

Naval Reserve Unit To Hold Open House

Tours, Movies Are Scheduled During Anniversary Event

Naval Reserve Electronics division, 13-5, which includes men from the Rogue valley, will hold an open house Saturday, June 14, Flag Day, in observance of the eighth anniversary of the unit here.

Highlights of the open house will include motion pictures between noon and 8 p.m., guided tours through the unit's station in the Federal building, North Riverside ave. and general information booths. The open house is being held to acquaint the public with the unit's operations here.

The unit was activated in June 1950, after two years in a volunteer status. Lt. Edward Leonard, Medford, was commanding officer at the time of activation. Prior to that, Lt. Henry Fisher, Medford, served as commanding officer.

Primary Functions
The division's primary function is to train electronic technicians, such as radiomen, sonar men and radarmen. Since the Korean conflict, however, its main duty has been to orient young men on Navy life before entering active duty so that time spent on active duty can be used more advantageously.

The division here has been one of the top electronics units in the 13th Naval district, placing first in 1951 and among the top five in other years. In 1956, it ranked third in the nation with similar groups in the electronics field.

Following Lt. Leonard's service as commanding officer, others who commanded the unit include Lt. Horace Leland, Ashland; Cdr. Rodney Keating, Ashland; Lcdr. Richard P. Knights, Medford; and Lt. Richard Schuchard, Medford, the present commanding officer. The Navy has a policy of rotating command of the unit.

Training Duty
A seaman recruit, entering the unit in a reserve status, may request two-weeks training duty at San Diego, Calif. He then becomes eligible for training duty aboard the ship the following year. Several local reservists have received advancements to storekeeper, hospitalmen, boatswainmates, and other ratings, including electronic technicians.

Recently, a Wave petty officer, Virginia Gennings, dental technician first class, joined the local reserve unit.

The unit is now open for a limited number of men. Eligible are high school seniors between 17 and 18½, Navy veterans with ratings of radiomen, radarmen, sonar men, electronic technicians and quartermaster, and Navy men who have been released from active service during the past three years.

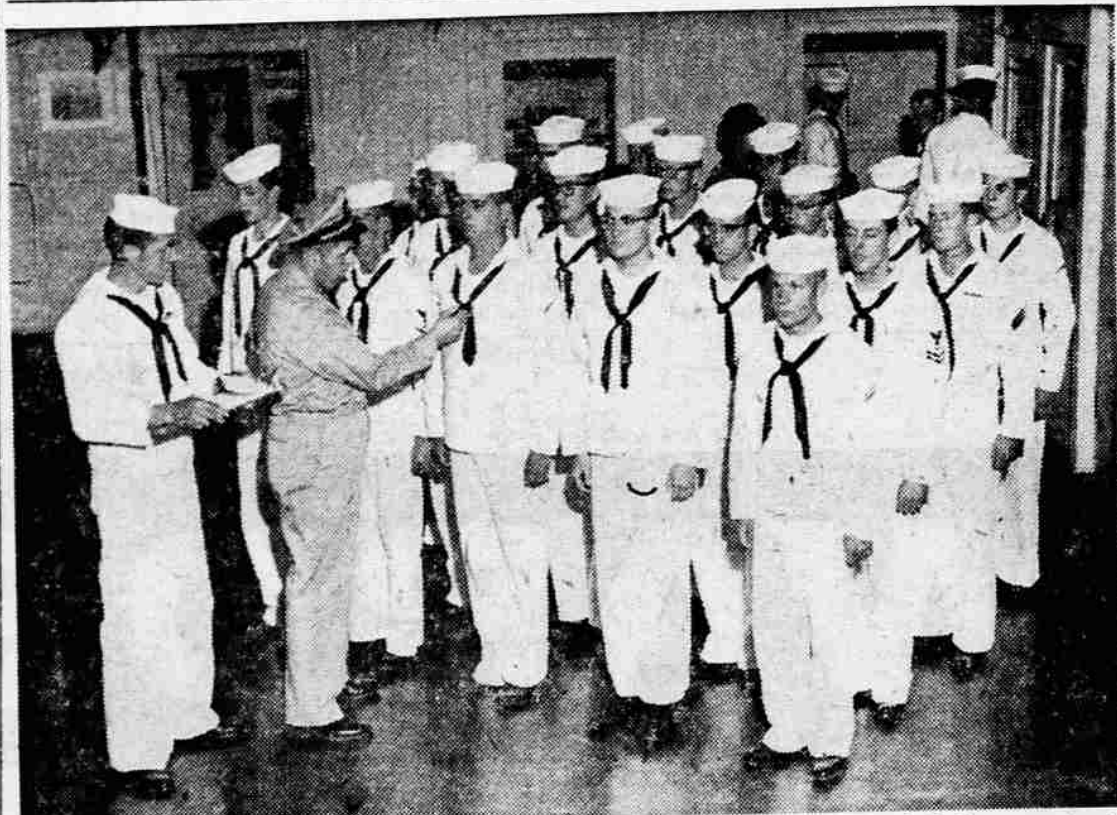
Petty Officers
Men accepted in the division are actually training to be petty officers. Lt. Schuchard said. The present complement is 41 enlisted men and five officers. Lt. Donald Hansen is executive officer, and Lt. Richard Bridenstine is in charge of training. Lcdr. Knights is administrative assistant, and Lt. (jg) Russell Johnson is assistant training officer.

Radioman Second Class Bob Churchill, who recently moved here from Butte, Mont., is full-time stationkeeper. The reserve unit includes men from Butte Falls, Eagle Point, Ashland, Jacksonville, Phoenix, Talent, Central Point, and Medford.

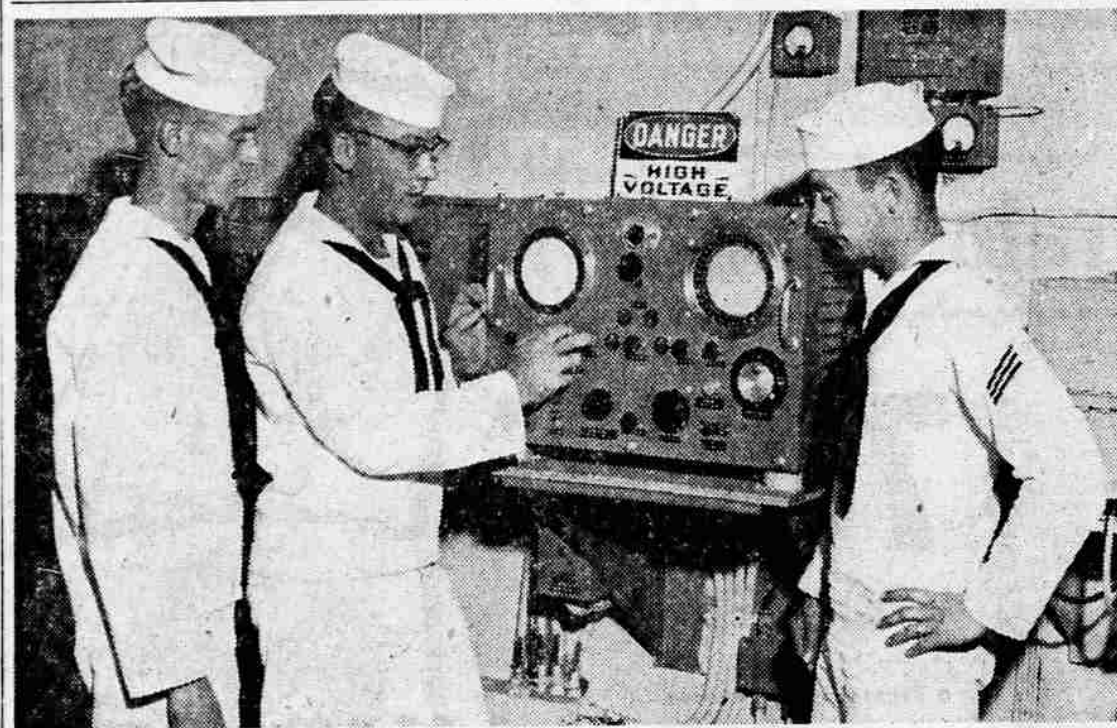
The local reserve unit is now in fourth place in the 13th Naval district, which includes 26 units throughout the states of Washington, Idaho, Montana, and Oregon. Lt. Schuchard said the local unit is the leading Oregon unit.

Library Science Course Offered at SOC

Ashland — Library science 393, a course in library experience, will be taught by Miss Myrtle Funkhouser, librarian at Southern Oregon college, at the regular summer session June 16-Aug. 8. Workshops beginning June 16 and continuing to June 27 will include a course in language arts by Mrs. Marian Zollinger, Portland, and another in arithmetic by A. L. Siebenlist, assistant professor of science at SOC.



INSPECTION — Lt. Richard Schuchard, commanding officer of the Naval Reserve Electronics Unit 13-5, Medford, inspects members of the unit, assisted by Aviation Boatswain Mate Second Class Don Sheffer. Inspections are included as part of the regular training for men in the unit, which is observing its eighth anniversary in the valley.



INSTRUCTIONS — Getting instructions in radar from Radarmen Third Class Ken Walker, center, are Seaman Apprentice Lynn Johnson, left, and Seaman Gary Pree. The primary function of the unit here is to train men in electronics, but since the Korean conflict, the unit's main duty is to orient young men on Navy life.



INOCULATION — Hospitalman First Class Gene DuPoy receives inoculation from Dr. W. W. Stevenson, commander, medical corps, the local Naval reserve unit's physician. Assisting is the unit's only Wave member, Virginia J. Gennings, dental technician first class. Facilities at the local unit will be open to the public Saturday, June 14, Flag Day.

Truck Taken Off Cambridge Roof

Cambridge, England—(UPI) A Civil Defense rescue team succeeded late Wednesday in removing a truck from the 150-foot high roof of a Cambridge University building. But they had to cut it up with an acetylene torch first.

The ancient truck called "Maybell" was hoisted to the roof in one piece Sunday by student pranksters using ropes, pulleys and lots of muscle power. The pranksters failed to heed an appeal from

Civil Defense authorities to remove it.

A crowd which had jeered Civil Defense efforts to remove the truck the same way it went up cheered and set up a slow volley of hand clapping as workers cut it into six pieces and lowered the remains to the pavement below.

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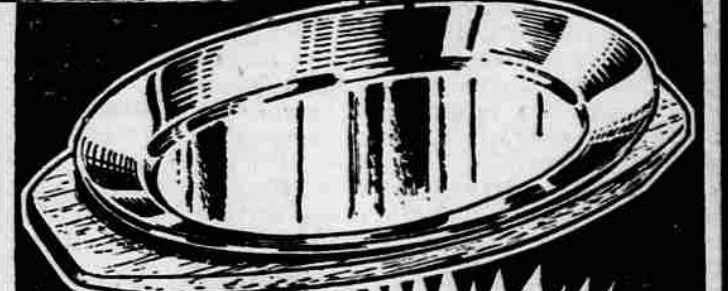


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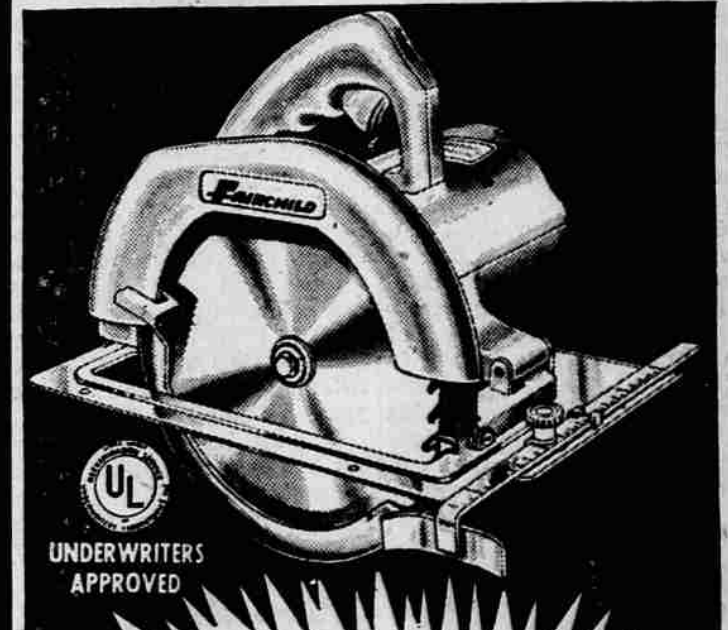
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