

110 Years of Federal Service



NINETEEN EMPLOYEES of the Aviation Ordnance Department receive length of service pins from John J. McLaughlin, head of planning staff, AOD. Recipients shown (from the left by rows) are: E. See, E. Nowak, W. LaBerge, G. Warr, C. Smith, N. Strand, D. Simmons, J. Jeung, G. Parks, L. Price, P. Kim, B. Earle, W. Reeve, G. Schimmel, and M. Kelly. Not present for the picture were H. Wilcox, R. Johnston and M. Kamimoto. Mr. Earle receives a 20-year pin while the remaining 18 pins are for five years of service.

Marine Leader Extends Greetings

My warmest personal greetings and best Christmas wishes. The anniversary of our Lord's birth offers all of us a special opportunity to reflect upon the countless blessings which are ours as free men and women, and which we, as important members of our nation's security forces, are dedicated to protect. It is my sincere hope that each of you, wherever you may be, will find a rich source of inspiration and happiness in the knowledge that your devotion to duty and your sacrifices are appreciated by freedom-loving people the world over.

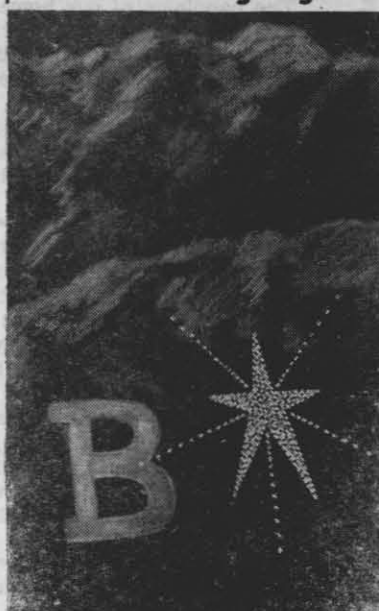
The outstanding accomplishments of the Marine Corps during the past year stand as a tribute to your loyalty, and give every indication of your firm determination to do all in your power to continue to maintain the high traditions of our Corps. I join all of you in the prayer that the new year will bring continued success in our mission, and that all our efforts will serve to bring the world closer to the full realization of the true meaning of Christmas.

General Lemuel C. Shepherd Jr. Commandant, Marine Corps

Exchange Cobbler Shop To Close for Holidays

The Navy Exchange Cobbler Shop will be closed from 1 p.m. on Dec. 24 to 10 a.m. on Jan. 3, according to Navy Exchange Officer Lt. J. C. Hatch. During the period the shop is closed, finished work may be picked up by contacting O. H. Foster at the Barber Shop.

The Guiding Light



The huge star on "B" Mountain that sheds its rays out upon NOTS, is one of the most beautiful Christmas decorations to be witnessed here in many years, according to most of the Station's old timers. The idea for the star originated with LCdr. J. T. Waldron and M. A. Reich.

The star measures 120 feet from top to bottom and 100 feet wide. It contains a total of 750 electric light bulbs. The star rays are 80 feet in length with the exception of the lower ray which is 100 feet in length.

Credit for the star's installation goes to LCdr. Waldron, Chief B. H. Ender, A. P. Domingues (GMI), L. S. Viveros (AOAN), and G. C. Bailey (EM3). The artist's conception of the star (shown above) was drawn by the Graphic Arts group of TID.



Safety-Gram

In this joyous season of Christmas, with its eternal renewal of "Peace on earth, to men of good will," there is a quiet spell which pervades the air . . . a feeling of goodfellowship among all men . . . a warmth and graciousness . . . a renewed belief in the dignity, the high destiny of all mankind.

But despite the beauty and human warmth which prevail during the festival of Christmas . . . despite the renewed promise of life and hope . . . despite the interest and concern of men in their common problems—there is an ugly, black picture of suffering found in the high toll of persons killed or injured in traffic accidents this month. Paradoxical as it may seem . . .

MORE PEOPLE ARE KILLED IN TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS ON CHRISTMAS DAY THAN ON ANY OTHER DAY IN THE YEAR!

Don't Give Your Life for Christmas

Merry Christmas
Rocketeer

THE WEATHER

Partly cloudy over the weekend with scattered showers in the surrounding areas. Light, variable winds in the mornings increasing to 10 to 20 knots in the afternoons with gusts to 30 knots.

TEMPERATURES (Housing Area)

	Max.	Min.
Dec. 15	69	28
Dec. 16	63	31
Dec. 17	59	28
Dec. 18	63	28
Dec. 19	65	40
Dec. 20	72	35

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Holiday Greetings . . .

We join in wishing Season's Greetings to all personnel and their families at China Lake, in Pasadena and our other installations.

The coming year may well put new demands upon us, but we are confident that any challenge will be met and that our efforts at NOTS will continue to play a vital part in the defense of a free world.

F. L. Ashworth Captain, USN Commander	Wm. B. McLean Technical Director	F. A. Chenault Captain, USN Executive Officer	W. T. Groner Captain, USN O-in-C, Pasadena
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CIVIL SERVICE DIRECTOR John W. Macy Jr. visited the Pasadena Annex recently to meet with the policy boards of the U. S. Naval laboratories in California. Shown with Mr. Macy are Captain W. T. Groner (left) OinC, and Dr. W. B. McLean, Station technical director.

John W. Macy Jr. Visits

Civil Service Director Meets With Station Officials, Others To Discuss Recruiting

John W. Macy Jr., executive director of the U.S. Civil Service Commission, met last Friday with the policy board of the U.S. Naval laboratories in California at Pasadena Annex. Greeting Mr. Macy upon his arrival were Captain W. T. Groner, officer in charge of Pasadena Annex, and Dr. William B. McLean, technical director of NOTS.

Accompanying Mr. Macy were C. D. Hertzog, director of the U.S. Civil Service Commission's bureau of field operations; William A. Foley, director of the twelfth civil service region; and Dr. C. Mansel Keene, manager of the region's Los Angeles branch office.

In discussing problems of recruiting and retaining scientists and engineers, Mr. Macy said that he believes the principal reasons professional people go to work for the federal government are the challenge in the work itself, the excellent equipment available in the laboratories, and the basic integrity of the work—the fact that its objectives are not commercial.

China Lake and Pasadena board members attending the meeting were Dr. Hugh Hunter, James Jenkinson, and Norman Newcomb. Non-members in attendance, in addition to Captain Groner and Dr. McLean, were Don W. Steel, Head, Underwater Ordnance Department, Pasadena; R. W. Anderson, Head Personnel Department, China Lake; and E. J. Jones Jr., Head, personnel division, Pasadena.

The Commission's representatives left for Los Angeles immediately following the morning's discussion meeting; board members toured the Foothill plant in the afternoon.

Represented on the board, in addition to NOTS, are the Naval Civil Engineering Research and Evaluation Laboratory, Port Huene; Navy Electronics Laboratory, San Diego; Naval Air Missile Test Center, Point Mugu; Naval Radiological Defense Laboratory, San Francisco; and Naval Ordnance Laboratory, Corona.

Season's Greetings From the President

The Christmas season is a time for the renewal of hope for peace and justice and good will throughout the earth.

To all of you who serve our nation at home or abroad, I send my warm Christmas greetings and good wishes. May the coming year be one of good health and happiness for you and yours, and one of continued progress toward justice and brotherhood among peoples everywhere.

DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER

Home Decorating Contest Judging Scheduled Tonight

Judging in the annual home decorating contest will begin tonight, Thursday, at 7 p.m. Sponsored by the China Lake Community Council. The program is designed to encourage beautification of the valley area and is open to all residents of China Lake, Wherry Housing, and Ridgecrest.

Judges for this year's contest will be Bruce Haig, an art instructor in the China Lake Elementary School system, Edward Hammerberg, and Mrs. R. C. O'Reilly, wife of the community manager.

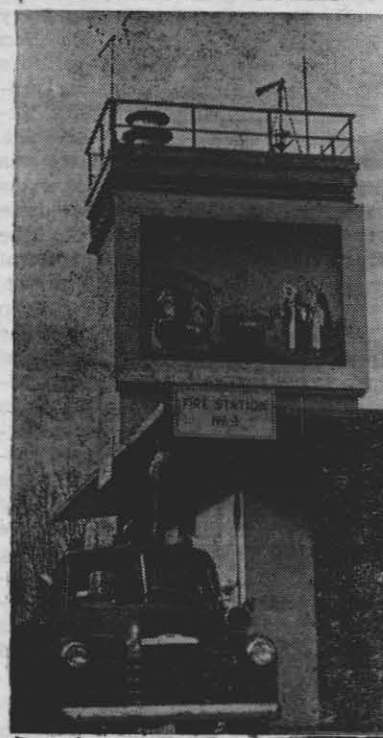
Certificates will be awarded to the first, second and third place winners.

Results of the judging will be announced in the Jan. 6 issue of the Rocketeer.

Fiscal Groups Scheduled For Transfer in January

The Accounting and Disbursing Divisions of the Supply and Fiscal Department and the Pasadena accounting branch will be transferred to Central Staff effective January 1. On this same date the Supply and Fiscal Department will become the Supply Department.

Christmas Scene



CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS were recently installed at Fire Station No. 1 showing the manger scene from the well-known Christmas Story. The work is an annual project with the firemen as their contribution to bringing a festive air to the Station.

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Superintendent's Notes

By DR. EARL MURRAY, Superintendent of China Lake Schools

Eighteen hundred delegates and numerous observers have recently returned from Washington after participating in the White House Conference on Education. Two-thirds of the delegates were laymen. They discussed six problems of education in round-table manner and reported their agreements and dissensions.

What was accomplished may be reported as follows:

1. American educators have succeeded in breaking through to the people of the country with their story of education's problems and needs. In the past schoolmen have been "talking to themselves." This Conference brought the story of American education to Governors, businessmen, homemakers, taxpayers—and finally, to Congress.

2. The Conference demonstrated how to involve large numbers of laymen in school problems. The process of the Conference—regardless of its result—is considered by many to be an important achievement. The Indiana delegation, for example, was so impressed with the procedure of the Conference that they released the following statement:

"Whatever the practical results of the White House Conference on education will be, and we trust they will be many—a signal victory for the democratic process has been made. In a spirit of give and take, in an atmosphere of complete compatibility, different problems were attacked and common solutions were reached. Where differences persisted, dissents were registered in the prudence of manners."

3. State Governors, legislatures, and boards of education will study the detailed findings of the Conference during the weeks ahead. Changes and improvements are almost certain to come. Some improvements can be made readily; others will take months, if not years. But the things that need to be done have been put in black and white for all to see.

4. The President and Congress will receive the recommendations with the knowledge that they come not from pressure groups but from

the people as a whole. What happened in Washington during the four-day Conference may not impress some of the men and women in Congress, but they cannot forget that prior to the White House Conference some 500,000 men and women had held conferences in nearly every voting district in every State of the Union.



Starting Times: 6 and 8 p.m. daily

Kiddies' Matinee (Special Movies)

1 p.m. Saturday

Matinee: 1 p.m. Sunday

FRIDAY DEC. 23

"PARIS FOLLIES OF '56" (73 Min.)

Forrest Tucker, Margaret Whiting

Shorts: "Cops Is Tops" (7 Min.)

"Golden Tomorrow" (20 Min.)

SATURDAY DEC. 24

"SINCERELY YOURS" (115 Min.)

Liberace, Joanne Dru

Shorts: "Mousier Herman" (7 Min.)

MATINEE

"FIGHTING REDHEAD" (60 Min.)

Shorts: "Well Oiled" (7 Min.)

"Sea Hound" No. 5 (18 Min.)

SUN.-MON. DEC. 25-26

"THE TALL MEN" (125 Min.)

Clark Gable, Jane Russell

TUES.-WED. DEC. 27-28

"THE SEA CHASE" (118 Min.)

John Wayne, Lana Turner

Short: "Rabbit Punch" (7 Min.)

THURS.-FRI. DEC. 29-30

"LEFT HAND OF GOD" (87 Min.)

Humphrey Bogart, Gene Tierney

Short: "White Tail Buck" (28 Min.)

SATURDAY DEC. 31

"LAWLESS STREET" (77 Min.)

Randolph Scott, Angela Lansbury

Shorts: "Bronco Busters" (7 Min.)

"Nat King Cole" (15 Min.)

MATINEE

"GOLD RAIDERS" (56 Min.)

George O'Brien, Three Stooges

Shorts: "Popeye's Anniversary"

"Sea Hound" No. 6 (18 Min.)



COMPLETELY NEW AND MODERN is the word for the Station Restaurant now that the remodeling work has been completed. The use of stainless steel, new plastic tile, indirect lighting and many other innovations has created a very attractive atmosphere, while making the finest possible service available to the patrons. A preview, including free refreshments, will be held tomorrow afternoon from 4 to 6. The facility will officially open on Saturday.

Preview of Station Restaurant Set Tomorrow; Open Saturday

A formal opening of the Navy Exchange Restaurant is scheduled for 4 p.m. tomorrow. Open hours will be from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. with food and refreshment free. An invitation is extended to the public to come to see the completely remodeled restaurant.

Work on the remodeling has taken about one year to complete. This work started shortly after the Navy Exchange took over the operation of the restaurant. The Navy Ship's Store Office sent one of its representatives of the local Navy Exchange in the summer of 1954. On his visit, the representative was able to draw up a series of plans for the cafeteria line and these were forwarded for review by the local Navy Exchange. After several months of planning and thought, the Navy Exchange was able to present the preliminary plans to the design and engineering branch of the Public Works Department. After four months of detailed talks and discussions between Navy Exchange personnel and design personnel, plans and specifications were completed last August. A loan was obtained from the Navy Ship's Store Office to finance the remodeling cost and competitive bids were received last September by the Eleventh Naval District Public Works Office. The contract was awarded in October.

The new restaurant has been remodeled from top to bottom. Much thought has been given to the overall appearance of the serving area, patron convenience, more efficient service to patrons, and improved sanitation methods. Old type lighting fixtures have been removed and modern flush type fixtures have

been installed in the center section with the new fluorescent indirect lighting around the perimeter of the seating area.

A modern canvas wall fabric was used to redecorate the upper section of the serving area wall with a modern bamboo texture plastic on the lower section of the wall. New grease-proof asphalt tile has been installed on the deck of the serving area. Terrazzo deck was used beneath the cafeteria line to provide a more sanitary and attractive appearance behind the serving area.

A completely modern and new cafeteria line was installed to provide both hot food service and snack bar service. Quilted stainless steel was fabricated and installed behind the cafeteria line equipment with the white plastic hardboard above the stainless steel and on the overhead of the serving line area. A new terrazzo deck was put in the scullery with a very modern, up-to-date and sanitary dishwashing arrangement for the scullery. The galley has been arranged to give the maximum in efficient service. Restrooms have been provided inside the restaurant for the patrons' convenience.

A draft beer area has been provided in one enclosed section of the restaurant. To top all these improvements, planter boxes and draw draperies have been added.

Much credit is due to all Navy Exchange personnel and to Public Works personnel who had a part in this remodeling.

The Spanish influence in the Netherlands changed "Saint" to "Santa"—hence, "Santa Claus."



Service Leaders Send Best Wishes

To all of you, at home or abroad, I send my sincere wishes for an enjoyable Christmas and a happy New Year.

The spirit of Christmas, peace and goodwill are especially needed in the world today. The Department of Defense is very conscious of the service that you are rendering to your country and your fellow Americans and of the contribution you are making in preserving peace in the world.

C. E. WILSON

The observance of Christmas reminds us all of Jesus' sublime example and His selfless service to His fellow men. His birth sounded the call for peace on earth and good will among men. In these days, our Navy is an instrument for preserving that peace on the far-flung frontiers of freedom. To all the men and women of our Navy and Marine Corps, especially those who by reason of service overseas must be separated from family and fireside, I send my sincerest best wishes for a Merry Christmas.

CHARLES S. THOMAS

As another year comes to a close and we prepare to celebrate again the birth of the Prince of Peace, I wish to extend my warmest greetings to the men and women of the Armed Services.

The happiness of our homes—the continuation of our cherished freedoms—and the joyous Christmas we enjoy through the years depend on your valiant and selfless service. By your patriotism and devotion to the cause of justice you are helping preserve peace and goodwill in the areas in which you serve.

Wherever your duty finds you at Christmas—whether at home or abroad—I hope the Yuletide season will be one of good cheer, with a promise of greater success in the new year for each of you.

ADM. ARLEIGH BURKE, USN

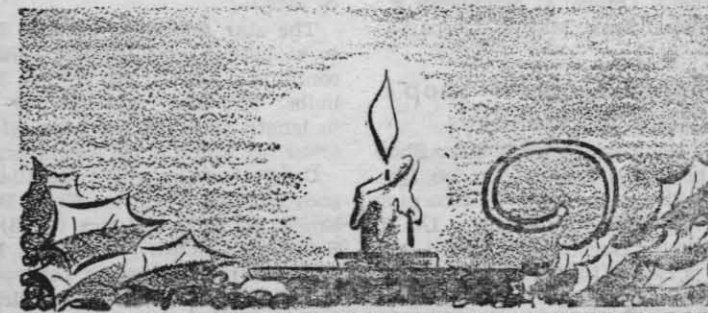
My warmest regards and best wishes for a happy Christmas and a successful New Year are with you men and women of our Armed Forces. You are the guardians of our country and our way of life. Wherever you are, it is my heartfelt hope that your life will be richer with the knowledge that your hard work and your fine dedication to duty are greatly appreciated.

During this holiday season, let each of us repledge to each other "our lives, our fortunes and our sacred honor" in an earnest resolve to preserve our faith and our freedom in the spirit of true peace and security.

ADM. ARTHUR RADFORD, USN

For Christmas 1955, to each of you my personal good wishes for the happiest of holiday seasons. Wherever you are on 25 December, be it with your family or with your friends, may the spirit of Christmas be with you and may the age old message of "Glory to God in the highest and on earth Peace, Good Will Toward Men" have a special meaning for you individually and for us all together. Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, and may God bless you.

RADM. C. C. HARTMAN, USN
Commandant,
11th Naval District



WHEN?



SANTA, aren't you ever goin' to get here? This is the thought expressed by most of the children present for the CPO Club Christmas party and so well illustrated by the look on this young lady's face as she waits by the chimney.

CHRISTMAS GREETING

A very Merry Christmas and prosperous New Year to the school staff, the Board, parents, patrons, and students of the school. Let us each take time to give thanks to Him whose birthday we celebrate at Christmas time.

(s) EARL MURRAY
Superintendent of Schools

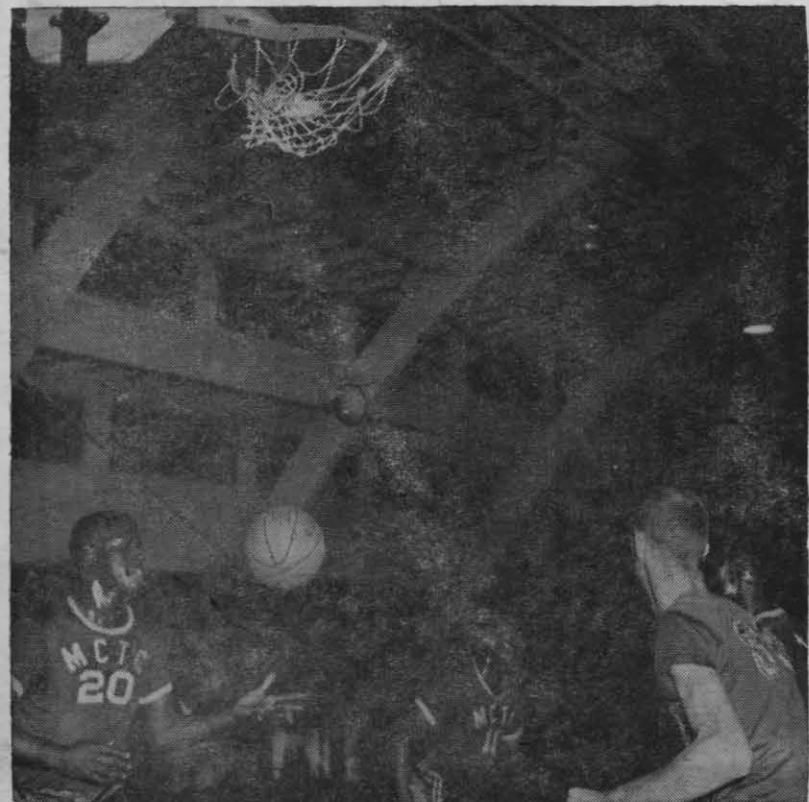
TV Personalities Appear Here



YOUNGSTERS at the Naval Air Facility Christmas Party met two of their favorite television characters, "Ol' Buck Sureshot" and "Captain Jet," through the combined efforts of these two men and the Douglas Aircraft Corporation. "Buck" and "Captain Jet" volunteered their time and the Douglas Corporation furnished the aircraft for the visit of these stars. Bob Smith (at far right), of the publicity department of the aircraft company, was instrumental in bringing the two television stars to China Lake.

SPORTS

Rockets Win Another Game



TWO MORE POINTS are racked up for the Rockets basketball quintet as Jack Israel (at right), watches the ball come through the hoop during a hard scoring drive. The game was played against the Marines from 29 Palms and ended with the Rockets on the winning end of a 77-69 score.

Burroughs Varsity Splits Two Games With Tehachapi

Burroughs High School varsity basketball quintet is now sporting a one-one record following their games against Tehachapi on Saturday, Dec. 10 and Friday, Dec. 16. Both tilts were non-conference play.

The first game for the varsity basketballers was little more than a warm-up session as the local quintet took command from the opening tipoff and never relinquished it during the entire fracas. Bob Childs played a real bang-up game for Burroughs dumping in a total of 27 points, followed by Bob Short with 15. Final score for the evening was 61-50.

The second tilt was an entirely different matter as the locals trailed all the way. Tehachapi started out fast by scoring 23 points in the opening frame and holding the locals to 9. Roger Short was the big gun in this game, scoring 19 points. Tehachapi took the measure of the locals who seemed unable to score; considerable trouble was experienced by the Burroughs quintet who found it difficult to hit the basket and retrieve rebounds. Final score was 57-48 Tehachapi.

The first home conference game of the season will be held on Friday, Jan. 6, at the Station gymnasium against the Trona Tornados.

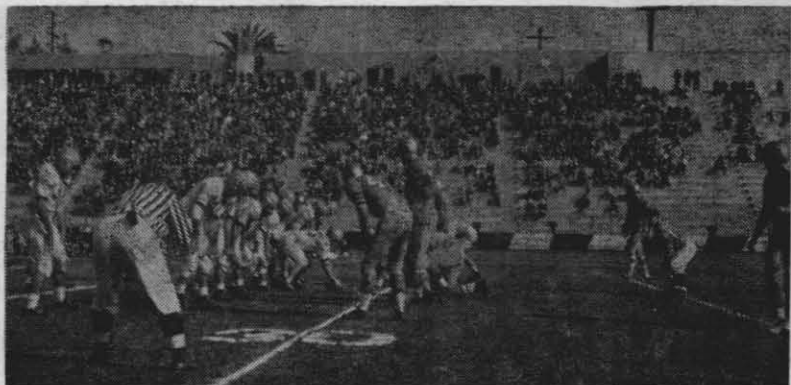
Swimming Pool To Stay Open

In last week's Rocketeer it was announced that the Station swimming pool was closed to the public and would remain so until the first of April. This announcement was made because so few people were using the pool that it was financially unsound to keep it in operation.

Since the publication of this article there have been many requests for the pool to keep open. In view of these requests, it has been decided to keep the pool open the usual periods of time. If the pool is used to a greater degree, as the requests indicate, the swimming pool will remain open to the public.

AF Disciplinary Board Meets at China Lake

A meeting of the Armed Forces Disciplinary Control Board was held here Wednesday. It brought 40 military and civilian members to the Station for a discussion of enforcement methods.



NAVY HAS THE BALL and from this formation came a score at the 4th annual Poinsettia Bowl football game. A long pass to the Fort Ord end zone was responsible for 6 of the 12 points scored by the Pensacola Naval Air "Goshawks" against the Ford Ord "Warriors."

11ND Poinsettia Bowl Football Game Is Tribute to Men of Armed Forces

Ed's Note: Yours truly was privileged to attend the 4th annual San Diego Poinsettia Bowl and the following is a roundup of some of the interesting factors behind this great football spectacle.

The fourth annual Poinsettia Bowl football game at Balboa Stadium, San Diego, on Saturday, Dec. 17, featured two of the nation's finest service football teams — Fort Ord and Pensacola Naval Air. Ford Ord, led by All-Americans Paul Cameron and Paul Larson, defeated the Pensacola team, 35-13.

The Poinsettia Bowl pageantry is sponsored each year by the 11th Naval District and the San Diego Junior Chamber of Commerce in the interest of good sportsmanship and the development of young men in the services. It has received endorsement from the Department of Defense and is one of the nation's finest athletic events.

This year thousands of Navy and Army military personnel were in attendance to root for their branch of the service, as well as civilians from all over the country. It is the hope of the military that the Poinsettia Bowl will eventually grow in stature to equal the college bowl games and serve as a medium of strengthening

America's great athletic and recreational programs.

It is this writer's belief that no finer demonstration of sportsmanship can be witnessed anywhere in the nation. The Poinsettia Bowl is a tribute to the armed forces and the young men who give of their time and energy in the defense of our nation. We recommend this great pageantry to you and hope it will be your privilege to attend it next year.

500 Witness Local Drag Race Card At Inyokern Field

A field of 50 cars were entered on the monthly drag race card held last Sunday at Harvey Field, Inyokern. A crowd of approximately 500 people were on hand to witness the events that saw a total of 18 trophies to winners in the various competition classes.

A "dragster" from Lancaster, driven by M. H. Kibbe, took top honors for the day winning both the top time and top eliminator trophies and bond with a recorded time of 126.76 mph.

Approximately 30 local cars were entered with six drivers emerging victorious. Trophy recipients were John Douglas, Phyllis Partridge, Carl Burk, Ira Mahoney and Herb Currie.

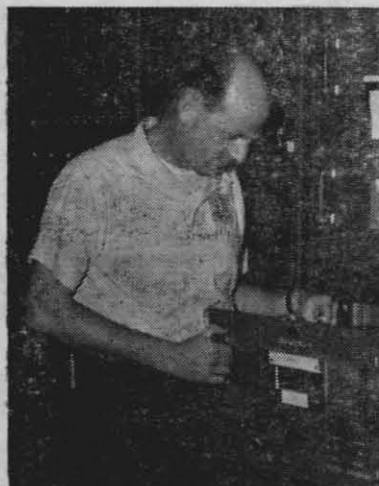
A special feature in the stock car class was the appearance of a number of 1956 stock car models. Emerging victorious in this class was a 1956 Chevrolet, driven by Jim Brock of Bakersfield, which hit a speed of 84.11 mph from a standing start. This set a new local record for the quarter mile track.



QUEEN'S MAID Mary Johnson (former China Lake student) is shown here with an Ensign from the 11th Naval District. Mary was chosen to participate in the pageantry of the Poinsettia Bowl football game, an All-Service contest.

News from Pasadena

Award Winner



James S. Grell

Superior accomplishment in the maintenance of computing equipment in the simulator lab has brought an award of \$200 to James Grell, electronics technician in the guidance and control division of UOD. Mr. Grell maintains this equipment at an operation accuracy which often exceeds manufacturer's specifications under the adverse conditions of continuous operation schedules, with insufficient shut-down time.

Mr. Grell is credited with additional superior achievement in the design, layout, construction, and operation of test equipment. This specially designed equipment has made possible great savings in time and increased efficiency of operation.

Alpha Mu Gamma Selects Larsen

Security Police Officer Lief Larsen, well known at the Annex for his linguistic ability, has received notification of his election to Alpha Mu Gamma, national foreign language fraternity, at Los Angeles City College, where he is acquiring his seventh language this year.

Julia Kinard Is 'Miss NOTS Pasadena'

On her way to the top in the competition for the title of Miss Federal Secretary is Julia Kinard of the publications and photography branch of the product engineering division. As Captain Groner announced at the Christmas dance, Julia is on leave. She was notified by wire of her victory by Catherine Campbell, head of her branch, as she vacations with her family in Wisconsin.

Runners-up for this honor were Trudy McEllistrim of P804, and Dorothy Warren of P2502.

Chorus Director



Earle Howard

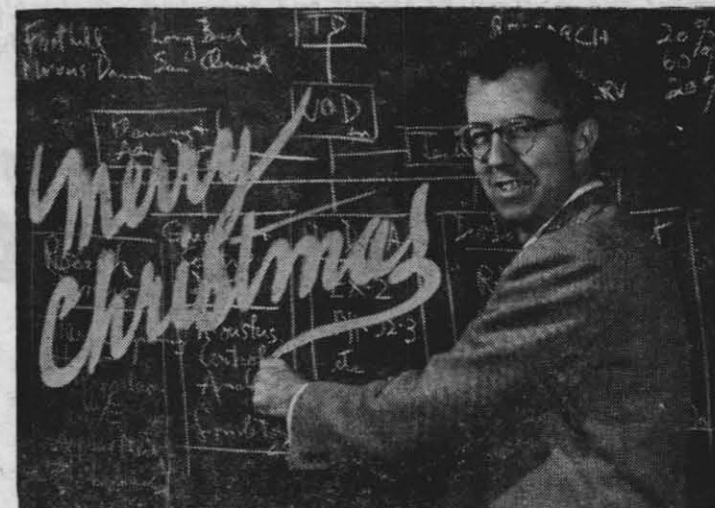
Directing the NOTS chorus in its traditional carol singing this year is Earle Howard of the accessories branch, development division (Torpedo EX-2, Mk 32). Earle, who directs the choir of the Highland Park Church of the Nazarene, has piloted the Caroleers through a month of rehearsals and six performances this season.

Civil Service Officials Visit



DISTINGUISHED VISITORS were greeted by NOTS officials when they visited here last week. (See story on Page 1.) Left to right, above: W. A. Foley, C. D. Hertzog, Captain W. T. Groner, John W. Macy Jr., Dr. W. B. McLean, Dr. C. Mansel Keene, and Don W. Steel.

Best Wishes for the Holidays



The holiday season gives us pause to reflect upon our blessings. Surely not the least of these is the warm fellowship and humanity of those with whom we spend our working hours. We hope that our fellowship will grow, and that each of us can take increasing pride in our service to the country. May the happiness and good will of this season continue for you and your families during the coming New Year.

Captain W. T. Groner

Cdr. J. J. O'Brien
Bob Leard
Ed Jones

Don Steele
Cdr. M. J. Knapp
Lt. W. E. Marquardt

Santa Claus Mission Complete; Twenty-seven Families Cheered

Twenty-seven families are happier today because of the very real demonstration here of the spirit of Christmas. Operation Santa Claus workers report a tremendous response to the call for contributions to fill the needs of these adopted families.

At least 80% of the huge amount of clothing brought in was in fine condition. Many people sent their contributions specifically earmarked for particular families, and the committee has expended seven hundred dollars for special purchases for particular needs, such as suitable toys for invalid children, and certain items of food and clothing.

The Army sent a big truck to make deliveries to ten of the families in outlying locations, and the rest were delivered by our own drivers and several individuals.

Beds were provided for one family which had been forced to sleep on the floor. A dining-room table is also on its way to this family, which includes four children, and which had been almost destitute of furniture.

Sixty-eight children are members of these 27 families and the committee has seen to it that they are well provided with toys. Six tricycles and six bicycles were among the things that were brought in to make this Christmas a real one for these children.

The whole committee has worked hard and long at the tremendous

job of sorting, packing, and distributing. Among those who should have a special feeling of satisfaction are the perennial hard workers Stan McDonald, Carney Brewer, Richard Edler, Cora Harding, and Winona Harper of LAOD.

Credit Union Closed December 28-31 For Annual Bookwork

Mary Maxham, manager, announces that the end-of-year closing of the Credit Union books will make it necessary to close the Credit Union office on Wednesday, December 28, for the remainder of the year. In order that depositors will not be inconvenienced by the closing, the Board of Directors has passed a special resolution providing that all deposits made between January 3 and 10, 1956, shall draw interest as if deposited before January 1.

The Credit Union will be open for business as usual on Tuesday, December 27. However, business should be conducted early on that date.

Christmas has an aura of magic for children. It's a time of excitement and mystery, of secrets and happiness. A sparkle and radiance settles about their world. Here, through the camera's eye, is a look into

... A Child's World at Yuletide



Dear Santa...

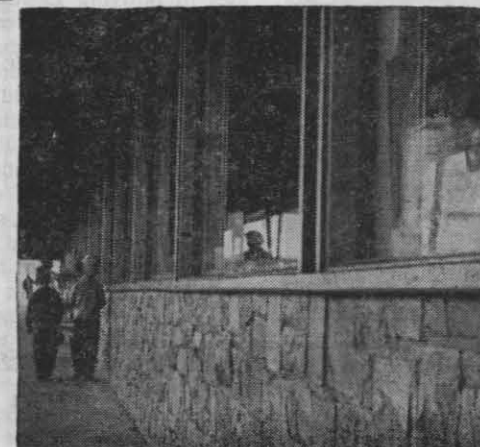
What'll we get Mama?



"Is there 'nough money?"



"C'mon, let's go"



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"Maybe a 'lectric train..."



Yet there's a mystery



"Gee, this is swell!"



"Look at those packages Mom's got!"



"...there arose such a clatter..."



The Nativity lives once more.



... Santa Claus IS real!

