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### **Dr. Wilcox Presents Accomplishment Award** Broadway Hit Due Here

Rehearsals for "You Can't Take assisted by the milkman. it With You," a forthcoming play to be presented by the China Lake Players during the first week in February, are continuing at a rapid pace. The play, which was written by Moss Hart and George Kaufman, was an outstanding Broadway success.

The cast, which will be announced in a subsequent issue of the Rocketeer, is a group of characters who seem for the most part to be a little on the odd side. Some of the characters in the play include a milkman who delivered some milk to the home in the story and stayed on for some six years; a Russian ballet teacher; grandpa, who controls the people living in the house and who started for work one morning and suddenly decided to work no more so he retired and spends his time going to circuses and commencement exercises; and grandpa's daughter who has become a self-appointed playwright since receiving a typewriter that was delivered by mistake. Her husband

There is no leading role in the play, each character having more or less an equal part. Additional details of the play will be carried in future issues of the Rocketeer.



The Beneficial Suggestion Program offers opportunities for an employee not only to win cash awards but also to make a name for himself (or herself) as a person with the ability to think and act on their own two feet. Have you spends his time making fireworks, tried submitting an idea for award?

#### **New Curtains for Burroughs Stage**



THE NEW LOOK-Inspecting the new look given the stage at Burroughs High School cafetorium by the addition of performers' curtains and an electrically operated movie screen are, from the left, Albert S. Gould, local member of the board of trustees of the Kern County Union High School and Junior College District; France Adamson, student body president at Burroughs; and Kenneth W. Westcott, vice-principal.

### Stories Welcome!

The Rocketeer welcomes news stories by NOTS personnel. If you know of a news story of interest to your fellow employees or if your own activities are such that it is news, then the Rocketeer staff would like to hear your story.

**REMEMBER**—the Rocketeer can carry a news story ONLY if it is brought to the attention of a staff member of the Rocketeer. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated and the result will be that more local news coverage about local personnel will be given

THE WEATHER Mostly clear over the weekend. Light variable winds with gusts to 18 knots in the afternoons. Maximum temperature 60, minimum



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MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL and their guests are shown here just before the invocation was pronounced by the Reverend F. E. Stillwell, of St. Michael's Mission, at the annual banquet of the China Lake Community Council. The event was held in the Community Center and served to introduce the newly elected council members to the gathering.



Joseph Schuster

Joseph Schuster (cellist) will be the second artist to appear here in the Station's 1955 Concert Series. Schuster, who has appeared with leading symphony orchestras both in the U.S. and abroad, is acknowledged by critics and audience alike to be "one of the top-ranking and most popular 'cellists of our time'."

Schuster, who will be heard in recital here next Tuesday evening at 8 p.m. in the Station theatre, was born in Constantinople of Russian parents. When he was three his family returned to Russia where he received the greater part of his musical education. A child prodigy, he appeared frequently in public before he reached his teens.

Alexander Glazounov heard him (Continued on Page Six)

A SUPERIOR ACCOMPLISHMENT Award goes to Donald Hume (second from left) for outstanding work performance from December 1954 to May 1955. The award is presented to Hume by Dr. H. A. Wilcox (second from right), head of the Rocket Development Department. Others present for the award ceremony were H. L. Lotkee (left) and W. A. Flarety (at right).

### 'Keep Plaza Clean,' Plea of Command

Residents are urged by the Command at NOTS to keep Bennington Plaza free of litter during these busy shopping days. Persons can help prevent unsightly piles of paper by depositing wrappings, cigarette containers and like items in any of the several rubbish cans placed around the plaza.

Parents are asked to set an example for children by following this suggestion and, particularly at holiday time, to keep the area clear of trash.

#### **Talent Wanted** Wanted! Talent for the forth-

coming vaudeville show to be sponsored by the Enlisted Men's Club. The show needs singers, dancers, magicians, comedians, feature acts, etc. If you can do any of these or know some one who can, be they in the service or civilian, contact Sgt. Kennedy at 71545 or after 6 p.m., 77164.

This show is expected to be presented next Spring immediately following Easter.

Here's your chance to prove your talent with a live audience, so come on out and help make this show the best yet.

#### **Traffic Count Conducted**



ONE OF MANY PERSONS engaged in conducting a traffic count on the Station this week was Harold L. Guidry, SA. The counters were placed at strategic locations around the Station to tabulate the number of vehicles passing a particular point. The work was part of a master plan being developed by the Community Manager's office for the housing area.

Danger of fire during the holiday season may be lessened if residents will observe normal safety rules, according to local fire department spokesmen. Rules include keeping a Christmas tree n a bucket of water to prevent drying out, using approved elec-

### **Holiday Fires**

trical tree decorations, and having only fireproofed rolls of snow" on the floor.

## **Station Housing List Entries To Close**

Entries for the Station housing list for the quarter beginning January 1, will close Friday, Dec. 16. Persons who wish to apply for family housing or change their present application should do so now at the housing office

Applications should be filed at the housing office if a person is a new employee and has never applied for housing before, or if an employee has received a promotion or has had a change in dependency status, that would affect his housing application. Employees who wish to be considered for other housing for which. they are eligible, even though they have been assigned family quarters, including trailers, also should file an application

Those carried correctly on the October housing list, who have not been assigned family housing or trailers, need make no further application at this time.

Applications are being accepted for assignments to small trailers. Eligibility is restricted to personnel with at least one dependent but no more than three dependents. Occupancy will be on a temporary basis pending availability of permanent housing (Station or Wherry).

Employees desiring Wherry housing should apply before Dec. 30 as the Wherry list will be frozen for a. period of 30 days.

The Station Greenhouse now has on hand a supply of Iris Tubers. for issuance to Station residents.

## Council Dinner Held Tuesday; Precinct Six Winner Announced

An announcement disclosing the winner of Tuesday's run-off election in Precinct Six and a brief history of the past year's activities highlighted the annual Community Council banquet held Tuesday evening at the China Lake Community Center. Joseph Holl was named as the elected representative from Precinct Six, according to Marian Olds, president of the organization.

A number of guests were present at the dinner including many civilian and military leaders, both on-Station and from the surrounding area. Included among those present \*



Tragic, dramatic headlines were farthest from the thoughts of residents of the quiet, isolated community of Crane Village, Indiana, federal housing project of the giant U.S. Naval Ammunition Depot at Crane, on the morning of October 11, 1955. However, this little town, apparently the least likely setting for stirring events, found itself in a swirl of feverish and anxious activity after 11:15 a.m. on that date, when three-year old Ronald Franklin Weitkamp, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Weitkamp, 123 Earle Street, disappeared. Only fifteen minutes before, Ronnie was seen playing with other children in front of his house.

This disappearance, at first regarded as the usual story of a toddler wandering off into the woods or some neighbor's back yard, developed into a baffling mystery. Despite one of the most comprehensive searches ever known in that part of the United States, a search involving thousands of volunteers, no trace of the little boy (Continued on Page Five)

were RAdm. Walter V. R. Vieweg, USN, (Ret.); Captain and Mrs. F. L. Ashworth, Dr. and Mrs. W. B. McLean; Captain and Mrs. F. A. Chenault; Cdr. W. H. Lewis; Robert Smith, president of the Ridgecrest Chamber of Commerce; Bruce Bunker, deputy district attorney of Kern County; Dr. Earl Murray, superintendent of China Lake Schools; and Vera Gibson, county clerk.

Master of Ceremonies for the occasion was Cdr. James L. Carter, Station Chaplain. The invocation was given by the Rev. F. E. Stillwell, of Ridgecrest, and the benediction was asked by Edward Braham, local Hebrew Congregation Lav Leader.

A slate of candidates for the Dec. 13 Community Council election also was announced this week. The new Council representatives will meet on that date to elect officers for the coming year.

The candidates, and the offices they are seeking are: President-Marion P. Olds and James H. Madden; vice-president-R. H. Dudley and H. Danial Williams; executive secretary-Robert A. Ragsdale and W. E. Vore. Two other candidates -Henry G. Nowak and Sophia Goff -are unopposed in the forthcoming election; they are seeking the office of treasurer and recording secretary, respectively.

The race for the top Council post-that of president-is expected to be a close contest and the outcome is anxiously awaited by the other Council representatives, according to Otillie Mayberry, Council business secretary.

#### **Health Plan Hours**

Effective Monday, Dec. 5, Mrs. John (Dee Dee) Cox, resident claims adjuster for the Federal Life Insurance Company Group Health Plan, will maintain daily office hours of 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday.

For information regarding Health Plan matters call Ext. 71528.

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Superintendent's Notes By DR. EARL MURRAY, Superintendent of China Lake Schools

The Gilbert Youth Research Company has recently made a comprehensive nationwide survey of youthful attitudes. The survey indicates that the relatively small percentage of boys and girls who appear in the police courts are fortunate that they are not judged by people their own age. A cross section of the great majority of teenagers all over the nation say, "Crack down on them! Hard!"

Editor

Trained student interviewers spent four months probing the minds of 5.065 representative teenagers in 35 cities. They operated under strict controls with regard to sex, age, and family-income level. They asked each boy and girl over 200 questions ranging over the whole score of teen-age living.

Eighty-four percent of the teenagers favored a jail sentence for participation in street fights and 61% favored a fine. Only 24% favored the settlement of the action

### **Chemical Society** To Meet Monday At China Lake

Members of the American Chemical Society and other interested scientists are reminded that the next meeting of the Mojave Desert Section of the ACS will be held on Monday, Dec. 5, on the Station. Dinner is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. and the meeting itself for 8 o'clock.

Dr. Robert L. Pecsok, associate professor of chemistry at UCLA, will be the featured speaker at the meeting. His talk will deal with the applications of polarography in both research and routine analysis.

The speaker's experience in teaching and research with the polarograph, and the rapid expansion of the use of this versatile instrument combine to make this address one of timely interest to researchers in all fields of chemistry.

Reservations for the dinner should be made before noon today by calling Dr. William G. Finnegan at 72831.

by parent scolding or punishment. Similarly from two-thirds to fourfifths of the teen-agers favored a jail sentence or a fine or both for vandalism, striking an officer, or for driving a stolen car, while only one-tenth favored the handling of these situations by the parent.

Two-thirds of the group favored hospitalization for smoking marijuana cigarettes or taking narcotics. Four-fifths favored a jail sentence as well as hospitalization, as one youth says, "to give them time to get over it."

"It's only a step from street fights to crimes that are more serious. A year in jail would put a quick end to stuff like that." Another youth stated, "If you do something once and get away with it, then you think you can get away with it all the time," while another 16-year-old proposes that the offender and his parents be locked in the same cell for one

About half of the youth favored both a jail sentence and a fine for major traffic violations, while 92% favored revoking the driver's license.

The percentages for any one item frequently add up to be greater than 100% since more than one method of discipline could be mark-

It seems clear that the stern youthful attitude toward delinquents is due in part to the resentment at the way that all teen-agers are often pictured. There's no doubt about it, teen-agers do resent having the delinquent label pinned on their whole group. \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

### No New Year Issue

There will not be a New Year edition of the Rocketeer due to the large number of employees who will be on annual leave during the Christmas-New Year week. The Christmas issue of the Rocketeer will be printed as usual and will be distributed on Friday, Dec. 23.

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## **Entrance Exam** Announced For **GS-5** Trainees

Air and ground units of Squadron 82, Civil Air Patrol, under command of Lt. E. K. Martin, will be inspected next Sunday afternoon at Invokern Airport by civic and military leaders.

Representatives from service clubs, civic and military organizations, disaster relief and civil defense groups are invited to see the Squadron's facilities in observance of CAP's 14th anniversary. Presentation of service awards and aeronautical ratings to Squadron personnel will precede the inspection.

Significant to this year's CAP anniversary is the recognition in the following letter from President Eisenhower:

#### THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON Denver, Colorado

October 19, 1955

Through fourteen years the volunteers of the Civil Air Patrol, by their almost daily performance of aerial search and rescue, mercy missions and disaster relief, have added immeasurably to the safety and well-being of their fellow citizens.

Beyond that, more than fifty thousand teen age members of CAP engaged annually in its program of aviation education help answer the continuing need for alert young men and women in our Air Force and in our aviation industry.

The volunteers of the Patrol by their patriotic service, their readiness for every call, their devotion to duty have earned the gratitude of the Republic.

I heartily endorse the Civil Air Patrol and urge all of our citizens to support this worthy organization. I join with my fellow Americans in congratulating the members of CAP upon their Fourteenth Anniversary.

DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER

### 'ONR' Group Here For Big Seminar

Sessions of the Office of Naval Research High Energy Propellant Seminar were conducted at the Station Monday, with 60 members present from a dozen military and civilian installations.

Representatives came from NOTS, Pasadena Annex, Aerojet General Corp., Detroit Controls Corp., Grand Central Rocket Co., Lockheed Aircraft Corp., Jet Propulsion Laboratory, Marquardt Aircraft Co., North American Aviation, Northrop Aircraft Corp., Office of Naval Research, and Reaction Motors Corp. Dr. W. S. McEwan, of the Research

Department, was in charge of the group.

The name Christmas comes from the early English term Christens Masse, meaning Christ's Mass.

The Civil Service Commission recently announced a new examination entitled "The Federal Service Entrance Examination," which is to be used by Federal departments and agencies in filling a wide variety of

entrance or trainee positions at the GS-5 level (salary \$3670.00 per year). This examination is open to anyone who has completed a four-year college course leading to a Bachelor's Degree or has secured three years' experience in administrative, professional, or investigative technical areas which are covered by this examination, or the combination of both education and such experience.

The examination will be open continuously and the first written test is to be administered Dec. 10, 1955.

College students expecting to secure a degree in the next nine months are eligible to apply for the examination.

This examination will be used in filling administrative assistant, procurement and supply, organization and methods, personnel, budget, library, statistical type position at the Naval Ordnance Test Station. Employees who are interested in being considered for continuing vacancies in these areas are encouraged to participate in this examination.

Successful candidates in this examination will also serve as one of the sources in selecting personnel for the Station's Junior Government Assistant Training Program.

Leadingman Exams For NOTS Jobs

Competitive promotional examinations for Leadingman positions on the Station have been announced by the Board of U. S. Civil Service Examiners.

Applications will be accepted only from competitive status employees who otherwise meet the requirements specified in the examination announcements.

Persons interested in taking any of the examinations must file card form 5000-AB with the Navy Board of Examiners, Eleventh Naval District (Northern Sector), 1206 Santee St., Los Angeles 15, California. Card form 5000-AB must be received or postmarked not later than Dec. 15,

Examinations will be held for promotion to the following positions: Leadingman Heavy Duty Equipment Mechanic, Leadingman Machinist (Experimental), Leadingman Mechanic, Leadingman (Buildings, Grounds and Roads), Leadingman (Grounds and Roads), Leadingman (Maintenance), Leadingman (Transportation) and Leadingman Rigger.

For more detailed information regarding these examinations call Dorothy Soderstrom, Ext. 72657.

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Our determination to preserve this Nation, and the freedom for which it stands, must be stronger

and more durable than the forces which would overthrow it.

We who live in freedom today are accountable for it-accountable to God, to country, and to ourselves.

Therefore, let us work together to keep our freedom. Good security practices and habits thwart the efforts of spies and saboteurs, and help provide good insurance for our freedom.

> ADMIRAL ARTHUR RADFORD, USN Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff

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## **Open Examinations Announced** In California, Nevada Area

Federal agencies in California and in industrial shops, and in such Nevada will be hiring from the following open examinations, the U.S. Civil Service Commission's of- is required. fice at 630 Sansome St., San Francisco announced:

Wage-Hour Investigator, \$4525 a year, in the Department of Labor. sentative (Realty), \$4525 to \$5440 Applications are being accepted by he Board of U.S. Civil Service Examiners for the Department of Labor, 630 Sansome St.; San Fran- eral agencies throughout California cisco. Persons applying before No- and Nevada. Specialized experience vember 3 will be scheduled for an in appropriate real estate operations early written test.

Safety Inspector, \$4080 to \$5440 a year, for work in compliance with safety rules and safe working practices on construction projects,

### **Drill Competition Winners**



WINNERS of a recent drill team contest conducted within the First Terrier SAM Battalion were the Marines from "A" Battery. The battalion trophy was presented by Lt. Col. N. Posinsky, commanding officer.

is required.

Freedom cannot be taken for granted : it is based on a solid foundation of vigilant security

America's security is your security

areas as giving driver qualifications tests. Experience in such inspections

Construction Analyst, Appraiser, Realty Officer, Loan Examiner (Realty) and Loan Servicing Reprea year in the Veterans Administration offices in Los Angeles and San Francisco, and in other Fed-

Further information as to where application forms may be obtained can be had from the Station's Personnel Department.

**Station Restaurant** 

Opening of the remodeled Station restaurant is expected to take place shortly before Christmas, according to Lt. J. C. Hatch, Navy exchange officer.

## Safeguard Defense Information: Your Welfare Is Risked!

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Security is a full-time job! Because of this, the Navy Department must from time to time remind its employees of their responsibility. In today's world, safeguarding of defense information becomes a necessity in securing the well-being of a nation.

The losses and destruction that can be caused by modern-day weapons can hardly be imagined. Enemies of freedom have these weapons thanks to the help of careless. thoughtless people who were trusted.

It will always be a temptation to talk about classified details of your work to your family and to friends. This temptation must be resisted in every instance.

Public or private discussions of classified information in the hearing or presence of a person not authorized to have knowledge or possession of that information are prohibited. Such information is entrusted only to individuals whose official duties require such knowledge and who have been cleared to handle such information.

Yes-security is a full-time job. whether you are at work, at home or at play. Constant vigilance is the main defense against espionage and sabotage. In today's world it is a necessity.-OIR Newsletter

U.S. Savings Bonds are the buy of the times. You can't find a better, more economical way to save than with Bonds.

#### More Workable Ideas Pay Off



BENEFICIAL SUGGESTION AWARDS were made to 11 employees of the Engineering Department recently by K. H. Booty, department head. Present for the picture are J. D. Trigg, head, shops branch; J. M. Craig, E. E. Braham, W. E. Kummings, L. Thomas, A. B. Cles, E. H. Hammerberg, E. P. Luttrell and R. F. Beswick. Not present for the picture were Jacob Bent, John Harn (recipient of two awards), M. H. Egley and J. C. Myers. The awards earned by these employees totaled \$300.

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## **Outstanding Cellist** Is Second Artist

(Continued from Page One) when he was 10 and it was Glazounov's influence which brought him a scholarship at the St. Petersburg Conservatory of Music. There he was a student of Josef Press. At 12, having excited the attention of the Russian musical word, he gave a recital before the elite of St. Petersburg with Glazounov accompanying him at the piano.

After the Russian revolution, his family took him to Berlin where he continued his studies at the Hochschule for Musik. After graduation he was assigned the post of solo 'cellist of the Berlin Philharminoc, a post which had been previously occupied by Gregor Piatigorsky. He remained with the Berlin Philharmonic until 1934, when his objections to the Hitler regime decided him to leave Germany and come to New York. His New York debut was a huge success. "Mr. Schuster stirred a large audience, seemingly containing every cellist hereabouts, to expressions of delight, the renewed storms of applause forcing some dozen recalls. Ovations continued throughout the evening," said the New York Times the next day.

The evening's program for the Schuster recital is as follows:

- I. Introduction, Adagio and Allegro, from the Concerto in D Major . ... G. Tartini Concerto in C Minor Johann Christian Bach Allegro moderato Adagio Allegro molto
- II. Sonate Appregione, in A ...... Franz Schubert minor Allegro moderato Adagio Allegretto

Intermission III. Vocalise, Opus 34

Sergie Rachmaninoff Habanera ...... Maurice Revel From San Domingo Arthur Benjamin IV. Rococo Variations, Opus 33

### Peter Ilyitch Tschaikowsky

#### Navy to Begin Testing New Turbo-Jet Engine

Washington (AFPS)-The Navy has accepted for testing a new lightweight turbo-jet aircraft engine developed by the Westinghouse Electric Corp.

The new engine, to be called the J-54 by the Navy, was developed at no cost to the government by Westinghouse in cooperation with Rolls Royce, Ltd., of England.

Two engines have been made available to the Navy at the nominal sum of one dollar. They will be tested at the new Naval Air Turbine Test Station, Trenton, N.J.

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**Marines** Get 'Permanent **Promotions'** 

Washington (AFPS)-The Marine Corps is returning immediately to the policy of permanent grades and promotions for all enlisted personnel.

Temporary warrants of all enlisted personnel, including reservists not on active duty, will be made permanent. Date of rank will be that shown on the temporary warrant previously issued.

Reservists who voluntarily accepted an administrative reduction in grade in order to remain on extended active duty will have their present grade made permanent. When released to inactive duty, the grade from which they were reduced will be made permanent.

The last permanent NCO promotions were made in August 1950. All promotions to NCO grades since then have been temporary.

### **Prominent Visitors** Here During Week

Visitors this week at the Station included Captain E. B. Hooper, Assistant Chief of Bureau of Ordnance for Research and Development. After spending Monday and Tuesday here, he visited the Pasadena Annex.

The Pomona Guided Missile School of eight officers was here Wednesday, their tour being guided by Charles Arnold of the Technical Information Department.

Expected this week-end are 28 officers and enlisted men of the Naval Reserve Training unit at Colorado Agricultural and Mining College Ft. Collins, Colo. Host will be the local Naval Reserve Ordnance Company 11-1.



CAPTAIN AND MRS. F. L. ASHWORTH (left) and Chaplain and Mrs. J. L. Carter chat informally at the annual China Lake Community Council banquet at the Community Center last Tuesday night. Chaplain Carter was master of ceremonies at the event which was attended by a large gathering of council members, station dignitaries and guests.

For Production Jobs In Scotch Doubles

Winners Named

Results of the Scotch Doubles Tur-

key Shoot held recently at the Navy

Station bowling alleys were released

when the tournament closed on

Sunday night, Nov. 20. The tourna-

ment was divided into two cate-

gories-one of mixed entries and

There were 43 entries in the mixed

group and plans call for the reward-

ing of turkeys to the top seven con-

testants. First place went to Bel-

dora Olsen and Dick Ehrlich with a

There were 37 entries in the all

male group and plans call for the

awarding of turkeys to the six high-

est scorers. First place in this group

went to Allan Bodenhammer and

Del Gillespie with a 266 game, in-

the other all men entries.

275 game including handicap.

cluding handicap.

Exams Now Open

The Director of the 12th Civil

Service Region has announced that

examinations will be given for "Pro-

duction Specialists", grades 5

through 12, and that interested per-

sonnel should file their applications

Officials of the NOTS Employ-

ment Office state that persons here

on the Station who successfully pass

the examination and are placed on

the eligibility register of the Reg-

ional Office will have an excellent

chance for advancement or pro-

Forms to be completed in apply-

ing for the examination may be

obtained from the NOTS Personnel

Department receptionist. For fur-

ther details about the examinations

motion at this Station.

call Ext. 71393.

immediately

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ng accomplishment in for two hundred dollars to Tom two fields-technical writing and Fahy this week. engineering-brought a Superior Accomplishment Award and a check of the Torpedo EX-2 and the Tor-



Tom Fahy

### Needy Families' Names Screened

The selection of needy families who will receive assistance from Operation Santa Claus is in progress this week as contributions begin to come in.

Wednesday was the closing day for employees to suggest the names of families in distress, and the screening of these suggestions is the work of the following committee: John Mulkern, Carney Brewer, Harry McLaren, and Roy Reynolds of Pasadena Annex, Elva Lilley of ONR, and Winona Harper and Marie Brant of LAOD.

Care and thought are part of the gift to these families as they are slated for answers to their special needs for food, clothing, toys, and financial help.

#### **Five Years at Pasadena Annex**



**RECEIVING FIVE-YEAR PINS in November were Patricia Connor, Walt** Tenner, and Bill Smith. Don Steel, UOD head, presented the emblems as E. J. Jones Jr., of Personnel looked on. Other UOD employees who finished five years in November but were not present for this ceremony were Frank Masterson, Earle Howard, Theodore Gautschi, and Allen Blaemire.



In documenting the development pedo Mk 32, he prepared a variety of reports and articles of high quality which received favorable comment from the Bureau of Ordnance as well as from Station management.

During the consultations required to collect material for these reports, he made suggestions which were used to improve the two torpedo systems.

Sustained above-average performance, versatility, creative effort, and initiative were the qualities which enabled Tom to make his significant contribution to the torpedo development program.

### **Dance Committee** Announces Prizes

Most interesting development in the Christmas Dance plans, Chairman Dale Willhite reports this week is the growing list of door prizes The list includes luncheon for two at the Stuft Shirt, a set of six tickets for the Pasadena Playhouse, another set of four, a garden hose, stationery, and a box of cigars. According to Dale, this is just a beginning.

Although the committee hopes that everyone who buys a ticket will be at the Elks Club on Friday, the sixteenth, they point out that it is not necessary to attend. in order to win a door prize, and that seventy-five cents is a record low price for a ticket.

Sally Tompkins, Pat Williams, Betty Halminski, Virginia Cortese, Nadine Robinson, and Mary Yamagata are selling tickets, as are all members of the committee.









NEW BLUE AND GOLD SIGN at Foothill replaced the old black-and-white one recently. Working on this operation were (l to r) Jim Bidolli, carpenter; Dale Evans, truck driver; Jim Johnson, carpenter; Jack Pace, leadingman carpenter; and (not shown) Roy Reynolds, who operated the crane; Stan McDonald, transportation; and Bill Aitchison, leadingman transportation.

## Line Supervisor Workshop **Begins Three Two-Day Sessions**

Pasadena Annex supervisors attended the first of three two-day sessions of a six-day Line Supervisor Workshop. In general sessions the supervisors yesterday heard Doug Wilcox on the role of a supervisor, and Don Steel on a philosophy of line supervision. Today Paul Buchanan will speak on the human factors in management.

Small group discussions are being led by Paul Buchanan, Andrew Adams, and E. J. Jones Jr., and will deal with the conference method of problem solving as a supervisory tool. and new ways of approaching supervisory problems.

Supervisors selected by their division heads to attend the workshop are:

P191, Vergil Arbuckle and Chief Ray Paris.

P257, Grace Naylor, Marie Broshius, Monte Denning, Al Irvine, and Richard Lovelace

P553, Bob Crescenti, Mike Heath, Bill Hawkins, Norman Geldson, Gorden Stuart, and John Davies.

P659, Dorothy Seaman.

P709, Bill Aitchison, Franklyn Oschman, and David Lamb.

P801, John Southwell and Catherine Murphy.

P802, David Jones, Danny Moore, Mort Heinrich, John Mulkern, and Robert Waln.

P804, Lloyd Maudlin, James Campbell, Thomas Lang, and Edward Schwartz.

P807, Moe Rosen, Dick Flygare, Henry Yerby, and William White. P808, W. S. Burlem, Frank White,

Yesterday and today more than 40 Eli Botkin, Joseph Taber, and Howard Wheeler.

> P809, Harry Humason, Shav Monsen, Dick Frederick, Yako Dragicevich, Catherine Campbell, Walter Tenner, and Wendell Alexander.

## Inter-Lab Facility **Committee Meets**

Meeting in Pasadena for the first time since July, the Inter-Laboratory Committee on Facilities assembled today in the conference room in Building 9. Members of the committee represent the Naval Air Missile Test Center at Point Mugu, the Naval Civil Engineering Research and Evaluation Laboratory at Port Hueneme, the Navy Electronics Laboratory at San Diego, the Naval Ordnance Laboratory at Corona, the Naval Ordnance Test Station at China Lake, and the Naval Ordnance Test Station. Pasadena Annex.

This organization was established to gather and disseminate among the naval establishments in southern California, through informal collaboration, information concerning the facilities and potentialities of each, to promote and expedite cooperative use of these facilities, and to guard against duplication of effort and equipment.

Tom C. Mico. Planning and Administration division head, is the Pasadena member of the committee.

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## Pony League Fete Scheduled Monday At Comm. Center

The annual Awards Dinner for the China Lake Pony League has been scheduled for next Monday evening at 6:30 in the China Lake Community Center. Master of ceremonies for the occasion will be Harley Tillitt.

Every boy who participated in the Pony League program during the past season will be an honored guest of the League, according to Martin J. Snow, president.

An evening of awards to players, managers, coaches, umpires and other League officials in addition to other entertainment has been planned.

Among the honored guests who have received invitations to the annual program are Captain F. L. Ashworth, Station Commander; Captain F. A. Chenault, Station Executive Officer; Dr. W. B. McLean, Technical Director; Cdr. W .H. Lewis, administrative assistant to Station commander: Chaplain James L. Carter; Captain R. L. Myers, Supply and Fiscal Officer; O. A. Juneau, J. A. McNeill and Paul Chadburn, the latter four persons being sponsor representatives.

Parents are requested to purchase their tickets, priced at \$1.75 each, from the manager of the team on which their boy played. Each manager will deliver complimentary tickets to members of their team.

Everyone is invited to attend the program. Tickets may be purchased from the following persons by contacting them at the numbers listed: J. E. Sturgeon, 718-6531; W. F. Koehler, 77451; John McLaughlin, 72011; Ty C. Blair, 73101; M. W. Breaw, 75693; L. E. McLaren, 77082; J. J. Cashore, 725204; M. J. Snow, 725382; J. F. Callahan, 77983; G. H. Bell, 76562; R. S. Clark, 76661; J. L. Colson, 725412; and C. C. Mar-

Annapolis, Md. (AFPS)-Navy's opponents were South Carolina, Pitt, Penn State and Columbia.

Sept. 29, William and Mary; Oct. Cornell, away; Oct. 13, Tulane, away; Oct. 20, Cincinnati; Oct. 27, Pennsylvania, away; Nov. 3, Notre Dame at Baltimore; Nov. 10, Duke, away; Nov. 17, Virginia and Dec. 1, Army at Philadelphia.

In other countries, Santa Claus is called Christkindl, Saint Nicholas, or Shen Koll.

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JOURNALISM STUDENTS at Burroughs High School put finishing touches to the giant daily "newspaper bulletin board" published as part of the class study of journalistic methods and procedures. Geraldine Cooper, left, arranges a news clipping with Nancy Newell assisting her. The items appearing on the board are selected from Rocketeer articles, local area newspapers and newspapers from over the nation.

### Dr. Paul Buchanan Talks to Chemical Engineering Group

The Mojave Desert section of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers met Thursday, Nov. 17, at the Trona Recreation Center to hear a talk by Dr. Paul Buchanan, head of the employe development division, NOTS, on "Engineers and Human Relations."

Dr. Buchanan discussed such points as: "Are human relations here to stay?" "Why the question 'Are Engineers Human?'" "Is the current concern with the subject fad or real?" and "Why is the lack of technical competence infrequently the reason for job difficulty?"

The speaker received his Ph.D. in industrial psychology from the University of Southern California in 1950, and served as a vocational counselor at USC from 1945 to 1951

Since 1951, Dr. Buchanan has been training director and staff psychologist for NOTS at China Lake and Pasadena.

A dinner, served by the W.S.C.S. of the Trona Community Church, preceded the talk by Dr. Buchanan.

#### Judith Carter Honored

Judith A. Carter, daughter of Mrs. Anne F. Carter, 811 Sixth Place, China Lake, is among 16 seniors recently elected to the Pomona College Gamma chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, highest honor society.

Miss Carter is a 1952 graduate of Burroughs High School. She is president of the Masquers' Society, Pomona honorary dramatics organization, and program chairman of the college French club.

A French major, she has been designated a Pomona College Scholar for outstanding academic achievement.

The California Highway Patrol reports that many motorists are still using parking lights as driving lights.

"The law prohibits the use of parking lights as driving lights at times when headlights or foglights are required," declared Patrol Commissioner B. R. Caldwell. "This law was necessary to correct an obviously dangerous practice.

Parking lights when used as running or driving lights have a tendency to deceive other drivers by creating illusions of distance and speed of oncoming vehicles," Caldwell said.

"We urge every driver to developthe habit of lighting the headlights, not the parking lights, when first turning on car lights at dusk or whenever impaired visibility requires lights. This will help other drivers and pedestrians see your vehicle better and will provide more safety at times when our traffic accident rate is highest."

### 'Out Patient' **Benefits** Told By R. H. Dudley

Numerous questions have arisen regarding benefits payable under the NOTS Group Health Insurance Plan when the patient is not confined to

bed. Under "Hospital Service" (Part I-b) of the group policy it states:

"The company will pay the amount of expense for hospital service (exclusive of doctor's and nurse's fees) if an employee is not confined in a hospital or sanitarium provided the expense is incurred as a result of injury or sickness of the employee (or dependent) and further provided the amount payable for all such service (1) as the result of any one accident or (2) during any one policy year for all sickness, shall not exceed the amount applicable as shown in the Classification Table (\$100). Any amount payable under this paragraph shall be deductible from the maximum payable for hospital service during hospital or sanitarium confinement necessitated by the same related cause "

Note that the \$100 benefit applies to each injury but that for all other causes the payments are made cumulative to the \$100 maximum for any one policy year. The policy year in the case of China Lake subscribers is from August 1 to August 1.

The outpatient benefit includes, for example, such items as operating room supplies, diagnostic x-rays and laboratory tests.

All of these benefits have been extended to insured patients by Dr. Frederick Pribus. In all cases other than Dr. Pribus the insured must avail themselves of the facilities and services of a legal hospital in order to collect the \$100 outpatient benefit.

Safety First New Dog Tags To Be Issued New Station dog tags will be issued on and after January 1, and will be issued annually thereafter according to Community Manager R. C. O'Reilly.

> All dogs that have not been vaccinated for rabies since last January 15, must be vaccinated before a new tag will be issued. Deadline for the vaccination of dogs is January 31, after which all untagged animals will be picked up.

The annual tags will be of different color and shape each year.

# Job **Opportunities**

Administrative Assistant, GS-9 Technical Information Department Eligible Station employees are being considered for this position; it has the title of "Head, Administrative Staff, TID." Duties include planning and procedure work, budget and fiscal programs, and personnel work.

Clerk - Stenographer, GS-4, Secretary to Associate for Engineering Analysis, Weapons Planning Group. This position requires security clearance. Interested personnel should call Ext. 72723.



Starting Times: 6 and 8 p.m. Daily Kiddies' Matinee (Special Movies) 1 p.m. Saturday Matinee: 1 p.m. Sunday DEC. 2

"THE LONG GREY LINE" (137 Min.) Tyrone Power, Maureen O'Haro

SATURDAY DEC. 3 "TARANTULA" (80 Min.) John Agar, Mara Corday Shorts: "Bullfright" (7 Min.)

'VistaVision Visits Japan" (16 Min.)

MATINEE Schedule not available at press time.

SUN .- MON. DEC. 4-5 "TREASURE OF PANCHO VILLA" (96 Min.) Gilbert Rolland, Shelley Winters

Shorts: "Kanagroo Courting" (7 Min.) "Here's Hockey" (10 Min.)

TUES.-WED. DEC. 6-7 "THE McCONNELL STORY" (107 Min.) Alan Ladd, June Allyson

Short: "Safety Is Their Business" (8 Min.)

DEC. 8-9 "I DIED A THOUSAND TIMES" (109 Min.) Jack Palance, Shelley Winters

Short: "Hare Conditioned" (7 Min.)

#### team is playing his second year here. Gary hails from Hawthorne, Nevada where he played three years on the high school varsity. In addition to his high school play and with the Rockets, Gary was on the squad at NAS, San Diego for 1 year and played with NAS, Lakehurst, New Jersey 1 year. Malchus is 6' and 2" tall and can be counted on by the locals for plenty of baskets.

GARY MALCHUS, AG3, 180 pound

forward for the Rockets basketball

Rockets

Sportraits

'Credit Union' Is An **Employee Business** The NOTS Credit Union was or-

ganized locally to help employees who, from time to time, would be in need of a small loan and to encourage thrift by NOTS employees. The Credit Union makes an interest charge for all loans, but the interest rate is believed to be low enough to aid employees needing loans.

Credit Union business is a mutual business, organized by the employees and operated by the employees. Borrowing from your Credit Union is good business and depositing in your Credit Union is still better business

### GMU-61 Headquarters Now Located at NAF

Headquarters of Guided Missile Unit No. 61 recently were moved from Michelson Laboratory to the Naval Air Facility, according to information received this week.

Offices are located in Hut 20041 and the shop spaces are in the Missile Evaluation Building 20165. The office telephone extension number is 8213 and the extension in the shop is either 8240 or 8241.

tin. 73011 Navy's '56 Grid Slate Adds Cornell, Tulane

1956 football schedule adds Tulane, Cornell, Virginia and Cincinnati. Dropped from next year's list of

Returning from this season's slate are Notre Dame, Duke, Army, William and Mary and Pennsvlvania.

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#### has been found.

Answering to the name of Ronnie Lynn, little Ronald Weitkamp is a chubby youngster of 35 pounds, 2 feet 7 inches in height; his outstanding features are dark brown eyes set off by blond hair bleached white by the summer sun. A notable physical characteristic is his left-handedness. When last seen he was wearing a long-sleeved yellow knitted shirt, old blue denim dungarees, and new two-buckle shoes. That he was a handsome, attractive youngster can be seen from the un-retouched photograph shown herewith. He is next to the youngest of four children and his parents are people of modest means; the father is employed at the Crane Naval Ammunition Depot.

The combined energies of state, federal and local law enforcement agencies together with those of the Navy and Marine Corps have been thrown into the investigation concerning his disappearance, given unusual significance because of its possible association with the giant Naval base, only a short distance from his home.

In addition to comprehensive searches by official agencies, a painstaking investigation by over 2,000 civilian Crane Depot employees, who donated thousands of dollars of annual leave, covered all grounds within a ten mile radius of Ronnie's home. Caravans of searchers made up of Boy Scouts, National Guardsmen, high school students, and neighboring city officials, moved into the area to add numbers of skilled volunteers who tramped the heavily wooded area for many hours looking for the lad. Scores of letters and telephone calls have been received by Navy officials offering tips on the boy's

### **Drama Students** Visit Playhouse, **Famous Library**

To learn more about the theater and the fields of art, members of the Burroughs High School Dramatics Club and the dramatics class visited the Pasadena Plavhouse and the Huntington Library recently on a field trip.

Completed as part of the scheduled outside activities for the year, the tour included attendance at a performance of "The Four Poster," starring Carol Stone and Norman Rockwell, as well as a backstage tour of the theater.

"Blue Boy" and "George Washington" were two of the famous paintings the group saw at the Huntington Library art display.

The junior thespians were accompanied on the tour by parents of club members.

disappearance, and all such tips are being carefully followed up. Since the boy's physical remains have not been found, it is felt that he was the victim of either a sex deviate or a kidnapper, and hope, though dim, still exists for his safety.

Indicative of the extent to which this giant military-civilian community has been aroused by Ronnie Lynn's disappearance is the reward of \$1,000 offered by two NAD Crane employee groups today for information leading to his recovery or to the apprehension of the person or persons guilty of his abduction.

Heavy-hearted parents and a tense community anxiously await developments.

### **First Place Rating** Given 'El Burro'

Awarding of a first place rating in its class to the 1955 Burroughs High School yearbook, the El Burro, edited by Joy Nelson under the direction of Norman E. Young, faculty advisor, was announced by the Columbia Scholastic Press Association this week.

Rated in its particular class with vearbook entries from schools across the nation in the annual critique and contest, the yearbook was judged with special emphasis on student contributions.

Intention of the judges in the annual critique is to give constructive criticism with betterment of the yearbook in mind rather than to accent prize-winning. The yearbooks are judged in sections according to a point system. Divisions rated include idea and theme of the book, layouts, editorial coverage, photography, engraving and printing, paper and binding.

The 1953 edition of the El Burro, edited by Janet Roach, also received a first place rating and the 1954 edition, edited by Bruce Blackerby received a second place award.

## Local School System Growth Phenomenal; **Opened Sept. 1945**

#### By Charles Robinson

Concurrent with the phenomenal growth of the Naval Ordnance Test Station. China Lake, has been the amazing growth of the China Lake Schools system.

From an enrollment of 148 high school, and 327 elementary students when school opened September 1, 1945, the system has grown in enrollment to 658 high school students. 1,764 elementary students, 550 evening high school students, and 544 college extension students. Starting in quonset huts with very limited facilities, the facilities have been enlarged to four schools and the staff has been increased to 107 teachers.

The schools are staffed and supplied primarily by the State, Kern County Union High School District, and the China Lake Elementary School District. The schools operate in buildings provided and maintained by Federal allocations.

#### Expansion In 1948

Burroughs High School, completed in 1945, was named after Capt. Sherman E. Burroughs Jr., first Commander of the Station, who was instrumental in getting the school plans approved by the Navy, and in securing aid from the State and the Kern County Union High School District.

The rapid continued growth of the Station necessitated more educational facilities, and in 1948, construction was begun on a school named after General Leslie Groves, with funds supplied by the Atomic Energy Commission. Later, in 1951, the Richmond and Vieweg schools were built, named respectively after the first Community Manager and the third Station Commander

Construction of Richmond and Vieweg Schools was made possible by a bill passed in Congress, which permitted an allocation of \$900,000 by the U.S. Commissioner of Educa-

#### **Through To College Extension**

The early school days at China Lake, under the Indian Wells Valley School District, were sometimes hard, as the school rooms were practically unfurnished, except for a few boxes and tables.

Today, with Federal aid, and under the State, the Kern County Union High School District, and the local school district, the China Lake School system contains facilities from pre-school to a college-extension level, and is a modern and well staffed educational system.

In Italy, during the last days of Advent, bagpipe players serenade the shrines of the Virgin Mary under the traditional notion of soothing her until the birth of her infant on Christmas.