

District Schedules School Tax Voting; Polls at Burroughs

A special school election to provide funds needed to meet current operating expenses by allowing an increase in the maximum tax rate will be held February 28. Polling place will be on the stage of the Burroughs Cafetorium.

The raise of tax rate in the Kern County Union High School and Junior College District is mandatory, T. L. McCuen, district superintendent stated, since the current rate, set in 1917, will not furnish adequate funds to maintain the present standards of education in schools of the district to which the local school belongs.

Increased costs of school operation have resulted from large enrollment increases, decreased value of the dollar and the failure of the assessed valuation in the district to increase proportionately with the enrollment.

The election calls for the legal maximum tax rate to be increased from \$1.10 to \$1.60. The board of trustees, in setting the proposed increase, has done so with the idea that the full amount would provide necessary revenue for several years. McCuen states that less than half of this increase would be needed for the first year in all probability.

By raising the legal maximum to \$1.60, there would be sufficient revenue to eliminate the need for calling for more frequent elections to raise the tax limits.

Chemistry Students Visit Area Industry

Students of Burroughs High School chemistry classes recently completed a field trip to the American Potash and Chemical Company at Trona. Applied uses of chemistry in the industrial fields were stressed. In addition, they had the opportunity to observe the operation of the various machines.

The students donned helmets and visitors badges and were escorted through the various refining and processing departments.

British Services Mission Member Lauds Personnel

Captain F. L. Ashworth, Station Commander, this week received a letter of thanks dated February 10, 1956, from W. H. Hill of the Ministry of Supply Staff, British Joint Services Mission, Washington, D.C.

The letter read: "I want to thank you for the opportunity you gave us to discuss matters of common interest with your staff. We were received with the greatest friendliness by everyone and the discussions were interesting and valuable. I am particularly grateful to Mr. D. H. Fairbanks for the excellent arrangements he made for our visit."

LIFE MEMBER



Chaplain J. L. Carter

Chaplain James L. Carter was the recipient of an honorary life membership in the California Congress of Parents and Teachers, presented by the Sherman E. Burroughs Parent-Teacher Association at a ceremony last Thursday at Burroughs High School. The award is given by local parent-teacher associations in acknowledgment of service to the community and to youth.

Services Cited

In the presentation, Chaplain Carter's tireless service to the churches, the schools, and civic endeavors was cited. He has served actively and capably the Desert Area Family Service, Community Council, United Fund, Red Cross, Salvation Army, the Boy and Girl Scouts, and many committees on recreation throughout the community. His service to the schools and the PTA's has included work with committees on discipline, counseling, recreation, and the exceptional child.

Chaplain Carter has been a member of many panels and has spoken on many occasions for the local PTA's, for East Kern Council, and for Seventh District. His monthly character guidance lectures for senior high school boys have been of inestimable value. The Chaplain was thanked for his faithful service which has advanced the first two objects of the California Congress of Parents and Teachers: to promote the welfare of children, and to raise the standards of home life.

Progress Reviewed

The presentation of the honorary life membership was part of the observance of Founders' Day and the 59th anniversary of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers. Kenneth Robinson, president of Burroughs Parent-Teacher Association, reviewed the significance of honorary life memberships, the purchase of which supports the scholarship fund of the state organizations. He introduced past presidents of the China Lake Parent-Teacher Association and honorary life members who were present.



BURROUGHS SENIOR STUDENTS NAMED this week for excellence in specific academic fields in the Bank of America Achievement Awards Program hold symbols of their respective departments. Students and departments represented are: front row kneeling, Sylvia Pallenberg, art; second row: Alice Cotner, English; Charlotte Deatley, social science; Barbara Mussler, music; third row: Dan Gibbons, laboratory science; Darlene Lynn, home economics; France Adamson, mathematics; Suzanne Hough, foreign languages; and Douglas Cowan, industrial arts. Not pictured is Joan Kimley, outstanding student in business education.

Bank of America 'Achievement Award' Winners Announced by Dr. Earl Murray

Senior students of Burroughs High School selected to receive the 1956 awards for "citizenship, leadership and scholarship" in the Bank of America Achievement Awards Program were named this week by Dr. Earl Murray, principal.

Trophy cups were awarded to France Adamson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vaughan Adamson of 309-B Princeton, and to Suzanne Hough, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Hough, 206-B Mitscher.

Certificates of achievement in the respective fields went to the following students. Daniel Gibbons, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Gibbons, laboratory science; Barbara Mussler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Mussler, music; Sylvia Pallenberg, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Melfred E. Johnson, art; Alice Cotner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Cotner, English; Charlotte Deatley, daughter of Lt. and Mrs. James M. Deatley, social science; Joan Kimley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Kimley, business; Darlene Lynn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Lynn, home economics; and Douglas Cowan, son of Mrs. and Mrs. William Cowan, in the field of trades and industrial arts.

The two types of awards were made following selections by a faculty committee. Trophy cups are for excellence in a major field of study and certificates of achievement

ment go to those who have been outstanding in special categories.

Adamson, in addition to winning the certificate in the field of mathematics, was presented the cup for excellence in Science and Mathematics. Miss Hough, taking a certificate for foreign languages, received the cup for excellence in Liberal Arts.

Students receiving the cups are eligible to be chosen for participation in the program's regional and final events. Final winners may receive cash awards as high as \$1,000 from the bank. Zone selections for students of schools in this area will be held in Bakersfield on April 26. Final events are scheduled to be held in Sacramento and San Francisco for Bay Area schools sometime in May.

Nearly all public, private and parochial schools in northern California take part in the Achievement Awards program which is jointly sponsored by the schools and the bank for the purpose of giving recognition to accomplishments of high school youths.

Awards are made to students who have shown outstanding qualifications of citizenship during their school careers and have given indication of future success and service to society.

Bank Boxes Now Available

Safe deposit boxes are now available in several sizes without a waiting period at the China Lake facility of the Bank of America.

THE WEATHER

Mostly clear skies with unrestricted visibility. Light variable winds of 10 to 15 knots. Maximum temperature 55 to 60, minimum 30 to 35.

Rocketeer

TEMPERATURES

(Housing Area)

Max. Min.

Feb. 9 59 26

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Feb. 11 69 28

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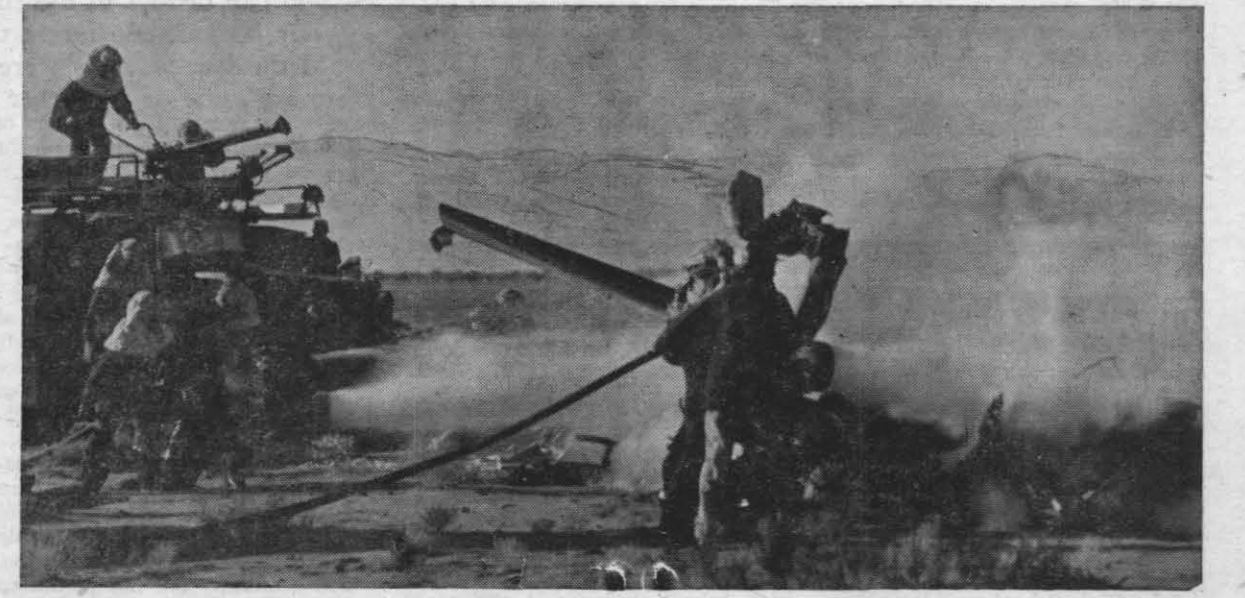
'Com. Council' Members Talk About 'Center'

Sponsorship of the annual Fiesta, action on a teenage center, and investigation of disaster insurance were prominent items given lengthy consideration by members of the China Lake Community Council Board of Directors at its regular meeting last Tuesday night in the Community Center.

Fiesta Plans Started

The desirability of the Council again sponsoring the Fiesta was discussed by the directors; in the past this event has been held annually at the time of the Armed Forces Day celebration. Representatives of the Council will contact organizations that might wish to have a booth this year, to determine the extent of the community support that can be expected. If organizations are considering entering a booth in the Fiesta, they are requested to call the Community Council office on extension 72290 and notify Mrs. George H. Mayberry, council secretary.

Final decision of the Council regarding sponsorship of this event, based upon reactions to this sampling of opinions, will be made at



CRASH CREWS work feverishly to extinguish flames shortly following its crash at NAF. Lt. Charles Duffy of the wreckage of an F2H2 McDonnell "Banshee" was killed in the crash and the plane was a total loss.

the next meeting of the Council.

Teenage Center Favored

Further consideration was given to the problem of a teenage center on the Station. This much-needed addition to the community has the whole-hearted support of the Council, and a committee headed by R. T. Merriam is actively at work on this complicated problem. The ground rules for the operation of such a center will be worked out by cooperation of all interested parties during the coming months. It is anticipated that a center of this type can be established in the near future.

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Naval Air Facility Pilot Killed Here in Plane Crash Wednesday

Naval Air Facility pilot Lt. (jg) Charles Arthur Duffy was killed in a plane crash at 4 p.m. last Wednesday while on a routine training flight that involved making a simulated emergency landing on one of the NAF runways. He was piloting a McDonnell F2H2 "Banshee" which was totally destroyed by the accident.

The accident's cause is undetermined, but an investigation of the crash is being conducted by NAF officers.

Lt. Duffy reported for duty at China Lake in March of last year and was assigned duty as Airways Officer in the Operations Department at NAF. He was a qualified drone pilot and controller.

The Lieutenant enlisted in the Navy in November of 1946, as an apprentice seaman. He received his commission as an Ensign at Pen-

Secretary Wilson Seeks Guided-Missile Asst.

Washington — Defense Secretary Wilson has announced he is looking for a top-level executive to serve as his special assistant in directing the guided missile program, particularly in the long-range ballistic field.

The new post will be known as the Special Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Guided Missiles.

In a Pentagon news conference Mr. Wilson told newsmen that he needs "more doers" and the man he chooses for the position must be in that category.

sacola, Florida, on October 19, 1951, and was designated as a Naval aviator.

Born in New Haven, Conn., Lt. Duffy was 26 years of age. He listed



Lanphiers Cove, Branford, Conn., as his home address. He was a graduate of Branford High School.

Survivors of the deceased are his wife, Lillis Lynn Stroops Duffy of China Lake, and his mother, Mrs. Francis Duffy of Branford, Conn.



NORMAN NEWCOMB, assistant personnel department head, is awarded a Superior Accomplishment certificate and a check for \$300. R. W. Anderson, personnel department head, congratulates Newcomb for his achievement, while Captain F. A. Chenault, Executive Officer, looks on.

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Superintendent's Notes

By DR. EARL MURRAY, Superintendent of China Lake Schools

In September 1955, officials of the State Department of Education withdrew their approval of building plans for a shower and locker room, music room, and shop building for the Burroughs High School. This withdrawal was done until it could be decided whether or not the Burroughs High School would continue to operate in the present plant or be moved to another location. Also involved was the determination of whether or not all the students of high school age in the Indian Wells Valley would continue to attend the Burroughs High School.

Plans were set up to determine these alternatives.

At a discussion meeting called by the County Superintendent of Schools in Ridgecrest, it was decided that the Kern County Committee on School District Organization would sponsor a study of the problem.

To set forth the facts and the data relative to the problem of high school facilities in the China Lake-Indian Wells Valley area, a study group was organized consisting of the three school boards, three County Committee members, the district superintendent's and county superintendent's representatives, member of the State Department's Division of Public School Administration, Bureau of School Planning and Bureau of School District Organization, and the representative of the U.S. Office of Education.

On October 13, 1955 the educator members of the study group met and prepared an outline for a study of the problem. In the evening of the same day, the outline was presented to the school board and County Committee members, and was approved by them. The educators were directed to fill in the outline and upon completion of a draft of the study, to submit a copy to the lay members about two weeks prior to another committee meeting.

The next meeting will be held in Bakersfield on Tuesday, February 21. At that meeting data will

be presented consisting of projected enrollments, cost of construction of a new high school building at a different location, adequacy of the present plant for elementary school purposes and for high school purposes, local, state, and federal responsibility for the housing of high school students of the area, and the inclination and ability of local school districts to supply the needed facilities.

This meeting will decide nothing, but it is expected that it will provide facts and data which will lead to some permanent decisions within a short time.

Students To Stage Three Short Plays

Three one-act plays will be presented to the public by the Burroughs High School drama class at 8 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 23, at the Burroughs Cafetorium. Admission will be 50 cents for adults and 35 cents for students.

Featured will be "Riders to the Sea" by Irish playwright John M. Synge, which the class will also present at the Southern Valley Play Tournament in Bakersfield on Feb. 25.

Completing the theater bill will be a mystery, "The Running Tide," and a melodrama, "He Done Her Wrong," or "Wedded But No Wife."

Cast members for "Riders to the Sea" include Willard Laskie, Barbara Mussler, Janet Moss, Ellen Witrack, Bob Ojan, Mickey Patterson, Sharon Smith and Bill Rogers. Bill Sturgeon, Linda Pruitt, Diane Zurn and Dory Huse will be stars of the mystery.

Interpreting the chills and thrills of the melodrama will be Mro Stith, Carolyn Barker, Tommy Urb, Gary VandeVender, Diane Drake and Donna Byrum.

The plays are directed by Elinor M. Irish, dramatics instructor.

A man fools only himself who tries to see the beauty of the United States—at 80 miles per hour.

'Deduction' a Favorite Word; Itemize for Possible Savings

(This is the seventh in a series of articles on federal income tax filing for the year 1955. The articles are based on information furnished to AFPS by the American Institute of Accountants, the national organization of certified public accountants, and tax information available from the Navy's Bureau of Supplies and Accounts.)
(By Armed Forces Press Service)

"Deduction" is the taxpayer's favorite word. Every dollar you can deduct in figuring your tax puts 20 to 91 cents in your pocket, depending upon the bracket you're in.

Medical deductions were discussed in a previous article. Here are some of the other deductions you may be able to

take if you itemize them instead of using the short 1040A form or the standard 10 per cent deduction:

You can deduct your contributions to religious, charitable, scientific, literary and educational organizations, and to non-profit cemeteries.

Deduct contributions of goods at their fair value, as well as cash, but not your personal services (blood donations are regarded as a personal service and not deductible).

If you contribute stocks, real estate or other property, you can deduct their value at the time of the gift, even if it is considerably more than the original cost to you.

You ordinarily are not permitted to deduct a contribution which you have only pledged and not paid during the tax year.

You can deduct up to 20 per cent of your income for any eligible charitable contributions, and up to 30 per cent if at least 10 per cent was in gifts to religious organizations, schools or hospitals.

Interest you pay on personal loans and other indebtedness is deductible.

If there is a mortgage on your home, be sure to find out what part of your payments is interest and deduct it on your income tax return. The same applies to automobile financing and installment purchases.

If some of your credit buying involves "carrying charges" instead of specified interest, you are allowed to deduct such charges up to six per cent of the average monthly unpaid balance if they are listed separately in your contract or bills.

Most taxes you paid for yourself or a member of your household, except federal taxes, are deductible. However taxes are not deductible when included in the price and not separately charged to the customer.

If you paid someone to care for your child under 12 because that was necessary while you were at work, you may be entitled to a "child care" deduction of as much as \$600. This deduction also applies to the care of any dependent who was mentally or physically incapacitated. Check the instructions to see whether you qualify.

Don't overlook deductions for losses due to storms, shipwrecks, fires, floods, theft, and accidents not due to your own negligence.

The way to figure such losses is explained in the instructions. Any insurance or other compensa-

tion you may have received for the damage must be subtracted from the amount of loss.

Miscellaneous deductions to which you are entitled include the cost of uniform equipment like insignia, braid, collar devices, etc. The cost of the uniform and its alteration and laundering is not deductible, however.

Also deductible are some alimony payments, amount of re-enlistment bonus refunded by reason of termination of enlistment, dues to professional societies and subscription to professional journals. Also, a tenant stockholder in a cooperative apartment house corporation may deduct his share of the real-estate taxes and interest paid by such corporation.

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.

Job Opportunities

Head, Simulation Branch, GS-13. Duty at Pasadena, Code P8043. Incumbent will be responsible to the Head, Guidance and Control Division for successfully carrying out the simulation programs assigned to the simulation branch. The duties will involve supervision and direction of the personnel in the branch to achieve these objectives.

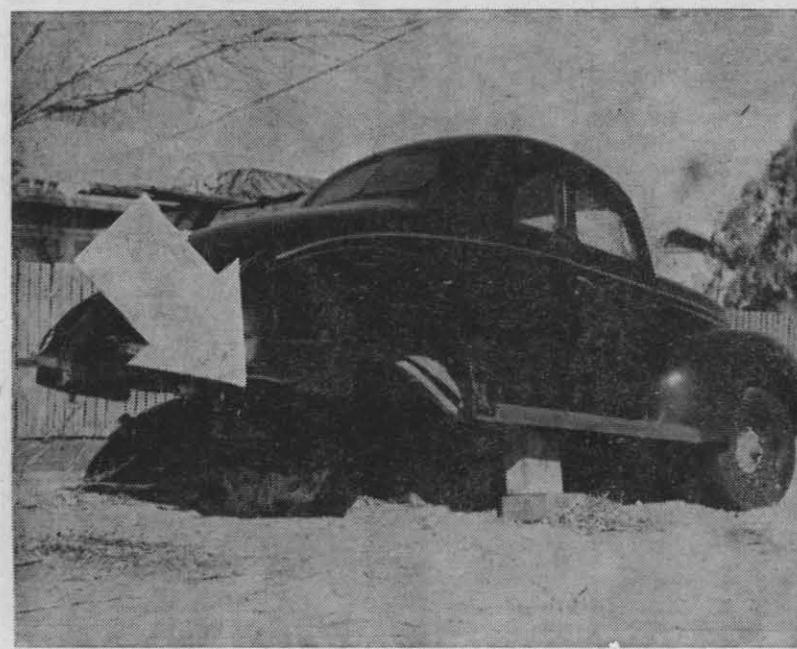
Ordnance Engineer, GS-12. Incumbent will supervise on and off Station senior engineers in design and development of ballistic missile components, launchers, automatic missile loading systems, fire control equipment, and other missile system elements.

Engineering Aid (Ordnance) GS-7. Incumbent conducts combustion tests with experimental torpedo gas generators. Expedites fabrication of gas generator components and supervises the set-up for combustion tests and aids in reducing data obtained from the tests.

General Engineer, GS-13. Facilities, Public Works Department. Call 71393.

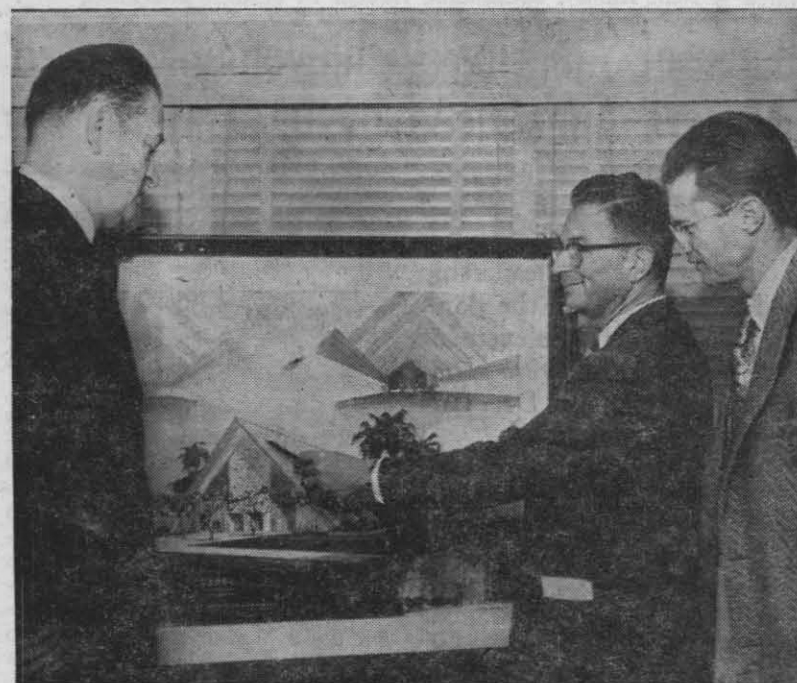
Don't point a loaded driver at people.

Do You Have a Death Trap Like This?



THIS, in the hunting and trapping world, is what is known as a "DEAD FALL." Not pleasant or profitable should a child be caught in the trap. Check the area around your house and make sure that your yard doesn't have a situation similar to this. Let's protect our children, not kill or maim them!

Former NOTS Chaplain Visitor Here



CDR. WARREN WOLF, Chaplain at NOTS from 1949 to 1951, visits with NOTS Community Church Board Members A. H. Bissell and Rod McClung. Bissell is explaining plans for construction of the new church to be built this year; he is pointing to the architect's drawing of the proposed structure. Cdr. Wolf is to be the new Chaplain on board USS SARATOGA, CVA-60, and stopped here to greet old friends and renew acquaintances.

Navy Exchange Units Closed February 22nd

All Navy Exchange activities will be closed all day on February 22 (Washington's birthday) except the Station Restaurant which will be open from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m., according to Navy Exchange Officer Lt. H. Benfell Jr.

Community Council . . .

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Disaster Insurance Investigated
In a continuing effort to give the Station residents maximum opportunities to obtain the most desirable insurance coverage, the Council is investigating methods of group insurance to cover disasters. Such disaster insurance, according to R. H. Dudley, would be supplementary to the current group health insurance plan now in force on the Station.

Insurance Claims Paid NOTS Personnel Nearly Equal to All Premiums Collected

During the first six months of the current group hospital insurance plan the claims paid out by the Federal Life Insurance Company have virtually matched the premiums collected. A total of \$85,882 has been collected in premiums according to a report by the Insurance Committee of the China Lake Community Council, as compared to a total of \$84,606 that has been paid out in claims at both China Lake and Pasadena. The Committee points out, however, that although the slim margin of \$1,276 is inadequate to cover administrative costs, it does not necessarily mean that there will be an automatic increase in premiums next August when the contract must be renegotiated.

1,916 Policies in Effect

The report, which covers the first six months of operation at China Lake and the first four months at Pasadena, shows that at the end of the period a total of 1,916 policies were in effect: 1,566 at China Lake, and 350 at Pasadena. At China Lake the premiums collected amounted to \$76,181, and the claims paid amounted to \$74,055. But at Pasadena the claims paid amounted to \$10,551, while the premiums collected totaled only \$9,700. This is not unexpected, however, because an unusual number of claims payments are frequently made during the early months of a group plan operation as a result of the acceptance of pre-existing conditions during the solicitation period and, in the case of the local group, the assumption of maternity claims without the usual nine-month waiting period.

Outpatient Claims High

The unique \$100 outpatient provision has had a considerable influence on the China Lake experience rates, the Council's Insurance Committee pointed out. During these first months the rate has been approximately 10 percent of the premiums. In the month of January the claims payments for outpatients reached a total of \$1,877, which is considered to be high.

New employees are reminded that they must subscribe during their first 30 days of employment in order to be accepted without submitting a certificate of insurability.

Employees May Join at Anytime
Any Station employee not now a subscriber may join the group plan at anytime by submitting an application. Although such an application must be accompanied by a certificate of insurability, this merely requires the enumeration of existing conditions for company evaluation of the individual's insurability and probably will not require a physical examination.

The Federal Life Insurance Company's representative and adjuster, Mrs. John Cox, is available at the Community Services Office

from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Monday through Friday to take applications, adjust claims, and give information about the plan.

Further information on experience rates will be presented later in the policy year by the Insurance Committee of the Community Council.

Church Women Join in Prayer

Church women of China Lake, Ridgecrest and Inyokern will unite to observe the 70th Annual World Day of Prayer in a special service to be held in the Ridgecrest Community Methodist Church tonight. The service, which has as its theme, "One Flock, One Shepherd," starts at 8 p.m.

This day of prayer, begun by a small group of American women seventy years ago, will be observed by millions of Christians all over the globe in services dedicated to world peace and understanding. Services will be held in more than 20,000 American communities and in more than 134 other countries on almost every continent and island. Prayers will be offered in more than a thousand languages and dialects, for understanding among the nations of the world.

CS Examinations Open To Station Personnel

The U.S. Civil Service Commission has announced the following examinations for Navy employment at China Lake and other agencies.

Policemen GS-3 and GS-4 at \$3,175 and \$3,145 per year; Firefighter (General) GS-4 at \$3,415 per year; Firefighter Trainee GS-3 at \$3,175 per year; Laborer, Laborer (Cleaner) and Laborer (Heavy) ranging from \$1.67 per hour to \$1.93 per hour.

Further information regarding the necessary forms and addresses for filing may be obtained from the personnel office and the local post office.

Trees Available

Greenhouse Director Oscar Glatz announced this week that a new supply of young trees has been received and is now available to NOTS personnel. The trees are Chinese Elm and Silver Poplar and range in height from 6 feet to 15 feet.

In order to obtain these trees from the Greenhouse, personnel must abide by existing regulations that can be obtained from Mr. Glatz at Ext. 72636 or 72088.

'AF' Day Committee Now Being Formed

Members of the Armed Forces Day Planning Committee will meet at the Community Center under the chairmanship of Lieutenant Commander Ralph W. Stell, to outline a program for the annual open house set for Saturday, May 19.

The chairman has sent notices to 24 Station units asking that they designate one principal and one alternate representative to coordinate activities of their organizations, and act as members of the committee.

"While plans are still in the formative stage," the note stated, "it can be assumed that the celebration will follow the same general pattern as in 1955—open house with an air show and fire demonstration at the Naval Air Facility, conducted tours of Michelson Laboratory, sled demonstrations on SNORT and Navy movies in the Station theater."

Representatives are urged to recommend new ideas for displays and demonstrations to offer the visiting public evidence of NOTS contributions to Power for Peace, which is the Armed Forces Day slogan this year. Outlines of proposed participation also are wanted, as well as estimates of funds needed for such purposes.

Last year's events drew an estimated throng of 4,000 persons for the morning show at Armitage Field, and 2,000 persons took tours through Michelson Laboratory. A large crowd also witnessed the SNORT firings. Shuttle buses aided visitors in reaching NAF and SNORT, while plenty of road signs around the Station helped motorists in getting to points of interest without delay.

GS Cookie Sale To Begin Today

"Help the Girl Scouts to Help Themselves" is the national theme for the annual Girl Scout cookie sale. Mrs. H. E. Wilcox, district cookie sales chairman for Indian Wells Valley, has announced that the dates for the sale are February 17-29. Cookies will be offered at 50 cents per box by all Brownies and Girl Scouts. They also will be sold on weekend shopping days in front of the Commissary and Exchange and all major business places in Ridgecrest.

Proceeds from the sale will go toward the Kern County camping fund for Girl Scouts, particularly the completion and maintenance of the newly established "Mountain Meadows" camp in the Greenhorn Mountains.

Assisting Mrs. Wilcox with the cookie sale are Mrs. R. C. Lewis in the Groves School neighborhood; Mrs. W. B. Moran, Richmond; Mrs. Helen Biggs, Ridgecrest; Mrs. Mary Donaldson, Vieweg; and Mrs. G. I. Mantere, Burroughs.



Who's the Fairest of Them All?



CORONATION of Her Royal Highness the Queen, by the Station Commander, will highlight the Seabee Teenage Dance to be held at the Supervisor's Hut Saturday night, March 3 at 8 p.m. The dance is being sponsored by Naval Reserve Civil Engineering Co. 11-25, to celebrate the 14th birthday of the Seabees, and to attract teenage boys to advantages of joining the local reserve unit. Pictured above from left to right are the queen candidates: Diane Deem, Therese Ennis, Sally Walden, Joyce Brooks and Dordhay Morin.

Expecting Guests? Contact Pass Desk

Pass desk personnel advise that Station residents would expedite the entrance of guests through the gate if they would inform the pass desk in advance of the names of their guests and expected date of arrival.

Guests would not have so long to wait while hosts and hostesses are being located if advance arrangements are made. Contact the pass desk on extension 72286.

Cancer Society Official Writes Note of Thanks

Mrs. H. E. Tillitt, president of the United Fund board of directors, is in receipt of a letter from Claire K. Schafer, executive secretary of the American Cancer Society, Kern County branch, Bakersfield, thanking the Indian Wells Valley United Fund for their initial grant in the form of a check for \$2,129.41. The local American Cancer Society budget for 1956 was \$2,500 and \$2,516.36 has been subscribed.

Elks Thank 'NOTS' For Blood Donations

A letter expressing appreciation and gratitude has been received by Captain F. L. Ashworth from the Elks Lodge in Ridgecrest for the assistance given by NOTS personnel during the recent drive for blood donations by the Houchin blood bank.

It was further stated that any person living in this area may receive blood from the bank by contacting the Administrator, Charles W. Miller or any of the officers of the Elks Lodge.

The blood will be made available on a transfer basis after local approval, even though the individual is in another area. A processing fee of \$7.50 per pint is the only charge authorized for laboratory services. It is customary for hospitals to charge a nominal fee for administering the blood. Without the benefit of the bank or free donors, the average cost is \$35 per pint.

The seventy pints collected are normally expected to last at least one year, however, another visit by the blood bank will be scheduled when the supply runs low.

Although the response was less than anticipated, the campaign was well worth while and will aid future drives.



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

TODAY FEB. 17

"HELEN OF TROY" (118 Min.)
Rosanna Podesta, Jack Sernas
Short: "Weasel Stop" (7 Min.)

SATURDAY FEB. 18

"RANSOME" (104 Min.)
Glen Ford
Short: "Lucky Ducky" (7 Min.)

MATINEE

"RUSTY'S BIRTHDAY PARTY" (61 Min.)
Ted Donaldson
Shorts: "Three for Two" (7 Min.)
"Seahound No. 13" (18 Min.)

SUN.-MON. FEB. 19-20

"GIRL IN THE RED VELVET SWING"
Ray Milland, Joan Collins
Short: "Magoo Makes News" (7 Min.)

TUES.-WED. FEB. 21-22

"FOREVER DARLING" (94 Min.)
Lucille Ball, Dez Arnaz
Shorts: "Pup on a Picnic" (7 Min.)
"Headpin Hints" (8 Min.)

THURS.-FRI. FEB. 23-24

"BACKLASH" (85 Min.)
Richard Widmark, Donna Reed
Shorts: "Hill-billing and Coaling" (7 Min.)
"AFSM No. 70" (30 Min.)

News from Pasadena



PANEL MEETING on Beneficial Suggestions brings together the members pictured above. Left to right, John Busik, Glenn Benham, Evelyn Jordan, Chairman Wally Hicks, Ken Sherman, Priscilla Estes, executive secretary, and Robert Larson. Missing from this picture is David R. Jones, torpedo design engineer, newly appointed to the panel.



BENEFICIAL SUGGESTION award winners who received checks last week were, left to right above, Joe Halminski, Norman Wyman, Betty Butler, and Ernie Oeland. Tom Warren, fifth winner, was not present for this picture.

Five Ideas Bring Good Rewards

The Beneficial Suggestion Panel, in order to deal with a backlog of suggestions, is now meeting on call of its recently appointed chairman, Wally Hicks. Five awards have been announced this month and more are in the final stages of processing.

Tom Warren of Public Works transportation branch received a \$45 award based on monetary savings for his suggestion for the use of a valve gapper which is adaptable to 90 percent of our cars, trucks, and water transportation.

Joe Halminski of Shop P8023 has two awards, both based on monetary savings, fifteen dollars for the design of a new wrench, and twenty-five for the design of a test tank.

Norman Wyman, ordnance mechanic at Morris Dam, for suggesting a protective cover for bungees, received a check for \$40, the award being based on monetary savings.

Betty Butler, Personnel records clerk, devised an improved work

method for which she received a \$10 award.

Ernie Oeland received a check for \$10 for his suggestion for an adjustable binocular mount. Ernie, who made this suggestion while working in Development Division (Torpedoes RAT, Mk 43-1) is now in the Industrial Division.

A recent report from China Lake shows that in 1955 the Navy Department received through the suggestion system annual tangible savings of \$15,250,478. Pasadena's share in this figure was \$9,992 in savings in return for cash awards of \$655.

"All bottlenecks are pretty well cleared away," Wally Hicks says, "and progress should go forward smoothly from now on. Both management and members of the panel feel that the Beneficial Suggestion System is of extreme importance to NOTS and to the Navy, and it is our desire to encourage and prosecute it to the fullest extent. We feel that we are in a position to do this at this time."

Recent Promotions For Six Employees

Recently promoted at Foothill were Bernard W. Neumeyer, from electronic scientist, GS-11, in P-8043 to physicist, GS-12, in P1000; Nancy Kempster, secretary in P-1900, GS-4 to GS-5; in Underwater Ordnance, Thomas R. Fahy, publications writer, GS-9 to GS-11; David R. Jones, P8024, torpedo design engineer, GS-11 to GS-12; William V. Miller, P8085, Ordnance design engineer, GS-7 to general ordnance design engineer, GS-9; and Luis Marquez, P8084, from electronic mechanic, 3rd step, to ordnance technician, GS-9.

NOTS Blood Bank Useful to Husband Of Foothill Employee

Carney Brewer has expressed her appreciation to her friends here who have donated blood through the NOTS Pasadena blood bank. The bank was drawn upon recently for the benefit of Carney's husband, Worth Brewer, who underwent major surgery at Alta Vista hospital.

This service, which is available to all Pasadena employees, is made possible through donations to the bank. Its next session will be on Monday, March 27, at the Pasadena Elks Club. The hours are 2:30 to 7:00 p.m. and employees are entitled to take two hours without leave in order to make their donations.

Credit Union Board Elects Officers for 1956-57 Term

Members of the Board of Supervisors of the Credit Union met last Friday and elected officers for the coming year. New president is Bill Derby, Doris Chin is vice-president, and Fred Nathan is treasurer.

Pasadena Profiles



John LaBosky

As foundry metallurgist in the Underwater Ordnance Department, John LaBosky makes a contribution to practically every project which the Annex undertakes.

John began his career with NOTS Pasadena immediately after receiving his B.S. degree in metallurgical engineering from Michigan State in 1951. He started as a GS-5 junior professional with the materials engineering division of the Design and Production Department. He became a project engineer on casting problems, managed the titanium casting project, and also worked on projects in the foundry concerning process development.

In his present capacity of foundry metallurgist, John is now technical consultant to the experimental foundry. He is continuing his work toward a Master's degree at the University of Southern California.

Receives Award for Superior Accomplishment



BILL HAWKINS, right, head of the industrial planning branch, industrial division, receives his check from K. H. Booty, Engineering Department head. Hawkins received the \$250 award for a new application of a method for making rocket motor tubing. This application made possible savings of \$152,381 in 1955 alone.



Burroughs Hi Cagers Wallop Desert Basketball Team, 78-38

Burroughs High School cagers remained in the running for the Desert-Inyo League championship last week by running rampant over the Desert High School squad, 78-38. Burroughs led all the way; the score by quarters was: 20-13, 37-22, 57-26, and 78-38.

High point scorer for Burroughs was Bob Childs with 16 tallies. Roger Short scored 11 points; Bob Short and Charles Hackwith both scored 9 points.

For Desert High School Bill Hagood was high scorer with a total of 11 points; Bob Glinz was next high pointer with 8 points.

Tonight Burroughs will meet Barstow and the game will be played here. Barstow, having had tough luck most of the season, is not expected to give the locals too hard a tilt. Tomorrow night, however, the situation changes as the localites will be traveling to Bishop. Always a rough team to beat, the Bishop squad is one of the better teams in the league this year.

The outcome of the Bishop game may well determine whether or not Burroughs will remain in the run-

'Double Elimination Tourney' Nears End

The Intra-Mural "Double-Elimination Basketball Tournament" is now in its second week but is rapidly coming down to the finals. Games played at the gym next Monday night will probably determine the winner of the elimination tournament.

There are seven teams in the competition: Marine Barracks, NAF Airdales, Bluejackets, Terriers, Test Department, Public Works Department and the Apprentices.

The games Monday night will feature Public Works and the Naval Air Facility teams, which at present are leading in tourney play. Public Works has lost one game to date and the Naval Air Facility squad is undefeated.

Should Public Works be defeated Monday night, it will be eliminated from the tournament. If Public Works defeats the NAF Airdales then each team will have lost one game and they will be forced to play each other again before the tournament comes to an end.

NOTS Athletic Officer Lt. (jg) J. C. Alex stated this morning that he believed the basketball season to have been an excellent one here at the Station and that he was gratified with the results of play.

ning for the league championship. A loss here would mean that Burroughs would have to win the rest of the games on the calendar.

Coach Bill Moore has done a great job with the locals this year and says, "we'll be in there trying all the way."

'Boxing Smoker', Judo Matches Set For February 29th

The first "Boxing Smoker" at NOTS for 1956 is scheduled to take place here on February 29, according to Athletic Officer Lt. (jg) J. C. Alex. The event will be held in the Station gym and it is anticipated there will be eight bouts on the card.

The Smoker is being arranged by the Recreation Office and there will be no admission charge to the evening's entertainment. The event is open to the public.

Currently signed up for the fight card are the following fighters:

Main event — Duke Moffet vs. David Hall, heavyweight bout; Bob Alexander vs. Carl Zajac, lightweight bout; Bernie Partridge vs. Donald Knierman, welterweight; Al Guerrero vs. Len Gorr, middleweight; and Anthony LaRocca vs. Earl Quarles, lightweight.

All bouts will be three rounds, each of two minutes duration. In addition to the "Boxing Smoker" fans will be treated to some special exhibitions in Judo. Participants in the Judo matches will be announced at a later date.

Marines Demonstrate Judo for GS Brownies

Lt. J. C. Alex, NOTS athletic officer, recently arranged to have Sgt. E. W. Donovan and Cpl. D. M. Knierim, USMC, give a judo demonstration to Brownie troop 123. Sgt. Donovan is the holder of a first degree black belt in judo.

The members of the troop who took active part in the demonstration were: Rebecca Anderson, Judith Biberman, Carol Bothwell, Margery Callahan, Janet Hardy, Heidi Herzog, Sharon Lewis, Jan Mitchell, Katherine Stanley, Sandra Spivey, Patricia Vore, Alice Warr and Carol Wilcox.

Contenders in Heavyweight Match



HEAVYWEIGHT BOXING will be the main bout for the coming "Boxing Smoker" to be held here on February 29. Pictured above are the contenders in this bout who will be featured. At left is Duke Moffet of NAF and at right is David Hall of the Marine Barracks. They are shown here with boxing coach Bernie Locker as he examines their hand wrappings prior to a preliminary workout.

Top Scorer Sinks Two More



DRIVING IN for the basket is Bob Childs, Burroughs forward, who sank 16 points to lead the local high school quintet to an easy 78-38 win over Desert High School last Friday night at the Navy Station gym. Malthy, 24, guard for the Scorpions, was too little and too late to stop the basket.

NOTS Ski Club Meeting Scheduled for Tuesday

The regular monthly meeting of the NOTS Ski Club will be held next Tuesday night in the Community Center, according to an announcement by Ski Club Vice President Diane Sheffield.

The meeting will begin at 8 p.m. and club officials anticipate a full agenda for the business meeting. Persons wishing to join the club are invited to attend and make application for membership.



CHECK THOSE FACTS before we roll. Seated at the radio is desk Sergeant W. H. McDermott who will dispatch the patrolmen to the scene. Taking the call is Sam Frider, while Fred Graham looks over Ted Wester's shoulder as he checks the patrol log.

Enforcing Station Regulations, Keeping Security, Protecting Property Is Big Job

Preservation and protection of Government and personal property, maintaining law and order, close liaison with other investigative agencies, enforcement of security and Station regulations—these are the major responsibilities of the local police branch. Charged with the leadership of this group is CWO-W2 Carl Brad who is directed by acting Security Officer Commander E. V. Horne.

Operating on a 24-hour basis, there are 60 persons carrying out the mission of the police branch. The unit is similar to metropolitan police units and is organized in the same manner. Chief-of-Police is G. W. Sullivan and under his jurisdiction are patrolmen, criminal investigators, radio operators, pass-desk personnel and clerical workers.

Traffic control and domestic animal control are the responsibility of C. J. Cook who is assisted by Kyrle Dowd and "Vi" Peterson. Questions and policies concerning vehicle registration, automobile insurance requirements, and control



STATION STICKERS are in the line of business of the Traffic Control office. Vi Peterson types the information given by the applicant as Sergeant J. C. Cook checks the data. Patrolman Kyrle Dowd stands by with a registration for the car.

China Lake Pilot Plant and Salt Wells Pilot Plant have members of the police branch assigned to maintain control and custody of classified material. In addition to this, police personnel assigned here are responsible for movements of personnel within the area. The closest scrutiny is given to all persons entering and leaving CLPP and SWPP.

Comprising the CLPP and SWPP police group are John Cleveland, Oscar Walker, Vincent Leap, Gerald Bagley, Donald Mooney, Dale Schaller, Clarence Robinson, Tom Hawkins and Charles Baker. Supervising this group is Sergeant John Dowd.

Michelson Laboratory, another of the Station's restricted areas, is policed by K. G. Collins, W. H. Hill, G. A. Young, J. C. Meekins and others, all of whom are familiar to "Mike Lab" personnel.

Investigation of unusual incidents is accomplished by members of the force who came to NOTS with many years of police experience in military establishments and city detective bureaus. From Los Angeles came G. W. Sullivan and Jack Leslie; and from St. Louis, Mo., came Dan Fitzwater. Sullivan

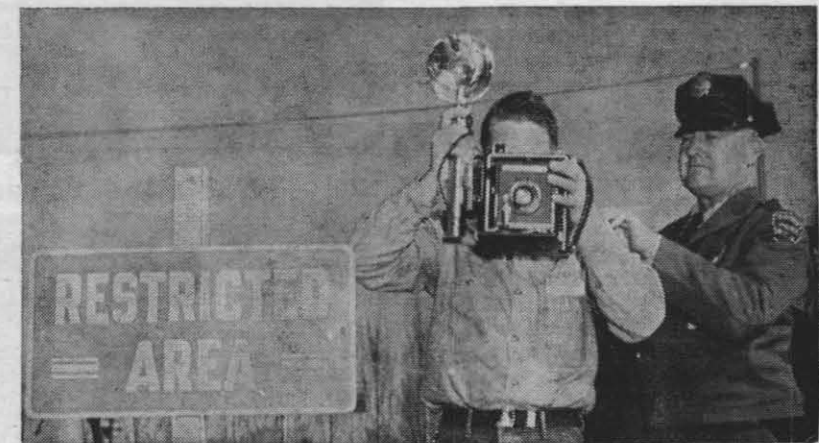
was a former police captain, Leslie an assistant police chief, and Fitzwater was a detective lieutenant. Bob Cline and Val Cummins are from other military establishments.

Not to be overlooked is the feminine side of the police branch. Police clerk Velma Leslie has a multitude of duties that include timekeeping, report writing, and issuance of general information.

The ladies at the "Pass Desk" also perform important duties. It is at this point that the newcomer to NOTS, visitors and other persons get their first glimpse of the Station. Courteously and effectively dispatching these duties are Edna Kelley (a uniformed policewoman), Shirley Hines, Bertha Venturo and Beatrice Houston.

Others on the police staff, not mentioned above, are: C. E. Clark, C. B. Webb, A. C. Jones, S. H. Hines, S. N. Lofinck, F. A. Peters, A. C. Jones, S. H. A. Haylett, A. B. Lawrence, H. B. Simmons, W. E. O'Neill, and J. C. Phillips.

The profile of a good policeman reflects good judgment, loyalty, devotion to duty and a desire for the betterment of mankind.



HEY BUD, no cameras allowed in restricted areas. Patrolman A. C. Jones is shown confiscating camera, film, and arresting the intruder who is violating Station regulations.



PAINSTAKING INVESTIGATION often means the difference between closed cases and unsolved ones. Police Chief G. W. Sullivan (seated), assisted by Val Cummins (center) and Dan Fitzwater, Criminal Investigators, examine the contents of a bag taken from a suspect.