

Annual Yuletide Musical Program



BURROUGHS HIGH SCHOOL band and choir members, under the direction of George A. Carson, last week presented a program of Christmas music at the high school auditorium. Band numbers included "The Christmas Suite" by Harold L. Walters, while the choir sang a variety of Christmas carols from foreign lands. The audience then joined in the singing of well known Christmas carols to round out the program.

Christmas Dance Set Tonight at Burroughs

A Christmas dance, featuring the music of the Million-Aires, will be held tonight, from 8 to 12, in the Burroughs High School cafetorium. The affair is sponsored by the Burroughs Alumni Association and the Student Council. Tickets are priced at \$1 per person. Plans are being considered to make the event an annual affair.



Starting Times: 6 and 8 p.m. daily  
Kiddies' Matinee (Special Movies)  
1 p.m. Saturday  
Matinee: 1 p.m. Sunday

TODAY-TOMORROW DEC. 23-24  
"BEAU BRUMMEL" (113 Min.)  
Stewart Granger, Elizabeth Taylor  
Short: News (10 Min.)  
6 p.m. movie only on Christmas Eve.

SATURDAY DEC. 25  
"WHITE ORCHID" (87 Min.)  
William Lundigan, Peggy Castle  
Shorts: "Private Eye Popeye" (7 Min.)  
"Sports Car Racing" (7 Min.)  
No matinee today.

SUN.-MON. DEC. 26-27  
"CATTLE QUEEN OF MONTANA" (88 Min.)  
Barbara Stanwyck, Ronald Reagan  
Shorts: "Iron Fence" (20 Min.)

TUES.-WED. DEC. 28-29  
"DEAD RECKONING" (103 Min.)  
Humphrey Bogart, Elizabeth Scott  
Shorts: "Sheep Ahoy" (7 Min.)  
News (10 Min.)

THUR.-FRI. DEC. 30-31  
"THE BAREFOOT CONTESSA" (130 Min.)  
Ava Gardner, Humphrey Bogart  
Short: News (10 Min.)

Yuletide Party Held For NAF Children

Approximately 170 children, dependents of Naval Air Facility personnel, observed the arrival of Kris Kringle at a Christmas party which was held last Friday in Hangar One.

Santa arrived by airplane with gifts for each of the youngsters, including some presents donated by the Douglas Aircraft Corp.

Other highlights of the program included a welcoming address by CDR S. W. Vejtasa, commanding officer at NAF; a Christmas reading by Mrs. Alice Floyd, and Christmas carol singing with accompaniment furnished by the Million-Aires.

Communist Aims In Southeast Asia To Be Discussed

Communist expansion and tactics will be the subject of discussion at the next meeting of the international relations study group of the American Association of University Women on Thursday, Jan. 6, at 8 p.m., at the China Lake Community Center.

The discussion will center around the southeast Asian countries of Thailand, Malaya, Indonesia, Burma and India; the possibility that they may be the next focal point of Communist aggression, and efforts of the United States to block this move.

Members of the discussion panel for the meeting, which is open to the public, will be Mrs. Donald Hildenbrand, Mrs. William Fisher, Mrs. John McBride and Mrs. Carl Paulsen.

FOR CHILDREN ONLY

Only children get gifts at Christmas time in France. Adults wait for the New Year to exchange gifts.

(From AFPS)

Community Council News

The Council Insurance Committee is progressing with plans for possible installation of the Federal Life Insurance plan, replacing the present Intercoast Plan, by March 1, 1955.

Literature outlining the Federal Plan will be distributed to all personnel by Jan. 7 and acceptance or refusal cards will be distributed to all personnel with the pay check of Jan. 7. This card will also be used as a poll to determine the employees acceptance of the new plan or extent of opposition to the plan, if any. Employees are requested to return the cards via department channels by Jan. 17.

A public meeting will be held at the Community Center on Thursday, Jan. 13, at 7:30 p.m. Community matters will be discussed and a complete outline of the Federal Plan will be detailed to the public at that time.

The Insurance Committee points out that this change is being proposed for several reasons:

(1) The Federal Plan has operated successfully at Pasadena for several years and employees who have transferred to China Lake will be transferred to this plan.

(2) A claims agent will be available on the Station daily and all claims will be settled at once upon presentation by the claimant. Experience shows that at present, claims take from two weeks to several months for settlement.

(3) Federal is a member of the National Hospital Association and is acceptable, without entrance charges at all hospitals. Some difficulty has been experienced by many of the present policy holders who have been refused entrance to hospitals without first paying an admission charge.

(4) Poor communication between Intercoast at Sacramento and the Insurance Committee and hospitals has caused many difficulties, which resulted in claims being held up or not being paid.

(5) The proposed plan would be administered by the Community Council, which will make collections of premiums and disbursements for claims. The Council Insurance Committee will therefore be the personal representative of the subscribers directly with the company and will handle all insurance matters.

(6) The subscribers will be able to pay premiums monthly, quarterly, semi-annually or annually as they decide, instead of only monthly, as is now the case.

A brief outline of the new plan: Hospital — \$12 per day for a 91-day period for each disability plus \$3 per day medical fee for either surgical or non-surgical cases, plus up to \$300 for each confinement for drugs, dressings, X-rays, diagnostic, anesthetic and operating

room costs. (Present plan pays hospital and extras except for the \$3 medical fees, which are paid for in non-surgical cases only.)

Outpatient benefits — up to \$100 for above extras if you are not confined to hospital, in addition to surgery fees. (This is not included in Intercoast Plan.)

Diagnostic — \$50 per year for employes and each dependent for outpatient diagnosis. (Present plan allows \$75 for employe only and none for dependents.)

Ambulance Service — \$25 to or from hospital. (Present plan allows maximum of \$10.)

Surgical — About the same schedule as is now in effect, but the major ten operations pay higher.

Surgical Double Indemnity — more than one operation may be performed during one confinement provided there is a 12 hour confinement between operations and will pay up to \$675 total for one confinement. (Present plan provides that only one surgery may be performed during one hospital confinement.)

Accident Expense Coverage—\$150 maximum for any accident in excess of all other amounts payable whether or not patient is confined in a hospital. Pays all expenses reported within 30 days and for three month period, up to \$150. (Present plan pays for accidents reported within 24 hours, provided that patient is hospitalized otherwise pays in accord with surgical schedule only and no other expense.)

Maternity — \$100 for employe and \$90 for dependent. No waiting period of any kind, no physical examination or certificate required upon enrollment. Nine month maternity waiting period is waived for those insured from the time of the initial enrollment. (Present plan has ten month waiting period for tonsilectomy, adenoidectomy, hernoidectomy, pregnancy and congenital female disorders.)

Proposed Federal Plan charges are as follows:

Single \$3.85; two party \$7.65, three or more \$11.85. To each of the above charges 15 cents will be added for administrative costs, for collecting, billing and mailing expenses.

Additional information about the proposed plan may be obtained by calling the following members of the Insurance Committee: Jack H. Springer, 71300; C. R. Olsen, 75073; or Irene L. Bearman, 71660.

EM NEW YEAR'S DANCE SET

A New Year's Eve dance will be held Friday, Dec. 31, at the Anchorage for all Station enlisted personnel, starting at 9 p.m. Hats and noisemakers will be furnished, and refreshments will be served by the Enlisted Wives Club. The Million-Aires will provide music for dancing.



THE WEATHER

Partly cloudy over the weekend with possible snow in the mountains. Winds light to variable, increasing to 25 knots with gusts to 35 in the afternoons. Maximum temperature 58, minimum 22.

TEMPERATURES (Housing Area)

	Max.	Min.
Dec. 16	59	29
Dec. 17	57	26
Dec. 18	60	24
Dec. 19	64	24
Dec. 20	65	23
Dec. 21	61	23

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Christmas Eve Service Planned At Station Chapel

Special religious activities for the Christmas holiday weekend include a caroling program tonight and a special Christmas Eve service and midnight Mass to be held tomorrow evening at the Station Chapel.

Members of the Community Church senior choir will begin a caroling tour of the Station at 7:30 this evening, followed by a visit to the Ridgecrest Hospital where they will present a number of Yuletide selections.

The Christmas Eve service at the Station Chapel will be conducted by Chaplain James L. Carter, and will start at 7 p.m. It will include a sermon by the Rev. John L. Reid Jr., and music by the Community Church (Continued on Page Five)

Auto License Tabs For 1955 Issued Here Jan. 3-Feb. 4

Personnel of the State Department of Motor Vehicles will be available to renew vehicle registration and issue 1955 auto license tabs to local motorists on Monday through Friday, from Jan. 3 through Feb. 4, in the security building at the Main Gate.

This service will be offered from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and from 2 to 6 p.m.

Potential auto registration cards for 1955 are to be mailed out Monday to car owners throughout the State. The potentials are pre-punched cards containing a description of the vehicle, the owner's name and address, and a statement of fees due for 1955 registration.

Every car owner is instructed to print or type his name and address (Continued on Page Five)

A Christmas Message

We desire at this time to extend the Season's Greetings to all persons at the Naval Ordnance Test Station at China Lake and Pasadena.

This is a fitting time, moreover, to compliment members of the military and civilian team on the success of their numerous projects during the past year. Such projects are playing no small part in maintaining the freedom of many peace-loving nations.

Please accept our best wishes for a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

D. B. YOUNG  
Captain, USN  
Commander, NOTS

W. B. McLEAN  
Technical Director  
U.S. NOTS

March of Dimes Drive Jan. 3-31 To Raise Funds To Combat Polio

Funds to replenish the nearly depleted treasuries of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis and the Kern County chapter of the polio foundation, which were badly depleted during 1954—the third worst polio year on record—will be sought during the annual March of Dimes drive, Jan. 3-31.

During 1954, the Kern County polio chapter conducted an emergency March of Dimes drive in August in order to help meet expenses, which came to a total of \$87,739, including contributions to the Salk vaccine program and the regular research program of the national foundation.

"We've a bigger job to do now," according to CDR E. E. Gibson, CEC, USN, Public Works officer, who is chairman of the 1955 polio fund campaign at China Lake. "The 1955 March of Dimes must raise enough money to see the vaccine project through to a successful conclusion. And, at the same time, we must provide for thousands of polio-stricken children and adults now fighting for recovery."

Twenty-four representatives have been appointed to coordinate collections in their departments for the

Rules Clarified For Non-Military Flying Over Desert

CDR J. I. Hardy, USN, the assistant experimental officer, spoke to 28 men and women fliers last week at the Ridgecrest airfield about the proposed Air Force and Navy regulations on flights in danger areas of the Mojave Desert.

The proposal was made jointly by the Air Force and Navy, he said, on Nov. 18 to the Los Angeles Regional Air Space Sub-committee of the Civil Aeronautics Authority. It was not acted on then, but will come up again at the committee meeting on Jan. 6.

Because of the large amount of comment among commercial and private fliers caused by the proposal, and fear that all such flying would be prohibited over much of the desert, CDR Hardy had been asked to speak to the local group.

"In the original proposal to the CAA," he said, "a restricted area was outlined, bounded approximately by Palmdale on the south, Big Pine on the north, Wheeler Ridge on the west and the California-Nevada line on the east.

"Inside this restricted area are several danger zones over which no commercial or private flying may now be done. One additional danger zone has been proposed in the Saline Valley north of Darwin. The zone reaches approximately from the east side of the Inyo Mountains to the east side of the Panamint Mountains, and from eight miles north of Darwin to the middle of Eureka Valley."

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CDR E. E. Gibson

March of Dimes drive at China Lake. Each representative has been instructed to appoint as many assistants as deemed necessary in order to make sure that every employe is contacted during the month-long drive.

In Ridgecrest, the Indian Wells Valley Lions Club will be in charge of the fund solicitations.

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Today's edition of the Rocketeer is the last until Friday, Jan. 7. The Rocketeer staff extends Christmas greetings and best wishes for the New Year to all its readers.



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## Volunteer Crews Continue Efforts To Improve Television Reception

Efforts aimed at improving television reception throughout Indian Wells Valley are being continued at the Laurel Mountain TV repeater station.

Work at the present time is being concentrated on Channels Four and Five, which will present the Rose Bowl parade and football game on New Year's Day.

Final amplifiers for Channel Five were installed recently in a steel, weather-proof box constructed by locksmiths from the Engineering Department, and the coaxial cable running to Channel Five has been placed in heavier conduit.

Antenna locations at Laurel Mountain have been switched in an effort

## EMCO Studies Parking Problem In Working Areas

Construction of an additional parking lot south of Michelson Laboratory was cited as a possible means of easing the auto parking problem facing employees in one area of the Station at last week's meeting of the Employee-Management Council.

The proposed new lot, it was pointed out, would serve both laboratory personnel and employees of the Technical Information Department who are housed in the former Personnel Department building at the corner of Knox and Blandly.

Additional exit routes also are being studied for vehicles parked in the vicinity of the laboratory in order to alleviate the crowded conditions on Knox Road during peak traffic hours.

The report on parking problems and possible solutions was made by Melvin Miller and George Hucek, EMCO representatives from the Test and Public Works Departments, respectively, who are continuing their study of the matter in working areas throughout the Station.

A request for financing the cost of black-topping the access road from the Wherry housing area to the south extension of Richmond Road has been sent to Washington by the Station, it was reported at the EMCO meeting.

Officials are confident that the request will be granted in due time, but as yet no money is available. Meanwhile, the road will be bladed at regular intervals in order to be kept in the best possible condition for travel.

fort to put a signal into Inyokern. The Channel Two antennae is now situated at the farthest point to the east as an aid to Inyokern viewers.

A considerable amount of work will have to be done in connection with this move, including the extension of power leads, a new coaxial line and additional conduit, before any beneficial results will be observable, however.

Among visitors to China Lake this week was Col. J. G. Smith, from Camp Pendleton, who was here to study operation of the local television repeater station with an eye toward possibly installing a similar station for the Marine Corps base at Twenty-Nine Palms.

### PHONE OFFICE TO CLOSE

Closing of the telephone branch business office next Friday, Dec. 31, for compilation of year-end reports has been announced by the communications officer.

## Carl Palangi To Be Featured At Concert Program on Jan. 4

Carl Palangi, winner of the San Francisco Music Critics' award and a featured soloist with the San Francisco Symphony, will appear here on Tuesday evening, Jan. 4, for the next program of the 1954-55 concert series at China Lake.

The popular bass-baritone vocalist has won acclaim as actor and singer with the Pacific Opera Com-

pany, Stanford University Opera and in concert throughout the Western states for the past three seasons. Born in Cleveland, Ohio, of Italian-Lithuanian parentage, Mr. Palangi is 6 ft., 3 in. tall and weighs 200 pounds. As an amateur boxer he was well started toward honors in the prize ring when World War II broke out and he entered the Navy. His rich bass voice was heard in solo performances with the Great Lakes naval choir, but it was not until after the war that Mr. Palangi chose music as a career. Encouraged by musical experts, he then began intensive studies in voice, languages, acting and repertoire. Mr. Palangi has been signed for television films with a 70-piece orchestra under the direction of Werner Jansen, who enthusiastically describes the vocalist as "A young Gable with the voice of a Pinza." Mr. Palangi's recital here, which is part of an extensive tour, will



Carl Palangi

## Special Hours Set By Station Facilities During Holidays

A special holiday schedule, during which most Station facilities will be closed over the Christmas and New Year's weekends, was announced this week.

All Navy Exchange and other Station facilities, except the Station restaurant and the civilian beer hut, will be closed on Saturday and Sunday of the two weekends. Exchange facilities will, however, be open tomorrow and next Friday, from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m.

The Navy Exchange retail store also will be closed Monday, Dec. 27, while employees conduct the annual inventory.

The Station restaurant, which will be open the same hours on corresponding days of the two weekends, will serve meals from 5:30 a.m. until 7 p.m., on Fridays; from 7 a.m. until 1 p.m., on Saturdays, and from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m., on the two Sundays.

The civilian beer hut will be open from 4:30 until 11 p.m. both Fridays, and from 2:30 to 11 p.m., on Saturday and Sunday of the two weekends.

The post office will observe its regular hours from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m., on the Fridays preceding each holiday.

The Bank of America will be open today and next Thursday Dec. 30, from 3 to 8 p.m., and from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. tomorrow and on the following Friday, Dec. 31.

The China Lake Community Center will be closed both weekends, except for Friday evening, Dec. 31, when it will be open for the Elk's dance.

The Station bowling alleys will also be closed for three days starting tomorrow, but will open for business from 6 to 10 p.m. on Dec. 31, and also from 1 to 4 and from 6 to 10 p.m., on Jan. 1 and 2.

The Commissary Store will be open regular hours today but will be open only from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m., tomorrow. Monday, the facility will observe regular hours, but will close at noon Tuesday and remain closed all day Wednesday for conducting the inventory. Regular hours will be resumed next Thursday.

## Local Traffic Circle To Be Closed 3 Days

The traffic circle at the intersection of Halsey and Knox will be closed for three days next week while crews are at work repaving the circle's southwest quadrant.

The circle will be closed off by detour signs from Monday, Dec. 27, through Thursday, Dec. 29, but will be re-opened to traffic on Friday, Dec. 30.

## What's Doing

### Today

Red Cross, 12:30 - 4:30 p.m., Infirmary.  
 Toastmistresses, 6:30 p.m., Community Center.  
 Air Force Reserve, 7 p.m., Rm. 2067, Michelson Lab.  
 Squadron 503, 7 p.m., Scout hall.  
 Pistol Club, 7:30 p.m., Hut 308, Old Contractors area.  
 Job's Daughters, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Temple.  
 VFW, 7:30 p.m., Memorial hall.  
 Eagles Auxiliary, 8 p.m., County bldg.  
 Desert Dancers, 8 p.m., Community Center.  
 Elks of Valley, 8 p.m., Desert Inn.  
 Athletic Club, 8 p.m., Training bldg.  
 Sandblasters Motorcycle Club, 8 p.m., Sandblasters hut.

### Saturday

Christmas Day.

### Sunday

Adult Bible Class, 9:30 a.m., Groves School.  
 Skeet Club, 10 a.m., Ridgecrest field.

### Monday

NOTS Toastmasters, 5:45 p.m., Hideaway.  
 Desert Sports Officials Association, 6 p.m., Training bldg.  
 Explorer Post No. 504, 6 p.m., Scout hall.  
 Junior Rifle Club, 6:30 p.m., VFW hall.  
 NOTS Badminton Club, 7 p.m., Gym.  
 Dust Devils Auto Club, 7:30 p.m., American Legion hall.  
 DAV Auxiliary, 7:30 p.m., Rowe St. School.  
 Sheetmetal Workers, 7:30 p.m., Community Center.  
 Barber Shop Singers, 7:30 p.m., Community Center.  
 Order of Eastern Star, 8 p.m., Masonic Temple.

### Tuesday

Rotary Club, noon, Village Cafe.  
 Chi Rho Club, 7 p.m., Og Cuman hut.  
 Rifle Club, 7:30 p.m., Hut 308, Old Contractors Area.  
 AAUW, 7:30 p.m., Community Center.  
 Sea Bee Reserves, 7:30 p.m., Rm. 2067, Michelson Lab.  
 Lions Club, 7:30 p.m., Village Cafe.  
 Civil Air Patrol, 7:30 p.m., tower, Inyokern field.  
 Community Council board of directors, 7:30 p.m., Community Center.  
 Women of the Moose, 8 p.m., Moose hall.

### Wednesday

PTA Mothersingers, 9:30 a.m., Community Center.

## A Christmas Prayer

Our Father, at this Christmas time we look upon the coming of Thy Son into the world as the light of hope and the way of peace. We gaze with a deeper understanding at the Star in the East, and see more clearly our need of Thy guidance.

Keep us, we pray, from being men who have eyes that see not and ears that hear not. Make us worthy of the peace and joy that Thy Son can bring into the world. Keep us vigilant as guardians of the hope which stirs men's hearts to resist any force that would enslave body, mind or soul.

We look forward to the New Year, and beg Thy grace and strength that we may accomplish the work that lies ahead. We rededicate ourselves to labor for Thine honor and glory in all things, and ask Thy benediction upon us in the name of the Christ whose nativity we celebrate. Amen.

Armed Forces Chaplains Board

Troop 35, 6:30 p.m., Scout hall.  
 Troop 3, 6:30 p.m., Scout hall.  
 Troop 41, 6:30 p.m., Hut 301, Rowe St. School.  
 Great Books group, 7 p.m., Community Center.  
 Masons, 7 p.m., Masonic Temple.  
 Civil Air Patrol, Squadron 82, 7 p.m., Hut 301, Rowe St. School.  
 Enlisted Wives Club, 7:30 p.m., Anchorage.  
 Blue Angels Auto Club, 8 p.m., Old Navy Locker bldg.

### Thursday

Red Cross, 12:30 - 4:30 p.m., Infirmary.  
 Squadron 503, 7 p.m., Scout hall.  
 Pistol Club, 7:30 p.m., Hut 308, Old Contractors area.  
 Desert Dancers, 8 p.m., Community Center.  
 Athletic Club, 8 p.m., Training bldg.  
 Sandblasters Motorcycle Club, 8 p.m., Sandblasters hut.

## Job Opportunities

### China Lake

The Personnel Department is seeking persons to fill the following vacancies. Employees and their friends are encouraged to apply for the jobs if they have the required qualifications.

**Administrative Assistant, GS-9 and Organization and Methods Examiner, GS-9.** Duties in the field of organization and management analysis and related staff studies. Call extension 72690.

**Organization and Methods Examiner, GS-11,** in Central Staff. Call 72690.

**Chemical Engineer, GS-9** through GS-11, to work on the development of manufacturing processes for propellants, igniters and miscellaneous explosives, and recommend changes in design to facilitate productibility. Some background in manufacturing processes required.

## Church Call

Call the clergymen for baptisms, weddings, or special help

### CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

(Chapel Annex)  
 SUNDAY SCHOOL—9:30 a.m., Chapel Annex.  
 MORNING SERVICE—11 a.m. Sunday.  
 TESTIMONIAL MEETING—8 p.m. first and third Wednesdays.  
 READING ROOM—7-9 p.m., Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

### EPISCOPAL

(North End of Chapel Annex)  
 Rev. F. E. Stillwell  
 HOLY COMMUNION—8 a.m.  
 SUNDAY SCHOOL—9:30 a.m.  
 MORNING PRAYER—11 a.m., except for Holy Communion on the first Sunday of each month.  
 YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP, at 6:30 p.m.

### PROTESTANT

(Station Chapel)  
 Chaplain James L. Carter  
 Phone 72247, 71369 or 71506  
 Rev. John L. Reid Jr., Pastor  
 NOTS Community Church  
 Phones 72787 or 72740  
 MORNING WORSHIP—9:45 and 11 a.m., Sunday.  
 SUNDAY SCHOOL—9:30 a.m., Groves Elementary school.

## Safety First

In an effort to alert Navy and Marine Corps personnel to increased traffic hazards, a holiday traffic safety message has been issued by the Navy Office of Industrial Relations. It follows:

"It is with us again—the tangy scent of pine in the air, the bright sprays of holly and mistletoe, the hurried shopping excursions and the mysterious looking packages being smuggled in—all the happy, exciting hurly-burly that spells CHRISTMAS for everybody and holds everybody in its spell.

"But, unfortunately, this magic season also brings with it increased traffic hazards to motorists and pedestrians. So, whether you are planning that 'sentimental journey home' for the holidays or just dashing into town for that last-minute shopping—please exercise a little extra caution as you go on your way. It could mean the difference between life and death to someone—and that someone could be YOU.

"Avoid the temptation to speed. Allow enough time for your trip. "Guard against highway mishap. Check on road and weather conditions.

"Observe safe driving practices. Obey traffic laws and be courteous. "Watch yourself. Excessive fatigue or alcohol make you a poor safety risk.

"Let each one of us make it his personal responsibility to see to it that no traffic accident shall mar the joy of this glorious holiday season.

"Let your safe driving convey your good will message this holiday season."

### CAROL SINGERS REWARDED

Carol singers in England usually receive gifts of fruit and candy or small sums of money. (From AFPS)

## Penn To Retire After 26 Years In Civil Service

A career of nearly 26 years as a Civil Service employee of the Navy will come to an end on Dec. 31. Merrill N. Penn, senior shops personnel supervisor in the Public Works Department.

During this lengthy period of time, Mr. Penn has worked for just two government activities — the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard in Bremerton, Wash., and NOTS.

He began his Civil Service career in 1921 as a helper, general, at the naval shipyard. In those days, Mr. Penn reported, there were no formalized reduction-in-force procedures. When a particular work project was finished, an employee was apt to find a blue card had been substituted for his time card at the end of the day, notifying him that his services were no longer required. The break in employment might be for a few days or for several weeks.

Under such circumstances, Mr. Penn went through intermittent breaks in service up until 1936, but has been a regular employee ever since, working as a sheetmetal man and as an employee relations assistant before coming to China Lake in February 1948.

He served here for a few months as housing warehouse manager before being assigned the position of senior shops personnel supervisor, which he has held until the present time.

Mr. Penn is a veteran of both Army and Navy service. He enlisted in the Navy for a three year hitch in 1913, and entered the Army when the U.S. became involved in World War I, serving with a field artillery outfit that saw action in France.

While at China Lake, Mr. Penn has been an active member of local VFW and DAV, and was on the board of directors of the Desert Area Community Chest for five years.

He and Mrs. Penn will remain at China Lake, living with their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Clark, until next spring, but at that time will leave on a long-deferred trip during which they will travel throughout the U.S. until they have either seen everything they are interested in seeing or are worn out from traveling.

The Penns plan to make their home permanently on the West Coast, either in the northwest or the southern part of California, upon returning from their travels.

### CHRISTMAS SCENE DISPLAYED

A scene depicting "Christmas in the Bavarian Alps" has been constructed at 413-B Langley by Henry Strauss, a pipefitter in the Public Works Department, who won the first place award in the outdoor Christmas decoration contest in 1950 and 1951. The display is illuminated for viewing at night.



## Lowance Leaving Next Month; Head Westinghouse Research

It was learned recently that Dr. E. Lowance, Associate Technical Director, will leave the Station early in January to accept a position as Director of Research for the Westinghouse Air Brake Co., in Pittsburgh, Pa. His successor has not as yet been named.

Coming here from the position of Technical Director for the Bureau of Yards and Docks research laboratory at Port Hueneme in November of last year, he was named special assistant to the Station Technical Director. He took his present position last May when Captain Levering Smith, USN, left to become commanding officer of the Naval Ordnance Test Facility at White Sands, N.M.

In submitting his letter of resignation to Dr. W. B. McLean, Technical Director, Dr. Lowance wrote, in part, "The experience of working with you has been most stimulating and satisfactory in every respect, and I do not believe there is a more ideal environment in which to do scientific and technical work than exists here."

"It has often been stated that NOTS is an experiment in joint scientific-military operation to meet the needs of the Navy Department for weapon research and development. I believe that it can better be said that it is a successful experiment and demonstrates the necessity of having this type of organization."

Dr. Lowance stated that he regretted very much leaving his work at the Station, but that the un-

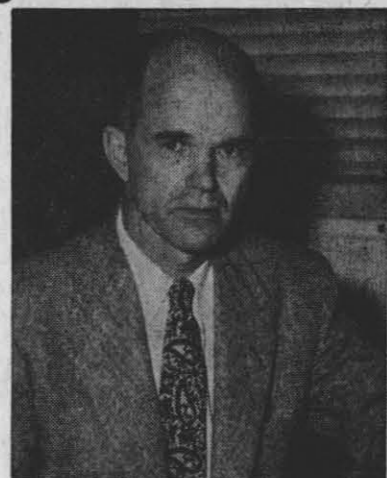
## New Metal Lathe Operation Studied By NOTS Machinist

Roy D. Williams, a chief quartermen machinist in the manufacturing division, Engineering Department, recently returned to China Lake from the Lodge and Shipley Company in Cincinnati, Ohio, where he was studying the operation and tooling of a new metal working lathe.

Known as the "Floturn Lathe," the machine operates on the principle of metal displacement by "cold flowing" or rolling the metal into the desired shape rather than cutting and removing it. One of the new machines has been purchased for use in experimental work on rocket components developed at NOTS.

According to Mr. Williams, the new lathe process has many advantages over the conventional cutting method in that it will perform a number of operations and provide more accurate measurements than have been possible heretofore.

Several operators will be trained in the Engineering Department's manufacturing division as soon as the new lathe is received next month.



Dr. F. E. Lowance

usual opportunity that has developed with the industrial corporation is of such nature that he felt he could not afford to decline the offer.

Dr. and Mrs. Lowance will reside in the Pittsburgh area. Their son, ENS W. F. Lowance, USNR, is stationed at the Naval Security Station, Washington, D.C. Both Dr. and Mrs. Lowance expressed regret on having to leave their friends at China Lake.

## Exam Announced For Lab Mechanics

An announcement concerning opportunities for placement in Naval research and development laboratories in California, including NOTS, was released this week by the Board of U.S. Civil Service Examiners for Scientists and Engineers in Pasadena.

Opportunities exist for persons who have had experience of a sub-professional or technical level in electronics, or who have had experience in one of the skilled mechanical trades.

There is no written test for the examination. Numerical scores will be assigned to applicants on the basis of an evaluation of their education and experience as stated in their application forms.

Further details may be obtained from examination announcement No. 12-14-3(54), which China Lake residents may obtain from the Personnel Department's examining branch, and also is available at 1030 East Green St., Pasadena, for Annex employees who are interested.

## Air Force Reserves Start Class Jan. 6

Air Force reservists of China Lake's Flight F, 9447th AIRESON, will open their 1955 training schedule on Jan. 6 in Room 2067 at Michelson Laboratory starting at 7 p.m. Participation by all present will be stressed this year.

Maj. Charles J. Thelen, flight commander, reminds members that uniforms must be worn except where waivers have been granted.

## REPORTS FROM Technical Departments

### NOTS Personnel To Present Papers Before American Physical Society

Eight technical papers, representing the work of 13 Station employees, will be presented at a meeting of the American Physical Society to be held Dec. 28-30 on the campus of the University of California at Berkeley.

The APS sessions are to be held concurrently with the 121st meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, which is scheduled at the university from Dec. 26 to 31.

Station personnel who will take part in the APS and AAAS programs, and the titles of the papers they will present, are as follows:

William A. Allen, head of the mechanics branch, physics division of the Research Department, will present a paper on "Shock Waves in Air Produced by Waves in a Plate." Co-authors of the paper along with Mr. Allen are Joe Mapes, a mechanical engineer in the mechanics branch, and Earle B. Mayfield, a physicist in the same branch, who is now on educational leave.

"Growth, Coalescence and Decay of Vortices in a Jet Accompanying Pfeifentone" is the subject of a paper to be presented by Dr. A. B. C. Anderson, a physicist in the Research Department's physics division.

Dr. Arthur L. Bennett, a research scientist in the Research Department, and Henry W. Wedaa, a physicist in Research, have collaborated in preparation of a paper on "Detonation in Gas at Low Pressure," while three scientists in the prop-

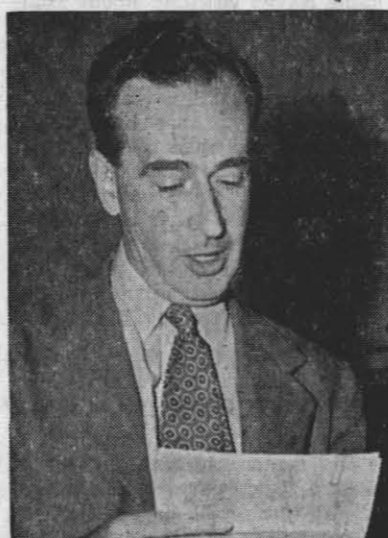
erties of matters branch of the Research Department's physics division are co-authors of a paper that will be presented entitled "Rectification in Thin Films of Lead Sulfide." The co-authors are Dr. Frances McCaffrey and Dr. Robert S. Witte, research physicists, and Meyer Silver, physicist. Dr. Bennett also will preside at the APS session on "Gas Dynamics and Shock Waves."

At the conference on scientific editorial problems, to be held as a part of the APS meeting, D. T. McAllister, editorial consultant in the Technical Information Department at NOTS, will discuss the subject: "Is There Accepted Scientific Jargon?"

Two papers will be presented before the meteorology section of the American Association for the Advancement of Science by Edward Ashburn and R. G. Weldon, physicists in the Research Department's physics division. Mr. Ashburn's paper is entitled "The Intensity and Polarization of the Daytime Sky," while that of Mr. Weldon is on the subject "Twilight Sky Measurements in the Near Infrared Region."

G. S. Colladay, formerly a physicist in the physics division of the Research Department, who is now working with the Central Evaluation Group, will deliver a paper on the subject, "Second Order Interaction in a Two Dimensional Graphite Lattice."

### Heads New Group



K. H. BOOTY, head of the Engineering Department, recently was elected chairman of the newly formed Inyokern chapter of the American Ordnance Association.

### LT Body To Discuss Job of Air Facility

"The Role of the Naval Air Facility at NOTS" will be the subject of an address to be given by LT L. G. Body, air-to-air guided missile officer, at a meeting of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, which will be held Wednesday, Jan. 5, at 8 p.m., at the China Lake Community Center.

In his talk, LT Body will discuss the importance of NAF in the overall technical program of the Station, stressing the activities carried out in the testing of aerial ordnance weapons.

### VAN DOLAH IS VISITOR

Dr. R. W. VanDolah, who was head of the Station chemistry division of the Research Department, was a visitor earlier this week. He is now chief of the explosives and physical sciences division, Region VIII, Bureau of Mines, at Pittsburgh, Pa. His talks here were about ordnance matters.

## News from Pasadena

### Receive "Superior" Awards



FOUR ANNEX EMPLOYEES received Superior Accomplishment Awards last week. They are, left to right, Nancy Reardon and Greydon Dodge of the Underwater Ordnance Department; Virginia Banister, Supply and Fiscal Department; and Marlene Boberick, also of UOD.

### Christmas Cheer For Needy Families Sent Out Today

Heavily laden trucks started rolling from the Foothill plant early this morning to complete the mission of Operation Santa Claus.

Before day is done, every member of the 20 needy families adopted by NOTS will have an abundance of Christmas cheer—food, clothes, and toys for the children.

Stan McDonald, chairman of Operation Santa Claus, which is administered by NFFE, said: "I want to take this opportunity to thank all the donors and volunteer workers at NOTS, the Army Ordnance Department, and Green Street. The job of sorting and packing the gifts was a tremendous one and could never have been accomplished without such enthusiastic response."

Serving with Mr. McDonald on the central committee were Carney Brewer, Leroy Pascoe, Cora Harding, Mickey Eppard, Win Harper, Joe Cullinane, Harry McLaren, Sol Sherman, Waina Jarvi, Richard Edler, Vernon Hayes, Joaquin Vergara, Nadine Robinson, Leroy Reynolds and Elva Lilley of Green Street.

Cora Harding, chairman of the sorting committee, was assisted by Rose Weinberg, Bobbie McNalley, Dorothy Kendall, Mickey Eppard, Virginia Bannister, Aileen Cummings, Richard Edler and others.

### FRENCH CUSTOM

Children in France don't hang their stockings in front of the chimney. Instead, they place their shoes in front of the fireplace. (From AFPS)

### Outstanding Ratings Given 13 at Annex

Along with their "outstanding" efficiency ratings, 13 Annex employees recently received the congratulations of Captain W. T. Groner, USN, OinC.

Those receiving the outstanding ratings approved by the Annex Performance Rating Board this month were:

Catherine Murphy, office Associate Director for Pasadena; Agnes Tittermary and Marsha Wittersheim, Engineering Department; Harold C. Yost, Charles E. Grandall, Donald B. Davey, John M. McCool and John G. Fawcett, Underwater Ordnance Department; Aurelio Diaz, Richard Lovelace, Pauline Richards, Clinton Weaver and James Fletcher, Supply and Fiscal Department.

### Awards Totaling \$175 Given Annex Employees

Five employees and former employees at the Annex recently were given Beneficial Suggestion awards totaling \$175, Saul Baker, chairman of the BeneSugg Panel, announced.

George D. Kirkham, Underwater Ordnance Department, was given \$35 for his suggestion on loading torpedoes at the Trygon. Joe Shirar and John Gilpin divided a \$10 award for suggesting a valve cap and core removing tool, and W. T. Kemmling was awarded \$20 for suggesting a knockout or pull out sleeve. The largest award, \$110, went to Robert E. Newell for his suggestion concerning a gyro and launcher support.

## Holiday Greetings Extended To Employees by Management

To the Annex employees, Management expressed these Holiday greetings—

Captain W. T. Groner, USN, OinC: "I wish each of you the best of Christmas in every way, and hope the holiday season brings all possible happiness to you as individuals and to the Annex family as a whole."

Don Steel, head of the Underwater Ordnance Department: "It is indeed fortunate that for at least a brief period during each year most of us can have the experience of focusing our attention on the spirit of the Christmas season. May that spirit pervade your family gatherings during the holidays and throughout the New Year."

## Meritorious Service Award Received by Agnes Tittermary

Rounding out seven years service with the Naval Ordnance Test Station, Mrs. Agnes R. Tittermary, administrative assistant to the head, Engineering Department, was presented the Meritorious Civilian Service Award Friday.

"In the name of Captain D. B. Young, I am happy to present this—the Navy's second highest award for civilians—to you, Mrs. Tittermary," Captain W. T. Groner, USN, OinC, said.

"This is the nicest Christmas present I have ever received," Mrs. Tittermary said in accepting the certificate.

Mrs. Tittermary was given the award "for a sustained high level of performance which was essential to the successful attainment of the goal of moving and reestablishing

## Changes Made In Three Key UOD Supervisory Posts

Three key personnel changes in the Underwater Ordnance Department supervisory personnel were announced by Don Steel, department head.

Dr. Jack L. Alford, head of the engineering division, has been named to head the research division; John Zivic, former head of the product engineering branch of the product engineering division, has been appointed to head the engineering division, and G. V. Schleis-tett, former acting head of the research division, has been named head of the hydrodynamics branch.

The hydrodynamics branch will be charged with integrating a large segment of the Navy's water entry ballistics study.

In making the announcements of the organizational changes, Mr. Steel said: "A thorough study has been made of the mission of these groups. It is believed that the men selected are best qualified to effectively direct the functions of these groups."

The committee was organized in 1949 and now has seven member laboratories.



# SPORTS

## Large-Mouth Bass Planted Recently At Isabella Lake

Members of the Desert Sportsmen's Association were recently informed of the introduction of large-mouth bass in the Isabella reservoir by the State Department of Fish and Game.

The department made the first planting of bass on Friday, Dec. 10, in accordance with the management plan for Isabella Lake which it recently adopted.

This introduction of large-mouth bass will be followed by additional plantings as bass become available, according to the report. White crappie will also be planted in the near future, and fathead minnows and golden shiners will be put into the water as forage fish in the early spring.

A planting of approximately 100,000 four to five-inch fingerling rainbow trout was made in Isabella reservoir from Moccasin Creek hatchery, Tuolumne County, last week, and additional plants will be made as rapidly as possible.

Gordon Chantler, president of the Desert Sportsmen's Association, stressed the fact that the lake is still not to be considered a warm water lake until an official announcement has been made.

## Rockets To Resume Cage Play Jan. 3

Basketball activity for the Rocket All-Stars will be resumed early in January, when three games have been scheduled.

The Station cagers will play Lone Pine on Jan. 3 at Lone Pine; will travel to George Air Force Base on Jan. 10 for a return match with the airmen, and will play Lone Pine again on Jan. 16 at the Station gym.

Two other games have been scheduled tentatively. They are on Jan. 6 with Camp Irwin at Barstow and on Jan. 21 with Camp Irwin on the local hardwoods.

## Helms Tourney To Open Jan. 15

Local youngsters up to 18 years of age are invited to take part in the annual Helms Cup Tennis Tournament which has been scheduled to start on Saturday, Jan. 15. Registrations will be taken until Jan. 12.

Contestants in Ridgecrest and Inyokern will play off the matches in their own groups, after which finalists will come to China Lake to compete for the Helms Cup. Trophies will be awarded to winners in all groups.

## 800 Witness Final Drag Race Meet Of Current Season

Approximately 800 persons were on hand for the Dust Devil's "drag race" program held Sunday at Inyokern, which saw entries from Bakersfield, Lancaster, Victorville, and Los Angeles, as well as local participants, compete for a total of 17 trophies, including a defense bond.

This was the final program of the season and proved to be the second largest event held by the club this year, according to Bernard Partidge, club president.

Local competitors captured all except two of the prizes offered. Lee Crain and Al Boyack, both of China Lake, won the Class A and B stock car trophies, respectively, and Don Stoehr, also of China Lake, won the small sports car event with a German-made Porsche.

Ira Mahoney, of Ridgecrest, was the top eliminator of the meet and also posted the fastest time of the day—112 miles per hour—to win the defense bond prize.

### SWIMMING POOL CLOSED

The Station swimming pool will be closed until Friday, Jan. 7, according to LTJG Raymond J. Orrock, head of the recreation division.

## N.O.T.S. Sportraits

**Bill Gentry** — 188 lbs., 6 ft., 4 in. — is playing his first year of ball with the Rockets.

Gentry played four years of basketball at Coachella Valley High School in Indio, Calif., and two years at Chaffey Junior College in California before entering the Navy. Prior to coming to China Lake, he played a year on the Corona Naval Hospital basketball team.

He holds down the center post for the Rockets and scores most of his points on tip-ins and one hand set shots.

**Jack Israel** — 185 lbs., 6 ft. 5 in. — is playing his second year with the Rockets and is one of the team's leading scorers.

Israel hails from Springfield, Mo., where he played one year of varsity ball in high school and one year at the University of Missouri.

From his forward position with the Rockets, he is one of the better rebounders and his best scoring effort is a jump shot. He is also very accurate with set shots.



LEAPING HIGH for the ball are Burroughs center Harold Wilkes, left, and Palmer, left guard for Tehachapi, during Saturday night's Bee game with the Warriors. Wilkes, who has played almost every position since the basketball season started, scored six points in Saturday's contest. The local Bees dropped the tilt, their first loss of the season, to the visitors, 31-28.

## Burros Cagers Beat Kern Valley, Lose Three Games to Tehachapi

A busy schedule for Burroughs High School hoopsters last weekend found the locals on the short end of three out of five games played at the Station gym against visiting teams from Kern Valley and Tehachapi High Schools.

After winning two games from the Kernville Class B and C cagers on Friday night by scores of 43-39 and 37-15, respectively, the Burros suffered a reversal of form and dropped all three contests — varsity, B and C—to the Tehachapi Warriors Saturday night.

The scores were 44-36, 31-28 and 24-18 in favor of Tehachapi in the varsity, B and C encounters. In a previous meeting, the Burros won both the varsity and Class B games at Tehachapi.

In Saturday night's Burroughs-Tehachapi varsity clash, Narez, Warriors' right guard, led his team to victory by dropping in eight field goals and seven free throws for a total of 23 points. Roger Short, with 12, and Buddy Garner, who tallied 10, were high men for Burroughs.

The Green and White clad Burros had a slim, 20-19, lead at the

## Someson, Hinton Win TV Fund Tournament

Paul Someson, with a low gross score of 71, and Al Hinton, with a low net of 64, took top honors in the special "Boost the Booster" golf tournament which was concluded last weekend at the Satellite Lake golf course.

A total of \$25 was gained from the event to add to the fund for the maintenance and improvement of the Laurel Mountain television repeater station.

halfway point in the game, but could only muster four points during the entire third period and fell behind, 24-32. Both teams played on even terms, scoring 12 points each, in the final quarter as Tehachapi won, 44-36.

The Burroughs Class B cagers dropped their first game of the season in Saturday night's rematch with Tehachapi. After going in front, 10-8, at the end of the first period, the locals battled the Tehachapi Bees right down to the wire as the lead saw-sawed back and forth before the visitors won, 31-28.

Bob Childs tallied eight points to lead Burroughs in the scoring department, while Marlow, Tehachapi center, with 13 counters to his credit was the game's high scorer.

Against Kern Valley, the local B team had to come from behind with an 18 point spurge in the final quarter to win, 43-39. Wilkes accounted for 13 points in the fourth period to run his game total to 18, which was enough for high point honors.

The Burroughs Class C team also split its weekend double-bill, downing Kern Valley, 37-15, Friday night and losing to Tehachapi, 24-18, on Saturday.

A total of 16 players took part in the Kern Valley rout, in which the locals led from start to finish.

Against Tehachapi, the Burros Cees ran out of gas after knotting the count at 15-15 at the end of the third period, and could tally only three points in the fourth quarter as Tehachapi went on to win, 24-18. Bob West was high man for Burros with 8 points.

The local high school cagers will resume play on Jan. 7.

## LT Bahl Completes Supply Course

LT Donald W. Bahl, SC, USN, control division officer in the Supply and Fiscal Department, recently completed a two-week electronic supply officers' training course at Great Lakes, Ill.

LT Bahl has charge of the administration of a fund used for purchasing electronic supplies in addition to maintaining adequate supplies of other materials used at China Lake.

The electronic supply course is designed to provide officers and key civilian personnel with the overall scope of the Navy's supply system. Included in the study program is a view of the inventory of some 200,000 electronic items valued at \$350,000,000.

## Church Services . . .

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junior choir, under the direction of Mrs. Nadine Tillinghast.

The Rev. Fr. John F. C. Ryan will be the celebrant at the Christmas Eve Catholic midnight Mass. He will be assisted by the Rev. Fr. Francis G. Tasy, as deacon, and Harold Pearce, as sub-deacon.

There also will be a confession period for Catholic parishioners tomorrow from 3 to 8 and from 8:30 to 10 p.m. at the Station Chapel.

On Christmas day, Holy Mass will be held at 7 and 8:30 a.m.

Special Christmas church services planned at St. Michael's Episcopal Mission include a carol service and choral communion at 10:45 p.m. on Christmas Eve; a holy communion service at 10 a.m. on Christmas day; a holy communion service at 8 a.m. on Sunday, Dec. 26, followed by a children's Christmas program at 11 a.m.

## New Adjutant Named For Missile Battalion

First Lt. Gerald E. Thompson, USMC, recently succeeded Maj. Cornelius Overstreet as adjutant of the First Provisional Marine Guided Missile Battalion. Maj. Overstreet was transferred to Quantico, Va.

A Marine since November 1949 when he entered the corps as an enlisted man, Lt. Thompson served in the Korean area from July 1950 to May 1951. In March 1953 he was commissioned as a second lieutenant.

Lt. Thompson and his wife, Agnes, reside at 604-B Kearsarge, with their two sons, Gerald E. Jr., and Kenneth.

## New Year's Eve Ball Sponsored by Elks

Tickets are now available for a New Year's Eve ball, open to the public, which is to be held Dec. 31 at the Community Center.

The event, a semi-formal affair, is being sponsored by Elks Lodge 1913 of Ridgecrest, and will feature dancing to the music of Ray Fowler and his orchestra from Bakersfield. Tickets are priced at \$5 a couple.

## Gifts for Operation Santa Claus



WORKERS in the Operation Santa Claus drive, sponsored at China Lake by personnel of the Propellants and Explosives Department, were busy this week sorting the many items donated by Station residents. A report from three of the workers, Mrs. Frank Massaro, left, Mrs. Gladys Bolton, center, and Mrs. Fred Santangelo, indicated that a total of 11 needy families, which include 38 children, have been adopted this year. In addition to clothes and toys, cash donations have also been received. Two other workers, Mrs. Judy Hamilton and Jerri Rogers, were unable to be present for the picture. The Operation Santa Claus contributions were distributed yesterday.

## Desert Air Travel . . .

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He went on to say that it was not the intention on the original proposal to prevent all commercial and private flying in the restricted areas outside the danger zones. There was, however, the regulation that planes must not exceed 4000 feet altitude above the terrain in restricted areas. The airspace above that altitude is required for military purposes, he pointed out.

All space in the danger zones from the ground up is needed because of the nature of the tests being conducted.

The Navy's attitude about commercial and private flying, he said, is contained in a quotation from a Chief of Naval Operations letter to Commander, NOTS, dated Oct. 8:

"Undoubtedly there are certain problems which must be resolved at the local and/or regional level. An example is that some method of ingress and egress must be provided for commercial air lines serving the military. Also, private pilots and commercial operators will still require access for hunting, fishing and ski trade."

## Auto Licenses . . .

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on the detachable stub portion of the card. Upon payment of the fees due, the stub will be returned to the car owner to serve as the 1955 registration card.

A single 1955 tab for attachment to the rear license plate of the car will be delivered at the same time that the fees are paid.

## BIRTHS

Boys

**Cameron**—Dennis Lee, 8 lbs., 2½ ozs., Dec. 18, at the Infirmary to SN and Mrs. John B. Cameron, 412-A Forrester.

**Charlton**—Chester Scott, 8 lbs., 6½ ozs., Dec. 18, at the Ridgecrest Hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Chester L. Charlton, 203-A Ellis.

**Mauss**—Craig Charles, 7 lbs., 4 ozs., Dec. 14, at the Ridgecrest Hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Mauss, 400-A Tyler.

Girls

**Crum**—Rose Marie, 6 lbs., 3½ ozs., Dec. 16, at the Infirmary to BM2 and Mrs. Bernard Crum, 1200-A Hussey.

**Eva**—Susan Lee, 6 lbs., 12 ozs., Dec. 15, at the Ridgecrest Hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Eva, 305 Fairview, Ridgecrest.

**Hedrick**—Joanne Kathleen, 6 lbs., 13 ozs., Dec. 13, at the Infirmary to S/Sgt. and Mrs. Joe P. Hedrick, 213-A Langley.

**Livingston**—Ann Louise, 6 lbs., 4 ozs., Dec. 18, at the Ridgecrest Hospital to Mr. and Mrs. David N. Livingston, 56-B Ringgold.

## Jr. Rifle Club Sets New Meeting Dates

Marksmanship practice, regularly engaged in on the first and third Saturdays of the month by the VFW Junior Rifle Club, will be held on the second and fourth Saturdays during January at the Sandquist Spa small bore range because of the New Year's holiday. Firing will start at 8:30 a.m.

## School Official Honor PTA Leader

Mrs. Edith Karner was rewarded a contributing member award in the California Association Secondary School Administrators District 22, for her "service to school and community." The award was made at a meeting of the group held at Burroughs High School.

Mrs. Karner, who is now serving as president of the East Kern County Council of the PTA, has also served as president of the local PTA and has worked in similar groups in the Los Angeles and Paso Robles areas.

Another special guest at the meeting was Dr. Ralph Rush, chairman of the music department at the University of Southern California. He spoke on the objectives and implementation of a high school music program.

## March of Dimes . . .

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No local quota has been set for the 1955 campaign, but it is hoped that the 1954 total of \$5812 will be exceeded by a considerable margin. A contribution of \$1 for each member of a family living or working on the Station has been suggested.

There will be no special fund raising events—such as a queen contest or dance—held in connection with the 1955 March of Dimes at China Lake, CDR Gibson reported.

Department representatives, who will be in charge of collecting contributions within their respective areas are:

Dovle H. Hampton, office of the Station Commander; Yvonne Treadwell, office of the Associate Technical Director; LCDR J. H. Aldrich, USN, experimental officer's staff; Betty Koepfer, Central Staff; LT H. F. Tipton, USN, Naval Air Facility.

John C. Lewis, Department of Community Affairs; Ralph J. Rogers, Supply and Fiscal; Edward H. Fox, Navy Exchange; W. F. Rogers, SK3, Commissary Store; Howard J. Viellenave, Test Department; Lib Hockinson, Aviation Ordnance.

Beverly Johnson, Rocket Development Department; Virginia Bost, Propellants and Explosives; DeWitt Cowan, Research; John Trigg, Engineering; John O'Donnell, Public Works; Ruth Hurley, Technical Information.

CDR J. L. Carter, CHC, USN, Command Administration Department; CWO R. M. Prestwood, medical and dental departments; 2nd Lt. Jesse Baker, First Provisional Marine Guided Missile Battalion; LT William R. Rufo, USN, Guided Missile Unit No. 61; Austin Ross, Personnel Department; Robert J. Gilkinson, school teachers, and Harold Pierce, school students.

### CONTAGION REPORT

There were four cases of measles and one of chicken pox reported at the Infirmary this week.