

## Trees, Shrubs, Grass Seed, Peat Moss, Fencing Available for 'Clean-Up Week'

The Naval Ordnance Test Station is sponsoring its Second Annual Spring Clean-Up Campaign that is scheduled for April 15-28, 1956. This year, the clean-up is under the direction of the Department of Community Affairs.

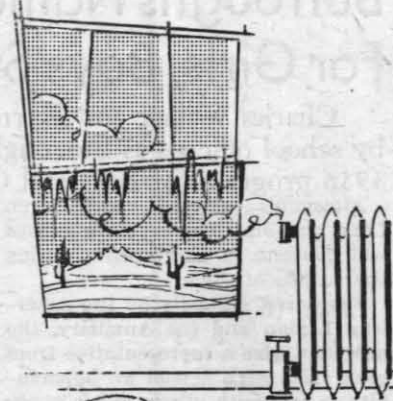
The Chamber of Commerce of Ridgecrest, Station departments, divisions and branches, local clubs, lodges, and organizations have been asked to participate in the community clean-up.

There will be a meeting of organization representatives at the Community Center, March 14, 1956 at 7:30 p.m. The purpose of this meeting is to coordinate the projects in order to eliminate conflict.

The improvement and inspection branch (Station Greenhouse) of the Department of Community Affairs will have paint, grass seed, shrubs, trees, fertilizer and peat moss available for tenants. These will be issued only after inspection and approval by Oscar Glatz, Station horticulturist. Fence lumber will not be issued until the survey of boundary lines for individual homes has been completed.

Blueprints for porches, patios, carports, and sprinkler systems also are available. Automatic washing machine and TV antenna permits must be procured before installation. These blueprints and permits are also issued by the improvement and inspection branch located at the corner of Knox and Byrnes. The office is open during the following hours: Monday through Wednesday, 7:30 to 11:15 and 12 to 3:45; Thursday and Friday, 7:30 to 11:15 and 12 to 5:45; Saturday, 12 to 3.

The National Clean-Up Paint-Up Fix-Up Association and other organizations have found that a concentrated spring clean-up campaign is beneficial for a community. Such drives tend to raise the community's standards of cleanliness, to increase their safety, and improve morale.



how much is a pound of steam?

Generally, steam is measured by the pound. And also generally, a pound of steam is a pound of water, plus the boiler, plus the fuel, plus the labor to change it to steam, plus the pipes to carry it.

**WATER IS CHEAP**  
(and still NOTS spent \$162,500 for water last year).

But boilers, pipes, fuel, and labor are not. The Station spent \$734,500 for steam last year. Of this \$459,000 was in the housing area.

If you must heat a home or an office—by all means heat it. But don't keep the heat high and the window open....  
.. You can't heat the whole outdoors.

its YOUR dollar... **1.00**  
SAVE A DIME — **.10**  
= LOWER TAXES

### Inspects Facilities



RADM. R. E. BLICK, USN, of the Office of Naval Material, Navy Department, Washington D.C., is pictured above during his visit to this activity.

### Lions Club Sponsors Bank Of Light Project

Collection of hundreds of pairs of discarded eyeglasses is now underway by the Indian Wells Lions Club to further a "Bank of Light" project aimed at supplying the needy in Chile, South America.

Part of a nation-wide endeavor, the local club has established points around the Station where glasses may be deposited until March 9, 1956. These points include: Public Works shops; Michelson Lab lobbies; Administration Building lobby; Post Office; Commissary and CLPP Cafeteria.



ARRIVING FROM ENGLAND is Mrs. Gordon Stedman and baby daughter Gyan Una. LCdr. L. E. Martin, medical officer, is pictured carrying the sick child from the plane as it landed at NAF.

## From England to China Lake Via Navy Plane Is Red Cross 'Success Story'

The helping hand of the American Red Cross reached across the Atlantic Ocean to London, England, recently to aid in bringing a young mother and her desperately sick baby daughter to join her serviceman husband on duty at China Lake. With outstanding cooperation on the part of the Navy, the mother and daughter arrived safely one night in January of this year. Today the baby is happy and healthy.

On October 31, 1955, Gordon Stedman, Aviation Boatswain 1st class, asked the Red Cross to obtain a health and welfare report on his wife, Jean, in England. They had been married while she was here on a visitor's visa, but she had to return to England to obtain a permanent visa. At home Mrs. Stedman had given birth to a baby daughter, Gyan Una. Not wanting to worry her husband, she didn't tell him that the baby was sick.

Mrs. Huddleston of the Home Service group contacted the American Red Cross in England and learned that although the mother, who had been sick when the baby was born, was now in good health, the doctor was very concerned over the baby. She had been critically ill and the doctor thought that travel would be extremely hazardous.

The Red Cross contacted the military authorities here in the hope that Mr. Stedman could be transferred to a post in England, but learned that a transfer would be impracticable. The military authorities here advised the Red Cross and Mrs. Stedman to contact the Naval Attache in London and recommended government air transportation for Mrs. Stedman and the baby to bring them to China Lake. This was done, and the Naval Attache proceeded to arrange air transportation as well as to take care of Mrs. Stedman's papers so that she could re-enter the United States on a permanent visa.

When little Gyan Una was sufficiently recovered to travel, the mother and baby were brought by air from England. A Navy doctor accompanied the pair from England to Patuxent, Md., and cared for the baby throughout the trip. At each of the three stops on the way the Navy had an ambulance waiting, and the baby was rushed to a hospital to make sure that she was strong enough to go on. After a checkup at Patuxent, they were flown to China Lake with a nurse in attendance. Again, when they stopped en route in Kansas an ambulance was waiting to take the baby to a hospital. At last they reached China Lake where they were met by Mr. Stedman accompanied by Dr. Martin, who rushed them to the dispensary to continue the care of the baby.

With this exceptional care, little Gyan Una not only survived the long trip successfully but is now well on the road to recovery. Her happy parents are proudly watching her learning to walk as she plays around their home at 206-B Independence. The local chapter of the Red Cross has closed the files on another of the many cases it handles every year.

**Rhymes of the Times**  
IF YOU WANT TO COLLAR AN HONEST BUCK IN TEN YEARS, U.S. BONDS WILL BRING YOU LUCK

### THE WEATHER

Mostly fair for week-end. Surface winds light and variable night and morning becoming southwesterly 10 to 20 knots during afternoons. Temperature range from 32 to 68.

# Rocketeer

TEMPERATURES (Housing Area)

	Max.	Min.
Feb. 23	51	47
Feb. 24	59	38
Feb. 25	62	28
Feb. 26	60	42
Feb. 27	61	28
Feb. 28	66	26
Feb. 29	66	43

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## Council Plans 'Town Meeting'

The China Lake Community Council is making plans to hold a town meeting in the near future to place before the residents of the Station current problems of critical interest to all. Foremost consideration will be given to methods of operation of the Council, including the will of the people as to the financing of the Council's activities. Matters discussed at the regular meeting of the Council last Tuesday and to be considered at the town meeting will be given full coverage in the next issue of the Rocketeer.

### Council to Back Fiesta

Members of the Board of Directors voted to sponsor the annual Fiesta to be held in May at the time of the Armed Forces Day celebration on the Station. A preliminary survey indicated that the Fiesta will again receive the enthusiastic support of the many organizations that operate booths, and the Fiesta committee is moving ahead rapidly with detailed planning for the event. Approximately 15 organizations have petitioned for booth space to date; more are expected to petition early next week.

## Burroughs Teams Win League Titles

Burroughs High School "A" and "B" basketball squads have won undisputed rights to the Desert-Inyo League titles in their classes. The varsity team downed Lone Pine 62-33 and the "B" squad won over the Lone Pine "B's" by a score of 62-41. Final play for the league championship took place here at NOTS last Friday night.

Going into the finals, both the Burroughs "A" and "B" squads were in a two-way tie for the league lead; both were assured a tie for the championship at that time, but it was obvious they would have to be in top shape for the final test against Lone Pine.

Coach Bill Moore had predicted a victory if his varsity squad was "up"; Wes Anderson, "B" team coach, was equally confident but expected more of a battle than Lone Pine was able to put up.

Following the winning of the league championship, the varsity squad travelled to Pasadena where they met the South Pasadena High School basketball team in regional play-offs.

## Announce New Board Members



UNANIMOUSLY ELECTED to serve on the Indian Wells Valley United Fund Board of Directors (l to r.) are: Thomas Reese, T. J. Little, Sylvia Tillitt, Amy Griffin, John Emery, and Art Reich.

## Kelly Award Winner



PHIL BARRA was named by school officials this week as the winner of the coveted Kelly Memorial Award presented annually to a senior member of the football team for citizenship, value to team and scholastic achievement. Barra will receive a medal pendant and his name will be inscribed on the Kelly Memorial.

## BuAer Official Lauds Security

E. P. Yates of the Navy Department's Bureau of Aeronautics, in a letter to Captain F. L. Ashworth, has expressed appreciation for the hospitality he received during a recent visit to the Station. The letter is dated January 23, 1956.

Contents of the letter are as follows:

"I wish to express my appreciation for the gracious hospitality and the sound advice that you and the people of your command gave me during my recent visit to China Lake.

"I was particularly gratified by the efficiency of your security personnel. It is the only activity that I have visited to date that has not caused costly and exasperating delays in the handling of clearances.

"Please express my appreciation to Doctors McLean, Bothwell, and Wilcox for the kind attention and the cogent comments they afforded my project."

## Neufeld, Miller, Coogan, Holloway Elected



INSTALLED as new officers of the NOTS Credit Union Board of Directors (l. to r.) are: M. Neufeld, president; C. Miller, clerk; J. Coogan, vice president; and R. Holloway, treasurer. The term of office for this group is two years.

## Joint Defense Unit To Meet at NOTS

A Joint Defense Conference will be held at NOTS on March 5 and 6 with approximately 16 officers due to arrive next Monday and the remainder of the party will arrive Tuesday. Rear Admiral C. C. Hartman, USN, Major General O. H. Kyster, USA, Brigadier General J. W. Andrew, USAF, and Brigadier General C. A. Sheldon, USA will be included among the party of 40 Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, and Air Force officers. RADM. Hartman is 11th Naval District Commandant.

During the conference, the group will inspect NOTS facilities.

The itinerary for Tuesday, March 6 will start with breakfast at the Station restaurant followed by an inspection of SNORT where they will witness an actual firing. Next will be an inspection of facilities via ground ranges enroute to Michelson Laboratory, Room 2067. Here, welcoming remarks will be exchanged followed by an introduction to the NOTS Technical Program, the Aviation Ordnance Program and the Fleet Support Activities at NOTS.

Following luncheon at the Commissioned Officers' Mess, RADM. Hartman will preside at the Joint Defense Conference. The party will depart for the Naval Air Facility to board the plane at 2:30.

## Takes Army Job



WINSOR JOSSELYN leaves the Station to accept a Civil Service job with the Army's Pacific Transportation Terminal at Fort Mason in San Francisco. Josselyn was Civilian Public Information Officer and Service Information Director here for the past three-and-one-half years.

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## Superintendent's Notes

By DR. EARL MURRAY, Superintendent of China Lake Schools

The professional group, under the direction of the Kern County School District Organization Committee, that is working on the problem of obtaining high school facilities for high school students is doing a thorough job of analyzing the problems. Also, they are obtaining pertinent data upon which the state and national educational representatives can arrive at sound conclusions.

The statement of the problem, possible solutions, and a historical background of the problem have been completed. Other data which will be used are an analysis of school enrollments, both elementary and high school, for the total area involved, the number of Federally-connected students on-Station and off-Station, and their probable projections until 1964, and probable building costs for each of the possibilities being considered. The group also has discussed the possibility and probability of changes in the Federal law to assist in solving the problem.

In figuring costs, it becomes immediately evident that the cost varies considerably as to whether there is to be only one high school for the area, two high schools, or whether the present site is to be maintained if only one high school is to serve the area.

According to the present district organization, the Kern County Union High School District is responsible for housing all of the students of the area. According to the present Federal law they have no entitlement for buildings for off-Station students. If the law could be changed they would receive that entitlement and the present school plant could be expanded to care for all the students of the area.

If the law cannot be changed, then the Kern County Union High School District is faced with three alternatives, namely: (1) Have the present site transferred from the U. S. Office of Education to the school district, thus allowing them to spend district funds here to expand the present site for all students. (2) Abandon the present site to the China Lake Ele-

mentary District and use a combination of Federal entitlement and district funds to construct a new school plant for the students in the area in a different location. (3) Construct a new high school plant for off-Station students.

Early in April the approximate costs for these alternatives will be assembled, together with the portion of costs applicable to the Federal government and to the School District.

The only alternative to the above discussion under the present laws, would be for the whole area to unify as one school district, in which case the great majority of the funds would come from Federal entitlement and State Funds, since the assessed valuation of the district would be insufficient to provide the buildings. Under this arrangement the district would be eligible for a considerable amount of State money.

## Commander Carrithers Promoted



CAPT. F. A. CHENAULT (left) congratulates Capt. G. H. Carrithers, Public Works Officer, on his recent promotion from commander to captain. Capt. Carrithers was transferred to the Station last December from a tour of duty in Alaska, 17th Naval District.



ELIZABETH PIKE, Burroughs High art student who was named this week as a Gold Key winner in Southern California Schools art contest, holds a recently completed water color.

## Local Girl Wins Art Contest 'Key'

Elizabeth Pike, junior art student at Burroughs High School, was awarded a Gold Key in the Tenth Annual Scholastic Art Awards Exhibition at Los Angeles this week according to Mrs. Adeline B. Williams, art instructor.

The awards ceremony, honoring 225 Gold Key winners from junior and senior high schools of Southern California was held over the weekend at the Statler Hotel in Los Angeles.

Members of the Burroughs Art Club will make a trip to see the exhibit of nearly one thousand green key and certificate of merit winners which will be held at Bullocks Hill Street Building from Feb. 25 through Mar. 10, Mrs. Williams stated.

Outstanding students from the Burroughs art department who entered paintings in the annual contest included Sylvia Pallenberg, Erwin Porter, Leanne Jacobson, Susan Smith, Joyce Hatton and Miss Pike.

Certificate of merit winners from the school have not yet been announced.

## You Can't Vote— If You Don't Register

The Kern County Registrar of Voters last week issued an announcement concerning those residents of the County who must register or re-register before being eligible to vote in the June 5 Primary Election.

Registration for the election closes April 12. Residents may register with any Deputy Registrar of Voters in the County. NOTS residents will have the opportunity to register here on the Station, however registration plans have not yet been announced. Exact locations and dates for registration will be announced later in the Rocketeer.

The following persons should register or re-register:

- Newcomers who have lived in California one year and in the county 90 days.
- Those who have moved since the last election.
- Those who have changed their names since the last election.
- Those who desire to change party affiliation.
- Those who failed to vote in 1954 state elections.
- Those who have become 21 and have not registered.

Every NOTS employee, as any other good citizen, should exercise the "right-to-vote." Government employees have the right to elect to office those individuals whom they believe best qualified for the job. You can't vote if you don't register!



BENNY SUGG SEZ, "Have you solved a problem lately?" If so, and if it served to either improve methods, combine operations, eliminate unnecessary work, devise new processes, save money or reduce cost of materials, you've probably earned some extra cash. Turn it in!

## Gym Classes to Re-open

Women's gym classes are scheduled to reopen next Tuesday night at the Station gymnasium from 7 to 9 p.m. according to Kathryn Walden, instructor.

The classes participate in exercises, volleyball, badminton and swimming.

## Repertory Unit Slates 2 Plays

The NOTS Repertory Group recently went into production on Mozart's "Impresario," a light musical comedy, and Alec Wilder's "The Lowland Sea," a light musical tragedy, that are to be presented on April 12, 13, and 14 at Richmond School Auditorium at 8:15 p.m.

Both productions are under the direction of Belva Moore, assisted by Stella Grieg in "The Lowland Sea," and Elinor Irish in the "Impresario." James Rhodes will serve as technical director; Kenneth Green as stage manager; and Kay Wentink as wardrobe mistress. Ruth Rekosh will be in charge of make-up and Evelyn Crockett will handle the publicity.

All proceeds will go to the scholarship fund sponsored by the Repertory Group to an outstanding Burroughs graduate in the field of liberal arts.

Tickets will go on sale March 13, and will be sold for individual performances. Admission will be 75 cents for adults, 50 cents for children and servicemen, and 25 cents for children attending the special matinee on Saturday, April 14 at 2:15 p.m.

## Gets New Duty



CWO W. G. WHITLOCK leaves today for new duty. He is assigned to USS HELENA, CA-75 heavy cruiser, but his duties have not been specified. Whitlock has been head of the electronic and telephone branch, Command Administration Department, since 1954.

## CL Photographic Society Presents Travelogue Show

The China Lake Photographic Society will present a color slide show titled, "Alaska and the Alaskan Highway" at 8 p.m. on Wednesday March 7 in the Community Center. The public is invited.

The show will be narrated by Fay Couch. "NOTS personnel will find this travelogue very interesting," according to Photographic Society Publicity Chairman E. D. Simmons.

## We Leika



IN SHARP FOCUS is Anita Ekberg who poses here for Armed Forces Press cameramen in the promotion of the Sixth Annual Interservice Photographic Contest. Navy, Army and Air Force military personnel are the only ones eligible to enter the competition.

## Hold Interservice Shutterbug Contest

The Sixth Interservice Photography Contest for military personnel sponsored by Chief of Naval Personnel and conducted jointly by the Army, Navy (including Coast Guard), Air Force, and Marine Corps will be held at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., on or about June 1, 1956. This contest is designed to interest the amateur and beginner in photography and to encourage participation in photographic activities.

Entries may be submitted in three categories: black and white single photographs, black and white picture stories, and color transparencies. Entries shall be selected by the commands within ComFour, ComFive, ComEleven, ComFourteen and forwarded to the Commandant THIRD Naval District to arrive prior to May 1, 1956.

The general criteria for judging will be based on impact, freshness of approach, story telling, technical skill, print size, viewing distance, print quality, sharpness, graininess, contrast and print finishing.

Interested personnel may obtain entry forms and further information from BuPers Notice 1700 dated February 6, 1956.



DR. EARL MURRAY, principal of Burroughs High School, congratulates Myrna Carter and Charles Walker, junior students who were named this week as the school's delegates to the 1956 programs of Girls and Boys State to be held at Sacramento in June.

## Burroughs Names Delegates For Girls, Boys State Meeting

Charles Walker and Myrna Carter were named this week by school officials as Burroughs High School delegates to the 1956 programs of Boys and Girls State.

Alternates selected were Karen Cone and Jim Morris. Both groups will convene in Sacramento during the month of June.

Sponsored annually by the American Legion and the Auxiliary, the programs give a representative from each state high school an opportunity to join with others of his grade level in learning the duties, privileges and the rights and responsibilities of American citizenship.

Under the direction of professional people and trained supervisors, the delegates divide into groups patterned after the state government and its local subdivisions. Political affiliations are chosen by order of registration. For the week the students conduct all affairs in accordance with existing California laws, learning meaningful participation in the functions of government and the responsibilities they must assume when they become adults.

A program of instruction and recreation featuring music, folk and rhythmic dancing and organized sports is offered every evening.

Delegates are selected by junior English and social studies teachers on the basis of outstanding leadership, citizenship, character and scholastic achievement. They must be eleventh grade students and must

## Officer Installation, Dinner Meet Held by Rockhounds

More than 130 persons were present at the Installation of Officers and Dinner Meeting of the NOTS Rockhound Club held at Vieweg auditorium last Tuesday night. Verl Martin was the principal speaker of the evening.

Officers installed were: President—George Shriner; Vice-President—Armin Wiebke; Secretary—Nancy Glover; and Treasurer—George Kimball.

plan to be in attendance at their school for at least one more semester. Last year's representatives from Burroughs were Diane Deem and John Booty.



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

TODAY MARCH 2  
"BOTTOM OF THE BOTTLE" (88 Min.)  
Van Johnson, Ruth Roman  
Shorts: "Rocket Squad" (7 Min.)  
"Out of the Desert" (20 Min.)

SATURDAY MARCH 3  
"INVASION OF THE BODY SNATCHER"  
(80 Min.)  
Kevin McCarthy, Dana Wynter  
Shorts: "Scouts to the Rescue" (7 Min.)  
"Heart of the Empire" (20 Min.)

MATINEE  
"WAGONMASTER" (86 Min.)  
Ben Johnson  
Shorts: "Hold That Pose" (7 Min.)  
"Seahounds No. 15 (last)" (18 Min.)

SUN.-MON. MARCH 4-5  
"BATTLE STATIONS" (82 Min.)  
John Lund, William Bendix  
Shorts: "The Jaywalker" (7 Min.)  
"Reunion In Paris" (10 Min.)

TUES.-WED. MARCH 6-7  
"ANYTHING GOES" (105 Min.)  
Bing Crosby, Milti Gaynor, Donald O'Connor  
Shorts: "Against the Stream" (10 Min.)

THURS.-FRI. MARCH 8-9  
"THE LIEUTENANT WORE SKIRTS" (99 Min.)  
Tom Ewell, Sheree North  
Shorts: "High and Flighty" (7 Min.)  
"Nation of Athletes" (10 Min.)

## IWV American Red Cross Fund Drive Underway at NOTS, Ridgecrest, Inyokern

Six thousand dollars is a lot of money. But that is the goal of the 1956 Red Cross fund campaign in the Indian Wells Valley. The quota for China Lake is \$5,000; for Ridgecrest, \$800; and for Inyokern, \$200. This money must come from individual donations, because the Red Cross has no other means to finance the many charitable activities it sponsors. During the month of March the residents of this area are given an opportunity to help the Red Cross so that throughout the rest of the year it can help others here at home and anywhere throughout the nation when help is needed.

The Red Cross is recognized as the nation's official disaster relief agency. This stems from the organization's congressional charter which lists one of its primary responsibilities as follows:

"To continue and carry on a system of national and international relief in time of peace, and to apply the same in mitigating the sufferings caused by pestilence, famine, fire, floods, and other great national calamities, and to devise and carry on measures for preventing the same."

Despite the long record of disaster relief service of the American Red Cross, its continuing help to servicemen and veterans, and its assistance to civilian hospitals, there are millions of Americans who are not fully aware of what the Red Cross does. Primarily, they're the people fortunate enough never to have been hit by a disaster.

### Home Service Group

If you've never needed help and not known where to turn, you probably don't know that the women of the Red Cross Home Service group are available 24 hours a day, every day of the year. They don't get paid—the Indian Wells Valley branch of the Red Cross is operated as an all-volunteer activity—and they don't expect to get much credit. In the true spirit of the American Red Cross, they give their time and effort to help people in this area who need a helping hand.

### Servicemen First Concern

In the charter given to the Red Cross when it was established in 1881, Congress defined its primary responsibilities as services to the armed forces and disaster services. In fulfilling these responsibilities, the Home Service Group devotes most of its efforts to helping men in the service, which is particularly important in a community such as China Lake. This group does double duty at China Lake, where it also carries out the activities of the Red Cross field director.

For the serviceman, this group will obtain health and welfare reports about his relatives whether they are in the United States or abroad. At the request of the military they obtain verification for emergency leaves, and they process all Navy Relief verifications. They help with hardship discharges upon request of the serviceman and the military. In

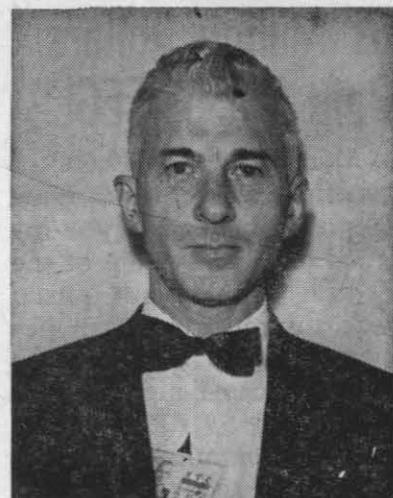
a recent case on the Station, for example, they were instrumental in getting a hardship discharge for a young Marine from Wisconsin between November 25 when he first came to the Red Cross hut and January 11 when the Red Cross received word that he had been paid off and discharged.

If a serviceman's allotment is late in reaching him, the Red Cross will lend him money to hold him over. If he has an accident, the Red Cross will loan or grant money to get him through. This money is paid back if the serviceman can do so without undue hardship; but if he can't repay the loan in a reasonable time, it is written off as a grant and he can forget about it.

### Help for Civilians Too

Although the Red Cross cannot ordinarily loan or grant money to civilians except in times of disaster, the Home Service volunteers have done much for civilians as well as servicemen in this area. For those who have problems, the women of this group are available for counseling and referral services. They work on the principle that if the Red Cross can't help immediately, they will keep looking until they find an agency that can. No person who comes to the Red Cross with a valid need for help is ever turned away without a solution.

At the time of the floods, this group used the Red Cross inquiry service to get information about



CO-CHAIRMEN of the 1956 American Red Cross Drive at NOTS are Commander Joseph Shea (left) and Bernard Smith.

relatives in the stricken area for more than 20 civilians in the Indian Wells Valley. Because the Red Cross is a national organization, people here can use this service to learn about relatives wherever a disaster may strike.

The Red Cross hut, located at 81 Halsey, is open from 3 to 5 p.m. every day. The telephone number is 71640. If no one answers at this number, dial 111, and the operator will give the number of the worker on call, regardless of the time of day or night. The 28 women engaged in this work are currently headed by Mrs. W. E. Donaldson, who has just taken over from Mrs. W. D. Huddleston, chairman during the past year. In 1955, the Home Service group handled 410 cases and gave out a total of \$5,144 in loans and grants to servicemen.

### President Backs Red Cross

"This nation, its Government and its people, will continue to look to the American Red Cross for all those humane services that have done so much to improve community life and to maintain the well-being of our neighbors in time of disaster and emergency."

Dwight D. Eisenhower



HOME SERVICE GROUP workers of the Red Cross complete a required training course for this work and receive certificates of completion. Pictured (l. to r.) are: Mrs. Wade Cone, Mrs. F. A. Chenault, Mrs. H. G. Wilson and Mrs. E. E. Ollikkala. Not present for the photograph, but recipients of certificates are: Mrs. H. A. Barnett, Mrs. John Daniels and Mrs. W. O. Vandenberg.

## Red Cross Ladies Work Year 'Round

Among the year-round activities of the local Red Cross is the assistance given to the Station infirmary and the Ridgecrest Hospital by the women of the Production Group. This is the oldest and one of the most active groups in the local Red Cross. Some 38 women make up the three sections of this group. One section meets at the Red Cross room in the Station infirmary every Thursday to mend damaged hospital articles and to sew new ones. They also sew and knit on anything that is needed in the Red Cross area. The second group meets at the Ridgecrest hospital.

Mrs. R. Becker is chairman of this group which works on old and new articles for the hospital. Mrs. K. H. Robinson is chairman of the third group, known as the Yarn Twisters. This group meets in the homes of the members to knit and sew for the area. Mrs. W. H. Olson is general chairman of the Production Group, whose members combined to work more than 1,000 hours in 1955.

## RC Nursing Committee Offers Varied Services

The Nursing Committee of the local branch of the Red Cross offers two parent-child courses each year to the residents of this area. One course is given in the spring and one in the fall. An average of 34 people have attended these courses, that last for eight weeks. Mrs. Leonard LaRosa is chairman of the Nursing Committee.

It is also planned to conduct a Red Cross nursing instructors class as soon as a certified nursing instructor is freed from flood relief work. This course will probably be given in the late spring.

U.S. domestic airlines operate approximately 2,155 flights daily, one scheduled flight about every 40 seconds.

## New Position For Tom Mico

Tom Mico has been selected for the new position of Assistant Department Head of Underwater Ordnance. Final establishment of the position depends upon formal approval of the Bureau of Ordnance, but the step is effective immediately.

Tom moves up from UOD's planning and administration division



Tom Mico

which he has headed since May 1954 when he transferred to Pasadena from China Lake. During his nine years there, he held a variety of jobs. From 1945 to 1950, he was in the ballistics division of the Research Department. He spent the next year on what is now the Central Staff, and from 1951 to 1954 served as head of the planning staff of Aviation Ordnance.

Before transferring to NOTS, Tom had spent three years, from 1942 to 1945, at the Bureau of Ordnance and the Naval Ordnance Laboratory. He graduated from the University of Wisconsin in 1940 with the degree of B.S. in mathematics.

## Pasadena Personnel Are Commended For Fund Drive Gift

Personnel of Pasadena Annex have received special commendation from Major General C. W. Christenberry, U.S.A. (Ret.), president of the American-Korean Foundation, for contributing through the United Fund Drive \$147.73 in support of the Foundation's health, welfare and education programs in Korea.

Calling the contribution a "concrete expression of goodwill and sympathy," General Christenberry said: "The personnel of the U.S. Naval Ordnance Test Station deserve warm praise for so generously helping our organization to carry out its work to better the lot of the Korean people."

In a letter of thanks, he states: "The response from the members of the Armed Forces, as well as from all governmental employees, has been most encouraging. The people of Korea will be notified of this particular support from those in governmental service."

## News from Pasadena

### EMCO Council Holds Meeting

The Employee-Management Council met on Thursday, February 23, to discuss a number of topics, among them rumors of a possible reduction in force. Such rumors now appear to be untrue; however, a committee which includes a Pasadena representative has been set up by the Personnel Department at China Lake to study possible changes in personnel allocations.

Irene Dickson, EMCO president, has appointed a committee to review the by-laws and constitution, define aims, suggest means of strengthening the organization, evaluate what has been accomplished, what is now being done, and what can be done in the future. Appointed to the committee were Cdr. J. J. O'Brien, representing management; Priscilla Estes,

Personnel; Nick Saines, Council representative; John Busik, UOD; and John Martin, Supply.

Following a discussion of the desired frequency of all-hands meetings, it was unanimously voted that they be held every four months instead of every three months as in the past. The next all-hands meetings will be held in May.

### Favorite Driver To Leave Annex

Pasadena loses one of its best-known and best-liked employees today. Emily Poggia Cox is resigning to embark on a vacation of a year or more in Europe with her husband, Jess Cox, long-time manager of Pasadena's semi-pro baseball team, who retired in January from the Pasadena City Fire Department.

Emily has been at Pasadena Annex since the Caltech days in 1942 and has spent most of her fourteen years here as a chauffeur in the transportation division. She makes the airport run and is well known to NOTS' much-traveled employees.

The Coxes will spend Easter in



Emily Poggia Cox

New York, then sail on April 4 aboard the Queen Elizabeth. One of their first stops will be Paris, where they intend to buy a Renault (and a couple of bicycles to go where the car won't go) and then set out to tour the continent—Holland for the tulip festival, Belgium, Austria, Italy, Spain, Portugal, Denmark, and Sweden. This summer they will camp in the Swiss Alps.

Emily is a native of the French-speaking section of Switzerland, and in addition to French, she speaks several other languages. "But," she says, "you don't need them. The international language is friendship." And this is a language she knows very well.



Ted Gautschi

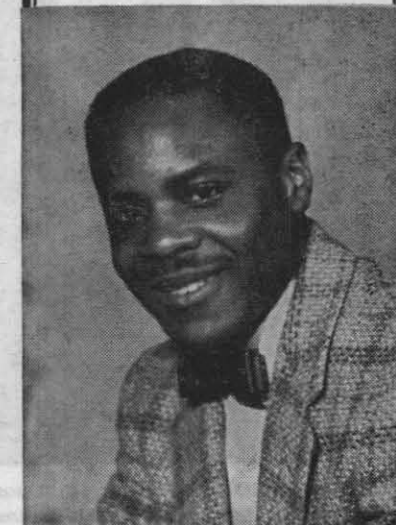
## Pasadena Man Is Sloan Candidate

Pasadena Annex has been honored by the selection of one of its staff as the NOTS candidate for a Sloan Fellowship at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Ted Gautschi, head of the design branch, development division (Torpedoes EX-2, Mk 32), was notified last week of his nomination.

Sloan Fellows are selected for advanced training each year from the country's most promising young executives, and the choice includes one or two federal employees. Don Steel, UOD head, held this fellowship in 1952-1953.

Born in Los Angeles, Ted Gautschi received his B.S. degree in electrical engineering from the University of California at Berkeley in 1944. Later he served as a lieutenant in the Navy until 1946. He worked as an electrical engineer with a construction company in Tennessee, as a design engineer for C. F. Braun in Alhambra, and as staff electrical engineer on the Caltech synchrotron project before coming to NOTS in 1950 to work on SNORT. Early in 1952 he became a project manager on the EX-2, and now heads that division's design branch.

## Pasadena Profiles



John Watkins

Starting his career at NOTS Pasadena in 1954 as an electrical engineer in the Underwater Ordnance Department, John Watkins worked on the development of an electrical propulsion system for the EX-2 torpedo. When the system was completely developed, he turned this project over to others, transferring to the thermodynamics branch of the research division where he continues his research on ideas for electrical propulsion systems in torpedoes, from concept, through plan and design, to model.

After taking his B.S. in electrical engineering at Howard University in 1950, John and two partners operated a successful small construction company in West Virginia for a year. In 1951, as an assistant engineer with the Bonneville Power Administration, he was one of a group of twelve who worked on problems in the development of high-voltage transmission lines, using equipment—analog and digital computers—which the group designed themselves.

Before entering college, John spent four years as a professional musician, part of the time in uniform with an official U.S. Navy band traveling with top U.S.O. shows. John, who is married and has one son, has built his own TV set, strictly non-standard, and is now starting work on his own color TV.

## Pasadena Gals Sing Over Station KPPC

The Pretenders, quartet of which Erma Sweitzer and Virginia Cortese are members, did a fifteen-minute broadcast over KPPC on February 15 which resulted in an offer of a thirteen-week contract for the quartet, supported by the chorus of the Crown City chapter of the Sweet Adelines, national barbershop singing organization. The girls, all of whom have full-time jobs, had to refuse reluctantly—too many hours of preparation involved.

## Movie, TV Personality Visits Here

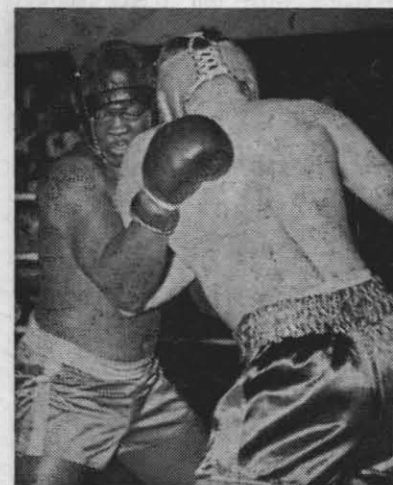


CAPT. JOE MONFORT, ace stunt man, race driver, movie and TV performer visits here with Dutch Dremann, PH. Monfort and Dremann, former race-driving competitors, discuss entree procedures for the Sports Car Races beginning Sunday at Willow Springs. Dremann and other China Lake personnel may be among those competing during the racing season that ends in October.

## Announce Winners of Boxing Matches



BOXING SMOKER winners pose with their trophies as they receive congratulations from their boxing coach. Pictured above (l. to r.) are: (kneeling) Carl Robinson, Carl Sejac and Donald Knierim; (standing) Coach Bernie Locker, Anthony LaRocca, Duke Moffet and Jim White.



DUKE MOFFET lands a left hook and David Hall holds on.

## Naval Air Facility Team Wins Tourney

The Naval Air Facility basketball team won the NOTS Double Elimination Basketball Tournament last week by downing the Marine Barracks squad, 48-45. The victory gave NAF a clean sweep of this year's basketball titles as they won the Intra-Mural League Championship last month.

High scorer for NAF was H. S. Pace; R. McGinnis was high pointer for the Marine Barracks squad with 13 points.

The Double Elimination Tournament brought to a close the NOTS basketball program for this year. Lt. (jg) J. C. Alex, athletic officer, commended all teams and coaches.



DISTINGUISHED NAVY LEAGUE visitors from Fresno area meet at NOTS to inspect facilities. Seated (front row l. to r.) are: Leon Peters, Melville Willson, E. O'Neill, Charles Marcella, Kermit Smith. Standing (back row l. to r.) are: Nelson Hayhurst, George Bowman, RAdm. USNR (Ret.), Paul Keane, Very Reverend Paul J. Redmond, CHC, USNR (Ret.).

## NOTS Is Host To 12th Region 'Navy League'

Navy League members of the 12th Region visited the Station Tuesday and Wednesday under the leadership of Kermit Smith, president of the Fresno Council Navy League. The visitors were met at the train in Mojave Monday night and escorted to the Station.

The itinerary for Tuesday consisted of breakfast at the Station restaurant followed by a tour of Station facilities where they witnessed test activities at "C" aircraft range. This was followed by a test firing demonstration at SNORT and a tour of the ground ranges. After luncheon Capt. F. A. Chenault, acting station commander, made welcoming remarks and Mr. Smith expressed the appreciation of the visitors. Later they gathered at Michelson Laboratory where they discussed the NOTS technical programs, viewed motion pictures of technical programs and toured Michelson Laboratory. A reception was held on the Station that evening in their honor.

After breakfast on Wednesday morning, they proceeded to inspect propellant processing facilities at China Lake Pilot Plant and then witnessed static firing at static firing bay. The party then visited Salt Wells Pilot Plant where they discussed the explosives development program and inspected explosive facilities. A visit of the projectile range facilities at Randsburg Wash completed the tour.

Members of the Fresno Council Navy League were: Kermit Smith, president, manager of Fresno Towel Co.; Leon S. Peters vice president, and president of Valley Foundry and Machine Works; Paul Keane, treasurer, owner of the Val-

ley Home Insulation Co., and Keane Asbestos Co. of Fresno; Mr. Charles Marcella, secretary and manager of Dean Witter & Co.; Mr. L. Nelson Hayhurst, judge advocate, attorney-at-law; Melville E. Willson, president of M. E. Willson Co., rancher and cotton grower; George M. Bowman, manager of Fresno City Water Department, RAdm. USNR (Ret.).

Very Reverend Paul J. Redmond, Sacred Heart Church of Fresno, CHC, USNR (Ret.); E. O'Neill, president of O'Neill Meat Co., Fresno, vice president of Producers Cotton Oil Company, past president of American Automobile Association, owner of KJEO-TV, Fresno.

## 'Volleyball Tourney' Begins March 19th

The Station Recreation Department will conduct an Intra-Mural Volleyball League Tournament for military and civilian groups beginning March 19. The tournament will last approximately four weeks, according to Athletic Officer Lt. (jg) J. C. Alex.

Groups wishing to enter teams in the tournament should submit playing rosters to Code 855 prior to March 14.

Minimum requirements for entering a team will be six players and two substitutes. Rules and schedules will be available to team captains when they submit their team rosters.

Games will be played weekday nights at the Station gym. Team awards will be given to the tournament winner and the "runner-up" team.

## Booty Making Progress

K. H. Booty, head of the Engineering Department, who was stricken with a heart attack on February 16 in Pasadena is reported to be making good progress in his recovery.

He is hospitalized at the Alta Vista Hospital, 1845 N. Fair Oaks, Pasadena. Visitors are not permitted at present.

## 61 Million Dollars Paid Out by FEGLI

More than \$61,000,000 in benefits accrued to the families of Federal employees insured under provisions of the Federal Employees Group Life Insurance program between August 29, 1954, the date it became effective, and November 19, 1955, Civil Service Commission officials announced today.

The Commission, which administers the program, reported that \$56,248,000 in life insurance claims by Federal employee families became payable during the slightly more than 14 months. Benefits in accidental death and dismemberment claims reached \$5,450,000, for a total of almost \$61,700,000.

The program, one of the largest of this type in the world, is financed by withholdings from the salaries of 2,050,000 Federal employee participants at the rate of 25 cents biweekly for each \$1,000 of group life insurance to which they are entitled and by contributions from employing agencies equal to half the employee withholdings.

The amount of the term insurance purchased under the program approximates \$10 billion. However, the Commission has advised Federal employees not to look upon the plan as a substitute for regular individual insurance policies purchased through their own insurance agents.

Premiums to the insurance companies from the employee and agency contributions and interest earned on the contingency reserve resulted in total receipts of \$113,420,000 during the 14 months. Conversion charges and expense and risk charges (including taxes), added to the approximately \$61,700,000 in benefits to employee families, brought the total charges up to \$65,786,000.

Receipts thus exceeded charges by more than \$47,000,000. This amount goes into the contingency reserve fund.

In a report on the operations of the life insurance program, the Commission said that the substantial margin of receipts over disbursements had been anticipated. But it pointed out that the reserve cannot be considered a surplus which would justify liberalization of the benefits or reduction of employee withholdings or agency contributions. The Commission emphasized that the reserve should be built up as rapidly as possible in the early years of the program, since claim charges are bound to rise as an increasing number of employees retire or reach the age of 65. No premiums can be collected from these groups, which already have more than 60,000 members.

Liability for insurance held by retirees is already estimated at \$26,500,000, which must eventually be taken from the reserve.

## Elect 1956-57 Officers



NEWLY ELECTED officers of the Public Works Department and ROInCC Employees Club are pictured here planning events for the coming year. From left to right they are: C. W. White, vice-president; V. F. Gonder, secretary; George Harrigal, treasurer; E. E. Burkholder (seated) is president. The club has over 500 members.

## National Sojourners Conduct Ceremony



CONTINENTAL ARMY UNIFORMS are worn by a Degree Team of the National Sojourners here to conduct ceremonies for Desert Chapter 259. Members of the Degree Team (l. to r.) are: Capt. R. A. Horton, USA (Ret.); Col. J. L. Stromme, USAF (Ret.); Col. Earl Fielding, USA (Ret.), national commander "Heroes of '76"; Major Russell Shoemaker, USMC, commander "Concord Camp," Los Angeles; Col. A. J. Copp Jr., USA (Ret.), past national president of National Sojourners; and Col. W. E. Patrick, USA (Ret.), past national chaplain American Legion.

## Local Students To Sing with Honor Choir

Five members of the Burroughs High School Choir will participate this Saturday in the annual Kern County Honor Chorus which is under the general chairmanship this year of George A. Carson, Burroughs music instructor.

Selected to sing in the 90-voice chorus, which will perform at the Harvey Auditorium in Bakersfield at 8 p.m., are Barbara Mussler, Patricia Fenley, JoAnn Lane, Bob Pinney and Bruce Irwin.

The chorus, which represents selected singers from ten high schools of the county, will be directed by Royal Stanton, director of choral activities at Long Beach City College.

The concert is being held in conjunction with the Kern County Elementary and High School Honor Orchestras.

Selections to be sung include Bach's "Jesu, Priceless Treasure"; "O Walle, Walle," an English folk tune arranged by Stowers; "At Times My Thoughts Come Drifting," Brahms; "Hard By a Fountain," Waelrant; "Stamp Your Foot," a choral square dance arranged by Aaron Copeland; and "Every Time," a Negro spiritual arranged by Royal Stanton.

Rocketeer News Deadline  
Tuesday, 4:30 p.m.

## Local AAUW Commemorates Birth of Mozart

A commemoration of the 200th anniversary of the birth of Mozart will be held at the Community Center next Tuesday at 8 p.m. under the auspices of the American Association of University Women.

The program will be under the direction of Mrs. Ivar Highberg. Mrs. Wallace Allan will narrate the life of Mozart and various performers will play and sing representative works.

Thomas Allan and Judith Biberman will play two of Mozart's childhood compositions, and Mrs. Norman Pozinsky will play his later works.

Mrs. K. Rinehart will sing Mozart's "Alleluja" and Marvin Bachman will sing some of the humorous works from the "Marriage of Figaro."

A string quartet consisting of Charles D'Ooge, Mrs. Daniel Dempsey, Miss Virginia Wolfe, and William Clifford will play a Mozart String Quartet.

A final vocal rendition from "The Impresario" will be given by Mrs. Jack Davidson, Miss Mary Jane Morgan, and Mrs. Perry Stone under the direction of Mrs. William Moore and accompanied by a string trio. The program will be open to the public.

## Job Opportunities

General Engineer, GS-12. Applicant should possess a good electromechanical background and have a thorough knowledge of basic electronic instrumentation and environmental testing facilities. He should have a working knowledge of Underwater Ordnance hardware and familiarity with Navy Specs pertaining to laboratory evaluation of this hardware. Supervisory skills are also essential in this position. Contact Bernie Silver, extension 110, Pasadena Annex.

Secretary (Stenography), GS-5. Serves as Assistant to the Technical Programs Coordinator, Technical Information Department. Makes arrangements and prepares programs for groups of official visitors; records proceedings of visiting group conferences; supplies information concerning NOTS technical facilities and programs. Call A. S. Hallett, 71648.

Engineering Draftsman (General), GS-6, temporary 6 months. Engineering Department, Industrial Division, Engineering Branch. Contact Dorothy Seaman, Pasadena Annex.

Clerk Stenographer, GS-4. Central Staff, management engineering division. Secretary and clerk to members of the planning and coordinating branch. For information call 72728.