, Normal Saline, 2 and 4% Boric Acid, and special solutions such as Sodium Lactate for OPD and Silver Nitrate for 75B — and places them in the autoclave for sterilization.

Marshall Pruitt, HA1, Oxygen man, might also be found helping "Andy" in the linen and gauze department . . . on a gauze cutter, or preparing 2x2s and 4x4s, cotton swabs, fluffs and tongue depressors for the autoclaves. In this department, roller and ace bandages are dispensed, ABD and K Pads are prepared, Vaseline, Fura-

cin and Scarlet Red Gauze is manufactured, sterile compresses, sterile field towels and adhesive tapes are issued.



Bob Anderson is removing some sterile material from Number 11 autoclave.

Back in the corner by the cotton and gauze are several Wangensteins and Emergency Suction Apparatus, steam inhalators, along with a few hot-plates for use on the individual wards.

Near the autoclave room are cabinets and shelves containing the sterile needles—IV, Spinal, Hypo and Local sets—and non-sterile needles, sterile and non-sterile syringes, operating instruments — Kelly Forceps, Hemostats, Suture Needle Holders, and others—to be issued when necessary, scalpel blades, sextoblades, and rubber gloves . . . sterile and non-sterile.

Next to this is the cabinet containing 95 gallon tanks of Oxygen, 250 gallon tanks of Nitrous Oxide and Carbon Dioxide, 1500 liter tanks of helium-oxygen combination, and the masks for use with the tanks. Outside are the 150 liter tanks of Oxygen and Carbogen. This detail of wrestling with the tanks lies with Pruitt.

By the small tanks are the shelves of vaco-liters . . . 1000 cc. sizes containing 5% Dextrose in Physiological Saline Solution, 5% Dextrose in Distilled Water, Normal Saline Solution and Sodium Lactate Solution, and the 500 cc. vaco-liters of 5% Saline.

Near the Solution Room are the shelves laden with Sutures—White Twisted Silk, Boilable Plain Catgut, Dermal Nylon, Dermal Silk and Mild Chromic Sutures — along with the curved needles needed for the application.

Why don't you drop by and pay a visit!

He: "Do your eyes bother you?"
She: "No—why?"
He: "Well, they bother me."

BASEBALL
HARRISON
ATHLETIC CLUB
SUNDAY • 1400
ATHLETIC FIELD

Comedy, Harmony Featured in Show

A combination of ukelele playing, sound effects and comedy, in the form of Bobby Henshaw commenced the show "Have Fun" on 3 and 4 April. MC Bobby then went on to introduce the Cushings, and their sensational puppet act in a revamped Punch and Judy show.

Another combination was in the dance field, as Bobby and the Bois Sisters, three pert young gals, presented a diversified routine of tumbling and acrobatic stunts. Following this, Monti and Lyons took the spotlight with "Hits of the Day," featuring guitar and mandolin.

A gal who treated the classics with care and the boogie with bounce was tiny Shirley Ahlf and the almost-as-big-as-herself accordion.

Les Hunt and Juliet brought something new in magic to the show. The act boasted particularly interesting equipment and had a surprise finish.

Adding harmony to the show was little Sally Davidson, pianist extraordinary, who furnished accompaniment for the aggregation, and did a few solos.

Navy Observes Sub Anniversary

(A)—April 11, 1947 marked the 47th anniversary of the acceptance of the first submarine by the U. S. Navy. In 1900, the original Navy undersea craft, the USS Holland, then designated as a "submersible torpedo boat," was placed in commission.

The No. 1 submarine was named for its inventor, John Philip Holland. It measured only 53 feet in length, had a displacement of only 74 tons, and fired its three torpedoes from a single tube. The ship was finally stricken from the Navy's lists in 1910 after being used as a training vessel for Navy personnel.

In designating 11 April as Submarine Anniversary, SecNav Forrestal said: "The exemplary record achieved by the officers and men of the Navy's submarines makes it proper for the activities to observe this day . . . so that the people of the U.S. may become more aware of the magnificent contributions to victory made by the submarine component of our Navy team."

PLAY BALL

FOR OAK KNOLL

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FOR TRYOUTS



'Swede' Beausoleil Horsehide Player

Tall, curly-haired "Swede," or as official records have him, Hugh Beausoleil, hails from the copper community of Anaconda, Montana.

While in his formative years, Swede attended the Catholic Central High



"Swede" Beausoleil

School, and started his "Pre-Med" at Carroll College, where he played as half-back on the college gridiron team.

Enlisting on 22 August 1945 for a minority hitch in the Navy's Hospital Corps, Swede journeyed to the Oxford of the Navy, San Diego, where he completed "boots" and graduated from Balboa Park's Corps School with Company 28-2.

Beausoleil's first chance at Navy sports came at Bremerton, where he played short-stop on the station's softball team . . . then on transfer to Treasure Island, the Swede was enticed onto the hoopster aggregation. Now at Oak Knoll, he is supporting the left field for the Knoll Nine.

After his hitch is up, Beausoleil plans to return to college and go into Pharmacy . . . preferably at Marquette. Swede is a pigskin addict, but the Oak Leaf wants to warn the women that he is also addicted to feminine charms.

New Radar Device Now Gives Burgers

(SEA)—First whaleburgers and buffaloburgers . . . but now the modern postwar world has something in keeping with the Twentieth Century world we live in . . . "Radarburgers."

Yep, these sensational new developments are merely hamburgers (with roll, or without, as you please) cooked **en bun** by means of radar stoves or Radar Ranges as the company which produces them prefers to call them. These ranges will cook the radarburger in just 20 seconds—as compared to the average of seven minutes on a current grill.

A frankfurter in its bun takes only 10 seconds to cook. And it's just a matter of seconds for other foods, too.

Laundry, Knoll's Soiled Gear Recipient Keeps Hospital's Supply Of Linen Clean

David Gamerl, Phm 3/c

Well, this week we come to the station laundry which is one of the most important departments of the hospital. The laundry proper, building 8, covers approximately 9460 square feet of floor space in which is crowded six washing machines, six extractors, three small and two large tumblers or driers, three steam heated mangles or ironers (two of which are now in use) and seven batteries of pneumatic operated garment presses. There are 27 civilian employees and five Naval Personnel who toil to continue the flow of fresh linen to the wards and departments.

Now let's see how the laundry works from the time a piece of soiled linen is received until it reaches the linen room ready for issuing to a ward. Here comes **Ray Taintor** with a truck load of early morning pickups. He unloads at the receiving room where **Jack Schneider** opens the bundles and sorts the various pieces. Into the wash room it goes where **Moore** and **Newton** load the laundry into the washers. After the machines are loaded and started they are partly filled with cold water to loosen the dirt and to remove most of the stains. After eight minutes this water is flushed and an even mixture of hot and cold water is added to the washers. To this is added soap and washing soda. After dissolution of the soap, steam is turned into the washers until a temperature of about 140 degrees is reached. This step takes about ten minutes and is called the first suds and is followed by a similar step for ten more minutes. The suds are then flushed and more hot water added as well as bleach which will remove more stubborn stains. Add ten more minutes for that. For final rinsing the linen is given two hot rinses of ten minutes each, a ten minute warm rinse and a final cold rinse to which is added a solution of bluing.

The very wet linen is pulled from the washers and taken to the extractors where **Griffin** and **Hubbard** (formerly Oak Knoll staff member) load extractors which remove most of the water by centrifugal force. After twenty minutes in these machines (10 minutes for blankets) the linen is well on its way for final processing by the women folks.

First we will follow the sheets to the mangle. The women lay the sheets across a wide table making sure that all the wide hems are on the same side of the table. Two more women will lay the sheets flat on what is referred to as a pole, which when loaded is moved very close to the feed ribbons of the mangle where again, two more women will feed the sheets evenly onto the ribbons and they are removed and smoothed at the same time. Upon leaving the mangle the sheets are automatically fed into an automatic folder where it is folded in quarters and run onto a table where the final folds are given by two more women. The small pieces of flat work follow the same steps as a sheet except that all the folding is made by hand.

You may have been wondering what has happened to your P.J.s and Bath Robes. After they left the extractors they went to the tumblers or driers. These machines have large revolving cylinders through which steam heated air is blown. A load is placed in the tumbler by **Pop Dean**

and the machine started with open dampers. After approximately a half hour a bell rings, letting all know that the contents are dry and ready for folding. All of this folding is done by hand.

After all pieces are folded they are taken to the linen room for issuing by **Chief Ritter** and his crew. Items requiring mending are taken to the sewing room for the necessary repairs. Might add that special orders for Surgery and Central Supply are also made here.

The amount of work varies with the change in Patient Census, but since January of this year when the Census was at an all time low, we were averaging about 65,000 pieces a week; the load has increased until now we average about 78,000 pieces a week.

Earlier we spoke about removing stains. With some stains we get in our linen here the only way to remove them is with a pair of scissors. You would be surprised—and maybe you wouldn't—about the way some of the linen is used. Of course it isn't as bad as it used to be but even now some of the linen is used for field day and other purposes. **Chief Laundryman Miller** tells me how articles have been tied to squeegee and used to wax a deck or a pajama torn in half to wash paint or windows, a hand towel or pillow case used to shine shoes. Shades of Mother's hairbrush. Some of us might have scoffed at the hair brush idea of long ago, but some of the individuals we've heard about certainly rate an application of said hairbrush at intervals of one second in the right place.

Take care of the things that are taking care of you.

Shoemaker Nine Defeats Oak Knoll

Oak Knoll was defeated in its second game of the season by Shoemaker last Saturday when it came out on the short end of a 21 to 10 walloping.

Crane started on the mound, but was replaced in the third inning by Baer. The inning ended with the Fleet City boys making six runs and a lead of 10 to 6.

Oak Knoll infield played errorless ball, but the outfield was unable to cope with the Fleet City's hard-hit flys. Gedestad and Schneider played faultless ball at second and first respectively. Wolcott played his usual game behind the plate.

Leading hitter of the day was Childs who had a triple and a single in five times up, the triple coming with the bases loaded.

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LOST: Will the person who is using "Introduction to Medical Mycology" by George M. Lewis please return the volume to the Bacteriology Laboratory where it is needed!

FOR SALE—1941 Chevrolet, 2-door sedan, motor in perfect condition. Contact: Chief Leigh.

WANTED—One Oxygen Unit for garden tractor. J. Bolton, Transportation.

FOR RENT—Anyone desiring to rent a 3-room apartment and shower, contact R. A. Price at Transportation, extension 134, or call LO 8-7239. Serviceman given priority.

• Movie Schedule •

Saturday, 12 April
"KISMET"

Marlene Dietrich — Ronald Coleman

Sunday, 13 April
"THAT WAY WITH WOMEN"

Sidney Greenstreet - Martha Vickers

Monday, 14 April
"FOREVER AND A DAY"

Ray Milland

Tuesday, 15 April
"IMPERFECT LADY"

Teresa Wright — Ray Milland

Wednesday, 16 April
"MILLIE'S DAUGHTER"

Gladys George — Gay Nelson

Thursday, 17 April
"UNDERCOVER MAISIE"

Ann Southern — Barry Nelson

Friday, 18 April
"FARMER'S DAUGHTER"

Loretta Young — Joseph Cotten

Saturday, 19 April
"A-HAUNTING WE WILL GO"

Laurel and Hardy

The above movies are shown one day later at the Officers' Club



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Saturday, 19 April, 1947

Family Allowance Rules Are Listed For Clarification

The confusion in the minds of some of the End of Hostilities and the Duration of War has caused many to become confused regarding family allowances. The laws which govern and regulate the payment of the allowance are simple, and the statements of fact listed below are applicable in all cases.

• Enlisted personnel now on active duty are eligible to apply for family allowance benefits regardless of date of enlistment, reenlistment or extension.

• Personnel eligible for family allowance and serving on an enlistment or extension of enlistment prior to 1 July 1946 are entitled to receive family allowance benefits for the entire period of that enlistment or extension, regardless of date of its expiration and regardless of the date they apply for the benefits. For example, a man who enlisted or reenlisted in February 1946 for six years can, if he wishes, under existing law, apply for family allowance any time within the six years following February 1946, and may receive the benefits until February 1952, the duration of his enlistment.

• Men eligible for family allowance who enlisted, reenlisted or extended on or after 1 July 1946 are entitled to receive family allowance for the duration of the war plus six months. The official termination of the war has not yet been declared. For example, a man might have enlisted, reenlisted or extended in September 1946 (after 1 July 1946) and applied for family allowance. If the war was declared officially over in April 1947, this man would continue to receive the allowance only for the six months following, regardless of when his enlistment expires.

The above conditions fit all cases. Confusion, however, has arisen in connection with extensions of enlistments and with reversion to enlisted status of temporary officers.

Extensions, for the purpose of family allowance, are considered exactly as enlistments and reenlistments. You cannot, by extending an enlistment, extend the benefits of family allowance beyond what is allowed under the conditions stated above.

Likewise, temporary officers who reverted to enlisted status and reenlisted or extended enlistment prior to 1 July 1946 may receive family allowance for the duration of the enlistment or extension. Those who

WAA Sells Typewriters Here To Disabled Knoll Patients



Victor W. Meyer, former HAI, was one of the 15 patients who bought practically new Remington portable typewriters last week from the War Assets Administration. Here he is shown handing over his \$22.66 to C. D. Austin, Public Interest Division representative from the Site Clearance Office, McClelland Field, Sacramento.

Fifteen Oak Knoll patients are the lucky owners of practically new Remington portable typewriters purchased last week at bargain rates from the War Assets Administration.

Regulations governing the sale provide that surplus typewriters may be sold at reduced prices to certain priority groups.

Preference is given to paralytics, amputees, tuberculosis patients, and others whose illness or injury make it necessary for them to engage in sedentary work after discharge.

Machines sold here last week were brought from Sacramento by Sanford E. McGuirk, Representative of the Public Interest and Veterans Division, War Assets Division, War Assets Administration, and C. D. Austin, Public Interest Division representative from the Site Clearance Office, McClelland Field, Sacramento. They hope to return at a later date with more bargain typewriters.

DEPARTURES

Captain William E. Walsh, MC, USN, to Charleston Naval Hospital.
Lt. John K. Barbieri, separation.
Lt. Franklin J. Grabill, separation.
Lt. (jg) Mark Campbell, to NAS Bremerton.

Notice To Marines

Since April 20 falls on Sunday, pay-day for Marines will be set ahead to Monday, April 21.

Meeting Monday For ACMA Medics

Eastbay civilian and Navy doctors will meet together here on Monday evening, 21 April, when Captain Carl A. Broaddus and officers of the staff act as hosts to members of Alameda County Medical Association.

Buffet dinner at the Officers' Club at 1845 will precede the professional meeting scheduled for 2015, at which time a group of scientific studies will be presented by doctors of the Oak Knoll staff. Introductory remarks by the commanding officer will open the program, which will include the following reports: "Acute Disseminated Miliary Tuberculosis" (Case report of apparent cure by streptomycin)—Lt. Cmdr. S. P. Mitchell; "Genital Tuberculosis" (Case report of apparent cure by streptomycin)—Lt. H. H. Edelbrock; "Neurovascular Complications Following Fractures of the Extremities"—Cmdr. H. R. Walker; "Mycotic Diseases of the Lung"—Lt. Cmdr. C. M. Boice.

Recreation Presents: Three Popular Skits

Next Wednesday will find something new in the line of Recreation at Oak Knoll as three 20-minute skits are presented in the Auditorium. The Show Builders will put on "NO, NOT THE RUSSIANS"; Oakland Community Players, "GRANNY RULES THE ROOST"; Lake Shore Players, "SECRET DOCUMENT" . . . Don't miss them!

Army Commissary Open To Sailors

Twelfth Naval District Personnel are invited to use the facilities of the U. S. Army Commissary Stores and Post Exchange (with grocery store attached) at Hamilton Field. Cards for admission to the Commissary may be obtained at the Store by regular and reserve personnel on active duty, and regular retired personnel with proper identification. No cards are required for admission to the Post Exchange, purchases from which may be made by personnel of the above categories and reserves not on active duty.

The Commissary Store is open Monday through Friday from 0900 to 1130 and 130 to 1630. Post Exchange: Monday through Friday from 0800 to 1700 and from 0800 to 1200 on Saturday.

Housing Needs Survey Conducted At Hospital

Survey of housing needs of Medical Officers and Hospital Corpsmen was begun this week by Chief Pharmacist P. E. Dias, Staff Personnel and Housing Officer.

Questionnaires were distributed in an effort to ascertain how many married doctors and corpsmen would be interested in occupying a "homaja hut" if additional units can be obtained for the exclusive use of Oak Knoll personnel. Those interested should return the questionnaires to Mr. Dias as soon as possible. Additional copies of the memo may be obtained at Staff Personnel.

reverted and reenlisted or extended on or after 1 July 1946 may receive allowance for "duration and six."

The above states the periods of entitlement to family allowance benefits under existing laws. However, legislation is pending which, if enacted into law, will extend the period of entitlement to 1 July 1949 regardless of the termination date of the war.

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A Burning Warning

IT CAN HAPPEN HERE!!! WHAT? FIRE!! It happened at Treasure Island. It happened at the Naval Supply Depot. WHY? Perhaps no one will ever know. Results? According to the latest Navy estimate about \$575,000 damages are attributed to the blazes.

A great portion of this hospital would have to be burned to ashes before we could match that figure for damages. BUT—No lives were snuffed out in the T.I. or N.S.D. fires. Would we be able to say the same if we had a fire of similar proportions—what with 600 bed patients? Don't kid yourselves into making an affirmative statement; you might be reading your name in the casualty list tomorrow.

Most fires happen because of someone's carelessness or stupidity. Sometimes it's the cigarette smoker, maybe the electrician, and then again it might be the firebug who fails to turn off the radio when he heads for the movie. No matter who is at fault, the results are much the same — death and destruction.

But, *we can prevent it*. Use common sense in all our habits. Watch our smoking. Stow our gear neatly. Do not store inflammables inside buildings. Keep our fire fighting equipment accessible and ready for use. Know our fire bill. But most of all use our head, and be alert. When in doubt call the Fire Chief. *Eternal vigilance is its own reward.*

—A. P. MINWEGAN

† † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

THE TIME ELEMENT IN BIBLE READING

How to Read the Bible, has an interesting chart on the time element in Bible reading. The author states that over half of the 66 books in the Bible can be read in an average of about 20 minutes; most can be read in from less than five minutes to about 1 hour. Here are some of the figures:

Reading time 5 minutes: such books as Philemon, II John, III John, Jude, and Obadiah.

Reading time 10 minutes: Jonah, Nahum, Haggai, II Thessalonians, Titus.

Reading time 15 minutes: Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Malachai.

Reading time 20 minutes: Ruth, Joel, Philippians, Colossians, I Thessalonians, II Timothy.

Reading time 25 minutes: Micah, I Timothy, James, II Peter.

Reading time 30 minutes: Song of Solomon, Galatians, Ephesians, I Peter, I John.

Reading time 40 minutes or slightly over: Esther, Ecclesiastes, Lamentations, Hosea, Amos, Zechariah.

Why not clip out this item and paste it in the cover of your Bible for future use?

CHAPLAIN E. C. ANDREWS, USN.

Divine Services

Protestant:
Chaplain—E. C. Andrews, E. D. Sneary.

Sunday—
Divine Service.....1100

Bible Study (Thursday in Chapel)—1800.

Choir—Monday & Thursday, 1400-1500

Protestant Chaplains' offices are located on the Second Deck of Bldg. No. 1.

Catholic:
Chaplain—Carl Herold.

Sunday Mass—0630, 0830, 0945.

Weekday Mass—1205 in oratory next to Chaplain's Office in Building 1.

Confessions before all Masses.

Christian Science:
Worker will be on the compound every Tuesday and Friday afternoons.

L. D. S. (Mormon):
Services 1930 Thursday.

Jewish:
Divine Service—Transportation leaves Administration Bldg. every Friday at 1800 for services at Treasure Island Chapel. Men interested contact Chaplain Andrews at extension 184 to arrange transportation.

The Field Representative of the National Jewish Welfare Board, Hospital Service Dept., is in attendance on the hospital compound once a week. Men desiring to see him should contact the Senior Chaplain.

Commendations Awarded 4 Men In Recent Ceremonies Here



Captain C. A. Broaddus presenting Dale Sarazen, HA2, with a MOinC Letter of Commendation.

Presentation of commendations to four members of Oak Knoll's staff was made by Captain C. A. Broaddus, MOinC, on 11 April.

Lt. John Kenneth Barbieri, MC, USN, received the Presidential Unit Citation for his share in the heroic work of the crew of the USS Aaron Ward during the Okinawa invasion. The Navy Unit Commendation was awarded to William T. Bond, PhM2, USN, for participation in the support of military operations during the seizure of enemy Japanese-held Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 19 to 28 February 1945, by the Support Units of the Fifth Amphibious Corps, US FMF.

Medical Officer in Command Commendations went to James B. Cantrell, HA1, USN, and Dale W. Sarazen, HA2, USN. Cantrell was commended for his devotion to duty and professional care of a patient on Ward 54 during the period from 5 February 1947 to 7 March 1947. Sarazen was commended for devotion to duty and safeguarding of Government property.

First Souse: "Hey, bartender, give me a horse's neck."

Second Souse: "I'll have a horse's tail. No use killing two horses."

Draftee: "Do you think they will send me overseas, doc?"

Doctor: "Not unless we're invaded."

Red Cross Ramblings

HANGOUT PARTY

"Club Circus" was the theme of the 10 April weekly party at the Hangout. Tent top ceilings were simulated with parachutes suspended from the overheads. Vari-colored elephants, hippos and tigers peered forth from the cerise-colored bars of their cages. Balloons danced festively from the bulkheads and the club circus bar did a record business selling exotic and unusual concoctions, such as atabrine cocktails, pink elephants and zebra delights. Lights were dimmed and spotlights focused for the floor show, which featured Brinkley's Cowboy Chanteuses, Borsch and Finsk, comedy team, Lewis Nix on the harmonica, a guitarist-vocalist team who preferred to be billed as Anonymous, Inc., and Oak Knolls' own sentimental gentleman of song, Bill Morrison. Roulette and other games gave "customers" a chance to win or lose vast fortunes in phony money. Prizes were auctioned off to the highest bidders at the evening's end. Hostesses were from Holy Names Academy.

NOW HEAR THIS:

The newly reorganized Camera Club wishes to announce a field trip

in the near future up Redwood Canyon under the supervision of Sgt. Berry C. Wasson, well-known amateur photographer. Come to our meetings every Monday at 1900—the Hangout, and keep posted on the latest plans on trips, talks and contests.

Lt (jg) E. J. Brooks New Finance Officer

Oak Knoll has a new Finance Officer in the person of Lt. (jg) E. J. Brooks, HC, USN, recent arrival from the Naval School of Hospital Administration, National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, Maryland.

Mr. Brooks' Naval career began at Norfolk on 17 November 1931, when he enlisted as an HA2. After completion of boots and Corps School at Norfolk, Brooks started his tour of stations and ships — Parris Island, S. C., USS Northampton, USNH Pensacola, NAS Pensacola, and NAS Coca Sola.

After a slight sojourn of duty at



Lt. (jg) E. J. Brooks, HC, USN

AS Norfolk, Mr. Brooks returned to Parris Island, but this time in the FMF as a Pharmacist. After duty at the Marine Corps Air Station there, he was transferred to Marine Aviation, South Pacific; Marine Air, West Coast, at San Diego; Marine Corps Air Station, Mojave; Marine Corps Air Station, Santa Barbara; Marine Corps Air Station, El Toro; Headquarters, 7th ND Miami; and the Naval School Hospital Administration.

When not behind his desk at "P and A," Lt. Brooks can be found on the tennis court or behind a model plane.

When the Chicago subway was being dug a drunk stopped beside the excavation and called down to the men at the bottom of the pit:

"Shay, watcha doin' down there?"

"We're building a subway," one of the men responded.

"How long is it gonna take to build it?"

"Three years," came the answer.

"Three years! (hic) To 'ell with it, I'll take a taxi."

Definition of an unborn moron — a little inside dope.

Scuttlebutt

Did you hear about the deaf and dumb guy who went into a bicycle store and picked up a wheel and spoke? ... and speaking about wheels, we have the word that Cecil, of X-ray, was caught following the old Naval custom of scrubbing bulkheads. Tsk! Tsk!

There isn't any coal dust on "Dusty" Ellis, who likes his Pittsburg to be in California. Must be that femme situation up Noth!

And if you are ever in need of a good "salty" story—just ask "Pancho" Reyes, of Central Supply, about last Sunday's ball game. Seems as if he spent the afternoon in the precarious position of umpire. From now on I bet he won't volunteer.

It is the current opinion that B. K. Welch shouldn't go on liberty without a guiding hand ... or do you look that way every Monday morning, Welch?

What was Jack Sopkin doing in the latest model car and with a strapless evening gown and girl to match? Guess we'll have to keep an eye on this shutter-bug, before he goes wild with these Oakland women.

Many are the boys and gals that are becoming embarrassed all the way down ... but take a word of advice and use a good suntan lotion ... This California Sunshine is dynamite.

Seems that Harry Wayland, also a man behind the shutter, got a little hot under the collar in the driving seat of a souped-up hot-rod. The fire-box had been trimmed out, and no insulation put in ... so when he hit a stretch, the driver's seat became a trifle warm.

We want to make a request again for more contributions to this column ... so turn in some dope on your buddy ... he won't mind!

Lt. Fred C. Roepke Replaces Lt. Parker

That an HA deuce can bring credit to the Navy and honor and promotion to himself is typified in Lt. Fred C. Roepke (HC), USN, new Administrative Assistant relieving Lt. G. H. Parker recently detached for duty in Guam.

In the nearly 21 years since Lt. Roepke entered boot school at Great



Lt. F. C. Roepke, HC, USN

Lakes and subsequently finished hospital corps school in Bremerton, his Navy career has been a continuous challenge. The Philippines, China, West Indies, South Pacific, USS Mississippi, State-side dispensaries and hospitals, plus Marine divisions both home and abroad offered in course of duty full and varied opportunities to the industrious hospital corpsman—experience which proved of inestimable value for the gruelling trial of 45 months internment in a Japanese prison camp.

Baseball Roster

The roster for Oak Knoll's baseball team has just been announced, and the following men will be carried on the team:

Apple, Baer, Beausoleil, Childs, Cullinan, Dodson, Gedestad, Grieter, Hamilton, Hanson, Kincaid, Leggett, Morris, Mraz, Peterson, Schneider, Ward, Wolcott, Noreen, Reneau, and Malinowski.

War Record In Japan

In September 1941, while stationed on Guam, Chief Roepke took his professional examinations for Warrant Pharmacist, but it was years later before he knew of his permanent appointment in January 1942; for on 10 December—three days after Pearl Harbor—he was captured in the initial Japanese invasion of the Island and a month later was taken to Zent Suji—first POW camp in Japan. Near the end of that year the Receiving Hospital at Moji was established and the U. S. Navy internee was put in charge of sanitation. For his ceaseless efforts to save lives of fellow prisoners during a virulent epidemic of dysentery at this camp, Mr. Roepke now wears the coveted green and white commendation ribbon awarded by the Secretary of the Navy.

In August '43, Chief Roepke with two other corpsmen opened up a camp at Fukuoka; and it was Oak Knoll's new Administrative Assistant who was the medical officer in charge. Because he also served as Medical Adviser to the Japanese Medical Supervisor, Mr. Roepke had to learn not only Japanese but Dutch and Indonesian, for the camp had 550 Dutch POW's. Besides battling with cases of dysentery, malnutrition and self-inflicted fractures (internees worked endless hours in the coal mine) the American corpsman-doctor, with practically no medical supplies, only the will to work 18 hours a day on a decreasing caloric diet, treated 147 pneumonia cases during the winter of '43-'44 and saved two-thirds of them.

For those years in a prison camp, Lt. Roepke philosophizes: "They taught me a lot—patience, tolerance and understanding of the other fellow."

And the Navy came through with promotions. "A lieutenant you are," he was told on arrival in the States after the war.

Now after having completed a 9 months course in hospital administration at Bethesda, Maryland, Lt. Roepke returns to Oak Knoll as a member of the staff—enthusiastic and energetic—not the tired, emaciated patient that stopped overnight in October '45 on his way to USNH, Long Beach. Singularly, too, he's serving his second tour of duty with both Capt. Broadus whom he first knew in Canacao, P.I., and Capt. Robins whom he met while both were stationed at the Naval Academy.

By way of interest too, chalk this up to the lieutenant's credit: champion basketeer, having played on four championship Service teams, and being once selected All-Navy forward; an active devotee of the tennis court, an ardent enthusiast of contract bridge and a student of art.

Heads of Departments



Left to right: Captain Harold Hirshland, OPD; Captain E. F. Evans, Chief of Medicine; Captain K. N. Vinnedge, Chief of X-Ray; Captain H. P. McCrimmon, Chief of Eye Service; Captain G. H. Mills, Chief of Dental Service; Captain Marcy Shupp, Chief of NP Service and Executive Officer for Veterans; Lt. Louise Dowlen, WRR; Captain C. A. Broadus, Commanding Officer; Lt. Cmdr. Marian B. Olds, Chief Nurse; Cmdr. James Crawford, Chief of Plastic Surgery; Miss Marie Adams, ARC Field Director; Lt. Arthur Minwegen, Public Works Officer; Captain H. E. Robins, Executive Officer; Captain A. C. Abernathy, Chief of Urology; Captain H. E. Young, Chief of Surgery; Cmdr. John Shaver, Chief of Pathology; Captain W. E. Walsh, General Surgery; Cmdr. H. R. Walker, Chief of Orthopedics; Cmdr. E. C. Andrews, Senior Chaplain; Lt. Cmdr. H. C. Thiele, Disbursing Officer. Captain P. O. Northington, Chief of E.N.T. was not present for the picture.

BASEBALL

Saturday — 1400

OAKLAND VETS

Sunday — 1400

MACY LEAGUE GAME

Wednesday — 1630

OAK KNOLL CHIEFS

Equipment Manager Needed.

Contact: Alwood, ex. 266,

or Davis, ex. 223.

Shoemaker Defeated At Oak Knoll's Hands

The third game of the season showed the Knollites coming out of the slump as they trounced the Fleet City team to the tune of 4 to 1.

In a closely fought game, the Shoemaker boys were befuddled by a new man on the Knoll mound — Liggett. The lightweight pitcher threw everything in the books at them, most noticeable being his drop-ball, and 17 strike-outs to his credit. Wow! Get a load of that, Sailors!!

A revamped team featured Schneider at first, Gedestad at second, Kincaid at third, Childs at short stop, Beausoleil in right field and Cullinan in left, with Wolcott as catcher.

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Liggett and Wolcott; Silva and Groves.

Knoll Nine Loses To Harrison Club

Sunday's offering to Oak Knoll's sports came in the form of the Harrison Athletic Club, who returned to Frisco late that afternoon with a score of 16 to 8 over the Knollites.

Johnny Morris started on the mound, with Peterson behind the plate. In the latter half of the fourth inning, Morris was transferred to third to replace Kincaid, who had become ill. Liggett came in as pitcher for two fast innings, to be replaced by Ward in the last of the sixth. Wolcott replaced Peterson in the fourth.

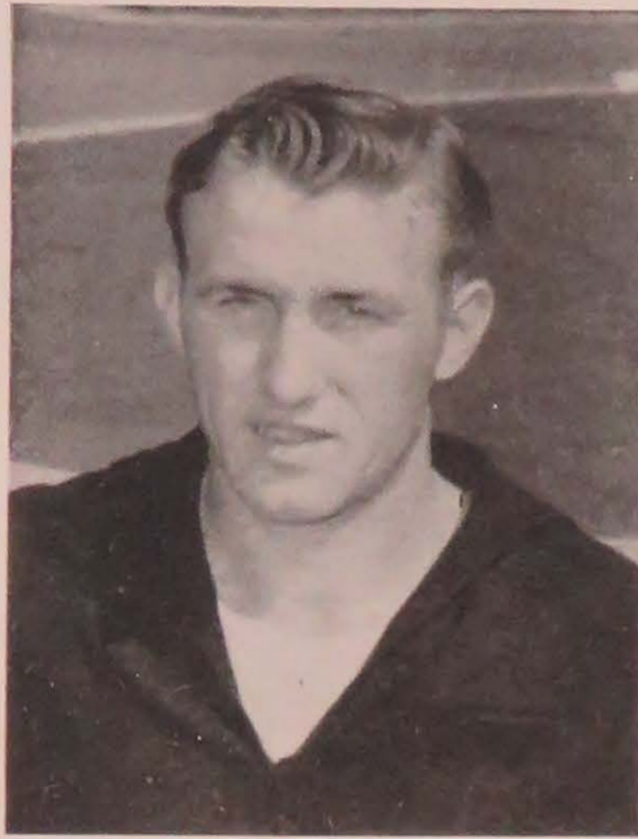
The local boys were in a rather weak shape, having to play the game after only four hours sleep since the Shoemaker tussle the day before, but in the last four innings they came out of the slump and ran up seven points.

Chief Alwood warmed up his pitching arm and went in for a few innings, relieving Ward in the seventh. Greiter in center and Beausoleil in right were replaced for the last few innings by Dodson and Mraz, respectively. Childs played a good game at short-stop, tagging a couple of flies. Gedestad played at second and Cullinan covered the left field.

Sherman Childs, Knoll Short Stop

Straight from the heart of West Frankfort, in the great state of Illinois, comes Oak Knoll's fly-tagging short stop, Sherman E. Childs. He came directly, almost, that is, with just a slight detour for the Great Lakes Naval Training Center and Hospital Corps School, San Diego, to Oak Knoll where Sherman settled down and waited for the baseball season to roll around.

Back in West Frankfort, "Sherm" attended the Frankfort Community



Sherman Childs, HAI

High, where was on the gridiron team as end. . . . While still a senior, he went into the Frankfort City League on the Redbirds . . . and here also, he played short stop.

When his minority hitch is up in November 1948, "Sherm" intends to return to college, and being a loyal boy, it will be the University of Illinois, where he will major in Physical Education. He also hopes to play pro ball in the newly formed league in Frankfort.

Childs likes all sports, but lists baseball first, with football and basketball running close. . . . The only other athletic duty he has had in the Navy was at the "Lakes" where he was an "Athletic Yeoman," but this inactivity hasn't affected his ability to snag the ball.

Girls In White

So far this month the Nurse Corps has lost four nurses through marriage. Lt. (jg) Henrietta M. Hettinger (NC)USN left 10 April to live in Kirkland, Washington; Lt. (jg) Jean M. Meeker (NC)USN returned to civilian status here in the Bay Area; Lt. Cmdr. Agnes L. Donovan (NC)USN is staying on in California to live up in that beautiful area, the gateway to the Redwoods, Laytonville; and Lt. (jg) Eileen Ruth Hoffman (NC)USN left 18 April to make her home in Honolulu.

Lt. (jg) Vivian Ruth Baldwin (NC)USN was detached 17 April for duty at the U. S. Naval Dispensary, San Diego, California.

Lt. Cmdr. Gurtrue I. Pilgrim (NC)USN with nine years of service reported for duty from the Naval Dispensary, 12th Naval District, 2 April. Miss Pilgrim was one of three nurses on their way to Guam when war was declared. After six months of dodging Japanese warships and touring most of the South Pacific she returned to the States for duty at Mare Island. She has had duty in Brooklyn, Great Lakes, Philadelphia, aboard the USS Chaumont, Corona 128, Pearl Harbor, and San Diego Repair Base Dispensary.

Two Ex-Navy Nurses have returned from civilian life to join the ranks again. They are Lt. (jg) Ruth Eleanor Hartley from Redmond, Oregon and Lt. (jg) Minerva G. Eklund from San Francisco.

The addition of the new Westinghouse Laundrymat in quarters has really made washing a pleasure.

Wanted: Information regarding a quick and effective method of deskunkatizing one Nurse's cape. One young lady has spent many hours airing said article after a brief meeting with what appeared to be a small white cat.

Be careful when a girl tells you that she trusts you more than anyone else in the world. It shows she's been experimenting.

Arab—a guy who gets out of bed and takes the sheets with him.

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FOUND—High School Diploma, Oroville Union High School, belonging to Dolores Warranetta Blower. May be obtained upon identification at Oak Leaf Office.

FOR SALE—1941 Chevrolet, 2-door sedan, motor in perfect condition. Contact: Chief Leigh.

LOST—Waterman pencil with silver top, Eversharp pen with initials E.M.L., Tobacco pipe and pouch, Dr. Cosgrove.

• Movie Schedule •

Saturday, 19 April
"A-HAUNTING WE WILL GO"
Laurel and Hardy

Sunday, 20 April
"LATE GEORGE APLEY"
Ronald Coleman — Peggy Cummins

Monday, 21 April
"NAUGHTY MARIETTA"
Nelson Eddy — Jeanette MacDonald

Tuesday, 22 April
"SMASH UP"
Susan Hayward — Lee Bowman

Wednesday, 23 April
"BANJO"
Sharyn Moffett — Jacqueline White

Thursday, 24 April
"TARZAN AND HUNTRESS"
Johnny Weissmuller—Brenda Joyce

Friday, 25 April
"STALLION ROAD"
Ronald Regan — Alexis Smith

Saturday, 26 April
"I WALKED WITH A ZOMBIE"
Frances Dee — James Ellison

The above movies are shown one day later at the Officers' Club.

"Say, pop, did you go to Sunda School when you were a little boy?"
"Yes, soh, regularly!"
"I'll bet it won't do me any good either."

Knollites Defeat Fleet City Nine In Baseball



Oak Knoll's up and coming pitcher, Liggett, is caught as he lays one on the ball (see arrow) in the Shoemaker game last Saturday, and Schnieder misses by a fraction of a second of placing a man out on first. This return game at Oak Knoll was the first Shoemaker had lost in their season.



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Ye Ol' Swimming Hole Opens For Knollites

If the warm weather is becoming unbearable, then perk up and trot down to the ol' swimming hole, which recently reopened.

The pool, under the supervision of Jim Sparks and James Lunke, has a routine, omitting the early morning dip. On week days the pool opens at 0900 for patients, staff en-



A Knollite testing out the high-dive in the recently reopened swimming pool.

listed personnel from 1100 to 1200, and officer personnel from 1200 to 1300. From 1300 to securing time. All Hands are welcome.

On Saturdays, the pool is open from 1100 to 1200 for staff enlisted personnel, 1200 to 1300 for officers, and from 1300 on for All Hands. Sundays it is open from 1200 on for All Hands.

Civil Service Exams

U. S. Civil Service Commission has announced examinations for the positions of:

- Chauffeur
- Truck Driver
- Motor Vehicle Dispatcher

For further information contact Civil Service Personnel.

Pharmacy School Convening Soon

Three candidates are desired for a course of instruction in Pharmacy and Chemistry convening soon at the National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, Maryland. If interested, contact Mr. Dias, Staff Personnel Officer, immediately.

Selections Pending On NROTC-NACP

Names of candidates selected for further processing in the NROTC-NACP program will soon be announced by Staff Personnel Office. These men selected will be transferred to Great Lakes where the final selection will be made. No individual notification will be forwarded candidates not INITIALLY selected.

52 Universities Offer Students NROTC Program

(SEA) — Service-wide examinations for entrance into the Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps and Naval Aviation Program, to be held each year, will be patterned after the exam held last January.

BuPers has released the names of 52 colleges and universities participating in the program. They are, in alphabetical order:

Alabama Polytechnic Inst., Auburn; Brown U., Providence, R. I.; U. of California, Berkeley; U. of California at Los Angeles; U. of Colorado, Boulder; Columbia, New York; Cornell, Ithaca, N. Y.; Dartmouth, Hanover, N. H.; Duke, Durham, N. C.; Georgia Tech, Atlanta; Harvard, Cambridge, Mass.; Holy Cross, Worcester, Mass.; U. of Idaho, Moscow; Illinois Inst. of Technology, Chicago; U. of Illinois, Urbana; Iowa State, Ames.

U. of Kansas, Lawrence; U. of Louisville, Ky.; Marquette, Milwaukee, Wis.; Miami U., Oxford, O.; U. of Michigan, Ann Arbor; U. of Minnesota, Minneapolis; U. of Mississippi, University; U. of Missouri, Columbia; U. of Nebraska, Lincoln; U. of New Mexico, Albuquerque; U. of North Carolina, Chapel Hill; Northwestern, Evanston, Ill.; Notre Dame, South Bend, Ind.

Ohio State, Columbus; U. of Oklahoma, Norman; Oregon State, Corvallis; Penn State, State College; U. of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia; Princeton, Princeton, N. J.; Purdue, West Lafayette, Ind.; Rensselaer Polytech, Troy, N. Y.; Rice, Houston, Tex.; U. of Rochester, N. Y.; U. of South Carolina, Columbia; U. of Southern California, Los Angeles.

Stanford, Calif.; U. of Texas, Austin; Tufts College, Medford, Mass.; Tulane, New Orleans, La.; U. of Utah, Salt Lake City; Vanderbilt U., Nashville, Tenn.; Villanova, Pa.; U. of Virginia, Charlottesville; U. of Washington, Seattle; U. of Wisconsin, Madison; and Yale.

ACMA Doctors Hold Meeting; Discuss Recent Developments



Rear Admiral J. P. Owens, 12 ND Medical Officer, Dr. Theodore Lawson, President of the Alameda County Medical Association, and Captain C. A. Broaddus, MOinC, are seen talking during the recent meeting held at Oak Knoll by the ACMA.

More than 450 Eastbay medical men gathered at Oak Knoll last Monday night for the April meeting of the Alameda County Medical Association. Captain Carl A. Broaddus, MC, USN, medical officer in command, and officers of the staff were hosts for the occasion—the third annual get-together for Navy and civilian doctors in this region.

Swingtime Follies Here Next Week

"Swingtime Follies," a variety package with a dramatic punch, will present, through Recreation, a diversified entertainment schedule on the 1st and 3rd of May.

The acts will feature: Myles Bell and Nan Bedini, m.c. and comedians; Al and Joan Allen, Comedy dancing; Harry Bardell, juggling; Louis Cheney, pianist; The Balabanows, dancing and accordion; Valerie Landon, singer and Frank Webb, cartoonist.

Don't miss this show!

Vets News

Oak Knoll's VA Office has the addition of two new Contact Representatives . . . Mr. David S. McManus and Mr. George O. Burns. These gentlemen were previously at the Sub Regional Office in Oakland. Mr. McManus has been with the VA for about seven months, and Mr. Burns claims 1 December as date of "enlistment."

Civilian physicians and surgeons, many of whom were at one time attached to Oak Knoll as members of the U. S. Naval Reserve, were welcomed to the station by the commanding officer. Dr. Theodore C. Lawson, president of the county organization, responded.

The scientific part of the program featured a series of case reports and discussions by Navy doctors. Lt. Comdr. Sidney P. Mitchell, MC, USN, of the chest department discussed the apparent cure by streptomycin of a case of acute disseminated miliary tuberculosis. Another apparent cure by the same drug, in this case, genital tuberculosis, was reported by Lt. H. H. Edelbrock, MC, USN, resident in urology. Comdr. Harry R. Walker, MC, USN, chief of the orthopedic department, discussed neurovascular complications that follow fractures of the extremities, and Lt. Comdr. C. M. Boice, MC, USN, resident in pathology, presented a paper on mycotic diseases of the lungs.

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The Blood Bank

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Where Are Your Manners?

Throughout life, and especially in the Navy, one hears the phrase, "Say Mac, were you raised in a barn?" It has been oft repeated, but it is worth repeating, as a open-question to the erstwhile-gentlemen in uniform, who act as if they had spent their early days in a hay-loft.

This may sound like a lecture by Emily Post, but the persons who will stop when they read this far are the ones needing to read on . . . as it is about time that the word was passed to the offenders of good taste.

One of the most devastating breeches of good breeding can be found in navy audiences! In recent stage shows, many patients and staff members have shown the extremely bad taste by arising in the middle of a number or show and making a mass exodus from the auditorium.

Besides being discourteous to the performer, this action reflects not only on Oak Knoll and the Navy, but on your homes! I am sure that no one would permit such action in a normal evening of family entertainment . . . so why do it here?

+ + CHAPLAIN'S CORNER + +

A creature is anything—a flower, a friend, riches—that is created by the omnipotent God. He intends that every creature on this earth should bring us one step closer to Himself. As in the workshop of the painter, brushes, colors, oils, are all destined to serve to the completion of the picture, so all things in the world are intended to contribute to our eternal happiness in heaven. Not to use earthly things for this end is to lose the hope of eternal happiness; but to make them our end and to be dependent on them no less deprives us of the end for which we were created. Earthly goods are like the surgeon's instruments; if they are ill-employed, they kill instead of curing. We must therefore use them only in so far as they help us towards the attainment of our last end. When they hinder us we must cut ourselves free from them. We must not serve them. They must serve us.

CARL A. HEROLD,
 Catholic Chaplain

BASEBALL

Sunday, 1400

"AUTO MACHINISTS"

Sorry, no game on Saturday!

DEPARTURES

Cmdr. Joseph M. Dallal, MC, USN, to separation.
 Lt. George H. Parker, HC, USN, to Guam Island.
 Lt. (jg) Charles H. McCrosky, MC, USN, to NAS, Pensacola, Florida.
 Lt. Earl D. Sneary, ChC, USN, to Mare Island, Senior Chaplain.
 Cmdr. Mack L. Parker, DC, USN, to USS Dixie (AD-14).

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 The Field Representative of the National Jewish Welfare Board, Hospital Service Dept., is in attendance on the hospital compound once a week. Men desiring to see him should contact the Senior Chaplain.

Ward Converted Into Quarters For Incoming Wave Dischargees



Mary Rohloff, Y1, and Mary Thompson, ChY, are seen unpacking their gear in the new Waves Quarters . . . formerly Ward 69A, which will quarter the transient Wave dischargees.

From Ward to Barracks is the story of 69A, for with Oak Knoll now being the only hospital in the Bay Area authorized to effect discharge of Waves, housing accommodations had to be provided for the approximately 150 officers and enlisted personnel expected during the next six weeks.

The first Women Reservists to report for discharge by reason of expiration of enlistment arrived Monday: Betty Mitcher, ChY, Mary Thompson, ChY, Mary Rohloff, Y1— from Staff Headquarters and Louise Gallagher, SKD1, Marie Bennett, Y3, and Theda Reese, ChSp(I) from YBI.

A quizzical expression flashed over their faces when they were told a hospital ward would be their home for the next four or five days (for to a Yeoman or Storekeeper the word "ward" means one thing, a place for

the sick). However, private rooms when stripped of all hospital paraphernalia can become "hotelish," especially when a fully equipped bathroom is included. Moreover, each departing Wave leaves her bed freshly made with clean linen for the next incoming resident.

The time for processing varies as the total number to be discharged varies, for to Oak Knoll this new responsibility taxes an already burdened staff. At the same time, this hospital is likewise losing personnel—among whom are 32 of the 51 Waves now on staff.

Red Cross Ramblings

Another gala evening was furnished by the University of California group on Ward 42B last Tuesday. About 16 girls came in this group, which makes just a nice number for a whole ward activity. "YAP," or poker-dice, was played. Each game consumed about a half-hour, so each group played two games. The players added their total scores and prizes were distributed. The grand prize, a beautiful potted red-rambler rose, furnished by the Berkeley Chapter of the Red Cross, went to Robinson, S1, the second, third and fourth prizes went to Haas, F1, Manus, S1, and "Booby" to "Baldy" Johnson, veteran. After the card games, refreshments were served amidst the usual chatter.

Your Red Cross Social Worker receives many strange requests as she makes her ward rounds, and frequently she is an interpreter, house-finder, interviewer, and always a good listener.

One interesting role assumed by

our Social Worker on one of the wards was that of a modern Sherlock Holmes. Mr. Jones, a veteran, was very anxious to locate his son with whom he had been out of touch for the last ten years. He had only one clue to supply . . . his son's place of employment ten years ago. With this beginning, our worker wrote a few letters, made a few phone calls, and in a few days Mr. Jones' son was located and was on his way to the hospital. He has been a frequent visitor, and has made his father's hospitalization more pleasant.

We'd like to start a dance orchestra—how about it?

If you can play any musical instrument, and are interested in playing in a permanent dance orchestra, contact Bob Hinton, HA1, Ward 67A, of Barracks 28A, lower. Bob used to have his own band, and would like to start one here at Oak Knoll. Staff and patients are eligible . . . See Bob today!

Disbursing Office Changes Head



Lt. Comdr. Thiele is explaining part of the duties as Disbursing Officer to Lt. B. D. Rosser, (SC) USN, who will relieve Mr. Thiele in this position.

Relieving Lieut. Comdr. Thiele (SC) USN, as Disbursing Officer is Lieut. B. D. Rosser (SC) USN, recently transferred from the USS Cowpens at Alameda Air Station. Lieut. Comdr. Thiele will leave 7 May for duty aboard the USS General Breckenridge.

Lieut. Rosser's Navy career dates back to November 1920 when he entered boot school at Norfolk, Virginia. Shortly thereafter he received his yeoman's rating which he held until 1923 when it was changed to Forekeeper.

Then there followed a constant climb upward to commissioned status.

Ship and Shore duties have had the Lieutenant aboard ships on both the East and West coasts of Continental United States and on the China Coast.

From river boats and oil tankers to destroyers, cruisers and battleships, Lieut. Rosser has served in the rate assigned — Patoka, Chikaskia, Penguin, Palos and Nonacy of the first group; USS Schenck and USS Leary of the DD's, the C.A. Pittsburgh and the BB West Virginia.

Shore duty has included assignments at Naval Training Station, Norfolk—twice; at the Naval Academy, and at the Naval Air Station, Bermuda.

Lieut. Rosser and his wife reside in Alameda.



"I have my shoes shined here every Saturday so I won't have to face the local boys."

"Russian Revels" Returns to Knoll

Bringing Russia's music and dances to Oak Knoll, the "Russian Revels" presented a diversified program which went over big with the audience last Monday, 21 April.

Sergei Malavsky, a brilliant Russian pianist, exceeded the revue, and interspersed the routine with his grand sense of humor.

The first number featured Eugene Sablin, noted tenor, with accompaniment by others in the show. Sablin was educated at the Moscow Conservatory of Music, and has since made many prominent appearances in Europe and the United States.

Petite Rose Der Manuelian, ballerina, executed several intricate Russian folk dances during the performance. Jane Mueller, outstanding American dancer, presented several difficult dances. Miss Mueller has the distinction of being the only girl who can execute the more difficult Russian dances with the perfection and strength of the best male dancers.

Marinoff, talented character dancer, left his colorful society life in Europe to join the revue, and executed an intricate and dangerous dance with several knives for the Knollites.

Accompaniment was in the form of Nicholas Molotoff, accordionist, Jean Verdugo, accordionist, and Ruth Crane, violinist. All three of these performers gave solos throughout the show.

Alexander Zaroff, baritone, brought a touch of the Don Cossack Chorus, with which he was first soloist for many years.

Cox: "Beer, please."
 Waiter: "Pale?"
 Cox: "No, just a glass."

Girls In White

Three nurses reported aboard this week. Lt. Helen Pauline Traub, (NC) USN, and Lt. Martha Madeline Lipine, (NC) USN, reported from U.S. Naval Hospital, Seattle, Washington. Miss Traub is a dietitian while Miss Lipine may be found giving anesthesia in the O.R. Ens. Daun Elaine Brockman, (NC) USNR, reported from the U.S.S. Benevolence. We hope that your stay with us is a pleasant one.

Six nurses were detached during the week. Lieut. Comdr. Helen Marguerite Hanks, (NC) USN, left for Navy Dispensary, Navy Proving Grounds, Dahlgren, Va. Lt. Mildred Lavina Acquistapace, (NC) USN, has left to live in San Francisco. Lt. Ollie B. Saell, (NC) USN, is joining her husband, Dr. Saell, in Salt Lake City, Utah. Lt. Marguerite E. Hartnett, (NC) USNR, left for her home in Malbaro, Mass. Lt. (jg) Mary T. Incerto, (NC) USNR, has gone to Norwalk, Conn. Lt. (jg) Margaret E. Leggett, (NC) USNR, has also gone east to Weymouth, Mass., and Lt. (jg) Gertrude M. Johnson, (NC) USNR, will go home to Chariton, Iowa, on leave and then return to Oakland to work in the Operating Room at Peralta Hospital.

Have you noticed the two male singers (canaries) on duty in the dining room?

That hayride sounded good! Let's have some more of this kind of doin's! There is much to offer if one is interested.

Readjustment Befuddles Buccelli

Ch. for the CIVIL LIFE
 With apologies to the DRYDOCK.
 USNH, San Diego.

The discharge office, as always, is working hard to make civilians out of sailors, and our Civil Readjustment Interviewer, CPhM Buccelli, has a tough time of it keeping up with the answers to questions the future civvie hands out. This is what happens on one of those days when a man is trying hard to keep his mind on business and answering the posers:

"Now, in answer to your last question, the answer is: yes, you CAN have your wife and children packed and crated and shipped home by the government, and you CAN have your furniture travel with you in an upper or lower berth without too much trouble. In addition to this you will be paid five cents a mile from here to your ward if you report to the draft board within 10 days after discharge. As for wearing your uniform after discharge, you can provided your wife is now receiving pre or post-natal care at the out-patient department and THEN ONLY IF you are a third class or below.

"The G.I. Bill is pretty liberal about its benefits to veterans. Your children will get 65 dollars a month while you are going to school if you are single, or ninety dollars a month if you are married.

"... and, in conclusion, if there is something that I HAVEN'T explained clearly, come back next week

Music, Comedy Featured In Show

Through the graciousness and hard work of Mrs. Edna Saake, prominent Oakland club woman, Oak Knoll was able to enjoy a stage revue of East Bay talent last week.

A duet, Clo and Flo, commenced the show with two popular semi-classical numbers, and youngster Barbara then put on an eye-filling exhibition of baton-twirling.

A new comer to the crooning business by the name of Dave then took



Betty Peel, popular dancer of Oakland, is seen in a Bolero.

the mike for "Temptation" and "Tingling No Chances," followed by Charlotte, in "Irish Eyes are Smiling." This couple then went into a duet on "Sympathy."

The good old barber shoppe quartette presented "Blue Skies" and a novelty number of their own. Tall Betty Peel brought a touch of Spain, with marvelous cape work, and later a glimpse of ultra-modern Broadway. Herb Greenberger did very successful imitations of Phil Harris in "Woodman, Spare That Tree," and the "Darktown Poker Club" ... and Barbara returned twice ... first for a tap routine, and later in combo with Lorraine for an accordion duet. Jean and her violin thrilled the audience with nuances of Viennese waltzes. Mrs. Saake presented the show through Recreation.

Tickets Available For Navy-Cal Tilt

Any personnel desiring to secure tickets for the U.S. Naval Academy-California game, should submit applications to Mr. Taylor, welfare officer, prior to 1600, Monday, 28 April, 1947. The game is to be played in Berkeley on 27 September, 1947.

The number of application forms requested by each individual must be confined to the needs of himself and his immediate friends. After consolidated reports are turned in, application blanks will be forwarded to the Commanding Officer, and will be distributed to the individuals. The individuals will then return the applications, with remittances, to the Navy Athletic Association Office in Annapolis, for processing there.

and you can interview me again until you understand the veteran's benefits more clearly."

Knoll Nine Walk Over The Oakland Vet Hospital



On the left we find Jack Cullinan taking off after laying one into center field in Saturday's game. On the right, one of the Knollites is finishing a jump, after being hit by a fast ball.

A walk-away was the sport's feature of the day as Oak Knoll defeated the newly formed Oakland Veteran's by the score of 21 to 2.

After a run in the first inning, the "Vets" were stymied by another up and coming pitcher on the Knoll team—Malinowski. Ski worked on the theory that if you can't see them, you can't hit them, and his fast ball kept the opposition fanning.

Oak Knoll's biggest inning was in the seventh when the local boys chalked up 12 runs to their credit... with a triple by Gedestad, and doubles by Mraz, Schnieder and Ski. The bases were continually loaded, and the home plate was kept busy.

A return game with the "attendants" will no doubt find them in a much better shape. Since this was their first game, they threw in seven pitchers and four catchers.

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Malinowski and Wolcott; Johnson and Love.

Concord Cubs Lose To Oak Knoll, 10-7

Sunday again found the Naval Hospital, Oakland, baseball team rarin' to go—against the Concord Athletic Club.

The Knollites started out fast with two runs in each inning for the first three, while keeping the "Cubs" down to three runs in the same period.

Oak Knoll's small pitcher, Bob Liggett, started—and stayed for the game—on the mound, with Wolcott catching. Wolcott was replaced in the seventh by Trottheimer, when his arm was hit by a pitched ball.

Liggett, Wolcott and Mraz each had a two bagger to their credit, and Schnieder made with a triple in the seventh. Positions for the day were: Schnieder at first base, Gedestad at second, Morris at third, Childs at shortstop, Cullinan in leftfield, Grieter in center and Mraz in rightfield. All in all, it was a fairly close game, although both teams were a little ragged... each having six errors against them.

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Liggett and Wolcott; Faria and McKenzie.

Man of the Mound, Robert Liggett

A relatively new man on the Knoll squad, proving that you don't have to be big to be good, is Bob Liggett, of X-Ray.

The man of the moment, and of the mound, has recently led Oak Knoll to two hard fought victories... pitching the full game each time. In his first game, Bob had 17 fan-



Robert Liggett, HAI

outs to his credit, and last Sunday's affray with Concord gave him 15. What a controlled ball he can wield!

Liggett hails from the capital—Washington, D.C., where he attended Technical High School. There he played on the hoopster squad as guard and as pitcher on the baseball team.

After graduation, Bob Entered the Navy, and took his "boots" at Bainbridge, where he also completed Corps School. Still sticking to Bainbridge, he spent a short time in the hospital, and was then transferred to Bethesda. There in the National Naval Medical Center, the light-weight pitcher played in the same position occupied now... on the mound.

From Bethesda, Bob journeyed to

Scuttlebutt

What corpsman, by the name of Bob Scott, has been giving the Barracks' MAA's a bad time by showing up at a few minutes to eight to secure his detail? It takes a long time to return from Barbara's, doesn't it, Bob?

Event of the week was featured last Saturday when Mike Vitt and Bessie Mackamson said "I do's" in a military wedding. Good Luck!

The latest news is that England has exported all it's soft wool, and that English subjects will have to wear "prickly undies"... and it looks as if some of the Romeos have been using soft soap and pulling some of this soft wool over various eyes to keep their gals in Frisco and Oakland from meeting... not mentioning any names... but, if the shoe fits...

Looks like "constriction" was tossed out the window last week, both literally and actually, as one of the corpsmen returned a blue two-way-stretch he had found outside the Waves barracks.

Many of the oldsters of the station will remember Frankie Booth, a paralytic who gave many benefit performances at Oak Knoll. The singer is now in partnership with Wally Cooke at a local night spot.

That man with the flashlight, Bob Wright, has bid adieu to the Night MAA's, and along with Earl Trest of EENT and George Peret of Record Office, journeyed home for a short leave.

Eight of the Knoll and San Leandro girls have left the service this last week. Virginia Borstadt, Betty Davis, Dorothy Gilbert, Lee Hart, Emma Larkin... from Oak Knoll and Ruth Sayre, Irene Rosen and Virginia Crackbon from Leandro. Happy civilian life!

the West Coast, ending up at Treasure Island, and was transferred to Knoll last November. After discharge, Liggett intends to go to the University of Maryland. After he completes his education, he hopes to try for pro baseball.

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FOR SALE—3 tires, 550x17, good condition. One 75-lb., practically new Coolerator. 6x6 1/2 dusky rose Wilton rug. Call Mr. Fine, ext. 156.

FOR SALE—1941 Chevrolet, 2-door sedan, motor in perfect condition. Contact: Chief Leigh.

• Movie Schedule •

Saturday, 26 April
"I WALKED WITH A ZOMBIE"
Frances Dee, James Ellison

Sunday, 27 April
"BLAZE OF NOON"
Anne Baxter, William Holden

Monday, 28 April
"THREE GIRLS ABOUT TOWN"
Joan Blondell, Janet Blair

Tuesday, 29 April
"HIT PARADE OF '47"
Eddie Albert, Connie Moore

Wednesday, 30 April
"VOICE OF THE WHISTLER"
Richard Dix, Janis Carter

Thursday, 1 May
"MICHIGAN KID"
Jon Hall, Rita Johnson

Friday, 2 May
"FRAMED"
Glenn Ford, Janis Carter

Saturday, 3 May
"RIGHT TO THE HEART"
Brenda Joyce, Cornel Wilde

The above movies are shown one day later at the Officers' Club.



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Saturday, 3 May, 1947

"Duel In The Sun" Coming Here, Will Be Shown Twice On Tuesday

The epic picture, "Duel in the Sun," which for months has been the object of controversy among Texan subjects, will be given two special preview showings at Oak Knoll next Tuesday, May 4.

A native son of Texas—Galveston born and raised—King Vidor, the director, made this picture about Texas in Arizona. But natives of the Lone Star State rose up and said he



Gregory Peck as Lewt McCanles in the epic production, "Duel In The Sun."

couldn't do Texas dirt like that—especially with Arizona dirt—without an explanation.

Vidor came through, "Arizona is nearer to Hollywood, and it's easier to get there."

"Whereupon he proceeded with the technicolor saga, "Duel in the Sun," an adaptation of the Niven Busch best-seller, and for the cast he had such high-ranking stars as Jennifer Jones, Gregory Peck, Joseph Cotten, Lillian Gish, Lionel Barrymore, Walter Huston, and Herbert Marshall.

The characters have the Texas drawl, make love Texas style, and fork their horses Texas style, even though they never got to see Texas.

And to smooth ruffled feelings, the tactful Mr. Vidor explained, "Arizona is a beautiful state, too, so we didn't have to apply makeup on the acreage to make it look like Texas."

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Break Out the Band, Music Week Is Here

The events of Music Week become more varied each year. New groups join in; new ideas are tried out. But behind all the diversity it is being recognized more and more that the primary purpose of National and Inter-American Music Week is to focus public attention for a seven day period on the value of music to mankind—to the individual, to the community, to the nation, and to a troubled world of conflicting thoughts and interests.

At Oak Knoll, the American Red Cross is observing the week by a lounge program at the Hangout and ward programs for benefit of the bed patients.

Let us join in. We, too, can profit by the influence of good music.

Knollites To Attend Shrine Circus Party

For the third successive year, Alameda County Employees will be hosts to Oak Knoll patients at the Annual Shrine Circus, when 60 patients join in the "circus party," on 8 May.

Anyone desiring to attend this party can obtain the tickets from Recreation.

Courtesy Cards Available Here

Courtesy cards are available at Ship's Service Office, according to R. E. Bost, manager.

These cards, together with a list of authorized merchants who will honor the cards, will be issued to any person eligible to purchase at the Ship's Service Store.

Basic commodities available include leather goods, jewelry, notions and toys, furs, furniture, men's clothing, and appliances.

Discounts offered on purchases vary with the type of merchandise bought. All companies listed on courtesy cards have been approved by the Navy Ship's Store Office, Brooklyn, and are reputable dealers.

New Bill Makes NC Permanent, Ensign to Comdr. Ranks Held

The Navy Nurse Corps is now a Staff Corps of the U. S. Navy, to consist of officers commissioned with grades from ensign to commander, inclusive.

New Corpsmen Arrive From San Diego School

It's WELCOME ABOARD to seventeen corpsmen from the U. S. Naval Hospital Corps School, San Diego, who arrived at Oak Knoll last Saturday, 24 April.

These new men are: Joseph Bonfanti, HA2, Roger Call, HA1, Lynn Christian, HA2, Ralph Dalessio, HA2, Earl Fedje, HA1, William Hoskin, HA2, Richard Hunnicutt, HA2, John Lalla, HA1, Richard Marundee, HA1, Eugene Piersol, HA2, Harold Sconyers, HA2, Daniel Straub, HA2, Rudolph Tedeschi, HA1, Hodet Thomas, HA2, Joseph Tortorich, HA2, Eugene Tupper, HA2, and Robert Yost, HA1.

Short Comedy Skit Presented At Knoll

Two humorous skits were presented at Oak Knoll last week by the "Show Builders" and the "Workshop Players." The latter group started with "Granny Rules the Roost," a comedy in which Granny, portrayed by Jean O'Brien, decides to take things in hand with a leech-like family and an over-generous grandson. Members of the cast were: Helen Bartold, Betty Johns, Beverly Scott, Gene Slaughter, Douglas Ponich, Isabelle Devine, Bob Misner . . . directed by Josef Pilares.

The "Show Builders" presentation was a short-short comedy concerning a hermitic artistic family, and their contact with the news of a new deadly gas invented by the Russians. Cast was: "Judge" Rogers, Flora Belle Farrar, Bob Wahl, Ben Reposal, Aileen Graves and Barbara Jouvonal.

Gas Station Hours

Mr. R. E. Bost, Ship's Service Manager, wishes to announce the hours of business for the gas station, located near Public Works Building. The station will be open from 0830 to 1130, 1200 to 1600, on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. On Wednesday and Saturday, it will be open only in the morning, 0830 to 1130.

This bill which was signed by President Truman April 16, also established a Women's Medical Specialist Corps in the Army.

All members of the active list of existing Nurse Corps of Regular Navy, may, during the next six months be transferred to the Nurse Corps created by the Act for temporary service in the same rank and with the same precedence held by them on date of transfer.

Prior to the termination of this temporary appointment the Secretary of the Navy will appoint a board to assign running mates to the Nurse Corps officers transferred, and such officers shall be assigned permanent ranks held by their running mates in the line, except that commander will be the highest rank held.

These women officers will receive most of the rights and privileges offered men in the Navy. Retirement age, however, is lower and dependency benefits are restricted to that of "chief support."

Of the 96 nurses now on duty at Oak Knoll, all but 7 are Regulars. Six of these Reserves have extended their services to some time in 1948.

YMCA Drive Opens, Contributions Asked

Perhaps you are one, who after going ashore, has entered the Oakland Y.M.C.A. building, Hobart and Telegraph, to find a welcome shower, a cool swim, or a night's lodging—all without charge.

Just now an opportunity to lend a hand to the "Y", locally and internationally, is extended through Mr. Robert A. Leet, Oakland Y.M.C.A. president, to station personnel through Captain Broaddus, commanding officer. \$175,000.00 is needed, largely to care for downtown building improvements and debt elimination. Some help will go to Y.M.C.A.'s needing rebuilding in other countries.

If you believe in what the "Y" is doing, you are invited to give a subscription to Chaplain Edgar Andrews, Officer in Charge of Collections. This will help continue the Y.M.C.A. for you and others to enjoy.

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The New Naval Reserve

Americans have always been credited with a smart investment sense. We carry more fire and life insurance as a nation, and per capita, than any other people. We protect our savings accounts, keep our gilt-edge securities in safety deposit boxes, and are generally pretty sharp about guarding our business assets.

It made sense, in line with that way of thinking, when we put our surplus Navy ships in the plastic-protected "zipper fleets", where neither rust nor decay can touch them.

There was only one weakness in this arrangement. A ship is only as good as the men who sail it. You can't put brains in mothballs. It is impossible to seal off and leave dormant the "know-how" of millions of trained technicians and specialists—"know-how" which cost billions to obtain.

"Operation Naval Reserve" is the logical answer to the question of how we can conserve, develop and utilize that "know-how." It has for its goal the recruitment and training of a strong civilian Naval Reserve, including both veterans and younger men. These Reservists will have access to training and education that will benefit them in their civilian jobs. Membership in the Reserve will make them better citizens.

And, finally, the know-how they acquire and improve will be the best safeguard of America's investment in peace.

† † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

HOW DO OTHERS SEE US?

"O wad some Power the giftie gie us
 To see oursels as ithers see us!
 It wad fra mony a blunder free us,
 An' foolish notion:
 What airs in dress an' gait wad lea'e us,
 An' ev'n devotion."

Robert Burns wrote this poem after seeing a lady in church who was so well dressed she expected everyone to notice her. During the church service, a louse crawled out on her bonnet. She could not see what was obvious to everybody else and what would have been very embarrassing to her. While she was putting on a display, she was being laughed at by those who watched her.

If we could see ourselves as we really are, more of us would try to improve ourselves. It would be good if we had the gift to see ourselves as others see us.

CHAPLAIN E. C. ANDREWS, USN.

Divine Services

Protestant:
 Chaplain—E. C. Andrews.
 Sunday—
 Divine Service..... 1100
 Protestant Chaplains' offices are located on the Second Deck of Bldg. No. 1.
Catholic:
 Chaplain—Carl Herold.
 Sunday Mass—0630, 0900.
 Weekday Mass—1205 in oratory next to Chaplain's Office in Building 1.
 Confessions before all Masses.

Christian Science:
 Worker will be on the compound every Tuesday and Friday afternoons.
Jewish:
 Divine Service—Transportation leaves Administration Bldg. every Friday at 1800 for services at Treasure Island Chapel. Men interested contact Chaplain Andrews at extension 184 to arrange transportation.
 The Field Representative of the National Jewish Welfare Board, Hospital Service Dept., is in attendance on the hospital compound once a week. Men desiring to see him should contact the Senior Chaplain.

Red Cross Ramblings

"How do I go about getting this new disability insurance?" asked the newly admitted veteran patient on one of our general medical wards of the Ward Social Worker whom he had noticed talking to other patients.

The insurance about which Mr. "Jones" was inquiring is a recently instituted program operated by the State of California. For the first time, Californians who become unemployed because of illness or injury may receive benefits. There are a few rules and regulations which must be complied with before one is eligible, but if you consult your Red Cross social worker she will be able to tell you about them. There is a time limit, so do not wait before talking with her about it.

Readjustment allowance is another benefit that some of you veterans are entitled to while in the hospital. Discuss this also with your ward social worker or down in the Red Cross offices, second deck, Ship's Service Building . . . and they can tell you the steps in applying.

Along with spring comes the newest Red Cross event . . . bicycle riding at Lake Merritt. Five men will go on the rides every Tuesday and Thursday afternoon. If you are interested in this new activity, tell your ward recreation worker, so that you can be next. The first ride was taken by patients from 70B, so to find out how much fun it is, ask Bob Davenport, RDM3, J. W. Jones, Vet., F.C. Freeman, S1, J. R. Peed, "Curley" Long, S1.

Red Cross movies are now appearing weekly on all wards having a large number of bed patients. This has been made possible by the splendid cooperation of a group of corpsmen who turn projectionists at night, so that bed patients may enjoy this popular form of recreation.

"Tune-Time," a lively hour of music sponsored by the California Federation of Music Clubs, Mrs. Shutes in charge, was a great hit with patients on Ward 51-A. All sorts of talent was uncovered and recordings of the Hour of Music, in which all patients participated, were made to send "Mom" and the best girl-friend.

ATTENTION ALL HANDS:

The Jam Session outfit at the Hangout has a burning need for an alto-sax player, two slide trombonists, an electric-guitarist, and a good hot pianist. If you play any of these instruments, see Miss Cornell at the Hangout, or visit the next Jam Session, held every Tuesday evening at 1900.

BASEBALL
 Saturday, 1400
 Western Freight
 Sunday 1400
 Treasure Island
 at T. I.

Girls In White

This week finds the Hospital minus three nurses. Lt. Comdr. Myrtle M. Teisseire (NC)USN, Chief Dietitian here for two years was detached 1 May for duty at U. S. Naval Hospital, Long Beach, Calif., Lt. Anne T. Cooley (NC)USN received dispatch orders to report to the 12th Naval District for duty in the Naval Dispensary, San Francisco, and Ensign Elizabeth E. Aldrich (NC)USN was detached 1st May for duty aboard the U.S.S. Anderson. We will miss you.

It is interesting to know that four of our new nurses, Ensigns Grace Papp, Marcella Faudree, Betty June Murray, and Jean Oleander (NC)USN had a good time weekendening up in Redwood Park. They were picked up at the gate by transportation from Wildwood Ranch and taken to the Ranch where they mounted horses for the Park. A buckboard preceded them with sleeping bags and food for the outing. The guide prepared juicy barbecued steaks for supper, but 0500 found all up and ready for bacon and eggs cooked by the family from the Wildwood Ranch. After a leisurely three-hour ride the girls were brought back to the Hospital. It was fun a-plenty.

HANGOUT SCHEDULE

Monday, 1400
Patient planning committee meeting. Help us plan our next Thursday night shindig, over a cup of joe.

Monday, 1900
Camera Club Meeting. Let us show you how to develop and print your own pictures. We have all the materials. All for free.

Tuesday, 1900
Jam Session. Join our hepcats and give birds down here at the Hangout. Our boogie pianist can play anything. Refreshments and fun for all.

Wednesday, 1300
Ping Pong Tournament. Do you want your name in lights? Then flex your elbow muscles, men, and come down and lick this week's contender for the title of CHAMP OF THE COMPOUND.

Thursday, 1900-2130
Party Nite. Glamorous "wimmen, soft lites, sweet music, and fun galore.

Aquacade Coming To Knoll Sunday

Entertainment and gaiety will be the order of the day as the Oakland Y.W.C.A. brings an Aquacade to Oak Knoll on Sunday afternoon at 1300.

Celebrating their first anniversary, the "Rhythm Ripples" will present a water ballet for the Knollites' enjoyment. This Y.W.C.A. group is composed of advanced swimmers.

The other half of the show will feature the "Aquators," a semi-professional group who will demonstrate life-saving skills, and give an exhibition of swimming and diving.

Don't miss this water fun fest!

Lt. Mildred Stickney, W-USNR, Heads Educational Services

The pleasant smile of Lt. Mildred Stickney, W-USNR, will greet education seekers at Oak Knoll, as she takes over head of Educational Services Division.

Miss Stickney is well suited for her position, having graduated from the University of South Dakota with an MA in Education. Following this, she was a teacher and Supervisor of Education at the University of South Dakota, where she supervised the practice teachers of the university's high school.

Entering the Navy on 4 May, 1944 as an Apprentice Seaman, Miss Stickney was soon at Officers' Training School, North Hampton, Massa-



Lt. Mildred Stickney, W-USNR

chusetts. After being commissioned as a lieutenant, she was at U. S. Naval Barracks, Washington, D.C., for three months when she was appointed as Women's Reserve Representative at Newport, Rhode Island.

Lt. Stickney returned to Washington for training in Educational Services at BuPers, and was then transferred to the Naval Hospital at Palm Beach, Florida, for her first duty assignment as Educational Services Officer. Upon the closure of this hospital, she journeyed to Seattle for the same duty until that hospital was decommissioned.

Her present tour of active duty will terminate in July, 1948, after which, Lt. Stickney plans to return to civilian life as an educational guide.

Within the next few days, Miss Stickney will have prepared an outline of what the Educational Services Department has to offer, together with procedures to be followed.

Staff Personnel Officer Receives Permanent Appointment

From boot to permanent Chief Warrant in 10 years is the record of Oak Knoll's Staff and Civilian Personnel Officer, Paul E. Dias, Chief Pharmacist, who last Saturday learned that his half-inch broken stripe is his for keeps.

Shore duty at Mare Island and Naval Air Station, San Diego—from 1937-'40—supplied the groundwork for three years aboard the "Big E". Like all sailors aboard the Enterprise, Mr. Dias fills with pride as he recalls those action-filled days from December 7 when the Big E was 100 miles from Pearl Harbor to October '43 when he left her at Bremerton to undergo repairs.

Chief Dias had flight deck duty, being designated First Aid man in

the surgery room located in the stack region. He was aboard when the Big E made her famous galloping ghost trips; spearheaded the first attack on Japanese-held Marshalls, Wake, Marcus; escorted the Hornet to within 800 miles of Japan to launch the Doolittle flyers; gave supporting air protection to occupation of Guadalcanal; joined the Hornet again for the Santa Cruz battle; participated

Brook Babbles —Incoherently

(SEA) — Fishermen who catch stewed trout in a Scottish creek won't be surprised. Only these trout will really be "stewed," — you know, pickled, inebriated, just plain drunk.

A worker at the Coleburn Distillery in Morayshire, Scotland, turned the wrong valve and 800 gallons of whiskey went into a creek instead of into casks.

Marriage, Navy Style

Many "salts" have requested that the all important ceremony should read like this:

"Wilt thou, Jack, take this woman as thy wedded wife, to live together insofar as the Bureau of Naval Personnel will allow? Wilt thou love her, comfort, honor, and keep her, take her to the movies, and come home promptly on all 48's?"

"Aye, Aye."

"Wilt thou, Jane, take this sailor as thy wedded husband, bearing in mind liberty hours, ship schedules, watches, sudden orders, uncertain mail connections, and all other problems of Navy life? Wilt thou serve him, love, honor, and wait for him, learn to wash, fold and press his uniforms, and keep the smoking lamp lit for him at home?"

"I will."

"I, Jack, take thee, Jane, as my wedded wife from 1700 until 0730, as far as permitted by my commanding, liberty hours subject to change without notice, for better, for worse, for earlier or later, and I promise to write at least once a week."

"I, Jane, take thee, Jack, as my wedded husband, subject to orders of the officer of the day, changing residence whenever the ship moves, to have and to hold as long as my allotment comes through regularly, and there I give my troth."

"Then let no man put asunder what God and the Bureau of Naval Personnel have brought together, by virtue of the authority vested in Navy Regs, subject to regulations of BuPers Manual, and the latest BuPers bulletins concerning matrimony. You are now man and wife; by direction of the Commanding Officer."

A Whistling Duet



Joseph Cotten as Jesse McCandles, teaches Jennifer Jones, as Pearl Chavez, to whistle in a scene from David O. Selznick's Technicolor western, "Duel In The Sun."



Ch. Pharm. P. E. Dias, USN

in Battle of Savo Island and finally supported Battle of Guadalcanal until its capitulation.

For serving aboard the Big E, Mr. Dias now wears the Presidential Unit Citation with Silver Star.

A tour of shore duty then followed—at Naval Auxiliary Air Station, Shelton, Washington; New Construction, Astoria, where he helped to fit out the USS Mellette (APA); and thence to Terminal Island, San Pedro, where he was again connected with commissioning of a ship—this time the APA, USS Hocking.

As Warrant Pharmacist, Mr. Dias was with the Hocking as it joined the Iwo Jima Campaign, evacuated casualties from Guam, took 27th Army Division to Okinawa and later returned there with Seabees, Army and Marines; headed for the Philippines for battle areas of Leyte, Mindanao, Lingayen Gulf; took occupation troops out of P.I. to Korea and finally sailed up the Yellow Sea to Shanghai for the first real shore liberty.

Fifteen months ago Mr. Dias reported to USNH, Shoemaker, for duty in the personnel department. When that hospital was decommissioned, he came to Oak Knoll where his first assignment was that of Agent Cashier in O.P.D.

At home there are four future pharmacists: Lonny, 8; Paul Douglas, 3; and twins, Eddie and Freddie, 19 months.

WANTED!

Three good men who can play a

TRUMPET,
TROMBONE,
OR BASS

Contact BOB HINTON
Ward 67A
or Barracks 28A

Two Big Innings Defeated Oak Knoll Last Saturday



YOU'RE OUT—as Childs tags a man out on second base in last Saturday's tussle with the "Auto Machinists." On the right, Molinowski is chalking up another run for the Knollites.

Oak Knoll fought a hard, but losing battle last Sunday, as the Auto Machinists defeated the Knoll nine by a score of 10 to 6.

Molinowski started on the mound and pitched a good game, until relieved in the ninth by Liggett. Peterson played behind home for the entire game. Schneider was at first, Morris at second, and Thorn at third, with Childs as short stop. In the outfield were Cullinan in left, Grieter in center and Mraz in right.

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Off the Bookshelf

Sports books are among the most popular types of reading with hospitalized athletes, hunters and fishermen. If you fall into one of these classes, you will want to check this list of sporting books of 1946 to be found in the hospital library.

ATHLETICS

Best Sports Stories of 1945.
Broeg and Burrill: **Don't Bring That Up! Skeletons in the Sports Closet.**
Esquire's 2nd Sports Reader.

BASEBALL

Brown: **The Chicago Cubs.**
Di Maggio: **Lucky to be a Yankee.**
Krueger: **Baseball's Greatest Drama.**
Lieb: **The Detroit Tigers.**

BOXING

Durant and Rice: **Come Out Fighting**

FISHING

Hall: **A Full Creel.**
MacDougall: **Dud Dean and His Country.**

Mitchell: **Great Fishing Stories.**

Tapply: **Tackle Tinkering.**

HORSES

Rooks: **Light Horses.**

HUNTING

Corbett: **Man Eaters of Kumaon.**

Holland: **Now Listen, Warden.**

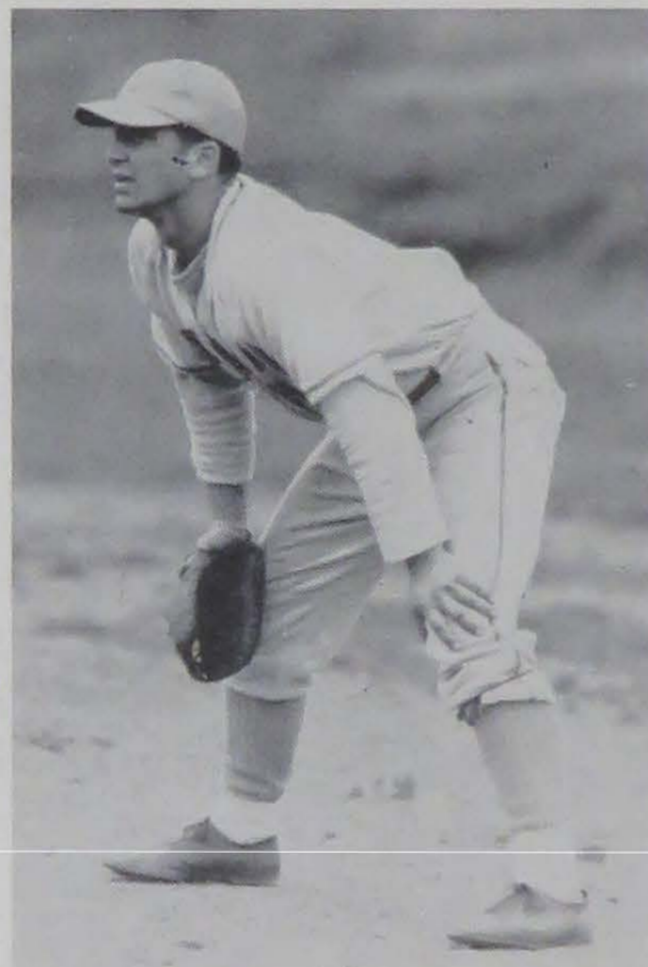
OUTDOOR LIFE

The Field and Stream Reader.
National Ski Association of America:
Manual of Ski Mountaineering.

This list by no means includes all the outdoor and sports books in the Library, but only those published during the last year. Our tennis books, for example, are in demand just now. The Library also receives the **American Rifleman** and such magazines as **Field and Stream** and **Outdoor Life**. If you are interested in such reading, please visit the Library, or let the librarian who visits your ward know your interests.

—And We Have— Schneider At First

Presenting this week—the Brooklyn (that's in New York) boy who is an avid Yankee Fan! This youth, who doesn't love "dem bums" is on 51A, as a corpsman, and can be found hanging around first base in the



Stanley Schneider

Oak Knoll games. Official records have him listed as Stanley S. Schneider, HA2, but to his "Yankee" friends, he is known only as Schneider, with an accent on the front.

Stan started his lean toward the Yankees long before he entered Thomas Jefferson High . . . much to Brooklyn's disappointment. While in TJH, Schneider graced the soccer field with his form, but, probably due to his fraternization, he did not play baseball.

Before enlisting in the Navy on December 4, 1945, Stan played in numerous Park Leagues, and also played much sandlot ball. Now during his two-year hitch, he hopes to get a lot in with the Navy, too.

Taking boot training at Bainbridge, Schneider stayed around for Corps School, before being transferred to Portsmouth Naval Hospital for duty. From there, he was transferred to the Marine Air Station at Cherry Point, North Carolina, and then to Fort Worth, Texas, for Neuropsychiatric instruction. Finally he ended up at Oak Knoll.

• Movie Schedule •

Saturday, 3 May
"RIGHT TO THE HEART"
Brenda Joyce, Cornel Wilde

Sunday, 4 May
"GUILT OF JANET AMES"
Rosalind Russell, Melvyn Douglas

Monday, 5 May
"NATIONAL VELVET"
Elizabeth Taylor, Mickey Rooney

Tuesday, 6 May
"DUEL IN THE SUN"
Afternoon and Evening Shows
This will not show on Wednesday at the Officers' Club.

Wednesday, 7 May
"CODE OF THE WEST"
James Warren, Debra Alden
Officers' Club
"HONEYMOON"
Shirley Temple, Guy Madison

Thursday, 8 May
"BACKLASH"
Jean Rogers, Richard Travis

Friday, 9 May
"FUN ON A WEEKEND"
Priscilla Lane, Eddie Bracken

Saturday, 10 May
"THIS LAND IS MINE"
Maureen O'Hara, Charles Laughton

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FOR SALE—Nine stone diamond engagement ring, beautifully set in platinum. Like new. Price \$300. Call Miss Burton, ex. 187.

FOR SALE—Dress Blues, 7 pair, 36 and 38 jumpers, 30 trousers. Good shape. Contact Wayne Gardner, KELlogg 3-4938.

FOR SALE—3 tires, 550x17, good condition. One 75-lb., practically new Coolerator. 6x6 1/2 dusky rose Wilton rug. Call Mr. Fine, ext. 156.

FOR SALE—7-piece set white lawn furniture; divan, with springs and upholstery, chairs, table. Never been used. Could be used for living room furniture in a project home. Price: \$125.00. See Dr. J. B. Reddy, or call ex. 249.

Some of the Waves have been wearing the same hat for years which goes to show what a little discipline will do for womanhood.



"But, Darling, I thought it would make you feel more at home!"



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Navy Nurses To Celebrate 39th Anniversary

Nurse Corps Birthday Next Tuesday

Government Needs Printers, Engineers

The United States Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C., announces an examination for probational appointment to the positions of: Electrotyper (Finisher), \$1.94 per hour; Electrotyper (Molder), \$1.94 per hour; Stereotyper, \$1.94 per hour; Printer (Monotype Keyboard Operator), \$1.88 per hour; Printer (Slug Machine Operator), \$1.88 per hour; and Photoengraver, \$2.10 per hour. These jobs will be in the Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C. Applications must be received in the U. S. Civil Service Commission, Washington 25, D. C., not later than May 13, 1947.

The Central Board of U. S. Civil Service Examiners for the Bureau of Reclamation, Denver, Colorado, announces examination for probational appointment to the position of Engineer, \$3,397 to \$4,902 a year, for duty in the Western States, and for the position of Engineering Aide, \$2,644 to \$3,397 per year, in the same working area. Applications must be on file with the Executive Secretary, Central Board of U. S. Civil Service Examiners, Bureau of Reclamation, Room 230, New Customhouse Building, Denver 2, Colorado, not later than 20 May for Engineer and not later than 13 May for Engineering Aide.

For further information, contact Civilian Personnel.

'Fun Fare' Coming, Due Thursday

A field-day of fun in the form of "Fun-Fare" will be presented on the night of 15 May, at the Oak Knoll auditorium. Designed for fun, as its title implies, this show teems with novelty and breezy comedy. A graceful and lovely line of precision and specialty dancers lend a big-time flourish to the proceedings and the array of singers, musicians and comedians make the show a promising night of entertainment.

The cast includes: Willie Solar, comedian; Four Mangers, comedy knockabout; Three Charms, harmony trio; Contreras Troubadors, music and singing; Jackson and Nedra, dance team; Johnny Hyman, blackboard wizard; Alf Anderson, accordionist, and Mel Hyman, pianist.



The duties of the Navy Nurse Corps are many and varied, but all is not work, as the nurses enjoy excellent recreational facilities, charming lounges in their quarters and good, wholesome food.

Six members of the AM crew (left to right): Ens. Margaret Embry, Ens. Barbara Heine, Lieut. Jane Bradley, Lcdr. Ann Murphy, Lt. (jg) Elsie Werner, and Ens. Georgianna Cacek, are returning to their quarters.

Lcdr. L. B. Sanders, Lcdr. M. B. Olds, Lcdr. M. M. Morrison and Lcdr. C. Richardson are seen in the Chief Nurse's Office discussing matters of nurses administration.

Lt. (jg) M. E. Russell is seen caring for an infant in the premature nursery.

Having lunch in the Nurses' Dining Room are the recently commissioned Ensigns (left to right): Julia Lindawood, Mildaize Borrow, Georgianna Cacek, Betty Kaiser, Dorothy Stockwell, Barbara Gengler, Mary Smith, and Nora Dixon.

Arranging a bowl of flowers for one of their lounges are (left to right) Ens. Margaret Embry, Lcdr. Ann Murphy, Ens. Barbara Heine, Ens. Georgianna Cacek, Lt. (jg) Elsie Werner, and Lieut. Jane Bradley.

Lt. (jg) M. P. Conover is weighing an OPD patient, while Lt. (jg) A. C. Hurlock takes another patient's blood pressure.

Thirty-Five States To Pay Vet's Bonus

Here is good news for all the men who are continually singing the day-before-pay-day-blues. The state that you first enlisted from is either paying or going to pay a state bonus.

Here is how it works: First write to your state department for an application blank. Secondly, you must have been a bona fide resident of that state for six months prior to enlisting. Third, have a discharge certificate or CERTIFIED STATEMENT OF SERVICE TAKEN FROM YOUR CURRENT SERVICE RECORD.

The following states have already passed legislation or are now paying: Michigan, Rhode Island, Illinois, New Hampshire, and Massachusetts. Thirty-five states are planning on paying, and 12 have no information. California being one that won't pay.

California has many good reasons for not paying, such as the California State Vet's Loan. The Vet's bill in California is: If you buy a home on a California loan and not on a government loan, you must pay one-third down, but if anything happens to you, such as total disability or death, your home is automatically paid for.

States paying a bonus all have about the same bill, and excerpts from the Michigan and Rhode Island bills are quoted for your information:

Michigan state will issue and sell bonds to raise the estimated cost of payments, and the payments will be made in cash. If the party is deceased, payments will be made to the surviving husband or wife, child or children, or dependent mother, father, brother, sister or heir, in the order named of any person who served in the Armed Forces of the United States, including the women of the Auxiliary branches, between 16 September 1940 and 30 June 1946, who served honorably, and when served at least 60 days during that period.

Officers and men who were residents of the State of Rhode Island for a period of not less than six months prior to entry into the Navy or Merchant Marines may be eligible for the \$200 bonus payment under the Rhode Island 1946 Veterans' Bonus Act.

Principal eligibility requirements

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A Constant Menace

That super-California sunshine is once again taking advantage of the season to get in a few under-cover punches at your safety.

No, we are not commenting on the "boiled-lobster" complexions which seem to be the latest fad on the base—even though this is a threat to personal safety. (Sunburn, in itself, is a first-degree burn, and as such, it can develop complications.) But what we are talking about is a more dangerous threat than sunburn!

This year the rainy-season has been uncommonly short. Though hailed by many sunshine lovers, it has an extreme disadvantage at Oak Knoll.

The hot sun has dehydrated Oak Knoll and the surrounding area, and this lack of moisture makes us a potential fire hazard.

Recently, a small grass fire occurred at night, and a strong wind did little to alleviate the minor blaze. Luckily, the fire was quickly reported, and was soon under control . . . but this case exemplifies the constant menace of fire to Oak Knoll.

Oak Knoll's buildings are comparatively safe, due to the automatic sprinkler systems installed, but the danger is out on the open knolls and fields where there is no extinguisher within an arm's length.

This safety menace can be alleviated by taking every possible precaution. Matches and cigarettes should be thoroughly extinguished before being thrown away, and any spontaneous combustion hazard should be cleared away.

Fire fighting classes, demonstrating technique and fire prevention are being held in Ship's Service Auditorium, and it is mandatory that ALL PERSONNEL attend. The Starboard watch has seen the demonstration, and the Port watch will be present at 1400, Monday, 12 May. Section watches, and the remainder of personnel will attend at 1400, Wednesday, 14 May.

Attend these lectures . . . and then keep a weather-eye open for the spark or smoke that could cause a major disaster.

Call the Fire Department IMMEDIATELY, in the event of a fire!

Divine Services

Protestant:
 Chaplain—E. C. Andrews.
 Sunday—
 Divine Service.....1100
 Protestant Chaplains' offices are located on the Second Deck of Bldg. No. 1.
Catholic:
 Chaplain—Carl Herold.
 Sunday Mass—0630, 0900.
 Weekday Mass—1205 in oratory next to Chaplain's Office in Building 1.
 Confessions before all Masses.

Christian Science:
 Worker will be on the compound every Tuesday and Friday afternoons.
Jewish:
 Divine Service—Transportation leaves Administration Bldg. every Friday at 1800 for services at Treasure Island Chapel. Men interested contact Chaplain Andrews at extension 184 to arrange transportation.
 The Field Representative of the National Jewish Welfare Board, Hospital Service Dept., is in attendance on the hospital compound once a week. Men desiring to see him should contact the Senior Chaplain.

Red Cross Ramblings

Discussion today of Red Cross Social Service is directed primarily at the corpsmen and staff members attached to the compound.

You all have noticed your Red Cross Social Worker on the ward. You have seen her talking with the patients and with the Ward Medical Officer. Perhaps she has asked you to assist her with some patient.

You may not know, however, that this same worker on your ward is there to be helpful to you. Perhaps there are situations at home which are puzzling to you; perhaps you are worried about your own adjustment to fellow workers and to the Navy. You may be sure that your ward Social Worker would be most happy to discuss these things with you and help you arrive at a solution. We would also like to mention that our Red Cross communication service is available to you for contacts with your family regarding their health and welfare.

May we take this opportunity to express our sincere appreciation for your cooperation to the Social Worker on your ward.

Vacation time has come around again—for the professional Red Cross recreation staff, too. Consequently, for the next several months, anyway, if you do not see your regular ward recreation worker as often as you have in the past, it is either because she is on HER vacation, or is sharing the ward load of another worker who is away. And with approximately 15 wards, it is rather difficult to get around as often as we would like to. What with ward movies, Gray Lady parties and visits, biweekly bicycle trips, occasional fishing trips, HANGOUT AND CRAFT SHOP activities and the many other things the Red Cross recreation department offers you, it should not be too "rough a deal" for anyone.

On Sunday, May 4th, Mrs. Wilcox of the San Leandro chapter of the Eastern Star, brought a whole batch of home-made cookies for distribution on the wards. Also, that same afternoon, five members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars brought a large quantity of fresh fruit and lots of magazines and took them to about six different wards.

ON THE WARDS—The following activities are available:

1. Leather—Small articles, one of each per bed patient, include bill-folds, cigarette cases, comb cases, coin purses, picture frames.
2. Square knotting—belfast cord, nylon shroud line for belts.
3. Pyro-cord bracelets, necklaces, head bands, earrings, wound salad sets.
4. Stencilling—blouses, aprons, luncheon sets, made with wax crayons and Prang paints. Cards for all occasions stencilled with paints and water-color pencils.
5. Wrapped bottle-sets for barbecue with crepe-paper or Belfast cord.
6. Beaded combs and earrings.
7. Model building — airplanes, ships, trucks, jeeps.
8. Pictures mounted with rick-rack, ruching and gingham

9. Match boxes covered with scrap leather.
10. Luggage tags made from scrap leather and plexi-glass.
11. Weaving—Inkle looms for belts and purses. Table looms for mats, runners, napkins, Fascinator looms for scarves. Jiffy looms for mats. Cord weaving—belts.
12. Small knitted articles, including socks.
13. Wood carving.
14. Fly-tying.
15. Moccasins made from discarded flight jackets.
16. Small purses made from huck towels.

IN THE SHOP — (Located in Building 102 — Prevocation — Open from 9:30-11:30; 1:00-4:00 — except Friday afternoon, Saturday and Sunday).
 1. Block printing and stenciling aprons (mother and daughter sets). Runners, cork mats — luncheon cloth sets and coasters. Bathing or diaper bags (waterproof, practical for many purposes).
 2. Leather work — Have scraps available for small projects. Large pieces must be purchased by ambulatory patients at Ship's Service H. S. Tools and instruction provided in Craft Shop.
 3. Plexi-glass bowls, trays, buttons, picture frames, luggage tags, name plates, candle holders and candy dishes.
 4. Art work including oil painting, poster making, lettering, cartooning and sketching.
 5. Weaving—both large floor looms for mats and rugs and table looms are available.
 6. Fly-tying.
 7. Moccasins made from flight jackets.
 8. Model building.
 9. Ceramics.
 10. Metalcraft.
 11. Gold Stamping — for use on leather, stationery, match covers, cards, etc.
 12. Bottle-wrapping for barbecue sets.

HANGOUT SCHEDULE

Monday, 1400

Planning Committee Meeting. Visitors welcome. This week's Thursday night party to be planned.

1900-2100, Camera Club.

Tuesday

Open House.

Wednesday, 1300

Ping Pong Tournament.

1900, Jam Session.

Thursday, 1900-2130

Party Night. Girls, entertainment, refreshments . . . fun for all.

Friday, 1400-1600

Field Day. Let Arthur Murray teach you dancing in a hurry!

Now hear this! If you can play any musical instrument, from a sweet potato to a clarinet, come down to our jam session and get in shape for the staff band which is now forming. We have an excellent pianist who can play anything from hot boogie to sentimental swing. Use those evenings constructively and have fun at the same time.

Attention all camera fans: Now you can develop and print your own films once a week at our Camera Club down at the Hangout every Monday night. It's fun, and you gain valuable experience. After several sessions with us you'll know how to set up your own darkroom at home with a minimum of effort and expense!

Casa Loma Orchestra Gives Afternoon Show

Long known for their smooth, sophisticated dance rhythms, Glen Gray and the Casa Loma Orchestra



Glen Gray

presented an afternoon show for the entertainment of Oak Knoll personnel.

Presenting the exquisite musical patterns that have earned them widespread acclaim, Glen Gray and the Casa Loma Orchestra brought with them the recent popular and ever-beloved standard tunes in a pleasant, melodious manner.

Batoned by the tall Glen Gray, the Casa Loma group is distinctive for its versatility. First of the leading swing bands—three years before Benny Goodman's rise to fame—the

Beneficial Group, The Naval Reserve

Membership in the new Naval Reserve Organization is, in general, open to volunteer civilians, both veterans and non-veterans, who are healthy, intelligent Americans of good character. Minimum age is 17 years.

Opportunities offered the Reservist for training in a trade and social and recreational contacts are many. Members are being encouraged to organize informal Naval Reserve units so as to benefit from group study and association. And there are advantages, such as home study courses and opportunities for advancement, even for members in remote areas.

Responsibilities of the member are proportionate to his activity in the Reserve, but they will not interfere with normal civilian life. Participation in group activities, even continued membership, is voluntary. But as in any other organization, the more he or she puts into Naval Reserve association, the more he will receive from it. Even if a member remains inactive, he will still receive certain benefits which will be to his advantage as a civilian.

Casa Loma instrumentalists are noted for their terrific change of pace from romantic ballads to wild bounce tunes.

The group is expected to return in June for a dance!

Transient Red Cross Craft Cart Brings Hobbies To Bed Patients



Bob Elliot, Cox., Ward 54, is seen chatting with Miss Dottie Munson about a PT boat model, available from the Craft Shop, and being demonstrated on the Craft Cart, which has been touring the wards during the last two weeks. The Cart made the tour to give everybody an opportunity to see what is available in the Craft Shop, and to extend a more personal invitation to visit the Shop!

Girls In White

New arrivals this week were Lt. (jg) Thessalona A. Braden (NC) USNR and Lt. (jg) Ealise M. Hoiem (NC) USN from Philadelphia, Pa. after completion of a course in Neuropsychiatric Nursing at the Pennsylvania Hospital for Nervous and Mental Diseases.

Lt. (jg) Dolores May Schwartz (NC) USN was detached 8 May for duty at the Medical Center, Guam. Miss Schwartz worked on the Medical wards during her stay at Oak Knoll.

Lt. (jg) Jane Thompson (NC) USN is now on thirty day leave after which she will report for duty aboard the U.S.S. Repose.

Lt. (jg) Maxine E. Russell (NC) USNR is being detached from the service and proceeding to her home in Ohio. Due to the good nursing care and supervision of Miss Russell we have been able to save a premature baby with the birth weight of 2 lbs. 2 oz. The baby is now 2 months old and weighs 4 lbs. 14 oz. Good work, Miss Russell.

Veteran's Bonus

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are service in the Armed Forces during the period beginning 16 September 1940 and ending 2 September 1945 or service in the Merchant Marine during the period beginning 7 December 1941 and ending 2 September 1945, plus residence requirements mentioned above. Application for Rhode Island Bonus must be filed with the state board on or before 30 June 1947.

Junior: "Pop, how do they catch crazy men?"
"51" Corpsman: "Oh, that's easy. A little lipstick and rouge, a hairdo and a pretty dress."

Civilian Personnel 10ND Director Here

From the Office of Director of Civilian Personnel, Twelfth Naval District, comes a civilian inspection group composed of Albert Bergesen, director; Fred Weaver, and Miss Ann Balbo.

These three are conducting a survey of civilian personnel management at this hospital, with specific emphasis on the safety and training program.

SURVEY CONDUCTED

In order to clarify and in some cases to reclassify and re-rate personnel, representatives from the Area Wage and Classification Office are making a survey of civilian IVb personnel of this hospital.

Beginning 22 April, heads of departments have been writing job descriptions on each person in the IVb group. This includes firefighters, guards, all clerical help, OT's, librarians, etc.

In the end these questionnaires will be sent in to the Area Office to be reevaluated. The need for such action has arisen because of changes in personnel, combining of certain jobs, and in some cases lessening of individual duties.

Advancements

Examinations for advancement in rating to HA1, PhM3, and PhM2, will be given during the latter part of May. Training courses are available at Staff Personnel Office.

Time requirements: for HA1: six months in pay grade six; for PhM3: six months in pay grade 5; for PhM2: twelve months in pay grade 4.



"I'm sorry, dear, but I have a pressing engagement to attend to first!"

Aquacade Presented At Oak Knoll Pool



SAY MAC, you need some oars! The Aquators demonstrated life saving techniques in the recent Aquacade at the Oak Knoll swimming pool. The Rhythm Ripples of the YWCA of Oakland presented a water ballet. On the right, part of the group is seen "taking five" with part of the audience.

Big Upset In Sixth Defeats Knoll, 10-3

The Oak Knoll baseball team dropped the second game in a row, this time to the Treasure Island nine by the score of 10 to 3.

The game was one in which the Knollites lost control and let the opposition score eight runs in one inning—the sixth.

Starting off the game, Oak Knoll was the first to score with Mraz singling to left field and Johnny Morris, new second baseman for the Knollers, came through with a rousing triple along the third base line, scoring a run and putting Oak Knoll in the lead, which they held until the upset in the sixth inning.

Peterson, catching for the local boys, laid a pretty triple over the left fielder's head, in the fifth inning.

Liggett started on the mound but was replaced later in the game by Molinowski. Schneider played at first, Morris at second and Thorne at third; Childs at shortstop, with Cullinan in left field, Greiter in center and Mraz in right. Mraz was replaced by Dodson.

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Oak Knoll102 000 000— 3 9 6
Treasure Island011 008 000—10 9 3
Liggett, Molinowski and Peterson; Dodson and Stairs.

KNOLL NINE NEWS

This week, Chief Alwood announced that Molinowski has been appointed to position of Assistant Manager of the Naval Hospital Oakland baseball team. Chief Molinowski, when not on duty in the Record Office, is usually seen on the pitcher's mound.

Sunday will find the local boys journeying to the other side of San Rafael—to Novato—to have a diamond tussle with the Novato Firemen!

Chicagoite Cullinan Plays For Knoll Nine

In the left field for the Knoll defense is Chicago's Jack Cullinan, otherwise seen in the dressing room of 70B.

Jack has made his mark in Oak Knoll athletics as he was a basket-



Jack Cullinan

sinking forward on the hoopster aggregation last season.

Enlisting in September of 1945, Cullinan took his boot training at Great Lakes and was then transferred to Balboa Park in San Diego for Corps School instruction. In March of '46, Jack left sunny lower California for the hills of Oak Knoll.

Jack attended South Shore High School, and played halfback for two years with the gridders. A strong Chicago Cubs fan, Jack has not played semi-pro, but spent most of his spare time cheering for the Cubs, and in sandlot ball!

When his minority hitch is up, Cullinan wants to obtain a Physical Education degree from either Notre Dame or the University of Illinois—and then go into coaching.

"The worst thing you can do is sock a SP in public."
"How's that?"
"Embarrassing as heck if you miss."

Scuttlebutt

I say, Washum! Are you still tender? Or have you abandoned riding with Johnny?

While still giving the dope on Graphic Arts, we would like to announce that **Bette Davis** is now the blushing bride of **Harry Wayland**. Good luck!

A broken-hearted Wave would like to know if the kid with the sweet disposition on Ward 70B is **Gene Walker**. Could that be true, Gene?

We have also heard that **Van Meter** of IMAA and **Haliburton**, wheel of the 75B night-crew, are home on leave! Have a good time!

Bessie (Mackamson) Vitt has left Oak Knoll's staff to become a housewife for **Mike!** The smiling face of **Harvey** is no longer at the OOD's desk, as **Deloy** has left to face the rigors of civilian life.

Hear ye! Hear ye! There has been a petition going around stating the corporals in Barracks 135 will pay anything if only **Stradtman** will stop playing the drums after 2200!

Ozzie Wilson has been transferred from Surgery, where he spent much time, to the swimming pool. Now he scrubs in a different way . . . this time on the decks around the pool.

A kanaka tells us that **Lou Moore** and **Robbie Robinson** might try on some hula skirts while on leave.

WANTED: All corporals to give **Gillies** a shipping over speech.

Question of the Week: Why is everyone calling **Jim Sparks** of the Swimming Pool **FOO FOO?**

Last Monday found three of the Oak Knoll Waves saying farewell. **Erin "Pat" Pence** returned to Idaho, **Ruthie Stafford** went East to Massachusetts, and **Evelyn Bowman** took a trip across the Bay to Frisco.

The nervous seaman rushed up to the commanding officer aboard a ship, stuttering away. Finally the skipped said, "Out with it. If you can't say it, sing it."

The sailor took a long breath and sang: "Should auld acquaintance be forgot and never brought to mind. The bosun's mate fell overboard—he's half a mile behind."

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A set of keys was found in the women's dressing room at the Swimming Pool. Will the owner please inquire at the pool office for them.

LOST

Anyone finding a cigarette lighter with the initials "W. S." engraved on it, please return to the tailor shop. Reward!

Class ring, Compton Junior College, initials "M. B. P." Please return to Bob Pruitt, Central Supply Room.

FOR SALE—Nine stone diamond engagement ring, beautifully set in platinum. Like new. Price \$300. Call Miss Burton, ex. 187.

• Movie Schedule •

Saturday, 10 May
"THIS LAND IS MINE"
Maureen O'Hara, Charles Laughton

Sunday, 11 May
"BUCK PRIVATES COME HOME"
Bud Abbott, Lou Costello

Monday, 12 May
"SHUT MY BIG MOUTH"
Adele Mara, Joe E. Brown

Tuesday, 13 May
"LOVE AND LEARN"
Martha Vickers, Jack Carson

Wednesday, 14 May
"BULLDOG DRUMMOND AT BAY"
Anita Louise, Ron Randell

Thursday, 15 May
"KING OF WILD HORSES"
Gail Patrick, Preston Foster

Friday, 16 May
"LIKELY STORY"
Barbara Hale, Bill Williams

Saturday, 17 May
"MOONTIDE"
Ida Lupino, Jean Gabin

BASEBALL

Sunday, 1400

Novato Firemen
At Novato



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UNITED STATES NAVAL HOSPITAL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA

Saturday, 17 May, 1947

Opportunity Here For Navy Students

Do you know that Educational Services can help you with that future of yours? Maybe you're planning to make a career of the Navy, perhaps it's back to civilian life or you after this hitch. Either way, what are you going to do about it? Here is one thing you can do through Educational Services.

IMPROVE YOUR SKILLS THROUGH STUDY. . . . In or out of the Navy, you'll be ahead. If your math needs brushing up, Educational Services can help you with anything from elementary arithmetic to differential calculus. Or perhaps it's grammar you want. Rate training manuals to get ready for that exam when you return to duty, bookkeeping, radio, psychology, diesel, navigation, naval ordinance, business filing, (Navy, too,) auto mechanics, farming—the list is almost endless, and varies from grade school materials through the first years of college.

You don't want to settle down to serious study? Then why not check out an educational manual or two on subjects like the above and read them as you please. Many have frequent exercises or tests with answers to help you check your progress.

No classes are in operation, but with these self teaching materials you can do much. Special help is available if you need it.

If you really mean business, try a correspondence course. Do you know that for a two-dollar enrollment fee you can get any number of USAFI courses, one after the other, in a wide range of subjects, both high school and college? Correspondence courses direct from colleges and universities are available to naval personnel at reduced rate.

Visit the Educational Services Office (near the main gate) and look over their equipment. Bed patients should contact the Red Cross. They will secure materials for you or arrange for a ward visit from Educational Services.

M. STICKNEY, Lt. W-USNR.

Open House

In commemoration of Naval Reserve Week, the U. S. Naval Hospital, Oakland, will hold **OPEN HOUSE** on Sunday, 25 May. Everyone invited to visit the departments and the hospital compound.

Fire Department Demonstrates Fire-Fighting Techniques Here



Oak Knoll's staff members look on as a Carbon Dioxide Extinguisher is demonstrated in the recent instruction classes.

The words—Alertness, Brains, Cleanliness—echoed and re-echoed throughout the auditorium on 8, 12 and 14 May when the Fire Department conducted a series of lectures and demonstrations on Fire Prevention and Fire Fighting. Fire Chief J. O. Raser, with the advisory assistance of Mr. G. Matthews, Assistant District Fire Marshal, directed the meetings.

The series got off to a flying start with Chief G. E. Moore and Captain C. J. Bergstrom of the large Oakland Naval Supply Depot Fire Department taking charge of the initial session.

Each of the lectures impressed upon staff personnel the great responsibility that lies in their hands not only in the healing of the injured but in the constant vigilance against fire. Fire is the enemy, who lies dormant in the weeds along the buildings, under the wards, in the linen lockers, in the waste baskets, and in a thousand other places, merely awaiting a life-giving spark from a cigarette or match to set the hospital into a blazing inferno. Fire has a habit of choosing the weak and the crippled as his victims. He has no sympathy for purple hearts.

But fire can be prevented by perpetual caution, controlled habits, proper supervision, and good house-keeping. Fire prevention can never be relaxed.

Despite perfect fire prevention measures, accidental fires still occur. For this reason Chief Raser and Cap-

tain Bergstrom pointed out that it is imperative (1) to know both the local and station fire bill, (2) to know the fire extinguishers and their uses, (3) to know what to do in the event of a fire, and (4) above all, to remain calm.

The firemen enumerated the three classes of fires: solid combustibles, flammable liquids, and electrical equipment, and described the proper use and effect of the various types of extinguishers locally available on the three classes of fire.

In the outside demonstration the water and soda-acid extinguishers proved to be the most effective on solid combustibles such as wood, excelsior, and rags. The foam and carbon dioxide types of extinguishment had a rapid smothering effect on gasoline, paint thinner and other highly flammable liquids, while the use of water greatly increased the combustion of the liquids or vapors. Though the demonstration did not include an electrical fire, the pyrene carbon tetrachloride and carbon dioxide extinguishers by nature of their non-conducting extinguishing agent were highly recommended.

Numerous Waves In Inactive Reserve

Because the Navy is desirous of increasing membership of enlisted women in the V-10 Inactive Reserve, demobilization of WAVES has acquired a new emphasis.

Since separation processing began in full force at this hospital on 21 April, 71 enlisted and 14 officers have been steered toward civilian status. Of this number, however, 67.6% of WAVE enlisted personnel have chosen release to inactive duty rather than discharge.

At present the following advantages accrue to V-10 Inactive Reserve members: (1) retention of rating; (2) continuance of longevity; (3) maintenance of affiliation with the Navy. And recently the Navy has offered the privilege of a two weeks training course to all inactive reserve members who wish to volunteer. Moreover, in some cities Volunteer Reserve WAVE units have been organized and their members hold weekly drill and study courses.

Recently application blanks mailed from the Office of District Director, Women's Reserve, resulted in positive returns over a two-week period of 142 requests for this two weeks duty. According to District Headquarters the rates most desired by C.O.'s in this area are PhM.; Y; SK; and V's. Statistics on demobilization at this hospital indicate the largest percentages of discharges come from these rates.

Locally the number of hospital corps WAVES thus far discharged from the staff of this hospital is 11, with about 50% choosing release to inactive duty.

Noble Coming Here For Afternoon Show

Straight from the lovely Claremont Hotel, Leighton Noble will bring his orchestra and pleasant music for an afternoon show on 21 May, 1500, in the Ship's Service Auditorium.

Not only an excellent baton waver, Noble is adept vocally, and will probably provide much warbling entertainment for the Knollites.

The show is being brought to the compound through the efforts of Lt. (jg) Charles Taylor and the Recreation Department.

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In Commendation

That Oak Knoll Hospital gains a coveted reputation is proved in letters of commendation received by the Commanding Officer. As examples, the Oak Leaf publishes extracts from two of these letters:

Dear Captain Broaddus:

Some weeks ago, my brother was admitted to the U.S. Naval Hospital, Oakland.

I am certain the day he was taken there in an extremely critical condition due to a dangerous heart ailment there was a very slight hope of his surviving even a few days.

Since that time, I have been constantly at my brother's side, visiting almost daily, and what I say here is from experience and close observation during these past weeks.

There has been nothing left undone at the hospital to help him. The doctor whose medical skill must surely rank with the the best, has almost performed miracles, in that my brother, since entering the hospital, has improved and had many better days. I feel certain he would not be alive today were it not for this splendid care and kindness.

May I say here also that the excellent attention and kindness that the very efficient corpsmen and nurses have given are second to none; not only to my brother, but having been so frequent a visitor at the hospital, I could not help noticing other very ill patients in the same ward. I believe no amount of wealth could give these persons hospitalized at Oak Knoll better medical care, finer food, kindness or comfort.

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The Alameda County Employees Committee wishes to compliment the group attending the Sportsman's Show Tuesday night, 29 April. They were all gentlemen, were a fine audience, did themselves proud and we received much comment from the show people and public as, "What a well behaved bunch they were." Such praise is a great deal to their credit and we are most proud to have had them as our guests.

† † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

Offering an excuse for not attending chapel services one Sunday, a man said to me recently: "You know, Chaplain, it takes SOME will power to get up early on Sunday mornings."

But just how early does one have to get up to arrive at chapel by 1100? And, granted that some slight will power is required, what worthwhile work, or what good deed, requires NO will power?

Actually more than will power is required to attend chapel services. A conviction of sin, and a need to hear the word of God in the service is required. A desire to praise God in song and prayer is required. A desire to receive the Holy Communion and to be in the company of other believers is required.

The man who attends chapel regularly may not be able to put these thoughts and feelings into words. But, underneath, these are some of the reasons he has been attending chapel.

CHAPLAIN E. C. ANDREWS.

Guest Speaker

Guest speaker for Protestant Services, 1100 Sunday, will be Chaplain Alfred J. Barnston.

Red Cross Ramblings

The management of the Red Cross Recreation Lounge, formerly known as the "Hangout" wishes to announce a permanent change of name and address. The lounge has moved downstairs in Building 102 and will henceforth be known as the "POOP-DECK". Orchids go to Al Bellas, S1c, Ward 71A, who submitted the winning entry in the name contest held at the opening night party May 8.

On Mother's Day, Mrs. Esther England, Red Cross Chairman of Entertainment for Wards, brought to Oak Knoll an especially talented group of entertainers. Howard Eastwood, who has appeared here often, presented a medley of Victor Herbert favorites and accompanied the other performers—Donna Green, vivacious tap dancer; Bud Meade and Ed Holden, singers from KFRC; Lowell Hannon, night club singer, and Julianne Seger, the hit girl with songs and accordion selections. For their next appearance here, Mrs. England announces that she will bring Maurice Anger and his Boogie Band.

On behalf of Oak Knoll Hospital, Jaime Sahl and Von Nostrand accompanied by Miss Betty Heath and Miss Winnifred Eley, Red Cross Recreation Workers, drove to the Steinhardt Aquarium in Golden Gate Park in San Francisco Sunday afternoon, May 11, to accept a tropical fish aquarium. This aquarium, similar to those in the library and in ward 63A, will be put in one of the wards. After it is once in operation not much care is needed, but some of the patients will have to "bone up" on the care and diets of fish. The

raising of tropical fish is an interesting hobby for many people, and we wish to thank the Steinhardt Foundation for their very fine gift. "Tune Timers," a group of professional musicians from the Bay Area, helped the men on ward 55 learn to play musical instruments on the spot and make their own records Friday, May 9. Perhaps their first efforts weren't so harmonious, but by the end of the afternoon everyone was quite pleased with himself and firmly convinced that he should try something a little more advanced than drums and whistles.

Poopdeck Schedule

MONDAY

- 1400—Patient planning committee meeting . . . this week's party plan to be discussed.
- 1900—Camera Club meeting.
- 1900—Classical Music Hour. Hear your favorite classics in the quiet refreshing atmosphere of our new music room.

WEDNESDAY

- 1300—PING PONG TOURNAMENT.
- 1900—JAM SESSION and GAMES NIGHT . . . refreshments and prizes.

THURSDAY

- 1900—PARTY NIGHT . . . hostesses, entertainment, refreshments and much fun for all.

FRIDAY

- 1400—ARTHUR MURRAY DANCE INSTRUCTION.

Overseas Pay Permanent

The Pay Readjustment Act of 1942 authorized the base pay of any enlisted man, warrant officer or nurse (female) in the military or naval forces of the United States to be increased by 20 per cent and the base pay of any commissioned officer of the Navy—to be increased by 10 per cent for any period of service while on sea duty or on duty in any place beyond the continental limits of the United States or Alaska. This increase was a temporary provision that was to terminate "twelve months after the termination of the war is proclaimed by the President." The Act of October 6, 1945, removed the termination provision and thereby made "sea duty" and "overseas duty" pay increase permanent in the pay structure.

—"Naval Affairs"

Inspection News

In recognition of the results of personnel inspection, 7 May, Captain Broaddus has announced that personnel inspection will be held only once a month, as long as the present quality is maintained.

Divine Services

Protestant:
 Chaplain—E. C. Andrews.
 Sunday—
 Divine Service.....1100
 Protestant Chaplains' offices are located on the Second Deck of Bldg. No. 1.
Catholic:
 Chaplain—Carl Herold.
 Sunday Mass—0630, 0900.
 Weekday Mass—1205 in oratory next to Chaplain's Office in Building 1.
 Confessions before all Masses.

Christian Science:
 Worker will be on the compound every Tuesday and Friday afternoons.
Jewish:
 Divine Service—Transportation leaves Administration Bldg. every Friday at 1800 for services at Treasure Island Chapel. Men interested contact Chaplain Andrews at extension 184 to arrange transportation.
 The Field Representative of the National Jewish Welfare Board, Hospital Service Dept., is in attendance on the hospital compound once a week. Men desiring to see him should contact the Senior Chaplain.

Girls In White

Lt. (jg) Marianne Conover (NC) USN was detached to her home in Claffin, Kansas. Mrs. Conover worked in the out-patient department most of the time during her tour of duty at Oak Knoll.

An enjoyable time was had by Lieutenants Lucille Donohue, Martha Lepine, and Helen Traub week-ending in Yosemite National Park. They motored up Saturday afternoon, spent the night at Camp Curry from where they viewed the Fire Falls for the first time, and then on Sunday morning visited the Falls, Mirror Lake and Glacier Point. Bicycling was the order of the afternoon. Sunday night found three tired but happy girls on their way back to home base. By 1 June the park will be in full sway and anyone who has not visited this spot should do so before leaving California.

Frolicking 'Fun Fare' Features Festivities

Featuring comedy, novelty and musical entertainment, "Fun Fare" presented a field-day of fun at Oak Knoll last Thursday, 15 May.

A smash comedy hit, Willie Solar, presented his repertoire of farm-yard imitations, and four of Billy Rose's beauties, "The Four Mangers" followed up with their satire of Gay Nineties Dances.

The Three Charms sang popular ballads in close harmony and the Ontreas Troubadours changed the tempo with South American numbers.

Jackson and Nedra, highly popular dance team, drew rounds of applause with their tap and acrobatic talents. Johnny Hyman featured memory feats with the aid of a blackboard, and Finnish Alf Anderson followed the act with his tuneful accordion.

Piano accompaniment and musical direction was performed by Mel Heyman. The show was presented through Recreation.

Doctor: "You cough more easily this morning."

Patient: "I should. I've been practicing all night."

HELEN HIGHWATER



OOD's Desk, Headache Center Of the Compound, Gives Information, Solves Insolvable Problems

A busy nucleus for the problems of the compound is to be found on the lower deck of the Administration Building and is known as the Desk of the Officer of the Day. This center of activity is a department employing a permanent staff of three corpsmen and a chief, a constantly changing watch of eight staff doctors, and a watch of Administrative OOD's.

Acting as a combination information center, clearing house, and trouble shooter, the "Desk" is ready to handle any and all emergencies, even though some of the requests become a bit difficult. For example, last week a translator had to be called in to obtain the desire of a Spanish gentleman whose son is a patient here. And then someone called in asking for Johnny, a corpsman. Through personal acquaintance with the situation, one of the corpsmen found "Johnny."

The department receives the visitors of staff and patients, official and otherwise, locates the desired personnel, and effects a meeting, if possible. As a dispensary of information, the desk receives numerous questions concerning the whereabouts, condition, previous duty sta-



J. J. Zamudio, HA1, is seen answering one of the busy phones at the "Desk", while W. S. Scott, PHM3, is seen in the background on another extension.



W. F. Adkins, HA2, from the Record Office, Lt. (jg) M. E. Russell, (NC) USN, and E. M. York, HA1, are gaining information from J. J. Zamudio.

tion or any number of bits of miscellaneous information about personnel. The data is quickly supplied from the copious files the department keeps containing the admission cards of the patients.

The office is also the center of another function . . . the fire alarm system. When a practice alarm is turned in, the large steam whistle notifies personnel and the fire department of the site of the fire, and simultaneously, the commanding and executive officers are contacted by phone.

The eight doctors on watch, Senior OOD, Assistant OOD, two internes, Senior Surgical Watch, Surgical Resident, Orthopedic Resident and Urology Resident, stand their watches from 1000 one day to the same time the following day. Their duty is to handle emergencies, make evening sick calls on the wards, and sign the numerous chits coming in after regular hours from the various departments.

In addition to this, the doctors are kept busy with emergency cases that have to be examined and treated,

before further transfer to wards.

The Chief of the Day, W. L. Burley, is assisted by J. J. Zamudio, HA1, and W. S. Scott, PhM3, and night-duty man, M. Farrah, HA2. Chief Burley is taking the place of Chief Schnell, who is on leave.



W. L. Burley, CPhM, checks on the Treatment Room's Medicine Cabinet.

Paralyzed Veterans Bowl In Wheel Chairs

Paralyzed veterans bowling from wheel chairs at the Veterans Administration hospital in Van Nuys, California, are leading in the first week of competition for the national 10-pin championship of the VA paraplegic centers.

All of the contestants are paralyzed from the hips down, and are only able to bowl from a sitting position in wheel chairs, but one contestant must bowl from a litter because he is unable to sit in a wheel chair.

All of the 15 games bowled by the Van Nuys team of five members resulted in scores exceeding 100 pins.

He: "I'm a self-made man."
She: "Just another example of unskilled labor."

VARIETY SHOW

Presented by
DEL RAMON
of the
THESPIAN CLUB

* * *
23 May
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RECREATION

Recreation will take 50 men to the "I Am An American" program featuring Red Skelton and Harold Russell, at the San Francisco Auditorium, 18 May. The invitation is extended through the San Francisco Examiner. Men interested should contact Recreation immediately.

Mustering-Out Pay Is Now To Be Paid At End Of Leave

The first \$100 of mustering out pay and any travel allowance due will be paid Navy and Marine Corps personnel only at the time of discharge or release from active duty. This policy, promulgated by Alnav 106-47 (NDB, 30 April), was placed in effect on 1 May. The policy was made necessary by the requirement that all mustering out pay and travel allowance be charged to the appropriation for the fiscal year in which discharge or release becomes effective, the Alnav said.

"Sure gonna be tough sledding today."

"Yeah? How come?"

"No snow!"

Novato Firemen Best Oak Knoll in Close Game; 6-5



Krauthneim lays one out into center field in the Novato-Knoll game last Sunday, and on the right we have Thorne rounding first base while Budel on the Novato team races for the ball.

The Knollites traveled north for last Sunday's sports offering, where they had a diamond tussle with the "Novato Firemen."

Starting the game off fast, the Novato aggregation chalked up four runs on two hits in the first inning, and followed Oak Knoll's single run in the fourth with 2 more, placing them with a lead of 6 to 1 over Oak Knoll at that time.

The Knollites quickly recuperated from the onslaught and chalked up a run in the seventh, and three more in the eighth, on a single by Thorne, double by Childs and a triple by Peterson.

Molinowski started the game and was relieved by Liggett in the last of the fourth. Krauthiem caught the entire game. A partially new lineup was used with Peterson on first base, Morris on second, and Thorne on third. Childs played his usual position of shortstop and Cullinan played left field. Kincaid was in center and Dodson in right.

Humor in the game was supplied by Dodson, who caused quite a sensation with his outspread arms in tagging four flies.

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Molinowski and Liggett, Krauthiem; Kelly and Robinson, Manzoni.

KNOLL NINE NEWS

After coaching last weekend's two games, Manager **C. A. Alwood** left on a little vacation from the commissary and the diamond, in the form of 15 days leave. Have a good time, Chief!

While returning from Novato last Sunday, an election among the team members elected the Knoll shortstop, **Sherman Childs**, to the position of team captain. Good luck, Sherm!

BASEBALL
Saturday, 1400
Oakland Firemen
Home Game
Sunday, 1200
Bus leaves for
Rodeo

Oak Knoll Loses To Concordia Hi

Oak Knoll came out on the short end of Saturday's baseball game with Concordia High School, to the score of 6 to 0.

Edmunds, the opposing pitcher, was able to hold Oak Knoll down to their first non-scoring game . . .



SLUGGER PETE . . . Peterson connects with a solid one in Saturday's game to send a near-fair ball in a line drive.

with 20 strikeouts and only 5 hits to his credit. Concordia chalked up four runs in the third and two in the fifth.

Taintor started on the mound with Krauthiem catching. Molinowski relieved Taintor in the fifth. Schneider played first, with Gedestad at second and Morris at third. Gedestad was replaced by Childs in the seventh. Hamilton was at shortstop, being relieved by Peterson in the ninth. Cullinan and Mraz played left field, Kincaid in center, and Dodson in right.

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Taintor and Molinowski, Krauthiem; Edmunds, Hunrick.

Navy wife: "When we were married you said I had a shape like a beautiful sleek ship."

CPhM: "Yeah, but your cargo has shifted."

S1: "Look, chief, no hands!"
Chief: "Careful up there, lad—"
S1: "—Look Chief, no teef!"

"Scuttlebutt Is Flying"

Well, all reet! It sounds as if some sweet young chick in Oakland has been singing "Lover, Come Back To Me," to **Bob Bowen** of 51B.

What brings flowers besides "April Showers?" Is her name **Ella, Cecil?**

Looke like Cecil didn't give Gilles enough "Shipping over Music," so now Cecil is going to be Barracks MAA for the first and second class.

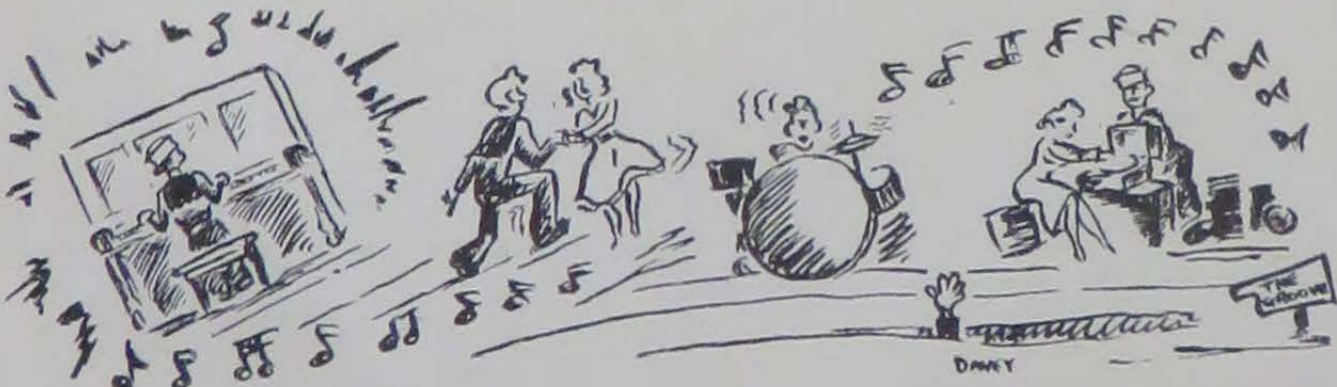
And speaking about Barracks MAA's, two Specialists (S) left the Waves this week. Guess **Patty Paterson** and **Lucille Quick** will be singing the "Civvie Blues".

That mellow-fellow **Spotanski** is

once more back on the compound after a leave and with no report of "Love on a Greyhound Bus." Guess he must be slipping. We heard **Peret** singing "Give Me Five Minutes More," after returning from his leave.

What's this about **Johnny Czech** receiving calls from a local belle. "Could This Be Moon Love?"

We want to close this column with the best of wishes to **Chief Schnell**, who is on leave, after a bout with lumbar pneumonia. Sort of a vacant spot in the OOD's office these days, Chief.



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LOST—Silver Parker 51 pen, with "AHTI" engraved. Please return to Elsie Ahti, Public Information Office.

• Movie Schedule •

Saturday, 17 May
"MOONTIDE"
Ida Lupino, Jean Gabin

Sunday, 18 May
"THE EGG AND I"
Claudette Colbert, Fred MacMurray

Monday, 19 May
"ANCHORS AWEIGH"
Gene Kelley, Frank Sinatra

Tuesday, 20 May
"CARNIVAL IN COSTA RICA"
Dick Haymes, Celeste Holmes

Wednesday, 21 May
"THE MILLERSON CASE"
Warner Baxter, Nancy Saunders

Thursday, 22 May
"LOST HONEYMOON"
Franchot Tone, Ann Richards

Friday, 23 May
"TWO MRS. CARROLLS"
H. Bogart, Barbara Stanwyck

Saturday, 24 May
"BOMBARDIER"
Pat O'Brien, Randolph Scott

Girl: "And if I refuse, will you kill yourself?"
PmM3: "That has been my usual custom."



THE OAK LEAF



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UNITED STATES NAVAL HOSPITAL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA

Saturday, 24 May, 1947

Guarantee Of Peace: The New Naval Reserve

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Nation Celebrates "Naval Reserve Week"



AN EXCELLENT example of America's reserve power can be found in the ships of the "zipper fleet" . . . ships which are ship-shape to the last detail, and which can be made, almost overnight, fit and ready to fight again. The sprayed airtight "cocoon" above covers a five-inch submarine deck gun. The interior is dehumidified, and through a lucite window can be seen the package of desiccant which indicates whether the desired dryness is being maintained. On the right, it's "All Secure" for the 19th Fleet submarines berthed near the Causeway at Mare Island Naval Shipyard.

Exams Scheduled For Civil Service

Examinations have been announced by Civilian Personnel for the following positions:

Chief Laundryman, First Laundryman, Laundryman, Meat Cutter, Head Hospital Baker, Baker, Housekeeper, Maid and Pantryman.

Applications must be filed with: Board of U. S. Civil Service Examiners, Mare Island Naval Shipyard, Vallejo, California, not later than 4 June, 1947.

Open until further notice is application for Hospital Attendant. Application must be filed with: Executive Secretary, Board of U. S. Civil Service Examiners, Veterans Administration Branch Office, 180 New Montgomery Street, San Francisco, California.

Application must be filed with Director 12th U. S. Civil Service Region, Room 129, Appraiser's Bldg., 630 Sansome Street, San Francisco, 11, California, not later than 28 May 1947 for the positions of:

Addressograph operator, Graphotype operator, Addressograph Graphotype operator, Bookkeeping machine operator, Listing machine operator, Tabulating machine operator, Card punch operator and Calculating machine operator.

Application for Apprentice, 3rd class, must be filed with Board of U. S. Civil Service Examiners, S. F. Naval Shipyard, San Francisco, California, not later than 27 May 1947.

Applications for Meat Inspector, Livestock Inspector, and Virus-Serum Inspector must be filed not later than 2 June 1947, with Board of U. S. Civil Service Examiners, Department of Agriculture, Area No. 7, Room 645, 630 Sansome Street, San Francisco, California.

For further information, contact Civilian Personnel.

Open House Here On Sunday, 25 May

In observance of Naval Reserve Week, this hospital will hold Open House Sunday May 25, from 1300 to 1600.

Escorts will be stationed at the Community Service Building from where they will take visitors through the departments and on a tour of the compound. Guards at the gate will direct the visitors to the Community Service Building.

Personnel have coordinated their efforts during the week, and are asked to do so on Sunday, to emphasize the advantages of the Naval Reserve to the public. This is part of a nation-wide drive to recruit more than a million members of the Reserve in order to assure that the Navy will remain unassailable and capable of guaranteeing the security of the nation.

Reserve Week Message

"The vital importance of an adequate U. S. Naval Reserve can be expressed most simply by a statistical comparison of the Navy's strength on V-J Day with that of the Regular Navy as it exists today. At the war's end, our Navy had more than three million men—nine out of every ten of which were Reservists. On V-J Day we had the largest and most powerful aggregation of fighting ships the world had ever seen.

"Today the regular Navy and Marine Corps has been reduced to a little more than half a million men. Some 2,000 ships and 9,000 small craft have been laid-up in the so-called 'zipper fleet.'

"We are a peace-loving people, and this is what we wanted. But loving peace, we should not forget that the potential of seapower is still one of its best guarantees. We must have a strong and well-trained Reserve to stand behind the regular Navy, ready to expand our nucleus at a moment's notice, should the need arise."

REAR ADMIRAL THOMAS L. SPRAGUE, USN
Chief of Naval Personnel.

EDDIE FITZPATRICK
and his orchestra
will be here on
WEDNESDAY, 28 May
for an afternoon show
and
"All Hands" Dance

The Oak Leaf

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Operation Naval Reserve

Sunday, 25 May, will mark the end of Naval Reserve Week, during which the Navy conducted a concentrated effort in the vigorous campaign to enlist volunteers in its new Naval Reserve program.

Goal for the nationwide drive, which will end the latter part of June, is the enlistment of 1,000,000 men—both youths not yet in the armed forces and veterans. In the Twelfth Naval District the quota is 33,200—13,300 of which had been recruited by the middle of April.

The foundation of the program is the so-called "V-6", the inactive volunteer reserve. "The men who enlist in the V-6 program are under no obligation to drill, attend classes or perform other military services. The ONLY requirement is to keep the Navy notified of their whereabouts at all times." Optional also is the participation in training cruises, which last up to fourteen days in length.

Veterans who enlist, if formerly in the Navy or Coast Guard, are enrolled at the ratings they held when they left the service, or in the same pay-grade—if a veteran of the Marine Corps or Army.

The active reserve, known as "O-1", provides for regular weekly instruction periods in various activities of the Navy. This training, for some, and review, for others, helps give the Navy a reserve of skilled and highly trained personnel.

The training offered is of great benefit in civilian life, as the trainees gain an education, as well as providing the nation with the necessary skilled personnel needed to operate the highly complex weapons of our age.

The participation in the weekly training helps build character for the youths, and assures the United States of useful and productive citizens.

† † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

"Rockefeller can sign his name to a piece of paper and make it worth a million dollars . . . THAT IS CAPITAL.

Longfellow could write a poem on a piece of paper and make it worth six thousand dollars . . . THAT IS GENIUS.

An artist can take a piece of canvas and paint a good picture on it, and make it worth a thousand dollars . . . THAT IS ART.

A good mechanic can take five dollars worth of material and make an article worth fifty dollars . . . THAT IS SKILL.

Uncle Sam can take a small piece of gold, stamp an eagle on it, and make it worth twenty dollars . . . THAT IS MONEY.

God can take a life, put his spirit in it, and make it a blessing to humanity . . . THAT IS RELIGION."

—from the "20th Century Christian"

Submitted by Chaplain E. C. Andrews

Divine Services

Protestant:

Chaplain—E. C. Andrews

Sunday—Divine Service . . . 1100

Holy Communion first Sunday in each month.

Protestant Chaplain's offices are located on the Second Deck of Bldg. No. 1.

Catholic:

Chaplain—Carl Herold.

Sunday Mass—0630, 0900.

Weekday Mass—1205 in oratory next to Chaplain's Office in Building 1.

Confessions before all Masses.

Christian Science:

Worker will be on the compound every Tuesday and Friday afternoons.

Jewish:

Divine Service—Transportation leaves Administration Bldg. every Friday at 1800 for services at Treasure Island Chapel. Men interested contact Chaplain Andrews at extension 184 to arrange transportation.

The Field Representative of the National Jewish Welfare Board, Hospital Service Dept., is in attendance on the hospital compound once a week. Men desiring to see him should contact the Senior Chaplain.

Red Cross Ramblings

Philatelists, Attention!

Collecting postage stamps is an ideal hobby for that excess spare time. Oak Knoll Stamp Club offers the best in material available, and if you want an American or Wide World Album, catalogs, hinges, and hundreds of stamps to sort over, let us know. You can start here as a beginner or continue right where you left off when you were overseas or back home. Stamps from every country in the world are available and plenty of first-day covers. Meetings of stamp club members are held every week. Come up to the second deck of Ship's Service Building, Red Cross Recreation office number 229, and get acquainted.

Language Instruction

Time to Spare? How about learning a language while you are in the hospital? No grammar, just conversation which can be fun and interesting. We offer Spanish, French, German, Russian, Italian, and the Oriental languages. There are illustrated books and Linguaphone records for you to use, or if you would like to have a live conversationalist, she can start you off and visit from time to time to see how you are getting along. Easiest of all, foreign conversation can be combined with music for variety. You can learn to sing the folk songs in their native tongue; lovely melodies with new words to discover.

Many Thanks

To the Disabled American Veterans Organization, Chapter No. 6, of Oakland for bringing to the hospital every other Friday night dance bands from the Bay Area. Last Friday the Frisco Jazz Band, who put over "Huggin' and a' Chalkin'," played in wards 41A and 44B. They promised to come back and for their next appearance will bring Clancy Hayes himself, composer of their best-selling platter, to sing.

Orchids to the ladies of the Jewish Welfare Board who put on those ever-popular bingo parties in the wards every other Monday night. Those parties have broken the monotony of many long hours for patients at Oak Knoll.

"I'm glad to hear that Bill's fine now. What did they operate on him for?"

"They removed a brass rail that had been pressing against his foot for years."

The original booby trap was the mistletoe.

Poopdeck Schedule

MONDAY, MAY 26

1400—Planning Committee meeting. We're planning a Hill Billy party for this week. Come down and help us work out the details.

1900—Camera Club meeting. Hear Sgt. Bery C. Wasson, Ace Marine Corps photographer, speak on "How to Take Good Pictures." Don't miss this fine opportunity to learn the secrets of good pictorial composition!

1900—Classical Music hour. Our new classical albums are in. Listen to some of the world's finest recorded masterpieces.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 28

1400—Ping Pong tournament. Double Elimination contest.

1900—Jam Session and games night. Fun and prizes. Refreshments.

THURSDAY, MAY 29

1900-2130—Come to our Hill Billy party for an evening of riotous, old-fashioned fun! Hostesses and refreshments.

FRIDAY, MAY 30

Field Day. Lounge closed until 1300.

1400—Arthur Murray Dance instruction. Is your dancing a social asset or just a liability? Don't let inability to dance curtail your fun. Take advantage of this fine opportunity NOW.

ATTENTION ALL HANDS: Our new fully equipped darkroom is ready for action. Phone or come in person to make an appointment to use these facilities today!

Our music listening room is open every day for your convenience and enjoyment. We have a growing classical library; so pay us a visit soon.

How's That Again?

(SEA) — Wrandvausgilmolkets is what a man in Oakland, Calif. wants to be called. His present name is Miswald Cends Wrandvakist, but he thinks it's unlucky. So, the court permitting, he'll get to be known as Linkols Dislgrowels Wrandvausgilmolkets.

Wrandvaus — wotsisname — thought that monicker up himself, too.

They Wore Gold Medals—On Seat of Their Pants

(AFPS)—Now it can be told—the story of an incident during President Truman's recent goodwill visit to Mexico. It came to light during the return visit of President Miguel Aleman of Mexico to the White House early in May.

When Pres. Truman was in Mexico he was honored at a dinner at the Embassy, as the guest of Pres. Aleman. All guests were seated on freshly gilded dining chairs. Among the notables were Secretary of State George C. Marshall, Secretary of Labor Lewis B. Schwellenbach and Senators Arthur H. Vandenberg and Tom Connally. When they arose from dinner each carried a big gold medal in the wrong place.

Fortunately, the two presidents sat in plush chairs and were spared the involuntary posterior decoration.

Tests Simplified For Naval Reserve

(SEA) — A simplified physical screening test has been temporarily established by the Navy to facilitate enrollment in the Naval Reserve during the next five months. A 24-point medical history questionnaire and seven simple physical standards make up the procedure. The prospective enrollee might, for example, be asked if he had ever been under treatment in a hospital, been injured at athletics or had ever walked in his sleep.

Among the physical standards are that the applicant must be between five feet and six-feet-four in height, not obviously under or over weight, must have a pulse rate under 100 per minute, and have no apparent bodily defects. He must be able to read black capital letters three-eighths of an inch high at eight feet without glasses or at 20 feet with glasses and to hear conversation at 15 feet. A complete physical examination will continue to be required when a reservist is placed on active duty. The streamlined physical will be in effect only until 1 Oct. 1947.

NAVY FORMULA: Shoot the breeze, pas sthe buck, and get a receipt.

Repatriates May Be Recommended For Warrant Or Commissioned Rank

REPATRIATES — generally, former prisoners of war—still may be recommended for warrant or commissioned rank if they have not previously been considered by BuPers. Alnav 107-47 (NDB, 30 April), cautioning that authority for original temporary appointment of repatriates will expire "if legislation now before congress is enacted into law," urges all commands to check records of repatriated enlisted men who may be eligible for appointment. Recommendations for such original temporary appointments should be forwarded promptly, the Alnav says.

No enlisted personnel who were advanced to petty officer first class subsequent to 16 Feb. 1945, have been considered for temporary appointment to warrant or commissioned rank. Alnav 107 states that recommendations, therefore, are not desired in the case of enlisted repatriates whose retroactive date of advancement to petty officer first class is subsequent to 16 Feb. 1945.

Likewise not desired are requests for consideration of repatriates who have been previously considered by BuPers for original temporary appointment.

Repatriates who have already received an original temporary appointment to warrant or commissioned rank and who are eligible for further retroactive promotion have been so advised by individual instructions issued concurrently with the original appointment.

Referring to Alnav 208-46 (NDB, 30 April), the recent dispatch emphasizes that a man's status as a repatriate merely establishes his eligibility for the commanding officer's consideration and recommendation for appointment to warrant or commissioned rank. His qualifications are based on his service record, his moral, mental, professional, and current physical fitness. Recommendations received by the Bureau will insofar as possible, be judged by the same standards as were those of the men's former contemporaries and the needs of the service at the time they would have been eligible for recommendation.

For the purposes of this consideration, repatriates are held by the Bureau to be "returned enlisted personnel who have in the course of honorable service fallen into the hands of the enemy as prisoners of war, or who have escaped from such custody or evaded capture."

Admiral Boone Visits Oak Knoll

Recently returned from the Nation's Capitol and up-to-date on overall Navy matters, Rear Admiral Joel T. Boone (MC) paid an informal visit to this station and gave staff members here the latest news in Navy legislation.

The Admiral, who is Western Sea Frontier Inspector of all Medical Department Activities on the Pacific



JOEL T. BOONE
Rear Admiral, MC, USN

Coast, first met with senior members of the staff at luncheon in the private dining room of the Club. Immediately following, he spoke to all doctors and officers attending the regular weekly staff conference.

Concentrating on a brief overview of Navy legislation now pending in Washington, Admiral Boone discussed the merger proposal with its various modifications with especial reference to the place of the Medical Corps in the proposed new plan. The Naval Medical Officer Procurement Act of 1947, the Medical Services Corps, legislation regarding the Nurses Corps and reference to the 1948 budget were likewise summarized or mentioned.

• Movie Schedule •

Saturday, 24 May
"BOMBARDIER"
Pat O'Brien, Randolph Scott

Sunday, 25 May
"WOMAN ON THE BEACH"
Joan Bennett, Robert Ryan

Monday, 26 May
"GO WEST, YOUNG LADY"
Penny Singleton, Glen Ford

Tuesday, 27 May
"MacCOMBER AFFAIR"
Joan Bennett, Gregory Peck

Wednesday, 28 May
"PHILO VANCE'S GAMBLE"
Tala Birell, Alan Curtis

Thursday, 29 May
"SAN DEMETRIO"
Walter Fitzgerald, Art Young

Friday, 30 May
"ROMANCE OF ROSY RIDGE"
Van Johnson, Thomas Mitchell

Saturday, 31 May
"THAT OTHER WOMAN"
Virginia Gilmore, Dan Duryea

Scuttlebutt

What's the matter, Rogers and MacNamara? Didn't Hanson hint strong enough when he was "spark-in'" with Terry?

A little bird told us that the spoke of "Physio," Frank Hatton, has been seen quite a bit lately in the company of Ship Service's Maurine.

And speaking of the Physio boys, Joe Gurule tied the knot the other day with one of the local belles. Good luck, Joe!

We see that Oak Knoll, the Commissary, and the Baseball team lost a good man . . . "Swede" Beausoleil. The Swede was transferred to YBI where he will be further assigned to some Pacific area.

Question of the Week: Why is "Earl" the war cry at Chow time? Can you help us out, York?

Second Question of the Week: What prominent local girl has become involved with a Caterpillar Tractor? Is this true Dorothy?

Third ditto: When will "Patty" of Property and Accounting learn to sit on a stool, or is that how the sprained ankle resulted?

It seems that Ready had a lot of fun for a couple of days last week when he wore a pair of tight whites. Did any seams split?

Who is the "Frankie" of the switchboard on Port duty nights? And we don't mean "Eddie." That new sweet feminine voice on the end of the line belongs to "Billy."

We want to wish Caple, who is now on ward 75B, lots of luck.

Women are attractive at 20, attentive at 30 and adhesive at 40.

Girls In White

After nearly two years of duty at this station, Lcdr. Lucille M. Otero (NC) USN, was detached 23 May for duty at the U. S. Naval Air Station, San Diego, California. We will miss you, Miss Otero.

Two nurses reported this week for duty. They are Lcdr. Ida Amanda Thompson (NC) USN from the U.S.S. Anderson, where she did transport duty and Lt.(jg) Celeste C. Garrett (NC) USN from the U.S. Naval Training Center Dispensary, San Diego, California. Welcome Aboard!

"Sh — Night Nurses trying to Sleep." This is a sign posted on the entrance to Bldg. 124. Let's heed this and remember that we may be a night nurse in the future.

Amongst our vagabonding nurses last weekend were Lcdr. Ann Murphy, Lt.(jg) B. C. Filban, Lt.(jg) Margaret Thompson and Lt.(jg) Marie Finn who journeyed by bus from here to San Jose where they were met by a friend who took them on down to Santa Cruz. Sunday they visited Saratoga, Big Basin and Redwood Park. One of the girls who is a "dyed in the wool Bostonian" had to admit that "It was kind of pretty here and there." This is another trip that should be a must on your list.

MAA: "I hope you got the number of the car that knocked you down."

WAVE: "No, but the woman driving it had on a three-piece tweed suit lined with canton crepe, and she had on a periwinkle hat trimmed with artificial cherries."

In Person!

GLEN GRAY,

AND THE FAMOUS
Casa Loma
ORCHESTRA

"All Hands Dance"

June 9
2000

Eighth Inning Rally By Knoll Nine Defeats Oakland Firemen, 7-5



MANAGER ALWOOD takes a swing at one in Saturday's ball game, and in the center we have Dodson laying one into the outfield—while on the right is Quinlan, the Knollites' new pitcher.

OAK KNOLL vs YERBA BUENA



Lady: (at ticket office) "I want a ticket to Chicago."
Ticket Seller: "Do you want to go by Buffalo?"
Lady: "Heavens no! I want to go by train."

Buy • Sell • Rent

FOR SALE—16 mm. Fairchild Gun Movie Camera, with F 3 Bausch and Lomb lens, magazine loading, battery driven, complete with leather case. Dr. K. E. Cosgrove, Ward 62A.

WANTED—To Rent: A two-bedroom apartment or home—furnished or partly furnished. Will pay to \$75.00. URGENT. Phone CPhM (Ret) M. E. R. Smith, Sweetwood 0992.

FOR SALE—Thoroughbred, AKC registered, male Boxer. Contact Chief Ruhlow, Administrative Assistant's Office.

FOR SALE—1946 Pontiac Streamliner 8. Heater, radio, seat covers, and many extra items. Contact Oak Leaf Office.

FOR RENT—Three bedroom home, with Bendix washer, piano, telephone, and gardener and water furnished. 2½ miles from hospital, in Sheffield Village. For rent from 15 June to 15 Sept. Call SW. 5851.

FOUND — Package containing 35 mm. negatives, contact prints and enlargements. May be obtained from Oak Leaf Office.

FOR SALE—1940 Dodge Coupe. Call Dr. Mee, Ward 65A.

WANTED—Ride, regularly, to and from Grand Lake Theater. Call Mrs. Patche, VA Contact Office, ex. 156.

FOR SALE—1941 Buick Special Sedan, radio, heater. Recent motor overhaul. Contact Dr. R. L. Rouen, 45B.

When I asked her to wed, she said, "Go to Father."
But she knew that I knew That her father was dead.
And she knew that I knew What a life he had led.
And she knew that I knew What she meant, when she said, "Go to Father."

In a local game with the Oakland Fire Department, Oak Knoll featured an eighth inning rally that placed them on the winning end of the game.

The game started slow, with no runs for the Knollites until the eighth, and only one run for the Firemen until the seventh.

Oak Knoll Loses To Rodeo Athletes

Oak Knoll traveled north to Rodeo on Sunday to lose to the Rodeo Athletic Club by default.

It was a close game with the lead varying only one or two points for both sides. The Knollites scored three runs in the third, one in the sixth, two in the seventh, and one in the eighth.

Event of the day was in the sixth inning when Schneider came in with a "homer."

In the eighth inning, the umpire called Krauthniem out on home before the play was completed, thus losing a run for the Knollites . . . and in the ninth, a foul ball was called as fair and the opposition scored another run to end the game with a score of 8 to 7.

Molinowski started on the mound, with Liggett relieving in the sixth. Peterson was relieved at the same time by Krauthniem. Schneider played first, Alwood second, and Thorne on third, with Childs at shortstop. Cullinan played left, Kincaid center and Dodson right, Morris relieving Dodson in the fifth.

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Molinowski, Peterson, Liggett, Krauthniem; Lasinni, Joseph and Dolan.

Vets News

Amputee veterans of World War II were assured today by the Veterans Administration that they will receive their automobiles from the Government even though they are unable to obtain delivery before the 30 June deadline cancels the \$30,000,000 appropriation to pay for the cars.

Veterans, however, must have their eligibility certified by 30 June in order that an encumbrance may be placed against the fund.

With two men out, and the bases loaded, Cullinan laid a pretty hit between first and second bases, and started the ball a rollin' with a triple, bringing in three men. Childs followed with a walk, and an error placed Thorne on first. Alwood took a single, loading the bases again, and with another error, Dodson took a base . . . then the opposing battery walked a run in for the local boys with Schneider going to first. Score at the end of the inning was 7 to 5, which the Knollites held until the end.

A new man on the team, Quinlan, started on the mound, and with his fast ball, kept the opposition hopping for the nine innings. Peterson was behind the plate, with Schneider at first, Alwood at second, and Thorne at third. Childs played short-stop, with Cullinan in left, Grieter in center and Dodson in right field. Krauthniem replaced Grieter in the eighth.

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Quinlan and Peterson; Costa and Saunders.

She: "You're the kind of a fellow a girl can trust."
He: "Haven't we met before? Your faith is familiar."

Correction



The man at bat in above picture is BRUCE KINCAID, not BRUCE KRAUTHNIEM.

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Saturday, 1 June, 1947

Bandage Rollers Change Personnel

This week Oak Knoll Hospital bids farewell to four area women who for most five years have been faithful, tireless volunteers in the Navy Mothers Club bandage rolling unit. The unit has been operating at this hospital since it was commissioned.

When Mrs. Dorothy Wing, Mrs. Donna Beard, Mrs. Alice Olsen and Margaret Osegueda first began their work at this hospital they came as often as six days a week to make surgical dressings for any department of the hospital needing their services.

After cessation of hostilities, however, the need for this high pressure work waned and their visits became less frequent. During the past few months these women have limited their hospital duties to Wednesday of each week, but these weekly visits have resulted in a turnout of gauze dressings for the ENT Clinic, Dentists Unit and Central Supply.

It is understood that with the departure of these Navy Mothers others will relieve them. But to these our "hash-mark" ladies the staff of this hospital says, "Thanks for a job well done."

Remembrances Of The Past Present Challenge To Future



THE HONORED DEAD . . . Memorial to men who fell on Tarawa stands in tribute to the courage of the men who took the Gilberts base at the cost of their own lives. It was erected near the once-embattled beach of the island. (Official U. S. Navy Photograph)

Memorial Day, 1947

To strive, to seek, to find, and not to yield . . .

—TENNYSON

Six years ago this Memorial Day, the United States was at peace, but with an ominous outlook as the struggles in the East and in the West drew closer to the sanctuary of democracy . . . threatening to carry America into the dispute.

Five years ago America found itself deep in the throes of war, and was in the midst of serious defeats.

Both three and four years ago found a steady increase in the power and might of the allies . . . but with the defeat of the enemy still seeming an eternity away to the peace-loving peoples of the world.

Two years ago, with the Naval service still pounding away in the Pacific in 1945, the Army and its Air Corps were delivering fatal blows to a weakened Germany. Just three and one-half months after the Reich's downfall, Japan capitulated, with Nagasaki and Hiroshima freshly smoldering from the atomic blasts.

One year ago the demobilization of Reserves began to take on full scale importance, and the United States started the slow conversion back to a peace-time status.

Today, the American populace is still not yielding . . . they are waging a battle to keep the hard fought peace for posterity.

As we pay homage to those officers and men of the Armed Forces, who in the face of insurmountable danger and hardship, dared to strive, to seek, to find, and who yielded only when their courage cost them their lives, let us this day renew our pledges that those forces of evil so antagonistic to freedom and independence shall not come into power again.

Lil' Red Schoolhouse Offers Education For Navy Students

Educational Services offers much to help you plan for your future, whether it is to be in the Navy or out of it.

1. Review the old—Learn Something New.

See last week's OAK LEAF on the wide variety of self-study educational manuals available on both academic and technical subjects.

2. Earn High School or College Credit.

Will your school grant you credit for your in-service training? What credits do you need for graduation? If you wish such information for further plans, Educational Services will contact your school.

Perhaps you need only a course or two to complete graduation requirements. Or it may be a prerequisite for college that you can get out of the way now. Many who are planning to enter college or are looking ahead to sea duty are taking correspondence courses, not only to secure credit but also to keep themselves on their toes mentally.

You don't like the idea of writing out lessons? Then try a single end-of-course test over an educational manual. Most schools will grant credit for such self-study.

Men leaving the service soon may find it to their advantage to enroll for a correspondence course now. If they submit one lesson before the end of terminal leave, they may have nine months to complete the course.

For a two-dollar fee you can get any number of USAFI courses one after another (two at a time overseas)—regular high school and college subjects and many technical courses on mechanics, building construction, engineering, etc.

Correspondence courses direct from colleges and universities are offered at reduced rates.

For the man who wishes to earn credit and HAS THE GUMPTION TO BE HIS OWN TASKMASTER a correspondence course fills the bill.

Memorial Day

Ten men from Oak Knoll—five sailors and five marines—were the guests of the Marine's Memorial Association for Memorial Day Services conducted by the Association Friday afternoon.

Oak Knoll's Public Information Officer was hostess aboard the USS Colahan for Memorial Day guests.

Navy MC Needs More Doctors

(SEA)—Graduates of approved medical schools in the U. S. or Canada who have completed their intern training in accredited hospitals, or those who will have completed such training within four months of the date of examination, are eligible to take examinations for appointments as doctors in the Navy to be given at all naval hospitals in the U.S. 23-27 June.

Successful candidates will be appointed to the grade of assistant surgeon in the Medical Corps with the rank of lieutenant (jg). Detailed information about applying for the exams may be obtained from the offices of Naval Officer Procurement or from BuMed, Navy Department, Washington 25, D.C.

INSURANCE

See page three of this week's Oak Leaf for a graphic view of the NSLI policies, under various plans.

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More Orchids To Oak Knoll

Dear Captain Broaddus:

Please accept my heartfelt gratitude and appreciation for the treatment and care which my husband received while a patient at Oak Knoll Hospital. I shall never forget the consideration shown him, and this makes his passing easier to bear.

The personal interest and concern of Dr. Morrison and Dr. Luce was far beyond their line of duty, and my husband's confidence in them as men and as doctors did much to relieve the mental anguish due to knowledge of the hopelessness of his condition.

The untiring, courteous and constant care of Nurses Donovan, Jakubiec, Murphy, Otero and Tyson and of Corpsmen Cottrell, Powell, Turner and many others was appreciated by my husband and was of great comfort to me. The knowledge that there was nothing left undone will always remain in my memory to help reconcile the loss.

The cheerful and efficient atmosphere ever present in the hospital certainly reflects great credit on you and your staff, and makes me grateful to the United States Navy. I am proud that my husband was a member of that service.

The CO Reacts

It makes me very happy to feel that our doctors, nurses and corpsmen apparently not only provide the best possible professional and nursing care for our patients, but do so courteously and cheerfully, which means so much to the sick. A cheerful and efficient atmosphere is important to any institution, but particularly to a hospital. Let us never forget that if we practice politeness among ourselves, from the most junior hospital apprentice to the commanding officer, our institution will be the more happy and efficient thereby.

I wish personally to commend those mentioned in this letter.

C. A. BROADDUS
 Captain, MC, USN,
 Medical Officer in Command

† † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

"TIME FOR EVERYTHING"

- Take time to work—it is the price of success.
- Take time to think—it is the source of power.
- Take time to play—it is the secret of perpetual youth.
- Take time to read—it is the foundation of wisdom.
- Take time to be friendly—it is the road to happiness.
- Take time to dream—it is hitching your wagon to a star.
- Take time to love and be loved—it is the privilege of the gods.
- Take time to look around—the day is too short to be selfish.
- Take time to laugh—it is the music of the soul.

—From an Old Irish Prayer.
 Submitted by Chaplain E. C. Andrews.

Divine Services

Protestant:
 Chaplain—E. C. Andrews
 Sunday—
 Divine Service.....1100
 Holy Communion first Sunday in each month.
 Protestant Chaplain's offices are located on the Second Deck of Bldg. No. 1.
Catholic:
 Chaplain—Carl Herold.
 Sunday Mass—0630, 0900.
 Weekday Mass—1205 in oratory next to Chaplain's Office in Building 1.
 Confessions before all Masses.

Christian Science:
 Worker will be on the compound every Tuesday and Friday afternoons.
Jewish:
 Divine Service—Transportation leaves Administration Bldg. every Friday at 1800 for services at Treasure Island Chapel. Men interested contact Chaplain Andrews at extension 184 to arrange transportation.
 The Field Representative of the National Jewish Welfare Board, Hospital Service Dept., is in attendance on the hospital compound once a week. Men desiring to see him should contact the Senior Chaplain.

Red Cross Circles Lake Merritt — On A Bicycle Built For One



LOOKING OUT over the beautiful Lake Merritt, while on a bicycle trip in that vicinity are Leslie Mitz, SI, Richard Averett, SIMI, Calvin Andrus, SI, Phyllis Slout, RC Motor Corps, Gorman Simpkins, SI and Mrs. Alfred Clayboe, RC Gray Lady.

Red Cross Ramblings

Plastic Instruction Given in Craft Shop

The newest things in plexi-glass work were very well demonstrated for Craft Gray Ladies and patients last Wednesday in the Red Cross Craft Shop. Mr. Moore, instructor at Oakland Evening High School and at the Plastic Mart, showed the shop workers how to obtain the best results in molding, cementing, and buffing plastics. Materials and instruction are always available in the Red Cross Craft Shop which is open Monday through Thursday from 0930 until 1130, 1300 until 1600, and Friday 0900 until 1200.

In addition to the plexi-glass work, materials and instruction are available in block-printing, stenciling, ceramics, and almost any craft in which you are interested. Craft Gray Ladies are in the shop each day to give help where it is needed and to extend a big welcome to all.

Here's a break for the staff members and all of you patients who are on detail and can't work in the Red Cross Craft Shop during the day! Beginning June 4, the shop will be open from 1700 until 2100 each Wednesday night. Come down and have some fun.

Poopdeck Schedule

- FRIDAY, JUNE 6
 FIELD DAY—Lounge secured until 1300.
 ATTENTION ALL HANDS! Be on deck at the "Poopdeck" Monday night to learn all about the big PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST, beginning June 2, sponsored by the Camera Club. Anyone may enter this contest, so come down Monday night and hear all about it!
- CHANGE OF ADDRESS
 Civilian Personnel Office has moved from the Administration Building to the second deck of the annex.
- MONDAY, JUNE 2**
 1400—Party Planning Committee meeting. Come and add the finishing touches to our "Aloha" party plans.
 1400-1600—Dancing Lessons by Arthur Murray. Have you always yearned to be a polished dancer, but somehow never got around to it? Come to the conveniently located "POOP-DECK" for your lesson today!
- WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4**
 1900—Camera Club meeting. Photo contest rules will be given.
 1300—Ping Pong Tournament.
 1900—Jam Session and Games Night. Whether you yen to sit in on a good game of bridge, blackjack or pinochle, or to toot your flute at our swing session, come down for an evening of fun. Refreshments.
- THURSDAY, JUNE 5**
 1900-2130—Follow the lilting strains of the song of the islands down to the Poopdeck to our Aloha Party. Don't miss it! Hostesses and refreshments.

Hunters Point vs Oak Knoll
 1400 SATURDAY 31 MAY HOME GAME

Movie Schedule

- Saturday, 31 May
"THAT OTHER WOMAN"
Virginia Gilmore, Dan Duryea
- Sunday, 1 June
"CALCUTTA"
Alan Ladd, William Bendix
- Monday, 2 June
"PRACTICALLY YOURS"
Claudette Colbert, Fred MacMurray
- Tuesday, 3 June
"IT HAPPENED ON FIFTH AVENUE"
Don DeFore, Ann Harding
- Wednesday, 4 June
"THREE ON A TICKET"
Hugh Beaumont, Cheryl Walker
- Thursday, 5 June
"BORN TO KILL"
Claire Trevor, Lawrence Tierney
- Friday, 6 June
"STAIRWAY TO HEAVEN"
David Niven, Kim Hunter
- Saturday, 7 June
"MURDER HE SAYS"
Helen Walker, Fred MacMurray

Scuttlebutt

It gets rather noisy about 0600 in Wards 41A and B when Nat Krohn, night corpsman, breaks out his bugle to sound reveille. Incidentally, Nat has put in for a change of rate to Bugler.

Congratulations to Mr. Robert Bost, Ship's Service Manager, who has been passing out the cigars for a baby daughter.

Spring is still here, and so is romance... Doris Starr has been seen quite frequently with Chief Kiehl—and Frances Wright has been going steady with Mooney.

About to become a "June Groom" is Don Peeler, who is going to tie the knot with his fiancée, Jean.

We were going to mention Bob Pruitt, but not wishing to embarrass the lad about his glamour at the local dip, we won't say a word. Any information will have to be obtained from Pruitt, who can be found in Central Supply on nights.

We want to pass the word about the good job that Johnson, the new Wave Barrack's MAA, is doing. Glad to have you aboard, Alice.

Quite a few of our Waves have departed from the Navy Blue this past week... Elaine Miller, Marion Jacques, Leona Steinike and Ann Boles.

Officer: "Have you cleaned the deck and polished the brass?"
Sailor: "Yes, sir, and I've swept the horizon with my binoculars."

"ALL STAR"
VARIETY SHOW
Girls, gags, melody
June 5
Ship's Service
Auditorium

Patients See Basketball Game Between Paraplegics-Bittners



PATIENTS from Oak Knoll spent an unusual but enjoyable evening at the Oakland Auditorium last Monday night as they watched the "Rolling Devils" of Corona play the "Bittners" in basketball.

This wheel-chair contest served to illustrate to other paraplegics that despite handicaps, life can be normal and activities can be entered in freely.

Seen above is the Corona team as they talk things over in the dressing room before the game.

"Fancy That" Here For Evening Show

Featuring an evening of fast and furious comedy, combined with melody, the variety show "Fancy That" presented a performance at Oak Knoll Friday night.

For comedy knockabout, the show had the Kemmys... a "sight act" that was really a sight for comedy acrobatics. The misunderstood, morose and marvelously funny Joe Termini poured out his soul on the violin, banjo, and electric guitar to uphold his reputation as a musical clown.

The laugh antics of Red Johnson and Lee Diehl were as unpredictable as their juggling, and kept the audience on the edge of their seats.

Singing sophisticated songs with a wonderful sense of humor, Jane McDonough presented a wonderful repertoire of popular hits. Following Miss McDonough, Margaret Tavora brought nostalgic bits of the past with her melodious accordion.

Combining comedy with music, Sgt. Moore brought the type of music on a violin that made Stradivarius turn over with a groan. Even more ludicrous was his antics upon a trumpet.

"The Southern Sisters," from Southern California, performed delicate acrobatic ballets for the Knoll crowd. Piano accompaniment for the show was by Edward Greene, who also did some solo work.

"Oh," said the city girl to the farmer, "what a funny looking cow. No horns!"

"There are several reasons why a cow does not have horns," said the farmer. Some are born without horns. Some do not grow any until the late years of their life. Others are dehorned while young, some breeds are not supposed to have horns at all. But the chief reason this cow doesn't have any horns is that it isn't a cow... it's a horse."

STRIKER



equalling the face amount of policy guaranteed.

Compare these provisions! Begin with this fact in mind when tempted to drop your government insurance!

National Service Life Insurance is much cheaper and offers most liberal reinstatement and provisions. No physical examinations are required in most cases, as of this date. The only time you may lose out on your National Service Life Insurance are: to neglect to pay your premiums when due, commit a crime whereas death is the lawful punishment, and the loss of United States citizenship.

NS Life Insurance Has Various Plans

Because of the recent trend on the part of personnel aboard to drop their NSL Insurance in favor of commercial type, the Oak Leaf herewith presents a case in comparison.

Benefits for 20 Year Endowment National Service Life Insurance Policy.

Amount: \$5,000.00.
Age: 20 Years.
Cost per month: \$3.46 for each \$1,000.00 of insurance.

Cost per month for \$5,000.00, \$17.30. This type of insurance can be paid annually at a 3% discount.

Monthly payment plan you pay \$17.30 per month, and at the end of twenty years you have paid in \$4,152.00 (and then you will receive in one lump sum \$5,000.00).

Annual payment plan: You pay in \$204.80 a year and \$4,096.00 in 20 years, and then you will receive a check for \$5,000.00 while still living.

Benefits

Waiver of premiums in case of a disability for six months or longer (in or out of the service). You will receive \$5.00 per month for each \$1,000.00 after the sixth month of total disability. This payment provision does not extend if your disability commenced after 60th birthday.

After insurance has been in force one year or longer, you can borrow without a co-signer or other usual red tape, up to 94% of what you have paid into your insurance policy, and repayment can be leisurely with the interest of 5% per annum. As long as you pay interest and premiums when due, your policy is still worth the face value at maturity less what you have borrowed.

Cash Surrender Value: You can surrender your insurance policy for

cash value any time after it has been in force for one year or longer. For instance, if you have kept your insurance for five years and you want to discontinue it, then you have cash surrender value of \$926.95 if you have a \$5,000 20-year endowment policy, or \$185.39 at the end of one year, same type, same age, for a \$1,000 policy. This means that after surrender, you are no longer insured. (You are still insured, however, if you only borrow money on your policy.)

These are the types of policies you can obtain from the United States government:

1. **Ordinary Life:** You pay the cheapest premiums for the rest of your life for the maximum amount of insurance.

2. **20 Payment Life:** You pay premiums for 20 years then your insurance is paid up and you are insured for life.

3. **30 Payment Life:** Same as No. 2 except the monthly payments are less and you pay for 30 years.

4. **20 Year Endowment** described elsewhere in this article.

5. **Endowment at age 60:** A policy whereby you pay certain monthly or annual premiums until you reach the age of 60 no matter how old you were when you started paying on this type of policy.

6. **Endowment at age 65:** Same as No. 5.

How this Insurance Pays Off

Option No. 1—All in one lump sum.
Option No. 2—Certain monthly installments from 36 to 240 months.

Option No. 3—Monthly installments for life with 120 monthly installments guaranteed.

Option No. 4—Monthly installments for life with total installments

Hayward "All Stars" Defeat Oak Knollites Saturday



FOUL BALL . . . the camera catches a foul (see arrow) before the opposition's catcher has time to go into action. The man at bat is Thorne. On the right, Cullinan lays onto the apple.

Taking a change of atmosphere, the Oak Knoll Baseball team traveled South last Sunday to tangle with the Hayward "All-Stars" at the Bret Harte diamond.

The Knoll Nine held the lead with one run until the sixth inning when Hayward slipped in two and continued with one and two, respectively, in the next two innings. The local boys chalked up another in the eighth to make a score of five to two.

All three of Oak Knoll's pitchers—Liggett, Quinlan and Molinowski—were on the mound, although Ski was ill. Wolcott and Krauthniem caught, with Peterson playing on first, Morris on second, Thorne on third, and Childs at shortstop. Cullinan and Alwood in left field, Grieter and Mraz in center, and Dodson in right.

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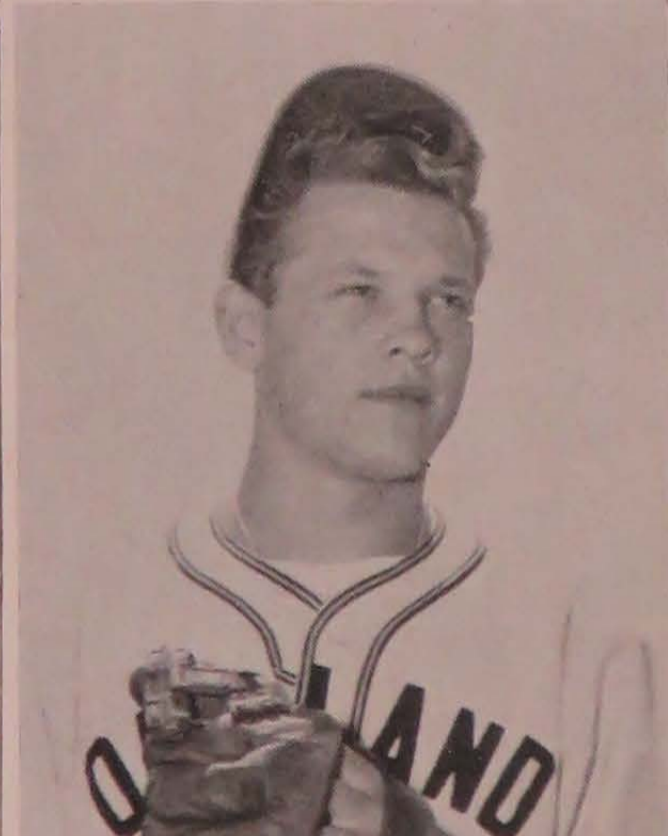
Liggett, Quinlan, Molinowski and Wolcott, Krauthniem; Silva, Blasquez.

It is better for a sailor to get something in his eye and wink than to wink and get something in his eye.

To a destroyer whose light was visible at night, the convoy commander signaled: "Pardon me, but your ship is showing."

Wisconsin's Mraz Plays For Knoll

From Rhinelander, Wisconsin, Oak Knoll has gained an outfielder for its baseball aggregation. Right fielder Larry Mraz has been with the Oak Knoll nine since the



LAWRENCE MRIZ, HA1

first game of the season . . . spending the rest of his time in transportation.

The blond HA1 attended Rhinelander High School where he played guard on the hoopster squad and was fullback on the football team. For baseball experience, Larry played American League ball.

Enlisting in February of 1946, for a two-year hitch, Mraz came west to San Diego for indoctrination. While in boots, he donned the gloves frequently.

After Corps School in Diego, Larry was transferred to the hospital at Great Lakes, where he had just

Off the Bookshelf

New fiction which you will enjoy and which is available from the hospital library or from the book cart in the wards includes the following titles:

- Adams: Banner by the Wayside.** Romance and adventure among a group of traveling players in up-state New York of the 1830's.
- Arnold: Blood Brother.** Story of the Apache wars in New Mexico and Arizona.
- Cain: The Butterfly.** Another hard-boiled story by an expert.
- Corey: Acres of Antoeus.** Readable story of Iowa farm life during the depression.
- Faralla: The Magnificent Barb.** Story of a boy and a horse, with an Irish setting.
- Freedman: Mrs. Mike.** Love story with a Canadian background.
- Hobson: Gentleman's agreement.**
- Janet: Touchstone.** Novel about Sacramento, California in the 1850's.
- Lamb: A Garden to the Eastward.** Retreat to Kurdistan from the modern world and its problems. A story reminiscent of *Lost Horizon*.
- Myers: The Wild Yazoo.**
- Samuel: Web of Lucifer;** a novel of Borgia fury. Realistic story of Brooklyn slum children.
- Shute: The Chequer Board.** Exciting story about four men thrown together by the fortunes of war in an English hospital, and what happened to them as a result of the war.

started on the gridiron team when transferred to Treasure Island.

After discharge, Mraz plans to attend the University of Minnesota, major in physical education, and go into pro football.

In spare time, Larry can be found fishing, trying to fish, or just dreaming about those mountain trout.

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FOR SALE—Thoroughbred, AKC registered, male Boxer. Contact Chief Ruhlow, Administrative Assistant's Office.

FOR SALE—1946 Pontiac Streamliner 8. Heater, radio, seat covers, and many extra items. Contact Oak Leaf Office.

FOR RENT—Three bedroom home, with Bendix washer, piano, telephone, and gardener and water furnished. 2 1/2 miles from hospital, in Sheffield Village. For rent from 15 June to 15 Sept. Call SW. 5851.

WANTED—Ride, regularly, to and from Grand Lake Theater. Call Mrs. Patche, VA Contact Office, ex. 156.

FOR SALE—1941 Buick Special Sedan, radio, heater. Recent motor overhaul. Contact Dr. R. L. Rouen, 45B.

FOR SALE—Baby Crib (Kroll) complete with mattress, practically new. Call Dr. Meany, Ward 60A, or LO. 8-8441.

FOR SALE—One Auto Radio, and one General Electric Clock Radio. See Chief Taylor, Welfare Department Radio Shop, Ship's Service Building.

FOR SALE—Trumpet, with case. Clarinet with case. Reasonable offer. See Mitchell, Ward 74B.

FOR SALE—Printex enlarger, with 6 1/2-in f.1 Wollensak Velogistigmat lens. Call Johnny Utt, ex. 183.

FOR SALE—1935 DeSoto Tudor Air-flow Sedan, \$400. Contact Chief Alwood or Chief Molinowski.

Hair Today —

(SEA)—Flash! Bad news from England. The country is in the throes of a terrifying epidemic of handle-bar mustaches, known for some elusive reason as "smashers."

Former RAF pilots who cultivated the fearsome growths during the war could not become accustomed to life without them, so they started the vogue. The new lip-blemishes measure four or five inches from tip-to-tip and the end is not yet in sight.

The group behind the movement is the "Society for the Cultivation and Encouragement of Hirsute Appendages With Graspable Extremities." Worst news of all: They threaten to start a U.S. chapter.



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Reasonable Facsimile Found In GED Tests

Here's a third way you can help yourself through Educational Services—take GED tests. Successful performance on these tests is quite generally accepted—to use TIME'S phrase—as a "reasonable facsimile" of a general high school education.

- Possible uses of the GED's:
1. To qualify for any Navy school which admits only high school graduates.
 2. To secure a high school diploma or certificate. (Check with Educational Services about your state's policy.)
 3. To learn how you compare with high school seniors (or college sophomores) in certain basic abilities.
 4. To inform a prospective employer about your abilities.

Save time and energy by taking these tests NOW. At your next station you might have to order them from USAFI. Perhaps you are to be discharged soon and plan to take the GED's as a civilian. That can be done, but here you will save time and bother. Educational Services does all the paper work for you.

Many Navy men have been pleasantly surprised at their scores on these tests devised especially for servicemen who have been out of school for some time. Stop in at Bldg. 133 (near the gate) for further information about this chance to do yourself a good turn.

Stamp Commends America's Doctors

The Post Office Department will issue a 3-cent commemorative stamp through the Atlantic City, N. J. post office on 9 June 1947 in honor of the doctors of America.

Mr. Whalen expects to have this commemorative issue here by the 10 or 11 of June.

The central design of the stamp is a reproduction of the painting "The Doctor" by Sir Luke Fildes, across the top of which is the lettering "United States Postage" in white Gothic. In the lower left and right corners in same style is the denomination "3c" and the wording, "The Doctor," respectively.

Any stamp collectors desiring first-day cancellations of this stamp may send a limited number of addressed envelopes to Postmaster, Atlantic City, N. J., with postal note or money order remittance to cover the cost of the stamps to be affixed.

For further information, contact the local Post Office.

2 Pounds, 2 Ounces To 6 Pounds, The Story Of Baby Linda Mae Howe



LT. MARY HORNEY is seen holding Linda Mae Howe, prior to discharge last Monday.

In a hospital noted for its miraculous recoveries, another has occurred—in the Premature Nursery on Ward 73B an event that commends the professional ability of Cdr. Milton Kurzrok and the internes of the OB watch, the nursing care of Lt. Mary E. Horney, Lt. (jg) M. E. Russell, Lt. Ollie Saeli, and the Waves of the Nursery.

The event is the nursing of Linda Mae Howe, who, when born prematurely on 11 March 1947, weighed 2 pounds and 2 ounces, was 13½ inches tall, head measured 9½ inches, chest 8½ inches and abdomen 8½ inches.

Today, Linda Mae weighs 6 pounds and ½ ounce, is 19 inches tall, head measurement is 13 inches, chest 12½ and abdomen 12 inches.

After birth, the baby was so frail for several weeks that tube feeding was required, and later, special feedings in combination with blood plasma were given orally. During the early weeks, too, a congenital defect in her heart closed up. A bout of pneumonia ensued, however the baby responded well to penicillin therapy.

The patient was 83 days old when discharged from the nursing care of the Pediatric staff last Monday.

DON'T MISS
the
STOCKTON REGATTA
on
SUNDAY,
15 JUNE
See Recreation to sign up for the trip.

Linda Mae is the daughter of CTM and Mrs. Raymond Howe, 1101 D. Parrot Street, Alameda, California. Chief Howe is stationed at Naval Air Station, Alameda.

Corpsmen Advanced To Next Higher Rating

It's up the ladder for the following staff personnel who were or will be advanced to the next higher rating.

To Pharmacist's Mate Second: T. W. MacConnell, J. T. Lowe, J. M. Quinlan, R. N. Beck, A. V. Walker, J. D. Blundell, and Wave reenlistee Florence Larsen.

To Pharmacist's Mate Third: S. R. Hedburg, R. D. Kisser, G. R. Nash, W. M. Huff, J. R. Lafond, W. J. Duncan, R. O. McNamara, R. A. Spates, J. Guerra, H. R. Hencle, F. J. Gallery, F. E. Lau, F. V. Sanelle, H. J. Crane, G. J. Peret, A. Grenzabach, J. J. Lalla, R. F. Johnson, B. Krauthniem, J. J. Zamudio, R. G. Berkebile, R. A. Farkas, W. A. Duvall, S. M. Klemsner, R. W. Scott, P. A. Masar, C. A. Parnell, J. A. Adkins, M. Y. Carlew, J. L. Higgs, J. C. Sopkins, R. L. Trumley, J. A. Camoroda, D. M. Petersen, F. J. Macolino, M. A. Figures, L. R. Cottom, A. A. Skwer, G. W. Schoonover, R. D. Wiggins, C. A. Kopczyk, and E. V. Taylor.

PhM3 rating effective 20 June 1947: H. D. Propst, L. G. Caspersen, R. W. Anderson, W. L. Ready, R. S. Stephens, D. B. Reeder, J. Cicero and J. C. Kenaga.

The following to be rated as vacancies occur: W. E. Chaney, W. M. Wright, R. E. Hade, S. Carter, R. E. Winslow, P. L. Eaton, W. T. Moore, L. E. Patton, T. W. Holt, H. F. Black, W. P. Beard, R. E. Marundee, J. W. Clevenger, and L. M. Mraz.

To Hospital Apprentice First: W. F. Adkins, G. G. Appel, V. L. Artley, E. L. Baker, R. H. Bolen, J. S. Bonfanti, A. N. Boucher, J. F. Budinscak, W. S. Carvelli, L. T. Christian, E. D. Cohen, J. A. Cullinan, H. W. Dahl, A. C. Epps, M. Farrah, E. L. Frank, C. P. Gardella, D. D. Gibson, W. B. Grams, R. Grossman, L. L. Harrison, T. A. Hartin, W. E. Hoskins, R. C. Hunnicut, C. L. Jett, W. W. Johnson, L. S. Jones, M. J. Levine, D. H. Kinyon, J. Koch, G. Lee, M. R. Lowry, L. R. Lund, A. D. Marcus, R. Mathews, J. M. Merkler, G. E. Oliver, E. D. Packheiser, F. N. Pacher, R. E. Peak, J. E. Pflaum, E. C. Piersol, H. G. Sanders, H. W. Sconyers, J. C. Shafer, B. J. Taylor, H. D. Thomas, J. A. Tortorich and R. Wackar.

To obtain a replacement for a lost original discharge, a veteran must apply for a certificate in lieu of the discharge paper from the branch of the service from which he was discharged.

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Accidents Don't Happen

Accidents don't just happen; they are caused. The Navy driver who bangs the corner at 50 and knocks the guard through the side of the Sentry Building at the main gate, may say, "Ooohs, I'm sorry! It was an accident." He may even say, "It couldn't be helped."

This is a stupid excuse! It could have been prevented, just as most other collisions could have been prevented.

More than 200 persons were killed last year in traffic accidents that involved Navy and Marine Corps vehicles. Hundreds of Navy vehicles are being smashed each month. Suits totaling more than a million dollars have been brought against the Navy during recent months as a result of accidents that could have been prevented.

As a Navy driver, you are responsible for doing your best to prevent any accident. It is not enough to know how to drive. It is not enough to pass the Navy Drivers Test. You must use common sense and good judgment and apply the safety rules of good driving all the time. One second of inattention may cause a rear-end collision, an injury to a pedestrian, a smashed vehicle, even death. THINK! Be ALERT! Anticipate the actions of other drivers! Play safe and remember this:

Accidents don't just happen; they are caused.

† † 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 carpentershop 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, and 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.

Submitted by Chaplain E. C. Andrews.

Red Cross Ramblings

ATTENTION ALL HANDS! For YOUR convenience Arthur Murray Dance instruction will be held on Monday afternoons instead of Fridays. The time 1400-1600 to enable more personnel to attend these classes which have been steadily growing in popularity.

"Swing your partner, swing to the right"—Old fashioned hilarity reigned supreme at the Hill Billy Party and Barn Dance at the "Poopdeck," Red Cross Recreation Hall, May 29. Mr. Bob Clynhammer and his band of old time dance experts led the festivities for two hours of square dances, Virginia Reels and schottisches.

A "hawg callin'" contest brought out the hidden talents of ten participants, and for fifteen minutes the rafters rang with "Sooy, sooy, pig, pig, pig" and other calls designed to lure piggie back to his pen. The finals found two contestants representing Arkansas and Texas vying for top honors. The "sooy pig pig" call from the Texas contestant, Brother Campbell, won the judges' decision by a sizable margin.

Zeke, Luke, and Jake, adorned in plaid shirts, straw hats, false whiskers, and smoking corn cob pipes, M.C'd the evening's entertainment and welcomed all comers with a hearty "Howdy, partner" and a volley of shots from a cap pistol in true Skunk Holler style. Zeke, Luke and

Jake are better known as Messrs McKinney, Sparks, and Flagg from wards 64B and 43B respectively. Jugs of cider and doughnuts comprised the evening's refreshments.

Poopdeck Schedule

MONDAY, JUNE 9

1400-1600—Arthur Murray Dance Instruction! Now on Monday afternoons for your convenience! Charming girl instructors can turn you into an accomplished dancer in only a few weeks time!

1900-2100—CAMERA CLUB MEETING. Guest speaker will be present to give you valuable tips on taking candid shots.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11

1300-1500—Ping Pong Tournament. Julian DeGuzman is still undisputed champ of Oak Knoll. Perhaps you can be the next champ.

1900-2100—Jam Session and Games Night. Fun and refreshments for all.

THURSDAY, JUNE 12

1900-2130—Party Night. Hostesses—Refreshments—Fun for all.

FRIDAY, JUNE 13

FIELD DAY—Lounge secured until 1300.

Welcome and Farewell Marine's Club Extends Invitation

It's Welcome Aboard to Lt. (jg) R. E. Smith, MC, USNR, from the Naval Supply Depot, Clearfield, Utah and Lt. (jg) W. W. Meek, DC, USN, from Naval Hospital, Great Lakes, Illinois.

Four of Oak Knoll's doctors have just returned to civil life. Cdr. R. C. Abrams, MC, USN, has returned to position of Resident in Orthopedics, University of Chicago. Cdr. J. W. Derbyshire, MC, USN, will practice in Santa Rosa, California. Lt. E. F. Mee, MC, USN, will take a post-graduate course in basic sciences at the University of Illinois. Lt. R. P. Meany, MC, USN, will be in general practice with father in Chicago, Illinois.

Lt. (jg) Charles Joel, MC, USNR, was detached for duty at Naval Hospital, San Diego, California, and Lt. (jg) H. P. Johnson, MC, USNR, was transferred for duty to USS Ditania, AKA 15.

A certified true copy or a photostatic copy will NOT serve in place of the original discharge paper in getting a guaranteed loan.

The Marines' Memorial Association has acquired a club building in San Francisco at the corner of Sutter and Mason Streets. Completely renovated facilities include a swimming pool, gymnasium, barber shop, cocktail lounge, hotel rooms, game rooms, ballroom, dining room, reception lounge, and a 5,000 volume library.

The Association is a non-profit organization without initiation fees, dues or assessments. Membership is open to Marines on active duty and those honorably discharged. Associate membership is open to any person who was, at any time, on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States, and who was carried on the muster roll of any unit of the U. S. Marine Corps, or who served in an organization attached to a Marine Corps Unit.

Any loan eligible for guaranty is eligible for insurance by Vets Administration when made by a supervised lender.

Divine Services

Protestant:
 Chaplain—E. C. Andrews
 Sunday—
 Divine Service.....1100
 Holy Communion first Sunday in each month.
 Protestant Chaplain's offices are located on the Second Deck of Bldg. No. 1.
Catholic:
 Chaplain—Carl Herold.
 Sunday Mass—0630, 0900.
 Weekday Mass—1205 in oratory next to Chaplain's Office in Building 1.
 Confessions before all Masses.

Christian Science:
 Worker will be on the compound every Tuesday and Friday afternoons.
Jewish:
 Divine Service—Transportation leaves Administration Bldg. every Friday at 1800 for services at Treasure Island Chapel. Men interested contact Chaplain Andrews at extension 184 to arrange transportation.
 The Field Representative of the National Jewish Welfare Board, Hospital Service Dept., is in attendance on the hospital compound once a week. Men desiring to see him should contact the Senior Chaplain.

Up-To-Date Leave Records Urged

Leave records of all personnel in the naval service should be kept up to date, BuPers reminded commands as the all-important day of 30 June draws near. For most commands 30 June will be a busy day.

Leave accumulated in excess of 60 days and not taken by 30 June is lost, as only the maximum of 60 days may be carried forward into the succeeding fiscal year as leave credit. BuPers urged that COs grant all leave practicable to reduce the amount of accrued leave to a minimum, reduce the demand for leave at the end of fiscal years and avoid the loss of any leave over 60 days that cannot be carried.

On 30 June, as directed by BuPers Circ. Ltr. 193-46 (NDB, 31 August), all commands must determine the amount of leave due each individual and the amount, not exceeding 60 days, to be carried over into the fiscal year 1948. The leave accounts of enlisted men must be maintained on page 9 of the service records, and of officers on the Officers' Leave Record form (NavPers 329).

All individuals in the naval service (and MarCorps) accrue leave at the rate of 2½ days per month of active duty—except for periods of AWOL, AOL and confinement as result of court-martial sentence.

Vets News Notes

Nearly half of all veterans studying abroad under the G.I. Bill are enrolled in schools in Canada. The Canadian schools accounted for 549 of the 1,172 veterans who were drawing benefits from VA for foreign study at the end of February. Thirty-one countries were on the February list. Countries and number of veterans studying in each were: Mexico, 126; France, 88; Switzerland, 80; England, 78; Palestine, 65; Canal Zone, 40; Scotland, 39; Cuba, 20; Ireland, 19; Italy, 15; Australia, 8; Chile, 5; Sweden, 5; Belgium, 4; Argentine, 4; Czechoslovakia, 3; Denmark, 3; Netherlands, 3; Greece, 2; Lebanese Republic, 2; Brazil, 2; Dominican Republic, 2; Columbia, 2; Peru, 2; Spain, 1; Newfoundland, 1; Wales, 1; New Zealand, 1; Ecuador, 1; and Norway, 1.

Navy Uniform Shop

Mr. Richard G. Scanlan, 39 Grant Avenue, San Francisco, has recently been appointed as the local representative of the Navy Uniform Shop, Brooklyn, New York.

Mr. Scanlan is authorized to accept orders from officers interested in acquiring uniforms and accessories as supplied by the Navy Uniform Shop.

Mr. Scanlan can be contacted at the above address, or telephone DOuglas 8527.

There is positively no comparison between wine and women. Wine improves with age.

No, stupid, trees don't become petrified when the wind makes them rock.

New Department Created In OPD To Dispense Drugs To Patients

The pride of the Out Patient Department these days is a small but carefully stocked pharmacy recently established in the midst of the offices and treatment rooms of OPD Clinic.

This diminutive annex of the main Pharmacy in the Post Office Building has already proved its value, even though only placed in "commission" on 29 May, by saving time and steps for the Out Patients and their doctors. It also relieves the load of dispensing Out Patient medications from the central Pharmacy, although any compounded prescription or narcotic must necessarily come from the larger unit.

The main stock is of course prenatal medicines, and vaccines, but an increasing demand for general medications is bringing expectorants, carminatives and other medicines to the shelves.

CPhM Leslie Lahmon is the man behind the counter. He is no stranger to Oak Knoll, for previous to reporting aboard in April, Lahmon taught Pharmacy here for four months in 1944.

At the present, the Pharmacy is open Monday through Friday from 0800 to 1600, except for an hour lunch

period, and from 0800-1130 on Saturdays.



CPhM LESLIE LAHMON is caught by the camera checking on a prescription in the new OPD Pharmacy.

Odorous Experience Educates Eradicators

A slumbering ward, 62B to be exact, last week was turned into a turmoil as a small creature made an odorous attack at the peaceful hour of 0100.

Sauntering through the ward, apparently minding its own business, the unwelcomed guest was assaulted and chased into one end of the ward. Here, in retaliation for the "welcome" given him by the night nurse, night corpsman and the "heroic" up-patients, the creature gave vent to more than a mere stream of faunic cuss words.

Latest word from the battle-field is that it still—to high Heaven, and the clothing of the personnel have been given as complete an airing as possible.

Oh, ye skunk!

Tribune Annuals Distributed Here

The attractive Tribune Yearbooks which may be found distributed among staff quarters and wards are the gift of Henry J. Kaiser of Oakland.

This 130 page magazine gives a composite overview of the Oakland area and the Alameda and Contra Costa Counties. Recent photographs of industries, parks, the waterfront, educational institutions together with concise summaries of achievements and future plans make this publication tremendously interesting to both residents and transients.

"I broke my husband of biting his nails."

"How?"

"Hid his teeth."



In Person

Glen

GRAY

and the Famous

Casa Loma Orchestra

Afternoon Show, 1500; Enlisted Dance, 2000

Nurses Report For Indoctrination

Eight more nurses arrived at Oak Knoll on Wednesday, 4 June, for indoctrination in the Navy Nurse Corps.

Their training here will consist of classes in Navy regulations, ward routine, drill, ethics, and swimming. The first part of the course will be held in classes in Building 132, and the latter will be practical experience on the wards.

The new Ensigns in this second indoctrinee group are: Wilma Elaine Roberts, Cora Eloise Grappe, Geraldine Helen Baldey, Jean Elizabeth Ellis, Norma Jean Thompson, Vera Eileen Cox, Miriam Bingham, and Helen Louise Gunther.

Lcdr. L. B. Sanders will be the nurse in charge of the training.

Scuttlebutt

This week brings up the poser of why **Patty** of Property and Accounting doesn't like the song "So Round, So Firm, So Fully Packed." Also, how is the ankle now, **Patty**?

Speaking of ankles, **Chief Dodson** was the victim of a baseball during last Sunday's practice, and is now on Ward 41A with a fractured joint. Hope you soon get back with the team, **Chief**!

A rather damp morning was suffered by **Frank**, night corpsman on 65B, when he was greeted with a glass of water upon making reveille the other morning.

Two familiar faces around the Ad Building, **Goodman** and **Spotanski**, have left the Knolls for Lab School at Bethesda, Maryland.

That amicable Pfc., **Vern Beutow**, was seen down in the Foothill and Seminary district with a muchacha bonita. How is the Good Neighbor Policy, **Vern**?

Oak Knoll is losing its Chief Master at Arms—as **Chief Stewart** is transferred to the Fleet Reserve. The chief is now on terminal leave.

Two cats sat watching a tennis tournament. One of the cats seemed quite intent upon the game, following the ball back and forth without missing a stroke. The other cat appeared quite bored and also a bit irritated at his companion's interest.

"I didn't know you cared so much for tennis," he finally purred.

"I don't," the other replied, "but my old man's in the racket."

A sailor stationed in Texas got into a conversation with an old gent at a filling station near the base. "Hmm," said the sailor, "looks like we might have some rain."

"Could be," drawled the old-timer. "I sure hope so. Not for myself but for the kids here. I've seen it rain."

"Why is Jones pacing up and down in front of his house like that?"

"He's awfully worried about his wife, poor chap."

"Why, what's she got?"

"The car."

Gypsy Rose dressed very thin, Gypsy Rose sat on a pin, Gypsy Rose.

New Navy Mothers Prepare Dressings

Mrs. Edna Mae Brown and Mrs. Camilla have assumed the volunteer duties of the Navy Mothers bandage rolling unit at this hospital, relieving four women who have been doing this work for nearly five years.

Mrs. Brown, chairman, states that other volunteer workers are expected to join their ranks soon.

These women will report to the hospital once a week, on Tuesday, to continue their work of preparing bandages and gauze dressings for Central Supply, EENT, and the Out Patients Unit.

Buy • Sell • Rent

FOR SALE—40 Dodge Coupe, radio and heater; 7 cu. ft. Frigidaire; Sheraton table model phantom dial Bendix radio; Mahogany pete table; ABC washing machine. See or call Dr. J. D. Moore, 43B

FOR SALE—8 piece dinette set, Early California Monterey. 15827 Paseo Del Campo St., San Lorenzo, or call Mr. Chapman, extension 135.

FOR SALE—Autocrat gas stove, four burners, Robert Shaw Thermostat, almost new, \$100. Contact Dr. Derbyshire, TR 8802.

FOR SALE—New Remington Automatic Shotgun, 12 gauge, with case. New Argus 35mm Camera, f 4.5, with case. See R. M. Jaffee, Ward 40A, rm, 19.

WANTED—To rent—a two bedroom apartment or home—furnished or partly furnished. Will pay up to \$75.00. URGENT. CPhM M. E. R. Smith, SW 0992.

FOR SALE—16 mm. Fairchild Gun Movie Camera, with F 3 Bausch and Lomb lens, magazine loading, battery driven, complete with leather case. Dr. K. E. Cosgrove, Ward 62A.

FOR SALE—1946 Pontiac Streamliner 8. Heater, radio, seat covers, and many extra items. Contact Oak Leaf Office.

FOR RENT—Three bedroom home, with Bendix washer, piano, telephone, and gardener and water furnished. 2½ miles from hospital, in Sheffield Village. For rent from 15 June to 15 Sept. Call SW. 5851.

WANTED—Ride, regularly, to and from Grand Lake Theater. Call Mrs. Patche, VA Contact Office, ex. 156.

FOR SALE—One Auto Radio, and one General Electric Clock Radio. See Chief Taylor, Welfare Department Radio Shop, Ship's Service Building.

FOR SALE—Trumpet, with case. Clarinet with case. Reasonable offer. See Mitchell, Ward 74B.

FOR SALE—Printex enlarger, with 6½-in. f4.5 Wollensak Velogistimat lens. Call Johnny Utt, ex. 183.

FOR SALE—1935 DeSoto Tudor Air-flow Sedan, \$400. Contact Chief Alwood or Chief Molinowski.

Eddie Plays For Evening Jig



AN OLD FRIEND of the San Francisco dancing set and an equally well-known musical aggregation at Oak Knoll, Eddie Fitzpatrick and his orchestra sent forth soft and scintillating dance music for an "All Hands" dance on 28 May.

The augmented string section of Fitzpatrick's band is right in the groove with the latest trend towards softer and undulating music. For variety, Eddie keeps a large repertoire of lively arrangements, as well as the ones with a Latin touch.

Eddie's drummer is seen above giving the cymbals a flaying . . . for which he received a hearty applause.

Fitzpatrick was brought to Oak Knoll for the return engagement through Recreation.

Knollites Lose Close Game Here To YBI On Memorial Day, 7-6

In a return engagement with Yerba Buena Island, Oak Knoll fought a hard and close game to end with a score of 6-6 in the last of the ninth. In the extra inning played, a double by Lonzway, opposing pitcher, started the ball rolling, and Yerba Buena Island slipped ahead with one run. A strike out and two fly outs in center field quickly terminated the game for the Knollites.

Yerba Buena started the game with a run in the first, and five in the second, before Oak Knoll could get warmed up for the defense. Then the local boys took the offensive and chalked up five in the fourth inning and one in the ninth.

Molinowski and Wolcott formed the battery, until "Ski" was replaced by Johnny Morris in the last inning. Peterson was at first base, Moon at second, and Thorne at third. Childs was in his usual position of short stop, with left field being shared by Apple, Cullinan, Mraz and Quinlan, with Grieter in center and Dodson in right.

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Reservations must be made by 1630, Wednesday, 11 June, at Public Information Office.

BASEBALL
Saturday, 7 June
HUNTER'S POINT
(home game)
Sunday, 8 June
CUTTERVILLE
bus leaves at 1230

Off the Bookshelf

Recent books which you may borrow from the hospital library offer you a variety of interesting reading.

WESTERNS

Evans: **The Border Bandit.**
MacDonald: **Master of the Mesa.**

MYSTERIES

Brown: **The Fabulous Clipjoint.**
Collins: **Death Warmed Over.**
Huggins: **The Double Take.**
Offord: **My True Love Lies.**
Queen: **Drury Lane's Last Case.**

BUILDING AND REPAIRING

Aller: **Build Your Own Adobe.**
Crouse: **Everyday Automobile Repairs.**
The Home Mechanic's Handbook.
Smith: **The New Home Owner's Handbook.**

WORLD WAR II

Bourke - White: **Dear Fatherland, Rest Quietly;** a report on the collapse of Hitler's "thousand years".
Hough: **The Island War;** the United States Marine Corps in the Pacific.
Keith: **Three Came Home.** A true account of life in Japanese prison camp.

PEOPLE AND PROBLEMS

Budenz: **This Is My Story.** Autobiography of an American Communist, who left the party.
Graham: **There Was Once a Slave;** the heroic story of Frederick Douglass.
Halsey: **Color Blind;** a white woman looks at the Negro.

HUMOR

Rose: **One Dozen Roses.**
Wilson: **Pike's Peek or Bust.**
Zern: **To Hell with Hunting.**

CRIME

Floherly: **Men Against Crime.**

DOGS

American Kennel Club: **Pure-Bred Dogs.**
Lytle: **Simple Secrets of Dog Discipline.**

"What do you do for a living?" asked the judge.

"I'm a ward corpsman."

"Thirty days for panhandling."

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Domestic, Foreign Federal Jobs Open

The District Civilian Personnel Director has been advised that the following positions are vacant and are to be filled immediately:

Civilian Assistant (male) to the Industrial Relations Officer, CAF-9, Naval Supply Depot, San Diego, California. Submit application to or contact Commander T. A. Long, Executive Officer, NSD, San Diego.

Civilian Industrial Relations Officer (male), CAF-9, Naval Ammunition Depot, Hawthorne, Nevada. Submit application to or contact Captain John Bailey, Executive Officer, NAD, Hawthorne.

Employees for positions in the Marianas and Philippine Islands are being sought by the Navy to fill 500 job openings in the two island groups.

Four radio mechanics with experience with either Army or Navy radio equipment are wanted for positions in the Philippines at a \$1.80 hourly rate for a minimum of 18 months. Families of workers may join them later.

In the Marianas Islands the following positions and salaries are available:

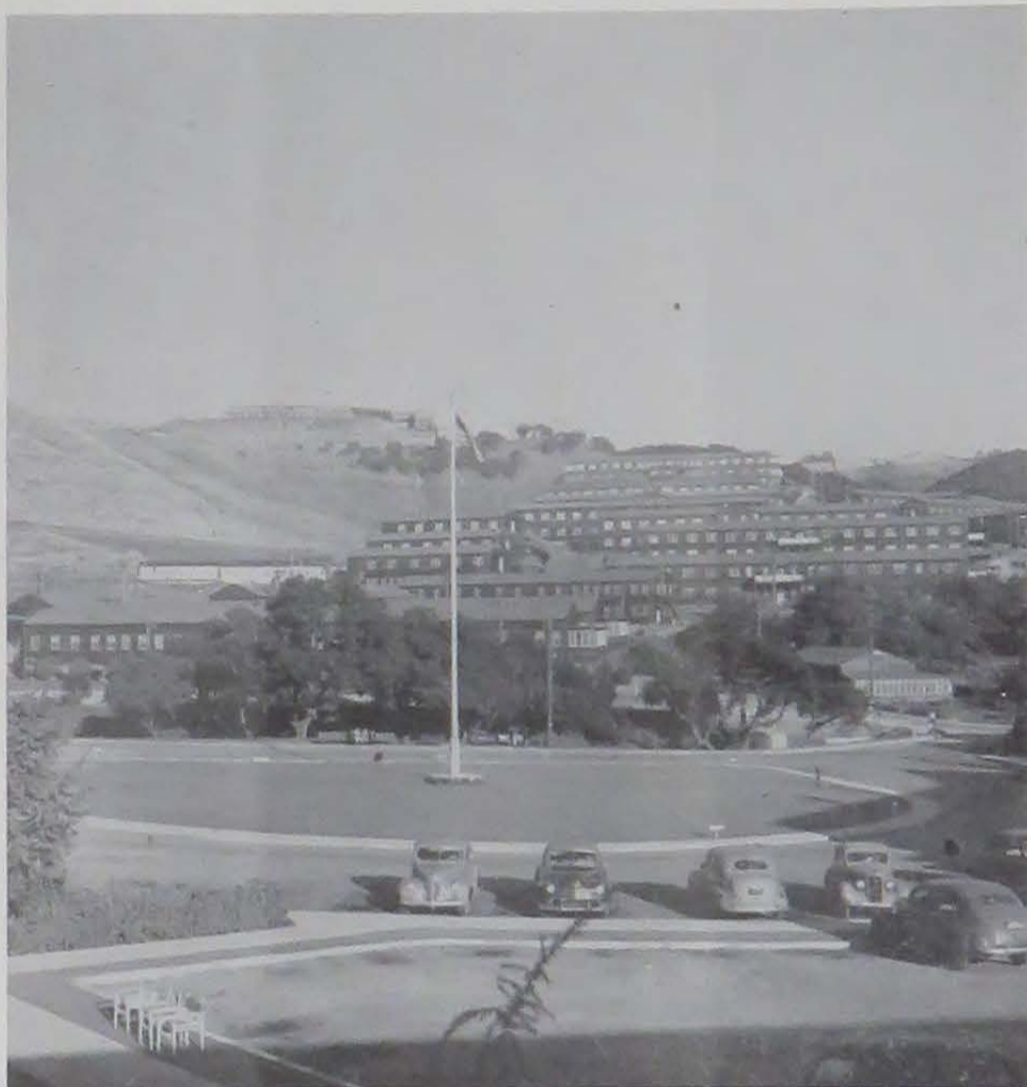
Automotive mechanic at \$1.80 per hour; boilermaker (steam boiler experience) at \$1.80 per hour; carpenter (finish and rough) at \$1.80 per hour; electrician (lineman, power plant, shop) at \$1.80 per hour; joiner at \$1.80 per hour; letterer and grainer at \$1.80 per hour; machinist (generator experience) \$1.80 per hour; plumber at \$1.80 per hour; refrigeration mechanic (domestic and commercial experience) at \$1.80; sheetmetal worker at \$1.80; wharf-builder at \$1.80 per hour; instructor, school activities (high school mathematics, premedical, general science) \$4246.50 per annum.

No family housing is available in the Marianas for families or dependents of workers.

Applicants who are interested in these positions should submit Civil Service Commission Form 57, Application for Federal Employment, in duplicate to the Employment Superintendent, Mare Island Naval Shipyard, Vallejo, California.

Vacancies in Naval Stations in the Aleutian Islands: Electrical engineer, mechanical engineer (cons.), mechanical engineer (des.), mechanical engineer, engineering aide, engineering draftsman (gen.), structural engineer, architect, personnel officer, fiscal accounting clerk (male), storekeeper, electrician, lineman, high voltage.

America, A Proud Democracy, Today Honors Our "Old Glory"



UNDER THE "STARS AND STRIPES"

For nearly five years the colors have flown over Gendreau Circle, scene of patriotic celebrations and hospital festivities: If today, the Stars and Stripes ripple more jauntily than usual, there is a reason. This is the 170th birthday of the flag.

Since June 14, 1777, when the Continental Congress adopted the 13-star colonial design and asked Betsy Ross to make up the original, the flag has been symbolic of unity and freedom, of protection and power. Like our nation itself, the flag has grown in appearance and character. It has seen trying times and years of happy American living. On every battlefield where Americans have borne arms, men have fought under the flag. School children have studied and played under the unfurled colors.

On this June 14 we look forward to a future of great scientific development. We cannot predict the extent of our successes in years to come; nor can we foresee the severity of the hardships we may be forced to endure. But the sight of Old Glory flying overhead will enable us to carry on.

Miss Adams Attends National Conference

In Cleveland, Ohio, this week, Miss Marie Adams, Oak Knoll's ARC Field Director, is attending the National Red Cross conference.

Selected by the Pacific Area office, Miss Adams is the official military hospital field director delegate from

this area. During the five-day convention which closes today, she has been an active participant in various meetings and panel discussions concerned with the function of Red Cross in Army, Navy and Veteran hospitals.

Citations Awarded To Four Men Here

Gendreau Circle was again the site of citation ceremonies when four members of Oak Knoll's personnel received commendations Wednesday, 11 June. Presentation was made by Captain C. A. Broaddus, medical officer in command.

The Presidential Unit Citation was awarded to Wayne W. Cannon, GM2, for service on the Bunker Hill or attached Air Groups.

Leslie V. Lahmon, CPhM, was awarded the Navy Unit Citation for action with the USS Hudson which performed with outstanding heroism in action as a Fighter Direction Ship on a radar picket station during the Okinawa campaign.

The Navy Unit Commendation was also awarded to Joseph L. Culp, CPhM, for action with the support units of the Fifth Amphibious Corps, USFMF, whose outstanding heroism in support of military operations during the seizure of enemy Japanese-held Iwo Jima warranted commendation.

John H. Luther, PhM2, received the Army Distinguished Unit Badge with Oak Leaf Cluster for service in defense of the Philippine Islands between 7 December 1941 and 9 April 1942.

Welcome and Farewell

Oak Knoll extends its welcome to Lt.(jg) Mary Elizabeth Isham, W, USNR, who is aboard for 14 days training duty as Women's Reserve Representative. Miss Isham reported from Inactive Duty. Welcome aboard, also, to Lcdr. Carroll C. Lupton, MCR, USNR, who reported from Naval Hospital, Norfolk, Virginia.

Goodby and good luck to: Cdr. John T. Jenkin, MCS, USNR, who was transferred to U. S. Naval Hospital, Aiea Heights, T.H., for duty; Lcdr. John C. Thorn, MC, USN, returned to civil life to teach obstetrics and gynecology at Tulane University; Lt. Charles B. Newton, MC, USN, transferred for duty under instruction in Internal Medicine (Residency) at Strong Memorial Hospital, Rochester, N. Y.; Lt.(jg) Leo S. Konieczny, MCR, USNR, for duty with Marine Detachment, Fleet Activities, Yokosuka, Japan; Cdr. John C. Farquhar, DC, USN, to duty at Naval Supply Depot, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Just a reminder . . . that Father's Day is Sunday, 15 June.

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A Commendable Record

The Green Cross, symbol of safe driving, waved briskly over the Transportation Department during the month of May. In that period of time, the station's drivers operated the Oak Knoll fleet of eighty-eight vehicles over more than 38,000 miles without an accident. The group of men, both civilian and military, who manned the fleet are to be highly commended for their splendid performance during this time. Theirs is an enviable record and indicative to all that attention to duty and established regulations carries with it the satisfaction of a job well done.

† † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

Christ tells us: "Every one that heareth My words and doeth them, shall be likened to a wise man that built his house upon a rock." (Matt. vii. 24).

He who trusts in God builds on solid ground. The patriarch Joseph derived advantage, not harm, from being persecuted; the pious David was persecuted, first by Saul, and then by his own son Absalom. From his own experience he was able to say: "Many are the afflictions of the just; but out of them all the Lord will deliver them." (Ps. 33.20.) All the saints of Christ have been persecuted, but God has turned to good the evil that their enemies thought to do them. "If God is with us, who can be against us?"

CARL A. HEROLD,

Beauties And The Beast



When an immovable object meets an irresistible force, such as members of Oak Knoll's staff, something is bound to happen. The beast above invaded Oak Knoll recently, and desiring a record of the encounter, Graphic Arts attempted to photograph the mountainous mound of dog flesh. . . BUT Fido grew very uncooperative and followed an old American custom . . . he went on a sit-down strike. Mike Vitt happened along at the moment, and Johnny Utt enlisted his aid, on the theory that Mike's big, bright star might induce the canine into movement. . . As anyone can see, they were unsuccessful.

Red Cross Ramblings

Wednesday, June 4, members of the Oak Knoll Camera Club paid a visit to the dark room at Photographic Arts and were initiated into the mysteries of enlargers, developing tanks and film driers. Farrell Utt, PhM 1/c, of Photographic Arts, conducted the tour. Members reported a highly edifying and enjoyable time was had by all.

Steel guitars strummed and native drums beat as exotic dancers went through the graceful movements of the hula at the Alhoa party June 5 at the Poopdeck, Red Cross Recreation Hall. Guests entered over a gangway into a true Hawaiian setting, replete with palm trees, tapa cloth, and authentic grass skirts. Everyone enjoyed the iced pineapple juice and cupcakes disguised as poi in bowls of carved coconut shells. Hostesses were greeted with multi-colored leis. A trio composed of drums, guitars, and vocalist accompanied the hula dancers, and they also played for the dancing of the guests. The evening concluded with the traditional playing of Aloha Oe.

All hands are invited to attend a Gray Lady Capping Ceremony to be held Wednesday evening at 1930 in the Red Cross Lounge, the Poopdeck, in building 102. These ladies have completed their twenty-four hours of probationary work on the wards as well as the two weeks training course required before they began work in the hospital. The Gray Ladies will receive their caps at the ceremony. Staff and patient personnel are urged to attend.

This week our thanks go to the San Pablo Ladies Auxiliary to Post 6421 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars for the enjoyable bingo party they sponsored in Ward 41A last Friday. Their delicious home made cakes reminded everyone of good old home cooking. We are happy to welcome this group to the hospital, and we hope they will come again soon.

Poopdeck Schedule

MONDAY, JUNE 16

1300—Patient planning committee meeting. help us plan the details of our party night—"SOUTH OF THE BORDER"—this Wednesday.

1400-1600—Arthur Murray Dance Instruction. Is your dancing dated? Can you jitterbug and samba, or are you still doing the big apple? Don't let this happen to you. Let

the Arthur Murray girls keep you up to date on your dancing! 1900-2100—Jam Session and Games Night. You can have fun with the drums, trumpet, guitar or trombone, or win a prize for high score at pinochle, blackjack or monopoly.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18

1300—Ping Pong Tournament.

1900-2130—Saludos, amigos. Come to our South American party. See the Mexican Hat Dance! Dance with pretty señoritas! Hasta la vista!

FRIDAY, JUNE 20

Field day. Lounge secured until 1300.

Mrs. Edna Saake Brings Stage Show

An excellent stage show was brought to Oak Knoll on 5 June by Mrs. Edna Saake, of the Hospitalized Veterans' Entertainment Committee. Featuring all local and Bay Area talent, the various acts went over big with the hospital audience, bringing rounds of applause.

The show was one of the many that Mrs. Saake has brought to the Auditorium stage. She reports that plans are underway to bring a "Youngsters" show, with teen-age and under talent, to Oak Knoll soon.

Off the Bookshelf

Americans have recently become conscious of the interesting places in the United States to see and enjoy, and as a result more books describing America are being published.

AMERICAN CITIES

Perry: **Cities of America.**

Articles on various cities, originally published in the **Saturday Evening Post.**

Atherton: **My San Francisco.**

Muench: **Salt Lake City,** a pictorial study.

Writers' Program: **New Orleans City Guide.**

THE STATES

Writers' program guides of Georgia, Massachusetts, Michigan, Nevada, Texas, and Utah, have recently been added to the library. Those already in the library were: Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Jersey, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Washington State, West Virginia, Wisconsin. If your state is not included, it is probably because the guide is out of print.

Divine Services

Protestant:

Chaplain—E. C. Andrews

Sunday—

Divine Service 1100

Holy Communion first Sunday in each month.

Protestant Chaplain's offices are located on the Second Deck of Bldg. No. 1.

Catholic:

Chaplain—Carl Herold.

Sunday Mass—0630, 0900.

Weekday Mass—1205 in oratory next to Chaplain's Office in Building 1.

Confessions before all Masses.

Christian Science:

Worker will be on the compound every Tuesday and Friday afternoons.

Jewish:

Divine Service—Transportation leaves Administration Bldg. every Friday at 1800 for services at Treasure Island Chapel. Men interested contact Chaplain. An draws at extension 184 to arrange transportation.

The Field Representative of the National Jewish Welfare Board, Hospital Service Dept., is in attendance on the hospital compound once a week. Men desiring to see him should contact the Senior Chaplain.

Paul Hubbard, Jalopy Collector, Pays Knoll Visit - As Patient



HOME for Paul Hubbard is the roadside where he parks his car—the car in this case being a fully equipped 1913 model Scripps Booth. This scene shows Hubbard's take-off from Jamaica, Long Island, on his last coast-to-coast bond boosting tour.

Paul Hubbard, self-styled hobo deluxe, painter, and connoisseur of ancient motor vehicles, has probably seen more of the United States than most millionaire tourists see in a lifetime.

"I made my first 12 trips across country beatin' my way on trains, sometimes ridin' the brake beams, sometimes on top a flat car. Sure, I got put off-lotsa times, but I got on again," the 55-year-old vagabond veteran mused as he told his story to an Oak Leaf reporter this week.

Hubbard started painting houses and signs at the age of ten. Today his murals decorate tavern walls from Connecticut to the Bayshore Highway. On his last 13 trips across the continent he has traveled in more than a hundred jalopies, most of them Hubbardized hybrids of long-forgotten makes — Saxon, Brush, Schlect, ABC, Scripps Booth, a French Renault, Thomas Flier, and a White Steamer. Of one "creation" he is especially proud—a Rolls Royce that had once belonged to George White of the Scandals. In it he installed a tiny Austin engine and rolled away at a good clip, making, he says, 75 miles to a gallon of formula—a mysterious mixture containing small amounts of gasoline, kerosene, and other miscellaneous liquids. The most reasonably priced car he ever owned was an abandoned taxicab he got at an auction for \$1.25. The cheapest he could drive "right off" was an antique Hudson he purchased at a much-used car lot for \$5. Usually he pays from \$10 to \$18.

Oak Knoll was an unexpected stop on the nomad's itinerary. "But I mighta knowed I'd land in a hospital if I tried to drive that new-fangled 1946 model car," he muttered when asked to account for his fractured legs.

Though his travels must be postponed, Mr. Hubbard continues to paint and to teach his technique to anyone who wishes to try his luck with brush and easel. With the instruction, the genial wanderer entertains fellow patients on Ward 44B with yarns of his life on the open-road—of the time he worked once for a whole year at the Panama

Canal, of his service as "buck private in the rear ranks" during World War I, of his work on the staff of "Hobo News," of the broken-down flying machines he patched up and flew back in the '20's, and of his Victory Bond boosting trips during the war years.

Congratulations to Chief Blacketer and Erma (former Patient Personnel employee) for their new baby boy. Where are the cigars, Chief?

Best wishes for the recovery of Mary MacLaughlin, Chief C. A. Alwood and Mrs. William Bond.

Scuttlebutt

This week we'll start the column off with the 64-dollar question for the seven-day period: Why did Smitty urgently need a sum of money . . . \$10.00 to be exact . . . last Saturday night?

From there we'll go on to congratulate Chief Rublow on the job he has been doing as Barrack's MAA.

And speaking of Chiefs we see that the extracurricular activities of Crane of x-ray netted the ex-pugilist two lovely contusions better known as "black eyes."

Oak Knoll has also seen many transfers during the last week: W. S. Scott, W. J. Butler and R. L. Cox left early in the week for Yerba Buena Island. E. C. Piersol and E. R. Tupper journeyed across continent to Bethesda for Dental School. R. Smith pulled down a job at the D.M.O., and Chief Boutwell went up to Vallejo way, to Mare Island.

Joining the sea-faring men at YBI on Thursday were: OPD's C. C. Kirby, Commissary's V. E. Benjamin, Recreation's L. A. Forester, Graphic Art's H. B. Wayland, and R. M. Slagle from Night MAA. Also going along for the ride were O. J. Larivee, C. V. Moon, S. M. Jones, C. Butler, S. M. Klausner, K. Suskauer, and A. J. Szezepanski.

Looks like Chief Bucelli has the number "13" following him pretty closely. Being born on 13 October, the Chief was transferred for assignment at YBI on Friday, 13 June, and has exactly 13 months before transfer to Fleet Reserve.

Two of the feminine members of our illustrious staff also "took a powder" and returned to civilian life, in the inactive duty. Mary "Frankie" Griffin remained in sunny California at El Cajon. Elna Martha Kellow went North to Tillamook, Oregon. Sorry, wolves, but they didn't leave their telephone numbers!

RECREATION

Girls and gags will be the order of the day when the variety revue "Pranks For Yanks" makes its appearance at Oak Knoll on 19 and 20 June for evening performances in the Auditorium.

There is a little bit of everything in the show: Magic and melody, songs and dances, and snappy comedy. The girls are lovely and the acts up-to-the-minute.

The acts include: Fix Gordon, comedy violinist; Nixon and Sands, comedy duo; Arline Russell, tap and musical comedy dancing; Rosette Shaw, warbler; Tanya Serduke, violinist; Carl Thorson, comedy juggling, and Kenneth Nash, emcee.

Don't miss this Recreation event.

Recipe: To make a peach cordial . . . buy her a drink.

RECREATION

Regrets to announce that due to the bus strike, the Stockton Regatta and the Livermore Rodeo have been cancelled.

BUT DON'T MISS THE
BIG AQUACADE
Here Sunday, 1300
Oakland Aquators
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Jack Boorman

Tickets available for the
STANDARD HOUR
15 June 1900
San Francisco

"Poopdeck" Features Recreation, Camera Club



Recently opened, the "Poopdeck" is becoming increasingly popular among the personnel of Oak Knoll and features many events that are becoming regular weekly items. Besides the facilities for lounging, writing, reading, and dancing, the lounge sports a music room, and ping pong tables.

Located with the lounge is the Camera Club's darkroom, which is open every day except Friday. The darkroom, which has been about three weeks, has facilities for developing and printing, and an enlarger will be installed in a few weeks.

L. E. Groves, AMMFI, former Flight Engineer on a Mars, has been with the Club for two months in the position of President. Groves states that more than 15 photo-fans attend the Monday meetings, and from 5 to 8 a day use the darkroom. Monday evening meetings feature a Bay Area speaker.

Above, Mrs. Dudley Frost, Gray Lady, is seen with William J. Tyukodi, EM2, in the Music Room, selecting some records from Carmen.

In the center, W. H. Brooks, S2, and George McKinney, veteran, are seen in DOUBLES against Forrest Shuttleworth, AM2, and William Morrison, HA2. In the background is William D. Rutledge, S1, Miss Barbara Cornell, and L. E. Groves, AMMFI.

A scene from the darkroom shows Lcdr. Phillip H. Dew, USNR, demonstrating how an old camera will be used to make an enlarger. Holding the camera is L. E. Groves, and R. A. Salinas, FI, is watching.

Buy • Sell • Rent

FOR SALE—Baby Crib, 6 year size; high chair; Triumph table radio; card table; mirror, 18" diameter. Contact W. T. Bond, Commissary I.

FOR SALE—'41 Oldsmobile Eight. Hydromatic shift. Call Dr. Reddy, Ext. 249.

LOST—Dog, black, except for white on breast and forefeet. About 18 inches tall, long ears. Answers to name of Butch. Information pertaining to the whereabouts of this dog will be appreciated. Call Chief Bosch, Pharmacy.

FOR SALE—40 Dodge Coupe, radio and heater; 7 cu. ft. Frigidaire; Sheraton table model phantom dial Bendix radio; Mahogany pete table; ABC washing machine. See or call Dr. J. D. Moore, 43B

FOR SALE—8 piece dinette set, Early California Monterey. 15827 Paseo Del Campo St., San Lorenzo, or call Mr. Chapman, extension 135.

FOR SALE—Autocrat gas stove, four burners, Robert Shaw Thermostat, almost new, \$100. Contact Dr. Derbyshire, TR 8802.

WANTED—To rent—a two bedroom apartment or home—furnished or partly furnished. Will pay up to \$75.00. URGENT. CPhM M. E. R. Smith, SW 0992.

FOR SALE—One Auto Radio, and one General Electric Clock Radio. See Chief Taylor, Welfare Department Radio Shop, Ship's Service Building.

FOR SALE — Trumpet, with case. Clarinet with case. Reasonable offer. See Mitchell, Ward 74B.

Belly Landing Undoes Loon

Louie the Loon is a loon. Pardon, Louie was a loon. For Louie is dead now and it's anyone's guess why he died.

A few days before his untimely end, Louie came in for a belly landing at municipal airport, Martinsville, Va. He thought the rain-wet runway was a lake. He lost some feathers and skinned his neck when he skidded 20 feet down the runway. The airport manager looked Louie up in the encyclopedia. The book said loons need 300 feet of water to take off in.

There wasn't that much water in one piece in that area, so the manager was going to launch the loon from a plane. He put Louie in a nearby spring. The next day he found Louie dead. He guessed it was because of lack of a proper diet.

Moral: Keep your wheels down.

FOR SALE—1946 Pontiac Streamliner 8. Heater, radio, seat covers, and many extra items. Contact Oak Leaf Office.

FOR SALE—16 mm. Fairchild Gun Movie Camera, with F 3 Bausch and Lomb lens, magazine loading, battery driven, complete with leather case. Dr. K. E. Cosgrove, Ward 62A.

FOR SALE—Printex enlarger, with 6½-in. f4.5 Wollensak Velogistigmat lens. Call Johnny Utt, ex. 183.

FOR SALE—1935 DeSoto Tudor Airflow Sedan, \$400. Contact Chief Alwood or Chief Molinowski.

FOR SALE—New Remington Automatic Shotgun, 12-gauge, with case. New Argus 35mm Camera, f 4.5, with case. See R. M. Jaffee, Ward 40A, rm, 19.

Glen Gray And Casa Loma Group Bring Smo-o-oth Rhythm To Dance



SOLID JACKSON! Glen Gray's able clarinetist gives a few hot licks on the licorice stick to send Oak Knoll's personnel in last Monday's afternoon show in the Auditorium.

This Is Child's Play



Oak Knoll's SLUGGING SHORTSTOP, SHERMAN CHILDS, shows that he is as good at the bat as he is at tagging fly balls and grounders between second and third base.

A delayed rainy season has also delayed Oak Knoll's baseball, cancelling the last few scheduled games. Consequently, The Oak Leaf has been unable to print any

recent action photographs of the Knoll nine . . . so, this week we dug into our morgue, and came up with a month-old shot of the Concordia-Oak Knoll game.

• Movie Schedule •

Saturday, 14 June
"Strange Woman"
Hedy LaMarr, George Sanders

Sunday, 15 June
"They Won't Believe Me"
Susan Hayward, Robert Young

Monday, 16 June
"Tales of Manhattan"
Rita Hayworth, Charles Boyer

Tuesday, 17 June
"Copacobana"
Carmen Miranda, Groucho Marx

Wednesday, 18 June
"Devil Thumbs A Ride"
Nan Leslie, Lawrence Tierney

Thursday, 19 June
"Time out of Mind"
Phyllis Calvert, Robert Hutton

Friday, 20 June
"Ghost and Mrs. Muir"
Gene Tierney, Rex Harrison

Saturday, 21 June
"Saratoga Trunk"
Ingrid Bergman, Gary Cooper

Then there's a Swedish cook—one of them Schmorgasbroads.

Said the calf to the silo:
"Is my fodder in there?"

FOR RENT—Three bedroom home, with Bendix washer, piano, telephone, and gardener and water furnished. 2½ miles from hospital, in Sheffield Village. For rent from 15 June to 15 Sept. Call SW. 5851.

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Commissary Store Issues New Permits

The Commissary Store, Alameda, announces that all current permits will be cancelled as of 30 June, 1947. Applications for new cards are now being accepted, and the cards will be issued on 1 July, 1947.

All applications for permits to purchase from the commissary store will be made in writing to the officer in charge, who will satisfy himself that the applicant is entitled to the privilege. As means of identification, a permit will be issued to those eligible to purchase. This includes all Naval, Coast Guard, Marine and Army personnel—active and retired, and 100 per cent disabled veterans. Proven dependents may also purchase from the store.

Blank applications for permits may be obtained from the commissary store. Applications for enlisted men and women must be forwarded via their commanding officer. An applicant may designate the member of his family authorized to make purchases, whereupon an individual permit will be issued for his use.

Business hours for the store are from 0900 to 1600 daily, except Saturdays, Sundays, and days required for inventory. Notice of such days will be posted outside the store.

Road Repair Begins At Oak Knoll; Extensive Program Planned Here



A mechanical "super-shovel" is seen as it fills a dump-truck—one step in the repair work, now in progress on the roads at Oak Knoll.

Sure, we know that everyone is aware of our road repairs. But the answers to the questions why, what, and who are not as obvious.

The extensive roadway repairs became necessary with the failure of the road's subgrade (the material underlying the surface). This failure occurred because of the seepage of water through the pores of the road surface and the capillary action below. The water, in turn, broke down the bond between the aggregates in the base material. The base material used for the construction of temporary roads is not of the quality prescribed for semi-permanent construction and, since this is the case at Oak Knoll, it became necessary to rebuild the roads completely where base failure was most evident.

This involves the complete removal of existing roads to a minimum depth of ten and one-half inches. New base material with high cementitious qualities is being used as the subgrade. A one and one-half inch layer of asphaltic concrete compacted is to be the surfacing course.

On all other roadways, where heavy patching is not required, a seal coat consisting of road oil and fine grade gravel and sand will be used to seal the pores of the road surface against the seepage of water.

The J. A. Armstrong Construction Company of El Cerrito, California, were successful low bidders for the contract with a bid of \$24,640. With the grace of the weather gods, Mr. Armstrong anticipates that the work will be completed by 30 September.

U. S. Aeronautic Positions Opened

Civilian Personnel has just announced examinations for the positions of Aeronautical Mechanic I through VI, inclusive. The place of employment will be the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics, Ames Aeronautical Laboratory, Moffett Field, California.

For application, file the following form with the Board of U.S. Civil Service Examiners, National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics, Ames Aeronautical Laboratory, Moffett Field, California, not later than 25 June, 1947: (1) Application Form 60. (2) Card Form 5001-ABC. (3) Supplemental Form AAL-3. (4) Form 14 in certain veteran cases only for Veteran Preference.

Veteran Preference benefits are based upon honorable separation from the armed forces, with points added for disability.

For further information, contact Civilian Personnel, annex, second deck of the Administration Building.

Descriptive Booklet Of Stamps Available

Postmasters are advised of the issuance of a revised edition of the official booklet containing descriptions and illustrations of all United States postage stamps from the date of their introduction in 1847 to 31 May, 1947, including plate numbers and quantities issued of commemorative and air mail stamps.

The new stamp booklet is being issued to the public through the office of the Superintendent of Documents at 45 cents per copy, which includes the cost of delivery. All mail orders for this booklet should be addressed as follows: Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, 25, D.C.

Postage stamps are not acceptable for payment.

Recreation

Ten men will be the guests of the Geary Theater on Saturday, 22 June, for the stage production "Anna Lucasta." Men desiring to go should contact Recreation immediately.

Welcome and Farewell

This week, Oak Knoll wishes to welcome aboard Lcdr. Edwin Madden, DC, USN, from the USS Benevolence, and Lt. Edwin K. Markell, HS, USNR—aboard for 14 days training duty in the Laboratory.

Two doctors said farewell last week. Lt. (jg) John Presinger, MCR, USNR, reported to FFT, USS General Randall, (AP 115), for duty. Lt. (jg) James Holmes, MCR, USNR, was transferred to Naval Supply Depot, Oakland, for duty. Good luck!

In civilian personnel, we wish to welcome Mr. Jack Evans, of San Francisco, who is now Fiscal Accounting Clerk in Disbursing. Mr. Evans formerly held a similar position in the 12 ND Disbursing Office. He is relieving Orville W. Dietsch, who resigned recently after holding the position since January, 1945.

Attention Crossroaders

All personnel who participated in OPERATION CROSSROADS are asked to contact Paul E. Dias, ChPharm, Personnel Officer.

Former MOinC Commended

Intimately connected with the history of Oak Knoll is the name of Captain Frederick R. Hook, who served as MOINC here from 2 September, 1942, to 15 November, 1943.

"Old timers" on the compound and those who have worked with Captain Hook at other stations, afloat and ashore, were gratified to hear this week that he has received a commendation from Secretary of the Navy James Forrestal for his outstanding work as medical officer in command of this hospital.

The Captain, who has served more than 30 years in the Medical Corps, is now Commanding Officer at USNH, San Diego.

Good Company

From the San Diego Drydock of 30 May comes the following item, which serves to commend corpsmen of Company 13 who reported here for duty on 28 May.

"A fine report was received by letter on the caliber of the Oakland group of graduates of Company 13. The Command of Naval Hospital at Oakland was very much pleased with the students and was kind enough to let us know. Such reports are ample payment for the long hours and effort put in by the instruction staff. Good work!"

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This Joke Was Not Funny

We have all heard the story of the playful swimmer who cried for help, gasped, sank, and then laughed uproariously at his frantic pal streaking across the pool to save him. The story has a tragic ending. The playful swimmer was seized with cramps; he screamed, went under. Wise this time, the pal waited for him to come up. He waited too long.

Early this week pranksters returning from liberty at midnight turned in a fire alarm. The fire department rushed to the scene; sleeping corpsmen hit the deck, answered the call. They were more than a little disgusted to find they had been called out for a laugh.

"Jokes" of this nature are dangerous. The fire department will not "sit on the bank" and wait. They will answer every call, just as will the hospital's emergency fire fighting personnel. But any repetition of this week's midnight false alarm could easily slow up their response. Speed would be the most important factor in combatting a real fire, should one occur here. Especially at this time of year, and at night when many wards have only one corpsman on duty, we cannot afford to "joke" with our fire fighters.

Now Hear This

On buses and street cars, on cross country trains—wherever service men and civilians travel together, the uniform of the U. S. Navy attracts attention. The conduct of the man who wears it may reflect credit on or bring criticism of the organization it represents. This fact was emphasized at bootcamp. A reminder is in order today.

Since the shortage of Naval personnel has necessitated withdrawal of shore patrol from public carriers, the Bureau of Naval Personnel has received an increasing number of reports of misconduct of Naval personnel on public conveyances. Complaints relative to conduct of drafts as well as individuals have been made.

The Chief of the Bureau has directed that immediate steps be taken to correct this condition. As a preliminary step it is suggested that Oak Knoll personnel conduct themselves at all times in such a way as to reflect credit on the uniform, the Navy, and on themselves as individuals.

† † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

The happiness of many people rises and falls with the stock market. To them there is but one kind of wealth: lands and houses, stocks and securities, and money in the bank. To these people everything is measured in terms of dollars, and they think anything can be bought for a price. These people are surprised if they learn that many things in life have no price tag.

Riches are of two kinds—the tangible or material, and the intangible or spiritual. The first is subject to destruction, loss, taxation and the fluctuation of markets. Riches of the non-material type cannot be stolen, taxed or devalued. But they can be shared.

In property and goods, the Carpenter of Nazareth was about as poor as any man who ever lived. Yet he taught a true sense of values when he declared: "A man's life consists not in the abundance of things he possesseth." (St. Luke 12:15.)

Christ taught the value of spiritual things, and he demonstrated that faith, hope and love are of inestimable value. The person who understands this is rich indeed.

Chaplain E. C. Andrews, Jr.

Decorations Awarded To Four



At Citation Ceremonies in Gendreau Circle on 11 June Wayne W. Cannon, GM2, received the Presidential Unit Citation; Leslie V. Lahmon, CPhM, and Joseph L. Culp, CPhM, received the Navy Unit Commendation; and John H. Luther, CPhM, (PhM2 at time of action) received the Army Distinguished Unit Badge with Oak Leaf Cluster.

Red Cross Ramblings

The spirit of the midway and the Bigtop was evoked for an evening of carnival fun, 11 June, at the Poopdeck. Barkers called their wares and the crowd drifted from concessions which ranged from "penny-pitch" to "dart-and-balloon" . . . step right up, ladies and gents!

Sideshow exhibits included a man-eating tiger, who in real life is known as Oswald, the Physio Therapy kitten—a hairless, legless dog; the only red bat in captivity, and special exhibits for ladies only and men only. A Fun House, complete with trick passageways, wierd howls, clanging gongs and bizarre lighting effects gave thrills and chills to all venturing within its Stygian depths. Dancing to jukebox records completed the evening's entertainment.

CRAFT SHOP ITEMS

Is there a family birthday or anniversary coming up soon for which you need a gift? The Red Cross Craft Shop is just the place to make that gift, whether it be plexi-glass bowls, trays, or luggage tags, or block-printed luncheon sets or aprons, or leather work. To personalize the gifts of leather, stationery, or match covers, we suggest you gold-stamp names or initials—both colored foils and 22 K. gold sheets are available.

For the convenience of patients on

detail during the day, and for staff personnel, the shop is now open every Wednesday night from 1900 to 2100.

Poopdeck Schedule

MONDAY, 23 JUNE

1400-1600—Arthur Murray Dance Instruction. Keep your dancing up to date the easy Arthur Murray way.

1900-2100—Jam Session and Games Nite—come down for an evening of music and cool drinks—or be a top man in the games tournament and win yourself a prize.

TUESDAY, 24 JUNE

Lounge open 0830-1700.

WEDNESDAY, 25 JUNE

1300—Ping pong tournament.

1900-2130—Barn dance. Swing yo' pahtnuh, mate! Be on deck at the Poopdeck for a four star evening of Virginia reels, square dances, rye waltzes and schot-tisches. Hostesses and refreshments. **THIS WILL BE THE LAST LOUNGE PARTY UNTIL 27 JULY.**

THURSDAY, 26 JUNE

Lounge opens 0830-1700.

FRIDAY, 27 JUNE

Field Day. Lounge secured until 1300.

Thursday, 21 June, 1947

Discharge Papers Bear New Designs

Announcement of a variety of changes in Navy discharge certificates was made this week by the Bureau of Personnel.

The new designs will replace the old types on 1 July, 1947. The following changes in form will go into effect that date:



Supplied by Sea
CERTIFICATE OF DISCHARGE
Under Honorable Conditions, at top, is being replaced by the new 'General Discharge' shown below.

(a) The format or make-up of all five types of certificates will be changed. (b) The name of the present "Under Honorable Conditions" discharge certificate will be changed to "General" discharge certificate. (See illustration above.) (c) Changes will be made in some of the reasons for discharge previously set forth. (d) The color of the Under Honorable discharge certificate will be changed from yellow to white.

No changes will be made in the requirements for any type of discharge.

On 1 July, 1947, all Navy ships and stations will resume the issuance of discharge certificates and honorable discharge buttons to personnel released on board for immediate reenlistment. Retroactive issuances of the button and new certificate will not be made to personnel discharged and reenlisted prior to 1 July.

"Pranks For Yanks" Features Festivities

Magic and melody . . . songs and dances were plentiful in the recent variety revue "Pranks for Yanks" presented here on 19 and 20 June. Keeping a breezy pace from curtain to curtain, the show kept the Knollites clamoring for more.

Acts featured were: Fid Gordon, violinist and comedian; Nixon and Sands, satire comedy team; Arlene Russell, tap and musical comedy dancing; Rosette Shaw, singer; Tanya Serduke, solo violinist; Carl J. Thorson, comedy juggling. Kenneth Nash emceed the show.

The revue was presented through Recreation.

Gals who have those bedroom eyes, Always get a lot of guys.

Girls In White

In the last two weeks the Nurse Corps here has detached three nurses. Lcdr. Margaret O'Shea was transferred to the Naval Dispensary, Astoria, Oregon, to serve as Chief Nurse. Lcdr. Rose M. Foulks left for duty at Aiea Heights, T. H., and Lcdr. Blanche L. Sanders, who was in charge of the indoctrination class, left to join her husband in Pensacola, Florida.

Reporting for duty was Lt. (jg) Mary E. Darling from Washington, D. C., where she has completed the course in dietetics at the George Washington University. This is her second tour of duty here. Another addition to the nursing staff is Lt. Martha J. Meyers (NC) USNR who has returned to us from inactive duty.

Eleven nurses, all interested in Oak Knoll and the Navy routine, have recently reported from civilian life. They are Ensigns Geraldine H. Baldey, San Antonio, Texas, a graduate of Medical and Surgical Hospital there; Miriam Bingham, Seattle, graduate of Michael Reese Hospital, Chicago; Doris L. Bursa, Peotone, Illinois, graduate of Cook County School of Nursing, Chicago; Vera E. Cox, resident of Wichita, Kansas, and graduate of Wesley Hospital in the same city; Mervyn E. Ege, Fulton, Illinois, graduate of Moline Public Hospital, Moline; Jean E. Ellis, Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin, a graduate of St. Agnes Hospital Fond du Lac; Mary Grande, Portland, Oregon, graduate of Multnomah Hospital of the same city; Cora E. Grappe of Natchitoches, La., graduate from T. E. Schumpert Memorial Hospital, Shreveport; Helen L. Gunther, Jacksonville, Illinois, graduate from Passavant Memorial Hospital in the same city; Wilma E. Roberts of Barnsdall, Oklahoma, graduate from Hillcrest Memorial Hospital in Tulsa; and Norma J. Thompson of Des Moines, Iowa, who graduated from Iowa Lutheran Hospital in the same city.

Boot: "Where are you going, my pretty maid?"

She: "How much money have you?"

Boot: "Buck and a half."
She: "None of your business where I'm going."

Hubby: "I sure miss the old cuspidor since it's gone."

Wifey: "You missed it before. That's why it's gone."



Hypnotist Calvert Brings Magic And Pulchritude To Auditorium



SOMETHING SPECIAL in entertainment came last Wednesday with John Calvert, master hypnotist and magician. Knollites were given the added treat of a bevy of beauties. Above, we find Casa Nova Calvert with two of his cuties.

Surrounded by beautiful girls, John Calvert made his appearance on the Oak Knoll stage last Wednesday—bringing with him a gigantic bag-full-of-tricks.

The world famous hypnotist and magician started the show with sleight-of-hand performances and then went into more spectacular tricks—such as producing a girl from an empty drum and controlling a floating skull. Calvert followed this with demonstrations of his amazing hypnotic ability, and kept the audience roaring with the performances of the audience-victims. The show was concluded with a version of the old sawing-a-woman-in-half act.

The two performances were brought to Oak Knoll through the efforts of Lt. (jg) C. T. Taylor, Recreation Officer.

Time tells on a man . . . especially a good time.

• Movie Schedule •

Saturday, 21 June
"Saratoga Trunk"
Ingrid Bergman, Gary Cooper

Sunday, 22 June
"Welcome, Stranger"
Bob Crosby, Barry Fitzgerald

Monday, 23 June
"Night in Casablanca"
Marx Brothers

Tuesday, 24 June
"Miracle on 34th Street"
Maureen O'Hara, John Payne

Wednesday, 25 June
"Sport of Kings"
Paul Campbell, G. Henry

Thursday, 26 June
"The Web"
Edmond O'Brien, Ella Raines

Friday, 27 June
"Corpse Came 'COD'"
Joan Blondell, George Brent

Saturday, 28 June
"Stolen Life"
Bette Davis, Glenn Ford

Oak Knoll Nine Joins 12th ND League Play

Aquacade Presented Here Sunday By Oakland Aquators

League's Second Half Open To Knoll Nine

Organizing too late to enter the first half of the Twelfth Naval District Baseball League, the Knollites played side-games with other Naval stations, and Sunday games with semi-pro Bay Area teams.

It has just been announced that plans are underway for the second half of the league, and that Oak Knoll is entering the competition.

In a meeting held late this week (too late for results to be announced in this issue) schedules were to be drawn up. If possible, the Oak Leaf will publish these next week.



FEATURING the latest in diving and life-saving methods, the Aquators of Oakland presented an Aquacade at Oak Knoll's swimming pool last Sunday, 15 June.

Above, we have Ralph Wiggins, pool-staff member, who participated in the diving exhibitions. . . and on the right are two of the aquators demonstrating a neck tow, so useful in life-saving technique.

Also featured in the show were canoe handling, rhythmic team swimming, water clowning, and a floating exhibition.

Buy • Sell • Rent

FOR SALE—Two Monterey Bedroom sets, double and single, with springs and mattresses. Contact Mr. Chapman, 135, or LU 1-4517, after 1700.

FOR SALE—Plain band engagement and wedding rings. Box type solitaire setting, slightly over 1/4 karat, blue-white. Paid \$200. Will sell for \$175. Has had three months' wear. Contact Sparks, Transportation, (nights).

WANTED—Ride, to and from San Francisco. Contact Jack Evans, Disbursing Office.

WANTED—Apartment in Oakland for two girls. Contact Miss Betty Ward, Commissary Office.

FOR SALE—Printex enlarger, with 6 1/2-in. f4.5 Wollensak Velogistigmat lens. Call Johnny Utt, ex. 183.

Saturday Features TI's Defeat, 5-4

In a return game with Treasure Island last Saturday, Oak Knoll, showing both good defense and offense, came out on top with a score of 5 to 4.

The game started out fast, with TI chalking up two runs in the third inning, and the local boys taking the bat to bring in four. In the fourth, TI again registered two points on the scoreboard . . . but Oak Knoll broke the tie by another run. A tight defense on both sides kept the remaining innings scoreless.

Liggett, on mound for the complete game, added ten more strikeouts to his credit. Krauthniem was catching, with Bush at first, Bosch at second, Moon at third, and Childs at shortstop. Schnieder replaced Bush at first. Cullinan played left field, Grieter in center, and Wolcott in right.

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Liggett and Krauthniem; Spohn, Swartz and Zoffinger.

Shocking Story About A Bull

(SEA)—There are certain rudimentary facts about bovines. If a bull, for instance, eats a lot of meal and then drinks a lot of water, he becomes bloated. Any bull knows this. But not Ferdinand.

Ferdinand stuck himself half through a fence hole, at a lot of meal, drank a lot of water. He became bloated. His owner, remembering the tale of another Ferdinand (the bull with the delicate ego), rigged a battery and a wire and sort of "stimulated" Ferdinand in the region of the fantail.

Ferdinand took part of the fence with him.

Scuttlebutt

GNATS to Transportation . . . or at least Transportation was subjected to an aerial attack in the form of uncountable insects last week. So far, to the Oak Leaf's knowledge, no one has classified them. But the curses of the tormented men could be heard beyond the farthest vehicle.

The boys of X-Ray, and various other members of Oak Knoll's personnel are still at it . . . and we have to admit, the spacious lawn does make an excellent croquet field.

To add a touch of "who was seen with who" we have the nomination of Blackmon and Disbursing's Miller. It MUST be the weather as Florence Larsen and her civilian Jake, as well as Jutila and his visitor, have been also nominated for this department.

We also hear that Fischer and Washum have been taking a few pointers on cooking. .

Two more Waves have bid adieu to the Knollite way-of-living . . . Helen Davis and Elaine Hemenway. Good luck, gals!

It's "Welcome" to two more Reservists . . . aboard for a two weeks' training cruise. Hope you like it here, Anna Kerr, Bonney Kolb. The Colorado girls are both Corps Waves.

Apologies are offered to Vern Beutow. It seems that Vern was upholding a "Good Neighbor Policy" all right, but it was with a Northern cousin . . . le fille petite.

Taking a slight leave first, both Alfredo "Pancho" Reyes and George Schoonover are saying goodbye to Oak Knoll, after about sixteen months here. "Pancho" and George will report from their homes to NP Technician School, Fort Worth, Texas. Good luck!

Congratulations to Donald Peeler, of Recreation, and Jean Davis. Jean now signs her name Mrs. Peeler. The

happy event took place last Thursday.

We hear that MacKay came home with a new girl friend Saturday. Could it be "Kitty," Donald?

Question of the Week department brings up this poser: Who did Juanita Morgan spend all of the recent Glen Gray dance with? Maybe Lowry can spread some light on the subject?

Terry, of the light red hair, has been seen with a new boy friend . . . but she won't divulge his name.

Traveling Westward this week were R. R. Lurpak, C. Karras, P. Amaral, G. K. Senter, M. L. Underhill and A. Szkoinik. The boys are at YBI awaiting further transfer.

Welcome to C. Holmes, who reported aboard from the District Medical Office for duty, and to G. F. McGowan, who switched from patient to staff status.

Famous last words: "Yes, I'll bring the bottles back."



Home Game, 1400
Don't Miss It

Baseball, Sunday, 22 June, will be at Pacheco. Bus will leave Oak Knoll at 1200.

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Movies To Charge Dime Admission

Movies, presented free to hospital audiences during the past five years, will cost ten cents per person beginning Tuesday, 1 July, according to an announcement made today by the Recreation Department.

During the war years, \$7.50 for all black and white films and \$12.50 for technicolor was the rental rate for a military installation. Now, in order to get 35-run pictures, it is necessary for the Recreation Department to deal with commercial exchanges on the same percentage-of-intake basis that applies to downtown theaters.

Little change is expected in the size of theater crowds here. Two hours of entertainment for a dime is still a real bargain.

Staff Personnel Advanced In Rating

Effective 20 June 1947, twenty-five men were advanced in rating from Al to PhM3. These men are H. D. Propst, L. G. Casperson, R. W. Anderson, W. L. Ready, R. S. Stephens, D. B. Reeder, J. Cicero, R. W. Scott, J. C. Kenaga, W. M. Wright, W. E. Chaney, R. E. Hade, S. Carter, R. E. Winslow, P. L. Eaton, W. T. Moore, L. E. Patton, T. W. Holt, H. F. Black, W. P. Beard, L. M. Mraz, R. E. Marundee and J. W. Clevenger.

Housing Projects Rules Broadened

Under a new policy established by Commandant, 12th Naval District, commanding officers are authorized at their discretion to permit a limited number of officer personnel above the rank of lieutenant to occupy quarters in public housing projects.

The allowance for Santa Cruz Village will be one captain, two commanders, and three lieutenant commanders, or any combination thereof, not to exceed six.

Coming Next Week

Next Tuesday, 1 July, will be another milestone in the history of U.S. Naval Hospital, Oakland. That date marks the end of Oak Knoll's first five years of service to the Navy. To commemorate this anniversary an overview of half a decade of progress during war and peace will be featured in next week's issue of the Oak Leaf. With this story of hospital activities, a new aerial photograph of Oak Knoll will be published for the first time.

New Librarian Reports For Duty

After a "4-year hitch" at Mare Island Naval Hospital Library, Miss Marguerite Hand reported aboard to relieve Miss Catherine Baker of her duties as Librarian.

Miss Baker, after nearly five years



MISS MARGUERITE HAND

here—September 1942 to June 1947, is now at the Naval Hospital in San Diego.

Vivacious Miss Hand, a native of the Golden State, is originally from Palo Alto. Obtaining her degree in library work from San Jose State College, she then accepted a position with the San Mateo Public Library for a year. From there she journeyed to Mare Island.

Taking a postman's holiday, Miss Hand can usually be found in her spare-time curled up with a book in the Red Cross Quarters.

USN Enlistment Terms Modified

Men reenlisting in the Regular Navy within three months from the date of discharge from Regular Navy or within three months from date of first demobilization discharge and separation as members of USNR or USN-inductees after active service in World War II may be enlisted or reenlisted for a term of two, three, four or six years, except that seventeen-year-olds shall be enlisted for minority or for a term of two or three years only.

All other enlistments and reenlistments will be made for a term of three, four or six years, except that seventeen-year-olds will be enlisted for minority or three years only.

13 States Authorize Vet Benefits; Seven More Await Legislation

Bonus payments and other benefits to World War II veterans have been approved in thirteen states and the Territory of Alaska . . . seven of which will pay bonus benefits. Seven other State Legislatures have adopted bonus legislation subject to approval by referendum vote of the people, and two additional states contemplate passage of similar measures next fall.

Connecticut is paying veterans \$10 per month of active service; \$500 maximum. Rhode Island voters authorized a flat bonus of \$200 to men who served in any branch of military service or the Merchant Marine.

A generous pace in Illinois was set with \$10 per month of domestic service, and \$15 per month for overseas; maximum of \$900. New Hampshire, in comparison, is paying \$10 per month with a maximum of \$100. Vermont follows New Hampshire closely with \$10 per month and a maximum of \$120.

Michigan's plan is identical to Illinois, except that the maximum is \$500. Alaska approved a bonus of \$10 per month for every month in service.

LEGISLATION PENDING

State Legislatures of New York, Ohio, North Dakota, Minnesota, South Dakota, Iowa and Indiana have adopted legislation for cash

payment of bonus subject to majority vote of the people next November. Missouri and Pennsylvania contemplate favorable action on bonus measures when legislatures convene again.

Financing of bonus payments in some states is being accomplished with treasury surpluses, while others have floated bonds to be retired with revenue from special taxes.

STRONG OPPOSITION

Passage of bonus legislation encountered strong opposition in some states. Newspapers in Rhode Island and Illinois urged voters to reject the plan.

Opponents in other states charged that the bonus was a "trick" because veterans would have to pay it back in taxes to retire the resulting state indebtedness. Still others argued that state bonuses would weaken the structure of demands for an eventual federal bonus, such as was paid veterans of World War I more than 15 years later.

FEDERAL BONUS BACKED

Agitation for payment of a federal bonus is well underway. The VFW are preparing a Federal Adjusted Service Pay Bill for introduction to the 80th Congress. But proponents are not overly optimistic about early success.

Recreation

Any men desiring to attend a picnic in Crow Canyon, sponsored by the Marine Corps League of Hayward, should contact Recreation immediately. The picnic is Sunday, 29 June.

You In '52?

How about it, patients and staff? Have you given a thought to the next five or ten years? If you're going to be a 20-year man in the Navy, fine! But if not, what's it to be? No one can choose an occupation for you—that's YOUR job—but Educational Services and the Veteran's Advisement Office (Bldg. 133) can help with the following:

1. Find out about your abilities, aptitudes, and interests. Take tests which will answer questions like these for you: How well can you do on a college entrance exams? Does mechanical work interest you more than clerical? Sales manager or bank clerk—which? Truck routeman or truck repairman—which? What are your chances of becoming a better-than-average mechanic, bookkeeper or commercial artist? Is impairment of hearing much of a handicap in a tool and die maker's work?

2. Check up on various occupations—qualifications and training necessary, advantages and disadvantages, employment outlook, the preparation you can make NOW.

You want to wait until you get out to decide? More investigating NOW may mean a wiser decision LATER! Be ready to make the best possible use of the school or on-the-job training available to you under the G.I. Bill.

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A Price-tag On Happiness

If you're like millions of other Americans, you have your own pet dreams for the future. But you know—just as all the rest of us do—that every dream has its own particular price-tag.

Well, suppose you found out TODAY that you could buy a home, or put your kids through school—and that you could pay for these dreams any way that you chose! You'd go for it, wouldn't you?

Maybe right now all you could afford to pay would be a few dollars a week—but that wouldn't matter. A few years from now, perhaps you could pay more—let's say \$18.75 each month. YOU YOURSELF would determine how much to pay, and when you could afford to increase your payments.

Suppose you'd just heard of this plan for buying your future happiness today, on the pay-as-you-go system? Wouldn't you agree that it was the smartest way of making SURE of the future—and also the easiest?

That plan is yours NOW, right here at Oak Knoll, or any place in the Navy. It's the easy, convenient allotment plan for the regular purchase of U. S. Savings Bonds. Every \$75 you invest today brings you \$100 in 10 years—and the money's always there in case of emergencies.

So write your own ticket to security! Pay as you can—pay as you earn! Buy Savings Bonds Today!

A Veteran Reports

A recent letter to the editor of the Hanford Sentinel Journal gave high praise to the care given a veteran patient at Oak Knoll. Although a slight inaccuracy is noted in the number of examining doctors reported, the letter is indicative of the fine work being done here, particularly by the staff of Ward 60B. The Commanding Officer is always pleased to receive such comments and to share them with Oak Leaf readers.

"This patient had a cirrhosis liver condition; they had given him up without any hopes. Upon entry at the Administration building at the U. S. Naval Hospital, 12 doctors examined him thoroughly as to whether to operate or as to just what last-minute effort should be made to save him. It happened that he was placed in Ward 60B at midnight and surprising as it may seem to a good many, in a short period of 10 weeks, he was discharged from the hospital, thoroughly cleared of one of the most trying diseases—a case of cirrhosis liver."

The letter also stated that "a good many veterans who are being admitted to any of the hospitals under these conditions complain of the mistreatment, which is not true; they have the best of food; they have physicians and nurses who have had years of experience. The wards are immaculate, and there isn't any hospital throughout the state that can surpass the treatment the men are receiving while being hospitalized at Oak Knoll."

Divine Services

Protestant:

Chaplain—E. C. Andrews

Sunday—

Divine Service.....1100

Holy Communion first Sunday in each month.

Protestant Chaplain's offices are located on the Second Deck of Bldg. No. 1.

Catholic:

Chaplain—Carl Herold.

Sunday Mass—0630, 0900.

Weekday Mass—1205 in oratory next to Chaplain's Office in Building 1.

Confessions before all Masses.

Christian Science:

Worker will be on the compound every Tuesday and Friday afternoons.

Jewish:

Divine Service—Transportation leaves Administration Bldg. every Friday at 1800 for services at Treasure Island Chapel. Men interested contact Chaplain Andrews at extension 184 to arrange transportation.

The Field Representative of the National Jewish Welfare Board, Hospital Service Dept., is in attendance on the hospital compound once a week. Men desiring to see him should contact the Senior Chaplain.

June Bride



In wedding ceremonies in Oak Knoll's Chapel, Chaplain E. C. Andrews pronounced Donald Peeler, HAI, and Jean Davis as man and wife. Donald is a movie projectionist for Recreation. Miss Davis is the daughter of Mrs. Ione Davis, 2226 11th Ave., Oakland.

Bluejacket's Haven Is "Not For Sale"

The "Bluejacket's Haven" is still going strong and the stockholders have announced that it is not for sale, as has been rumored.

The "home away from home" is located at 2703 Telegraph and is run by the Navy Mothers Club of Oakland. The "Haven" provides home-like accommodations for all Navy personnel while ashore, and dances are held every Saturday evening.

The fellow who invented Life Savers made a mint.

Overseas Travel For Dependents To Remain In Effect

Transportation of dependents from overseas to the United States will be continued until further notice, in accordance with general provisions of Public Law 301, instructions contained in SecNav letter 10 January 1946, Navy Department Bulletin 46-66 and Alnavs 119-46, 143-46, and 346-46. See Alnav 358-46 relative to payment of passage fares in commercial vessels on and after 1 July 1946.

† † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

"Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh." This is a very wise and a very true statement. In our common conversation with others we speak to them of things, of ideas, of realities that we have experienced or have knowledge of. We let it be known very plainly just what we have been thinking, just what is inside of ourselves. The tongue is a very beautiful faculty given to us by God as an instrument of self-expression. It was meant to praise God, express the great sentiments of our own existence, impress our fellowmen with the purity of our own mind, our own thoughts and our own personality.

What must people think if we "blubber out" obscenities, dirty stories, profanities against God, curse other human beings? What are they permitted to think in all justice? If you want to taste the goodness of a fruit you break open the fruit and get to the inside of it. If you wish to know the greatness of a man's character you listen to what comes out of him. People have a right to make judgments about us and they certainly do. Lasting impressions are made upon others with simply one contact with us in human conversation. We can make friends or enemies, we can make people love and respect us or we can make people loathe us and never wish to make our acquaintance again. It really pays to train ourselves to say only things that will edify and draw others to ourselves.

—CARL A. HEROLD, Catholic Chaplain

Relaxing 'At Ease' Coming To Knoll

Girls, dainty and deft, musicians, and comedians, have been mixed together to bring the stage revue "At Ease" to Oak Knoll's stage on 3 and 4 July.

Ben McAtee, the emcee from Mobile, Alabama, is blessed with a natural Southern drawl and an individual style of delivery. Opening with a song and dance he follows with a series of satires that are simply hilarious.

Dainty Marge Blue is the focal point of the act, All-white and Blue, which features hand balancing and adagio. The team is a triumph of perfect timing and co-ordination with precision numbers that are on the sensational side.

Formed over three years ago, the swinghearts are conducted by Elinor Cherry. Elinor is a neat four feet even with brown hair and blue eyes. She also sings.

John Carvette likes to play the accordion. But what's more, he likes to arrange his own music and offer it a way he thinks it should be played. The result is grand entertainment.

The Seror Twins will confuse you—especially when you think you're seeing double before mirrors. To their unique pantomime act add some eccentric dancing, sprinkled with Arabian tumbling and mix comedy bits and you have an act that will be a favorite.

A clever six-girl dancing-line, The Charmettes, claims to be tops at taps and promises to knock the spots off a syncopated rendition of any current hit tune.

Don't miss this Recreation event!

Was he shocked over the death of his mother-in-law?
"Shocked? He was electrocuted."



Red Cross Gray Ladies work in the craft shop, as well as on the wards. Above, after capping ceremonies on 18 June, Mrs. Morton McWhood, Captain C. A. Broaddus, Mrs. Carlisle Reimer, William H. Keckler, and Mrs. Alfred Claeboe are seen inspecting some plastic work turned out by patients in the craft shop.

Post-Enquirer Photograph

Vets News Notes

The New Orleans State carried the following comment in an about-town column: "Veterans were flooding the offices of a steamship line on the ground floor of the Masonic Temple until the Veterans Administration erected a sign directing them upstairs to their contact office. The lure in the steamship office was not the exhibits of far away places but one urging them to reinstate their GI insurance."

Ain't it nice to lie in bed,
When you find the clock's ahead?

Red Cross Gray Ladies Capped In Recent Colorful Ceremony

Forty Red Cross Gray Ladies from Oakland, Berkeley and Alameda were capped in an impressive ceremony Wednesday evening, 18 June.

Captain C. A. Broaddus welcomed the volunteers and presented the certificates. Mrs. Andy Millu, Mrs. Dudley Frost, and

Mrs. J. Camille, hospital chairmen, assisted by Miss Winifred Eley, presented the groups with their caps.

The program, attended by friends of the volunteers, and staff and patients of the hospital, was conducted by Miss Marie Adams, field director. Following the capping, refreshments were served.

The volunteers, who will serve on the wards and in the craft shop, are Mrs. B. V. Burcham, Mrs. Bessie Kominski, Mrs. H. V. LaJeunesse, Jr., Mrs. May Ludovici, Mrs. W. L. McDonnell, Mrs. Shirley Wasson, Mrs. J. F. Bailey, Mrs. Stewart Barber, Mrs. Edward E. Brungard, Mrs. J. B. Coffman, Mrs. Alexis LaBourdette, Mrs. C. J. Reimer, and Mrs. Stephanie Holod, of Alameda.

Mrs. A. E. Bachrach, Miss M. DeGabbert, Miss Dorothy Dobbins, Miss Gladys Fowell, Miss Dulcia Heitman, Miss Cora Lipscomb, Miss Mary Marsh, Mrs. Ora Matzinger, Mrs. Merritt Martin, Mrs. Douglas Mills, Mrs. Morton McWhood, Mrs. Frederick Pape, Mrs. Helen Porterfield, Mrs. Vivian Rohse, and Mrs. Henry Schnitzler, from Berkeley.

Mrs. Virginia Willingham, Mrs. Harold Stribbling, Mrs. Ethel Johnson, Mrs. James Hendrickson, Mrs. Frank Haig, Mrs. Lorey Freeborn, Mrs. H. R. Farris, Miss Margaret Dessert, Mrs. Claire Claeboe, Mrs. R. S. Blake, and Mrs. G. B. Berlien, of Oakland.

When people go to a hotel for a change and a rest, the Bell-boys get the change and the hotel gets the rest.

Mathematical, Radio Jobs Open

The United States Civil Service Commission, Washington, D.C., announces an examination for probational appointment to the position of **Radio Engineer**. Applications must be received in the U.S. Civil Service Commission, Washington, 25, D.C. not later than 15 July 1947. The positions to be filled from this examination are in the Federal Communications Commission and include departmental positions in Washington, D.C., and field positions throughout the United States, its territories and possessions.

Announcement has also been made of an examination for probational appointment to the position of **Mathematician**. Closing date, and filing address for applications is same as above. The positions to be filled are departmental positions located in Washington, D.C., and vicinity, and field positions located within the area of the Branch Office of the Fourth Civil Service Region. Persons who do not wish to accept a position in this region should not apply for the examination.

SHIP'S SERVICE

Ship's Service Fountain will now continue to remain open until 2200.

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Ship's Service Store will close Monday, 30 June, for inventory.

Indoctrination

Swimming Classes For Ensigns



As part of their indoctrination course into Navy Nurse Corps, the eleven Ensigns recently reported aboard undergo swimming instructions at the pool. Red Cross swimming instructors give the nurses their "water training."

Oak Knoll Defeats Hunters Point, 12-10

League Game Won With Mare Island Marines

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FOR SALE—'41 Oldsmobile Eight. Hydromatic shift. Call Dr. Reddy, Ext. 249.

LOST—Dog, black, except for white on breast and forefeet. About 18 inches tall, long ears. Answers to name of Butch. Information pertaining to the whereabouts of this dog will be appreciated. Call Chief Bosch, Pharmacy.

FOR SALE—40 Dodge Coupe, radio and heater; 7 cu. ft. Frigidaire; Sheraton table model phantom dial Bendix radio; Mahogany pete table; ABC washing machine. See or call Dr. J. D. Moore, 43B

FOR SALE—1935 DeSoto Tudor Air-flow Sedan, \$400. Contact Chief Alwood or Chief Molinowski.

FOR SALE—Baby Crib, 6 year size; high chair; Triumph table radio; card table; mirror, 18" diameter. Contact W. T. Bond, Commissary I.



Trouncing Hunters Point to the tune of 12 to 10, Oak Knoll continued on its rise to the winning pinnacle. Above is a slight slump in the Oak Knoll defense, as the opposition makes a homer.

S. F. Naval Shipyard Loses To Knoll Nine

After two previous attempts, in which both games were cancelled due to rain, Oak Knoll finally met the Hunters Point aggregation. The clash, taking place last Saturday, found Oak Knoll the victor, with a score of 12 to 10.

Showing the good offensive and defensive playing they have recently developed, the Knoll Nine chalked up the runs smoothly.

League

Three Home Runs Against Marines

Getting off to a good start, the Knoll Nine won their first league game with the Mare Island Marines, by the score of 12 to 10.

Playing a fast game, the local lads left the field with three homers to their credit. Thorne, third-baseman, was the proud papa of two of the homers, and Krautheim, catcher, claims the honor of the other one.

The game kept a steady flow of runs for both sides, with a ninth inning rally by the Marines in an effort to overcome the strong Knoll offense.

Molinoski receives credit for 14 strike outs, with Quinlan claiming 7, to bring a total of 21 strike outs for the game. Double baggers were made by Liggett and Quinlan.

Fielding positions for the game were: Moon, 1B-3B; Liggett, 2B; Thorne, 3B; Childs, SS; Cullinan, LF; Kincaid, CF; Wolcott, RF-1B; Appel, RF.

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Molinoski, Quinlan and Krautheim; Ricsraf, Parish, Mesa and Drum.

Definition of a bargain: A transaction where each party thinks he has cheated the other party.

Welcome and Farewell

Welcome back to Comdr. J. S. Shaver, MC, USN, and Lt. H. A. Weiss, MC, USN, who returned last week from temporary additional duty at Scientific Exhibit, Atlantic City, New Jersey.

Farewell and good luck to Lt. (jg) J. T. Paugh, MCR, USNR, detached for duty aboard the USS Atlanta (CL-104), and to Lt. (jg) F. M. Dick, MCR, USNR, who reported to USS Frontier (AD-28).

Returning to civil life are Comdr. J. D. Moore, MC, USN, who is accepting a residency in Orthopedic Surgery at the University of Wisconsin, Lt. Comdr. S. P. Mitchell, MC, USN, who will have a private practice in Palo Alto, and Lt. R. R. Gratton, MC, USN, who will attend Stanford.

Girls In White

The Nurse Corps welcomes this week Lcdr. Jean E. Dunbar (NC) USN who arrived from Sangley Point, Philippine Islands.

Three nurses were detached this week. Lt. (jg) Irene M. Walters (NC) USNR was detached to U.S. Naval Dispensary, Sandy Point, Seattle, Washington, for duty. Lt. Freda E. Cook left to join the ranks of civilian status and to join her husband in San Francisco. Lt. (jg) Myrtle L. Watkins joined her husband in Washington State where she will set up housekeeping. Good Luck girls in your new venture.

A good line is the shortest distance from one date to another.

• Movie Schedule •

Saturday, 28 June	"Stolen Life"	Bette Davis, Glenn Ford
Sunday, 29 June	"Ivy"	Joan Fontaine, Patrick Knowles
Monday, 30 June	"Margie"	Jeane Craine, Glen Langdon
Tuesday, 1 July	"Desperate"	Steve Brodie, Audrey Long
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