

Rocket Developers Receive \$810 Award



ROCKET AND WARHEAD penetration mechanics work won an \$810 check and Superior Accomplishment Awards for (l. to r.) these men: Nicholas Matuszewicz, Robert Clark and Leonard Wilson, all of the Rocket Development Department. At right presenting the check is Department Head Dr. H. A. Wilcox.

Superior Accomplishment Award



A CHECK FOR \$200 goes to Earlene Melia for a year's work that was outstanding in budget and fiscal matters. At left is Quentin Elliott, Propellants and Explosives Department Head. William Davis, associate head for administration looks on with smiling approval.

Capt. Joseph H. Hall Promoted to Major

It is now Major Joseph F. Hall, of the First Terrier SAM Battalion, his promotion having been announced this week. He was first stationed at NOTS from October 1951 to June 1953 as a captain in command of battery firing. He went to overseas duty with the Third Marine Battalion in Japan, and returned here in November 1954 as organizer of the first tactical battery.

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 they are 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.

China Lake Civic Concert Association Annual General Meeting Slated Feb. 1

The annual general meeting of the membership of the NOTS Civic Concert Association will be held at 8 p.m., Wednesday, February 1, at the Richmond Elementary School auditorium.

Every person who holds season tickets for the current concert series is a member of the Association. All members are urged to attend, according to R. W. Anderson, chairman. This is the only meeting of the general membership that will be held during 1956.

The primary purpose of the meeting is to elect new members to the Board of Directors. The terms of three of the six Board members expire, and successors must be elected at this meeting. Members whose terms are expiring are Mrs. Ivar E. Highberg, L. W. Sepetoski and R. W. Anderson.

The choice of directors is particularly important to all persons interested in the concert series as the directors select the programs for each year and conduct all other business of the Association between annual meetings.

Directors serve two-year terms. A slate of candidates for the offices is being prepared by a nominating committee under the chairmanship of Kenneth H. Robinson, first president of the Association. Nominations also may be made from the floor by any member at the meeting provided the person nominated is a member of the Association and agrees to serve if elected.

Other Business on Agenda
Other business on the agenda for the meeting includes reports on the financial status of the Association by the treasurer, Mr. Sepetoski, and the chairman of the audit committee, Albert S. Gould. In addition, members will be invited to comment on affairs of the Association, particularly the programs in the series and to make suggestions on these subjects for the guidance of the Board of Directors.

The board also is trying to arrange for Alexander Haas to attend this meeting. Mr. Haas is the western manager for the National Concert Artists Association. Mr. Haas previously appeared here at the annual meeting in 1954.

'56 March of Dimes Campaign To Begin

"Blue Crutch Day" will be held on the Station tomorrow when American Legionnaires will take part in the state-wide drive for March of Dimes funds. Donors will receive miniature blue crutches for their lapels.

March of Dimes envelopes, according to R. C. O'Reilly, community manager and chairman of the local dimes drive, will be passed out with paychecks to military personnel on January 16, and to civilian personnel on January 20.

"Paycheck and 'crutch' appeals are the only direct appeals on the Station this year," said O'Reilly. "Station residents who have contributed so generously to the March of Dimes in the past will have this way to make their 1956 donations."

The Lions Club will handle distribution and collection of coin containers at central locations, and other indirect appeals, according to O'Reilly.

County coordinator of the campaign is Edward Richardson, of Bakersfield.

RAdm. W. R. Smedburg To Head Academy

Washington (AFPS) — Rear Adm. William R. Smedburg III, one of the youngest men ever to head the Naval Academy, has been named superintendent. He will relieve Rear Adm. Walter P. Boone effective sometime early in '56, the Navy said.

Adm. Smedburg, 53, has been serving as director of political-military policy in the office of the chief of naval operations since 1953.

No definite assignment was announced for Adm. Boone.

Dates, Location Given for Shots

Polio immunization "shots" will be offered to children of Indian Wells Valley between ages of six months and 14 years next Thursday and also on February 16 at the Kern County Building in Ridgecrest. The immunization program will be administered under the direction of the Kern County Health Department.

Hours during both days will be 9 to 11 a.m., and 1:30 to 3 p.m. It is stressed by officials that no child will be treated without a signed consent from a parent or guardian. School children will have consent slips sent to their homes, but preschool children should be taken to the clinic by a parent or guardian, it was pointed out.

Aiding in the administration will be Claire Fitzgerald, County public health nurse; Doris Whitley and Edith Hurst, Station public health nurses; Mildred A. Kirby, Burroughs high school nurse, and Mrs. Cornelia Richey, elementary school nurse, both of China Lake.

LCdr. L. R. Martin, Station medical officer, urges all people here who have children in the accepted age brackets to take advantage of the county immunization program.

THE WEATHER

Weekend expected to have partly to full cloudiness. Winds to be no higher than a maximum of 12-14 knots. Temperatures will have a wide range, spanning over 35 degrees.



TEMPERATURES (Housing Area)

	Max.	Min.
Jan. 4	63	20
Jan. 5	67	27
Jan. 6	66	35
Jan. 7	60	34
Jan. 8	63	30
Jan. 9	66	27
Jan. 10	65	28

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Labor Market Wage Survey Of L. A. Area

Cooperative arrangements have been completed for Navy participation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics in a survey of the Los Angeles area labor market starting sometime after January 13, 1956. The last such joint wage survey was conducted early in 1954.

The Department of the Navy's participation in this survey will be directed by the Navy Area Wage Survey Committee, which will be composed of representatives of commanding officers of naval stations in the Los Angeles and Mojave Desert area. The activities of this committee will be coordinated by officials of the Area Wage and Classification Office in Long Beach.

Nathan J. Snapp, of the Personnel Department, has been designated as the Commanding Officer's representative while Dorothy Seaman, of the Pasadena Personnel Division, has been named as the Annex subcommittee chairman.

All participating activities, except NOTS, China Lake, and the Marine Corps Supply Annex at Barstow, will appoint two-man data collection teams. The exceptions have been made because of the travel distance to and from the industrial firms to be surveyed in the metropolitan Los Angeles area.

Upon completion of the survey, the data will be forwarded to the Office of Industrial Relations in Washington, D.C., where it will be used in compiling a new schedule of wages for Navy non-IV-B employees in this area.

The results of the survey will not affect the salaries of graded employees, who are paid in accordance with the salary schedules contained in the Classification Act of 1949.

Listings of occupations to be surveyed and firms to be contacted have been posted on bulletin boards throughout the Station.

NAF Officers Receive Notice of Promotions

Three Naval Air Facility officers have been selected for promotion to lieutenant. They are to be promoted as vacancies occur.

They are: Lt. (jg) Kenneth Simmons Jr., assistant personnel officer; Lt. (jg) Charles Duffy, airways officer in operations; and Lt. (jg) Gerald Barnett, line maintenance and progress officer in the Engineering Department at NAF.

Will Stapp Ride Here?



FASTEST MAN ON EARTH, Lt. Col. John Stapp, USAF, who has ridden several supersonic sleds on various tracks over the nation, is pictured above (third from left) as he views the SNORT track from the operations tower on the range here at NOTS. Pictured with him (l. to r.) are: Capt. Herbert Shepler and Cdr. M. D. Courtney, both of the Navy's Medical Corps; they are director and deputy director of the Aviation Medical Acceleration Laboratory at NADC in Johnsonville, Pa. At far right is R. M. Nelson of the track operations branch, Missile Range Division, NOTS Test Department.

EMCO Talks Over NOTS Problems

Three main subjects were considered Wednesday afternoon by members of the local Employee-Management Committee in their monthly session at the Community Center.

The first concerned setting up of examinations and registers for employees' premium rates. Representatives of management stated that registers for premium rates will be set up by trades in the same method as set up by trades for retention purposes.

Next, the Station's procedure for establishment of classification titles was taken up. Here the answer was that line supervisors primarily determine classification of the title by assignment of duties, qualifications and availability of persons to perform the duties; and that such assignments are made as are consistent with standards for the job titles established by the Department of the Navy and the Civil Service Commission.

The third subject was the question of reactivation of the position of shop personnel supervisor, which has been abolished by Bureau of

Ordnance. It was pointed out by management representatives that the position is not to be reestablished. Discussion then turned to types of assistance or services rendered in the past by such a supervisor. It was indicated that study would be made of such types of assistance to determine how these services could be provided for employees under the present organizational setup.

Robert Duguid was chairman of the meeting, with LeRoy Jackson executive secretary.

Slate Annual Meeting Of Credit Union

The Credit Union will hold its annual meeting on Monday January 16, at the Community Center at 8 p.m., it was announced this week by NOTS Credit Union officials.

The annual meeting agenda includes the determination of an amount for the yearly dividend to Credit Union members and the election of officers for 1955-56.

Door prizes will be given the night of the meeting.

Lt. Col. Stapp Visits SNORT On Track Tour

Lt. Col. John Stapp, USAF medical officer, known nationally as "the fastest man on earth" because of his rides on rocket-driven test track sleds, on Wednesday visited the Station's Supersonic Naval Ordnance Research Track (SNORT).

His rides at the Edwards Air Force Base track drew wide attention last year when he subjected himself to deceleration tests to study gravity effects on the human body.

Strapped to a sled seat, he was propelled at a rate of hundreds of miles per hour along a track and then brought to a quick stop. This subjected him to many times the force of gravity, and temporarily blinded him at the end of one run.

By such tests he hopes to devise means of protecting pilots against forces that may suddenly confront them in flight.

Colonel Stapp showed great interest in SNORT, and said that his visit here was part of a tour of several such military installations.

Heads Drive



CDR. K. C. WALLACE, senior assistant experimental officer in the Test Department, has been named to head this year's NOTS Navy Relief Fund drive. Cdr. Wallace was formerly the NOTS Communications Officer and Public Information Officer in the Command Administration Department.

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Card Forms Okayed in Filing For Incomes Under \$5,000

(This is the second in a series of eight articles on federal income tax filing for the year 1956. The articles are based on information furnished to AFPS by the American Institute of Accountants, the national organization of certified public accountants.)

The government provides two forms for individual income tax returns. If you choose the wrong one, you may automatically cut yourself off from many possible tax savings.

The easiest way to file is to use the simple Form 1040A.

It's a card the size of a check, which anyone can fill out if he is able to write his name and address and a few other simple facts. You just send it in with your withholding slips and the government takes care of the rest. If you owe more tax than was withheld you will get a bill for the difference. If more was withheld than you owe, you will get a refund check.

The tax rules permit you to use the card form if your gross income consisted only of wages, dividends or interest totalling less than \$5,000, and if you did not have more than \$100 of gross income apart from that listed on your W-2 withholding slips.

Before deciding to use the card Form 1040A, you should consider these facts:

1. Your tax will be figured from a table which allows you a deduction of about 10 per cent of your in-

come instead of itemized deductions for contributions, taxes, interest paid, medical and dental expenses, etc.

2. There is no provision in this form for filing as the "head of a household," as a "surviving spouse," or for claiming special credits for dividends and retirement income.

If you are sure that these two points would not cost you any tax savings, and your income is within the limits for filing a Form 1040A, you might as well use this simple card form.

If you decide to use the regular Form 1040, you still have the choice of itemizing your deductions or using a standard deduction which generally amounts to about 10 per cent of your income.

You are likely to save by itemizing your deductions if you:

1. Own real estate.
2. Had unusual medical expense.
3. Had deductible child-care expense.
4. Suffered losses from fire, storm, accident, or theft.

5. Made fairly large contributions.

Form 1040 has been rearranged this year, so that although it still contains four pages, a taxpayer whose income was entirely from wages needs to use only the first one or two pages. Pages 3 and 4 are for other types of income and for computing the special credits for dividends and retirement income.

The instructions that come with your tax forms give further information. Help is also available from the Internal Revenue Service, which urges you to consult a properly qualified advisor if you need outside assistance. (AFPS)

Spring Semester of UCLA Graduate, Extension Program Begins Jan. 30

The Spring semester of the UCLA Graduate and Extension Program in engineering, mathematics, physics and administration will commence January 30, 1956. Students may register in Room 1066 Michelson Laboratory, from 12:30-4:30 p.m. during the weeks beginning January 16, 23, and 30. The courses to be offered during the Spring semester, together with the times and places of meeting, units of credit, fees and instructors, are listed below:

Math 246A—Partial Differential Equations of Mathematical Physics. Tues. and Thurs., 6:30-8:00 p.m., Room 2001 Michelson Laboratory, 3 units, \$27.00., C. J. Thorne, instructor.

Math 122B — Advanced Calculus. Mon. and Wed., 4:30-6:00 p.m., Room 1013 Michelson Laboratory, 3 units, \$27.00. R. G. Selfridge, instructor.

Math 131B—Statistics. Mon. and Wed., 6:30-8:00 p.m., Room 1013, Michelson Laboratory, 3 units, \$27.00. K. G. Clemons, instructor.

Math. 139—Automatic Digital Calculators. Tues. and Thurs., 4:30-6:00 p.m., Room 2067, Michelson Laboratory, 3 units, \$27.00. R. C. Miller, instructor.

Engr. 102D—Introduction to Mechanical Vibrations. Thurs., 8:00-10:00 p.m., Room 1013 Michelson Laboratory, 2 units, \$18.00. J. H. Madden, instructor.

Engr. 103A—Elementary Fluid Mechanics. Mon. and Wed., 4:30-6:00 p.m., Room 2067, Michelson Laboratory, 3 units, \$27.00. R. H. Olds, instructor.

Engr. 121—Engineering Aerodynamics. Mon. and Wed., 6:30-8:00 p.m., Room 2067, Michelson Laboratory, 3 units, \$27.00. R. W. VanAken, instructor.

Engr. 171—Engineering Organization and Administration. Tues., 6:30-9:00 p.m., Room 2067, Michelson Laboratory, 3 units, \$27.00. P. C. Buchanan, instructor.

Engr. 181C—Analysis of Servomechanisms. Tues. and Thurs., 4:30-6:00 p.m., Room 1013 Michelson Laboratory, 3 units, \$27.00. R. M. McClung, instructor.

Physics 105—Analytic Mechanics. Tues. and Thurs., 6:30-8:00 p.m., Room 1013, Michelson Laboratory, 3 units, \$27.00. R. P. Stein, instructor.

Physics 108A—Geometrical Optics. Mon. and Wed., 6:30-8:00 p.m. Room 2001, Michelson Laboratory, 3 units, \$27.00. E. B. Mayfield, instructor.

Physics 124—Nuclear Physics. Mon. and Wed., 4:30-6:00 p.m., Room 20108, Michelson Laboratory, 3 units, \$27.00. G. J. Plain, instructor.

Physics, 199II, Theoretical Quantum Mechanics. Mon. and Wed., 6:30-8:00 p.m., Room 20108, Michelson Laboratory, 3 units, \$27.00. H. A. Wilcox, instructor.

Econ. 101—Economic Principles and Problems. Thurs. 6:30-9:00 p.m., Room 213, Training Building, 3 units, \$27.00. J. R. Felton, instructor.

Educ. 396AB, Developing Leadership in Group Activities. Wed., 7:00-10:00 p.m., Conference Room, Personnel Building, A. S. Adams, instructor.

Additional information as to course content, prerequisites, texts, and so forth can be obtained from the program coordinator, Ext. 71759.

Our Scientists



DO YOU KNOW that scientists in the NOTS Research Department in carrying out their work may be required to travel to the far reaches of the earth? Our scientists have, in the course of their duties, travelled from Alaska to the Belgian Congo and from the upper atmosphere to the depths of the ocean.

Dr. A. E. Corey To Speak Here

Dr. Arthur E. Corey, Executive Secretary of the California Teachers Association and a national leader in the field of public education, will be the featured speaker at the China Lake Educational Association's annual public relations program to be held at Burroughs School Cafeteria at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 17.

The meeting is planned to acquaint the public with educational aims and objectives. No admission will be charged.

Speaking on the problems which confront American education, Dr. Corey comes to the Station as the guest of the local chapter of the state teachers' organization.

A graduate of Whittier College, he received his advanced degrees at the University of Southern California. He has headed the state teachers' association, which now numbers more than 80,000 members, since 1947, directing its program through a period of phenomenal expansion and growth.

Dr. Corey will be introduced by Norman E. Young, president of the China Lake Educational Association. Music by the Burroughs Junior High School Choir will precede Dr. Corey's presentation.

'TV' Reception May Improve On 9, 11 and 13

Improved television reception on channels 9, 11 and 13 is expected when new three-watt amplifiers arrive, according to George R. Sutherland, electronics engineer in charge of the Laurel Mountain television booster station.

Channel 7 at the present time is served by such an amplifier, and the clarity of picture shows what may be expected on the higher channels.

Indication of the large number of TV sets and viewers on the Station is given by an unofficial survey that gave a count of 2,000 antennas. At least one set was attached to each antenna, giving approximately 92 per cent television coverage in the housing areas of the Station.

According to experts, this may be one of the most densely "populated" TV areas in the nation.

Localites To Attend Lockheed Seminar

Exploration of the importance and means for achieving effective communication between manager and subordinates concerning job performance will be discussed at a seminar next Tuesday night and all day Wednesday at the Lockheed Aircraft Corp., Burbank, according to Dr. Paul Buchanan, NOTS staff specialist.

Attending from NOTS will be Dr. Andrew S. Adams, R. W. Anderson, Dr. I. E. Highberg, R. C. O'Reilly, H. G. Wilson and R. C. Anderson.

The event will be conducted jointly by Lockheed, North American Aviation Co., and NOTS. Chairman will be Karl R. Kunze, Lockheed training director. Discussion leaders will include Dr. Buchanan, E. J. Jones, Pasadena Annex, and Jack Peart, North American training director.

Funeral Services Held For John Elmore Carey

Funeral services for John Elmore Carey, 68, retired Navy chief petty officer who was employed at the Station prior to his illness in April 1954, were held in his home city of Fresno on December 28. He died December 21 at a Fresno hospital.

A native of Camden, Maine, Mr. Carey served during World War I in a destroyer repair flotilla, and in World War II was in charge of a torpedo testing unit on the east coast.

Following World War II, he was employed in the Naval Shipyard at San Francisco.

Mr. Carey left his widow, Mrs. Sarah A. Carey, and a daughter, Mrs. Jane E. O'Hallorn, as well as three grandchildren.

Strauss Does It Again



HENRY STRAUSS is congratulated for his prize-winning home decoration entered in the Community Council Christmas contest by Community Council Vice-President Robert H. Dudley (left). Second place winner is Mrs. Jesse Thomas of 1111 9th Place. Tie winners for third place are Frank Gagliardi of 294-A Michter and R. J. Enggott of 304-A Tyler (not in photo).

Get a Load of that Wingspan



AN EAGLE AND A POWER LINE crashed into one another and the power line came out in better shape than the Eagle. Electrocuted, the eagle is shown shortly after being picked up by Public Works Department employees. Holding the bird are Helen Redenbach (left) and Neva Snyder (right).

CSC Examinations Are Announced

The U.S. Civil Service Commission has announced examinations for Engineering Aids, Draftsmen, and Construction Inspectors, grades GS-5, GS-6, and GS-7, for filling positions in the Bureau of Reclamation. Salaries for these positions are \$3,670; \$4,080; and \$4,525 a year. Vacancies exist at Bureau offices

and projects in the 17 western states. Application Form 57 and Form 5001-ABC should be sent to the Executive Secretary, Central Board of U.S. Civil Service Examiners, Bureau of Reclamation, Denver Federal Center, Denver, Colorado. Further information and application forms may be obtained locally.

28 College Classes Now Being Offered To Local Residents

Registration for a tentative program including some 28 classes under the Bakersfield College Extension program will end next Tuesday night at the Burroughs High School library. This deadline has been extended to accommodate registrants, and the hours are 7 to 9 p.m., tonight, Monday and Tuesday, according to W. J. Shortt, coordinator of the program.

Actual scheduling will depend on the number of persons registering for the classes.

The classes offered are only tentative and actual scheduling of the sessions will depend entirely on the number of individuals registering for them.

Included in the 1956 Spring Semester program are:

Astronomy 1—Wednesdays, 7-9 p.m.; **Biology 10**—Monday 7-9 p.m.; **Business Administration 1b**—Tuesday 6-10 p.m.; **Business Administration 18b**—Monday 7-10 p.m.; **Ceramics 6b**—Tuesday, 5-11 p.m.; **Chemistry 8**—Tuesday 7-10 p.m.; **Economics 52**—Thursday, 7-10 p.m.

Engineering 1a—Thursday, 7-9 p.m. and Saturday, 9-12 a.m.; **Engineering 35**—Tuesday, 7-10; **English X**—Tuesday, 7-10 p.m.; **English 1a** Wednesday, 7-10 p.m.; **English 1b**—Monday, 7-10 p.m.; **French 2**—Monday, 7-10 p.m. and Wednesday, 7-9 p.m.

History 17b—Wednesday, 7-10 p.m.; **Investments**—Tuesday 7-10 p.m.; **Math D-Intermediate Algebra**—Wednesday, 7-10 p.m.; **Math 3a**—Tuesday, 4:45-6:45 p.m. and Thursday, 4:45-5:45 p.m.; **Math 3b**—Monday, 4:45-6:45 p.m. and Wednesday, 4:45-5:45 p.m.; **Math 4b**—Tuesday, 4:45-6:45 p.m. and Thursday, 4:45-5:45 p.m.

Music History 21a—Thursday, 7-10 p.m.; **Physical Education 31a**—Monday, 7-9 p.m.; **Physics 4a**—Monday, 6-10 p.m. and Wednesday, 6:30-9:30 p.m.; **Psychology 1b**—Wednesday, 8-11 p.m.; **Psychology 53a**—Tuesday, 8-11 p.m.; **Reading Improvement 81a**—Tuesday, Thursday, 7-9 p.m.; **Sociology 1**—Tuesday, 5-8 p.m.; **Large Digital Computers In Non-Technical Fields**—Tuesday, 7-10 p.m.

Additional information concerning the classes offered may be obtained by contacting the Adult Education Office, extension 72019.

Retired Gen. Wendt Takes Missile Post

SLIVER SPRING, Md. — Brigadier Gen. William Wendt, USMC, who retired Nov. 1, has been named assistant to Dr. R. E. Gibson, director of the applied physics Laboratory of Johns Hopkins University here. The laboratory is doing guided missile work for the Navy Bureau of Ordnance.

Gen. Wendt is a veteran of Iceland and Central Pacific action.

—Navy Times



CHURCH SERVICES

Christian Science: (Chapel Annex)
Sunday School—9:30 a.m.
Morning Service—11 a.m.
Episcopal: (North end of chapel annex)
Holy Communion—8 a.m.
Sunday School—9:30 a.m. (Community Center).
Morning Prayer—11 a.m.
Protestant: (Station Chapel)
Morning Worship—9:45 and 11 a.m.
Sunday School—9:30 a.m., Groves and Richmond elementary schools.
Roman Catholic: (Station Chapel)
Holy Mass—7 and 8:30 a.m. Sunday; 6:30 a.m. Monday through Friday; 8 a.m. Saturday.
Confessions—8 to 8:25 a.m. Monday through Friday, 7 to 8:30 a.m. Saturday. Thursday before First Friday—4 to 5:30 p.m.

The University of California Glee Club



Organized as a double male quartet in 1899, the Glee Club began its long career to become one of the finest male chorus groups in the West. Its many accomplishments include tours of the Orient, Hawaii and Alaska, presentation of many musical comedies and operettas. Today, under the able direction of Mr. Commonday, the Glee Club is presenting fine music to a large and varied audience.

Job Opportunities

Supervisory Industrial Engineer, GS-13, duty at Pasadena. Encumbered of this position will function as head of products engineering branch, Products Engineering Division, Underwater Ordnance Department. As such, he will be responsible for planning, coordinating and supervising a broad program in UOD, covering the product, design, product engineering and documentation for service procurement of new weapons and components. Call Bernie Silver, P65905, Ext. 110.

Ornance Engineer, GS-11, head of Long Beach Range Test Unit. The encumbered of this position will coordinate operations and data collection of tests assigned. He will supervise operation of shore facilities and associated equipment. Also he will coordinate the development of new and efficient test methods and procedures. Call Margaret Frazer, P65905, Pasadena Annex.

'Evening of Song' To Be Presented Here by U. of Calif. Musical Group

The world-famous University of California Glee Club will present an "evening of song" at the Station Theater on January 29, it was announced today by Marion Olds, Community Council Chairman for the event. Tickets for the affair will be available the week before the concert (Jan. 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, and 29th).

P-TA 'Science Fair' Slated Here Thursday

The Elementary P-TA will hold a "Science Fair" next Thursday at the Groves School cafeteria from 8 p.m. according to publicity chairman Kay Felton.

Wanda Shomate is chairman of the "Fair"; Audrey Gray is in charge of exhibitions from Groves School, Mary Anne Moore from Richmond, and Dick Erbe from Vieweg. Each of the elementary teachers will arrange for science displays, each coming from one of thirteen science fields.

Refreshments will be served and the public is invited.

Take Time

- Take time to think it is the source of power.
- Take time to play it is the secret of perpetual youth.
- Take time to read it is the fountain of wisdom.
- Take time to pray it is the greatest power on earth.
- Take time to love and be loved it is a God-given privilege.
- Take time to be friendly it is the road to happiness.
- Take time to laugh it is the music of the soul.
- Take time to give it is too short a day to be selfish.
- Take time to work it is the price of success.
- Take time to save it is the foundation of your future.



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

TODAY JAN. 13
 "INDIAN FIGHTER" (87 Min.)
 Kirk Douglas, Elsa Martinelli
 Shorts: "One Foggy Evening" (7 Min.)
 "Sauter-Finnegan Orchestra" (18 Min.)

SATURDAY JAN. 14
 "ALL THAT HEAVEN ALLOWS" (89 Min.)
 Rock Hudson, Jane Wyman
 Shorts: "Yakohama Yankee" (7 Min.)
 "Survival City" (10 Min.)

MATINEE
 "JACK AND THE BEANSTALK" (78 Min.)
 Abbott and Costello
 Shorts: "Robot Rabbit" (7 Min.)
 "Seahound No. 8" (17 Min.)

SUN.-MON. JAN. 15-16
 "A STAR IS BORN" (154 Min.)
 Judy Garland, James Mason

TUES.-WED. JAN. 17-18
 "SEVEN CITIES OF GOLD" (103 Min.)
 Dick Egan, Rita Moreno
 Shorts: "Bug's Bonnets" (7 Min.)

THURS.-FRI. JAN. 19-20
 "THE BENNY GOODMAN STORY" (125 Min.)
 Steve Allen, Harry James

Safety First

SACRAMENTO— Changing lanes in traffic without proper caution, and inadequate signals are causing a thousand traffic accidents a year in California according to reports kept by the California Highway Patrol.

"Traffic rules covering lane changing require drivers to first make sure the change can be made with reasonable safety," declared Patrol Commissioner B. R. Caldwell. "It is then necessary to give the proper arm or turn light signal before changing lanes. This signal should be given for a considerable distance to allow other drivers ample time to cope with the lane change and avoid accident trouble.

There is always a degree of hazard connected with lane changing in traffic, even when traffic is light," Caldwell continued. "To avoid accidents while changing lanes, be alert, obey the rules, and cooperate with other drivers who may be affected by the move."

Gassed Up

Last year many persons died of gas. A few of them inhaled it, some put a match to it, and the rest stepped on it.—Adapted from "The Line" in The Chicago Tribune.

Children's Film Society To Meet Tomorrow

The January program of the Children's Film Society will be held in the Station Theater tomorrow from 10 to 11:15 a.m. Documentary films scheduled are "Magicians of India", "Sculpturing is Fun", and "Big Trains Rolling".

Pasadena Profiles Federal Civil Service Week Activities



Douglas J. Wilcox

Doug Wilcox found that technical work in the armed forces is recognized in the civil service. He received his Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering degree from Cornell in 1948 after a three-year interruption as an Army ordnance officer, during which he was ordnance department supply officer on Okinawa and held a staff position at Aberdeen Proving Ground.

Doug began his career at NOTS Pasadena in 1948 as a GS-7 project engineer in applied research, investigating combustion and detonation phenomena of various gases in large pressure vessels. This work resulted in a high-velocity launching gun now in use at Morris Dam. He continued applied research in water-entry studies as a section head, and as head of the experimental work in this country on high-speed underwater rockets.

As head of the development division, Doug now directs development work on torpedo components and ballistic missiles, as well as the operation of the Underwater Ordnance Department's field ranges at Morris Dam, San Clemente, and Long Beach. Off duty, he finds time for sailing at Balboa at least every other weekend.



FIVE-YEAR PINS were received by three Underwater Ordnance employees: Mildred Berkey, Waldo Bemis, and John Fogarty, shown above with Don Steel, Department Head. In the picture at the right, K. H. Booty, Engineering Department Head, presents pins to Paul Wilford and Edward Boos of the industrial division.

Many events of interest to federal employees are scheduled for next week. Sponsored by the Los Angeles Area Council of the NFFE, the principal event will be a dance at the Hollywood Palladium on Saturday, January 21. A 1956 Chevrolet will be given to the holder of the lucky ticket, whether or not he is present.

Statler Luncheon

On Tuesday, January 17, each nominee for "Miss Federal Secretary," accompanied by the head of her agency, will be the guest of the Council at luncheon in the Los Angeles Room of the Statler Hotel. In the absence of Captain W. T. Groner, Cdr. J. J. O'Brien will escort Julia Kinard, Annex candidate.

Dr. C. Mansel Keene, Deputy Director, 12th Civil Service Region, is chairman of the committee to select "Miss Federal Secretary." Carroll Alcott, CBS commentator, and Elmer Peterson, NBC commentator, are the other two members of the committee. Each candidate will make a one-minute presentation at the luncheon on what her federal job means to her. Based on the manner and content of these presentations, the committee will make its final selection, which will be announced before the close of the luncheon.

Dr. Keene to Speak

Dr. C. Mansel Keene will be the speaker at a dinner meeting of NFFE Local 1101 to be held at 6:00 p.m., Thursday, January 19, at Zucca's Ranch House, corner of Daisy and Foothill, Pasadena. Appropriate to the observance of Federal Civil Service Week, Dr. Keene's topic will be "Improving Public Acceptance of the Federal Service."

All federal employees are invited to attend this meeting and may make reservations with Nadine Robinson, Extension 161, by Tuesday, January 17. Tickets for the steak dinner will be \$1.75.

News from Pasadena

EMCO Elections Coming Tuesday

Ten representatives from four groups will be chosen at the EMCO elections next Tuesday, January 16. Nominees are:

P809, Marge Glaze, Jasper Long; P8094, A. L. Grenier, Bill Price; P8084 (Morris Dam), Bob Graf; P8084 (Long Beach), William Galbraith, Jr.; Independent Offices, Mabel Quinn, Phil Foster, E. N. Oeland, Jr., Florence Adams, R. D. Roubideaux, James Allardyce, Fred Van den Brouck, Georgia Smith; Supply and Fiscal, Lillian Peterson, Edith Allardyce, Mary Kirkbride, Joe Martin, Dick Lovelace.

After the election, the chairmen of these units will be chosen by the unit representatives. The runner-up in each unit replaces the chairman (who becomes a voting Council member) as a unit representative. Therefore it is essential that at least two nominees be entered in each group.

Since P8084 (Morris Dam) and P8084 (Long Beach) have entered only one nominee each, the names of other nominees from these groups should be written in. Although write-ins are necessary in these two groups only, they are permissible on any ballot.

Nick Saines is serving as chairman of the election committee which is comprised of Mary Hendrickson, Margaret Kaa, Barbara Esparza, and Madge Davis.

Technical Lecture Next Friday, 20th

Major engineering problems encountered in the design of SNORT will be presented in a technical lecture at 9:30 a.m., next Friday, January 20, in the Building 7 conference room.

James H. Jennison, head, product engineering division, UOD, will describe these problems which include the rail alignment, the dynamic loading of the track by rapidly moving loads, and the systems to decelerate high-speed vehicles.

The talk will be illustrated with motion pictures of tests on the B-4 track and construction operations on SNORT.

Man of the Month



Albert C. Stoltze

Man of the Month for December, and final entry in the contest for Man of the Year 1955, is Al Stoltze.

An experimental machinist, Al has had nine years of civil service. He started at Foothill in 1948 and, as a matter of fact, made most of the dies in Building 4. He spent a year at Cal Tech's Hydro Lab, returning here last August.

Al is an accomplished lapidarist, and his recent off-duty activities have included acting as chairman of the successful hobby show in November.

Al's daughter, Jean Myers, works in the Engineering Department.

Corbin Lytle's Death Mourned by Annex

Corbin Lytle, an Annex employee since October, 1946, passed away suddenly on Saturday, January 7. Mr. Lytle, who was an experienced machinist in the Underwater Ordnance Department, leaves a wife and two children to whom the sympathy of all NOTS employees is sincerely extended.

Funeral services will be held in New York.

Christmas Carolers Thanked by OinC

In a letter to Wally Hadsell, chairman of arrangements for the Carolers, Captain W. T. Groner has thanked the group for this year's program of carols.

"I realize how much real effort each member of your group put into the carolling and the long preparation that went into it, and I would appreciate it if you would thank each of them for giving all of us a nicer Christmas than we could have had without them," Captain Groner said.

The Norfolk, Va., Naval Supply Center employs more than 6,000 civilians and 200 Navy men and women. The plant covers more than 4,000 acres. (from AFPS)

NOTS Basketball Award Night To Honor 'All-Stars', Others

A NOTS "Basketball Award Night," honoring civilian and military basketball players of this Station, will be held here on Wednesday night, 7 p.m., February 1, at the Station gym, according to Lt. (jg) J. C. Alex, athletic officer. The evening will feature presentations of awards to "All Star" players, the league's best sportsman, the league's most valuable player, and a basketball game between the "All-Star Team" and the winner of the Intra-Mural League.

A special trophy will be presented to the team winning the Intra-Mural League championship.

Station Commander Captain F. L. Ashworth will be honored guest of the evening's festivities and will make award presentations to the league's best sportsman and most valuable player.

Recreation Officer LCdr. J. T. Waldron will make the "All-Star Team" award presentations and also the special award to the team winning the Intra-Mural League championship.

Judging of the awards will be made by the Athletic Officer, team coaches, Desert-Inyo Basketball Officials Association, and the Rocketeer editor. Coaches will not be allowed to nominate members of their team for awards. Compilation and totaling of the votes cast will be under the direction of the Recreation Officer.

Athletic Officer Alex has arranged for one of the finest evening's entertainment the Station has yet witnessed in the field of basketball and cooperation is being received from the many Station military and civilian activities to make this the greatest sports spectacle in NOTS history. All Station personnel are invited to attend.

Rockets Slip Past Irwin Sauad, 52-49

In a hotly contested and defensive battle that continued down to the closing seconds of the game, the NOTS Rockets scored another league victory last Tuesday night by slipping past the Camp Irwin Army basketballers, 52 to 49.

Marine Corps Sgt. Elwood Alberts led the locals to victory and was high point man of the evening with a total of 26 points. He scored 11 field goals and 4 free throws. Jack Israel and Gary Malchus were next on the list with three field goals each, but were off their usual high score pace.

Bob Lesaty was high-point man for the visiting Irwiners and scored 4 field goals and 4 free throws for a total of 12 points.

Officials for the game were Jim Pryor and Don Moore of the Desert-Inyo Basketball Officials Association.

News items of general community interest are always welcome at the Rocketeer office. If you are aware of any such items, please call 7-1354, 7-2082, or 7-1655.

SPORTS

Burroughs High School Varsity Cagers Blast Trona, Victor Valley in Openers

Burroughs High School varsity cagers opened their quest for the 1956 Desert Inyo League basketball crown last weekend by rolling up one-sided wins at the expense of Trona and Victor Valley High School quintets.

The Burros mangled Trona 57 to 36 last Friday in a home game, and then traveled to Victorville on Saturday night to wallop the Victor Valley cagers 55-23.

Full Evening

Saturday night here will be quite an evening for local basketball filberts.

A total of four games are scheduled—with the first at 5 p.m. between the Burroughs and Owens Valley C teams.

The second game, at 6 p.m., will be a clash between the Burroughs and Mojave C teams, and at 7 p.m. the Burroughs and Mojave B teams will have at each other. The final game of the evening will match the varsity teams from Burroughs and Owens Valley.

Burros Down Trona

Last Friday night, the Burroughs varsity quintet led all the way in running up an easy win over the Trona Tornados. Bob Childs, Burroughs forward, set the pace in the scoring department with 11 field goals and 2 free throws for a total of 24 points, while Roger Short, at the other forward spot for the Burros, accounted for 12.

High point man for the losers was Frank Picon, who tallied 10. The Burros got off to a 10-8 first quarter lead, which was lengthened to 26-13 at the midway point, principally on the 10 points scored in the second quarter by Childs.

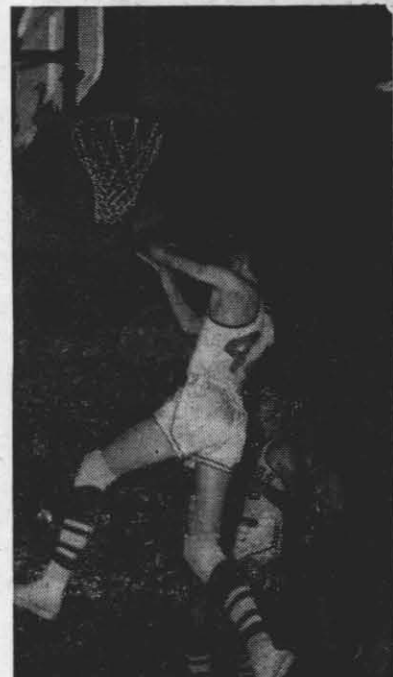
The locals built up a 40-26 lead in the third canto, and then coasted on to win, 57-36.

Against Victor Valley last Saturday night, Roger Short found the range and rang up 25 points to claim high point honors, while Childs came up with 11 for the runner-up position on the score sheet.

After a slow start, which found Burroughs leading by 20-15 at the half, the locals caught fire in the third quarter and ran away with the game by hitting for 30 points in the final period.

The Burroughs B and C teams both won one and lost one over the past weekend. The Bees lost out to Trona, 65-54, and then edged Victor Valley, 37-35, while the Class C cagers downed Trona, 31-23, and then were dropped 31-25 by Victor Valley.

At Victor Valley last Saturday



BOB CHILDS, Burroughs High star forward, is pictured here high in the air with the ball ready to be turned loose into the basket. Bob's total score for the evening against Trona was 24 points.

night, Carty was the leading scorer for the locals with 11, but high point honors for the night went to Herman of Victor Valley, who netted 12 as Burros downed Victor Valley, 37-35.

After trailing by 10 points, 31-21, at the three-quarter mark, Victor Valley closed fast in the final quarter and almost pulled the game out of the fire, but the final buzzer ended the desperate rally.

Hall of Trona was the leading scorer in the Burros-Trona B game with 20 points, while Jacobs accounted for 19 to aid the Burroughs High School cause.

Close Game

It was a tight game for the first half, with the score tied at 13-13 at the first quarter mark, and Burroughs out in front, 27-26, at the half. In the third canto, Bernardi started a rally with three straight field goals and two free throws that put the visitors in front for the remainder of the game.

Former ESSEX Officer Here

Commander Harry Mason reported aboard last week and has been assigned to the Naval Air Facility as prospective ordnance officer. Cdr. Mason was formerly ordnance officer aboard the USS **ESSEX**.

GLANCING BACK

Over 10 years of publication of the Rocketeer went into the files when 1955 ended. The first issue was May 10, 1945 and it ran as a monthly for a considerable period. As time passed, the Rocketeer recorded in print the steady progress of NOTS and now has entered 1956 to continue its chronicle of events.

The Rocketeer has kept abreast of the many events that affected military and civilian personnel and ever increasing number of Station residents. In this endeavor it has been assisted by many groups and individuals, and to them the appreciation of those producing the paper is extended.

Following now are 22 items chosen at random from the 1955 file. To each reader any annual "summary" has a different meaning, but scanning these items will bring back momentary recollections of many happenings of the year just past.

January 7—March of Dimes campaign workers at China Lake this week began an all-out effort to obtain contributions to the 1955 fight against polio.

January 14—An air space restricted area including Edwards Air Force Base and NOTS, comprising some 15,000 square miles, was granted by the Los Angeles Regional Air Space Sub-Committee of the Civil Aeronautics Authority after a public meeting in Los Angeles on Thursday, Jan. 6.

February 4 — The addition of nearly \$1300 to the "Boost the Booster" fund last week by Community Council precinct representatives increased the total amount received for support of the local television relay station to \$5197.45.

February 25 — With the 1955 Red Cross fund drive kits in their hands, more than 100 volunteer workers readied themselves for the job of calling on all China Lake residents to achieve the target—100% contribution and full membership—set by Cdr. S. W. Vejtasa, USN, commanding officer at NAF, chairman of the NOTS fund drive.

March 18 — Request for approval of construction of additional Title VIII (Wherry Act) houses at the Station has been forwarded to Washington D.C., by Captain D. B. Young, USN, Station Commander.

March 25 — The clean-up campaign is now in full swing. "Clean-up, Paint-up, Fix-up Week" in Indian Wells Valley was given a welcome assist by local organizations and civic groups this week, according to information received from Richard C. O'Reilly, community manager.

April 8 — Members of the board named to investigate the proposed China Lake-Ridgecrest post office merger, as well as navy and civilian officials, were told on Wednesday by post office officials that China Lake will lose practically none of its postal service when the merger goes through.

April 15 — Approximately 450 members of the American Ordnance Association converged on the Station today by special train, planes

and automobiles for a two-day field trip under sponsorship of K. H. Booty, head of the Engineering Department, and chairman of the Inyokern Chapter of the AOA.

April 29 — The first shipment of Salk Polio Vaccine for the first and second grade children of Indian Wells Valley was flown from Bakersfield to Ridgecrest Monday morning. The plane was flown by M/Sgt. Philip Norcom, an employee at the China Lake Pilot Plant, and a member of local Civil Air Patrol Squadron 82.

May 27 — Strong evidence of the Station's part in "Power for Peace" was presented last Saturday and Sunday at the sixth annual Armed Forces Day open house. Rocket-firing aircraft, supersonic sled-firing on SNORT and tours of Michelson Laboratory were among the feature attractions.

June 10 — Dancing, boxing, special movies and professional entertainment will be offered to all Station residents during the annual Navy Relief Week celebration, scheduled for Monday through Friday, June 20-24, according to Cdr. J. I. Hardy, USN, assistant experimental officer and chairman of this year's fund-raising campaign.

June 24 — Continued improvements are being made in the television repeater station on Laurel Mountain under the direction of George R. Sutherland, electronics engineer with the Test Department, this time with the installation of new automatic gain control amplifiers and preamplifiers on the higher channels 7, 9, 11 and 13.

July 1 — Contrast marks the duty of Captain Robert F. Sellars, USN, submariner, who is now the Commanding Officer of the U.S. Naval Ordnance Test Station in California's Mojave Desert. Customarily the position is filled by a naval aviator.

July 15 — A new Chapel, enclosing some 14,000 square feet of floor space and costing approximately \$375,000, has been authorized in a military construction bill passed this week by Congress. It is believed that the legislation requires only the signature of President Eisenhower now to make it a law.

August 12 — Captain Frederick L. Ashworth, USN, this morning succeeded Captain Robert F. Sellars, USN, as Commander NOTS in

a formal ceremony held in front of the Administration Building.

September 2 — The China Lake Elementary Schools and the Burroughs High School will welcome approximately 2500 pupils when the school doors open again for the new school year on Tuesday. More than 1800 students, grades kindergarten through eight, are expected to be on hand at the four elementary schools. High school officials anticipate a student body slightly under 700 in number.

September 9 — Ground breaking for the new 300-unit Wherry home tract is expected to take place before the end of September in the area just west of the present Desert Park Wherry Homes.

September 23 — All Station departments will change to the new stock numbering system next Monday affecting about 20,000 items in daily use, according to Captain R. L. Myers, Supply and Fiscal Officer.

October 28 — Team workers at the "Kick Off" dinner of the Indian Wells Valley United Fund Drive on Monday night in the Community Center gave a rousing send-off to the 1955 campaign. Under the competent leadership of Chaplain John E. Zoller, who was Station Chaplain and who returned from his station at 29 Palms to be master of ceremonies, an atmosphere of good fellowship and integrated teamwork among the 115 co-workers developed and held throughout the event.

November 4 — Celebrating the 12th Anniversary of the establishment of NOTS, the Rocketeer will issue a special 16-page edition next Tuesday. Feature articles and pictures have been contributed by various departments, and several pages are done in two colors.

December 9 — The Tenth Annual Father and Son Banquet and Letter Awards Banquet were combined this year for the Burroughs High School varsity and "B" football teams. Approximately 130 fathers, sons and guests were in attendance for the occasion last Wednesday night at Burroughs Cafeteria. The surprise announcement of the evening came when Coaches O'Meara and Anderson gave the names of eight Burroughs football players who were selected for "All League Teams" for outstanding play during the past season.

December 22 — 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.

The new aircraft carrier Forrestal's anchor chain could sustain the combined weight of four of the largest locomotives.

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March of Dimes Drive Interpreted by Students

Student interpretation of the 1956 March of Dimes Drive was featured at Burroughs High School this week by the members of the journalism class.

Using campaign literature distributed by the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, the journalism students wrote news articles, feature stories and editorials stressing the need for continued vigilance in the national fight against polio.

Articles from the class will be used on the daily bulletin-newspaper prepared by the class and in the student newspaper, THE BLOCKBUSTER.

No collection will be made officially at the school since students were offered an opportunity to contribute to the drive through the Indian Wells Valley United Fund Drive conducted in November.